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Major feature films such *The Passion of the Christ* and *Risen*, and books such as Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Jesus* raise many questions about one of the greatest controversies in history--what really happened to the crucified body of Jesus of Nazareth.

Using a popular question-and-answer format, this book examines the historical evidence concerning the fate of Jesus. Did Jesus really die on the cross? If so, what became of his body? Was it stolen? Misplaced? Is the resurrection a cleverly devised plot to found a new religion? Did the disciples of Jesus hallucinate? Is the Resurrection of Jesus a myth developed decades later, after the original disciples' experience of Jesus was distorted by a subsequent generation? Or did Jesus rise from the dead, as he promised and as his disciples came to believe and sacrifice their lives to proclaim?

Carl Olson carefully weighs the evidence with in-depth analysis. Whether you are a believer, a skeptic, or something in between, be prepared to have your thinking challenged by this provocative and insightful book.

"Every year, right around Easter, the super-skeptics come out in droves to call into question the truth of the Resurrection. In *Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?*, Carl Olson does an excellent job of laying out the key questions raised by skeptics and offering compelling and well-researched answers. A must-read for any Catholic whose ever wondered about the historical evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus."

— **Dr. Brant Pitre**, Author of *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ*

"Carl Olson offers a cogent survey of the most common objections to the historicity of the Resurrection, doing the particularly invaluable work of tracing their historical roots and philosophical assumptions in an accessible way. This book is an essential resource, especially for teachers, catechists, and anyone involved in evangelization."

— **Amy Welborn**, author of the *Prove It!* series of apologetics for Catholic teens

"This is a doubly scandalous book. It's about the greatest scandal in history, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it's a scandal in its own right because it dares to argue (convincingly, I think) that the Resurrection actually occurred and that all the arguments against its historicity have fallen flat, including recent arguments from the New Atheists and others. *Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?* will give delight to believers and distress to unbelievers. What more can one ask?"

— **Karl Keating**, Founder, Catholic Answers

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless ... we are of all men most to be pitied.' So says St. Paul. In his new book *Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?* Carl Olson demonstrates there is no pity necessary—the resurrection is true! He analyzes and presents the historical and objective reality of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, the central and crucial fact of all human existence. Written for novice and scholar alike, this book will convince even the skeptic."

— **Steve K. Ray**, Best-selling author and Host of "The Footprints of God"

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