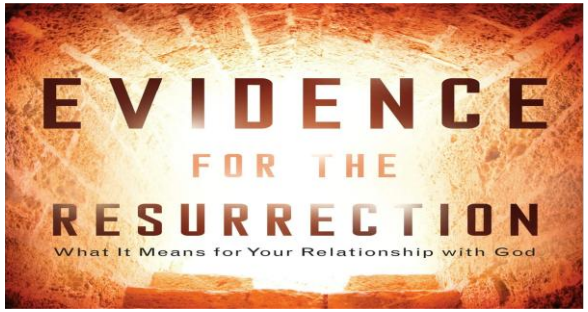

Matthew 28:1-15
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Significant spiritual holidays are meant to realign our priorities and give us a _____ focus on the power of the Gospel!

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Where does faith begin?

1. It begins with an _____! – **Revelation 3:20**

2. It grows by _____! – **Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:14-15**

3. It is _____ through perseverance! – **Hebrews 12:2; Isaiah 41:10**

Evidence for Christ's Resurrection

1. The resurrection of Christ is an _____ historical fact!

Ephesians 2:8–9; John 15:5

2. Christ's person _____ that He be raised from the dead. As the Son of God, death could never contain Him! – **Acts 2:24**

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead." **– Timothy Keller**

3. Christ _____ He would be raised from the dead! – **Titus 1:2; Ephesian 1:4**

4. Eyewitnesses _____ that they had seen Christ! – **1 Corinthians 15:6**

These witnesses and their willingness to _____ persecution for testifying to this truth gives credibility to the claim that Christ conquered the grave!

5. The _____ in the early believers proves He arose from the dead!

"When Jesus was crucified, his followers were discouraged and depressed. They no longer had confidence that Jesus had been sent by God, because they believed anyone crucified was accursed by God. … So they dispersed. The Jesus movement was all but stopped in its tracks. … Then after a short period of time, we see them abandoning their occupations, regathering, and committing themselves to spreading a very specific message – that Jesus Christ was the Messiah of God who died on a cross, returned to life, and was seen alive by them. And they were willing to spend the rest of their lives proclaiming this, without any payoff from a human point of view." **– J. P. Moreland**

6. The _____ of the New Testament, the continuation of the Church, and the significance of the Lord's Day are all proofs that Christ is alive!

7. The _____ of a sinner!

People are _____ changed by the Gospel! – **2 Corinthians 5:17**

8. The _____ Tomb!

The true Easter message is "Come and _____ … Go and _____!" – **John 20:6-7**