



## The Challenge of Easter

- Our true calling is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and his kingdom within the kingdoms of this world.
- Will you sign up to follow \_\_\_\_\_ in his kingdom?

## Evidence for the Resurrection

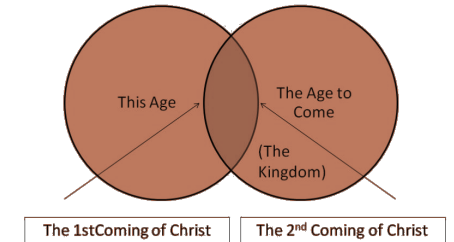
- There are many reasons to believe in the physical, \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection of Jesus.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of nearly all of the original twelve apostles.
- There are only two possibilities here.
- Option A: They were telling the \_\_\_\_\_ about the resurrection of Jesus.
- Option B: They \_\_\_\_\_ the story.
- Of the two, option A is the only one that makes sense. Not just because the bible tells me so, but because 11 out of the 12 original apostles signed their testimony with their \_\_\_\_\_.
- The second evidence for the reality of the resurrection of Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostle Paul, who prior meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, had made it his goal to arrest and imprison as many Christians as he could.

- The only reasonable explanation for Paul's sudden transformation from being the chief persecutor of the church, to becoming an Apostle and the leading church planter for the faith he tried to destroy is his encounter with the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

## Power & Pain (Phil. 3:10)

- . . . *But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world. -- C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain*

- Knowing Jesus involves experiencing both the \_\_\_\_\_ of His resurrection and the fellowship of His \_\_\_\_\_.



- Following Jesus means we will experience both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The way we relate to \_\_\_\_\_ is through the power of the resurrection (e.g., 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.)
- We face suffering by drawing \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ and the power of His resurrection (cf., Phil. 4:12-23; 2 Cor. 4:8-10).
- **Philippians 3:10 (GNT)** <sup>10</sup> *All I want is to know Christ and to experience the power of his resurrection, to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death,*
- How was Jesus in His death?
  - Completely \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Fully \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Totally \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father's will.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ unjustly (1 Peter 2:21-23).
- Only as we experience \_\_\_\_\_ power in \_\_\_\_\_ pain can we become \_\_\_\_\_ him in his death.