



# The Resurrection of Christ - Because He Lives

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**Ravi Zacharias**  
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“Jesus said to him (Thomas), “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6

“A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.”

John 14:19



Ravi Zacharias

“In a profound sense, Christianity without the Resurrection is not simply Christianity without it’s final chapter - it is not Christianity at all.”

Gerald O’Collins

“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.”

I Corinthians 15:13-14 NKJV

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in One God, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all ages.

Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created,  
of one essence with the Father,  
through whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
and of the Virgin Mary and became Man.

He was crucified for our salvation under Pontius Pilate,  
and suffered and was buried.

And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

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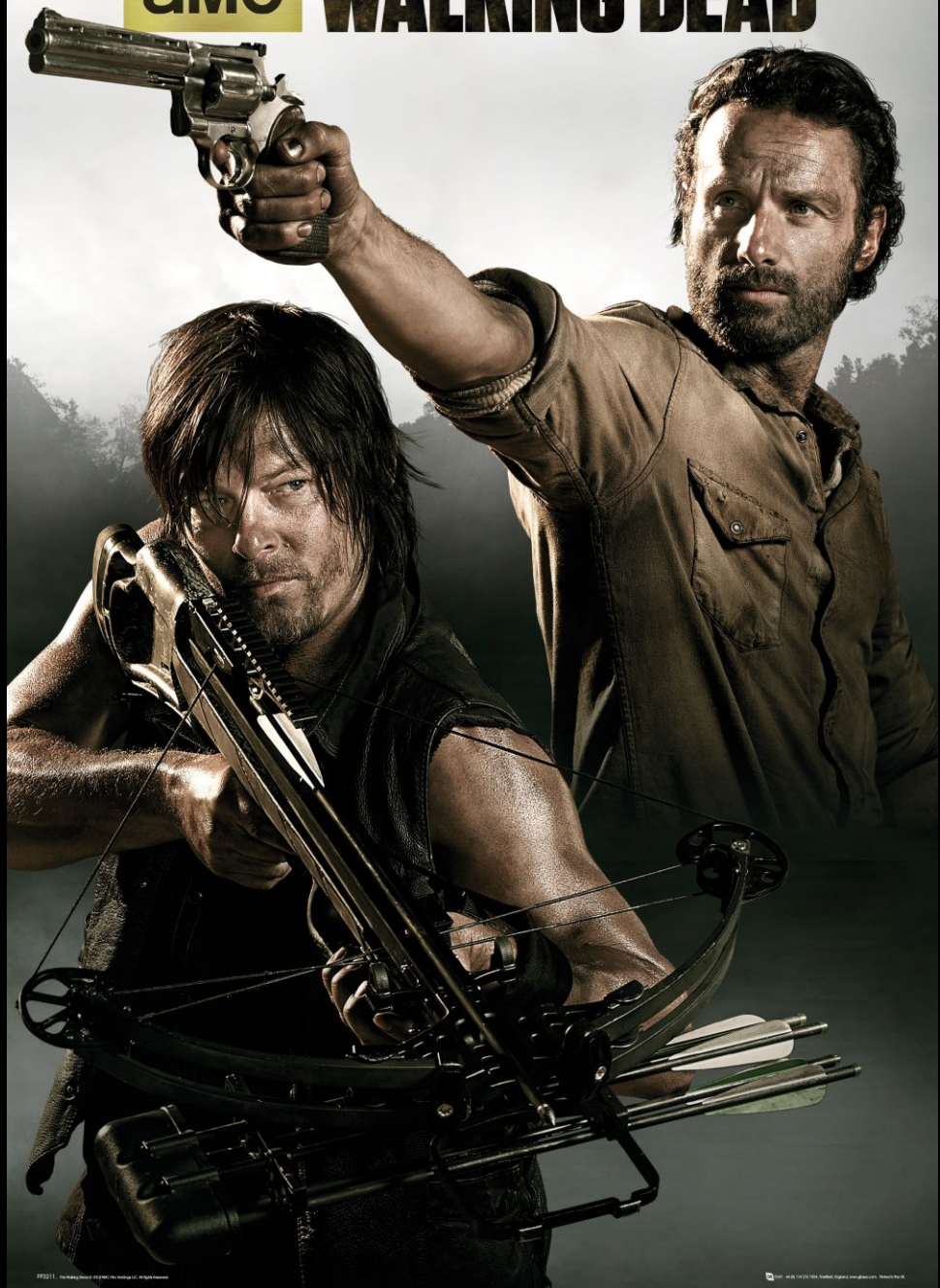
I Corinthians 15:17-19 NKJV

“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.”

