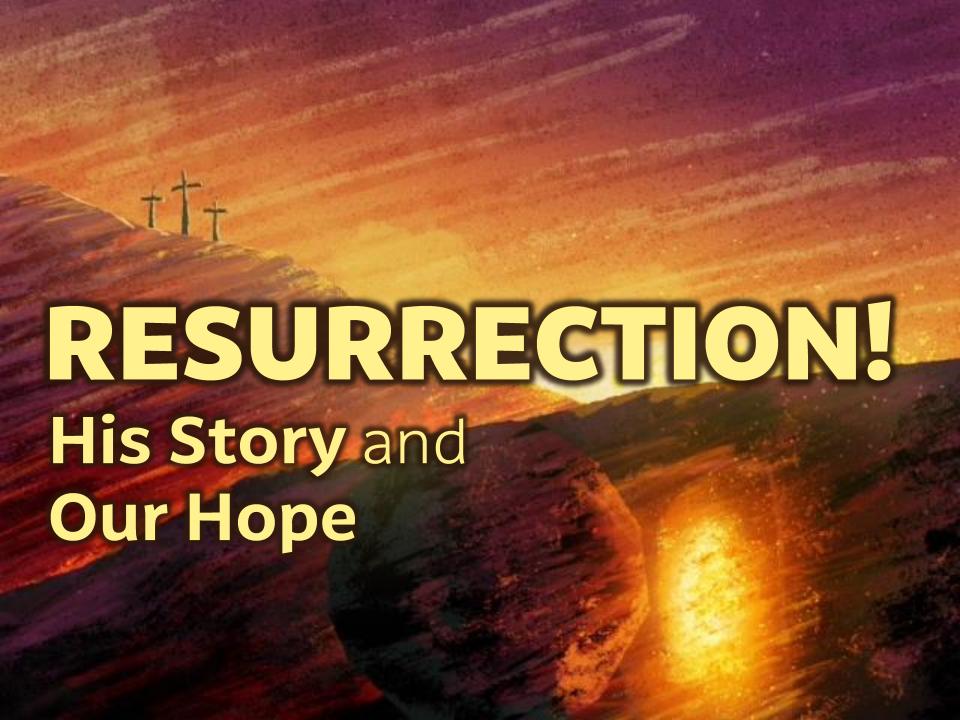
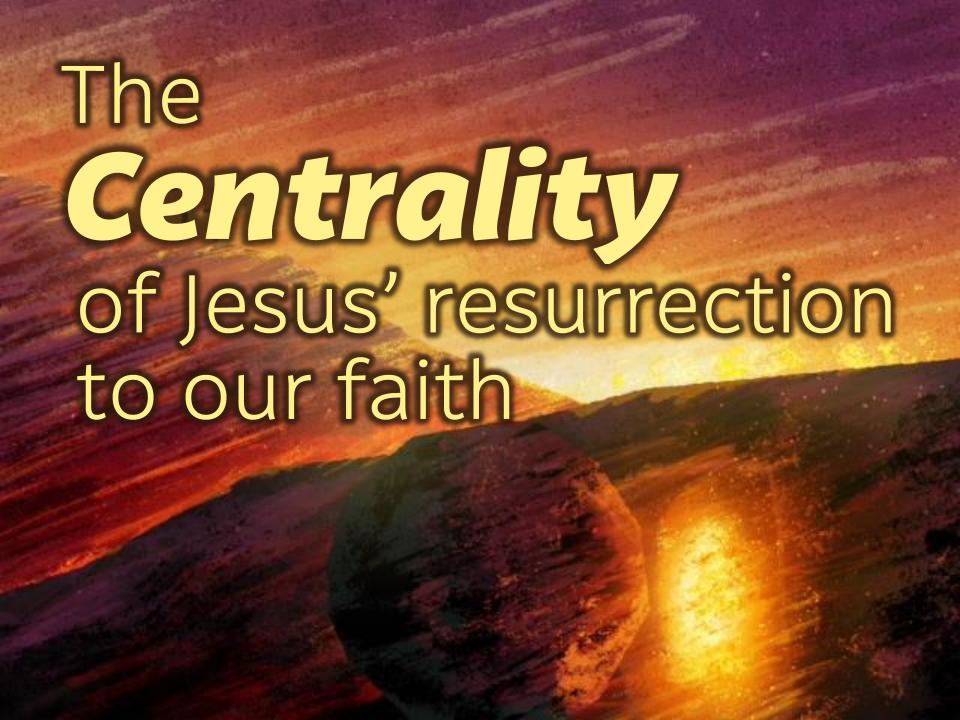
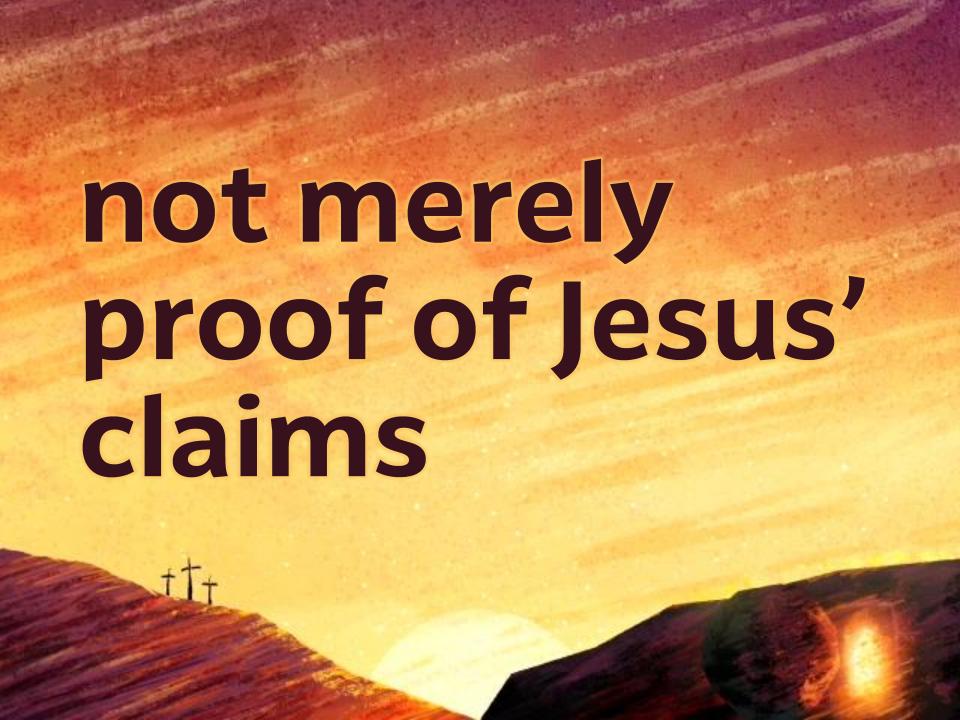
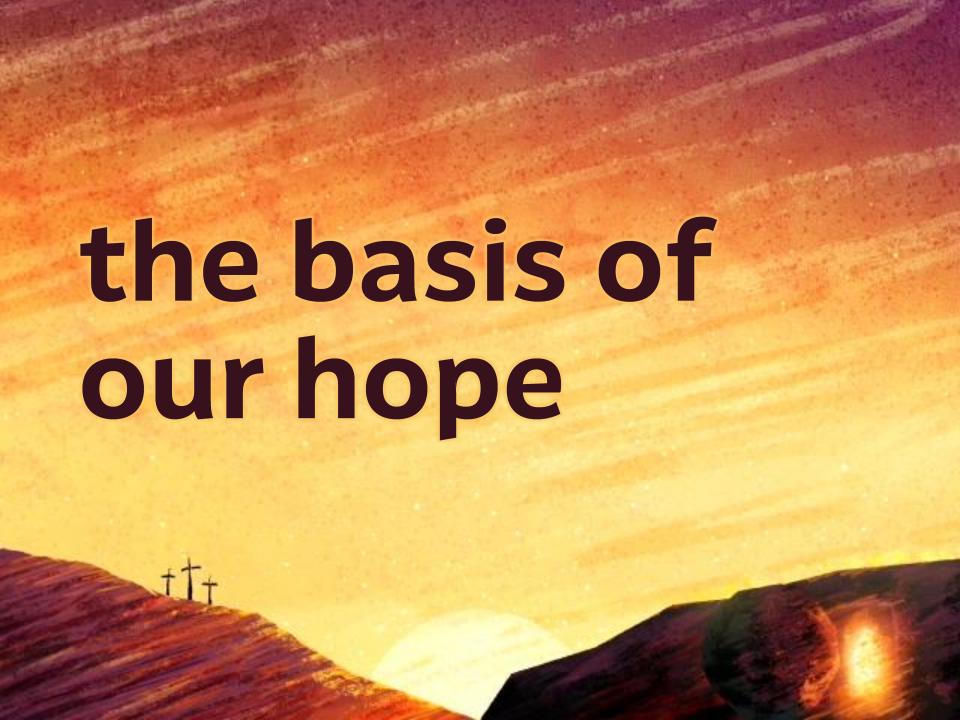
Heaven, Hell and the **Christian Hope**











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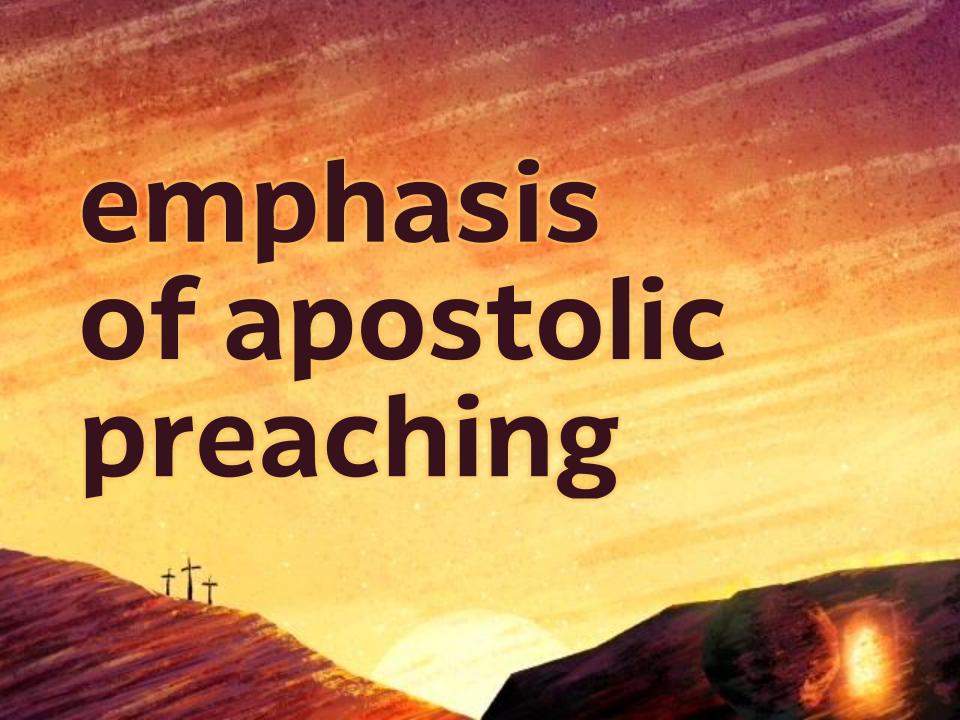


