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THEN He was a liar.**

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“And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, ‘The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men; and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day.’ And they were deeply grieved.”

Matthew 17:22-23

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## **Others who claimed to be Messiah near the lifetime of Jesus**

**Simon of Peraea, around 4 BC**

**Judas the Galilean, around AD 6**

**Theudas, AD 44-46**

**“The Egyptian,” AD 52-58**

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**IF Jesus didn't rise from the dead...  
THEN Christians follow a dead Savior.**

**IF Jesus didn't rise from the dead...  
THEN there is no hope for eternal life and justice.**

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**IF the disciples died for their faith in Jesus...  
THEN they were confident Jesus had risen from  
the dead.**

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“As historians, we are left with a conclusion that, while simple, often doesn’t satisfy: Some of Jesus’ earliest followers including Paul experienced something profound that convinced them he had conquered death.” Dr. Marko Marina

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“Our willingness (as non-witnesses later in history) to die for what we believe has no evidential value, but the willingness of the first disciples to die for what they saw with their own eyes is a critical piece of evidence.” J. Warner Wallace

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"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible." Chuck Colson

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**Where do you stand?**

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