

Are miracles really possible? The Resurrection (2)

Evidences for the Resurrection

- the demand for naturalistic explanations for all things...

- the resurrection of Christ demands a *supernatural* explanation

① transformation of skeptics: eyewitness accounts

(1 Cor. 15:3-9; 1 Jn. 1:1-3)

- resurrection prophesied:
(Mt. 17:22-23; Ps. 16:8-11; Hos. 6:2; story of Jonah; Is. 53:10-12)
- appearance to Peter
(2 Pet. 1:17-19)
- appearances to the twelve

- appearance to 500 brethren
- appearance to James
- appearance to Paul
- first reports delivered by women

② transformation of key social structures

- abandoned Sabbath as a day of rest and worship
- abandoned sacrificial system
- abandoned dietary laws as part of Mosaic Law (e.g., pork forbidden)
- yet still strict monotheists

③ additional evidences