

Luke 24:1-12

☐ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing;

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□ and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” And they remembered His words,

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and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. 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.



OR FIRSTFRUITS

WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING ON THIS DAY

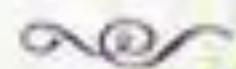
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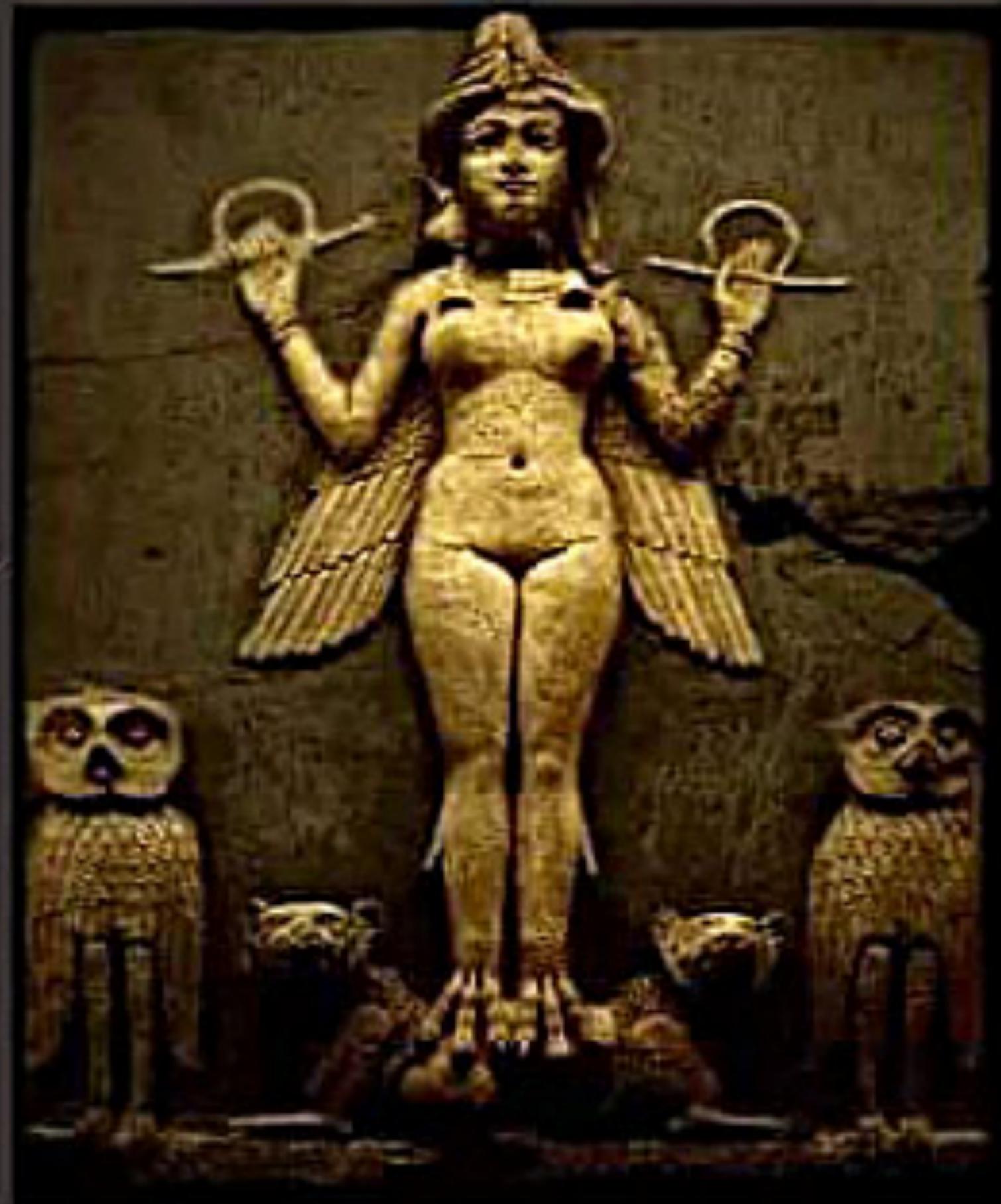




THE ORIGIN OF
EASTER



**This is
Ishtar:
Pronounced:
Easter**



Exodus 23:13 NAS

Now concerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let them be heard from your mouth.

