

# The first Fake



# News!



# Matthew

## 28:11-15

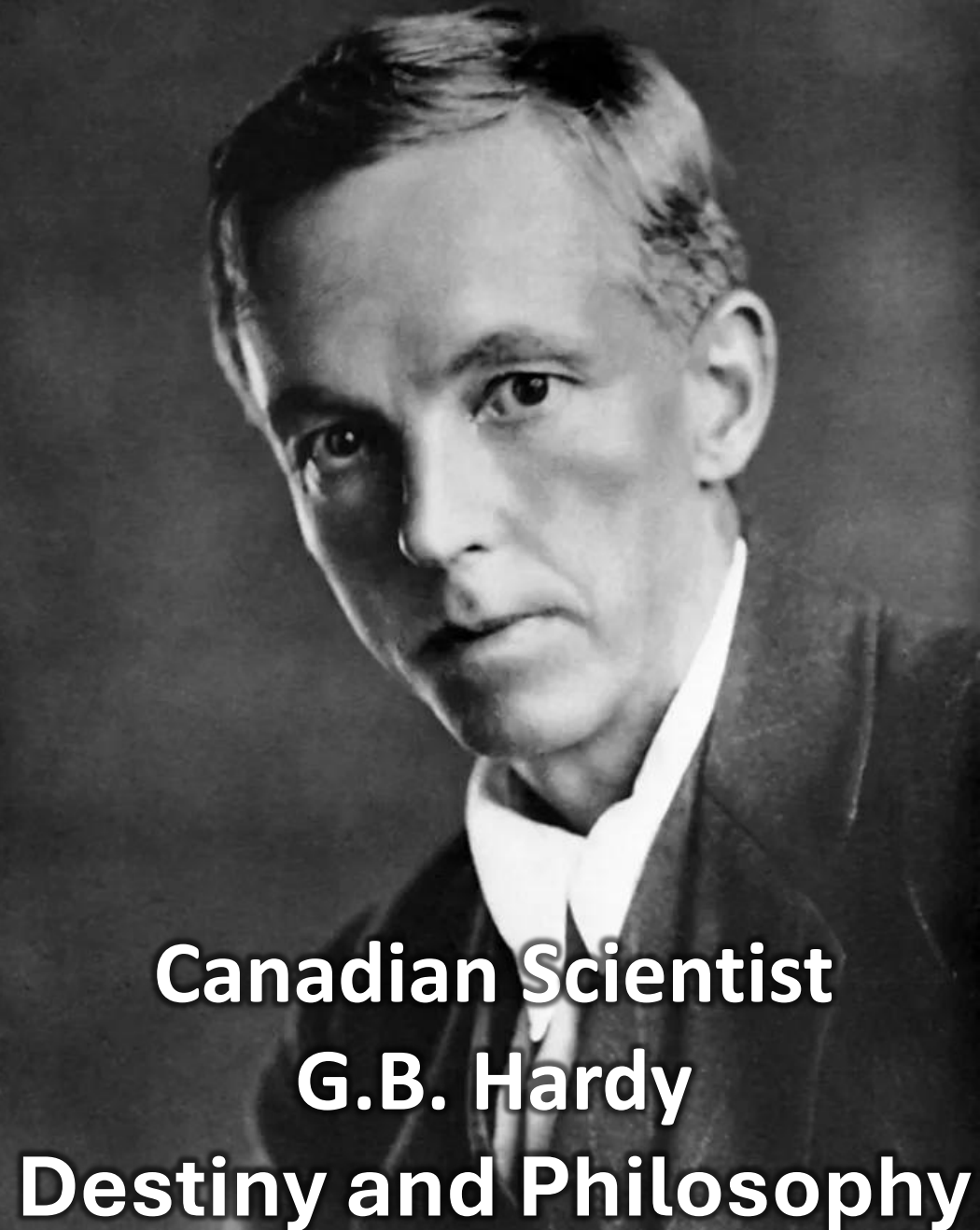
*Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. <sup>12</sup> When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’ <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.” <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.*

A portrait of Lee Strobel, a man with glasses and a blue suit, resting his chin on his hand. The background is dark.

**Lee Strobel**  
**Chicago Tribune**

*The man who set out to destroy faith became one of the most influential Christian apologists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.*

**Has anyone ever  
defeated death?  
If so, did he make  
a way for me to  
do it also?**



**Canadian Scientist**

**G.B. Hardy**

**Destiny and Philosophy**

# Romans

## 10:9

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*"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*



**Why the Resurrection is  
everything?**

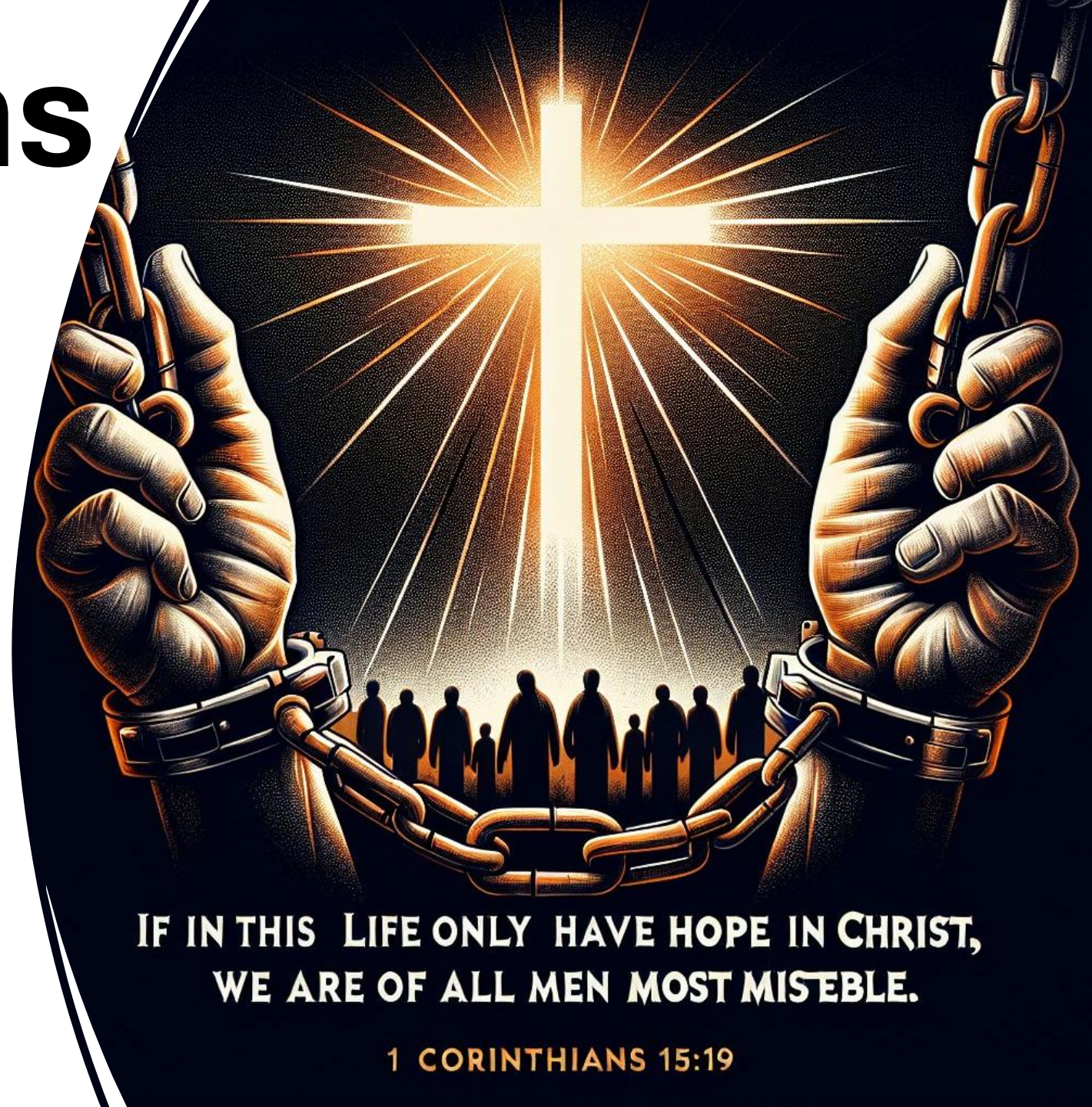


**The only Hope for Eternal Life.**

# 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

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*And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! <sup>18</sup> Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.*



**IF IN THIS LIFE ONLY HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST,  
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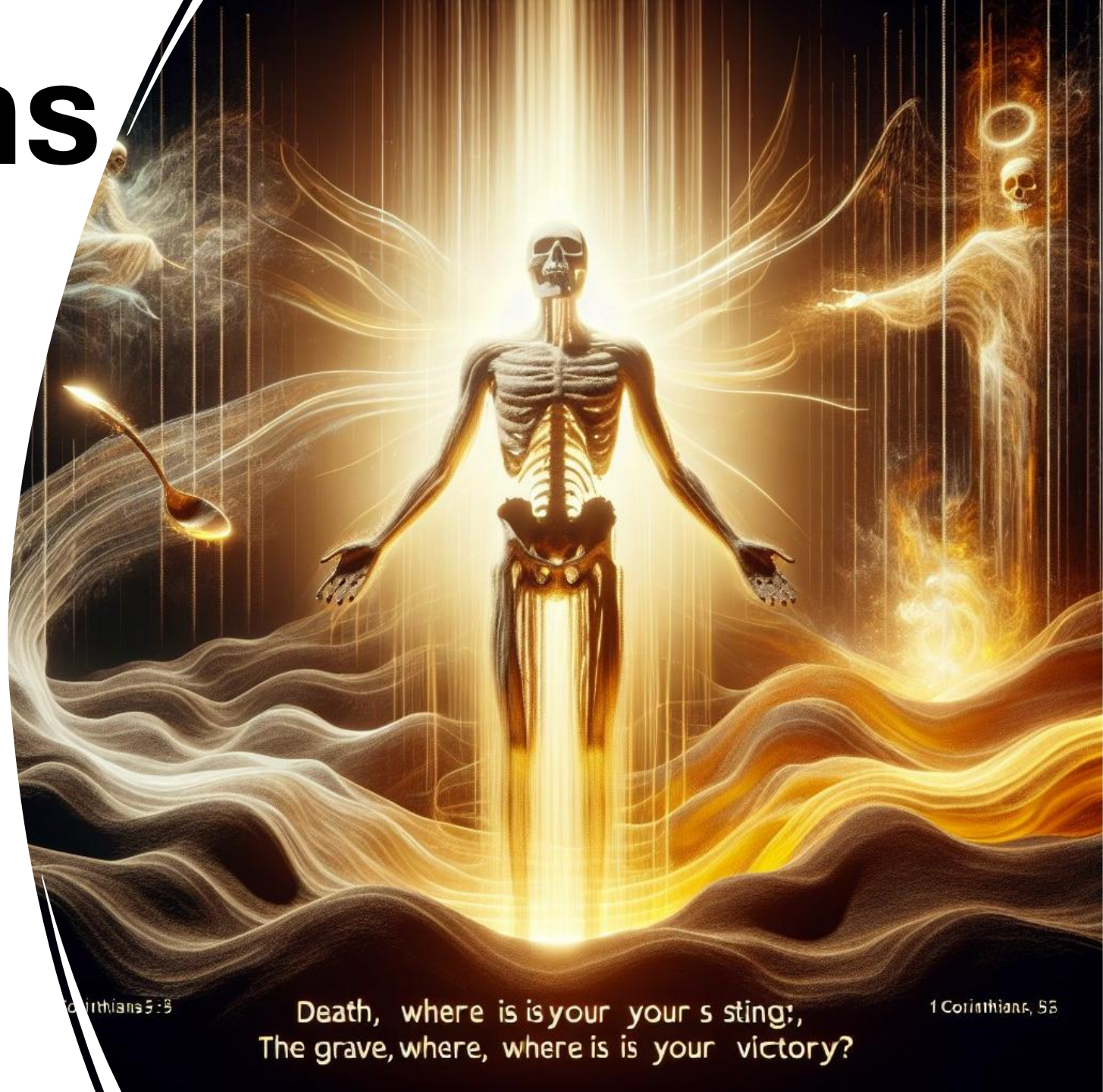
1 CORINTHIANS 15:19

# 1 Corinthians

## 15:54-55

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*So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."  
55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"*



Death, where is your sting?  
The grave, where is your victory?



**To reject the  
Resurrection  
is spiritual  
suicide**



# John

## 11:25–26

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

**The longing written in  
every human heart.**

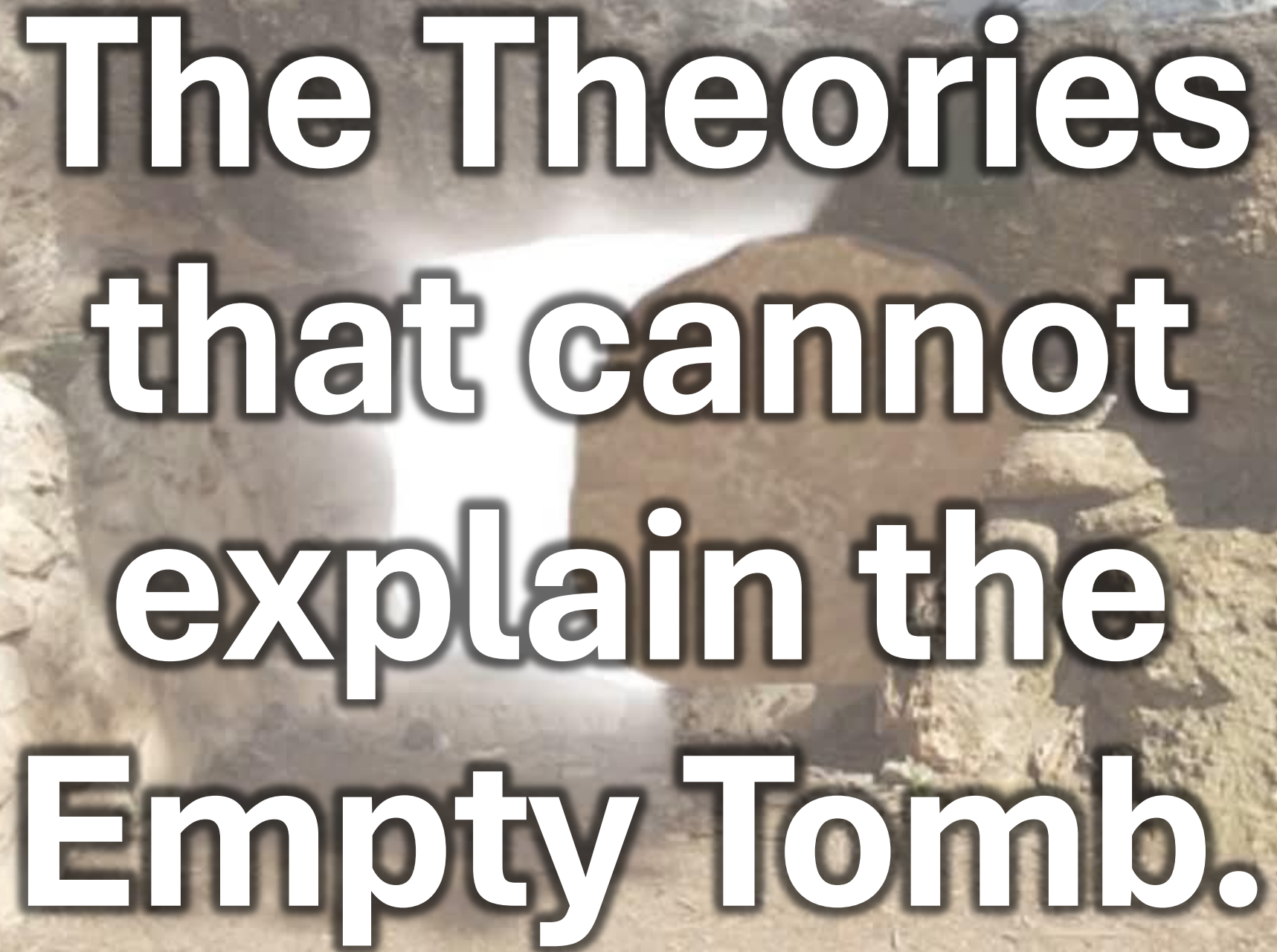


# Ecclesiastes 3:11

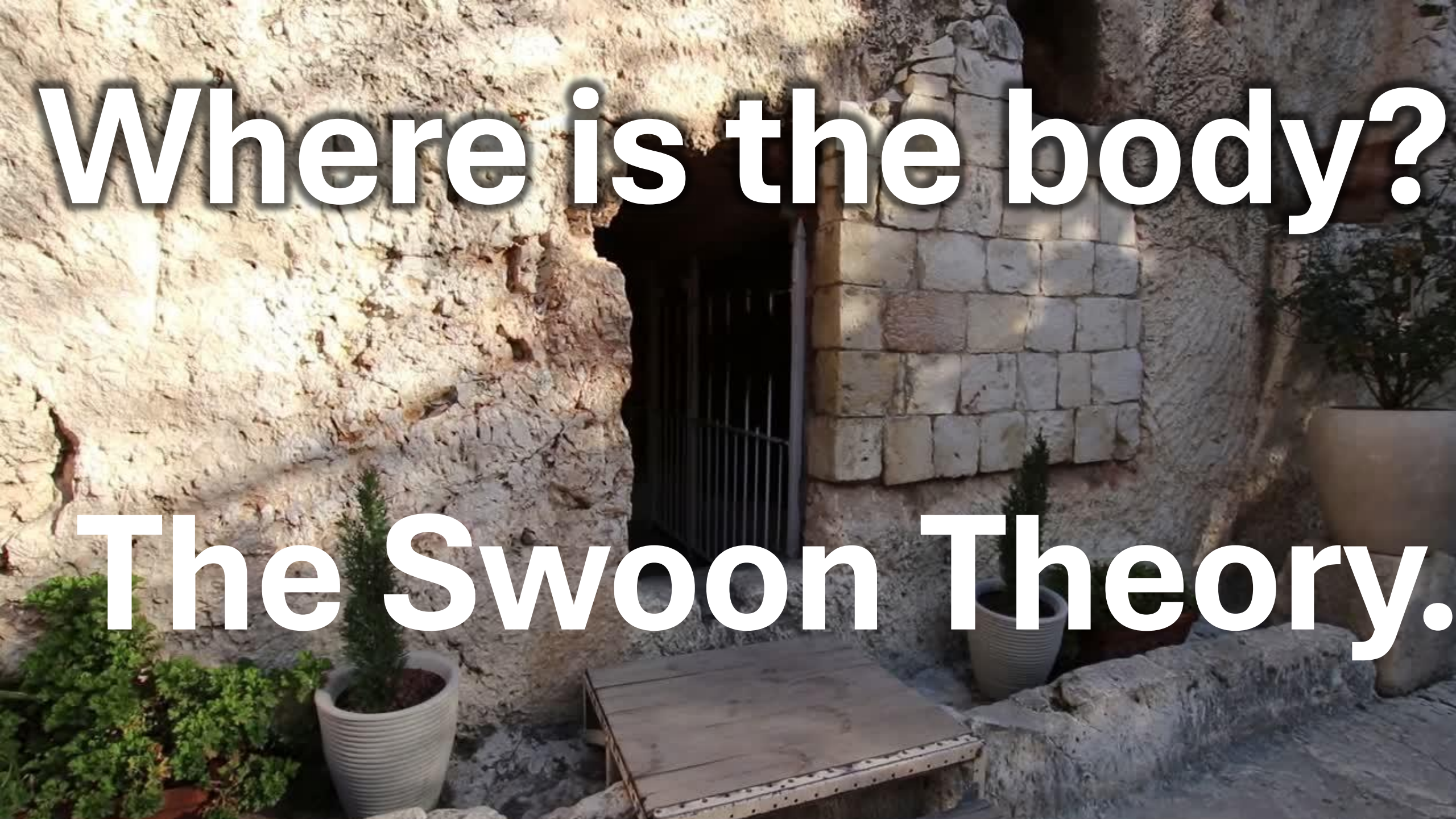
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*He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.*





**The Theories  
that cannot  
explain the  
Empty Tomb.**



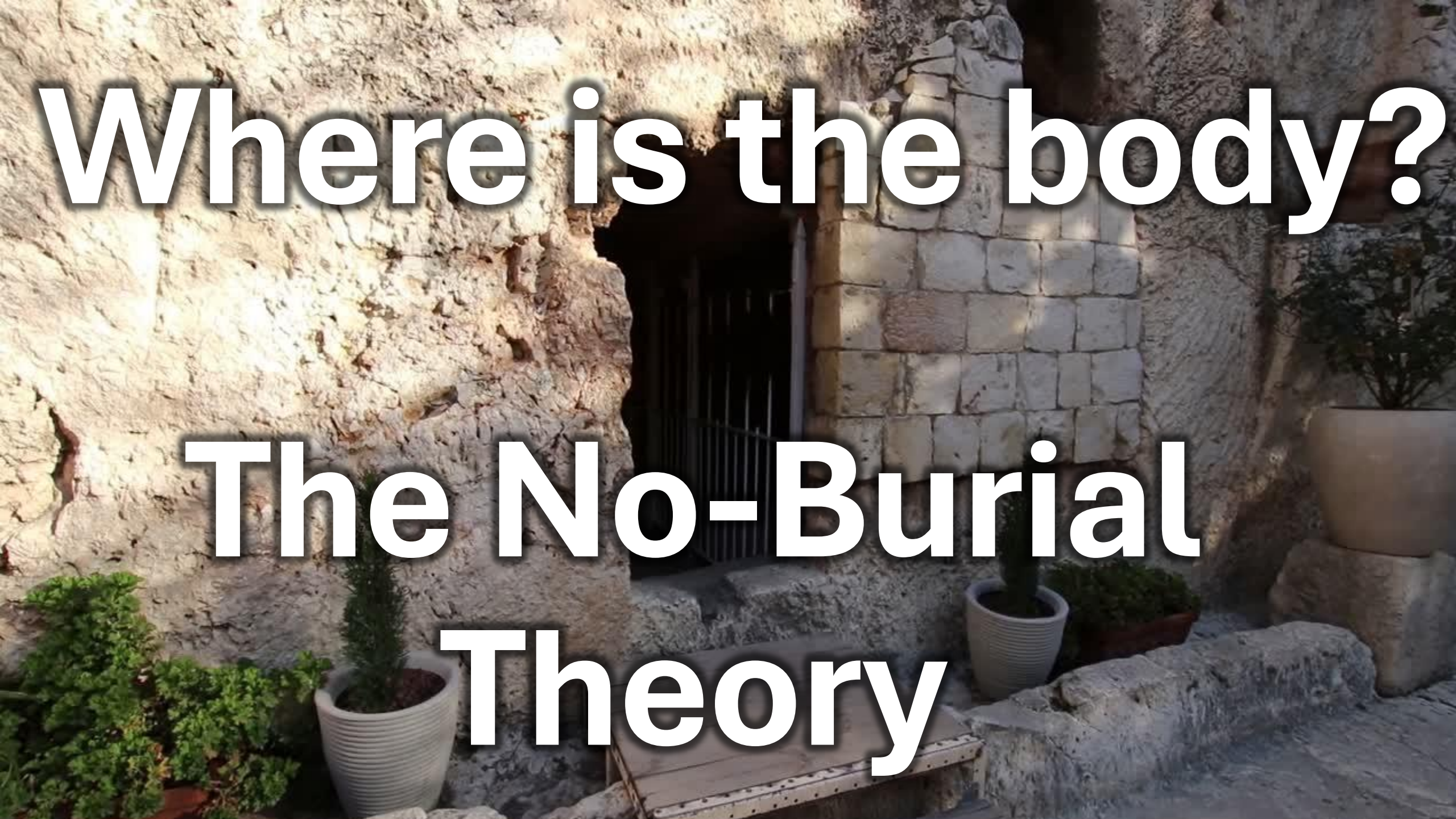
**Where is the body?**

**The Swoon Theory.**



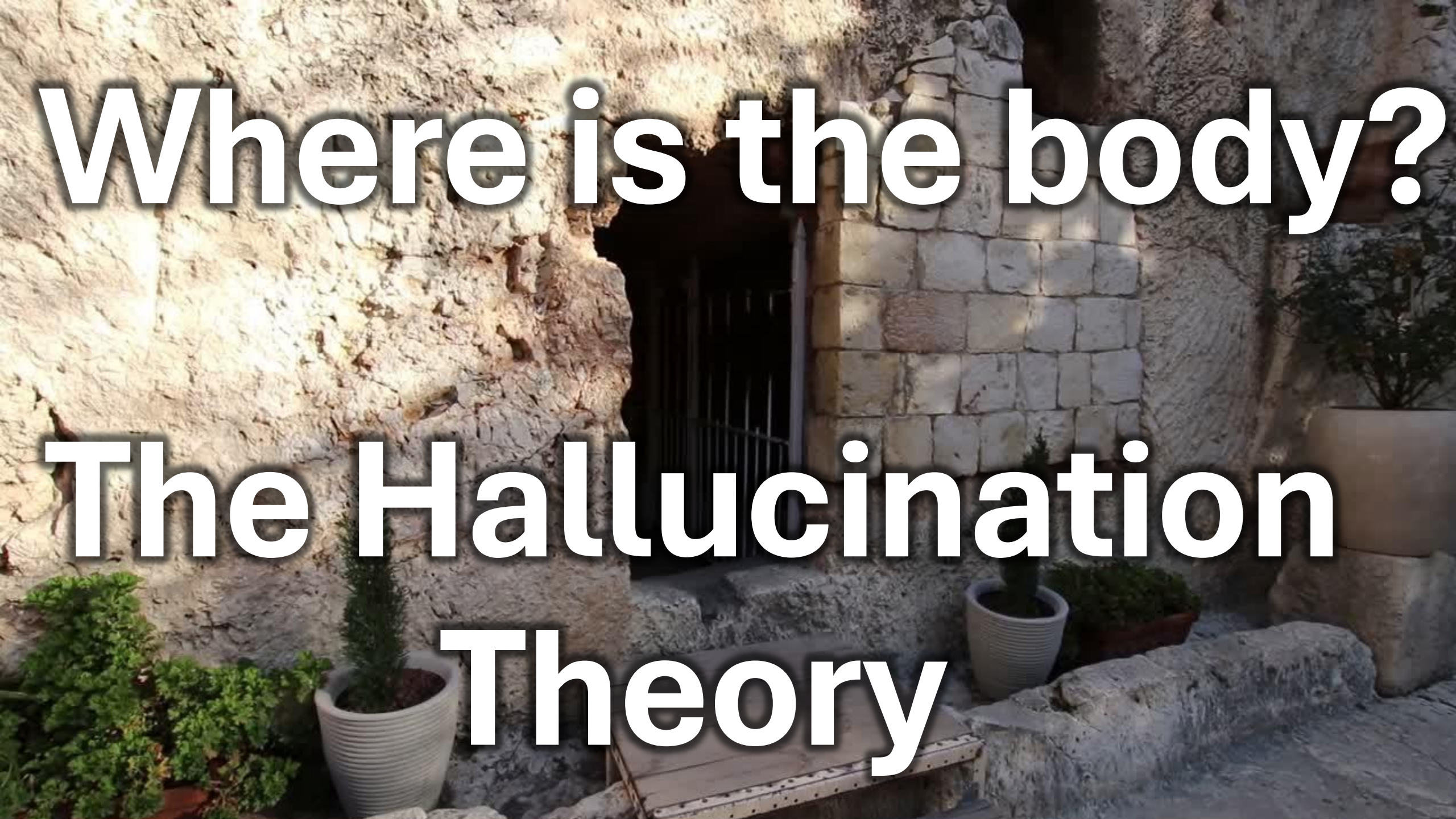
# John 19:34

*But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*



**Where is the body?**

**The No-Burial  
Theory**



**Where is the body?**

**The Hallucination  
Theory**

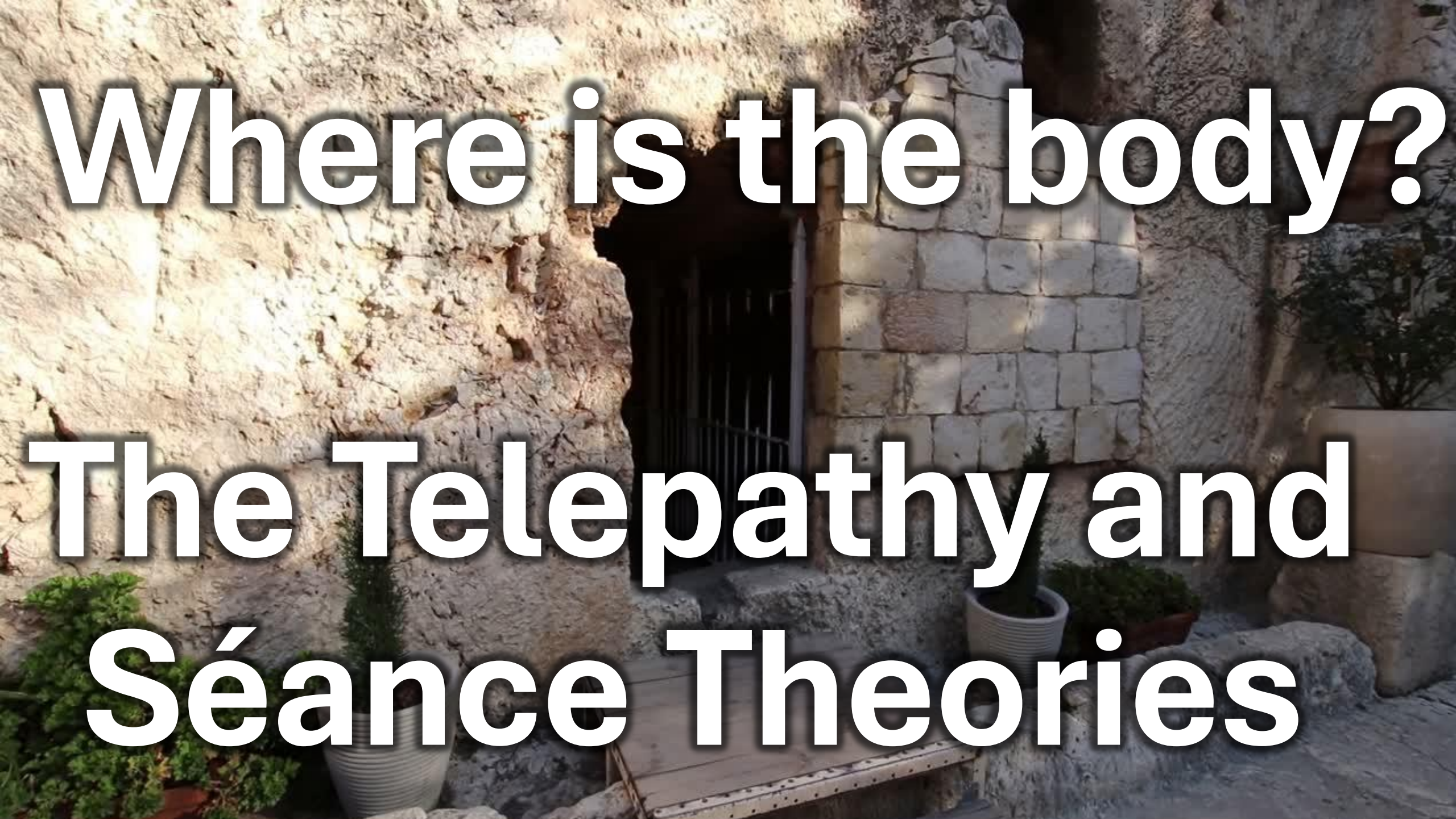
# 1 Corinthians

## 15:6

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*"He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep."*





**Where is the body?**

**The Telepathy and Séance Theories**

# Luke

## 24:42-43

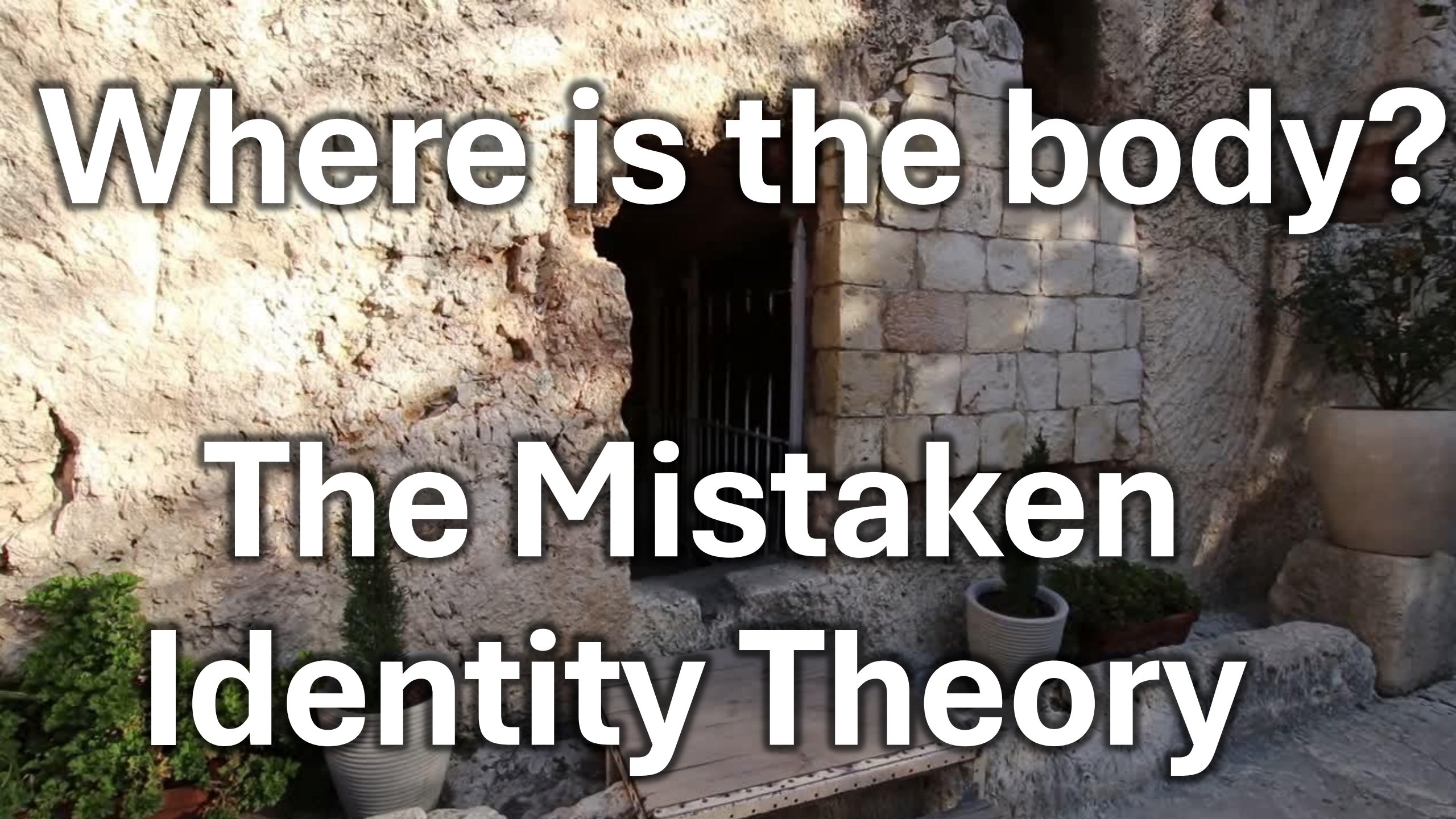
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# John 20:27



*Reach out your hand  
and put it into My side.  
Stop doubting  
and believe.*



**Where is the body?**

**The Mistaken  
Identity Theory**

# John 20:19

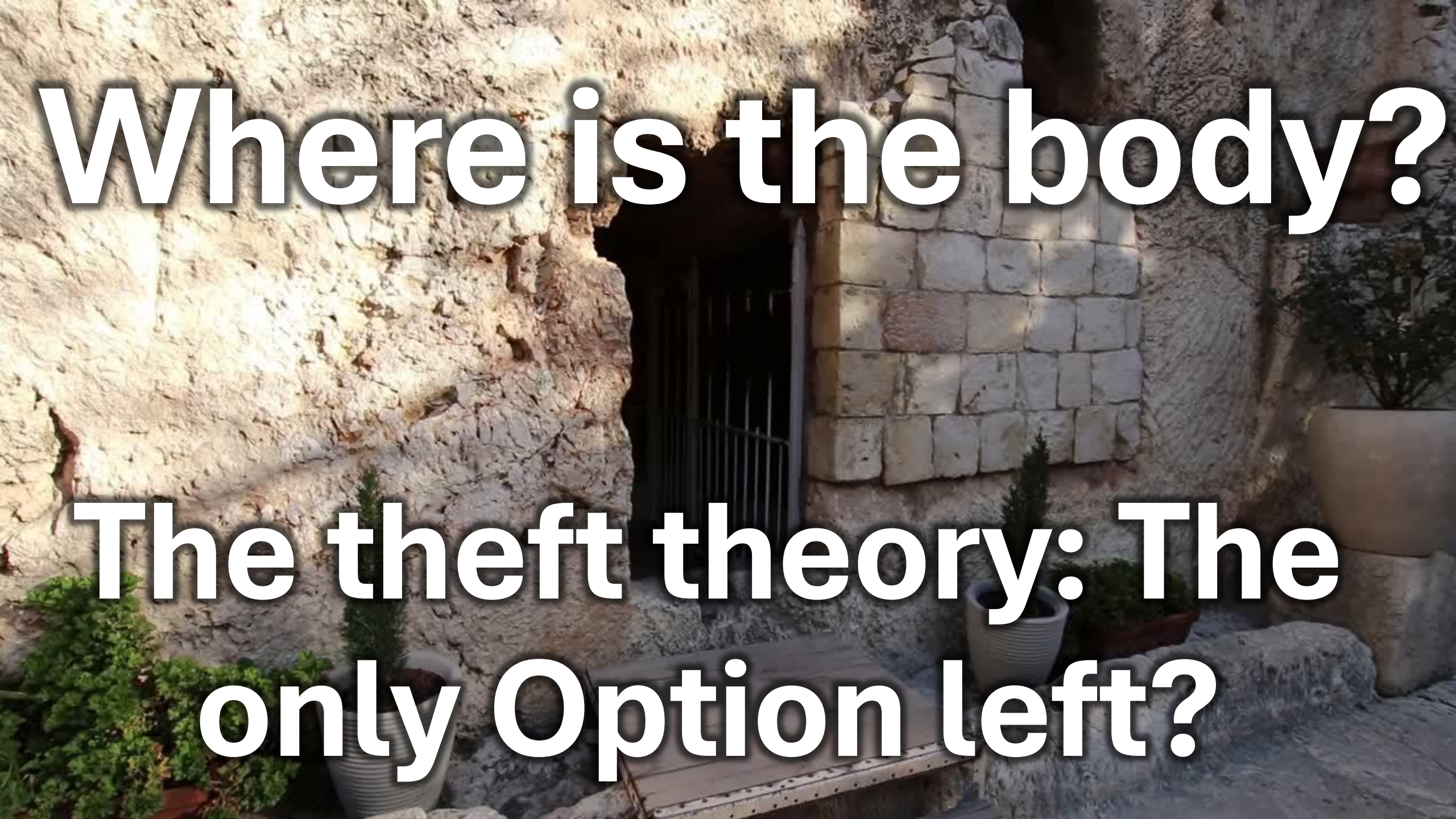




# Acts 1:9

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**Where is the body?**

**The theft theory: The only Option left?**

A composite image featuring two characters in a stone cave setting. On the left, a man with dark hair and a goatee is dressed in silver, scale-like armor with a red cape draped over his shoulders. He is looking off to the side. On the right, a Roman soldier in a blue and gold tunic, a blue helmet with a crest, and a gold skirt stands holding a spear and a shield. The background is a rough stone wall with a large circular opening.

**The Plot.**

**The soldiers  
report: They  
could not  
deny it.**

# Matthew

## 28:11

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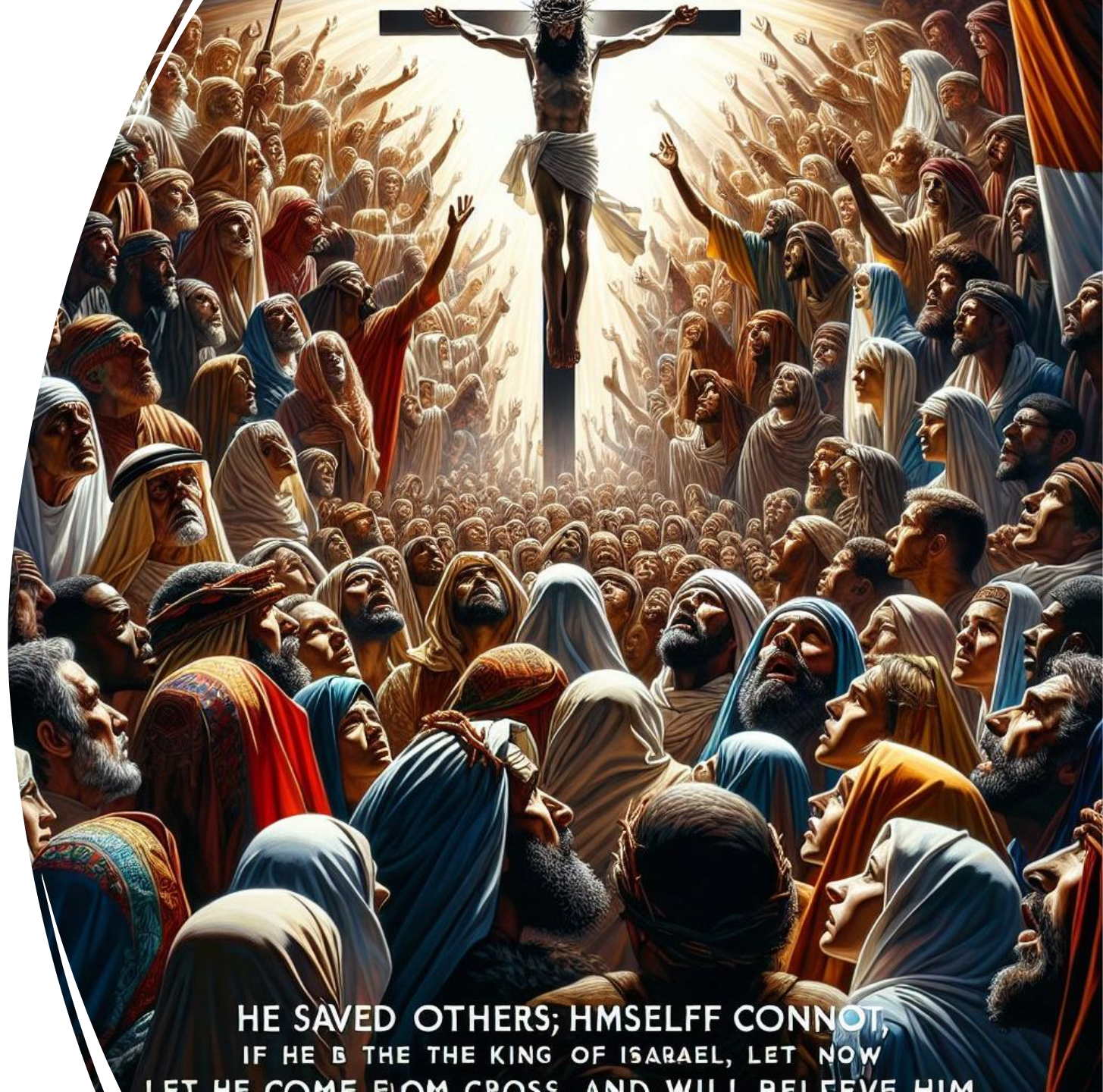


**The Leaders' Response: No investigation, only cover-**

# Matthew 27:42

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*“He saved others;  
Himself He cannot  
save. [L]If He is the King  
of Israel, let Him now  
come down from the  
cross, and we will  
believe Him.*



HE SAVED OTHERS; HIMSELF CANNOT,  
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LET HE COME FROM CROSS AND WILL BELIEVE HIM

# 2 Corinthians

## 4:4

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*"The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ."*



# Matthew 28:12

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*When they had  
assembled with the  
elders and consulted  
together,*



An aerial, black and white photograph of a city. The central focus is a large, circular building complex with multiple tiers and a curved facade, possibly a government or institutional building. Surrounding it are other buildings, roads, and a parking lot. The overall scene is a dense urban environment.

# The Cover-Up that reveals the Truth

*In 1972, when the Watergate break-in was discovered*

**The more desperately they worked to conceal the truth, the more loudly the truth announced itself.**



**The three-part resolution of  
the Sanhedrin  
Bribery.**



**Arguria  
30 pieces  
of silver  
to bring  
Jesus to  
the cross.**

# Matthew 28:12

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*they gave a large  
sum of money to  
the soldiers,*



**A scripted lie.**



# Matthew

## 28:13

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*saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’”*



# Proverbs 17:23

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*"A wicked man accepts  
a bribe in secret to  
pervert the ways of  
justice."*



*The wicked accept  
bribes in secret*

# Political protection



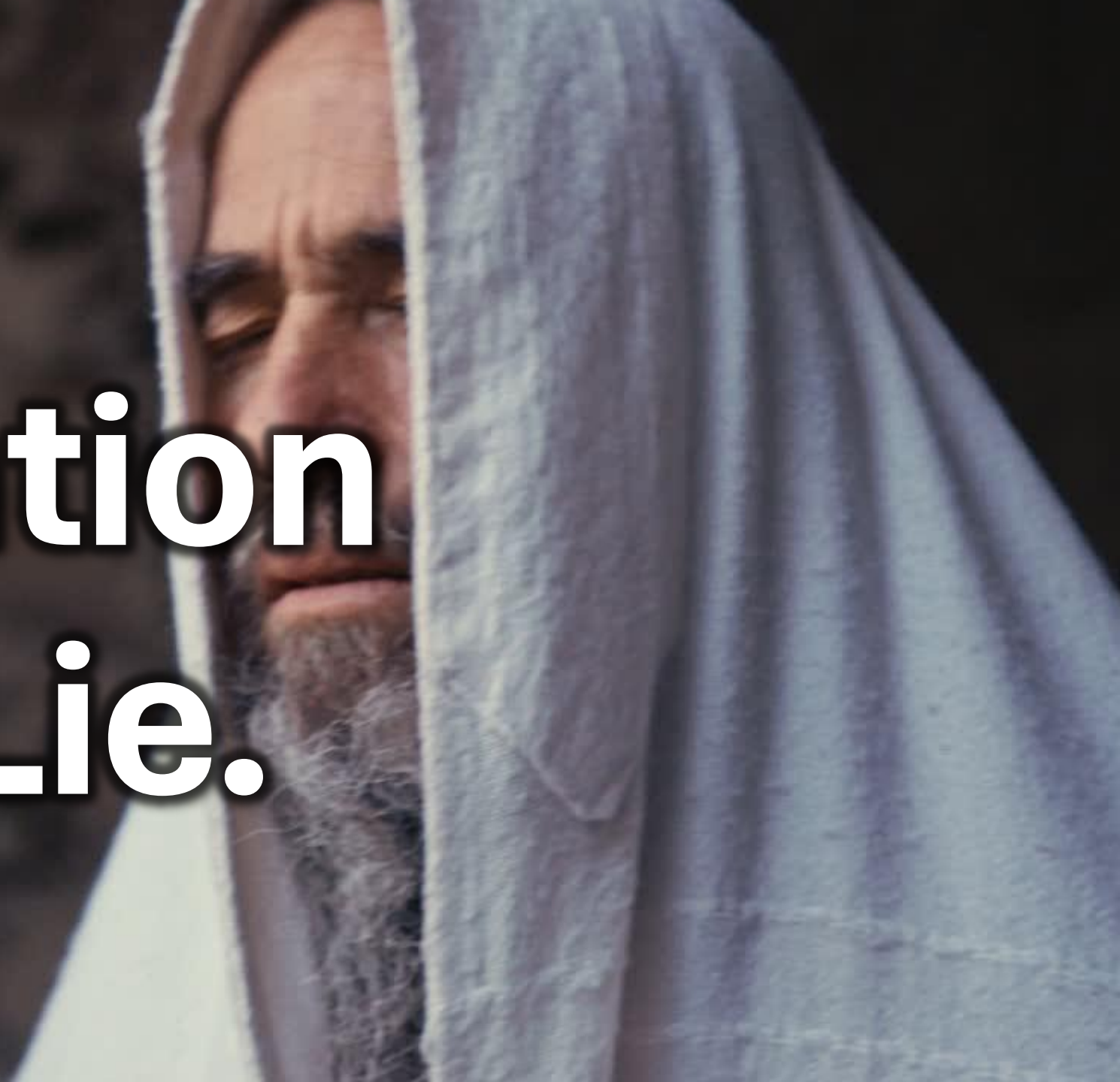
# Matthew 28:14

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*And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."*



**The  
propagation  
of the Lie.**



# Matthew

## 28:15

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*So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.*



**The  
cowardice  
of the  
Disciples.**



# Matthew

## 26:69-74

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# John 20:19

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*"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them."*



**They had  
nothing with  
which to Bribe.**

The image features a high-contrast, black and white graphic. In the center, two hands are shown in silhouette, shaking in a firm grip. The hands are positioned as if they are shaking hands, with fingers interlaced. The background is a solid, bright white, which makes the black silhouettes stand out prominently. The overall composition is simple and direct, focusing on the gesture of a handshake.

**The neatly  
folded Grave  
Clothes.**

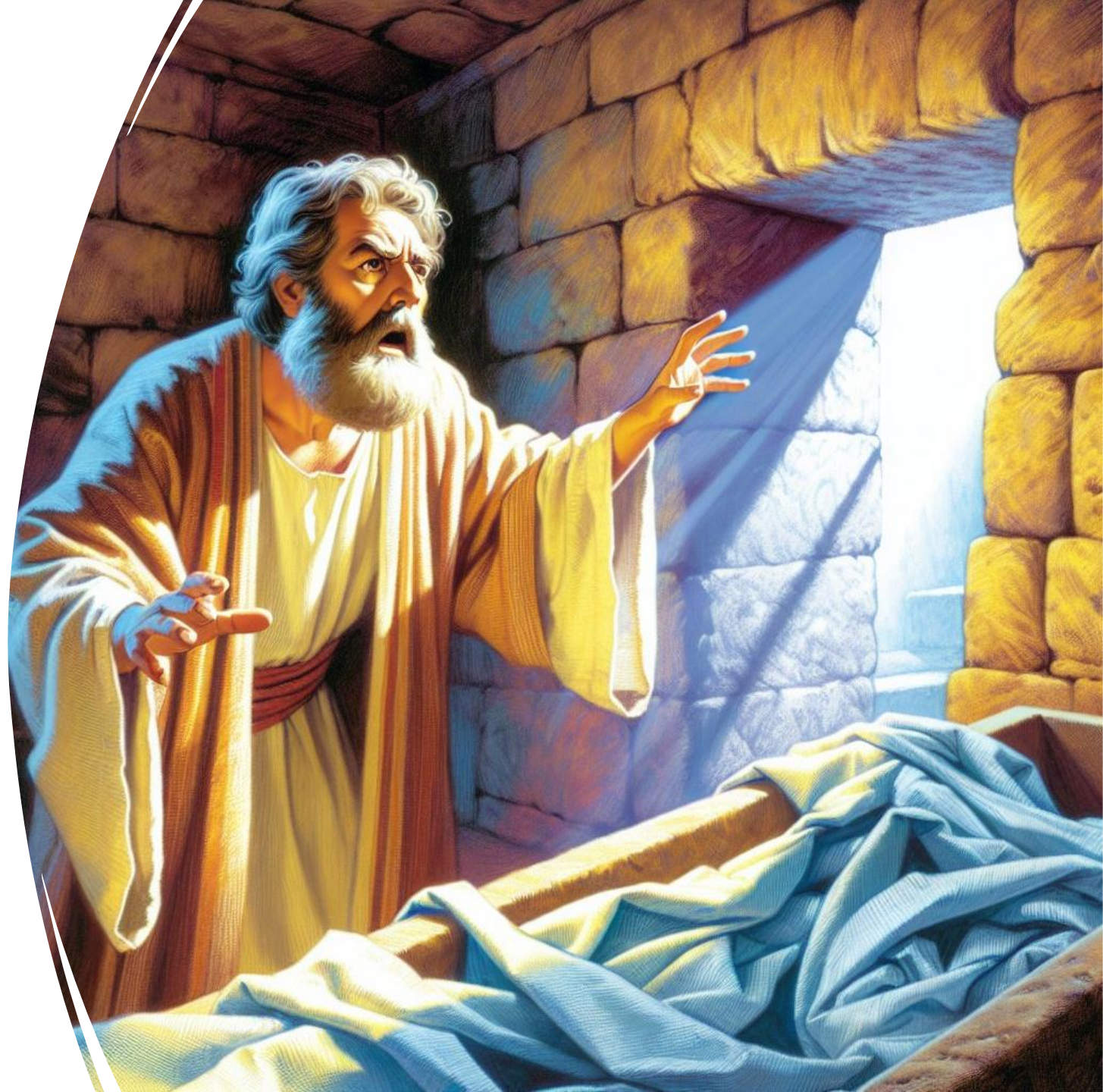


# John

## 20:6-7

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*Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.*



**Roman  
soldiers do  
not sleep  
on Duty.**



# Matthew

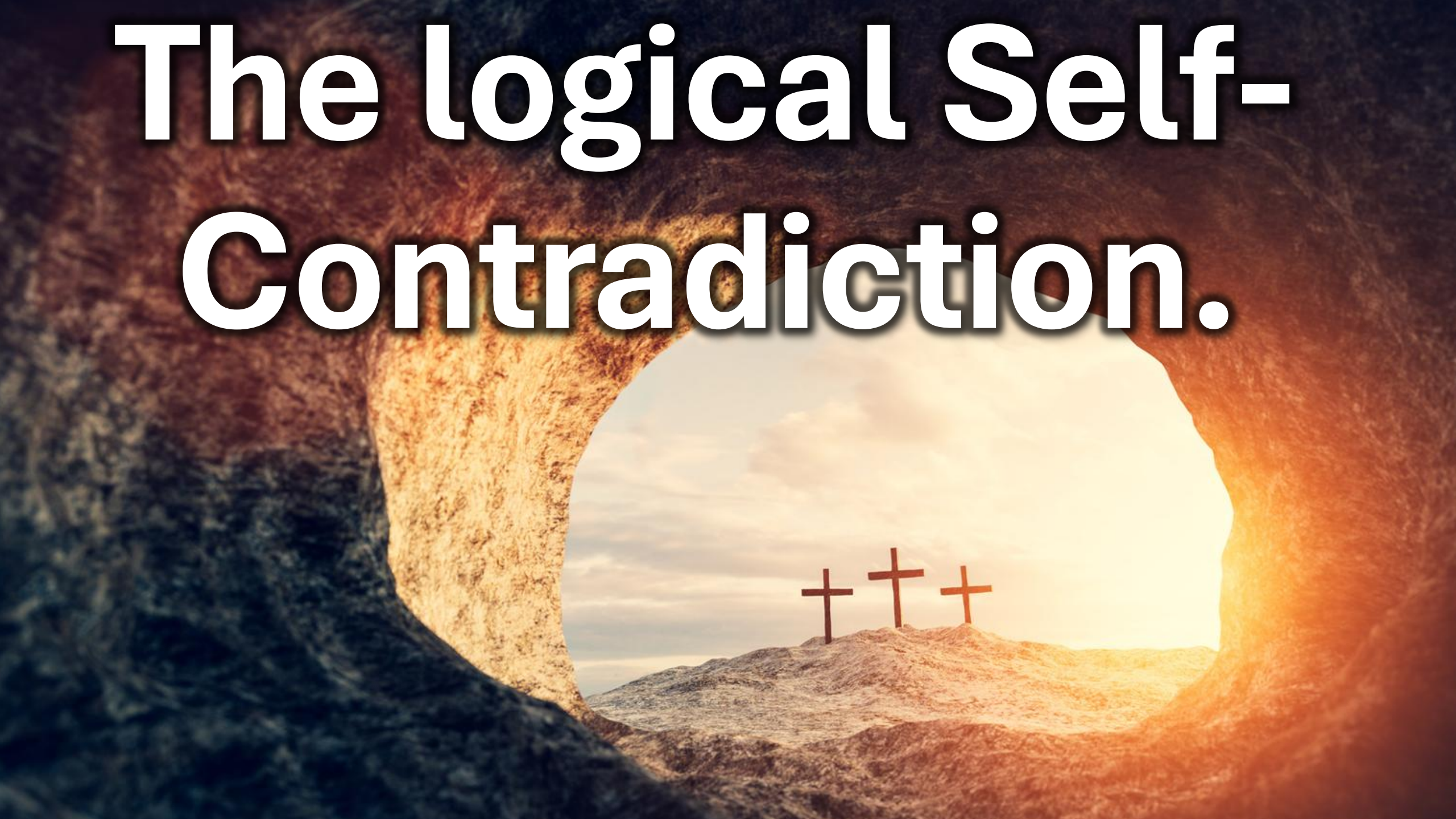
## 27:63-64

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*saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' 64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."*

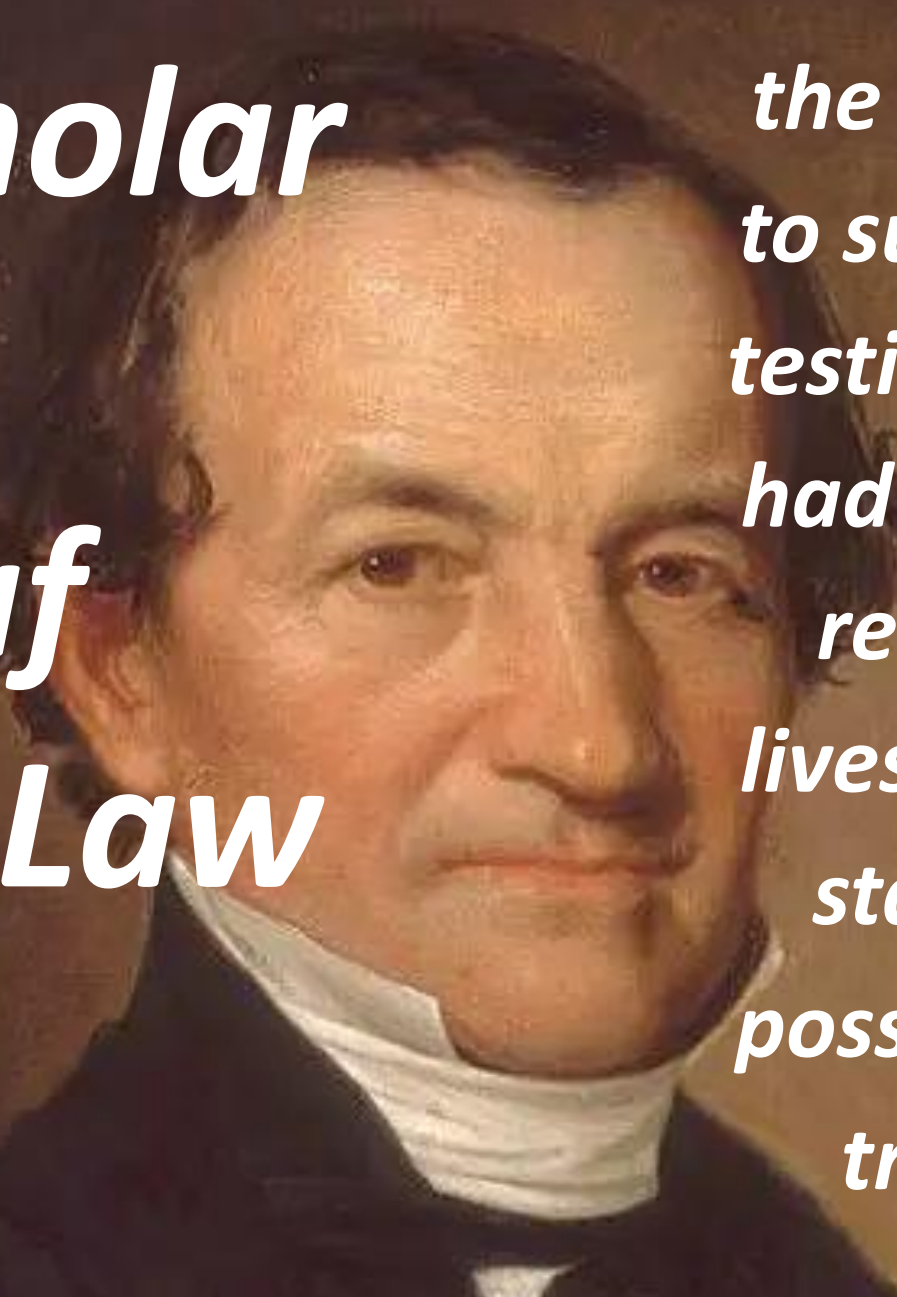


# The logical Self-Contradiction.





**Men do not die for  
a lie they Invented.**

A portrait of Simon Greenleaf, a legal scholar, shown from the chest up. He has dark, wavy hair and is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt with a high collar and a dark necktie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

***Legal scholar  
Simon  
Greenleaf  
Harvard Law  
School,***

***the disciples' willingness  
to suffer and die for their  
testimony given that they  
had every opportunity to  
recant and save their  
lives — was, by any legal  
standard, the highest  
possible validation of the  
truthfulness of their  
witness.***

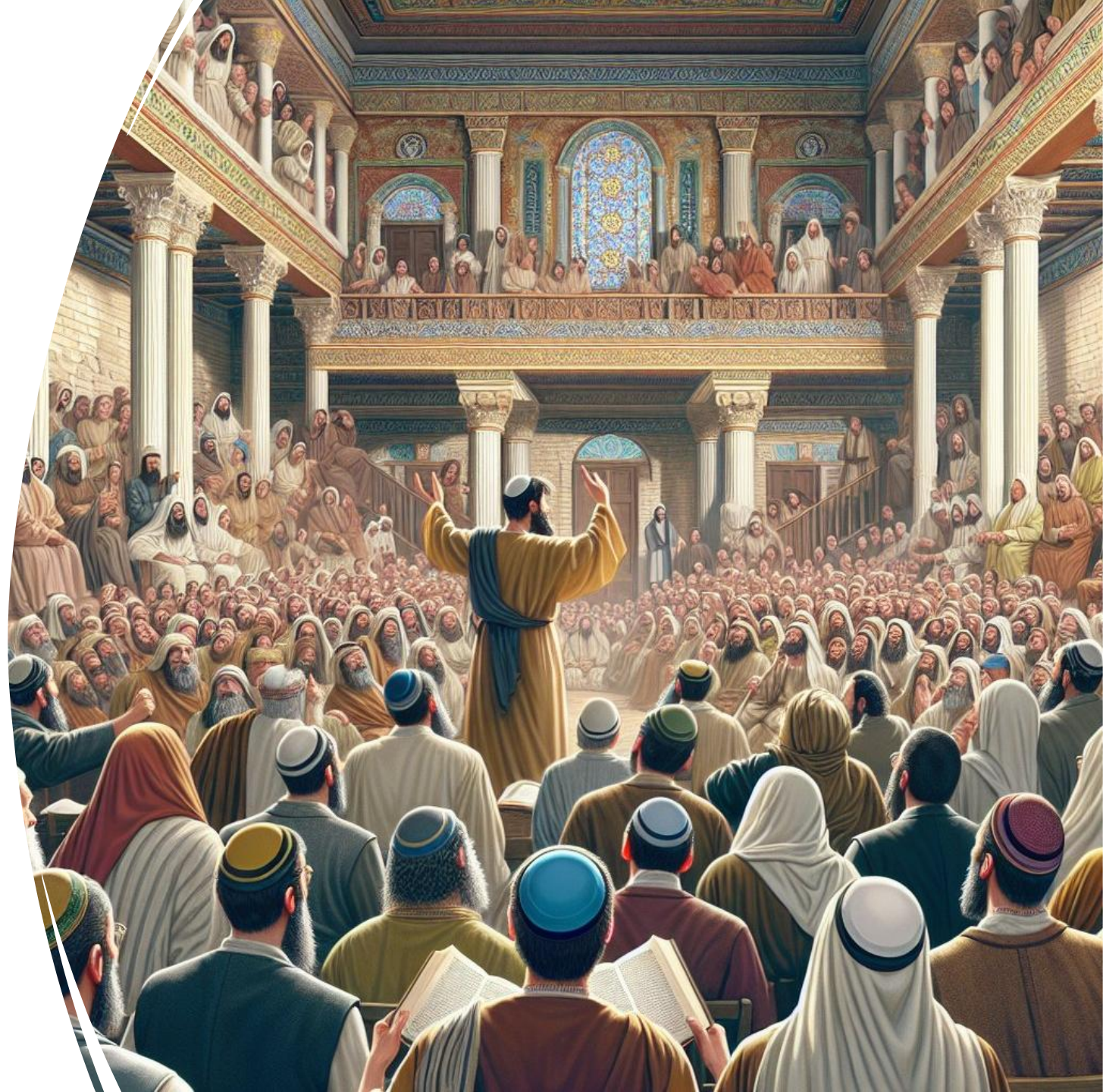


**The enemies silence  
about the Body.**

**the council does  
not even ask:  
'Where is the  
body?'**

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**Acts 4**





**The evidence cannot be  
overturned.**

**The Testimony of more Than 500  
Witnesses.**

**Mary**  
**Magdalene**  
**John**  
**20:14-18**



**The other  
women**  

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**Matthew  
28:9**



**Peter alone  
(Luke  
24:34).**



**Two disciples  
on the  
Emmaus  
Road  
Luke  
24:13–32**



**Ten  
disciples in  
the upper  
room  
John 20:19**



**To disciples,  
including  
Thomas  
John 20:26–  
28**



**To seven  
disciples  
by the Sea  
of Galilee  
John 21**



**More than  
five hundred  
people at  
once  
1  
Corinthians  
15:6**



**James**  
**1 Corinthians**  
**15:7**

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# Apostles at the ascension (Acts 1:9)

