

Resurrection and the New Creation

Session 1: The Reality of the Resurrection

LSB 457 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Prayer

Death and Life after Death

What happens when we die?

Biblical Christian Answer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Non-Biblical Answers:

Two Big Points:

1. _____
2. _____

Of First Importance (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

Paul's Timeline

- 30 AD – Resurrection of Jesus
- 32-33 AD – Paul's Conversion
- 35-36 AD – Paul's visit to Jerusalem (Galatians 1:18-20)
- 51 AD – Paul in Corinth
- 55AD – Paul writes 1 Corinthians

What is at stake here?

What events are mentioned by Paul?

Which eyewitnesses does he list?

What are Paul's main points?

Considering the Evidence

The Minimal Facts Argument (Gary Habermas)

- An approach to discussing the resurrection using essential evidence that even most skeptical historians agree is true.
- Each fact must be confirmed by multiple independent sources
- Consensus among even critical scholars accepting the historical evidence

Apologetics

1. Crucifixion

Jesus died by Roman crucifixion.

(Empty Tomb)

The tomb was empty Easter morning. No body was found in the tomb by followers or skeptics.

2. Appearances

After his death, the disciples had experiences that they believed were appearances of the risen Jesus.

3. Transformation

The disciples were transformed from fearful panic to boldly preaching the resurrection, and were willing to die for their beliefs.

4. Early Proclamation

The proclamation of the resurrection was a central message of the Church starting in Jerusalem very early, not decades later.

5. James' Conversion

Jesus' unbelieving brother, James, was converted by what he believed was an appearance of the risen Jesus.

6. Paul's conversation

Paul, former persecutor of Christian, was converted by what he believed was an appearance of the risen Jesus.

Additional Factors

The Rapid Expansion of Christianity

The Reliability of the Scriptures

So What?

What are the three most important points from tonight's presentation?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Share your responses with your group. Share with two other people in the next week.

What difference does it make that Jesus really, truly, physically rose from the dead?

Prayer requests from people in my group: