

What Houdini couldn't do

They shackled him, buried him, and put him in precarious predicaments. They dangled him head down on wires while he was confined in straitjackets. He got free. With locks and chains on his wrists and ankles, they dumped him into deep water. He swam to the surface unbound. Nothing fettered him. Harry Houdini could escape from anything.

Was magic Houdini's secret? No, the bold showman knew how to create suspense. Houdini was a contortionist. He also owned a tremendous collection of keys and always secretly kept the “right” key hidden on his person.

The great magician led many to believe that he could also escape death. When Ehrich Weiss (Houdini's real name) died unexpectedly in 1926, many thought he would return from the grave as he had overcome every other challenge.

What if Houdini had come back? Suppose he appeared to his fans. Imagine that he could show them and us how to return from the grave. We'd pay tremendous amounts for Houdini's secret. How much would you give?

Houdini failed the ultimate test. By contrast, on one occasion, more than five hundred persons witnessed Jesus' resurrection. Many people celebrate his return at Easter. We should honor this greatest event in all history every day. Jesus told us how we can conquer death. Read how you can be raised from the dead. The *New Testament* tells Jesus' secret. Want more good news? Jesus doesn't charge for the information. He died so we could attain immortality for free. **“Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us,” Romans 8:34 NIV.**