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# Resurrection



*A topical study of the foundation of our faith*

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- Paul contends that basis of Christianity is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- If that event is not true, Christianity is not true!
- Christianity is not based on Christ's teaching, character, or the numerous miracles in His life...

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<sup>13</sup> But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

<sup>15</sup> Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

**1 Corinthians 15:13-15**

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*“1 Corinthians fixes belief in the historical resurrection of Jesus as the indispensable basis of salvation”*

*– B. L. Shelley,*

*Church history in plain language*

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*“Everything that Jesus Christ taught, lived and died for depended upon His resurrection”*

*– Josh McDowell*

Author of Evidence That Demands a Verdict

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*“Where you stand with regard to the fact of the Resurrection is, in my eyes, no longer Christian theology. To me Christianity stands or falls with the Resurrection”*

– *Theodosius Harnack:*

Josh McDowell,

Evidence That Demands a Verdict

**PROVEMENT!**

# OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE

Lord Lyndhurst (1772-1863), recognised as one of the greatest legal minds in British history wrote:

*“I know pretty well what evidence is; and I tell you, such evidence as that for the Resurrection has never broken down yet.”*



*“As a lawyer I have made a prolonged study of the evidence for the events of the first Easter Day. To me the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the High Court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling. Inference follows on evidence, and a truthful witness is always artless and distains effect. The Gospel evidence for the resurrection is of this class, and as a lawyer I accept it unreservedly as the testimony of truthful men to facts they were able to substantiate”*

– Sir Edward Clarke:

*“History records that two young men, Gilbert West and Lord Lyttleton, went up to Oxford. They were friends of Dr. Johnson and Alexander Pope, in the swim of society. They were determined to attack the very basis of the Christian faith.*

*So Lyttleton settled down to prove that Saul of Tarsus was never converted to Christianity, and West to demonstrate that Jesus never rose from the tomb”*

*“Some time later, they met to discuss their findings. Both were a little sheepish. For they had both come to similar and disturbing conclusions. Lyttleton found, on examination, that Saul of Tarsus did become a radically new man through his conversation to Christianity, and West found that the evidence pointed unmistakably to the fact that Jesus did rise from the dead.*

– Observations on the History and Evidence  
of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ –

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# TYPES OF EVIDENCE

- Eye witness accounts
  - Luke / Matthew / Peter / John / Paul etc.
- Written Testimony
  - Josephus / Pilate / Marcion / Roman officials
- Physical Evidence
  - The moved stone / The empty tomb / the Temple curtain
- Circumstantial Evidence

# THE POWER OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

*“Can the truth be proved beyond a reasonable doubt when all the evidence we have is circumstantial?”*

*“Absolutely!”*

J Warner Wallace (Cold Case Detective)

