

Know and Do—Going Deeper, week 12: “Did Christ Really Rise from the Dead?” (know portion)

I. Minimal Facts Argument for the Resurrection

1. Jesus died by _____.
 2. He was _____.
 3. The disciples _____ and _____.
 4. The tomb was _____.
 5. The disciples believed they saw the _____.
 6. The disciples became _____.
 7. The disciples preached _____.
 8. They preached the message in _____.
 9. _____ was born and grew.
 10. Jewish Christians changed their _____.
 11. _____ (the family skeptic) was converted.
 12. _____ (the persecutor) was converted.
- Better even than that, “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” —**Hebrews 4:12–13**

- “he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.” — **1 Corinthians 15:4–8**
- “Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!
For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.” — **Isaiah 26:19**
- “For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.” — **Psalms 16:10**
- “¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.” — **John 2:18-22**
- “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” — **John 10:10**

II. Why doesn't everyone believe this?

- “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” - **Romans 6:4**
- “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” — **Daniel 12:2**
- “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.” — **John 5:28-29**

- “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” —**Revelation 20:11–15**
- “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,’” — **John 11:25**
- “Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”— **John 14:19**
- “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” —**Romans 10:9**
- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” — **1 Peter 1:3**

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1. Why is a proper understanding of Christ’s resurrection so crucial?
2. What does a responsible use of apologetics (defense of the faith) look like for Christians?
3. Which of Habermas’ minimal facts of the resurrection stand out most to you? Why?
4. Which of his minimal facts do you think are most impactful on non-believers? Why?
5. Give reasons why Scripture in and of itself is the best apologetic.
6. What is the best way to move someone from a merely apologetic conversation to a conversation centered on understanding the meaning of Scripture?
7. Why do some people still reject the truth of the resurrection even in the face of cogent arguments for it?
8. What can you do this week to help point people to the truth of the living Christ?