

- **Embellishment**

- Notes

- The Core Argument

- As the story of Jesus and his teachings spread, they were \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ details. Jesus did not rise from the dead eventually became Jesus did rise from the dead (the story grew in time)

- Rebuttal

- #1) Ancient \_\_\_\_\_
- #2) The resurrection story itself can be traced to the real \_\_\_\_\_ of the original disciples. (They believed it and told it and died for it)
- #3) A story that grows in time would not be enough to convince \_\_\_\_\_ to quit persecuting the church. He already did not believe the message. What caused Paul to change was not a growing story but the belief he saw the risen Jesus.
- #4) A story that grows in time would not be enough to convince skeptic \_\_\_\_\_ to believe his brother is God. He already did not believe the message. What caused James to change was not a growing story but the belief he saw the risen Jesus. What would have to happen for you to worship your brother?
- #5) \_\_\_\_\_ were still alive when the scriptures were written to confirm or deny the accuracy.

- There are differing facts in the resurrection story

- **Disciples Stole the Body**
  - #1) The empty tomb by itself would not be enough to have convinced the church persecutor \_\_\_\_\_
    - Paul converted because he \_\_\_\_\_ the risen Jesus appeared to him not because the tomb was empty
  - #2) The empty tomb by itself would not be enough to have convinced the skeptic \_\_\_\_\_
    - James converted because he \_\_\_\_\_ the risen Jesus appeared to him not because the tomb was empty
  - #3) It has already been established that the disciples claimed to have seen the risen Jesus because they really \_\_\_\_\_ that they had seen him
    - Stolen body means that they \_\_\_\_\_ for a known lie. People \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith and it does not mean it is true, but they believe it. (Nobody recanted)
  - Important note about the empty tomb
    - The empty tomb did not appear to lead any of Jesus' disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ he had risen from the dead
      - Luke 24:9-11
      - John 20:24-25
    - This theory only calls into question the empty tomb, not the \_\_\_\_\_ itself
    - The empty tomb did not convince people. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus did convince people
- **Swoon Theory**
- **Top Argument: Hallucinations**
  - #1) Hallucinations do not account for the \_\_\_\_\_
  - #2) Hallucinations are \_\_\_\_\_ occurrences, which simply occur in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the individual
    - People experience hallucinations on an \_\_\_\_\_ basis
    - \_\_\_\_\_ do not hallucinate the same vision at the same time.
  - #3) Hallucinations do not account for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church persecutor \_\_\_\_\_
    - He would not be in the frame of mind for a hallucination
    - He hated Jesus and Christians
    - He was not grieving
  - #4) How does one account for \_\_\_\_\_ hallucinating?
    - He was not a follower
    - He was not an enemy

**Cultural Approach:**