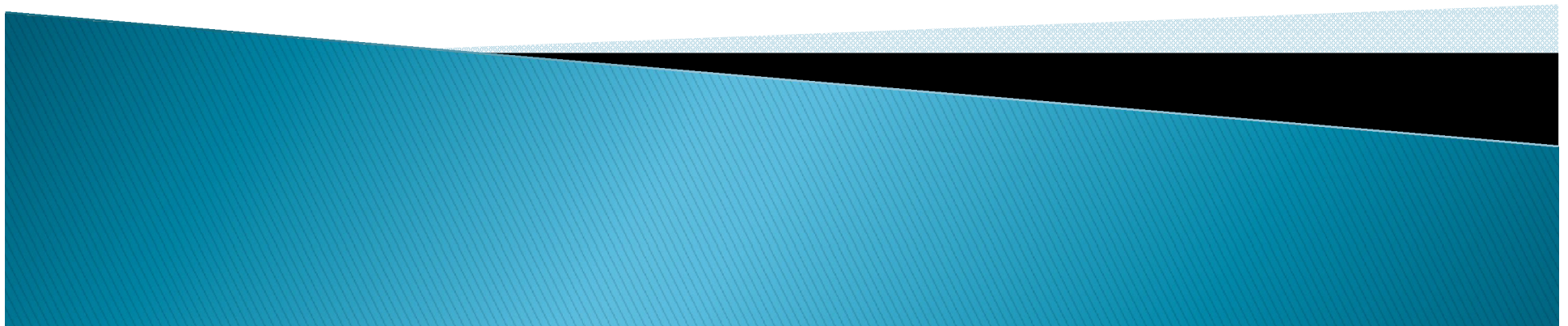


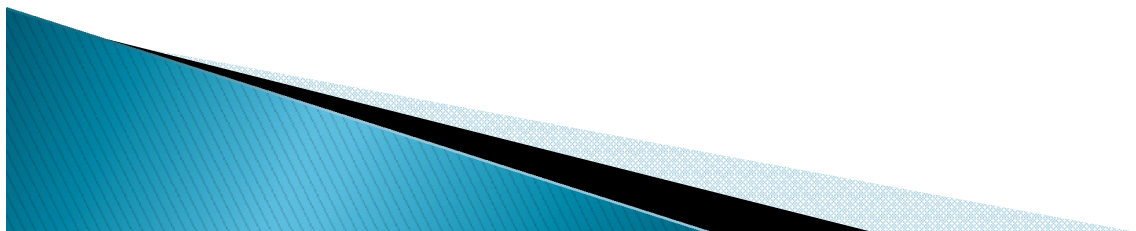
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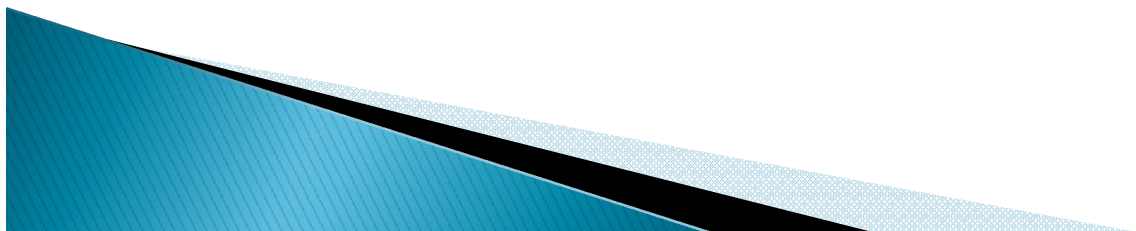
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- ▶ **Historical:** Jesus Christ was a real historical person, not a character of legend or fairy tale.
- ▶ **Bodily:** Jesus Christ was raised from the dead in His physical human body.
- ▶ **The Bible does not spiritualise His resurrection.**



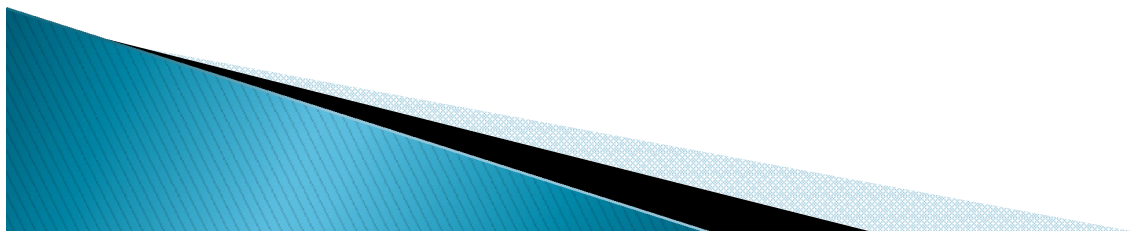
# The Evidence For The Resurrection

- ▶ The empty tomb.
- ▶ The appearances of Jesus.
- ▶ The miracle of the church.



