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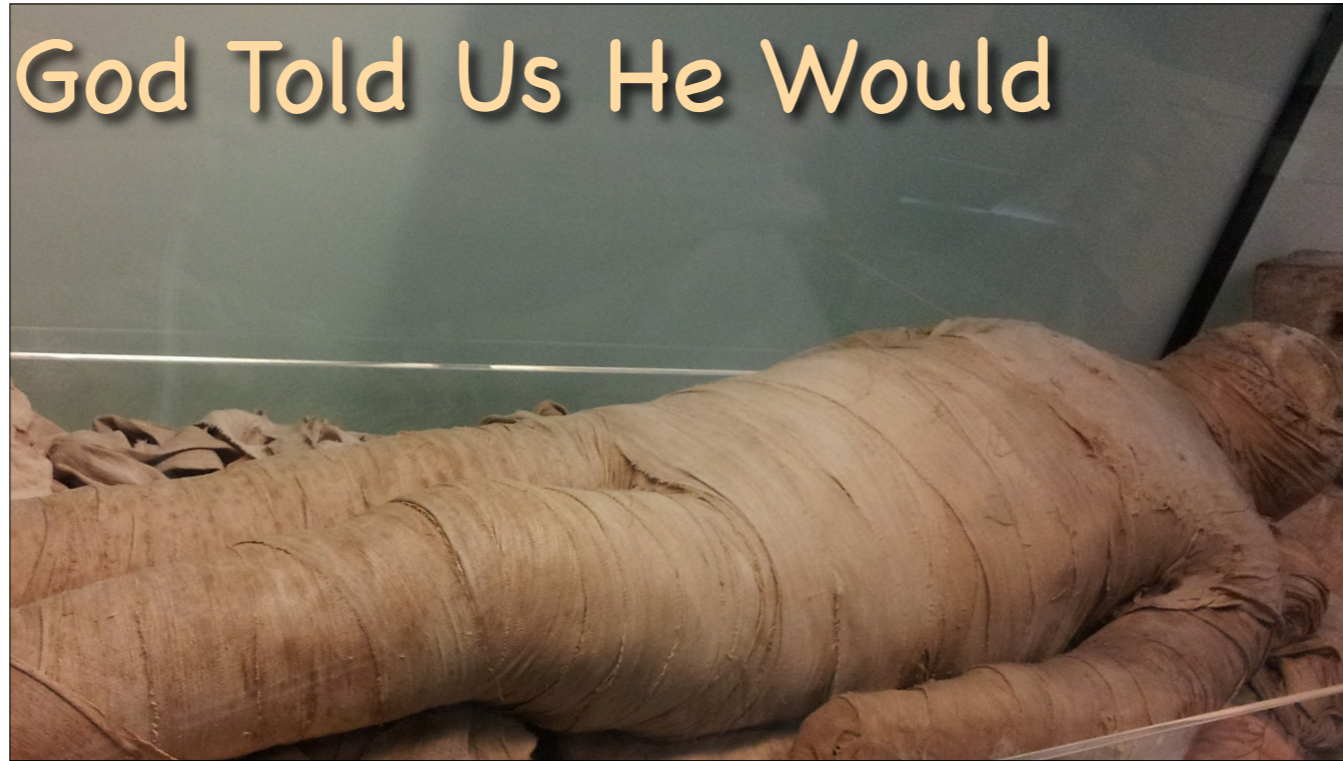
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- Acts 2:24-32 (ESV) 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ 29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

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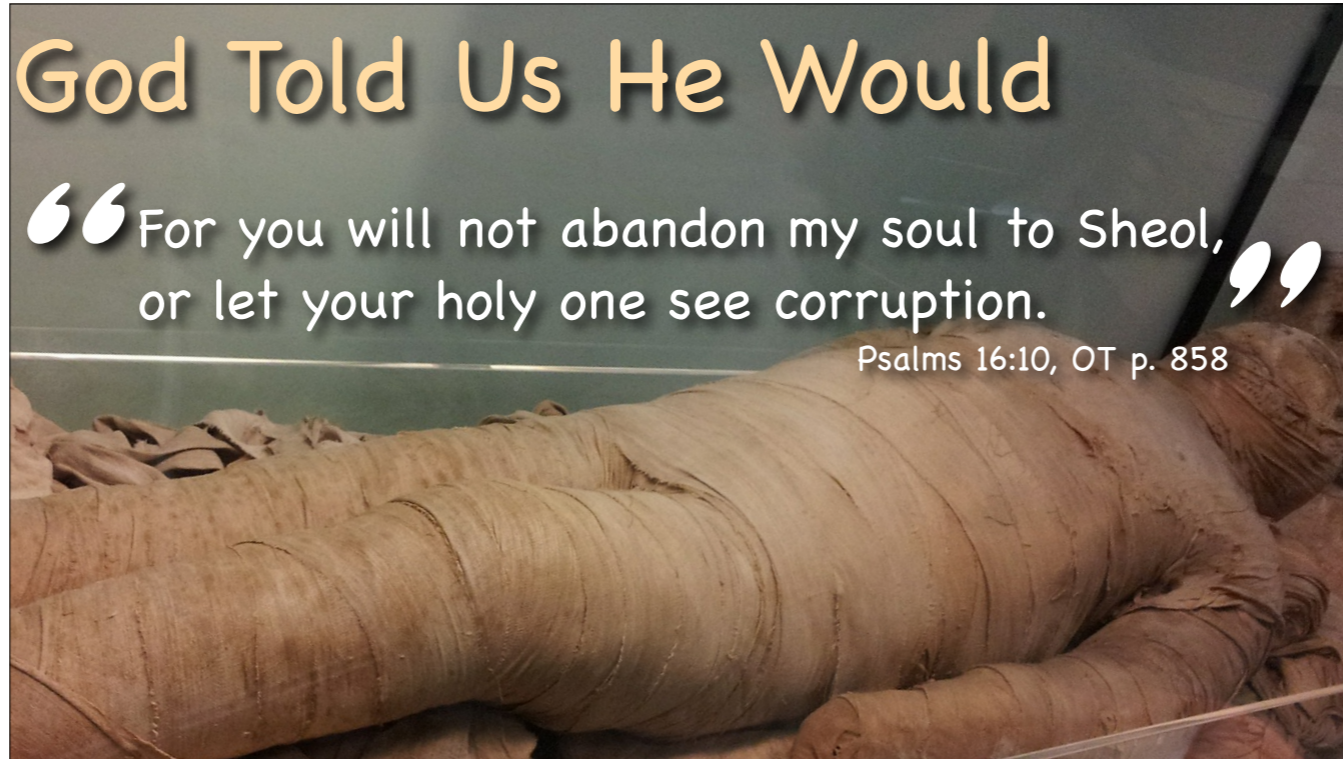


- Acts 13:32-37 (ESV) 32 And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, 33 this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm “‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’ 34 And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’ 35 Therefore he says also in another psalm, “‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’ 36 For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, 37 but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.

