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Resurrection on Trial Acts 26; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Intro

The Resurrection on Trial – Acts 26

Summary of Paul's Argument: Did the resurrection happen?

- 1. It is philosophically credible (26:8).
 - To believe in a deity means it is possible for people to be raised from the dead.
- 2. It is theologically credible (26:6, 22)
 - God made the promise to our Jewish ancestors. It has been recorded by Moses and the prophets.
- 3. It is personally credible (26:4-5; 9-20)
 - Paul's life was dramatically changed and verified by all who knew him.
- 4. It is historically credible (26:24-27)
 - This event is 'on public record,' rather than just done in some private corner

Paul writes 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

"You can disbelieve the resurrection, but you cannot disprove it!"

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