

Why Jesus?

Compelling Reasons to Continue to Trust Jesus in Today's Culture

Luke 1:1-4/ 23:33-24:53

I. The account of Jesus' life is reliable (Luke 1:1-4).

- A. The evidence corroborates with other Gospel accounts (v. 1).
- B. The evidence is based on eyewitness testimony (v. 2).
- C. The evidence has been carefully compiled to give us confidence (vv. 3-4).

II. The evidence for Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is compelling (Luke 23:33-24:53).

A. Exhibit 1: Jesus' death on the cross (vv. 23:33, 44-56).

1. **The details:** The cause of Jesus' death was hypovolemia and asphyxiation by crucifixion at 3:00pm on Good Friday (vv. 33, 44-46).
2. **The certification:** Jesus' death was verified by the centurion and the multitude of people at the cross (vv. 47-49).
3. Jesus was buried in a tomb that was secured by Roman Soldiers (vv. 50-56).

B. Exhibit 2: The empty tomb on Sunday morning (vv. 24:1-12).

1. Witnessed by the women at the tomb (vv. 1-3, 8-10).
2. Explained by angels (vv. 4-7).
3. Verified by Peter (vv. 11-12).

C. Exhibit 3: The testimony of the disciples (vv. 13-56).

1. Jesus appeared in a physical body to Cleopas and his wife (vv. 13-35).
2. Jesus appeared in a physical body to the disciples in Jerusalem (vv. 36-53).

D. The verdict: You must make a decision about Jesus.

III. Acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord.