

The Fact of the Resurrection

- So many events in history are up for debate as to how or even *if* the events occurred.
- The Resurrection of Christ, though something we accept by Faith, is also an historical fact.

Josh McDowell's Factual Defense

I. The Broken Roman Seal

- The penalty for breaking the seal was execution by crucifixion upside down.

II. The Empty Tomb

- No one could deny that the tomb was empty, they could only deny that Christ being resurrected was the reason.

III. The Large Stone Moved

- So, the disciples moved a 1.5+ ton stone beside sleeping guards and no one noticed

IV. The Roman Guard Goes AWOL

- Dereliction of duty was punishable by death.

V. The Graveclothes Tell a Tale

- So, they took the body but meticulously replaced a hollow shell of wrappings?

VI. Jesus' Appearances Confirmed

- 500+ people were witness to the resurrected Christ.

The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Christ

FIRST DAY

1. To Mary Magdalene – Mark 16:9, John 20:11-18
2. To Women returning from the Tomb – Matthew 28:9-10
3. To Disciples on Emmaus Road – Luke 24:13-32, Mark 16:12-13
4. To Peter in Jerusalem – Luke 24:34, I Corinthians 15:5
5. To ten Apostles in upper room – Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-23

NEXT FORTY DAYS

1. To the eleven in upper room – John 20:24-29
2. To seven apostles by Sea of Galilee – John 21:1-24
3. To the eleven and 500 believers on Mt. Tabor – Matthew 28:16-20, I Corinthians 15:6
4. To the eleven and James (half-brother of Christ) in Jerusalem – Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:44-49, I Corinthians 15:7
5. To the eleven on Mount of Olives – Luke 24:50-53