

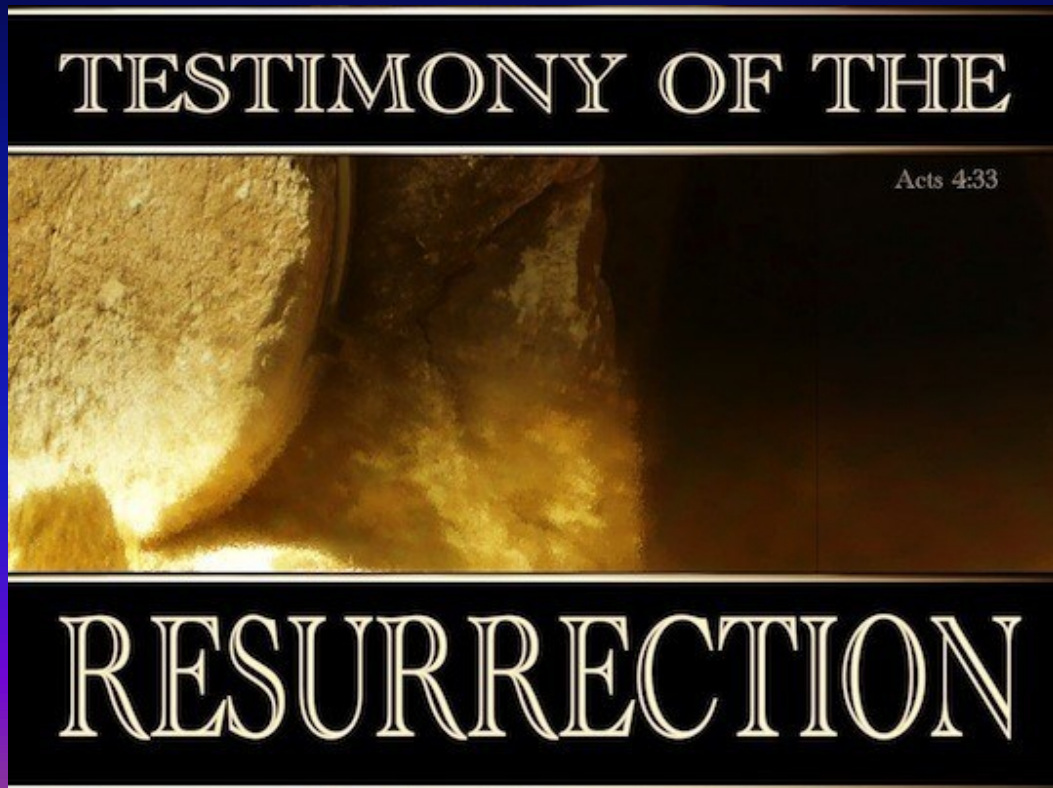
Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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Church – The Beginnings, Part 12

Powerfully Testifying about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ



1. The Community of Faith – it was not communism – but possessions were to be used for the common purpose of loving one another and spreading the gospel of Christ not for self-indulgence, etc. (see Luke 12:15; 14:33; Acts 2:44-45)

³² Now the large group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one said that any of his possessions was his own, but instead they held everything in common.



2. The Apostles were Powerfully Testifying about the Resurrection of the LORD Jesus

³³ And the apostles were giving testimony with GREAT POWER to the resurrection of the LORD Jesus, and GREAT GRACE was on all of them.



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- a. Testifying from their own experience with the Resurrected Jesus after He rose from the dead (see the Gospels → Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 21 & 22, Acts 1 & 2)

This was first-hand testimony, unique in all of history. They were living eye witnesses

God's Crime Scene – Just like in today's Police Forensic Science (CSI) – Scientific and Historical Data is used to determine Truth of what happened and who did it.

Facts of the Case:



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a. Facts of the Case:

- i. Crucified, Dead → Jesus of Nazareth – recorded by the Roman Government**
- ii. Tomb – was occupied and had Roman Imperial seal, but is, now, EMPTY**
- iii. The Disciples of Jesus claim that they've been with Him, alive, for 40 days**
- iv. Rumors that somehow those same disciples overcame the guards at the tomb or snuck in while the guards were asleep and stole the dead body of Jesus from the sealed tomb. (Could those disciples have gotten away with that?)**

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- v. Question: How can our testimony of the Power of Christ's Resurrection, in changing our lives, personally, be helpful to those around us, today?

2. **The Apostles were Powerfully Testifying about the Resurrection of the LORD Jesus**
 - b. **The Central Importance of the Resurrection to Christianity (the faith of following Christ)**
 - i. **If Jesus did NOT Rise from the Dead, then Christianity is a Lie, a Fraud, Fake, NOT Real, NOT TRUE.**
 - ii. **If Jesus Rose from the Dead, just like the Bible says, just like the disciples testified, just like Jesus predicted His Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection before those events happened → that Proves that the Bible is True**

Let's look at 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Why is the Resurrection so Important to the Truthfulness of the Gospel? Can you, today, Powerfully Testify about The Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