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who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.





this Jesus...you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **God raised him up,** loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

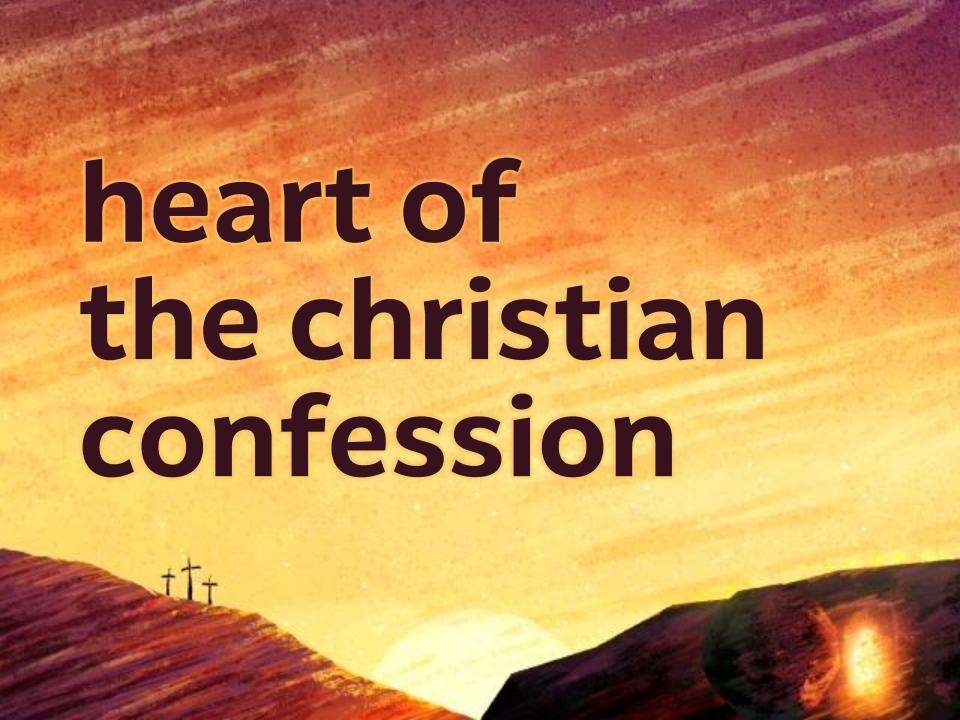


he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses...



And with great power the apostles were giving their **testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,** and great grace was upon them all.





if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?



