

# “A MIRACULOUS RESURRECTION”

*(John 19:38-20:10, Matt. 27:62-66, 28:2, 1 Cor. 15:14)*

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*Gospel of John - Sermon 38*

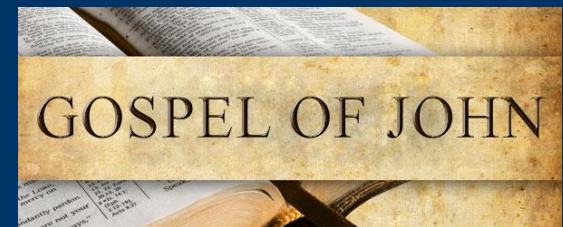
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# INTRODUCTION

## Science vs. Miracle

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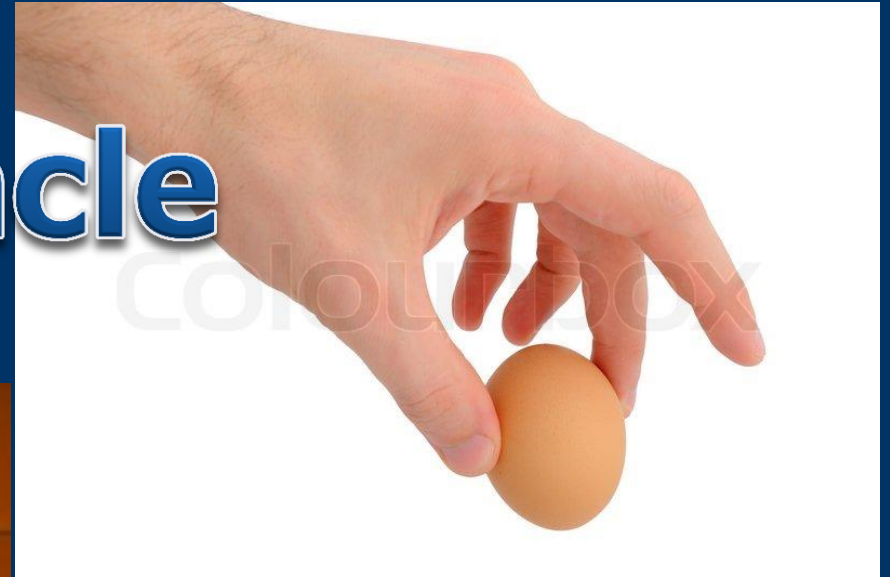
***"Now Jimmy, I want you to pray and ask the God you believe to keep this egg from breaking when it hits the floor. If he can do that, then you'll have proven your point, and I'll have to admit that there's a God."***

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"There are no atheists in the foxholes or lion's den."



***"Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that when my teacher drops the egg... it will break into a hundred pieces! And also, Lord, when the egg does break, my teacher will suffer a massive heart attack and die instantly! Amen."***

# I. CERTAINTY OF THE DEATH

## A. *Physical Evidence.*

*Jn 19:32* The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. **33** But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.



# I. CERTAINTY OF THE DEATH

## A. *Physical Evidence.*



***Jn 19:34** Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.*

***Jn 19:35** The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.*



# I. CERTAINTY OF THE DEATH

## *B. Procedural Evidence.*

***Jn 19:38** Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.*



# I. CERTAINTY OF THE DEATH

## *B. Procedural Evidence.*

***Jn 19:39** He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.*



# I. CERTAINTY OF THE DEATH

## *B. Procedural Evidence.*



***Jn 19:40** Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.*



## II. SILENCE IN THE TOMB

***Jn 19:41** At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. **42** Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.*



## II. SILENCE IN THE TOMB

### A. *The Tomb was sealed.*

**Mat 27:62** *The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. <sup>63</sup> "Sir," they said, "We remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'*



## II. SILENCE IN THE TOMB

### A. *The Tomb was sealed.*

***Mat 27:64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."***



## II. SILENCE IN THE TOMB

### A. *The Tomb was sealed.*

*Mat 27:65 "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.*



## II. SILENCE IN THE TOMB

### *B. The Guards were stationed.*



The Pharisees went through great extend to secure the tomb of Jesus.

# III. SEPARATION FROM THE GRAVE

## A. *The Displaced Stone.*

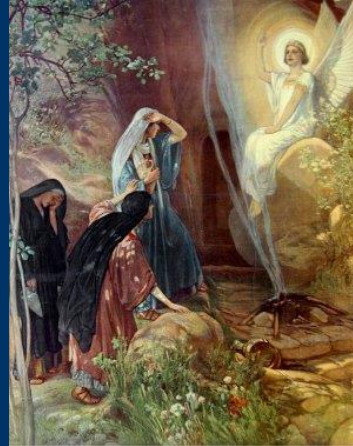
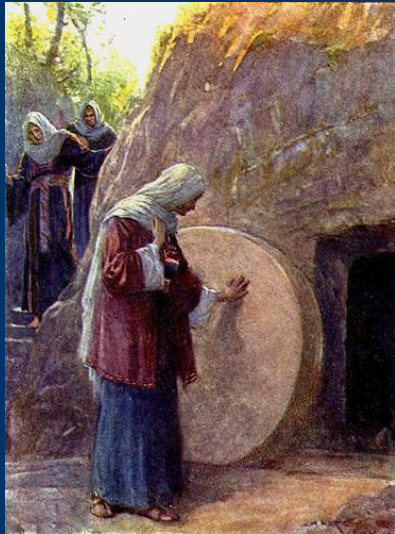
***Jn 20:1*** *Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.*



# III. SEPARATION FROM THE GRAVE

## A. *The Displaced Stone.*

**Mat 28:2** *There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.*



# III. SEPARATION FROM THE GRAVE

## *B. The Empty Tomb.*

*Jn 20:2* So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, **"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"**





# III. SEPARATION FROM THE GRAVE

## *B. The Empty Tomb.*



***Jn 20:3** So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.*

### ***Three Possible Conclusion for the Empty Tomb:***

- 1. Jesus could have left on His own account.***
- 2. Jesus' body could have been taken out by someone.***
- 3. Jesus left by supernatural means –  
Miraculous Resurrection.***



# III. SEPARATION FROM THE GRAVE

## C. *The Shed Grave Clothes.*

*Jn 20:5* He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7a</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head.



# III. SEPARATION FROM THE GRAVE

## C. *The Shed Grave Clothes.*

*Jn 20:7b* The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8a** Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed



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## D. *The Response.*

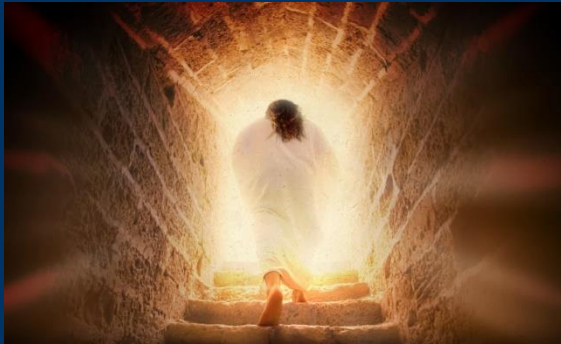
*Jn 20:8b **He saw and believed.**<sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.*



