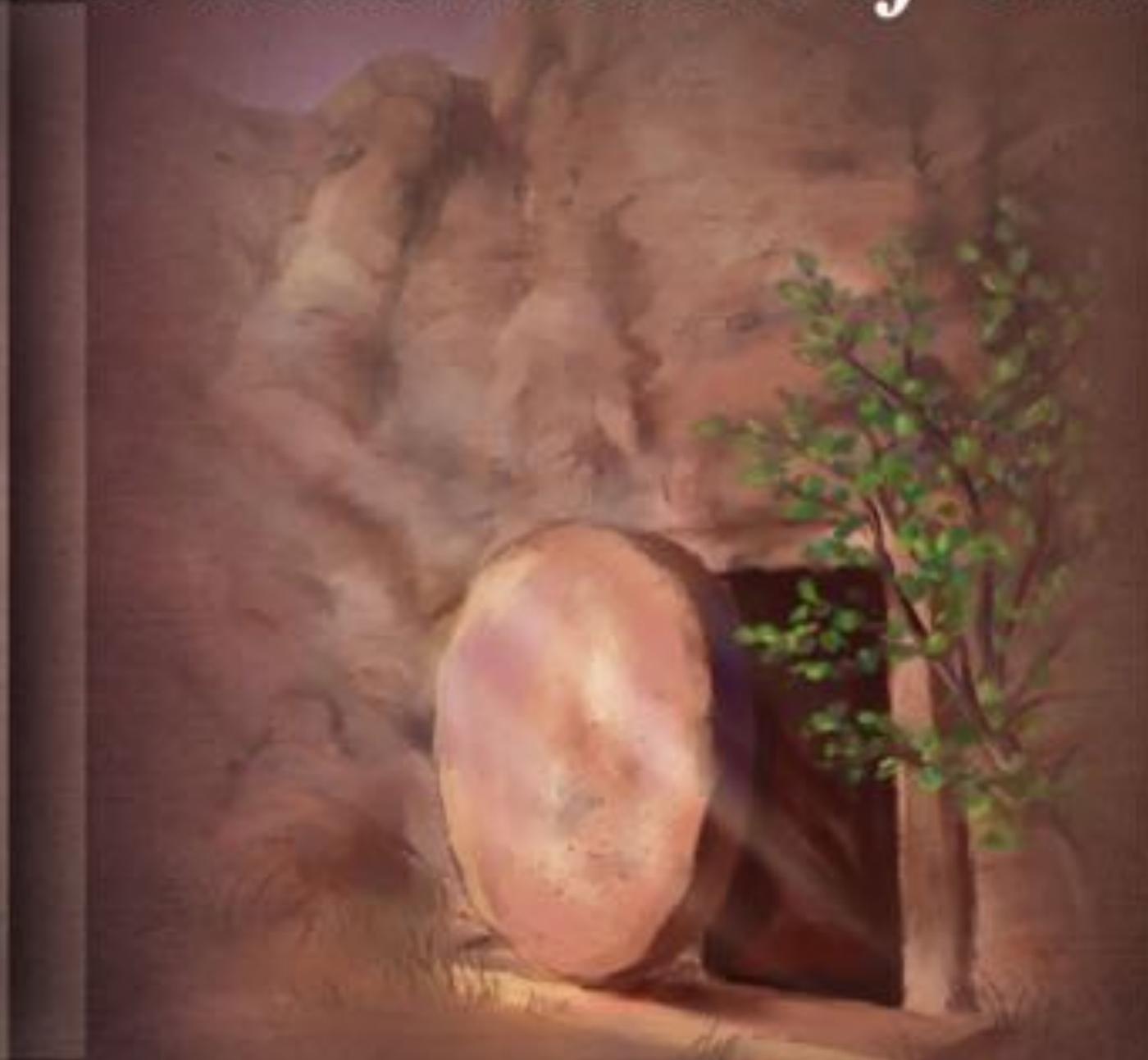


# *The Resurrection of Christ*



*The Divine Demonstration of the Faith!*

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*What about the Probability?*

*What about the Miracles?*



## *Adversaries Admit the Miracles!*

**John 9:16** – Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, "*This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.*" But others were saying, "*How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?*" And there was a division among them.

**John 11:47-48** – Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "*What are we doing? For this*

## *Adversaries Admit the Miracles!*

*man is performing many signs? 48 If we let Him go on like this, all will believe in Him and the Romans will come and take away our nation.”*

**Acts 4:15-16** – But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they began to confer with one another, 16 saying, “*What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place*

## *Adversaries Admit the Miracles!*

*through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.”*



# What Is A Miracle?

*“A deed or an act in a realm impossible to forces ordinarily working in that realm.”*

## **Christ's first miracle at Cana!**

### **Super-Natural Realm:**

- 1. Six water-pots of water**
- 2. Instantly: Best wine**

### **Natural Realm:**

- 1. Grow the Grapes**
- 2. Extract the Juice**
- 3. Allow to ferment**

**Super-Natural Law**

**Natural  
Law**



I'm from Above  
I'm not of this World

**John 8:23-24**

**“...When you have lifted up  
the Son of Man, then ye shall  
know that I am *He*...” v. 28**

**You're from beneath  
You're of this world**

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, *if* you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I received, that *Christ died for our sins* according to the Scriptures, **4** and that *He was buried*, and that *He was raised* on the third day

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

according to the Scriptures, **5** and that *He appeared* to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that *He appeared* to more than *five hundred* brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **7** then *He appeared* to James, then to all the apostles; **8** and last of all, as to one untimely born, *He appeared* to me also. **9** For I am the *least* of the apostles and *not fit* to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.



## *If There Be No Resurrection...*

**1. Christ has not been raised;** and if Christ has not be raised (13), then

**2. our preaching is vain, 3. your**

**faith also is vain.** Moreover **4. we are**

**even found to be false witnesses of God,**

because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised! (v. 15) *Your faith is worthless;*

**5. you are still in your sins** (v. 17). Then

**6. those also who have fallen asleep in**



## *If There Be No Resurrection...*

*Christ have perished* (v. 18). If we have hoped in Christ in this life only,

*7. we are of all men most to be*

*pitied* (v. 19). **8.** Otherwise, what will those do

*who are baptized for the dead?* (v. 29) If the

dead are not raised at all, why then are they

baptized "for" [Gk. *huper*, 'in the place of' ] them?



## *If There Be No Resurrection...*

**1 Cor. 15:31-32** – I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, *I die daily*. **32** If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised...

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**In Jeopardy Every Hour!**

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**9. Why are we also in danger every hour?**

If the dead are not raised, **10. LET US EAT**

***AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE***

***DIE*** (v. 32b)



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*The Divine Demonstration*  
*of the Faith*

**Thesis:** Assuming that Christ died and was buried, is there really any evidence that establishes the *FACT* of the resurrection of Christ from the dead?

A painting of a tomb with a rolled-away stone and a small tree. The scene is set in a dark, cavernous space. A large, smooth, light-colored stone is rolled away from the entrance of a tomb. To the left of the tomb, a small, green tree with a brown trunk stands in a wooden planter. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a rocky interior. The overall mood is somber and quiet.

