



Ask Anything & Everything



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Sir Lionel Luckhoo

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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the Legend Theory





Problems for the Legend Theory

-There are accounts about the historical Jesus from many ancient historians (including non-Christian historians).

A few of these historians and sources:

Cornellius Tacitus (Roman Historian)

Thallus (Samaritan Historian)

Phlegon (Greek Historian)

Jewish Talmud

Flavius Josephus (Jewish Historian)



“Now there was about this time, Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man... He drew over to him many Jews, and also many of the Greeks. This man was the Christ. And when Pilate had condemned him to the cross... those who had loved him from the first did not foresake him, for he appeared to them alive on the third day.”

Josephus “Antiquities”, 18:3.3:



“And it is all the more remarkable when we remember that, so far from being sympathetic to Christians, Josephus was a Jew writing to please the Romans. This story would not have pleased them in the slightest. He would hardly have included it if it were not true.”

Michael Green



Problems for the Legend Theory

- Christianity grew rapidly in Jerusalem within weeks and months of the Resurrection.



Problems for the Legend Theory

-At least 16 historical people are mentioned by name as eyewitnesses to the Resurrection.

2 Peter 1:16 “For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”



Problems for the Legend Theory

- Paul invited people to ask their questions and to check out the evidence for themselves.

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

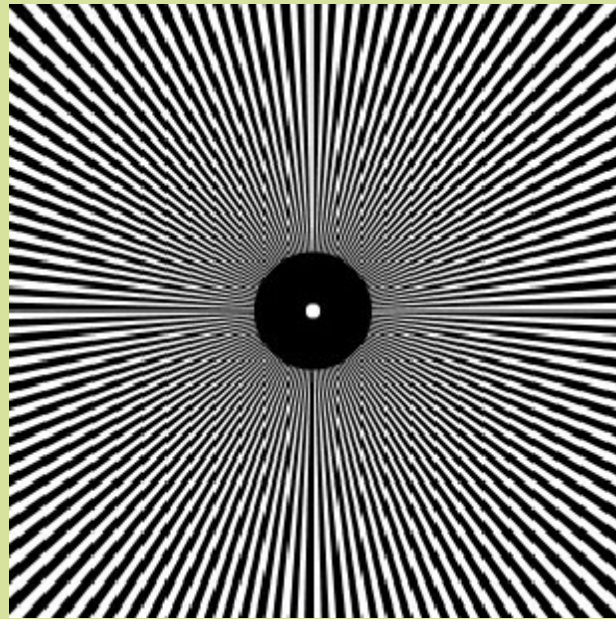


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-the Legend Theory does not explain any of the facts of FEAT.



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- If it were just a series of Hallucinations, then the body of Jesus would still be in the tomb!



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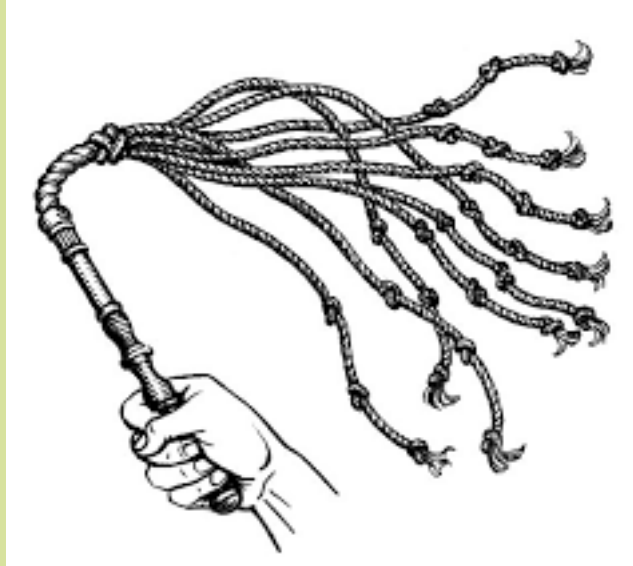
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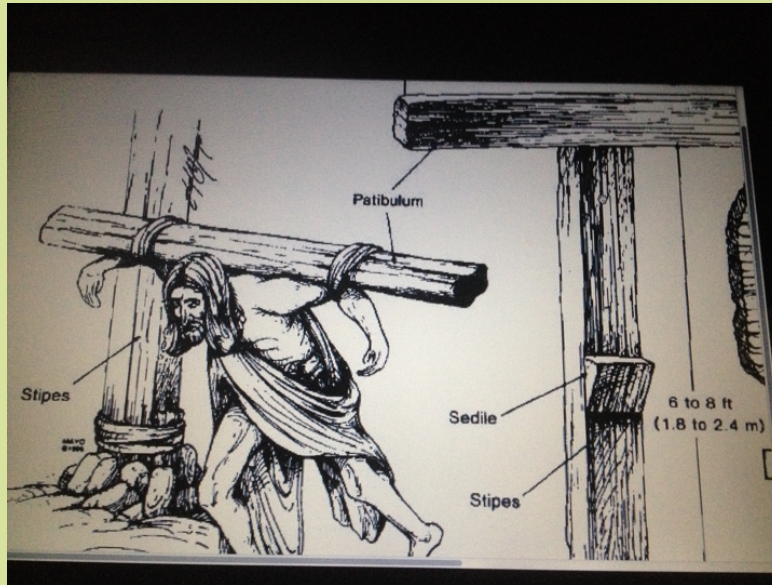
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1st Century
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Wrists, Heels





