



He is Risen...

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

The Resurrection... Matthew 28:1-10

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. 2. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 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. 5. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8. So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Allegations against the resurrection...

- The tale of the hidden twin
- The swoon of sleep but not death
- The hallucination of the masses
- The theft of the body by the disciples
- The tale of the great lie

And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep...

Matthew 28:12-13

The Resurrection of Christ... 1Corinthians 15:1-11

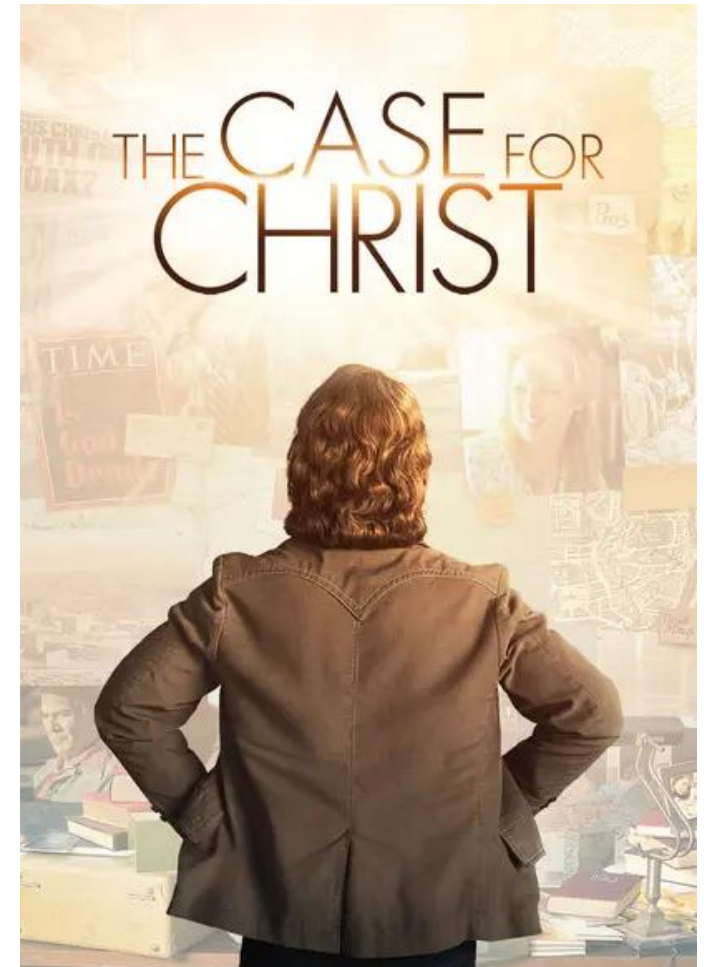
1. Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2. and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you unless you believed in vain. 3. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ 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, 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. 9. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Resurrection of the dead... 1Corinthians 15:12-22

12. Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13. But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. **17. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.** 18. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21. 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.

A case for the Resurrection of Christ...

- Coherence of biblical prophecies and biblical accounts
- The testimonials of the two women
- Martyrdom and beliefs of the early disciples
- Over 24000 manuscripts that prove the life, death and resurrection of Jesus
- Historical evidence and accuracy of people and places



What does Jesus' resurrection mean to us...

- God's word is true and can be trusted
- Sin, the devil and death have been defeated
- We have life and great hope in Jesus
- Death is not the end, we shall be resurrected
- Jesus shall return

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Let the resurrection of Christ, fortify us against the fear of death: It is now disarmed, and can do us no hurt. It divides us, indeed, from this body awhile; but it is only that we may receive it again more glorious. As God, therefore, said once to Jacob, "Fear not to go down into Egypt, for I will go down with thee, and will surely bring thee up again;" so may I say to all who are born of God, "Fear not to go down into the grave; lay down your heads in the dust; for God will certainly bring you up again, and that in a much more glorious manner." Only "be ye steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord;" and then let death prevail over, and pull down, this house of clay; since God hath undertaken to raise it up again, infinitely more beautiful, strong, and useful in glory.

John Wesley