



# **The Messiah We Didn't Expect**

**We certainly Didn't expect him to Die!**

**We didn't expect Him to Rise from the Dead? But Why? The problem of clinging to our own preconceptions and not listening to His Word!**

**Even after His resurrection the Pharisees didn't believe! They Saw God face to face and paid of the soldiers who saw Angels!**

**Even now many still won't believe!**

**Do you expect Him to return?**



## **Mk. 16:1-16 He has Risen!**

### **Jesus Resurrection.**

When did the women go to the tomb and why? It says what?

What was their initial technical concern?

What does Mark tell us about Mary Magdalene? Why?

How were the women surprised when they reached the tomb?

What were the women told and why is it significant?

Is their response telling?

The 4 gospel accounts add different details, is this a problem?

How important is the Resurrection?

Do you believe? Truly?

**Mar 16:1-16** When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back--it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to

**them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.**

9 [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. 12 After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. 14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.



**He Isn't Here!**  
- Mark 16:5-6 NLT -

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**He came to us in our Darkness and Ends the Gospel accounts at the beginning of a new day! The Son has Risen!**

# The Difference 3 days can make!

- “When the Sabbath was past...on the first day of the week” – The New Covenant! The Lord’s Day!
- “Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome” – Not the Apostles and not so disillusioned
- “very early...when the sun had risen”...the Son had Risen! A New Day Dawns! Death is defeated

1. A New Worship Day, Covenant,

2. An unlikely 1st witness, that embarrassed the Apostles and exalts women. 3 nights ago Peter fought for Jesus! The 11 were by his side! Mary isn't mentioned much until the End!

3. A long, restless night? On the Night of Rest! They clearly still loved Jesus though somewhat let down that He wasn't who they thought? Or didn't work the way they thought! Why Anoint a liar?

- His Character, Compassion for the forlorn and forgotten, and His undeniable power

[Rev 21:23 ESV] 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

[Rev 22:5 ESV] 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Sabbath was past – Rest is OVER! Jesus' rest and Now we can rest too

Remember the Sabbath? But Jesus said Remember Me!

Sunday became the Lords Day!

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

Jhn 20:19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the

disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

**Act 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.**

**1Co 16:2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.**

it is **ironic that it was the early testimony of women**, those that skeptics claim the Scripture dismisses, that strongly suggests the high historical probability of the resurrection event. This article will look at **four ways that the early testimony of women serves as a defense for the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus**. Before doing so, let us first look at what the Gospels state concerning the women's testimony that Jesus had risen. **A woman's testimony did not hold much weight in an ancient court of law. That is not to say that a woman held no importance in court.**

**Nonetheless, if a woman's testimony contradicted a man's testimony, the man's testimony was generally accepted unless two women both testified against the man. Even then, there was no guarantee** that the woman's testimony would be accepted (see m. Ned. 11:10). In rabbinical tradition—not the law of God—a woman could not participate in the reading of the Torah in the synagogue. She was not even permitted to cite the Shema, the greatest commandment found in Deut. 6:5 (Ber. 3:3). Yet it was women who first saw the risen Jesus. **Ironically, the women's testimony of the resurrection is missing in the creed of 1 Corinthians 15:3-9.** Thomas Oden holds that since the women's testimony was not permitted in the official court of law, the creed was deliberately shortened to provide the best evidence for the Christian faith (Oden, *Word of Life*, 497-498)

[Luk 24:18-27 ESV] 18 Then one of them, **named Cleopas**, answered him, "**Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?**" 19 And he said to them, "**What things?**" And they said to him, "**Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was**

**the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

**We have NO biblical reason to believe her, Mary Magdalene, to be a prostitute (Lk.7:36-50, Jn.8? the woman isn't named, as Pope Gregory assumes, Mary would likely have been IF it were her)**

**She may have been a woman of means?** “And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means” (Luke 8:1–3).

**It is a total and absolute Lie that Jesus was married to Mary. Heresy meant to diminish Jesus. (Dan Brown) Jesus wasn't needy or driven by sexual desire! He was driven by Spiritual Love!**

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**Salome, the wife of Zebedee and the mother of the apostle James the elder and John**

**[Luk 8:3 ESV] 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and**

**Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.**

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**[Mar 15:40-41 ESV] 40 There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.**

[Luk 8:1-3 ESV] 1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: **Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out**, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and **many others**, who provided for them out of their means.

