

# RISEN

*THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION*







**DID JESUS REALLY**  
***RISE FROM THE DEAD?***

# SIX STEPS TO BELIEF IN THE **RESURRECTION**

- 1 Jesus died by crucifixion.
- 2 Jesus was buried in a known tomb.
- 3 Jesus' tomb was later found empty.
- 4 Many people experienced appearances of Jesus alive after his death.
- 5 The best explanation for these facts is that Jesus rose from the dead.
- 6 Therefore, it is reasonable to believe that Jesus rose from the dead.



# JESUS DIED BY CRUCIFIXION.

- **All four gospels claim Jesus died by crucifixion:** Matt. 20:18–19; Mark 10:33–34; Luke 24:7; John 19:18
- **Josephus:** *Antiquities of the Jews* (c. AD 93-94): Jewish historian claimed “Pilate condemned him (Jesus) to the cross.”
- **Tacitus:** *Annals 15.44* (c. AD 115-117): Roman historian confirmed execution of “Christus” under Pilate, who then later was worshipped
- **Lucian:** *The Death of Peregrinus* (c. AD 165-170), Pagan hostile to Christians, mocking their devotion to the “man who was crucified” as “divine”

# JESUS WAS BURIED IN A KNOWN TOMB.

- **All four gospels claim that Jesus was buried by Joseph of Arimathea:** Matt. 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-42
- Joseph was a known member of the Jewish Sanhedrin that condemned Jesus, and the burial claim could have easily been verified and contested.
- There is no competing Jewish or Roman tradition contrary to Jesus being buried by Joseph.

# JESUS'S TOMB WAS LATER FOUND EMPTY.

- **All four gospels claim that Jesus' tomb was empty:** Matt. 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-6; Luke 24:1-6; John 20:1-8
- **The Jewish response** to the empty tomb was that “his disciples stole the body.” Matthew 28:13 records this response..
- **Justin Martyr claims** this in *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. AD 155)
- **Tertullian claims** this in *On the Spectacles* (c. AD 200)
- If the **leading explanation** from the Jewish opposition was that the body was gone and the tomb is empty, this AT LEAST supports the empty tomb claim by Christians.

