

# SCRIPTURE TRACK

## Week 10 Notes:

### Why is the crucifixion so important?

- The punishment for sin is death
- Jesus took our punishment.
- Jesus gave ALL of himself

### Why couldn't Jesus have just been beaten for us (as Pilot tried)?

- The argument that Jesus didn't die undermines the seriousness of sin and negates the power of the Gospel

### Why spend time studying the death and resurrection for apologetics?

- The existence of Jesus is an undisputed historical fact.
- 99% of skeptics hold one of two views on the resurrection
  1. Theory #1 – Jesus didn't die on the cross
  2. Theory #2 – The disciples stole the body and made up the story

#### Theory #1 – Jesus didn't die

Where does this come from?

- Quran – “Jesus only appeared to die”
- The number of people who saw Jesus after his resurrection is overwhelming
- All 4 gospels and I Cor. 15 record specific people

### Is this medically possible?

The independent American Medical Association doctors concluded that it was impossible for Jesus to survive crucifixion.

Roman executioners were experts in death.

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## Conversions of people post-resurrection:

James (son of Joseph and Mary)

- Jesus' brothers did not believe in him early (Mark 3:21)
- Jesus' brothers were absent at the crucifixion (John 19:26)
  - Presumably because they still didn't believe in him
- After the ascension his brothers were with the Apostles (Acts 1:14)
  - Not much time between the crucifixion and the Acts 1:14
- James was counted as an apostle (Galatians 1:19, Acts 12:17)

Saul/Paul

- Saw Jesus on the road to Damascus (after ascension)
  - Other men traveling with him heard voice but didn't see
- Became "the apostle to the Gentiles"

## Beginning of the Church

The resurrection was the catalyst for the beginning of the church

- Early church was made up of eyewitnesses
- 3000 People on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
- Acts 2:32 – "and of that WE ARE ALL WITNESSES" (many in the crowd would have witnessed these things)

Problems with Theory #1

- Doesn't account for the ascension
- Doesn't account for conversions after the resurrection
- Isn't medically possible