

Session 5

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This is not an “evangelism program”. It will not teach you to argue someone into faith. *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.* Romans 10:17

What is the evidence that Jesus lived?

What is the evidence that Jesus died?

What is the evidence that Jesus lives again?

Previous sessions have looked at the reliability of the Gospel accounts. Jesus lived.

Video: Evidence of the Resurrection

What stuck out to you in the video?

What sounded like things you have said or heard?

Matthew 20:17-19

If Jesus did not die on the cross, then what happened?

Swoon theory

Substitution theory

Medical evidence

Flogging (Jewish / Roman) Deuteronomy 25:2-3

Crucifixion itself John 19:31-37

“Excruciating”

Romans were expert killers

(Execution was an art – it was how they conquered and ruled - Pax Romana)

If Jesus did not rise again, then what happened?
Was it the right tomb?

Was the tomb empty?

Where is the body?

Matthew 28:11-15 – even his enemies said the tomb was empty

What about all the resurrection appearances?
Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21, I Corinthians 15:3-8

To whom did Jesus appear?

What is significant about these people?
Women
James
Paul

I Corinthians 15:3
Early creed -- not only from Paul in I Corinthians (early 50s)
known by scholars (critics even) as earlier – in the 30s

Why does the Resurrection matter today?
Foundational to Faith
“if Christ has not been raised...” I Corinthians 15:14

Personal
For you and your family
Romans 6:1-14

*For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,
we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.*
Romans 6:5