

The Resurrection of Jesus¹

*“For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.”* [1 Cor. 15:3-4,14](#) **If he said he would rise from the dead and didn't, then nothing else he said can be trusted.**

*“Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.’ Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘**My Lord and my God!**’”* [John 20:27-28](#) This is just one of many passages claiming **Jesus is God**.

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” [John 14:6](#) **Jesus is the only way to heaven.**

Woman proof. In the time of Jesus, the testimony of women in court carried little weight. To fake the resurrection, they certainly would not have used the testimony of a woman, especially Mary Magdalene who was formerly demon possessed. *“But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping... two angels in white ... where the body of Jesus had been lying. And they said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’”* [John 20:11-13](#)

Location and silence proofs. *“...Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs...you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again...”* [Acts 2:22-24](#) They could not deny it because the tomb was empty.

Why did the Jewish leaders have to lie about it? *“...they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and*

said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away...” [Matthew 28:12-13](#)

It would have been impossible for the disciples to have stolen the body. The penalty for breaking a Roman seal was crucifixion upside down. Falling asleep on guard was punishable by death. The stone weighed up to two tons.

Excuse proof. *“But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood and water** came out.”* [John 19:34](#) One theory holds that Jesus just fainted and revived while in the tomb. But the blood and water showed he had been dead for a while.

Witness proof. *“and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;”* [1 Corinthians 15:5-7](#)

The well-known Josephus mentioned Jesus, as well as forty-two different secular authors, but only ten mentioned Julius Caesar, within 150 years of their lives. Yet nobody questions the existence of Julius Caesar.

Simon Greenleaf, a famous attorney of his day, an expert in evidence, doubted the resurrection. But after examining the evidence he believed.

Change proof. The disciples were very cowardly before the resurrection, but were completely changed afterwards. *"Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John... they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus. ...they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.'"* [Acts 4:13,18-20](#)

All the disciples were persecuted, and most killed. If the resurrection was a lie, would they all willingly have died? At least some would have admitted it was made up.

Most important of all, the **salvation of your soul** is personal between you and God and does not depend on rites, traditions, good works, or belonging to any church or religion: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works..."* [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) No matter what kind of person you are or what you have done: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* [1 John 1:9](#) Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."* [John 3:16](#) Then study the Bible to live pleasing to God: *"...if anyone is in*

Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

Please pray like this with all sincerity: "Dear Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died to forgive my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Please guide my life and help me to do your will. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

Please read this and share it.

bammelse@yahoo.com

1 getalifemedia.com/sermons/resurrection/proof/resurrection.mp4

tinyurl.com/yb4n3vnk

Don't be Left Behind • 666 and You • The Great Culling • 10 Flu Shots at Once • The HPV Vaccine • Cholesterol-lowering Drugs • ...and much more