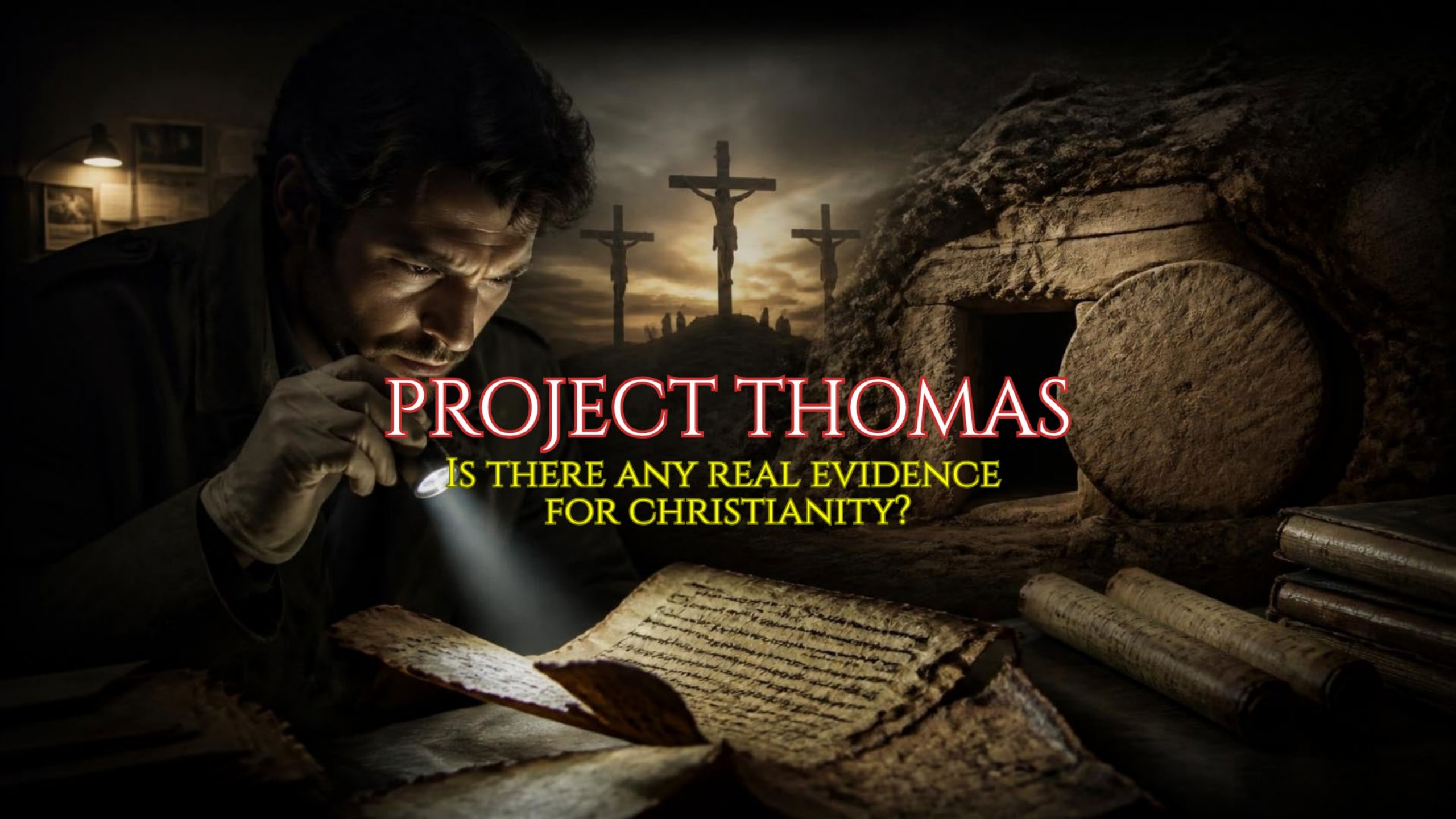
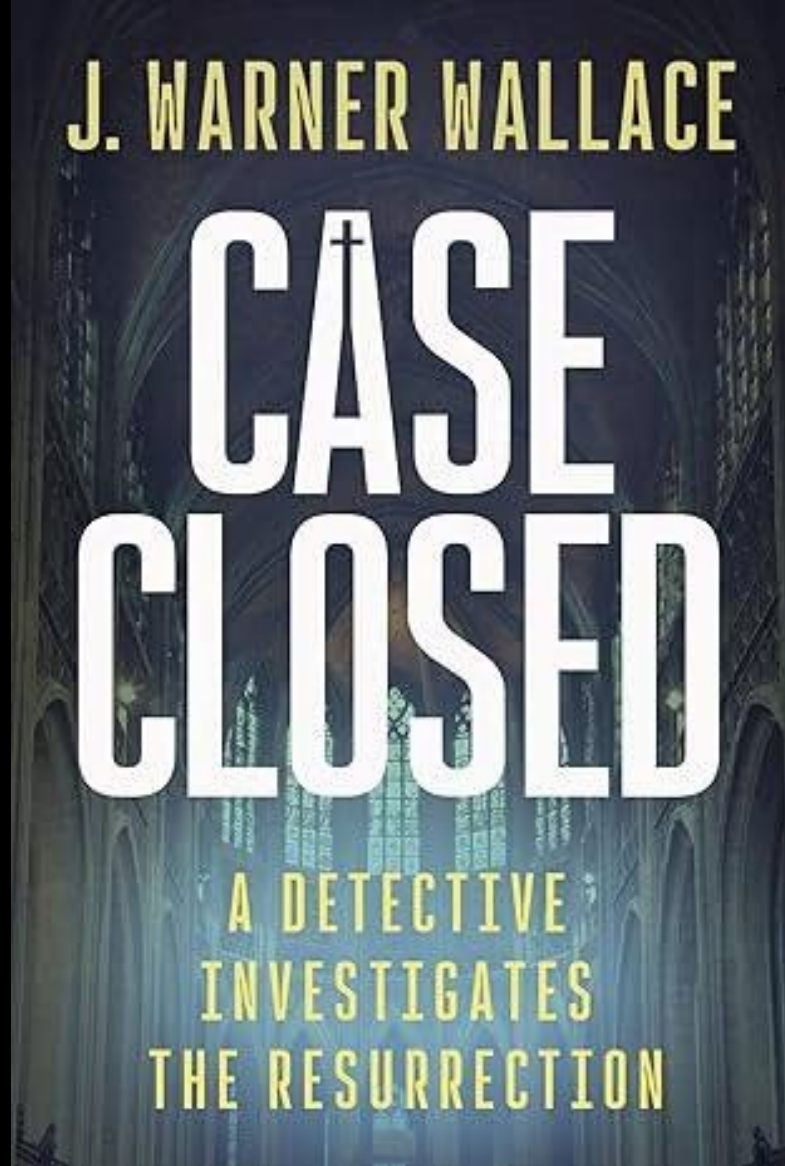




