

The Resurrection

3 Criteria of Authenticity	3 Historical Facts	3 Dead End Theories
<p>1. Eyewitness Testimony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gospels' concern for historicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Luke 1:1-4 ◦ John 21:24 • Church Fathers (2nd c.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Papias of Hierapolis ◦ Irenaeus of Lyons • Onomastics (study of names) • Inclusio of eyewitness testimony 	<p>1. Empty Tomb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple attestation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 • Women were the first witnesses (embarrassment) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James, Joanna, Salome • Implicitly acknowledged by enemies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Stolen body rumor 	<p>1. Stolen Body Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Matt. 28:11-15 ◦ H.S. Reimarus (18th c.) • Objections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Appearances to James and Paul ◦ Problem of disciples' motive ("trilemma") ◦ Problem of disciples' expectations
<p>2. Multiple Attestation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul (40s-60s) • Q (60s) • Mark (60s) • Matthew (60s) • Luke (60s) • John (90s) 	<p>2. Postmortem appearances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene (Matt. 28:9-10; John 20:11-18) • Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5) • The Eleven (Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23; 1 Cor. 15:5) • 500 believers (1 Cor. 15:6) • James (1 Cor. 15:7) • Paul (1 Cor. 15:8) 	<p>2. Swoon Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Heinrich Paulus (19th c.) ◦ <i>Holy Blood, Holy Grail</i> (1982) • Objections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Severity of crucifixion ◦ Where did Jesus go?
<p>3. Embarrassment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism by John • Accused of demon possession • Rejected by family • Betrayal by Judas • Deserted by disciples • Crucifixion 	<p>3. Disciples' changed lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter • James • Paul 	<p>3. Hallucination Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ D.F. Strauss (19th c.) ◦ Bart Ehrman • Objections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Body still buried ◦ Mass hallucinations? ◦ Repeated encounters ◦ Sharing meals, conversations

HOW DO WE KNOW JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

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Eyewitness testimony. The Gospels and Paul reflect firsthand accounts.	Empty tomb. Multiple sources; women as the first witnesses.	Stolen body theory. The disciples snuck past the guards and stole Jesus' body.
Multiple attestation. We have several sources confirming the same events.	Postmortem appearances. Multiple witnesses claimed to see Jesus alive.	Swoon theory. Jesus passed out on the cross and woke up in the tomb.
Embarrassment. The authors would not make up details that would hurt their case.	Disciples' changed lives. The disciples became convinced that Jesus had risen.	Hallucination theory. The disciples only experienced visions of Jesus.