

He Is Risen!

John 14:28

"You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I."

John 16:16,22 "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me ... So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Matthew 27:62-63

"The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. They told him, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: 'After three days | will rise from the dead."

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (NLT) "And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still quilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world."

Matthew 28:1-7 "He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying." **The Resurrection Is The Greatest Proof That Jesus Is** Your Saviour!

Matthew 28:13-15

"They told the soldiers, "You must say, 'Jesus' disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body ... So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today."

The Cover Up:

- "...stole his body..." vs13
- **Cross Examination:**
- 1. Testimony Of Sleeping Soldiers
- 2. Roman Seal On Tomb
- 3. No Sign Of Struggle
- 4. Where Is The Body Now?

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

"... For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve ..."

He Is Risen — The Facts!

- 1. Documentary Evidence (3,4)
- "...according to the scriptures."
 - The Bible, "God's Word", is a
- proven accurate historical source.
- 4 Gospels ... independent writers.
- Every prophecy was fulfilled.
- Titus Livius (Livy) Born 39 BC

2. Direct Evidence

- "...appeared to Peter." (5)
- Specific eye witness testimony.
- Peter died for this testimony.

3. Supplementary Evidence

- *"...the twelve...to more than 500..."* (5,6)
- Not an individuals fabrication or hallucination.
- Fact supported by many other eye witnesses.
- "many infallible proofs," Acts 1:3

4. Declaration Of Peculiar Interest

- "...then He appeared to James." (7)
- Direct testimony of His **sceptical** half brother.
- Someone who before questioned His divinity.
- John 7:5 *"For even His brothers* did not believe in Him."

5. Declaration Of Penal Interest "...appeared also to me...l persecuted the church..." (8,9) Paul tried to destroy the church with physical force. Convinced that Jesus was dead. Now he is a strong believer. Acts 9:5 "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

6. Experience Of The Early Church

Mark 16:20 "....the <u>Lord working</u> <u>with them</u> and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Acts 2:41 "...3000 were added to their number..."

Acts 5:12 "...the Apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders."



7. Experience Of Today's Church Acts 2:39 "…promise is to you…and to <u>all who are afar</u> off…"

My life has been changed. Your life has been changed. "<u>Death</u> where is your sting!" He is here right now! It isn't enough to be convinced that He is alive.

The soldiers and Jewish leaders knew that but tried to cover it up. WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT **THIS JESUS?** March 27, 2016 <u>AD</u> He is your Lord and Saviour.

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