

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Points to God's Existence



1

OUR CORNERSTONE

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith (1 Corinthians 15:14).

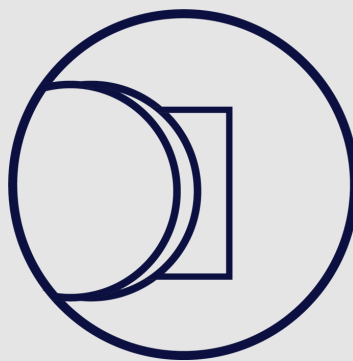
Jesus is the first person in human history to rise from the dead in the way that the Bible predicts will happen at the end.



2

CHRIST WAS **EXECUTED**

Even skeptics like Bart Ehrman say that history shows Jesus was a "Jewish preacher from rural Galilee who made a fateful trip to Jerusalem and was crucified by the Roman governor Pontius Pilate." Jesus' death by crucifixion is a historical fact.



3

HIS TOMB WAS **EMPTY**

From the beginning, the Jews who didn't believe acknowledged that the tomb was empty.

Otherwise, there would be no point in concocting the story that the disciples stole the body (Matthew 28:12,13).



4

EYEWITNESSES SAW THE RISEN JESUS

Some eyewitnesses were the original followers of Jesus. Many of them suffered loss, persecution and martyrdom for what they preached. Other eyewitnesses were former skeptics or enemies of Christianity, including James and Paul.



5

THE RESURRECTION REPORT IS **EARLY**

There wasn't enough time for a resurrection legend to develop in the early church. Christ's resurrection was preached right from the very beginning of Christianity, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8.



6

THE CASE IS CLEAR

People may offer alternative theories. However, only Christ's resurrection explains **all** the historical facts, including his **execution**, his **empty** tomb, the **eyewitness** testimony, and the **early** report. The best explanation is that God raised Jesus from the dead (Acts 3:15).