



Arguments for The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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Christians believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. In fact, the resurrection of Jesus is a MUST for the Christian worldview to be true. If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then our faith in Him is empty and we are without hope in this world.

“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? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 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. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.” 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

What are some of the best arguments for the resurrection of Jesus Christ? As we approach another celebration of the Resurrection, we will look at some of the strongest arguments for the reality of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection.

First, we'll look at arguments from the One Minute Apologist. These videos are excellent to share with friends and family because they are short and highlight the best arguments for the reality of the resurrection.

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What Is Some Of The Greatest Evidence For The Resurrection?

Jonathan McLatchie

As Christians rapidly approach another celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are looking at some of the best arguments for His rising from the dead.

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: 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, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 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. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Next, we will look at in-depth arguments for the resurrection of Christ from one of the best-known Christian philosophers and debaters, [Dr. William Lane Craig](#).

[Did Jesus Rise From the Dead? | Yale 2014 | William Lane Craig](#)

[William Lane Craig vs. Bart Ehrman - Is There Historical Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus?](#)

[\[official\] William Lane Craig - Did the Resurrection Really Happen? - The Veritas Forum](#)

[The Great Resurrection Debate - William Lane Craig vs John Shelby Spong](#)

Dr. Gary Habermas is one of the world's leading voices for the historical reliability of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is Distinguished Research Professor of Apologetics and Philosophy at Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity where he teaches courses about Miracles, Religious Doubt, and the Historical Jesus. He has also been a Visiting or Adjunct Professor at about 15 different graduate schools and seminaries.

Dr. Habermas has written extensively about examining the relevant historical, philosophical, and theological issues surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus. His books include –

- *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*
- *In Defense of Miracles*
- *The Risen Jesus and Future Hope*
- *Did the Resurrection Happen?*
- *Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?*

Dr. Habermas is also an accomplished speaker and debater.

The Resurrection Meets Skepticism - Gary Habermas, PhD

The Resurrection Argument That Changed a Generation of
Scholars - Gary Habermas at UCSB

Did Jesus Rise from the Dead Gary Habermas vs Anthony Flew

Debate: Did Jesus Rise Bodily from the Dead? (Arif Ahmed vs
Gary Habermas)

One of Dr. Habermas' best-known books on the subject is The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus, which he wrote with Michael Licona.

Dr. Mike Licona has authored other books about the Resurrection including *The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach* and *Paul Meets Muhammad: A Christian-Muslim Debate on the Resurrection*. He is an Associate Professor of Theology at Houston Baptist University and the President of Risen Jesus, Inc.

Dr. Licona is also a well-known speaker and debater on the issue of the Resurrection of Christ and the historical reliability of the Gospel accounts.

The Resurrection as an Apologetic

Resurrected or Reimagined? Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?

"Jesus: Resurrected or Rescued?" Licona vs. Ally

DEBATE: Was Jesus Raised from the Dead?

Our next presenter on the subject of Christ's resurrection is Jonathan McLatchie. Jonathan is a Christian writer, international speaker and debater in areas as diverse as Darwinian Evolution (Jonathan holds a Bachelor's degree in forensic biology, a Master's degree in evolutionary biology, a second Master's degree in medical and molecular bioscience, and is a PhD student in cell biology), Intelligent Design, Islam and atheism.

Evidence for the Resurrection? Jonathan McLatchie

"The Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?" Jonathan McLatchie

**"Did Jesus Rise From The Dead?" Jonathan McLatchie vs
Michael Alter**

**The Crucifixion of Jesus: Fact or Fiction? Jonathan McLatchie at
Mission for Christ Church**

We will now hear from Lee Strobel. He is the author of *The Case for Christ* and more than 20 other books about evidence for Christianity. Strobel is a former atheist and award-winning legal editor for The Chicago Tribune. He has spent more than 25 years sharing evidence that supports the truth claims of Christianity and equipping Christians to share their beliefs with others.

Strobel is a Professor of Christian Thought at Houston Baptist University and travels across the country sharing his testimony, encouraging believers, and challenging skeptics.

The Case for the Resurrection of Christ. Lee Strobel

Lee Strobel - The 4 E's of the Resurrection

Lee Strobel, "Is It Reasonable to Believe in the Resurrection?"
Thrive Apologetics Conference 2013

The Case for Christ Lee Strobel

Next, we will hear from [Josh McDowell](#) and [Dr. Sean McDowell](#).

One of the first books about apologetics I read as a young Christian was Josh McDowell's *Evidence That Demands A Verdict*. Josh has been in ministry (Josh McDowell Ministry) for more than 50 years. His son, Sean, is an Assistant Professor in the Christian Apologetics program at Biola University. Both men are International speakers on the subjects of Christianity and apologetics.

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[Resurrection Factor - Part 1](#)

[Resurrection Factor - Part 2](#)

[Reason 3: Jesus Rose From the Dead | Sean McDowell, PhD](#)

[Did the Apostles Die as Martyrs? SeanMcDowell.org](#)

[Josh McDowell: Resurrection -- 6/10](#)

We will hear now from Dr. John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics (emeritus) at the University of Oxford and Fellow in Mathematics and the Philosophy of Science at Green Templeton College, Oxford. Dr. Lennox is also an Associate Fellow of the Said Business School, Oxford University, and teaches for the Oxford Strategic Leadership Programme. He is an Adjunct Lecturer at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, and at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics, as well as being a Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum.

John Lennox-How can Jesus be both God and Human?

Can Science Investigate Miracles? John Lennox at the Veritas Forum

Do the Laws of Nature Preclude the Possibility of Miracles?

John Lennox at the "Why I am a Christian" Youth Event in Perth, Australia

Next, we will hear from Ravi Zacharias and members of his RZIM team. Ravi Zacharias is Founder and President of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM). Zacharias is one of the best-known Christian apologists in the world today and has written or edited more than 25 books. Some of his RZIM team members include John Lennox, Abdu Murray, Stuart McAllister, Vince Vitale, Os Guinness, Michael Ramsden, Amy Orr-Ewing, and John Njoroge.

Ravi Zacharias: He is Risen Indeed

Four Gardens by Ravi Zacharias

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Love's Unveiling - Day 14: He is Risen!

Was Jesus Raised from the Dead?

Did Jesus really rise from the dead

Does God Exist: The Resurrection

We hope you have found these videos helpful in your understanding of the great evidence for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15 — the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the heart of the Gospel message we believe and preach.

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: 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, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 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. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

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