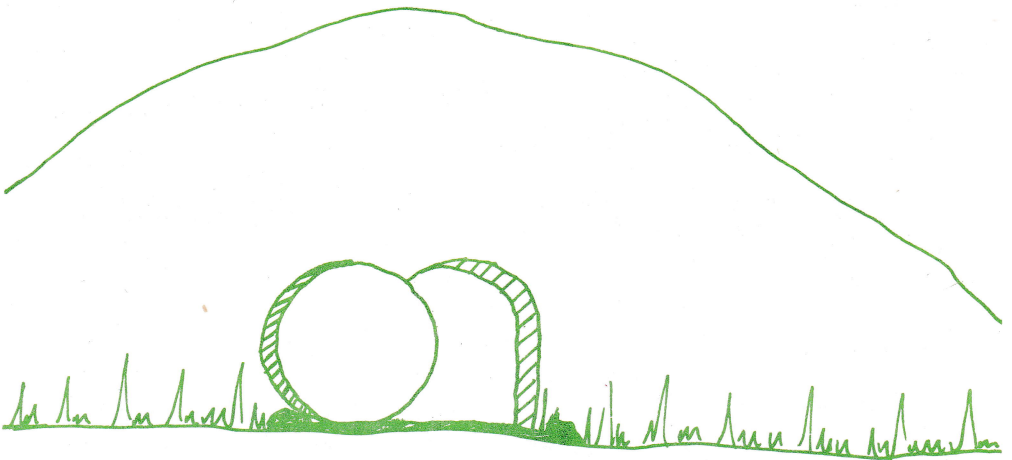


# JESUS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD



DEBATE CHARTS AND NOTES  
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## CHART No 1

# THE GOSPEL PAUL PREACHED

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also."

-- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (New American Standard)

**(WRITTEN 25 YEARS AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION)**

**1. CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS  
ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**

**2. HE WAS BURIED**

**3. HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY  
ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**

**4. HE APPEARED TO SELECTED  
WITNESSES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION**

CHART No 2CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS  
ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURESIsaiah 53 (Written 700 years before Christ)verses 4-6

Surely our griefs He Himself bore,  
 And our sorrows He carried;  
 Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,  
 Smitten of God, and afflicted.  
 But He was pierced through for our transgressions,  
 He was crushed for our iniquities;  
 The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,  
 And by His scourging we are healed.  
 All of us like sheep have gone astray,  
 Each of us has turned to his own way;  
 But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all  
 To fall on Him.

verse 8

By oppression and judgment He was taken away;  
 And as for His generation, who considered  
 That He was cut off out of the land of the living,  
 For the transgression of my people to whom the  
 stroke was due?  
 His grave was assigned to be with wicked men,  
 Yet with a rich man in His death.

Read also Psalm 22. Note verse 16:

"For dogs have surrounded me;  
 A band of evildoers has encompassed me;  
 They pierced my hands and my feet."  
 (Crucifixion did not become a method of execution  
 for centuries after this prophecy was given!)

CHART No 3RAISED ACCORDING TO THE  
SCRIPTURESIsaiah 53:10-13

But the Lord was pleased  
 To crush Him, putting Him to grief;  
 If He would render Himself as a guilt-offering,  
He will see His offspring,  
He will prolong His days,  
 And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper  
 in His hand.

As a result of the anguish of His soul,  
 He will see it and be satisfied;  
 By His knowledge the Righteous One,  
 My Servant, will justify the many,  
 As He will bear their iniquities.  
Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the  
great,  
And He will divide the booty with the strong;  
Because He poured out Himself to death,  
 And was numbered with the transgressors;  
 Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,  
 And interceded for the transgressors.

Read also:

Psalm 2

Psalm 16 (together with Acts 2:22-32)

THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF  
 JESUS CHRIST MAKES SENSE, because it fulfills  
 God's purpose in saving man--IT FULFILLS THE  
 SCRIPTURES!

