

"The Resurrection: Did It Really Happen?!"

Matthew 28:6

INTRO: Not only is the Resurrection one of the best attested facts in history, it is also easily the most important fact in history. Yet billions refuse to believe, choosing to accept the fairy tales of man's making.

I. THE SITUATION

1. Up To Sunday

- (1) He Is Punished Cruelly - John 18:1ff.
- (2) He Is Pronounced Dead - John 19:31-36
- (3) He Is Prepared For Burial - John 19:39-42
- (4) He Is Placed In A Tomb - Mark 15:16; 16:1-3
- (5) He Is Protected By A Guard - Matthew 27:62-68

2. Upon Sunday

- (1) The Stone Aside - Matthew 28:2
- (2) The Guard Amazed - Matthew 28:4, 11-15
- (3) The Body Absent - John 20:1-8
- (4) The Lord Appears - John 20:11-18, 19-28; 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

II. THE SOLUTIONS

1. The Set Up Theory

2. The Swoon Theory

3. The Stolen Body Theory

- (1) By The Disciples
- (2) By The Authorities (Jew or Roman)
- (3) The Gardener (The Lettuce Theory ☹)

4. The Shaken Women Theory

5. The Scripture Theory

- (1) What Else Explains The Appearances?!
- (2) What Else Explains The Alterations?!

CONCL: When one rejects the resurrection, he seals his doom. Salvation from sin, forgiveness, and a home in heaven are contingent on "believing in your heart that God hath raised Him from the dead." (Romans 10:9) Believe it: ***He Is Alive!***

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