

What are the most important things I need to know?

1. Jesus died.

<http://www.themuslimtimes.org/2012/04/religion/christianity/65-reasons-to-believe-jesus-did-not-die-on-the-cross>

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:1–2 (ESV)

What is the gospel? The gospel is good news.

What is getting better?

What do I need to do with this good news?

- I need to receive the good news.
- I need to keep holding on to the good news.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received... 1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 1 Corinthians 15:3–8 (ESV)

Why did Jesus die?

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:4–6 (ESV)

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. Hebrews 10:14 (ESV)

2. Jesus was buried.

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Isaiah 53:9 (ESV)

3. Jesus rose from the dead.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burial_places_of_founders_of_world_religions

4. Jesus appeared alive.

A. Jesus appeared alive to his friends.

and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 1 Corinthians 15:5 (ESV)

B. Jesus appeared alive to large crowds.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:6 (ESV)

C. Jesus appeared alive to his family.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 1 Corinthians 15:7 (ESV)

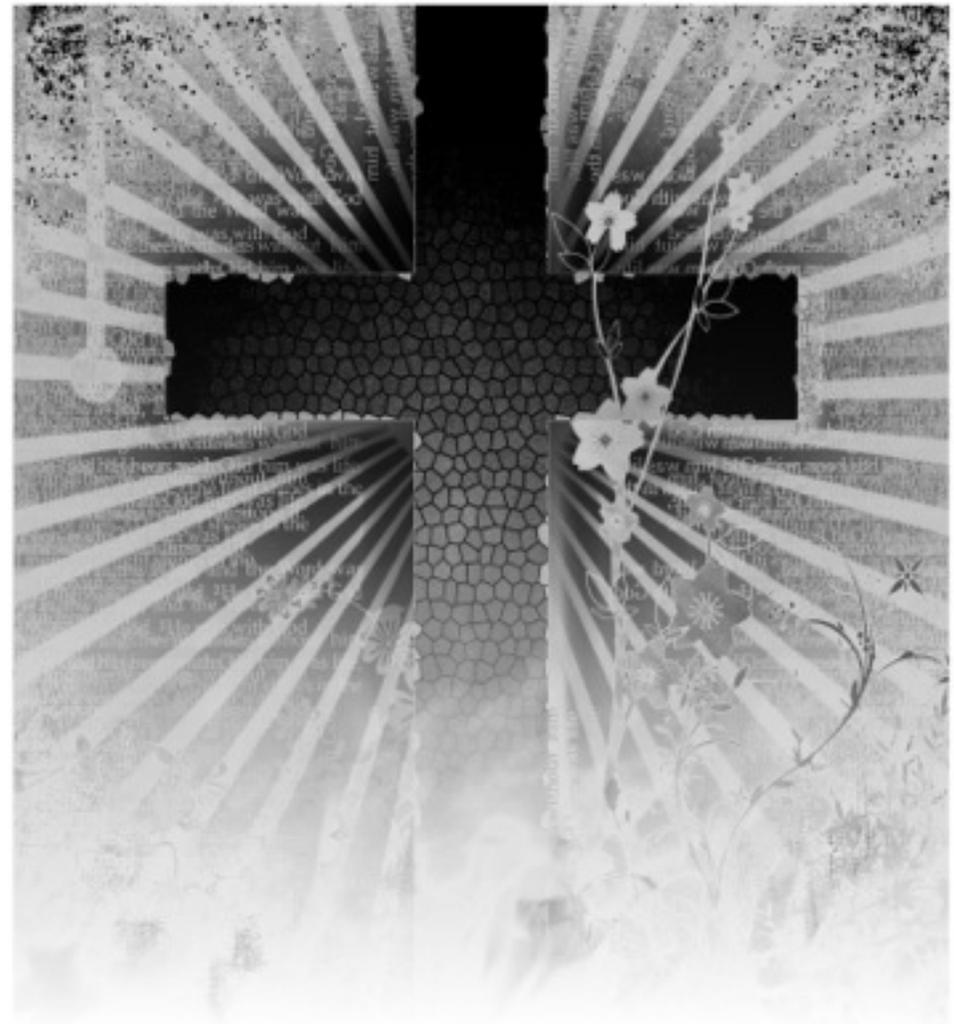
D. Jesus appeared alive to his enemies.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 1 Corinthians 15:8–9 (ESV)

**What is the most important message
I need to hear?**

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. 1 Corinthians 15:10–11 (ESV)

God offers to save me from my sin, and make me a new person, as a gift of his grace through Jesus. Trust Jesus with my life.



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