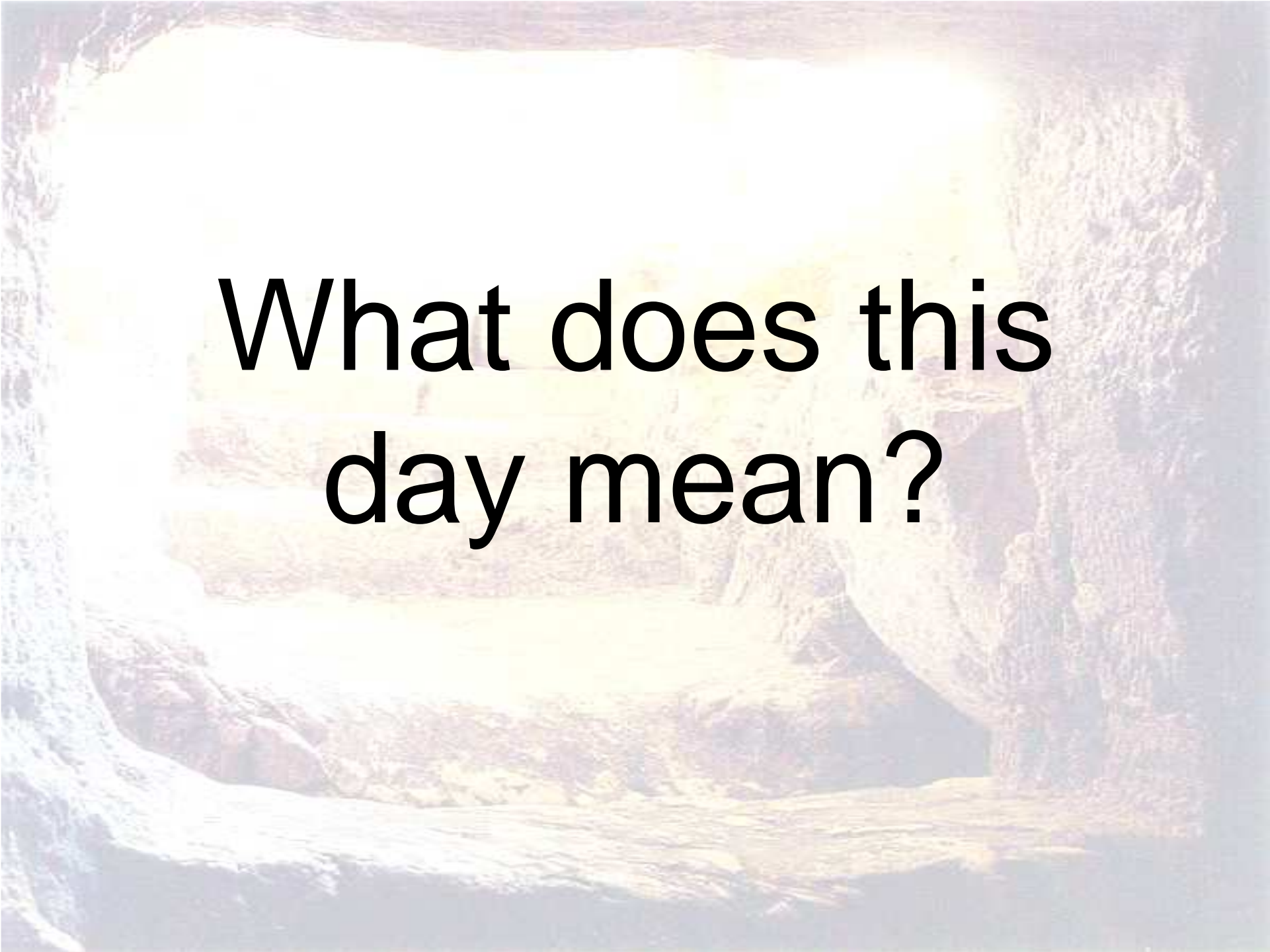
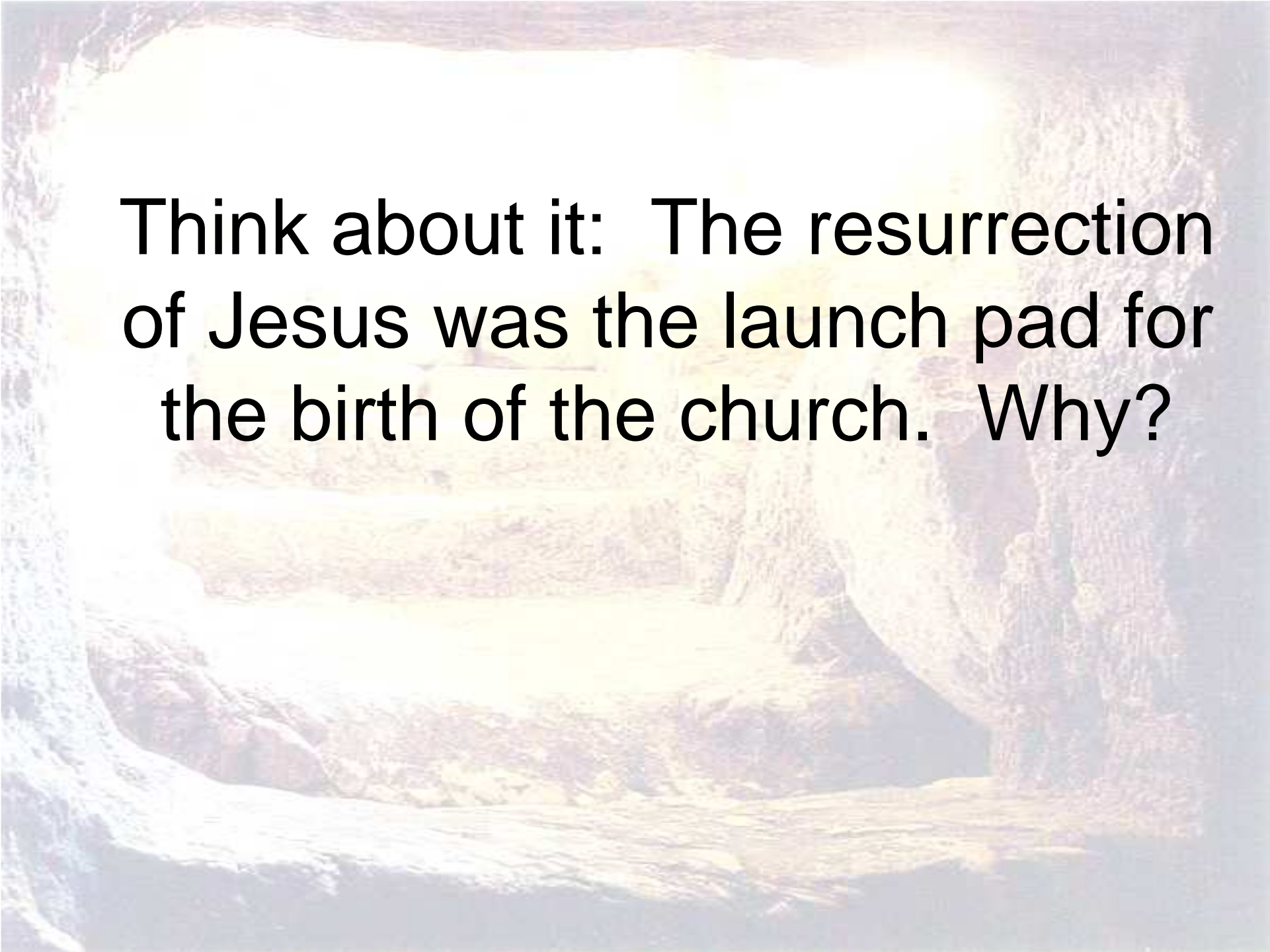




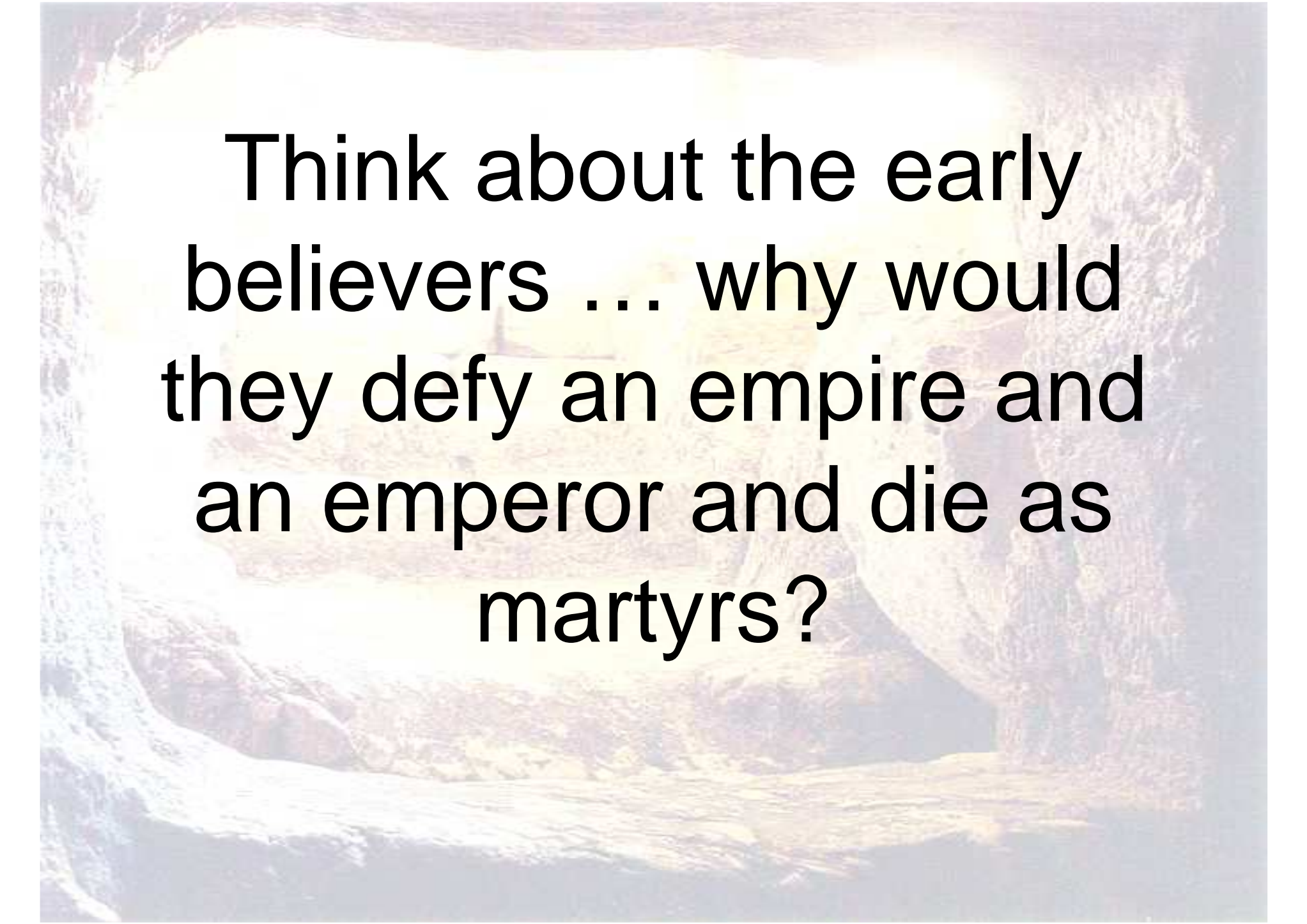
This Changes Everything



**What does this
day mean?**



Think about it: The resurrection of Jesus was the launch pad for the birth of the church. Why?



Think about the early
believers ... why would
they defy an empire and
an emperor and die as
martyrs?



