

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

When All Other Explanations Become Implausible

I submit there is no good answer to that question unless you accept the fact that the disciples are telling the truth.

He would have to have been something absolutely extra ordinary. Now if the disciples are telling us the truth (which I submit is the most plausible explanation to these questions) that Jesus lived this extraordinary life and loved the way they said he loved, and did the miracles that they said he did, and made the Divine claims that they said he made, and rose from the dead, then that explains exactly how this all could have happened. And it would take something that magnificent to do it! If it's a lie or a legend then how did any of what we KNOW to have happenend come to happen? The most plausible explanation is that the disciples were simply telling the truth.

John 8.12—When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Luke 4.43—But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.”

John 12.27—“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

John 17.1-3—. . . “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you . . . this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God . . .

Against their most fundamental Jewish convictions, these men begin to worship this Jewish carpenter as the embodiment of God Himself, as Yahweh on earth in a culture that is completely anithetical to this, in the span of basically over night.

The most interesting question to ask is **how could this have happened?**

The second most interesting question is **what must Jesus have been like to convince this band of disciples, including his own brother, that He was, against all of their cultural assumptions, the embodiment of Yahweh on earth, overnight?**

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. 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 patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.—**C.S. Lewis**

Hebrews 1.1-3— . . . He is the reflection of God’s glory and is the exact likeness of God’s very being.

John 14.9—Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

John 1.18—No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 14.6—Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 4.12—Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved.

John 1.9—The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the

“God Is Love”—1 John 4:8

*All texts quoted from the New American Standard Bible unless otherwise noted.

world.

1 Corinthians 15:22—For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

John 10.10—I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 17.3—Now this is life eternal: that they might know you, the only true God . . .

