

# “His Word is Truth”

Once there was a man who said, “I don’t believe Jesus is the Son of God. I refuse to believe that He rose from the dead unless he appears to me in person and I can see him for myself. I believe only what I can see and touch!” Many use this reasoning as an excuse to deny the fact that Jesus is real.

However, one need only ask such skeptics the following question: “Do you believe that such people as Julius Caesar, Martin Luther or George Washington existed?” They will then respond: “Of course!” But if you then say to them “But you’ve never met these people in person! Why do you believe they existed?” they will say “We have historical evidence from eye-witnesses that these people were real!”



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In Luke chapter 1 it reads: **“Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account...”** Here we see just one example that the New Testament Scriptures were written by eye-witnesses of Jesus’ life, teaching, miracles, death, resurrection and ascension.

In fact, Scripture teaches that Jesus remained on earth for 40 days after His resurrection (see Acts 1:3) and was seen by multiple people on various occasions (see 1st Corinthians 15:1-8). Those who did not want to believe that Jesus rose from the dead could have disproved this claim by producing Jesus’ dead body. But they could NOT do this, because the tomb was empty – even though guarded by many Roman soldiers! (See Matthew 27:62 – 28:15)

In addition, not only was the New Testament written by eye-witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection, but several ancient secular historians – such as Josephus, Suetonius, and Tacitus – refer to the historical reality of Jesus. For example, in his famous work Antiquities of the Jews the historian Josephus wrote: **“At this time there was a wise man called Jesus ... Many people among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. But those who had become his disciples ... reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive.”** These disciples were willing to suffer and die for their testimony that they had seen the risen Jesus – which is proof that they were not lying!

Simply put, Christianity is based on the actions of God in human history! If you want to read many details about the historical evidence for Christianity, see the book *The Genuine Jesus* by Paul L. Maier. Jesus is the eternal Son of God in human flesh who died for you and conquered death for you. He will return to judge the living and the dead, as He promised. So, repent and trust in Him as your Lord and Savior today!