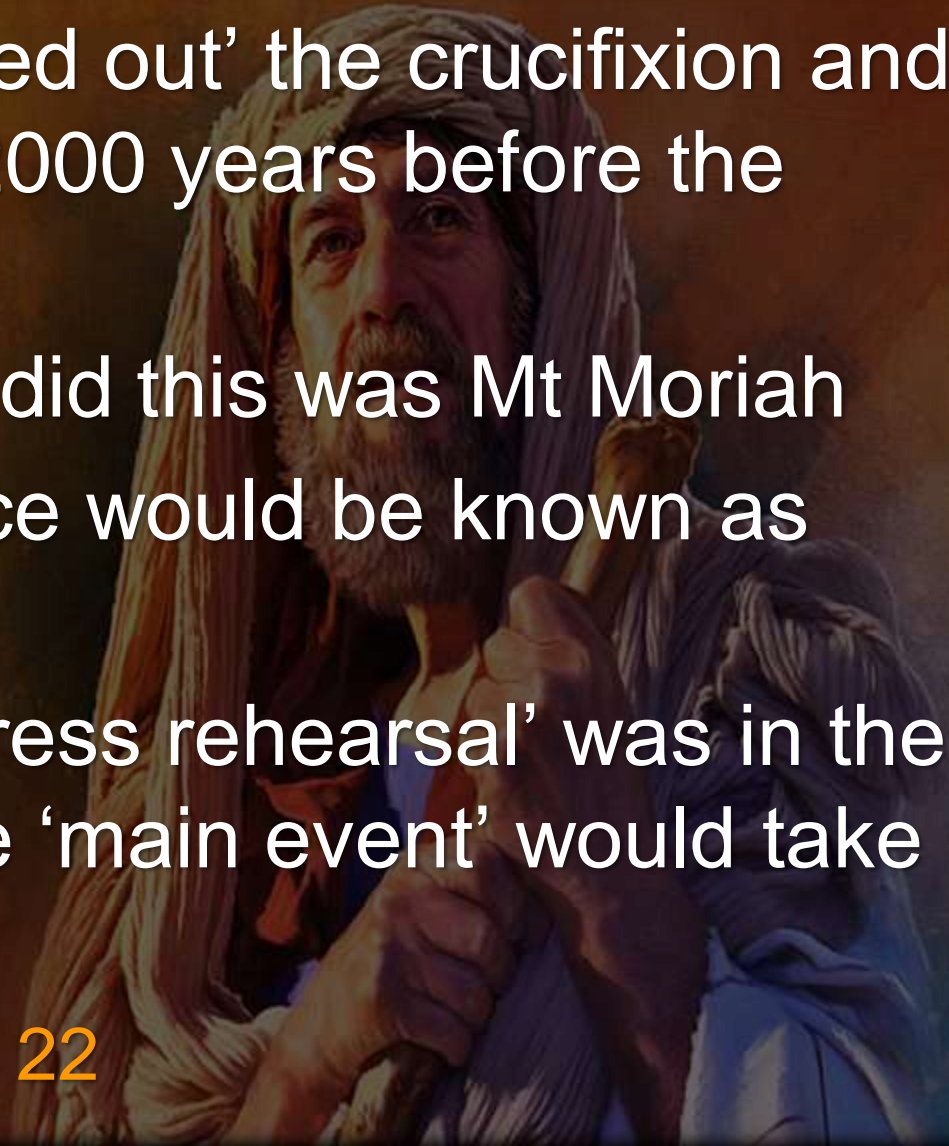
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# Abraham

