

Life of Christ – Part 7
Resurrection of Christ; Establishment of the Church in Jerusalem
Volume 3 - Unit 7

I. The Historicity of Christ's Resurrection

A. 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
6. Resurrection

B. The Historical Evidence

1. Eyewitness testimony
 - a. Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)
 - b. The "other women" (Matthew 28:9-10)
 - c. 2 disciples, road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12-13)
 - d. Peter (Luke 24:33-35, I Corinthians 15:5)

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

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

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

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

i. James (I Corinthians 15:7)

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

k. Post-ascension appearances

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3. Celebration of Sunday

4. Martyrdom of apostles

5. Existence of the New Testament

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- B. Ratifies Efficacy of the Atonement (Romans 4:25, 8:34)
- C. Assures Believers of Needed Power (Ephesians 1:19-22, Philemon 3:10)
- D. Assures Believers of their Resurrection (John 14:19, I Corinthians 15:17-23)
- E. Assures World of Certainty of Judgment (Acts 17:31)

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