EASTER

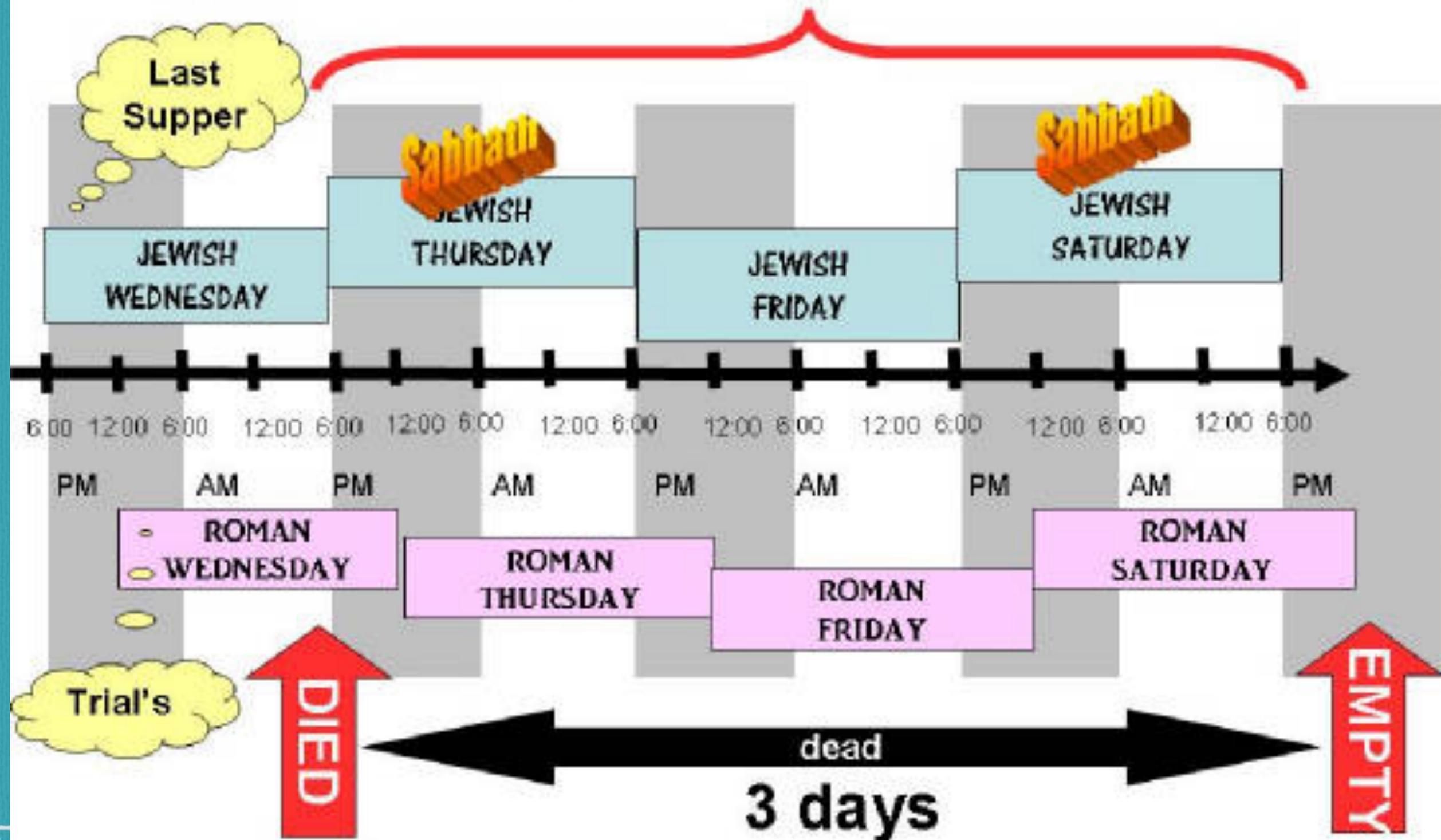
(ALSO KNOWN AS EOSTRE, OSTARA, ISHTAR, ASTARTE, ASHTORETH, SEMIRAMIS)

