







- 1  **THE EMPTY TOMB**
- 2  **How important is the resurrection?**
  - I Corinthians 15:1-3 the gospel
  - Romans 10:9 "if you... believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved"
  - I Corinthians 15:13-18 "... if Christ has not been raised..."
- 3  **Is the Resurrection of Jesus as much of an historical event as the assassination of Abraham Lincoln?**


Why do you believe Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre?


  - Eyewitness accounts.
  - Logical deduction.
- 4  **THE FACTS**

JESUS OF NAZARETH LIVED  
HE WAS REAL  
WHO HAS BEEN A BIGGER INFLUENCE?

  - Christianity
  - Existence acknowledged by Jews, Muslims, others
  - Our calendar based on his birth.
- 5  **THE FACTS**

JESUS OF NAZARETH LIVED  
JESUS DIED  
PUBLIC EXECUTION  
WITNESSED BY FRIENDS AND ENEMIES  
TESTIMONY OF SOLDIERS
- 6  **THE FACTS**

JESUS OF NAZARETH LIVED  
JESUS DIED  
HIS TOMB IS EMPTY  
RICH MAN'S TOMB  
FOUND EMPTY THE THIRD DAY  
NO DECAYING CORPSE  
*HOW CAN THIS BE EXPLAINED?*
- 7  **EXPLANATIONS FOR THE EMPTY TOMB**

HE DIDN'T REALLY DIE  
(SWOON THEORY)  
AFFECT OF SCOURGING  
EFFICIENCY OF CRUCIFIXION  
rolled stone – Mark 16:1-4  
EFFICIENCY OF ROMANS  
SPEAR IN HIS SIDE  
SILENCE OF HIS ENEMIES
- 8  **EXPLANATIONS FOR THE EMPTY TOMB**

~~HE DIDN'T REALLY DIE~~  
DISCIPLES STOLE THE BODY  
THE CLAIM OF ENEMIES Mt. 28:11-15  
obviously corrupt  
IF SO, THEY KNEW RESURRECTION WAS A LIE  
THE TWO ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS  
Luke 24:13-21

THE CHANGE IN PETER  
 Mt. 26:69-75; Acts 4:19-20  
 WHAT DID THEY GAIN? persecution

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**EXPLANATIONS FOR  
 THE EMPTY TOMB**

~~HE DIDN'T REALLY DIE~~  
~~DISCIPLES STOLE THE BODY~~  
~~ENEMIES STOLE THE BODY~~  
 WHY?

- IF THEY COULD PRODUCE JESUS' CORPSE, IT WOULD HAVE STOPPED CHRISTIANITY BEFORE IT BEGAN
- HIS ENEMIES NEVER TRIED TO CLAIM THIS

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**EXPLANATIONS FOR  
 THE EMPTY TOMB**

~~HE DIDN'T REALLY DIE~~  
~~DISCIPLES STOLE THE BODY~~  
~~ENEMIES STOLE THE BODY~~  
 HE IS RISEN!

- Acts 2:22-33 God raised him up
  - According to prophecy
  - We are witnesses
- I Corinthians 15:3-8 – the witnesses

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**Consequences of a Risen Lord**

- I Corinthians 15:20-22
- His death means salvation
- His resurrection means hope