

Apologetics



Resurrection

Outline

1. Jesus is everything
2. Is Jesus a actual historical person
3. Prophecies about Jesus
4. Jesus claims to be divine
5. Jesus's death and resurrection
6. Disciples' lives were changed after his resurrection
7. Jesus continue to change lives now



Jesus is everything

The Word of God

The whole theme of the bible is Jesus from Genesis (3:15) to Malachi (3:1-5), from Matthew to Revelations

Our Meaning

John 10:10 – Jesus came to give us life and life more abundantly

Our Righteousness

Romans 8: 3-4 - For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,¹ he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the spirit



Jesus is everything

Our Salvation

1 Pet 3:18 – For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit

John 5:24- "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

Our Hope of glory

Col 1:27 - To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.



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There are 4 fundamental questions of life.
They boil down to this: origin, meaning,
morality, destiny.

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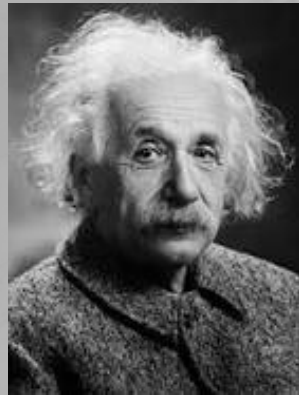
Jesus in History

(Eternity) - 4 BC – 30AD – (Eternity)

Historical Evidence for Jesus

Is Jesus a actual historical person or a fictional character?

How do you prove someone in history actually existed?



Historical Evidence for Jesus

The Gospel and Paul's Epistles

- Some say we cannot believe the bible's account cause it is biased.
- It is like asking if we can believe in what Issac Newton wrote because he is biased

The Gospel

Provides the genealogy of Jesus – Matt 1

The Miracle of Jesus – (too many to list)

Death of Jesus – (Matt 27, Mark 15, Luk 23, John 19)

Resurrection of Jesus – (Matt 28, Mark 16, Luk 24, John 20)

Historical Evidence for Jesus

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”
²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,²³ **but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,** ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. – 1 Cor 1:18-25

“You can’t explain the crucified messiah as something that was made up. If it is hard to imagine Jews inventing the idea of a crucified messiah, where did the idea come from? It came from historical realities. There really was a man Jesus no Jew would have invented him.”



Bart D. Ehrman

Historical Evidence for Jesus

Roman Historians Tacitus and Josephus

Cornelius Tacitus – Roman senator and one of the best Roman historians; he despised the Christians

In the Annals he wrote:

Historical Evidence for Jesus

Roman Historians Tacitus and Josephus

[N]either human effort nor the emperor's generosity nor the placating of the gods ended the scandalous belief that the fire had been ordered [by Nero]. Therefore, to put down the rumor, **Nero substituted as culprits and punished in the most unusual ways those hated for their shameful acts ... whom the crowd called "Chrestians."** The founder of this name, Christ [*Christus* in Latin], had been executed in the reign of Tiberius by the procurator **Pontius Pilate** ... Suppressed for a time, the deadly superstition erupted again not only in Judea, the origin of this evil, but also in the city [Rome], where all things horrible and shameful from everywhere come together and become popular.



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Flavius Josephus – Jewish priest who live in Rome in AD 66 wrote the *Testimonium Flavianum* (now in *Bibliothèque Nationale de France*)

In it writes this short account:

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Around this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, *if indeed one ought to call him a man*. For he was one who did surprising deeds, and a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. *He was the Messiah*. When Pilate, upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing among us, had condemned him to be crucified, those who in the first place came to love him did not give up their affection for him, *for on the third day, he appeared to them restored to life*. The prophets of God had prophesied this and countless other marvelous things about him. And the tribe of Christians, so called after him, have still to this day not died out.



Now if Jesus is an actual person..
Who is Jesus?

MCQ for you

1. Jesus is a liar

1. Jesus is a mad man

1. Jesus is who he claims he is, the Son of God

Prophecies about Jesus

Bible has ALOT of prophecies(>300) about Jesus. That is ALOT of things that Jesus have to fulfill



Prophecies about Jesus

Who: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

What: “because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.” Psalm 16:10 (fulfilled Acts 2:31)

Where: “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.” Micah 5:2 (fulfilled Matthew 2:1-2)

How: “Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 (fulfilled in Matthew 1:18)

Prophecies about Jesus

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **He was oppressed and afflicted**, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.”

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. **He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised and we esteemed him not.**

-Isaiah 53

Jesus' Claims and Miracles

Jesus' Claims

He claimed to be able to forgive sin: In Luke Chapter 5. There is a great crowd around Jesus, so some men cut a hole in the roof of the house he was in and lowered a paralytic on a mat. "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

He claimed that no one could know God except through Him. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Jesus' Claims

He claimed that he is the light of the world. “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Matthew 17:23

He claimed to be the Messiah. “The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” – John 4:25-26 (Samaritan Woman at the well)

Jesus' Claims

He claimed that he and the Father are one. “I and the Father are one” John 10:30

He claimed to be God. “Before Abraham was born ‘**I am**’.” John 8:58 (‘I am’ was the holy name for God in Hebrew, unutterable by any man. After Jesus said this, the people tried to stone him because he clearly claimed to be God.) see Exo 3:14

Jesus' Recorded Miracles

23 healings – (man with leprosy, paralyzed man, boy with a demon, crippled woman, official's son, man born blind)

9 displayed command over nature (feeding of the 5,000-4,000, calming the storm, walking on the water)

3 bringing the dead back to life (Jairus' daughter, widow's son, lazarus)

Jesus' Recorded Miracles

37 Miracles of Jesus					
#	Miracle	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1	Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana				2:1-11
2	Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee				4:43-54
3	Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum		1:21-27	4:31-36	
4	Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Sick With Fever	8:14-15	1:29-31	4:38-39	
5	Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed at Evening	8:16-17	1:32-34	4:40-41	
6	First Miraculous Catch of Fish on the Lake of Gennesaret			5:1-11	
7	Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-14	
8	Jesus Heals a Centurion 's Paralyzed Servant in Capernaum	8:5-13		7:1-10	

28	Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth	17:24-27			
29	Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac	12:22-23		11:14-23	
30	Jesus Heals a Woman Who Had Been Crippled for 18 Years			13:10-17	
31	Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath			14:1-6	
32	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers on the Way to Jerusalem			17:11-19	
33	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead in Bethany				11:1-45
34	Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
35	Jesus Withers the Fig Tree on the Road From Bethany	21:18:22	11:12-14		
36	Jesus Heals a Servant's Severed Ear While He Is Being Arrested			22:50-51	
37	The Second Miraculous Catch of Fish at the Sea of Tiberias				21:4-11

