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Jesus Christ is the only one in all of history who suffered death, was raised to life, and continues to live today. The Apostle Paul, who saw Jesus after his resurrection, said that Jesus is now at the right hand of God and is praying for us (Romans 8:34).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus said that he is the resurrection and the life. When we repent of our sin and believe in him, we will have eternal life (John 11:25). If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, our faith in him is meaningless and we aren't able to have eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:17).

By studying the Bible, we can have confidence that Jesus rose from the dead and lives today. He offers eternal life with him in heaven to those who repent of their sins and trust in him as Savior and Lord (John 6:40).



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The Jewish leaders remembered that Jesus said that he would rise in three days (John 2:19). After Jesus was buried in the tomb, the leaders requested that guards watch the tomb to prevent anyone from stealing Jesus' body (Matthew 27). In addition to guards, a massive stone weighing over two tons was rolled in front of the tomb and sealed. To get into or out of the tomb, someone would need to overpower the guards and move that heavy stone.

Despite what the leaders did to make sure Jesus' body stayed in the tomb, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and left the tomb! Because the tomb was empty and they couldn't find a body anywhere, the Jewish leaders paid the guards to lie and say the disciples stole the body (Matthew 28:11-15).

The truth is that Jesus really did rise from the dead, just as he had said he would. And he lives today (Matthew 12:40)! Jesus is the eternal Savior from sin for all those who admit they have disobeyed God's commands and place their trust in him alone for salvation.

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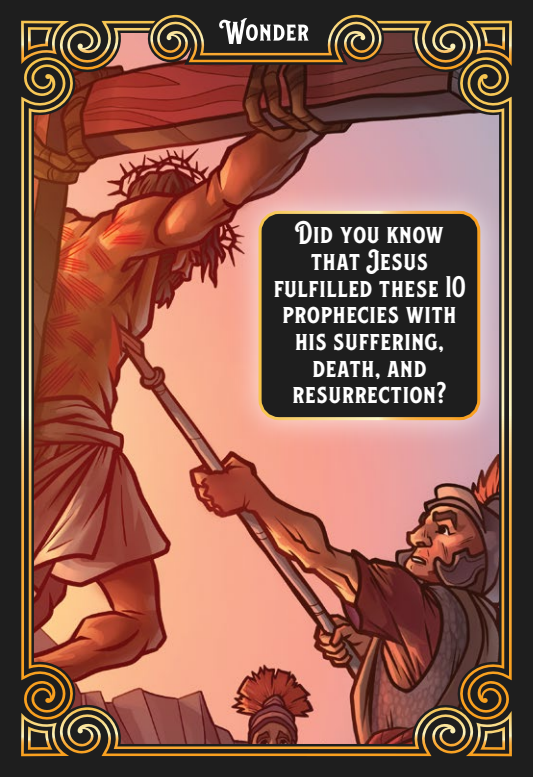
Mary Magdalene, another Mary, Salome, and Joanna arrived at the tomb early on the Sunday morning following Jesus' death (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10). The women were going to the tomb to put spices on his body because they thought he was still dead and wanted to keep away unpleasant odors that come with a dead body. But they were so surprised to find that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb and Jesus wasn't there (Luke 24:1–3)!

Why was the tomb empty? Some claim the women went to the wrong tomb or that people had moved Jesus' body to another place. However, the truth is that the tomb was empty because Jesus rose from the dead. And the women actually saw the risen Christ!

As they were running to tell others that Jesus wasn't there, he met them! They fell at his feet and worshipped him. They were so amazed to see Jesus had come back to life (Matthew 28:9).

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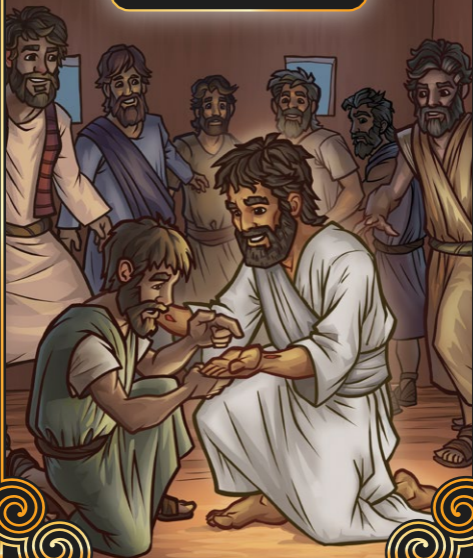
- He would be betrayed by a friend. (Psalm 41:9; Luke 22:3–4)
- He would suffer and die. (Isaiah 50:4–9; Matthew 27:27–49)
- He would be silent before those who accused him. (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:38)
- He would be killed with sinners. (Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38)
- His garments would be divided among enemies casting lots. (Psalm 22:18; Mark 15:24)
- His bones would not be broken. (Psalm 34:20; John 19:32–36)
- He would be pierced. (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:31–37)
- He would be buried in a rich man's tomb. (Isaiah 53:9; Mark 15:42–46)
- He would be resurrected. (Psalm 16:10; Mark 16:6)
- He would save those who believe in him. (Isaiah 53:10–12; Romans 10:9–10)

From his birth to his return to heaven, Jesus fulfilled all of the Old Testament's prophecies about Messiah's first coming. This showed that he was who he claimed to be—the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world (Luke 24:27)!

