

The Resurrection:

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FULL**

Romans 1:4; Matthew 28:1-10







Turn to

Matthew 28:1-10

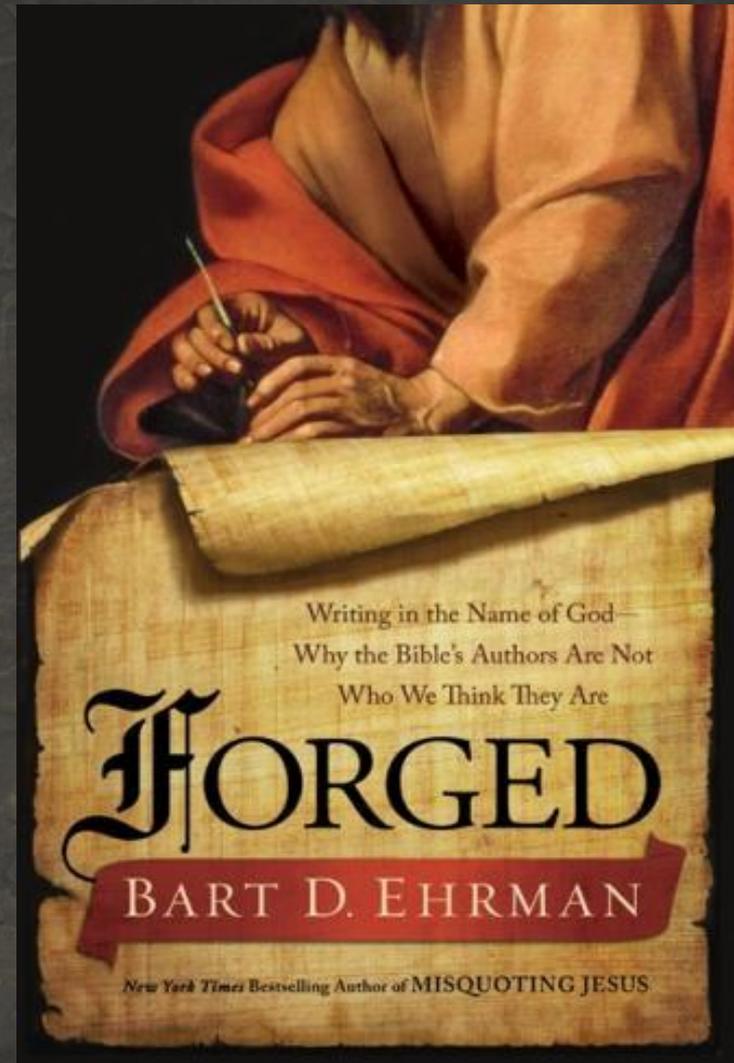
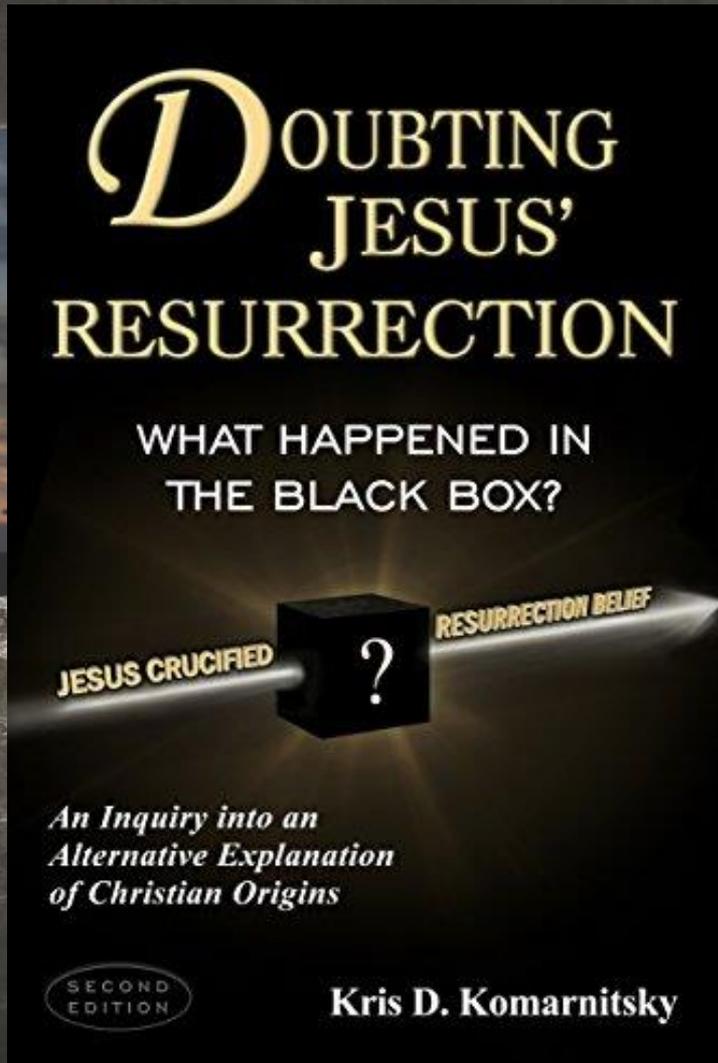


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"This whole Bible thing sounds like
a *conspiracy theory* to me!"

There Will Always Be Scoffers



1 John 2:21-23

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

Simon Greenleaf, Founder of Harvard Law School

“Either the men of Galilee were men of superlative wisdom, and extensive knowledge and experience, and of deeper skill in the arts of deception than any and all others, before them or after them, or they have truly stated astonishing things which they saw and heard.”

“It was impossible that they could have persisted in affirming their truths, had not Jesus actually risen from the dead, and had they not known this fact as certainly as they knew any other fact.”

When the Women Arrive...

At the tomb, they discover the stone already rolled away and an angel awaiting them.

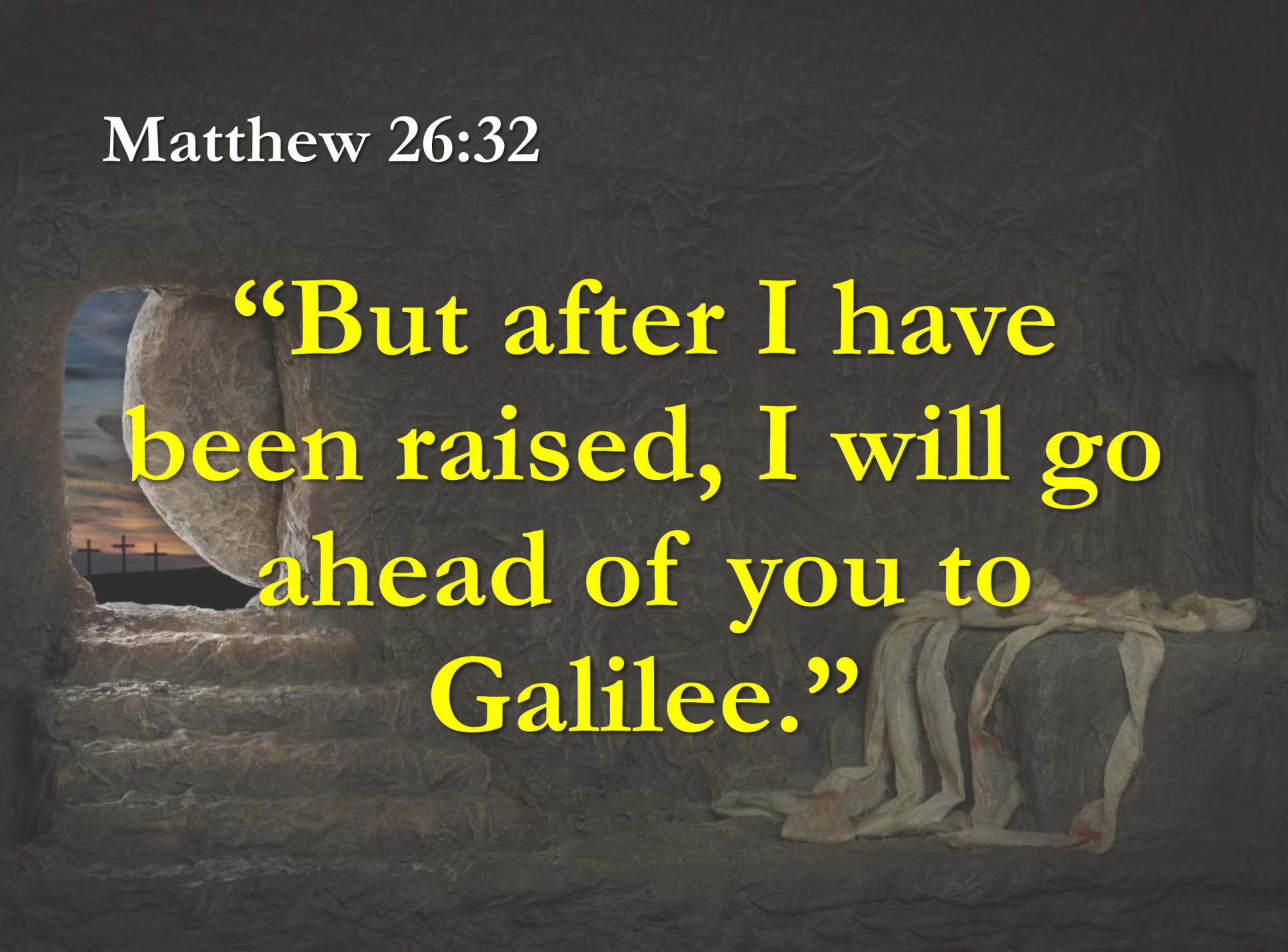
- Apologetic Point #1: Women are the first witnesses to the Resurrection.
- Apologetic Point #2: Jesus foretold His own Resurrection.

