

***The Resurrection Stirs Up Mocking, Questioning, and Believing...and  
It Still Does Today  
Acts 17:16-34***

I. The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ into New Territory, 17:15-21

II. In Every New Context, the \_\_\_\_\_ Remains the Same,  
17:22-31

→The \_\_\_\_\_ *Must be Understood*

→The \_\_\_\_\_ *Must Never Change*

Paul proclaims the never-changing gospel into a new context

TRUTH #1 Recognizing \_\_\_\_\_ God is, 17:22-23

TRUTH #2 Recognizing \_\_\_\_\_ God is, 17:24-29

TRUTH #3 Recognizing \_\_\_\_\_ God has said, 17:30-31

***George Sinclair (TGC), Ten Proofs of the Resurrection***

1. There are four biographies of Jesus, written by eyewitnesses or based on eyewitness testimony, claiming Jesus rose from the dead.
2. Pagan and Jewish writers report that Christians believed Jesus rose from the dead.
3. Many of the principal eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Jesus died because of their claim that Jesus was resurrected.
4. The eyewitness story told by John is very important. Many people today will claim that John's story (like the other eyewitness stories) is meant to be understood as a story of symbol and metaphor. However, we know that John clearly understood the difference between telling an historical story and telling a story overflowing with symbol and metaphor. Why? Because he wrote two books, one that very clearly claims to be historical (we now know this book as The Gospel of John) and one book that is clearly all about symbol and metaphor (we now know this as The Book of Revelation).
5. The historical evidence shows that: the grave was empty, with grave clothes neatly left behind; the stone of the tomb was rolled away; the body of Jesus was never found even though the grave was guarded by soldiers and no one ever claimed to have stolen the body.
6. There are (not counting Paul), eleven times when it is recorded that Jesus appeared to people, proving that He was resurrected. None of these witnesses, who knew Jesus, believed that Jesus would rise from the dead before He rose from the dead.
7. In the place where Jesus died and was buried, there was an explosion of growth in the church – which was centered on the claim that the grave was empty, and that Jesus had truly risen.
8. The death and resurrection of Jesus was not a random event. Jesus predicted He would be crucified, buried, and rise from the dead.
9. The death and resurrection of Jesus also took place in the context of centuries of prophecy that such a Messiah would come from God, die and rise again. Jesus Himself claimed that His life, death and resurrection was a fulfillment of these prophecies.
10. Omitted because it was more technical