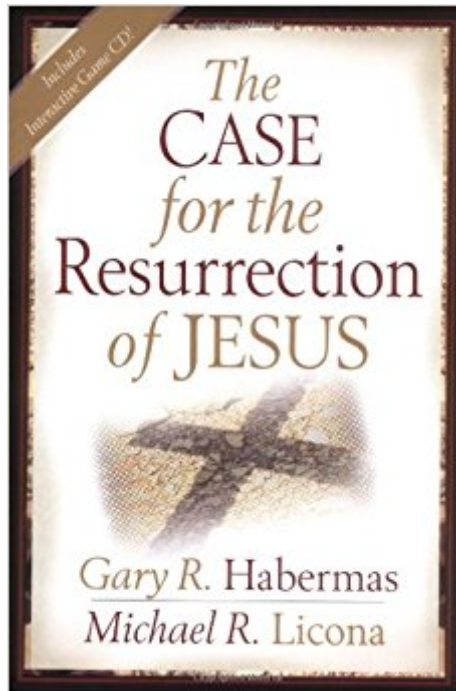




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# The Case For The Resurrection Of Jesus



## Synopsis

This is an accessible, comprehensive, and persuasive resource providing detailed evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. It also demonstrates how to share the material clearly, honestly, and definitively. Included is an interactive CD which tests the reader's knowledge of the material by using an entertaining TV game show format. "There is nothing like this on the market. It is interesting, engaging, and crucial material." —Norman Geisler "[The authors] have distinguished themselves as leading experts on the evidence for this all important event." —D. James Kennedy

Written by the leading evangelical apologist on the resurrection and an up-and-comer  
Includes an interactive CD to cement the information from the book  
Written for lay people but includes extensive footnotes that scholars will find valuable  
Includes charts, diagrams, and a detailed outline for quick reference

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Habermas, who has written several apologetic works on the resurrection, and Licona, a speaker and budding New Testament scholar who was once Habermas's student, offer a comprehensive and far-reaching argument for the historical veracity of Christ's resurrection. In fact, at times it is too far-reaching, as when the authors digress into refutations of Mormonism, alien activity and Elvis sightings; this book would be much improved if it had been trimmed by about a third. Many evangelicals will appreciate the authors' broad evidentiary claims and marshalling of historical, theological, archaeological, biomedical and literary data to support their belief in the resurrection. Yet despite its strong content, the book is poorly written, and is organized in a workmanlike outline

format that seems more appropriate for a seminary lecture than a seamless book. A closing chapter offers practical tips for evangelical Christians who wish to share their faith with others. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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I have often thought Christianity required a blind leap of faith to understand. Almost like having to be in the family to know mom's secret recipe for her famous dish. I was wrong. Christianity is logical, historical, comprehensible and believable. This book reveals that in a very unbiased and professional way. Beyond that, the call to humility at the end presents a different mindset from what most Christians seem to have.

This is a great introductory resource for Christians who want to defend the hope that is within them. Habermas and Licona outline and defend a strong "minimal fact" argument for the resurrection of Jesus. In short, this historical argument argues for certain facts concerning the events surrounding the resurrection such as Jesus dying on a cross, the disciples claiming to have seen him risen, and Paul having a transforming experience of the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, etc. After arguing for all these alleged facts, the authors argue that a bodily resurrection fits the evidence better than any other theory. The strength of this argument is that it relies on multiple points each of which has a good body of evidential support. One can still claim agnosticism on the resurrection I suppose but I think that if one is honest (and philosophically open at least to the possibility of God acting in history via miracles) he or she would have to conclude that Jesus rose from the dead. As I said above, this is a great introductory work. Someone who wants to delve further should read N.T. Wright's *The Resurrection of the Son of God*, and works by William Lane Craig on the subject. Read the other side as well both online at Internet Infidels and through books by Christian deconverts. Both authors quote other prominent New Testament scholars to back up their points while citing the original sources behind their alleged facts, ensuring that one who is earnestly seeking can check their work and investigate the matter for herself. The book also contains charts that visually

summarize the points being made in the text which makes the material easier to remember. The book deals with alternative theories and then discusses the philosophy of Naturalism. I have read better critiques of Naturalism but this book does a good job of refuting pop-Naturalism I suppose. The next part contains brief chapters defending the bodily resurrection view against the heavenly appearance view and that Jesus claimed divinity. I think these sparse chapters could have been lengthened, especially the chapter on Jesus' self-understanding to make a stronger case. The next chapter on Intelligent Design is really out of place in this book and should have been left out. If the authors wanted to give props to ID they should have done so in an Afterward or an appendix. The book is mainly about Jesus, what he was about and what happened to him, not about ID. Lastly, the book has many endnotes which I much appreciate along with an extensive bibliography which I appreciate even more. Overall this was a very edifying read and can help you when someone challenges you about the evidential basis for your faith.

This is a superbly written and very readable argument for the resurrection of Jesus Christ by two expert scholars qualified to make the case. The novel 4 + 1 approach to the historicity of the facts surrounding the resurrection is a nearly unassailable approach that combines simplicity with the clear bell-ringing power of truth. I plan to study and memorize many of the arguments, which are conveniently arranged in the book to come out in a ready to use format. Heralded by many to be the best book on the subject. I agree fully.

Ever since I first heard a few years ago of the minimal facts approach (a Gary Habermas podcast) I wanted to hear more detail about it. One very good plus of this book is that it is not just a book to read and put away, it includes a 'game show-style' dvd that contains two quizzes, the first covers the contents of chapters 1-3 and the second quiz covers the remainder of the book. The dvd makes the book more something to study and not just read through. Very good content! I hope more books will go this route (including a dvd with quizzes for the content of the book). I highly recommend this book!

This is a great treatment of the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. Habermas deals only with the facts that are widely accepted in the scholarly community by both evangelicals and atheists. Once these facts are presented, the reader is left with only one rational explanation for the events surrounding the life of Jesus - that He actually rose from the dead! *Jeffery A. Miller* - *Dr. Kenneth G. McLeod* (Author of *A Well Reasoned Faith and Evidence for Skeptics*).

This book has been on my shelf for many years and is my "go to" book when I need arguments for the resurrection of Jesus. I now have it on my Kindle, with the big advantage of being able to quickly search the text. Well written, comprehensive, but not overly scholarly for the serious Bible student. If you are not sure whether the resurrection of Christ is a documented historical event, then you really need to read this and decide for yourself.

There is no way to avoid bias. Call it world view, call it philosophical leanings, call it whatever you want, we are all stuck with it. Some want to believe, some don't. But, if you are open to Christianity or searching for the truth this book is a must read. The belief in Christianity rests with the resurrection of Jesus. If Christ was resurrected, he was the Son of God and Christianity is true. If Christ was not raised from the dead, Christ was a man of historical importance. Read with an open mind, Habermas makes a case for the resurrection that is compelling. If the resurrection did not have the fantastic implications it does, the evidence would be accepted as a historical fact.

I loved how the logic works through negatives of those naysayers. It is great read. The graphs and point by point refuting doubters' points. This is my 2nd copy, I read the book years ago- highlighted half the text gave that copy away but ordered the 2nd copy to share with members of my Sunday class.

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