APOLOGETICS

IN ONE LESSON



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Lesson 26

Fact 3: Early Skeptics (Paul and James) Became Believers

Fact 4: the Tomb was Empty

Profile James and how he changes

Read the historical accounts of James' death

James

- Was previously a disbeliever (John 7:5)
- Early records indicate Jesus' appeared to James (1 Cor 15:7)
- Became a leader in Jerusalem (Gal 1:19, Acts 15:12-21)
- Suffered and was martyred (Josephus, Hegesippus, Clement of Alexandria)

Make a case for the resurrection based on Paul's history

Read the historical accounts of Paudeath

Paul

- Was previously an enemy of the church (1 Cor. 15:9-10; Gal. 1:13-16; Phil. 3:6-7; Acts 9, 22, 26)
- Early records indicate Jesus' appeared to Paul (1 Cor 15:8; Acts 9, 22, 26)
- Became a leader in the church (Paul's epistles, Acts)
- Suffered and was martyred (2 Cor 11:23-28; Phil. 1:21-23; Acts; Clement of Rome, Polycarp, Tertullian, Dionysius of Corinth, Origen)

Why would the evidence of former skeptics be useful?

Empty Tomb

- Resurrection taught in the city where Jesus' tomb was (Acts 9)
- Enemies attest to the empty tomb (Matt 28:12-13; Justin Martyr; Tertullian)
- Women are the primary sources (despite cultural objections) (Gospels; Josephus; Talmud; Origen; Suetonius)

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