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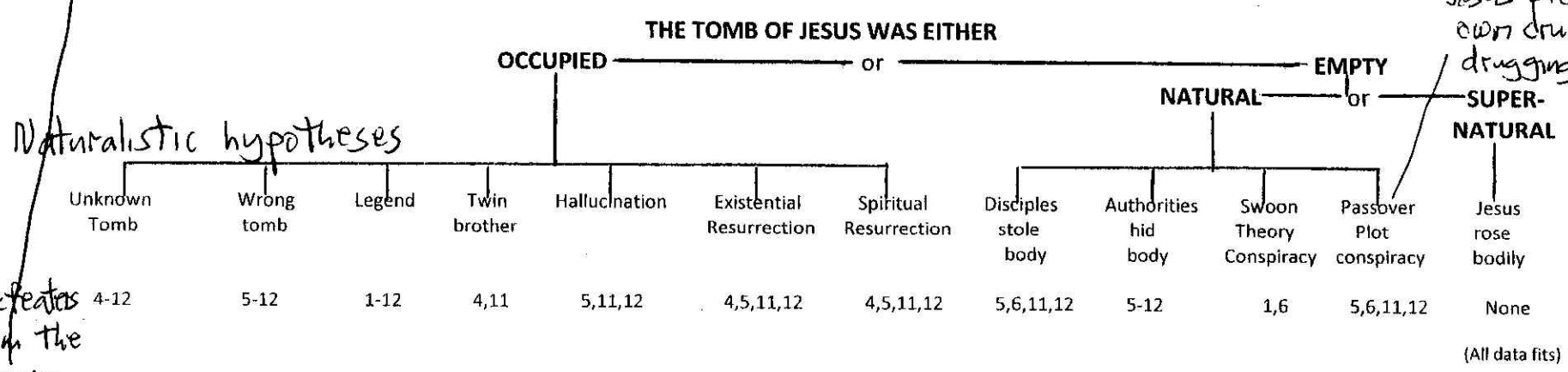
## Twelve Known Historical Facts Surrounding Jesus' Resurrection in History

that even the harshest critics agree are historically sound

Compiled by historian Gary Habermas, Ph.D. (Gary Habermas and Antony Flew. Did Jesus Rise From the Dead? (Harper and Row, 1987), p.19,20).

1. Jesus died due to the rigors of crucifixion
2. Jesus was buried
3. Jesus' death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope, believing that his life was ended
4. The tomb was discovered to be empty just a few days later
5. The disciples had experiences which they believed were literal appearances of the risen Jesus
6. The disciples were transformed from doubters who were afraid to identify themselves with Jesus, into bold proclaimers of his death, even being willing to die for this belief.
7. This message was the center of preaching in the early church
8. This message was especially proclaimed in Jerusalem, where Jesus died and was buried shortly before
9. As a result of their preaching the church was born and grew
10. Sunday became the primary day of worship
11. James, Jesus brother, who had earlier been a skeptic, was converted to the faith when he also believed he saw the resurrected Jesus.
12. A few years later, Paul the persecutor of Christians, was also converted by an experience which he, likewise, believed to be an appearance of the risen Jesus.

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 See <http://thinkingchristian.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/garyhabermas.htm>  
 See also Simon Greenleaf, The Testimony of the Evangelists. (gutenberg.org/files/34989/34989-pdf) p70f.  
**Considering Alternative Explanations to the Claim of the Empty Tomb**  
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Naturalistic hypotheses

Defeats from the above list of sound historical facts

The above numbers refer to the list of historical facts (from top of page) that conflict with the respective alternative theories  
 Not enough data to make a judgment? Then throw out most of what we know from classical antiquity.

(All data fits)