



Investigating the Gospels

**“Christianity is a statement which, if false,
is of no importance, and, if true, is of
infinite importance.”**

-C.S. Lewis

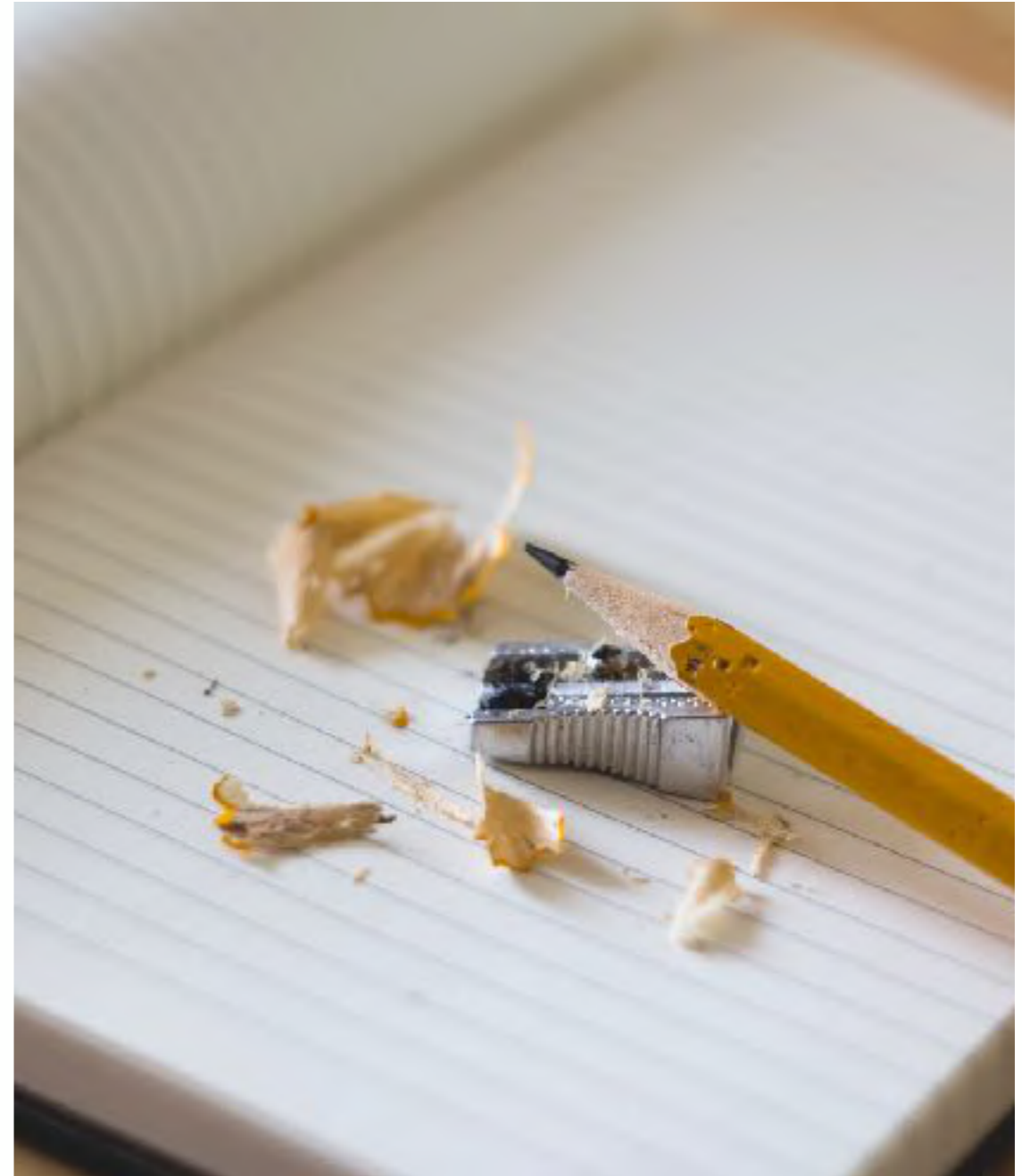
Don't Be a Know It All





Test Your Witnesses

1. Were they present?
2. Have they been honest and accurate?
3. Can they be verified?
4. Do they have an ulterior motive?



Why Can't They Agree



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Female Witness

- Young boy in his teens
- Polite with a sweet voice
- Did not have a gun
- Bought something at the store
- Wore an IZOD polo shirt
- Had not vehicle

Male Witness

- Man about 24-25 years old
- Threatening scowl
- Had a Ruger p95 handgun
- Bought nothing at the store
- Might have worn a t-shirt
- Ran to a 90's tan Nissan

The Gospel Writers are Eyewitnesses



Eyewitnesses

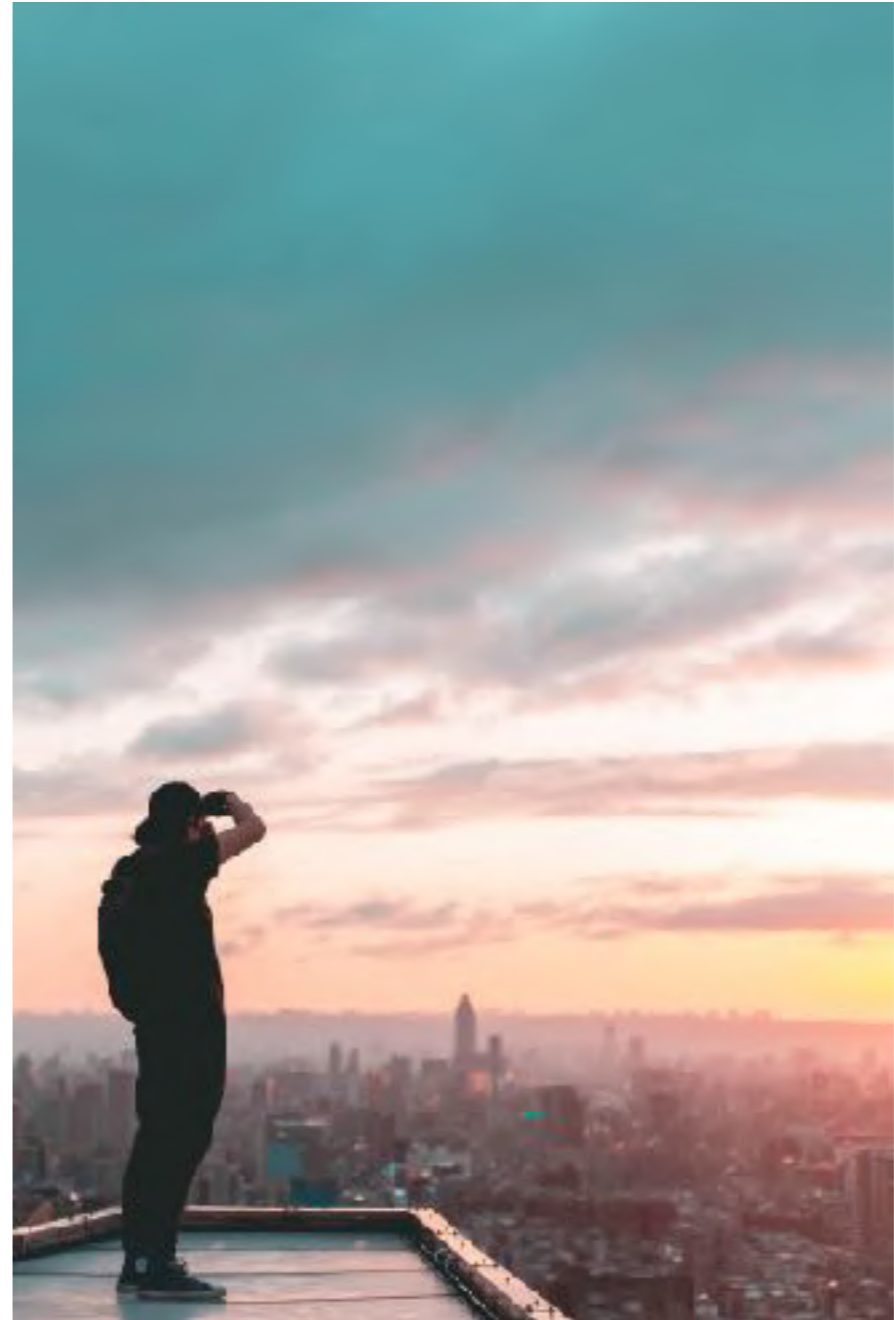
- “Witness of the sufferings of Christ.” (1 Peter 5:1)
- “The disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote about these things.” (John 21:24)
- “What we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands” (1 John 1:1)

When Judas died the apostles set out to choose “one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us - beginning with the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us.”

-Acts 1:21-22

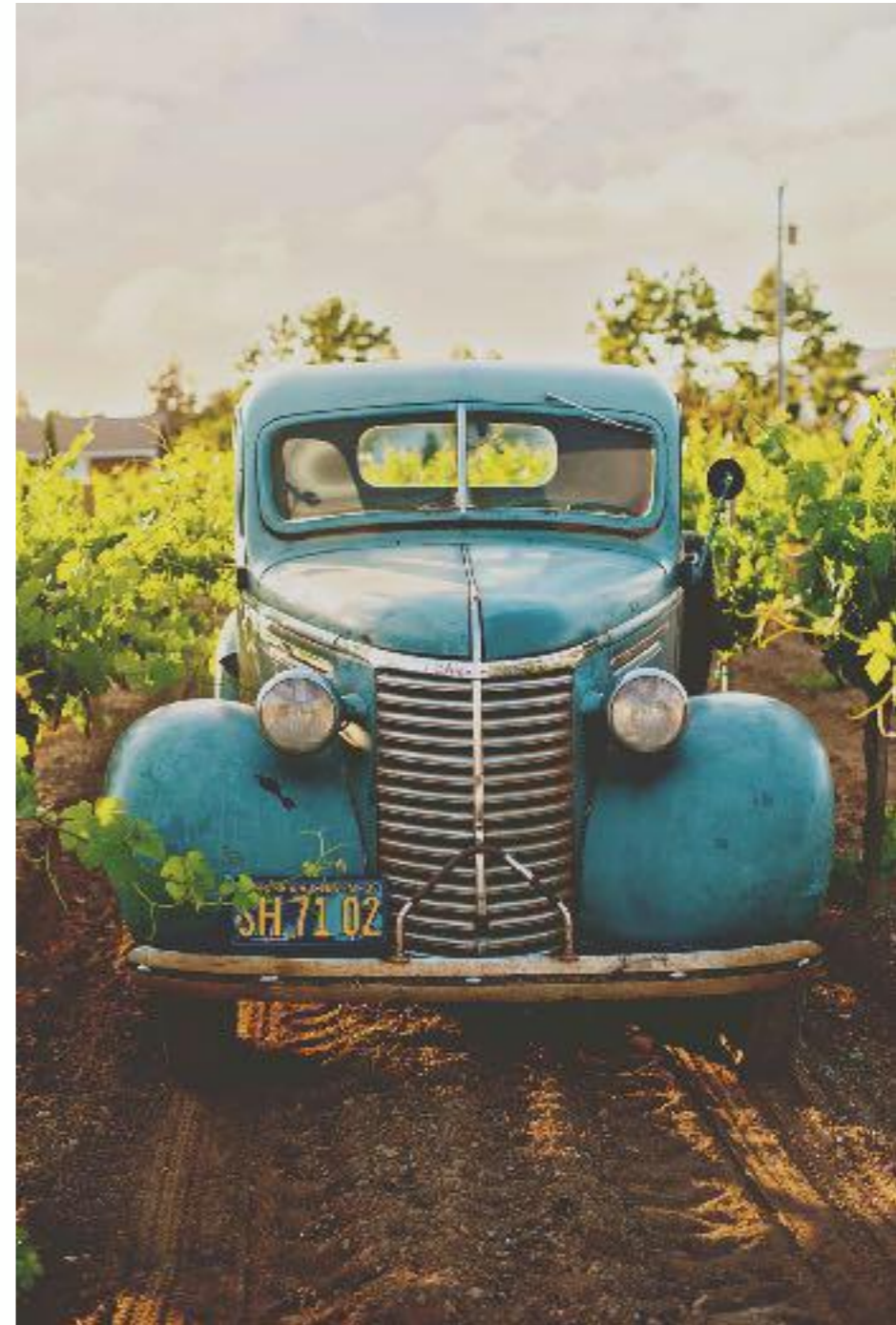
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- “We cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20)
- Paul said that Jesus “appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared to me also.” (1 Cor 15:7-8)



Innerancy

- The Bible is accurate in all that it teaches and is completely free from error in the original autographs



Test # 1 - Were the Eyewitnesses Present?



