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Why the Gospel Matters

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I Corinthians 15:1-4 – *“Now brothers, I want to clarify for you the gospel I proclaimed to you; you received it and have taken your stand on it. You are also saved by it, if you hold to the message I proclaimed to you—unless you believed for no purpose. For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures.”* (HCSB)

- I. Let’s define the “Gospel”. Very simply, it means \_\_\_\_\_ !
  
- II. The Gospel matters because only the Gospel goes deep enough to effect real \_\_\_\_\_ . If it’s not real heart change, then it’s just external behavior modification.
  
- III. In 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, the apostle Paul summarizes the most basic ingredients of the Gospel message:
  - a) Christ’s Death (v3)
  - b) Christ’s Burial (v3)
  - c) Christ’s Resurrection (v4)

➤ The fact that Jesus was buried **verified His death**, and the fact that He appeared to others **verified His resurrection**. The Gospel matters because the scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ it and history \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  
- IV. Descriptively speaking, the Gospel is a portrait of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .

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