

Resurrection of Jesus Christ; Historicity

Volume 6 - Unit 10

(III. The Work of Jesus Christ - continued)

D. His Resurrection

1. Historicity

a. The Modern Attitude

b. The Empty Tomb

(1) Swoon theory

(2) Wrong tomb theory

(3) Wild animals theory

(4) Enemies stole the body theory

(5) Friends stole the body theory

Psychologically impossible

- Martyrdom

- Collusion

(6) Resurrection

c. The Eyewitness Testimony

(1) Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)

(2) The "other women" (Matthew 28:9-10)

(3) 2 disciples, road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-32)

(4) Peter (Luke 24:33-35, I Corinthians 15:5)

(5) 10 disciples, Thomas absent (Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-25)

(6) 11 disciples, including Thomas (John 20:26-31, I Corinthians 15:5)

(7) 7 disciples beside Sea of Galilee (John 21)

(8) More than 500 on appointed mountain in Galilee (Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-18, I Corinthians 15:6)

(9) James (I Corinthians 15:7)

(10) Ascension appearance (Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:9-12)

(11) Post-ascension appearances

d. Existence of Christian Church

e. Celebration of Sunday

f. Change in Apostles; Their Martyrdom

g. The New Testament

h. Fulfilled Witness to the Old Testament - (1) One illustration - Micah 5:2

i. Logical Culmination of Christian World View

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - I Corinthians 15:3-4 – “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again (and is still risen) the third day according to the scriptures.”

Note: In the Greek text, "rose again" is the perfect tense, indicating completed action with continuing results. Both "died" and "was buried" are in the aorist tense, indicating simply completed action at a point in time, with no reference to continuing results.