

# Empty Tomb

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**1 Corinthians 15:3** 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.

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**1 Corinthians 15:13** 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.

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**Mark 16:1** When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him."

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## **Evidence for the Resurrection**

1. The disciples claimed to be eyewitnesses.
  2. The disciple's motivation and changed lives.
  3. The Jewish concept of the resurrection.
  4. The dates of the gospel accounts.
  5. Women as the first eye witnesses.
  6. Stolen body theory.
  7. Swoon theory.
  8. Hallucination theory.
  9. Empty tomb.
  10. Hostile witnesses.
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## **The Good News of Jesus Christ**

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**Matthew 18:8** "And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire."

**John 6:28** Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

**Luke 5:32** "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

**Matthew 26:28** "For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

**John 3:36** "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

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