



Rock Church
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In this message, Pastor Miles explains what the Gospel is and discusses the significance of Jesus' resurrection as he addresses the question: How do we prove that our Savior rose from the dead?

In your group, read Luke 24:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 15:14-17, and review the statements below as you discuss these three concepts that prove something is true:

- 1. DISTINGUISHABLE - No credible contradictions (evidence)**
 - a. No body was found. (No one has ever been able to produce the body of Jesus.)
 - b. Never died but was in a coma. (Actually, He literally died of a broken heart.)
 - c. Jesus had a twin. (Another false claim.)
 - d. Fisherman stole the body. (It would have been extremely difficult for fishermen to overpower Roman soldiers.)
 - e. The disciples hallucinated. (They *thought* they saw a Risen Savior.)
- 2. MEASUREABLE – The claims can be tested (proof)**
 - a. Empty tomb. You can go to the tomb today and see He isn't there.
 - b. Testimony of women. Back then, no one wanted to believe a woman's testimony.
 - c. Transformed lives of the disciples (Mark 14:50, Acts 4:18-20). The disciples were scared, then saw the nail marks in His hands and feet and realized it was true.
 - d. Hundreds of eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). He was seen by many people after walking around the earth for 40 days before ascending into Heaven.
 - e. A growing church in the very place it could have been disproved (Acts 2:41). They spent time together and were walking about how lives had been changed.
- 3. LOGICAL – The gospel makes sense (conclusion)**
 - a. We need forgiveness for eternal life
 - b. A Risen Savior offers you eternal life
 - c. Surrender your life to Him

This week, pray for someone you know who may have an issue believing that Jesus rose from the dead. Knowing that the information above provides support regarding evidence and proof, trust that God will allow an opportunity for you to reach out to that person and begin the conversation. Now, briefly share any praise reports or prayer requests from this Resurrection weekend.

This Month's Memory Verse – Philippians 4:6-7

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

This Week's Bible Readings & Book Overview Videos

2 Samuel 18-24: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/2-samuel/>

Psalms 42-49: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/psalms/>

1 Kings 1-15: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/kings/>

