



**SUPERCHURCH 2.0**

# Jesus Rose From The Dead

MEMORY VERSE: **Luke 24:6**, *"He isn't here! He has risen from the dead..."* (NLT)  
BOTTOM LINE: Jesus Rose From The Dead

## ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

There are three arguments against the resurrection:

1. The "Fainting Arugument."
2. The "Body Snatchers Argument."
3. The "Thief Factor."

There are many religions in the world and they were all started by a person, however Christianity was started by Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. How do we know that the other religions are not true? The founders of all the other religions are all dead, but Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Jesus Christ is still alive.

One of the core beliefs of Christianity is that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. According to Romans 10:9, believing in the resurrection of Jesus is what causes us to get saved, so how do we know that His resurrection really happened?

We know from secular and Biblical history that Jesus lived about 2,000 years ago. Jesus ministered for three years, was arrested and crucified by the Romans. Almost everyone agrees with these facts. Christians, however, believe that not only did Jesus die on the cross, but that He rose from the dead. If Jesus did rise from the dead, then it proves that He is the Son of God.

Here are some of the arguments against the resurrection:

1. **The "Fainting Argument"** – Some people say that Jesus didn't actually die on the cross, He just fainted.



## SUPERCHURCH 2.0

When the Romans put Him in the tomb, He woke up and His disciples thought He had risen from the dead. This is a pretty silly argument when you stop and think about it. How could Jesus wake up after hanging on a cross for six hours, roll away a heavy tombstone and knock out the Roman guards all by Himself?

2. **The “Body Snatchers Argument”** – Other people have argued that someone stole His body and the disciples thought He had risen when they saw the empty tomb. Let’s imagine that the Romans or the Pharisees stole His body so that people would not come and worship at the tomb. When the disciples began to preach Christ, the Romans and The Pharisees felt threatened by the growth of Christianity. If they had the body of Jesus, all they would have had to do was parade it down the street, and Christianity would have died. They never produced the body of Jesus, because they did not have His body.
3. **The “Thief Factor”** - A third argument is that the disciples stole his body and pretended that Jesus rose from the dead so they could start a new religion. This argument doesn’t make much sense either. How would a group of fishermen knock out the Roman Army that was guarding the tomb of Jesus? Also, most of the disciples were put to death for preaching the resurrection of Jesus. Why would they all go to their death to protect a religion that they knew was a lie?



# Jesus Rose From The Dead

**LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE** Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #6
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-Up	
_____	7. Bottom Line:	Jesus Rose From The Dead
_____	8. Memory Verse:	Luke 24:6, "He isn't here! He has risen from the dead..." (NLT)
_____	9. Drama:	Detective Drake: "The Interrogation"
_____	10. Object Lesson:	Grave Stones
_____	11. Short Film:	"Henderson Cooper 350"
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	13. Inter-Active Lesson:	Treasure Hunt
_____	14. Altar Call	
_____	15. Digital Review Questions	
_____	16. Small Groups	





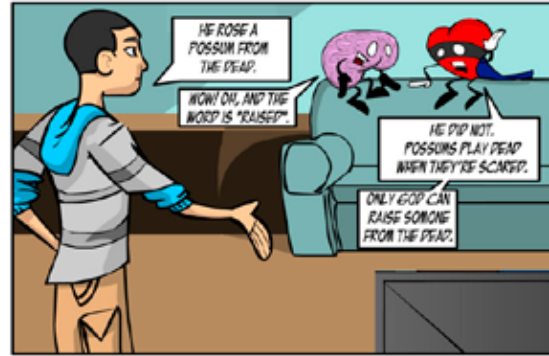
MOTION COMIC

# The Adventures of the Masked Hero

## Episode #6

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

- There is that possum again! Johnny wanted to find out if it was true about a possum playing dead when it was scared.
- Do you think there was an easier way to find out?
- Today we're going to be talking about one of the core beliefs of Christianity...let's look at the bottom line.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



**DRAMA**

***Detective Drake: "The Interrogation"***

TAKE HOME PONT: Jesus was not in the tomb, because He rose from the dead.