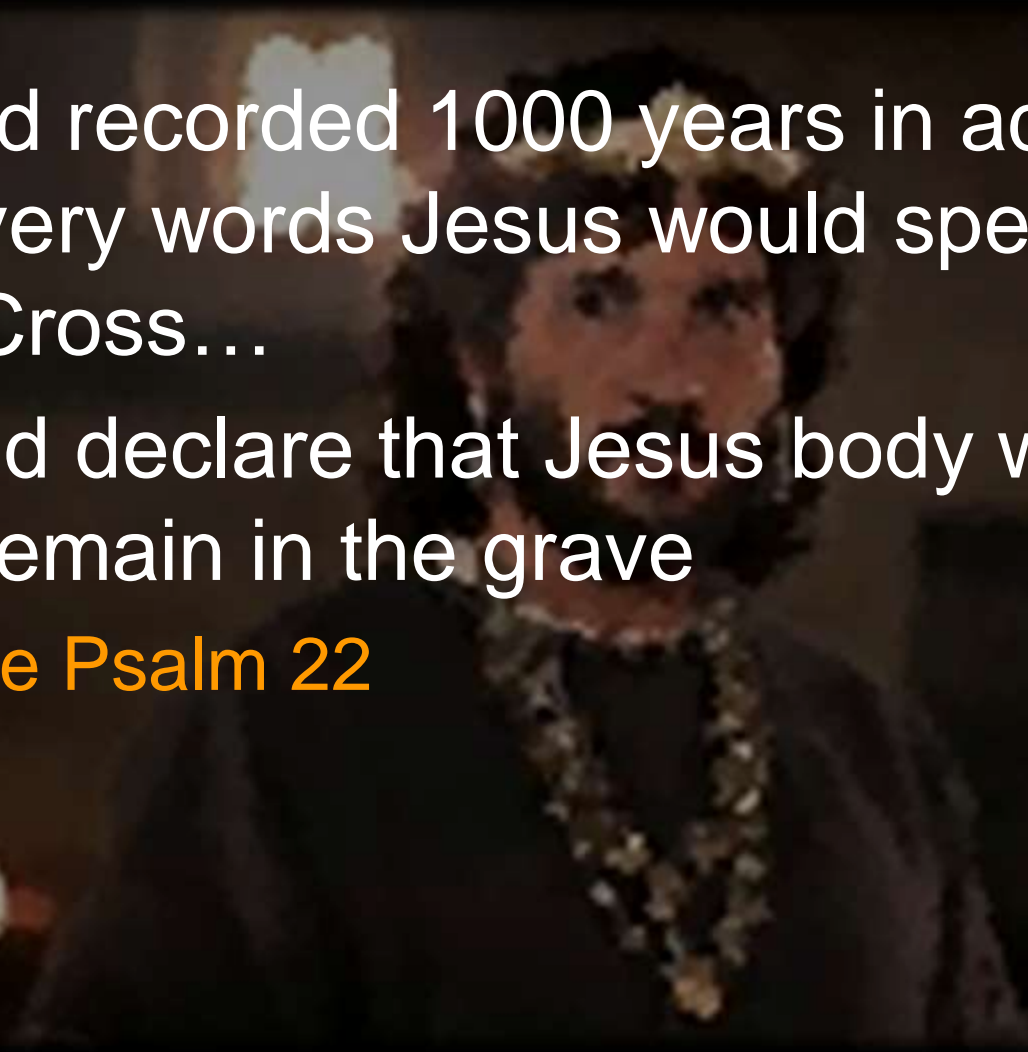
- Abraham 'acted out' the crucifixion and resurrection 2000 years before the event!
- The place he did this was Mt Moriah
- Later this place would be known as Calvary
- Abraham's 'dress rehearsal' was in the exact spot the 'main event' would take place