Jesus on His Own Resurrection

- John 2:19, 21 – “Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”...But He was speaking of the temple of His body.”
- Matthew 12:40 – “for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”
- John 10:17, 18 – “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again....I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.”

Matthew 26:32

**“But after I have
been raised, I will go
ahead of you to
Galilee.”**

The background image shows the interior of an empty tomb. A large, smooth, grey stone is rolled away from the entrance on the left. Inside the tomb, several white, rectangular pieces of fabric, likely burial cloths, are draped over a stone ledge on the right. The walls of the tomb are made of rough, grey stone. Through the opening, a dark landscape with a few crosses on a hill is visible under a twilight sky.

Even The Chief Priests Knew!

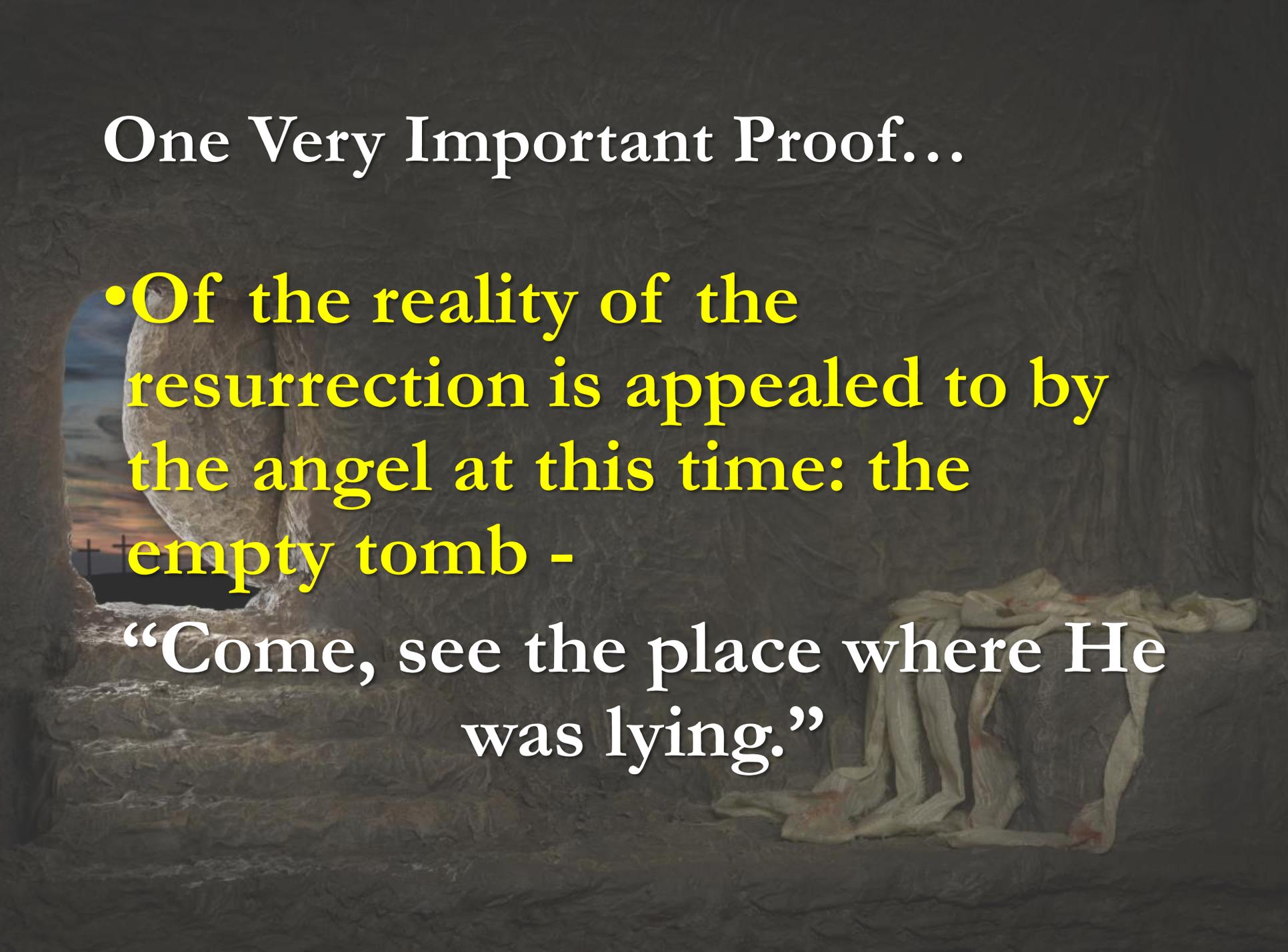
• Matthew 27:62-63 –

62 Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, 63 and said, “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am to rise again.’”

One Very Important Proof...

- **Of the reality of the resurrection is appealed to by the angel at this time: the empty tomb -**

“Come, see the place where He was lying.”



Have You Looked Inside The Tomb?

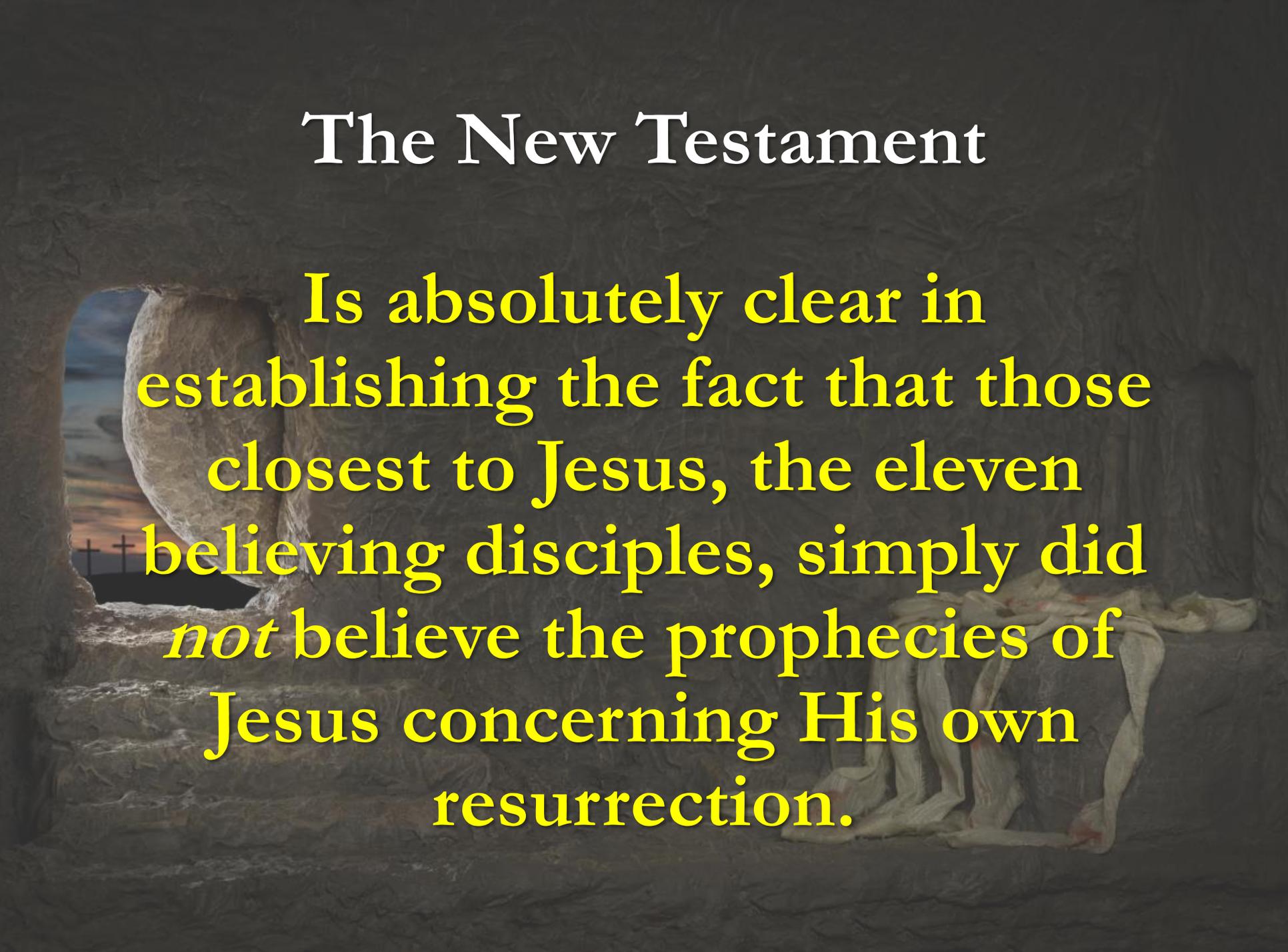


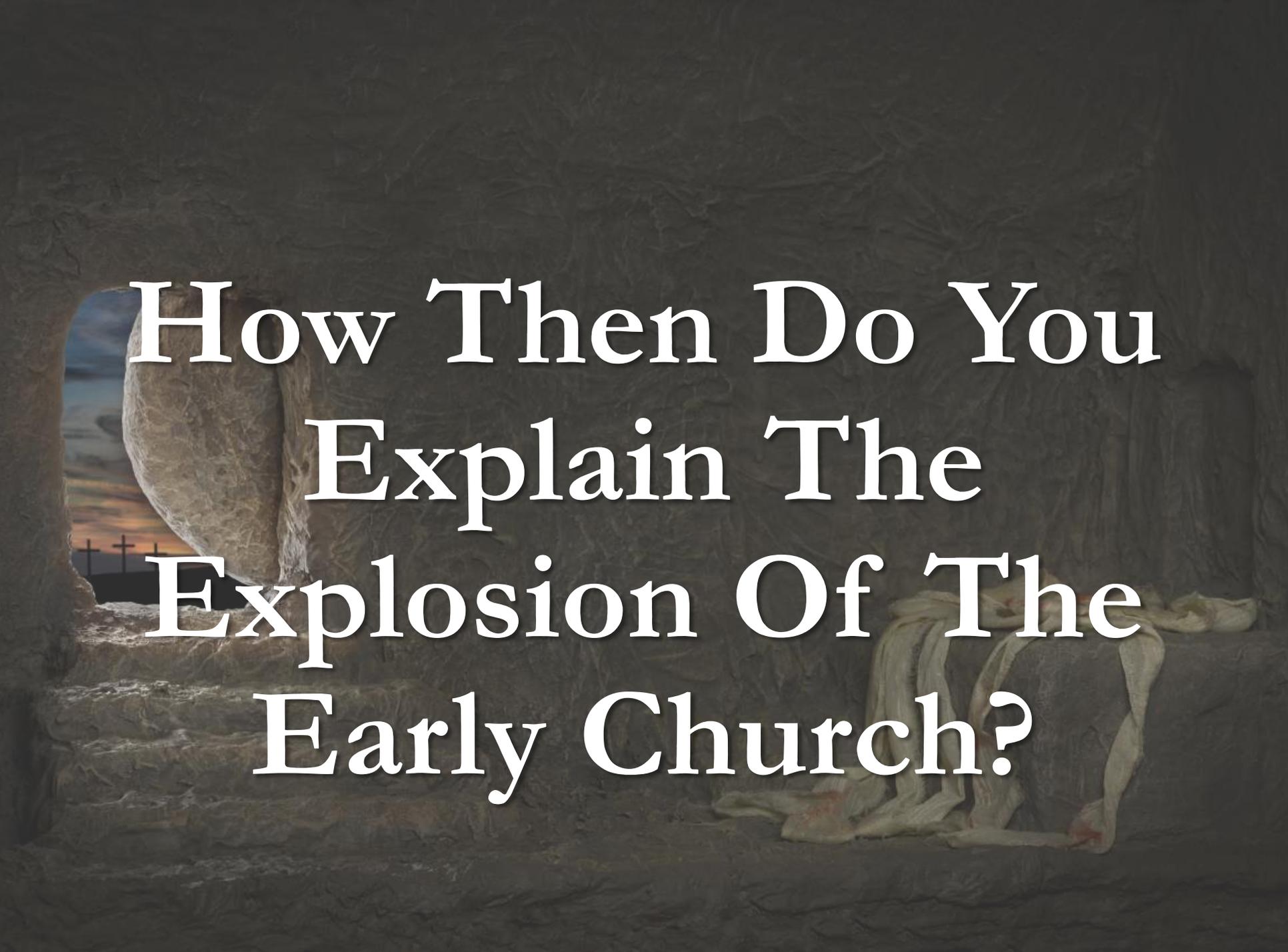
Two Responses: Peter and John

- Peter: (Luke 24:12) – “But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.”
- John (John 20:8) – “So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.”

The New Testament

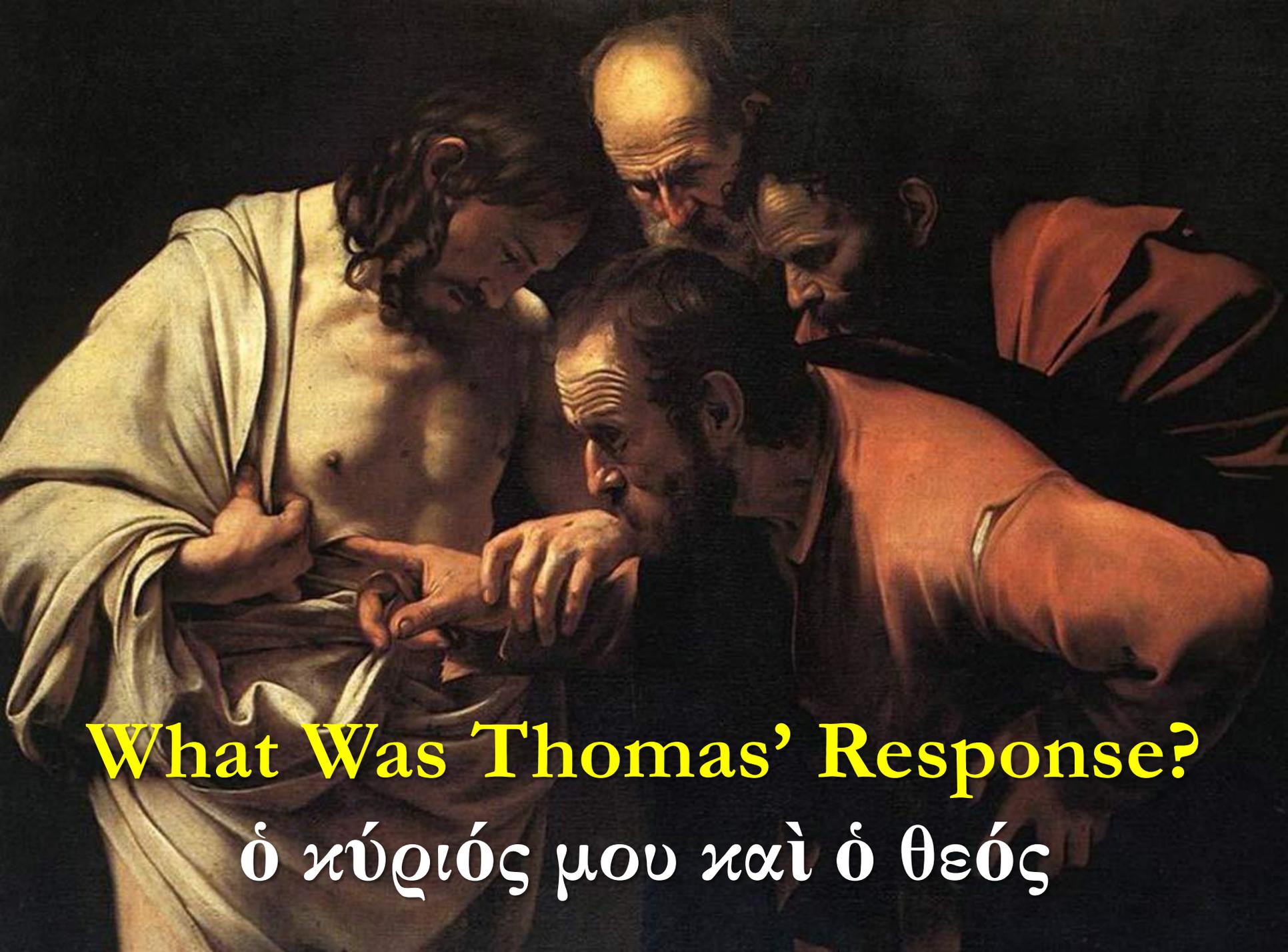
Is absolutely clear in establishing the fact that those closest to Jesus, the eleven believing disciples, simply did *not* believe the prophecies of Jesus concerning His own resurrection.

