



Christian Apologetics

Session 12:

Resurrection of Jesus (Part 2)

How Can I Know Jesus Rose from the Dead?

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Resurrection

(Big Idea #1)

Jesus' resurrection was
witnessed by hundreds of people
and **marked** by dramatic conversions



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(Empty Tomb Extraordinary Events)

Violent Earthquake

Appearance of Angels

Soldiers Fainting

Stone Rolled Away / Seal Broken

Missing Roman Guards

Empty Tomb Discovered by Women, Peter, & John

Discover of Facial Cloth/Body Linen

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24



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(Empty Tomb Extraordinary Events)

Jesus' Body Missing

Women's Testimony

Corroborated/Authenticated

Very Early Dating of Resurrection Accounts

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24



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(Eyewitness Evidence)

Two Witnesses

(Jewish Law)

As Few As One Witness

(Current Law)

500+ Witnesses



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(Post-Resurrection Eyewitnesses)

1	Mark 16:9-11 John 20:11-18	Resurrection Sunday	Mary Magdalene
2	Matthew 28:9-10	Resurrection Sunday	Other Women
3	Matthew 28:11-15	Resurrection Sunday	Two Disciples
4	John 12:23-24 1 Corinthians 15:5 Acts 2:32, 3:15, 10:41-42	Resurrection Sunday	Eleven Disciples, Peter Present
5	Mark 16:14 Luke 24:36-43 John 20:19-25	Resurrection Sunday	Ten Disciples , Thomas Absent
6	John 20:26-31 1 Corinthians 15:5	One Week Later	Eleven Disciples, Thomas Present
7	John 21:1-25	Weeks Later	Seven Disciples Fishing
8	Matthew 28:16-20 Mark 16:15-18	Weeks Later	Eleven Disciples
9	1 Corinthians 15:6 Acts 13:31	Weeks Later	500+ Disciples
10	1 Corinthians 15:7	Weeks Later	James, the Brother of Jesus
10	Luke 24:44-49 Acts 1:3-8	Weeks Later	Disciples
12	Mark 16:19-20 Luke 24:50-53 Acts 1:9-12	40 th Day Jesus' Ascension	Disciples
13	1 Corinthians 15:8	After Jesus' Ascension	Paul



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(Post-Resurrection Eyewitnesses)

During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he **proved to them in many ways** that he was **actually alive**.

Luke - Acts 1:3



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(Post-Resurrection Eyewitnesses)

He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, **most of whom are still alive**, though some have fallen asleep.

Paul - 1 Corinthians 15:6



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(Post-Resurrection Conversions)

Twelve Apostles

Saul/Paul

James the Just

Roman Centurion

Many Other ...



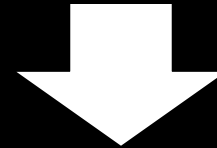
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Resurrection

(Twelve Apostles)



Cowards
Unbelievers



Bold Proclaimers
Persecuted
Martyrs



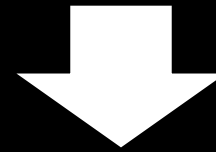
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Resurrection

(Saul/Paul)



Pharisee
Persecutor



Bold Proclaimer
Persecuted
Martyr



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Resurrection

(Big Idea #2)

Circumstantial Evidence

Supports Jesus'
Death By Crucifixion
and Resurrection



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(Darkness/Earthquakes)

At noon, **darkness** fell across the whole land until three o'clock.

Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33, Luke 23:44

The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the **earthquake** and all that had happened.

Matthew 27:54



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(Darkness/Earthquakes)

“On the **whole world** there pressed a most **fearful darkness**; and the rocks were rent by an **earthquake**, and many places in Judea and other districts were **thrown down**. This **darkness** appears to me **without reason.**”

Thallus (c. AD 221)



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(Darkness/Earthquakes)

“In the fourth year of the 202nd Olympiad, there was an **eclipse of the sun, greater than** any which had occurred previously. At the sixth hour, the day became as **dark as night**, and the stars were visible in the sky.”

Phlegon, 202nd OLYMPIAD (c. A.D. 29-33)



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(Resurrection of the Saints)

The earth shook, rocks split apart, and **tombs opened**. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were **raised from the dead**. They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and **appeared to many people**.

