



Christ's Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?

Historical Reality or Hoax?

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Where the Eleven Went

Disciple	Place
James the Son of Alpheus	Jerusalem
Simon the Zealot	Jerusalem
James the Son of Zebedee	Judea (Acts 12:2)
Thaddeus	Mesopotamia
Peter	Babylon, Rome
Matthew	Parthia (Tehran)
John	Asia Minor, Patmos, Ephesus
Philip	E. Turkey
Thomas	India
Bartholomew	India
Andrew	Ukraine, Russia, Greece

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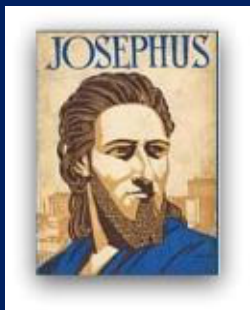


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Josephus

Antiquities, 18.3.3

Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ, and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; **for he appeared to them alive again the third day**; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians so named from him are not extinct at this day.

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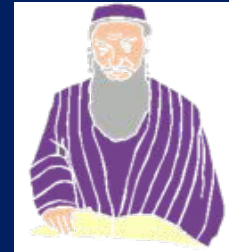
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How Does Jesus Compare?

Deity	Tomb Status
Confucius	Occupied
Buddha	Occupied
Mohammed	Occupied
Jesus	EMPTY

G.B. Hardy, *Countdown*



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