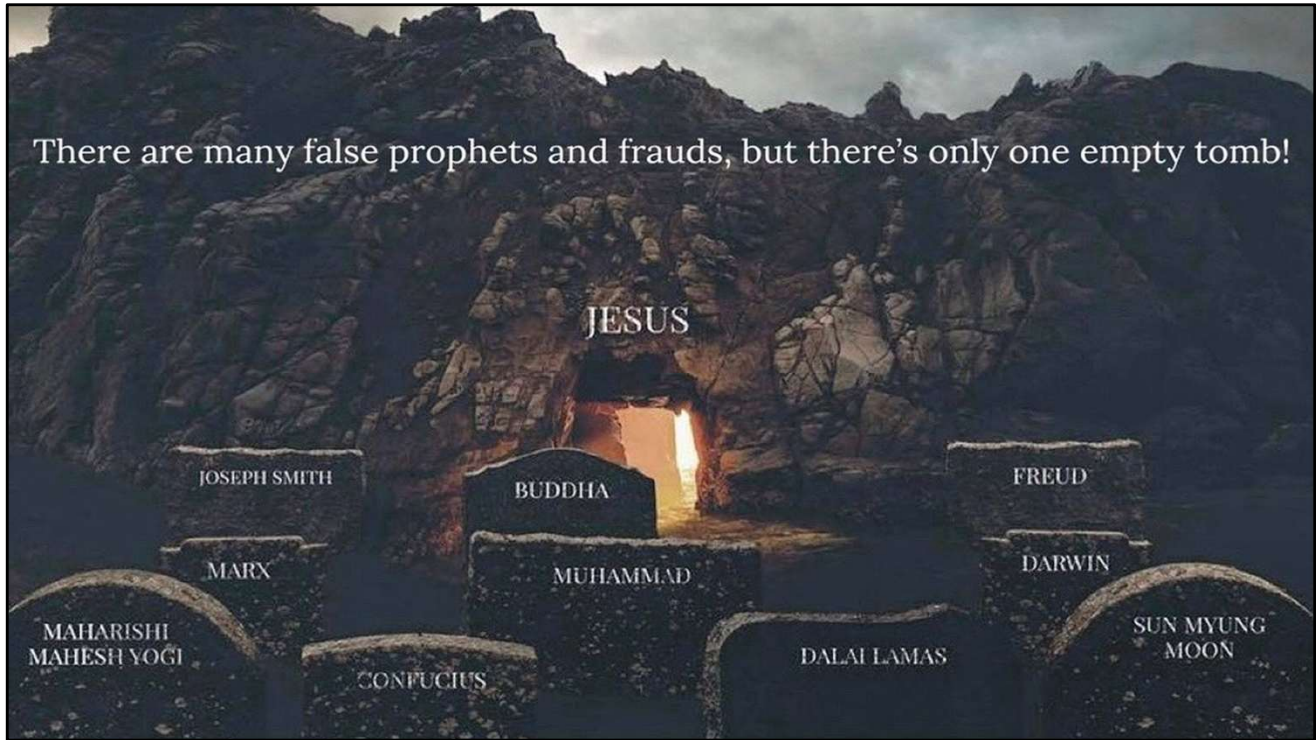
Mary Magdalene,

Cleopas (Male disciple on Emmaus)

Salome (mother of James and John, wife of Zebedee)

Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's house

Susanna, woman supporter



**There are Many false prophets and frauds, but there's only 1 empty tomb!!!**

**Confucious, Buddha, Muhammad and others never declared they would rise from the dead, they knew they couldn't and would've then been debunked and disreputable**

**The Resurrection is the pinnacle event of our Faith!**

**If Christ is NOT risen:**

- 1. Jesus is a Liar, He prophesied when, where, who, how and how long!**
- 2. 11 Apostle's, who only hours before, fled him in shame, and many of the early church perpetuated a known lie under the duress of torture, rejection and martyrs' deaths!**
- 3. Our sin problem is NOT resolved, we are unforgiven and Doomed**
- 4. There is no hope after Death! Carpe Diem and No Judgment**

**1 Cor 15!!!**

# Mary of Magdala

- Mary Magdalene was mentioned 1<sup>st</sup> in Matthew 28:1, and Mark 16:1,9, Luke 24:10, John 20:1, last in John 19:25?
- So, wait! A woman who had been possessed by seven demons (Luke 8:2) – was chosen as the 1<sup>st</sup> witness?!?
- Those who are Healed much, Love much! – Luke 7:47
- Yet again, God works through the least, unlikely

Magdala – Sea of Galilee

## **Mary Magdalene is spoken little of until the Cross and Resurrection**

Mar 16:9 [**Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.**]

[Luk 7:47 ESV] 47 Therefore I tell you, **her sins, which are many, are forgiven--for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.**“ **Healed much, loves much too!**

**Mary Magdalene was mentioned 1st in Mt.28:1, and Mark 16:1, Lk.24:10, Jn.20:1**

This makes absolutely no sense unless it were in fact true, If a person were going to invent a story, Mary Magdalene would be the LAST person one would choose as the story's primary witness.

**Norman Geisler says it best, “It is an unmistakable sign of the authenticity of the record that, in a male-dominated culture, Jesus first appeared to a woman”**

[Mar 15:40, 47 ESV] 40 There were also **women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene,** and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ... 47 **Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.**

[Luk 24:10 ESV] 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,

[**Jhn 19:25** ESV] 25 but **standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene**. (mentioned last here?)

