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**The Line the Resurrection Draws**

**ACTS 1-4**



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# Acts 1:1-3

*This is true*

**“In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.”**

# Acts 2:22–24

*This is true*

**22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”**

# Acts 3:13-15

*This exposes you*

**13 “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.**

# Acts 4:1-4

## *This demands a response*

**1** And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, **2** greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. **3** And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. **4** But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

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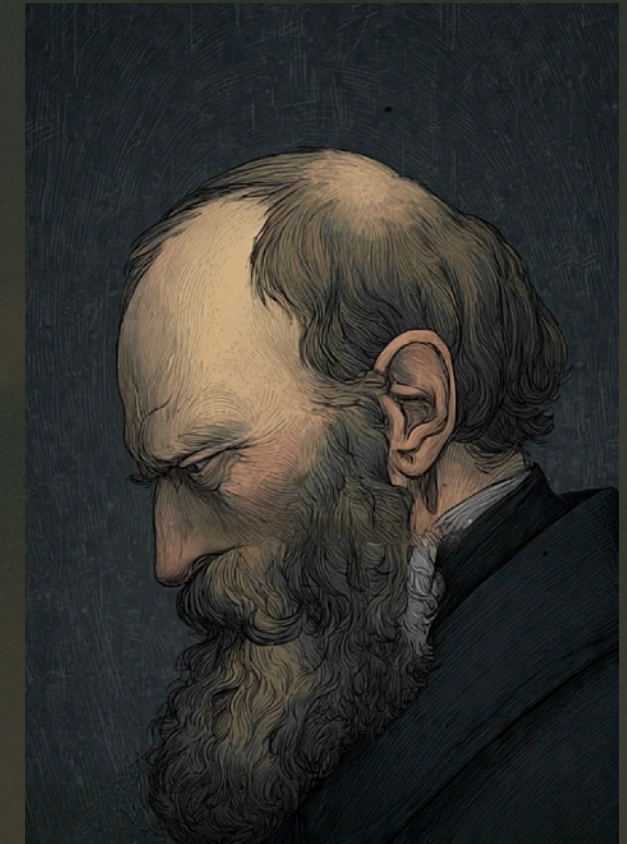
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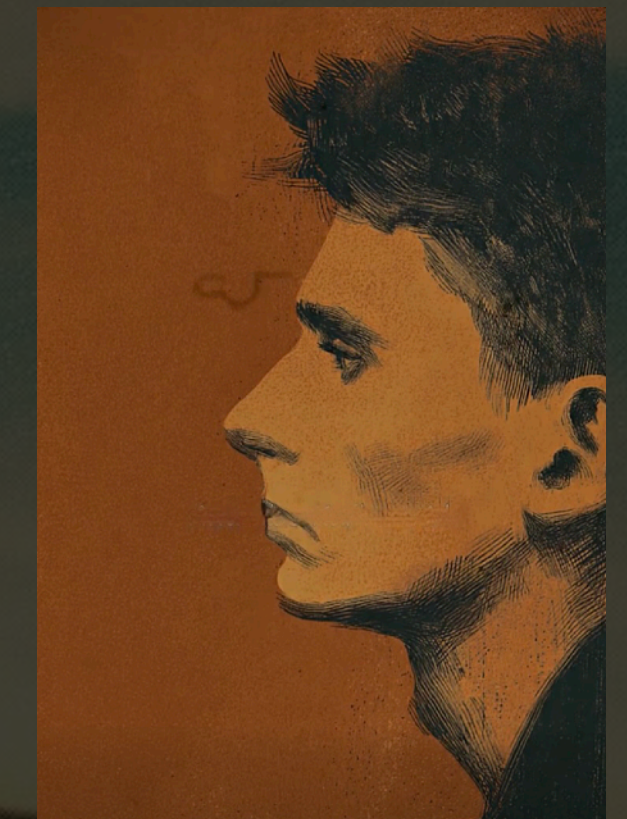
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F.F. Bruce

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The resurrection gives you both—but not in the way you expect.

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**Joe Galloway  
Battle at Ia Drang**

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- You don't get to reduce Him to “helpful”
- You don't get to admire Him at a distance
- You don't get to negotiate terms

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- Lord — who deserves your surrender
- Liar — who knowingly deceived
- Lunatic — who was utterly delusional

**C.S. Lewis**

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#### **This King:**

- was crucified for His enemies
- offers forgiveness before judgment
- invites surrender, not to crush you—but to restore you

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### II. The Resurrection Reveals Your Heart

**“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified. 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”**

**Acts 2:36-37**

**4 Greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.**

**17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.**

**Acts 4:4, 17**

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#### Response 1: Brokenness

“They were cut to the heart... ‘What shall we do?’” (Acts 2:37)

#### Response 2: Resistance

“They were greatly annoyed... and wanted to stop them.” (Acts 4:2, 17)

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**“ In Acts, it’s not a not lack of clarity—it is how people respond to the authority of Jesus. It brings what is hidden in the heart to the surface.”**

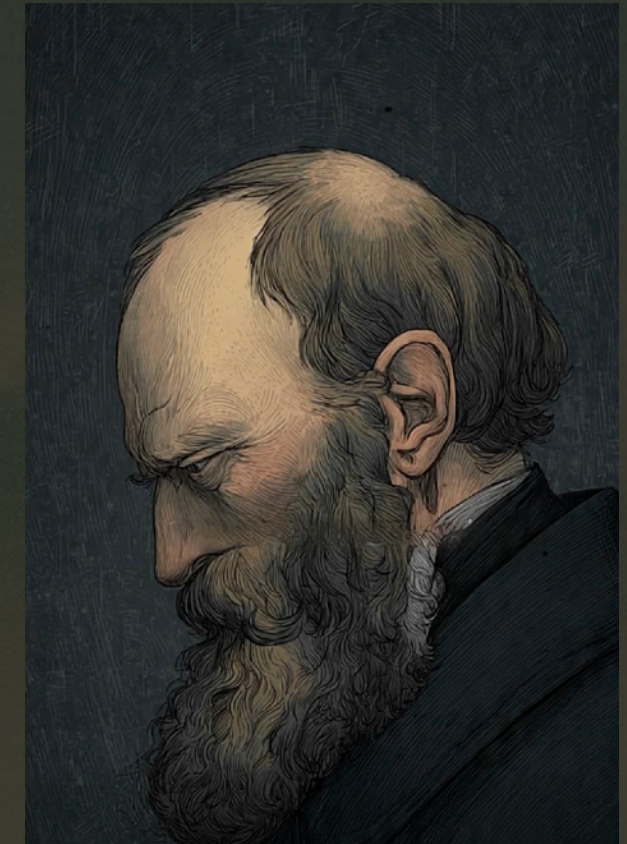
**Darrell Bock**

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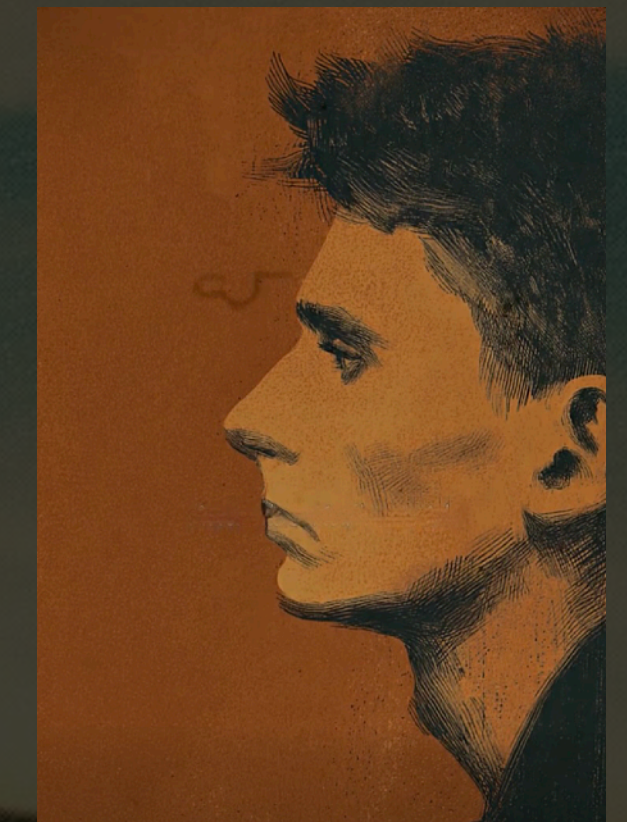
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### APPLICATION:

1. Where in my life is Jesus currently confronting something I don't want to surrender—and how am I responding?
2. When I feel resistance to Jesus, do I pause and let it expose my heart—or do I justify and move on?
3. What would it look like this week to move from resistance to surrender in one specific area of my life?

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#### Path 1: Repentance

- “Repent... for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38)
- “Times of refreshing may come” (Acts 3:19)
- Thousands respond

This is not just belief—it is **surrender**.

#### Path 2: Resistance

- Leaders threaten, silence, oppose (Acts 4)
- Not neutral—actively rejecting

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“The resurrection becomes the dividing line—**belief or rejection, repentance or resistance.**”

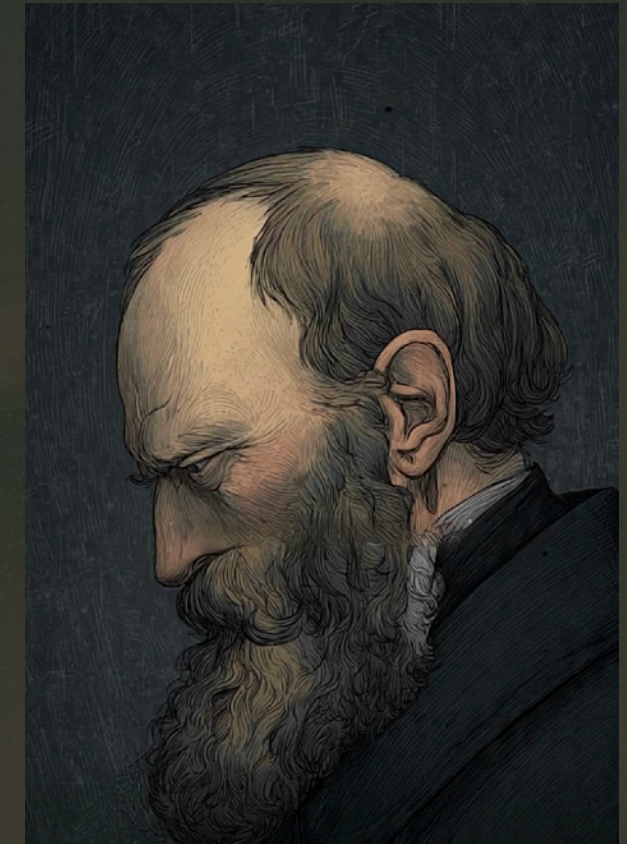
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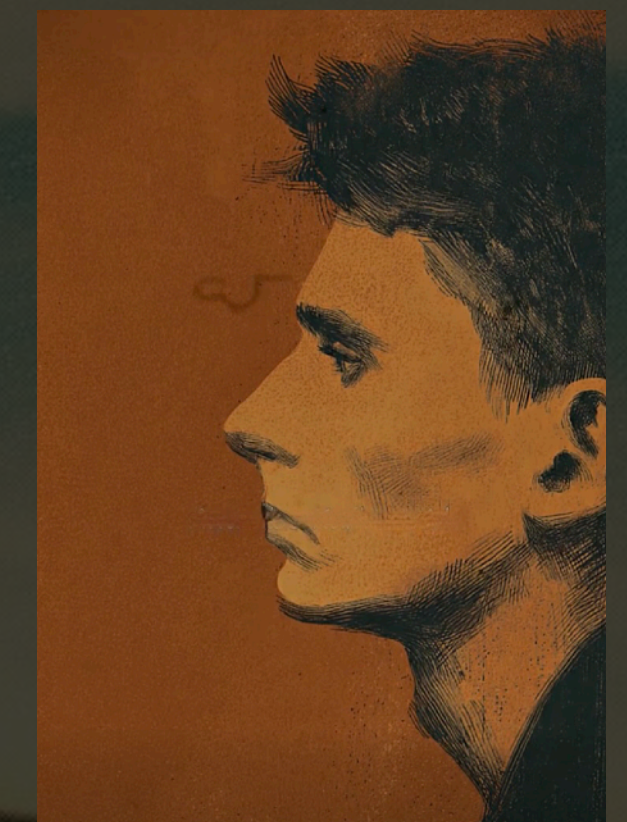
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*The resurrection brings truth into the light, revealing our hearts and inviting us into grace.*



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