

John 20:29 "Have you believed because you have seen me?
But - **Blessed** are those who have **not seen**, and yet have believed."

Acts 2:31-32; Acts 3:15; 1 Cor 15:3-8

1. Frank Morrison – Who Moved the Stone?
2. Lee Strobel - The Case for Easter.
3. The Resurrection Debate – Habermass / **Flew** debate:
4. Dr. Simon Greenleaf- The Testimony of the Evangelists

1977 band **Kansas** – Dust in the Wind
*Same old song- just a drop of water in an endless sea;
All we do- crumbles to the ground though we refuse to see;
Dust in the wind-
All we are is dust in the wind....*

"Behold I am making all things new!"

1. The resurrection removes our shame.

2. The resurrection restores our losses.

Tim Keller-

“One of the great doctrines of the Christian faith is that of the bodily resurrection from the dead for all who believe. This completes the spectrum of our joys and consolations. One of the deepest desires of the human heart is for love without parting.

Needless to say, the prospect of the resurrection is far more comforting than the beliefs that death takes you into nothingness or into an impersonal spiritual substance.

The resurrection goes beyond the promise of an ethereal, disembodied afterlife. We get our bodies back, in a state of beauty and power that we cannot today imagine.

Jesus’ resurrection body was physical – it could be touched and embraced, and he ate food. And yet he passed through closed doors and could disappear. This is a material existence, but one beyond the bounds of our imagination. The idea of heaven can be a consolation for suffering, a compensation for the life we have lost.

BUT.. but the resurrection is not just consolation – it is restoration.

We get it all back – the love, the loved ones, the goods, but in new, unimaginable degrees of glory and joy and strength.”

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The resurrection unravels the reasons.