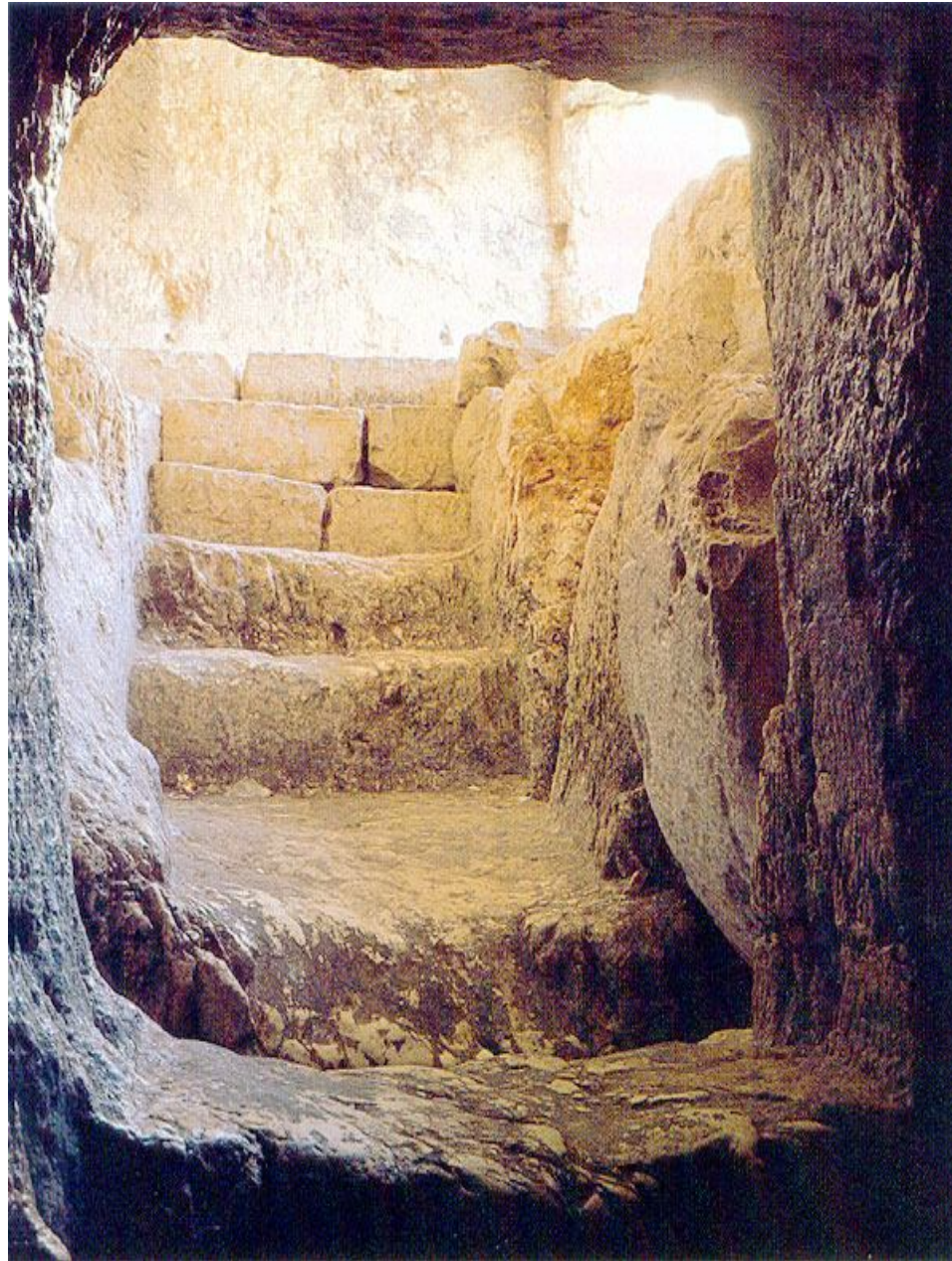
# The Empty Tomb

- ▶ The authorities secured and guarded it.
- ▶ The body was not therefore stolen, unless the authorities had, in which case they could have produced the body.
- ▶ The linen shrouds were in place and undisturbed.









