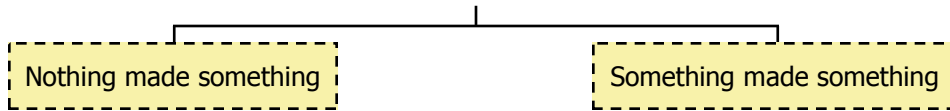


THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST

WHY IS THERE SOMETHING INSTEAD OF NOTHING?

The vast and intricate universe exists but it did not have to exist. So why is there something instead of nothing?



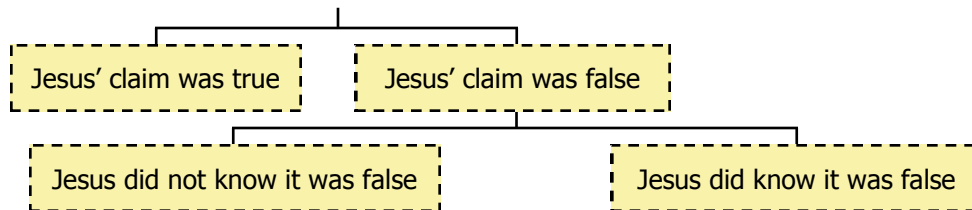
Logically and physically it is not possible for something to come from nothing. So the something was made by Something. But what is that Something?

HOW CAN WE KNOW WHAT THAT SOMETHING IS LIKE?

Throughout history people have looked at the something and tried to know what the Something is. Those who have been our best thinkers have not agreed on what the Something is like. Who is right? Is anyone? If the Something does not reveal itself, then we are left with guesses as to what the Something is like.

HAS THE SOMETHING COMMUNICATED TO US ABOUT ITSELF?

Jesus claimed to be the son of God, the creator of the universe. Either his claim was true or it was false. Furthermore if his claim was false, he either knew it was false or he did not.



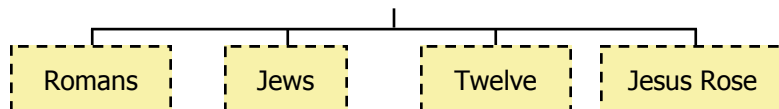
- If Jesus' claim was false and he knew it was false, then he was a **liar**. But the New Testament accounts do not depict him as a liar.
- If his claim was false and he did not know it was false, then he was crazy, a **lunatic**. But again the New Testament accounts do not depict him as crazy.
- If his claim was true, then he was the son of God, the creator of the universe and he is the authority to explain what the Something is like and how we can be rightly related to him. He is **Lord**.

HOW CAN WE KNOW HE REALLY IS THE SON OF GOD?

He was crucified and buried in a tomb on Friday. On Sunday his followers came to his tomb but it was empty. Where was the body of Jesus after his crucifixion and burial?

WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS BODY?

Either the Romans took it, the Jewish leaders took it, the Twelve Disciples took it, or he rose from the dead.



- If the Romans had it, then they would have brought it out to silence the new sect.
- If the Jewish leaders had it, then they would have brought it out to prove He was no Messiah.
- If the Twelve took it, then they died for a lie that they knew was a lie. But no one does this; people die for lies they believe are true but not lies they know are lies. When the gun is at your head the conspiracy always unravels.

So, where is the body? The tomb was empty. It seems he rose. This confirms that he is the son of God, and the authority on what the Something, God, is like and how we can know him. So what did Jesus say?

