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Session 3: I Corinthians 15:1-19 & The Case For Easter by Lee Strobel

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  + Why should we be apologetic? 1 Peter 3:15
  + What is a creed, Christian Creed, Resurrection Gospel, Apostle’s Creed, Jewish Creed, etc.?
  + Messianic Prophesies, over 365 in Old Testament that were fulfilled by Christ on first coming. 100 fulfilled in Passion Week alone. Probability of filling 8 = 1/1017th  or bowl filled with silver dollars with one marked two feet high the size of the State of Texas; fulfilling prophesies 16 = 1/10 48th . , Bowl size of earth’s orbit.
  + Why is 1 Corinthians 15 foundational to the Christian religion?

**Session 3**

Why is the resurrection at the core of the Christian belief (I Corinthians 15:14-19)?

Sceptics claim that what happened to Jesus’ body is still a mystery.

Was Jesus’s body really placed in the tomb?

Is Joseph of Arimathea historical?

Was the body really gone or was the resurrection simply a Spiritual event?

How secure was the tomb?

Critics use the discrepancies between the 4 Gospels as proof that the events are not true. What are these discrepancies?

Matthew – What Jesus Said

* Stone
* Occupants of the tomb
* Who found the tomb
* What happened after the tomb was found empty

Mark – What Jesus Did

* Stone
* Occupants of the tomb
* Who found the tomb
* What happened after the tomb was found empty

Luke – What Jesus Felt

* Stone
* Occupants of the tomb
* Who found the tomb
* What happened after the tomb was found empty

John – Who Jesus Was

* Stone
* Occupants of the tomb
* Who found the tomb
* What happened after the tomb was found empty

Jesus wasn’t buried 3 days

Can the witnesses be trusted?

What difference exists between Jesus’s resurrection and other accounts of resurrection such as Lazarus?

Reasons to believe the tomb was empty

Alternative theories

5 Possible arguments

* Disciples created the myth
* Disciples hallucinated the resurrection
* Disciples lied – created a conspiracy
* Swoon
* Happened exactly as it was reported