

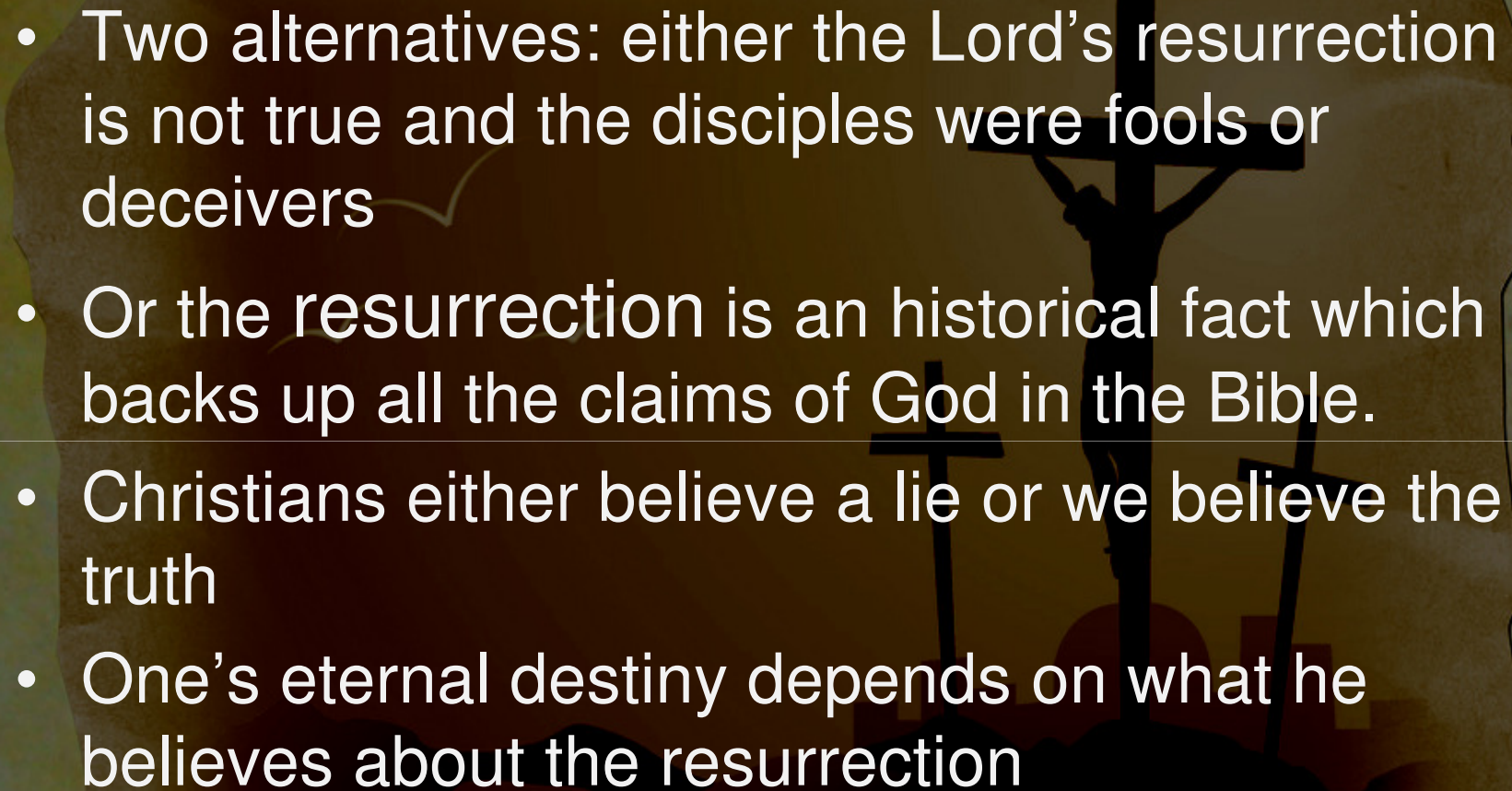
What If Christ Had Not Risen?

