

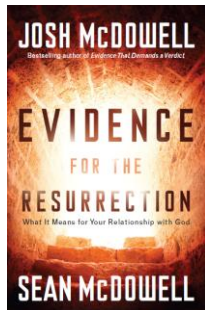
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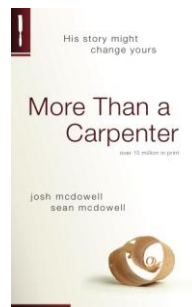
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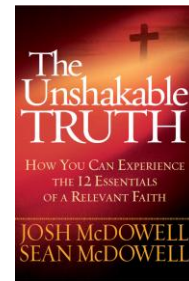
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Legend:

MTAC: More Than A Carpenter

E4R: Evidence for the Resurrection

[Ppt128]: PowerPoint Slide #128

TS¶#43: Paragraph #43 in Sermon Transcripts

RESURRECTION OUTLINE

(Part 3)

E. ROMAN SECURITY GUARD [ppt1041-1070]	E4Rp176-181 TS¶42a E4R 176-179 TS¶42b
1. The Temple Police	
a. 10 Levites – 270 temple [ppt1045]	
b. Burned – own clothes [ppt1046]	TS¶42c
2. A Roman Guard [ppt1041]	
a. Smith	MTAC 128 E4R 180-183
b. “Some of the guard...” Matthew 28:11 – Polybius	
c. “Fighting machine”	
d. Some went to the High Priest [ppt1069]	
e. Flavius Vegetius Ranatus [ppt1060-1062]	TS¶43
F. ROMAN SEAL	TS¶44
1. Purpose of the Seal	TS¶45 E4R 184 MTAC 128 ppt1028-29 E4Rp184
A parallel to this is seen in Daniel: “A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing would be changed in regard to Daniel.” Daniel 6:17 NAS [ppt1028-1029]	[ppt1033-1040]
2. Grave Robbers Warned	
“If all the evidence is weighed carefully and fairly, it is indeed justifiable, according to the canons of historical research, to conclude that the tomb in which Jesus was buried was actually empty on the morning of the first Easter. And no shred of evidence has yet been discovered in literary sources, epigraphy, or archaeology that would disprove this statement.” --Paul Maier, Historian [ppt1003-1104]	MTACp129
3. Broken Roman Seal [ppt1025-1032]	E4Rp184 MTACp130 E4R 188
G. THE EMPTY TOMB [ppt1074-1113]	TS¶46 MTAC 129

1. Historical Confirmation

E4R 188-192

Dr. Paul Maier says, “Where did Christianity first begin? To this the answer must be: ‘Only one spot on earth – the city of Jerusalem.’ But this is the very *last* place it could have started if Jesus’ tomb had remained occupied, since anyone producing a dead Jesus would have driven a wooden stake through the heart of an incipient Christianity inflamed by His supposed resurrection.

What happened in Jerusalem seven weeks after the first Easter could have taken place only if Jesus’ body were somehow missing from Joseph’s tomb, for otherwise the Temple establishment, in its embroglio with the Apostles, would simply have aborted the movement by making a brief trip over to the sepulcher of Joseph of Arimathea and unveiling Exhibit A. They did not do this, because they knew the tomb was empty. Their official explanation for – that the disciples had stolen the body – was an admission that the sepulcher was indeed vacant.” [ppt1076-1082]

- ◆ 5th century – Toledoth Jeshu “Positive evidence from a hostile source” [ppt1086-1087]

E4Rp189

2. Strong Evidence

TS¶55a
MTAC 129
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TS¶55c

- a. Gamaliel – Acts 5:34-42 [ppt1088-1092]
- b. No = if tomb occupied or Sanhedrin knew whereabouts of body
- c. Justin martyr dialogue with Trypho [ppt1093-1095]
- d. Christian and Jewish opponents agree...
- e. (Silence of history)
- f. (Muslim conversation in Uruguay)

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3. Large Stone Moved [ppt1125-1140]

E4Rp192

- a. Up an incline [ppt1133-1135]
- b. Away from [ppt1137-1138]
- c. Picked up and carried [ppt1139-1140]

TS¶49
E4R 192

E4Rp193

4. Roman Guard Goes A.W.O.L. [ppt1141-1145]

E4Rp193

a. Burned alive [ppt1046]	E4Rp177
b. Polybius	TS¶47b MTAC 130 E4R 193 E4Rp189
c. Justin [ppt1093-1095]	E4Rp189
5. Fear of Punishment [ppt1142-1145]	E4Rp193
a. “Flawless attention to duty”	
b. Chief priest could not bring charge against the guard!	
H. GRAVE CLOTHES TELL A TALE [ppt1146-1148]	E4Rp194
I. HIS APPEARANCES CONFIRMED [ppt1149-1161]	E4Rp194-198
1. Principle to Remember: If enough people are alive...	E4R 194 TS¶59
2. Fifty hours of Eyewitnesses [ppt1182]	E4Rp196
	TS¶60
500	
<u> x 6</u>	
3000 = 50 hours	
3. Dr. Edwin M. Yamauchi, associate professor of history at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, emphasizes: “What gives a special authority to the list [of witnesses] as historical evidence is the reference to most of the 500 brethren being still alive. [ppt1179-1181]	
St. Paul says in effect, ‘If you do not believe me, you can ask them.’ Such a statement in an admittedly genuine letter written within 30 years of the event is almost as strong evidence as one could hope to get for something that happened nearly 2,000 years ago.”	
4. Variety of People	E4R 195-198
Appearances of Christ in the lives of individuals:	
a. Mary Magdalene – John 20:14, Mark 16:9 [ppt1165]	
b. Women returning from the tomb – Matthew 28:9-10 [ppt1166]	

- c. To Peter later in the day – Luke 24:34, I Corinthians 15:5 [1168-1169]
- d. Emmaus disciples – Luke 24:13-33 [ppt1170]
- e. The apostles with Thomas absent – Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-24 [ppt1171]
- f. The apostles with Thomas present – John 20:26-29
- g. The seven by the Lake of Tiberius – John 21:1-23 [ppt1172]
- h. To a multitude of 500 plus believers on a Galilean mountain – I Corinthians 15:6 [ppt1173]
- i. To James – I Corinthians 15:7 [ppt1174]
- j. To the eleven – Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:33-52; Acts 1:3-12 [ppt1175]
- k. At the ascension – Acts 1:3-12 [ppt1176]
- l. To Paul – Acts 1:3-12; Acts 9:3-6 [ppt1177]

TS¶80

5. Hostile Viewers [ppt1192-1290]

TS¶81

TS¶82

- a. Saul of Tarsus [ppt1199-1272]

E4Rp195-198
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- b. James [ppt1273-1277]

J. WOMEN SAW HIM FIRST [ppt1162-1166]

E4Rp190

Unreliable Testimony [ppt1118-1121]

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E4R – *Evidence for the Resurrection*, by Josh McDowell

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¶ - refers to the particular paragraphs in *The Resurrection Transcript*

[ppt123...] – refers to where that particular point can be found within the PowerPoint slides