

# Did Jesus REALLY Rise from the dead?

A study of the facts around Jesus Resurrection

## INTRODUCTION – Jewish Writings Support the Resurrection of Jesus

1. What are the attitudes and actions of the spiritual leaders in Jerusalem in these verses?
  - A. John 8:58-59
  - B. John 10:31-32
2. Read John 10:39-42
  - A. What was the result of the actions of the Jewish leaders?
3. Read John 11:6-8, 16
  - A. What was the concern of the disciples about going to Lazarus?
4. Read John 11:39-54
  - A. After Jesus raised Lazarus, the Sanhedrin met to discuss what this meant about Jesus. What was the result? What did they plan to do? What did Jesus do?

Pastor Hoyer will give an explanation of what some of the Jewish writing in the first century were and how they were written. Here is an excerpt of that material.

On the eve of Passover, Yeshu (Jesus) was hanged. For forty days before the execution took place, a herald went forth and cried, "He is going forth to be stoned because he practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy. Anyone who can say anything in his favor, let him come forward and plead on his behalf." But since nothing was brought forward in his behalf, he was hanged on (Sabbath eve) and the eve of Passover.

What does this tell us about the death of Jesus and the events around his death?

5. Read Mark 14:1-2
  - Why might the Jewish leaders have wanted the Romans to do the execution rather than them? In light of the tense situations, how does that change your understanding of the Palm Sunday events?
6. Now we take a look at the New Testament has to say about the Jewish explanation of the missing body of Jesus.
  - Read Matthew 28:1-15
    - A. What is the explanation given for the tomb being empty?
    - B. How long did that explanation get circulated?
    - C. Why did they need to have an explanation?
7. Read Acts 4:24-30
  - A. What did the early believers in Jesus begin to understand in verses 27-28?
  - B. How does this affect you?