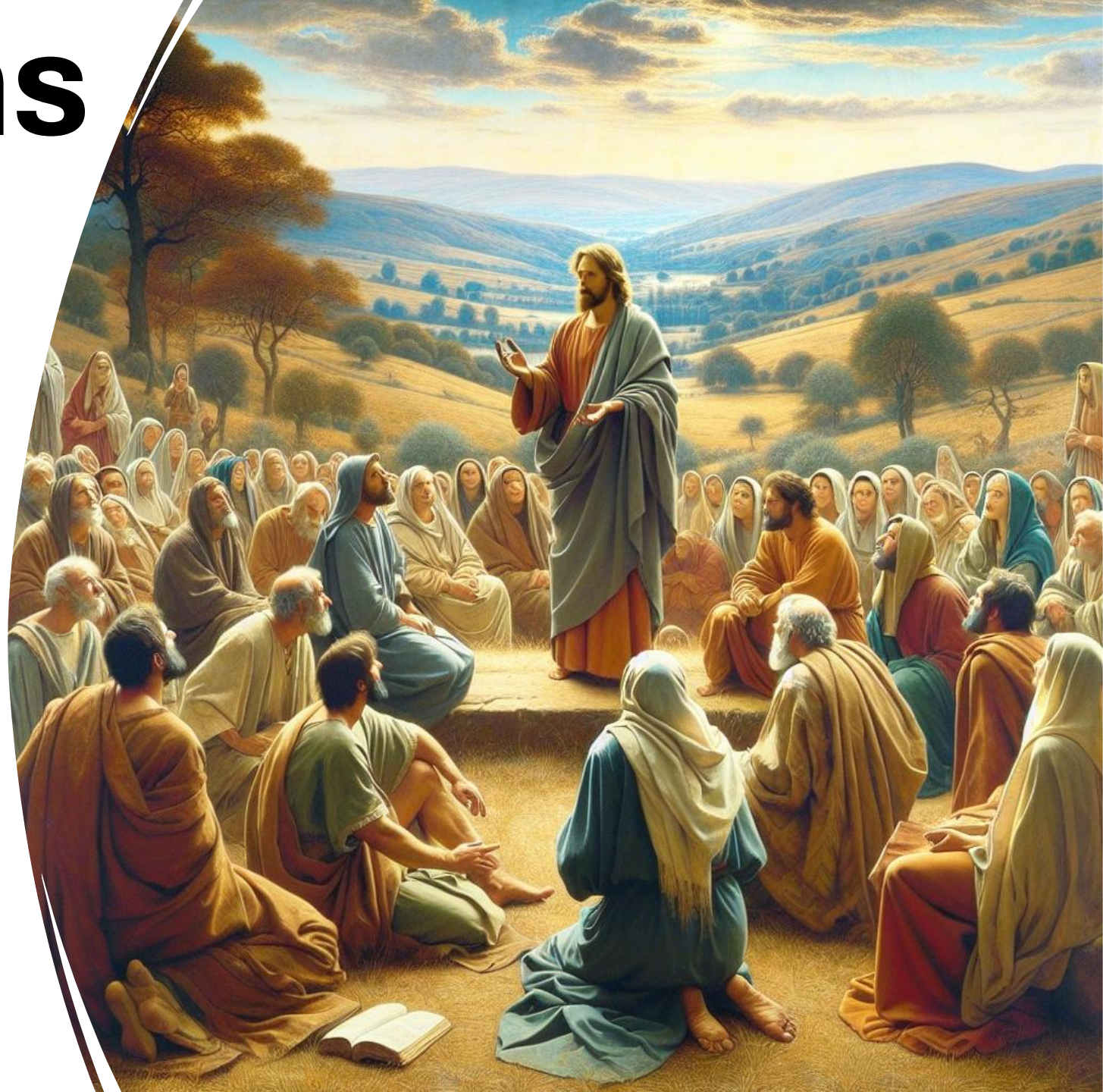


# 1 Corinthians

## 15:6

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***The Testimony of enemies: The  
greatest proof of all.***

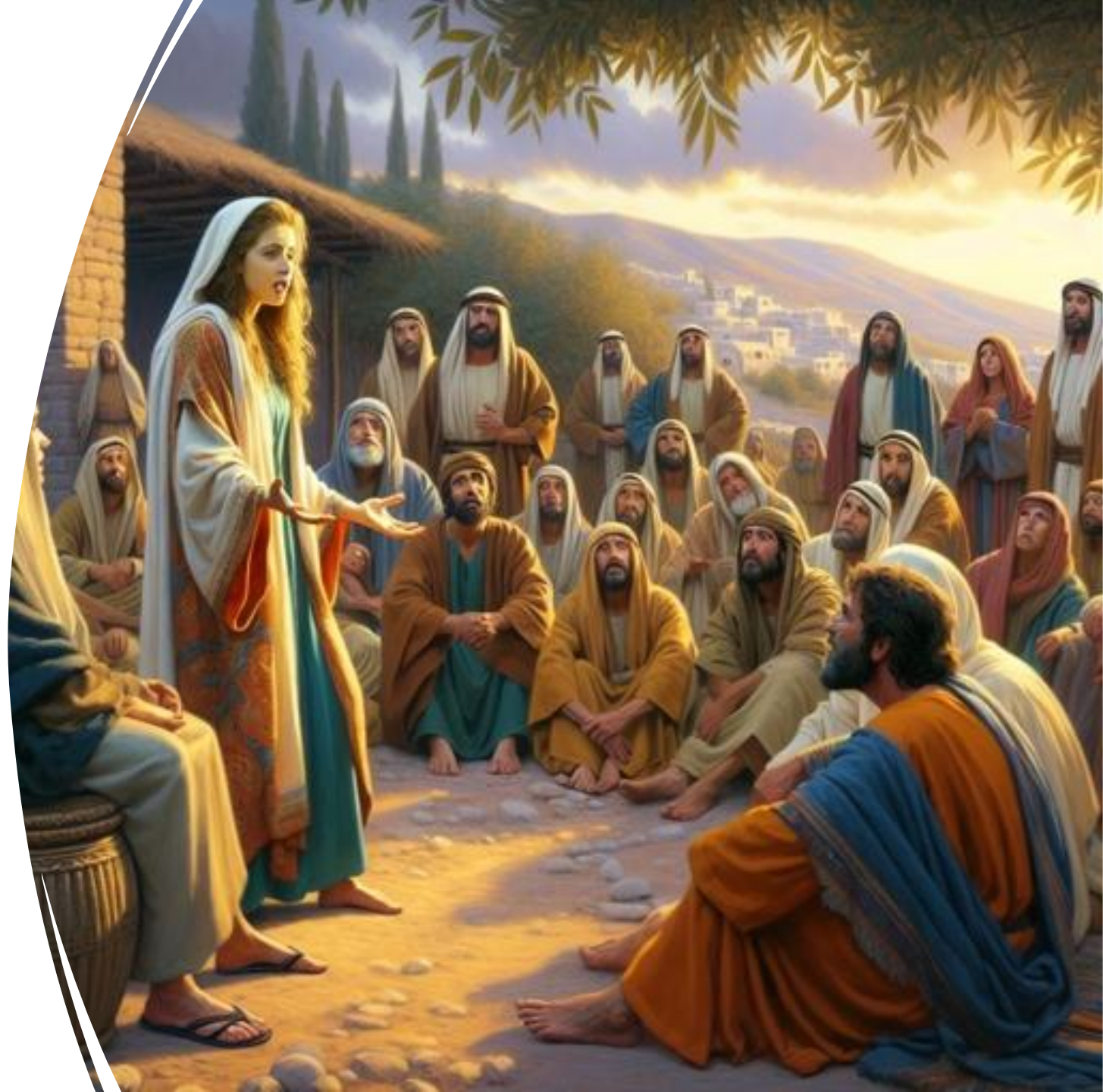
A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white and yellow robe, stands in a rocky, desolate landscape under a blue sky. The man is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a serious expression. The background consists of a rocky shoreline and a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The overall scene is bright and open.

***The Transformed Lives of the Disciples.***

# Luke 24:11

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*"When the women came and told them Jesus was alive, their words seem to them as idle tales."*



# John 20:9

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*"They knew not the  
Scripture that He  
must rise again  
from the dead."*



# Acts 2:32

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*This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.*



***Why Matthew Includes this  
the Apostasy of Israel?***

***The full and final national rejection.***

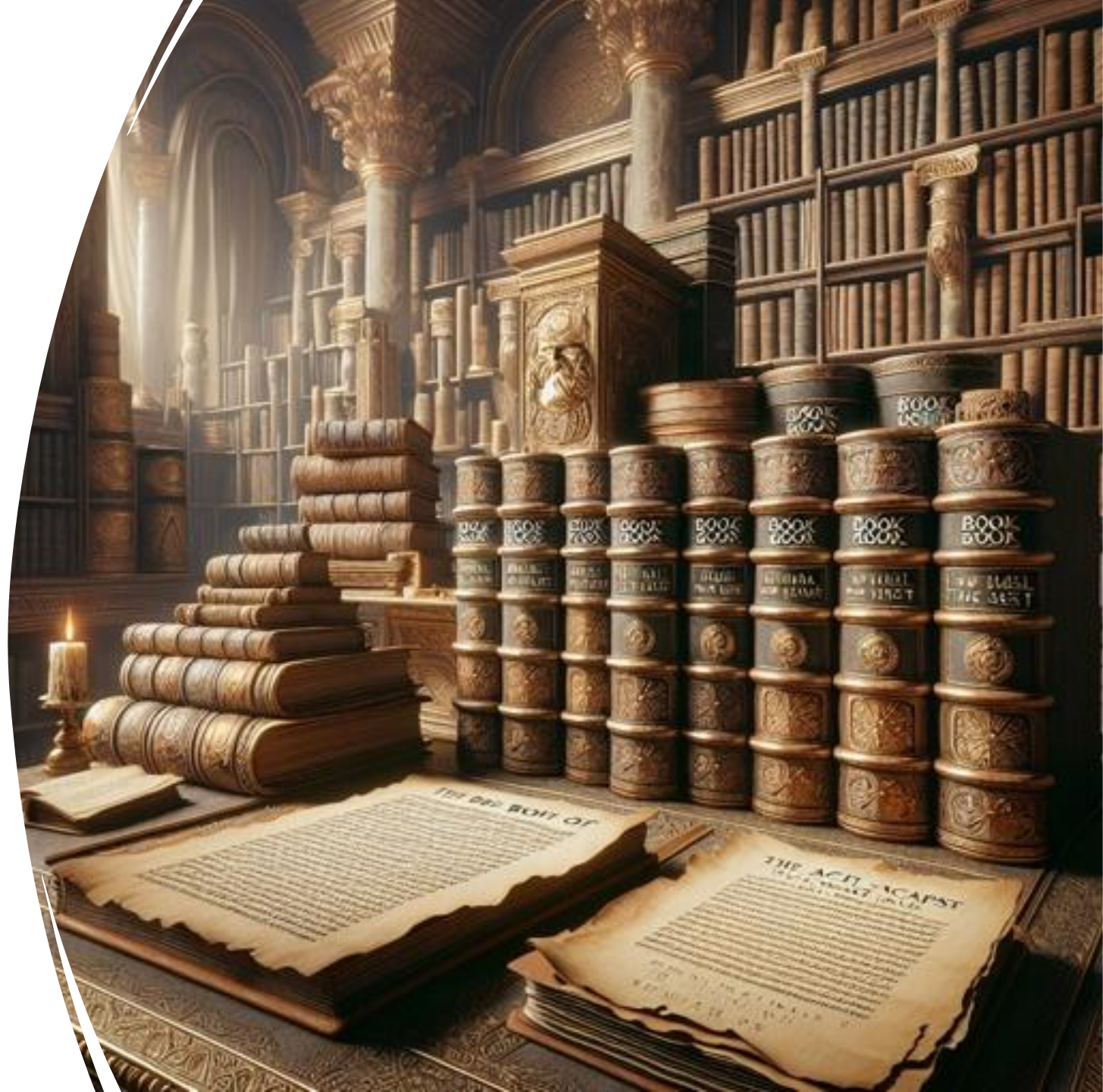


# Matthew

## 1:1

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*The book of  
the genealogy of Jesus  
Christ, the Son of  
David, the Son of  
Abraham:*



# Isaiah 53:3

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*"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."*





***The unexpected witness is  
the Strongest witness.***

A photograph of an ancient stone archway, likely part of a tomb or a fortified structure. The arch is made of large, weathered, tan-colored stone blocks. The interior of the arch is visible, showing a clear blue sky with some light clouds. In the foreground, a metal railing runs along a paved walkway that leads towards the arch. The walls on either side of the arch are also made of similar stone blocks, showing signs of age and wear. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

