

1. The modern translation of the sentence.
- b. On the third day he rose again
 - i. Resurrection of Jesus is the central and most important affirmation of the New Testament
 1. Paul speaks of it as "of first importance"
 2. Paul says that if Christ was not raised from the dead our faith is in vain
 3. Our resurrection depends on his resurrection. "If for this life only we have believed in Jesus we are of all men most to be pitied"
 4. Easter validates what was done on Good Friday
 - ii. Objections given to the truth of Jesus' resurrection
 1. The witness of the New Testament seems to be at odds with one another
 - a. Paul does not mention the empty tomb or the women. He seems to state that Jesus first appeared to Peter (1 Cor 15)
 - b. The four Gospel accounts differ significantly in detail
 - iii. Considerations that make the truth of resurrection plausible.
 1. The New Testament is unanimous in its affirmation and it has a central place in all of the writings.
 2. The total transformation of the disciples
 3. The transformation of Paul
 4. Resurrection before the end of the world was an idea no one believe in. Why make such a thing up when it would be such a difficult sell?
 5. Jesus was not simply pictured as a resuscitated corpse but as something indiscernible. Quite an imaginative accomplishment for simple fishermen.
 6. If the disciples made the story of Jesus' resurrection up, would they have pictured women as the first witnesses?