

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

Matthew 27:62-28:20

1 Corinthians 15:14-19

Did Jesus raise from the dead?

6 quick facts about the resurrection

Even if we take the Bible as uninspired, just a collection of ancient documents

1. Jesus died by crucifixion-7 accounts, the Bible is not one book, its a collection of books
 1. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, Hebrews, Early historians, Josephus and Tacitus
2. His disciples had experiences of him being raised
 1. **1 Cor 15:5** - and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
3. These experiences lead them to stand up for him unto death-Died for their eyewitness account
 1. **Stephen** - Acts 7:54-60
 2. **Paul** who consented to Stephens death was later executed in Rome for sharing the gospel
 3. **Peter** Died upside down on a cross (fulfilled prophecy)
 1. **John 21:18-19** - Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."
 4. **John** was exiled to Patmos
4. It was proclaimed very early - with in 5 years, with in 1 year -(AD 50s)
 1. **1 Cor 15:3-4** - For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
 1. Conversion on the Road to Damascus
 2. **Galatians 1:18** - Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.
 3. **Galatians 2:1-2** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain

4. **Galatians 2:6** And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me
5. James and Paul become Christian's -
 1. **Mark 3:21** - And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."
 2. **Galatians 1:12** - For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.
6. Ladies find the tomb empty - embarrassing but recorded it accurately

Bonus

7. The claims of scripture
8. Fulfilled prophecy
9. The explosion of the christian church
10. False religions that have some claim on Jesus
11. Your own personal experience, or that of Christinas you know

That's a lot of evidence, how do we make sense of the evidence?

Well for me it means Jesus is alive!

But here are the seven best explanations, you can decide for your self.

7 Alternate Explanations

The Swoon Theory

Twin Theory

Mass Hallucination Theory

Spiritual Resurrection Theory

Wrong Tomb Theory

Missing Body Theory

Conspiracy Theory

What are the implications?

1. Jesus is alive and he is king
 1. **Matthew 27:37** - And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."
 1. **2 Sam 7:12** - When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will

establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.

2. If he is king we are subject to his Rule
 1. **Philippians 2:10-11** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
3. He is a good ruler
 1. **Romans 8:34** - Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
2. Jesus died for a reason
 1. **1 Corinthians 15:21-22** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
 2. **Romans 3:23** - For all have sinned
 3. **Romans 6:23** - The Wages of sin is death
 4. **2 Corinthians 5:21** - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 5. **Romans 10:9** - because, 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.
 6. Through Faith He restores us so we can live in his Kingdom
 7. Rule in and through his people
3. The resurrection gives us hope and freedom from sin
 1. **Romans 6:1-14** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

2. **Colosians 3:1** - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

4. The resurrection gives us power to live for Him
 1. **Acts 1:8** - You will receive power
 2. **Romans 8:11** - If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Humble yourself before Christ

Confess your sins and Be forgiven by Christ

Be conformed to Christ

Live your life in Christ

Do all things through Christ

Building the kingdom of Christ

To spend eternity with Christ