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“No Foolin’”

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- What** Two co-workers discuss the viability of the resurrection as an actual event in history. As one questions the logic behind what he believes is a feel-good fairy tale, the other shares evidence and facts that point to the plausibility of Jesus rising from the dead.
Themes: Easter, Truth, Resurrection, Apologetics, April Fools
- Who** Pete
Tom
- When** Present
- Wear
(Props)** Setting is a law office
Desk
Chair
2 Brief cases
Papers
Laptop
- Why** 1 Corinthians 15:14-17
- How** Keep it simple, don't over act it. Dialogue should be light hearted and conversational. By doing this, it will establish the light-hearted friendship between the two co-workers.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Center stage is a desk and a chair. On the desk are scattered papers, an open brief case and a laptop. Tom is sitting at the desk working on the laptop. Pete enters with a brief case. He casually sits on the end of the desk.

Pete: Heading home?

Tom: Almost.

Pete: Finishing up that deposition?

Tom: Yeah.

Pause.

Pete: Were you listening to the radio show?

Tom: Which one?

Pete: The one where they gave away the giant Easter basket.

Tom: Oh yeah.

Pete: The guy who called in sounded just like you.

Tom: It was me.

Pete: Seriously?

Tom: No.

Pause.

Pete: Well, apparently, the big giveaway Easter basket had tickets to the game this weekend. Tickets! I'd give anything to get my hand on those. *(Pause)* I don't even know anyone who got tickets.

Tom: I got tickets.

Pete: Seriously?

Tom: No.

Pete: You're enjoying this, aren't you? Are you even listening to me?

Tom: Not really. *(He stops typing)* Done. What were you saying?

Pete: Nothing.

Tom begins to pack his brief case.

Pete: What are you doing this weekend?

Tom: It's Easter weekend. I'm going to church and celebrating the resurrection with my family.

Pete looks cautiously at Tom.

Pete: Ha-ha I'm not falling for that one.

Tom: I'm not fooling around.

Pete: Really? You're celebrating a man rising from the dead?

Tom: I'm celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pause. Pete gives Tom an incredulous look.

Tom: What?

Pete: Tom, you're a reasonable guy.

Tom: What are *you* doing this weekend? Celebrating a chocolate bunny?

Pete: Of course not. *(Sarcastically)* It's a real bunny who lays chocolate eggs.

Tom: You don't believe in the resurrection.

Pete: I don't. And I can't believe that a logical guy like yourself does either.

Tom: Logic is why I believe in the resurrection.

Pete: What are you talking about? A guy rising from the dead is one big, feel-good fairytale.

Tom: Actually, the evidence supporting the resurrection is overwhelming.

Pete: You've got to be joking.

Tom: Did you know that over 500 people saw him alive after his death?

Pete: I've heard that before. Are you sure he was dead? What if he passed out on the cross and woke up in the tomb?

Tom: The Journal of the American Medical Association states that according to modern day medicine, Jesus was dead when he came off that cross.

Pete: Ok. But that is based on the descriptions of Jesus' death found in the gospels.

Tom: So?

Pete: Those were written by biased followers. How reliable are they?

Tom: The eye witness accounts of those who followed Jesus are some of the most reliable archeological texts to date.

Pete: I can't believe we're even having this conversation. I feel like you're going to shout "April Fools" any minute.

Tom: You shouldn't take my word for it. Come with me on Sunday and see what the resurrection is all about for yourself.

Tom and Pete begin to exit.

Pete: I don't know. Convincing my family to get up early and go to church on a holiday is going to take some doing. Does your church happen to serve an all you can eat brunch during the service?

Tom: Actual we do.

Pete: Seriously?

Tom: No.

Pete pauses and gives Tom a knowing look.

Tom: But you should still come.

Lights out.