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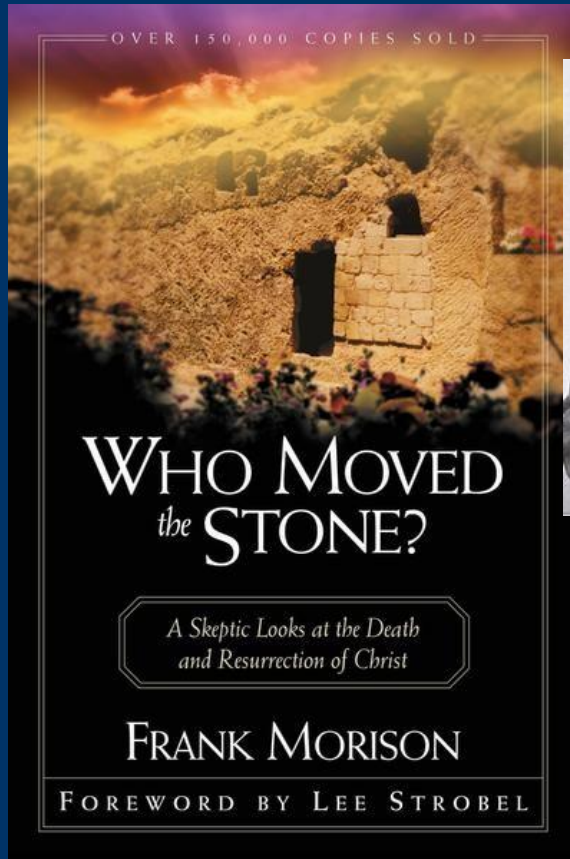
To live without faith in the Resurrection is to deny the biblical evidence.



To die without hope in the Resurrection is to face a barren eternity.

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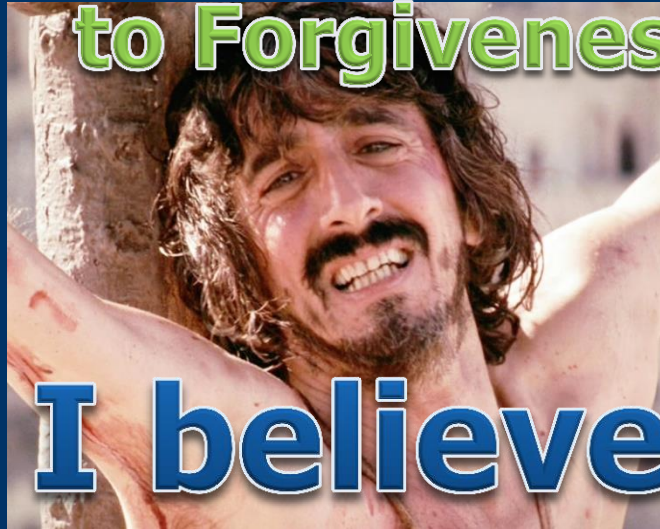


*There may be, and, as the writer thinks, there certainly is, a deep and profoundly historical basis for that much disputed sentence in the Apostles' Creed – **“The third day he rose again from the dead.”***

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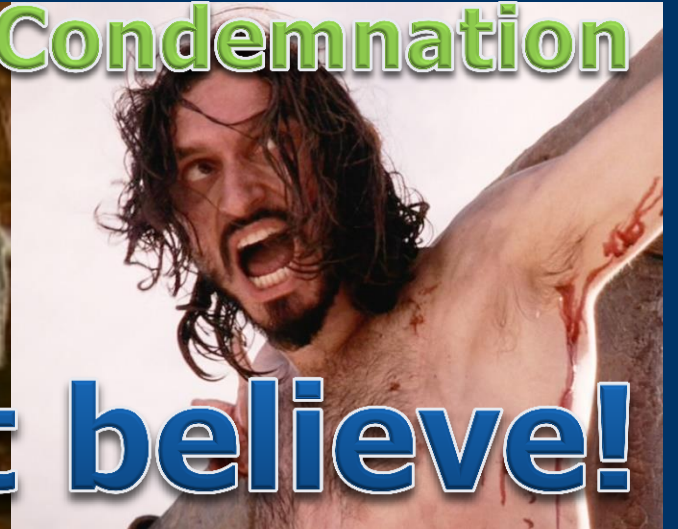


**I believe!**



**I don't**

Rejection leads  
to Condemnation



**believe!**

**1 Cor. 15:14** *And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*

# CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is the news of Jesus' resurrection being challenged over the centuries?*
- 2. Why is it crucial to prove that Christ actually died on the cross?*
- 3. What evidences does the tomb of Jesus revealed that he is resurrected and not stolen or hidden by someone?*
- 4. How does evidences in the tomb proved that Jesus is indeed resurrected from dead?*
- 5. How should we respond to the miraculous resurrection of Christ?*

*Scripture References:*

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