

# Jesus, the Comeback Kid



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My purpose is to give them  
a rich and satisfying life.

John 10:10

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What's a  
comeback kid?



A person who **overcomes** bad circumstances and **rebounds** to victory or popularity

# What did Jesus comeback from?

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01 Abandonment

02 Betrayal

03 Death

# 01 Abandonment

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To utterly forsake





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On the way, Jesus told them, “All of you will desert me. For the scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away.

Mark 14:27, 50



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# 02 Betrayal

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To be unfaithful or disloyal; to turn against someone for your own gain





When he returned to them the third time, he said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!” And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs.

Mark 14:41-44



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They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. The traitor, Judas, had given them a pre-arranged signal: “You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard.”

Mark 14:41-44

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# 03 Death

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The cessation of all vital organs of an organism



What made it possible for  
Jesus to overcome these  
three setbacks?



# Resurrection Power

Divine power that breathes **life** and **hope** into someone and/or something that is dead

# Resurrection Power Can

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How do we know the  
resurrection is true?

# The Historical Resurrection

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Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

Matthew 28:1-7

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Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee.”

Matthew 28:1-7

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Are we to blindly believe in  
Christ's resurrection  
without any proof that it  
actually happened?



# Flavius Josephus

(A.D. 37-100)

A Jewish-Roman historian who became a Pharisee and military commander in the Jewish resistance against Rome and witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70

# Josephus wrote in Antiquities 18:63

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At this time there was a wise man called Jesus, and his conduct was good, and he was known to be virtuous. Many people among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. But those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship.

# Josephus wrote in Antiquities 18:63

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They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive. Accordingly, he was perhaps the Messiah, concerning whom the prophets have reported wonders. And the tribe of the Christians, so named after him, has not disappeared to this day.



Most scholars believe in both the authenticity and credibility of Josephus' 1st Century writings.

But let's say you don't believe what Josephus wrote and want further proof that the resurrection is true.



The best proof that the resurrection of Jesus actually occurred are the testimonies of those who have been touched by His life-changing, resurrection power





The even better evidence of the existence of Christ's resurrection power is the testimony of someone who has been able to overcome terrible circumstances and rebound to live a blessed life

# Testimony: Yvette Dzurik

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And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan *and* purpose.

Romans 8:28 (AMP)

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Resurrection power is available to every person who asks Jesus into their life



Christ is the Comeback Kid

If Christ lives in your heart,  
you can come back from  
any circumstances too



Would you like to invite  
Jesus and His resurrection  
power into your life?

# Ministry Time

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Clean Slate?

Emotional  
Healing?

A Fresh  
Start?

Physical  
Healing?

