

Coming Back to Life

Modern understanding of the world tells us that a man could not come back to life. Not possible. In ancient times, it was equally shocking an idea, but it was plausible that a power beyond what we ourselves can wield could achieve this. Nowadays, less plausible. So, the obstacle the modern mind has as it encounters the central Christian claim, is that it is equipped only to refute it. It is a mind largely unable to conceive beyond the limits of human ability. It believes itself to occupy a state of enlightened, evolved, progressive thinking. It believes that the history of human thinking is the history of the improvement of human thinking. So, why is it that alongside this 'progress' there have always been people convinced of something entirely different? A man born into poverty in the least regarded village of a conquered people, in a time without so much as a newspaper to spread a message, a man who disappointed even those who were closest to him by doing things in a way so completely different from what they expected. A man whose only achievement was to annoy everyone to the point that they killed him. How does this man become the central figure of human history? Such that even famous, ardent atheists like Dawkins recognise that they are culture Christians, because the teaching of this obscure man permeated and upended the entire way we see the world, at least in the West. Atheist morality is Christian morality. It is based on Jesus' teachings. Atheists believe what Jesus believed about human society and behaviour - more or less. So how the heck does this irritating nobody from nowhere and no-when pull off the con trick of all time? Could it possibly be because he is who he claims to be?