

Did Jesus Really Rise From The Dead?
Matthew 28:1-7

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1. Conspiracy theories abound in our culture.
2. For many people today, the resurrection of Christ is merely an ancient conspiracy theory.
 - a. **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**
3. Today, we will look at a number of theories that attempt to disprove the resurrection. Then we will examine from the text the evidence for the resurrection. Last, we will look at what this means to us today.

I. The Conspiracies That Attempt to Disprove the Resurrection.

A. The Wrong Tomb Theory.

1. Some skeptics have the idea that the women went to the wrong tomb.
2. The women knew where the right tomb was. (**Matthew 27:55-56**)

B. The Swooning Messiah Theory.

1. Some believe that Jesus was only in a coma.
2. The soldiers did not bother to break His legs. (**John 19:33-34**)

C. The Hallucination Theory.

1. Others hold that those who saw Jesus were hallucinating.
2. Groups don't hallucinate. (**1 Corinthians 15:6**)

II. Overwhelming Proof Of The Resurrection of Jesus.

A. It is clear that Jesus Christ did exactly what He predicted He would do. (**Acts 1:3**)

B. Evidence From The Empty Tomb.

1. Professional executioners crucified Jesus.

C. Proof From the Multiple Witnesses.

1. The early Christians saw Him with their own eyes.

D. The Evidence of Changed Lives.

1. Those who met Jesus had their lives transformed.

III. What Does The Resurrection Mean To Us Today?

A. In considering the resurrection of Jesus Christ at least 5 questions come to mind.

1. The question of doubt.
2. The question of loneliness.
3. The question of weakness.

4. The question of guilt.
5. The question of death.