

## THE RESURRECTION: IS IT REASONABLE?

Faith is trust in and commitment to what your reason tells you is true.

*And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins.* 1 Corinthians 15:17 (Good News Bible)

### • EVIDENCE FOR JESUS' DEATH

The "swoon theory" = Jesus fainted on the cross or took a drug that made Him only appear to die, and then the cool air of the tomb revived Him and He emerged alive.

- The Flogging

*Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip.*  
John 19:1 (New Living Translation)

- The Crucifixion   ○ The Embalming Process   ○ The Security at the Tomb

### • EVIDENCE FOR JESUS' RESURRECTION

- Early Accounts

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1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (New International Version)

- Empty Tomb

No one claimed it was anything but empty. (See Matthew 27:62-66; 28:11-15)

- Eye Witnesses

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,<sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also . . .* 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV)

### • JESUS' RESURRECTION IS THE BASIS FOR A REASONABLE FAITH.

- Your wrongdoing has separated you from a perfect God, and God holds us accountable.

*But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.* Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

- Jesus paid the penalty for your sin.

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* John 14:6 (NIV)

*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.* 1 Peter 3:18a (NIV)

When you confess your wrongdoing and receive Him as your forgiver and Lord, you can begin a relationship with God; you can have peace with God.

### How to Receive Christ

1. Admit your need and tell God you're sorry for your sin. 1 John 1:8-9
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 17
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life (receive Him as Forgiver and Lord). Colossians 2:6; John 1:12