

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1089: Contradictions (Part IV):

Why So Many Contradictions Surrounding Jesus' Resurrections?

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1. Is it bad to have questions about apparent contradictions in the Bible?
What approach should we take when we begin a Bible study to answer these questions?
2. Why are there differences between the gospels? How can you use the differences to gain a deeper understanding of the events that happened?
3. Who were the first visitors to Jesus' tomb and when did they arrive?
(See Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-2, Luke 24:1,10, John 20:1)
4. From what standpoint did Matthew write his gospel? What about the other three authors?
How can we use our understanding of the purpose behind each gospel to help resolve contradictions between them?
5. Was the great stone sealing the tomb of Jesus rolled away before or after their arrival?
How do the accounts in all four gospels help us get the full picture of what really happened?
(See Matthew 28:2-5, Mark 16:3-4, Luke 24:2, John 20:1)
6. Who met the women at the tomb? Where were they situated and what did they say?
What detail did John add and what is its significance? (See Matthew 28:2-7, Mark 16:5-7, Luke 24:3-7, John 20:12-13)
7. Did the women tell anyone what they had seen/heard? What must we take into consideration to best understand the women's actions? (See Matthew 28:8, Mark 16:5,8, Luke 22:9,22-24, John 20:18)
8. When did Mary Magdalene first see Jesus? Did she believe he had been resurrected when she returned to the tomb? (See Matthew 28:7-9, Mark 16:9-11, Luke 24:5-9, John 20:2,14)
9. How can we use an understanding of the oldest manuscripts of the Bible to resolve some apparent contradictions (See Mark 16:9-11)