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**CASE-MAKERS  
COURSE**

SESSION 9

**WERE THE GOSPELS  
WRITTEN EARLY?**

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# 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 85-92 and pages 177-198)

The apostles saw themselves first and foremost as a group of \_\_\_\_\_, and they understood that their shared observations were a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ to what they claimed to be true. (Page 85)

When eyewitnesses encounter an event that is similarly \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, they are far more likely to remember it and recall specific details accurately. (Page 91)

The apostles only experienced one \_\_\_\_\_ in their lifetime; they only observed one man rise from the dead. The \_\_\_\_\_ was unique, unrepeatable, and powerful. (Page 92)

The reasonable inference from the circumstantial evidence is that the Gospels were \_\_\_\_\_ in history, at a time when the original eyewitnesses and gospel writers were still alive and could testify to what they had seen. (Page 188)

This early placement alone does not assure that the Gospels are reliable accounts, but it keeps them “\_\_\_\_\_” and becomes an important piece of circumstantial evidence, in and of itself, as we determine the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel writers. (Page 188)



## WATCH

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

Case Making Course Session 09 (Investigating the New Testament) - Were the Gospels Written Early?

If the gospels are written earlier on the timeline and the closer they come to the actual events, the \_\_\_\_\_ they become.

It appears Mark and Luke were written 15-20 years after the life of Jesus. But is 15-20 years after the events early enough?

Not every memory is \_\_\_\_\_.

Why did they wait so long to write it down?

There seems to have been a common expectation amongst all of the authors of Scripture that \_\_\_\_\_ in their lifetime. But then James, the brother of John, was martyred, and not long after that we have the early appearance of the gospels. When they realized they may not get out of this \_\_\_\_\_, they started writing it down.

