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# IMPORTANT

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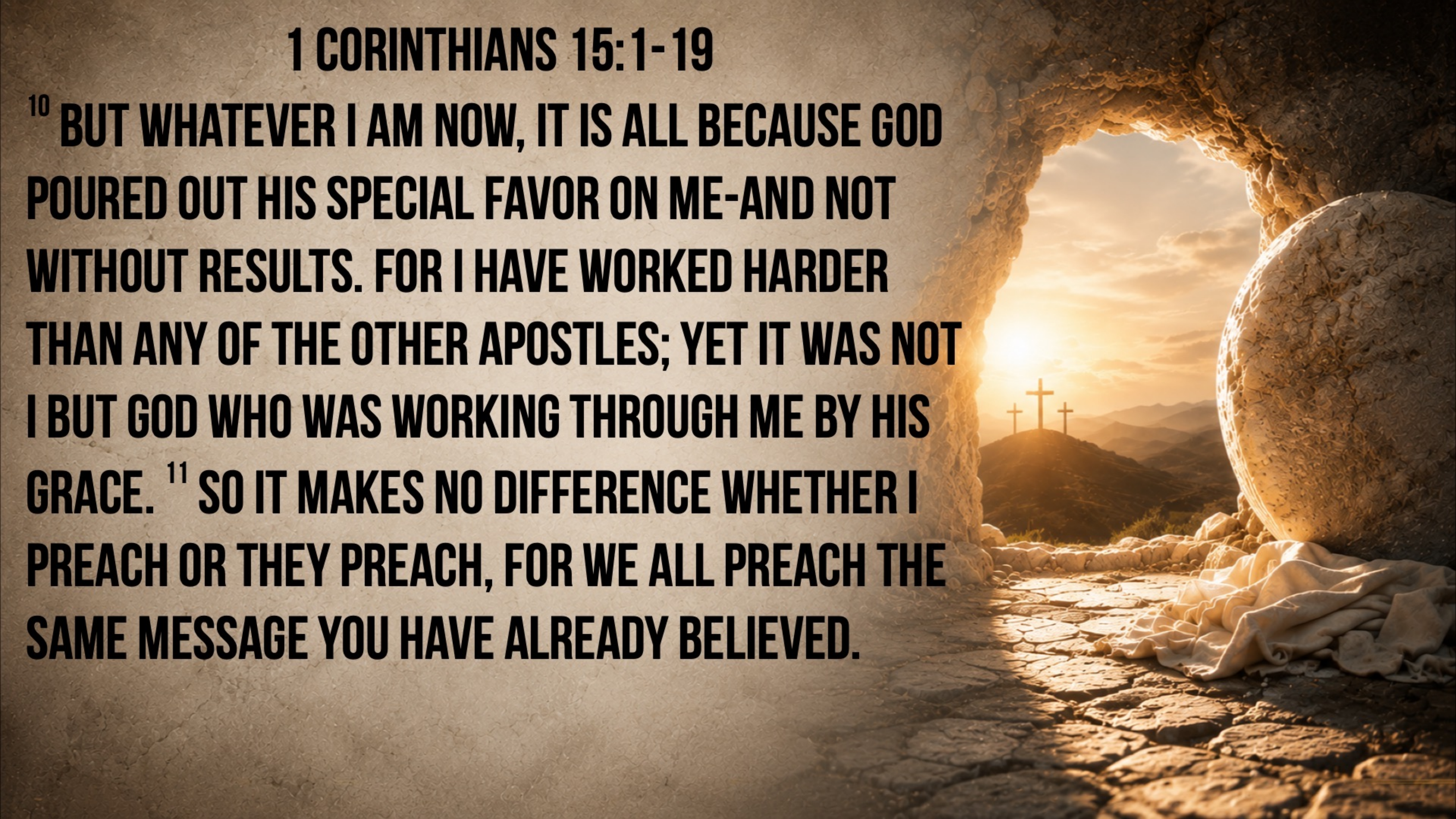
