

A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds, and a bright sun is breaking through a gap in the clouds on the right side, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The mountains in the foreground are silhouetted against the bright sky.

do you believe this?

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Matthew 28:1-8

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

do you believe this?



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Mark 4:21-23

Jesus said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

do you believe this?

Collusion |kə'loʊ zh ən| noun

A secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, esp. in order to cheat or deceive others: *the armed forces were working **in collusion with** drug traffickers | **collusion between** media owners and political leaders.*

(The stuff *Wikileaks* loves to leak)

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Matthew

- Women visit tomb
- Jesus appears to women
- *“He has risen!” “Go tell”*
- Roman guards bribed
- Jesus appears to the eleven (Galilee)

Luke

- Women visit tomb
- *“He has risen!” “Go tell”*
- Peter runs to the tomb
- Jesus appears to two on Emmaus road and to Peter
- Jesus appears to the eleven (Jerusalem) first evening
- The Ascension

Mark

- Women visit tomb
- Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
- *“He has risen!” “Go tell”*
- To two on Emmaus road
- Jesus appears to the eleven (Jerusalem) first evening
- The Ascension

John

- Mary Magdalene visits tomb
- Peter and John run to the tomb
- Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
- Jesus appears to the eleven first evening, Thomas absent
- Jesus appears to the eleven a week later, Thomas present
- Jesus appears to seven at Galilee

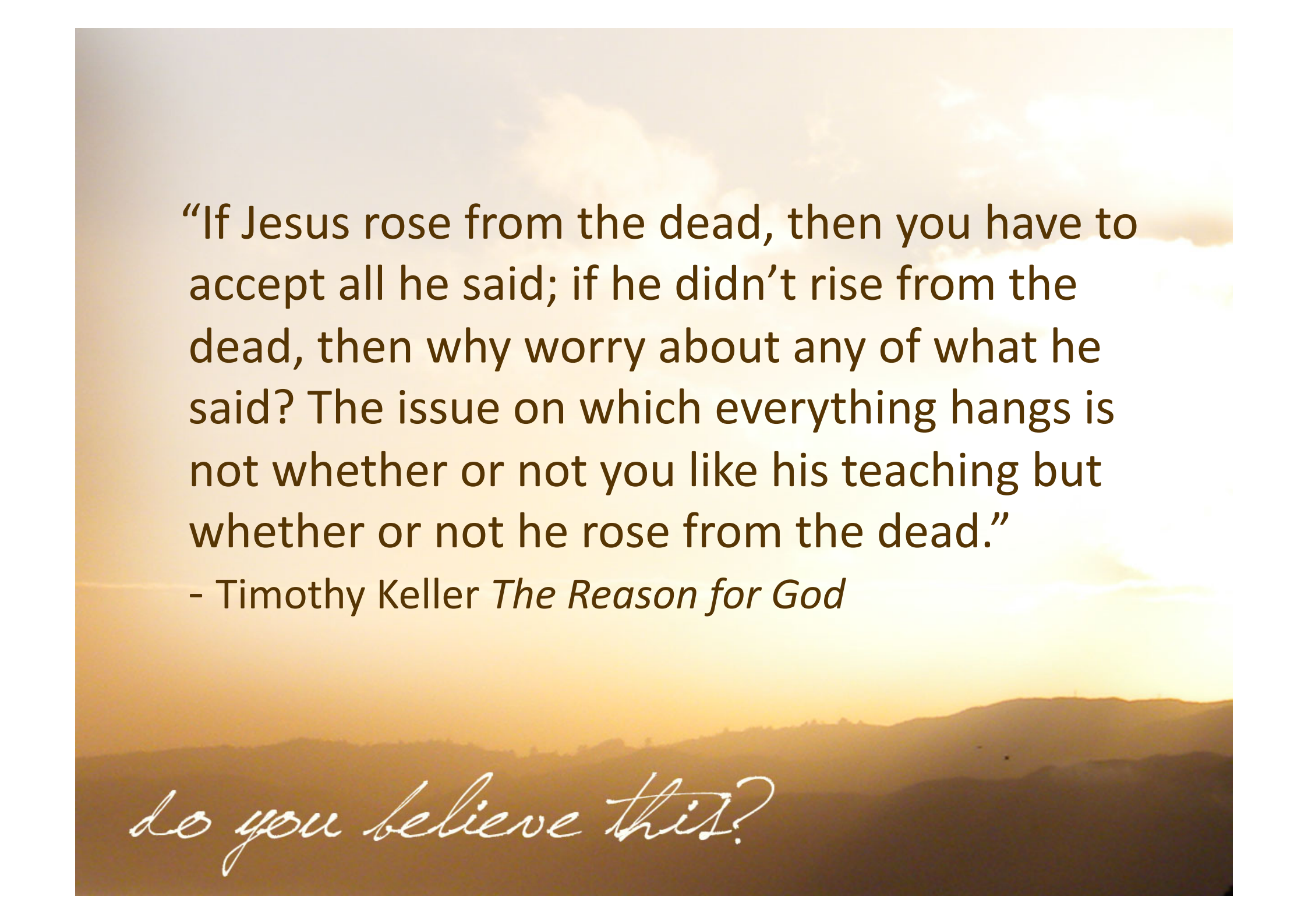
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John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

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“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all he said; if he didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.”

- Timothy Keller *The Reason for God*

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John 11:40-44

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that **if you believe**, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, **that they may believe** that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

do you believe this?

John 20:8,9

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

do you believe this?

John 6:47 ESV

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.”

do you believe this?

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