

THE CASE FOR THE RESURRECTION

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead today because it is central to our faith.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-17

- The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the only evidence that He faced death and won.
- The only proof [beyond what He said or did] that Jesus is God and the way to eternal life.
- There were physical witnesses to Jesus' resurrection; you are proof of the resurrection.

JESUS SAID THE RESURRECTION WILL BE PROOF

MATTHEW 12:39-40

JOHN 2:18-22

IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE

- **Death by Crucifixion**: NO DOUBT (except Muslims believe he was substituted)
 - Eyewitness accounts – Jewish and non-Jewish – of how Jesus died.
 - Old Testament Prophecies fulfilled:
 - i. He will be pierced. **ZECHARIAH 12:10**
 - ii. Soldiers will gamble on His clothing. **PSALM 22:18**
 - iii. Sold for 30 pieces of silver. **ZECHARIAH 11:12-13**
 - iv. Will have no broken bones. **PSALM 34:20**
 - v. Hang on a tree. **DEUTERONOMY 21:22-23**
 - vi. Betrayed by a close friend. **PSALM 41:9**
- **Burial in a Known Tomb**
 - **MARK 15:43** **MATTHEW 27:57-60**
- **The Empty Tomb**
 - **MATTHEW 28:1-15**
- **Post-resurrection Appearances**
 - **JOHN 21:14** **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-9**
- **Transformation of Disciples**
 - **MARK 14:49-50**
 - 10 of the 11 apostles were martyred
 - **ACTS 4:13** – preaching a risen Jesus in a city of hostiles (Jews and Romans).
 - Peter addresses the crowd on Pentecost. **ACTS 2:14, 32-33**

- **Devout Jews turn to Jesus**

- Thousands of Jews convert to the faith. **ACTS 2:41**

JOHN 11:25

OUR JESUS IS ALIVE!