

SOMETHING
BIG
HAPPENED HERE!

THIS IS THE GOSPEL:
Jesus is not dead anymore. He arose!

85%
OF AMERICANS CLAIM TO FOLLOW
CHRIST YET
35%
DENY HIS PHYSICAL
RESURRECTION.

*How can you believe Jesus is the
resurrection and life if you don't believe in
the resurrection?*

Of 1400 scholars (both skeptics and non-skeptics),
75% agree that the tomb was empty and the original
disciples truly believed they had seen Jesus alive
from the dead bodily.

<http://www3.telus.net/trbrooks/garyhabermas.htm>

"Something big happened here!"



"During the forty days after his crucifixion, Jesus appeared many times to the apostles and gave convincing proof that he was actually alive."

ACTS 1:3

The truth hinges on the proof:
no resurrection, no salvation!



"If Christ hasn't been raised, then we've nothing to preach and you've nothing to believe ... your faith is a delusion and you're still lost in your sins ... If our hope in Christ is good for this life only, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:14-19



"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead—the guarantee that we who believe will be resurrected, too."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

The resurrection isn't just a sidebar to this story; it's central to authentic faith.

PROOF OF SOMETHING BIG

1

Irrefutable Visual Proof

5 different writers offer accounts of the Risen Christ making 13 separate appearances to 557 eyewitnesses.

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500 witnesses saw the Risen Christ all at once.
1 CORINTHIANS 15:6

The women as star witnesses—culturally unacceptable, unless they were believable beyond doubt.

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2

Indisputable Physical Proof

MATTHEW

The Jewish leaders make great effort to prevent the resurrection story,

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MARK

The stone over the tomb's entrance has been moved.

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LUKE

The tomb is empty.

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JOHN:

*the grave-clothes in the tomb—
without a body.*



"John saw and believed."

JOHN 20:8

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3

***Incontrovertible
Transformational Proof***

Within days, cowardly spectators of the crucifixion
become bold preaches of the resurrection.

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Within days, 5,000 in Jerusalem were
baptized into Christ.

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The believers made Sunday, the day of
the resurrection, their day of worship—a
shift traceable to 32 AD.

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Saul, an anti-Christian fanatic, became *Paul*, Christianity's leading defender.

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The *resurrection* is the miracle that makes all the other miracles possible.

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"To suggest [Jesus never rose from the dead] is to stop doing history and enter into a fantasy world of our own."

N.T. WRIGHT

The proof of *something big* isn't just about a verifiable event in the past. The resurrection changes everything today!

"If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—nothing else matters."

JAROSLAV PELIKAN

RESURRECTION POWER
for **TODAY**



*"The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead
lives in you, so he'll also give life to you."*

ROMANS 8:11

THE POWER
to **COMPLETELY ERASE**
MY SIN



*"God made Jesus, who never sinned, to
be sin for you, so that you could be made
right with God through Christ."*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

THE POWER
to **CONFIDENTLY LIVE AS**
GOD'S CHILD



*"If you believe and accept Jesus, he gives
you the right to become God's child."*

JOHN 1:12

THE POWER
to **FULLY SUPPLY ALL**
MY NEEDS



*"Jesus is now your great High Priest ... So
come boldly to God's throne through him
to get help whenever you need it."*

HEBREWS 4:14-16

THE POWER
to TOTALLY TRANSFORM MY
CHARACTER



"You ave been crucified with Christ and no longer live; it's Christ who lives in you. And that new life is by faith in the Resurrected One, who loved you and gave himself for you."

GALATIANS 2:20

THE POWER
to UNCONDITIONALLY
ACCESS YOUR GOD



"Jesus' death and resurrection opened up a new, life-giving way into God's presence. So you can confidently draw near and stay close to God."

HEBREWS 10:19-22








