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THE ULTIMATE QUESTION...

Did Jesus rise from the dead?

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS...

- Jesus didn't _____ on the cross.
- Jesus' tomb was not _____.
- The disciples _____ the body of Jesus.
- The disciples were _____ when they saw Jesus.
- Jesus died on the cross and actually rose from the grave.

STARTLING IMPLICATIONS...

If Jesus rose from the dead...

- He is Lord over _____ and _____.

*"No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again."
John 10:18*

- He is Lord over _____ and _____.

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

- He is Lord over _____ and _____.

*"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
Romans 10:9-10*

- ▶ He _____ over us supremely.
- ▶ He _____ us deeply.
- ▶ He will _____ us eternally.

THE PERSONAL QUESTION...

- Do you _____ in the resurrection of Jesus?
- Do you _____ to the Lordship of Jesus?



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THE ULTIMATE QUESTION...

Did Jesus rise from the dead?

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS...

- Jesus didn't **die** on the cross.
- Jesus' tomb was not **empty**.
- The disciples **stole** the body of Jesus.
- The disciples were **delusional** when they saw Jesus.
- Jesus died on the cross and actually rose from the grave.

STARTLING IMPLICATIONS...

If Jesus rose from the dead...

- He is Lord over **life** and **death**.

*"No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again."
John 10:18*

- He is Lord over **sin** and **Satan**.

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
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- He is Lord over **you** and **me**.

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- ▶ He **reigns** over us supremely.
- ▶ He **loves** us deeply.
- ▶ He will **judge** us eternally.

THE PERSONAL QUESTION...

- Do you **believe** in the resurrection of Jesus?
- Do you **surrender** to the Lordship of Jesus?