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- 1.) Jesus died by Roman crucifixion.
- 2.) He was buried in a private tomb.
- 3.) Soon afterward, the disciples were discouraged, bereaved, and despondent, having lost hope.
- 4.) Jesus' tomb was found empty very soon after his interment.
- 5.) The disciples had experiences that they believed were actual appearances of the risen Jesus.
- 6.) Due to these experiences, the disciples' lives were thoroughly transformed, even being willing to die for this belief.

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- 7.) The proclamation of the resurrection took place very early, at the beginning of church history.
- 8.) Early gospel preaching focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- 9.) The disciples’ public testimony of the resurrection took place in the city of Jerusalem—where Jesus had been crucified shortly before.
- 10.) Sunday became the primary day for gathering and worshipping, in recognition of the resurrection.

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- 11.) James, the brother of Jesus and former skeptic, was converted when, he believed, he saw the risen Jesus.
- 12.) Just a few years later, Saul of Tarsus (Paul) became a Christian believer due to an experience that he believed was an appearance of the risen Jesus.

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