

Reasons For Resurrection
Outline – March 31, 2024
John 20:1-9, Acts 1:2-3, 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

We are called to examine all things.
We are called to have reason to believe (forensic faith).

I. A forensic faith is powerful

- A. It gives you confidence in difficult times
- B. It reminds you that there is more to life than the time we have now
- C. It brings victory into the life of the one who believes

II. A forensic faith is based on many infallible proofs

- A. What are the many infallible proofs that brings confidence, victory, and life that we find in the Resurrection? (10 proofs to examine)
 - 1. The Resurrection was a fulfilled prophetic event
 - a. Psalm 16:10
 - b. John 2:18-20
 - 2. Eyewitness account (1 Corinthians 15:1-9)
 - a. 500 witnesses at one time
 - b. Disciples died for what they saw and heard
 - c. Women were first to see Him
 - d. Peter the denier was transformed
 - e. Thomas the doubter
 - f. Saul of Tarsus destroyer
 - g. James (brother of Jesus) distressed
 - 3. Changed lives (then and now)
 - 4. Early creeds woven into the scripture (1 Corinthians 15:3-7)
 - 5. Historical confirmation from secular sources
 - 6. The church
 - a. Almost 4 billion
 - b. Over 2,000 years old
 - c. Has endured against all odds
 - d. Everywhere in the world
 - 7. The tomb was empty
 - 8. No other reasonable explanation
 - a. Swoon theory
 - b. Stolen by followers
 - c. Taken by Romans
 - 9. Worship moved to Sunday
 - 10. Shroud of Turin – a unique study

III. The reason for the Resurrection

- A. To defeat death
- B. To prove life goes on
- C. To prove prophetic power of Jesus
- D. To prove Bible is reliable
- E. To give life to all who believe
- F. That you too will rise again
- G. To provide an eternal heaven

**There is Reason To Believe In
The Reason For The Resurrection**