I Corinthians 15:20-23 NKJV



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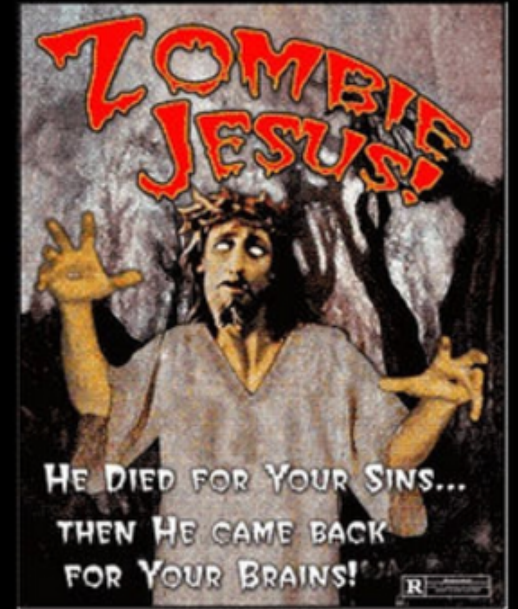


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## CHRISTIANITY:

The belief that some cosmic Jewish Zombie can make you live forever if you symbolically eat his flesh and telepathically tell him that you accept him as your master, so he can remove an evil force from your soul that is present in humanity because a rib-woman was convinced by a talking snake to eat from a magical tree.

Makes perfect sense.



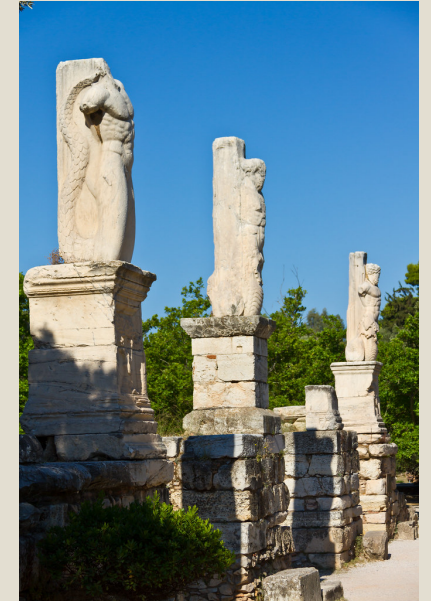


“For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,”

Romans 6:5 NKJV

“Now while Paul waited for them [Silas and Timothy] at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, “What does this babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,” because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.”

Acts 17:16-18 NKJV



“Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. **He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.**” And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter. ””

Acts 17:29-32 NKJV











“Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering  
You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.”

Hebrews 10:5 NKJV

“Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.””

Luke 24:39 NKJV



## Resurrection VS Resuscitation - What is the difference?

For example, Jesus raised certain individuals from the dead:

- Widows son, of Nain (Luke 7:13)
- Jairus' daughter (Matthew 9:25)
- Lazarus (John 11:43-45)

Also...

- Peter raises Tabitha (Acts 9:36-42)
- Paul raises Eutychus (Acts 20:9-12)



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Paul says that Christ is the 'first fruits' of those resurrected - but what about those who were raised before His resurrection? Wouldn't they be the first fruit? What about the ones in the Old Testament that were raised up by Elisha and Elijah? Or those that Jesus himself raised? Wouldn't they be first fruits? Not according to Paul. Here is the difference: Jesus was resurrected - never to die again.

All of the others who were brought back to life were raised, but would eventually die again - awaiting to be raised a final time with those who belong to Christ at His coming.