But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

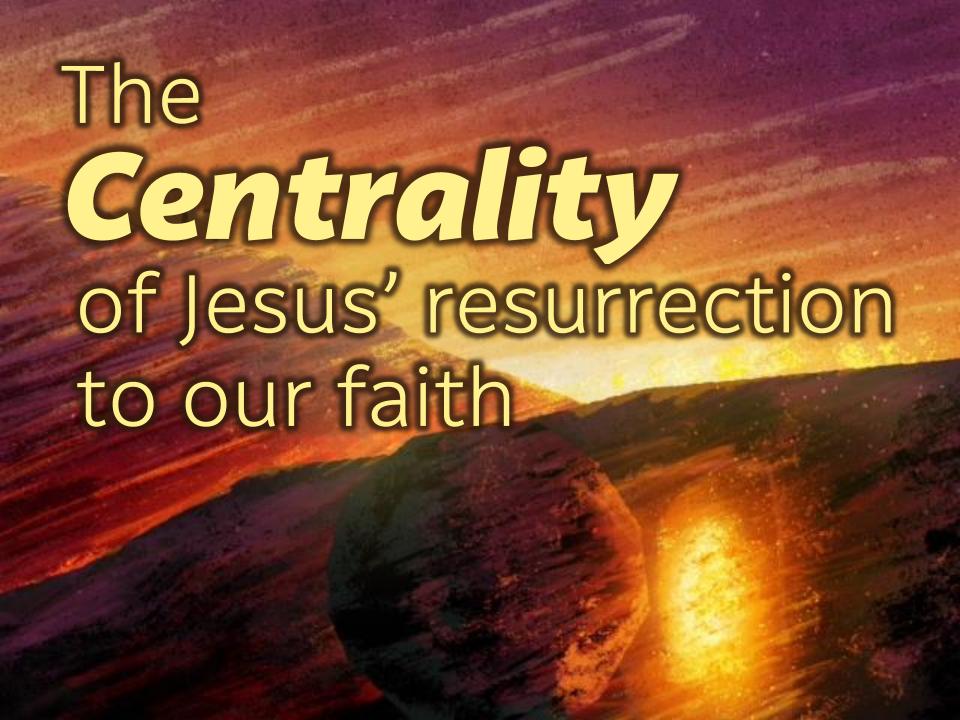


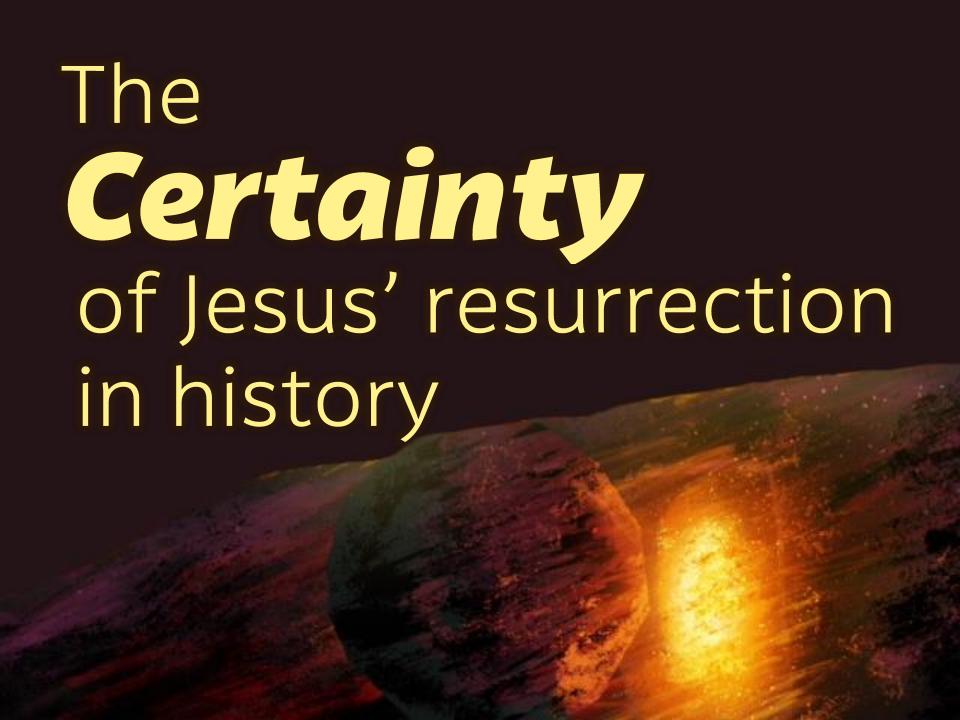
We are even found to be **misrepresenting God,** because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.



And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.







Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.