So why?

1. **Living Lord**: They believed Jesus had emerged from that tomb as King of Kings and Lord of Lords - the one to whom their entire allegiance was due.



So why?

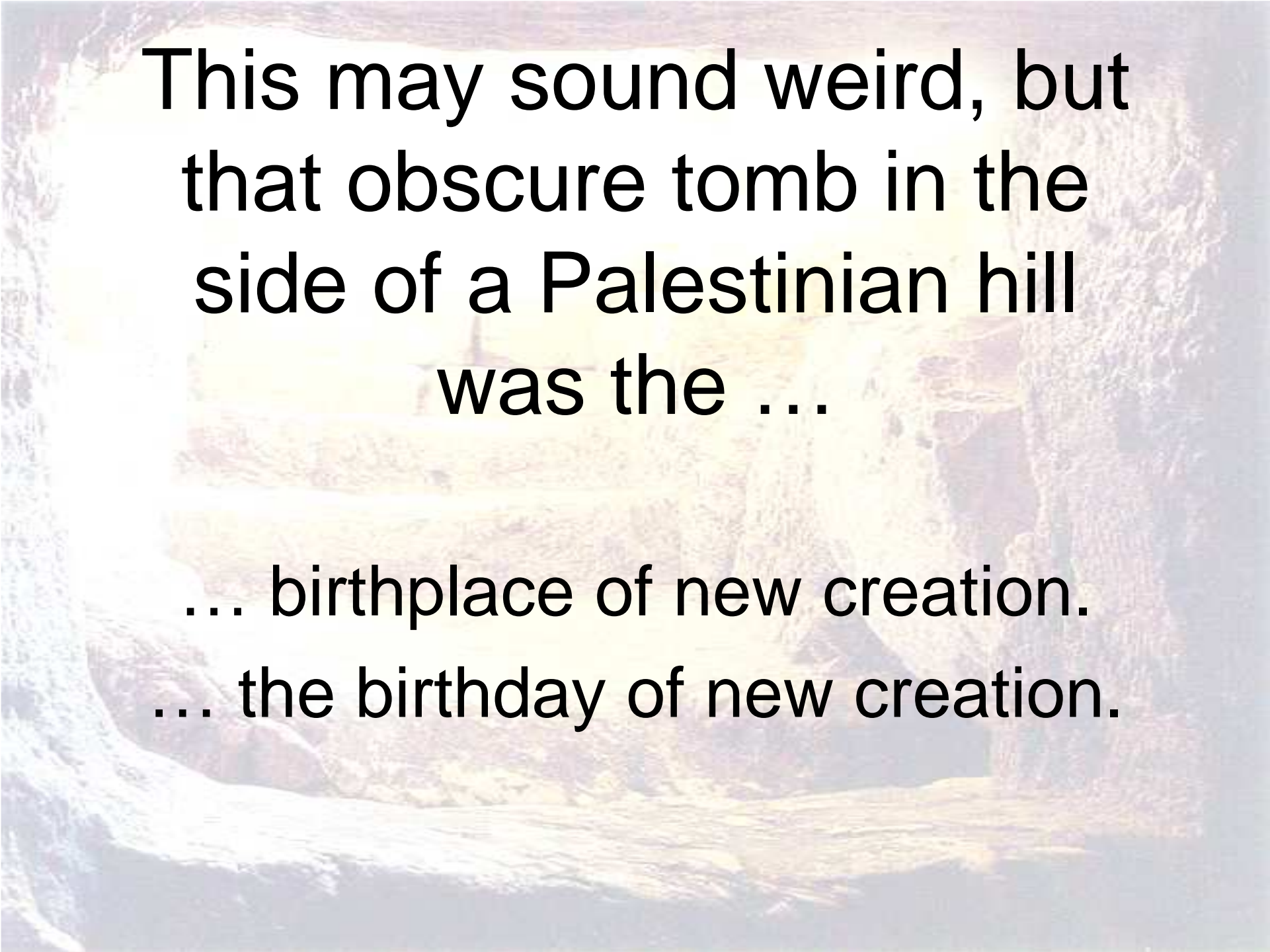
2. **Christus Victor**: They believed that Jesus had literally defeated sin and death?



