

Mark 16:1-6

“He is Risen”!

1 Co 15:14-19

14 and **if Christ has not been raised**, then
(1) our preaching is vain, (2) your faith also is vain.

15 Moreover (3) we are even found to be false
witnesses of God, ...

17 ... (4) your faith is worthless; you are still in your
sins.

18 (5) Then those also who have fallen asleep in
Christ have perished.

19 ... (6) we are of all men most to be pitied.”

NASB

If TRUE . . .

- **Rom 1:4** “**declared to be the Son of God** with power *by the resurrection from the dead*”
- **1Pt 1:3-4** “a **living hope** *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*”
- **Ro 6:4,5** “buried with Him through baptism . . . so that *as Christ was raised from the dead...so we too might walk in newness of life*”
- **Ac 17:30-31** “He will **judge the world**...through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men *by raising Him from the dead*”

Is it True? . . .

- ~~⊗ Feelings~~
- ~~⊗ Personal experience~~
- ~~⊗ Majority opinion~~
- ~~⊗ Scholarly decree~~
- ~~⊗ Culture~~
- ~~⊗ Ability to explain how~~

A HISTORICAL Issue

Four historical documents: Mt, Mk, Lk, Jn

Evidences for the Resurrection

I. The Empty Tomb

II. Eyewitnesses

III. Collateral proofs

★ The empty tomb itself

Mt 27:62-66 If **IN** the tomb Sunday morning...!

**Where's
the
body?!**

- One means of entrance
- Roman guard
- Large stone
- No other body in the tomb **Lk 23:53**

Either

- Jesus left on own accord
- Someone else removed the body - **NOT** the Jews...Romans...Soldiers...Roman rulers

**NO SKEPTIC HAS EVER PROPOSED THAT THE BODY
WAS STILL IN THE TOMB SUNDAY MORNING!**

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★ The grave clothes

Jn 20:6-7 - “he *saw* [theOreO - “careful observation of *details*”VN,TH] the linen wrappings lying there, and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but *rolled up* [“folded up” ESV; “arranged in orderly fashion” RWP] in a place by itself”

- ◎ Friends would not have removed them
- ◎ Thieves would not have left them orderly
- ◎ Neither had motive

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★ The large stone

Mt 27:60 “rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb” **Mk 16:4** “the stone...was extremely large”



4-6' in diameter, and approximately 1' thick. Could weigh between 1-2 tons (2000-4000 lbs)

<http://theosophical.wordpress.com/2011/03/24/the-size-of-the-stone-covering-jesus'-tomb-2/>

★ The large stone

WHO
removed the
stone?

- ▶ Jesus...?
- ▶ The women...?
- ▶ Male disciples...?
- ▶ Jews or Romans...?
- ▶ **Mt 28:2** “*an angel of the Lord*”!

WHY was the
stone removed?

- ▶ NOT so Jesus could exit
Jn 20:19,26; Lk 24:31; Ac 1:10,11
- ▶ So MEN could SEE the EMPTY
TOMB! **Mt 28:13** (J&R); **Jn 20:2f** (Disc)

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