

In the final session of Think Like a Detective, J. Warner Wallace gives two sets of reasons for debunking the thought of the disciples lying about the life of Jesus. I agree with all eight of his points. Clearly to pull off (what would be) the most elaborate lie in history, and still have it be intact after thousands of years, would be inconceivable to most of us. I'd like to end our discussion with this thought. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we live by faith, not by sight." I believe all Scripture to be useful in its context, this being no different. The type of faith that is required to live out a life for Christ, in Christ, through Christ, does not have to be a blind faith. When you go to the doctor, whose name you cannot pronounce and hear him give a diagnosis you cannot understand, followed by a prescription of a drug you've never heard of, filled by a pharmacist you never see, THEN YOU SWALLOW THE PILLS...that takes a certain amount of faith. Where we get confused is to think that the kind of faith we use in taking medicine is any different from the kind of faith it takes to follow Jesus. The faith used to acquire and take the pills is not blind. We know of the doctor, or he was referred to us by someone we know, we usually use our local pharmacy so we've been there before, likely our condition has been treated in another person at another time with favorable results, so we take the pills in favor of the alternative. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." God inspired words can be counted on. If we have the faith to take pills for our health with only a touch of information, then certainly we should allow ourselves an opportunity to engage in the story of Jesus, to allow God to grant us faith to understand the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Once we have been given such faith, then we should be available to change the world through kingdom work.