So why?

3. **Firstborn of Creation:**

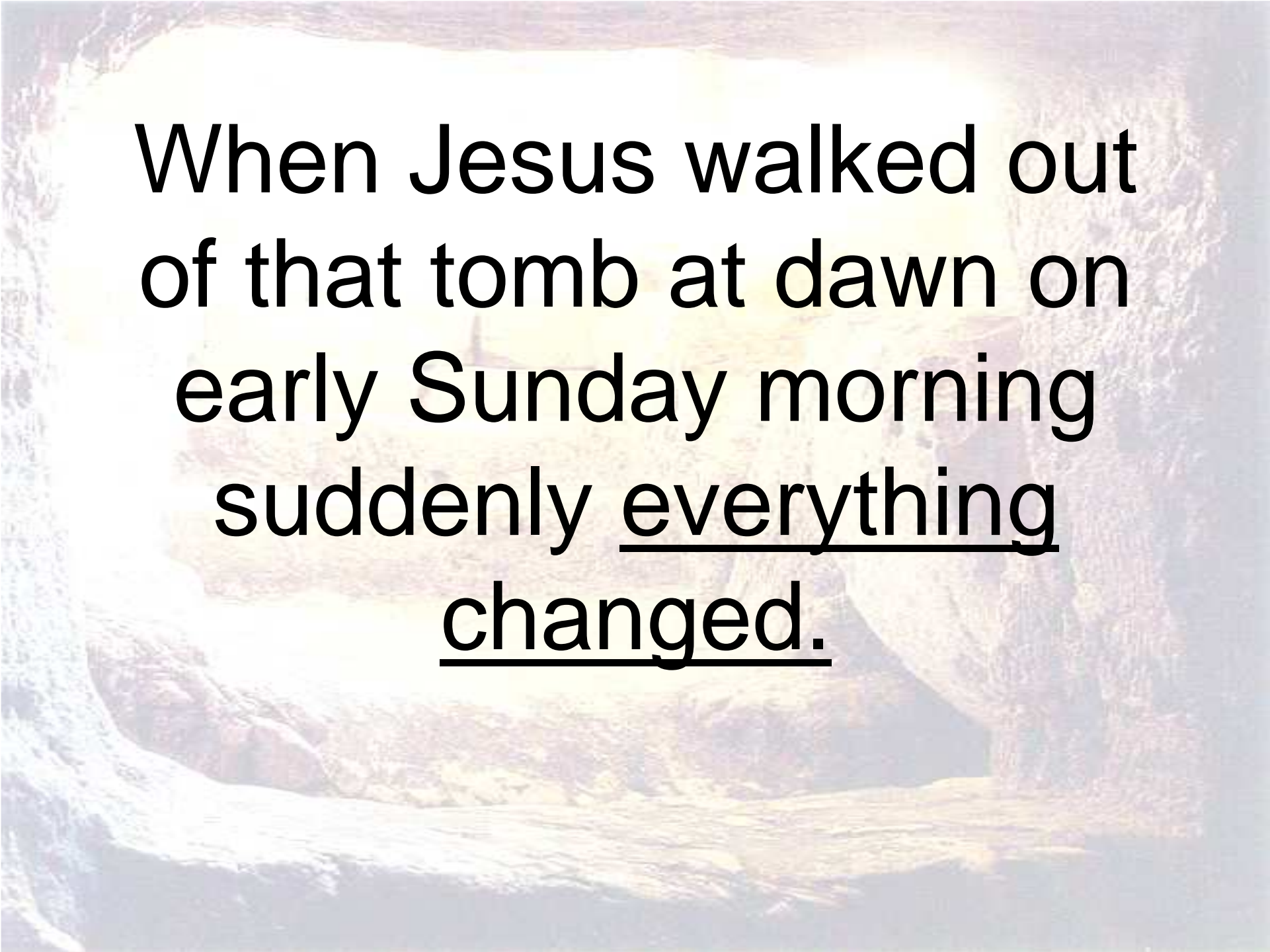
They believed the Risen Lord was God's declaration that the curse of sin and death had been undone and entirely new sort of LIFE had begun.