CHARACTERS: Detective Drake

WHAT YOU NEED: Chair  
Light

**DRAMA SCRIPT:**

(Detective Drake enters the room. He is dressed like a police detective, and carrying a light and chair.)

DD: Okay. Everyone, stop what you're doing! I have some questions and someone here had better be ready to answer them.

Teacher: Alright, everyone just stay calm until we find out what is going on here.

DD: NO. Don't stay calm. Everyone listen to me, I'm in charge here.

Teacher: Okay, kids he says you don't have to be calm.

(Allow the kids to react.)

DD: Okay, calm down. That is not what I meant, and if you keep this up I will be forced to take you Downtown.

Teacher: We don't even know what is going on.

DD: OH, I'll tell you what's going on.

Teacher: Good.

DD: Great...Uh.

*Continued on next page*



**Detective Drake: "The Interrogation" Drama Script — Continued**

(Reaches into his jacket and pulls out his notes. It seems he is going to pull a gun, but then it is only his notes.)

DD: Yeah, I got some questions.

Teacher: No problem. Ask away.

(He puts the chair down and points to it. The teacher takes a seat. He pulls the light out, plugs it in, and shines it in the teacher's face.)

DD: See, I hear all you preachers say things like Jesus rose from the dead, and did miracles. That can't be true. I've been just about everywhere and I've never seen or heard of anything like that...unless it's a faker or a scammer.

Teacher: I'm not running any scams here.

DD: I'll do the talking. I got these questions, and I'm not going anywhere till you can answer them. You say Jesus rose from the dead, is that right?

Teacher: Yes. That is true.

DD: Okay smart guy, let me ask you this. What was stopping those guys who said he was gone from the tomb, from just taking his body and saying he was gone?

Teacher: How about the Roman guards?

DD: Guards. What guards?

Teacher: When Jesus died He was sealed in a tomb that was protected by the Roman seal as well as armed guards.

DD: So, what happened to the guards?

*Continued on next page*





***Detective Drake: "The Interrogation" Drama Script — Continued***

Teacher: You tell me. The disciples were holy men, most of them fishermen. How could they get through the armed Roman guards without any repercussion?

DD: Good point.

Teacher: Plus, Jesus appeared many times over the next forty days to many people.

DD: Easy enough to convince a few people to keep quiet.

Teacher: He once appeared to a group of nearly five hundred.

DD: That is quite a few.

Teacher: Plus, there's the stone.

DD: What stone?

Teacher: When Jesus was placed in the tomb, a large stone was placed over the door. Not so easy to move.

DD: Okay I get it.

Teacher: One more thing. The clothes they buried Jesus in were left in the same position as when Jesus had been put in there, but they were empty.

DD: Huh.

Teacher: So what do you think?

DD: I think you definitely believe what you're saying to me, but that doesn't mean I believe it.

Teacher: Do you have any more questions?

*Continued on next page*



***Detective Drake: "The Interrogation" Drama Script — Continued***

(He flips through his notes.)

DD: No, actually that about covers it, for now...

Teacher: Great, do you mind if we get back to our lesson?

DD: Oh, one more thing. Let me know if you're going to be leaving town for any reason. I may have some more questions.

THE END





## OBJECT LESSON *Grave Stones*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 28:6, "He is not here; for He is risen...." (KJV)

TAKE HOME POINT: Jesus is not dead, He is alive.

WHAT YOU NEED: • 3 grave stones (1 with Buddah's name, 1 with Mohammed's name and 1 with Joseph Smith's name)

### OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Hold up tombstone.)

Does anyone know what this is? Right. It is a tombstone. Well, sort of. I made this.

But what are tombstones made for? They are made to mark a grave. Usually you put the person's name on it, the years that they lived, and then maybe some other sentiment that the family may want to remind them of the person buried.

There are many different religions in the world today and all of them had someone who started that religion.

How do you know which religion is true? Well, sometimes you have to check things out.

**Buddhism:** Founder, Siddharta Gautama, Founded: 320 BC

**Mormonism:** Founder, Joseph Smith, Founded: 1830 AD

**Islam:** Founder, Muhammad, Founded: 622 AD

Scan to see video demonstration.