## *The Character of the Tomb*

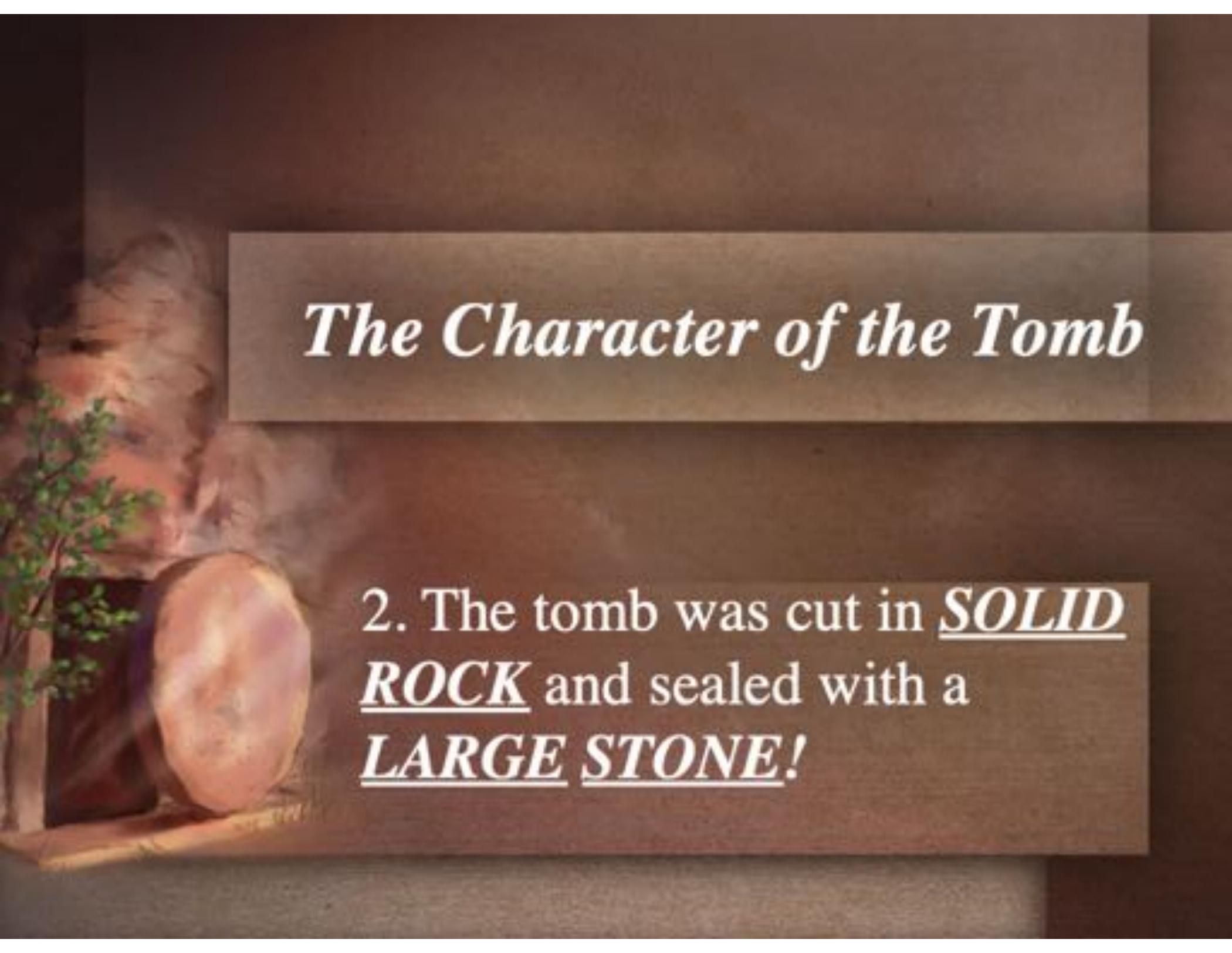
1. Christ was buried in a **NEW** tomb – **Luke 23:53; John 19:41**

**Luke 23:53** – And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain. NASU

**John 19:41** Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

## ***CONCLUSION!***

***No error could be made  
by seeing the bones of  
former dead.***

A painting of a tomb entrance. A large, smooth, reddish-brown stone is rolled away from the entrance. The scene is dimly lit, with a small tree on the left and a figure in the background.

