**Evidence that the Resurrection is a fact:**

1. *The Resurrection is the centerpiece of the Gospel*

1Cor.15:12-19 “And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.” (vs.14)

2. *The unmistakable witness in scripture*: All four Gospels are at one in affirming the resurrection of Christ from the dead (Mt.28, Mk.16, Lk.24, and Jn.20).

Acts 1:3

…to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. NKJV

3. *Eyewitness accounts*: 1Cor.15:1-8 - How could so many (over five hundred) suffer from a mass hallucination and continue to perpetuate a lie in the face of possible death?

4. *Transformed Disciples*:After the death of Jesus we see fearful disillusioned disciples ready to go back to their livelihood. What could have transformed them into bold witnesses except encounters with the risen Lord?

5. *Ease of Disproof:*If we assume the disciples fabricated the whole thing, why couldn’t anyone produce a corpse? In fact the Jewish authorities had to pay solders to spread a lie that the disciples stole and hid the body (Mt.27:57-66, 28:1-15).

6. *Continuation of Christ’s Presence:*Jesus does not live on just because of the influence of His teachings; His presence radiates in the church. He is continually experienced as being alive.

7. *The certification of faith and experience*: Jesus offered proof to Thomas, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."  (Jn.20:29) Although there is convincing evidence to the truth, God must open our eyes of faith. We must receive and experience Him. “Christ in you, the hope of Glory.” (Col.1:27)

The road to Emmaus experience:

Luke 24:13-35