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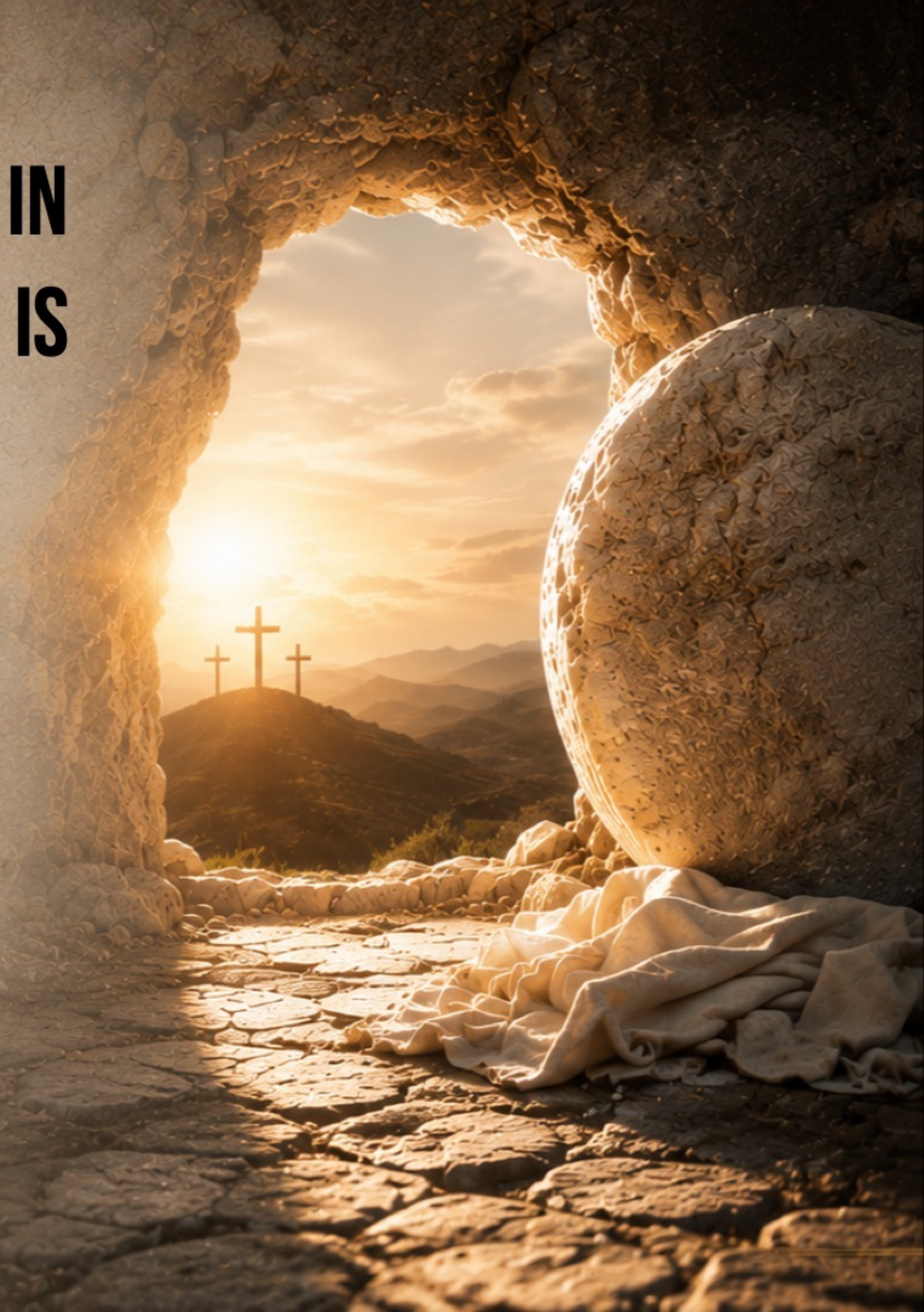
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**WHAT IS MANKIND'S  
GREATEST NEED?**