Jesus' Recorded Miracles - Greatest



Jesus' Recorded Miracles



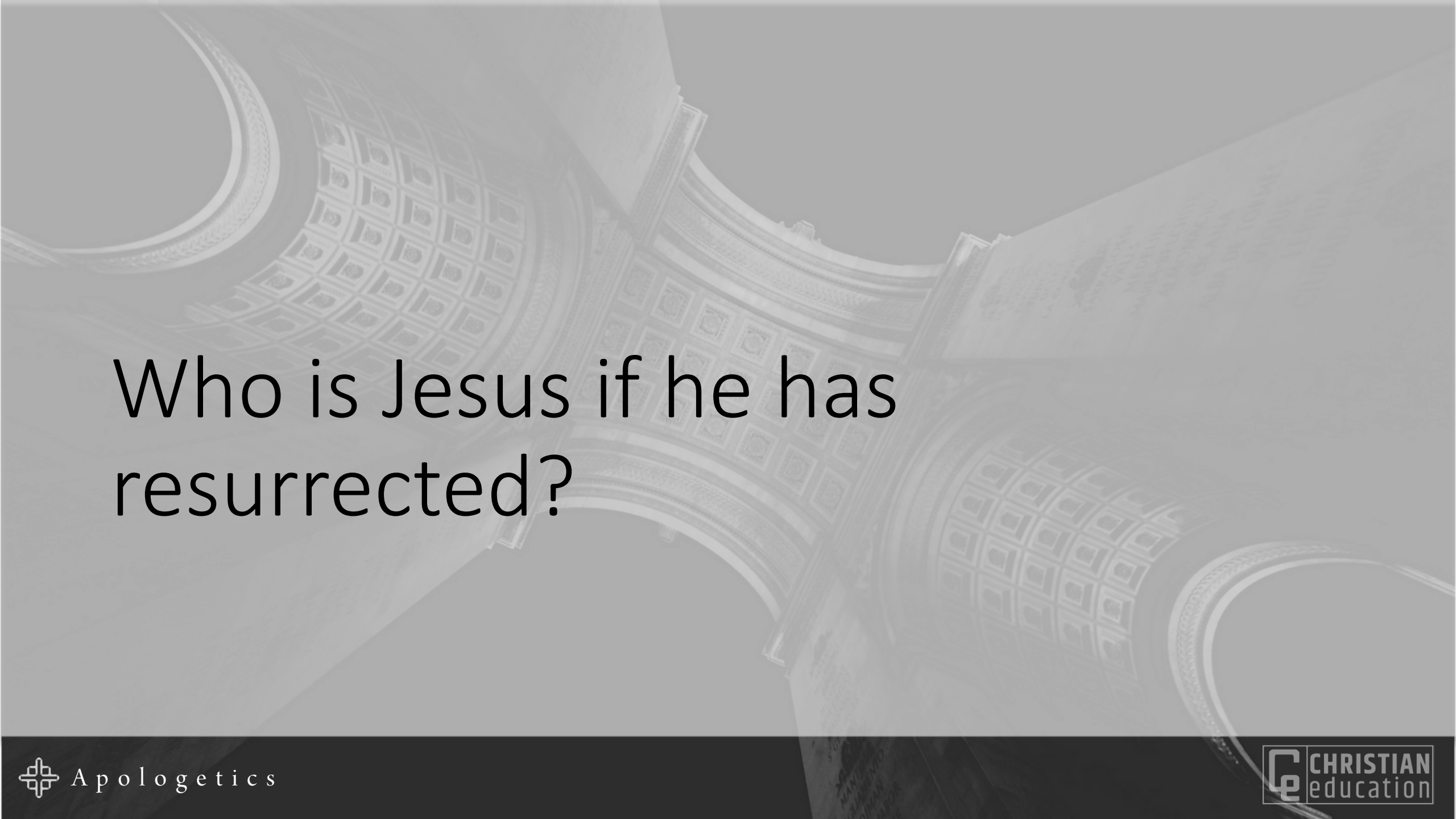
Philip Schaff

The resurrection of Christ is therefore emphatically a test question upon which depends the truth or falsehood of the Christian religion. It is either the greatest miracle or the greatest delusion which history records.

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Why is the Resurrection so important?

“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.” (I Cor. 15:12-19)

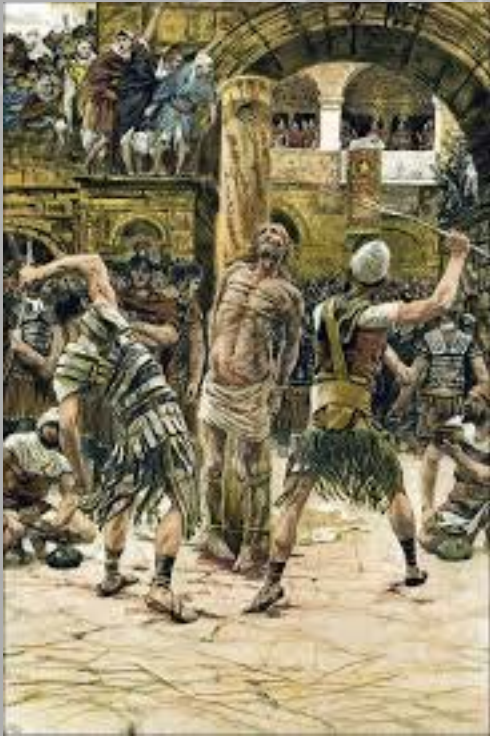


Who is Jesus if he has
resurrected?

Death and Resurrection – A brief timeline



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Has Jesus resurrected?

No. Jesus didn't die.

The story goes:

- Survived 36 hours without food and medical care from flogging, crucifixion and spear on his side
- Rolled a 1-2 ton (~1800kg) stone at the mouth of the tomb from inside
- Overcome a guard of Roman soldiers
- Escape the tomb

Has Jesus resurrected?

No. Jesus is still in the tomb, everyone hallucinated

Counter Argument:

- Jesus appears to different group of people multiple times
- Jesus offered food to the disciples (Luke 24:43)
- Disciples touch and examine Jesus (Luke 24:38-39)
- Authorities would have produce the body of Christ to disproof the disciples

Has Jesus resurrected?