The background of the slide is a photograph of an empty tomb. The tomb is a dark, stone structure with a large, irregular opening on the left side. Inside the tomb, several white, rolled-up burial cloths are visible, some hanging from the top and others lying on the floor. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright light source from the left, possibly a window or an opening, casting long shadows and highlighting the texture of the stone and the white fabric. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

The image shows a dark, textured stone wall with a large, smooth, light-colored stone rolled away from a circular opening. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft glow from the opening. In the foreground, a white, folded cloth lies on the floor. In the background, through the opening, several crosses are visible against a dark sky.

How Then Do You
Explain The
Explosion Of The
Early Church?



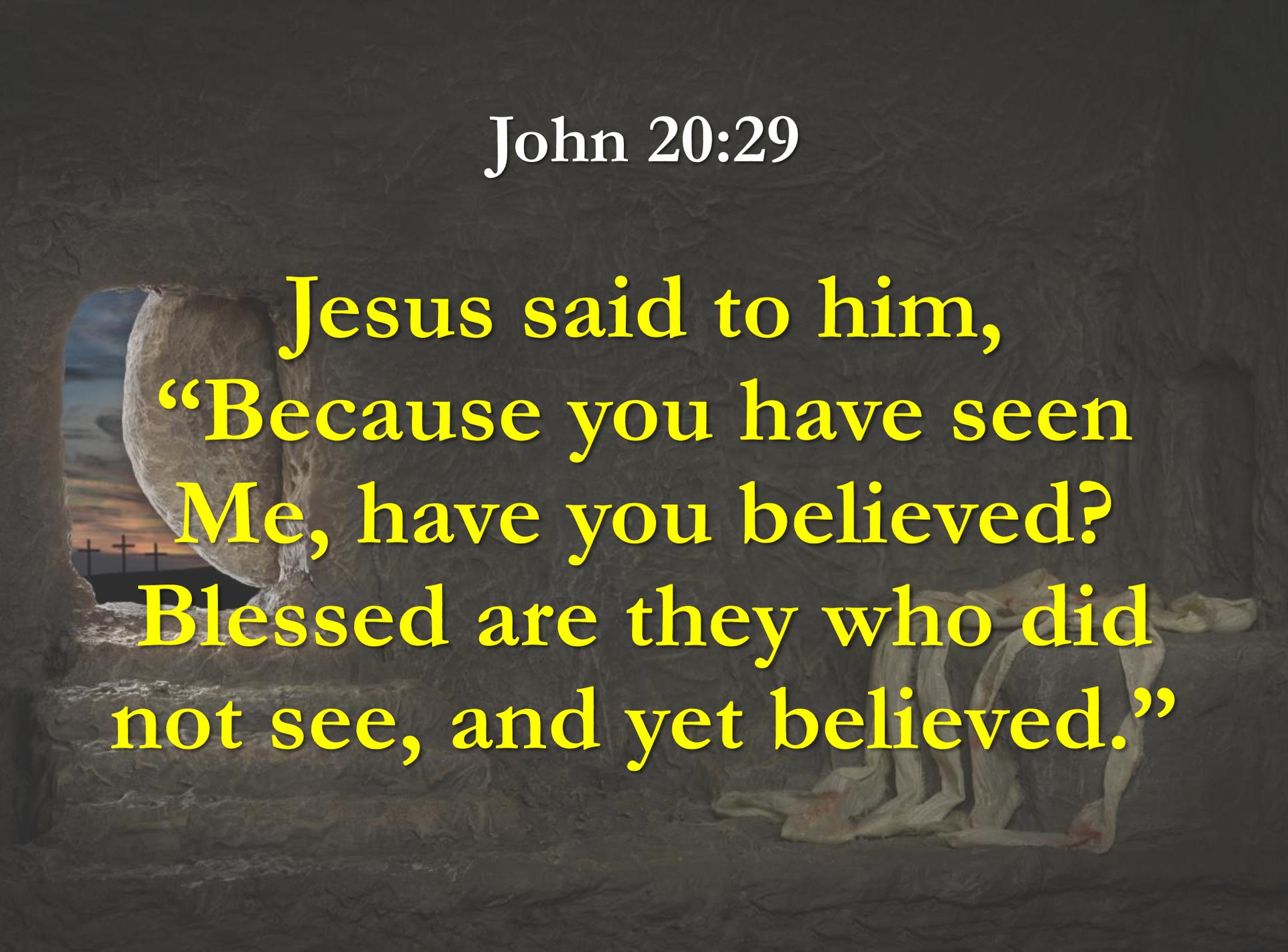


What Was Thomas' Response?

ὁ κύριός μου καὶ ὁ θεός

John 20:29

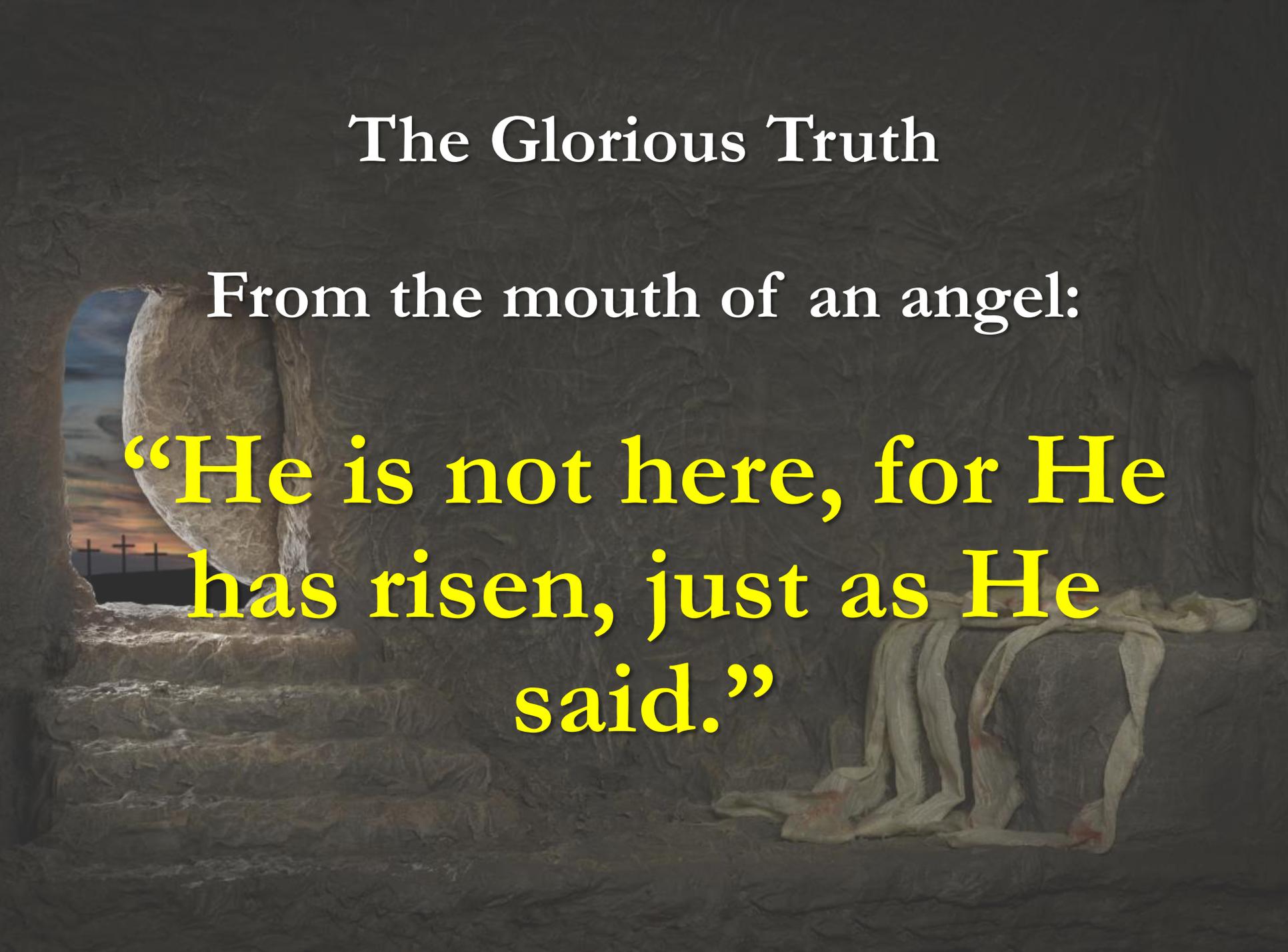
Jesus said to him,
“Because you have seen
Me, have you believed?
Blessed are they who did
not see, and yet believed.”

A photograph of an empty tomb, likely the tomb of Jesus. The scene is viewed through a dark, textured opening in a wall. A large, smooth, light-colored stone is rolled away from the entrance. Inside the tomb, several white, folded linens are visible on the floor. In the background, through the opening, a cross is visible against a sunset sky.

