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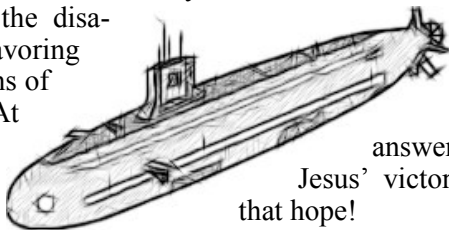
There is Hope!

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Years ago a submarine sank off Provincetown. As soon as possible, divers descended. They walked outside the disabled ship endeavoring to find some signs of life within. At last, they heard a gentle tapping. Listening


intently, they recognized the dots and dashes of Morse code. The tapping behind the hull spelled out, "Is there hope?"

"Is there hope?" This is the cry of humanity, and the resurrection is the answer to this cry! Jesus' victory over death is that hope!



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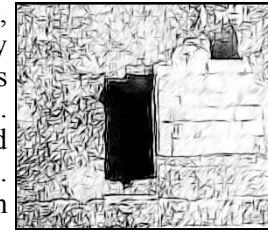



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He Arose: The Proof

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In human history, there have been many founders and leaders of false religions. Many have claimed to be from God. What separates them from the only One that was really sent from God, Jesus, is that somewhere their bones, or remains, still lie in a grave, but Jesus' do not. There are no remains of Jesus, because He is not dead. He has risen, and here is some of the proof, as recorded in the Bible:



What is believed to be Jesus' tomb.

☞ Jesus left His tomb on the third day after His death. The guarded, sealed tomb was empty, despite man's attempt to keep Jesus' body in the tomb (Mat. 28:1-6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:1-3, John 20:1-2). Jesus arose from the dead!

☞ Jesus was seen after His death by Mary Magdalene, Mary (mother of James, Joses and Salome), and Joanna (Mat. 28:1-10 Mark 15:40, Mark 16:9, Luke

24:10, John 20:15-17).

- ☞ Jesus was seen by 11 disciples (Mat. 28:16-20, Mark 16:14).
 - ☞ Jesus was seen by Cleopas and another follower (Mark 16:12, Luke 24:13-31).
 - ☞ Jesus was seen by ten disciples (John 20:19-23).
 - ☞ Jesus was seen by Thomas (John 20:26-29).
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Not Just a Man

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One of the many things that prove that Jesus was not an ordinary man is that His life did not end with His crucifixion. His life continued, and Luke 24 tells some of what happened after His death. The chapter reveals:

- ✚ Jesus rose from the dead and was victorious over death!
- ✚ Angels had announced Jesus' birth and also announced that He had risen (vs. 5-6).

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☞ Jesus was seen by the disciples again at the Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-14).

☞ Jesus was seen by His disciples as He ascended up to Heaven (Luke 24:33-51, Acts 1:4-9).

☞ Jesus was seen by Cephas (I Cor. 15:5).

☞ Jesus was seen by over 500 people (I Cor. 15:6).

☞ Jesus was seen of James (I Cor. 15:7).

☞ Jesus was seen by Paul (I Cor. 15:8).

These proofs are very important. They were given so that those that believe Jesus' death was payment for their sins may also live with Him. Because He lives, we can also! He is not dead. He has risen.

"But these are written [Jesus being seen after His resurrection], that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31

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✠ He came back after His crucifixion and was seen by many.

✠ Jesus taught others, when He came back.

✠ Jesus had a different body, but He still remembered many things, talked, walked, and was able to discern oth-

"Jesus used a borrowed tomb, because He did not need it for long."

ers' feelings.

✠ He still knew Scripture (vs. 27).

✠ He still prayed and thanked God (vs. 30).

✠ He must have appeared different. He had talked and spent time with several disciples; but they did not recognize who He was until their eyes were opened, and they were given understanding that it was Christ they had been talking with (vs. 31).

✠ He just appeared amongst people. In several other places in the Bible, Jesus appeared in the midst of people without going through doors (vs. 36).

✠ Jesus still had the marks of His crucifixion (vs. 39).

✠ He was seen ascending back to Heaven (vs. 51).

Unfortunately there are many false religions, and their originators that have claimed to have done many supernatural things. None, however, can claim to have done what God's only Son

"Christianity begins where religion ends; with the resurrection."

has done. Jesus arose from the grave! He is risen!

Jesus Knows All About You

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Jesus is omniscient (all-knowing). Many times, before Jesus was slain, He proved that He knew all. After His resurrection there are also many examples of His knowing all things. John 21 highlights several of them, including:

- ◆ That after His resurrection, He knew where to find his disciples (vs. 1).
- ◆ That Jesus' disciples had spent all night fishing, and had not caught anything. He visited them and instantly knew where the fish were (vs. 6), and told them.
- ◆ That the fisherman still had to eat, and what their needs were (vs. 9).
- ◆ That Jesus knew of Peter's weakness and yet encouraged him to continue to minister to the many believers (vss. 15-17).
- ◆ What would happen to Peter in his last days (vs. 18).

There is nothing Jesus does not know about anyone. He knows our heartaches, sorrows, needs, fears, strengths, weaknesses, if we really are saved, and things we may not even know about ourselves. With all Jesus knows about us, He still loves us. What a wonderful Saviour He is!

"A best friend is one who knows all about you, and yet still loves you!"

Up from the Grave He Arose

Hymn by Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus: *Up from the grave he arose;
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah!
Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
Chorus

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
Chorus

"Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" Acts 26:8