

SESSION 13

DID JESUS REALLY DIE ON THE CROSS?

(WITH J. WARNER WALLACE)

COMPLETE THE READ, WATCH, AND WRITE SECTIONS TO EARN THE CERTIFICATE



READ

Study These Segments from J. Warner's Book and Answer the Questions:

Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels (Pages 33-56)

As investigators, we just employed a methodology known as _______ (also known as "inferring to the most reasonable explanation") in order to determine what we had at this scene. We collected all the evidential data and made a mental list of the raw facts. We then developed a list of the possible ______ that might account for the scene in general. Finally, we compared the ______ to the potential explanations and determined which explanation was, in fact, the most reasonable inference in light of the evidence. (Page 35)

While it's interesting to imagine the _____, it's important to return eventually to what's _____, especially when the truth is at stake. (Page 37)

Discerning the most reasonable explanation: (Pages 41-42)

The truth must be _____.

Explanatory viability

The truth will usually be _____.

Explanatory simplicity

The truth should be _____.

Explanatory depth

The truth must be _____.

Explanatory consistency

The truth will be _____.

Explanatory superiority



WATCH

Review This Video from the Case Maker's Course and Answer the Questions:

Case Making Course Session 13 (Investigating the Resurrection) - Did Jesus Really Die on the Cross?

If you had to examine one thing to determine if the New Testament is telling you something true, the ______ would be that one thing, the ______ would be that one thing.

Minimal facts

Jesus was crucified and _____.

The tomb was _____ and no one ever produced His body.

The disciples believed they _____ the risen Jesus.

The disciples were ______ following their alleged resurrection observations. Did Jesus actually die on the cross?

The kind of beating He suffered was pretty ______. Blood and ______ - pleural effusion People would have noticed - triad



WRITE

Answer the Prompt Briefly to Master the Material:

Spend some time thinking about the four minimal facts presented. Besides a supernatural resurrection, can you devise a more plausible explanation other than the ones given? Provide an example if you can and elaborate on the aspects it does not fully account for. Why do people try so hard to come up with alternate theories?



RAISE THE BAR View These Additional Resources:



Investigating Easter: Did Jesus Really Die On The Cross? <u>http://bit.ly/3l1QD6q</u>



Was John Describing Something He Saw, Or Was He Trying To Make A Point? <u>http://bit.ly/3Fdac2t</u>