The Glorious Truth

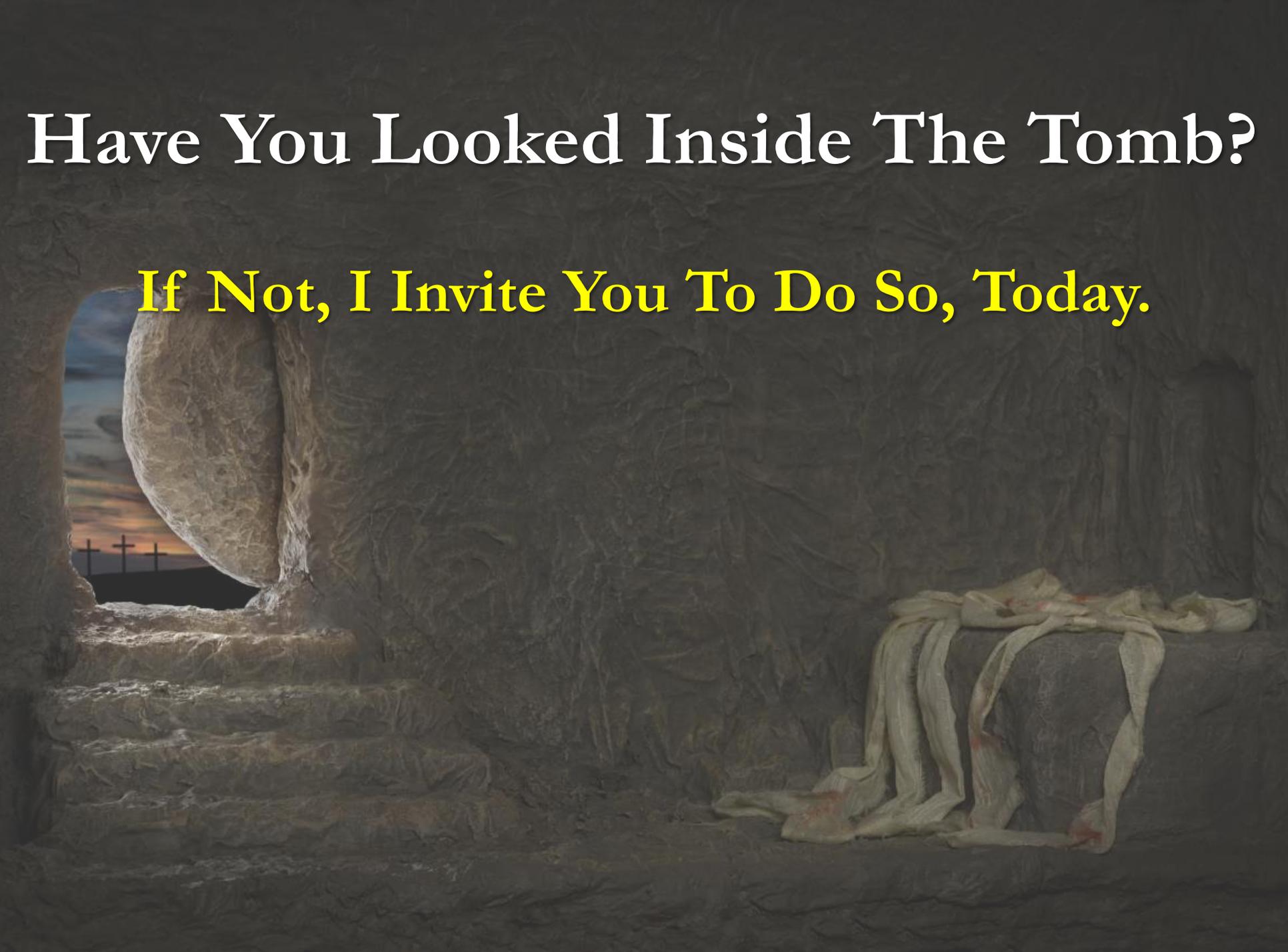
From the mouth of an angel:

**“He is not here, for He
has risen, just as He
said.”**



Have You Looked Inside The Tomb?

If Not, I Invite You To Do So, Today.



As We Consider the Resurrection

It is good to keep before us the truth of
Romans 1:4, that Jesus

“was declared the Son of God with
power by the resurrection from the
dead”

The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus
Christ is absolutely vital to any Biblical
conception of Christianity.

By Means of the Resurrection

The Divine Pronouncement was made to all the world that this Jesus of Nazareth was exactly what He had claimed to be, indeed, that the very claims for which He had been crucified by the unbelieving Jews – the claims to be Messiah, God in the flesh, the only and sufficient Savior for mankind – were entirely and wonderfully true!

Christmas Day vs. Resurrection Day



Romans 1:1-4

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord

The OT Continually Looked

For Israel's
coming King, the
Messiah, the Son
of God.

The background of the slide is a photograph of an empty tomb. A large, smooth, light-colored stone has been rolled away from the entrance of the tomb. Inside the tomb, several white burial cloths are lying on the floor. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft light coming from the opening of the tomb, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall tone is somber and hopeful.

The Gospel is *About* God's Son!

- In him are brought into focus all the hopes of God's people in the OT.
- The Gospel has always been about God's Son.
- From long before Genesis 3:15, the Gospel was about God's Son.
- For the Gospel to be true, it had to be authenticated through the promise of God's Son.

There Have Been Many Great Men

Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Josiah,
Hezekiah, Nehemiah, John the Baptist

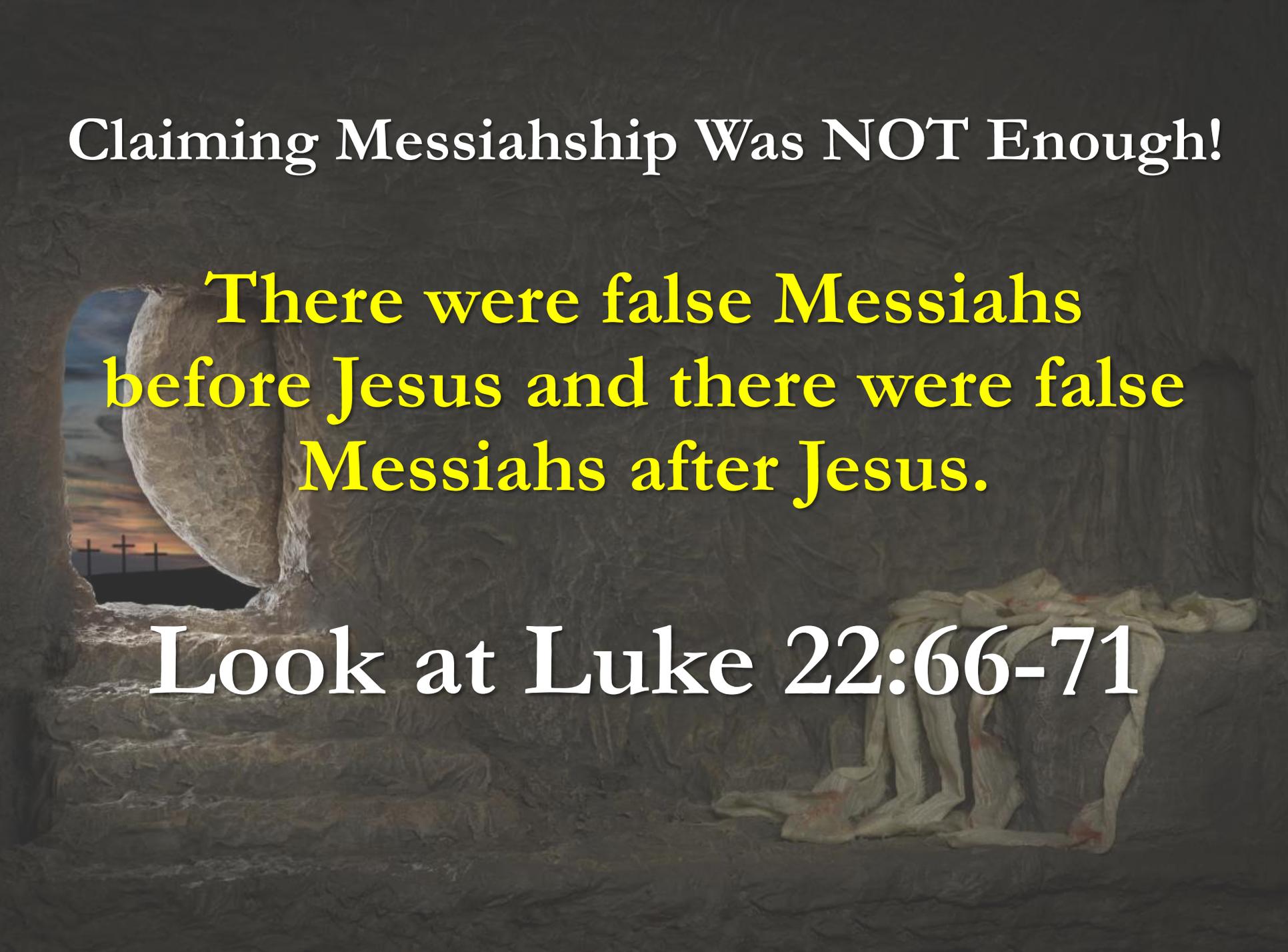
What made Jesus different?

