

Josh McDowell's -- Bible: Fact, Fiction or Fallacy (Part 3)

1. A lot of people have died for a lie, but thought it was the truth.
2. "...majority of the miracles of Christ, I could not explain away." – Andre Kole
3. Acts 1:3... "many convincing proofs...over a period of 40 days."
4. Jesus said, "I AM the Truth."
5. Acts 2:22 - "Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God..."
6. Acts 2:22 "...with miracles, wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, which you yourselves know."
7. Acts 26:24-26 - "And while Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, 'Paul you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad. But Paul said, 'I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth. For the King knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, Since I am persuaded that none of these things have escaped his notice; for this had not been done in a corner."
8. Confident appeal to the knowledge of their listeners.
9. Four lines of reasoning:
 - a.) They wrote as eye witnesses,
 - b.) They appealed to the knowledge of hostile eyewitnesses,
 - c.) The apostles gave their lives for it ,
 - d.) Christ appeared to them after His death and resurrection over 40 days.
10. The foundation of the church was established by eyewitness accounts of Christ after His resurrection.
 - a.) Acts 2:32"...we are all witnesses to the fact."
 - b.) Acts 3:15"...we are witnesses to this fact."
 - c.) Acts 5:"We are witnesses of these things..."
11. Hostile Eyewitnesses
12. Acts 1:3 "He also presented Himself alive after His sufferings by many convincing proofs."
13. 2 Peter 1:6 "We did not follow cleverly devised tales..."
14. "We were eyewitnesses."