

Jesus predicted his death and resurrection (coming back to life)

From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. Matthew 16:21-23

After they gathered again in Galilee, Jesus told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." Matthew 17:22-23

The predictions by Jesus of His death and resurrection were common knowledge that led the religious rulers to ask Pontius Pilate to secure the tomb. Matthew 27:62-64 The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. They told him, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.'" So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first."

No one killed Jesus without his permission.

(On the night Jesus was arrested ~ after Peter had cut off a servant's ear and Jesus healed it): "Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?" But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?" Matthew 26:53-54

The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. John 10:17-18

Jesus had the ability to raise himself from the dead and raise us to eternal life after we die

Jesus told Martha before he brought Lazarus back from the dead: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again." They are given eternal life for believing in me and will never perish." John 11:25-26

For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. 1 Peter 2:23

For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life (resurrection) of his Son. Romans 5:10

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

We can face our future without fear of punishment for our sins

God says: "I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins." Hebrews 8:12

Jesus said: "I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life." John 5:24

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. Romans 4:25

Now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus, for the power of the life-giving spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death. Romans 8:1

God saved you by his special favor when you believed and you can't take credit for this: it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9

We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God. Acts 13:38

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