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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Resurrection Evidence:

Empiricism, Reason, and Revelation

John 20:26–31

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

Luke 1:1, “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us,

Luke 1:2, “just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word have handed them down to us,”

Luke 1:3, “it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus;

Luke 1:4, “so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

Acts 1:1, “The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,

Acts 1:2, “until the day when He was taken up, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.”

Acts 1:3, “To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”

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**“evidence, proof,
convincing proof,
infallible evidence”**

1 Cor. 15:4, “and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Cor. 15:5, “and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”

1 Cor. 15:6, “After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

1 Cor. 15:7, “then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

1 Cor. 15:8, “and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.”

1 Cor. 15:14, “and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

1 Cor. 15:15, “Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we witnessed against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.”

1 Cor. 15:16, “For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

1 Cor. 15:17, “and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.”

2 Pet. 1:16, “For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”

2 Pet. 1:17, “For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased —’”

2 Pet. 1:18, “and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

1 John 1:1, “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life —

1 John 1:2, “and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us —

1 John 1:3, “what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

Post-Resurrection Appearances

- 1. The appearance to Mary**
- 2. The appearance to the other women**
- 3. The appearance to the two on the road to Emmaus**
- 4. The appearance to Peter**
- 5. The appearance to the ten;
Luke 24:30–45; John 20:19–25**
- 6. The appearance to the ten plus Thomas;
John 20:26–31**

John 20:30, “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:24, “Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

John 20:25, “The other disciples therefore said to him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ So he said to them, ‘Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.’ ”

John 20:26, “And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’”

John 20:27, “Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving [an unbeliever], but believing [a believer]’.”

Psa. 36:9, “For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.”

Eight Signs Demonstrating Jesus is the Messiah in John

- 1. Water into wine, 2:1–12**
- 2. Healing the nobleman's son from a distance, 4:46–54**
- 3. Healing at Bethsaida, 5:1–15**
- 4. Feeding the 5,000; 6:1–14**
- 5. Walking on the water, 6:15–21**
- 6. Healing the man born blind, 9:1–7**
- 7. Raising Lazarus, 11:1–44**
- 8. Resurrection, 20:24–29 (2:18–19)**

John 20:28, “And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

John 20:29, “Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ ”

1 Chron. 28:9, “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.”