“V” is for. . . . April 12, 2020

 VICTORIOUS!

**1Cor. 15: 50-58**

1. **Jesus’ Resurrection Proves the Past (15:3-6)**
* Jesus died, was buried, rose again, and was seen by numerous eyewitnesses who were still living when Paul wrote, who could verify that they saw Him
* Those who deny the resurrection MUST explain
1. The empty tomb (v.6)

Nobody produced a corpse, what happened to the body?

1. The disciples’’ martyrdom (v. 31-31)

All but John were killed for their belief, and died willingly

One may die for a lie he believes is true, but nobody dies for what he KNOWS is false!

1. The change in history

Jesus has impacted humanity like nobody else who ever lived

We even divide time into BC (before Christ) and AD (Latin, “in the year of our Lord”)

1. **Jesus’ Resurrection Makes Possible the Present (15: 17-19, 58)**
* Jesus is alive, and He changes lives today!
* He gives forgiveness, hope, purpose in life, and endurance each day now
1. **Jesus’ Resurrection Promises the Future (15:51-53)**
2. Death has been defeated (v.54, *Death is swallowed up in victory*)

Jesus rose, never to die again!

1. The resurrection will be repeated (v. 20, 51-52)

For the saints

 1 John 3:1-2 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. NKJV

For the sinners

 John 5: 28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. NKJV