

Resurrection

1. Write the following question on the board and then get the students to vote Yes, No, Maybe. Then discuss answers.

Do dead people come back to life?

2. Explain that central to Christianity is a dead person coming back to life. Jesus. Show bible verse (1 Corinthians 15:14-15a). This shows that if Jesus didn't rise then we are wasting our time being a Christian. If you want to prove that Christianity is not true then you need to prove that Jesus did not rise from the dead.

3. Present the following proofs of the resurrection.

Proof One

The tomb was empty

Within weeks people all over Jerusalem knew that Jesus was alive they could have gone to check

Joseph of Arimathea who owned the tomb didn't deny it.

Christians don't worship God at a tomb

The Jewish leaders of the day couldn't deny an empty tomb

Proof Two

Women were the first eyewitnesses

In the 1st century women were considered so untrustworthy that they couldn't even testify in court, if you wanted to convince people that a lie was true you would have used a man with a good reputation to see Jesus first.

Proof Three

Eyewitness accounts

The four gospels all have appropriate similarities and differences, this is important for historical truthfulness

Proof Four

Transformation of the disciples

The disciples changed from timid men to being arrested, beaten, stoned and killed for telling people about Jesus, you wouldn't do that for a lie

4. When this has been explained ask the following question (Yes, No, Maybe) and discuss answers, when finished offer gospels

Did Jesus rise from the dead?

If Christ has not been raised,
our preaching is useless and
so is your faith. More than
that, we are then found to be
false witnesses about God.

1 Corinthians 15:14-15a

Proof One: The Tomb was empty!

- Within weeks people all over Jerusalem knew about it, they could have checked.
- Joseph of Arimathea who owned the tomb didn't deny it.
- Christians don't worship God at a tomb

Proof Two: Women were the first witnesses!

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Proof Three: Eyewitness Accounts!

- The Four Gospels all have appropriate similarities and differences, this is important for historical truthfulness.

Proof Four: Transformation of the Disciples!

- The Disciples changed from timid men to being arrested, beaten, stoned and killed for telling people about Jesus, you wouldn't do that for a lie.