

## **AD 16- The Resurrection**

Slides only- ***“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.”***

**Jesus walked out of a grave, that’s what makes his teachings authoritative, without the resurrection, they are just nice words.**

***On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. Luke 24:1***

***Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” John 20:1-2***

**If the resurrection happened, then the Bible is authoritative, Christianity is true and that means I am not the final authority on morality and preferences.**

***22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. Acts 2:22-24***

***But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him. 1 John 3:2***

**Faith requires the possibility of rejection, or it is not faith.**

***5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”***

***God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 1 Corinthians 1:27***

**If Jesus would have removed all room for doubt He would have also removed any personal freedom involved in loving him.**

***There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18***

**While there is a lot of powerful evidence concerning the resurrection, there is nothing that compels or forces our belief.**

***“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” John 20:25***

***“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” John 20:27-28***

***“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29***

**If you are the best evidence of Jesus’ resurrection, how strong is your message to an unbelieving world?**

***If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9***