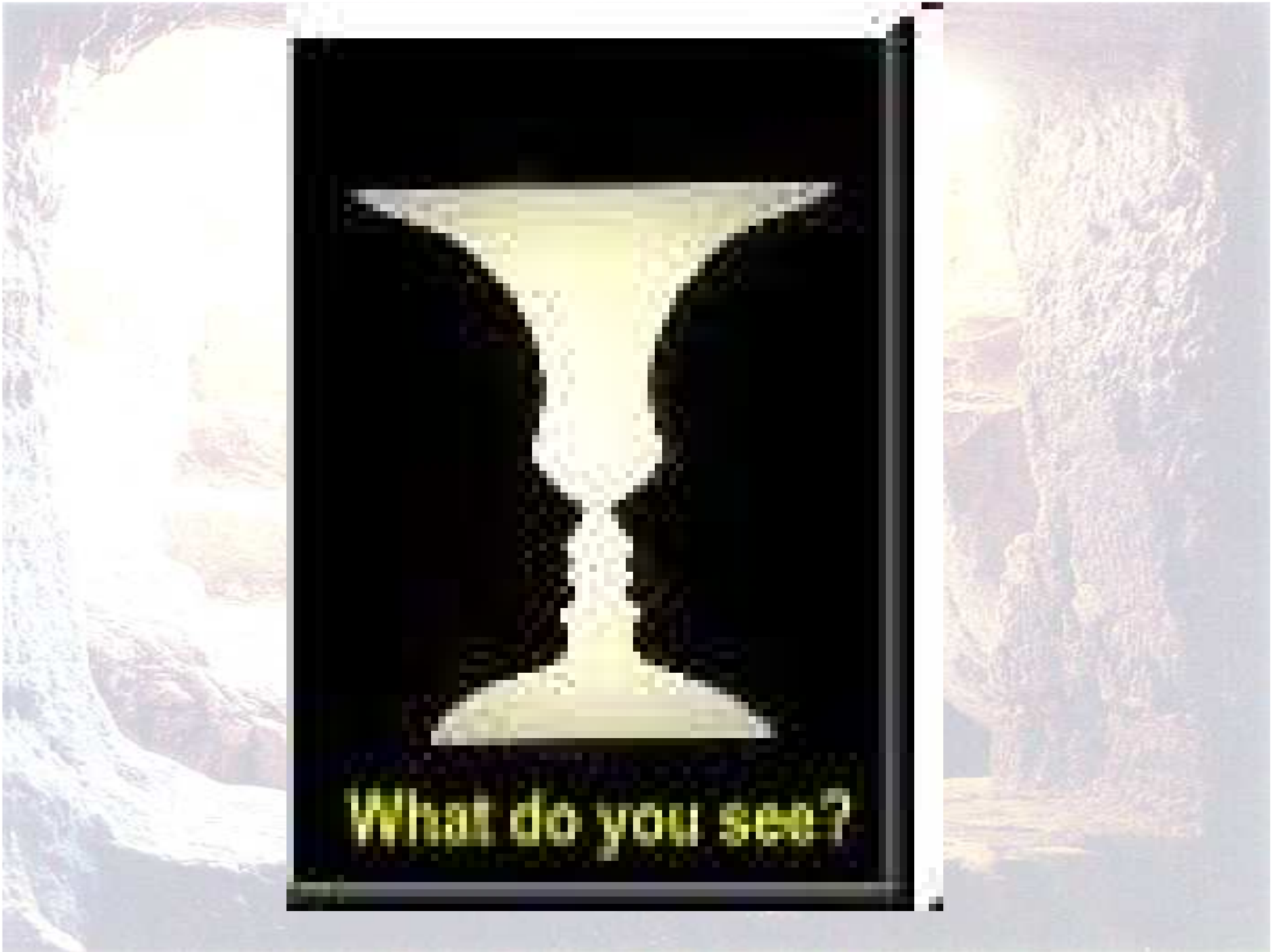
This may sound weird, but
that obscure tomb in the
side of a Palestinian hill
was the ...

... birthplace of new creation.

... the birthday of new creation.



When Jesus walked out
of that tomb at dawn on
early Sunday morning
suddenly everything
changed.



