



● Many people *don't* believe Jesus escaped the bonds of death. They buy into one of several theories that have been posed to explain away Jesus' resurrection.

## I. Theories to Explain Away the Resurrection.

A. Some say Jesus' body was **stolen**.

📖 Matthew 28:11-15

B. Another theory says that the women went to the **wrong tomb**.

C. Some say Jesus' resurrection was just a mass **hallucination**.

## II. There's a Strong Case for the Resurrection.

A. Jesus **predicted** it.

◇ Jesus' predictions were very **clear** and **specific**.

📖 Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 26:32; 27:62-64

B. History **supports** it.

*Creed recited by the early church:*

"Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures;  
He was **buried**; He was **raised** on the third day..."

📖 1 Corinthians 15

C. Eye-witnesses **saw** it.

📖 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

## III. So What Does It Have to Do With You and Me?

A. It means Jesus can empower us to overcome the **problems of life**. 📖 Ephesians 1:18-20

B. It means Jesus can empower us to overcome the **problem of death**.

◇ Every year in the U.S. alone about **3.3** million people die-that's about **6,400** every day.

📖 Romans 5:12; John 14:19; John 11:25