

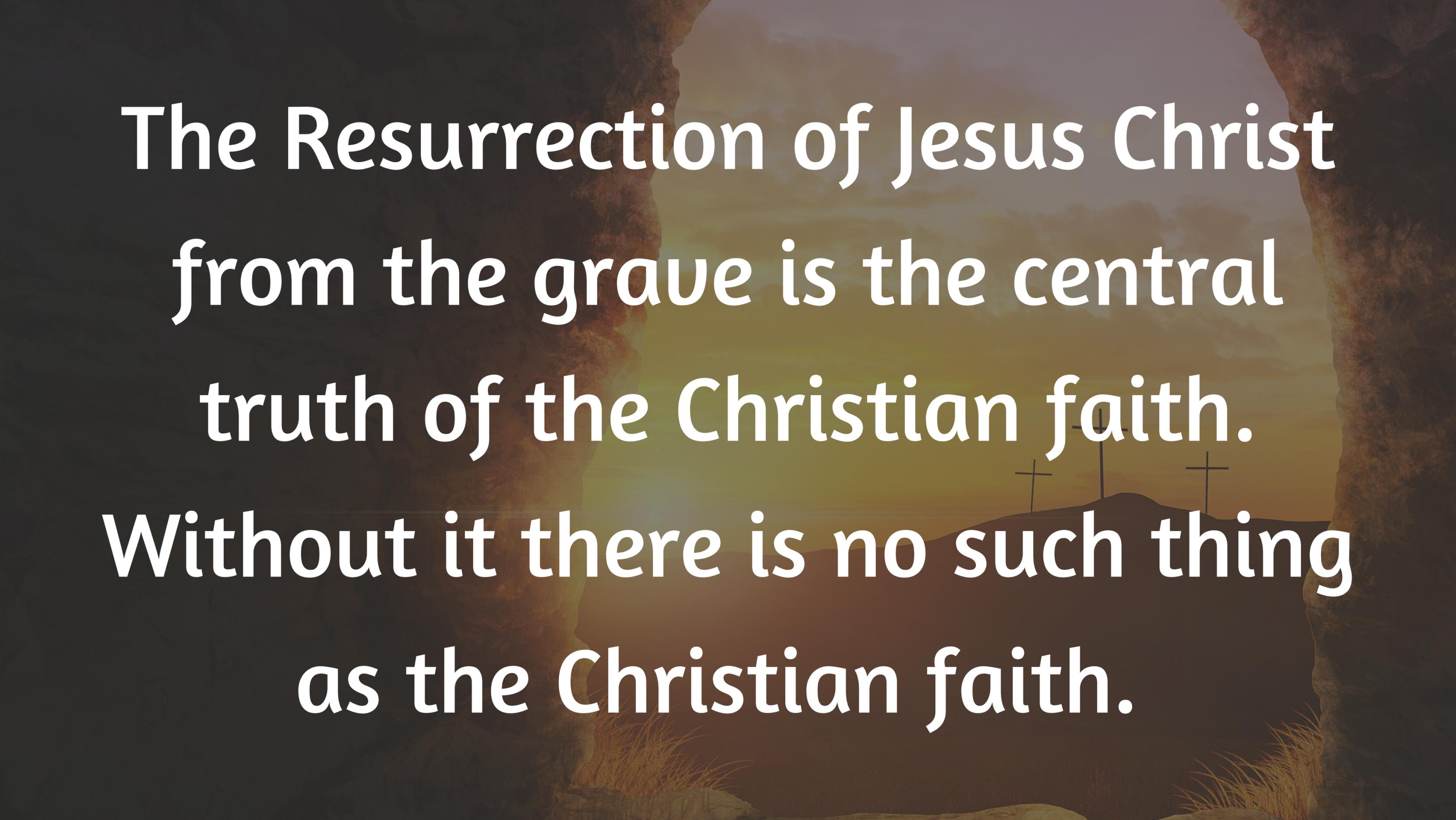
The Joys of The Resurrection

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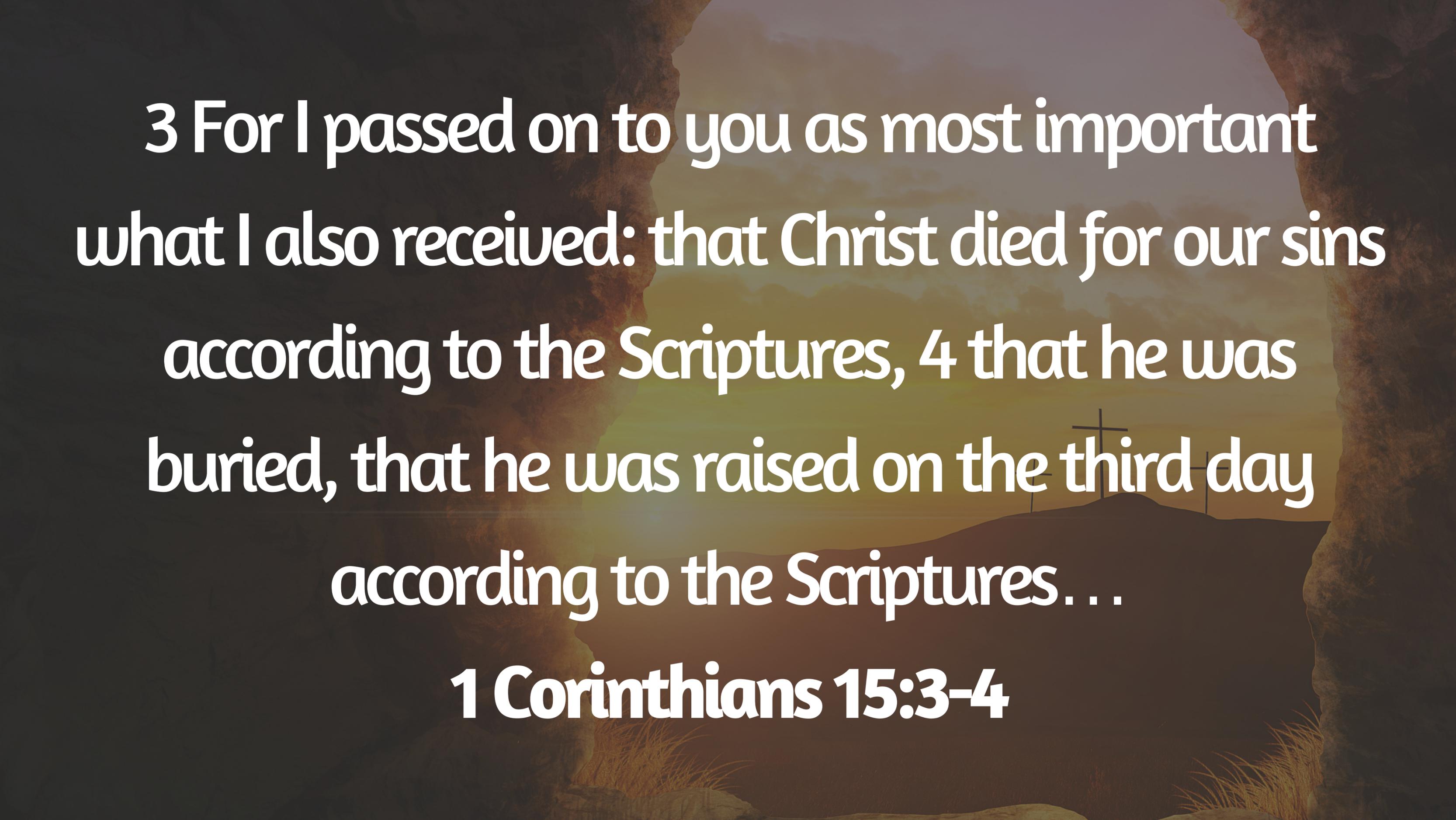