"BE CAREFUL TO DO EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID TO YOU. DO NOT INVOKE THE NAMES OF OTHER GODS; DO NOT LET THEM BE HEARD ON YOUR LIPS..." - EXODUS 23:13

**SO WHY HAVE WE
COMPROMISED THIS
COMMANDMENT AND
ASSOCIATED THE
NAME OF A PAGAN
GODDESS WITH THE
RESURRECTION OF
OUR MESSIAH???**



BIBLICAL THINKING OF "THREE DAYS"
is RIGHT, there are THREE!





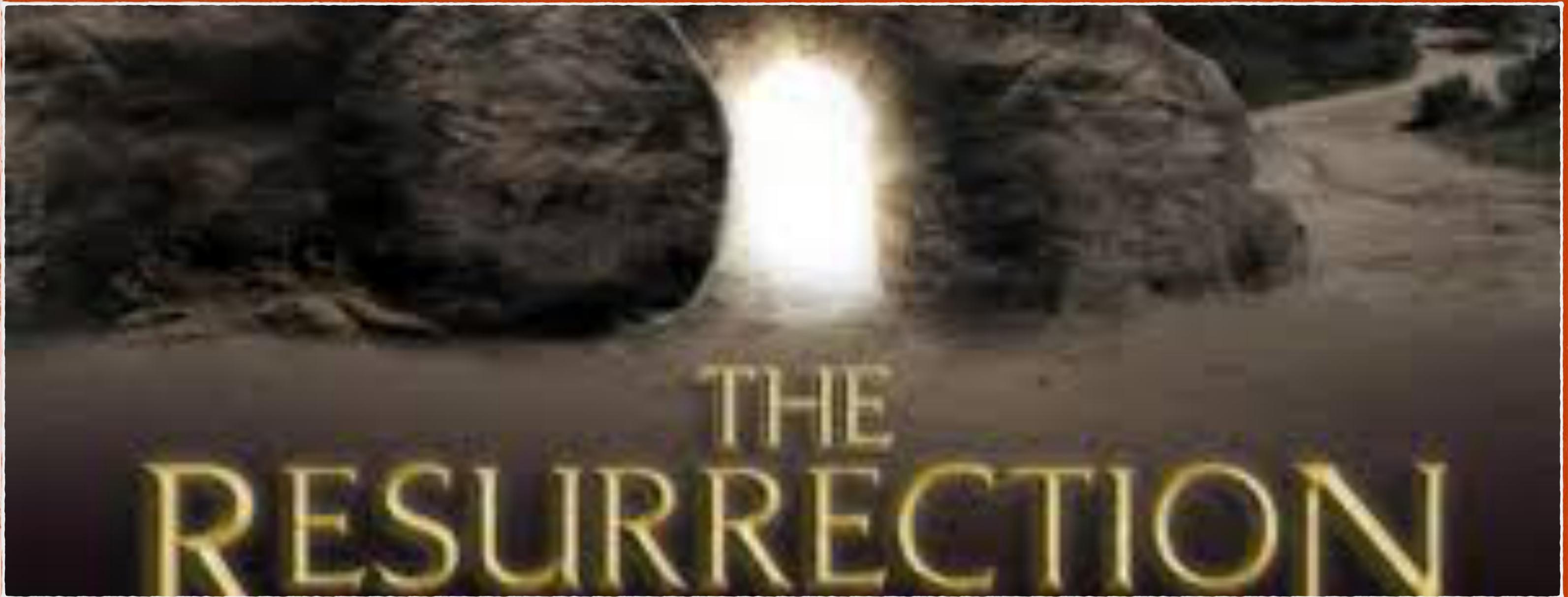
*The Feast of
Firstfruits*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.**

A painting featuring a central, glowing yellow and white orb, possibly representing a sun or a celestial body, surrounded by concentric, swirling bands of color in shades of red, orange, and brown. The overall composition is circular and evokes a sense of depth and light breaking through darkness.

