

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are key facts of history for a Christian. As the apostles testified, Christ's resurrection was the culmination of the events of His first coming—and enables the remaining steps in God's plan to save mankind.

Truth

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." ~ Author C. S. Lewis

If our culture is to be transformed, it will happen from the bottom up – from ordinary believers practicing apologetics over the backyard fence or around the barbecue grill." -Attorney Charles Colson

Jesus death as a consequence of crucifixion is indisputable."- Atheist Gerd Ludemann

It is a historical fact that some of Jesus' followers came to believe that he had been raised from the dead soon after his executio -Philosopher Bart EhrmanN

Where to find more information

Visit the websites below for futher apologetc resources.

Norman Geisler
ngim.org

Gary Habermas
garyhabermas.com

Josh McDowell
josh.org

J. Warner Wallace
coldcasechristianity.org



HAVE QUESTIONS?

Key insights into the validity of the Resurrection of Jesus

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Paul and James. From Unbelief to Believers

While the Bible mentions at one point over 500 people who saw the Resurrected Jesus at one time, there are two important people who saw Jesus and their lives changed.

James, the half-brother of Jesus

- did not follow or have belief in Jesus during His earthly ministry
- witnessed Jesus after His Crucifixion
- became the leader of the early church of Christian followers in Jerusalem
- martyred for faith in Jesus

Saul of Tarsus (Paul)

- a Pharisee, the ruling Jewish body that was instrumental in the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus
- persecuted those early followers of Jesus
- witness the Resurrected Christ on his way to arrest Christians in Damascus
- became a missionary for Christ, wrote 13 books in the New Testament
- martyred for his faith in Christ



The Agreed Upon Minimal Facts of the Resurrection

There are several critical aspects of the Resurrection of Jesus that Christians and non-believing scholars are in agreement on.

Those key points agreed upon are called minimal facts

- agree that Jesus died by crucifixion
- agree that Jesus after His crucifixion was indeed buried in a tomb.
- agree that the followers of Jesus were in despair, lost hope after His death.
- agree that the tomb Jesus was placed in after His death was found empty later.
- agree that the experiences passed on by the disciples of seeing Jesus after His death were valid.
- agree of that the early disciples taught others about the deity, death, and resurrection of Jesus consistently.

3 Essential Facts

- death by crucifixion
- experiences of the disciples
- the conversion of Saul of Tarsus (Paul)



Resources Outside the Bible Concerning the Resurrection

Those resources that are not biblical that validate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are called extra-biblical.

Extra biblical accounts concerning Jesus that are dated in the first or second century.

- Tacitus - Roman historian, reported to Roman Emperor Nero about the historical Jesus
- Pliny the Younger - Roman Governor, reported about the high esteem the followers held about Jesus.
- Josephus - Jewish historian, wrote about Jesus being wise and that Jesus was crucified.
- Babylon Talmud - Jewish rabbinical writings that mention that miracles of Jesus and why He was crucified.
- Mara bar-Serapion - wrote to his son about the execution of the "wise king" of the Jewish people.

In respect to extra-biblical accounts, the Islam faith credits the historical life of Jesus as a wise prophet, however do not claim His deity.