# THE WITNESSES

THE ELEVEN APOSTLES, THE WOMEN, OVER 500 AT ONE TIME, PAUL  
THE FORCE OF HUMAN TESTIMONY DEPENDS UPON:

**HONESTY  
AND  
MOTIVES**

FOLLOWED STRICT MORAL CODE.  
WIDELY KNOWN AND RESPECTED  
NO PROSPECTS OF HUMAN GLORY, RICHES  
MERCILESSLY PERSECUTED  
NEVER CHANGED THEIR TESTIMONY

**ABILITY  
TO  
KNOW**

WITH JESUS 3½ YEARS  
PRACTICAL MEN, NOT EASILY DECEIVED BY IMAGINATIONS  
JESUS RESURRECTION APPEARANCES GAVE THEM  
THOROUGH OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW

**AGREEMENT  
OF  
WITNESSES**

AGREE  
STORIES TOLD CALMLY WITHOUT EXAGGERATION  
NOT TOLD ALIKE  
APPARENT, BUT NOT REAL DISCREPANCIES, AS WE  
WOULD EXPECT OF INDEPENDENT WITNESSES  
NUMBER - ENOUGH

## QUESTIONS TO MR. DEEDAT

1. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS WAS PUT ON THE CROSS ?

ANSWER:-

2. DID THE APOSTLES BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD ?

ANSWER:-

3. IF YOU BELIEVE THE APOSTLES WERE DECEIVED, WHO DECEIVED THEM ?

ANSWER:-

4. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED ?

ANSWER:-

5. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS ASCENDED TO GOD IN HEAVEN ?

ANSWER:-

# THE ACCOUNTS OF THE EYE-WITNESSES

The first four books of the New Testament are accounts of the life of Jesus. Matthew, an apostle, wrote sometime before the destruction of Jerusalem, A.D. 70. (Jesus was crucified in A.D. 30). Mark, a disciple (not an apostle) of Jesus and companion to Barnabas, Paul and Peter, probably wrote earlier--very likely before A.D. 50. Luke, most likely a Gentile, was a companion to Paul. His gospel was written before Acts--about A.D. 60. John, an apostle, lived to an old age and may have written his account as late as 96-98 A.D.

Lack of space means we cannot reproduce all these accounts of the crucifixion and resurrection. We are giving the chapter and verse references so that you can read them in your Bible, and we are printing Matthew's account below:

## Matthew 27:33-28:7 (New American Standard Version)

33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull,

34 they gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.

35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots;

36 and sitting down, they *began* to keep watch over Him there.

37 And they put up above His head the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

38 At that time two robbers \*were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

39 And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads,

40 and saying, "You who *are going to* destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him, and saying,

42 "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in Him.

43 "HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER Him now, IF HE TAKES PLEASURE IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

44 And the robbers also who had been crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

45 Now from the <sup>46</sup>sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the <sup>47</sup>ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

47 And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, *began* saying, "This man is calling for Elijah."

48 And immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

49 But the rest of them said, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."<sup>48</sup>

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,

52 and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

55 And many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him.

56 among whom was Mary Magdalene, along with Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 And when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given over to him.

59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

62 Now on the next day, which is *the one* after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,

63 and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I *am* to rise again.'

64 "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go, make it *as* secure as you know how."

66 And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

**28** Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.

3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow;

4 and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

6 "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

THE OTHER GOSPEL ACCOUNTS of the crucifixion and resurrection are:

Mark 15:22-16:7

Luke 23:32-24:9

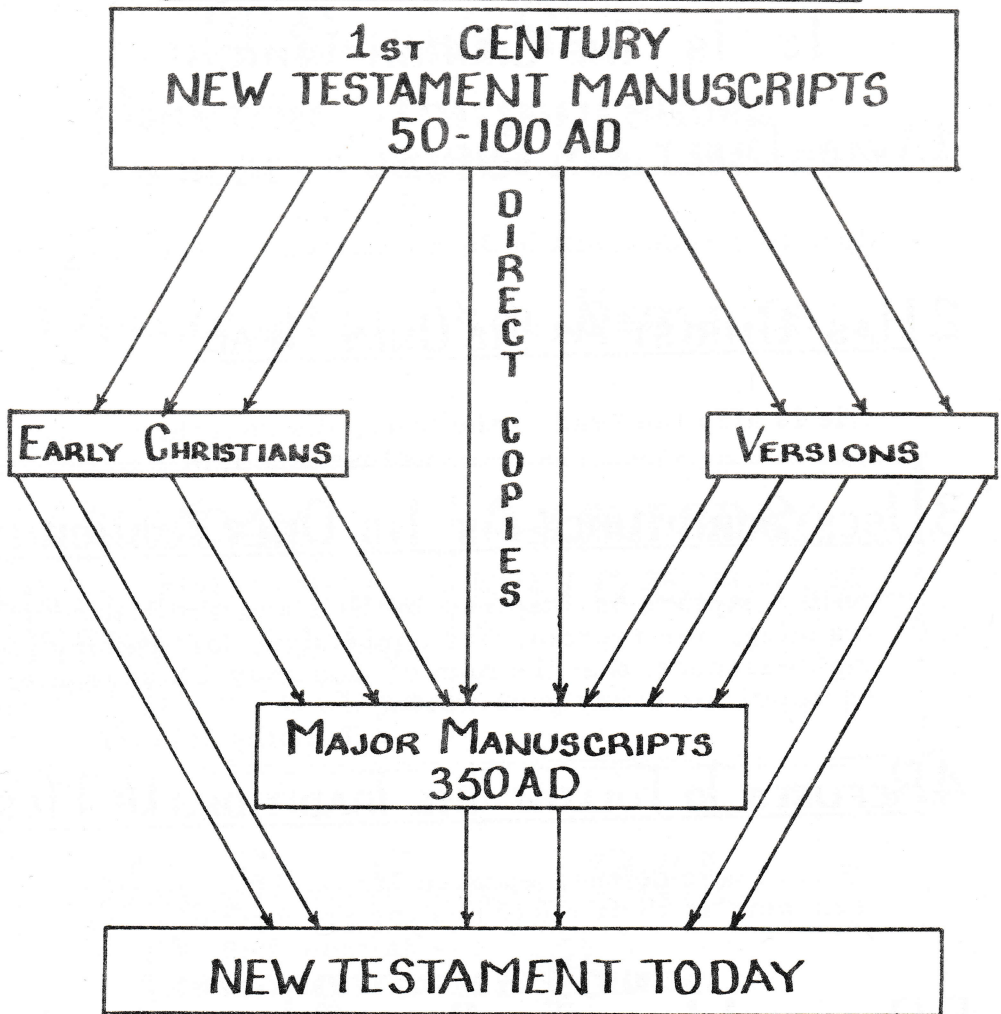
John 19:17-20:18

Read these accounts carefully. Note how calmly and carefully the facts are told. Note the apparent discrepancies, just as there are apparent discrepancies in the stories of independent witnesses to any event. But also note that these discrepancies are not real. All the stories harmonize when examined closely.

Remember, three of these writers were there, and Luke had opportunity to interview many who were there, including Mary the mother of Jesus. These accounts cannot be lightly dismissed!



# How We Got The Bible



The New Testament manuscripts we have today are authentic. Manuscripts of the entire New Testament date from 350 A.D. Writings of early Christians before A.D. 150 contain quotes from these books. Some versions (translations) survive which date to 150 A.D. What we have today are not corruptions, but authentic copies of the originals.

# WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

IT IS THE CHURCH WHICH:

## 1. WAS BUILT BY CHRIST.

"Upon this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:18

## 2. HAS CHRIST AS ITS ONLY HEAD.

"He is also the head of the body, the church."  
--Colossians 1:18

## 3. USES SCRIPTURES AS ITS ONLY AUTHORITY.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

--2 Timothy 3:16-17.

## 4. REFUSES TO FOLLOW THE TRADITIONS OF MEN.

"But in vain do they worship Me,  
Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men."

--Matthew 15:9

## 5. SPEAKS WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND IS SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT.

"Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God." --1 Peter 4:11