

GUEST SPEAKER | NEIL MAMMEN

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The Historical Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus

Apologetics comes from:

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The mystery that changed history was the _____!

Most murder case convictions come from _____ evidence!!

How do we know the grave was _____?

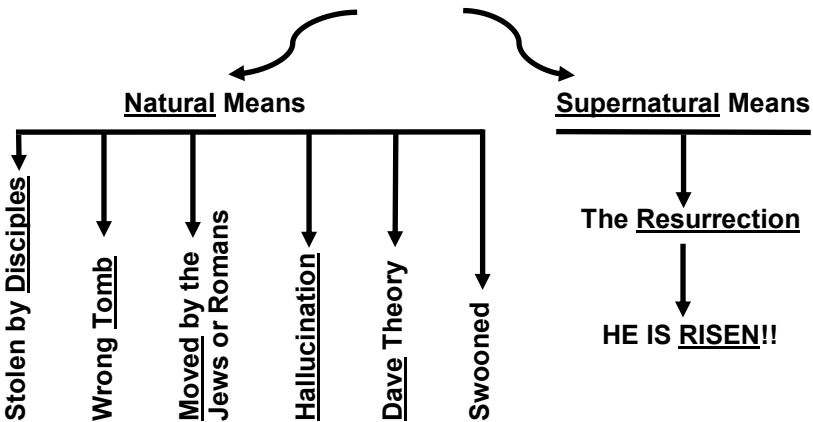
For Christianity to survive in Israel, Jesus had to have _____ risen from the dead. Their opponents said the body was _____.

THE MINIMAL FACTS

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1. Jesus died by _____.
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3. Jesus' death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope.
4. The tomb was discovered to be _____ just a few days later.
5. The disciples had experiences they believed were literal appearances of the _____ Jesus.
6. The disciples were transformed from doubters to _____.
7. This resurrection message was the _____ of preaching in the early church.
8. This message was especially proclaimed in _____.
9. As a result of this preaching, the church was founded and _____.
10. _____ became the day of worship.
11. _____, brother of Jesus, a skeptic, was converted to the faith when he believed he saw the risen Jesus. *He was then _____ for his faith.*
12. Paul, a _____ of Christianity, was also converted by an experience which he likewise believed to be an appearance of the resurrected Jesus.

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 Minimal Facts numbers that refute above claims.

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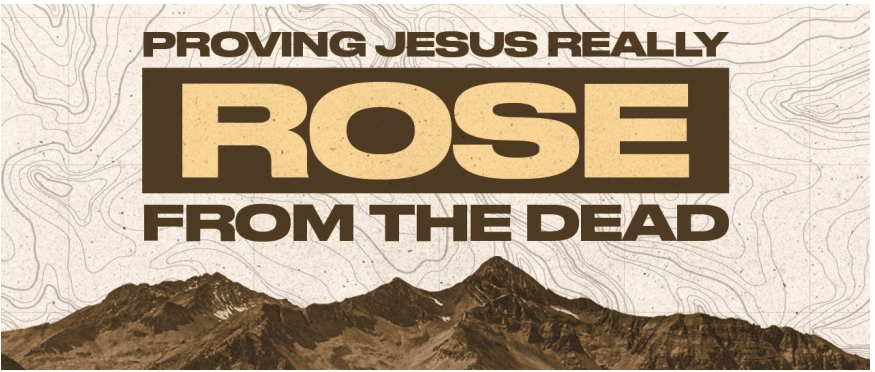
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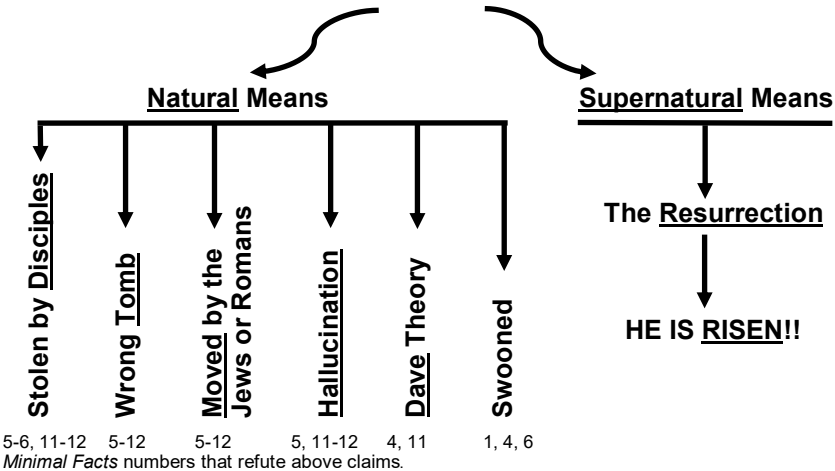
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