

# HOAX OR HISTORY? THE EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION

The Christian faith rests entirely on the claim that Jesus rose from the dead. This infographic explores why this event is the linchpin of Christianity and presents the "Minimal Facts Argument"—historical data accepted by both believers and skeptics—to support the claim.

## WHY THE RESURRECTION MATTERS

### THE FOUNDATION OF FAITH

If Christ was not raised, the Christian faith is considered empty, powerless, and worthless.

### THE VALIDITY OF SALVATION

Without the resurrection, there is no forgiveness of sins or hope for an afterlife.

### TRUTH VS. DECEPTION

If the resurrection is a lie, the early witnesses are considered false messengers about God.

## THE MINIMAL FACTS ARGUMENT

### JESUS DIED BY CRUCIFIXION

This is confirmed by multiple early secular sources, including the Roman historian Tacitus.



Early Secular Sources (e.g., Tacitus)

### IMMEDIATE PROCLAMATION

Creeeds affirming the resurrection date to within two years of Jesus' death.



Early Creeds

### RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

Paul, a former persecutor of Christians, became a missionary after his reported encounter.



### IF RAISED (THE CHRISTIAN CLAIM)

The power of God



THE MESSAGE

Historical reality



THE TRUTH

Salvation is secured



GOD'S PLAN

### IF NOT RAISED

Powerless talk



THE MESSAGE

Based on a lie



THE TRUTH

Failed / Sins remain



GOD'S PLAN



Early Witnesses