



SUMMER  
**EQUIPPING**  
SERIES

## APOLOGETICS: KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

Were the New Testament Authors  
Trustworthy Historians?

*Mike Vogt*

If you were a forensic scientist showing up to a crime scene, what are you looking for to be able to put the story of what happened back together?

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## Eye Witnesses?

Luke 1:1-4 / 1 John 1:1 / 1 Peter 1:16 / 1 Corinthians 15:8

## Early Testimony?

Why can we state with confidence that the majority of the New Testament was completed prior to 70AD?

Because there is no reference to \_\_\_\_\_

## Can We Trust the Character of the Witnesses?

Do the witness accounts contain \_\_\_\_\_?

Does the testimony include \_\_\_\_\_?

Does the testimony hold up under \_\_\_\_\_?

“Twelve powerless men, peasants really, were facing not just embarrassment or political disgrace, but beatings, stonings, execution. Every single one of the disciples insisted, to their dying breaths, that they had physically seen Jesus bodily raised from the dead. Don’t you think that one of the apostles would have cracked before being beheaded or stoned? That one of them would have made a deal with the authorities? None did.”

**J.P. MORELAND**

## CORROBORATING EVIDENCE

Do the other puzzle pieces on the scene fit what is being said in the witness testimony?

\_\_\_\_\_ confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

The New Testament writers include more than \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ confirmed \_\_\_\_\_ in their writings.

## ARCHAEOLOGY

“It is worth noting that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a single Biblical reference”

**NELSON GLUECK : NOTED JEWISH ARCHAEOLOGIST**

“The Bible is supported by archaeological evidence again and again. The fact that the record can be so often explained or illustrated by archaeological data shows that it fits into the framework of history as only a genuine product of ancient life could do... Names of places and persons turn up at the right places and in the right periods.”

**MILLAR BURROWS : YALE UNIVERSITY**

## CAN WE FIND JESUS OUTSIDE OF THE SCRIPTURES?

YES!!

Details of Jesus life are found in \_\_\_\_\_ extra-biblical sources prior to 150 AD

Their accounts bear a striking resemblance to what we find in the New Testament

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Extra-Biblical  
Evidence of the  
Historical Jesus

