

The Resurrection and Why the Resurrection Matters

1: Apologetics means to _____.

1 **Peter 3:15** . . .but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

2: The _____ Argument – If God does not exist, objective _____ values and duties do not exist.

3: The _____ Argument – That to even levy a case against Christianity, one needs to establish how _____ are even established in their worldview before assuming those things as objective realities to try to attack Christianity.

4: The _____ Argument – That everything that begins to exist must have a cause. The _____ began to exist.

Therefore, the universe has a _____.

5: The _____ and Why the Resurrection _____.

1 **Corinthians 15: 14,17** - And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1 **Corinthians 15: 20-22** - But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead ...²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Execution

6: Jesus was definitively _____.

Empty Tomb

7: Enemies and friends alike admitted the tomb was _____.

Matthew 28:12-13 - They gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'"

Eyewitnesses

8: The Disciples were willing to die for their testimony that _____ the risen Jesus.

Early Accounts

9: Multiple reports about Jesus' resurrection were circulating within _____ of the event.

1 Corinthians 15: 1-7 - Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I **delivered to you as of first importance what I also received**: that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that **he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Extra-biblical Reports

10: At least _____ extra-biblical sources report facts about _____ life, teachings, death, and resurrection.

Emergence of the Church

11: Within _____ the Church numbered over 3000 individuals in the city in which Jesus was _____.

1 Peter 3:18 - For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Resources to look up later. Type in:

- Gary Habermas, Mike Licona, David Wood from Acts 17 Apologetics, William Lane Craig, Braxton Hunter, Michael Brown.- Type their name in YouTube followed by "resurrection, apologetics, debate" for thousands of hours of free, well-produced content.