1st Corinthians 15:3b-7 The Ancient Formulated Creed of the Gospel

3b that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6a After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;



3-6yrs after crucifixion

Galatians 1:18-19 (NKJV)

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Acts 9:26-29 (NKJV)

26 And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. 29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

Key Facts:

1. The resurrection was proclaimed by earliest eyewitnesses. This is a genuine eyewitness account.

- 2. No time for legendary development of the core facts.
- 3. Not hearsay but original eyewitness testimony.