

Why I Believe in the Resurrection

1. The resurrection _____ the _____ of _____.

Acts 17:24-31 –

- God _____ . (24-25)
- We should _____ Him. (26-29)
- One day God will judge us by a man who was _____ . (30-31)

2. The resurrection _____ the _____.

Minimal facts concerning the resurrection:

- Jesus _____ by crucifixion.
- Jesus' disciples believed He rose and appeared to them.
- Persecutors like _____ were suddenly changed.
- Skeptics like _____ believed.
- The tomb was _____.

If there were no resurrection, what other options explain these?

- _____
- _____
- wrong _____
- _____

3. The resurrection _____.

- _____ -
- _____ -

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."

1 Corinthians 15:3-10

"Historical argument alone cannot force anyone to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. But historical argument is remarkably good at clearing away the undergrowth behind which skepticisms of various sorts have been hiding. The proposal that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead possesses unrivaled power to explain the historical data at the heart of early Christianity."

N.T. Wright