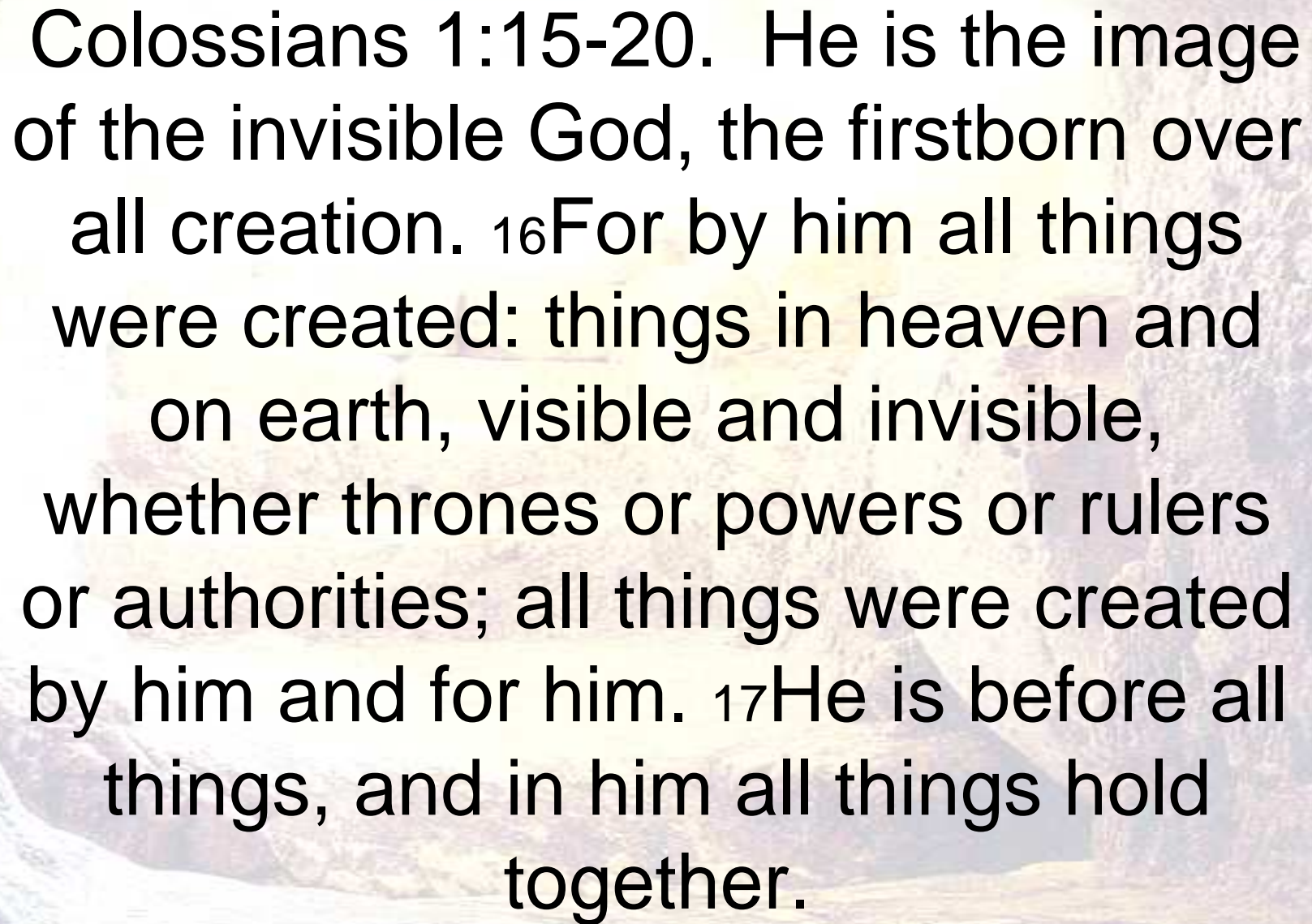




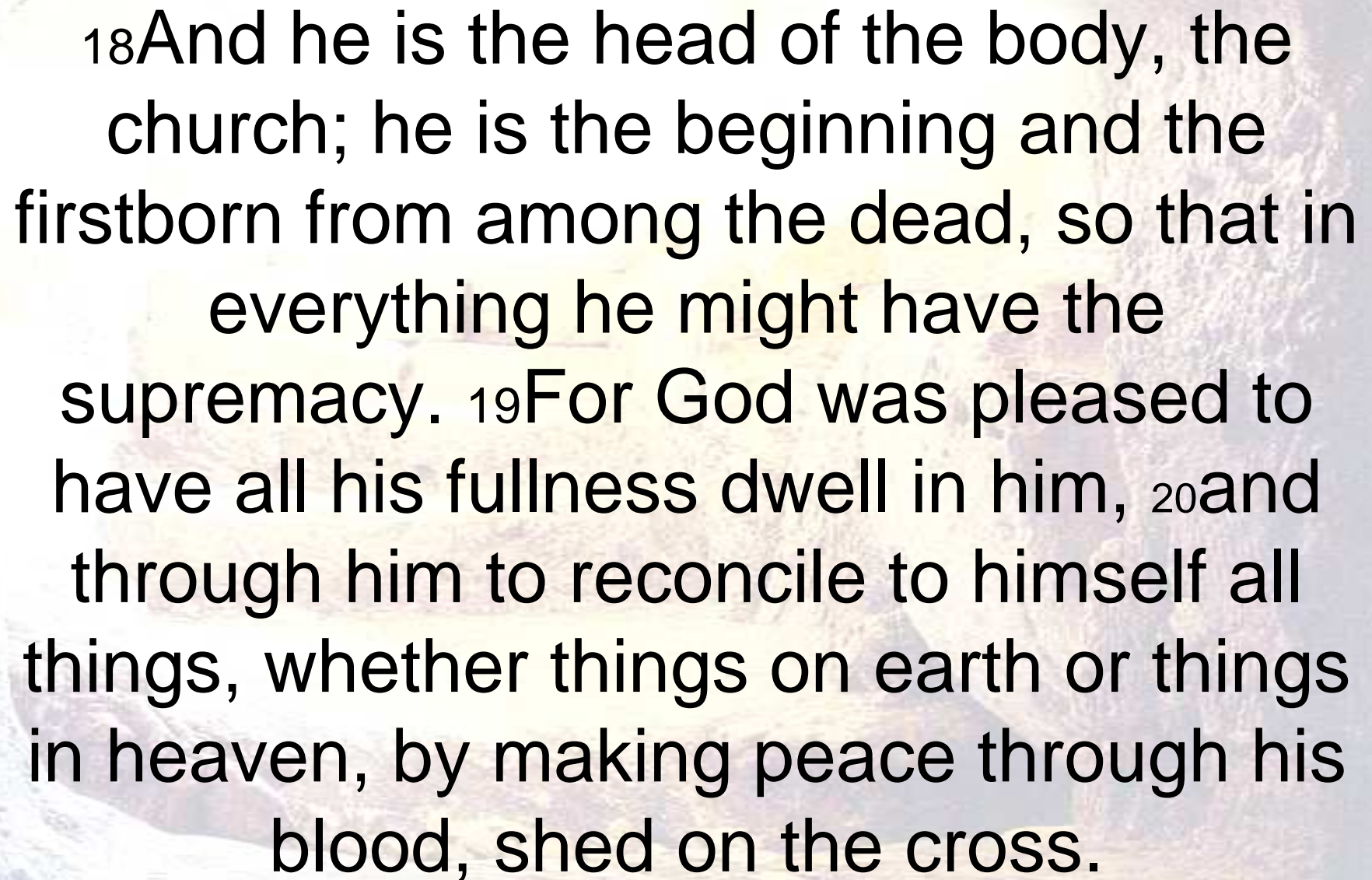
What changed?

