

# EVIDENCE FOR JESUS

By using **Resurrection**, God made Jesus' identity verifiable to them. By using **Martyrdom**, God made their conviction verifiable to us.

"I have taken this course about those who have been brought before me as Christians. I asked them whether they were Christians or not? If they confessed that they were Christians, I asked them again, and a third time, intermixing threats with the questions. If they persevered in their confession, I ordered them to be executed."

Pliny the Younger (c. 111 A.D.)

### MARTYRDOM SPECIFICS

		Mode	Place	Date	Authority
James	(His Confidant)	Beheading	Jerusalem	44 A.D.	Herod Agrippa
Peter	(His Betrayer)	Crucifixion	Rome	65 A.D.	Emperor Nero
James	(His Brother)	Stoning	Jerusalem	61 A.D.	The Sanhedrin
Paul	(His Nemesis)	Beheading	Rome	65 A.D.	Emperor Nero

#### MARTYRDOM SOURCES

### James (His Confidant)

"King Herod had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword." *Luke the Evangelist (c. 62 A.D.)* 

"James, the son of Zebedee, was beheaded." Clement of Alexandria (c. 195 A.D.)

## James (His Brother)

"Albinius assembled the Sanhedrin and brought before them James, the brother of Jesus. After they formed an accusation against him, he delivered him to be stoned." *Flavius Josephus (c. 93 A.D.)* 

"They threw down James, brother of Jesus, and began to stone him. Thus he suffered martyrdom."

Hegesippus the Nazarene (c. 160 A.D.)



## Peter (His Betrayer)

"When you are old you will stretch out your hands.' Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God." *The Apostle John (c. 90 A.D.)* 

"Peter endured numerous hardships and then suffered martyrdom." *Clement of Rome (c. 97 A.D.)* 

### Paul (His Nemesis)

"Paul, having come to the extreme limit of the west, suffered martyrdom." *Clement of Rome (c. 97 A.D.)* 

"You are initiated into the mysteries of the gospel with Paul the martyr." Ignatius of Antioch (c. 100 A.D.)