



ANSWER GUIDE

The Gospels: Episode 17

The Resurrection of Jesus

Discussion Questions and Answers

1. Discuss the discovery of the empty tomb and the significance of the different accounts.

Each of the Gospel accounts record different people and events surrounding the discovery of the empty tomb. In some accounts, the women discover the empty tomb when coming to prepare the body with oils and spices. In another account, Peter and John discover the empty tomb. All of the accounts focus on different perspectives, but are not contradictory.

2. What was the story that the religious leaders created to explain the empty tomb?

The guards and the religious leaders fabricated a story that the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus. Since the body disappeared under the noses of the guards at the tomb, they conspired to avoid punishment.

3. Discuss the appearances of Jesus. What was the nature of his resurrected body?

When Jesus first appeared to his disciples, he was unrecognizable to them. However, as they spent more time with him, eating and praying, they became aware of his true identity. Jesus was raised in the flesh, but he also had a spiritual quality that allowed him to transcend time and space. The Bible tells us that Jesus appeared in the flesh to over 500 people.

4. Discuss the importance of the final gathering between Jesus and his disciples in Galilee.

The final meeting between Jesus and his disciples on the shores of the Sea of Galilee is where Jesus gave his followers their lifelong mission to spread the Gospel.

5. What is the Great Commission?

The Great Commission was the charge that Jesus gave to his disciples to go out and make more disciples throughout the world. (Matthew 28:19-20)