In fact, Muslims will agree with
everything we have said up to this point
concerning Jesus.

Claiming Messiahship Was NOT Enough!

**There were false Messiahs
before Jesus and there were false
Messiahs after Jesus.**

Look at Luke 22:66-71



Jesus' Enemies in John 19:7

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die...

Why?

because He made Himself out to be the Son of God.”

Romans 1b-4

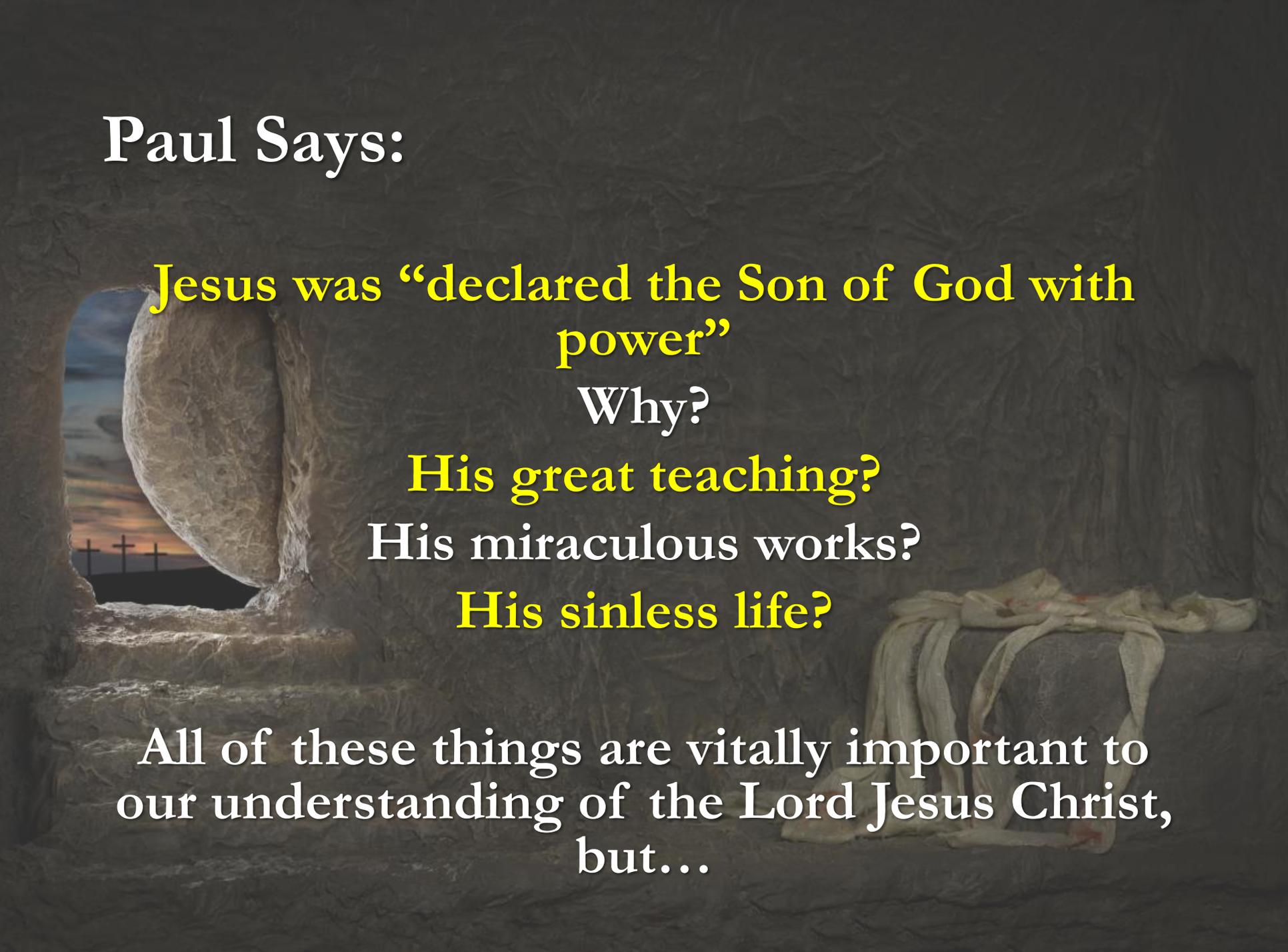
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Verse 4 is So Important

The Son of God was promised beforehand through the Scriptures, but how do we know that this Jesus is the One that was promised?

- Even John the Baptist doubted! (Matt. 11:3)

“Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?”



Paul Says:

Jesus was “declared the Son of God with power”

Why?

His great teaching?

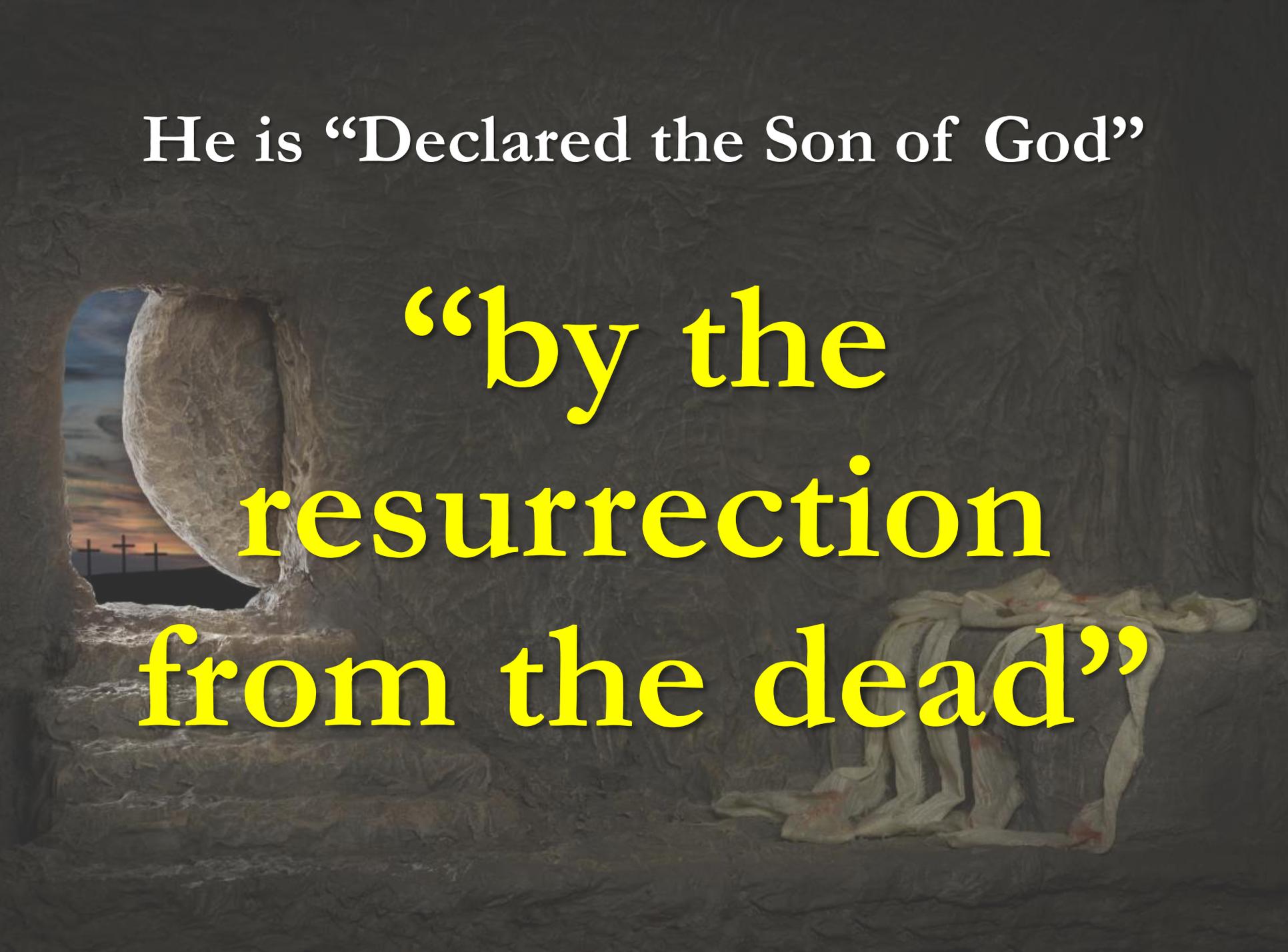
His miraculous works?

His sinless life?

