

Because Christ is Raised: How the Resurrection Changes Everything
Because of the Evidence, We Believe Christ Is Raised

Acts 1:1–5

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The Lord's Day Morning

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Inquirer: Why do you believe what you believe and do what you do?

Christian: Because Jesus was raised from the dead.

Inquirer: How do you know that Jesus was raised from the dead?

Christian: The same way we know anything in history: We draw a reasonable conclusion based on the historical evidence.

1. Reasoning is the _____ to do.

2. Reasoning follows a _____

1. Something extraordinary happened on or about April 5, 33 A.D.
2. This is the jurisdiction of the historical method, not the scientific method.
3. The first Christians believed Jesus was raised because of the empty tomb and his appearances.
4. Testimony was secured in writing during the lifetime of the eyewitnesses.
5. This written testimony contains “embarrassing” elements that argue for its veracity.
6. Hostile sources corroborate the central claims of the written testimony.
7. No ancient document is more strongly attested than the New Testament documents.
8. The eyewitnesses maintained their testimonies at great cost.

3. Reasoning is necessary but _____ to believe in the Resurrection.