



Easter

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As we have slowly and surely obtained more progress, we have lost something that undergirds all of it: meaning, cohesion and a different, deeper kind of happiness than the satiation of all of our earthly needs.”

-Andrew Sullivan



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Three reasons to
believe

**“HE HAS RISEN,
INDEED!”**

REASON #1

The Historical Credibility of the Easter Events

1. A first century Jewish rabbi, Jesus, claimed to be the Son of God and performed many miracles.

**2. Jesus suffered a
roman execution by
crucifixion upon the
decree of Pontius Pilot.**

3. Jesus died and was
placed in the tomb of
Joseph of Arimathea.

4. After three days, the tomb was empty, there was no body to be found and there were hundreds of eyewitnesses that claimed to see the risen Jesus.



John 19:31-34

But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.


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REASON #2

The Credibility of the Eyewitness Accounts

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

For I delivered to you the message that I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

And that He was seen by Peter, then by the Twelve. After that, He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, most of whom are still alive to this day.

**“We can be entirely confident
that this summary from
1 Corinthians 15 was
formulated within months of
Jesus’ death.”**

-James Dunn

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REASON #3

The Credibility of Transformed Christ-Followers

John 20:19

The doors were locked
where the disciples were
for fear of the Jews.

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“Christians were crucified or set on fire so that, when darkness came, they burned like torches in the night.”

-Tacitus, 116 AD

“No other explanations have been offered in 2000 years of sneering skepticism that can satisfactorily account for how the tomb came to be empty, how the disciples came to see Jesus, and how their lives and worldviews were transformed.”

- N.T. Wright

**What difference does
the resurrection make
in my life?**

John 11:25

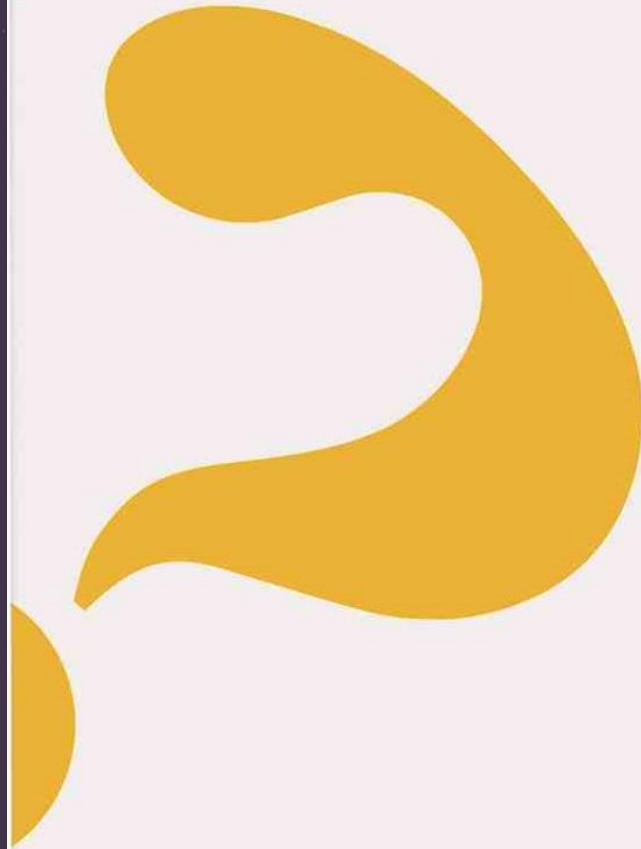
I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.



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Why Easter



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