1 Corinthians 15:14-19



Introduction

- Many critics attacking the biblical account of who Jesus was and what he did
- Easter bunny and Easter eggs
- Da Vinci Code
- Why the denial of the biblical records?
- Why do we know that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is true?
- The resurrection is foundational to our Christian faith – I Corinthians 15:14-19

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- Two alternatives: either the Lord's resurrection is not true and the disciples were fools or deceivers
 - Or the resurrection is an historical fact which backs up all the claims of God in the Bible.
 - Christians either believe a lie or we believe the truth
 - One's eternal destiny depends on what he believes about the resurrection

I. The Nature Of The Resurrection

1. It is not a resuscitation. His death verified by the Roman government of Judea, Pontius Pilate – Mark 15:43-45
2. Roman soldier pierced his side with spear – John 19:33,34
3. Testimony of Matthew and John – Matthew 27:50, John 19:30,34-35
4. Testimony of Luke – Luke 23:46



- His post resurrection evidence

- A. He had flesh and bones – Luke 24:39


- B. He could be touched – John 20:27-28

- C. He ate with his disciples – Luke 24:42-43

II. Evidences for the Resurrection



1. Fact of the empty tomb – Luke 24:1-6
2. Fact of the grave clothes – John 20 6-7
3. Fact of the eye witnesses
 - a. Mary Magdalene
– Luke 24:6-10, John 20:11-18
 - a. Appearance to the other women
– Matthew 28:9-10