No. The disciples (mostly fisherman, tax collectors) have stole the body of Christ

Precaution for disciples stealing the body:

- A Roman guard (Matt 27:65,66) placed
 - A guard = 16 man team of 4 hour shift, 4 man per shift.
 - Roman soldier are held by strict rules, if they failed their duty, they are punishable by death
- The stone at the tomb (Matt 27,59,60)
- Roman seal (Matt 27:66) – Tampering with a Roman seal is punishable by death



Has Jesus resurrected?

Yes! Jesus has risen!

Changed lives of the Disciples

- Shared the gospel till their death (except John)
- Performed miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ – Phi 3:8

Changed lives of the Disciples

- Andrew (Peter's brother, also a fisherman) died on a cross at Patrae, in Achaia, a Grecian Colony.
- James (the elder son of Zebedee, brother of John) was beheaded at Jerusalem.
- James (one of Jesus' brothers, also called James the Less) was thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple, and then beaten to death with a club.
- John, the beloved disciple (elder son of Zebedee, brother of James, both James and John we also called "Sons of Thunder" or "Boanerges"), died of extreme old age in Ephesus.

Changed lives of the Disciples

- Judas (also called Iscariot), after betraying his Lord, hanged himself.
- Thaddeus (one of Jesus' brothers, also called Jude) was shot to death with arrows.
- Matthew (also called Levi, a tax collector) -- Matthew was crucified in Alexandria.
- Nathanael (also called Bartholomew) was flayed alive and beheaded in Albanapolis, Armenia.

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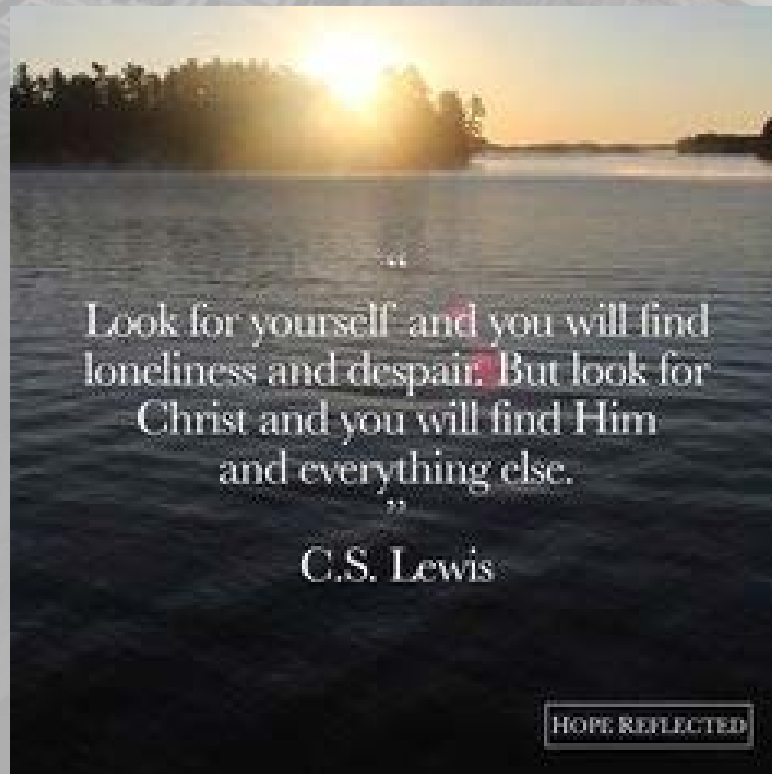
- Peter (also called Simon or Cephas) was crucified, head downward, on a cross in Persia (now Iran) during the persecution of Nero.
- Philip was hanged against a pillar at Heropolis (Abyssinia).
- Thomas (also called Didymous and the doubter) was run through the body with a lance at Coromandel, in the east Indies.
- Simon the zealot, axed to death or crucified by the Romans in Lincolnshire
- Paul – beheaded in Roman

Changed lives of the Disciples

- They all suffered rejection, persecution and torture
- But they never once renounced Christ
- **People don't do that for a lie**

Changing the World

- The work of the Holy Spirit continues to change the lives of people even till today



A Final Question – So who is Jesus?

- ~~1. Jesus is a liar~~
- ~~2. Jesus is a mad man~~
- ~~3. Jesus is who he claims he is, the Son of God~~
- 1. Jesus is man like you and me

2. Jesus is who he claims he is, the Son of God

