

# DID JESUS REALLY RISE?

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UNLEASH THE  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
TEACHING NOTES

## JESUS' DEATH IS UNDISPUTED

**John 19:33-35** (NIV)

But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

**John 19:38-40** (NIV)

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

## THE TOMB WAS EMPTY

**Luke 24:10-12** (NLT)

It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

**John 20:9-10** (NIV)

They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

## THE APPEARANCES OF JESUS WERE MANY

**Acts 1:3** (ESV)

He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

**Luke 24:36-39** — Appears to the disciples  
**John 20:26-29** — Thomas touches Jesus  
**Matthew 28:9-10** — Appears to the women  
**Luke 24:36-49** — Eats fish

**I Corinthians 15:3-9** (NLT)

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then He was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw Him. For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

## THE SKEPTICS BECAME BELIEVERS

**James** (Doubter to Leader)

John 7:5 -> I Corinthians 15:7 -> Acts 15:13

**Paul** (Enemy to Missionary)

Acts 8:3 -> Acts 9:3-6 -> Philippians 3:7-8

**Acts 2:32** (NIV)

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

The resurrection isn't just believable,  
it's the only explanation that makes sense of everything.

**NEXT WEEK: CAN YOU TRUST THE BIBLE?**

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