

## **Five Historical Facts for the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth & Their Implications**

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Nearly all recent 4,000 professional New Testament scholars, including English, French, and German speakers as well as the radicals and skeptics, believe the following five events really happened:

1. Jesus died in Jerusalem on a Roman cross 2,000 years ago.
2. His tomb was empty three days later.
3. His closest followers sincerely believed that Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to them. They were willing to die for this belief, and all did so except John, son of Zebedee.
4. Persecutor of Christians, Paul of Tarsus, had a change of heart and became a leader of Christians.
5. Skeptic James, half-brother of Jesus, had a change of heart and became a leader of Christians.

**Challenge: Can you produce a better, more plausible, explanation for these five attested historical facts than Jesus' resurrection? If Jesus really did rise from the dead, what are the implications for you?**

Note: This data is based on *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus* (2004) by Gary R. Habermas & Michael R. Licona by Howard R. Killion, Ph.D. history, Duke University. Fact 2 is accepted not by "nearly all" but still by 75% of the NT scholars; the "three days later" is by Jewish counting.