**“FORGIVENESS”**



## MARK 2:1-12

**<sup>1</sup> WHEN JESUS RETURNED TO CAPERNAUM SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THE NEWS SPREAD QUICKLY THAT HE WAS BACK HOME. <sup>2</sup> SOON THE HOUSE WHERE HE WAS STAYING WAS SO PACKED WITH VISITORS THAT THERE WAS NO MORE ROOM, EVEN OUTSIDE THE DOOR. WHILE HE WAS PREACHING GOD'S WORD TO THEM, <sup>3</sup> FOUR MEN ARRIVED CARRYING A PARALYZED MAN ON A MAT.**



## MARK 2:1-12

**<sup>4</sup> THEY COULDN'T BRING HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF THE CROWD, SO THEY DUG A HOLE THROUGH THE ROOF ABOVE HIS HEAD. THEN THEY LOWERED THE MAN ON HIS MAT, RIGHT DOWN IN FRONT OF JESUS. <sup>5</sup> SEEING THEIR FAITH, JESUS SAID TO THE PARALYZED MAN, "MY CHILD, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN." <sup>6</sup> BUT SOME OF THE TEACHERS OF RELIGIOUS LAW WHO WERE SITTING THERE THOUGHT TO THEMSELVES,**



## MARK 2:1-12

**<sup>7</sup> “WHAT IS HE SAYING? THIS IS BLASPHEMY! ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SINS!” <sup>8</sup> JESUS KNEW IMMEDIATELY WHAT THEY WERE THINKING, SO HE ASKED THEM, “WHY DO YOU QUESTION THIS IN YOUR HEARTS? <sup>9</sup> IS IT EASIER TO SAY TO THE PARALYZED MAN, ‘YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,’ OR ‘STAND UP, PICK UP YOUR MAT, AND WALK’?”**



## MARK 2:1-12

**<sup>10</sup> SO I WILL PROVE TO YOU THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS THE AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS” THEN JESUS TURNED TO THE PARALYZED MAN AND SAID, <sup>11</sup> “STAND UP, PICK UP YOUR MAT, AND GO HOME!” <sup>12</sup> AND THE MAN JUMPED UP, GRABBED HIS MAT, AND WALKED OUT THROUGH THE STUNNED ONLOOKERS. THEY WERE ALL AMAZED AND PRAISED GOD, EXCLAIMING, “WE’VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!”**



**YOUR GREATEST  
NEED IS  
FORGIVENESS**



## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-2

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**THE GOOD NEWS (THE  
GOSPEL) THAT SAVES  
THAT IS, THAT JESUS:  
1) DIED FOR OUR SINS  
2) WAS BURIED AND  
3) ROSE FROM THE DEAD**



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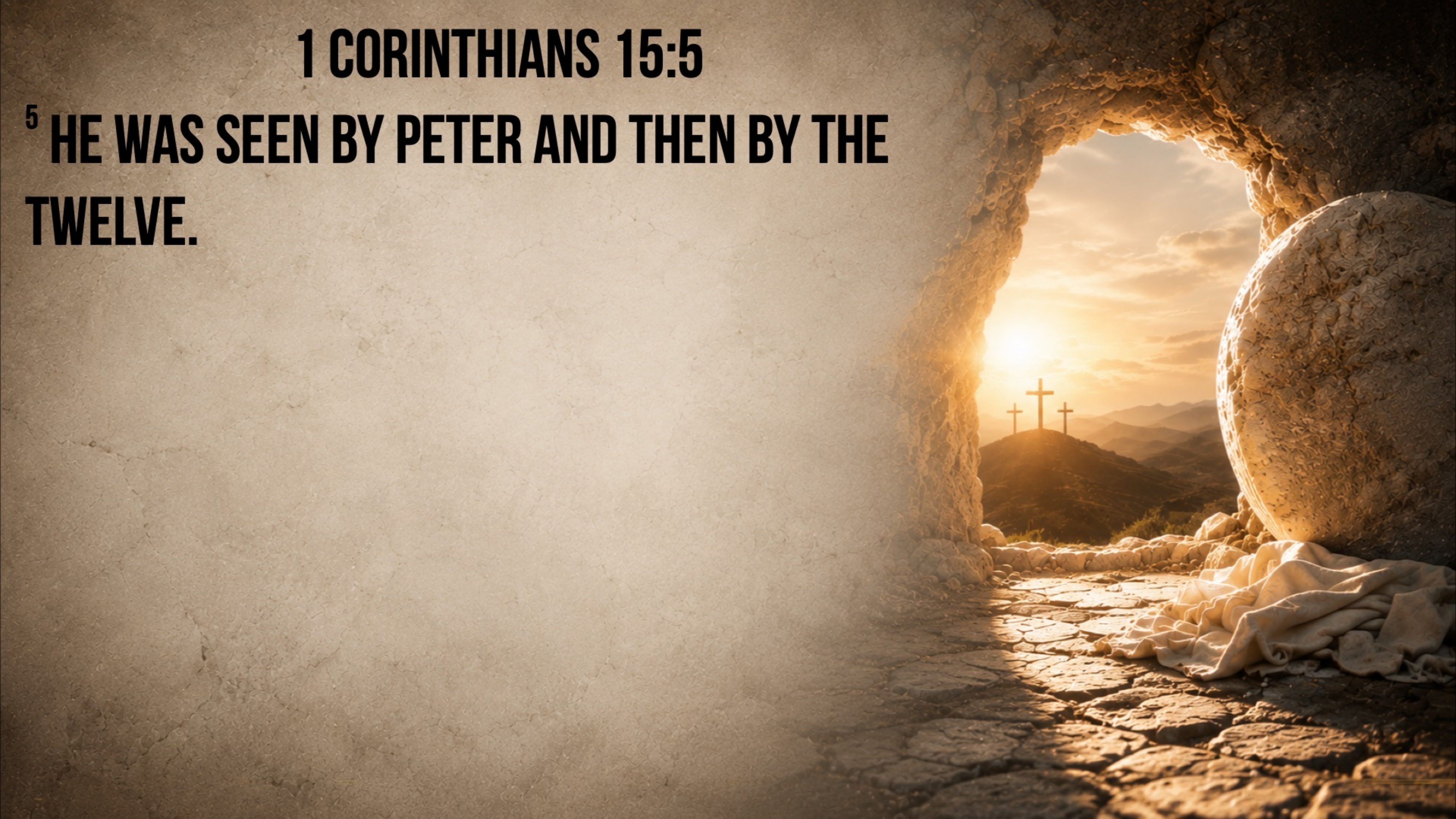


