



For as yet they did not know the Scripture,
that He must rise again from the dead.
(Jn. 20:9)



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Evidence for the Resurrection

1. The Jews did not dispute the empty tomb
 - When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, **Tell them, His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.** (Matt. 28:12-13)
2. Eyewitness accounts
 - ...and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was **seen by Cephas**, then **by the twelve**. After that He was **seen by over five hundred brethren at once**, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was **seen by James**, then **by all the apostles**. Then last of all He was **seen by me also**, as by one born out of due time. (1 Cor. 15:4-8)



Evidence for the Resurrection

3. Independent Attestations of our Risen Lord

- And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace to you! Then He said to Thomas, Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing. (Jn. 12:26-27)

4. The Disciples suddenly and sincerely believed in the Risen Lord

- The people answered Him, We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man? (Jn. 12:34)

5. His followers were willing to be killed because of this belief

- Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. (Acts 12:2-3)

Evidence of the Resurrection in my life

1. No fear

- Evident in the life of the disciples and apostles

2. Joy

- **Rejoice always**, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; **for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.** (1 Thes. 5:16-18)
- Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again **and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.** (Jn. 16:22)



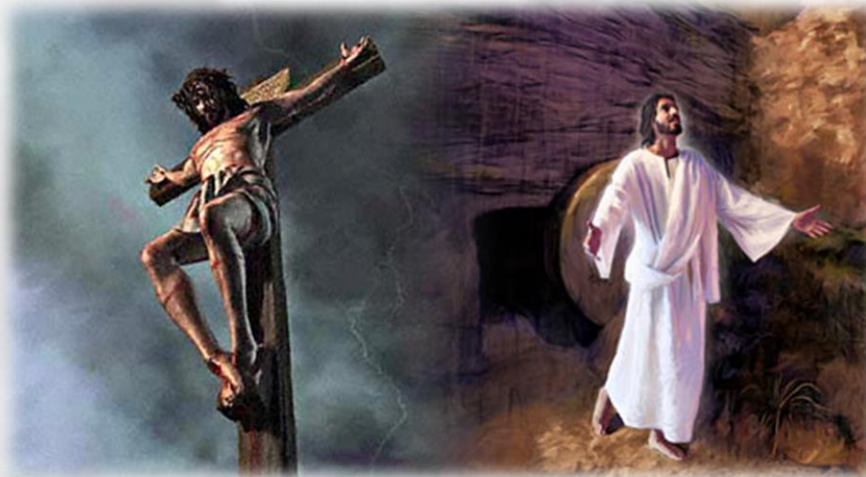
Evidence of the Resurrection in my life

3. Holiness

- But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world...** And as many as **walk according to this rule**, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. (Gal. 6:14,16)

4. Faithfulness

- And with **great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus**. And great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33)



Summary

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