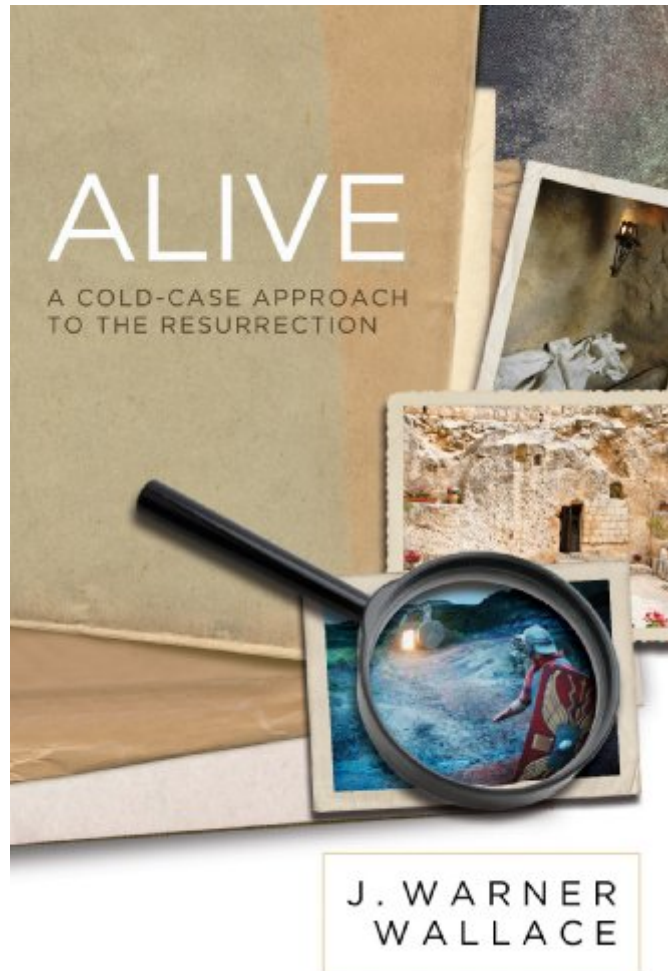


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Alive: A Cold-Case Approach To The Resurrection



Synopsis

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). The resurrection. As far as doctrines go, it's a game changer. Many accept the resurrection without giving it much thought. But isn't something so important worthy of our wrestling with it? What if we approached the issue of the resurrection in an unbiased manner and assessed it as a cold case detective would evaluate a crime scene? Author J. Warner Wallace is a cold-case detective. He also used to be an atheist. Follow along in this brief presentation of his approach in applying his detective's expertise to the accounts of the resurrection. Wallace believes the case is nothing but compelling: Jesus is alive!--J. Warner Wallace is a cold case homicide detective, a missions leader, and a church planter. As a result of his work on cold cases, Wallace has been featured on numerous television programs including Dateline, FOX News, and Court TV. Wallace's visual presentations in the courtroom have revolutionized how capital offense trials are presented in Los Angeles County and across the country. A vocal atheist for many years, Wallace is now an apologist for Christianity and the founder of the ColdCaseChristianity.com Blog, Podcast, and Website. He has a master's degree in theological studies. He and his wife have four children and live in southern California.

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Customer Reviews

I have been searching for something like this for quite a while. All my previous readings on the Resurrection have been a sort of "my belief" versus "your unbelief" or more likely "complete disbelief". This book lists all the possible explanations, for and against, the Resurrection. And it turns out that the truth of Resurrection claims is THE MOST reasonable explanation, with all claims against it to be unreasonable! Read this book and see...!

If you've read Cold-Case Christianity, then there isn't anything new. However, it is an excellent tract to share the the reliability of the Gospel with your skeptical friends. It's a quick read, and definitely enjoyable. I am looking forward to giving these to my friends pre-Easter.

There is no better book out there if you're looking for a concise introduction to historical inquiry about the resurrection. Warner begins by discussing abductive logic (inference to a most likely explanation), the cornerstone for all historical inquiry, and then applies abductive reasoning as well as his cold-case detective methodology to the events surrounding Jesus' death and alleged resurrection. He discusses several possible explanations for the events as reported (the disciples made up a story; they were all hallucinating, etc) and demonstrates how each one fails to account for critical pieces of evidence. The only explanation that accounts for all the evidence (Christian, Jewish, and secular Roman historical accounts; eyewitness testimony; etc) is that Jesus really rose from the dead. The only thing that could cause a person to dismiss all the evidence is the belief that supernatural things don't happen, but perhaps this is backward: perhaps the weight of evidence for the resurrection should be proof that the supernatural does happen.

This appeared to be a short book that took sections from his larger work, Cold Case Christianity, and applied Wallace's police forensic skills to the information at hand. I read it in under an hour. It's a good overview of the evidence for the resurrection, looking at the various competing hypotheses to explain that information. For those that are aware of such things, it utilizes the Habermas/Licona "minimal facts" approach to the resurrection which takes the facts that are agreed upon by a large majority of scholars (i.e. Jesus actually existed and died, etc.) and then builds from there. For a new Christian or someone who's encountering skepticism regarding the resurrection (most likely online),

this would be a good resource to help them alleviate their fears and encounter some articulate and reasonable responses to common objections to the resurrection. For someone that has more apologetic savvy or looking for something with theological depth that gets into all the technical issues at hand, this wouldn't be the resource that I'd recommend...but they'd likely already know that. Seeing that it's \$1.99 on Kindle (and I got it free on a promo), it is definitely a good resource for the money. No complaints.

Well presented and enjoyable. It could have included some of the first century examinations as well, being closer to the source - time wise.

Wonderful for a skeptic as well as a believer who wants to testify to the truth of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Not a biased representation from a faith perspective, but a methodical explanation of the facts we have in our possession. Just like a detective trying to resolve the issue of "Who dun it," the author resolves the skeptic's objections to the resurrection. I will be passing this book on to others.

Some points were made in this book that I hadn't heard before. I know of many facts that make a case for Jesus and the resurrection but reading from a point of view of a police detective he was quite interesting. I'm always fascinated by those who are willing to actually do research and discover the truth instead of denying it and deciding it's all a fallacy. This happened with Det. Wallace. It's worth reading.

What a great book! The use of investigative techniques to consider the truth is an awesome idea. I investigate root cause for 'out-of-specification results' and 'deviations' for pharmaceutical manufacturers using very similar techniques. When done with an investigation, I am confident in my report and findings. After reading this book, I am much more comfortable to discuss the Bible!

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