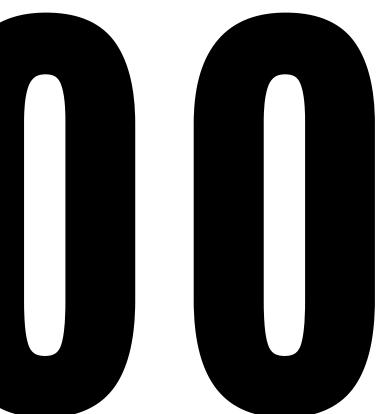


1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-10



Matthew 28:11-14 (NIV)

After the resurrection of Jesus, the chief priests and elders bribe the Roman guards to spread a false story about Jesus' body being stolen by His disciples.

"While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, 'You are to say, "His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy

him and keep you out of trouble."

ASK YOURSELF - WHY THE ENEMY WANTED TO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR ME TOOS AND A MIRACLE HE COULDN'T STOP?

"AND IF CHRIST **HAS NOT BEEN RAISED**, OUR PREACHING IS USELESS AND SO IS YOUR FAITH." 1 CORINTHIANS 15:14 (NIV)

Understand that discrediting the RESURRECTION is for the purpose of shaking our faith and keeping us from having a leg to stand on (sacrifice).

John 20:29

Then Jesus told him (Thomas), "Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed** are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

- What we believe others belittle.
- What we celebrate others condemn.
- What we worship others warn against.
- What we know as fact is seen as fiction.
- Our convictions are confronted.
- What we deify others demonize.
- Discrepancies are used as distractions.
- Our joyful noise is negative noise to many.





1 PETER 3:15 BUT IN YOUR HEARTS HONOR CHRIST THE LORD (TRUTH) AS HOLY, ALWAYS BEING **PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU FOR A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS** IN YOU; YET DO IT WITH **GENTLENESS AND RESPECT**

4For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the **knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-6

"It's not our job to refute what they say. It's their job to support what they say."

Frank Turek

The greatest miracle



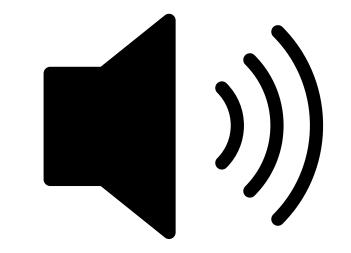
The resurrection is easy if Genesis 1 is true. The resurrection is an impact event making it unforgettable and easy to spread.



Jewish rebels took their last stand against Rome on this mountaintop.

JOSEPHUS ON JESUS

"Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day."



1 Corinthians 15:1-10 (NIV) says:

- 1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you
 - received and on which you have taken your stand.
- 2 By **this gospel you are saved**, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
 - 3 For what I received I passed on to you **as of first importance**: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
 - 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
 - 5 and that he appeared to **Cephas**, and then to the **Twelve**.
- 6 After that, he appeared to more than **five hundred** of the brothers and sisters at the same time,
 - most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.
 - 7 Then he appeared to **James**, then to all the **apostles**,

8 and last of all he **appeared to me also**, as to one abnormally born.

- 9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
 - 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 Paul is not only admonishing, but he's also giving a bold defense of the resurrection based on historical evidence, eyewitnesses, and his own personal experience of meeting the risen Christ.