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## Three Truths About the Resurrection of Jesus

### I. Introduction

### II. Three Truths About the Resurrection of Jesus

#### A. The resurrection really happened!

1. History is built on eyewitness testimony by ancient historians who were serious about this.
2. Luke 1:1-4 (NAS) *<sup>1</sup>In as much as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.*
3. Mark 15:21 (NLT) *A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.)*
4. In all four gospels, the first eyewitnesses at the empty tomb were women.
5. Luke 24:10-11 (NLT) *<sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. <sup>11</sup>But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it.*

#### B. The resurrection changed everything!

1. Christianity is the only faith that did not develop gradually over time!
2. Matthew 28:8-9 (NLT) *<sup>8</sup>The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. <sup>9</sup>And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him.*

#### C. The resurrection is deeply personal!

1. Hebrews 9:27 (NLT) *Each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment.*
2. The biggest "Wow!" of your existence has not happened yet!
3. I John 5:11-12 (NAS) *<sup>11</sup>And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.*

4. John 1:12 (NAS) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*

### **III. Conclusion**