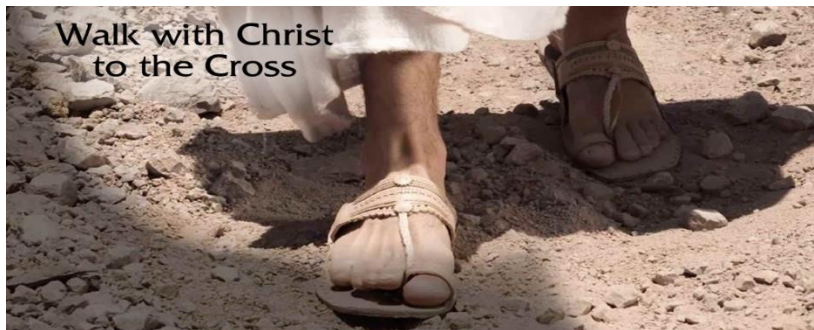




Is It Reasonable to Believe in the Resurrection?

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“Can I have confidence that the resurrection is historical fact—that Jesus of Nazareth was physically raised from the dead after dying on a Roman cross?”

The central issue of Christianity is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The Old Testament prophets foretold his resurrection.

Jesus himself predicted his suffering, his death by crucifixion, and his resurrection on the third day.

The phenomenon of the early church is unexplainable apart from the historical reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead,

Five Counter-Theories

The Swoon Theory: “Was Jesus really dead when his body was taken from the cross?”

The Theft Theory: “Who moved the body?”

The Wrong-Tomb Theory: “Did the women visit the wrong tomb?”

The Hallucination Theory: “Did the disciples merely see what they wanted to see?”

The Conspiracy Theory: “Didn’t the disciples simply conspire to form a new religion?”

Further Evidence

The disciples were transformed from fearful to fearless.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead was the central and essential proclamation of the apostles and the early church.

What is YOUR verdict?