

The Resurrection of Jesus V

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In our last article we were in the middle of the Swoon Theory argument. This argument once again states that Jesus did not really die while on the cross, but that He only swooned away. And when He was placed in the tomb, because of the coolness of the air awoke.

A couple of the points that were made against that argument were that it would be impossible for Jesus to even survive the torture, the beatings, the lashes that He received from the Romans. Once again, the crucifixion process was a sure death for the prisoner.

While Jesus hung on the cross, He lost the majority of His blood. Apart from that, His heart was pierced with a sword. How could anyone survive that? For argument sake lets suppose He did.

After being taken down from the cross He was wrapped in a mantel after which was placed in the tomb. And as we saw last week, how could He conjure up the strength to unwrap Himself from the cloth being in His condition?

For argument's sake once again, for whatever reason He received some type of supernatural strength and was able to unwrap himself and walk. Once standing He would find Himself with a major problem. How is He going to be able to get out of the tomb seeing a huge rock blocking the entrance of it?

Well, to continue to see the problems with the Swoon Theory argument, let us just suppose He was able to remove the stone all by Himself being in His condition. After pushing the huge rock out the way, He immediately sees another major problem. How is He going to escape the one hundred or so soldiers that were placed in front of the tomb to make sure that the disciples did not steal His body?

Well, if He tip toed out of there without making any noise, supposing the soldiers were asleep, how could He convince the disciples that He was the Savior of the world being in His condition? How could He say that He arose from the dead if He still had His whole body destroyed?

And if any of the above was possible, which is not, why would the disciples go out preaching that He arose from the dead if they themselves would not have been convinced that He arose from the dead after seeing Him in His condition? Why would they die for a lie? Ultimately the disciples would have confessed at some point. Especially after being tortured to death for believing in Jesus.

One final point regarding the Swoon Theory argument. If Jesus did not die while on the cross, He would have died at some point and His body would have decomposed in the tomb. If that took place, Christianity in itself would have never started to grow. And the resurrection of Jesus would have never been proclaimed.

But once again, the resurrection of Jesus was the central theme in the preaching of the Apostles and disciples.

People today can try to bring up any type of argument against the resurrection of Christ and against Christianity itself. But only because they do it does not mean that Christianity is false. On the contrary, Christianity is true to the fullest sense because of the resurrection of Jesus, regardless of what anyone will say against it. I challenge any honest seeker of the truth to study the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By doing it, one will find the truth in Jesus. This will change your life and your eternal destiny.

Jesus said in John 14:6; "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Spiritual truth is not found in religion. It is not found in the traditions of man. It is not found in any other man that has ever existed. It is found in the Word of God. It is found in Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Peter himself stated in Acts 4:12; "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

If you have not dedicated your life to Jesus and have received Him as your Lord and Savior, what is keeping you from doing that today? Receive Him today because it could be your last day on earth.

If you want to know how to live for Jesus, please contact me today.

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