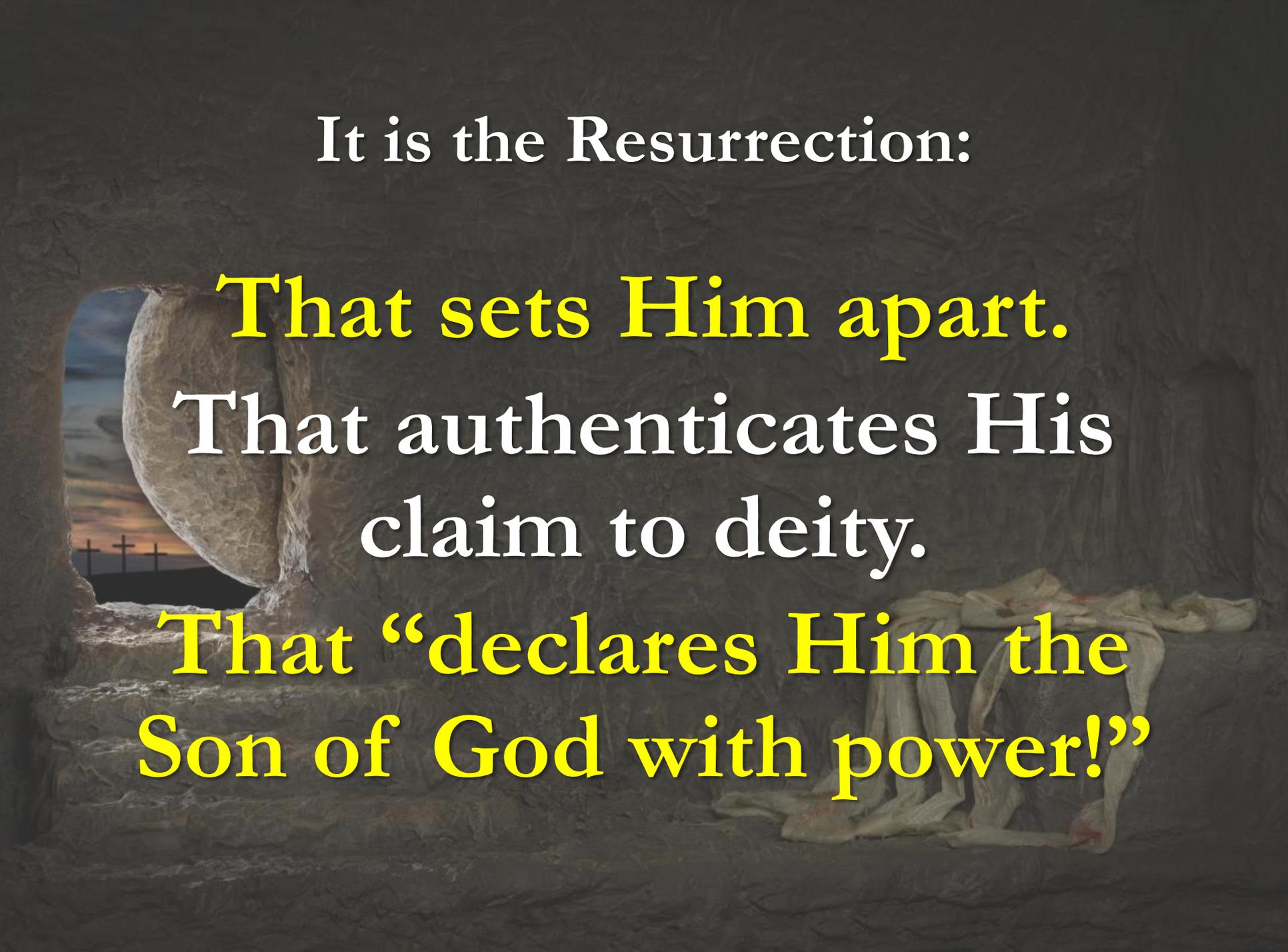
All of these things are vitally important to our understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ, but...

He is “Declared the Son of God”

“by the
resurrection
from the dead”

A photograph of an empty tomb. A large, smooth, light-colored stone is rolled away from the entrance of a dark, rocky cavity. Inside the tomb, several white, folded burial cloths are visible on the floor. The background shows a sunset or sunrise sky with silhouettes of crosses on a distant hill.



The background of the image is a dark, textured stone wall. On the left, a large, smooth, light-colored stone is rolled away from a tomb entrance. To the right of the entrance, several white, folded pieces of fabric, representing burial cloths, are scattered on the floor. In the distance, through the opening of the tomb, a dark landscape with several crosses on a hill is visible under a twilight sky.

It is the Resurrection:

That sets Him apart.

That authenticates His
claim to deity.

**That “declares Him the
Son of God with power!”**

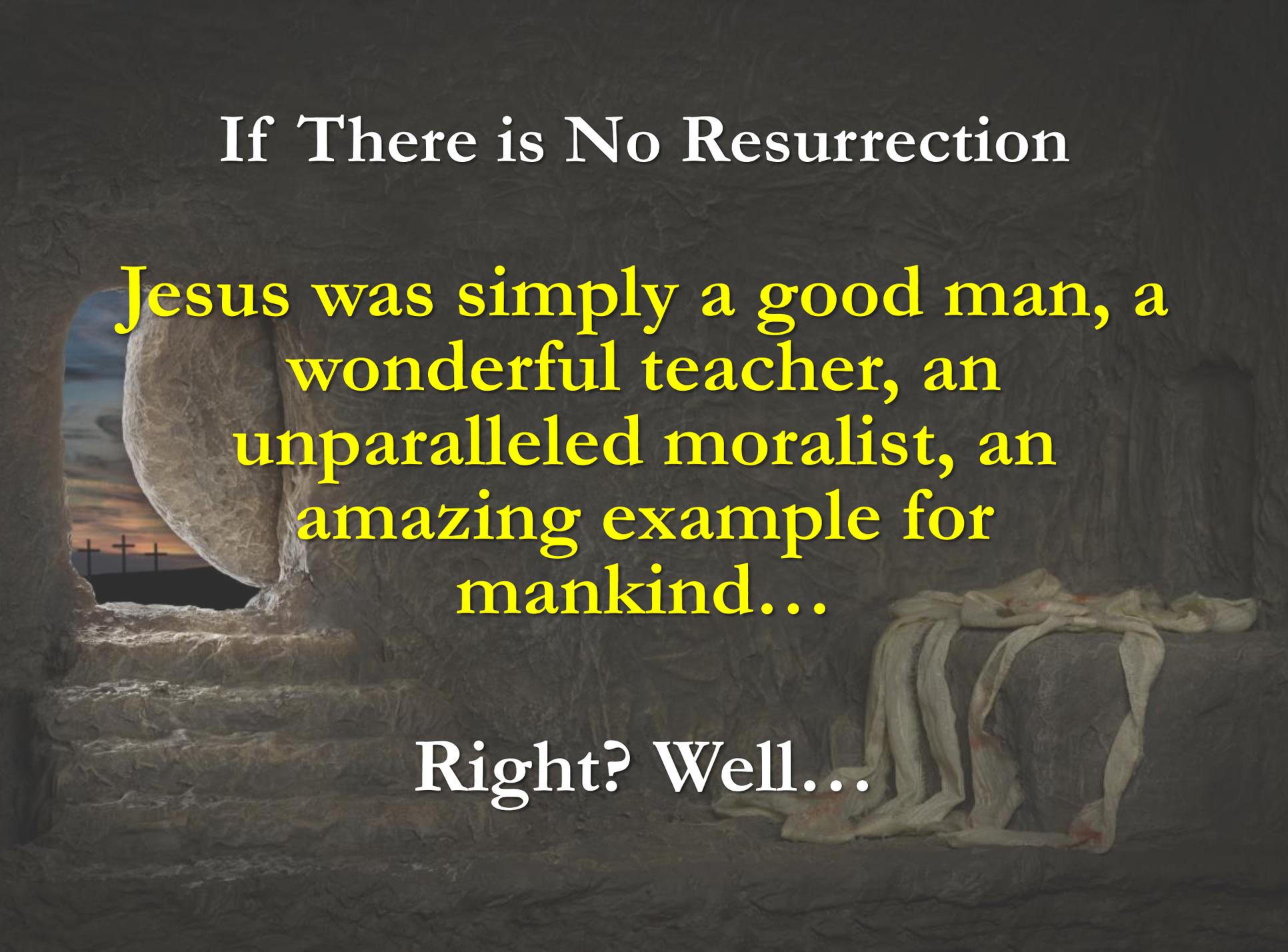
One More Observation

Accordingly, as the divine family is present and approving at the inauguration of the Son's ministry at his baptism with water, so here at the final baptism of Jesus in death (leading to resurrection) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are manifest again as triune family in a powerful declaration of what the gospel means: salvation from death unto life through "Jesus Christ our Lord."

If There is No Resurrection

Jesus was simply a good man, a wonderful teacher, an unparalleled moralist, an amazing example for mankind...

Right? Well...





“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

This is a Gospel of Resurrection!

