



RESURRECTION – FANTASY OR FACT?

A UK-wide series of presentations, debates and workshops will address this great challenge of our age: What's the evidence for and against the resurrection of Jesus?

Designed for Church Leaders, Students and Interested Public. March 9th to March 16th 2008.

Lead by two of the World's most respected scholars on the subject Prof Gary Habermas, USA and for Westminster All-Day Workshop also Bishop Tom Wright, Durham.

Cultural Perspectives

"We come down to the resurrection of Jesus. It's so petty; it's so trivial; it's so local; it's so earthbound; it's so unworthy of the Universe."
(Prof Richard Dawkins)

"Accounts of Jesus's resurrection and ascension are about as well-documented as Jack and the Beanstalk." (Prof Richard Dawkins)

We should be open to the compelling historical research that has led a generation of scholars to the conclusion that Jesus' disciples were not only utterly convinced that they had seen the resurrected Jesus, but that this was their earliest message. No other hypothesis fits all the data."
(Prof Gary Habermas)

"The resurrection of Jesus does in fact provide a sufficient explanation for the empty tomb and the meetings with Jesus. Having examined all the other possible hypotheses I've read about anywhere in the literature, I think it's also a necessary explanation." (Bishop Tom Wright, Durham)

"I am very much impressed with Bishop Wright's approach, which is absolutely fresh. He presents the case for Christianity as something new for the first time. This is enormously important, especially in the United Kingdom, where the Christian religion has virtually disappeared. It is absolutely wonderful, absolutely radical, and very powerful."
(Prof Antony Flew)

"If Christ has not been raised from the dead, our preaching is useless and so is your faith..." "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (Apostle Paul)

Themes for Debates and Workshops

– details on web site www.thinkrez.com and by email by city
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- **MAKING SENSE OF THE RESURRECTION**
(how and why it happened)
- **RESURRECTION - FACT OR FICTION?**
(the proofs and their significance)
- **RESURRECTION AND COSMIC RENEWAL**
(the first part of the old creation God remade - the dead body of Jesus!)
- **THE UNDOING OF DEATH**
(the basis of all future hope - personal, societal, cosmic)
- **RESURRECTION AND FUTURE ESCHATOLOGY**
(what kind of an event was this?)
- **RESURRECTION - RE-CREATION?**
(the beginnings of a whole new world)
- **RESURRECTION - SYMBOLIC OR SOMATIC**
(i.e. Bodily or Spiritual?)
- **WHO EMPTIED CHRIST'S TOMB AND WHY?**
(dealing with false narratives and falsehoods)

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Venues

Birmingham, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Edinburgh, Manchester, London, Oxford & Southampton.

See over for full schedule and contact info.



Gary R. Habermas (Ph.D., Michigan State University) is the Distinguished Research Professor and Chair of the Philosophy and Theology Department at Liberty University in Virginia, USA. He has authored, co-authored, or edited more than 30 books (including 16 on the subject of Jesus' resurrection). He has also contributed more than fifty chapters or articles to other books, along with more than 100 articles and reviews in journals and other publications. During the past ten years or so, he has been a Visiting or Adjunct Professor at about 15 different graduate schools and seminaries in the US and abroad. He and his wife Eileen have seven children and six grandchildren, all living in Lynchburg, VA.



Bishop Tom Wright, a native of Northumberland, read Greats and Theology at Oxford and obtained his D. Phil for a thesis on St Paul and his D. D. for books on the New Testament and, in particular, Jesus in his historical context. He taught New Testament studies in Cambridge, McGill and Oxford Universities, and worked as a College Chaplain, before becoming Dean of Lichfield in 1994, Canon of Westminster in 2000 and Bishop of Durham in 2003. Dr Wright has written over 40 books and hundreds of articles at both scholarly and popular levels, and has broadcast frequently on radio and TV. He is married with four children and two grandchildren, and lists music, poetry, hill-walking and golf among his recreations.

Tour Schedule – All dates are March 2008

	VENUE	EVENT - ALL THEMED AROUND EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST	ENQUIRIES FOR VENUES, TIMES, COSTS, EVENT DESCRIPTION
9	Oxford	St Aldates 10:30AM Worship . www.staldates.org.uk/content.asp?pageRef=287	OxfordChurch@thinkrez.com
9	Southampton	Above Bar Church 4PM Students Q&A www.abovebarchurch.org.uk/home	Southampton@thinkrez.com
9	Southampton	Above Bar Church 6:30PM with Q&A	Southampton@thinkrez.com
10	Oxford	OCCA with Wycliffe Hall 9:30AM - Open to Church leaders. First come, first served. www.wycliffehall.org.uk/content.asp?id=158	OxfordOCCA@thinkrez.com
10	Edinburgh University	Dialogue and Q&A - Evening £ 1	EdinburghUni@thinkrez.com
11	Edinburgh	Church Leaders Breakfast - £ small	EdinburghBreakfast@thinkrez.com
11	London LSE	Dialogue and Q&A - Evening	LondonUni@thinkrez.com
12	Westminster Chapel	Church Leaders' Breakfast - Hope for London. www.westminsterchapel.org.uk/	LondonHope@thinkrez.com
12	Westminster Chapel	Workshop with Bishop Tom Wright and Prof Gary Habermas 11AM to 4PM. £5 / Students £2. Own lunch. Refreshments provided.	Westminster@thinkrez.com
13	Cambridge	Tyndale House - lunch with Prof Habermas £ small. 1PM. Parking difficult. www.tyndalehouse.co.uk/Location.htm	Tyndale@thinkrez.com
13	Cambridge	CICCU evening dialogue Babbage Centre: "Is the bodily resurrection of Christ remotely credible?". For: Gary Habermas, against: Dr Arif Ahmed.	CambridgeUni@thinkrez.com
14	Manchester	Afternoon - Workshop with Prof Gary Habermas @ Elmwood Church - www.elmwoodchurch.co.uk , Salford 2PM £3 / Students £1	Manchester@thinkrez.com
15	Birmingham	Breakfast Church leaders with Prof Gary Habermas £small	BirminghamBreakfast@thinkrez.com
15	Birmingham	Late Morning - Venue to be confirmed: "Conversations" with Imam Mowgri, Muslim Council of Britain & Prof Gary Habermas. £1 entry	BirminghamConversations@thinkrez.com
16	Chelmsford	AM Worship at Chelmsford Elim. www.elim.org/	Chelmsford@thinkrez.com
16	London	Kensington Temple, Nottinghill Gate, - evening Worship www.kt.org/?p=find_us	LondonKT@thinkrez.com

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