

Reasons to Believe

In God our Father - In His Son Jesus the Christ

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Scripture quoted from the NKJV unless otherwise stated.*

1. Miracles

I have personally experienced many miracles. One day I will try to record for PVP just a few of those amazing stories.

2. Actions speak loudly.

Ten of the original disciples died as martyrs. John was banished to the Isle of Patmos after the Emperor's attempts to kill him were unsuccessful. The Apostle Paul was beheaded and Stephen (one of the first deacons) was stoned to death. Some died by public torture rather than recant their story of the resurrection and their belief in Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God and the promised Messiah. All dedicated their lives to the Gospel of Christ. Who would do such for a story they *knew* to be false? There was certainly nothing for them to gain (in this world) and persecution was a constant. They suffered the loss of all things for the sake of Christ.

3. The amazing accuracy of the ancient Bible prophecies

I've listed just some of the prophecies of Messiah. See the links at the end of this article.

4. Recent discoveries in genetics, cell biology, geology, paleontology, astronomy and physics

Recent discoveries fit well with a young earth creation by an intelligent Designer. The website creation.com has loads of information and videos. See our [Resources Page on Creation vs. Evolution](#).

5. Discoveries in archeology

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6. The actions and words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels.

The Gospels are about a man - about the claims of that man. He claimed to be the Son of God, and the only way to life eternal. He claimed to be the only way to God. He knew his claims and his growing popularity, would soon get him killed. He knew that Jerusalem was the most dangerous place for him, yet he did not stay away or keep his voice down. Just the opposite.

You could write him off as a deluded lunatic martyr. Perhaps. But his teachings and parables seem rather sane and balanced. His parables were often disguised criticism of the ruling elites - something one does to avoid being martyred. According to the Gospel writers, Jesus begged His Father to release Him from death by crucifixion.

He disbanded any large gathering around him, or simply walked away quietly. Not the actions of one planning a rebellion. He told his followers to obey the legal authorities - both Jewish and Roman, and to pay their taxes. He taught against taking up arms against the government. Not the words of a revolutionary.

Was he seeking fame for it's own sake? Did he wish to be thought of as a great prophet like Elijah, Samuel or Isaiah, His words preserved for a thousand years? Possibly. But if so, why claim to be the promised Messiah? Such a claim would bring down the wrath of King and Emperor. And if he failed to bring in the promised freedom and restoration of Israel, his claim would be mocked by the common people. Their enthusiasm would turn to scorn. The fact that his fame did not fade after His death, but rather grew and grew, is another proof of his identity.

He just doesn't fit the profile of a deceiver, a lunatic, an egomaniac, or a revolutionary. That leaves his claim to be the only Son of God. But how to confirm that claim?

Answer: He prophesied His own death and resurrection - on the third day. If that prophecy was fulfilled - if he actually rose from the dead, then His claim (concerning His identity) was confirmed. And that leads to the evidence for His resurrection. Is there enough evidence? I believe there is.

*Many Blessings Always
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