



The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the Christian faith.

- Jesus' disciples were changed by this event—from cowardess to courage. His family members worshipped Him. Changed Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.
- Two sacraments (communion/baptism) affirm His death and resurrection.

Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds. Num 17:8

- Like Aaron's rod resurrecting to life verified him as High Priest, Yeshua's resurrection verified Him as our High Priest.

*To whom He also **presented** Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible **proofs**, being seen by them during forty days and **speaking** of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3*

Three Views on the Resurrection of Jesus:

1. Jesus didn't really die.
2. Jesus' body was stolen.
3. Jesus rose from the dead.

1. Jesus left physical EVIDENCE after His resurrection.

Christianity is not true because I believe it to be true, I believe it because it is true.

Our faith is not founded on our feelings but on the facts of history.

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

The evidence of the empty tomb!

Scholars tell us that there's more evidence that Jesus Christ came out of that grave than there is that Julius Caesar ever lived.

"About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who wrought surprising feats and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ. When Pilate, upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing amongst us, had condemned him to be crucified, those who had in the first place come to love him did not give up their affection for him. On the third day



he appeared to them restored to life, for the prophets of God had prophesied these and countless other marvelous things about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.” Flavius Josephus, The Antiquities of the Jews

“The evidence for Jesus’ resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live.”—**Wolfhart Pannenberg** (German Philosopher)

Because Jesus rose from the dead:

- My faith has a foundation (1 Cor. 15:14)
- My sin does not control me (1 Cor. 15:17)
- My death will not be my dead-end and my future is not futile (1 Cor. 15:15)

2. Jesus gave Scriptural EXPLANATIONS about His resurrection

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Luke 24:27

Jesus’ resurrection was pictured before it took place.

Jesus’ resurrection was prophesied in the Old Testament (Psalm 16:10, 1000 B.C.)

Jesus’s resurrection was predicted by Jesus Himself (Mark 9:31)

Evidence points to Him being alive, but the Scriptures point to Him being our Savior.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3. Jesus personally ENCOUNTERED people after His resurrection.

Peter was devastated by his sin of denial.

But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” Mark 16:7

Cleopas was disappointed.

But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Luke 24:21

Thomas was doubting.

Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” John 20:27



Paul was dead wrong.

And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." Acts 9:5

Jesus died once so that we can live twice because if we are born once we will die twice. Jesus lived twice so that we can die once.

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