

Why I Believe In Jesus' Resurrection

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15:17 English Standard Version

Is the resurrection of Jesus a _____, like believing in _____?

Did Jesus Actually Die?

- A. Can we know that Jesus really died on the cross?
 1. John 18:31 – His enemies' goal: To put Jesus to _____.
 2. John 19:7 – When Pilate _____, they persisted, saying "he _____ to die".
 3. John 19:23 – These _____ soldiers formed an _____ squad; they were professionals.
 4. John 19:32-35 – The soldier used his _____ because Jesus was already _____.
- B. Jesus' enemies were _____ on seeing Him _____.

Was Jesus' Tomb Actually Empty?

- A. Matthew 27:66 – The tomb where Jesus was buried was _____ and it was _____.
- B. An empty tomb!
 1. Luke 24:1-3 – The _____ found no _____ inside.
 2. John 20:6,7 - _____ also found the tomb empty.
 3. Matthew 28:11-15 – A _____ was created to explain why the body of Jesus was _____.
 4. Acts 2:29,32 - _____'s tomb still had a body, but not Jesus'.

Did Anyone Actually See The Risen Jesus?

- A. The witnesses to the resurrection, and its effect on them:
 1. John 20:18 – A _____ was the first one to see Him.
 2. 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 – Paul wrote that more than _____ saw Jesus after His resurrection. "_____ them!"
 3. 1 Corinthians 15:8,9 – Why else would _____ have made such a drastic _____ in His life?
- B. Zacharias, Geisler: "What else except their _____ with the risen Christ could have _____ them ...?"
_____ were willing to _____ for their belief in Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:17 – If Christ has not been _____, our faith is _____. Yancey: "The Resurrection is the _____ of belief."

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