Acts 13:30-33

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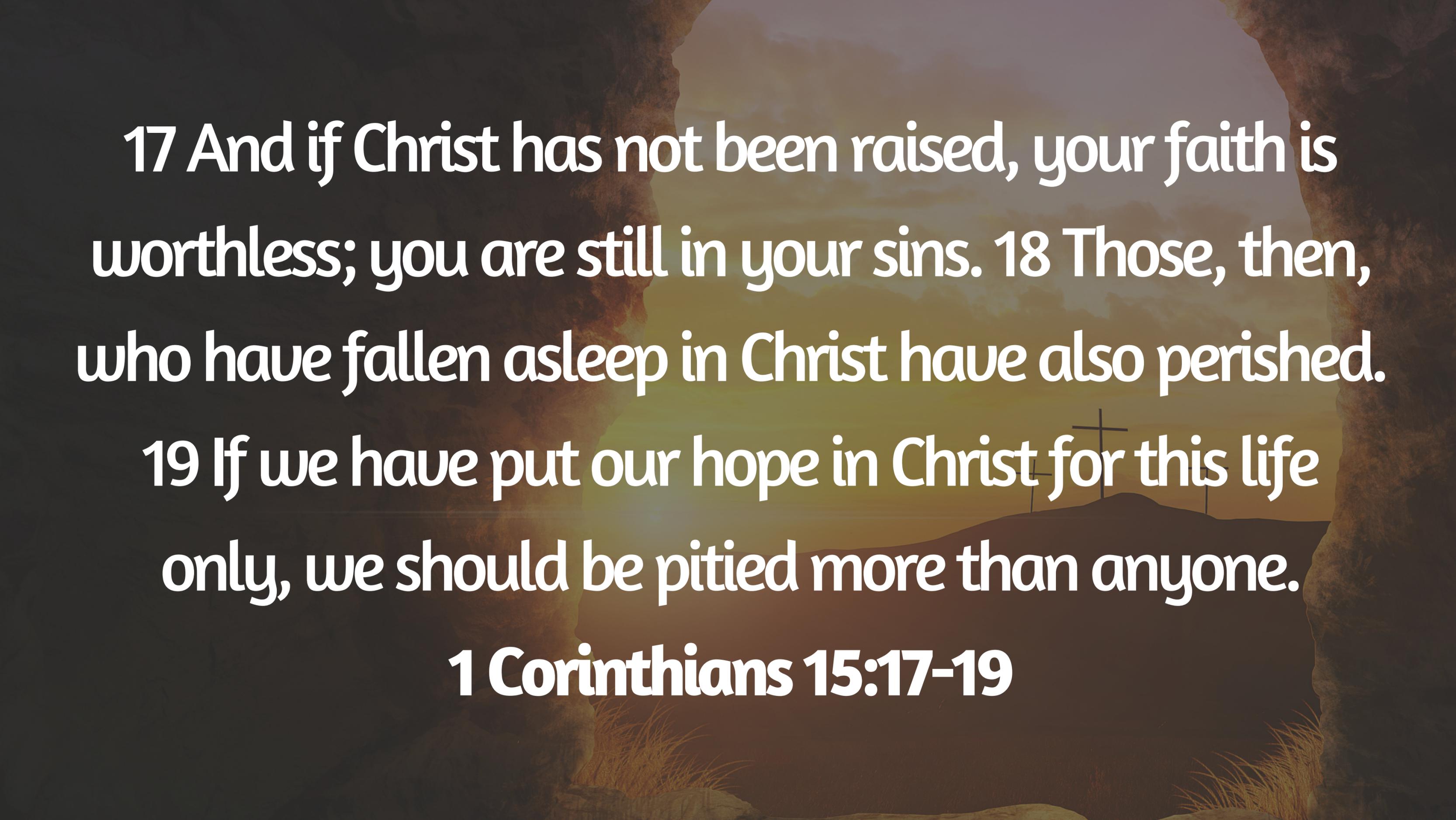


The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the grave is the central
truth of the Christian faith.
Without it there is no such thing
as the Christian faith.