[Mat 28:1 ESV] 1 Now after the Sabbath, toward **the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene** and **the other Mary** went to see the tomb.

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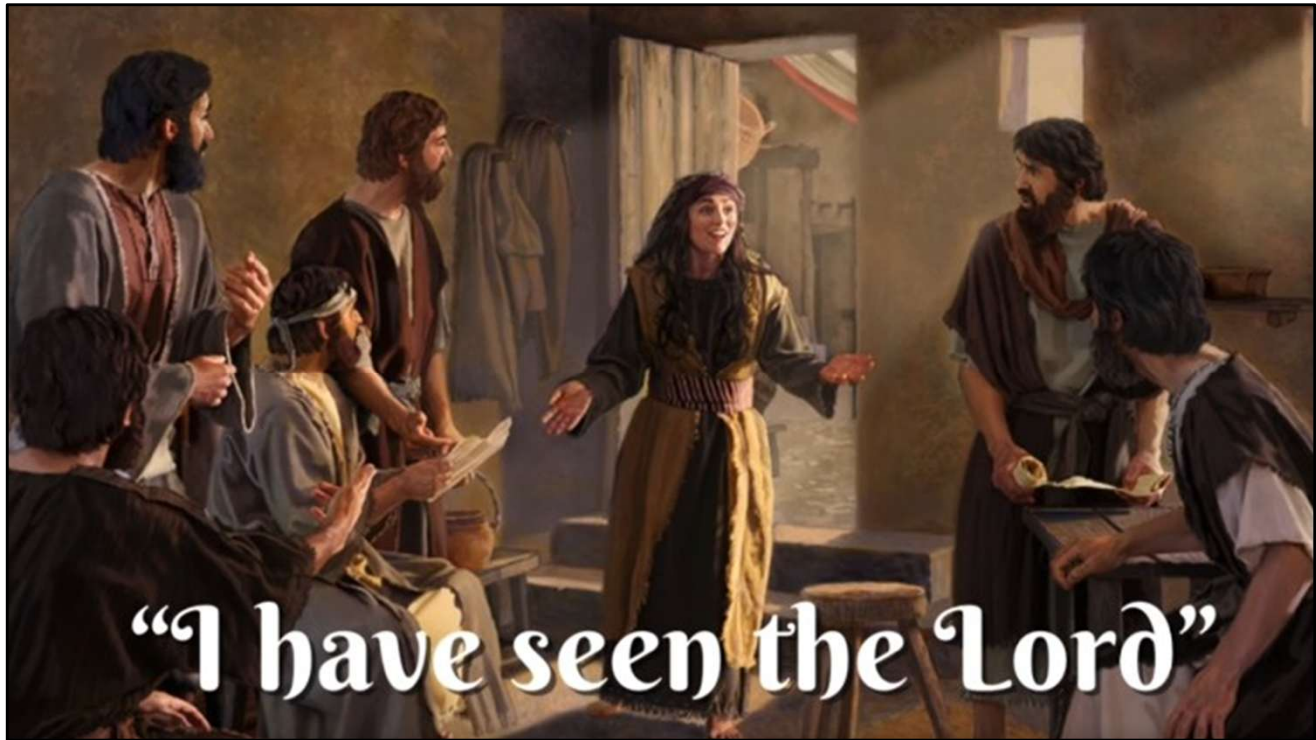
[Jhn 20:1 ESV] 1 Now on the first day of the week **Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark**, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.



Historian Rodney Stark extensively researched the factors central to the growth of Christianity in its first five centuries. He notes, “**Modern and ancient historians agree that women were especially responsive to the early Christian movement. It is also agreed that women were accorded considerably higher status with Christian circles than in the surrounding pagan societies.**”<sup>[1]</sup> Stark continues, “It is easily forgotten that the early church was so especially attractive to women that **in 370 the emperor Valentinian issued a written order to Pope Damasus I requiring that Christian missionaries cease calling at the homes of pagan women.**”<sup>[2]</sup>

After looking at ancient sources, archaeological inscriptions, and historical statistics, Stark offers several supporting arguments for the premise that “Women were crucial to the success of the Christian movement.”<sup>[3]</sup>

Rodney Stark, “Reconstructing the Rise of Christianity: The Role of Women,” *Sociology of Religion* 2020



**Cruel Hoax**

**An emotionally compromised woman**

**Or the 1st true believer?**

**[Mat 28:6 ESV] 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.**

**[Jhn 20:1-31 ESV] 1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to**

them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"--and that he had said these things to her. 19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## The rolling stone

- It was very large – Mark 16:4
- “made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard” – Matthew 27:66 – Where is the Guard/Seal?
- Jesus turned His tombstone into a Cornerstone!  
– Acts 4:11, 1 Peter 2:7
- God’s Word is His Seal! – Ephesians 1:13-14



- The Rolling Stone, a great but silent concert! It says a Lot!
- Jesus turned His tombstone into a Cornerstone!  
Foundation Stone! Mt.7:24-27 Built on a Rock! You did your worst, Ill take that and

- make it into your best!
- [Mat 28:3-4 ESV] 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.
- The women Knew they couldn't move that Stone and doubted the Soldiers

- would help
- The Stone wasn't moved to Let Jesus out, But let the women in!

