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The Resurrection - Hoax or History?

I.) Evidence for the sound logic of the resurrection

A.) The Christian faith hinges on it.

1.) I Cor 12 pg ~~776~~ 1217

a.) 7-11 b.) 12-14 c.) 21-26 d.) 27

B.) The prophets and Christ spake of it beforehand; Today, we still have the writings of actual eyewitnesses.

John 1.) I John 1:1-3 pg ~~265~~ 1296

Peter 2.) I Pet 5:1 pg ~~244~~ 1291

Lk 24:18 3.) Cle-ō-pās & another and 11 Apostles

1.) Lk 24:18, 33 pg 102-3

4.) Prof. Greenleaf of the Harvard Law School said "Enough evidence to verify the claim in a court of law."

C.) A Time, Place, dimension, history event.

1.) Christ lived in time as we know it.

a.) 33 yrs old, etc.

2.) Christ lived in space as we know it.

a) John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

3.) Christ lived in the 3-dimensional world as we know it.

a.) John 1:14 and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

b) I John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.

1.) He was flesh and blood.

4.) The life of Christ is a historical event.
a.) recorded by many historians of that time.
b.) Also, we have referenced other point in history around the life of Christ
1.) Date 1985 AD - "In the year of our Lord,.." and this system is maintained universaly.
D.) Christianity is a religion, in which its head was an actual person in history.
1.) Christ is the truth.
a.) John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
2.) Christianity is not only philosophy.
a.) Philosophy does not necessarily put itself in the realm of reality or history.

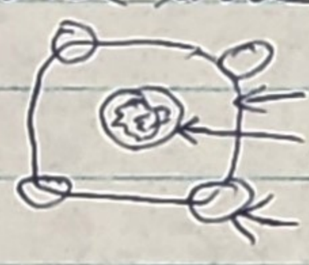
II. Evidence for the claim of the resurrection.
A.) Christ's death was sure.
1.) John 19:33-42. pg 1147
a.) side pierced
b.) blood & water, seperated, ran out
1.) a symptom of death.
c.) laid in a damp, garden tomb.
1.) hewn out of rock.
B.) The body was embalmed & mummified
1.) weight of the spices alone - 100 lbs.
C.) Jews requested a Roman guard
1.) Mt 27:62-66 pg 1051
2.) According to Roman record books written in 350 AD - 12 guards were used at this tomb, armed for battle.

D.) A watch was set.

1.) 8 men on duty at all times while the others slept.

a.) the penalty for failure to guard was to be burned to death.

E.) The Stone was sealed with the Roman Seal

1.) 

2.) The penalty for breaking the seal was to be burned to death in a fire started with your own clothes.

F.) The sinye of the stone

1.) Mk 16:4 and when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

a.) From greek - "great ... stone", it took 15 to 20 men to move (~1-3 tons)

b.) the stone covered the 4½ foot entrance.

G.) Found the stone rolled away.

1.) Lk 24:2 and they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

a.) This is unlike what anyone would take time to do if they wanted just to steal the body.

H.) These things happened close to Jerusalem, where everyone could quickly see and prove things true.

1.) The tomb is a 10-15 minute walk from Jerusalem.

I.) The Gospel was first preached in Jerusalem

1.) Lk 24:44-48 pg 1148

a.) right in the midst of the opposition

b.) If the resurrection was a lie, why start it in Jerusalem, of all places?

J.) What if the Jews or Romans hid the body?

1.) all ~~they~~ would have to do to prove Jesus a liar would be to cart the dead body of Jesus right down thru Jerusalem after the 3rd day of his death.

K.) What of the Roman guards?

1.) Mt 28:11-15 pg 1051

a.) The Roman guards were paid to tell a lie with the backing of the Jewish leaders.

b.) The Jewish leaders had power, even over the Romans, especially in Jerusalem.

L.) No Christian goes to the tomb of Jesus to mourn his death - it is empty!

1.) ~~Some religions do~~.

M.) The apostles and disciples were not organized during his death.

1.) they didn't recognize him when he did appear before them.

N.) The apostles committed the rest of their lives to the Gospel.

1.) Even to die for it.

2.) Who would - willingly - die for a lie?

III.) The fact of the resurrection effects <u>everyone</u> even today.

A.) Acts 17:31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.