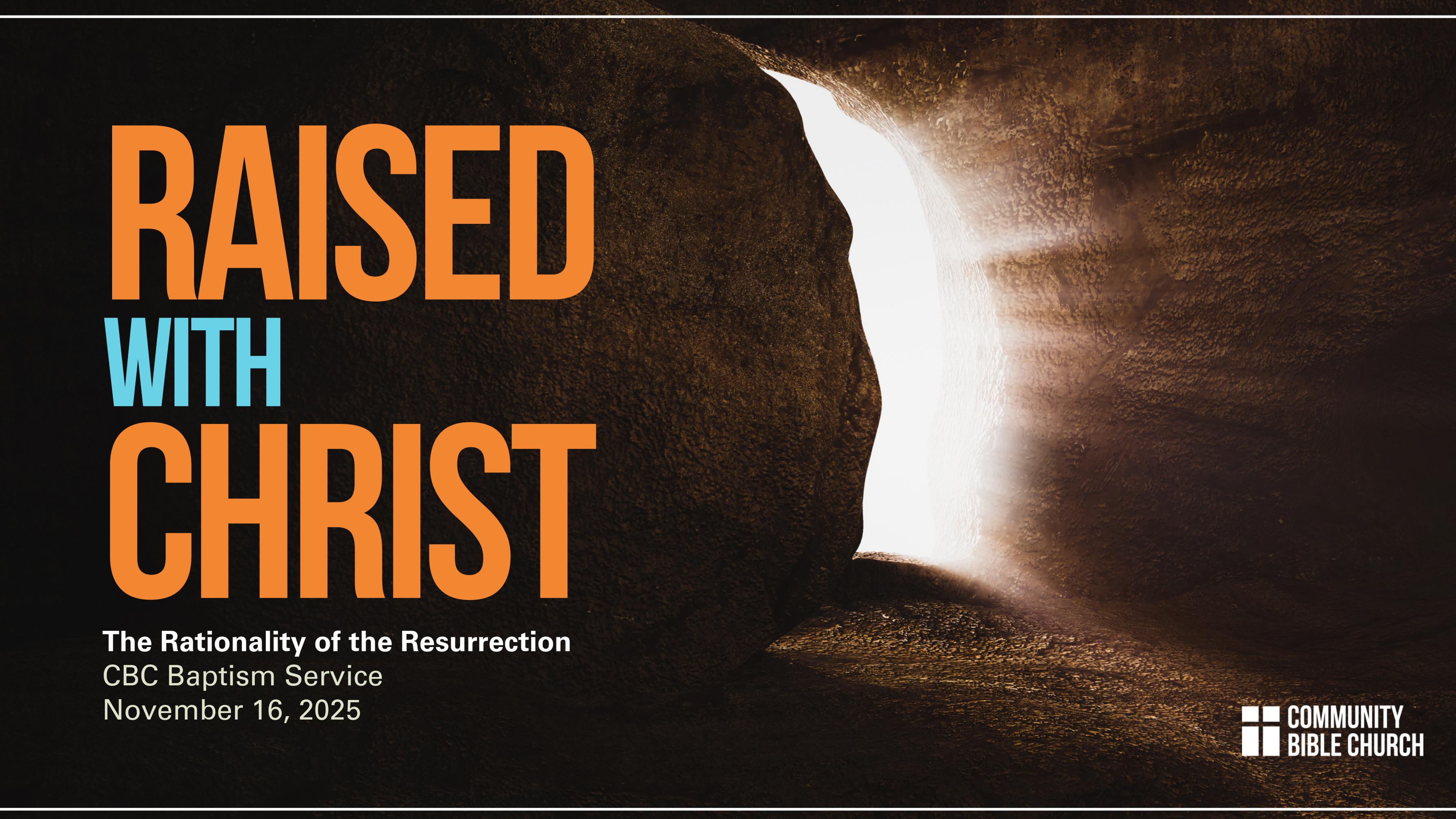


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The Rationality of the Resurrection
CBC Baptism Service
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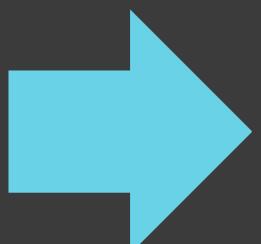




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1 Corinthians 15:3-5

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also 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 according to the Scriptures, 5 and** that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 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.



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HISTORICAL FACT: JESUS DIED BY CRUCIFIXION

Christian and secular historians are unanimous that Jesus of Nazareth died by crucifixion.

2

EARLY EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY

>500 witnesses testified to seeing who they claimed was Jesus of Nazareth days after his death.

3

IMMEDIATE EXPANSION OF CHRISTIANITY

The resurrection of Jesus was believed immediately after the crucifixion, leading to an sudden, explosive revolution.



SKEPTICS SUDDENLY TRANSFORMED

Christianity's greatest opponent
became its greatest proponent.

5

RADICAL CHANGE IN JESUS' FAMILY

James and Jude, the unbelieving half-brothers of Jesus became believers and church martyrs after the alleged resurrection event.

6

INADEQUACY OF NATURALISTIC EXPLANATIONS

Alternative explanations are regularly proposed, but they fail to adequately account for the evidence.



SUFFERING & MARTYRDOM OF DISCIPLES

Thousands willingly were martyred for a story
that gave them no wordly benefit.



EMBARASSING WITNESS DETAILS

Resurrection details work against its cause.
Historians call this “the criterion of embarrassment.”

9

NO BODY. EMPTY TOMB OF JESUS

Scholars are unified in the accounts that the disciples claimed that the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth was empty.

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No body: The empty tomb of Jesus.

HE IS RISEN.

1 Corinthians 15:16-22

“...if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been 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.*

But IN FACT, Christ HAS been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Acts 17:30-31

30 Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should **repent**,

31 because **He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed**, having furnished proof to all men **by raising Him from the dead.**"