

LINES OF EVIDENCE FOR JESUS' RESURRECTION



WHAT KIND OF EVIDENCE DO WE HAVE?

**DIRECT
EVIDENCE**

**INDIRECT
EVIDENCE**

- aka ***Circumstantial***
Evidence



DIRECT EVIDENCE

Names fit the time and place.

Geography fits.

Judaism fits.

Doesn't look like later Christianity.



ABDUCTIVE REASONING



Using the evidence to reason to the best conclusion.



DIRECT EVIDENCE

Jesus' crucifixion

Jesus was buried in a known tomb.

Jesus' tomb was empty.

Jesus' disciples believed that he rose from the dead and appeared to them.

The conversion of skeptics James and Saul (aka Paul)



INDIRECT EVIDENCE *CIRCUMSTANTIAL*

Changed lives.

Changed customs.

Changed theology.

**The Jesus Movement
survived.**

**Where the Jesus
Movement started.**

