

Asking for a Friend...

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The Resurrection Seems Too Much Like Nonsense to Be Believeable. Do you Really Expect Me To Believe that Jesus Went in Dead and Came Out Alive?

Luke 24:1-12

John 20:5-8 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

The One Thing:

Peter Had to _____ For _____ and So Do I.

It Takes _____ as Much _____ to Believe the Resurrection is Made Up as it Does to Believe It is All Real.

Faking the Resurrection Would Require...

1. Overcoming the Guards.
2. Removing and Hiding the Body.
3. Convincing Hundreds of Other People to _____ About Seeing the Resurrected Jesus.

4. Keeping their Mouths Shut as They All _____ For the Lie.

5. Convincing Others Who Opposed Jesus to Change Their Minds and _____ For the Lie.

What the Resurrection Really Means:

1 Corinthians 15:13-17

1. The Resurrection is _____ that Jesus is Who He _____ to Be. Jesus Went in Definitely Dead and Came Out Actually Alive.

2. The Resurrection is the _____ of Our _____. Jesus Went in With My Sins and Came Out Without Them.

3. The Resurrection is the _____ For Our _____. Jesus Went in with the Worst Thing and Came Out With the Best Thing.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.