

REthink: DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD?

JESUS WAS ACTUALLY DEAD.

John 19:32-35 (NIV) “The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵The 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.”

Mark 16:1 (NIV) “When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body.”

THE TOMB WAS EMPTY.

Mark 16:2-6 (NIV) “Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, ‘Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?’ ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.’”

PEOPLE WERE CONVINCED JESUS APPEARED TO THEM.

Mark 16:7-8 (NIV) “But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’ ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.”

WHY THE RESURRECTION CHANGES EVERYTHING.

1ST - HIS DEATH MEANS NO DEATH FOR US.

Romans 6:5 (NIV) “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

1 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV) “By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.”

2ND - I HAVE ENORMOUS PURPOSE NOW.

Philippians 1:21 (NIV) “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

3RD - SEEING JESUS SCARS GIVES ME HOPE TO ENDURE MY OWN.

John 20:24-27 (NIV) “Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’ ²⁶A

week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'"

1 Peter 2:21 (NIV) "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."