



## THE CHALLENGE

On the eve of the Jewish Passover around 30 AD the Romans crucified three men outside the walls of Jerusalem. Two of them were common criminals. The third was a man aged 33 from Nazareth, known as Jesus, who claimed to be the Son of God and the Messiah-prince Jews longed for, but who was regarded as a blasphemer by the Jewish religious leaders, who persuaded the Governor Pontius Pilate that he was a danger to the Roman Empire.

This much is absolutely certain. Not only do we have the Gospel records written within living memory of the events, but we also have the evidence of Tacitus, a Roman historian strongly opposed to Christianity, and the Jewish historian Josephus. By any reasonable standard of proof it is certain that the crucifixion of Jesus Christ by the soldiers of Pontius Pilate took place - this was a real event.

But this crucifixion was different. The Jewish religious leaders had come to mock Jesus, but after a time the crowd watching became uneasy.

There was something different about this man. It became unnaturally dark. When Jesus died, his body was claimed by one of the richest members of Jerusalem society and taken to be buried in the tomb prepared for himself. Most astonishingly of all, three days later the body had disappeared and within six weeks the followers of Jesus were claiming that he had been raised from the dead in the resurrection.

If this is true, then Jesus really was the Son of God, the Messiah and the King God has promised is coming back to rule the world. This makes what he says in the Gospels pretty important, because the Bible says that how we react to this is a matter of life and death for each of us.

### So here's the challenge:

YOU need to find out whether this resurrection really took place  
*...see reverse for more information on how you can do this.*



# Join us for Bible Hour!

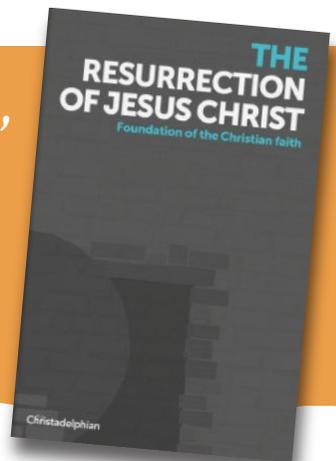
Dorridge Village Hall, Sunday at 10am

## Upcoming Bible Hour Topics:

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| Apr 2nd  | <i>Life Choice - Searching for the Right Path</i>  |
| Apr 9th  | <i>The Bible - Fact or Fiction</i>                 |
| Apr 16th | <i>Easter Service</i>                              |
| Apr 23rd | <i>God's View of Your Life</i>                     |
| Apr 30th | <i>Loving Your Neighbour - Examples from Kenya</i> |
| May 7th  | <i>Morning Meditation - Giving</i>                 |
| May 14th | <i>A World in Crisis</i>                           |
| May 21st | <i>God's Interwoven Plan</i>                       |
| May 28th | <i>Morning Meditation</i>                          |

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