

UNBELIEVABLY BELIEVABLE
(Easter 2017)

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We don't believe that **JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD** because the **BIBLE** tells us so... **IT'S BETTER THAN THAT!**

WE AS CHRISTIANS... BELIEVE THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD... BECAUSE WE HAVE "EYEWITNESSES" TO THE FACT... THAT HE DID!

THE EASTER STORY...

John 11:48...

*"If we let Him go on like this, everyone will **BELIEVE** in Him, and then the **Romans** will come and take away both our **TEMPLE** and our **NATION**."*

John 11:53...

*So from that day on... they **PLOTTED** to **TAKE HIS LIFE**.*

Christians don't believe THE GOSPELS are RELIABLE because they're in THE BIBLE... We Believe THE GOSPELS were included in THE BIBLE because they are considered RELIABLE!

And here's WHY...

WE BELIEVE THE GOSPELS EXISTED... BEFORE THIS BOOK!

THE GOSPELS (Matthew/Mark/Luke/John) are considered RELIABLE... because of WHO wrote them... and WHEN they were written!

NOBODY... Was standing outside His Tomb that First Easter Morning!

Because...

**THEY... BELIEVED... JESUS... WAS... DEAD!
AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO STAY... DEAD!**

LUKE 24:11...

But they did not **BELIEVE** the women,
because their words seemed to them like **NONSENSE**.

LUKE 24:12...

PETER, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away shouting...
HE'S ALIVE! HE'S ALIVE!

LUKE 24:12...

PETER, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away...
WONDERING to himself WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

The **ENEMIES of JESUS** actually had **MORE FAITH**
in the "**JESUS MOVEMENT**" continuing on than **JESUS'**
ACTUAL FOLLOWERS THEMSELVES!

Matthew 27:62-66...

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the **Chief Priests** and the **Pharisees** went to **Pilate**. "Sir" they said... "We remember that while He was still alive that deceiver said... '**After three days I will rise again.**' So... give the order for the **tomb** to be **made secure** until the **third day**. Otherwise... His **disciples** may come and **steal the body** and **tell the people** that **He has been raised from the dead**. This **last deception** will be **worse than the first**." "Take a guard," **Pilate** answered. "Go... make the **tomb** as **secure** as you know how." So they went and made the **tomb secure** by **putting a seal on the stone** and **posting the guard**.

If **JESUS' DISCIPLES** weren't willing to **DIE FOR JESUS**
while **HE WAS ALIVE... WHY** would they **NOW** be willing to
DIE FOR JESUS now that **HE WAS DEAD!?**

HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE...

-NERVOUS Religious Leaders...

**-TERRIFIED Disciples...
-CONFUSED Soldiers...**

AAAAAAND...

**YOU HAVE EXACTLY WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT IF THIS REALLY
HAPPENED... NOBODY BELIEVING OR ANTICIPATING A RESURRECTION!**

We're Here Today Because...

NOBODY EXPECTED NO BODY!

Peter's Message...

You KILLED Him...

God RAISED Him...

We've SEEN Him...

NOW SAY YOU'RE SORRY!

**THE... SINGLE EVENT that catapulted the NAME and MESSAGE of
JESUS into HISTORY... was NOT in the SIGNIFICANCE of WHAT
JESUS SAID... IT WAS IN WHAT HE DID!**

HE... ROSE... FROM... THE... DEAD!

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