



THE GOD QUESTIONS series

IS THERE REAL PROOF THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

Part 2 of 2

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Cosmic Answer: *God is not afraid of your questions.*

Today, the first question:

Is there any real proof that Jesus rose from the dead?

Evidence of Resurrection Power before Jesus' death

- Jairus' daughter
- Widow of Nain's son
- Lazarus

Evidence of Eyewitnesses after His death

Mark 16:1-8

- Mary and women
- Two disciples on the road to Emmaus
- The group of apostles, without Thomas
- The group of apostles, with Thomas
- More than 500 witnesses at one time
- James and Jude, his half-brothers, became believers
- The Apostle Paul, the Christian hater and killer met Jesus

Today, the second question:

Do I have to believe that Jesus rose from the dead to be a Christian?

Jesus taught that resurrection was real.

Matthew 22:23-24

Jesus taught that He would be resurrected.

Matthew 17:9, 22-23

Romans 4:24-25

Conclusion: The resurrection is automatic. Heaven is not.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE EMPTY TOMB?

WHAT IS YOUR DECISION?

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FROM THE DEAD?

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HAVE A QUESTION?

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Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb

Mark 16:1-2

and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

Mark 16:3

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

Mark 16:4-5

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Mark 16:6-7

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Mark 16:8

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that Jesus rose from
the dead to be a
Christian?



Jesus taught
that resurrection
is real.

But about the resurrection of the dead — have you not read what God said to you, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

Matthew 22:31

He taught that
he would be
resurrected.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Matthew 17:9

When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.

Matthew 17:22-23

...for us, to whom God will credit righteousness — for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 4:24-25

The resurrection is automatic.
Heaven is not.