

Session 16

The greatest statistic anyone has ever shared with me is that one out of every one person dies. What makes the resurrection so invaluable to Christianity is that Jesus as 100% God and 100% man actually fits that statistic. What changes the narrative for Christianity is that he makes another category of statistic that no one can boast. He died and was buried, and rose again, NEVER to be buried again. That is the power of the resurrection. In session 16 of Think Like a Detective, J. Warner Wallace introduces us to a concept known as abductive reasoning where we are presented with facts and then we must come up with a reason for the facts that present themselves. I would encourage you to try to come up with reasons for the facts given. The most telling portion of this session is when Wallace says, The only thing standing between him and the Christian explanation...was him. The supernatural has always been a sticking point to faith. If our presuppositions push us away from the supernatural then it will be difficult for us to accept Christianity and faith. God, in and of Himself, is beyond our comprehension, beyond our capacity, beyond our reach, yet is reachable, comprehensible, and known to us. This is the mystery and the beauty of supernatural Kingdom work and God's Kingdom agenda. The resurrection had to happen and God is the only being powerful enough to make such an event occur. Let me finish with this thought from Acts 13:32-37 ³²And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “ ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’

³⁴And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “ ‘I will give you ‘the holy and sure blessings of David.’ ³⁵Therefore he says also in another psalm, “ ‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’ ³⁶For David, after he had ‘served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.