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After Jesus rose from the dead, he spent 40 days with his friends. He ate with them and fished with them and talked with them. He told them they were to go to all parts of the earth to share the good news of salvation through faith in him. He promised he would send the Holy Spirit to help them and teach them (Acts 1). Then, he returned to heaven.

Some have said the disciples made up the story of Jesus' resurrection and return to heaven. However, the disciples knew Jesus rose from the dead because they saw him with their own eyes. Peter wrote that he and the other disciples didn't just make up stories but that they actually saw Jesus with their own eyes after he rose from the dead and they saw him return to heaven (2 Peter 1:16).

Peter was even willing to die for what he knew to be true, and he was crucified upside down for telling people about Jesus. No one would die for something he knew to be a lie. Jesus really did rise from the dead and return to heaven and will return to earth one day, just as he promised.

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When Jesus was on the cross, he willingly died (John 19:30). To make sure he was dead, one of the soldiers thrust a spear through his heart and lungs (John 19:34). Jesus was truly dead.

After Jesus died, two men wrapped his body in linen cloths filled with spices (John 19:39–40). The combination of linen cloths (which were wrapped tightly around Jesus' body) and spices weighed more than 75 pounds.

Some people say Jesus just fainted and later woke up, removed the grave clothes, and left the tomb. But he had been beaten and crucified. If he had fainted, he wouldn't have had the ability to unwrap heavy cloths by himself. They would have suffocated him further.

According to the Bible, Jesus really died and God raised him from the dead. His death paid the penalty for sin, and his resurrection showed his power over death. He is the risen Savior!



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Around AD 57, the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to people who lived in Corinth (a town in Asia). He wanted them to know who Jesus is, that he died for their sins and rose from the dead and appeared to many people. Paul had seen him after his resurrection, along with the disciples and 500 other people (1 Corinthians 15:3–6).

When Paul wrote his letter, many of those 500 people were still alive. They were able to back up what Paul wrote and testify that they had seen Jesus after he rose from the dead.

Because of what we read in the Bible, we know that Jesus rose from the dead. And many eyewitnesses confirmed that Jesus is alive!

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Some people say Jesus was a created being, but he wasn't. He is the eternal Creator (John 1:1–5).

According to the Bible, Jesus was born to Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit. This means he is a human. He grew up in Nazareth with several brothers and sisters. His stepfather (Joseph) was a carpenter, and Jesus was a carpenter too (Mark 6:3).

Jesus is also God. He is called the Son of God (Luke 1:35) and Immanuel, "God with us." He showed that he is God through the many miracles he did while he was on earth.

Jesus is the God-man—he was 100% human and 100% God. It may be hard for us to understand, but we can trust what the Bible tells us. Jesus is the truth (John 14:6), so we can trust his Word to give us the truth about him!

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Throughout history, there have been many important people who affected the world in great ways. But Jesus was the most important person ever born!

Jesus was not only human—he is also God!

He was born into our world so that he could do what the first Adam didn't do—live a perfect life of obedience to God the Father. The first Adam disobeyed God when he ate from the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3). And the punishment for sin is death. Because we are all part of Adam's family, we are all sinners and choose to disobey God. We needed someone, who was a human, to take the punishment of death for us.

Jesus lived a perfect life and died on the cross as the sacrifice for sin. He paid the penalty of death for all those who repent of their sin and believe in him (1 John 2:2, 4:10). And he rose from the dead, showing that God accepted his payment.

There is no one more important than the Creator and Savior Jesus Christ.

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**DID JESUS EXPERIENCE
PAIN AND SADNESS?**



Did Jesus Experience Pain and Sadness?



When Jesus lived his life on earth, he felt everything we could feel. He experienced a fully human life like us and could feel pain, sickness, sadness, or grief.

Jesus had empathy for his friends and followers and was sad and grieved for Lazarus when he died. He expressed his sorrow, knowing he would raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus cried (John 11:32–35).

In fact, when Jesus was suffering on the cross to pay for our sins, he felt the curse and the judgment that was meant for every human that had ever lived, was living, and will ever live on earth. He lived through the agony of torture inflicted on him and even experienced God turning his face from him (Matthew 27:46). And he did this out of his great love for people. His love was so great that he chose to die on the cross for our sins. And it pleased God to raise him from the dead. What amazing love!

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Some people claim Jesus had a wife. But these claims are based on false ideas from people who want a different view of Jesus. They believe that Jesus was just a man and that he wasn't God. They want him to be a regular human guy who had a wife and children.

But he wasn't. According to the Bible, Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us." And the reason he came to earth was to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He didn't come to earth to settle down and raise a family but to give his life as payment for sin (Mark 10:45).

Although the books of the Bible that talk about Jesus' life on earth (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) mention Jesus' mother and stepfather and his brothers and sisters, there is no mention of a wife. Surely, if he had been married, the writers would have mentioned her.

Jesus is the head of the church—all those who repent of their sin and believe in him for eternal life. He is the leader, and we follow him by obeying his Word.

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Jesus will be a man forever, and he is also God at the same time. He is the God-man, meaning he is both God and man at the same time. And we can know that he will be the God-man forever because he was resurrected and he ascended in his human body.

After Jesus rose from the dead, he showed himself to his friends as a man. He encouraged his friends to touch his hands where the nails were, and he showed them the scars on his feet. He also ate with his friends.

Jesus will forever be the risen Savior who provides salvation for all who believe. We can praise him for that!

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