***The Tomb that couldn't stay closed***

*Church flourished underground.*

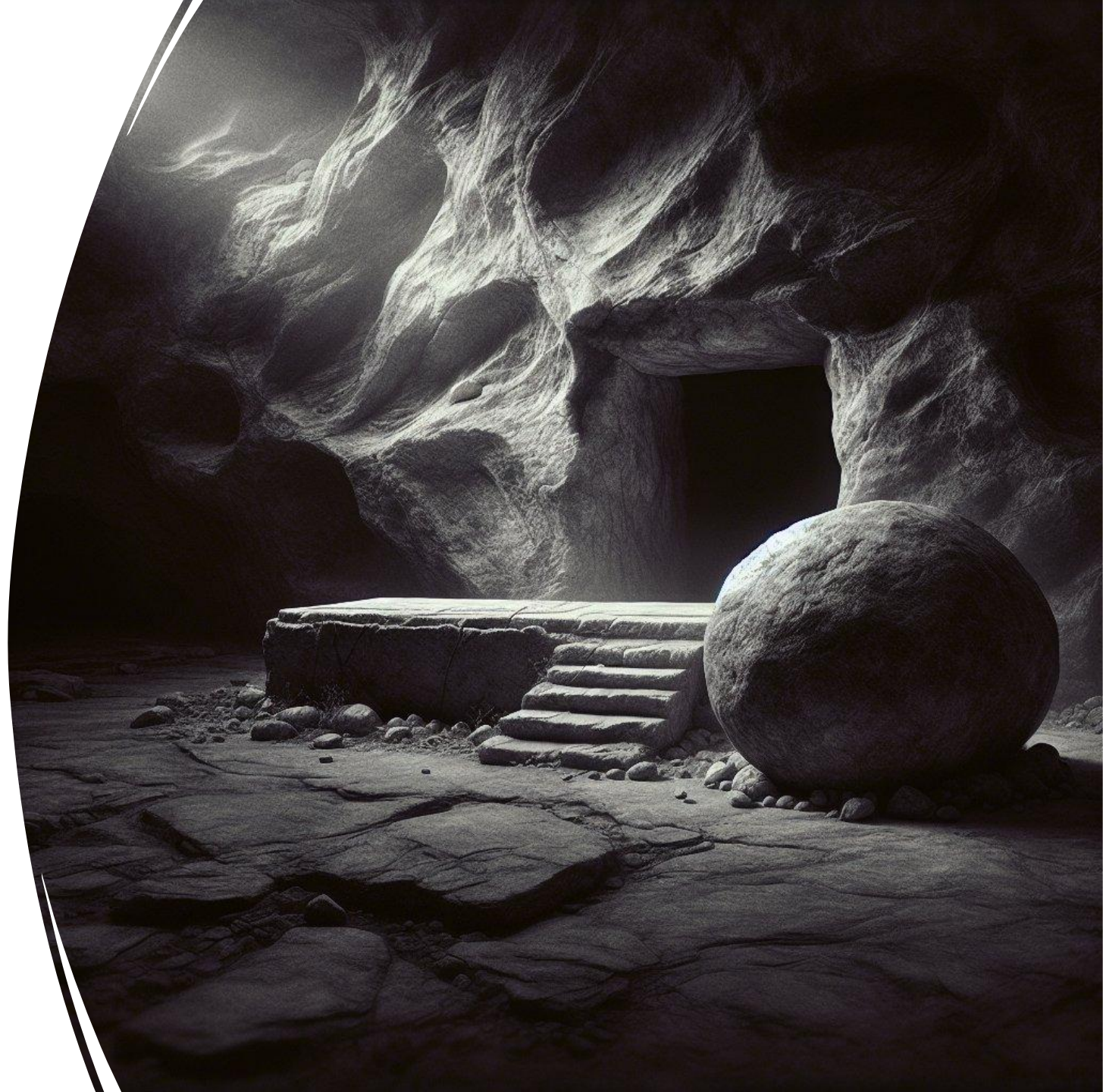
A group of young people, mostly men, are gathered at night for a protest or demonstration. They are holding a long banner that spans across the frame. The banner has the word "USSR" written on it in large, bold, orange letters. The background is dark, and there are some lights visible, possibly from a stage or streetlights. The overall atmosphere is one of a public gathering or protest.

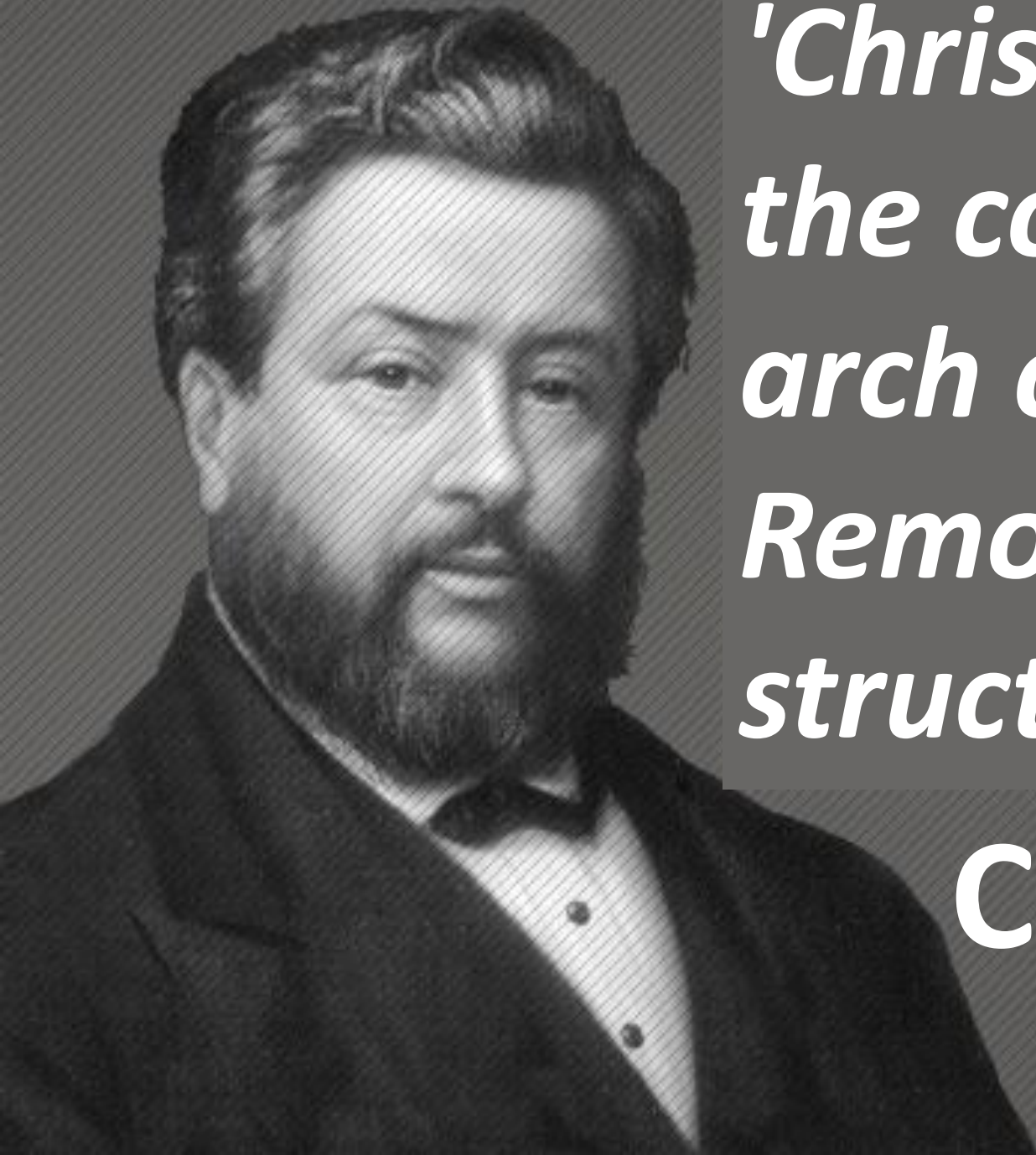
**The Collapse of**  
**USSR**

# Acts 2:24

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*"God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it."*

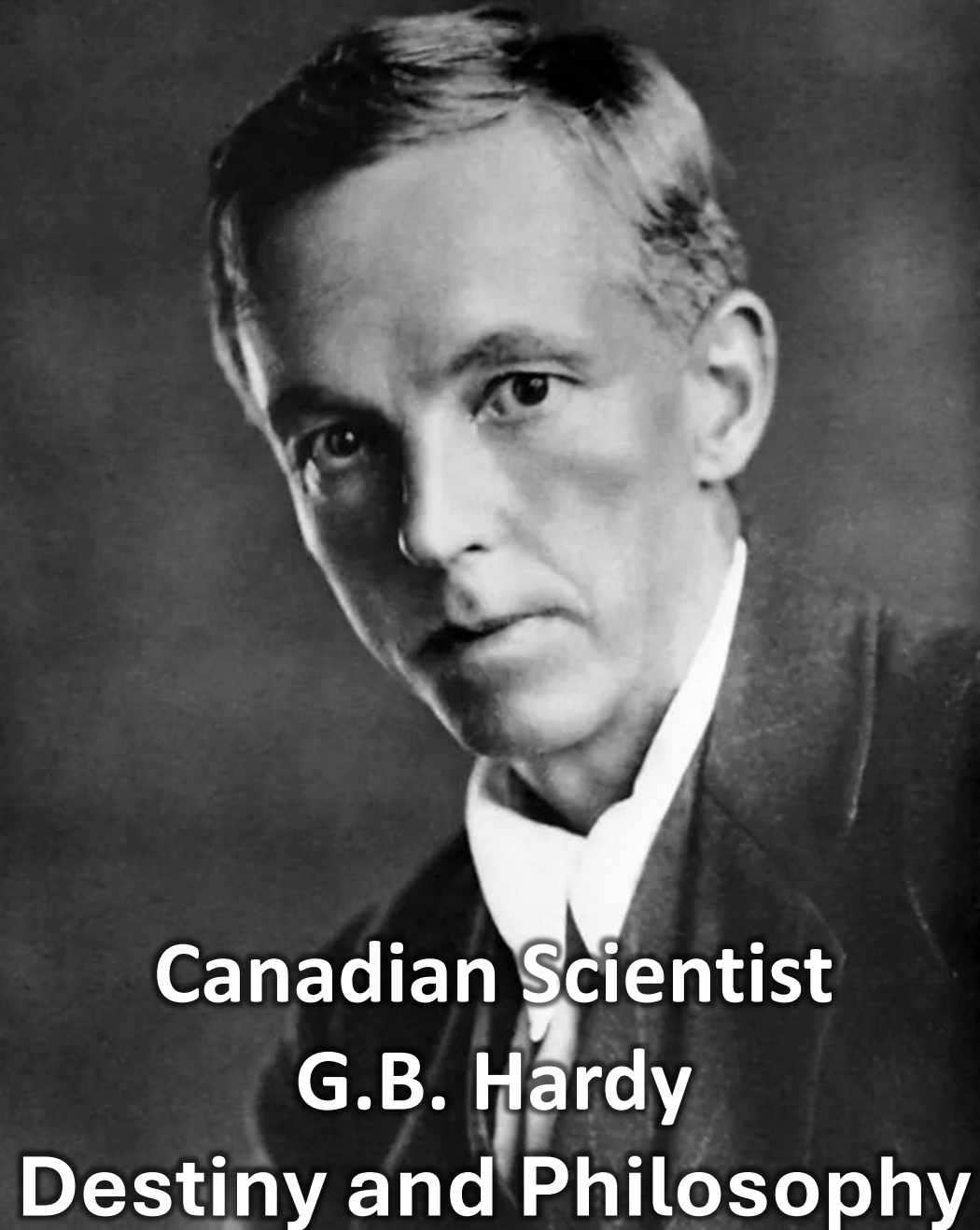




*'Christ's resurrection is the cornerstone of the arch of our salvation. Remove it and the whole structure falls.'*

**Charles Spurgeon**

**Has anyone ever  
defeated death?  
If so, did he make  
a way for me to  
do it also?**



**Canadian Scientist**

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**Destiny and Philosophy**

# John 20:28

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*'My Lord and  
my God!'*



# Romans

## 10:9-10

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*that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*



A person in a dark suit stands with their back to the camera, looking out over a vast field of tall grass at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

***What will you do with the  
risen Christ?***



*He arose! He arose!*

*Hallelujah — Christ arose!*