**“JUST AS THE  
SCRIPTURES SAID!”**



# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:5

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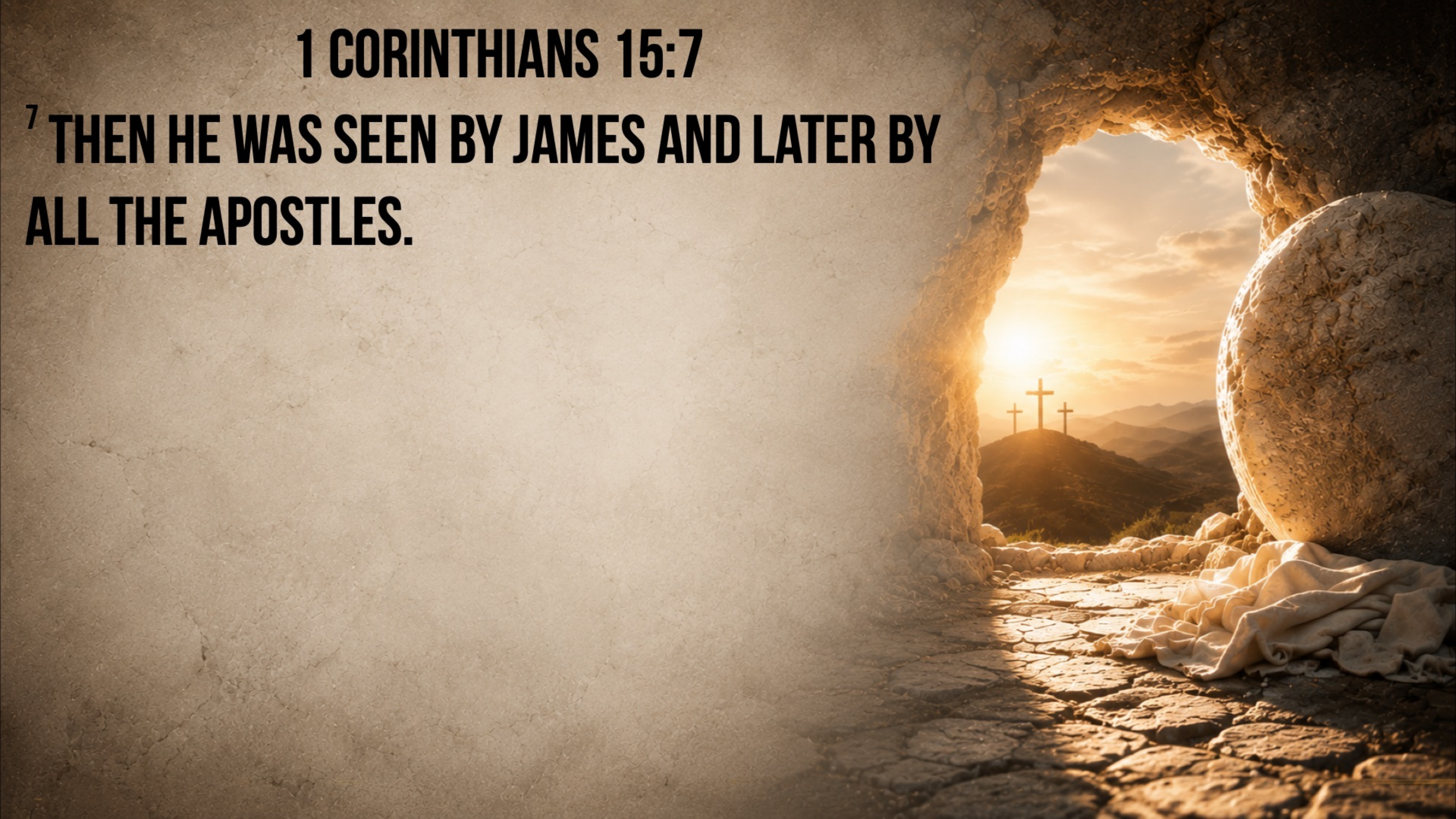
## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:6