[Mat 27:62-66 ESV] 62 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' 64 Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." 65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

[Mat 28:11-15 ESV] 11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

[Psa 118:22 ESV] 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

[Isa 8:14 ESV] 14 And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of

stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

[Mar 12:10 ESV] 10 Have you not read this Scripture: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

**[Act 4:11 ESV] 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.**

**[1Pe 2:7 ESV] 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"**

[Sng 8:6 ESV] 6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.

**[Isa 8:16 ESV] 16 Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples.**

[Dan 8:26 ESV] 26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

[Dan 9:24 ESV] 24 "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

**[Dan 12:4 ESV] 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."**

**[Jhn 3:33 ESV] 33 Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.**

**[Jhn 6:27 ESV] 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."**

**[Eph 1:13-14 ESV] 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.**

**[Eph 4:30 ESV] 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed**

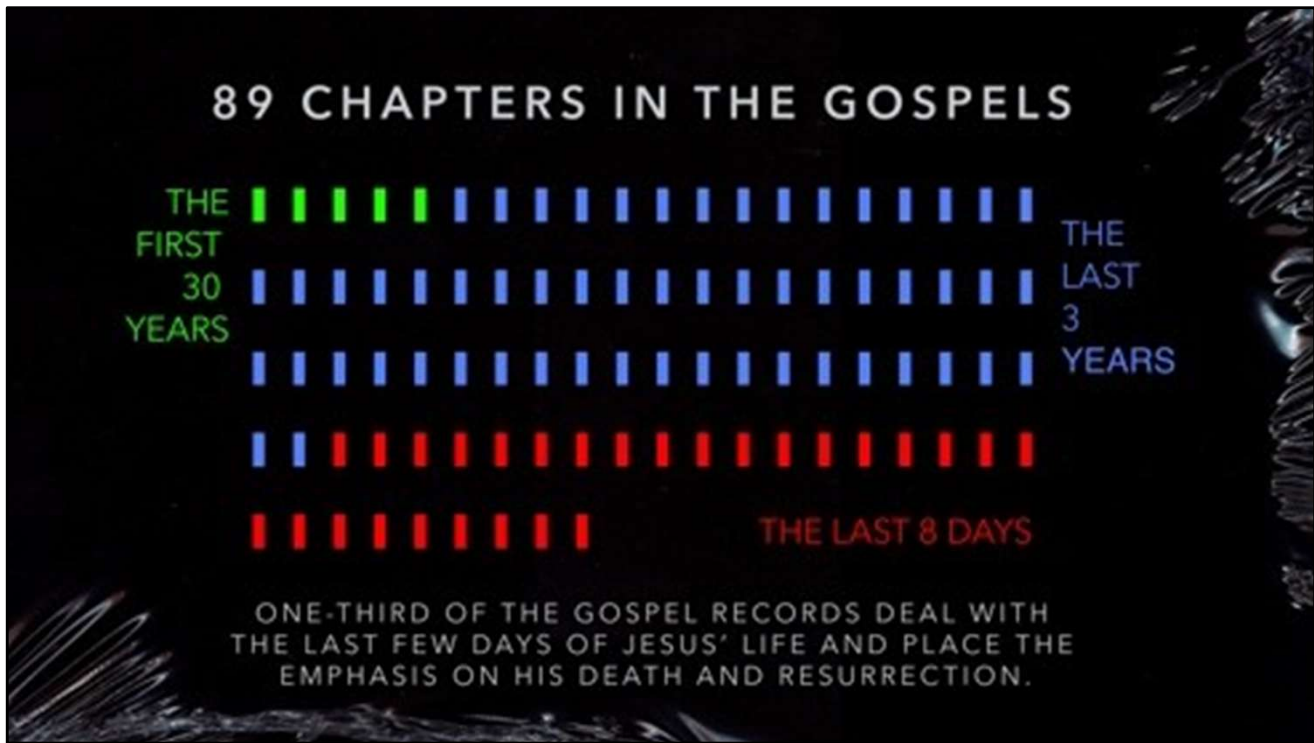
**for the day of redemption.**

**[2Co 1:22 ESV] 22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**

**[2Ti 2:19 ESV] 19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."**

**[Rev 7:3 ESV] 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."**

**[Rev 9:4 ESV] 4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.**



**89 chapters in the 4 combined gospel accounts, and 1/3rd of the scriptures to 1/2 in John are of the final week or so of Jesus Ministry!!!**

**It's the greatest comeback story in HIStory!**

**5 Chapters of first 30 years.**

**57 chapters of his last 3 years**

**27 of his last few days**

**Over 20 prophecies/allusions fulfilled in last day**

**It NOT Only Changed History**

**It/HE has changed ME!! Ask The Disciples, Centurion, Pilates wife (Pilate) criminals, Slave traffickers (John Newton)...Saul the persecutor of the church!! Terrorists...**

# Strange goings on...Supernatural

- Pilate's wife's Dream, Jesus judged Innocent/Killed
- Moon/Darkness, Earthquakes, Veil Torn, Tombs...
- Unsolicited/Unlikely witnesses; Centurion, Thief...
- Timing – Passover! Sabbath eve, Dan's 70 weeks...
- Stanic conspiracy – 1 Corinthians 2:6-9
- Angels appear/announce!

