

THEORIES ON THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

	<i>Did Jesus die?</i>	<i>Did Jesus rise from the grave (resurrection)?</i>	<i>If no resurrection, why not?</i>	<i>Points of contention</i>
Christian Faith	YES	YES	-	-
Hallucination	YES	NO	Disciples hallucinated the resurrection and were deceived by this.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multitude of witnesses (cannot have had so many people hallucinating the same thing at the same time – eg. even 500 people at once as documented in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8) Qualified witnesses (they were known to be honest people, and people who walked with Jesus) Length of hallucination would have had to be up to 40 days, and the same hallucinations would be proposed to have recurred multiple times (this is not consistent with the definition of hallucination) Christ ate, proving He had a physical, resurrected body. He was also touched by His disciples, which confirmed to them that His resurrected body was real. He had real conversations with a variety of different people. Hallucination does not explain the stone rolled away, or the empty tomb.
Myth	YES	NO	Disciples meant the story of the resurrection to be figurative, and not literal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No exaggerated events, detailed descriptions testify to eyewitness reports No enough time to develop a myth as the original myth-creators (the disciples) would still have been alive. Therefore, if this was a myth, there should be evidence of challenges against it.

<i>Conspiracy</i>	YES	NO	Disciples knowingly propagated a lie and historical records were falsified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 disciples agreed on Jesus' resurrection and the details of it even unto their own deaths as martyrs There is no evidence of anyone at Jesus' time suggesting the resurrection was not true, or was made up by the disciples The disciples had no advantage to gain from such a lie – they were persecuted for it. Their enemies were unable to refute the resurrection. There was no body to produce.
<i>Swoon</i>	NO	-	Jesus fainted while on the cross and was mistakenly assumed dead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not possible to have survived crucifixion. Roman soldiers broke legs of those who were still alive to hasten death. Blood and water came from Jesus' pierced side. The resurrected Jesus were well and alive, not sick and disorientated. He also convinced His disciples beyond doubt that He had risen from the dead. There is no physical body of Jesus to be found