

Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)

²² Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you BY miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know.

²³ This Man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross.

24 BUT God raised Him from the dead,
freeing Him from the agony of death,
because it was impossible for death to
keep its hold on Him...

Acts 4:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel:

¹⁰...It is by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified... BUT whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NET)

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**FUTILE Preaching and
EMPTY Faith**

Acts 4:9-13

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And **IF Christ has NOT been RAISED**,
Then our preaching is **FUTILE**
and your **faith is EMPTY**.

...IF Christ did **NOT rise from the dead,**
Christianity is an interesting museum piece
nothing more.

...The martyrs who went singing to the lions,
and contemporary missionaries who have
given their lives while taking this Message to
others **have been poor deluded fools.** PLittle

What Convincing Proofs?

- **Walk** and **Talk** on Road to Emmaus
- Physically **Touched** Jesus
- Ate **Food**
- Seen by **500** people at the same time
- Appeared to **many** over a period of **40 days**

Reasons we BELIEVE in the Resurrection

1- The **EMPTY** Tomb

Reasons we **BELIEVE** in the Resurrection

2- The **BOLDNESS** of the Disciples

Reasons we BELIEVE in the Resurrection

3- **MANY** Resurrection Appearances

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4- **CONVERSION** of Skeptics and
Violent Opponents

John 11:25–26 (NIV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “**I AM the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in **ME** will live, even though he **dies**; ²⁶ and **whoever lives and believes in ME will never die.**

Do you believe this?”

Lee Strobel ~ I didn't become a Christian because God promised I would have an even happier life than I had as an atheist. **He never promised any such thing.** Indeed, following Him would inevitably bring **divine demotions** in the eyes of the world.

...Rather, **I became a Christian because the evidence was so compelling that Jesus really is the one-and- only Son of God who proved His divinity by rising from the dead.** That meant following Him was the most rational and logical step I could possibly take.