



Easter

Celebration







Luke 24:36-49

³⁵ Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. ³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them.

"Peace be with you," he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! ³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? ³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." ⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he ate it as they watched.

44 Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

46 And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.⁴⁹ "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."



38 ... "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? 39 Look at my hands.

Look at my feet. ... Touch me ...

40 As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 ... "Do you have anything here to eat?"



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THE RESURRECTION OF THE SON OF GOD



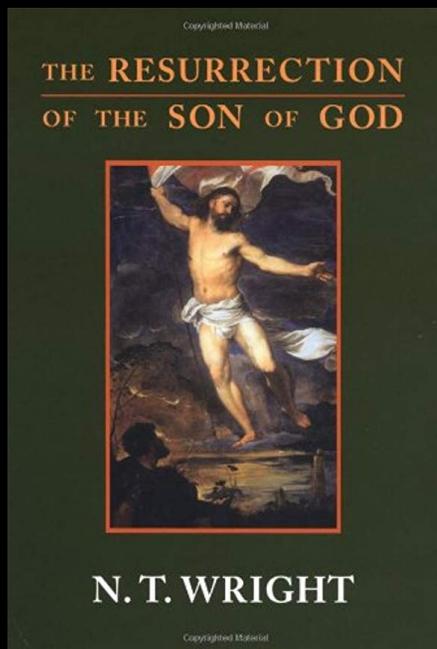
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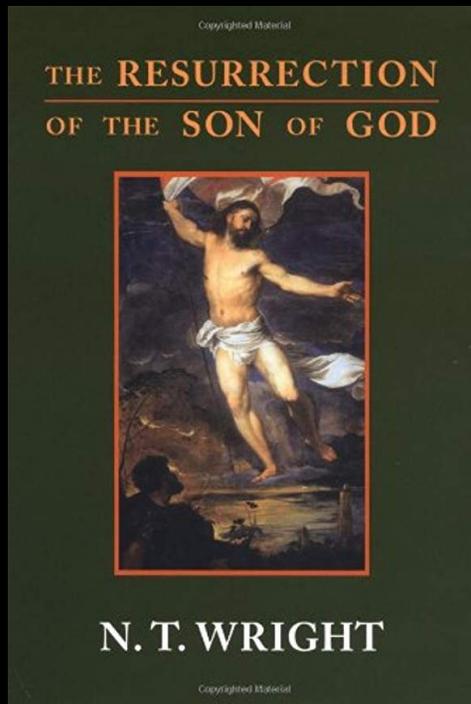
N.T. Wright-New Testament scholar



"The resurrection account of Jesus is not the way
you would write a fictional account."

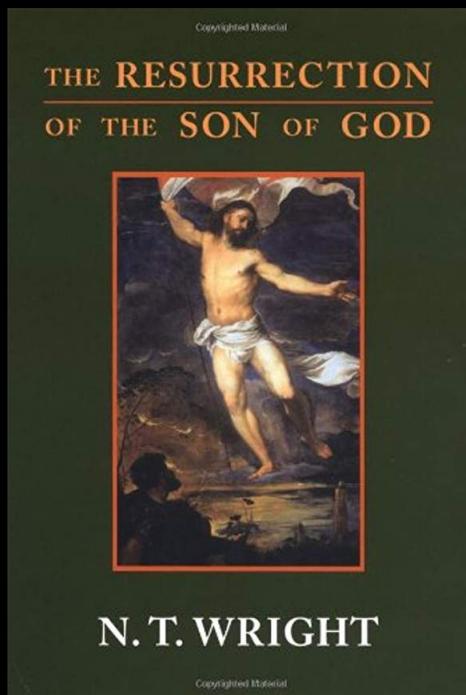


"The only Old Testament reference to a resurrected body is Daniel 12:2,3 and there it talks about the resurrected bodies being shining and radiant.

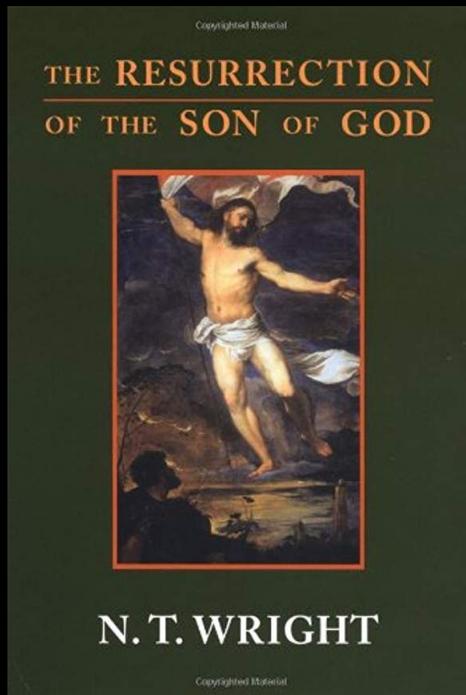


So if you were going to make up a story about the resurrected Jesus Christ, you would never make up a story like this."

