

Prepared: Why I Trust in Jesus

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Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...

Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Acts 3:16

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

Acts 4:10

... It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Acts 4:18-20

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. 20 For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Acts 5:40-42

40 ... They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

I trust in Jesus because...

1. HE FULFILLED THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES

Luke 24:44-48

44 [The resurrected Christ] said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things."

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2. HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

REASONS TO SUPPORT THE RESURRECTION:

- MULTIPLE POST-RESURRECTION EYEWITNESSES
- THE FIRST EYEWITNESSES WERE WOMEN
- UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED FACTS
 - *Jesus died by crucifixion*
 - *Jesus' disciples believed that he rose and appeared to them*
 - *The church persecutor Paul was suddenly changed*
 - *The skeptic James, brother of Jesus, was suddenly changed*
 - *The tomb was empty (only what happened to body was disputed)*
- DISCIPLES WERE TRANSFORMED
- EMBARRASSING DETAILS LEFT IN THE BIBLE
- NO REASONABLE MOTIVE TO LIE
- DISCIPLES WILLINGNESS TO DIE
- SABBATH DAY CHANGED

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3. THROUGH FAITH IN HIM, I HAVE BEEN SAVED AND MY LIFE TRANSFORMED

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.