How Do You Know that Jesus Died?
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One of the most important questions we can be asked is how is it we know that Jesus lived and died, and then arose from the grave. TO answer that we need to first identify that most important word of the Bible: FAITH. What Makes Faith? The Bible says that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1-3). It also says that faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

We need to understand that <u>anything</u> we believe is by faith. Let us ask the question of how do we know: Is London a real city? Did George Washington really live? Is a person innocent or guilty? We know these things by examining evidence, by hearing testimony, and by drawing a conclusion

How do we know God is real? First, we know that creation testifies to Him. We can see this, and as well this is the point the Bible makes in Romans 1:19-20 and Acts 17:24-29. Second, we know that the Bible testifies to Him. The Bible has evidence that it is always true, and it has never been shown false. Such evidences cause us to reach a conclusion: God is real.

How do I know Jesus died? For one thing, many people testified to it (I Corinthians 15:1-8). But not only did they testify to it, many of them died to prove it happened. Could you imagine a court room where a person was called to testify, and then told that if they did so, they would be put to death? Such is the case of the New Testament writers, who died because they believed what they saw.

How Do I Know Jesus Died? One other point is that there is NO OTHER HOPE for life after death (John 6:67-69). We choose what to believe is true, and this truth is the only one which offers hope after death. The more we study the more we HOPE and have faith (Ephesians 1:17-19).

How Do I Know What is Real? I have to work at it by reading the Bible, by being at church, and by working to be/become a Christian (Matthew 7:7-8, 24-27). Believing anything requires a study to know it; it is the same with the truth of God.