

Ten Theses on the Resurrection of Our Lord

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- 1) a. "Here is the dead body of x"
implies
b. "x is dead"
implies
c. "x is not living"
implies
d. "x is not risen from the dead."
- 2) a. "Jesus is risen from the dead" is compatible with 'Here is the dead body of Jesus' together with (1) above
implies the absurdity:
b. "Jesus is risen from the dead" is compatible with 'Jesus is not risen from the dead.' "
- 3) a. "This world is not the same cosmos as the new heavens and new earth"
implies
b. "There is no single time by which to compare events in this world with anything in the new heavens and new earth"
c. "Human souls are never without bodies" does *not* imply that 'Resurrections (in the new cosmos) occur right after death (in this cosmos).'
- 4) a. "The risen body is incorruptible, glorious, powerful, and spiritual' and 'The remains of one's body after death are a different reality from one's living body"
do not imply
b. "The risen body is not the very same body as had died, living once again."
- 5) a. "The remains of one's body after death are a different reality from one's living body"
implies
b. "One rises in one's own body" does not imply "The remains of one's body after death come back to life when one rises in one's own body"
but (b) does *not* imply
c. "Here is the dead body of x" is compatible with 'x is risen from the dead.'
- 6) a. "Jesus' resurrection is revelatory to us"
implies
b. "There can be no evidence in our cosmos that Jesus is dead"
implies
c. "Jesus' resurrection was somehow a happening in our cosmos."
- 7) a. "Temporal unity (simultaneity) is not the only nor even the most important mode of unity"
implies
b. "Jesus' death is really one with his resurrection and ascension" does *not* imply that "There was no temporal interval (Friday to Sunday) between Jesus' death and his resurrection."
- 8) a. "A change in Jesus' dead body, the emptying of his tomb, and so forth were not constituents of his resurrection"
implies
b. "Nothing in this cosmos was a constituent of Jesus' resurrection"
implies
c. "Jesus' resurrection was in no way a happening in this cosmos"
implies
d. "Jesus' resurrection never happened."
- 9) a. "There was no temporal interval between Jesus' death and resurrection"
implies
b. "The Creed is in error in saying 'On the third day he rose again'"
implies
c. "One of the most central claims of Catholic faith includes error."
- 10) a. "Catholic faith is in error in one of its most central claims" and 'Jesus' resurrection never happened"
imply
b. "Our faith is worthless, and we are still in our sins"
implies
c. "We might as well conform to the non-believing world: 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.'"