

A vibrant, artistic illustration of a sunrise over rolling hills. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the center, with numerous rays of light radiating outwards across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm yellow and orange near the horizon. Several birds are depicted in flight, scattered across the sky. The foreground shows rolling hills with some greenery and a small, stylized white hexagonal shape in the lower-left corner. The overall mood is hopeful and celebratory.

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# WE BELIEVE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD BECAUSE:

- **Matthew**, a first century tax collector who became a Jesus follower and saw him die and saw him after the resurrection, wrote about it.
- **Mark**, a Greek who hung around with the followers of Jesus and travelled with Peter a close disciple, wrote about it why he believed it.
- **Luke**, a doctor, interviewed eyewitnesses and wrote an account called the gospel of Luke, that begins with him saying, “I have interviewed and I have thoroughly investigated these things and here's what I've discovered.”

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- **John**, who said, “Jesus died. I saw him. I was there when he said, ‘John, take care of my mum.’ I've been taking care of his mum and I saw a risen Jesus.”
- **Peter** the fisherman, one of the Jesus followers, he believed Jesus rose from the dead. In fact, he gave his life and was crucified upside down
- **Then there's James**. In fact, James was the brother of.....Jesus.

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**Paul**, who was late to the game, persecuted the church but encountered a risen Jesus who turned his life around.

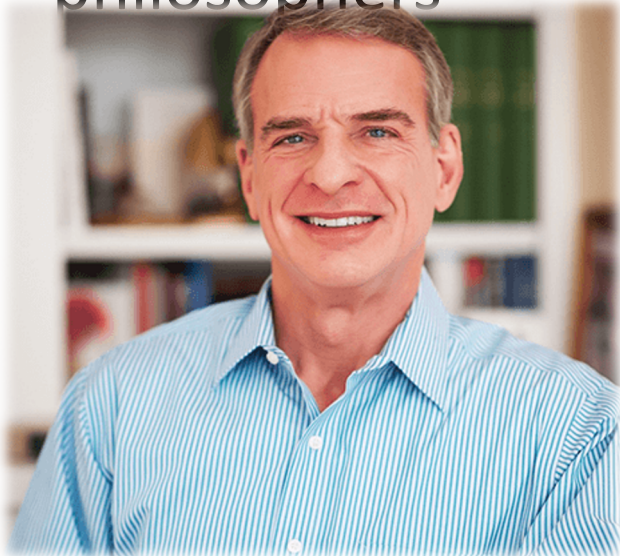
- **So we believe Jesus rose from the dead because we've got eyewitnesses**
- Most of these men gave their lives, and they didn't make any royalties off the Bible.
- They gave their lives because of what they **SAW**.

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# THE RESURRECTION EVIDENCE

- **Dr. William Lane Craig** is Research Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology and Professor of Philosophy at Houston Baptist University.
- He has authored or edited over thirty books as well as 200 hundred articles in professional journals of philosophy and theology.
- He has been named as one of the fifty most influential living philosophers



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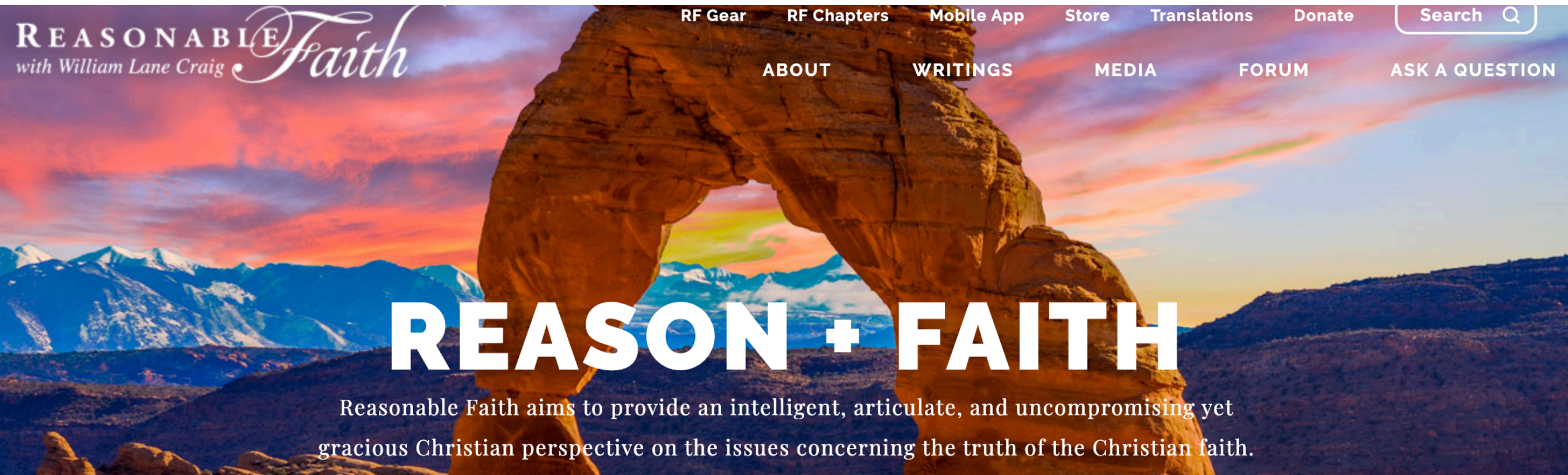
# reasonablefaith.org

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8lkuuhVkOI>

33 minutes, evidence we have for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AduPVkqbis>

5 minute clip Facts to show the Resurrection is not fiction



# 1 Corinthians 15:14-15

*14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless [as in has no use, as in worthless] and so is your faith.*

*15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we [John, Matthew, James, brother of Jesus—the whole group] have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.*

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**Paul goes on....**

**1 Corinthians 15:17 (NIV)**

*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile;  
you are still in your sins.*

*“If there's no resurrection, then forget anything we  
wrote. We're liars. Your faith is futile and worse you're  
still living in your sin.”*

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## 1 Corinthians 15:3–6

*“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.”*

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# You know what that means?

## It means if you're a Jesus follower.....

- Your hope is not in vain.
- Your prayers are not in vain.
- Those funerals you went to, they're not in vain.
- Your generosity is not in vain.
- Your service is not in vain.
- Your kindness is not in vain.
- Your sacrifice is not in vain.
- Your discipline is not in vain.
- Your self-control is not in vain.
- Your worship is not in vain

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# IF YOU ARE NOT YET A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.....

*There's just one thing you need to wrestle with:  
did Jesus rise from the dead?*

*If he didn't—game over on Christianity. But if he did, it changes everything for you.*

- It means when you go to sleep at night you can talk to God as your heavenly Father.
- It means that there's more to this life than this life.
- It means that you can be forgiven.
- It means that you can never sin so much that you are outside the boundaries of God's grace.
- You can have a clear conscience.
- You can break a habit. It changes everything.

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*"Dear God,  
I'm sorry for the wrong things I have done I my life.  
Please forgive me, I now turn away from everything I know is  
wrong.  
Thank you that Jesus is the Saviour of the world who died on  
the cross for me.  
Bring your forgiveness, your love, your power to transform me.  
Come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever.  
Help me to follow Jesus in all that I do. Thank you"*

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