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## Christ's Bodily Resurrection: A No-Brainer

### Open Predictions Proclaimed His P\_\_\_\_\_ Resurrection

#### ●King David – Ps 16:10

*For You (God) will not abandon my soul to Sheol;  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.*

1. English translations use the term Holy One in the O.T. to refer to:
  - a. G\_\_\_\_\_ (44 times – Is 40:25; 43:15)
  - b. A\_\_\_\_\_ (once – Ps 106:16)
  - c. An a\_\_\_\_\_ (four times – Dan 4:13,23; 8:13)
2. But David uses a different Hebrew word for holy than the word used in the above 49 usages
  - a. He was referring to the future Christ who would reign f\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. He saw Christ's future resurrection as a promise of his own bodily resurrection.
3. Jesus is called the Holy One by:
  - a. D\_\_\_\_\_ (Mk 1:24)
  - b. P\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 6:69; Acts 2:27; 13:35)

#### ●Jesus

1. At the b\_\_\_\_\_ of His ministry (Jn 2:19)
2. In the m\_\_\_\_\_ of His ministry (Matt 12:40)
3. At the e\_\_\_\_\_ of His ministry (Matt 16:21; Mk 9:10; Jn 10:18,19)

#### ●The religious leaders eventually understood Jesus to mean a b\_\_\_\_\_ resurrection (Matt 27:62,63).

### Attempted Preventions Provided H\_\_\_\_\_ Evidence

#### ●Pilate granted the religious leaders power to secure the grave in such a way to make it impossible for anyone to s\_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection.

1. A g\_\_\_\_\_ which consisted of four soldiers (Matt 27:65)
2. A l\_\_\_\_\_ stone to block the tomb's entrance (Matt 27:60)
  - a. Jesus's body was buried according to the c\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews (Jn 19:40) by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea (wrapped up like a mummy with burial spices from neck to feet; separate wrapping for the face)
  - b. Jesus's body was placed in the tomb by Joseph of Arimathea and shut the entrance to the tomb with the s\_\_\_\_\_.
3. A s\_\_\_\_\_ was set on the stone (Matt 27:66) – this was a governmental wax seal. Opening the grave would b\_\_\_\_\_ the seal and would incur the death penalty.

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● On the third day

1. An earthquake occurred and the stone was r\_\_\_\_\_ up the track by an angel which frightened the guards (Matt 28:2)
2. The tomb contained no b\_\_\_\_\_, only the burial wrappings which were left neatly as if undisturbed (Jn 20:6,7)
3. Jesus began His appearances to His followers over a \_\_\_\_ day period and ascended into the clouds before 500 witnesses (Lk 24:39; Acts 1:9; 1 Cor 15:6).

**Later Perversions Promote H\_\_\_\_\_ Claims**

● The disciples s\_\_\_\_\_ the body while the guards were sleeping (Matt 28:11-15). How this story falls apart:

1. Sleeping guards could not i\_\_\_\_\_ the culprits.
2. The sound of people rolling a stone up a stone track would create great n\_\_\_\_\_ which would wake the guards.
3. Thieves would have had to take an exorbitant amount of time to un\_\_\_\_\_ the body and then arrange the wrappings to make it look like He transported through the wrappings!

● Jesus was not really d\_\_\_\_\_. How this story falls apart:

1. Jesus had been severely b\_\_\_\_\_ with a Roman scourge (contained metal at end of straps to rip into the flesh) and was too weak to carry His crossbeam.
2. Jesus would have to have miraculously h\_\_\_\_\_ Himself.
3. He would have had to demonstrate superhuman strength – b\_\_\_\_\_ the mummy-like wrappings, roll the large stone away from the inside, and overcome the four guards.
4. He would have had to make sudden a\_\_\_\_\_ here and there for 40 days and then disappear to live the rest of His life unnoticed.

● Jesus became an h\_\_\_\_\_ to those who wanted to believe.

How this story falls apart:

1. Hallucinations cannot be f\_\_\_\_\_ and touched (Matt 28:9; Lk 24:39; Jn 20:17,27).
2. A group would not be able to see and h\_\_\_\_\_ the same thing from an hallucination
  - a. The two Emmaus disciples did (Lk 24:13-31)
  - b. The 500 witnesses did (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:9-11)
  - c. The eleven apostles did (Jn 20:19-23)
3. Hallucinations occur from expectations. The disciples did not e\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to rise from the dead (Lk 24:11; Jn 20:25-28; Matt 28:19).

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- The apostles made it up some time after Jesus died.
  1. The apostles were c\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. They f\_\_\_\_\_ the scene when Jesus was arrested (Matt 26:56)
    - b. Peter d\_\_\_\_\_ knowing Christ three times during His trial (Matt 26:75)
    - c. Many followers were h\_\_\_\_\_ in the upper room after Jesus died, fearing the Jewish leaders (Jn 20:19)
  2. Everyone they name as believing would have to cooperate in the “lie” (Jesus’s mother, all the other women, and the 500 which Paul mentions that most were still alive – 1 Cor 15:6)
  3. The apostles did not gain in any way but became t\_\_\_\_\_ of persecution by the Jewish and Roman world (History records that 10 out of the 11 original apostles were killed for preaching the resurrection).
  4. If Jesus’s body were still in the tomb, the opponents would have produced it.

**Conclusion:**

- There is only one conclusion – Jesus physically came out of that tomb. He must be who He claimed to be (God in the flesh and Savior of the world) and He must have accomplished what He came to do (pay for the sins of all who trust Him).
- There is only one plea
  1. To believers - Testify of the physical resurrection of Christ to those who deny it (Jehovah’s witnesses; many universalist Christians) and to those who will hear it.
  2. To unbelievers – trust in Jesus who rose from death as the One who paid for your sins and as the God/Shepherd of your life.