Radical Creation

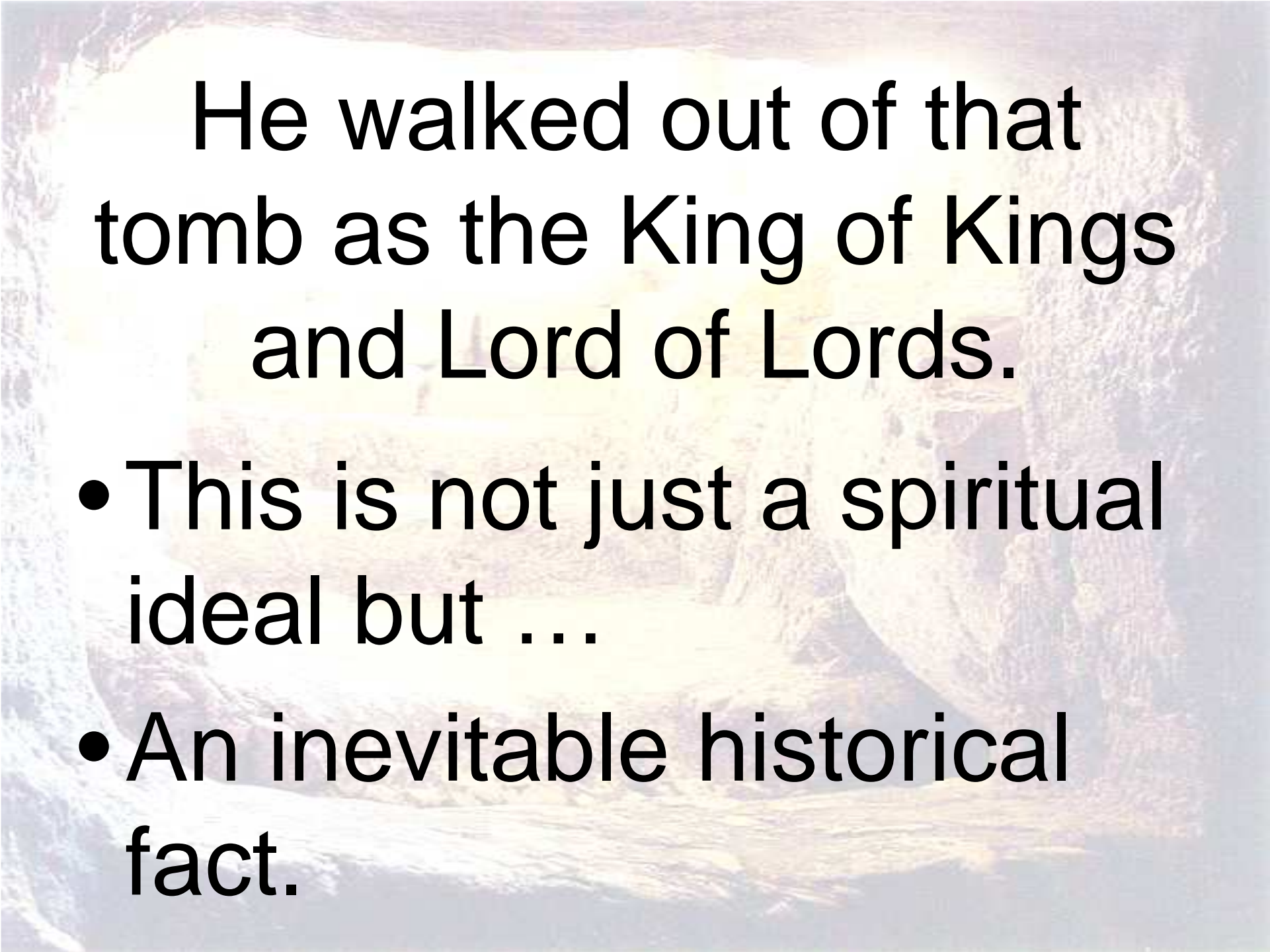
Remix: Everything
refocused around Him.



