

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS:

Fact or Fiction?

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Introduction

- A. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important part of Christianity.
- B. If it didn't occur, then why is history measured by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.
- C. If the Resurrection didn't occur, Christianity isn't true.
- D. If it didn't occur we must reject the rest of the teachings of the Bible.
- E. Paul Said that if the resurrection didn't occur:(1 Cor. 15:14-19)
 - 1. Our _____ is vain(useless),
 - 2. Our _____ is also vain(useless).
 - 3. We are _____ of God. (liars)
 - 4. We are yet (still un-forgiven) in our sins.
 - 5. People _____ believing in Christ are gone forever!
 - 6. We lead a very _____ life!
- F. Peter testified: 2 Peter 1:16 "For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes" (NLT)
- G. Let's look at the Resurrection this morning and see if the facts can be substantiated.

Scripture

The Testimony of a highly educated Jew. 1 Cor. 15:1-6

The Testimony of a medical doctor. Acts 1:1-3

A doubting disciple convinced. John 20:19-28

I. EXAMINING THE RESURRECTION

A. Ten Historical Facts about The Resurrection:

- 1. _____ testimony.
 - a. He was Seen by more than 500 people at once!!

a. This piece of evidence shoots down three popular theories about what really happened to Jesus.

- 1. The _____ theory fails.
- 2. The _____ theory fails.
- 3. The _____ theory fails.

2. The Lives of the _____ were transformed.

- a. _____ don't make good _____!
- b. These fearful men became fearless men and all died a _____ death! (All except John)

Acts 17:4b ".....These that have turned the world upside down are come here also!"

3. Early _____.

- a. By 50-55 A.D. it was _____!

Facts twenty+ years old can be readily recalled and remembered.

- b. Not enough time for _____ and _____ to develop.

4. The _____

- a. Where was the _____?
- b. _____ carried a death penalty.
- c. It was very unlikely that the disciples were brave enough to come out of hiding long enough to steal a body!

5. Lack Of _____ Testimony Refuting It.

- a. _____ - _____ critics couldn't disprove it.
- b. The _____ had the _____ and the _____ for disproving
 - 1) They couldn't produce a body!
 - 2) They couldn't stop the spread of the message!

6. The existence of the _____ -
a. A brand new movement following this Jesus!
b. The Christian church didn't exist before this!
7. _____ **worship**
a. For thousands of years the Jews had been worshipping on the _____ (Saturday).
b. Suddenly here is a brand new movement, worshipping on a different day (Sunday)!
8. The _____ of Saul of Tarsus.
a. A _____ Jew, now a _____ of Christ!
b. The _____ of _____ changes his mind, and his direction.....
c. What caused the change?
9. The conversion of Jesus' brother, **James**.
a. James had been an _____. Jn.7:5; Mk.3:21
b. You can _____ some of the people some of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool your _____.
10. Jesus _____ His Own _____ Ahead Of Time.
a. Matthew 16:21 *From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.*
See Also Matthew 12:40

A Final Thought From The World's Greatest Lawyer:

Sir Lionel Luckhoo

"I say unequivocally that the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so over-whelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt."

**THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS:
What is the evidence?**



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II. CONCLUSION

- A. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a historical fact!
- B. He did it all for you!
- C. This fact is what you should put your faith in this morning!