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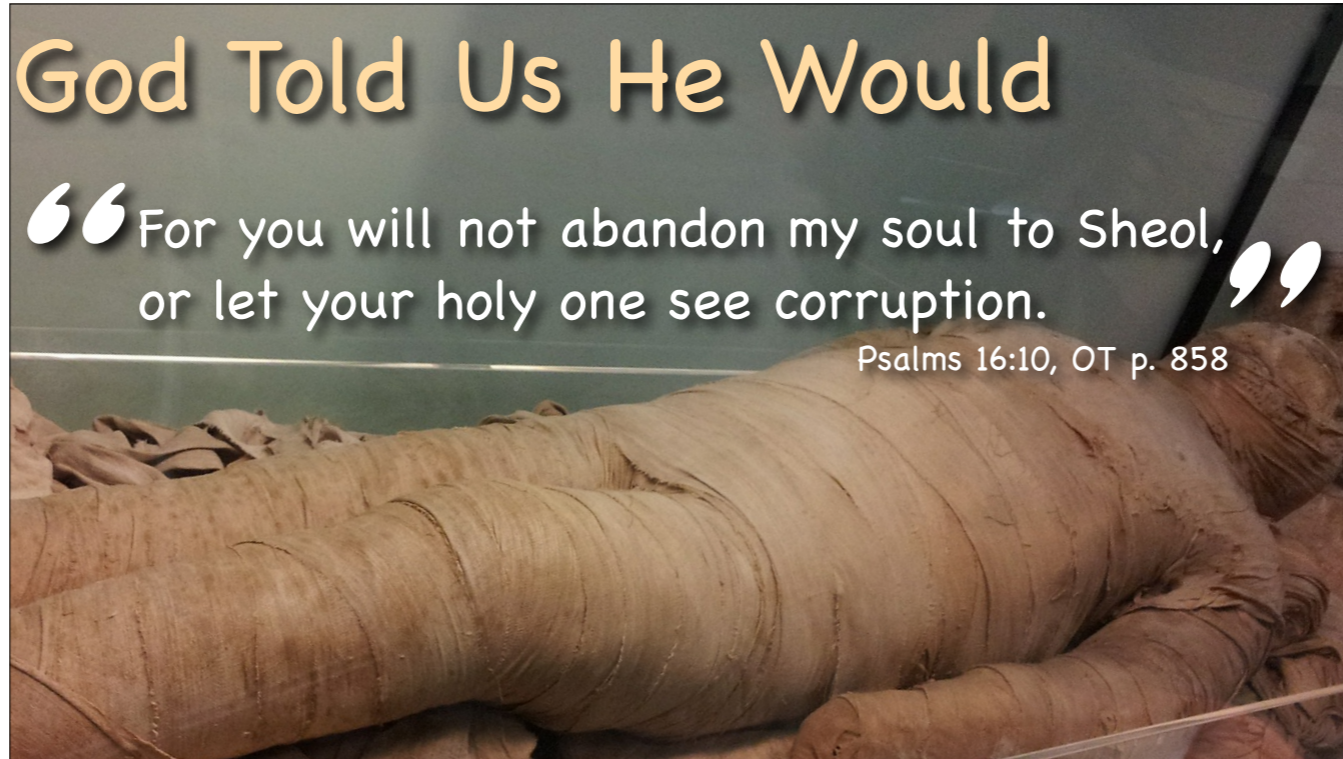


- Isaiah 53:8-9 (ESV) 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
 - Isaiah 53:12 (ESV) 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

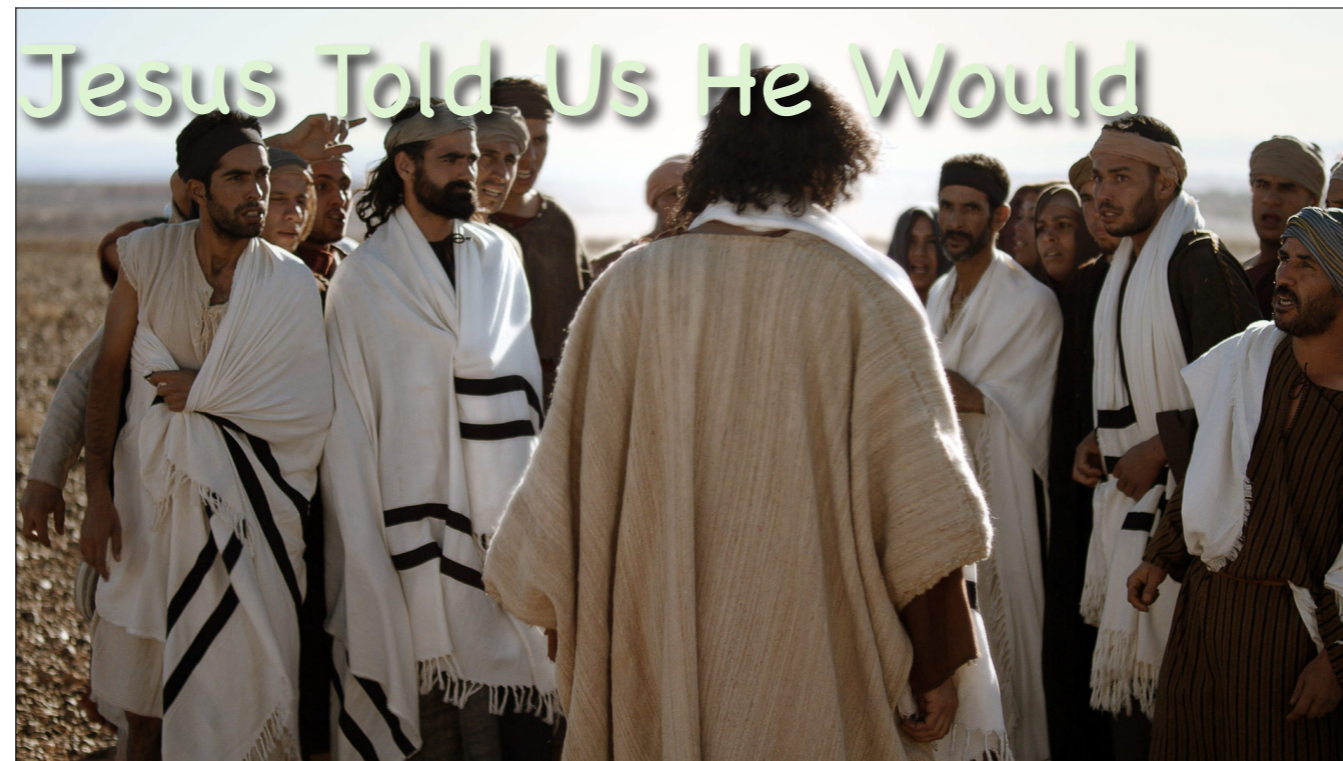
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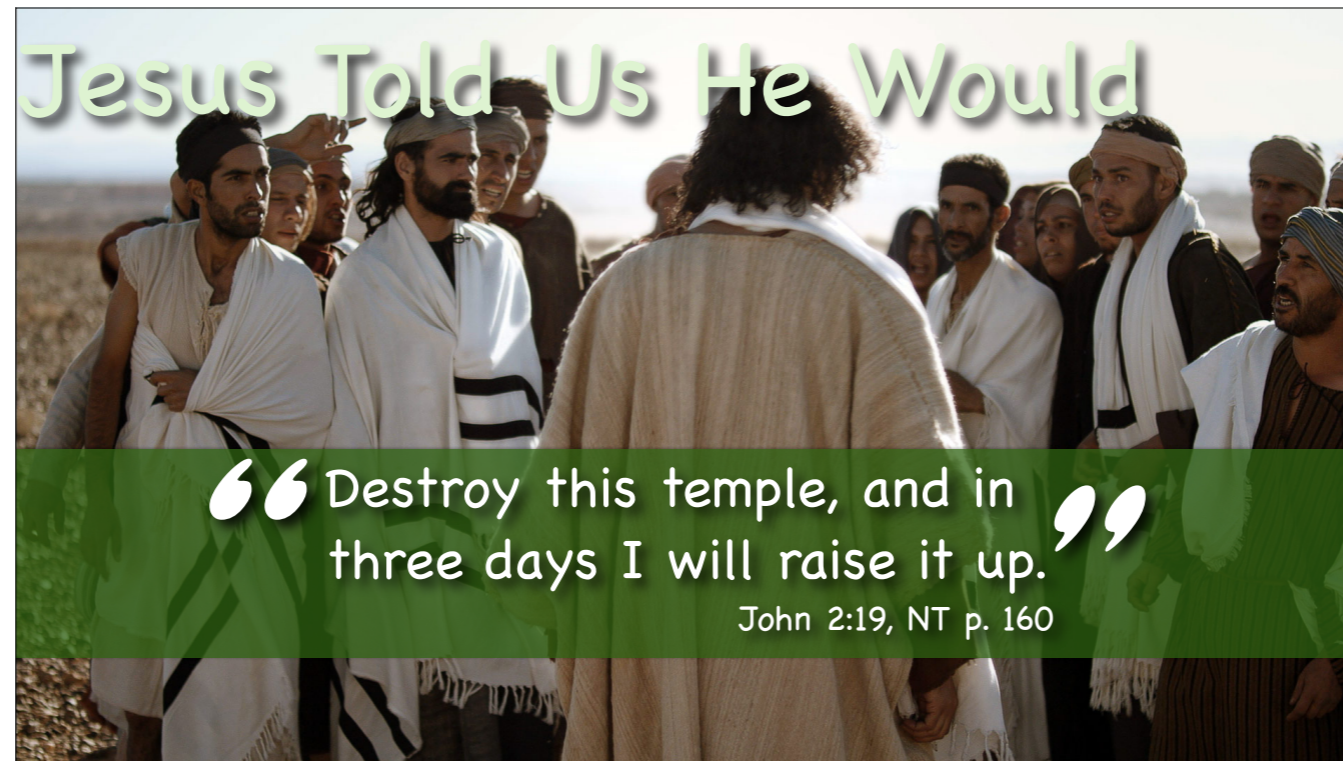
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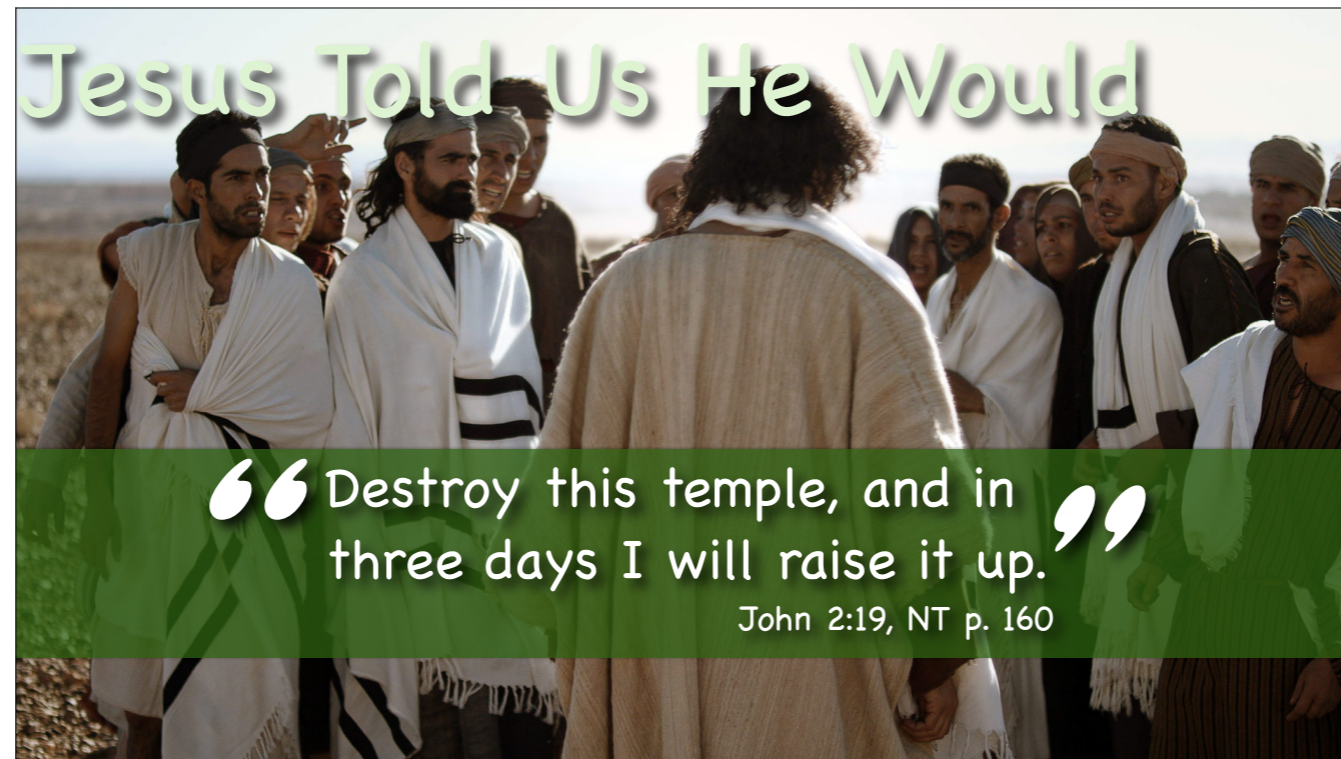
- Hosea 6:1-2 (ESV) 1 “Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.



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Jesus Told Us He Would

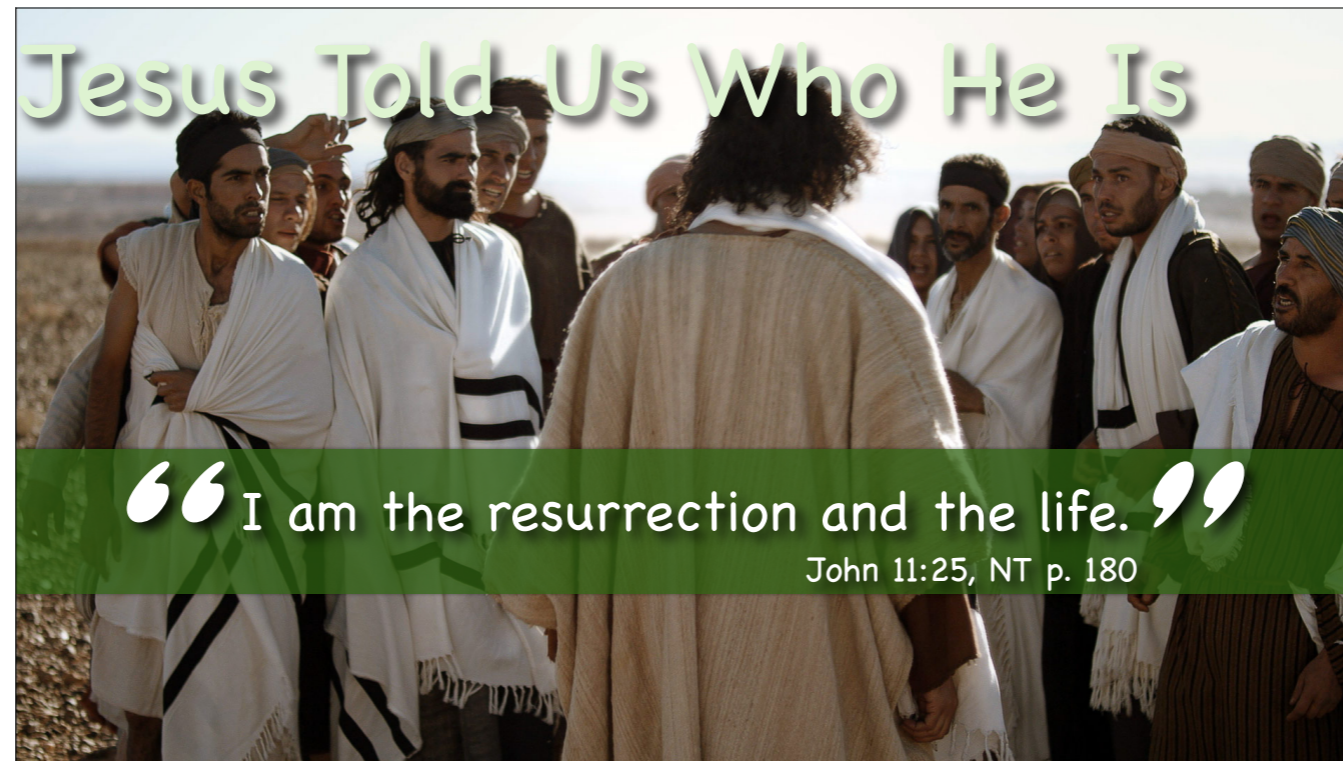
“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 2:19, NT p. 160

- 15 times...
- Lying? — False prophet!
- Lunatic? — Why listen
- Telling truth?
 - Special!



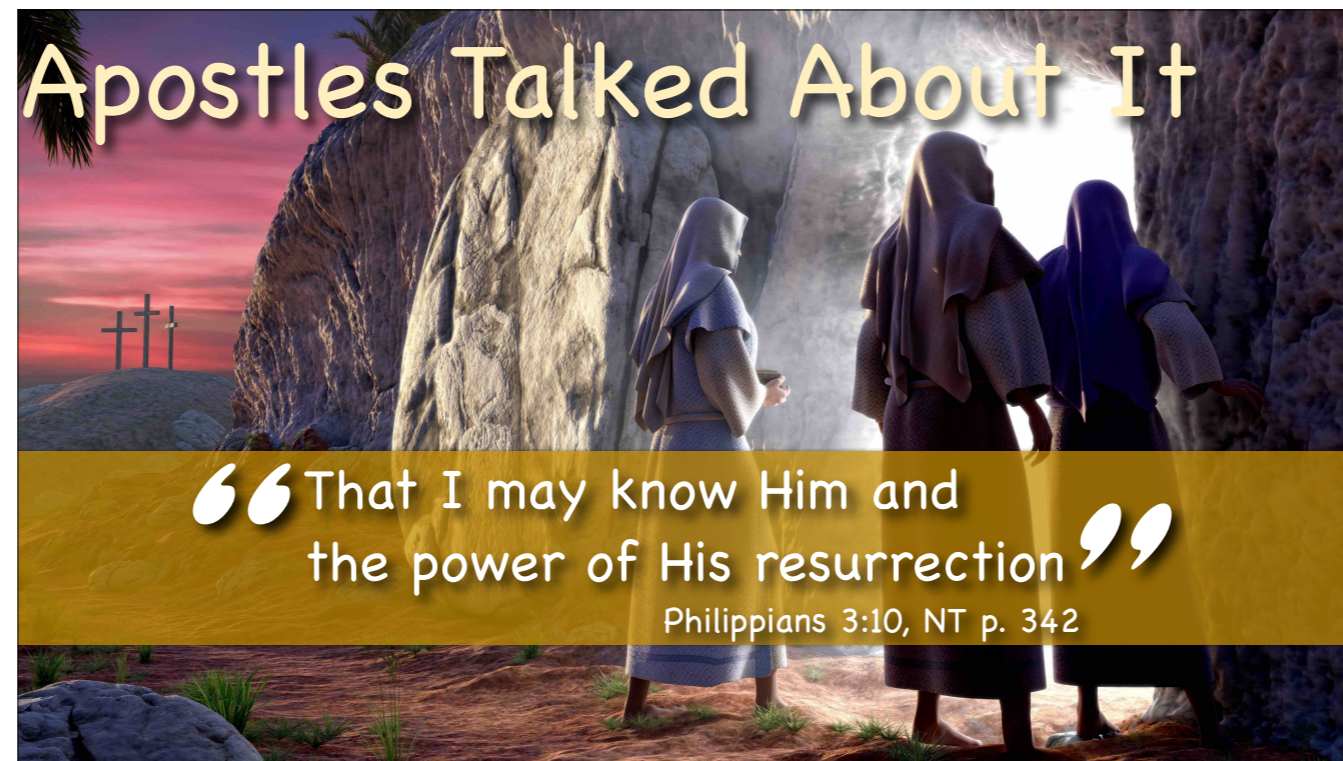
- John 11:21-24 (ESV) 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”



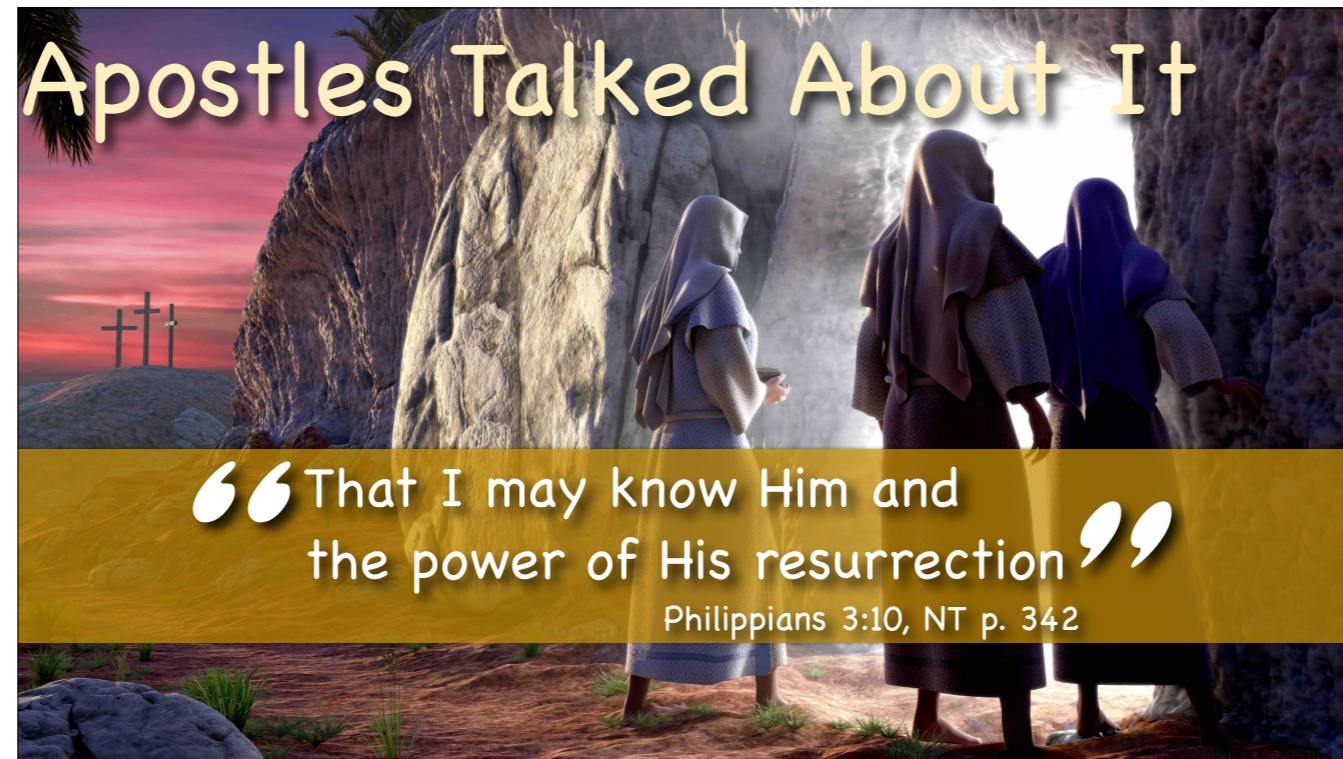
- John 11:25-26 (ESV) 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"



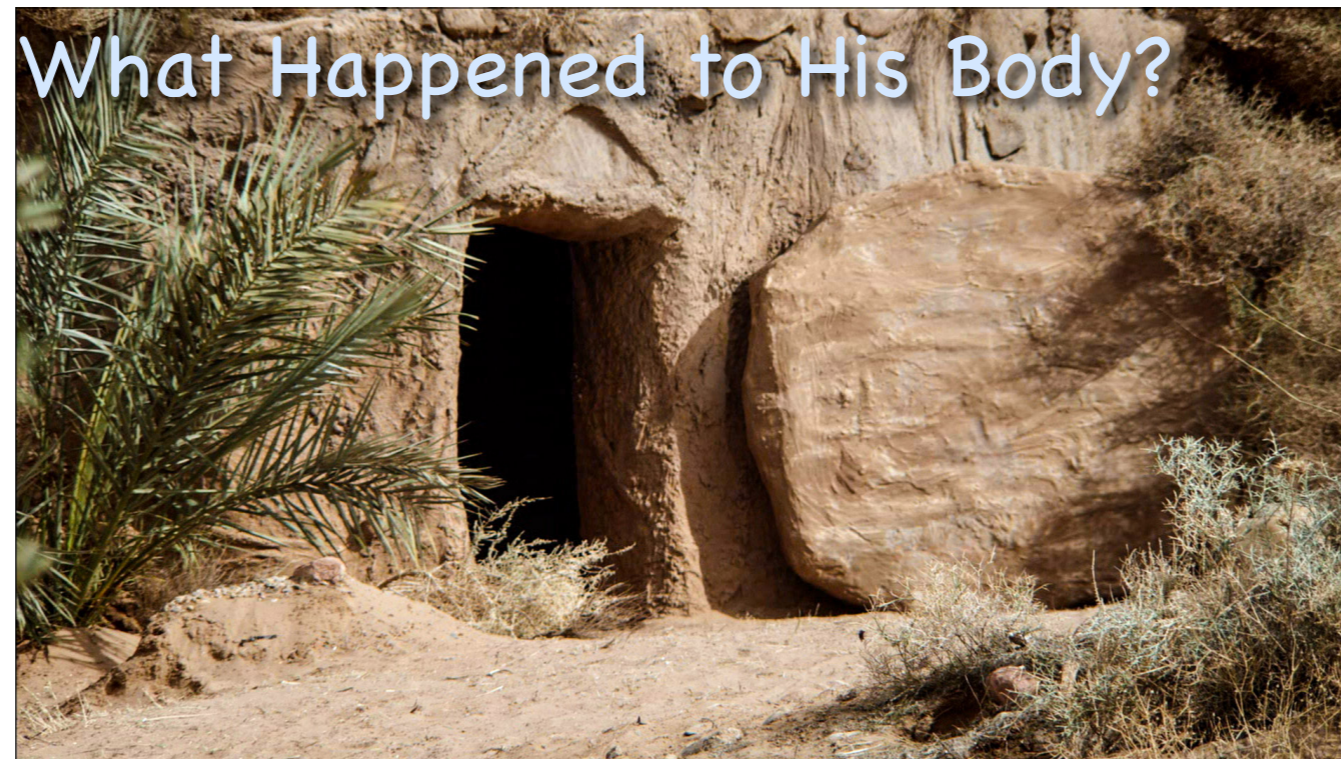
- Apostles Talked About It
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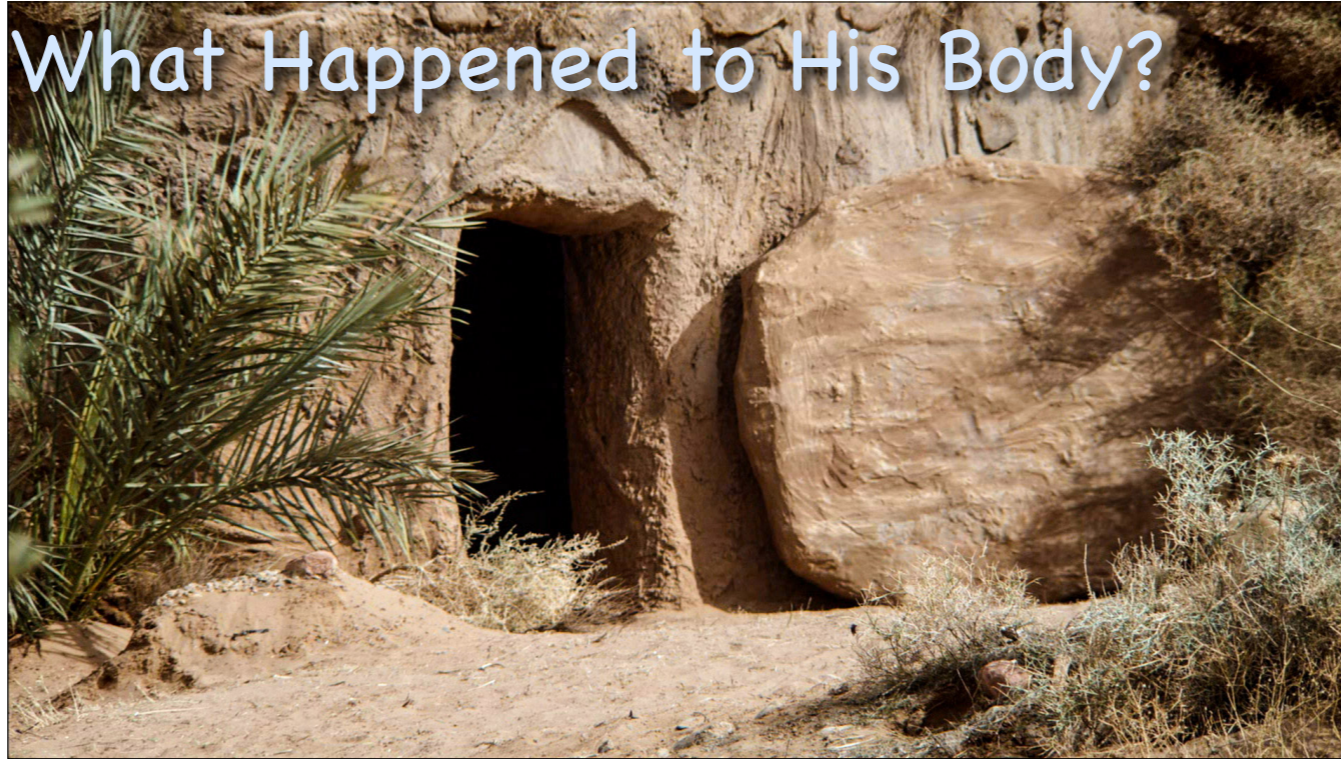


- Throughout NT Apostles constantly talked about the resurrection of Jesus
 - Not as a myth or fable
 - Christ Crucified
 - Jesus raised!
- They were mocked, run out of town, and sometimes people tried to kill them.
- (Doesn't prove it happened...)

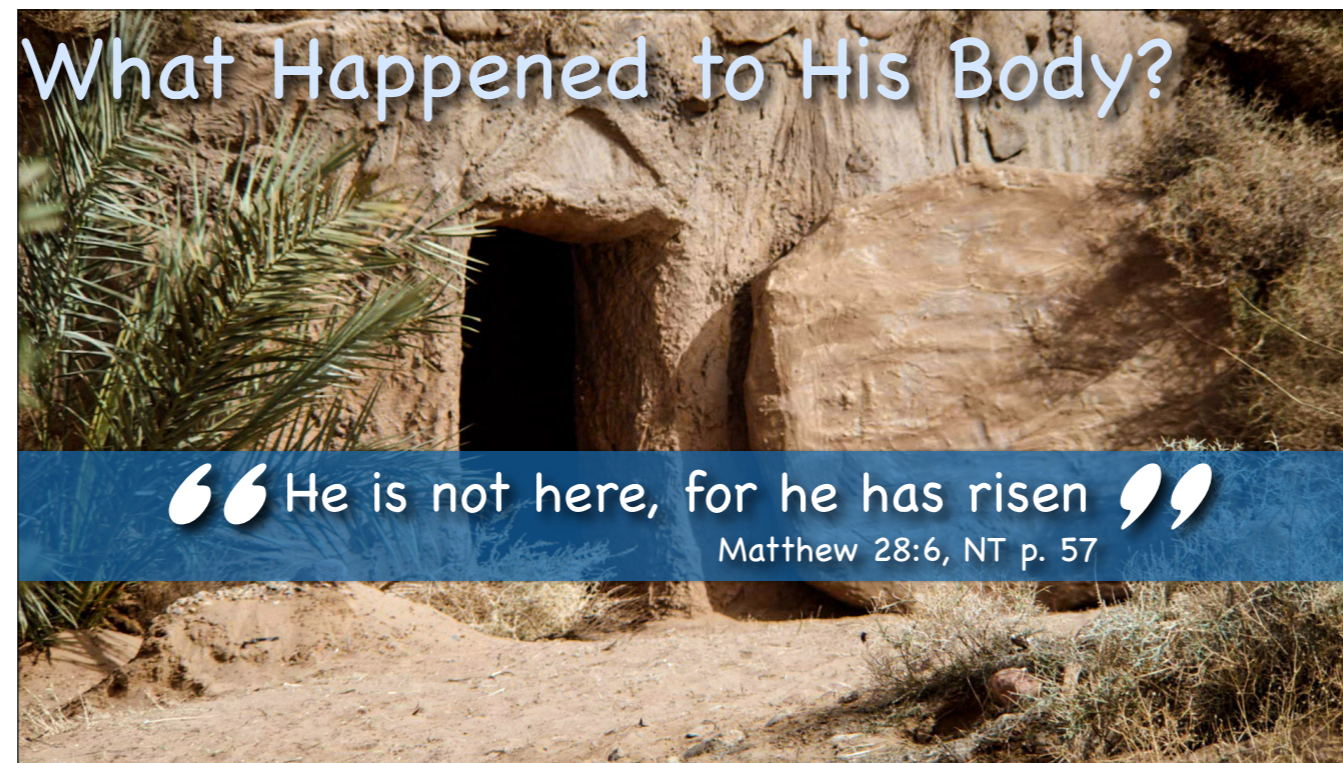


- Matthew 27:57 - 28:15 (ESV) 57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.
- 62 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ 64 Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” 65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.
- 1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”
- 11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, “Tell people, His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

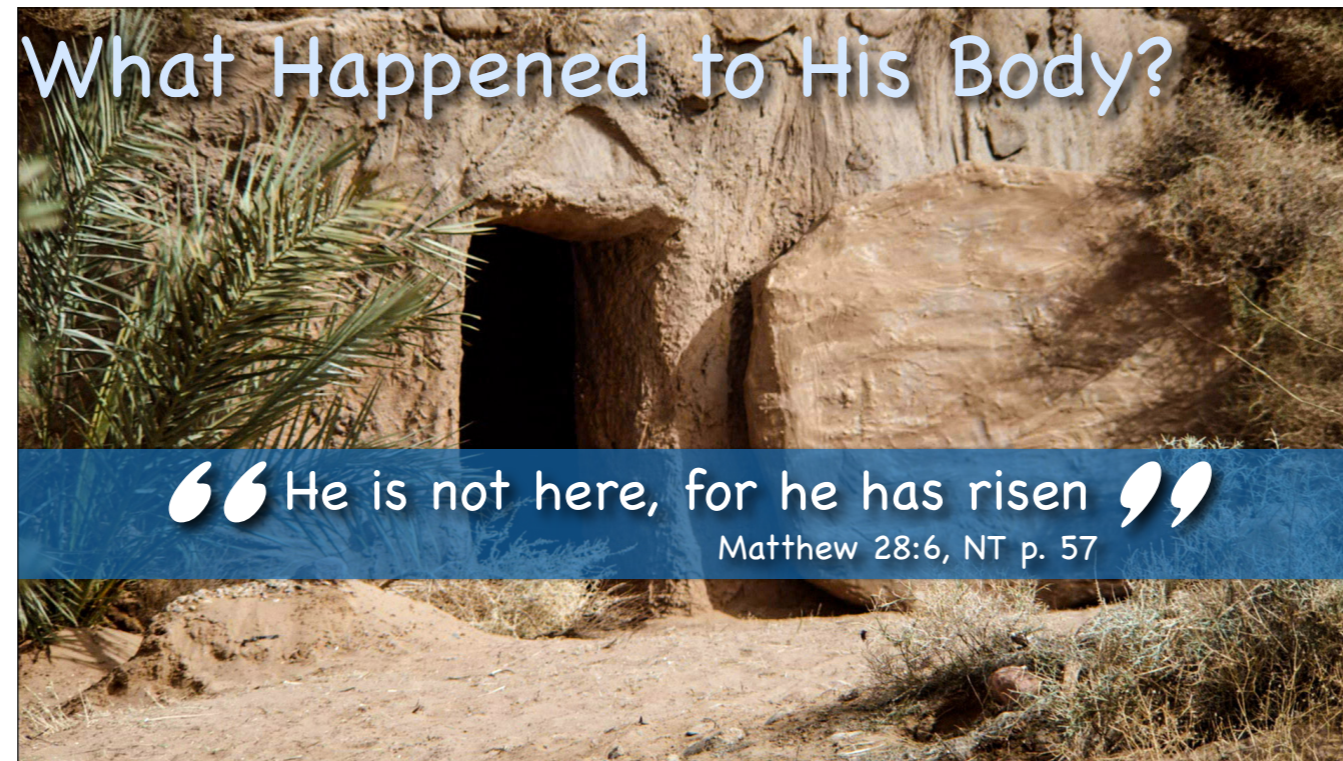
What Happened to His Body?



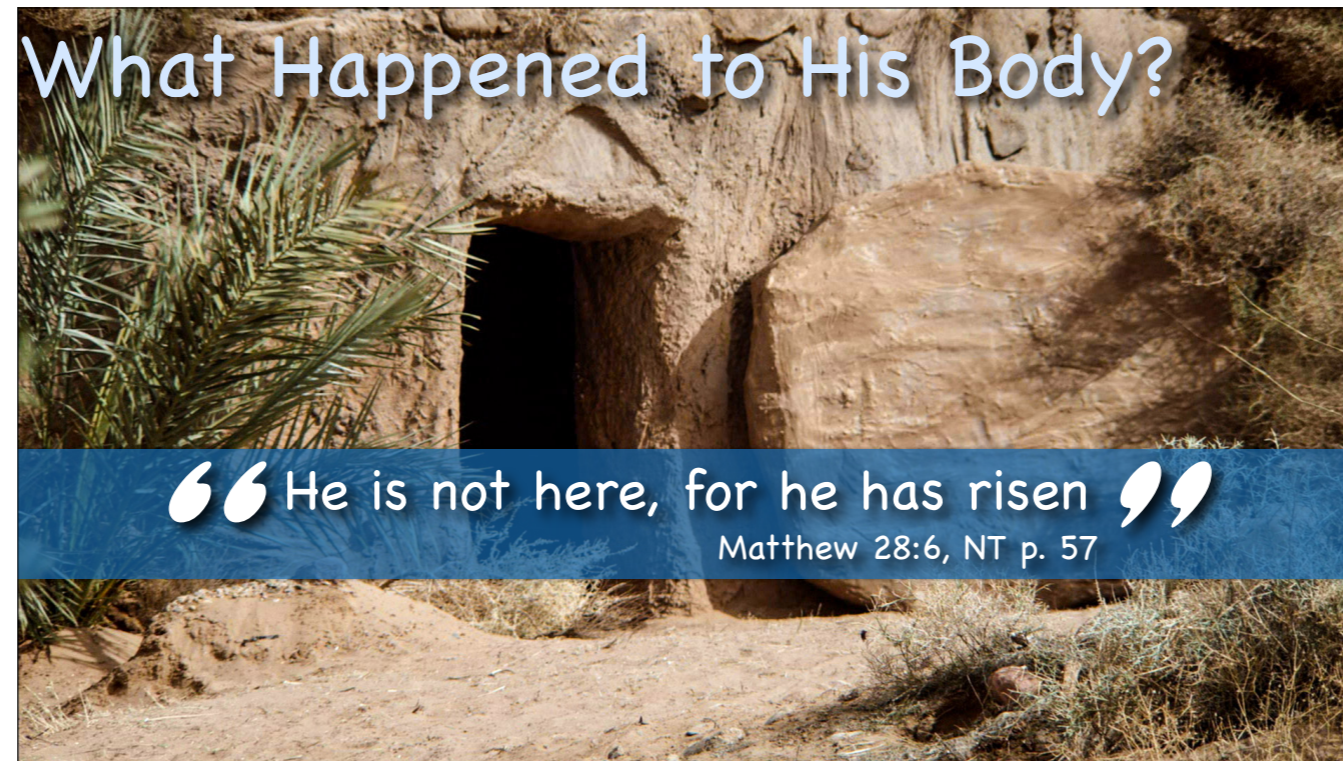
- Buried by Joseph, wrapped in linen: Mary Magdalene and Mary there
- A great stone at entrance
- Pharisees put guard at tomb
 - Because of Jesus claim that “after three days I will rise”
 - Guard of soldiers
 - Sealed the stone



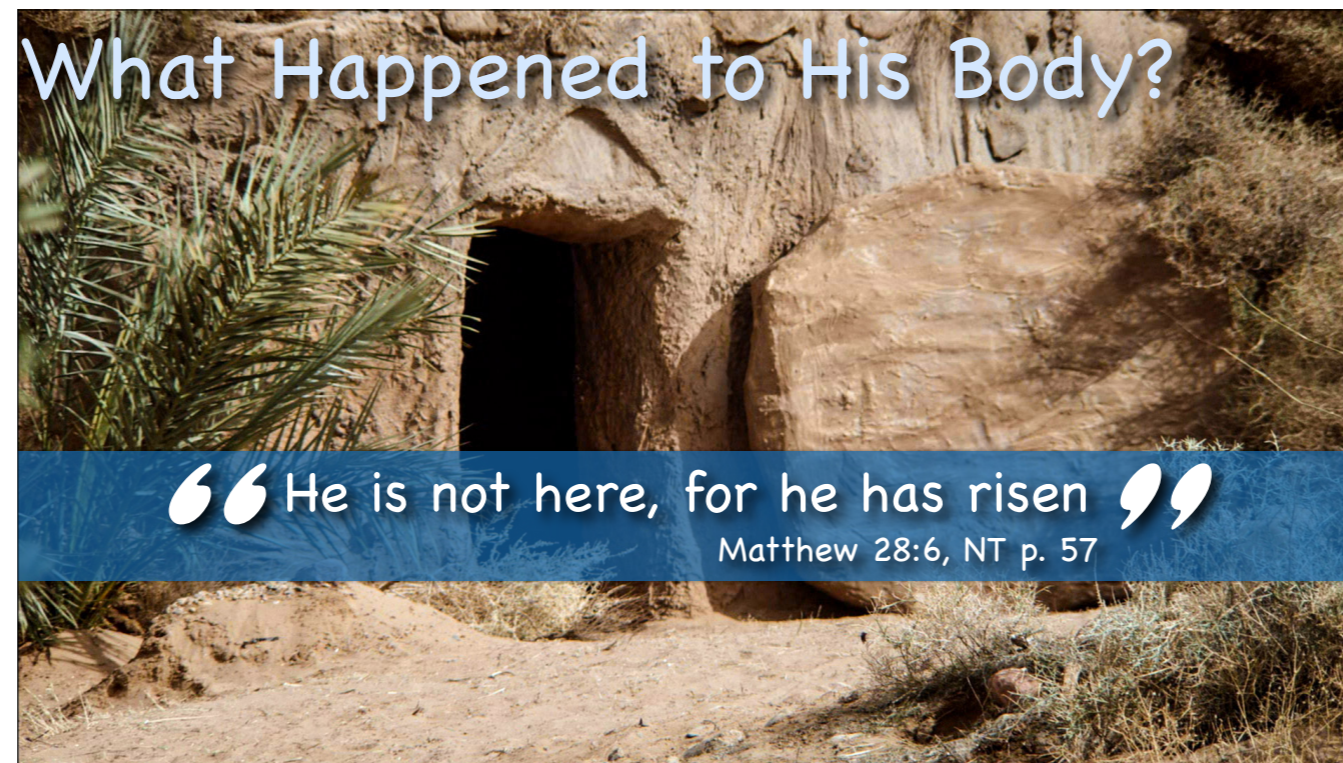
- Mary Magdalene and Mary come to tomb three days later
- Earthquake, stone moved
- He is not here, he is risen



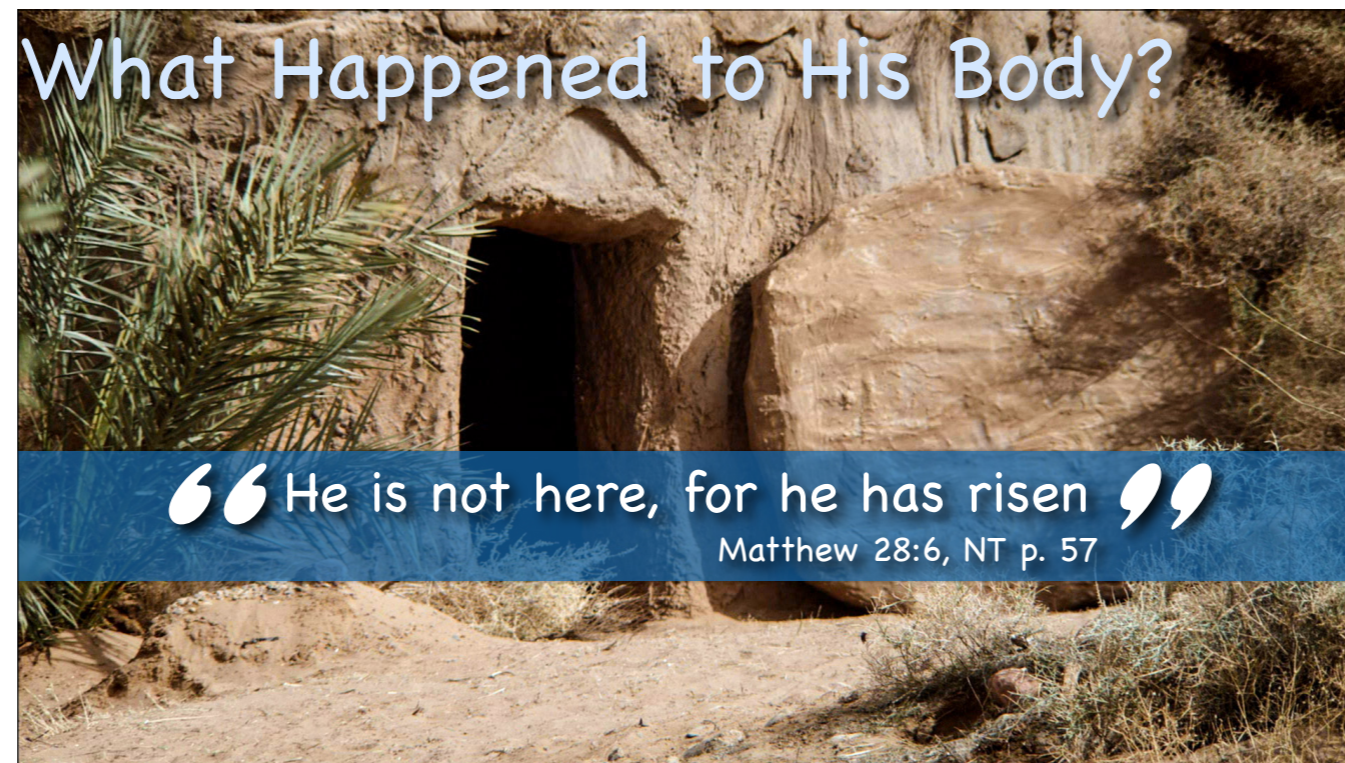
- Claim of Guards
 - Told chief priests what happened (Earthquake, Stone moved, Angel)
 - Gave money to guards for lie
 - Fell asleep
 - Disciples stole body



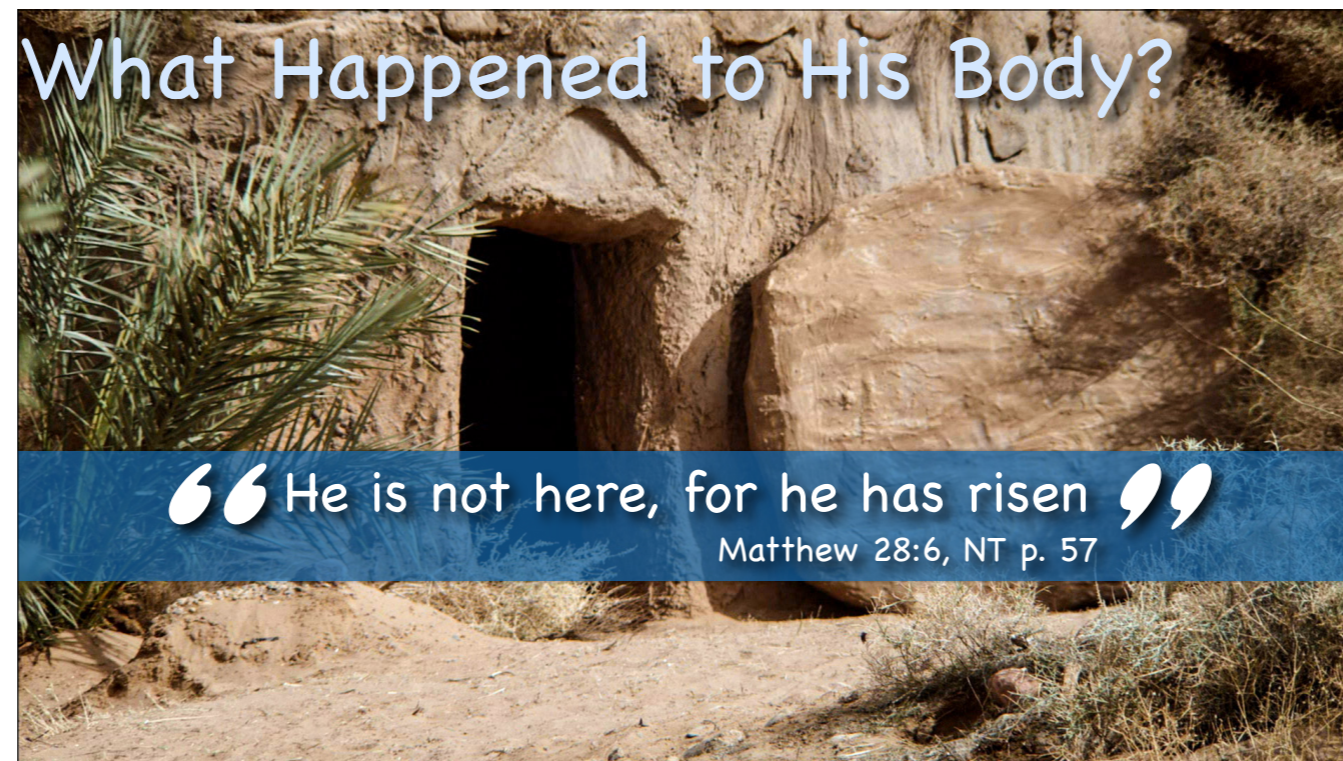
- What happened to body?
 - Buried somewhere else in the area
 - Moved by His enemies.
 - Moved by His followers.
 - Resurrected.



