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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:

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**MAN
MYTH
OR
MESSIAH?**

1

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?'