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# The RESURRECTION: an attested historical fact

April 5, AD 33 (1,982 years ago)

or

April 9, AD 30 (1,985 years ago)

John 20:1-10

Now on the first day of the week  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early,  
while it was still dark, and saw that  
the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved,  
and said to them, “They have taken the Lord  
out of the tomb, and we do not know  
where they have laid him.”

John 20:1-10

So Peter went out with the other disciple,  
and they were going toward the tomb.  
Both of them were running together,  
but the other disciple outran Peter  
and reached the tomb first.  
And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths  
lying there, but he did not go in.

John 20:1-10

Then Simon Peter came, following him,  
and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths  
lying there, and the face cloth,  
which had been on Jesus' head, not lying  
with the linen cloths but folded up  
in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple,  
who had reached the tomb first, also went in,  
and he saw and believed, for as yet  
they did not understand the Scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples went back to their homes.



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## Historical fact ONE:

The witness to the empty tomb. He is not here!

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb,  
and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.  
And she saw two angels in white,  
sitting where the body of Jesus had lain,  
one at the head and one at the feet.

They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord,  
and I do not know where they have laid him.”

John 20:11-18

Having said this, she turned around  
and saw Jesus standing,  
but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?  
Whom are you seeking?”

Supposing him to be the gardener,  
she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away,  
tell me where you have laid him,  
and I will take him away.”

John 20:11-18

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!  
(which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me,  
for I have not yet ascended to the Father;  
but go to my brothers and say to them,  
‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God.’”

John 20:11-18

Mary Magdalene went and announced  
to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” –  
and that he had said these things to her.

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1 Corinthians 15:3-10

For I delivered to you as of first importance  
what I also received:

That Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures,  
and that he appeared to Cephas,  
then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-10

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Then he appeared to James,  
then to all the apostles.



1 Corinthians 15:3-10

Last of all, as to one untimely born,  
he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles,  
unworthy to be called an apostle,  
because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am,  
and his grace toward me was not in vain.

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The witness of the church to the Risen Lord.  
He is risen! He is risen indeed!

## Acts 10:1-3

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius,  
a centurion of what was known as  
the Italian Cohort, a devout man  
who feared God with all his household,  
gave alms generously to the people,  
and prayed continually to God.

About the ninth hour of the day  
he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God  
come in and say to him, “Cornelius.”

Acts 10:4-6

And he stared at him in terror and said,  
“What is it, Lord?”

And he said to him,  
“Your prayers and your alms have ascended  
as a memorial before God.  
And now send men to Joppa  
and bring one Simon who is called Peter.  
He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner,  
whose house is by the seaside.”

Acts 10:7-8

When the angel who spoke to him had departed,  
he called two of his servants and a devout soldier  
from among those who attended him,  
and having related everything to them,  
he sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:9-12

The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air.

Acts 10:13-16

And there came a voice to him:

“Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”

But Peter said, “By no means, Lord;  
for I have never eaten anything  
that is common or unclean.”

And the voice came to him again a second time,  
“What God has made clean, do not call common.”  
This happened three times,  
and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

Acts 10:17-18

Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there.



Acts 10:19-21

And while Peter was pondering the vision,  
the Spirit said to him,

“Behold, three men are looking for you.  
Rise and go down and accompany them  
without hesitation, for I have sent them.”

And Peter went down to the men and said,  
“I am the one you are looking for.  
What is the reason for your coming?”

Acts 10:22-23

And they said, “Cornelius, a centurion,  
an upright and God-fearing man,  
who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation,  
was directed by a holy angel to send for you  
to come to his house and to hear  
what you have to say.”

So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them,  
and some of the brothers from Joppa  
accompanied him.

Acts 10:24-27

And on the following day they entered Caesarea.  
Cornelius was expecting them and had called  
together his relatives and close friends.  
When Peter entered, Cornelius met him  
and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

But Peter lifted him up, saying,  
“Stand up; I too am a man.”

And as he talked with him, he went in  
and found many persons gathered.

And he said to them,

“You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

Acts 10:30-32

And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.

“Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter.  
He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.”

Acts 10:33

“So I sent for you at once,  
and you have been kind enough to come.  
Now therefore we are all here  
in the presence of God to hear  
all that you have been commanded  
by the Lord.”

Acts 10:34-35

So Peter opened his mouth and said:

“Truly I understand that God  
shows no partiality, but in every nation  
anyone who fears him and does what is right  
is acceptable to him.”

Acts 10:36-38

“As for the word that he sent to Israel,  
preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ  
(he is Lord of all):

you yourselves know what happened  
throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee  
after the baptism that John proclaimed:  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power.

“He went about doing good and healing  
all who were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.”



Acts 10:39-41

“And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”

Acts 10:42-43

“And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

John 3:16

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Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised him  
from the dead, you will be saved.  
For with the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Acts 10:44-46

While Peter was still saying these things,  
the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

And the believers from among the circumcised  
who had come with Peter were amazed,  
because the gift of the Holy Spirit  
was poured out even on the Gentiles.

For they were hearing them  
speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter declared,  
“Can anyone withhold water  
for baptizing these people,  
who have received the Holy Spirit  
just as we have?”

And he commanded them to be baptized  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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“I am not what I ought to be,  
I am not what I want to be,  
I am not what I hope to be  
in another world.

“But still: I am not  
what I once used to be,  
and by the grace of God  
I am what I am.”

~John Newton

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!