Is Jesus Alive?

Luke 24:1-53 (NIV)

1. This is an event that Jesus taught

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: Luke 24:6 (NIV)

2. This is an event His followers confirmed

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. Luke 24:12 (NIV)

Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

Luke 24:24 (NIV)

3. This is an event that was physically verified

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. Luke 24:30-31 (NIV)

4. This is an event many experienced

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36 (NIV)

5. This is an event that Jesus clarified

Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

Luke 24:39 (NIV)

6. This is an event that transforms our lives

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:40-45 (NIV)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:27-28 (NIV)

7. This is an event that <u>changes</u> our <u>today</u>

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. Luke 24:51-53 (NIV)

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." Acts 7:55-56 (NIV)

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34 (NIV)

8. This is an event that focuses our future

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:16 (NIV)

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11 (NIV)