

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

“The Gospel”

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“¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you**, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you **believed in vain.**”

1 Corinthians 1

“¹⁸ For **the word of the cross** is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. . . .

²² For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom;” ²³ but **we preach Christ crucified**, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

God's Word

An explanation of the meaning of God's actions

“The **Word** of the **Cross**”

God's action

The Cross and Resurrection of Christ

Galatians 1

“¹¹ For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but {I received it} **through a revelation of Jesus Christ.**”

What is vain belief?

- ✓ **Faith that does not endure. We must persevere in faith.** Matt.13:18-22
- ✓ **Faith that has no foundation in truth or fact.** 1 Cor.15:17 “if Christ is not raised your faith is vain.”
- ✓ **Faith that does not manifest a life that follows Christ.** 2 Cor.6:1 “we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain.” Eph.2:8-10

I Corinthians 15:1-8

“³ For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ **died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was **raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

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“⁵ and that He **appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.”

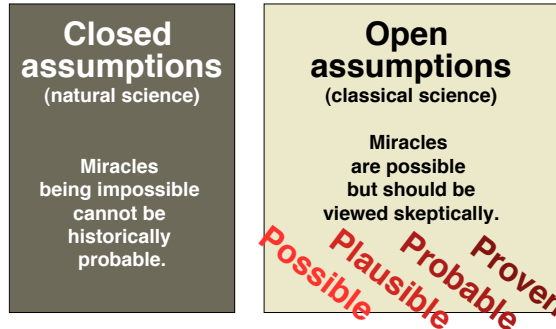
2 Peter 1:16

“For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were **eyewitnesses** of His majesty.”

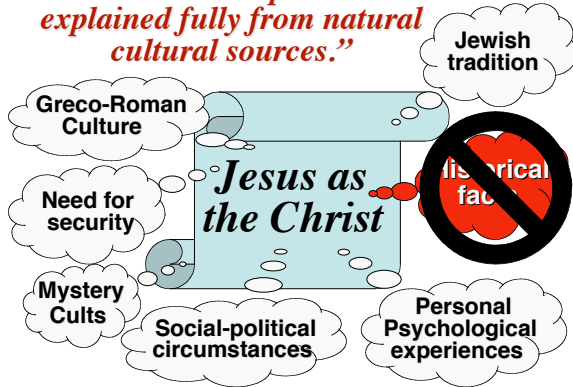
Jesus and the Resurrection?

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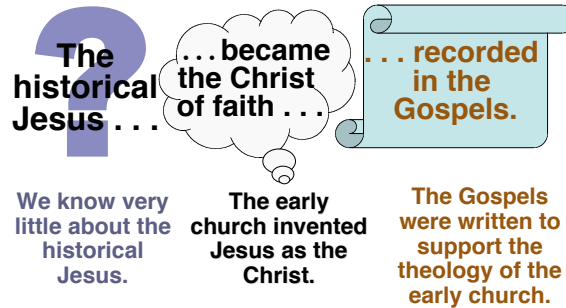
Was the resurrection a historical event?



Error "The Gospel can be explained fully from natural cultural sources."



Error "The N.T. evolved through the creative activity of the early church."



The Resurrection of Jesus

- ✓ **Central to the Gospel.** The sermons in Acts center on the resurrection more than the cross.
- ✓ **Assumed in Paul's letters.** There was little question about it 25 years after the fact.
- ✓ **Multiple witnesses and accounts.** We have four gospels and many living eyewitnesses.
- ✓ **The most probable explanation of the facts.** If we can assume that a supernatural God exists, then the resurrection is plausible.

The point of this text

The core of the Gospel is not personal blessing, or social reform
but the passion and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah.