

Evidences Of The Resurrection

Luke 24:1-12

12 historical facts agreed by conservative scholars and liberal critics (review of 3,400 works)

1. Jesus died by crucifixion. (non-Christian ancient sources: Josephus, Tacitus, Lucian, Mara Bar-Serapion, Talmud)
2. Jesus was buried.
3. His death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope, believing that his life was ended.
4. The tomb was empty a few days later.
5. The disciples had experiences that they believed were literal appearances of the risen Jesus.
6. The disciples were transformed from doubters who were afraid to identify themselves with Jesus to bold proclaimers of His death and Resurrection.

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7. This message was the center of preaching in the early church.
8. This message was especially proclaimed in Jerusalem, where Jesus died and was buried shortly before.
9. The church was born in Jerusalem and grew rapidly.
10. Orthodox Jews who believed in Jesus made Sunday their primary day of worship.
11. James, the half-brother of Jesus, converted to the faith when he saw what he believed was the resurrected Jesus.
12. Paul was converted to the faith after his experience which he believed was with the risen Jesus.

The Investigation By The Women

- ¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared
 - ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
 - ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
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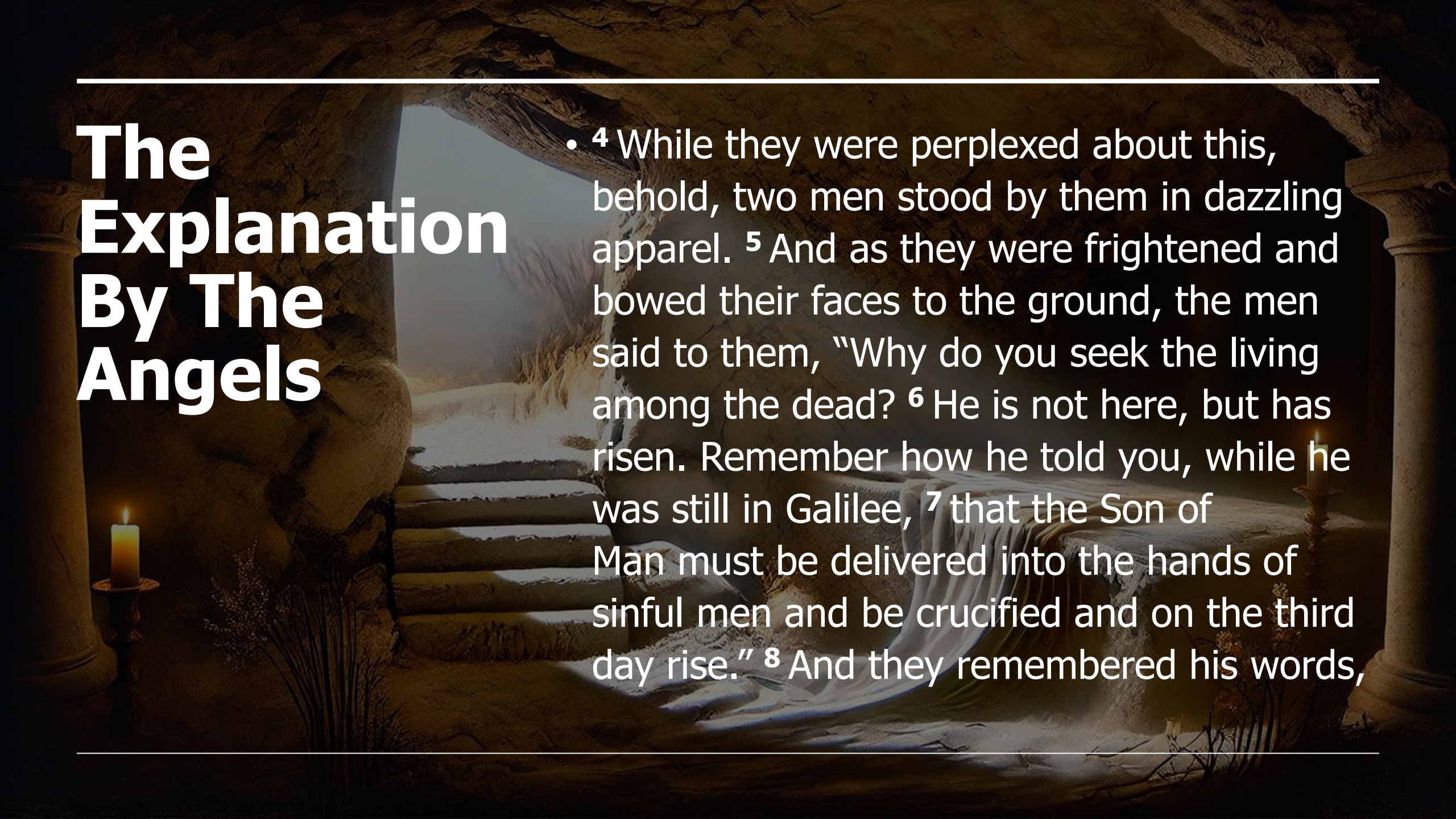
The Moving Of The Stone

