

The Story of the Bible Part 1

The back story sheds enormous light on the story.

LUKE

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that happened among us.

With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything going back to the beginning of Jesus' life, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus.

Now there was a man named Joseph from Arimathea, going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

God has raised this Jesus to life and we are witnesses of it. We didn't read about it. We didn't hear about it. We saw him.

Something Extraordinary Happened!

MARK

MATTHEW

JOHN

Jesus performed many other miraculous signs which are not recorded in this book. But these things are written so that you may believe ...

Believe what?

... that Jesus is in fact the Messiah to the Jews, the Son of God to the Greeks and the Romans and that by believing you may have life in his name.

If the Tiber River floods the city, or if the Nile refuses to rise and water the crops, or if the sky withholds its rain, if there is an earthquake, famine, pestilence at once the cry is raised, 'Christians to the lions.' -- Tertullian