

The Incomparable Christ

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Chapter 32 -- The Resurrection of Christ

List several implications for our faith if the resurrection is a hoax.

- OUR PREACHING IS EMPTY [P. 311, LAST PARTIAL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]
- OUR MESSAGE IS A FOND MEMORY [P. 311, LAST PARTIAL ¶, 3RD SENTENCE]
- OUR FAITH IS EMPTY BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FACTS TO BACK IT UP [SENTENCE CONTINUING FROM P. 311-312]
- THE AUTHORS OF SCRIPTURE ARE LIARS [P. 312, 1ST PARTIAL ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]
- DELIVERANCE FROM SIN IS ONLY A MIRAGE [P. 312, 1ST PARTIAL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]
- THE FUTURE IS HOPELESS [P. 312, 1ST PARTIAL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

Why is the truth of the resurrection important concerning Christ?

IF THE RESURRECTION DID NOT OCCUR, THEN CHRIST CANNOT SAVE, AND HE IS A FRAUD BECAUSE OF HIS REPEATED REFERENCES TO HIS OWN RESURRECTION. [P. 312, 1ST FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What reason does the author cite as why people will not believe the resurrection?

UNBELIEF IN THE SUPERNATURAL [SENTENCE CONTINUING FROM P. 312-313]

Why was Christ's death not a swoon?

THE CENTURION, FAMILIAR WITH CRUCIFIXIONS, GAVE HIS "DEATH CERTIFICATE", MADE OFFICIAL WITH THE SPEAR IN CHRIST'S SIDE. [P. 315, 2ND FULL ¶, 2ND & 3RD SENTENCES]

What obstacles would a badly beaten person have to overcome to escape the tomb?

THE SEALED DOOR, THE 60 GUARDS, THE HUGE STONE [P. 315, LAST PARTIAL ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

Why do we know that the resurrection was the last thing that the women and the disciples expected?

THEY WENT TO EMBALM A DEAD BODY. [P. 316, 3RD FULL ¶, 1ST 2 SENTENCES]

Why do we know that the empty tomb was not a hallucination?

COULD 500 PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME HALLUCINATION? [P. 316. 3RD FULL ¶, LAST SENTENCE]

What facts do we possess which are evidence of the resurrection?

- THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EVENT IS RECORDED. [P. 319]
- THE LIFE OF CHRIST DEMANDS SUCH A CLIMAX. [P. 319]
- THE EMPTY GRAVE AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE BODY ARGUE IT. [P. 319]
- THE DRAMATIC TRANSFORMATION OF THE

DISCIPLES ATTESTED IT [P. 320]

- THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE CHURCH IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE [P. 320]
- THE WITNESS OF PAUL CONFIRMS IT. [P. 321]
- THE LORD'S DAY STEMS FROM THE RESURRECTION. [P. 321]

What are the only two options for the resurrection, and what simple act could have silenced the claims of the resurrection if it were false?

EITHER CHRIST'S BODY WAS REMOVED, OR HE REALLY ROSE FROM THE GRAVE; THE BODY OF CHRIST COULD HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED PUBLICLY [P. 320, 1ST PARTIAL ¶]

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ardent -- enthusiastic

cavil -- find fault with

convalescent -- sick or injured person

discrepancies -- facts which seem to contradict each other

emaciated -- wasted

flout -- show disrespect

incredulous -- disbelieving

peripheral -- at the outside edge; in other words, of no great significance

purveyors -- couriers, stewards

repudiated -- abandoned

Sabbatic -- of the Sabbath

succumbed -- yielded, gave in

swoon -- a faint, a temporary coma

transmute -- switch

virulent -- destructive