

#### **Matthew 12:40**

"For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

"Here the heart, the core, the very foundation and substance of the Christian faith is at stake." – G. Vos

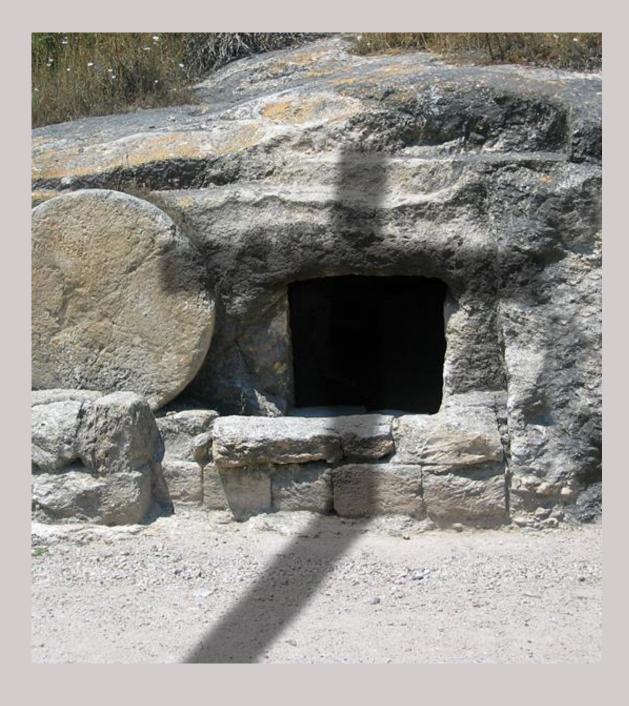
"The central and sufficient evidence of Christianity." – A. Strong

# "Christianity is a religion of the resurrection."

- J. Locke

"The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith. Without it there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine that elevates Christianity above all other religions." - A. Rogers

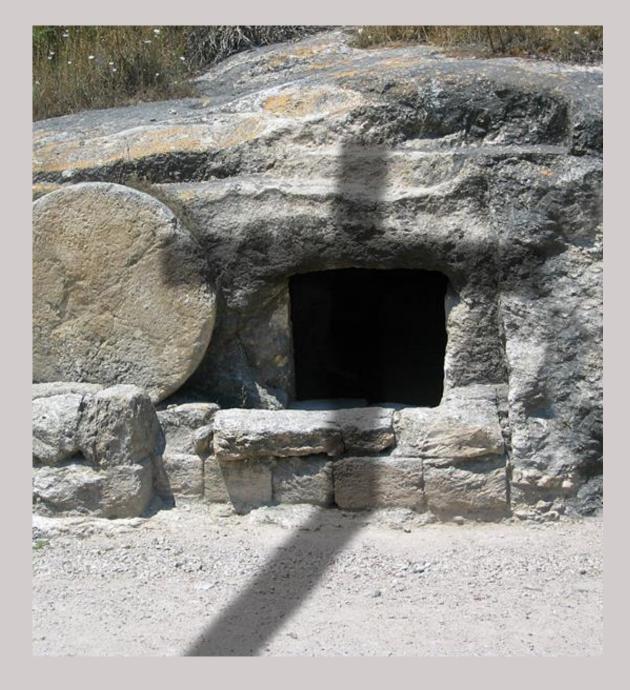
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#### Issue:

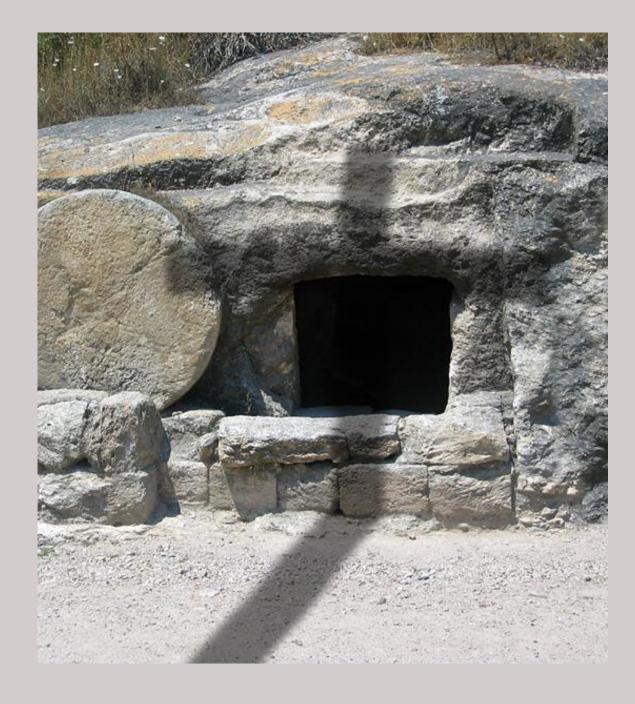
- Savior still dead.
- Cannot <u>save</u>.



