

“EASTER IS ON!” “Resources on the Resurrection of Christ”

These resources are designed to accompany a short article in the March 2015 issue of the *Christian Standard* titled “Easter is On! Resurrection Resources” by Dr. Richard Knopp.¹ The article can be found at <http://christianstandard.com/2015/02/resurrection-resources/>.

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Items Recommended in the *Christian Standard* Article:

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- Groothius, Douglas. “The Resurrection of Jesus.” Chapter in *Christian Apologetics*, 527-563. IVP Academic, 2011.
- Habermas, Gary and Michael Licona. *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*. Kregel, 2004.
- Habermas, Gary. “The Resurrection of Jesus Timeline.” Chapter in *Contending with Christianity’s Critics: Answering New Atheists & Other Objectors*, 113-125. Edited by Paul Copan and William Lane Craig. B&H Academic, 2009.
- Licona, Michael. *The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach*. IPV Academic, 2010.
- Matthewson, Steven. *Risen: 50 Reasons Why the Resurrection Changed Everything*. Baker Books, 2013.
- Wright, N. T. *The Resurrection of the Son of God*. Fortress Press, 2003.
- Wright, N. T. *The Challenge of Easter*. IVP Books, 2009. 64 pages.

Additional Book Resources:

- Licona, Michael. *Paul Meets Muhammad: A Christian-Muslim Debate on the Resurrection*. Baker Books, 2006. Kindle edition available.
A futuristic debate scripted by Christian apologist, Michael Licona.
- Baggett, David, ed. *Did the Resurrection Happen?: A Conversation with Gary Habermas and Antony Flew*. InterVarsity Press, 2009.
The book includes three parts. Part One contains, along with audience questions and responses, a 2003 debate between Gary Habermas, a Christian professor who specializes in historical studies, and Antony Flew, one of the 20th century’s most notable

¹ Much content from the *Christian Standard* can be accessed online at <http://christianstandard.com>. The periodical also has a new app for iOS and Android devices. The app has a timed preview of issue contents and purchase options for single issues or yearly subscriptions.

atheists. Interestingly, about a year after this debate, at the age of 81, Flew announced that he was abandoning his atheism for some kind of theism or belief in a God. For a *New York Times* description of Flew's conversion, see "The Turning of an Atheist" at http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/04/magazine/04Flew-t.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0.

Part Two presents Flew's journey to theism in a chapter on "My Pilgrimage from Atheism to Theism: A Discussion between Antony Flew and Gary Habermas."

Following his move away from atheism, Flew published a book called *There Is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind* (HarperOne, 2008). Part Two also presents a review of this book by Habermas.

Part Three offers an assessment of the Habermas/Flew Discussion by the book editor, David Baggett.

Some Internet Resources:

Fortunately, many good resources on the resurrection of Christ are just a click or two away. Most Christian apologetic websites have materials on the resurrection of Christ, and many have audio or video materials. In addition to the websites listed below, the *Christian Standard* article suggested that quality video materials can be located by doing an Internet search and combing the words "resurrection" and "video" with the name of a Christian apologist, such as Gary Habermas, William Craig, Craig Hazen, Michael Licona, Norman Geisler, or Ravi Zacharias.

<http://coldcasechristianity.com>. Website of J. Warner Wallace, a cold-case homicide detective and former atheist who now argues for the historicity of the New Testament documents and the resurrection of Christ using his cold-case investigative methods. A searchable website with documents and videos.

<http://www.garyhabermas.com>. Website of Gary Habermas, a Christian scholar who provides "a strong argument for the philosophical possibility of miracles and the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus."

<http://www.josh.org>. A website of Josh McDowell, a prominent Christian author and speaker who addresses key questions about Jesus, the Bible, the resurrection of Christ, etc. Includes links to many videos, including short videos and MP3 audio files on "Evidence for the Resurrection." Free PDF books and a brochure on the resurrection are also available.

<http://www.leestrobels.com>. Website of former atheist and former *Chicago Tribune* reporter, Lee Strobel, who is now a popular Christian apologist and author. The site includes a number of videos by Strobel and others on the resurrection and related topics.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/unbelievable>. Unbelievable with Justin Brierley is a weekly British radio program and podcast that brings Christians and non-Christians together for conversation. Archived recordings of many notable guests are available. The site is searchable and offers numerous episodes that focus on the resurrection of Christ.

<http://www.reasonablefaith.org>. The website of William Lane Craig, a leading Christian apologist who has engaged in numerous debates with religious skeptics and atheists. Includes many written and media materials. Also offers a mobile app. Much of this material is advanced, but some is useful for younger Christians. A search engine on the site returned 1,160 results from the search term "resurrection."

<http://www.roomfordoubt.com>. A website that offers a variety of resources to help adults and younger adults strengthen their Christian faith and deal with sincere questions and doubts. Room For Doubt is a grant-funded initiative at Lincoln Christian University. The website includes sections on “quick help,” stories of doubt, questions of faith, finding faith for myself, and finding God in the now; and users can submit questions. Interaction is also provided on its Facebook and Twitter pages. A site search engine is provided.

<http://www.thepoachedegg.net>. The Poached Egg is Ratio Christi’s Christian worldview and apologetics website. Led by Greg West, it compiles a wide array of apologetics resources from a variety of Christian thinkers and from other websites. It functions as a great doorway to access a number of valuable materials, including audio/video. One link on the website focuses on the resurrection, with a number of helpful articles on resurrection-related questions. See <http://www.thepoachedegg.net/the-poached-egg/resurrection-of-jesus/>.

Some Mobile Apps:

Increasingly, mobile device apps are becoming available that have valuable apologetics content that is quickly accessible almost anywhere. Below is a sample list of apologetics mobile apps for iOS devices (like iPhones and iPads), and some are available for Android devices.

“Reasonable Faith.” App for William Lane Craig and his www.reasonablefaith.org website. The site includes a Q&A section as well as scholarly and popular-level sections with articles, podcasts, and media files.

“Cold Case Christianity.” App for J. Warner Wallace and www.coldcasechristianity.org. Includes a blog organized by topic, audio podcast archive, weekly broadcasts, links to YouTube videos, and more.

“Resurrection iWitness.” For iPad by LifeWay Christian Resources. Designed by Doug Powell, author of *The Holman QuickSource Guide to Christian Apologetics*. Cost is \$0.99. An interesting discovery journey with animated links that focus on various theories about the empty tomb of Jesus. For a two minute introduction, see a YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCOT0rCCiq4>.

Additional Sources:

For more information on the resurrection and other related topics, check out www.roomfordoubt.com. Room For Doubt is a new grant-funded apologetics initiative that provides learning experiences and resources to strengthen the faith of committed Christians, address the concerns of those who have doubts about their Christian heritage, and represent the Christian message to those who are skeptical about its claims. The program encourages questions and makes room for doubt; yet it offers reason for Christian hope.

Also, see www.worldvieweyes.org/Events.html. This web page lists a variety of materials that are compiled or created by Dr. Rich Knopp (e.g. other websites, presentation handouts, presentation slides, audio/video recordings). WorldViewEyes has received grants from the Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis of over \$1 million to help youth and adults expand their minds, engage their culture, evaluate beliefs, and embrace a Christian worldview. Over 72,000 youth and adults in 20 states and Canada have attended a WorldViewEyes multimedia presentation.