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CASE-MAKERS COURSE

SESSION 11

WERE THE GOSPELS CHANGED OVER TIME?

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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 133-141 and 237-264)

To trace the New Testament Gospels, we are going to need to identify the original _____ and their immediate disciples, moving from one set of disciples to the next until we trace the Gospels from AD 33 to AD 363. The New Testament gospel _____, if it exists, would provide us with confidence that the accounts we have today are an accurate reflection of what was observed at the "crime scene." (Pages 139-140)

Chain of custody through John (Pages 240-246)

John, _____, Polycarp, _____, Hippolytus

Even if, as skeptics, we had some doubt about the minute details that exist in each eyewitness account, there can be no doubt about the major themes and claims of the Gospels. Jesus was described as _____, walked with His disciples, taught the masses, died on a cross, and _____. This version of Jesus is not a late invention or exaggeration; it is the version of Jesus that existed from the very first telling. This version of Jesus was witnessed and accurately described by the gospel writers and confirmed by their _____. (Page 255)



WATCH

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

Case Making Course Session 11 (Investigating the New Testament) - Were the Gospels Changed Over Time?

Witnesses never agree on every detail and that's a _____. When witnesses agree precisely, they've probably taken some time to get their story together.

If you lost all of the eyewitness accounts, the gospel accounts, and all you had left were the students of eyewitnesses, you'd be stuck with _____, because He never changes.

99.9% of all the variations are one- or two-word variations and none of them have any impact on _____, none of them change the _____ of Jesus, none of them change or challenge any orthodox _____ of Christianity.

We compare all of the available ancient manuscripts and we have _____ to be able to eliminate the variations and return reliably to what the original intent was.

I believe in the inerrancy of Scripture, of the _____, but we don't have the autographs. But we have a system in place by which to compare all of our manuscript evidence and return _____ to the inerrant original.