“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

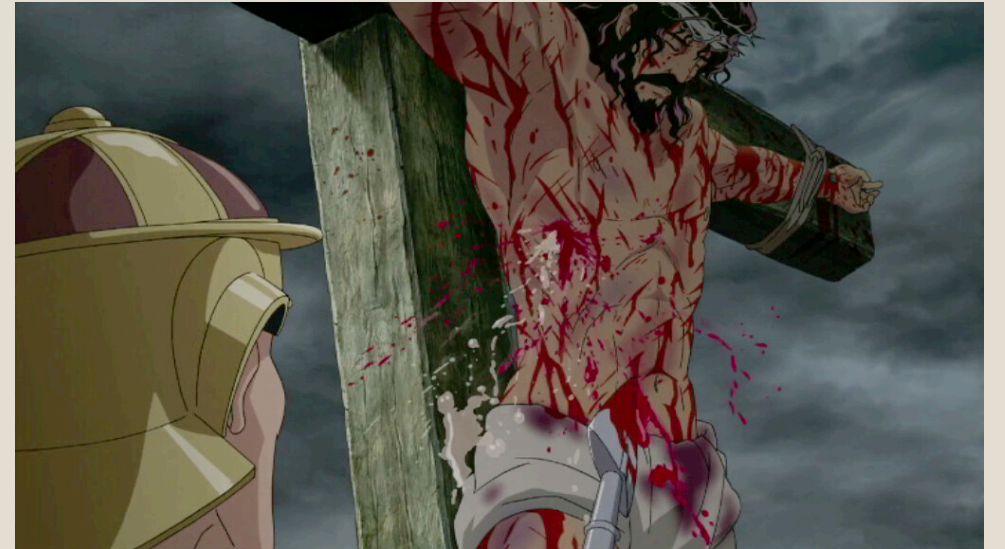
I Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV

# The Death and Burial of Jesus

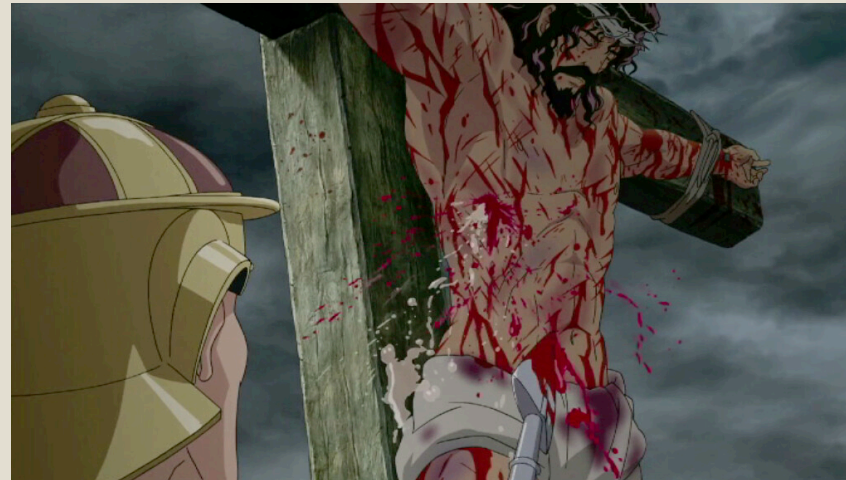


“After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, **He gave up His spirit.** Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. **But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.”**

John 19:28-34 NKJV



Prior to death, the sustained rapid heartbeat caused by hypovolemic shock (a term that refers to low blood volume. In other words, the person would have lost so much blood he would go into shock). This also causes fluid to gather in the sack around the heart and around the lungs. This gathering of fluid in the membrane around the heart is called pericardial effusion, and the fluid gathering around the lungs is called pleural effusion. This explains why, after Jesus died and a Roman soldier thrust a spear through Jesus' side, piercing both the lungs and the heart, blood and water came from His side just as John recorded in his Gospel (John 19:34).



“Therefore, I will divide and give Him a portion with the great [kings and rulers],  
And He shall divide the spoils with the mighty, **Because He [willingly] poured  
out His life to death**, And was counted among the transgressors; Yet He Himself  
bore and took away the sin of many, And interceded [with the Father] for the  
transgressors.”

Isaiah 53:12 AMP

“After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews’ Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.”

John 19:38-42 NKJV



“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...”

I Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV

“He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man’s grave.”

Isaiah 53:7-9 NLT

“As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left.”

Matthew 27:57-60 NLT



“ Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. **I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.** Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 1:12-18 NKJV







“A student at the University of Uruguay asked me, “Professor McDowell, why couldn’t you find some way to refute Christianity?”. I answered, “For a very simple reason. I was unable to explain away the fact that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a real event in history.”

After spending seven hundred hours studying this subject thoroughly investigating its foundation, I came to the conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is either one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted on humanity, or it is the most important fact in history.”

Josh McDowell



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“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Romans 5:10 NKJV

“But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:8-9 NKJV

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:1-4 NKJV

“God sent His son, they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my saviour lives  
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.”

“Because He Lives”  
William and Gloria Gaither (1971)