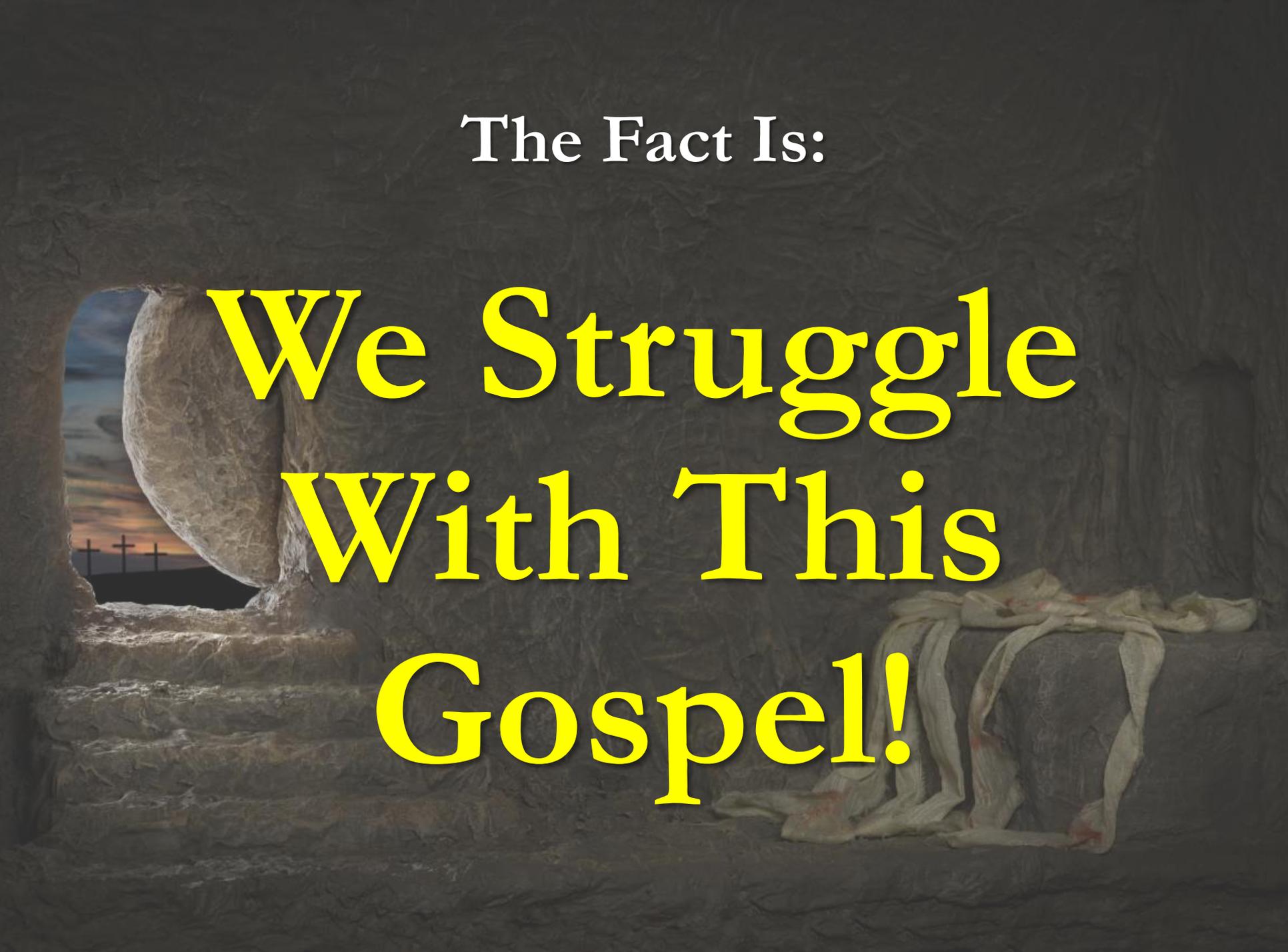
If Jesus had lived a lovely life and died a heroic death, and if that had been the end of him, he might have been numbered with the great and the heroic; but he would simply have been one among many.

His uniqueness is guaranteed forever by the fact of the resurrection.

The others are dead and gone, and have left a memory. Jesus lives on and gives us a presence, still mighty with power.

The Fact Is:

**We Struggle
With This
Gospel!**

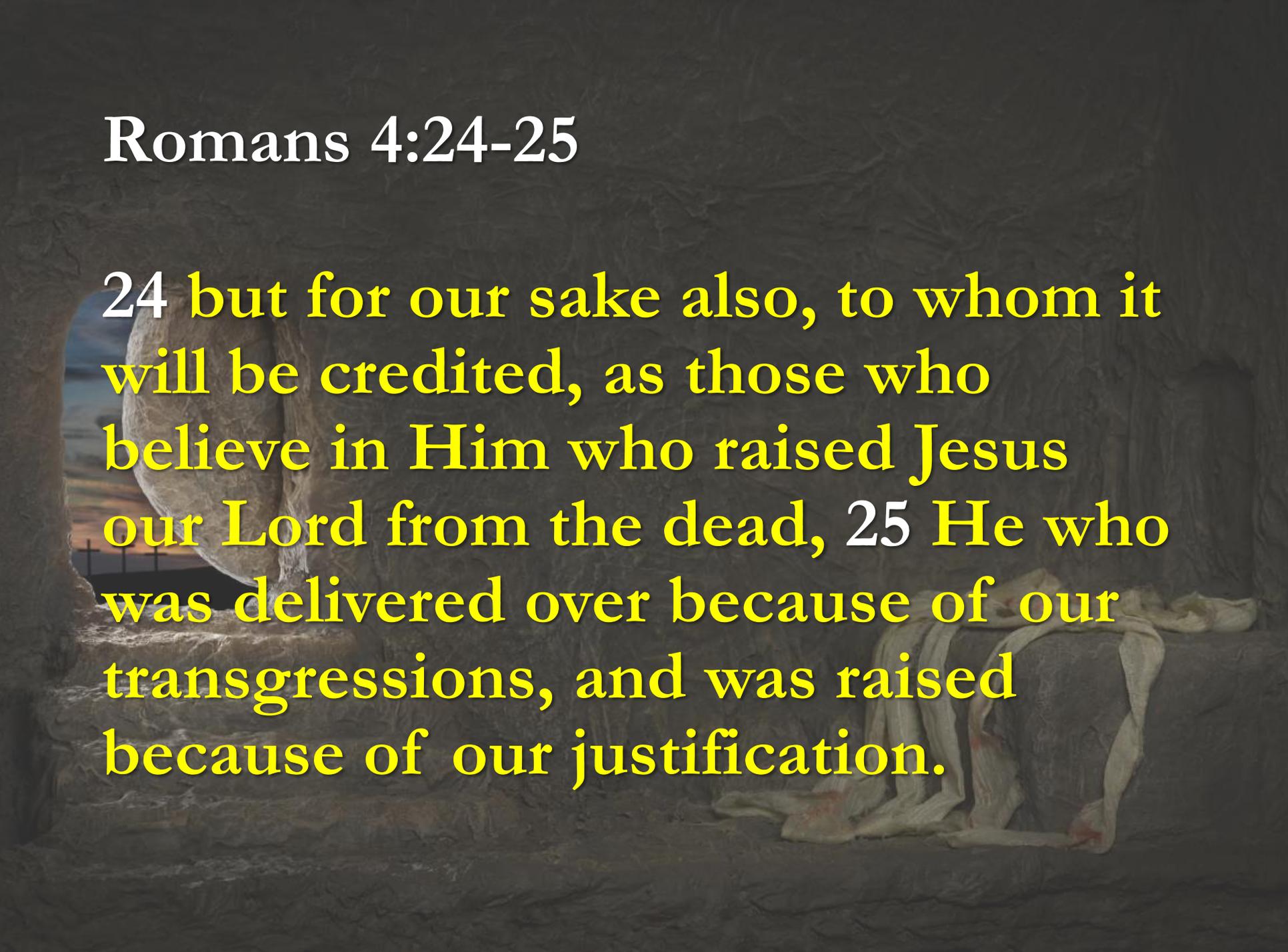
The background of the image is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a cave. On the left, there is a large, rounded stone rolled away from an opening. Through this opening, a landscape is visible under a sunset or sunrise sky, with several crosses on a hill in the distance. On the floor of the tomb, there is a white cloth, possibly a burial shroud, with some red stains on it.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4a

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Romans 4:24-25

24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

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Philippians 3:10-11

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

John 19:30

Τετέλεσται

“It is Finished!”



 **JESUS CHRIST
SAVIOR, LORD OF HEAVEN**

Confess, Believe, Be Saved
Rom 10:9

JN19:13

*Pay to the
Order of*

Whosoever Believeth in Me



Everlasting Life

Everlasting Life

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*



**WORD OF GOD
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

Memo

Because I Love You!

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⌚:REV22:13 ISA9:6⌚: GAL2:20 1JN4:9-11⌚ JN19:13

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Do you believe He has risen just as He said?

Do you believe He is the Son of God?

Have you put your trust in Him and Him alone?