**Pilate tried at least 3x to release Jesus, Washed his hands!. Why Would Jesus' Own people conspire so treasonously and strongly against a NONviolent man?? Why feel SO threatened?**

**Eclipse/Lunar! Veil - the veil was actually about 60 feet tall and up to 4" in thickness.** The size of the veil would have made it impossible for any human to tear this in 2 pieces.

**Unsolicited/Unlikely witnesses: Nicodemus finally emerges as a believer, Josphe of Arimathea, a rich man!**

**Timing – Jesus predicting His death yet willingly embracing it!! Greek Language and Roman Rule,**

**Resurrection of Saints:** Matthew 27:52-53 records that after the earthquake, many holy people who had died were raised to life and appeared to many in Jerusalem.

**Hematidrosis – sweating blood, Lk.22:42-44**

**Illegal trials overnight**

**Pulmonary Edema (fluid in Lungs) leads to Hear attack or rupture**

**Dozens of Prophecies fulfilled!**

**Jesus Laid Down His life, stunning Soldiers**

**[Heb 2:1-4, 6 ESV] 1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every**

transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ... 6 It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?"

Astronomically, a *solar* eclipse could not have caused the three-hour darkness during Jesus' crucifixion, as it was Passover, which occurs during a full moon, while solar eclipses require a new moon. The reported darkness (**likely a "blood moon" lunar eclipse or other atmospheric event**) suggests a supernatural or unusual phenomenon. 3 hours long! Perhaps also a Dust storm

[1Co 2:6-9 ESV] 6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is **not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.** 7 **But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.** 8 **None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.** 9 **But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TjqaSpAUwQ>



**Eerie Darkness,**

**Dramatic Earthquakes, tombs opened, Veil Torn!**

**Dead Raised and went into town [Mat 27:52 ESV] 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,**

**Temple Veil Torn!**

**Soldiers converted to the Man they just executed!**

roughly 60 feet (18 meters) high, 30 feet wide, and about 4 inches thick

In a *Ryrie Study Bible*, however, I discovered this note at Ex 26:31-35: “Josephus reported that the veil was 4 inches thick, was renewed every year, and that horses tied to each side could not pull it apart. It barred all but the High Priest from the presence of God, but when it was torn in two at the death of Jesus of Nazareth (see Mark 15:38), access to God was made available to all who come through him.” (Even at face value, this is an enigmatic note, in that Exodus 26 describes the Tabernacle, and the veil that was torn in two was part of Herod’s Temple. Ryrie’s representation of “the veil” certainly implies that the veil that Exodus describes is the veil that Josephus describes, which is to be identified with the veil that was torn in two.)

Ryrie’s description sent me to Josephus. (couldn’t verify)

Alfred Edersheim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*. In this work, Edersheim states

The Veils before the Most Holy Place were 40 cubits (60 feet) long, and 20 (30 feet) wide, of the thickness of the palm of the hand, and wrought in 72 squares, which were joined together; and these Veils were so heavy, that, in the exaggerated language of the time, it needed 300 priests to manipulate each. If the Veil was at all such as is described in the Talmud, it could not have been rent in twain by a mere earthquake or the fall of the lintel, although its composition in squares fastened together might explain, how the rent might be as described in the Gospel. ([online reference](#))

This quotation references a passage **from the Mishnah**, the early codification of Judaism's "oral law" — explanations of the Torah. Here is the passage from [Herbert Danby's translation of the Mishnah](#):

Rabban Simeon b. Gamaliel says in the name of R. Simeon son of the Prefect: **The veil was one handbreadth thick and was woven on [a loom having] seventy-two rods, and over each rod were twenty-four threads. Its length was forty cubits and its breadth twenty cubits**; it was made by eighty-two young girls, and they used to make two in every year; and three hundred priests immersed it. (p. 161, bracketed material is part of the original quote, not my addition.)

60ft x 30ft

# Come and See, Go and Tell!

- “Do not be alarmed” terror, amazement
- You seek Jesus of Nazareth – John 1:46, 7:52, 300+
- who was crucified.
- He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.
- But go, tell, 2,000 years later He is worshipped!

## **Do not be alarmed**

Alarmed, [affrighted](#), to throw into terror or amazement.

