

17. How do you know that Christianity is true and not some other religion, like Buddhism or Islam?

Jesus said it was. Jesus testified that the Bible, upon which Christianity is based, was without error (John 17:17), historically reliable (cf. Matthew 12:40; 24:37-39), divinely authoritative (Matthew 4:4-10), scientifically accurate regarding the origin of man (Matthew 19:4-5), infallible (John 10:35), and indestructible (Matthew 5:18). If Jesus was a prophet of God, as even the Qur'an teaches, or even if He was a good teacher, as so many are willing to believe, we would be wise to take His word on the matter. Jesus proved that He was the trustworthy Son of God by His miraculous fulfillment of hundreds of Old Testament prophecies, His sinless life, His miracles, and His resurrection from the dead. Buddha and Muhammad both admitted their sinfulness and performed no miracles, and both of their bodies are in their tombs to this day. Jesus' grave is empty. He is the reliable authority on life after death and spiritual matters.

On the Resurrection:

"I have been used for many years to study the histories of other times, and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer, than the great sign which God hath given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead."

Thomas Arnold (1795—1842), professor and author. Cited in Josh McDowell, *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, vol. 1 (Nelson, 1979), p. 191.

"The evidence for the resurrection is better than for claimed miracles in any other religion. It's outstandingly different in quality and quantity."

Antony Flew (1923-), British philosopher and author, in an interview with Gary Habermas. See [www.biola.edu/antonyflew](http://www.biola.edu/antonyflew).