

The Resurrection

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I. Introduction.

- A. The resurrection is the foundation of Christianity.
- B. The resurrection of Christ is completely unique.
- C. The resurrection is the point of controversy with other religions.

II. Historical ingredients of the resurrection.

- A. Christianity hinges on the case of the missing corpse.
- B. The delusion, swoon, fraud and miracle theories.
- C. Circumstantial evidence, the consistent testimony of Jesus regarding miracles and the response of the disciples all testify to the miracle view.

III. Traditional ideas about the resurrection.

IV. Spiritual implications of the resurrection.

- A. The resurrection can be the intellectual basis of your faith.
- B. The resurrection gives the church the divine power of the Spirit.

Applications questions:

1. How would you evaluate the different theories of the empty tomb based upon the message?

2. What evidence for the resurrection do you find most convincing? Explain.

3. Why is resurrection so central to Christianity? Explain.
