

SERMON SUPPLEMENT

“Examining the Evidence” | Easter Sunday 2024

Warm-Up: Acts 1:3 says that after His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples offering “many convincing proofs”. In your opinion, how important is external evidence in defending the resurrection?

Dig In: The following ten “evidences” were given for the rational plausibility of the resurrection. Talk about why each is important and how it contributes to the argument as a whole.

1. The Historical Jesus
2. Empty Tomb and Missing Body
3. Verifiable Post-Resurrection Appearances
4. Early Testimony
5. The Embarrassment Factor
6. Transformation of the Disciples
7. Conversion of Enemies and Skeptics
8. Growth of Christianity
9. The Other Crazy Theories
10. A Really Bad Lie

Apply

- What does 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 have to say about the resurrection? What are the implications for our lives?

Further Study:

- [The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus](#) Gary Habermas and Michael Licona (*this is the best, most thorough yet readable treatment, buy this if you want to dig in!*)
- [The Case for Easter](#) Lee Strobel (90 page excerpt from Strobel’s larger book *The Case for Christ*)
- “Resurrection: God Saves” ch. 9 in [Doctrine: It’s All About Jesus](#) Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears (*a great summary of the arguments in a single chapter*).