

Immovable Savior

Jesus is Immovable in His Reality!

Story of Jaycee, Imaginary Friend

“YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.”

Jesus is real because He actually exists

- Christianity is not based on myths, legends or fairy tales
- There is more proof for the existence of Jesus than for Julius Caesar!
 - Christian Historical Documents
 - Pauline Epistles
 - Gospels (4 separate accounts)
 - Early Church Fathers
 - Gnostic and Apocryphal Texts
 - Secular Historical Documents
 - Josephus the Historian
 - Tacitus the Historian
 - The Babylonian Talmud
 - Suetonius the Historian
 - Something called a “Calendar”!
 - This homeless man had more impact on the world than all of the emperors and kings and governments this world has ever seen!

Jesus is real in His Divinity

- Fulfiller of Prophecies
 - Fulfilling even 8 of these 300+ prophecies is 1×10^{28}
 - 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
- Extraordinary understanding of God's Word, even as a youth
- Confirmed by the testimony of John the Baptist
- Confirmed by Miracles
- Confirmed by the Holy Spirit in the Jordan River

Jesus is real today because of His Resurrection

- The Swoon Theory (or the Resuscitation Theory)
 - Linen Wrappings
 - John 19:31-35; Mk 15:43-45
 - Soldiers, Pilate, Jews, Disciples, Two Women at the Tomb all judged Jesus to be dead
 - Jesus would not be in the condition needed to:
 - Tear out of his linens by Himself
 - Roll away a several hundred pound stone
 - Fight away the Roman Guards (weaponless)
 - Walk 7 miles on the road to Emmaus
 - And appear to be healthy
- Hallucination Theory
 - Mark 16:11-16; Luke 24:11-12; John 20:24-30

- Too many witnesses, at too many different times, in too many different places, and too many different circumstances
- Impossible for over 500 people to have the same hallucination
- Chalks several hundred devout jews up to Potheads and Burnouts
- Impersonation Theory
 - John 20:24; Luke 24:16
 - Disciples reluctant to believe... wouldn't be convinced unless Jesus was actually Jesus, especially Thomas
 - Couldn't reproduce Christ's wounds
 - Traveled with Jesus 3+ years, daily
 - Meeting in locked chambers at times, when Jesus appeared to them
- Theft Theory
 - Matt. 28:11-15
 - Who COULD and WOULD steal the body?
 - Romans could, but WOULD not... their lives depended on guarding the tomb
 - The women COULD not, because they could not have removed the stone and were curious as to who DID remove the stone on resurrection day when they came to finish burial preparations (Mark 16"3-4)
 - The disciples COULD and WOULD not because they were perplexed and

- scattered... some were huddled together in a room, two had left to go to Emmaus
- The Jewish crowd WOULD not, because they are the ones who actually killed Jesus then asked for a Roman Guard to be placed at the tomb
 - The possibility of these scared Galilean disciples stealing the body of Jesus out from under the noses of a guard of highly skilled and disciplined Roman soldiers while they all slept (an offense punishable by death) is ridiculous.

Jesus is real because He continues to work in the hearts and lives of people

- This church is a witness to that working of Jesus Christ
- My life and the lives of Christians everywhere is a unique testimony that Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection are real, that He is alive today, and that He continues to call people to Himself and change lives

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Jesus can be real for you today...

When you accept the reality of these facts, when Jesus becomes real in His existence, in His Divinity, and in His

death, burial and resurrection... it totally flips your world upside down.

“I lay my life down of my own accord.” –Jesus

He lived, He died, and He rose again from the grave... for you.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; He who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believe in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:16-18

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” John 1:12

At the end of the day, men want to chalk the reality of Jesus up to a myth, the divinity of Jesus up to magic tricks and David Blaine-like trickery, and the resurrection of Jesus up to deception, fraud or a hallucination...

Why? Because if all of this were true... if Jesus were actually the fulfillment of prophecies, if He were

actually confirmed by miracles, and if His resurrection were truly indisputable... then it would be indisputable that Jesus Christ is the King of all Heaven and Earth... and to reject Him, to reject the grace that He offers, is to accept our condemnation.

It means we have to admit we are sinners.

It means we have to admit we are going to Hell if we don't believe in Him.

It means that we must make a choice between our way and God's way.

It means we have to change the way that we live... no longer living as Kings, but for THE King!

If Jesus actually is alive today, it means that I have wasted much of my life on things that don't please Him, and it is more comfortable to reject His reality as the King of Kings than it is to change ourselves.

But at the end of the day, those who reject the notion of Christ's reality fail to fully understand the gift that He offers...

Yes, we must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives, and we must commit ourselves to live in obedience to Him... We must leave behind our old ways of life and take hold of the life that He offers...

But the gift He gives is so much greater.

The truth is, none of us can change on our own. At best, the message today has convicted you that you need to change... yet, it does not give you the power to change. Only one man has the power to change your life, and He is the one who came to this earth as a man, lived a perfectly sinless life, performed miracles, healed the sick, raised the dead, taught the masses, and ultimately laid His life down on the cross as a sacrifice for your sins and my sins... Jesus Christ is the only Person who has the power to change you this morning.

And what He offers is so much greater than I can even explain...

He has given you the right to become a child of God!

He has given you the grace of God in place of the Judgment of God!

He has forgiven every sin and every mistake you have ever made, separating you from your sin as far as the East is from the West!

He has conquered sin and death, and He has given you the right to have a relationship with God!

Not a distant relationship, but when Christ died, the veil of the temple that separated the Holy of Holies (where God was said to reside) from the common people...

symbolizing that there was no longer a barrier between a perfect God and sinful people! So what Jesus did on the cross for you and me gives us the right to approach God, not from a distance, but in a close and intimate way... that we can come straight to God with any request, any problem, any feelings, any burden, any

confusion, any imperfection, and we can ask Him to do something about it!

If you want that relationship today, God has said you can have it freely, without cost... all that you have to do is believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died on the cross for your sins, was buried, and rose again three days later, and confess that He is the Lord, the Boss, the King of your life... and the Word of God says “you will be saved!”