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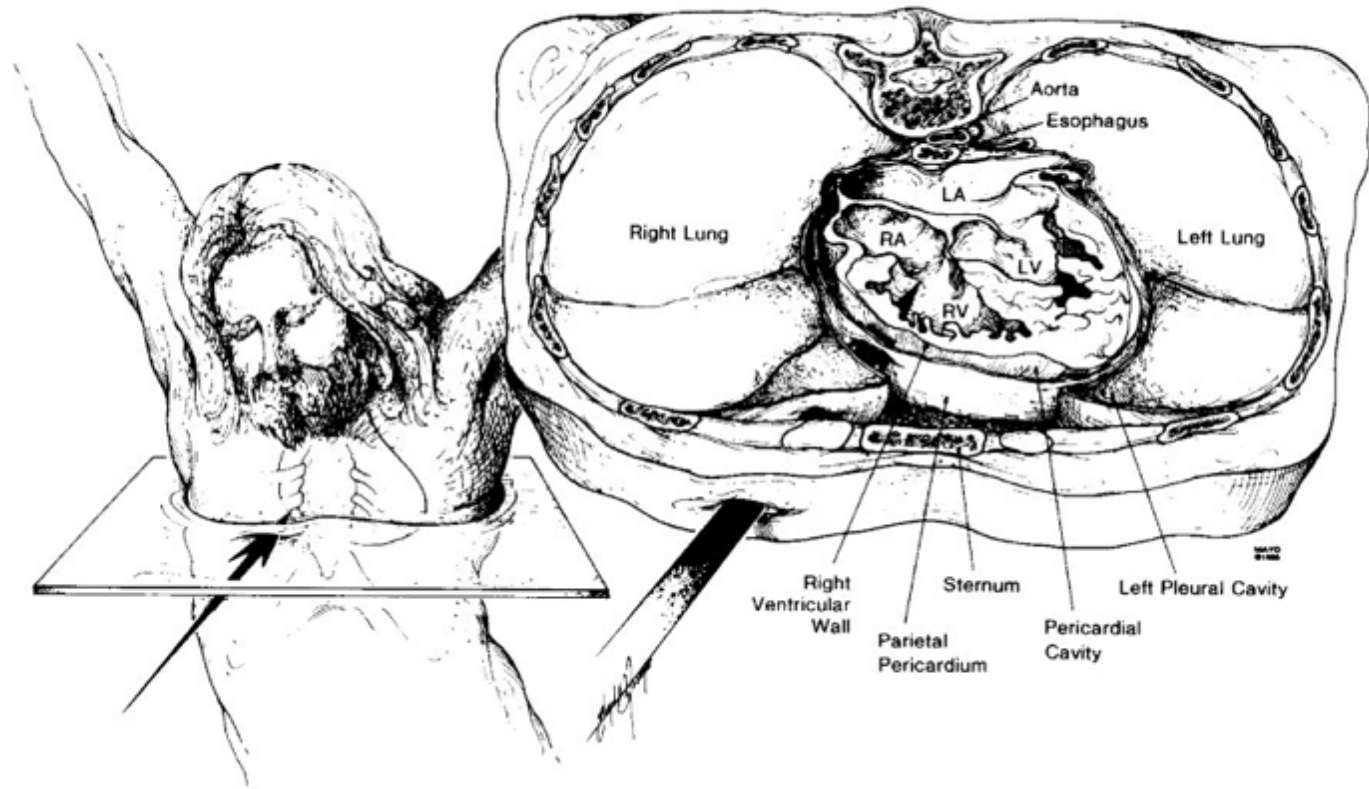
- Roman Executioners were professionals who guaranteed the death of anyone being crucified.

John 19:31-34 31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been



crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.





“Clearly the weight of historical and medical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead before the wound to His side was inflicted between His right ribs, probably perforated not only the right lung but also the pericardium and heart and thereby ensuring his death. Accordingly, interpretations based on the assumption that Jesus did not die on the cross appear to be at odds with modern medical knowledge.”

Journal of the American Medical Society
“On the Physical death of Jesus Christ”,
March 21, 1986, p. 1463.



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- How would he have fought off the heavily armed Roman guard?

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Problems for the Swoon Theory

- And then, as if Jesus could somehow fake his death and get through all of that, how would he hobble to the Upper Room, present himself all bloodied and beaten and cause the disciples to say:

“I hope to have a Resurrection body like that one day”?

the Wrong Tomb Theory



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- Lots of people--friend and foe alike--knew the exact location of the tomb.
- It was a very noticeable tomb. You couldn't miss it!





the Stolen Body Theory

Matthew 28:11-15 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ “And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.” And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.



Problems for the Stolen Body Theory

Stolen Body Theory was a story told by the Romans to cover up what really happened.



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-There is no way the disciples could have overtaken the heavily armed guard.

-It's preposterous to think that the disciples would steal the body and then die for a lie that they created.



Peter-crucified

Andrew-crucified

Matthew-the sword

James, son of Alphaeus-crucified

Phillip-crucified

Simon-crucified

Thaddaeus-killed by arrows


Thomas-spear thrust

Bartholomew-crucified

James, son of Zebedee-the sword

James, brother of Jesus-stoned

John-natural



"I say unequivocally that the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt."

- Lionel Luckhoo

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies."

Romans 10:9-10

...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.