**<sup>6</sup> AFTER THAT, HE WAS SEEN BY MORE THAN 500 OF HIS FOLLOWERS AT ONE TIME, MOST OF WHOM ARE STILL ALIVE, THOUGH SOME HAVE DIED.**



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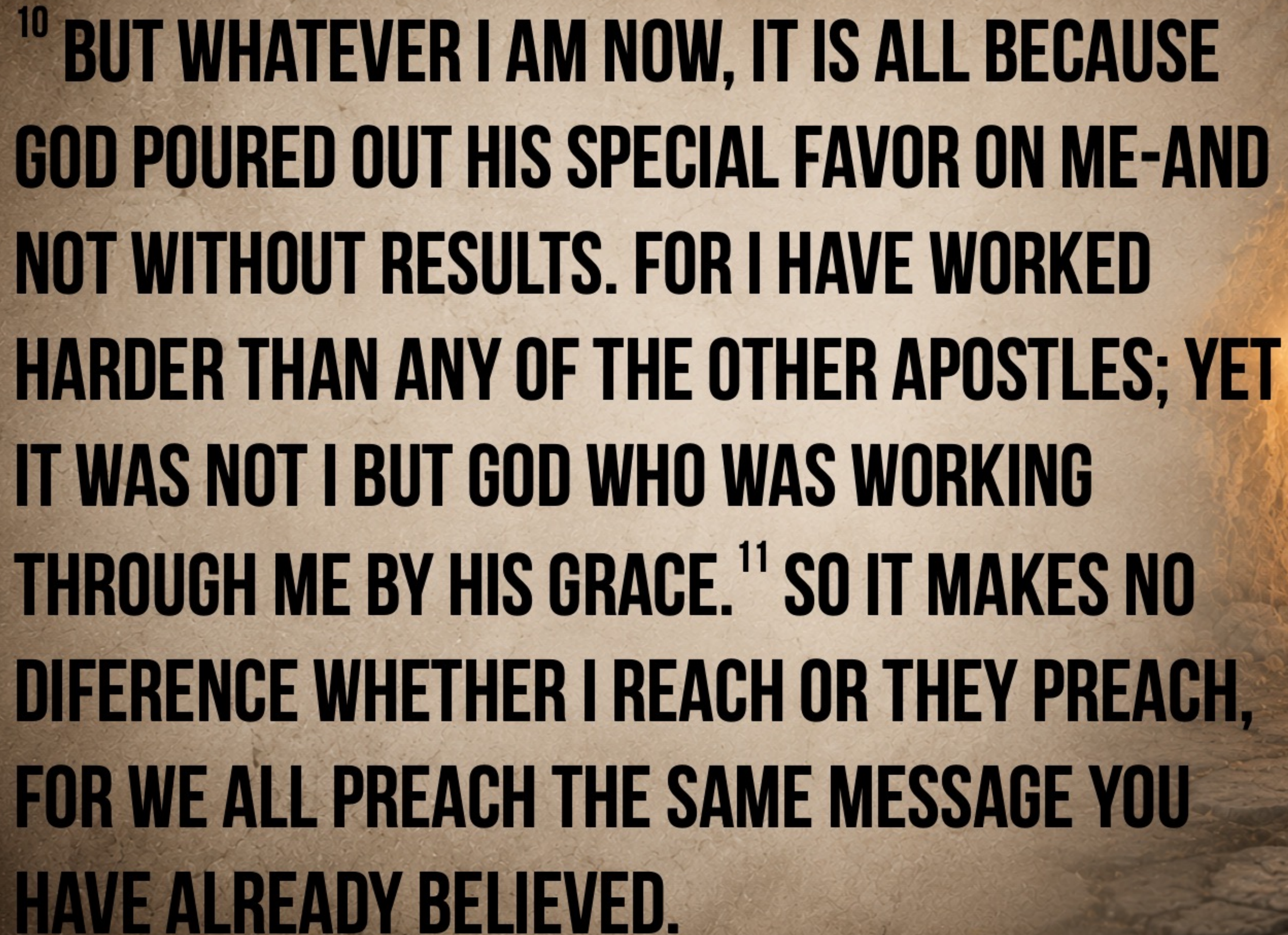
## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:8-11