<http://bit.ly/UDX1ch>

*Continued on next page*

**Grave Stones** *Object Lesson — Continued*

Are any of these men still alive?

No! All of these men and leaders are dead and gone. (Hold up grave stones.)

Jesus' hands and feet were pierced with nails and a spear was jabbed into his side. He was wrapped in bandages and laid in a tomb that was sealed shut with a huge stone and guards stood watch.

He did not faint, get out of the bandages, roll back the stone, knock out the guards and begin to walk around having just been beaten and crucified.

No one stole His body. Pilate and the government did not, because what better way to stop the disciples from preaching that Jesus was alive than to produce his dead body. The disciples did not steal his body, because eleven of the twelve were put to death for preaching His resurrection.

Jesus died, rose again, and lives today.



**SHORT FILM APPLICATION:**      *“Henderson Cooper 350”*

---

What makes Christianity different from other religions?

Jesus Christ arose from the dead. You can go to the tomb of Jesus and it is empty. No other religion makes this claim.

The resurrection of Jesus is the core belief of Christianity. According to Romans 10: 9-10, if you believe that Jesus has risen from the dead and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved.

Some people say that the disciples stole his body and pretended that he arose from the dead, but that didn't happen. How do we know that this didn't happen?

11 out of 12 of the disciples died a martyr's death. Do you think that they would have all given their lives to protect a false religion, know it was a lie?





**INTER-ACTIVE  
LESSON**

***Treasure Hunt***

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** John 20:4, "so they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre." (KJV)

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** The disciples went looking for Jesus but He was not there. He had risen from the dead.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** • A \$20 bill

**CONTESTANTS:** • Four

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Pick four contestants and send them into the hallway.
  - Hold up the \$20 to the whole class. Have one contestant come back into the room.
  - Tell them you will hide it in class and they are to search for it. If they find it they can keep it.
- Goal: Contestants will be frantically searching, but not find anything.

---

**SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

Okay, you can stop now. Well, did you find anything? No? Why not? Well, I will tell you why you didn't find the \$20 bill, because it wasn't hidden in the room, it was right here all along. I had it. This is what the disciples ran into after Jesus was crucified. On the third day Mary came and told them that Jesus was not in the tomb. They took off and the Bible says that they raced to the tomb to see Jesus and looked, but found nothing. The tomb was empty. Nada. Why was it empty? It was empty because Jesus had risen from the dead and He wasn't there anymore. Jesus had died, but He rose again. He was alive. He was not dead and in the tomb, because He was alive.

Reward your contestants with some candy.



SUPER CHURCH 2.0

# Jesus Rose From The Dead

## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. One core belief of Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. apples are good
  - b. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead**
  - c. eating ice cream helps you
  - d. to do good
2. Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross, and He \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. rose from the dead
  - b. lived 2000 years ago
  - c. is the Son of God
  - d. all of the above**
3. Some people say that Jesus did not die on the cross. He just \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. was playing a game
  - b. fainted**
  - c. did a magic trick
  - d. this really didn't happen
4. Other people argue that Jesus did not die on the cross, His body \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. disappeared into thin air
  - b. was stolen by the bad guys**
  - c. was fake
  - d. was misplaced
5. How do we know that Christianity is true?
  - a. There are lots of churches
  - b. My Grandpa was a Christian
  - c. Jesus Christ rose from the dead**
  - d. George Washington was a Christian



# Jesus Rose From The Dead

## PROP LIST

Teaching Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Detective Drake: "The Interrogation" — Pages 5-8

Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Detective Drake

Props

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Light

Object Lesson: Grave Stones — Pages 9-10

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 grave stones (1 with Buddah's name, 1 with Mohammed's name and 1 with Joseph Smith's name)

Inter-Active Lesson: Treasure Hunt — Page 12

\_\_\_\_\_ A \$20 bill

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 Contestants

Small Groups: Jesus Rose From The Dead

\_\_\_\_\_ Jelly beans for each group (or Easter-type candy)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Activity page

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Group Notes

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?