

RESURRECTION APOLOGETICS

First & Last Name: _____

Class: _____ Today's date: _____

Saint of the Day: _____

(Pray for me!)

DEFINITIONS

Apologetics: Speaking in defense of a Christian doctrine or belief

Rebuttal: An attempt to disprove someone else's argument or theory

Rebuttals given *without* expert theologian help: _____

Rebuttals given *with* expert theologian help: _____

TOTAL number of different resurrection
rebuttals written down: _____

YOUR GOAL:

1. Offer rebuttals to as many of the following resurrection theories as you can.
2. Then, get expert theologian help by using the *Resurrection Apologetics with Peter Kreeft answers* PDF to add more rebuttals that you haven't already thought of.
3. Last, write what you think is the #1 proof for Jesus' resurrection (see last page).

A. POSSUM THEORIES

(Jesus didn't really die, it just looked like it!)

1. SWOON THEORY: Jesus "swooned" (fainted) on the cross, was buried, and then got up and either lived for a little bit (and then died) or disappeared to another country so he wouldn't be killed.

REBUTTALS:

2. DRUGGED-BODY THEORY: Some kind of a plant-derived drug was given to Jesus that made him look like he was dead when he really wasn't.

REBUTTALS:

B. CONSPIRACY THEORIES

(Secret truth never before revealed!)

3. STOLEN BODY THEORY: The disciples secretly stole Jesus' body and then invented the story of the resurrection.

REBUTTALS:

4. MISSING BODY THEORY: Someone else (not the disciples) took Jesus' body, which made the disciples think Jesus rose from the dead, who then told everyone.

REBUTTALS:

5. UNKNOWN TOMB THEORY: The disciples didn't know which tomb Jesus was placed in, so it appeared as if Jesus rose from the dead, and then they told everyone.

REBUTTALS:

6. TWIN THEORY: Jesus had a twin that either died in place of the real Jesus or went around town after Jesus' death saying that *he* was actually the real Jesus. The disciples believed him and then told everyone that Jesus had risen from the dead.

REBUTTALS:

C. MIND TRICK THEORIES

(The disciples were tricked into belief)

7. HALLUCINATION/VISION THEORY: The disciples had visions or dreamed that Jesus rose from the dead.

REBUTTALS:

8. HYPNOSIS THEORY: Jesus was a hypnotist who caused miracles by magic and hypnosis. Before he died, Jesus hypnotized his disciples to believe that he would rise from the dead.

REBUTTALS:

D. MYTH THEORIES

(Jesus rose, but not *literally*...)

9. SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION THEORY: Jesus' *body* didn't rise from the dead, but his *spirit* did (kind of like a ghost) and that is what visited the disciples.

REBUTTALS:

10. "IN OUR HEARTS" RESURRECTION THEORY: Jesus was so loved by his disciples that his memory "rose" in their hearts after he died. The disciples then shared this super strong memory with others who then received ooshy gooshy feelings of Jesus as well.

REBUTTALS:

#1 Proof for Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead

If someone asked you for only *one* reason to believe Jesus rose from the dead, what reason would you give?