



Session 5 - T - The Truth About Jesus Points to God.

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1. T - The _____ about Jesus points to God.

- a. Matt. 16:21 - Jesus foretold his _____ and that is the foundation of our faith (Jn. 2:18-22, 1 Cor. 15:17).

2. Historical _____ corroborates Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection.

- a. There are _____ references to Jesus outside of the Bible.
- b. There are no historical denials of the _____ tomb.
- c. There is even positive evidence from _____ sources.
- d. Divergent details don't _____ the case for the resurrection.

3. Gary Habermas' _____ Facts: Jesus died by Roman crucifixion. He was buried in a private tomb. His disciples were initially discouraged. Jesus' tomb was found empty shortly after His burial. The disciples and numerous others were convinced they saw the risen Christ. Their lives were completely transformed - even to the point of being willing to be persecuted and martyred. The story of the resurrection took place very early - at the beginning of church history. Their testimony and preaching took place initially in Jerusalem. This is the one place the resurrection could have been refuted. Based on the the gospel and the message of the resurrection, the church grew. Sunday became the primary day for gathering and worshipping. Jewish believers switched from the Sabbath to Sunday over it. James, the brother of Jesus, went from skeptic to believer because of seeing the risen Christ. Saul, a persecutor of Christians, did too.

4. Historical method:

- a. Explanatory _____ - explains most of the data.



- b. Explanatory _____ - Hypothesis best explains the data.
- c. _____ - Hypothesis is implied by more of the data than others are.
- d. _____ ad hoc - Hypothesis does not string together unwarranted hypotheses.
- e. Hypothesis is _____ by fewer accepted beliefs than others are.
- f. _____ surpasses others hypotheses in points 1 and 5.

5. Only the resurrection explains all the _____ data.

- a. The most reputable skeptic admits his rebuttals of the _____ don't hold water.
- b. Then he uses a logical _____, begging the question, to try to get out of the evidence.
- c. We can't assume resurrections don't _____, then ignore the evidence for the resurrection, and then conclude that resurrections haven't happened.

6. Summary: The Bible tells us that Jesus is God. The evidence for His life, ministry, death, and resurrection is irrefutable.

Review the BEST FACTS acronym and discuss this session and questions:

- 1. How did this short review of the resurrection evidence impact you?
- 2. How does the evidence for Jesus' resurrection affect your ability to trust Him with your eternity?
- 3. The most reputable scholarly skeptic of the resurrection uses a logical fallacy to try to get out of the resurrection. What does that tell you about the evidence for the resurrection?

Answers: truth, resurrection, evidence, historical, empty, hostile, refute, minimal, scope, power, Plausibility, less, disconfirmed, Hypothesis, historical, resurrection, fallacy, and happen.