

JESUS IS ALIVE!

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THE EVIDENCE OF THE RESURRECTION

- The Evidence of **PROPHECY** Fulfilled.

....Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. Mark 8:31 NLT

My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat. They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing. Psalm 22:16-18 NLT

So they said, "Rather than tearing it apart, let's throw dice for it." This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing." So that is what they did. John 19:24 NLT

- The Evidence of the _____.
 - Mary Magdalene and other women (Luke 24)
 - Simon Peter (Luke 24)
 - Cleopas and Friend (Luke 24)
 - 10 Disciples (John 20)
 - 11 Disciples (John 20)
 - Disciples by the Sea of Tiberias (John 21)
 - 11 Disciples (Matthew 28)
 - 500 followers together (1 Corinthians 15:6)

- The Evidence of _____.

Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children! Matthew 14:19-21 NLT

- The Logical Evidence Of "Beyond A Reasonable _____".

"I went to a psychologist friend and said if 500 people claimed to see Jesus after he died, it was just a hallucination. He said hallucinations are an individual event. If 500 people have the same hallucination, that's a bigger miracle than the resurrection." — Lee Strobel

"There is more evidence that Jesus rose from the dead than there is that Julius Caesar ever lived or that Alexander the Great died at the age of thirty-three." — Billy Graham

Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years?" — Charles Colson

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" John 11:25-26 NLT

"Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God." John 11:27 NLT

If Jesus Is Alive...

- Who He claimed _____ is true.

Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?" But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven." Mark 14:60-62 NLT

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!" John 14:6-9

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 1 John 4:14 NIV

If Jesus Is Alive...

- What He _____ is true.

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Philippians 2:6-8 NLT

Grab This!

Only as God was Jesus capable of living His life without sinning — and only as a human being was He capable of dying — and only as _____ could He be a sacrifice for our sins.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

If Jesus Is Alive...

- What He _____ is true.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:6 NLT

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them." John 14:20 NLT

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. 1 Timothy 1:15-17 NLT

The Challenge

DO YOU BELIEVE?