







1 Corinthians 15:12-19







When you wish upon a star
Makes no difference who you are
Anything your heart desires
Will come to you

If your heart is in your dream No request is too extreme When you wish upon a star As dreamers do

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Living my life as if it has meaning beyond what I make of it.



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Does it make sense from the perspective of the 1<sup>st</sup> Christians?





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- 4) People who have died before us are gone forever.



If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all people.



For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: 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, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7





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#### Investigating the Resurrection

- 1. The Bible
  Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- 2. The Case for Christ Lee Strobel.
- 3. The Resurrection of the Son of God NT Wright



If you doubt the resurrection [good]. Anything worth believing has to be worth questioning, but don't let your questions slip away unanswered.... Those who haven't questioned their faith can easily become doctrinaire, even detached from the everyday struggle of faith. Whether you are a skeptic, believer, or somewhere in between, press into your faith or push into your doubt. Question your faith and question your doubts. Determine good reasons for believing or not believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If he really did defeat death, it changes everything.

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#### What next?

- L) Investigate the plausibility of the resurrection.
- 2) Believe in Jesus.

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

