

# **“Evidence for Those Who Doubt”**

## **(John 2:18-21)**

*Intro: The Jews of Jesus' day were constantly demanding a sign...proof that He is who He claimed to be. Today, 2,000 years later, people are still asking the same questions:*

- How do we really know that Jesus is the Son of God?
- How do we really know the Biblical record of Jesus is true?
- How do we really know Christianity is the one true religion?

Jesus had already given a sign (His miracle at the wedding feast), but in these verses He promises the people a special sign, the ultimate evidence: **HIS BODILY RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.**

## **Consider the Facts:**

### **1. The Tomb was empty...no body!**

If the Jews or the Romans could produce the body of Jesus, Christianity was doomed. The official claim was that Jesus' disciples stole the body (Matt. 28:11-15), but:

- the tomb was **BARRICADED** (Matt. 27:60)
- the tomb was **SEALED** (Matt. 27:55-56)
- the tomb was **GUARDED** (Matt. 28:4,11-15)

### **2. There were hundreds of confirmed post-resurrection **APPEARANCES** of Christ. (1 Cor. 15:4-8)**

### **3. The lives of His followers were **POWERFULLY CHANGED.****

His disciples spent the rest of their lives preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. All endured severe persecution. All but John died violent deaths from the enemies of the gospel.

**Think About It:** If Jesus did rise from the dead, and the evidence (both biblical and secular) argues that He did, Jesus is the Son of God, the only Savior... and all the world must come to Him in true repentance and faith, or they will suffer the eternal judgment of God in hell.