

Too Good to Be True?

Everything about Christianity can sound too good to be true. Every other religion puts people in charge of earning their own salvation through effort and good works. Only Christianity puts all the responsibility on God.

Imagine if you had been there on the first Easter morning. In the columns below, explain what is so extraordinary about each element from the resurrection story as related in Matthew 28:1-15.

Extraordinary Element	Why It Would Be Hard to Believe
An angel descended from heaven and caused an earthquake	
The stone was rolled away from over the mouth of Jesus' tomb	
An angel sat perched atop the stone	
The angel's appearance was like lightning	
Roman warriors shook in fear of the angel and became as dead men	
The angel spoke to the women who had come to the tomb	
The angel told the women that Jesus had risen	
The angel promised that Jesus would appear to them in Galilee	
The women encountered the risen Jesus himself	
The risen Jesus personally spoke to them and told them what to do and where to go	
Roman soldiers agreed to spread a humiliating story about them falling asleep on duty	
A false story spread to explain the empty tomb, despite witnesses to the truth	