For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,



and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.



Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.



Common objection:

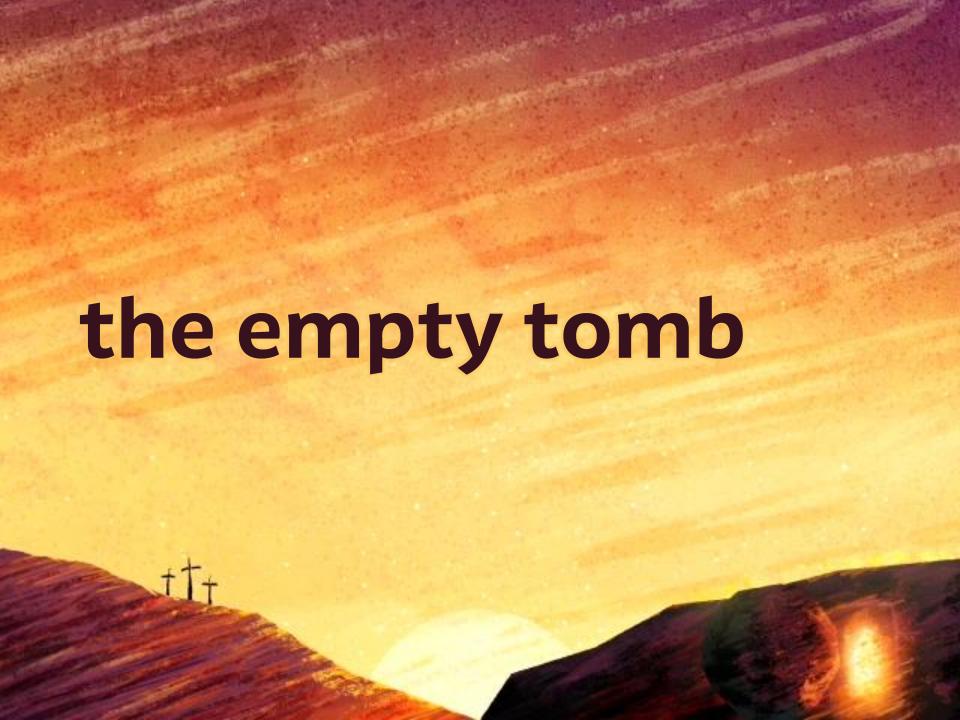
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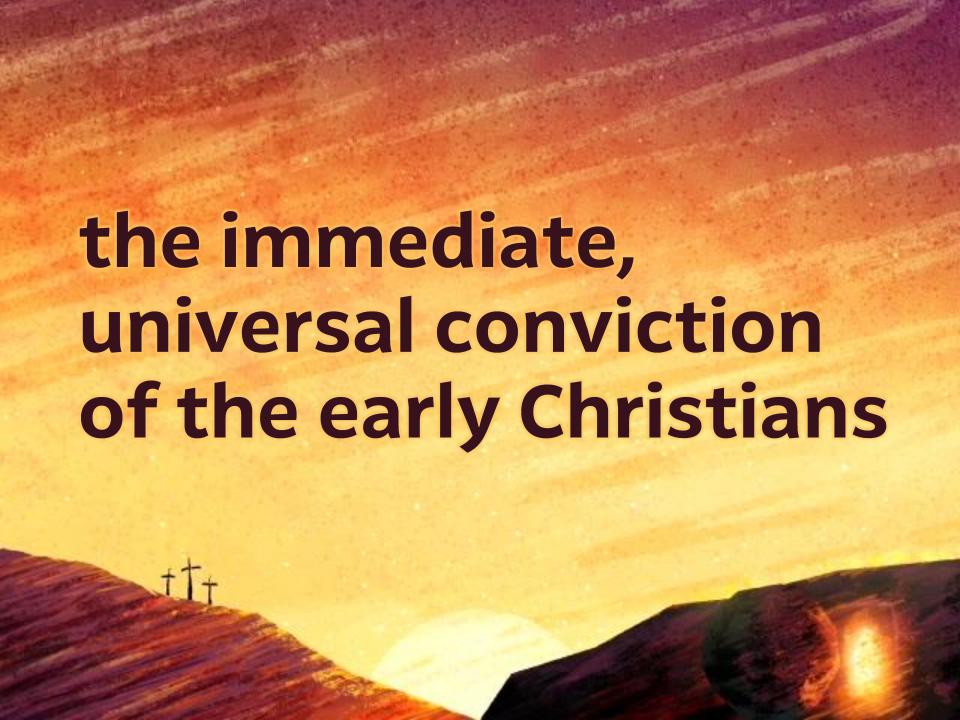
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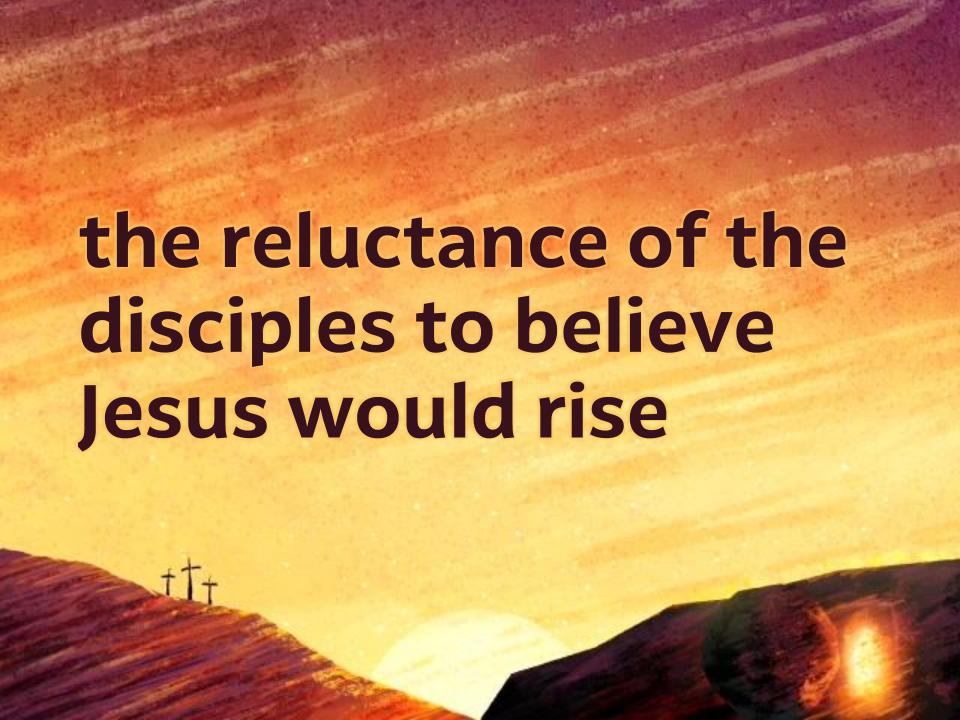