But now Christ is
risen from the dead,
and has become the
firstfruits
of those who have
fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:20



**Not just an event
it is a person**

John 11:25

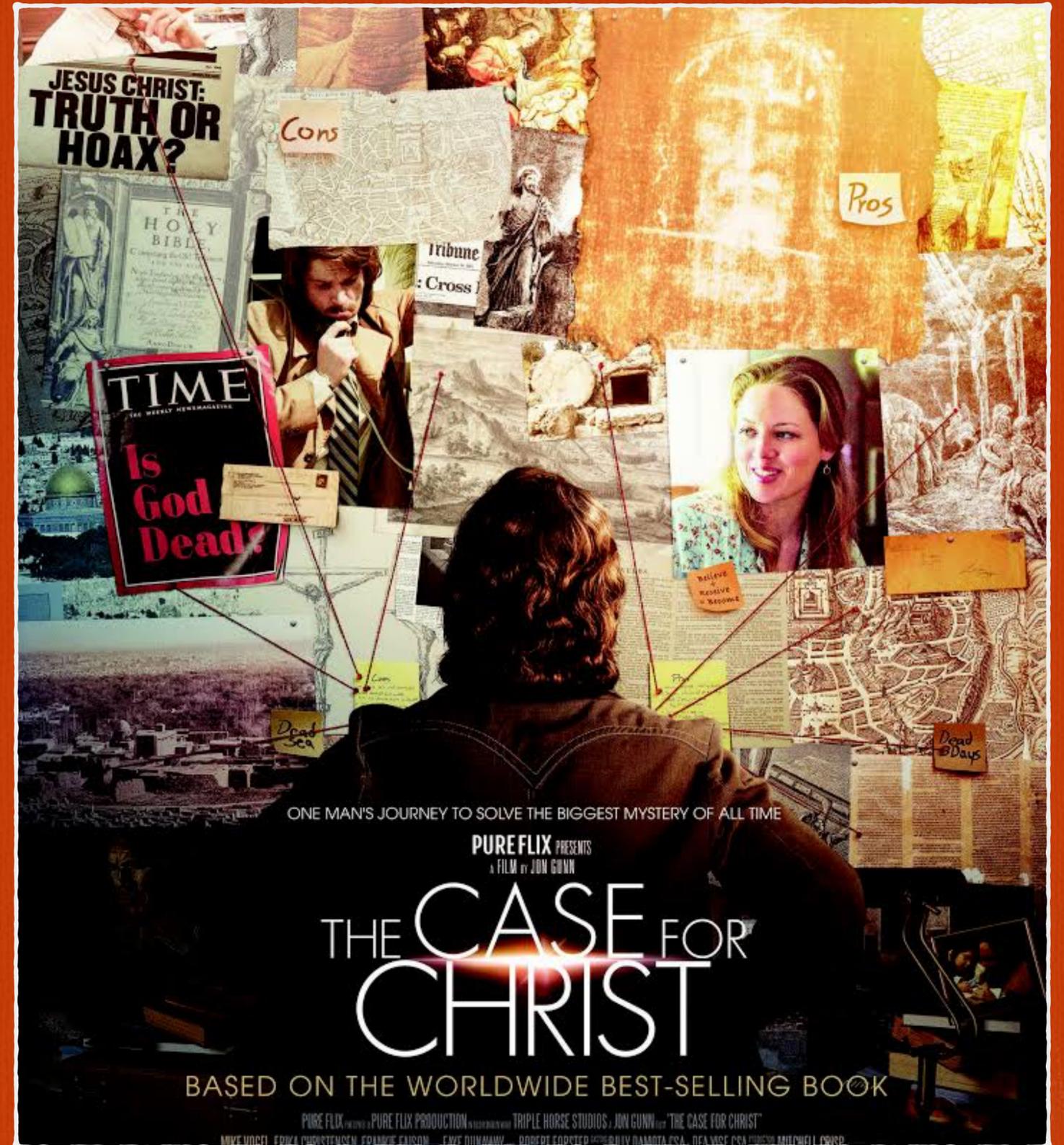
- **I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in Me will live
even if he dies**

Acts 1:1-3

- The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these **He also presented Himself alive** after His suffering, **by many convincing proofs**, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

The Case For Christ

Former Chicago Tribune
reporter Lee Stroble



EVIDENCE

FOR THE RESURRECTION

Making the Case that Jesus Rose From the Dead

The Roman Guard

Matthew 27:65-66

- You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.” And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.



