

Rapid Response: There is No Eyewitness Testimony for the Resurrection

Unfortunately, many unbelievers seem to be unreasonably skeptical concerning the resurrection. For them, things that would never come under scrutiny in other circumstances suddenly become dubious and conspiratorial. One such skeptical claim is that there is no eyewitness testimony for the resurrection. For this objection, consider these two questions:

What Qualifies as Eyewitness Testimony?

Sometimes the bar for eyewitness testimony is set so high that nothing could qualify. Maybe the skeptic will only consider testimony that can be cross-examined, or only what is not biased. But if this is one's standard, it would throw nearly all of human history into skepticism. Good eyewitness testimony simply comes from one who was there, who is accurate, who does not have a motivation to lie, and who hopefully has independent verification.^[1]

Do We Have Eyewitness Testimony?

1. *The Gospels.* At least the synoptic gospels were likely written well within the lifetime of the eyewitnesses. Luke claims that he received information from eyewitnesses (Luke 1:2), and Mark was writing before Luke. There doesn't seem to be any good reason in Luke himself to doubt his statement. Further, there is no competing view from any ancient writer concerning the identity of the gospels' authors. And even if their authorship was fabricated, we wouldn't expect them to select such obscure figures as Matthew, Mark, or Luke.
2. *Paul's Letters.* Paul himself claimed to be an eyewitness of the resurrection (1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8; Gal. 1:13-17). These statements are corroborated in Luke's second volume (Acts 9, 22, 26).
3. *Those that Paul associated with.* Paul says that the "pillars" of the Jerusalem church added nothing to his doctrine, indicating they were preaching the exact same message of resurrection (Gal. 1:18-19; 2:7-9). He goes on to record that others, many of whom he had met, had also witnessed the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:5-8). There is simply no good reason to think that Paul was being dishonest.

In short, the claim that no eyewitness testimony for the resurrection exists can only be sustained despite the evidence, not because of it.

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^[1]Wallace, Warner, J. *Cold Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels* (Colorado Springs CO: David C Cook, 2013), pp. 71-74.

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Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

If you can’t be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Please return your **blue personal interest form**. This will help to get everyone involved. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Registration ends today at 2:00 for **Green Valley Bible Camp**. Our week is June 12-18. The theme for this year is “The Happiest People in the World”

Writers, remember to turn in your assignments to Caleb or Danny by tomorrow.

NCS is still looking for a teacher for grades 1 and 2 for next school year.

Today’s Sermons



A.M: *Jesus Sightings*
(1 Cor. 15:1-8, Caleb Boggs)

PM: *The Empty Tomb*
(Matthew 28:1-6, Pat Andrews)

Next week is **promotion Sunday** for our school age children. They will go to the classroom for the school grade they will be in when school begins. Here are the classrooms

Sunday

Cradled Roll - Room 3- Shana Griffin, Cindy Tribbey
2-3 years - Room 4 - Brenda Kimbrough, Bobbie Wolgamott
4 years to Kindergarten - Room 5 -

(see Jason Giebler if you are interested in teaching this class)

Grades 1 & 2 - Room 27- Linda Scott, Susan Phillips
Grades 3 & 4 - Room 28- Heather Flint, Coralee Risley
Grades 5 & 6 - Room 18- Kathleen Reiboldt, Becky Cobb
Grades 7 - 12 - Room 26- Caleb Boggs, Josh King

Wednesday

Cradled Roll - Room 3- Sarah Giebler
2-3 year olds - Room 4- Anna Wald, Ashley Norman
4 yrs. - Kind. - Room 13 - Madelaine Giebler, Danielle Pierce
Grades 1 & 2 - Room 6- Kathy Friend, Madison Fehring
Grades 3 & 4 - Room 14- Linda Haught, Julia Fehring
Grades 5 & 6 - Room 24- Charlie and Sam Collinsworth
Grades 7 - 12 - Auditorium - Summer Series

Adult Bible classes will begin their new quarter next Sunday. Be a part of one of these classes:

Sunday

Auditorium - *Life of Christ - The Gospels*
Bill Reiboldt, Pat Andrews

Room 29 - *I Corinthians*

John Deffenbaugh, Glen Honeycutt

Young Adults, Room 25 - *Believe! The Gospel of John*
Danny Boggs, Jason Giebler

Fellowship Room - *Practical Christianity: Book of James*
Tim Murray and friends

Wednesday

All adult classes and teens will meet in the auditorium for our series *The Women Who Fear God*. There are different speakers on each week.

There will be a **potluck baby shower** for Cheyenne and Ethan Murray next Sunday in the activities center. You can contribute diapers, wipes or add to the money tree or give money to Jennifer Daniels.

The **Sojourners** will be working at NCS June 6th- June 16th. There are jobs for all abilities and lots that need to be done during their visit. If you would be interested in working alongside them, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Charles Phillips
AM Closing Prayer: Todd Tyler
Communion Prayers: Jim Friend
PM Opening Prayer: Caleb Boggs
PM Closing Prayer: Bryan Reiboldt

This Wednesday

Announcements: David Fehring
Singing: Josh King
Invitation: Wayne Douthitt
Opening Prayer: Carl Cobb
Closing Prayer: Tucker Anderson

RECORDS

	5-22-22	5-23-21
Bible Study	160	139
AM Worship	213	194
PM Worship	137	148
Wednesday	137	131
Contribution	\$8,939.07	\$13,291.12
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,000.00