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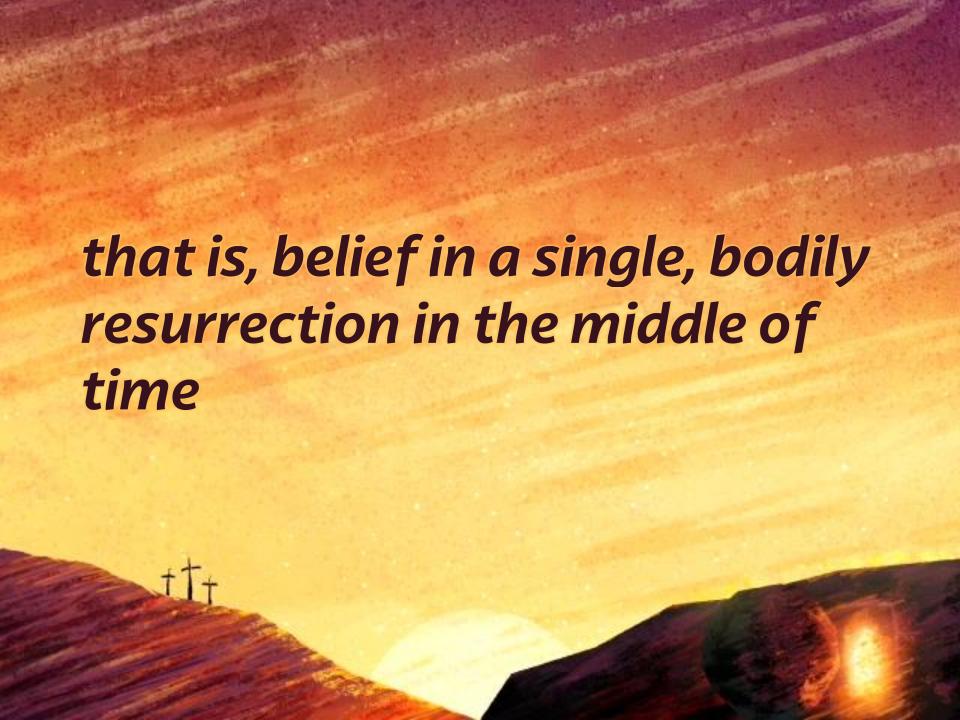


