

Evidences for the Resurrection of Jesus

1. The **E**_____ **T**_____ (Matthew 28:6).
2. Jewish tombs most often became a place of **V**_____; not so with Jesus' tomb.^{1,2}
3. The testimony of women as **P**_____ witnesses; in all four Gospels, women witness and testify of Jesus' resurrection first (Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-11; John 20:10-18).
4. The resurrected Jesus was physically **T**_____ and **H**_____ (John 20:27; Matthew 28:9; Luke 24:39; 1 John 1:1).
5. Jesus' claim of possession of post-resurrection "**F**_____ and **B**_____" (Luke 24:39).
6. The resurrected Jesus consumed physical **F**_____ four times (Luke 24:30; Luke 24:42-43; John 2:12-13; Acts 1:4).
7. Jesus' resurrection body carries wound **S**_____ (John 30:37; Revelation 5:6; Acts 1:10-11; Revelation 1:7).
8. Jesus' resurrection body is **R**_____ (Matthew 28:7,17; Mark 16:7; Luke 24:24; John 20:14; 1 Corinthians 9:1; John 20:27; Luke 24:31).
9. Jesus' resurrection body could be **S**_____ and **H**_____ (1 Corinthians 15:5-8; Romans 6:3-5).
10. The transformation of the **A**_____ (from timidity to sacrifice).

¹ The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was created in the fourth century A.D., becoming since a place of pilgrimage.

² See <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/10/jesus-christ-tomb-burial-church-holy-sepulchre/> (31 October 2016) ["Researchers have continued their investigation into the site where the body of Jesus Christ is traditionally believed to have been buried, and their preliminary findings appear to confirm that portions of the tomb are still present today, having survived centuries of damage, destruction, and reconstruction of the surrounding Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem's Old City. The most venerated site in the Christian world, the tomb today consists of a limestone shelf or burial bed that was hewn from the wall of a cave. Since at least 1555, and most likely centuries earlier, the burial bed has been covered in marble cladding, allegedly to prevent eager pilgrims from removing bits of the original rock as souvenirs. When the marble cladding was first removed on the night of October 26, an initial inspection by the conservation team from the National Technical University of Athens showed only a layer of fill material underneath. However, as researchers continued their nonstop work over the course of 60 hours, another marble slab with a cross carved into its surface was exposed. By the night of October 28, just hours before the tomb was to be resealed, the original limestone burial bed was revealed intact."]

11. The radical transformation of the Christian-pursuing Pharisee **S**_____ into the Apostle Paul.
12. The transformation of Jesus' greatest critics—his **S**_____--**J**_____ and **J**_____! (Cf. Mark 3:21, 31; 6:3-4; John 7:5)
13. The testimony of the **R**_____ **G**_____ (Matthew 28:11).
14. The belief of the guards' testimony by the **S**_____—The members of the Sanhedrin believed, therefore they bribed (Matthew 28:12-15).
15. The establishment and **R**_____ **G**_____ of the Church.
16. The conviction of Christian **M**_____, the **P**_____ Church.
17. Extra-biblical references from **N**_____ -Christians:
 - A. Historical--Flavius Josephus (37-100 A.D.) in Antiquities of the Jews (93 A.D.):

*About this time came **J**_____, a wise man, if indeed it is appropriate to call him a man. For he was a performer of paradoxical feats, a teacher of people who accept the unusual with pleasure, and he won over many of the Jews and also many Greeks. He was the Christ. When Pilate, upon the accusation of the first men amongst us, condemned him to be crucified, those who had formerly loved him did not cease to follow him, for he appeared to them on the third day, living again, as the divine prophets foretold, along with a myriad of other marvelous things concerning him. And the tribe of the Christians, so named after him, has not disappeared to this day.*
 - B. Theological--Pinchas Lapide (1922-1997), an orthodox Jewish scholar, in The Resurrection of Jesus: A Jewish Perspective (1983): "Without the resurrection of Jesus, after Golgotha, there would not have been any Christianity," (page 149).