



BIG QUESTION

Who saw Jesus alive?



Around AD 55, Paul wrote down who saw Jesus alive: Peter, the Twelve, more than five hundred at the same time, James, and Paul himself. Many scholars date the list to within a few years of the cross. Most of the five hundred, Paul says, were still living. You could go and ask them.

James, the brother who hadn't believed in him, became a leader of the church. Paul, who had tried to destroy the church, spent his life preaching. Four easy answers each explain one piece and leave out the rest.



Test the easy answers

All four easy answers came up in these three lessons. Draw a line from each to the fact that sinks it.

1 "He didn't really die."

2 "They hallucinated."

3 "Someone stole the body."

4 "It's a legend that grew."

A Paul's list goes back to the first few years after the cross. Legends take much longer.

B Roman soldiers made sure with a spear, and the centurion told Pilate he was dead.

C Hallucinations happen inside one mind, like dreams. He appeared to groups, even 500 at once.

D The guards were paid to say the body was stolen. That story admits the tomb was empty.

Memory verse

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

1 Corinthians 15:20

Fill it in: "But _____ has indeed been
_____ from the _____, the
_____ of those who have fallen asleep." 1

Corinthians 15:20

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Which easy answer seemed strongest to you? What sinks it?
2. What would it take for you to believe your own brother was the Lord?
3. If Jesus rose, what does that mean about death?



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