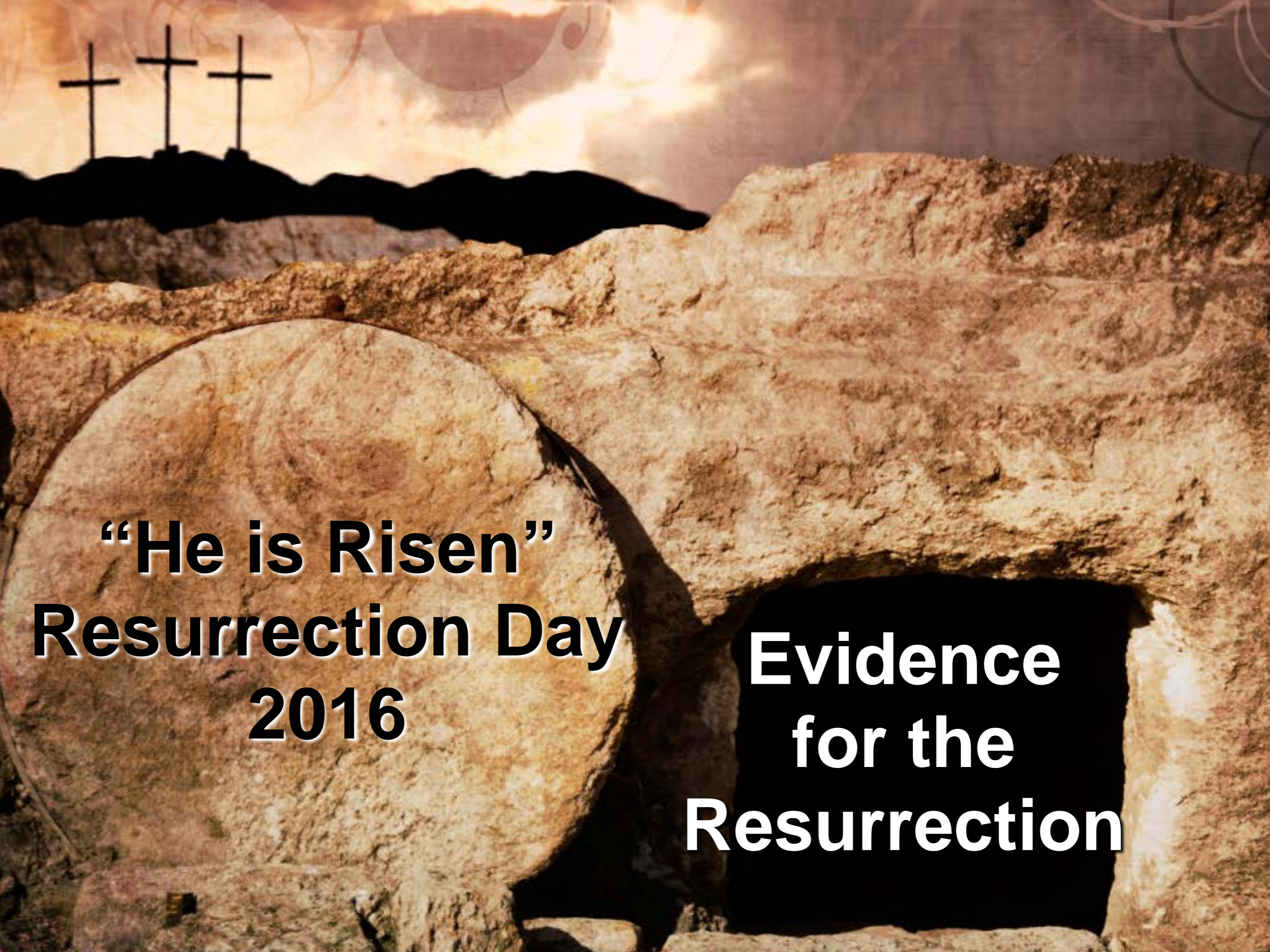


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**“He is Risen”
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1 Cor. 15:13, “But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

1 Cor. 15:14, “And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

1 Cor. 15:16, “For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

1 Cor. 15:17, “And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”

The Biblical Claim:

Jesus Christ rose bodily from the grave, conquering death, to be the first resurrection of all those who will believe in Him.

His resurrection validates His payment for sin on the cross and is the basis for new life in Him.

Matt. 12:40, “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Matt. 16:21, “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

Matt. 17:22, “Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, ‘The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,

Matt. 17:23, “ ‘and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.’ And they were exceedingly sorrowful.”

John 2:19, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’”

John 2:20, “Then the Jews said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’”

John 2:21, “But He was speaking of the temple of His body.”

John 2:22, “Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.”

Matt. 20:18, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,

Matt. 20:19, “and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

1 Corinthians 15:14–15, 17

“If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.”

Attempts to Explain Away the Resurrection

- 1. The Swoon Theory: Jesus only fainted on the cross; He didn't die.**

Jesus' hands and feet were pierced in such a way that it would have been impossible to use them to move the stone to get out of the tomb.



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2. The Theft View: Somebody, probably the disciples, moved or stole the body.

Matt. 27:60, “and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.”

Mark 16:4, “But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large.”

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3. Passover Plot: Jesus organized a resurrection conspiracy plot.

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4. Hallucination View: The disciples had a mass hallucination.

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**5. The Islamic View: Someone else died in
Jesus' place.**

Attempts to Explain Away the Resurrection

- 6. The Wrong Tomb: Oops, Mary, John, and Peter really got the tomb wrong.**
- 7. Jesus had a twin, who knew?**
- 8. Jesus was raised spiritually, not physically.**

Critical Facts Substantiating the Resurrection

- 1. The tomb was discovered empty.**
- 2. There were a vast number of eyewitnesses.**
- 3. All of the tens of thousands of early converts were in Jerusalem and had access to witnesses and records.**
- 4. Almost all of the disciples died for their belief in the resurrection.**

All four Gospels, as well as Paul, record at least 14 different appearances of the risen Christ:

- 1. Mary Magdalene (John 20:10–18)**
- 2. Other women (Matthew 28:8–10)**
- 3. Cleopas and another disciple (Luke 24:13–32)**
- 4. Eleven disciples and others (Luke 24:33–49)**
- 5. Ten apostles without Thomas and others (John 20:19–23)**
- 6. Thomas and other apostles (John 20:26–30)**
- 7. Seven apostles (John 21:1–14)**
- 8. Disciples (Matthew 28:16–20)**
- 9. Apostles at Mt. of Olives before ascension (Luke 24:50–52; Acts 1:4–9)**
- 10. Peter (Luke 24:33–34; 1 Corinthians 15:5)**
- 11. Five hundred people (1 Corinthians 15:6)**
- 12. James (1 Corinthians 15:7)**
- 13. Paul (Acts 9; 1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:8)**
- 14. Various others (Acts 1:21–22)**

“it was impossible that the apostles could have persisted in affirming the truths they had narrated, had not Jesus Christ actually risen from the dead, . . .”

~Simon Greenleaf, *An Examination of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists by the Rules of Evidence Administered in the Courts of Justice*, p. 29.

“I have spent more than 42 years as a defense trial lawyer appearing in many parts of the world and am still in active practice. I have been fortunate to secure a number of successes in jury trials and I say unequivocally the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.”

~Sir Lionel Luckoo, defense attorney