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Two thousand years after Christ's death, people still debate the resurrection. Many remain steadfast that it was a historical event, but others, even Christians, believe that such a Biblical story can't be taken as historical fact, but rather as metaphorical. What do you think?

In the Roman Catholic worldview, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the defining moment of human history. Without the resurrection there is no Christianity. The early Christians greeted each other with the words, "He is Risen," proclaiming what must have seemed unimaginable to many: that Jesus indeed came into the world as the Eternal Word of God made flesh, that he suffered and died for us, and that through his own resurrection brought us the promise of new and everlasting life.

Skeptics, of course will argue that news of the resurrection was the greatest hoax ever pulled off in human history. Recent projects like "The Da Vinci Code" and the "discovery of the Jesus family tomb" continue the attempt to discredit the fundamental belief of Christians throughout the world. Saint Paul's words ring true to the believer: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."

For two thousand years preachers, prophets and simple folk alike have staked their life's blood on this profound tenet of faith. And with Christians throughout the ages we still proclaim: "ALLELEUIA, HE IS RISEN."

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