

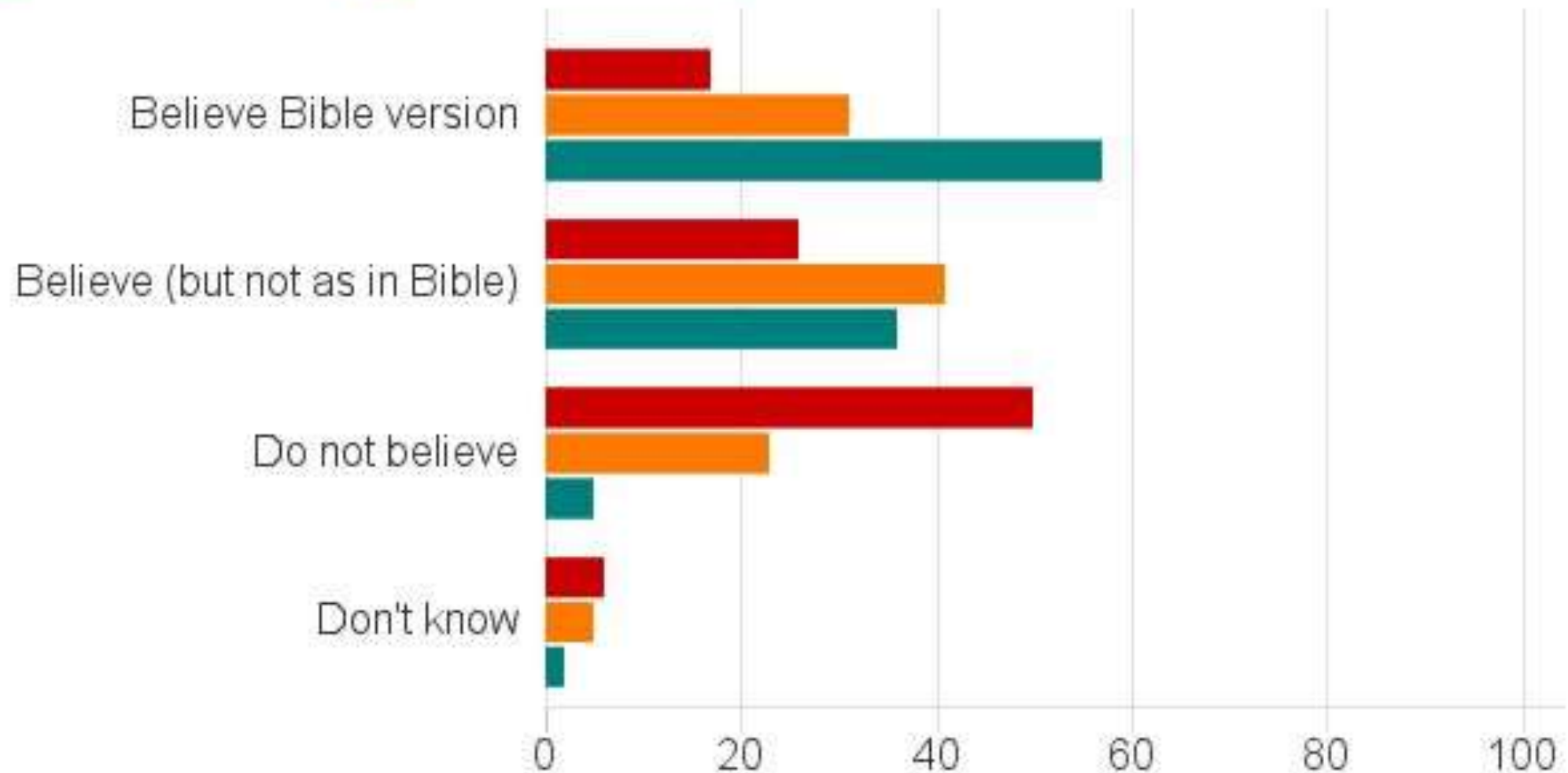
— 1 Corinthians 15:4 —

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# Belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ in England

% of people asked about the Bible story of Christ rising from the dead

■ General public ■ All Christians ■ Active Christians



Source: ComRes survey of 2,010 British adults for BBC local radio

# **The Cornerstone of Christianity**

- Men have ridiculed the idea of the Resurrection**
- When challenged, they cannot refute the historical evidence for the Resurrection**
- The Apostle Paul called it the Key Fact in the Christian's Life.  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

# **The Key Fact In The Christian's Life**

**If Christ has not been raised from the Dead;**

- 1. My Preaching is useless. Vs 14**
  - 2. Our Faith is Useless. Vs 14b**
  - 3. We are saying things about God that are not true. vs 15,16**
  - 4. We are eternally lost in our sins. Vs 17**
  - 5. We have no hope of seeing "Christian" friends and relatives who have died. Vs 18**
  - 6. We are Fools. Vs 19**
- But if He has risen from the dead, it's a different story!**
  - What are the proofs for the resurrection of Jesus?**

# **Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?**

- 1. Broken Roman Seal and Roman Guard– Matt.27:62-66**
  - 1. Breaking Seal punishable by upside down crucifixion.**
  - 2. The Discipline of Roman Soldiers**
  - 3. Disciples cowards - Matt.26:56 Disciples all fled**
- 2. The Empty Tomb –**
  - A. The Disciples said it was empty – Matt.28:8; Jhn.20:3-9**
  - B. The Romans said it was empty – Matt.28:11**
  - C. The Jews said it was empty – Matt.28:15**
- 3. The Large Stone was moved**



# Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?

3. The Large Stone was moved
  - A. Matthew - it was rolled away – Matt.28:2
  - B. Mark - it was very large and rolled up and away. Mark 16:4
  - C. Luke – it was rolled up and a distance away from the tomb. Luke 24:2
  - D. John – it was like someone had picked it up and carried it away. John 20:1

# **Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?**

**4. The Grave Clothes were still there. John 20:6,7; Lk.24:12**

- Strips of cloth were still there in the shape of his body, with no body. Jn.19:39 – Nic brought 75 lbs of spices**
- Lk.23:50-51 Nic and Joe were part of Council**

**5. The AWOL Roman Guard. – Matt.28:11**

- Roman Army at its Peak**
- Execution for failure**
- Sufficient evidence for Priests not to bring charges against guard.**



# Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?

## 6. Confirmed appearances of Jesus

A. In the study of historical statements, the question is asked, “Were there witnesses alive at the time of the publication of this statement.

B. 1 Cor. 15:5-7

## 7. They record that women were the first to see.

- John 20:10-18 According to Jewish law, evidence given by women was invalid evidence.
- If it wasn't true, they wouldn't have included women

# **Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?**

- **7 Facts that clearly show Jesus rose from the dead**
- **No evidence from archeology or literary sources has ever been found to disprove the Resurrection of Christ**
- **It has been the key piece in many skeptics coming to Christ.**
  - **CS Lewis; Josh McDowell; Lee Strobel**
- **It is the basis of our Faith**
- **It is the Proof God accepted Jesus sacrifice on the cross to pay for our sin**
- **It is the only basis on which our Sin can be forgiven**
- **It is our only hope for Eternal Life**

# **Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?**

**But these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that in believing you might have life in His Name.**

**John 20:31**

**For if we confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**Romans 10:9**