Matthew 27:51-53



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(Cessation of Temple Phenomena)

Lot for God Always Selected by Right Hand
Strip of Crimson Wool Always Turns White
Candelabrum Burned Continuously
Sanctuary Door Always Remained Closed

Jerusalem Talmud - Yoma 39a-b



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(Cessation of Temple Phenomena)

Period	Phenomena Always Occurred	Phenomena Occasionally Occurred	Phenomena Never Occurred
BC 380 - 312	✓		
BC 312 – AD 30		✓	
Jesus' Resurrection (Church Established)			
AD 30 - 70			✓
Temple Destroyed			

Jerusalem Talmud - Yoma 39a-b



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(Shroud of Turin)

Genuine Burial Shroud of Jesus or **Forgery**?



Cathedral of San Giovanni Battista in Turin, Italy



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(Accurately Depicts Jesus' Injuries)



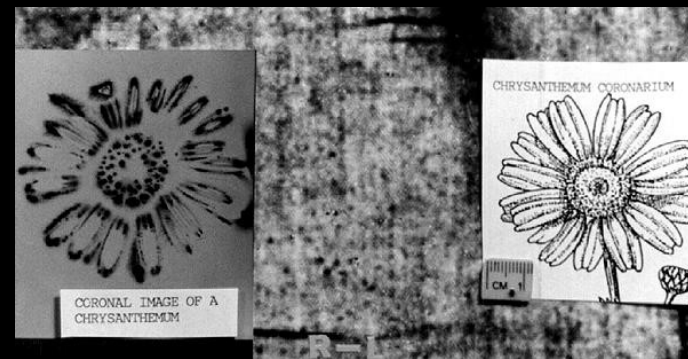
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- Swollen Cheek
- Puncture Wounds on Forehead/Scalp
- Smearred Blood on Back/Shoulders
- Bloody Kneecaps
- Abnormal Arm Length Extension
- Piercings on Wrist/Ankles
- Leg Bones Not Fractured
- Blood/Water Near Pleura
- Image Not Obscured/Blurred



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(Floral Imprints and Pollen Grains)



- Chrysanthemum Coronarium
- Gundelia Tournefortii
- Pistacia Lentiscus
- Zygophyllum Dumosum Boiss



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(Flagrum Dumbbell Marks)



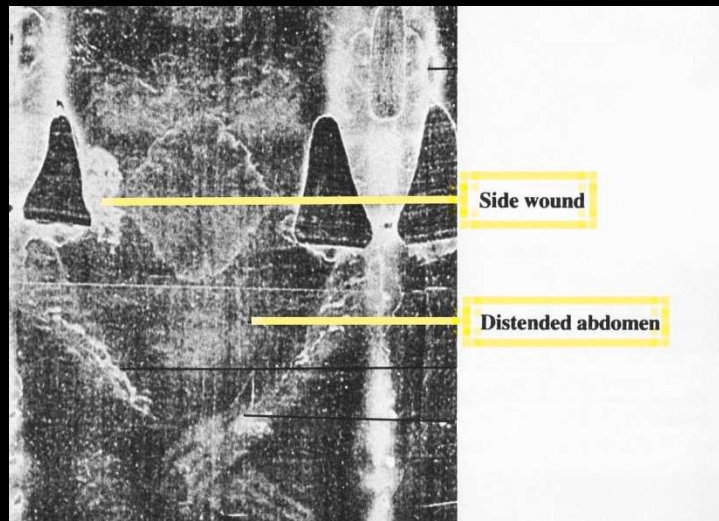
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(Unknown Medical Conditions)



Pleural Effusion

Build Up of Blood Serum and Other Fluids in the Pleural (Lung) Lining

Abdomen Distension

Build Up of Fluids and Air in the Abdomen (Swollen Abdomen)



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(Aggregate of Circumstantial Evidence)

NATURE

Supernatural, Natural

LOCATION

Jerusalem, Outer Regions of Asia Minor

SOURCE

Gospels, Church Fathers, Jewish Rabbis, Pagans

DATING

Prophecy, Historical Accounts



Thanks
For
Joining!



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Reflection

Q1: What would be your **reaction** to seeing Jesus or the Saints alive?

Q2: Which of the evidence from today's teaching did you find **most compelling** regarding Jesus' resurrection?

Q3: What **aspects** of Jesus' death/resurrection **ground** you in faith?

Q4: What was your biggest **takeaway** from today's teaching?

BONUS: **What** do you believe to be true about God based on today's teaching? **Why** do you believe it to be true?

