

What is the hope of the resurrection?

The resurrection changes the way I face death.

The resurrection changes the way I think about creation in the future.

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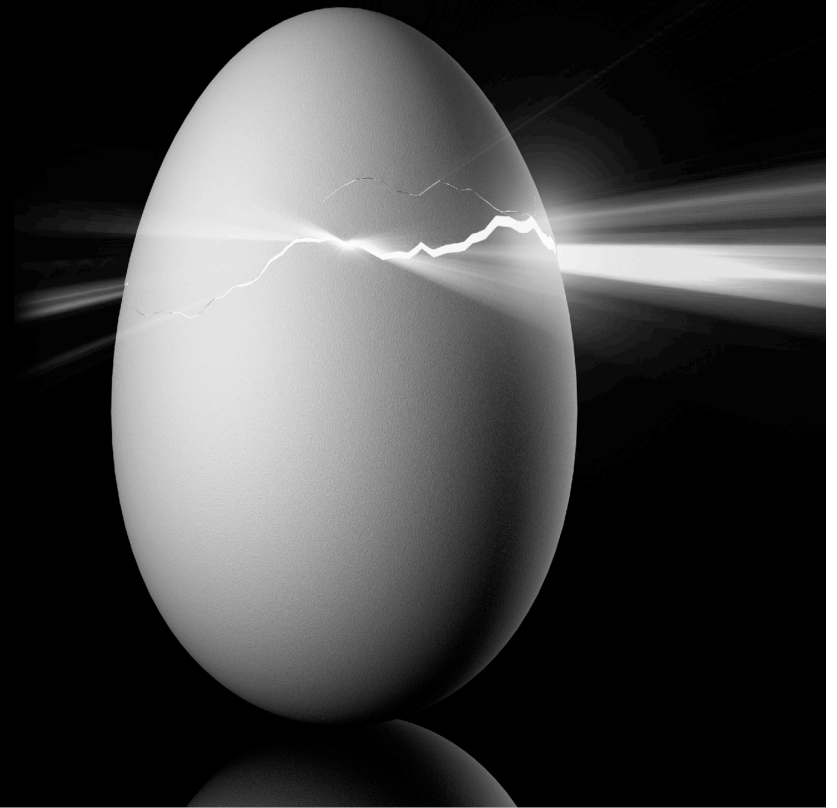
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The Resurrection

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17 (ESV)

What is a resurrection?

Is there biblical evidence for Jesus' resurrection?

Jesus predicted his resurrection.

men among us, had condemned him to the cross those that loved him at first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again on the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold." (Josephus, AJ, 18.3.3)

What are the primary objections to the resurrection?

Jesus just passed-out on the cross.

The resurrection was a hallucination.

The resurrection was a borrowed or stolen concept.

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2 (ESV)

Once a man has died and the dust soaked up his blood, there is no resurrection. -Homer

Jesus is alive!

saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” Mark 10:33–34 (ESV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, Luke 24:1–10 (ESV)

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. Luke 24:12 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, (that’s Peter) then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 1 Corinthians 15:3–8 (ESV)

There were unlikely believers.

Is there any circumstantial evidence to support the resurrection?

The disciples were transformed.

People began worshipping Jesus as God.

The tomb was not enshrined.

What is the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus?

Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ, the anointed one of God. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal