

The Case for the Resurrection

Opening

Only God can reveal the truth to you.

[Mat 16:16-17 NLT] 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

Text: [1Co 15:12-13 KJV] 12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

Overview

Did Jesus Really Die?

Was Jesus Really put in a tomb?

Lots of Noise from Those who are skeptics

Resurrection Evidence

The Case is Between You and the Lord

Slide 7: Did Jesus Really Die?

Muslims do not believe Jesus really died. They contend Jesus fled to India.

Found in the Koran, written in the seventh century

Conspiracy Theorists say that liquid given to Jesus on the cross was a drug that made him appear to die.

Some say Pontius Pilate was paid to take Jesus down off the cross before he died.

Many who make these accusations admit they cannot prove their theories.

Slide 8: Interview with Dr. Alexander Metherell M.D. PH. D.

He possesses the medical and scientific credentials to explain the crucifixion. Here are the facts.

Slide 8&9: Hematidrosis – associated with a high degree of psychological stress. Chemicals are released in the sweat glands causing a small amount of bleeding. This causes the skin to become extremely fragile. The next day when Jesus was flogged, his skin was very sensitive.

[Luk 22:44 KJV] 44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Slide 10&11: Hypovolemic shock means the person is suffering the effects of losing a large amount of blood. Contributes to pericardial effusion, a clear liquid around the heart and pleural effusion, a clear liquid around the lungs.

Many died before they made it to the cross.

Roman flogging – Extremely brutal. Supposed to be 39 lashes but frequently more than that. A whip of braided leather thongs with metal balls woven into them was often used. The whip had pieces of sharp bones to cut the flesh severely. Sometimes part of the spine was exposed through the deep cuts. Many often died before crucifixion. At the very least they would experience tremendous pain and go into hypovolemic shock.

Slide 12: Jesus Died

[Jhn 19:28, 30-34 KJV] 28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.** ... 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. 31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and [that] they might be taken away. 32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: **34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.**

Slide 13: Important Points

Roman Soldiers were well established on using crucifixion.

The Soldiers would die if anyone survived the cross.

The spear in the side produced evidence of death through

Slide 14: Was Jesus Really put in a tomb?

[Mat 27:57-60 KJV] 57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

[Mar 15:42-47 KJV] 42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. 44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling [unto him] the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. 45 And when he knew [it] of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. 46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. 47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary [the mother] of Joses beheld where he was laid.

Luke 23: 50 And, behold, [there was] a man named Joseph, a counsellor; [and he was] a good man, and a just: 51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) [he was] of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. 52 This [man] went

unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. 53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. 54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. 55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. 56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Slide 15: [Jhn 19:38-42 KJV] 38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave [him] leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. 39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound [weight]. 40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. 42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation [day]; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

Slide 16: All the Noise

Slide 17: He didn't really die on the cross

Eyewitnesses said he died on the cross

Doctors examining the evidence said he died on the cross

Roman guards were certain he was dead

Slide 18: He was never put in a tomb – All Four Gospels say yes. John Tells Where

Slide 19: Each of the four Gospel events give conflicting reports. Page 43-45

- Example: John says blood and water came out of Jesus but doctors say the clear liquid would come out before the blood.
- [Mar 14:55 NKJV] 55 Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.
- He wasn't dead for three days

Slide 20: For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth (Matthew 12:40; NKJV). Page 47

Hebrew Counting. First day started at Sundown Thursday. Second day started at Sundown Friday. Third day started at sundown Saturday.

Resurrection Evidence

Slide 21: Paul's Preaching

[1Co 15:21, 23, 25-26 KJV] 21 For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. ... 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. ... 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death.

[1Co 15:35-39 KJV] 35 But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 36 [Thou] fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: 37 And that which

thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh [is] not the same flesh: but [there is] one [kind of] flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, [and] another of birds.

[1Co 15:44-45 KJV] 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.

Slide 22: The Mystery is coming: [1Co 15:50-54 KJV] 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Eyewitnesses

Slide 23: [1Co 15:4-8 KJV] 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, **he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once**; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

[1Co 15:6 ESV] 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

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Slide 24: [Mat 16:16-17 KJV] 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

You are Responsible for What God Reveals to You.

Slide 25: [Deu 29:29 KJV] 29 The secret [things belong] unto the LORD our God: but those [things which are] revealed [belong] unto us and to our children for ever, that [we] may do all the words of this law.

[Deu 29:29 NLT] 29 "The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

Slide 26: The Choice is yours. God will not make the choice for you.

[Deu 30:15, 19 NLT] 15 "Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster. ... 19 "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!