

Sermon Outline: 12.8.19

Sermon Series: **The Case for Christ: Why I Believe in Jesus**
Sermon Title: (2) *The Eyewitness Testimony*
Sermon Text: 1st John 1:1-4

The Case for Christ:
Why I Believe in Jesus
The Prophetic Testimony:
Over 300 Old Testament Prophecies
Fulfilled by Jesus Christ

The Mathematical Probability
Of One Man Fulfilling 8 Prophecies

1 in 10 to the 17th Power
1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000
1 in 100 Quadrillion

The Case for Christ:
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The Eyewitness Testimony

(1st John 1:1-4)
(2nd Peter 1:16) (Acts 2:32)
(1st Corinthians 15:5-8) (Acts 26:25-26)
(Deuteronomy 19:15)

The Validity of Eyewitness Testimony Depends...

On the Proximity of Witnesses...

Where were they?

On the Diversity of Witnesses...

Who were they?

On the Credibility of Witnesses...

Can they be trusted?

On the Reliability of the Accounts...

Do we have what they wrote?

(Insert comparison chart #1.)

(Insert comparison quote #2.)

On the Probability of the Accounts...

Do they agree with the evidence?

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The Eyewitness Testimony
Validated by the proximity, diversity, credibility,
reliability, and probability of the NT writers.

(John 20:24-31, 21:24-25)

(Comparison Chart #1)

Ancient Greek Manuscript Copies

Homer's Iliad – 1800

Demosthenes – 400

Tacitus – 20

Julius Caesar – 10

Pliny – 7

Greek New Testament – 5,824

(Comparison Quote #2)

“The average classical Greek writer has less than 20 copies of his works still in existence. Stack them up, and they’re 4 feet high. If you stack up the copies of the New Testament manuscripts, they would be over a mile high.”