
Jesus is Alive-True or False?

Series: The Passion-True or False?

Matthew 28:1-15 (NLT)

1. FALSE ASSUMPTION #1: JESUS' BODY WAS STOLEN

v. 13 "They told the soldiers, 'You must say, Jesus' disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.'"

2. FALSE ASSUMPTION #2: THE WOMEN WENT TO THE WRONG TOMB.

v. 1 "Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to see the tomb."

v. 11 "As the women were on their way into the city, some of the men who had been guarding the tomb went to the leading priests and told them what had happened."

3. FALSE ASSUMPTION #3: JESUS' RESURRECTION WAS A HALLUCINATION.

v. 9, 10 "And as they went, Jesus met them. 'Greetings!' he said. And they ran to him, held his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.'"

- Jesus' appearance to Thomas was real

John 20:24-29 (NIV)

- The encounter with two men on the road to Emmaus was real.

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

4. THE TRUTH: JESUS IS ALIVE!

vv. 6, 7 "He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples he has been raised from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee."

The Evidence for the Resurrection of Christ:

• Early Accounts

A creed used by the early church was preserved by Paul.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures . . .

• Empty Tomb

v. 6 "He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying."

Mark 16:6 (NKJV)

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him."

Luke 24:2-3 (NIV)

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

John 20:2 (NASB-U)

So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

• Eyewitness Testimony

1 Corinthians 15:5-8 (NIV)

. . . and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.