

Response to the Resurrection

Sermon Questions

1. It is always bad to be a skeptic. (Yes/No)
 2. Thomas skipped _____ and missed Jesus.
 3. What is one of the key evidences for the resurrection: _____
 4. What are four reasons why we should believe the eye-witness report, "We have seen the Lord":
 - a. _____ documents recorded what Jesus' disciples taught and believed.
 - b. _____.
 - c. Universally accepted by Jesus' closest _____.
 - d. The disciples did not _____.
 5. Thomas, after seeing Jesus, staying faithful was killed preaching the gospel in _____.
 6. Believing the resurrection is a matter of heaven or hell. (Yes/No)
 7. Do you have any questions about the resurrection?
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3 Facts from History to Consider Today

1. Jesus really died under the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate. Historians of the time affirm this, e.g., Josephus, Lucian, Tacitus, and of course, the Bible.
 2. Jesus tomb was empty three days later. The Romans guarded the tomb and the Jews began the rumor that the body was stolen. His enemies never recovered a body.
 3. Jesus' followers, once cowardly, all heroically spent their lives for what they witnessed. We know that deceived people can give their lives for a lie, but these men would have known it was a lie. Would every single follower give their lives for what they knew to be false and would bring them no benefit?
- The best way to explain these facts is that Jesus' followers really saw him rise from the dead. They gave their lives because they knew that Christ had the power to raise them up again as he promised.