



Why did Jesus Rise?

Two big ideas:

1. The Resurrection of Jesus is more _____ than you think.
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Some say people in our modern, _____ world can't believe in resurrection.

- People then were not as _____ as we think.
- The vast majority of people _____ believe in life after death.
- The claim of Christians isn't that resurrection is a _____ thing.

Some evidence for the bodily resurrection of Jesus:

Everyone believes something _____ happened that transformed Jesus' followers and launched the growth of the church.

That "something" is the empty tomb.

But what explains the empty tomb?

Theory: Since no one knew what happened to Jesus' body, his disciples assumed he was resurrected and made up the stories.

- The disciples weren't _____ resurrection.
- Jesus didn't just appear to his disciples.

Theory: The disciples really did believe they saw Jesus, but it was a _____.

- Even today, people do often see their _____ loved ones but no one assumes they've been resurrected.
- There are no _____ hallucinations.

Theory: The stories themselves are _____ developed by later followers of Jesus.

- The stories are too _____ to be myths.
- There is no _____ attached to them.
- There are embarrassing _____.
- All the stories are a little _____.
- The stories contain names of real live _____.

What difference does the Resurrection of Jesus make for me?

The Resurrection _____ Jesus!

Three ways the Resurrection matters for you:

1. It tells you that you can be free from you _____.
2. It shows us that Jesus can be _____ for our present life.
3. It shows us our future can be _____.

Do you need resurrection for your past, present or future?