

WHY I BELIEVE IN JESUS

1 Corinthians 15, Acts 2 PEW BIBLES pages 1789, 1692

Since Jesus claimed to be God, you can't wave him off as a good teacher and nothing else.

Three Reasons I Believe In Jesus

#1 He is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

There are 60 major Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah, and Jesus fulfills each one!

It's impossible to think that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament by mere coincidence.

It's impossible to think that he manipulated events in order to make it appear that he was fulfilling prophecy, because many prophecies were beyond his control.

And it's impossible to think that the gospel writers lied about Jesus fulfilling prophecies, because they each suffered greatly for what they believed and what they had written.

#2 He was raised from the dead.

In the case of Jesus, his followers affirmed from the very beginning that he had died and had risen from the dead.

In the book of 1st Corinthians, which Paul wrote in 56 A.D., he recites a creed that he had taught them when he preached there 6 years earlier.

Christianity has always taught that Jesus was raised physically from the dead. Ref: 1st Corinthians 15:3-6

Legends about historical figures may grow over a period of time, but from the very beginning, the followers of Jesus preached the resurrection.

The disciples believed that Jesus was physically raised from the dead. That's why the empty tomb was so significant. If he had been spiritually raised, the contents of his tomb would have been irrelevant.

The apostles clearly believed in the physical resurrection. Ref: Acts 2:29-32

#3 The radical devotion of his disciples.

Though many men have died throughout history for many foolish reasons, you can't convince me that these men, or that anyone at all, would die for what they knew to be a lie.

Something happened to change the character of the disciples after the death of Jesus. They claim it was an encounter with the resurrected Christ, and I believe them.

If Jesus is the Son Of God, How Must We Respond?

What you know in your head you've got to act upon with your heart. You've got to give your life to him. Ref: Romans 10:9

You must repent of your sins and be baptized. Ref: Acts 2:38

You can know Jesus beyond the academic sense. You can know him personally. You can experience his presence in your life day after day after day. Ref: Revelation 3:20