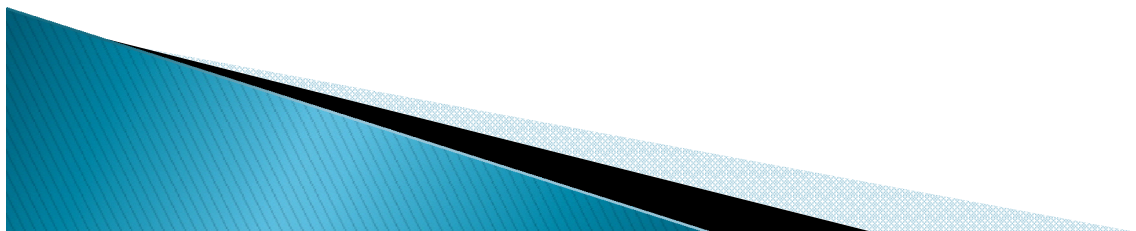
# The Appearances Of Jesus

- ▶ To individuals: Mary Magdalene, Peter.
- ▶ The disciples in the upper room twice, once with Thomas, by Galilee, on the road to Emmaus, to more than 500 at once.
- ▶ In different settings, indoors, outdoors etc.
- ▶ He took His disciples by surprise indicating they were not in any abnormal mental state.



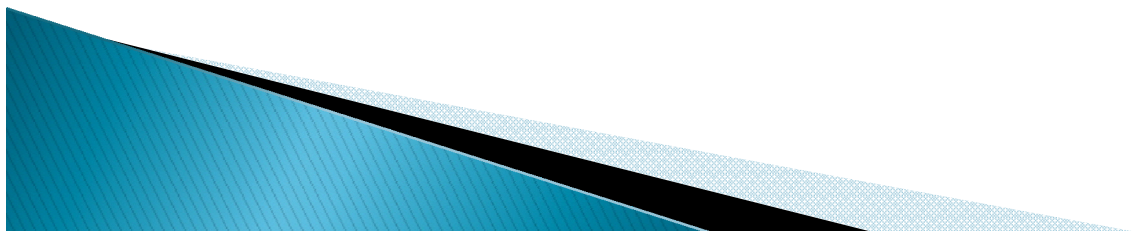
# The Miracle Of The Church.

- ▶ The transformation of a handful of ignorant, fearful men who had all failed their Lord into a vibrant, bold, community of believers can only be explained by the power of the resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Many of these early Christians gave their lives for what they believed. Believing a myth would not account for this behaviour.



# What Does The Resurrection Mean?

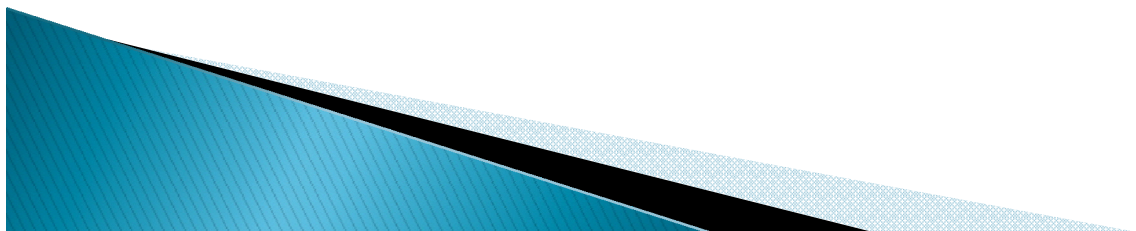
- ▶ Christ's resurrection was not simply a coming back to life again. This had happened before with Lazarus, Jairus's daughter etc.
- ▶ Christ is the firstfruits of a new kind of life; a body made perfect and able to live eternally.





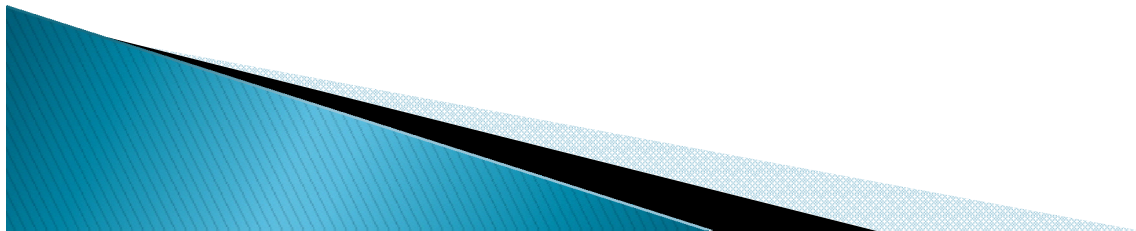
# 1. God's Approval Of Christ's Work

- ▶ The resurrection of Jesus was God's seal of approval on all the work that He had done on the cross as a sacrifice for sin.
- ▶ Acts 2:32–33 “this Jesus God has raised up...therefore being exalted by the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this..”
- ▶ Philippians 2:8–9 “the death of the cross...highly exalted.”



