

PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS

Session 7 – Arguments for the Resurrection

Introduction

This belief in the resurrection is _____ for us. Paul says that our salvation is dependent on Jesus' rising from the dead as the culmination of his life and death on the cross. Apart from it, we have no _____ of eternal life with God.

So, this is the claim: Jesus **died** an unjust death at the hands of the Romans via crucifixion (Friday). A prominent community leader had his dead body **buried** in his tomb. The Roman guards sealed the tomb. On the third day after (Sunday), Jesus **rose from the dead**. This was evidenced by an empty tomb and **appearances** of the risen Christ (1 Corinthians 15).

After discounting the alternatives as implausible, we have two lines of positive evidence.

1. No Plausible Alternatives

Here are some theories that just don't add up to the facts:

- Animals _____ the Body
- Swoon Theory
- Hidden _____
- Mass _____

2. Reliable Eye-Witness Testimony

- Testimony that _____ were first

- Testimony that the disciples were skeptical at first
- Testimony that's _____ yet comes from different sources
- Testimony that includes authentic _____

3. The Effects in People Afterward

- _____ Religious Sect in Christianity
- Public _____ of Christianity
- Reversal of _____ to Christianity

Two clear examples:

- Skeptics like _____ and _____
- Persecutors like _____