



I. In the mid-first century, Jewish believers worshipped and proclaimed Jesus as Creator, God and Savior

2. [Group]

II. The Jewish faith of these early believers was radically transformed.

3. [Group]

III. These early Christians underwent terrible persecution.

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IV. The Christian movement originated and quickly spread in the same region in which Jesus lived and ministered.

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TRUE

FALSE

HOAX

LEGEND

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I. No motive

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II. No means

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III. No evidence

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IV. Much evidence against

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JOHN 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

11.

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

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Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

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i. Refuted by earliest resurrection account

I CORINTHIANS 15:1, 3

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand...For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance....

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- i. Not enough time
- ii. Wrong culture
- iii. Numerous eyewitnesses
- iv. Five early, independent accounts
- v. The accounts pass standard historical tests

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I CORINTHIANS 15:5-7

and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

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