

Proof of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ By Franklin

Matthew 28:1-6 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great **earthquake**; for an **angel** of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and **rolled back the stone** from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that **you seek Jesus** who was crucified. ⁶ **He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.** Come, see the place where the Lord lay. NKJV

For these two women . . . their intense desire to see *Jesus* was greater than their fear.

If you are looking for Jesus, if you want to "see" Him:

FIRST:

- **Come see** the empty tomb and **Believe in the Resurrection.**
- **He rewards those who diligently seek Him.** Hebrews 11:6



SECOND: Verse 7: Go quickly and tell His disciples that HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD . . .

SEE then GO TELL = He Wants Everyone to Know!

. . . and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, **there YOU WILL SEE HIM**

OBEDIENCE then Greater Revelation!

THE RESULT: Verse 8-9:

So **they went out quickly** from the tomb **with fear and great joy**, and ran to bring His disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "**REJOICE!**" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

Their desire, their hunger, their search, their prayer was answered!

AND WHAT DOES JESUS SAY? VERSE: 10 Do Not be afraid, GO and take work to my brethren to leave for Galilee, and there **THEY SHALL SEE ME.**

THE RESURRECTION = THE RISEN LORD JESUS = REMOVES ALL FEAR

THE EMPTY TOMB, SHOULD EMPTY OUR FEARS!

THE TWO TON BOULDER OF FEAR . . . HAS BEEN ROLLED AWAY!

Hebrews 2:14-15 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that **through** death He might **destroy him** who had the power of death, that is, the **devil**, and **release those** who through **fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I fear no evil**, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I **fear?** The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be **afraid?**

Isaiah 43:1 **Fear not**, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

Acts 18:8-11 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "**Do not be afraid any longer**, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city.

VERSE: 11-15

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. ¹² When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a **large sum of money** to the soldiers, ¹³ saying, "**Tell them**, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

- The guards **were paid** to say the disciples stole the body.
- Pilate sent **soldiers to guard the tomb** and seal it for three days to prevent the body from being taken. Matthew 27:62-66

FIRST:

No disciple was ever arrested or tried for stealing the body of Jesus. It is evident that the governing officials did not believe the story of the guards, **THEY DID NOT ARREST ANYONE.**

SECOND:

The disciples lacked the courage. Had they stolen the body, then how do you account for the fact that they all suffered, and most of them died a martyr's death? In the face of death, one of them would have revealed the hiding place of the "stolen body" to save his own life.

THIRD:

Had **the enemies of Jesus moved the body**, they could have produced it and brought a quick end to Christianity, and they would have.

FOURTH:

The grave clothes found in the empty tomb are proof of the resurrection (John 20:1-10). Had friend or foe stolen the body, they would not have removed the grave clothes, since He had been dead three days and nights. When John saw the grave clothes and recognized that they were folded the same as when they were wrapped about the body, he knew that a miracle had taken place. Jesus came out of the clothes, and they collapsed without disturbing the folds. They were left in the empty tomb as "infallible proof" and when John saw and understood, he believed that Jesus had come from the dead.

FIFTH:

EYE WITNESSES To over five hundred 1 Corinthians 15:6

AND WHAT DID JESUS TELL THEM WHEN THEY HAD SEEN HIM?

VERSE: 16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When **they saw Him**, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ **Go therefore*** and **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching** them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and be sure of this, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

GO AND TELL . . . SO THAT OTHERS MAY ALSO SEE HIM! SEE JESUS !

SIXTH:

The **change in the lives of the disciples** after the resurrection, from fear to unlimited courage.

- They rejoiced in persecution (Acts 5:40-42).
- They chose death and faith in the resurrected Christ, rather than to deny what they knew to be true. Ten of the apostles suffered horrible, excruciating deaths.

Acts 1:3 He showed Himself **alive** after many **infallible proofs**.

- The early Christians went everywhere proclaiming the resurrection (Acts 8).

Peter Acts 2:14, 22-24, 36

Of the world's religions **ONLY CHRISTIANITY** claims an empty tomb for its founder.

In the original accounts there is no claim of a resurrection for Buddha. Mohammed died June 8, 632 A.D., at the age of sixty-one, at Medina, where his tomb is annually visited by thousands of devout Mohammedans.

Abraham, the father of Judaism, died about 1900 B.C., but no resurrection has ever been claimed for him.

Jesus not only predicted His resurrection but also emphasized His rising from the dead would be the "sign" to authenticate His claims to be the Messiah.

John 2:18-22 Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous **sign** can you show us **to prove your authority** to do all this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "**Destroy this temple, and I WILL RAISE IT AGAIN IN THREE DAYS.**" . . . ²¹ the temple he had spoken of was **His body**. ²² After HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, his disciples recalled what he had said. **Then they believed the Scripture and the words** that Jesus had spoken.

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and **be killed, and be raised up on the third day.**

John 14:19 **After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you WILL see Me; because I live, YOU WILL LIVE ALSO.**

No founder of any religion or leader of people, other than JESUS CHRIST, has ever **dared to say that He would rise from the dead** after his death. **Because if he did not rise**, it would be the end for his movement. Jesus Christ boldly prophesied it and on the third day it happened and Christianity was born never to be stopped because we serve a RISEN SAVIOR.

CONCLUSION:

Jesus Christ was **declared the Son of God** with power **by the resurrection** from the dead Romans 1:4

Here is the record:

Confucius' tomb	-	occupied
Buddha's tomb	-	occupied
Mohammed's tomb	-	occupied
Jesus Christ's' tomb	-	EMPTY!

The decision is NOW YOURS TO MAKE. The evidence speaks for itself.

It says very clearly: **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!** Luke 24:34 NKJV

Romans 10:9-10 IF you **confess with your mouth** "Jesus *is* Lord," **and believe** in your **heart** that God **raised Him from the dead**, YOU WILL BE SAVED; ¹⁰ for with the **heart** a person **believes**, resulting in righteousness, and with **the mouth he confesses**, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "*WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.*"

SALVATION – forgiveness of your sins and ETERNAL LIFE depends on:

Faith & Confession

1. **FAITH** – that you truly BELIEVE in your heart (not only your head) that JESUS has been RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

AND

2. **CONFESSION** – that you willingly and gladly tell others that "JESUS IS LORD."

You WILL BE SAVED – Sins Forgiven – and Enjoy LIFE ETERNAL.

John 11:25-26 I am the resurrection and the life; he who **believes in Me** will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and **believes in Me will never die**. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

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Colossians 1:18 And He is the **head** of the body, the church, who is the **beginning**, the **firstborn from the dead**, that in all things He may have the **preeminence**.

By the **resurrection**, He is **the beginning** of life for us, and as **the firstborn from the dead** there will be a second and a third born etc. We were dead in our transgressions (Eph.2:5) but because He was THE "FIRSTBORN" **WE CAN BE BORN AGAIN** from the dead also! ! !

HALLELUJAH **Death is swallowed up in victory!** (1Cor.15:54-57)