

## The number of people who have risen from the dead and who are still alive today!

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, wrote that "Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us" (Romans 8:34).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Who ever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Paul also wrote that "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (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).





The number of days Jesus was in the tomb before he rose from the dead, just as he had prophesied (Matthew 12:40).

The Jewish leaders remembered that Jesus had said 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 the 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!



The number of women named in the Gospel accounts who saw the empty tomb!

Mary Magdalene, another Mary, Salome, and Joanna arrived at the tomb early in on the Sunday morning following Jesus' death (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1, Luke 24:10). They "went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus" (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!

"Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And the came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him" (Matthew 28:9).





The number of prophecies listed here that Jesus fulfilled with his suffering, death, and resurrection.

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 27:12-14

He would be killed with sinners—Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38

His garments would be divided among enemies by 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 the Old Testament 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)!



The number of original disciples to whom Jesus appeare after his resurrection (Matthew 28:16–17, Mark 16:14).

When Jesus was arrested, his disciples ran away (Mark 14:50).

And when Jesus died, they were sad because they thought he wasn't the promised Messiah after all.

But their lives changed when they saw Jesus after his resurrection. After they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), they began to boldly preach the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection on behalf of sinners. They were even willing to be beaten for what they taught (Acts 5:40-42). They were no longer cowardly but were instead courageous preachers of the aospel!

The change in their lives wasn't just because the tomb of Jesus was empty. They were changed because they had seen Jesus with their own eyes. Jesus even encouraged Thomas to touch his wounds (John 20:24–29).

They preached the truth so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that you may have life in his name (John 20:31)

The number of years Paul journeyed around the Mediterranean Sea sharing his testimony.

Paul had been a teacher of the law of Moses. He hated those who taught that Jesus was the Messiah, putting some followers of Jesus in prison and killing others (Acts 8).

Around AD 33, Paul was on his way to Damascus to persecut more Christians, and his life was completely changed. He say Jesus, who had risen from the dead, with his own eyes (Act 9, 1 Corinthians 9:1). Immediately, he stopped hurting Jesus followers and began to preach that Jesus was the Son of God Later, Paul was put into prison and beaten several times fo what he taught. He eventually died for what he believed—that Jesus Christ died and rose again to save sinners (Romans 5:6–11).

The resurrected Jesus Christ is the only one who had the power to change Paul's life so completely.





The number of days during which Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection.

"He presented himself alive to [his disciples] after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).

Some have said the disciples made up the story of Jesus' resurrection. However, the disciples knew Jesus rose from the dead because they saw him with their own eyes. As Peter said, "We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" (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.



The number of pounds of spices put on the linen cloths that were wrapped around Jesus' body after he died.

"Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews" (John 19:39–40).

Some people say Jesus didn't really rise from the dead—he just fainted and later woke up, removed the grave clothes, and left the tomb. However, he would not have been able to unwrap the heavy cloths by himself in such a weakened state. We know from reading the Bible that Jesus really died and really take nower of God. He is alive today!



The number of people to whom Jesus Christ appeared at one time!

Around AD 57, the Apostle Paul wrote:

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

When Paul wrote his letter to the people in the city of Corinth, 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.

We know that Jesus rose from the dead based on what we read in the Bible. And many eyewitnesses confirmed that Jesus is alive!



## Millions

The number of people whose lives have been changed by believing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

His power to make believers out of unbelievers wasn't limited to those who saw him with their own eyes. Since his return to heaven almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus has continued to change lives (2 Corinthians 5:17), and he uses those changed lives to proclaim the gospel to people groups throughout the world and also to improve life for multitudes.

For example, William Wilberforce worked to abolish slavery in England; William Booth founded the Salvation Army, which helps the poor and needy; Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross; and George Muller established the first orphanage in England

In addition, many of the men who made great scientific discoveries believed in Jesus and the Bible: Johann Kepler discovered how planets orbit the sun; Blaise Pascal invented a calculating machine; and Robert Boyle provided the foundation for modern chemistry.