



Because He Lives

John 19:32-20:31

1. John recorded proofs of the resurrection
 - a. John witnessed and certified the death of Jesus, refuting the theory that Jesus never died, but resuscitated in the tomb.
 - b. The theory that the body of Jesus was stolen is refuted by the heavy stone that secured the tomb, and by the graveclothes left behind.
 - c. The theory that the resurrection was an elaborate hoax is doubtful because the Bible identifies women as main witnesses.
 - d. The disciples' instinct for self-preservation dictated that they would not risk their lives to testify of Jesus' resurrection unless they had seen him.
 - e. An eyewitness was the most reliable legal testimony during New Testament times. Over 500 eyewitnesses testified they had seen the risen Lord.
2. John told us why he recorded the proofs
 - a. "That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God"
 - b. "That by believing you may have life in his name"

