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THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS' BODILY RESURRECTION

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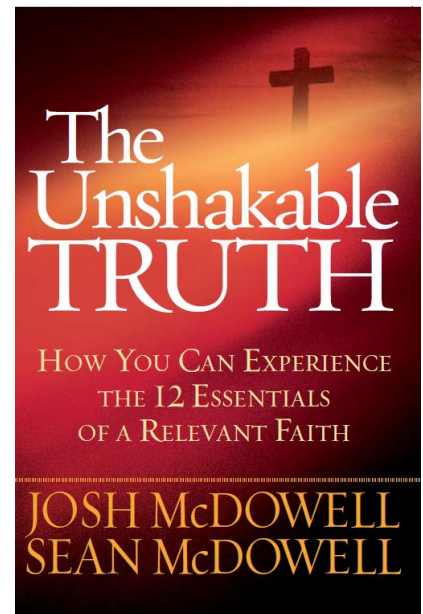
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MTAC: More Than A Carpenter

E4R: Evidence for the Resurrection

[Ppt128]: PowerPoint Slide #128

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INTRODUCTION: WHAT IF JESUS REMAINED IN THE TOMB?	E4R 107-118 TS¶3-14
◆ Two observers discuss Jesus' death	
◆ Would Jesus' message alone be enough to accomplish His mission?	TS¶10
◆ Our atonement required a resurrection	TS¶13-14
◆ But was He indeed resurrected?	
I. THE EMPTY TOMB [ppt1074-1113]	TS¶16-20
A. LUKE 24:5-11	TS¶18
1. The resurrection was first preached in Jerusalem – the home of Christianity's opponents.	TS¶19-21
2. Stephen Davis quote [ppt1083-1085]	TS¶22 E4Rp189
B. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE [PPT1183-1207]	
1. Historical sources affirm Resurrection claim	E4R 147
a. Both Jewish and Roman	TS¶23
b. Hostile sources [ppt1192-1207]	
c. Dr. Paul Maier quote [ppt1086-1087]	E4Rp189
2. Tomb reported to be discovered by women [ppt1118-1121]	TS¶24
a. Women were not considered to be credible sources.	E4Rp190-191
b. Apostles would not have claimed this unless it was true.	
c. Dr. Paul Maier quote [ppt1121]	E4Rp191
C. ALTERNATIVE THEORIES	E4R 216-221
1. Stolen Body Theory [ppt1461-1482]	TS¶27-41

- a. The body was stolen from the grave overnight
- b. Matthew 28:11-15 [**ppt1462-1465**] E4Rp218
- c. Evidence against the Stolen Body Theory: TS¶30-41
- i. If guards were sleeping they wouldn't have known if the disciples stole the body. [**ppt1575-1578**] TS¶31
- ii. Roman soldiers were executed for sleeping while on guard. [**ppt1142-1143**] E4Rp193, MTACp130
- iii. Obstacles facing the attempt to steal the body – weight of the stone, grooved incline, sneak past guards, etc. [**ppt1128-1131**] TS¶37-38
- iv. Cowardice of disciples
- Disciples wouldn't have had enough courage to steal the body. [**ppt1516**]
 - Disciples wouldn't have had enough courage to proclaim the resurrection. TS¶36
 - Mark 14:50; Luke 22:54-62; John 20:29 E4Rp194
- v. Grave clothes neatly folded. [**ppt1146-1148**]
- Grave robbers wouldn't have taken the time to fold the clothes.
 - John 20:5-8
- vi. Skeptical disciples
- Skeptical disciples wouldn't have expected an empty tomb. TS¶39-41
- d. Was the body stolen by Christianity's opponents? [ppt1580-1593]
- i. The resurrection was proclaimed just weeks after Jesus' death. E4Rpp220-221
- ii. Opponents could've then produced the body and stopped the movement.
- iii. George Hanson quote E4Rpp221-226
2. Swoon Theory [**ppt1621-1643**] TS¶42-64
- a. Jesus survived crucifixion and left the tomb once resuscitated. TS¶46
E4Rp163
- b. Evidence against:
- i. The Death Certificate E4Rpp168-169, TS¶48
- The crucifixion process would have surely killed Jesus.
 - The spear to His side ensured His death (John 19:43) TS¶49-53
 - Pilate demanded confirmation of Jesus' death
- ii. The Grave clothes [**ppt1146-1148**]

- Nicodemus and Joseph wrapped/anointed Jesus' body (John 19:39-40) E4Rpp174-175
- The grave clothes were discovered neatly folded (John 20:6-7) MTACp128
- How did Jesus remove the clothing that He was wrapped in? TS¶55-56
E4Rp176
- David Strauss quote [ppt1646-1652]
- iii. The Stone [ppt1128-1131]
 - The stone weighed one to two tons.
 - It had to be rolled up an incline and propped w/out waking the guards E4Rpp194-198,
TS¶57-64
 - How could a beaten and bloody Jesus accomplish this? TS¶58-59
- iv. The Appearances [ppt1170]
 - Jesus walked 7 miles with two disciples to Emmaus (Luke 24) TS¶61-63
How could a recently resuscitated Jesus make this trip?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 [ppt1174] TS¶64
TS¶61
 - Paul mentions the 500 witnesses that Jesus appeared to. [ppt1178-1182]
 - 50 hrs worth of eyewitness testimony. [ppt1182] TS¶62
 - If Paul was lying, he would not have included this info because the alleged witnesses would have exposed Him. TS¶63
TS¶65
 - C.H. Dodd quote [ppt1159-1160] TS¶62
 - William Lane Craig quote E4Rp196
- v. The Ascension [ppt1176]
 - Where was Jesus when the Resurrection was being proclaimed?
 - Why would Jesus have remained in hiding?
 - Would this not make Him the greatest deceiver of all time?
 - Why would Jesus contrive this hoax if He was going to stay hidden? MTACpp89-124,
TS¶68

II. THE CHANGED LIVES OF THE DISCIPLES

- ◆ Prior to the Resurrection the disciples were afraid.
- ◆ They deserted Jesus – Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:50 [ppt1515] MTACp93
- ◆ Peter denied him – John 18:15-27; Mark 14:66-72
TS¶69
- ◆ They hid behind locked doors – John 20:19
TS¶70

- ◆ They were also skeptical [ppt1517]

MTACp93

- ◆ Suddenly, they were courageous enough to suffer for the cause of Christ. [ppt1524-1565]

What could have caused this transformation?

TS¶71

THE REALITY OF THE RISEN CHRIST

MTACp140

CONCLUSION:

- ◆ The disciples received courage from the security they found in the risen Christ.
Hebrews 9:12
- ◆ We too can have security if we place our trust in the risen Christ
Hebrews 10:19-22