Study Guide: Crushing the Legend Hypothesis

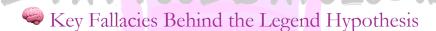


If someone told you the Resurrection was just a legend made up centuries later, how would you respond — honestly?

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- 1 Corinthians 15:3–8 Paul recounts the Resurrection as early, eyewitness testimony, not folklore.
- Acts 2:22–24 Peter preaches Jesus' death and resurrection immediately after it happened, not decades later.
- 2 Peter 1:16 "We did not follow cleverly devised myths..."
- → Read these out loud or in your head, and ask:

Does this sound like people selling a myth, or eyewitnesses willing to die for a fact?



Fallacy #1: "Legends pop up overnight!"

Write your gut reaction here:

Reality:

Legends usually take **centuries** to evolve — the Resurrection was preached **within months**, in the very city where it could've been debunked immediately.

Fallacy #2: "The disciples made it up for power!"

Reality:

The disciples got **beaten**, **tortured**, **imprisoned**, **exiled**, **and killed** — not rich, famous, or comfy. *You don't die for what you know is a lie.*

Fallacy #3: "History can't verify miracles."

Reality:

History can verify whether people claimed a miracle happened and whether they were willing to die for it.

That's exactly what the Resurrection evidence shows.



- 1. Have you ever wrestled with doubts about the Resurrection being "too good to be true"?
 - → Why or why not?
- 2. Why do you think God allowed the Resurrection to be so public and yet still demand faith?
 - → What does that tension teach us about the nature of belief?
- 3. When you look at the early Christians' suffering and deaths, how does that strengthen your confidence in the Resurrection?
- 4. How would your daily faith change if you truly believed, deep in your bones, that the Resurrection is a verifiable event not just a religious hope?



→ Watch Yourself:

- The next time you hear someone call Christianity a "myth," don't panic.
- Ask them: "What historical evidence do you have that the Resurrection was a later invention?"

(They usually have none — just vibes.)

→ Reinforce Your Arsenal:

• Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:3–8. It's your theological nuke against the "legend" theory.

→ Preach to Your Own Doubt:

• When your mind whispers, "Maybe this is all made up," answer back with the blood of the eyewitnesses and the empty tomb.



Bold Faith Over Soft Feelings:

Living like Jesus actually walked out of His grave means you walk differently — bolder, louder, freer.

Write down one specific area of your life where you will walk with **Resurrection-level boldness** this week:



