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This is a resource for you to take the word God gives us in His house to your house!

A **HELPFUL TIP**: RE-watch the sermon online (*available @ facebook.com/journeychurch.family*) by yourself or with others.

## **HOW DO I KNOW: THERE WAS A RESURRECTION?**

*Sunday, November 17, 2019*

*This series of talks are a journey through Christian Apologetics. Each message is designed to help you better understand your faith and provide you with some tools to defend it.*

### **DID JESUS LIVE?**

THERE ARE (10) NON-CHRISTIAN SOURCES (writers like CELSUS, a strongly Anti-Christian greek philosopher, TACITUS, a roman senator and historian and the Jewish Talmud) WHO MENTION JESUS WITHIN **150 YEARS** OF HIS LIFE.

POWERFUL THOUGHT —> Here's WHY that's a big deal: Take Tiberius Caesar for example, who was the roman emperor who lived at the time of Jesus —> he has 9 total sources who mention his life and existence. MEANING JESUS IS MENTIONED BY ONE MORE SOURCE than the ROMAN EMPEROR in a time of ROMAN RULE! If you include the Christian sources, authors mentioning Jesus OUTNUMBER CAESAR 43-9!

**>>>>THERE IS NO DOUBT JESUS LIVED!!!<<<<**

### **DID JESUS LIVE —> AGAIN?**

ACCORDING TO DR. GARY HABERMAN, ALL scholars (liberals and conversatiives) AGREE the following points concerning Jesus and the claims of His resurrection:

1. Jesus' tomb WAS found empty.
2. The disciples believed they encountered actual appearances of the risen Jesus
3. Through this claimed experience – they were dramatically transformed to the point they were willing to die for this belief.
4. Word spread of the resurrection EARLY AFTER HIS DEATH...it wasn't an added tale to the story. The disciple's public testimony of the resurrection took place in Jerusalem...where Jesus was crucified and buried shortly before.
5. Every time we have record of the disciples preaching, it includes his death and it includes a resurrection.
6. James, the brother of Jesus was extremely skeptic before this time, and was converted when he believed he also saw the risen Jesus.

## **ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST:**

THESE ARE THE TOP ARGUMENTS USED 'DISPROVING' A RESURRECTION

### **HALLUCINATION THEORY**

A theory that states the disciples were seeing HALLUCINATIONS of a Risen Christ. OUR COUNTER TO THIS THEORY → Hallucinations are not experienced by groups, only by individuals...physicians say hallucinations are A LOT LIKE DREAMS (solely individual experiences). A total of 500 people were recorded having seen a RISEN JESUS!

### **THE WRONG TOMB THEORY**

A theory that states the disciples were at the wrong tomb. OUR COUNTER TO THIS THEORY → If the disciples had simply gone to the wrong tomb, all Roman Authorities would need to do is go to the RIGHT TOMB, pull the body of Jesus out disproving their claims. ALSO → the tomb where Jesus was buried was KNOWN by PPL – he was recorded as being buried in the tomb of JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, a Sanhedrin member.

### **THE APPARENT DEATH THEORY**

A theory that states Jesus never died. Is it possible that Jesus didn't really die? OUR COUNTER TO THIS THEORY → Josephus' writings & other HISTORICALLY PROVEN SOURCES THAT DESCRIBE AND DETAIL THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST.

### **THE DISCIPLES STOLE THE BODY**

A theory that states the disciples stole the body of Jesus. OUR COUNTER-ARGUMENT TO THIS THEORY → In order for this theory to be correct, it would mean that ALL of the N/T writers and disciples would have to worked together to create this MASSIVE LIE AND FOR SOME INEXPLICABLE REASON...GET THEMSELVES BEATEN, TORTURED...AND ULTIMATELY KILLED FOR IT. A REASON-MINDED person would have to agree, there's no reason to do this. Why would the disciples EMBARK on SUCH A SELF-DEFEATING CONSPIRACY? Most conspiracies exists to SELF-PROMOTE not SELF-DEFEAT.

## **ARGUMENTS FOR THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST:**

10 OF THE 12 DISCIPLES OF JESUS WERE KILLED FOR THEIR TESTIMONY OF A RESURRECTED JESUS CHRIST:

**James**, the brother of Jesus: beat to death with a fuller's club. **James, son of Zebedee** was beheaded in 44 AD (Acts 12). **Peter** was crucified upside down in 60 AD. **Philipp** was crucified in 54 AD. **Simon the Zealot** was sawn in half in 74 AD. **Matthew** was slain with a halberd in 60 AD. **Bartholomew** was flayed to death by a whip according to Eusebius. **Andrew** was crucified and stone in 60 AD. **Thaddeus** was crucified in 72 AD. **Thomas** was killed with a spear, dipped in tar and paraded through city streets.

**PRAY:** Father, with a humble heart, I thank you for sending Your Son to save me from my sin and despair. I thank you for the messengers of the death and resurrection of Christ who gave their lives so I could hear the beautiful message of the gospel and receive salvation, giving me eternity with You. May my life honor You and those who gave their life for what I have. I realize the freedom in my heart cost more than I could possibly imagine. In Jesus' Name **AMEN.**