ἐκθαμβεῖσθε ἐκθαμβέω, *ekthambeō*

[Mar 9:15 ESV] 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were **greatly amazed** and ran up to him and greeted him.

[Mar 14:33 ESV] 33 And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be **greatly distressed and troubled**.

[Mar 16:5-6 ESV] 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and **they were alarmed**. 6 And he said to them, "**Do not be alarmed**. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

## **Let not your hearts be troubled**

[Jhn 11:33 ESV] 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

[Jhn 12:27 ESV] 27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

[Jhn 13:21 ESV] 21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

[Jhn 14:1, 27 ESV] 1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ... 27 Peace I

leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**Nazareth – But Born in Bethlehem, Micah 5:2, Crucified in Jerusalem, Comes from Egypt, Hosea 11:1 A light in Galilee/Capernaum Isa.9:!**

[Mar 1:24 ESV] 24 "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God."

[Mar 10:47 ESV] 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

[Mar 14:67 ESV] 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

[Mar 16:6 ESV] 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

[Luk 4:34 ESV] 34 "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God."

[Luk 24:19 ESV] 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

**“And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.” (Matt. 2:23)**

[Jhn 1:46 ESV] 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

[Jhn 7:41 ESV] 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?"

[Jhn 7:52 ESV] 52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." 9:34,

[Isa 9:1-2 ESV] 1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the

**Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

**[Mat 4:15-16 ESV] 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."**

**Crucified, Not stoned as OT law demands, though Declared innocent and his own Torturer confessed faith in Him!**

[Mar 15:39 ESV] 39 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

[Mat 27:54 ESV] 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

[Luk 23:47 ESV] 47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

**He is NOT Here.** No other Faith leader, Revered Icon, Military General or Famous person has Risen!

**The People Who Fled Him in Shame, the leaders of which were unlearned fishermen, now turned into the bravest force of followers, willing to suffer and die the harshest of murders to tell of His Love!**

**See the place where He lay!. Heb.11 He is missing when Rome and The Sanhedrin took measures to prevent it!**

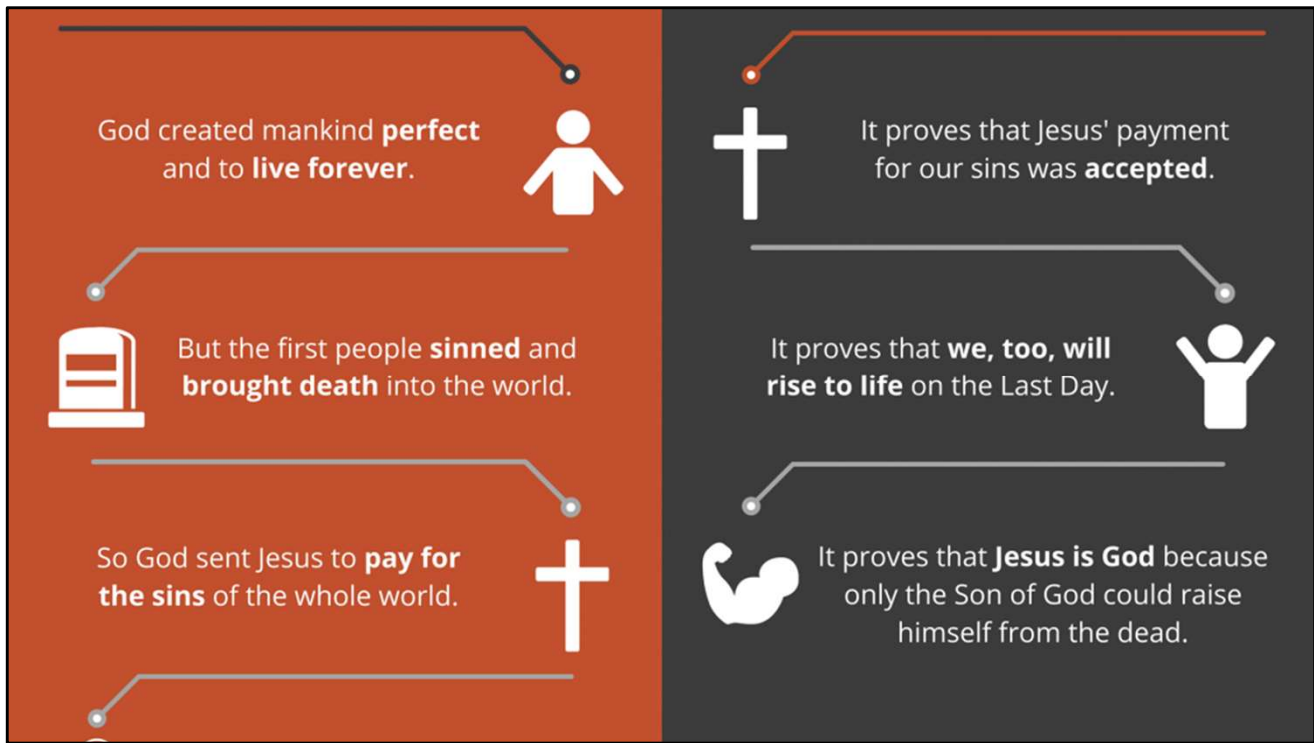
**They came and saw the Linens Jesus left. What's the point?**

