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Did Jesus really beat death? That's what Christians have believed for hundreds of years, that Jesus Christ returned to life after death and burial in a stone tomb. To the modern mind, "resurrection" is utterly implausible, but it was also doubtful to many first-century Greeks, Jews, and even some Christians. With such an incredible assertion at the heart of the Christian faith, it's no wonder that some people struggle to believe.

Unlike any other book on the resurrection, *Raised?* encourages you to doubt in order to believe. Too often Christians look down on doubt, but in Christ, we see a person who welcomes doubt and encourages faith. Jonathan Dodson and Brad Watson don't shy away from the hard questions or settle for easy answers. They help you to see how the resurrection offers hope for the future and answers for the life and death questions we all face.

"I encourage Christians and non-Christians alike to read this book. . . . provocative, illuminating, and succinct."

--Eileen Flynn, former religion reporter for *Austin American-Statesman* and Journalism and religion lecturer at the University of Texas

Dodson and

Watson write both for those who have never believed and for those who do believe, who have said the creeds and prayed the Lord's Prayer again and again yet who find themselves wondering, doubting, sometimes troubled by the undertones of a nagging question, sometimes staggered by a sudden conviction that the Resurrection is utterly preposterous. This book is itself an act of pastoral ministry, a winsome invitation to faith and discipleship.

--John

Wilson, Editor, Books & Culture

Hundreds of

books have been written about this, but *Raised?*

is strikingly different. It takes doubt seriously, situates the resurrection in a grander biblical narrative, and clarifies meanings of words that are so often misunderstood. The subject matter of *Raised?*

makes this book important, but the approach taken by Dodson and Watson is what makes it all matter. Read it expectantly!"

--Jonathan Merritt, author of *Jesus is Better Than You Imagined*

"Wonderfully demonstrates the plausibility of the resurrection of Jesus and the possibilities for a life of hope."


--Sean McDonough, professor of New Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and author of *Christ as Creator: Origins of a New Testament Doctrine*

This is a very good, easy-to-read work that is both engaging and gospel-centered. Read it! Be encouraged by it! Share it with others that they may cross the river of the resurrection!

--J. D. Payne, pastor of church multiplication, The Church at Brook Hills, author *Evangelism: A Biblical Response to Today's Questions*, blogger @ jdpayne.org

"As a leadership team, we were looking for the perfect resource to put in the hands of 1000 people coming through the doors on Easter Sunday morning. It had to be short, accessible, easy to read, culturally relevant, theologically sound, and skeptic friendly. Our standards were high. *Raised?* met every one of them!"

--Josh McPherson, Lead Pastor, Grace City Church, NW Network
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