

# MESSAGE NOTES

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Reasons To Believe: Jesus Is Alive  
1 Peter 3:15  
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■ No resurrection? \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity & “\_\_\_\_\_” 1 Cor 15:12-19

■ Jesus **repeatedly** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ He'd rise again.  
See **Matthew** 12:38-41; 16:21; 17:9,22-23; 20:18-19; 26:32; 27:63-64 **Mark** 8:31-9:1; 9:9-10,31-32  
**Mark** 10:32-34; 14:28 **Luke** 9:22-27 **John** 2:18-22; 10:17-21; 14:28-29; 16:16-22

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you  
to give the reason for the hope that you have.  
But do this with gentleness and respect.... 1 Peter 3:15

## THE EMPTY TOMB

- Possibility #1. It was the \_\_\_\_\_, **Matthew** 27:57-61; **Luke** 23:55
- Possibility #2. Jesus wasn't \_\_\_\_\_, **Mark** 15:44-45; **John** 19:33-35
- Possibility #3. Jesus' body was \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, **Matt** 28:11-15
- Possibility #4. Jesus' body was \_\_\_\_\_ as He \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS

- Over \_\_\_\_\_ days Jesus appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to over \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses, **Acts** 1:3
- Possibility #1. The disciples were sincere but \_\_\_\_\_.
- Possibility #2. It was simply \_\_\_\_\_ on their part.
- Possibility #3. The eyewitness accounts are \_\_\_\_\_, 1 Cor 15:1-8

\*The \_\_\_\_\_, **Luke** 24:1-11 \* \_\_\_\_\_, **Acts** 2:32; 2 Peter 1:16 \* \_\_\_\_\_, **John** 20:24-31

## THE CHANGE IN FORMER SKEPTICS

- \_\_\_\_\_ the half-\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, **Matt** 13:55; **Mark** 3:21; **John** 7:5; 1 Cor 15:17
- \_\_\_\_\_ who was later known as \_\_\_\_\_, **Acts** 8:1-3; 9:1-30; 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- The rise & spread of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ to this day, **Matt** 16:18; **Acts** 1:8-11
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2,000 years later, His \_\_\_\_\_ just won't \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE IMPLICATIONS FOR US

- What I do with Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, **Acts** 17:30-31
- He's alive to \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ & lead me \_\_\_\_\_, 1 Peter 1:3-12
- He's alive to \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_, **John** 14:1-4,19, 1 Thess 1:9-10; 4:13-18
- I must decide to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Him, **John** 3:36; 5:24-27; 8:24; 11:25-26

### WEBSITES

[www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org) (Search Resurrection of Jesus)  
<http://www.christiananswers.net/jesus/home.html>  
[www.apologetics.com](http://www.apologetics.com)  
<http://www.leestrobel.com>

### FOR FURTHER READING

*Letters From A Skeptic* by Dr. Gregory Boyd & Edward Boyd  
*Know Why You Believe* by Paul Little  
*More Than A Carpenter* by Josh McDowell  
*The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict* by Josh McDowell  
*The Case For Christ* by Lee Strobel by Lee Strobel

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