RESURRECTION

The Irrefutable Resurrection of Jesus

Proven by Faith, Not Blind Faith, Faith

WEST SOUND COMMUNITY CHURCH   FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

Jesus died by crucifixion

Jesus was buried

Jesus' death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope

Jesus' tomb was empty

The disciples had experiences which they believed were literal appearances of the risen Jesus

The disciples were transformed from doubters to bold proclaimers

The resurrection was the central message

The disciples preached the message of Jesus' resurrection in Jerusalem

The Church was born and grew

Orthodox Jews who believed in Christ made Sunday their primary day of worship

James was converted to the faith when he saw the resurrected Jesus (James was a family skeptic)

Paul was converted to the faith (Paul was an outsider skeptic)

One simply cannot reject the historicity of Jesus, his work, his crucifixion, his resurrection, and his ascension as myth or legend. History tells us otherwise. The above minimal facts are regarded by historical scholars, both believers and skeptics, as demonstrably historical. Dr. Gary Habermas has spent years pouring over citations from historians from all manner of backgrounds. He writes, "For more than 35 years, I have argued that, surrounding the end of Jesus' life, there is a significant body of data that scholars of almost every religious and philosophical persuasion recognize as being historical. The historicity of each 'fact' on the list is attested and supported by a variety of historical and other considerations."*

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*The Minimal Facts Approach to the Resurrection of Jesus: The Role of Methodology as a Crucial Component in Establishing Historicity. Gary R. Habermas. Southeastern Theological Review: Volume: STR 03:1 (Summer 2012). Download at https://bit.ly/3e5XMdE

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