

APOLOGETICS

IN ONE LESSON

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Introduction

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Main facts

- 1 Jesus was **resurrected**
- 2 The New Testament came from **eyewitnesses**



"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full."

Why focus on a defense of the resurrection?

1

It's **Biblical**

2

It's **simpler & easier** (since the Gospel is your strength)

3

Become **more knowledgeable** about the Gospel accounts

Values & Needs

“I *want* Christianity to be true”

Christianity can explain values
(why racism is wrong, why truth matters, etc.)

Christianity can fill our deepest needs
(hope, love, forgiveness, justice)

Facts

“I *believe* Christianity is true”

Undesigned coincidences

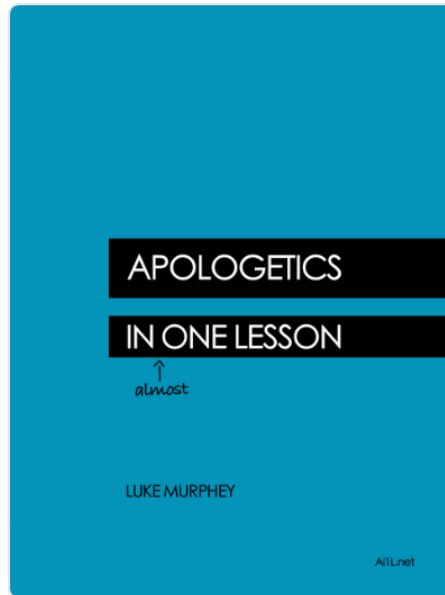
Eyewitness sources

Christianity shouldn't exist
(if not for Jesus' resurrection)

Ancient Jewish teaching practices

Prophecy (Isaiah 53)

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This guide provides students with a defense of the New Testament. Specifically, it focuses on a defense of two of the New Testament's claims:

1. Jesus of Nazareth was resurrected
2. The primary source accounts (the New Testament) came from eyewitnesses

This content was written in order to make evidences approachable and easier to defend while also exposing Christians to some of the latest relevant research in New Testament studies.

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- 7. The Primacy of the Primary Sources
- 18. “Isaiah 53 is not a good example of fulfilled prophecy”
- 23. Has the Bible Been Mistranslated?
- 26. Response to the Minimal Facts for the Resurrection
- 28. Why Doesn’t God Make Himself More Obvious?

Four facts support Jesus' resurrection

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Key Takeaways

1

The approach we use is important; probably more than the arguments we use

2

Belief in Jesus is based upon one fact in history: **Jesus' resurrection**

3

The resurrection can be supported by **four facts**:

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2. Jesus' disciples believed he resurrected
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4. The tomb was empty

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Goal

Make discussing our convictions easier (set the bar low)

Focus on making progress, don't get excessively worried about results

Our approach matters more than the arguments we use

Use cultural ideas to promote the Gospel