



MESSAGE:

EVIDENCE OF RESURRECTION

PASSAGE: ACTS 23: 6-8 ESV

6 Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.” **7** And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. **8** For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

MESSAGE GOAL:

The goal of this message is to provide evidence of resurrection, which is found in, and flows from, the person and work of Jesus the Christ.

MESSAGE

The evidence I am submitting today provides clear evidence that there is resurrection. The Sadducees claim there is no resurrection, but that is not true. There is, in fact, resurrection, and I have evidence. I

do not understand why such a claim was made in the first place, when there is evidence of resurrection everywhere, including the Pentateuch, consisting of five books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, which are the only books that the Sadducees would accept for evidence. This evidence that I am going to present to you will clearly show that the Sadducees’ claim that there is no resurrection is completely false, and it is a lie that came straight from the accuser.

I would like to start with Exhibit Genesis and present to you [Genesis] 1:1: “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.” Members of the jury, there is clearly evidence that there is resurrection. I have one more piece of evidence in this exhibit that I present to you and that is 3:15 it says “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” Members of the jury, there is clearly evidence of resurrection.

I would now like to proceed to Exhibit Exodus and present to you [Exodus]12:5 that



says, “and your lamb shall not be without blemish.”

Members of the jury, there is clearly evidence of resurrection.

I would now like to proceed to Exhibit Leviticus and present to you [Leviticus] 21:10 that says, “The high priest is the one among his brothers who has had the anointing oil poured on his head.”

Members of the jury, there is clearly evidence of resurrection.

I would now like to proceed to exhibit numbers and present to you [Numbers] 21:8-9 that says, “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.’” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.”

Members of the jury, there is clearly evidence of resurrection.

I would now like to proceed to Exhibit Deuteronomy and present to you [Deuteronomy 18:18] that says “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.” -Deuteronomy 18:18

Members of the jury, there is clearly evidence of resurrection.

I have just presented to you evidence of resurrection using the only 5 books that the Sadducees would accept for evidence, and it is evident that even with a limited framework, there is evidence of resurrection.

Members of the jury, for this next piece of evidence I will present, I will move out of the limited framework of the Sadducees, because while there is evidence of resurrection within limited frameworks, there is also evidence outside of limited frameworks.

This next piece of evidence is the most compelling evidence that I have to present to you today. I present to you the resurrection himself as evidence. I present to you Jesus the Christ. In John 11:25, Jesus said these words: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

It has now been proven from the source of life and the source of resurrection himself, Jesus the Christ that there is evidence of resurrection! Jesus Christ is evidence of resurrection. He is the resurrection. He is the life. Death has no power over him, and



hence, in Christ, death has no power over you. Beloved, there is evidence of resurrection!

The records say that the resurrection died one afternoon, and they put the resurrection in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea! But the law holds up that when you bury something that contains life, it eventually emerges from The records say that the resurrection died one afternoon, and they put the resurrection in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea! But the law holds up that when you bury something that contains life, it eventually emerges from the confines of death, breaking through the darkness into the glorious light of new life, and that's what happen that Sunday morning, Jesus resurrected from the dead.

Members of the jury, there is evidence of resurrection!

Now Before I rest my case, I would like to bring forth one more piece of evidence! I would like to call forth any witnesses out there who count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus to testify that there is evidence of resurrection! I would like to call forth any witnesses who were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the

glory of the Father, you too may live a new life.

I would like to call forth a witness here named you, for he picked you up, turned you around, and placed your feet on safe ground!

Help me plead my case that there is evidence of resurrection! Resurrection is found in and flows from Jesus the Christ!

I'm done. I have pleaded my case, and clearly proven that there is evidence of resurrection.

There is evidence of resurrection in Genesis for in Genesis, the resurrection is concealed as Adam's redeemer.

There is evidence of resurrection in Exodus for in Exodus, the resurrection is concealed as the Passover Lamb

There is evidence of resurrection in Leviticus for in Leviticus the resurrection is concealed as the high priest.

There is evidence of resurrection in Numbers for in Numbers the resurrection is concealed as the bronze serpent that was lifted on the pole.

There is evidence of resurrection in Deuteronomy for in Deuteronomy the resurrection is concealed as a coming great prophet.

There is evidence of resurrection in The Gospel of John for in the Gospel of John the resurrection is revealed as Jesus the Christ!



There is evidence of resurrection in all of the Gospels because they all record that the messenger said, “Why seek ye the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but is risen!”

Therefore, members of the jury:

Has God not set before us life and death?
Therefore, choose life so that you and your descendants may live!

Choose life, that you may spend your days trusting God instead of worrying!

Choose life, that you may be free from the bondage of unforgiveness!

Choose life, that you may be free from owing the wages for sin which is death!

Choose life, that you may resist the devil and overcome temptation!

Choose life, that you may remain steadfast amidst trial and tribulation!

Choose life that you may have a clean slate to get it right this time!

Choose life, that you may die to you current self, and allow God to renew you and renew you and renew you!

Speak life by speaking the words of God!
Live life by living the words of God!

With that being, members of the jury I rest my case.