

EVIDENCE THAT JESUS ACTUALLY DIED AND AROSE / *Mark 16:22*

This evidence demonstrates Jesus’ uniqueness in history and proves that he is God’s Son. No one else was able to predict his own resurrection and then accomplish it.

Proposed Explanations for the Empty Tomb	Evidence Against These Explanations	References
Jesus was only unconscious and later revived.	A Roman soldier told Pilate that Jesus was dead.	Mark 15:44-45
	The Roman soldiers did not break Jesus’ legs because he had already died, and one of them pierced Jesus’ side with a spear.	John 19:32-34
	Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrapped Jesus’ body and placed it in the tomb.	John 19:38-40
The women made a mistake and went to the wrong tomb.	Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw Jesus placed in the tomb.	Matthew 27:59-61 Mark 15:47 Luke 23:55
Unknown thieves stole Jesus’ body.	On Sunday morning, Peter and John also went to the same tomb.	John 20:3-9
The disciples stole Jesus’ body.	The tomb was sealed and guarded by Roman soldiers.	Matthew 27:65-66
	The disciples were ready to die for their faith. Stealing Jesus’ body would have been admitting that their faith was meaningless.	Acts 12:2
The religious leaders stole Jesus’ body to produce it later.	If the religious leaders had taken Jesus’ body, they would have produced it to stop the rumors of his resurrection.	none