## *The Character of the Tomb*

2. The tomb was cut in **SOLID**  
**ROCK** and sealed with a  
**LARGE STONE!**

**Matthew 27:59-60** And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, **60** 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. NASU

**Mark 15:46; 16:4b** Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb...**16:4b** Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.

# *Conclusions!*

- 1. No other entrance to the tomb*
- 2. Jesus would have been powerless by human strength to emerge. And, if three women could not roll the stone away from the outside, Jesus, in His weakened condition, could not have done so.*



## *The Character of the Tomb*

**3.** A most careful survey was made of the contents of the tomb – **Luke 24:12; John 20:7**

**Luke 24:12** 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.

**John 20:6-7, 11** – “And so Simon Peter also came,...and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself... **11** But Mary... saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.”

# *Conclusion!*

*The eye-witnesses made a careful survey of the tomb and were able to testify about what they saw – the linen clothes in one place and the napkin in another.*





## *The Problem of Jesus' Body*

(1) The disciples **COULD NOT** steal the body of Jesus and dispose of it successfully; (2) The Jews **WOULD NOT**; and (3) the Romans **DARED NOT** – Matthew 27:62-66; 28:12-14.

**Matthew 27:62-66** Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, **63** and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, '*After three days I am to rise again.*'" **64** "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first." **65** Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go, make it as secure as

you know how." **66** And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

**Matthew 28:12-14** – And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, **13** and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' **14** "And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble."

# *Conclusion!*

It took a large sum of money and the promise of the intervention of the entire Jewish leadership to get the soldiers to say that the body of Jesus was stolen – *while they slept!*





## *NOTE:*

The Roman government was *not* in a state of degradation in enforcing its laws as the Modernists suggest. The Philippian jailer and Cornelius demonstrate this fact – **Acts 16:27; 10:1.**

The Roman guard probably numbered from fifteen to sixty men. There were thousands of hostile Jews in Jerusalem at this time. Jerusalem covered only about 300 acres. The streets were narrow; the buildings were crowded. Where



**NOTE:**

would anyone hide the body? There were **250,000** natives of Jerusalem, and, according to Josephus, **three million** were there for the Passover feast.



## *Testimony of the Witnesses*

The body of Christ had been branded and marked on the cross so there could be no case for mistaken identity – **Luke 24:39 (Emmaus)**