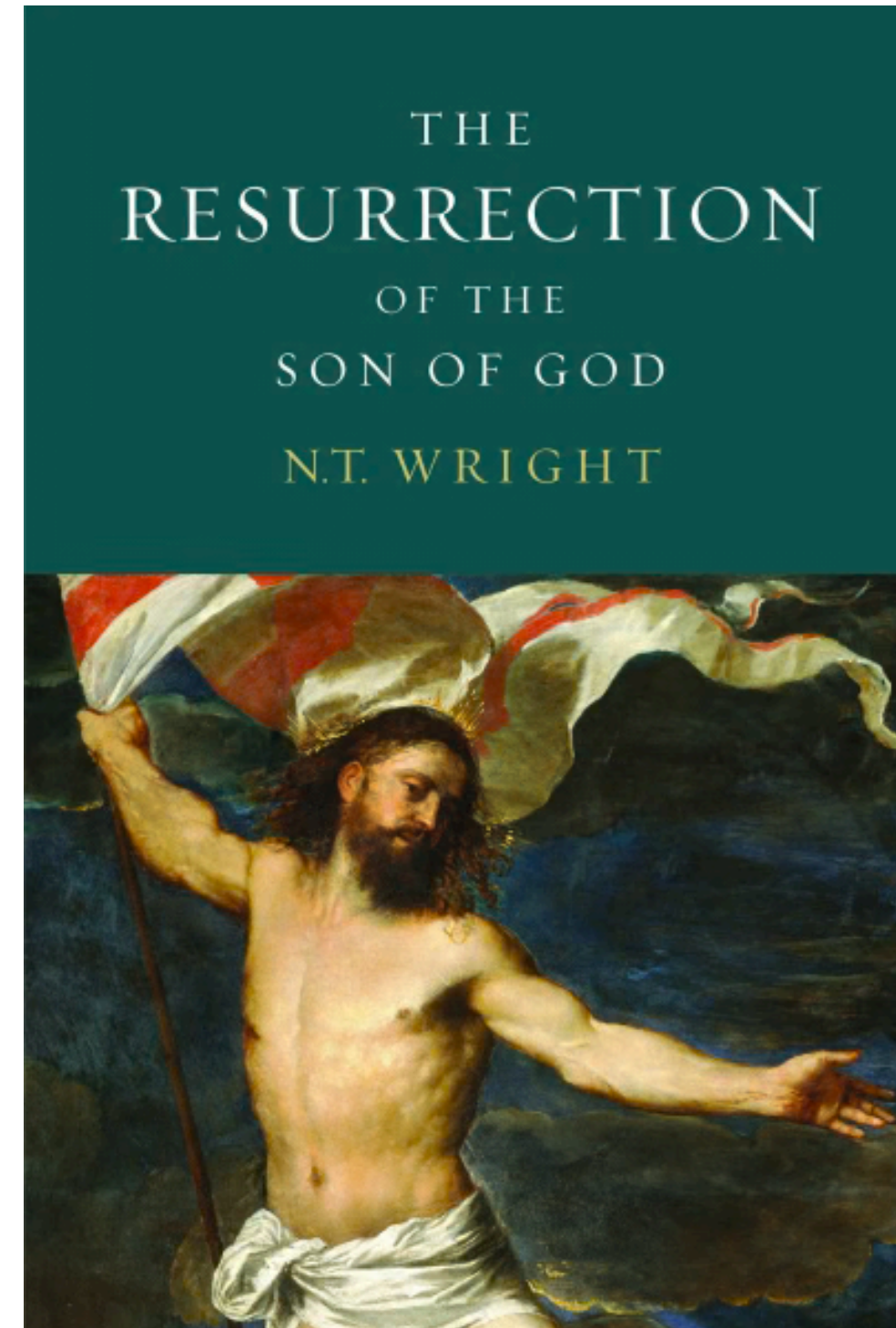
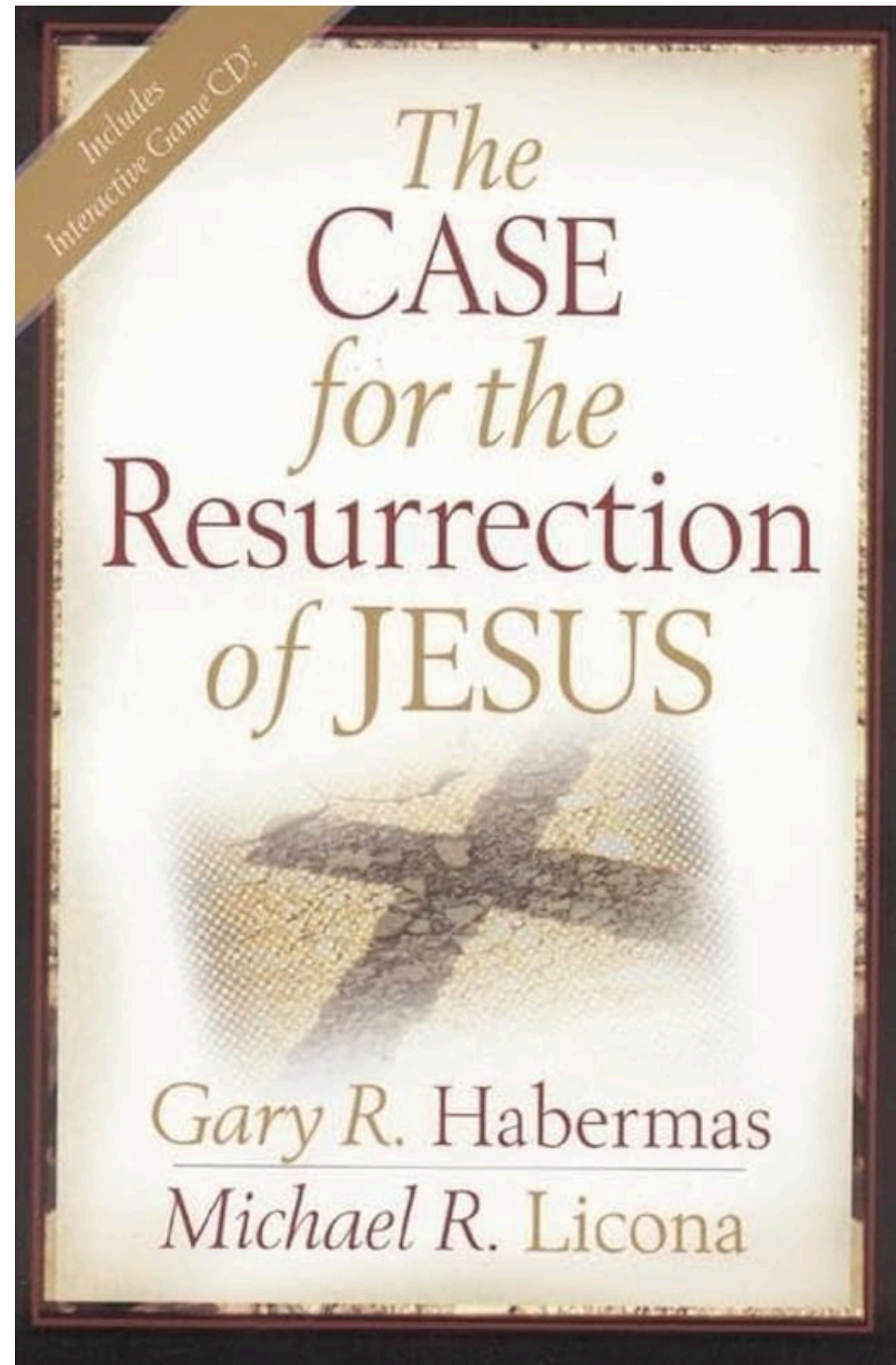
# MANY PEOPLE EXPERIENCED JESUS ALIVE AFTER HIS DEATH.

1. Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:10-18)
2. Mary and the other women (Mt 28:1-10)
3. Peter (Lk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5)
4. Two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35)
5. Ten apostles (Lk 24:36-49)
6. Eleven apostles (Jn 20:24-31)
7. Seven apostles (Jn 21)
8. All of the apostles (Mt 28:16-20)
9. Five hundred disciples (1 Cor 15:6)
10. James (1 Cor 15:7)
11. Again to all the apostles (Acts 1:4-8)
12. The apostle Paul (Acts 9:1-9; 1 Corinthians 15:8; 9:1)

# THE BEST EXPLANATION FOR THESE FACTS IS THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

- The facts presented by Christians are well supported.
- **Objections to the facts and explanations are weak or false.**

**THEREFORE, IT IS REASONABLE  
TO BELIEVE THAT  
*JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.***





**HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO**  
***THE CASE FOR THE***  
***RESURRECTION?***

# HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

## 1. Anchor your faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

- **Romans 10:9**: “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

## 2. Be able to explain why you believe Jesus rose from the dead.

- **1 Peter 3:15**: “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;”



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# JESUS & THE RESURRECTION

- Are Miracles Possible?
- Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?
- *What About the Objections to the Resurrection?*
- Why is Jesus Better than Other Teachers?