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EVIDENCE FOR
THE RESURRECTION?


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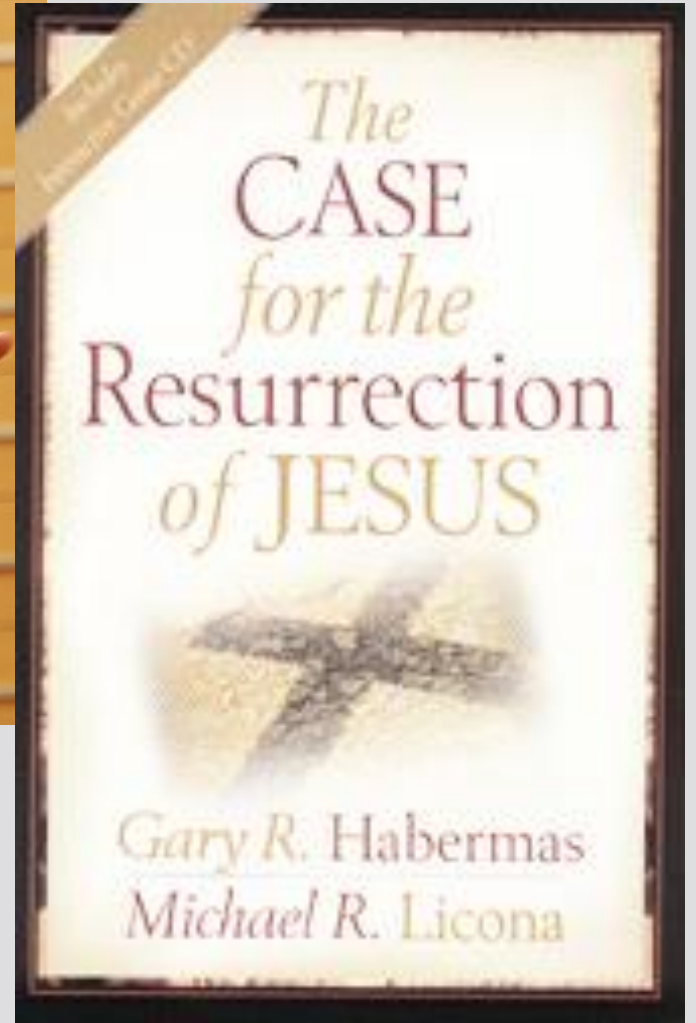
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The Minimal Facts Approach:

Only those pieces of evidence that are supported by nearly every scholar (including skeptics) and which have a substantial amount of further supporting evidence.



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 - Embarrassing details
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Jesus' Appearances