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rolled away from the tomb,



The Explanation By The Angels

- ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words,



The Initial Disbelief By The Disciples

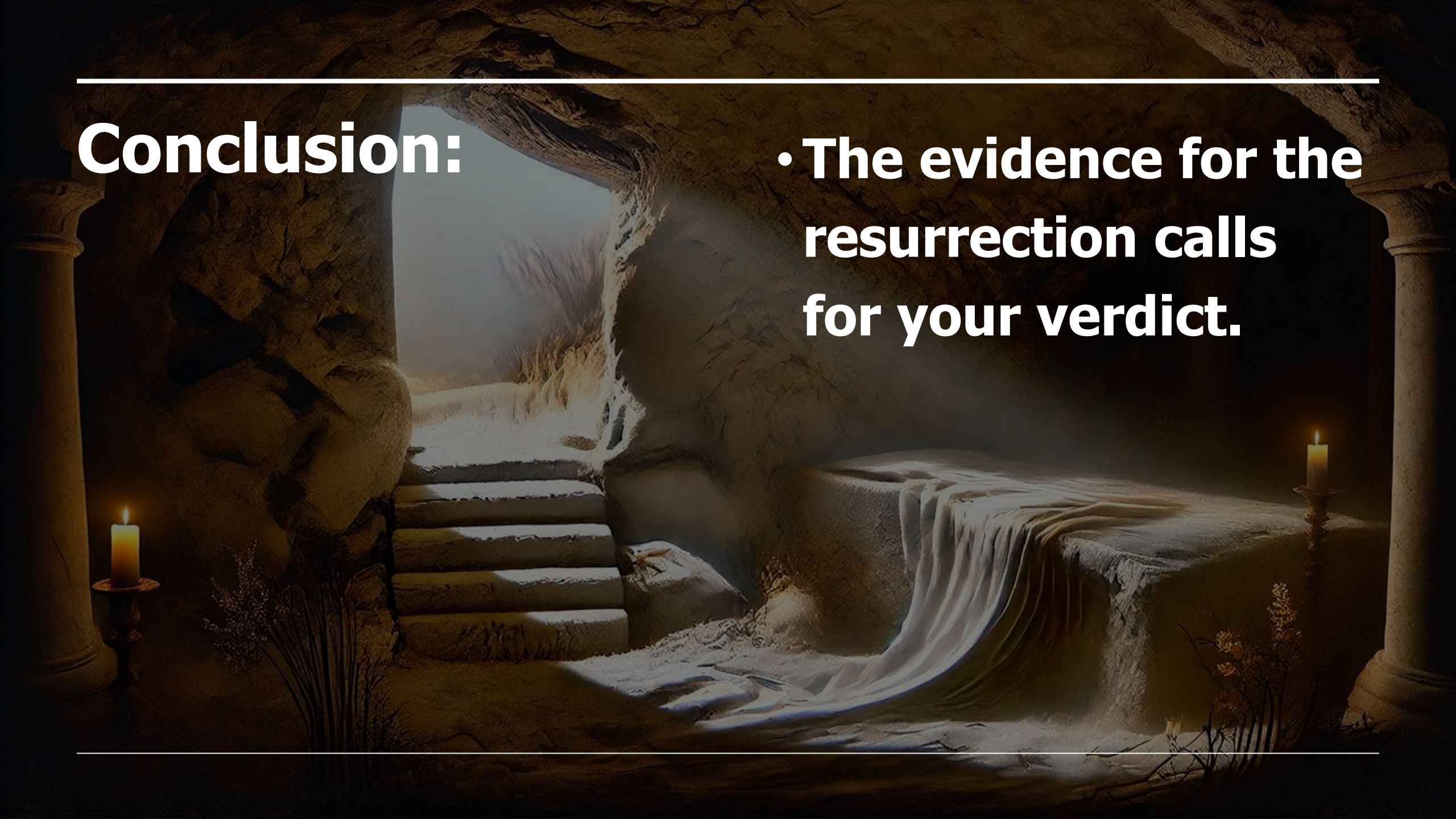
- ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
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The Eyewitness Of Peter

- ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.
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Conclusion:

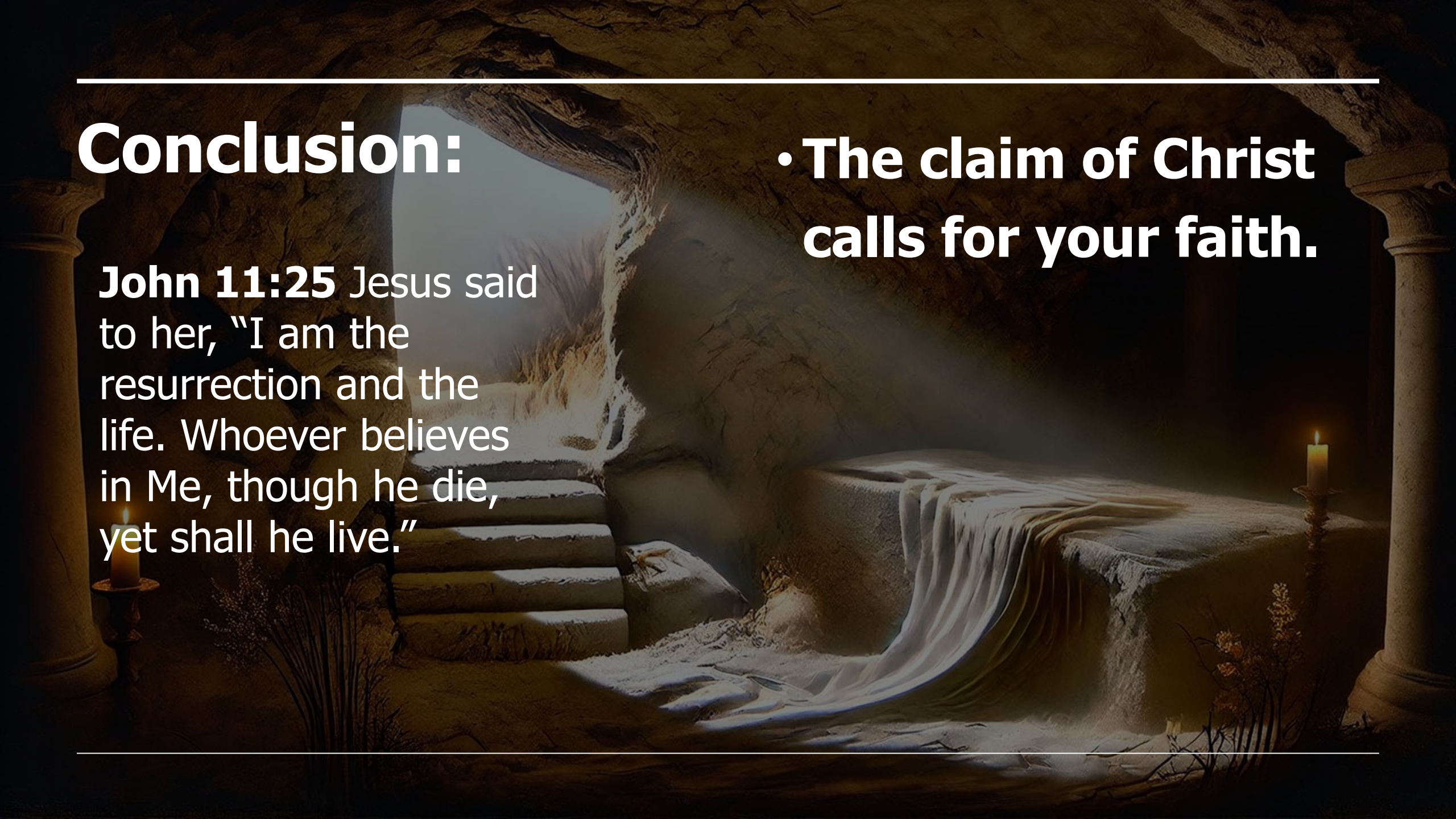
- The evidence for the resurrection calls for your verdict.



Conclusion:

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."

- **The claim of Christ calls for your faith.**



Conclusion:

- The logic of the empty tomb calls for faith to be reasonable.

Occupied

Unknown Tomb	Wrong Tomb	Legend	Spiritual Resurrection	Hallucinations
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OR

Empty Through Natural Causes

Stolen By Disciples	Moved By Authorities	Swooned (Faked Death)	Hidden By Joseph <u>Of</u> Arim.
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OR

Empty Through Supernatural Causes

Supernatural → Bodily Resurrection → He Is Risen
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