

# Proof of Jesus

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## Jesus is Real

### Jesus is the Beginning.

#### **1 John 1:1 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

#### **Colossians 1:15–16 ESV**

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

#### **Colossians 1:17–18 ESV**

<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

#### **John 1:1–3 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

# Jesus is the Word

## The Word became Flesh

**John 1:14** *ESV*

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Confirmed by Eyewitnesses

**1 John 1:2** *ESV*

<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

**2 Peter 1:16–18** *ESV*

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

“God’s choice to reveal himself to me is proof of his love for me.”

# Jesus is Alive

## Raised from the Dead.

**Matthew 28:5–6** *ESV*

<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

## By The Disciples

**John 20:19–20** ESV

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

## By the Unbelieving

**John 20:24–25** ESV

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

**John 20:26** ESV

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

**John 20:27–28** ESV

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

## By Faith

**1 Peter 1:8** ESV

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

“I know that Jesus is alive today because of his interaction with me personally.”

# Jesus Desires a Relationship

## **1 John 1:3 ESV**

<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

“God desires to have a real and personal relationship with me through his Son Jesus. “

## Fellowship begins with abiding .

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### **Acts 17:28 ESV**

<sup>28</sup> for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

### **John 15:5 ESV**

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

### **John 17:20–21 ESV**

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

## Abiding in Christ Produces Joy

### **1 John 1:4 ESV**

<sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

### **John 15:11 ESV**

<sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

# Joy Produces Strength

## **Nehemiah 8:10 ESV**

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

## **Psalms 51:12 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### Two Choices to Make

- I choose to walk in the joy of knowing I am in fellowship with God through Jesus Christ.
- I choose to cultivate my love relationship with Jesus which will produce unspeakable joy.

### Two Actions to Take

- I must receive Jesus in my life to walk in fellowship with Him.
- I must purposefully interact with Jesus on a daily basis to grow in my fellowship with him.