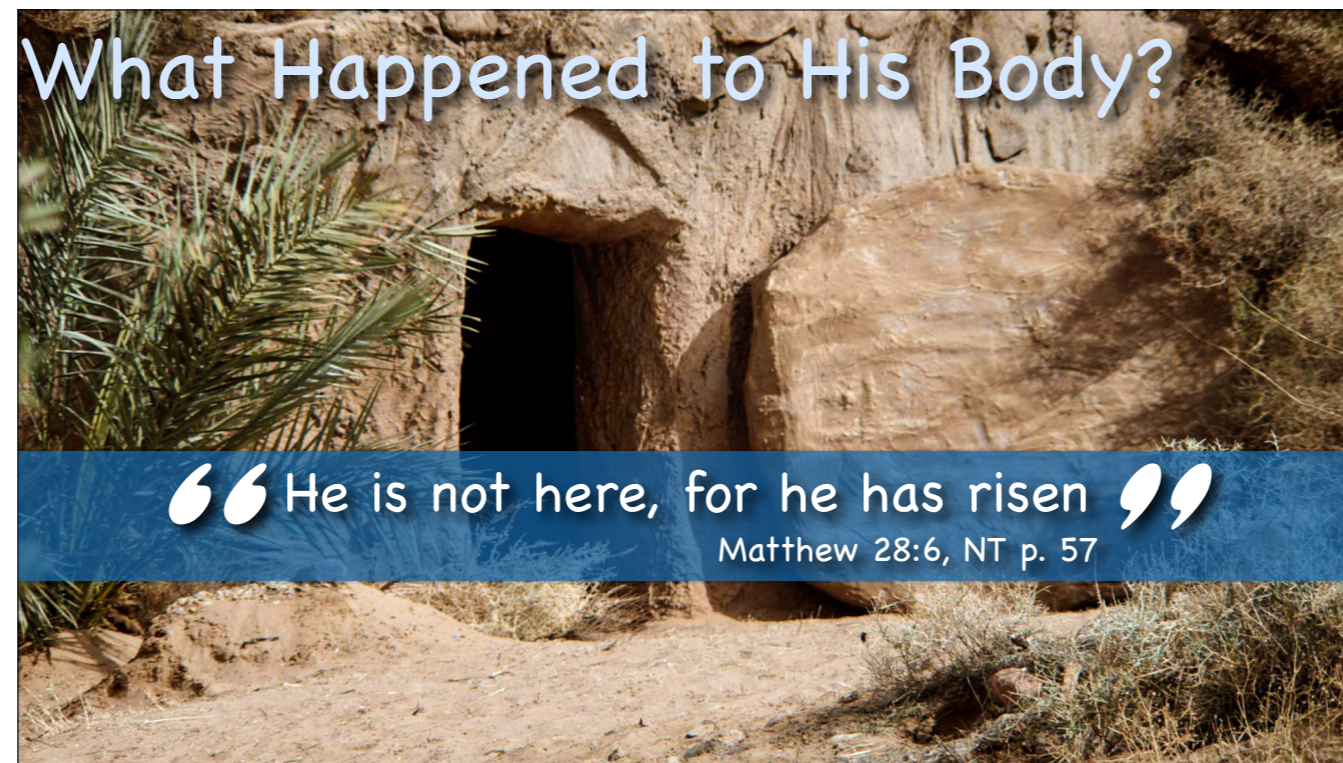
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 - Easy for those who opposed to produce body.



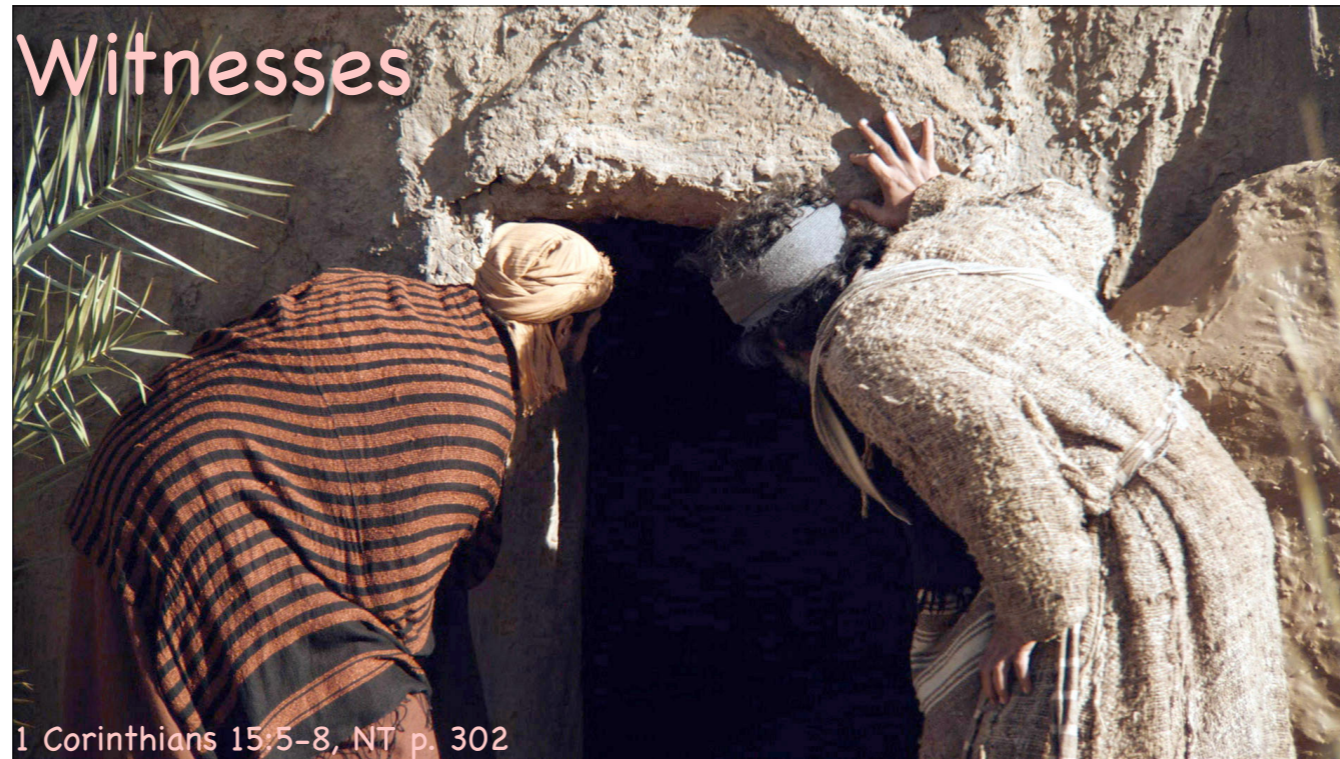
- Taken by Enemies
 - Set guard
 - Why?



- Taken by Friends
 - Jews feared this.
 - Story... guards fell asleep
 - If true... how do they know what happened???



- He Was Resurrected
 - No body in the tomb.



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“ He appeared ”

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- The Twelve
- > 500 brothers
- James
- All the Apostles
- Paul

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Romans 1:4, NT p. 258

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- I don't need to fear death.
- I know there's more to this life.
- Hope!

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 - Acts 2:38 (ESV) 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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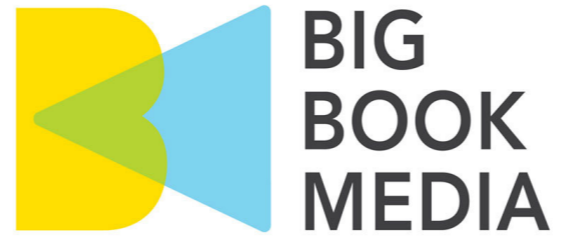
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Revelation 1:18

Synopsis: Understanding the resurrection of Jesus is so important for our faith. In this lesson we examine the reasons why it is reasonable to believe in the resurrection and why it matters to us.

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