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**MINIMAL  
FACTS**  
*approach*

# MINIMAL FACTS

*The minimal facts that skeptic scholars accept*

**THEORIES**  
*Check off the facts these theories explain*

	<b>DIED</b> <i>Jesus DIED by Roman Crucifixion.</i>	<b>EMPTY TOMB</b> <i>(see #2&amp;5)</i> <i>His tomb was found EMPTY.</i>	<b>BELIEVED APPEARANCES</b> <i>People believed they saw his RISEN body.</i>	<b>TRANSFORMED</b> <i>Fearful, skeptic brother, persecutor TRANSFORMED.</i>
The disciples were wrong that Jesus died.*				
The disciples lied and stole the body.				
The disciples hallucinated (see #6).				
The disciples were fooled by impostor/twin.				
The disciples convinced the rest of visions.				
Church legend distorted disciples' witness (see #4).				
Jesus rose.				

1. Went down in Jerusalem among Jews. Their resurrection is physical and includes all at the end.
2. Jews acknowledged empty tomb with their lie about a stolen body.
3. Wouldn't make up embarrassing first witnesses being women (*inadmissible in court*).
4. The resurrection was preached as a key component early on (*1 Cor. 15*).
5. If disciples removed the body, uncheck "transformed" box.
6. Group hallucinations are impossible.

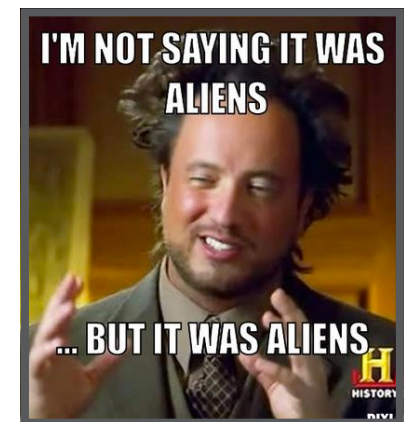
*Not discussing "spiritual resurrection" nor "existential resurrection."*

*Not discussing "authorities hid body" (WHY???) nor "wrong/unknown tomb."*

*Also keep in mind*

*Not discussing "ALIENS" but... it was aliens.*

*\*If the disciples were wrong that Jesus died, that includes "The Passover Plot" and the "Swoon Theory."*



Source for skeptics acknowledging these facts: <http://bit.ly/1KMzx10>  
 Also see: Craig Hazen: Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead? <http://bit.ly/1HC7Fvs>  
 Watch Habermas on Minimal Facts Approach (short): <http://bit.ly/1QUaxED>  
 Watch Habermas on Minimal Facts Approach (long): <http://bit.ly/1Fe6g84>

12 facts listed here: <http://bit.ly/1BcGzK7>  
 Read: J Warner Wallace's "Cold Case Christianity" chapters 2 & 14  
 Read: Habermas and Michael Licona's "The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus"