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🔗 What do you like and not like about this Christian teaching?

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🔗 Do you think the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the best explanation? Is it even a possible explanation? Why or why not?

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