

# The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Proof Beyond Reasonable Doubt



# Intro.



- “Why doesn’t God give more evidence?” scream the skeptics and agnostics and atheists.
- While it seems some want tangible proof, as in seeing and touching Jesus...and while others want scientific proof that miracles (let alone a resurrection) can happen, God has seen fit to leave mankind with evidences which provide proof beyond reasonable doubt. Sure, one can doubt. That is the possibility. However, there is a difference between the reasonable doubt and the irrational or unreasonable.

# Science Can't Disprove the Possibility of Miracles



While science considers miracles to be the suspension of natural law, those of the Christian faith claim miracles are either brief restorations of natural law to their original state or the result of such brief restorations. (Norman Geisler)

# Israel Rejects Jesus as Messiah



How is this proof?

This is according to Bible prophecy – Is. 6:10 (please see: [Israel as Proof of God's Existence: The Assault of Atheism](#)). The same prophet foretold the Messiah's rejection and resurrection (Is. 53:10-12).

If the prophet was correct when predicting (500+ years) the details of the Christ's manner and purpose of death, is it likely he will be wrong about his resurrection?

# Historicity, Veracity and Accuracy of New Testament docs as Eye-witness Accounts



- More copies and better copies of original NT texts were made over a shorter span of time than all Ancient Greco-Roman documents combined. (ex. Homer, Demosthenes, Plato) - [Doug Powell](#)
- Majority of the extant copies (MSS, Codexes, Scrolls) provide ~99.99% accuracy based on cross-examination and comparison (ibid).
- The 4 Gospels provide corroborating but not faked (conflating) eye-witness perspectives of Christ's life, words, death and resurrection. (ibid)

# Cont...



- Paul, an intelligent and well-educated man (instructed at the historic school of Gamaliel) later recorded that over 500 saw Jesus alive ([1 Cor. 15:1-6](#))
- Luke, a medical doctor of the day and also a historian in his own right, gives account of the ascension of Jesus.
- The Gospel writers were not self-serving: they wrote embarrassing facts about themselves, preached and practiced morality, received no money, and died heinous deaths for their unshakable testimonies of Christ... not exactly the stuff of conspiracy and charlatanism. ([Frank Turek](#))

# Corroboration of historians and scholars within the 1st Century and 2nd Century A.D.



- Josephus
- Tacitus
- 1st and 2nd Century Patristics account for the great majority (91%) of not just the gospels but all of the New Testament by quoting collective passages in their writings. (Doug Powell)

# More Resources:



- [Miracles – in BECA by Norm Geisler](#)
- [Cold Case Christianity – by J. Warner Wallace](#)
- [I don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist – by Frank Turek](#)
- [The Case for the Resurrection – by Lee Strobel](#)
- [iWitness Resurrection App – by Selfless Defense](#)
- [Gary Habermas - Online Resource for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ](#)
- [Who is this Jesus? – Part 1 & Part 2](#)
- [The Substantial Evidence for the Resurrection of Christ United with Assured Proof](#)