

# Is Jesus Real?

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Matthew 16:15-16 <sup>15</sup>“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

## 1. The biographies of Jesus are reliable.

1 Corinthians 15:2-3 <sup>2</sup>By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

Luke 1:3-4 <sup>3</sup>With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

1 Peter 3:15 <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

## 2. The works of Jesus prove his humanity, and deity making him Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:10b-11 <sup>10b</sup>No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

## 3. The death, burial, resurrection, and public appearances validate the life of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:14 <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 <sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

## 4. The origin of Christianity and its continuous irrefutable claims has solidified the proof for Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:5-8 <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.