

Christ is Risen!

Luke 24:1-12

I. What are the main evidences for the resurrection of Jesus?

A. The empty tomb (vv.1-3)

- Skeptics have offered several theories for the absent body and the empty tomb:
 1. The Swoon Theory.
 2. The Mistaken Tomb Theory.
 3. The Stolen Body Theory.

B. The testimony of the angels (vv.4-8)

1. To the Jews angels always signified a special message from God (Daniel 8:16, 17; Luke 2:10; Matthew 2:13, 20; Acts 7:53).
2. God personally established the truth of the resurrection through two witnesses (Deuteronomy 19:15).

C. The witness of the women (vv.9-10)

1. No Jewish first-century writer would invent a story with the women as the first witnesses to the resurrection because Jews did not accept the testimony of a woman (Mark 16:9).

D. The unbelief of the apostles (vv.11-12)

1. The Hallucination Theory suggests that Jesus actually died, but that his disciples saw hallucinations.
2. The group of people who did not expect the resurrection could not have had hallucinations.

II. Why is the resurrection of Jesus relevant to us?

A. What you believe about the resurrection of Jesus is a matter of eternal life or eternal death (John 11:25-27; 20:27).

B. Because of Jesus' resurrection we can have confidence that all of His promises will come to pass (Matthew 16:21).