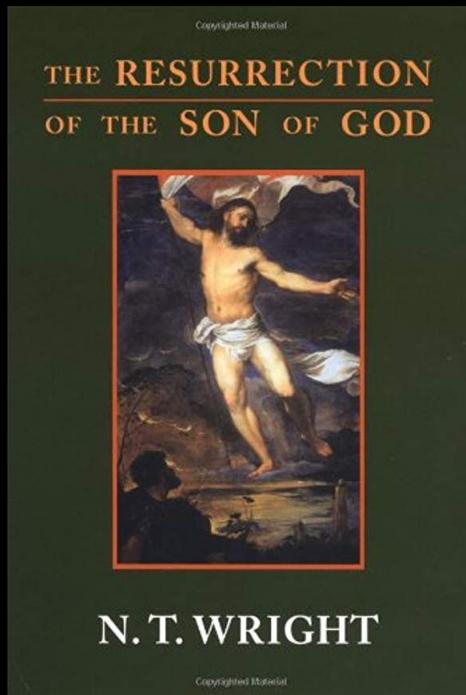
"You might have some luminescent, radiant Jesus bursting through the doors and everyone shielding their eyes, based on Daniel's view of resurrection. So, if you're making up a story, wouldn't you write this way?"



"He just appears in their midst and says, "Do you have anything to eat?" Look how magnificent. Look what a faith-building experience. "And they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he ate it."



"Seriously, if you were making up a story about the resurrected Jesus, you just wouldn't say things like this."





37 But the whole group was startled
and frightened, thinking they were
seeing a ghost! Luke 24:37





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“It cannot be stressed too strongly that first-century Jews were not expecting people to rise from the dead as isolated individuals. Resurrection, for them was something that might happen to all on that great future occasion when God brought history to an end and a whole new world was renewed.



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“It will not do, therefore, to say that Jesus’ disciples were so stunned by his death, and so unable to come to terms with it, that they invented the idea of Jesus’ resurrection as a way of coping with their cruelly broken dream.



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“That has an apparent psychological plausibility to twenty-first century people, but it will not work as serious first-century history. There were many situations in which a messianic leader died a violent death at the hands of authorities.



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“ In not one single case do we hear the slightest mention of the disappointed followers claiming that their hero had been raised from the dead. Because they knew better. In the Jewish worldview, an individual could not be resurrected, it was not something that was possible in their worldview.



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“So Jewish revolutionaries of that time whose leaders had been executed by the authorities and they had only two options: give up the revolution or find another leader. Claiming that your original leader had been resurrected was not an option. Unless, of course, he was.”



I teach nothing except what the prophets and Moses said would happen— ²³ that the Messiah would suffer and be **the first to rise from the dead**, and in this way announce God's light to Jews and Gentiles alike." *Acts 26:22,23*

²⁴ Suddenly, Festus shouted, "Paul, **you are insane.** Too much study has made you crazy!" ²⁵ But Paul replied, "I am not insane, Most Excellent Festus. What I am saying is the sober truth. ²⁶ And King Agrippa knows about these things. *Acts 26:24-26*



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You are witnesses
of all these things.

Luke 24:48

47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'

Luke 24:47

OH, MY GOODNESS... SAYS HERE...
JESUS DESCENDED INTO HELL!

YOU'RE
KIDDING!

OH, NO... NOT TO STAY!...

HE JUST DROPPED IN TO CANCEL
OUR RESERVATIONS!



"When it sank in

That this might really be the real end

How's it hit you

When you get that kind of news?

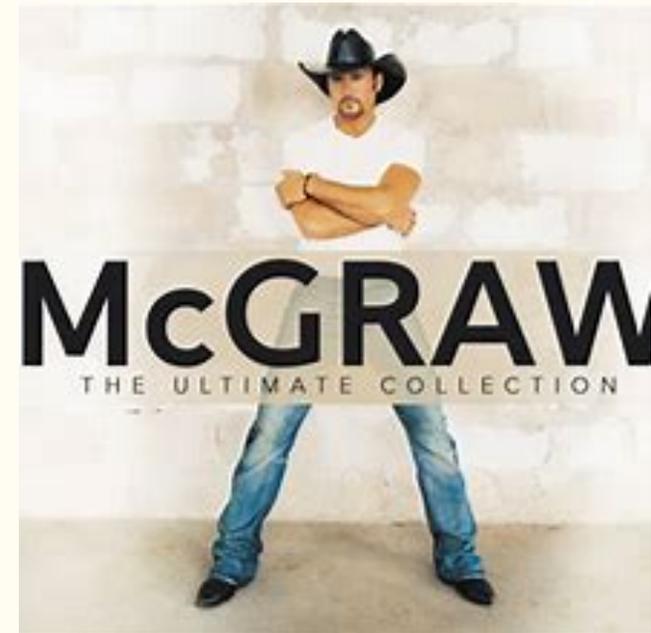
Man, what'd you do?"

He said "I went skydiving

I went Rocky Mountain climbing

I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named

Fumanchu



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25,26



"Just before the party gets going, the wedding feast of the Lamb, the first thing I plan to do on my resurrected legs is to drop on grateful, glorified knees, kneel quietly before the feet of Jesus, and then I'm going to be on my feet dancing."



Joni Eareckson Tada

“Can you imagine the hope, this gives someone with an injury like mine? ”



Joni Eareckson Tada



26 ...whoever lives by believing in
me will never die. Do you believe
this? John 11:26

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.... Romans 1:16







... Jesus showed them his hands and feet." "Look at my hands and my feet."

Luke 24:40

He endured the cross and
ignored the shame *of that*
death because He focused on
the joy that was set before Him;

Hebrews 12:2



He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" ²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." [John 20:27-29](#)

He is Risen!



He is risen
indeed!