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IS THERE ANY REAL EVIDENCE
FOR CHRISTIANITY?



At the coffee station!



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PART 4

CORROBORATING THE WITNESSES

“I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.” Galatians 1:20

“I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit” Romans 9:1

“This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying” 1 Timothy 2:6-7

“For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”

2 Peter 1:16

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard”

1 John 1:1-3

*Just because a witness
claims they are telling the
truth doesn't prove they
ARE telling the truth!*

*What do we expect to find that
would “corroborate” them??*



From the news...

Quadruple homicide case

Single source male touch DNA...found a suspect through public databases and a trash pull

...who happens to live in the area

...who happens to drive the same car spotted on video

...whose cell phone records happen to match the location and time of crime

...who has bushy eyebrows

...whose behaviour was strange prior to homicide

...who was a criminology student

...who happened to order the same knife sheath and knife prior to the crime

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**SUSPECT PLEAD GUILTY JUST
BEFORE TRIAL!**

*“Reasonable doubt” is not
any doubt, is not zero
doubt!*

From the news this week...

Mis-trial declared

*One juror out of 12 voted guilty, but still
had “doubt”. Apparently he felt
defendant was guilty “beyond **reasonable**
doubt” but not beyond ZERO doubt!*

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*The so-called Galilee boat
“Jesus boat”
27 feet long x 7.5 feet wide,
holds 13-15. Radiocarbon
dates to 1st century*

*Corroborates boats in
gospel narratives, but not
the supernatural events*

Corroborating the “natural”

6 BC – King Herod killing of the boys

Macrobius, Saturnalia 2:4:11

4 BC – Archelaus ruler of Judea

Josephus, Jewish War 2:94

6-7 AD – Revolt of “Judas”

Jewish War 2:118

28 AD – Emperor, prefect, High priest

Jewish War 2:169; Jewish Antiquities 18:113-117

33 AD – Execution of Jesus

Tacitus, Annals, 15:44

45 AD – Agabus and the famine

Jewish Antiquities 20:101

49 AD – Claudius expels Jews from Rome

Suetonius, Life of Claudius 25:4

51 AD – Gallio proconsul of Achaia

Archeological inscription at Delphi

57 AD? – James brother of Jesus

Jewish Antiquities 20:200

57 AD? – Egyptian prophet revolt

Jewish War 2:261

47 AD? – Ananias the high priest

Jewish Antiquities 20:103

52AD? – Felix and Drusilla

Jewish Antiquities 20:131-143

Tacitus, History 5:9

Tacitus, Annals 12:54

*Evidence beyond
“Reasonable doubt”
witnesses were there,
wrote in historical context
that is corroborated*