

# The Resurrection of Jesus

## The Post-Resurrection scene:

### 1. The empty tomb

A. In the book of Acts, there is enormous emphasis on the fact of the resurrection, but not a single reference to an empty tomb – why...?

### 2. The grave clothes

A. The body clothes would have formed into somewhat of a 'soft cast' because of the ointments...

B. Even if robbers had broken in and stolen the body (how could they do that with the Roman guards?), they would have left the grave clothes strewn about as time was of the essence...!

### 3. The Roman guard

A. *Matthew 28:11-15* – The Jewish authorities never questioned the report of the Roman guards...

B. The Jewish leaders, by not questioning the guards' testimony, gave tacit approval to the emptiness of the tomb...

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## The Post-Resurrection scene: *(continued)*

### 4. The post-resurrection appearances of Jesus

- A. To Mary Magdalene – *John 20:14 and Mark 16:9*
- B. To women returning from the tomb – *Matthew 28:9,10*
- C. To Peter later in the day – *Luke 24:34 and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:5*
- D. To the Emmaus disciples – *Luke 24:13-33*
- E. To the apostles; Thomas absent – *Luke 24:36-43 and John 20:19-24*
- F. To the apostles; Thomas present – *John 20:26-29*
- G. To the seven by the Tiberius Lake – *John 21:1-23*
- H. To 500-plus believers on a Galilean mountain – *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:6*
- I. To James – *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:7*
- J. At the Ascension – *Acts 1:3-12*
- K. To Stephan – *Acts 7:55*
- L. To Paul – *Acts 9:3-6 and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:8*
- M. To Paul in the temple – *Acts 22:17-21 and 23:11*
- N. To John on Patmos – *Revelation 1:10-19*

5. The enemies of Christ gave no refutation of the resurrection. In the 4 gospels, the book of Acts and all of first-century literature for that region, there is no mention of the grave being anything but empty...

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6. Before Jesus left, He gave us instructions for what to do until His return.

*Matthew 28:16-20 and Mark 16:14-20*

7. He will return to this earth physically. *Acts 1:1-11*

8. Paul made the resurrection the central proof of Christianity; without it, there is no Christianity. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:13-20*

9. Jesus staked His whole ministry on the fact that He would rise from the dead.

*Matthew 12:38-40 and John 2:18-22*

10. No other person in all of history has claimed that he would rise from the dead while he was still alive, then actually do it and leave ample proof of it...!

11. Established Subjective Facts:

A. The transformed lives of the disciples...

B. The transformed lives of 1900 years of human history:

Men and women, throughout the past 1900 years, have had the same experience as the early disciples – transformed lives by Jesus Christ...

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### 12. Established Sociological Facts:

A. The Christian church – for whatever the Christian church is not or has not done well there are many things about the Christian church that truly honor the God we love and serve. Never has an institution such as the Christian church done so much good for so many people all over the world for so many years. Most of the world's hospitals, orphanages and soup kitchens were started by Christians and/or churches. Church missionaries have brought health (physical and psychological), education and advancement to remote tribes that the world had forgotten about or did not care enough about.

Today, many churches have 'care' ministries such as marriage counseling, small group care, child care, parenting help, substance abuse help, day care, etc., etc. Please show me an atheist, agnostic, secular humanist, Buddhist or Hinduist organization that has done this. Until modern times, even our government didn't do this. But because of the commands of Jesus Christ, the church has been doing these things SINCE IT BEGAN. And the results are irrefutable! Changed lives and a changed world! HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!