

One of the arguments critics frequently use to discredit what the Bible affirms is that it contains many errors and contradictions. The differences in detail concerning the Resurrection of Christ are often quoted as perfect proof.

First, such an argument applies an unjust standard to the biblical writers they would not apply to others. Do not secular authors have the right to include or leave out certain facts that fit their purposes?

Second, and more important, it is actually to our advantage the four accounts were given in this way. The differences prove the texts were not composed by writers who were in collusion with one another!

Think about it. If four people had sat down to invent a story of an event that never occurred, they would have made their accounts appear to agree, at least on the surface. And whatever contradictions there might be would only come out after minute and careful study.

In the Gospels, however, the case is just the opposite. It is all on the surface that the apparent contradictions occur, and only through careful and protracted study does the real agreement shine forth!