

# 1 Corinthians 15 verses 1-11

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The Gospel: what I received I passed on

The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. (Mk.8:31) The Gospel: what I received I passed on

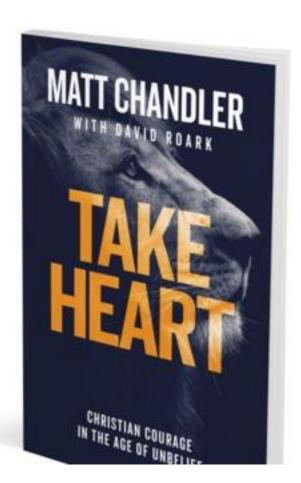
God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. (Acts 2:37)

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We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. (1 Cor.1:23)

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"We're currently experiencing the intolerance of intolerance (hopefully you catch the hypocrisy in that). Christians with 'traditional' convictions and understandings of sexuality and marriage are seen as 'bigots' – churches are being viewed as 'hate groups.' Our beliefs are, 'hateful' ... our positions are, 'backwards.'"



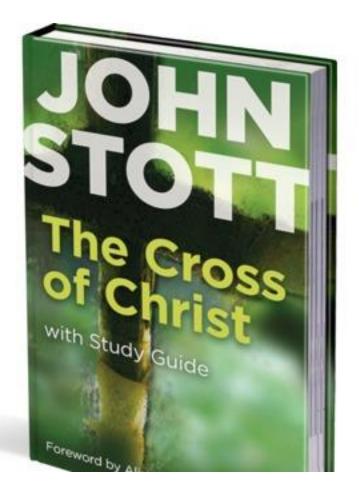
## The Gospel: of first importance

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'Christians believe that in and through Christ crucified God substituted himself for us and bore our sins, dying in our place the death we deserved to die, in order that we might be restored to his favour and adopted into his family.'



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*"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross"* (1 Pet.2:24)

#### The Gospel: *he was raised on the third day*

"You have to believe in facts. Without facts, there is no basis for cooperation. If I say this is a podium and you say this is an elephant, it's going to be hard for us to cooperate... Unfortunately, too much of politics today seems to reject the very concept of objective truth. People just make stuff up."

#### **Barack Obama**



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'I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world – and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me the 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.'

**Charles Coulson** 



#### The Gospel: according to the Scriptures

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He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isa.53:5)

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'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

(Lk.24:25-27)

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(1 Cor.9:1)

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About noon, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. (Acts 26:13-16)

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"Though he still loved his Jewish heritage, he had changed from a bitter antagonist to a protagonist of the Christian faith. He explained the prophesies and proved that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead... Paul went from being an orthodox Pharisee, whose mission was to preserve strict Judaism, to being a propagator of that new radical sect called Christianity, which he had so violently opposed."

#### Josh and Sean McDowell

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"If God, in Jesus Christ, would give his life for me, there is no sacrifice too big for me to make for him."

C.T. Studd