



## **THE CASE FOR THE RESURRECTION**

### **Post Session 3 Prep**

This discussion will drill down a little deeper into the last denial that Colin mentioned at the end of the presentation, that the resurrection is impossible. But it's only impossible if our assumptions say that it is.

The first question is admittedly quite nuanced and can't be fully answered in one discussion, but it is a good opener. Is it really faith vs. reason? Or do faith and reason work together? Faith and reason can and do work together. The reasoning and logic of the facts provided about the resurrection are reasonable and can also build our faith.

Next we'll look at faith a little closer, especially what it isn't. Faith isn't just knowing the facts, knowing the Bible or being a part of a "church". For examples there is a Bart Erhman, who has studied the Bible for most of his adult life. Yet he doesn't believe, because his assumptions (his faith in other things) prevents him from doing so. Also there is Richard Dawkins who was baptized and grew up in his country's largest denomination, but when he was older, put his faith in something else and believes that God is impossible. The thing to realize is that everyone has faith, no one has 100% certainty about what they think. The question is simply, faith in what? Is it faith in science, technology, humanity, karma, Christ?

To finalize, again the resurrection is only impossible if your faith says that it is. But reason and faith can work together and the evidence for the resurrection is quite solid. It can help build our faith and overcome our unbelief.