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4 ½ Weeks Later...

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4 ½ weeks ago, March 31, 2013, the world slowed down just enough to acknowledge Easter. For those of the Christian faith, it is the day we celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead.

But, did it actually happen? And, if it did, what difference does that make for you?

For some people the idea of a man being raised from the dead, especially after a Roman flogging and crucifixion, makes about as much sense as, say, an "Easter" bunny laying eggs. Just as rabbits don't lay eggs, so men do not rise from the dead.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by me" (John 14:6). He also said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet he shall live (John 11:25). **Jesus' claims to exclusiveness in the eternal destiny of every human being lead us to only one of three possible conclusions:**

1. He was a liar. Jesus left no room to debate His claim to be God in the flesh and to grant "eternal life" and entry into heaven or hell through his judgment alone. His claim is either true or false. There is no middle ground. If he lied, he couldn't even be considered a prophet or a "good, moral teacher". Goodness and morality cannot be grounded in a lie.
2. He was a lunatic. If Jesus claimed to be God and the grantor of "eternal life" but didn't know if that was true or not, the best we can do is pity him as a misguided soul.
3. He is Lord of the universe. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is *the* central claim to the truth or lack thereof of Christianity. No resurrection = no Lordship. No Lordship = history's greatest hoax.

Have you studied the evidence? Who is Jesus to you: Liar, Lunatic or Lord?

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