

RESURRECTION

Think about the things you believe.

Now think about what makes you believe them.

What is the most compelling evidence when you are choosing to believe someone's story?

What are the **options** for the world to hear from God (given our propensity to forget)?!

- it would not be bound by any particular time period...it would be timeless
- nor bound by any culture...it must catch the imagination of all men
- it would be relatable and renewable
- it would be supernatural so as to stand out from any counterfeits
- it would be brutally truthful about mankind
- it would go against the grain of both the sacred and the profane

This is why the choice of STORY was the best choice!

Never has it been recorded and witnessed that someone reversed death

until Elijah the prophet.....1 Kings 17

until the child at Nain.....Luke 7

until Lazarus.....John 11:24,25; 12

until Jesus.....who raised Jesus from the dead?!

Why is authority over death so key.....Romans 1:4; 8:37-39?

Easter: the **cross** is the sign of God's mercy

the **resurrection** is the proof (Acts 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 1 John 1:1)!

Why do you think these men and women never looked back?!

What do you hope for post mortem?

There will always be alternative explanations - even blasphemies - about Jesus:

The DeVinci Code

The Gospel of Judas

Matthew 28:11-15

Our duty to ourselves is to weigh the eye-witness evidence - and find answers to the questions deep in our souls! The world is lost. The Son was born into the world to die and ransom those who call upon Him. Those who surrender to Christ will receive the gift of eternal life. (1 Corinthians 15:50-57)

John 20:19-31.....do you believe?