

# Common Objection

## How do you know Jesus Christ rose from the dead?

Jesus' resurrection is one of the best attested facts in the history of the world. Such an amazing claim ought not to be believed unless the evidence is overwhelming.

Five vital points indicate that Jesus rose from the dead:

1. Jesus really was dead.
2. The tomb was found empty.
3. Jesus appeared after his death to many witness. Eyewitnesses recorded His appearances over a forty-day period after He had been publicly crucified. In A.D. 56 Paul wrote to the Corinthians that the resurrected Jesus had been seen by over 500 people, most of whom were still alive (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). It takes more "faith" to disbelieve this evidence than to believe it!
4. The Christian Church owes its origin to the resurrection.
5. We know Jesus is alive today, because many people have encountered the living Jesus. He said that He would return to the Father in Heaven, and His Ascension was likewise recorded by eyewitnesses (Acts 1:6-11). He promised, moreover, that He would come back to earth at the end of time in the same manner in which He ascended into heaven: when this occurs, "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:10-11).

People have only two choices: to confess Him as Lord now, voluntarily, or to confess Him whether they like it or not, and take the terrible consequences, on that dreadful day. How about you?