

# **“Have you Heard the News?”**

Jesus is Alive! He is RISEN!

Or is it just “FAKE NEWS”?

-Barna Research Group shows a growing number of believers walking away from their faith!

**Nasa is installing internet on the moon**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

**A university banned the use of capital letters to avoid scaring students**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

**Couple in California name baby with emoji**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

**Eight-year-old girl pulls medieval sword from lake**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

**German street covered in chocolate after leak from chocolate factory**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

**School bans parents from sports day for bad behavior**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

**Spinach is taught how to send emails**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

**Gorilla learns to knit**

\_\_\_\_\_Real      \_\_\_\_\_Fake

## Why do we believe the resurrection story is true?

### **-Crucified Christ**

#### **John 19:38-42 (NLT)**

<sup>38</sup> Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup> With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds<sup>(a)</sup> of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. <sup>40</sup> Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. <sup>41</sup> The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. <sup>42</sup> And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

### **-Empty Tomb**

#### **John 20:1-10**

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. <sup>8</sup> Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— <sup>9</sup> for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then they went home.

## **-Eyewitness Testimony**

### **John 21:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> This disciple is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate.

<sup>25</sup> Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

## **-A Changed Culture**

### **Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

## **-Revolutionized World**

### **The Church is Still ALIVE**

Application points...

-Tell IT!

(We need to be able to share why we believe the resurrection account is true!)

-Live IT!

(We need to be able to live like the resurrection account is true!)  
In other words, our lives need to look genuinely different because Christ  
arose.