



The Historical Reliability of Jesus' Resurrection

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The resurrection of Jesus is the basis for Christian faith (1 Corinthians 15) and Christian hope (1 Peter 1–3). Therefore the historicity of Jesus' death and resurrection is crucial for Christianity. In this lecture we will discuss, what can be said about the evidences of Jesus' resurrection from the perspective of an historian.

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1. The importance of the subject
2. Historical research and reality
3. The historical sources about Jesus
4. The evidences of his resurrection

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