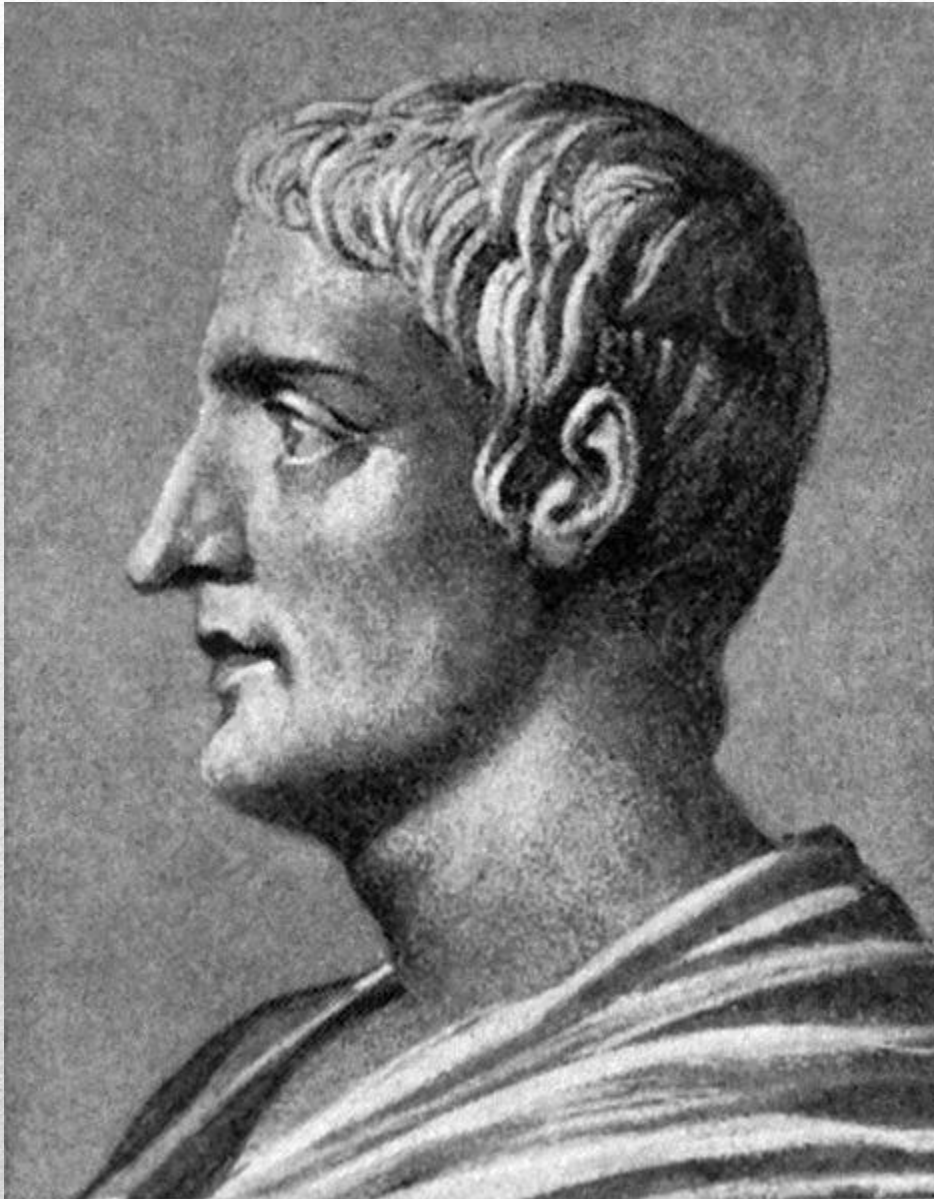
- to Mary Magdalene (John 20:10-18)
 - to the other women (Matt. 28:8-10)
 - to Cleopas and another disciple on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
 - to 11 disciples and others (Luke 24:33-49)
 - to 10 Apostles and others, without Thomas (John 20:19-23)
 - to Thomas and the other Apostles (John 20:26-30)
 - to 7 Apostles (John 21:1-14)
 - to the disciples (Matt. 28:16-20)
 - the Apostles at the Mount of Olives during His ascension (Luke 24:50-52)
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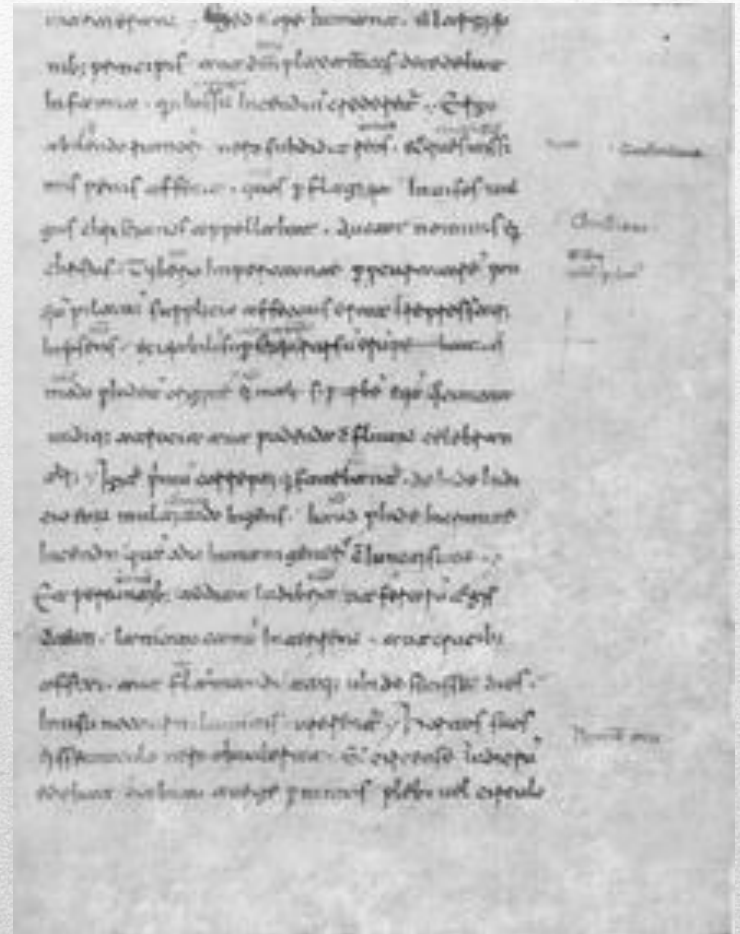
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Gaius Cornelius Tacitus A.D. 56 - 117



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Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

- 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

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 - The church persecutor Paul was suddenly changed
 - The skeptic James, the brother of Jesus, was suddenly changed
 - The tomb was empty
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Naturalistic Theories:

- Swoon
 - Fraud 1
 - Fraud 2
 - Wrong Tomb
 - Hallucinations
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