– See Genesis 22



# David

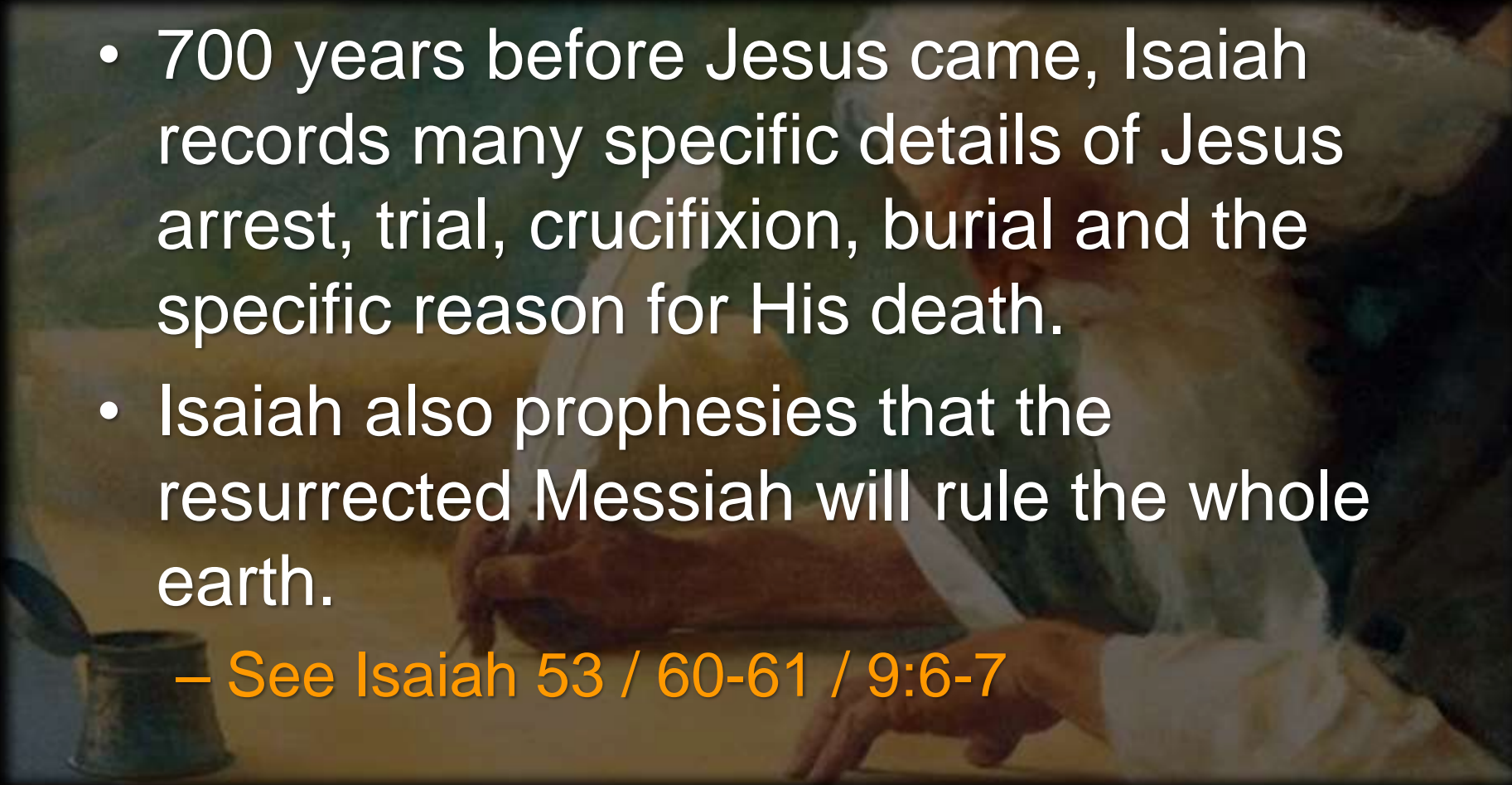
- David recorded 1000 years in advance the very words Jesus would speak on the Cross...
- ...and declare that Jesus body would not remain in the grave
  - See Psalm 22





# Isaiah

- 700 years before Jesus came, Isaiah records many specific details of Jesus arrest, trial, crucifixion, burial and the specific reason for His death.
- Isaiah also prophesies that the resurrected Messiah will rule the whole earth.
  - See Isaiah 53 / 60-61 / 9:6-7



# Daniel

- 500 years before Jesus was born, Daniel records the very day Jesus would enter Jerusalem as king (Palm Sunday)
- He records that the Messiah would be killed for others
- He then records that after His death He will one day return to rule the whole earth!

– See Daniel Ch2 / Ch9

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# Caesarea Philippi

c.Autumn/Winter A.D. 31

<sup>21</sup> From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and **be killed, and be raised again the third day.**

**Matthew 16:21**

# At Galilee...

<sup>22</sup> And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

<sup>23</sup> And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

**Matt 17:22-23**

# To Jerusalem...

<sup>18</sup> Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,

<sup>19</sup> And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

**Matt 20:18-19**

## C.S. Lewis stated:

- *"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. . . . Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God".*

(Mere Christianity, 55-56)