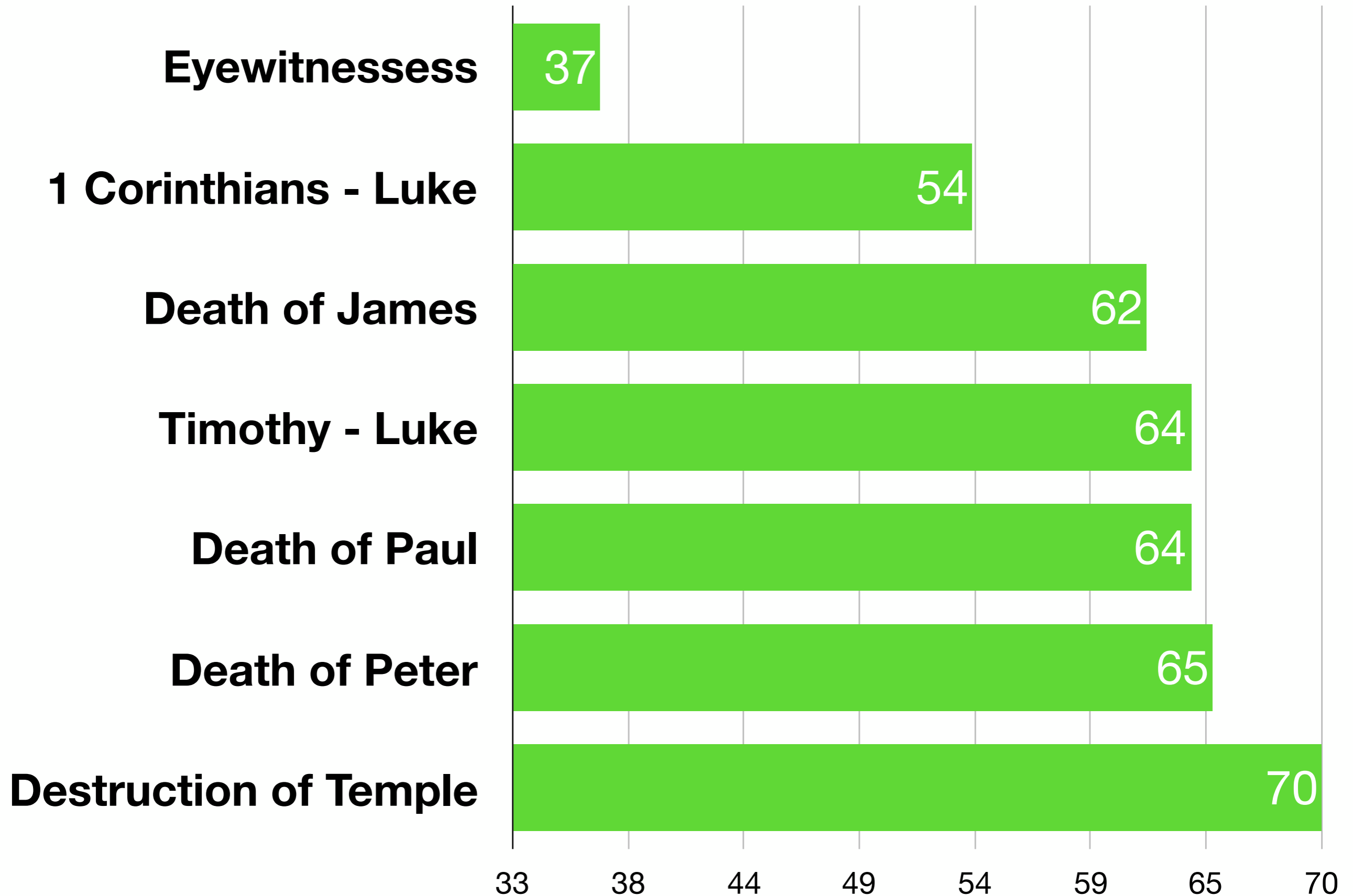
Test #1 - Were They Present?

- The New Testament does not describe the siege of Jerusalem or destruction of Jerusalem
- Luke say nothing in Acts about the death of Paul, Peter, or James
- Paul echoes the claims of the gospel writers (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
- Paul quotes from Luke in his letter in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Test #1 - Were They Present?

- Luke quotes Mark and Matthew repeatedly
- Mark's gospel appears to be an early "crime broadcast" - J. Warner Wallace
- Mark appears to be protecting key players

Death of Jesus - 33 AD



Why Do Some Deny

- The gospels are anonymous
- The temple prediction was inserted later
- The accounts are filled with miraculous events

