

# Just the Facts

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Of all of the self-proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ to ever walk the earth,  
Jesus is the only one not to \_\_\_\_\_ into history.

*“Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of western culture for almost twenty centuries.” -Jaroslav Pelikan, Yale*

## Evaluating Events in the Past:

The \_\_\_\_\_ of any historical account is based on \_\_\_\_\_,  
not on \_\_\_\_\_. We must ask: Where does the \_\_\_\_\_ lead?

When drawing conclusions about evidence, \_\_\_\_\_ takes precedence  
over \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Razor:** *the simplest explanation is usually the correct explanation.*

**Fact #1: Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.**

Possible Explanation: The “\_\_\_\_\_” Theory

**Fact #2: Jesus’ disciples \_\_\_\_\_ he rose from the dead  
and \_\_\_\_\_ to them.**

## Three Pieces of Evidence Support Fact #2:

1. Early \_\_\_\_\_ claim the Resurrection (1 Cor 15:3-8)  
(Possible Explanation: The Resurrection was an \_\_\_\_\_)
2. Paul personally testified the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_-death (1 Cor 15:11)
3. Written works of the early church attest to the disciples’ \_\_\_\_\_

## Possible Explanations for Fact #2:

1. The crucifixion \_\_\_\_\_ actually \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
2. Those who saw Jesus were simply \_\_\_\_\_.

Probable Explanation for Fact #2: The disciples \_\_\_\_\_ saw \_\_\_\_\_.

To think about: \_\_\_\_\_ would you be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ for?