

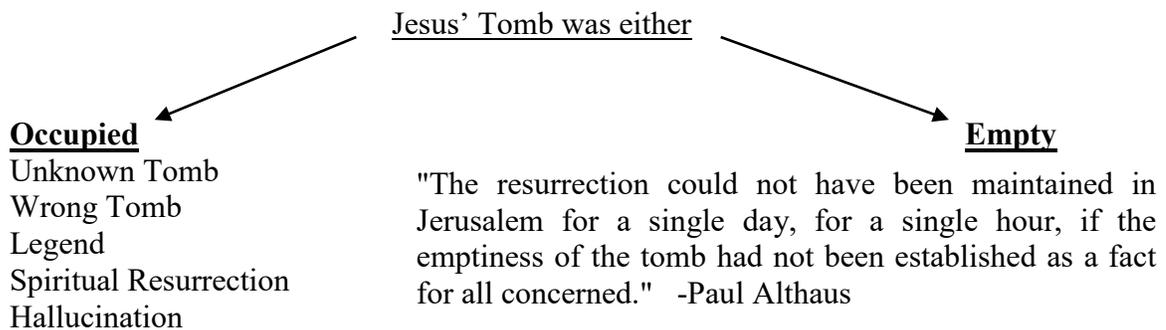
Defending the Resurrection

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“Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.”
– Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of Sherlock Holmes

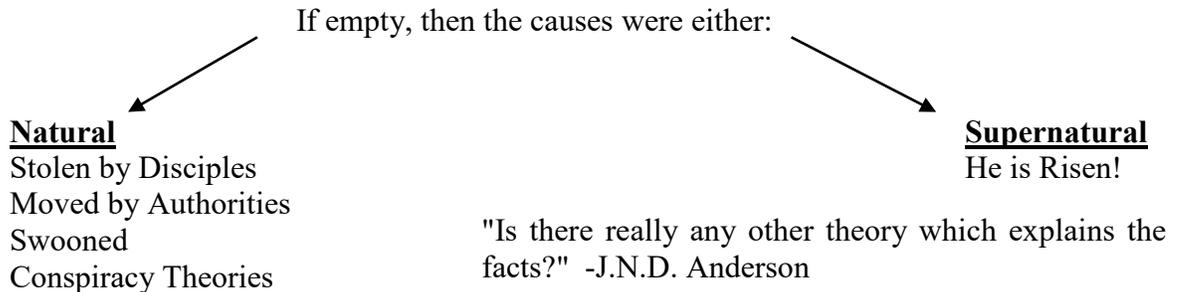
I. The Importance of the Resurrection

II. Was Jesus’ Tomb Empty?



"It passes the bounds of credibility that the early Christians could have manufactured such a tale and then preached it among those whom might easily refute it simply by producing the body of Jesus." –John Warwick Montgomery

III. Why was Jesus’ Tomb Empty?



IV. Circumstantial Evidence

- a. The Church
- b. Sunday Worship
- c. Baptism
- d. Communion
- e. Changed lives

"That a few simple men should in one generation have invented so powerful and appealing a personality, so loft an ethic, and so inspiring a vision of human brotherhood, would be a miracle far more incredible than any recorded in the gospels." –Will Durant

V. Conclusion

“On the third day the friends of Christ coming at day-break to the place found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but the dawn.”

–G.K. Chesterton
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