

The film, “Die Hard” (AD 1988, starring Bruce Willis), is based on the novel, “Nothing Lasts Forever.” Ironic, really, given that five Die Hard films have been made so far.

The one good guy who refuses to let the baddies reduce him to anything less than his own moral stance; overcoming all the odds; willing (or is it Willising?!) to sacrifice everything; coming back seemingly from the dead: themes that are box office winners everytime. We all love to see a hero who keeps true to the truth and what’s right, no matter the personal cost.

The fifth Die Hard reincarnation, recently released, is called, “A Good Day to Die Hard.” The last Friday of this month commemorates the original Good Day to Die Hard. It’s called, again ironically, Good Friday. No special effects, just real blood and guts. And love. And no compromise: death.

Only, although it seems love can be murdered, it won’t stay dead. That which is of God stays of God, which is why we have such a clear vision of resurrection when it comes to Jesus.

“Good Day to Die Hard” (circa AD 30, starring Jesus of Nazareth), has had the biggest re-run in history - even more than Christmas. More importantly, perhaps, is that it’s also had its sequels. Such follow-ons as, “Lorry Driver Stops to Help Stranded Motorist,” or, “Postperson Checks Up on Housebound,” or, “Mum Stands Firm Against Teenage Daughter,” or, “Retiree Helps Out at Hospice,” or, “Student Gives to Homeless.” None of these are as good as the original - and the titles are not exactly memorable - but they’re all worth seeing. They’re also the sequel to the resurrection; along with the billions of other stories which comprise the resurrection to a new life borne of God’s love.

The next sequel could be the one you make.