

What Happened After Jesus Rose From The Dead

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Source List & Further Research

I. Biblical Sources

- **Leviticus 17:11** — Blood required for atonement
- **Leviticus 16** — Day of Atonement rituals, the two goats
- **Deuteronomy 12:13–14** — Centralized sacrificial worship
- **Hebrews 9:12; 10:4** — Jesus as the final sacrifice; blood of bulls/goats insufficient
- **Hebrews 4:14** — Jesus as our High Priest
- **John 2:19** — Jesus identifies Himself as the true Temple
- **Matthew 23:38–24:2** — Jesus' prophecy of the Temple's desolation
- **Matthew 27:51** — The tearing of the veil at Jesus' death
- **Matthew 24:30** — Coming of the Son of Man on the clouds
- **Acts 4:12** — The exclusivity of salvation in the name of Jesus
- **Isaiah 1:3** — Israel's spiritual blindness
- **Psalm 94:23** — Levites singing as Temple was invaded

II. Rabbinic and Jewish Sources

- **Talmud Bavli, Yoma 39b** — Four signs for 40 years before Temple destruction:
 - Lot for the Lord stopped appearing in the right hand
 - Scarlet thread ceased turning white
 - Western lamp of the Menorah would not stay lit
 - Temple doors opened on their own
- **Mishnah, Middot 2:3; 4:1** — Temple structure and gate dimensions
- **Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai (in Yoma 39b)** — Rebuking the Temple doors, citing Zechariah 11:1
- **Tosefta (Menachot 13:18)** — Freshness of the showbread ceasing
- **Jerusalem Talmud, Sanhedrin 1:5; Tosefta, Sanhedrin 14:1** — Sanhedrin vacating Chamber of Hewn Stone and ceasing capital cases
- **High Priest Simeon the Righteous traditions** — Daily miracles ceased after his death (**Babylonian Talmud, Yoma 39b; Mishnah, Avot 1:2**)
- **Loss of the pronunciation of God's name (YHWH)** — Post-Temple priesthood oral tradition (various rabbinic sources— Jerusalem Talmud, Yoma 40a; Babylonian Talmud, Kiddushin 71a; Mishnah Tamid 7:2)

III. Historical Accounts

- **Flavius Josephus, The Jewish War 6.5.3** — Signs before Temple destruction:
 - Star shaped like a sword
 - Comet lasting a year
 - Light around the altar
 - Cow giving birth to a lamb
 - Eastern gate opening by itself
 - Armies seen in the clouds
 - Voice saying, "Let us depart hence" on Pentecost
- **Flavius Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews 20.9.1** — Martyrdom of James the Just
- **Flavius Josephus, The Jewish War 6.5.3 (Joshua son of Ananias)** — Prophetic figure crying "Woe to Jerusalem"
- <https://archive.org/details/jewishwaranewtr00josegoog>

IV. Greco-Roman Historians

- **Tacitus, Histories 5.13** — Omens before the fall of Jerusalem, including:
 - Armies seen in the skies
 - Temple doors opening by themselves
 - Divine voice departing
 - https://archive.org/details/tacitushistories0000taci_k7u4/
- **Philostratus, Life of Apollonius of Tyana 6.29** — Titus refusing a victory wreath, saying he was only an instrument of divine wrath
 - <https://archive.org/details/lifeofapollonius01phil/>

V. Modern Scholars & Specific Works (<https://amzn.to/4kKqodQ>)

- **F.F. Bruce**
 - *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*
 - *Jesus and Christian Origins Outside the New Testament*
- **N.T. Wright**
 - *Jesus and the Victory of God*
 - *The Resurrection of the Son of God*
- **Craig A. Evans**
 - *Jesus and His World: The Archaeological Evidence*
 - *Fabricating Jesus: How Modern Scholars Distort the Gospels*
- **Raymond E. Brown**
 - *The Death of the Messiah (Vols. 1 & 2)*
 - *An Introduction to the New Testament*
- **James D. Tabor**
 - *Restoring Abrahamic Faith*
 - *Paul and Jesus: How the Apostle Transformed Christianity*

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