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**LIAR**

BECAUSE HE KNEW HE WASN'T THE SON OF GOD,  
BUT PERPETRATED THE LIE ANYWAY.

**2**

**LUNATIC**

BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THAT HE WAS  
THE SON OF GOD.

**3**

**LORD**

HE WAS WHO HE SAID HE WAS:  
THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, SENT FROM  
THE FATHER TO SAVE THE WORLD.

**C.S. LEWIS'S TRILEMMA**

"YOU MUST MAKE YOUR CHOICE. EITHER THIS MAN WAS, AND IS, THE SON OF GOD, OR ELSE A MADMAN OR SOMETHING WORSE. YOU CAN SHUT HIM UP FOR A FOOL, YOU CAN SPIT AT HIM AND KILL HIM AS A DEMON OR YOU CAN FALL AT HIS FEET AND CALL HIM LORD AND GOD, BUT LET US NOT COME WITH ANY PATRONISING NONSENSE ABOUT HIS BEING A GREAT HUMAN TEACHER. HE HAS NOT LEFT THAT OPEN TO US. HE DID NOT INTEND TO. ... NOW IT SEEMS TO ME OBVIOUS THAT HE WAS NEITHER A LUNATIC NOR A FIEND: AND CONSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER STRANGE OR TERRIFYING OR UNLIKELY IT MAY SEEM, I HAVE TO ACCEPT THE VIEW THAT HE WAS AND IS GOD."

WE WILL LOOK AT  
**JESUS**  
AND ANSWER  
**3** QUESTIONS:

**MAN  
MYTH  
OR  
MESSIAH?**

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# MAN

## BART EHRMAN:

"I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN, AND I HAVE NO INTEREST IN PROMOTING A CHRISTIAN CAUSE OR A CHRISTIAN AGENDA. I AM AN AGNOSTIC WITH ATHEIST LEANINGS, AND MY LIFE AND VIEWS OF THE WORLD WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME WHETHER OR NOT JESUS EXISTED...BUT AS A HISTORIAN I THINK EVIDENCE MATTERS. AND THE PAST MATTERS. AND FOR ANYONE TO WHOM BOTH EVIDENCE AND THE PAST MATTER, A DISPASSIONATE CONSIDERATION OF THE CASE MAKES IT QUITE PLAIN: **JESUS DID EXIST.**"

REMEMBER, **THE BIBLE ISN'T ONE BOOK**, BUT:

**66** BOOKS  
WRITTEN OVER **1500** YEARS  
BY **40** DIFFERENT AUTHORS

\*HISTORIANS AND SCHOLARS COMPILED THEM INTO ONE PLACE SO WE CAN CONVENIENTLY CARRY THEM AROUND.

"**JESUS EXISTED,**  
AND THOSE VOCAL  
PERSONS WHO DENY IT  
DO SO NOT  
BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
**CONSIDERED THE EVIDENCE**  
WITH THE DISPASSIONATE EYE  
OF THE HISTORIAN,  
BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
**SOME OTHER AGENDA**  
THAT THIS **DENIAL SERVES.**"



**BART  
EHRMAN**  
from:  
"DID JESUS EXIST"

2

# MYTH

3

# MESSIAH

## THE EVIDENCE

**EXECUTION:** Jesus was indeed executed on a Roman cross.

**EMPTY TOMB:** Three days after His execution, His tomb was found empty by a group of His women followers. This is significant because the testimony of women was usually dismissed in the ancient world.

**EYEWITNESSES:** After His resurrection He was seen alive by over 500 eyewitnesses—overwhelming evidence that He indeed had been raised from the dead.

**EARLY RECORDS:** The Gospels were the key witnesses, as well as numerous writings by the early Church fathers, that He had been raised from the dead.

**EMERGENCE OF THE CHURCH:** The sudden emergence of Christianity in the first 30 years has no other explanation than the fact that Christ's resurrection birthed a world-wide unstoppable movement.

## Just get rid of the Resurrection!

- End of the 19th Century 2 lawyers agreed to independently disprove the Resurrection:
- Both became believers
- 1930s - another lawyer Frank Morrison
- Also became a believer - and wrote the book 'Who Moved the Stone?'