

**Lesson 4: How to defend that Jesus really died and rose!** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Review:**

How many days did it take God to make the world? \_\_\_\_\_

How can God do such an impossible thing? God is All Powerful (Omnipotent), Present \_\_\_\_\_ (Omnipresent), and All \_\_\_\_\_ (Omniscient).

God created a \_\_\_\_\_ earth.

*Two Creation Theories:*

1. Young Mature Earth Creation Theory – The World is around \_\_\_\_ Thousand Years Old
2. Old Earth Creation Theory – There are periods of missing time between the days and after Adam and Eve was created.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ to science teachers and those who believe different than you: *“But dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to defend your confidence in God when anyone asks you to explain it. However, make your defense with gentleness and respect.”*<sup>16</sup> *Keep your conscience clear. Then those who treat the good Christian life you live with contempt will feel ashamed that they have ridiculed you.”* 1 Peter 3:15-16

How does Lutheran Satire defend creation by God? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0d4FHHf00pY>

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**Today’s Lesson: 3 Lies –**

**Lie #1:** The Christians invented the Bible in 300 AD along with Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Answer: Other People \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible speak about Jesus:

<http://coldcasechristianity.com/2014/is-there-any-evidence-for-jesus-outside-the-bible/>

Answer: We have manuscripts from the Bible from 100-200 AD.

**Tacitus a Roman \_\_\_\_\_ (56-120AD) Book Annals (Written in AD 116):**

(Blames Christians for the Problems in Rome:) *“Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus (\_\_\_\_\_), from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular.”*

Tactus proves: *Jesus lived in \_\_\_\_\_, was \_\_\_\_\_ under Pontius Pilate, and had followers who were persecuted for their faith in Christ. Tactus wrote 73 years after Jesus’ resurrection.*

**Pliny the Younger Politician (61-113AD)**

*“They (the Christians) were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ, as to a god, and bound themselves by a solemn oath, not to any wicked deeds, but never to commit any fraud, theft or adultery, never to falsify their word...”*

Pliny shows us that Christians believed Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in the first century, and that they followed laws, and met on a certain day to worship Jesus..

**Josephus Jewish Historian (37-101AD). Josephus as a Jew \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. Antiquities of the Jews (93 AD):**

*“Now around this time lived Jesus, a wise man. For he was a worker of amazing deeds and was a teacher of people who gladly accept the truth. He won over both many Jews and many Greeks. Pilate, when he heard him accused by the leading men among us, condemned him to the cross, (but) those who had first loved him did not cease (doing so). To this day the tribe of Christians named after him has not disappeared”* (This reconstruction follows closely the one proposed by John Meier, [A Marginal Jew: Rethinking the Historical Jesus: The Roots of the Problem and the Person](#)).

Josephus teaches us that Jesus really \_\_\_\_\_ and died and that many followed Him.

**Lie #2:** “Jesus was resurrected only in Spirit.”

1 John 1:1-4 *“The Word of life existed from the beginning. We have heard it. We have seen it. We observed and touched it. <sup>2</sup> This life was revealed to us. We have seen it, and we testify about it. ... Our relationship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing this so that we can be completely filled with joy.”*

John & the Disciples \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ all that Jesus said and did.

Jesus disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses! The Bible gives \_\_\_\_\_ eye witness accounts of the resurrection: Matthew, \_\_\_\_\_, Luke, John, & \_\_\_\_\_!

Goal – That we have \_\_\_\_\_. Why? Because Jesus changes everything! How? We will \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead also! We are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ others!

Luke 24:42 *“They gave him a piece of broiled fish. <sup>43</sup> He took it and ate it while they watched him.”* The Resurrected Jesus could \_\_\_\_\_!

**Lie #3:** Jesus’ body was stolen and the Apostles made up the story of the Resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 *“If Christ hasn’t come back to life, your faith is worthless and sin still has you in its power. <sup>18</sup> Then those who have died as believers in Christ no longer exist. <sup>19</sup> If Christ is our hope in this life only, we deserve more pity than any other people. <sup>20</sup> But now Christ has come back from the dead. He is the very first person of those who have died to come back to life.”*

Why would the apostles die for something they knew to be false? They would \_\_\_\_\_

Who stole the apple at the beginning of service? \_\_\_\_\_

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Lutheran Satire: