

Religious Founders Where Was the Body?

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Jesus gained consciousness and walked away.	The Sabbath was due to start. No work can be done on the Sabbath. The body of Jesus needed to be removed from the cross, washed, anointed, buried in a short amount of time. Did they remove Jesus' body from the cross before he died?	

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<p>Jesus rose from the dead.</p>	<p>He claimed to be Son of God.</p> <p>He performed miracles – was this another miracle?</p> <p>Did God raise him from the dead?</p> <p>Can God die?</p>	
<p>Jesus' followers remove and hide his body.</p>	<p>Love can make you do unusual things.</p> <p>The followers of Jesus loved Jesus.</p> <p>He was their leader.</p> <p>Did they want to show respect to him after his death?</p>	