



“But now  
Christ is risen  
from the dead,  
and has  
become the  
firstfruits of  
those who  
have fallen  
asleep.”

1 Corinthians 15:20

**Is the Christian  
experience real, or is it  
all in my mind?**

# 1. The Intellectual Evidence

- Science can not rule out the possibility of the Resurrection, simply because the Resurrection is a unique event.
- Christ was unique in His life and teaching and personality; He was sinless and manifested His identity as the very Son of God. Is it really unbelievable that He should also be unique in His resurrection?

## 2. The Biblical Evidence

- If we believe the prophets and the prophecies about the coming Messiah, then we have to acknowledge that Christianity is True.

### 3. The Historical Evidence <sup>(1)</sup>

- The events of Christ's Death and Resurrection were not "done in a corner" as St. Paul stated.
- Throughout Jerusalem the Christians proclaimed His life, Death and Resurrection. Thousands believed these facts, and no one tried to refute them.

## 3. The Historical Evidence (2)

- If there was no Resurrection, how can we explain the empty tomb? Or the founding of the Church? Or the change that happened to the disciples?
- How can we explain the conversion of St. Paul and many others who opposed Christianity at the beginning?

## 4. The Personal Evidence

“Jesus Christ has given us **purpose and meaning** in a world that is empty and without direction. He has given us **power to do right** in a society going through a profound moral power failure. He has given us the **solution to the guilt problem** with His forgiveness purchased at the Cross. He has given us a **family**, with God as our Father and other Christians as our brothers and sisters in a world that is increasingly lonely”

*--Leighton Ford*