

**NYACK COLLEGE**  
**PMN 341: Principles of Evangelism**  
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**Discussion 3 – Evidence that Demands a Verdict**

- 1) Throughout the Bible, we find stories of people who were raised from the dead. How did Jesus' resurrection differ from these other resurrections in scripture?**
- 2) Some critics claim that Jesus did not really die – that He just went into a swoon or faked his own death. What evidence from the Gospels reveals that Jesus was actually dead?**
- 3) Read Mark 15:42-47. Who was Joseph of Arimathea? Why is it unlikely the Gospel writers would invent a figure like Joseph to be the one who buried Jesus?**
- 4) Why would Jerusalem have been the most difficult place for the disciples to proclaim Jesus' resurrection from the dead if it wasn't true?**
- 5) Read Mark 16:1-5. Each Gospel reports that it was women who discovered Jesus' tomb to be empty. How does this add credibility to the Gospel accounts of the resurrection?**
- 6) An empty tomb could be explained naturally or supernaturally. What is the best piece of evidence that proves Jesus rose from the dead? Why did this become one of the most compelling reasons that people at the time believed Jesus was the Messiah?**