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<p>* The Hebrew word is 'Bein' which means 'between'  This is another evidence of the supernatural design of the Bible. Just as in this model, laid down some 600 years before, Jesus was taken on the 10th, and as a Lamb without blemish, was killed on the 14th between the evenings, shedding His own blood to become our Passover Lamb, atoning for our sin once and for all.</p>	<p><b>Mark 11:10-11a</b> .....Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things.... </p>	<p><b>Mark 14:1</b> After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. <i>Mark here refers to the feast/festival starting from the 15th (which was the first day off work) - see Luke 22:1 so after 2 days = 15th &amp; the feast</i></p>	<p><b>Mark 14:12-18</b> Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and... eat the passover?.....And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which saith with me shall betray me.</p>	<p><b>Matt 26:17-20</b> Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread..... See Ex 12:18 (above right)  In both of these verses the words 'the feast of' the translators, they are not in the original and can be misleading.</p>	<p><b>Luke 23:53-54</b> And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher.....And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. <b>Mark 15:42-43</b> And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.</p>	<p><b>Lev 23:5-7</b> "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD" <b>Deut 16:16</b> "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15)</p>	<p><b>Matthew 27:62</b> Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.</p>	<p><b>Mark 10:34</b> And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.</p>
<p>Truly He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)</p>	<p>"So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5) Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then morning representing a complete 24 hour day.</p>	<p><b>Luke 22:1</b> Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.</p>	<p><b>13th Begins</b> ...And now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.</p>	<p><b>14th Begins</b> Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve <b>Mark 14:12-18</b> And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and... eat the passover?.....And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which saith with me shall betray me.</p>	<p><b>15th Begins</b> <b>1st Night</b></p>	<p><b>16th Begins</b> <b>2nd Night</b></p>	<p><b>17th begins</b> <b>3rd Night</b></p>	<p><b>18th Begins</b> <b>Matt 12:40</b> For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth   Location of the most important week in human history</p>

# The Last Supper



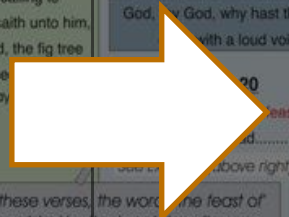
**The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul**  
"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4)

**According to the scriptures**  
...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover  
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# Crucifixion

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50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice,  
yielded up the ghost.

Matthew 27:50

- Jesus was on the cross for 6 hours

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Matthew 27:51

- Josephus tells us that it was 60 ft. high and 30 ft. wide
- It was woven, he says, “as thick as the span of a man’s hand”
- Estimated weight was around 5 tons
- Josephus says that horses tied to each side couldn’t pull it apart

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Matthew 27:51

- This occurs at 3pm, just as the evening sacrifice would be commencing in the Temple
- Many priests would have been officiating
  - Acts confirms that many priests come to faith
- The Talmud records an earthquake in Jerusalem c.40 years before the temple was destroyed,

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Matthew 27:52-53

- It would be impossible to write and circulate this if it did not happen
- If false, this would simply be discredited!

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

**Matthew 27:54**

- It had been supernaturally dark on the earth for 3 hours

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

Matthew 27:57-58

- Some victims of crucifixion would last days
  - The longest recorded was 13 days
  - The shortest was 32 hours
- To fulfil prophecy not a bone of Jesus was broken



# Joseph of Arimathaea

- This man was notably wealthy
- He was held in very high regard
- He is called 'honourable counsellor' **Mk 15:43**
- Only 14 such men in the history of the nation!
- He & Nichodemus are granted Jesus body
- This very act would cause them to be 'excommunicated' and lose their office
- They take Jesus, anoint Him, and put Him in Joseph's tomb



1033







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Burial

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**Matthew 27:62-63**



64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

**Matthew 27:64-66**

# Resurrection Morning

- 1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
- 2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
- 3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

Mark 16:1-3

# Resurrection Morning

- 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

**Matt 28:2-4**

# The Official Story

<sup>11</sup> ...behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

<sup>12</sup> And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

<sup>13</sup> Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

**Matt 28:11-15**

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<sup>14</sup> And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

<sup>15</sup> So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

**Matt 28:11-15**

# The Royal Guard

- This “watch”, was a royal roman guard made up of 16 highly trained roman soldiers
- Each would have a spear, a short sword, and a dagger,
- Each man also had 5 javelins inside of a curved shield
- Their primary weapon however was a sling
- They were trained to hit a target 70 ft. away
- They were the special forces of their day

# The Royal Guard

- And if a commanding officer came and found just one of those guards asleep all 16 men in the guard would be killed
- So if one fell asleep the other guards would set their tunic on fire!
- In 390 A.D. as Rome was beginning to fall apart, the then Caesar commanded Flavius Viratus Ronitus (historian) to search the archives for military and tactical inspiration
- As a result he reconstructed this elite unit

# The Royal Guard

- The tomb was sealed - either with wax/clay
- Ropes would have been put across the stone, with the seal or Rome in the centre
- If anyone broke the seal, the punishment was to be crucified upside down,
- If they couldn't catch you, they would crucify upside down every man, woman and child in your village ,
- That tomb was sealed and secure!