**<sup>8</sup> LAST OF ALL, AS THOUGH I HAD BEEN BORN AT THE WRONG TIME, I ALSO SAW HIM. <sup>9</sup> FOR I AM THE LEAST OF ALL THE APOSTLES. IN FACT, I'M NOT EVEN WORTHY TO BE CALLED AN APOSTLE AFTER THE WAY I PERSECUTED GOD'S CHURCH.**



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**BELIEVE!!!**  
**BECAUSE OF ALL THESE**  
**WITNESSES: THESE**  
**EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS!!!**



**BELIEVE!!!**  
**BECAUSE OF THE WITNESS**  
**OF THE SCRIPTURES, THEY**  
**HAVE BEEN FULFILLED!!!**



**“THE CONSEQUENCES” OF  
NOT BELIEVING ALL OF  
THESE “WITNESSES”**



## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-15

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**IF CHRIST IS DEAD, AND DIDN'T HAVE  
THE POWER TO RAISE HIMSELF FROM  
THE GRAVE, THEN WHAT HOPE DO YOU  
HAVE, TO RISE FROM THE GRAVE?**



**“THE CONSEQUENCES”**

**ARE SEVERE!!!**



## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:16-17

<sup>16</sup> AND IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OF THE  
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GUILTY OF YOUR SINS.



**YOU'RE STILL GUILTY OF**  
**YOUR SINS!!!**

The image features a stone tomb with a large, rounded stone rolled away to the right. A white cloth lies on the ground in front of the tomb. The scene is set against a sunset background with three crosses on a hill in the distance. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO  
DO ABOUT YOUR SINS?**



**IF CHRIST DOES NOT HAVE THE  
POWER...AS GOD, TO RAISE  
HIMSELF FROM THE DEAD THEN  
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE POWER TO  
RAISE YOU FROM THE DEAD**



**AND THEREFORE, HE ISN'T GOD  
AND DOESN'T HAVE THE POWER  
TO FORGIVE YOUR SINS EITHER!**



## EPHESIANS 2:5 & 8B

**THAT EVEN THOUGH WE WERE DEAD BECAUSE  
OF OUR SINS, HE GAVE US LIFE WHEN HE  
RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD. (IT IS ONLY BY  
GOD'S GRACE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED!)  
AND YOU CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR THIS; IT IS A  
GIFT FROM GOD!**



# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:18-19

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IN CHRIST ARE LOST! <sup>19</sup> AND IF OUR HOPE IN  
CHRIST IS ONLY FOR THIS LIFE, WE ARE MORE TO  
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**“MOST IMPORTANT”  
THE GOOD NEWS (THE  
GOSPEL) THAT SAVES**