The **STONE** at the **TOMB**

Matthew 27:59-60

- And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.**



The Grave Cloths

John 20:6-7

- Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.



The **EMPTY TOMB**

John 20:1-2

- Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

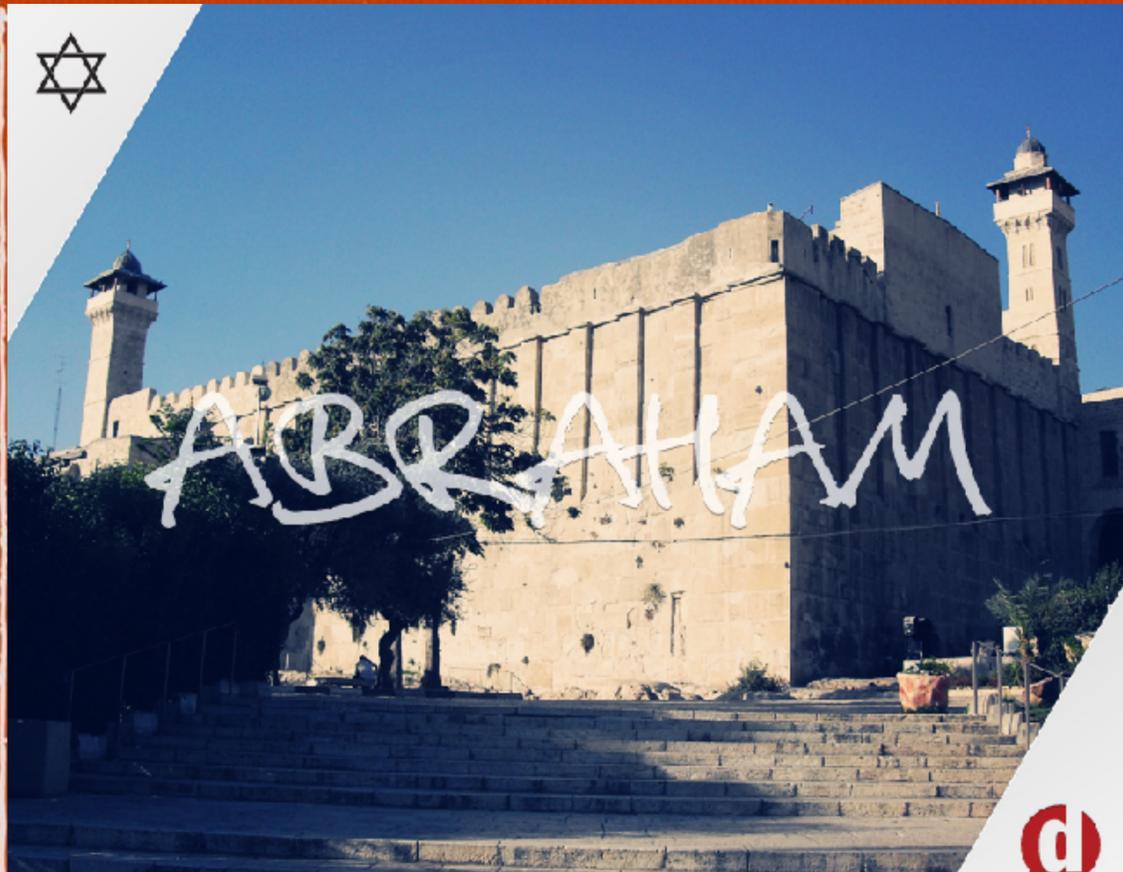


Matthew 27:51-53

- And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.**

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- But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.**