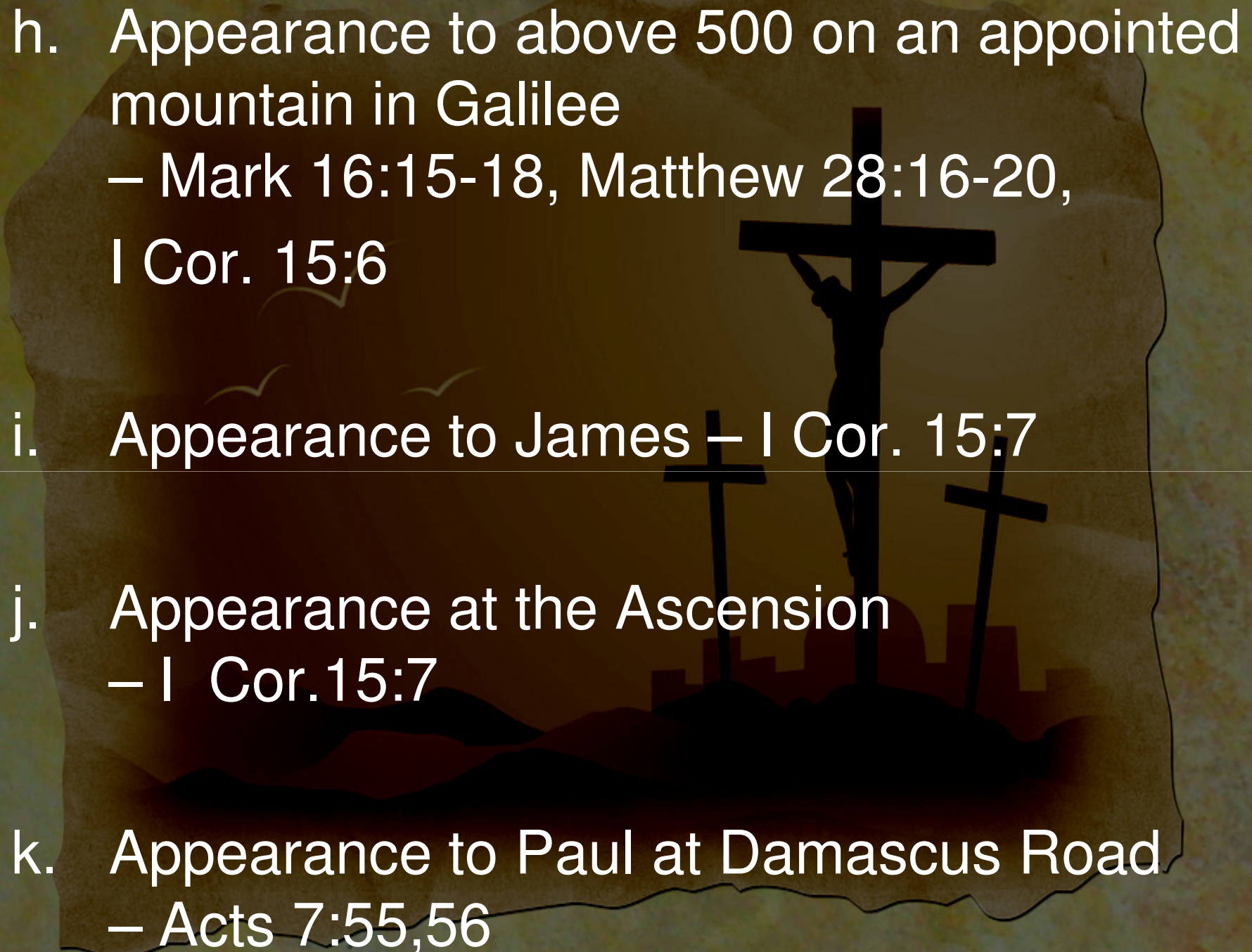



c. Appearance to the two disciples at
Emmaus Road – Mark 16:12,14

d. Appearance to the 10 apostles
– Luke 24:36-43

e. Appearance to the disciples with Thomas
– John 20:26-31

f. Appearance to 7 disciples beside the Sea
of Galilee – John 21:1-25

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- h. Appearance to above 500 on an appointed mountain in Galilee
– Mark 16:15-18, Matthew 28:16-20,
I Cor. 15:6
- i. Appearance to James – I Cor. 15:7
- j. Appearance at the Ascension
– I Cor. 15:7
- k. Appearance to Paul at Damascus Road
– Acts 7:55,56



m. Appearance to Paul in the temple

– Acts 22:17-21


n. Appearance to Paul in prison

– Acts 9:3-6

o. Appearance to John in revelation

– Rev 1:12-20

4. Fact of Fulfilled Prophecies

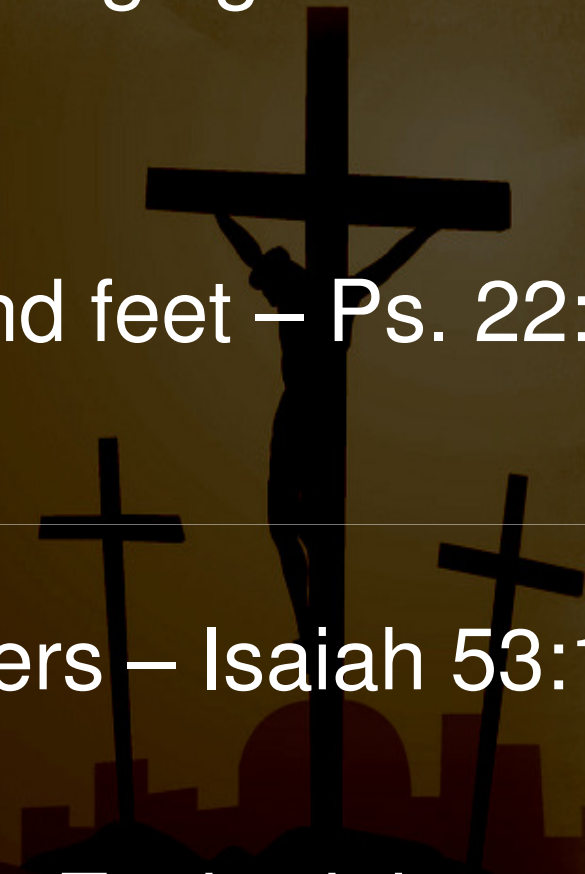
- Zechariah wrote over 400 years
 - Daniel over 500
 - Jeremiah (Lamentations) over 580
 - Isaiah about 650
 - David about 1000 years beforehand
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- A silhouette of a crucifixion scene with three crosses against a dark background with a sunset or sunrise. The central cross is the largest and has a figure on it. Two smaller crosses are on either side. The background shows a horizon line with a sun or moon setting or rising, and some dark shapes that could be hills or buildings.

1. His beatings and scourging – Lam. 3:30,
Isaiah 50:6, 52:14

2. Nails in his hands and feet – Ps. 22:16,
Zechariah 13:6

3. Crucifixion with sinners – Isaiah 53:12

4. Piercing of His side – Zechariah 12:10,
Ps. 22:14






5. None of his bone were broken – Ps. 34:20

6. His vicarious death fulfilled
– Isaiah 53:4-5, Daniel 9:24-26

7. His burial in rich man's tomb – Isaiah 53:9

8. His resurrection fulfilled – Isaiah 53:10,
Ps 16:10

III. Necessity Of The Resurrection

1. For our justification before God
– Romans 4:25
 2. For us to be born again into the family
– I Peter 1:3-4
 3. To destroy Satan's power us
– Hebrews 2:14-15
 4. Might be raised from the dead
– I Thess. 4:14-17
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He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6