- **Why would anyone strip Jesus of his burial clothes? It would've taken much time and risking being revealed. It would've been messy and disgusting and as well irreverent**
- **It seems to contrast with Lazarus whom He raised from the dead only weeks**

**earlier, remember: Loose Him and Let Him go!! But Jesus raised Himself!!**

- **[Jhn 11:44 ESV] 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."**

**Go and Tell! Evangelism has been and continues to be the passion of Jesus church!!  
They couldn't stop them!**



The resurrection proves Jesus is worthy. IT IS Finished!

It proves His Word is good and True!

It proves His payment for our sins was Accepted.

It proves that Satan and the gates of Hell have been defeated!

The resurrection proves there's still hope for those who Believe! And Judgment for those who Don't!.

# He is Risen, as He said!

- Bow and Worship Him! He alone is worthy!
- He loves us and is coming Back!
- We have reason and courage to live with purpose!
- His word is gold! Believe Him for all else!
- God turns tombstones into Foundation stones!
- be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord – 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

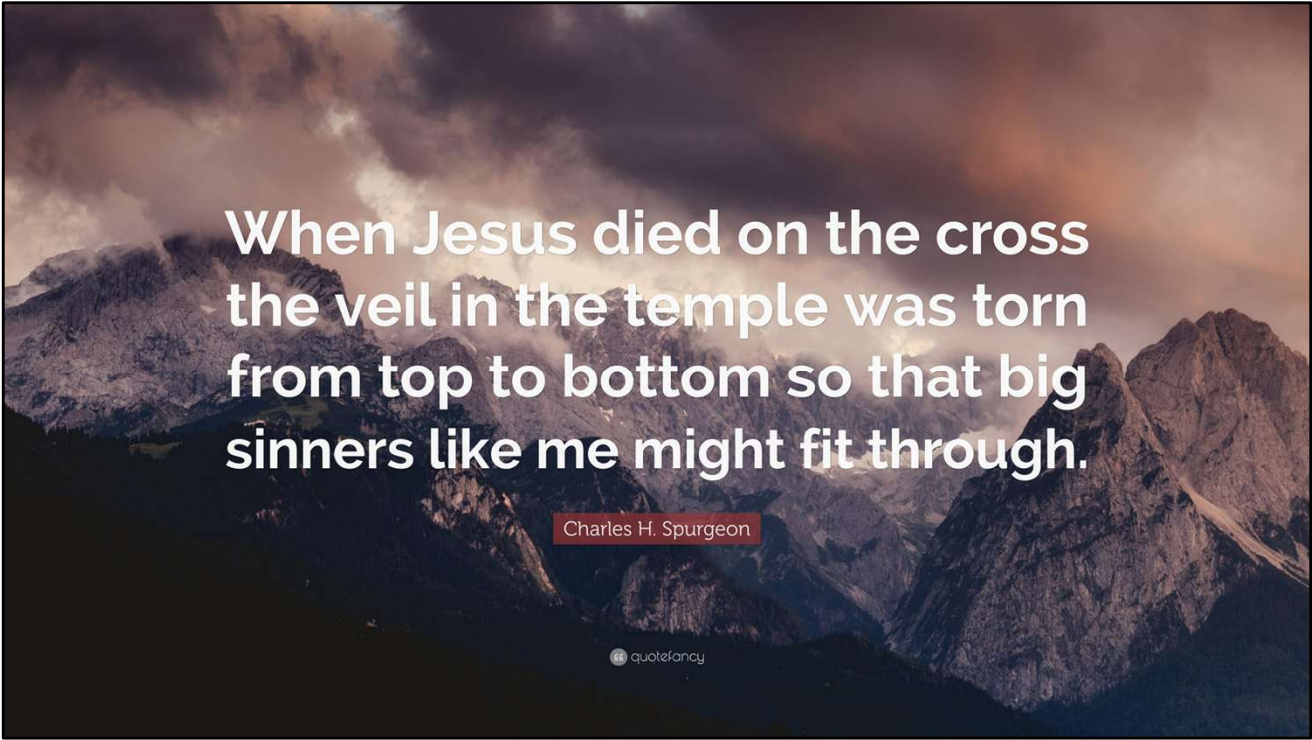
There is NO gospel 1:1 w/o empty tomb!

[1Co 15:54-58 ESV] 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.









When Jesus died on the cross  
the veil in the temple was torn  
from top to bottom so that big  
sinners like me might fit through.

