

INSIGHTS INTO THE LIFE OF CHRIST (PAUL E. ENGLE 4/23)

Session #11 The Resurrection of Christ

INTRODUCTION

1. Andrew Lloyd Webber wrote a best-selling rock opera called "Jesus Christ Superstar" How does it end? _____

2. Center of attack.

I. ALTERNATIVE THEORIES TO THE BODILY RESURRECTION (5)

A. **Wrong tomb:** _____

1. But it wasn't _____

-Lk 24:1. -Mk. 16:2

2. Peter and John also came after the women had looked at the tomb. If they had found the wrong tomb why didn't Joseph or Nicodemus speak up? Certainly Joseph knew where the tomb was located.

3. This was a _____ burial not a _____ cemetery

B. _____: The disciples came and hid the body so it appeared that Christ kept his word and had risen from the dead.

1. But what about these obstacles? _____

2. How could the disciples have _____

C. **Theft by** _____:

1. Motive?

2. If enemies had the body of Christ why didn't they _____

D. _____ **theory:** _____

1. Pilate: _____ (Mk. 15:44-45)

2. They were so certain he was dead that it wasn't even necessary to _____
(Jn. 19:31-32)

3. On the cross _____ poured from Christ's wound. (Jn. 19:34-35)

4. How could Jesus possibly survive _____

E. _____ **theory**

1. Yet the disciples weren't expecting _____

2. After the resurrection Jesus _____

3. Jesus was seen by _____

4. The tomb _____ -

II. EVIDENCES FOR THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

* Have you heard the story of **Frank Morrison**?

* What did he call the first chapter? _____

* T.S. Eliot and G.K. Chesterton had positive things to say about it.

* What are some of the evidences that changed Frank's mind?

A The _____ which had been used to seal and secure the tomb.

What do we learn from archaeology? _____

B. An empty tomb with _____. The cloth from the head was separate from the rest of the grave clothes. (John 20:7-8)

1. The Gospels report the disciples saw the "*linen clothes lying*" — uncut, undisturbed
2. The Greek words translated, "*wrapped together*" in John 20:7, actually mean, "*twisted together*" or "*rolled up*" — it speaks of a fixed position — much like a cocoon.

C. _____

1. The women at the tomb – Mt. 28:1-10 Explanation: _____

2. Peter – Luke 24:33-34

3. Mary Magdalene – Jn. 20:11-18

4. Peter and John at the tomb – Lk. 24:12

5. Two on the road to Emmaus – Lk. 24:13-35

6. Ten disciples in upper room – Lk. 24:36-43

7. Eleven disciples a week later – Jn. 20:26

8. Seven disciples at Sea of Galilee – Jn. 21:1-24

9. Eleven disciples as ascension on Mount of Olives – Mt. 28:16-20

10. Five hundred – 1 Cor. 15:6

D. The disciples were _____ –

III. RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION –How was the world changed as a result of Christ's bodily resurrection?

A. It confirms the _____
(Mt. 16:21; 17:10, 10:34, Lk. 13:32)

B. It confirms _____
(Rom. 1:4; John 2:18-22) No one else!

C It confirms the _____ (1 Cor. 15:20-22; 2 Cor. 4:14; 1 Pet. 1:3-4).

D. It confirms God's _____ at work in us now for all who believe.
(Rom. 6:4-5, Phil. 3:10-11)

E. It changed the _____
Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed and Westminster Confession of Faith.

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES: