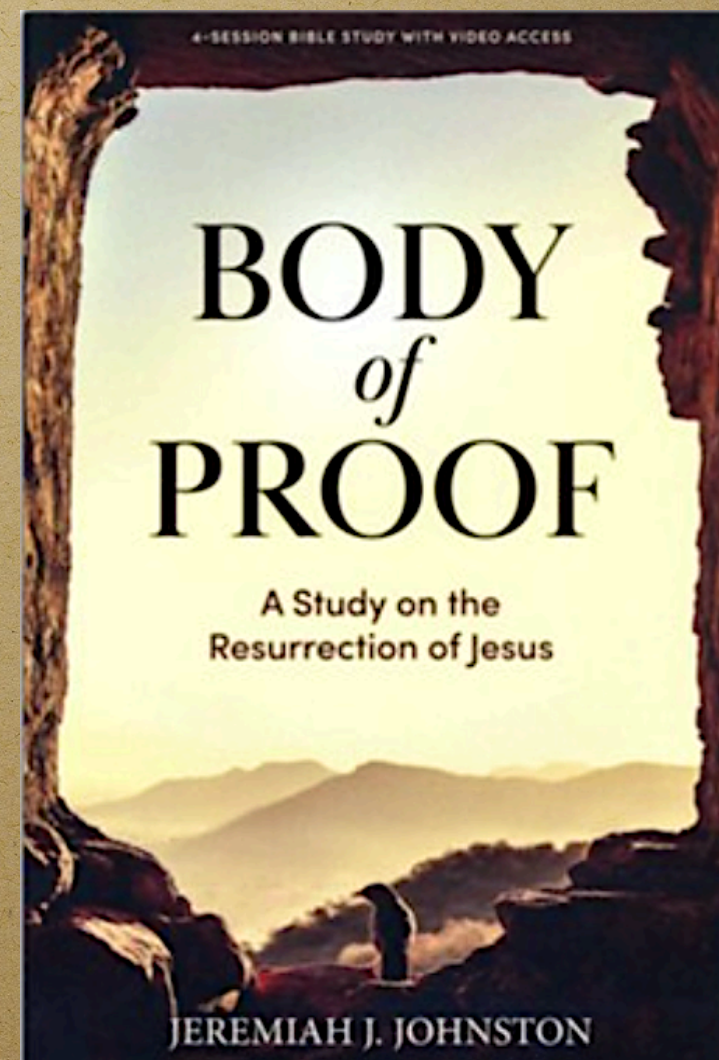
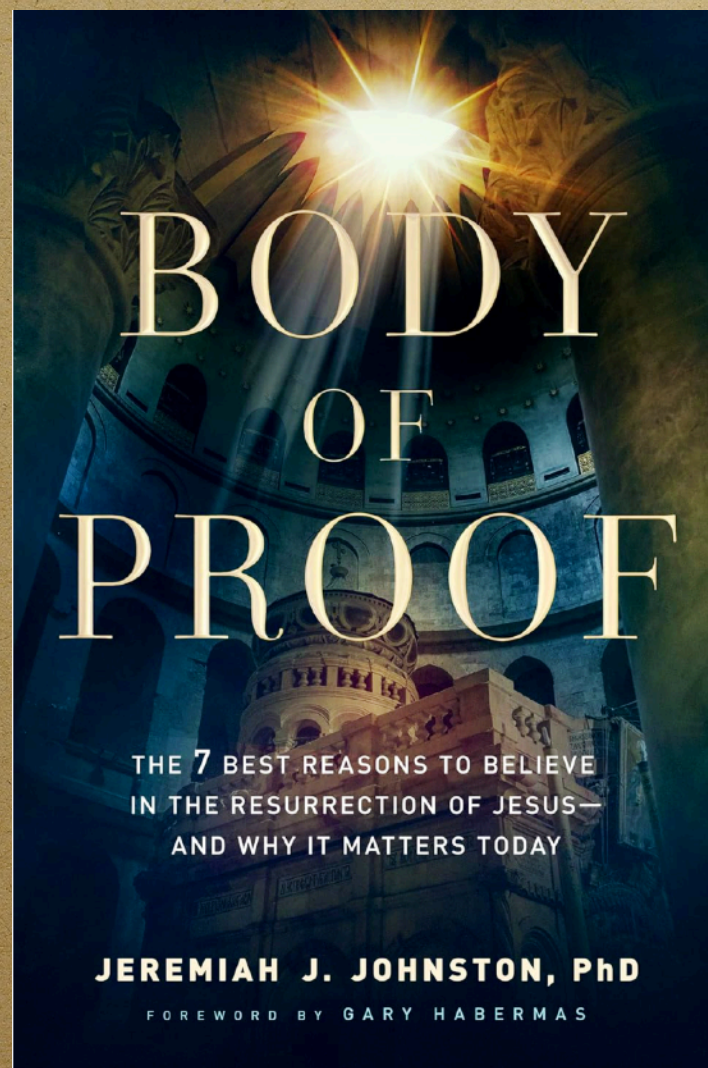


Body of Proof



Why Study the Resurrection?

- The resurrection of Jesus is the central focus of our New Testament Scripture.
- There are over 300 verses referencing this truth.
- The early church spread the gospel, which was the “good news” of the resurrection of Jesus.
- We also need to be resurrection-centric today.

Why Study the Resurrection?

- The resurrection was the key to their ethics (1 Corinthians 15:58-16:1).
- The resurrection faith brought hope in the moments of worldly despair (2 Corinthians 1).
- Resurrection faith caused the earliest followers of Jesus to become the greatest force for God on earth (Galatians 3:28).

Third Session

- “The Greatest Comeback of all Time”
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre – location of the crucifixion and resurrection (John 20:1-18).
- The tomb belonged to Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57, Luke 23:50-51, John 19:38).
- Tomb hewn from stone (Luke 23:53).
- It was a new tomb (Matthew 27:60, John 19:41).

Third Session

- Garden was near where Jesus was crucified (John 19:41-42).
- The place of execution was “near the city” (John 19:20).
- It was outside the walls of Jerusalem at the time Jesus suffered “outside the gate” (Hebrews 13:12).

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Third Session

- The theme of this session is:
- I can trust the resurrection because the
“Resurrection Makes Sense of Suffering.”
- 1 Peter 1:3 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

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- The resurrection secures our present and future with a “living hope.”
- Colossians 3:1-4 – we are alive with Him, living hope based on resurrection.
 - We have a “living hope” (1 Peter 1:3)
 - We have a “better hope” (Hebrews 7:19)
 - We have a “sure hope” (Hebrews 6:19)

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Application

- Our hope in Christ is a living hope (1 Peter 3:1).
- We live in a society that is given to despair, we have lost hope.
- Resurrection hope is what sustains us in suffering.
- We can have hope in the face of suffering (Romans 8:18).

Application

- We did not have hope when we were without Christ.
- Ephesians 2:12 - “At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenant of promise, without hope and without God in the world.”

Application

- Thanks to the resurrection of Jesus, Christians are promised that the best is yet to come.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 - What the resurrection will be like.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:35-44, 50-56 - What kind of resurrection body can we expect?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-34 - Why it matters

Resources

