

Why I Believe In The Resurrection

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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live, and share Him.

Text: Acts 17, 1 Corinthians 15

Introduction:

Big Idea: Jesus suffered, died and was buried for your sins AND HIS RESURRECTION AUTHENTICATES HIS ABILITY TO BECOME YOUR SAVIOR!

1. The resurrection _____ the _____ of _____.

Acts 17:24-31

- God _____ (24-25)
- We should _____ Him (26-29)
- One day God will judge us by a man who was _____ (30-31)

2. The resurrection _____ the _____.

- The resurrection was _____ by Jesus Christ
- Jesus _____ by Roman crucifixion
- The _____ that Jesus' disciples believed he rose and appeared to them _____ and wasn't disproven
- The tomb was _____

If there were no resurrection, what other options explain these?

- The _____ theory
- Jesus _____
- Wrong _____
- _____

3. The resurrection _____.

- The disciples went from _____ and _____ (John 20:19) to courageously proclaiming the risen Jesus Christ (Acts 3:12-26)
- Persecutors like _____ were suddenly changed (ACTS 9:22)
- Skeptics like _____ believed (1 Corinthians 15:7)

Truth into Action:

- The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that Jesus is the Son of God. **BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD!**
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that believers are justified before God. **PUT YOUR TRUST IN JESUS TO SOLVE YOUR SIN PROBLEM!**
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives Christians a living hope. **LIVE EVERYDAY WITH A CONFIDENCE THAT JESUS CAN BRING LIFE OUT OF OUR TOMBS!**

"Historical argument alone cannot force anyone to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. But historical argument is remarkably good at clearing away the undergrowth behind which skepticisms of various sorts have been hiding. The proposal that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead possesses unrivaled power to explain the historical data at the heart of early Christianity." --N.T. Wright



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What part of the Easter do you appreciate most?

Why do some people refuse to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Do you know someone who refuses to believe it, or does this describe you? Explain.

Read Matthew 27:64. Is it reasonable to believe the apostles stole Jesus's body? Is it reasonable to believe the apostles lied about Jesus being resurrected? Explain.

Explain the difference between testifying to what you've seen and testifying to what you believe. How does this apply to the birth of the church? How does it apply to your life?

Jesus was crucified in 33 A.D. Non-Christian authors writing in the first and second centuries and later historians record that Christians existed in the Roman Empire no later than 64 A.D. If we include the Bible's testimony, Christians existed in the Empire no later than 33 A.D. What are some important takeaways from these facts?

Why would the Roman and Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, who killed Jesus and wanted to suppress his teaching, not show Jesus's dead body to the city once the church started exploding?

Even if all this evidence provides reasonable grounds to believe Jesus truly was resurrected, is faith still required of us? Explain.

Is there a step you need to take based on today's topic?

Closing Prayer: Help me to live with resurrection power and resurrection living hope this week.