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Focus Question:

Why do I believe that the resurrection of Jesus is a fact of history?

1. There is _____ historical _____.
 - a. Evidence of a _____ burial location.
Mark 15:42-47
 - b. Evidence that the tomb _____ empty and everyone knew it.
Mt. 28:11-15
 - c. Evidence of _____ testimony.
Acts 2:32, 4:19, 1Cor. 15:5-8, 1John 1:1-4, John 1:14
 - d. Evidence of _____ and _____ belief in spite of _____
Acts 4:21, Acts 5:40-42, 2Corinthians 11:23b-29
2. The resurrection is theologically _____.
 - a. It is _____ to our faith
1Corinthians 15:14
 - b. It was the _____ theme of the original proclamation.
Acts 2:22-24, 32, 3:14-15, 4:8-12, 5:30-32, 10:39-43, 1Corinthians 15:3-8
 - c. It is the _____ of all our claims about Jesus.
John 1:1-5, 14, (All the "I am" statements from the gospel of John) Acts 4:12, 1John 1:9, Col. 1:15-20
3. There is a _____ of counter arguments.
Acts 17:32

Application Questions:

The resurrection of Jesus either happened or it didn't. If it did, it means everything. If it didn't, it means nothing. Do you believe it? If you do, have you submitted to all of its implications related to your life?

Questions for reflection and discussion:

- 1. Read all of 1Corinthians 15. Where does God stop you and why?**
- 2. What is the real-life problem that Paul is addressing in this chapter?**
- 3. What evidence does Paul present for the resurrection of Jesus?**
- 4. According to Paul what are the implications of the resurrection of Jesus? Why does it matter to his readers and to you?**
- 5. Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus? If so, why and have you submitted your life to what it means? If you don't believe the resurrection happened, why not and can you defend your disbelief?**