

HW: Gary Habermas on the Historicity of the Resurrection

Listen carefully to the audio lecture by this famous Christian apologist and philosopher and expert on the resurrection and **type** up your answers to the following questions to turn in for homework credit as directed. A link is also available on my www.xtianity.com/tfc web page.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ay_Db4RwZ_M

Listen only from minute **5:30 to 54:18** and again from **1:16:40 to 1:18:50**

1. What is the **name of the method** that Habermas developed to prove the historicity of the resurrection and the earliest Christian preaching?
2. Which **6-7 NT Books** do even skeptics admit that Paul himself really wrote?
3. Which **two authoritative passages** from Paul's letters does Habermas use to build his case?
4. **How far back** can the early creedal/traditional material in 1 Corinthians 15 be traced? (I.e., to what year? How early is it?)
5. In **what year** was 1 Corinthians written?
6. **What year** does Habermas (and most scholars) take to be "ground zero"?
7. Since 1990 what is the universally recognized **genre of the NT gospels**? (What kind/style of literature are they?)
8. In **what year** did Paul first come to Corinth to found the church there and teach the Corinthians about Christ's death and resurrection? (This may be the most important and ascertainable date in the NT.)

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9. What **two key people** did Paul talk to and interview in year “plus five” (AD35)?
10. Proof that Paul and the Jerusalem leaders and eyewitnesses were all on the same page and teaching the same things can be found in Paul’s statement that “they added _____ to me.” **What word** belongs in this blank?
11. Christianity began (came out of the gate, so to speak) in AD30 with several key doctrines already fully formulated. According to famous scholar Larry Hurtado what were the **two key doctrines**?
12. And according to Habermas (who elaborates on Hurtado) what were the **four key doctrines**?
13. In view of the strong evidence Habermas presents, even world class and skeptical scholars must admit that the poetic, memorable, creedal statement that Paul gives in 1 Corinthians 15 is very early. **How early** does famous NT scholar James D. G. Dunn think it could be?
14. **How early** does radical skeptic Bart Ehrman think it could be?
15. **Why and/or on what basis** do most doubters (75-85% of them) doubt and reject the historical evidence for Christianity?