- 1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
- 2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
- 3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

Mark 16:1-3

- The women didn't know the Roman guard was there!

- 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

**Matthew 28:2-4**

- How do we know this?
- Whose eye witness testimony is this!

# The Inside Story!

- In Israel there were tax collectors who would stay in their office and do the paperwork...
- And others who would go out and about and collect taxes from the public
- Matthew was the latter, called 'publicans'
  - Because they collected from the public,
- As a servant of Rome he would always have had a roman soldier with him
  - With his shield and his spear to signify the authority of Rome,

# The Inside Story!

- Matthew is the only Gospel writer to tell us what happened at the tomb...
- ...that an angel came down, and rolled the stone away,
- ...and what happened in the discussion with Pilate...
- ...and that the soldiers didn't go to Pilate when they fled the tomb, but to the priests,
- ...and that the priests paid the soldiers to keep quiet!

- 11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.
- 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,
- 13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.
- 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. **Matthew 28:11-14**

<sup>15</sup> So they took the money, and did as they were taught:  
and this saying is commonly reported among the  
Jews until this day.

Matthew 28:15

- Imagine saying that as a witness in a court room,
- “Your honor, it was the disciples”,
- “How do you know?”
- “Well, err, I was sound asleep when they came, that’s how I know!”

# Circumstantial Evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- The Resurrection Foretold
- Jesus' own testimony
- The testimony of the Roman guards
- The testimony of Pilate
- The transformation of the disciples
- The Gospel

# The Acta Pilati

- *“Important testimony of Pontius Pilate, recently discovered, being his official report to the Emperor Tiberius, concerning the crucifixion of Christ”*

- by George Sluter 1837-1908

- Original Manuscript is in the Vatican

– <https://archive.org/details/actapilatiimport00slut>



# The Acta Pilati

Justin Martyr, in his first apology for the Christians, which was presented to the Emperor Antoninus Pius, in the year A. D., 138, having mentioned the Crucifixion of Jesus and some of its attendant circumstances, says:

“ And that these things were so done, you may know from the Acts made in the time of Pontius Pilate.”

# The Acta Pilati

The learned Tertullian, in his Apology for Christianity, about the year 200, after speaking of our Savior's crucifixion and resurrection, and his appearance to the disciples, who were ordained by him to publish the Gospel over the world, thus proceeds:

“Of all these things relating to Christ, Pilate himself, in his conscience already a Christian, sent an account to Tiberius, then Emperor.”

# The Acta Pilati

- It is Pilate's report to Emperor Caesar concerning the events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- He details:
  - What happened regarding the crucifixion
  - The kind of man Jesus was
  - That Jesus had been granted freedom to teach the people
  - That wealthy people didn't like Jesus on account of his support for the poor

# The Acta Pilati

- It is Pilate's report to Emperor Caesar concerning the events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- He details:
  - Miraculous events at the tomb of Jesus
    - That a brilliant light was seen
    - That an angelic being appeared
    - That there was an earthquake
    - That trained Roman guards collapsed in terror
    - And that they actually saw Jesus risen from the dead
    - But that they were then given money to keep quiet

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19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

John 20:19

# Before the Jews...

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

**Acts 4:13**

# Before the Jews...

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

**Acts 4:19**



# The Transformation of Paul

<sup>1</sup> And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

<sup>2</sup> And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

**Acts 9:1**

# The Transformation of Paul

<sup>13</sup> But Barnabas took [Paul], and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

**Acts 4:13**

# The Transformation of Paul

<sup>13</sup> And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. **Acts 19:8**

# At Rome...

<sup>30</sup> And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

**Acts 28:30**

# The Power to Change Lives

- Stephen – stoned to death
- James – beheaded
- Matthias – tied down & vultures eat him alive
- Jude (Thaddeus) – crucified & shot with arrows
- Nathaniel – skinned alive & crucified
- Philip – hanged
- Andrew – crucified in Egypt
- Mark – dragged behind chariots

# The Power to Change Lives

- Matthew – flayed & beheaded
- Luke – Crucified
- James (Alpheus) – thrown from the temple
- Thomas – Impaled in India
- Simon Zelotes – Sawn in pieces
- Peter – Crucified upside down
- Paul – Beheaded in Rome

# The Power of the Resurrection

- *“There is no one truth that will have greater power over us, when properly believed, than the truth that Christ has risen from the dead”.*  
– Albert Barnes

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Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
<b>Sabbath</b> Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended	<b>Triumphal Entry</b> 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27	Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running cf Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19	Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days	Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th	<b>Feast of Passover</b> Also: 'Day of Preparation'	<b>Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath</b>	<b>Sabbath</b>	<b>Feast of Firstfruits</b> 1st day of Week

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel ...that **Christ died** for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he **was buried**, and that he **rose again the third day** according to the scriptures

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

**Mark 15:33-37**  
...hour was come (12:00pm), there was a darkening of the land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus gave up the ghost.

**John 19:31**  
The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (15th), for that sabbath day was an high day. (See below) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

**Lev 23:5-7**  
"In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD"

**Deut 16:16**  
"Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15)

**1st Day**  
15th Begins  
1st Night

**2nd Day**  
16th Begins  
2nd Night

**3rd Day**  
17th begins  
3rd Night

**18th Begins**  
**Resurrection!**  
The empty tomb

**Mark 16:1-2**  
And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.

**Mark 10:34**  
And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

**Matt 12:40**  
For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth

**The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul**  
"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"(1 Cor 15:1-4)

**According to the scriptures**  
...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover  
...was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread  
...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits

**Jerusalem**  
Location of the most important week in human history

commencing the 15th, not the supper on the 14th. It is also used this way in John 13:1. So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast.	<b>Mount of Olives - Tuesday</b> Where Jesus taught the disciples about the events that would precede His 2nd coming.	And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;	twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.
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# The Gospel

– according to the scriptures –

- In fulfillment of Gabriel's prophecy given to Daniel (ch9), Jesus presented Himself as the Messiah of Israel on the very day foretold over 500 years before!
  - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and allowed Himself to be worshipped as the Messiah
  - This was the only day in His ministry He allowed this, and He intentionally arranges the event
  - The Triumphal Entry was on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, the very day the sacrificial lamb's from the fields around Bethlehem were being taken and inspected, ready for the Passover sacrifice