Founders of The Four Major Religions



**He is not here,
but He has risen**

Luke 24:6



Post Resurrection

Appearances

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

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1 Corinthians 15:3-8

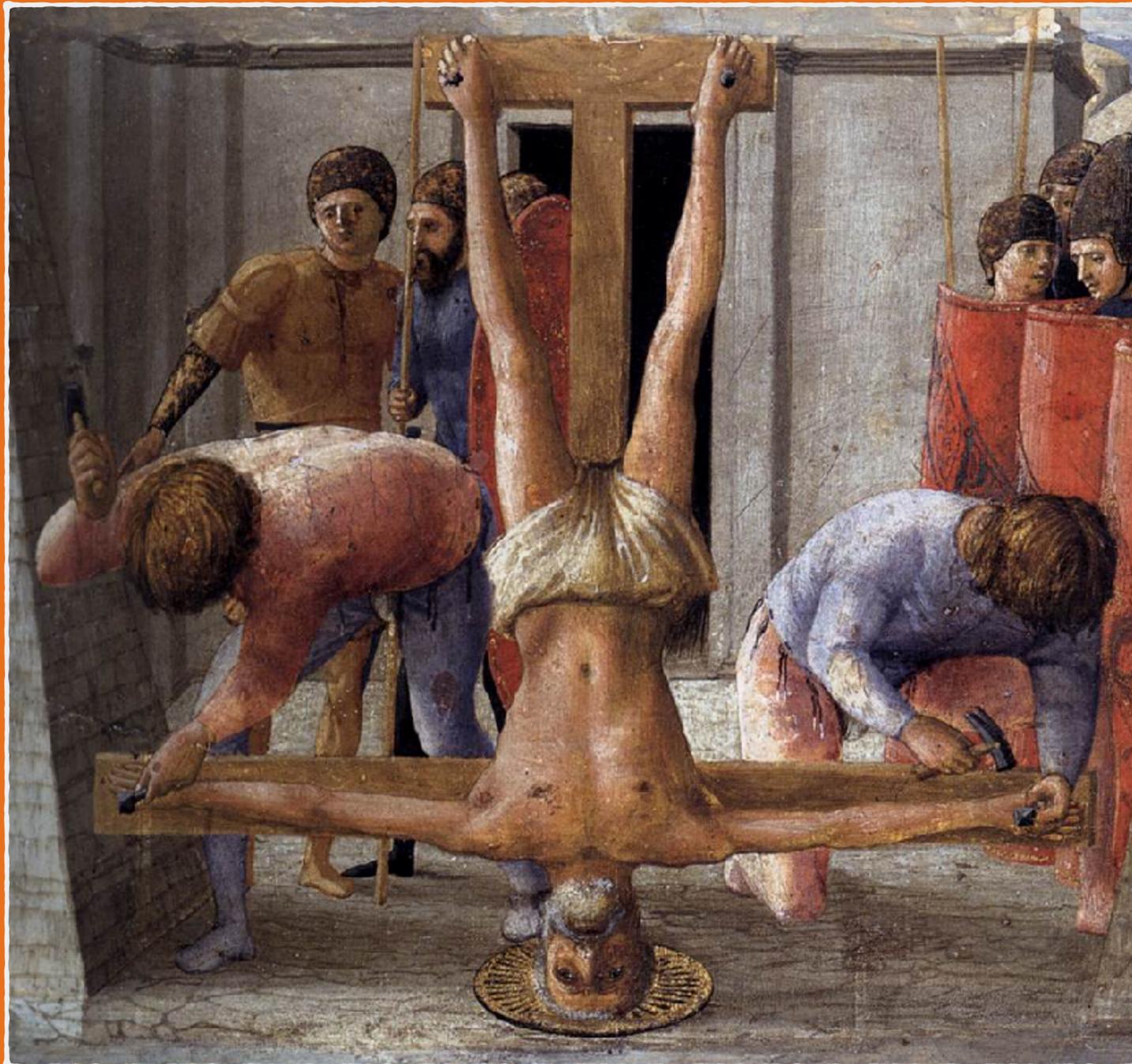
- For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that **he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.**

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

- After that, he appeared to **more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters** at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **Then he appeared to James**, then to **all the apostles**, and last of all **he appeared to me also**, as to one abnormally born.

the Radical Change In The Disciples

Luke 22:56-57



- And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, “This man was with Him too.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know Him.”



**The Resurrection of Jesus is the
Core of our Christian Faith**