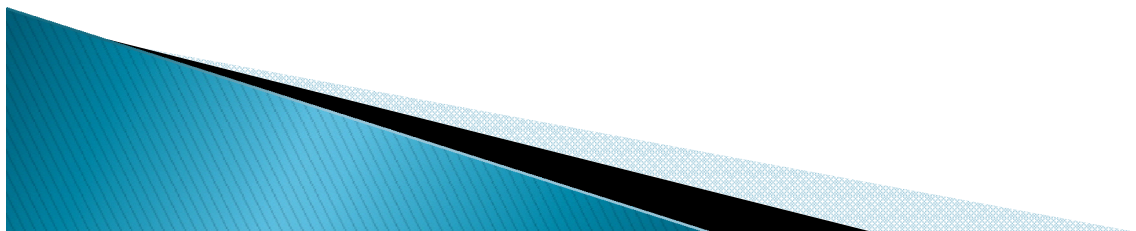
## 2. Death Is Defeated

- ▶ Christ's death defeated death.
- ▶ 2 Timothy 1:10 "our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has abolished death."
- ▶ Hebrews 2:14–15 "He shared in the same (flesh and blood), that through death He might destroy Him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."



# 3. Salvation

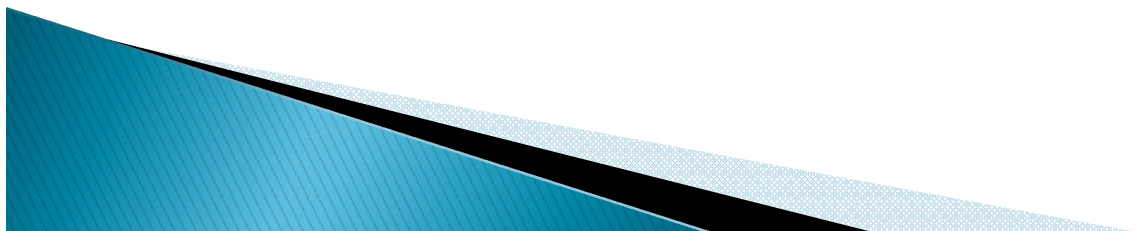
- ▶ Salvation is dependent on Jesus being raised from the dead.
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:14,17 “If Christ is not risen ....then your faith is empty... you are still in your sins.”
- ▶ There is no salvation.





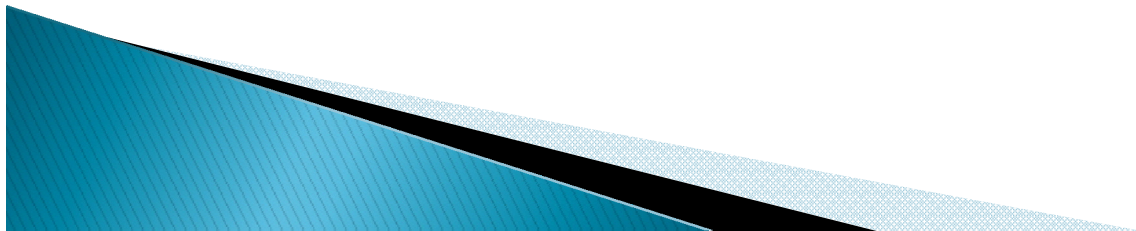
## 4. Justification

- ▶ Romans 4:25 “Jesus was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.”
- ▶ We are acquitted by the substitutionary death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



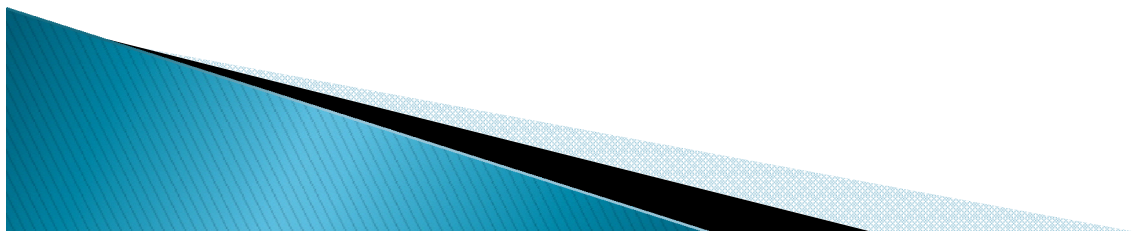
# 5. Regeneration

- ▶ 1 Peter 1:3 “The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ....has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”
- ▶ Ephesians 2:6 “God...raised us up together....in Christ.”



## 6. God's Power For Us

- ▶ Ephesians 1:19 “that you may know....what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead....”



# 7. Physical Resurrection

- ▶ Christ's resurrection is the firstfruits of resurrection.
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:20,23 "Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.
- ▶ Also Colossians 1:18 and Revelation 1:5 "Jesus is the firstborn from the dead."



# Application

- ▶ Colossians 3:1 “Since you were raised with Christ seek those things which are above....”
- ▶ Romans 6:13 “present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead...instruments of righteousness to God.”
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore ..be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...”

