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# GIVING AN ANSWER – PART 20

## *RESURRECTION: THE WITNESSES*

*(MATT. 27:57–28:8; MARK 15:42–16:14;  
LUKE 23:50–24:43; JOHN 19:38–20:29)*

1 PETER 3:15



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LIVING IN LIGHT  
OF ETERNITY




**Developing a base set of answers to  
common questions:**

**CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?**

**WHO WAS JESUS?**

**DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD?**





# **The Resurrection of Jesus**

**Matt. 28:1–10**

**Mark 16:1–11**

**Luke 24:1–12**

**John 20:1–18**



# **The Burial**

## **Summary of the passages**

**Securing the Tomb**

**The Seal on the Tomb**

**The Guard at the Tomb**

**The Desertion of the Disciples**

**The Fact of the Empty Tomb**

**The Grave Clothes**

**Post-Resurrection Witnesses**



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**Deut. 19:15, “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.”**



**“The first fact in the history of Christendom is a number of people who say they have seen the Resurrection. If they had died without making anyone else believe this ‘gospel’ no gospels would ever have been written.”**

**~Lewis, *Miracles*, 149**



**“Finally, the resurrection appearances are reported with extreme reserve. When one compares them with the reports in the apocryphal gospels (second century on), the difference is startling. In the Apocrypha, detailed explanations are given about how the resurrection took place. Gross details are added. For example, the Gospel of Peter (mid-second century) reports a cross coming out of the tomb after Jesus, and Jesus is so tall he extends above the clouds.”**

**~J P Moreland**



# 1. To Mary Magdalene: Mark 16:9, John 20:14

**Mark 16:9, “Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.”**

**John 20:14, “Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.”**



## **2. To women returning from the tomb: Matthew 28:9, 10**

**Matt. 28:9, “And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, ‘Rejoice!’ So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.**

**Matt. 28:10, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.’ ”**



**Mark 16:1, “Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.**

**Mark 16:2, “Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.”**



**3. To Peter later in the day: Luke 24:34;  
1 Corinthians 15:5**

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**4. To the Emmaus disciples:  
Luke 24:13–33; Mark 16:12–13**



**5. To the apostles without Thomas:  
Luke 24:36–43; John 20:19–24**

**John 20:19, “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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”**

**John 20:20, “When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.”**



**John 20:21, “So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’”**

**John 20:22, “And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”**

**John 20:23, “ ‘If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”**

**John 20:24, “Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.”**



**John 20:25, “The other disciples therefore said to him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ So he said to them, ‘Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.’ ”**



**6. To the apostles with Thomas present:  
John 20:26–29**

**John 20:26, “And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’**

**John 20:27, “Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’**

**John 20:28, “And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’**

**John 20:29, “Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ ”**



**John 20:30, “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;**

**John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”**



**7. To the seven by the Lake of Tiberias:  
John 21:1–23**



**8. To a multitude of 500-plus believers on a Galilean mountain: 1 Corinthians 15:6**

**1 Cor. 15:6, “After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.”**



## **9. To James: 1 Corinthians 15:7**

**1 Cor. 15:7, “After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.”**



## **10. To the eleven:**

**Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:14–20; Luke  
24:33–52**



# **11. At the Ascension: Acts 1:3–12**



## **12. To Paul: Acts 9:3–6; 1 Corinthians 15:8**

**1 Cor. 15:8, “Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”**



**13. To Stephen: Acts 7:55**

**14. To Paul in the temple: Acts 22:17–21;  
23:11**

**15. To John on Patmos: Revelation 1:10–19**



**Only two possible explanations for the empty tomb:**

**A Human Work**

**Removed by enemies: no motive  
Removed by friends: no ability  
Why would they die for it?**

**A Divine Work**

**Most logical explanation**



**1 Cor. 15:12, “Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?”**

**1 Cor. 15:13, “But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.”**

**1 Cor. 15:14, “And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.”**

**1 Cor. 15:15, “Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise.”**



**1 Cor. 15:16, “For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.**

**1 Cor. 15:17, “And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!**

**1 Cor. 15:18, “Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**

**1 Cor. 15:19, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.”**



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