



Defending the Resurrection

When Jesus was pressed for a sign, He did not perform on demand. However, He did not completely refuse to give a sign. He pointed to His coming resurrection. See Matthew 12:38-40 and John 2:18-22. Even if someone has doubts about the existence of God, try to make the point about Jesus' resurrection.

A Watergate

A June, 1972 burglary led to one of the greatest political scandals in U.S. history. Members of an organization raising funds for President Richard Nixon's re-election campaign were caught breaking into the Democratic National Committee's office at the Watergate complex in the nation's capital.

None of the "Watergate" defendants faced execution, only jail time. Yet their conspiracy unraveled shortly after they were arrested.

If the resurrection story had been made up, why did none of the apostles or other early Christians retract their story that they had seen Jesus alive after He had died, not even when they themselves were threatened with death? If the resurrection were really a hoax based on a conspiracy, why did *that* conspiracy not fall apart when intense pressure was applied?

Someone may say, "People die holding to untruths all the time," which is correct. But do people willingly die for something they know to be false? Do they die for something they know is false because they themselves made it up?

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