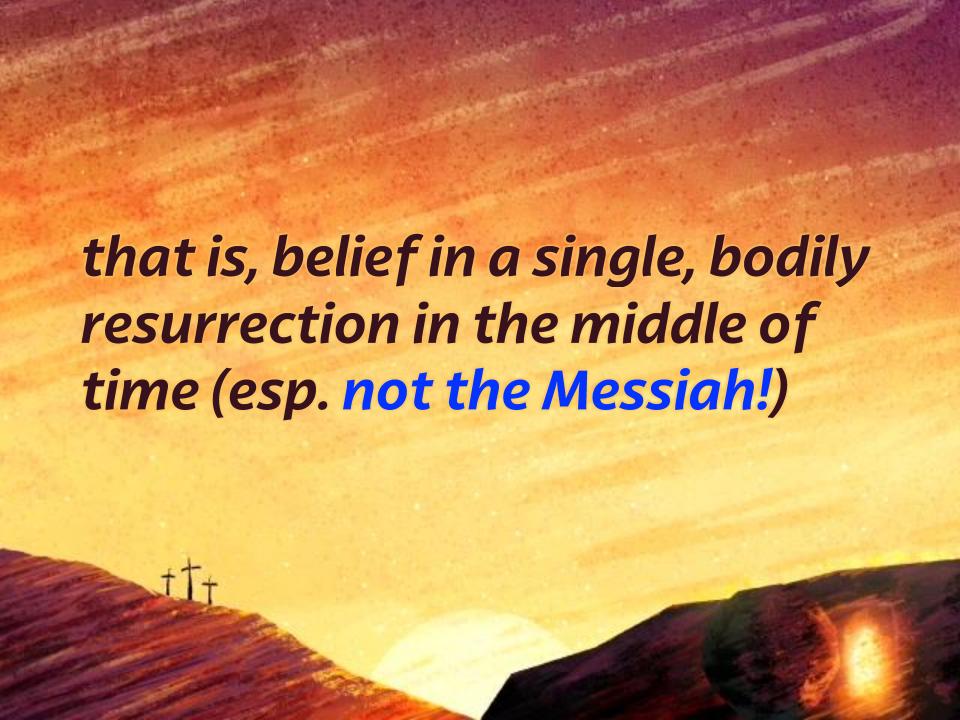


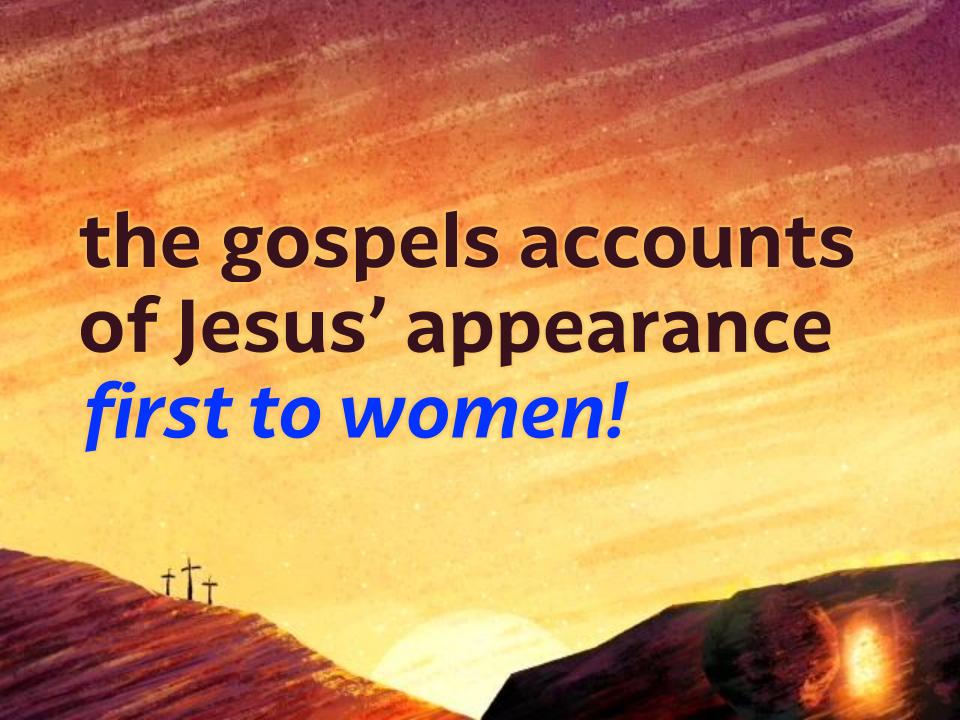


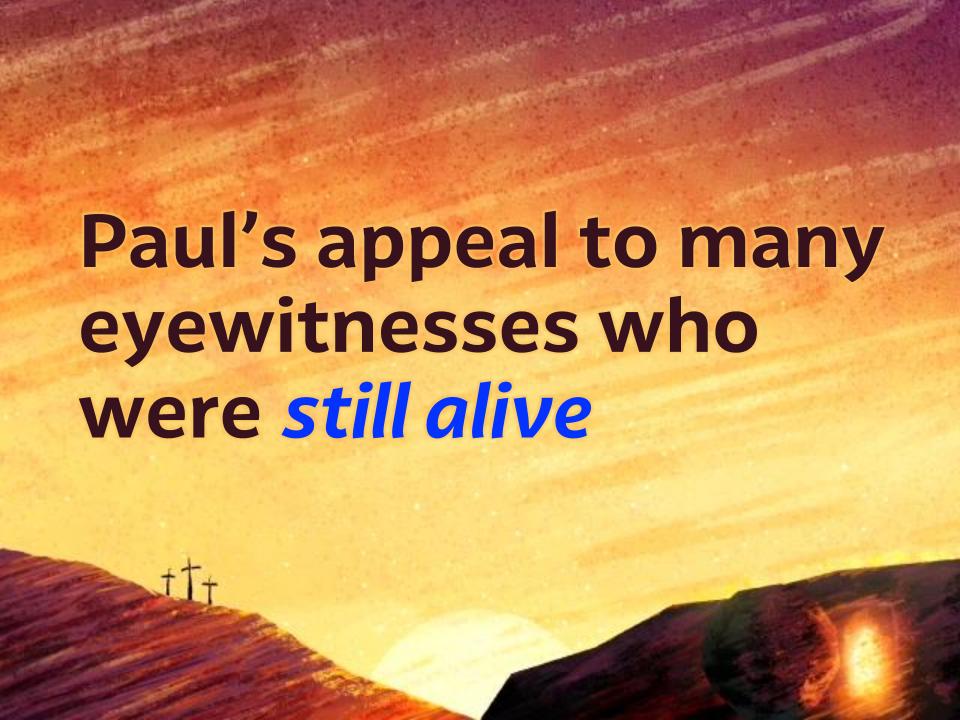


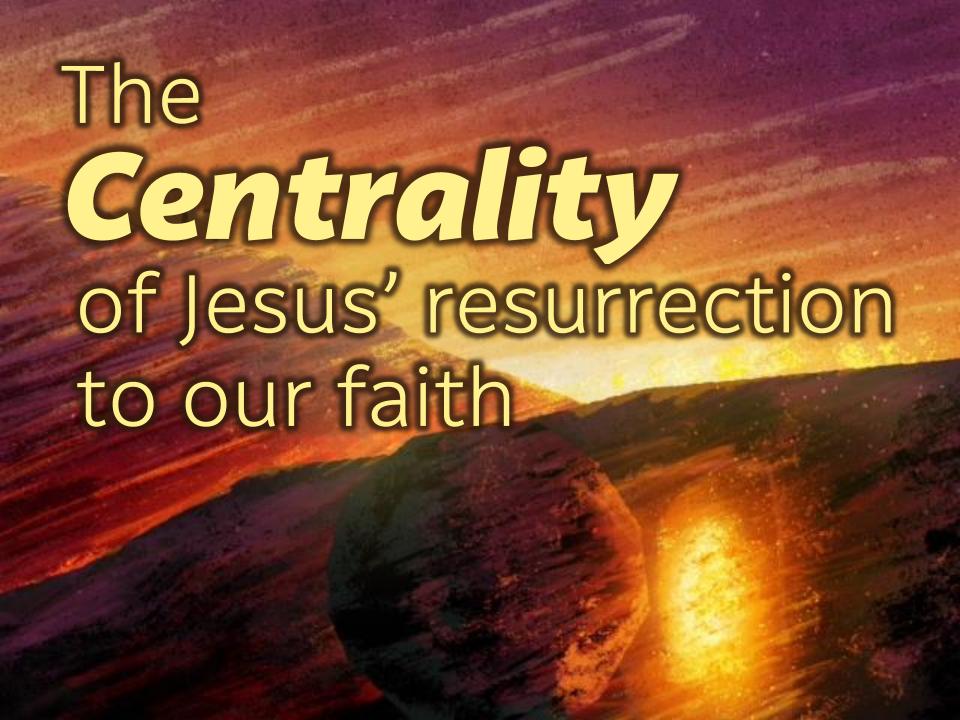
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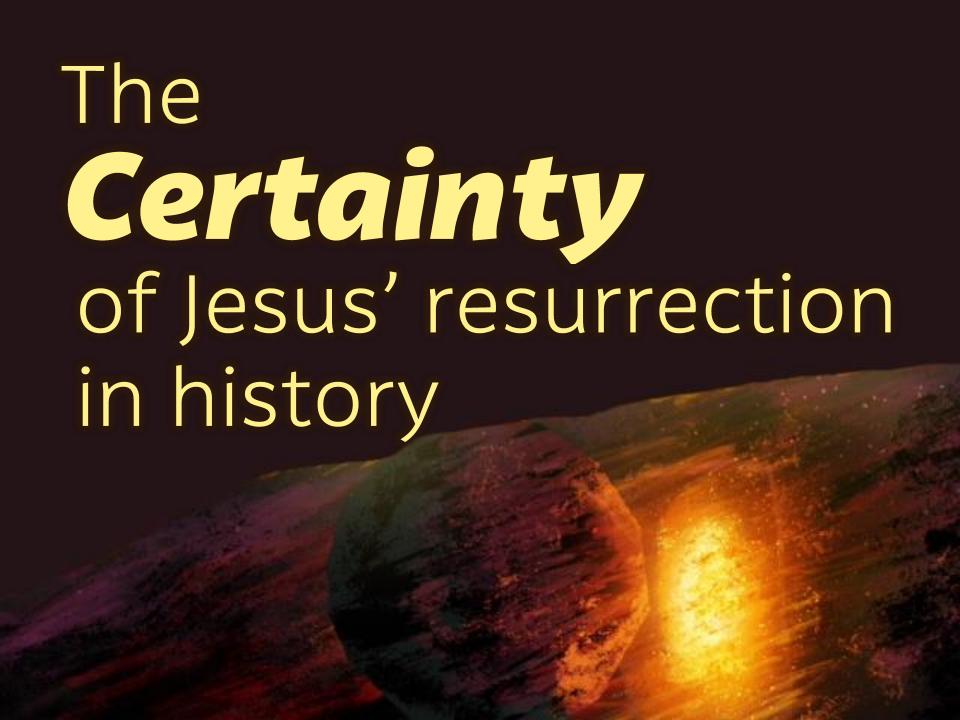