#### Acts 1:1-3

"In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God." (ESV)

## II. His <u>Promise</u>.



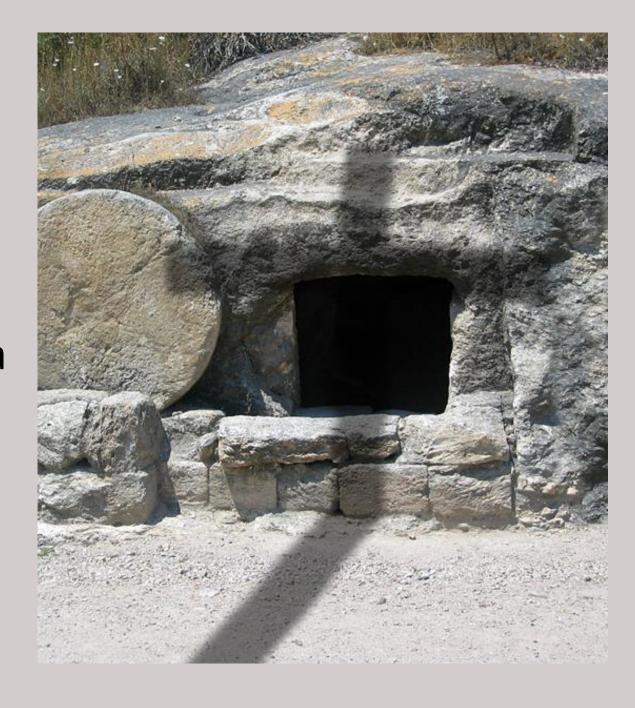
#### John 11:25 & 26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

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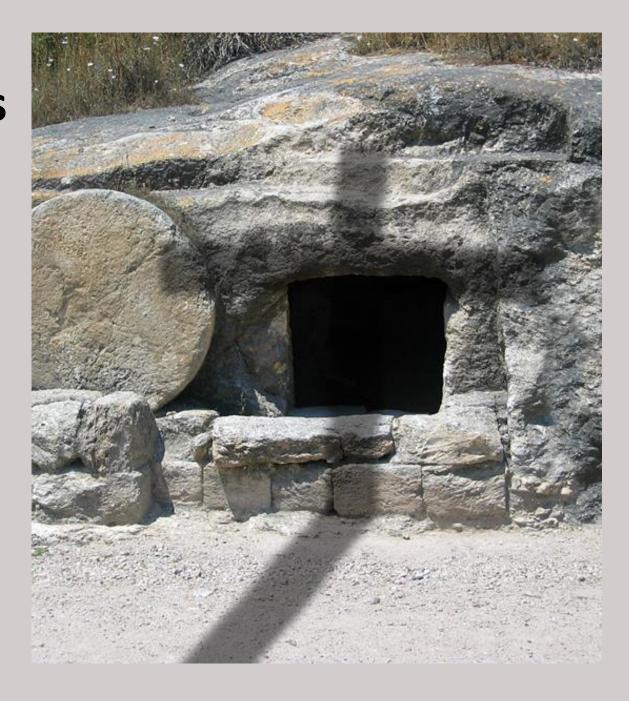
"Not telling Martha He is the answer to a resurrection, but He is the author of all resurrection."

- Chrysostom



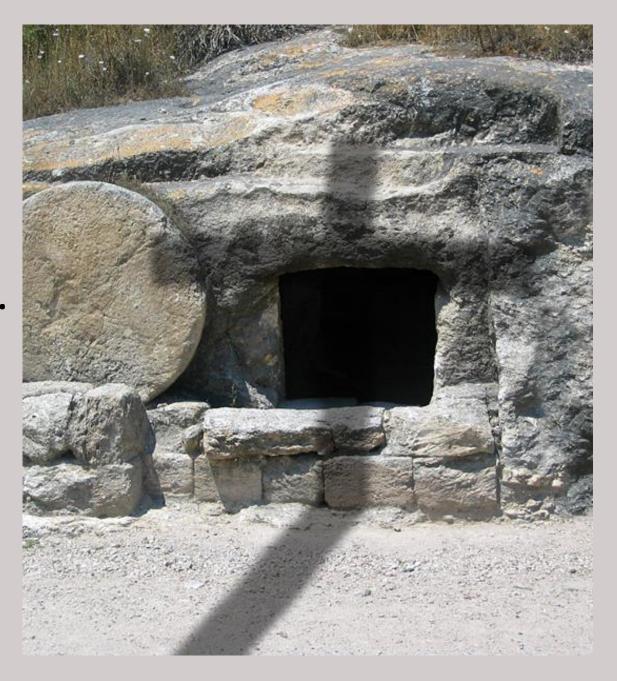
"I am that high and Holy One who, by taking man's nature upon Me, have ennobled his body, and made its resurrection possible. I am the great First Cause and Procurer of man's resurrection, the Conqueror of death, and the Savior of the body. I am the great Spring and Source of all life, and whatever life anyone has, eternal, spiritual, physical, is all owing to Me. All that are raised from the grave will be raised by Me. All that are spiritually quickened are quickened by Me. Separate from Me there is no life at all. Death came by Adam: life comes by Me." – J.C. Ryle

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#### **Romans 5:19**

For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

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"Here is a problem which needs God to solve it."

- Martin Luther

