

GOD'S NOT DEAD

1. IS GOD JUST AN ILLUSION?
2. WHY IS THERE SOMETHING RATHER THAN NOTHING?
3. IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY THE CORONAVIRUS?
4. IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS FACT OR FICTION?
5. HOW IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY?

IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS FACT OR FICTION

Sermon outline

- The foundation
- The proof
- The reason



The foundation

*And if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.*

1 Corinthians 15:14

*The Christian "doctrines" are translations into our concepts and ideas of that
which God has already expressed in language more adequate, namely the actual
incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection*

C. S. Lewis



The proof

that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:4-5

Gospels

Old Testament

Disciples

Skeptics

Paul

Oral tradition

Written tradition

Empy tomb

Rabbinical & Jewish Writing



The reason

*if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9

*“After studying the historical origins of the Christian faith, I came to these
conclusions: that Jesus died on the cross is as certain as anything historical can
be; that he rose from the dead is by far the best explanation of the events
surrounding his death; and that Jesus claimed to be God is the best explanation
for the immediate Christian proclamation of Jesus’ deity. Putting it all together:
Jesus claimed to be God, and he proved it by rising from the dead. The case for
Christianity is powerful. Despite my ardent desire to believe in Islam, I had to
admit that history was in favour of Christian claims, and even more reluctantly,
that it challenged Islamic teachings.”*

Nabeel Qureshi

