

Ingredients of the Gospel

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, & 11

Summary:

The world feels full of bad news...credit crunch, swine flu, MP's expenses, Afghanistan etc. Anyone for chocolate cake? What makes a muffin? (Apart from the Muffin man)...flour, eggs, margarine, sugar, chocolate.

The Gospel is good news and we are going to look at the ingredients:

Christ

The person Jesus Christ is key. It is not about what you do – like the 5 Steps of Mohammed, or the 8 fold plan of Buddha. Jesus said 'I am the way' – we have good news and it is the person of Jesus. John 3:16 reminds us that God so loved the world that He gave His Son...

Died

We all have lots to feel guilty about. (If only sin 3 times a day that is over 70,000 previous convictions in a lifetime!) Death is good news. 2 Corinthians 5:21.... Jesus became sin for us. All your sin has been paid for! It is like doing wrong, hiding and someone else taking the blame.

Buried

If something gets buried – goes to landfill - there is no trace, it cannot be found. God has chosen to forget about our sin... He has removed them as far as the East is from the West, He has put them behind His back; He has thrown them into the deepest sea... get the picture, a thorough job!

Raised

Jesus came back to life. Like a game with a child where the adult keeps going 'Boo' eventually the child realises you are in the room even if they cannot see you. Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days until they understood He is always there. He is with us today by His Holy Spirit.

Appeared

Jesus wants to show Himself to you – not physically but spiritually. Will you pray and ask to see him?

You have to want to **receive**

You have to **stand** for him when it gets tough

Application:

Please select from the following questions and do not attempt them all!

1. What did God say to you and what are you going to do as a result?
2. Pray for those who made a response on Sunday
3. Pray for each other to overflow with the Holy Spirit making you aware of His presence.
4. Pray for those who are going through a difficult time and need support.
5. Pray for friends and family who still have not yet grasped this good news.
6. Pray for yourself that you will gain a greater understanding of Jesus and what He has done for you.