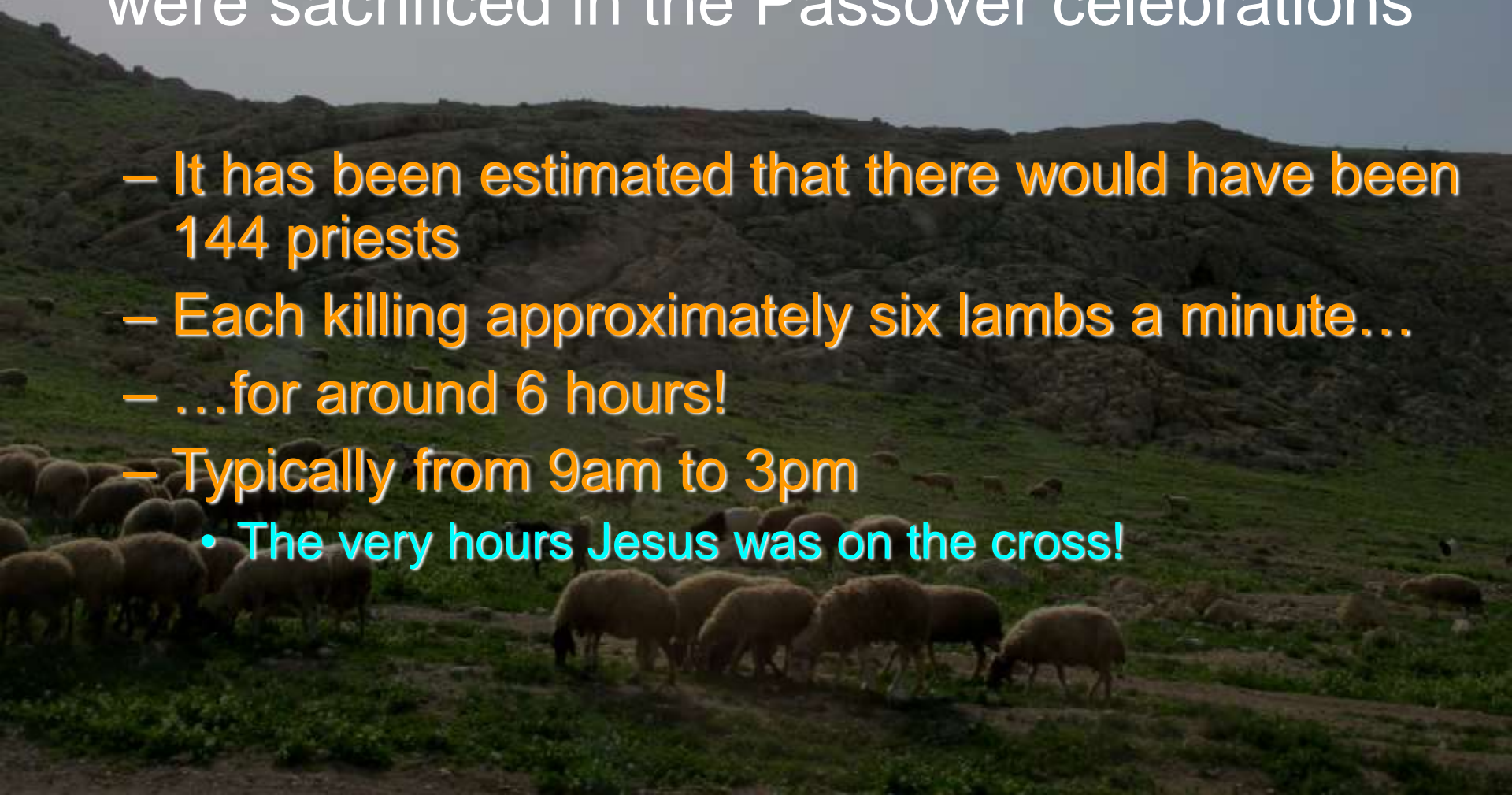
# The Gospel

— according to the scriptures —

- The Feast of Passover foreshadows Christ's sacrificial death
  - On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month (Nisan)
  - Jesus was able to both celebrate the Passover with His disciples & become the Passover Lamb, dying on the 14<sup>th</sup> because of Exodus 12:6
    - The lamb's must be killed 'Beyn' 'BETWEEN' the evenings – thus a 24 hour window
  - Paul states that Christ became our Passover  
1 Corinthians 5:7

# Bethlehem's Sheep

- Josephus records that over 250,000 lambs were sacrificed in the Passover celebrations
  - It has been estimated that there would have been 144 priests
  - Each killing approximately six lambs a minute...
  - ...for around 6 hours!
  - Typically from 9am to 3pm
    - The very hours Jesus was on the cross!





# The Gospel

– according to the scriptures –

- The Feast of Unleavened Bread, His burial
  - As Jesus body was placed in the tomb it became the 15<sup>th</sup> by the Jewish reckoning
  - *“Unless a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit”* – John 12:24

# The Gospel

– according to the scriptures –

- The Feast of Firstfruits, His resurrection
  - On the 17th Jesus rose from the dead on the Feast of Firstfruits
  - Thus becoming “the Firstfruits of all that slept”  
1 Corinthians 15:20

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