

9/ vicious fraud foisted on the minds of men. OR it is the most fantastic fact of history - a fact, which believed, will give you ETERNAL LIFE: Only these 2 choices  
Proofs of the Resurrection no middle ground

(Mt. 12: 38) Jesus prophesied He would literally lie in the grave & literally rise in his body like Jonah returned from the monster

(Mk. 8: 31<sup>32</sup>) "He was stating the matter plainly"

(9: 9) - "Rise from the dead"

(9: 31-32) - "Rise again"

## Historical Circumstantial Evidences

What is this evidence?

Jesus said: That this <sup>is the</sup> Sign which would PROVE that he was who he claimed to be - his whole case rested on this claim

### EMPTY TOMB

Pharisees + Scribes

(Mt. 21: 62-66) - these men knew what the fulfillment of Jesus' claim would do for the movement.

Guard 16 Roman legionnaires, could stand off a large number of men, most fantastic soldiers in all of history

(b) The grave secure → seal of Caesar in Wax. String  
All the power of the Roman empire backed that seal → be prepared to die if you broke it

(c) In addition - Stone rolls in a crevasse - weighs 2 ton → 5' x 3' opening (Mk. 16: 4)

(Mt. 28: 11-15) Watch was terrified - they would be crucified



## II CHANGED LIVES OF DISCIPLES

Psychological change in Jesus' followers  
They did not understand His resurrection  
before His death & resurrection.

All ran + hid

In a few days they became courageous  
speakers for Christ because they saw  
him + huddled him - knew He had  
really come back from the dead

Luke 24:36-49

All 3000 believers on Pentecost knew  
all about Jesus' death - they knew  
there was an empty tomb - were all Jews  
12 -> These same disciples all lived dangerous  
lives + died -> for this truth

if false they would have admitted the lie +  
kept from being killed - if it was a lie

## III UNDISTURBED GRAVE CLOTHS

(Jo. 19: 38 - 42)

100 lbs. spread on the cloths + bound  
the limbs + body

Myrrh -> shellac, Aloes -> resin

Set hard like a mummy in 24 hrs.

(Jo. 20: 1 - 9)

v. 5 -> "saw" = a hurried glance (John)

v. 6 -> "beheld" = studied - (Peter)

v. 8 -> "saw" = saw + believed that Jesus  
had been raised from the dead

What did John see? Exact shape of Jesus but  
He was not there; Jesus' body had assumed  
another dimension as He rose from the dead



Molecular arrangement changed so that the body could go through walls etc.

IV MORE THAN 500 WITNESSES ALSO PAUL  
(I Cor. 15: 3 - 8)

VII EXISTENCE OF CHRISTIANITY TODAY  
Theories to explain away the resurrection:

① Swoon theory (Schofield, the Passover Plot)

Premise that Jesus really wasn't dead

- got up & showed himself to disciples

(a) spear in heart - dead for some time

(b) condition of grave clothes

(c) legionnaires, knowing that they would be crucified, would fight to keep him from escaping

(d) how could he be the 'Lord of life' in weakened condition

(e) Joseph of A. & Nicodemus would have noticed

② Disciples stole the Body -

(a) How did they get them the Roman guard  
→ many would have been killed - disciples as well as Romans

(b) Disciples taught that Jesus died & rose for sins - at the peril of their own lives

IV MORE THE MORE WITNESSES (8)

V FLEXIBILITY OF CHRISTIANITY TODAY

I (P. 100) (also for the 100th Anniversary)

Because that Jesus is our Lord and our King -

get up a church which is not a church -

at least of his church for some time

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- ③ Sanhedrin stole The Body  
 (a) they would have produced it
- ④ Robbers stolen the Body  
 (a) What motive  
 (b) Could have gotten a great price for it from pharisees
- ⑤ a Myth <sup>not until</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
 (a) A greater miracle to invent a Jesus - He's too great to be made up  
 (b) If Gospels were concocted it is even a greater miracle what they made up  
 (c) Tertullian wrote to Roman Senate 200 quoting a letter from Pontius Pilate to Rome after the resurrection: Tiberias "Body not found" - Tiberias said 'don't kill Christians' → Roman archives

The Resurrection is the most substantiated event in human history

But there is <sup>an</sup> even greater significance to this event than the Historic Proof

Because Jesus Christ is alive He's able to come & live in the lives of anyone who places faith in Him

① They were born in the body of the body

② What was the body

③ Could the body be born in the body of the body

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