**Luke 24:39** " See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."



## *His Other Appearances*

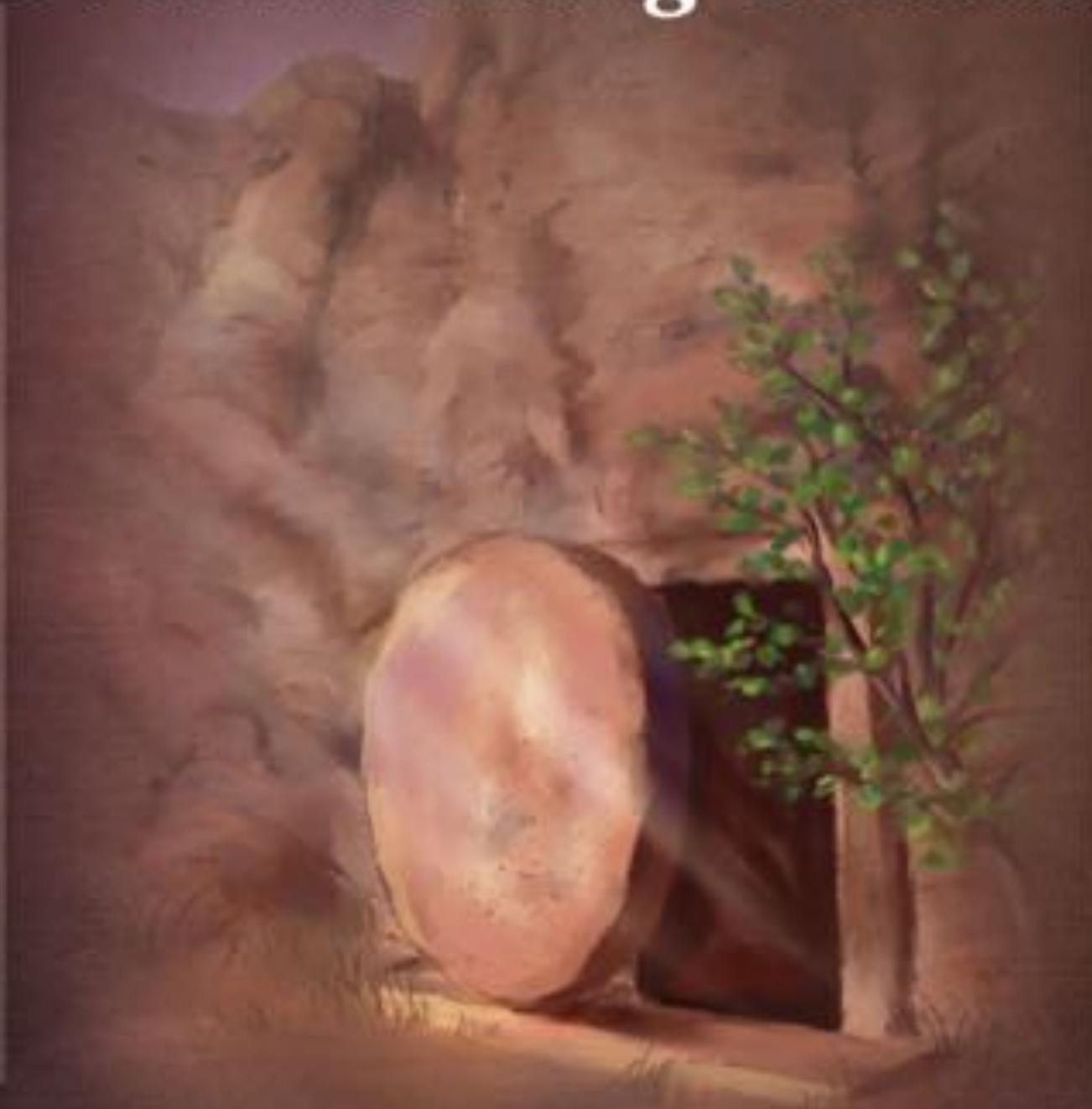
- 1. Mary Magdalene – Mark 16:9**
- 2. Two on the road to Emmaus – Mark 16:12**
- 3. To the eleven whom He rebuked for their unbelief – Mark 16:14**
- 4. A special appearance to Thomas – John 20:26**



## *His Other Appearances*

5. A third time to the disciples – **John 21:1-14**
6. To five hundred brethren at once (most of whom were still alive to verify) – **1 Cor. 15:6**
7. To James (probably the Lord's brother) and last of all to Paul himself – **1 Cor. 15:7-8**
8. Paul on the Damascus Road

# *The Overwhelming Conclusion!*



When one considers: (1) the character of the tomb – a new tomb hewn out of solid rock with a great stone rolled against it; (2) the improbability that the body of Jesus could have been stolen successfully by anybody; (3) the number of guards at the tomb and the vast number of people in Jerusalem at this time; (4) His many appearances to eye witnesses who were still alive to testify; the evidences therefore is overwhelming that Jesus of Nazareth came forth from the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

Also, since it is mathematically improbable that Jesus of Nazareth could have gotten His mother, His disciples, the apostles, His bitterest enemies, and all others involved in His life, to act together exactly as they did, in the right way, at the right time, and for the exact purpose of confirming the fact that He is the Christ; and since it is improbable that one man, by himself, single-handedly, could perpetrate a universal mass deception without a single mistake, and have the weight of the entire Old Testament history behind His every action, the overwhelming evidence lead any reasonable

and honest man to the inescapable conclusion, that

*Surely, Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God who  
was resurrected from  
the dead!*

