* **T-ransformed Lives. Apostles in Acts!**

**Skeptics:** Jesus’ disciples made it up and created the Christian hoax.

**KEY**: Who would die for a lie? The Apostles died as martyrs.

* **E-xtra-Biblical Evidence.**

**Skeptics: Christians use “Circular Reasoning” – of course they would lie.**

**KEY:** Roman and Jewish Historians corroborate Jesus.

* + Tacitus/Gaius (55/56–c. 118 C.E.)
  + Josephus: Jewish Historian.
  + Lucian of Samosata (c. 115–200 C.E.)
  + **R-esurrection Appearances!**

**Luke**: *“many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appear­ed to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God”*

Acts 1:3

**Paul**: There are more than 500 eye-witnesses at time of writing:

***3****For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,****4****that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,****5****and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.****6****After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.****7****Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,****8****and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.* 1 Corinthians 15:3–8

**What say you? Do you believe?**

**What Is the Meaning Of E. A. S. T. E. R. ?**

**April 12th, 2020**

**-Pastor Dan**

* **E-mpty tomb.**

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.****2****They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,****3****but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.****4****While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.****5****In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?****6****He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:****7****‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ”****8****Then they remembered his words.* Luke 24:1-6

**Skeptical Theories**: Swoon Theory / Wrong Tomb / Stolen Body

* **A-ccounts Written Early.**

**Skeptics**: People wrote the Bible thousand years after Jesus and therefore made up the account.

**KEY:** We have over 5,000 New Testament manuscripts - dated early.

* **S-cripture Messianic Fulfilled Over 300 Prophecies.**

**Skeptics:** Jesus knew Old Testament Messianic prophecies and orchestrated them to occur in his lifetime.

**KEY: Jesus would have had no control over:**

Birth / Genealogy / Egypt / Nazareth / Death / Soldiers betting / Judas.

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