**WE ARE NOT TO  
BE PITIED!!!**



**JOHN 11:25**

**“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN AFTER DYING.”**



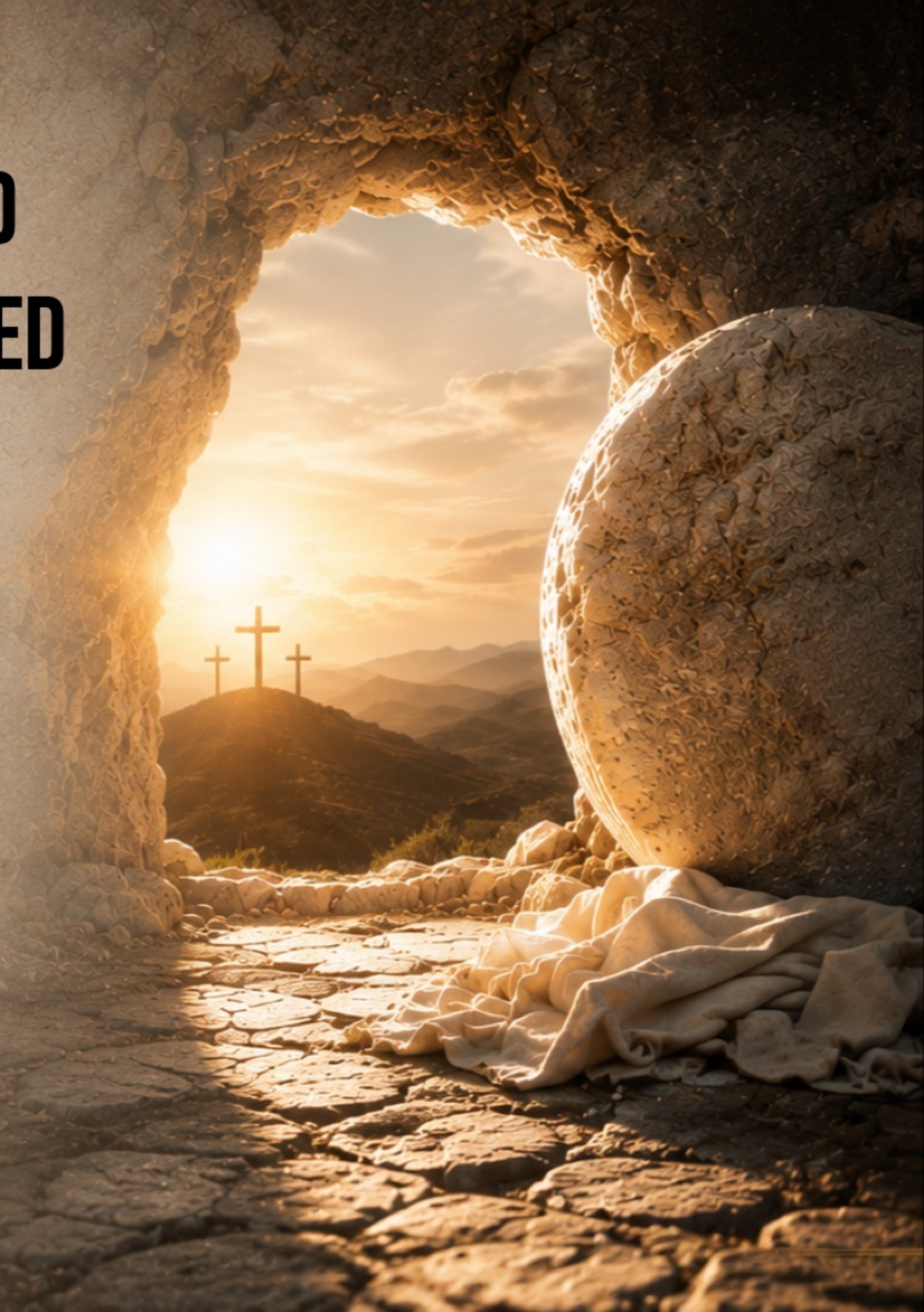
**JOHN 14:6**

**“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO  
ONE CAN COME TO THE FATHER “HEAVEN”  
EXCEPT THROUGH ME”**



## ROMANS 10:9

**“IF YOU OPENLY DECLARE THAT JESUS IS LORD  
AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART, THAT GOD RAISED  
HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.”**



**THE GOSPEL THAT SAVES**





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