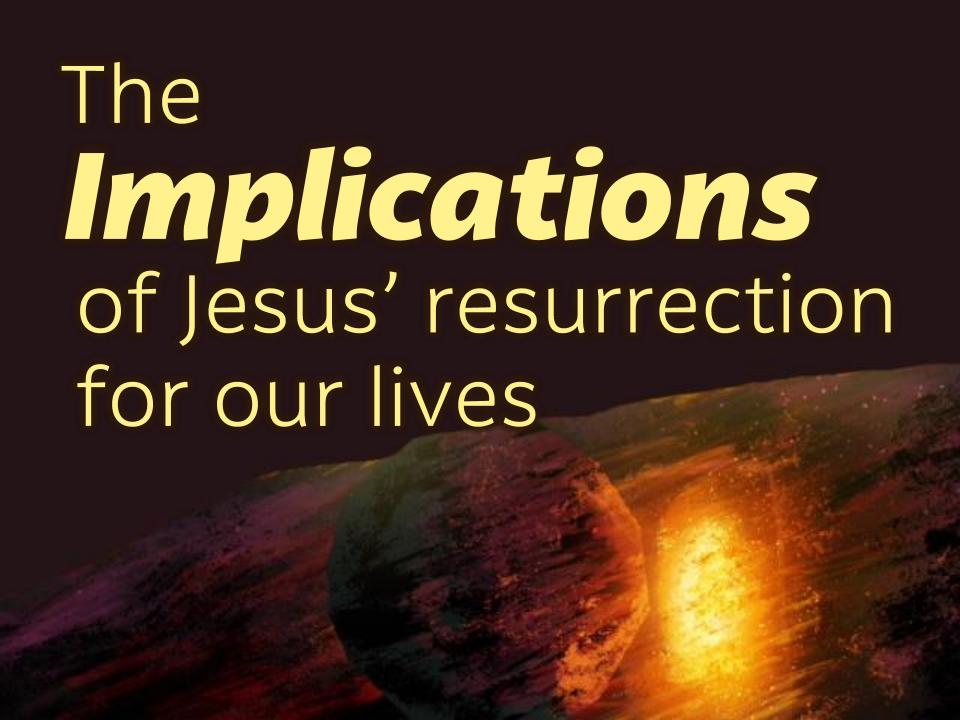


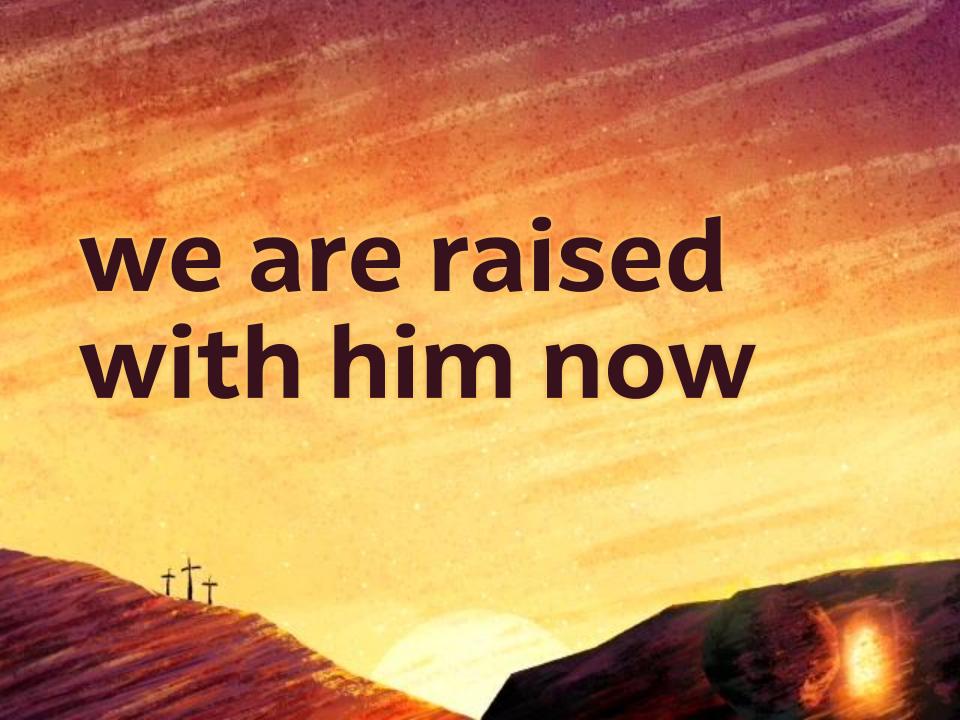












But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved—



and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



God's resurrection power is at work in us and through us!

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,



but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection...



[we are] enlightened...[those] who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have **tasted** the goodness of the word of God and **the powers of the age to come...**



...having **the eyes of your hearts enlightened**, that you may know what is **the hope** to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,



and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,



Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...





We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.



For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



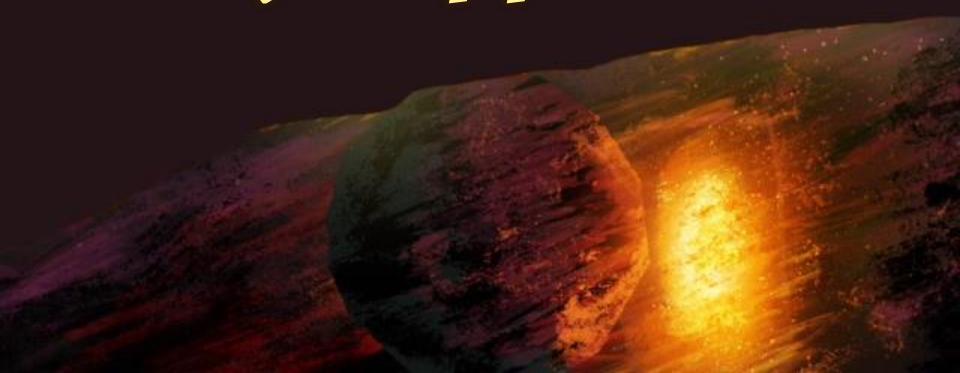
Put to death **therefore** what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry....



Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have **put off the old self** with its practices and have **put on the new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator...



Jesus' death and resurrection from death really happened



Jesus' resurrection changes everything!



But it changes everything for you only if you believe it happened