Charles H. Spurgeon

 quote fancy



# Mark's strange ending

- Mark's account often 'suppresses truth' – 1:40-45, 7:32-36, 8:29-30, 9:9 – “tell no one”. Only delays due to unbelief and seeking disciples, not crowds
- Mark's ending is unlike the others, Jesus isn't seen. Verses 9-20 aren't in oldest manuscripts
- Even in Resurrection – Disciples don't believe!  
- Mark 16:1, 8, 10-14 – Jesus rebukes them!

Mark's strange ending. He has no appearances of Jesus following the visit of the women on Easter morning to the empty tomb!

*“The women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.”* ([Matthew 28:8](#)).

*“When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others”* ([Luke 24:9](#)).

Mark tells us the women kept it hush-hush:

*“Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They **said nothing** to anyone because they were afraid.”* ([Mark 16:8](#))

That's how the original version of the gospel of Mark ended.

*“Then a man with leprosy came to him and, on his knees, begged him: “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him. “I am willing,” he told him. “Be made clean.” Immediately leprosy left him, and he was made clean. Then he sternly warned him and sent him away at once, telling him, “**See that you say nothing to anyone;** but go and show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” **Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely** and to spread the news, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly.”* ([Mark 1:40-45](#))

*“They brought to him a deaf man who had difficulty speaking and begged Jesus to lay his hand on him. So he took him away from the crowd in private. After putting his fingers in the man's ears and spitting,*

he touched his tongue. Looking up to heaven, he sighed deeply and said to him, “Ephphatha!” (that is, “Be opened!”). Immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak clearly. **He ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more they proclaimed it.**” ([Mark 7:32-36](#))

“But you,” he asked them, “who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he strictly warned them to **tell no one** about him.” ([Mark 8:29-30](#))

He **did not let anyone accompany him except** Peter, James, and John, James’s brother.” ([Mark 5:37](#))

“Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them **except** Jesus.” ([Mark 9:8](#))

“As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to **tell no one** what they had seen **until** the Son of Man had risen from the dead.” ([Mark 9:9](#))

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good **except** God alone.” ([Mark 10:18](#))

“Now concerning that day or hour no one knows—neither the angels in heaven nor the Son —**but only** the Father.” ([Mark 13:32](#))

*Steal the body?*

Stone tomb, sealed by a two-ton stone door

Guarded by armed, trained, veteran soldiers

**Too heavy**

**Too noisy**

**Too dangerous**





Matthew 28;  
Mark 16;  
Luke 24;  
John 20-21  
(part I)

# The Empty Tomb





# 9 FACTS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

Based on the Christian Bible... Evidence That Demands a Verdict!

## 1 Christianity is worthless without the resurrection.

1 Cor. 15:14 (NKJV) And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Scholars agree that without the resurrection there is no Christianity (17th-228 - 227).

## 3 The resurrection validates everything Jesus said.

Matthew 12:40 (NKJV) For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Jesus claimed both resurrection and divinity. According to U.S. Law, if someone claims to be God, they must either be a liar, a lunatic, or the one called Lord.

## 5 Jesus appeared to many people.

The New Testament records multiple times when Jesus appeared not as a spirit but as physical flesh (17th-216).

John 2:18 (NKJV) Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

## 7 Multiple eyewitnesses tell the story.

1 Cor. 15:4-8 (NKJV) ... and that he was seen of Cephas, then by the twelve. After that was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greatest part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

## 9 We have hope in the resurrection.

Romans 8:23 (NKJV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. John 10:10 (NKJV) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

## 2 WHY

## The resurrection is foundational to our faith.

Without the reality of the resurrection, Christianity claims no real hope or truth. 1 Cor. 15:17 (NKJV) And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

## 3 BECAUSE

## 4 WHAT WAS JESUS' RESURRECTION?

## The resurrection was the reversal of death.

What the early Christians proclaimed through Jesus' resurrection was unique in the Greek-Roman world. The temporary reversal of death was no miracle. It wasn't permitted in mythology (17th-216).

## 5 HOW DO WE KNOW?

## 6 WAS HIS DEATH REAL?

## Jesus' crucifixion is a known fact.

Both classical and biblical scholars consider the fact of Jesus' crucifixion as the "hard" of the Resurrection (17th-216).

## 7 DID SOMEONE SEE IT?

## 8 WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DISCIPLES?

## The resurrection changed the disciples.

The second disciples became willing to give their lives for Jesus (17th-216 Chapter 1-2). This event is proclaimed in Christ, Paul Peter's message in Acts 2.

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**"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene,  
who was crucified.**

**HE HAS RISEN!**

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where they laid him."**

**Mark 16:6**



## Why did Jesus' resurrection happen?

God created mankind **perfect** and to **live forever**.



But the first people **sinned** and **brought death** into the world.

So God sent Jesus to **pay for the sins** of the whole world.



Since sin has been paid for, Jesus was the first **rise to life** again.

## Why is Jesus' resurrection important?



It proves that Jesus' payment for our sins was **accepted**.

It proves that **we, too, will rise to life** on the Last Day.



It proves that **Jesus is God** because only the Son of God could raise himself from the dead.

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