Colossians 1:15-20. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

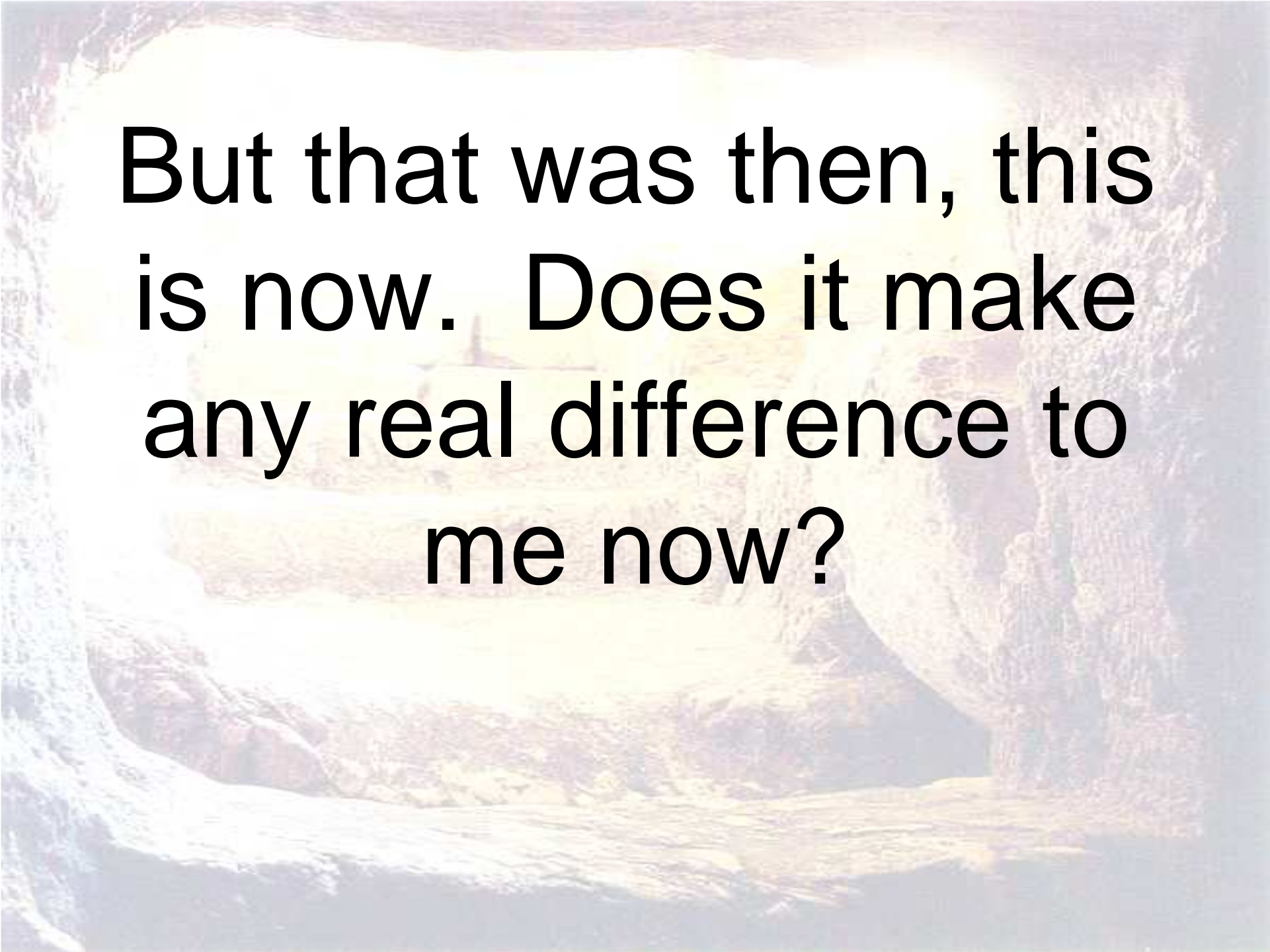


18And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.



He walked out of that tomb as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

- This is not just a spiritual ideal but ...
- An inevitable historical fact.



But that was then, this
is now. Does it make
any real difference to
me now?



Yes!

But do you get it?

GOD LOVES YOU!



Jesus came to give you LIFE!

- “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16



But so many different voices ...

- Yet hear the One Voice



To give a gift is one thing ...

... To receive a gift is
another.

The Desperately Seeking God

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."
Luke 15:20



In Oscar Wilde's play, *Salome*, King Herod rages that Jesus is raising the dead and he doesn't like it!



“I do not wish him to do that,” says Herod. “I forbid him to do that. I allow no man to raise the dead. This man must be found and told that I forbid him to raise the dead.”



But here's the real crunch.

“Where is this man?” demands Herod. “He is in every place my lord,” replies the courtier. “But it is hard to find him.”



So where is Jesus buried?

- **STUBBORN FACT:**
Jesus Christ – Risen Lord
- Will you receive him?