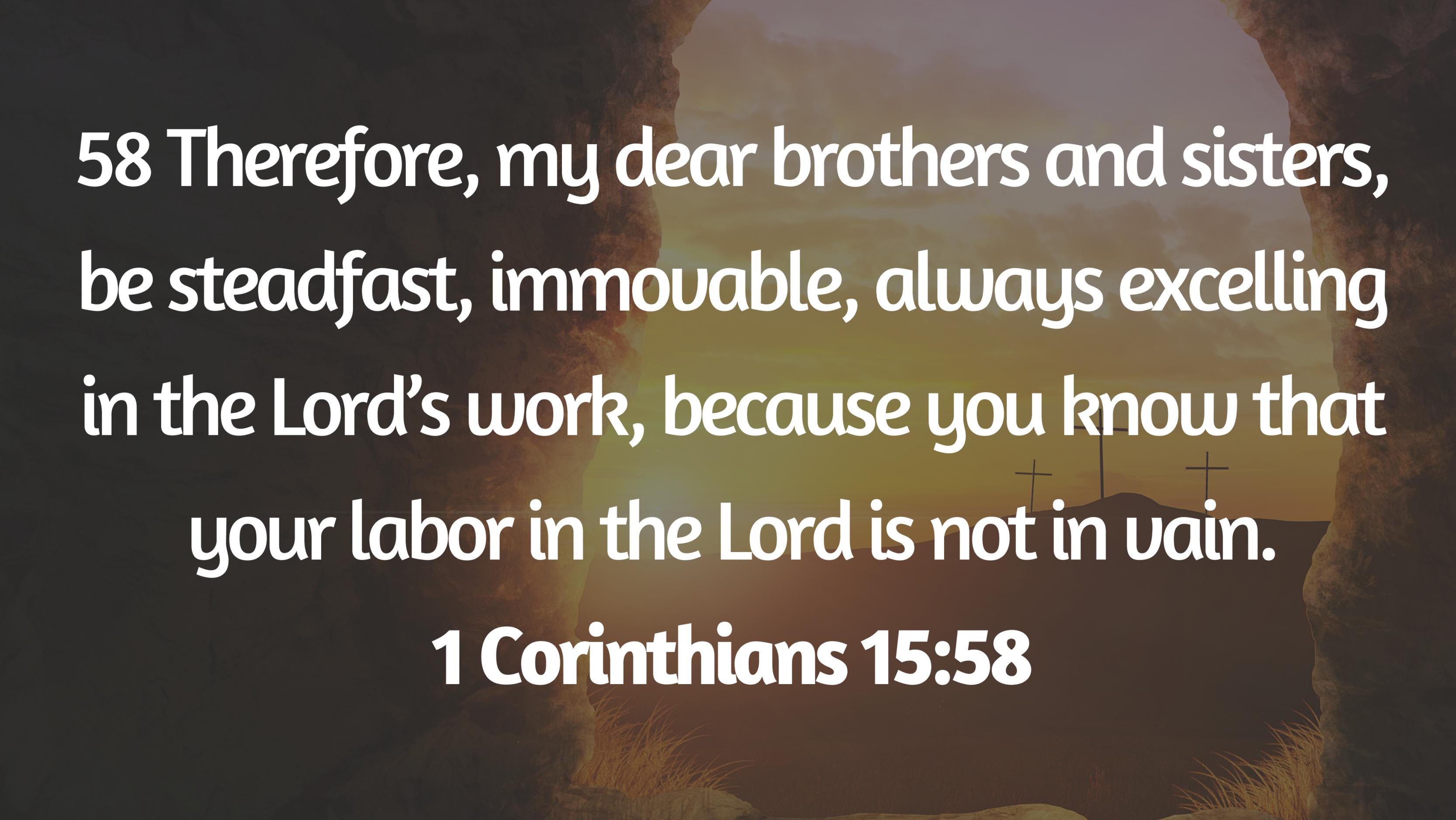
3 For I passed on to you as most important
what I also received: that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was
buried, that he was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures...

1 Corinthians 15:3-4



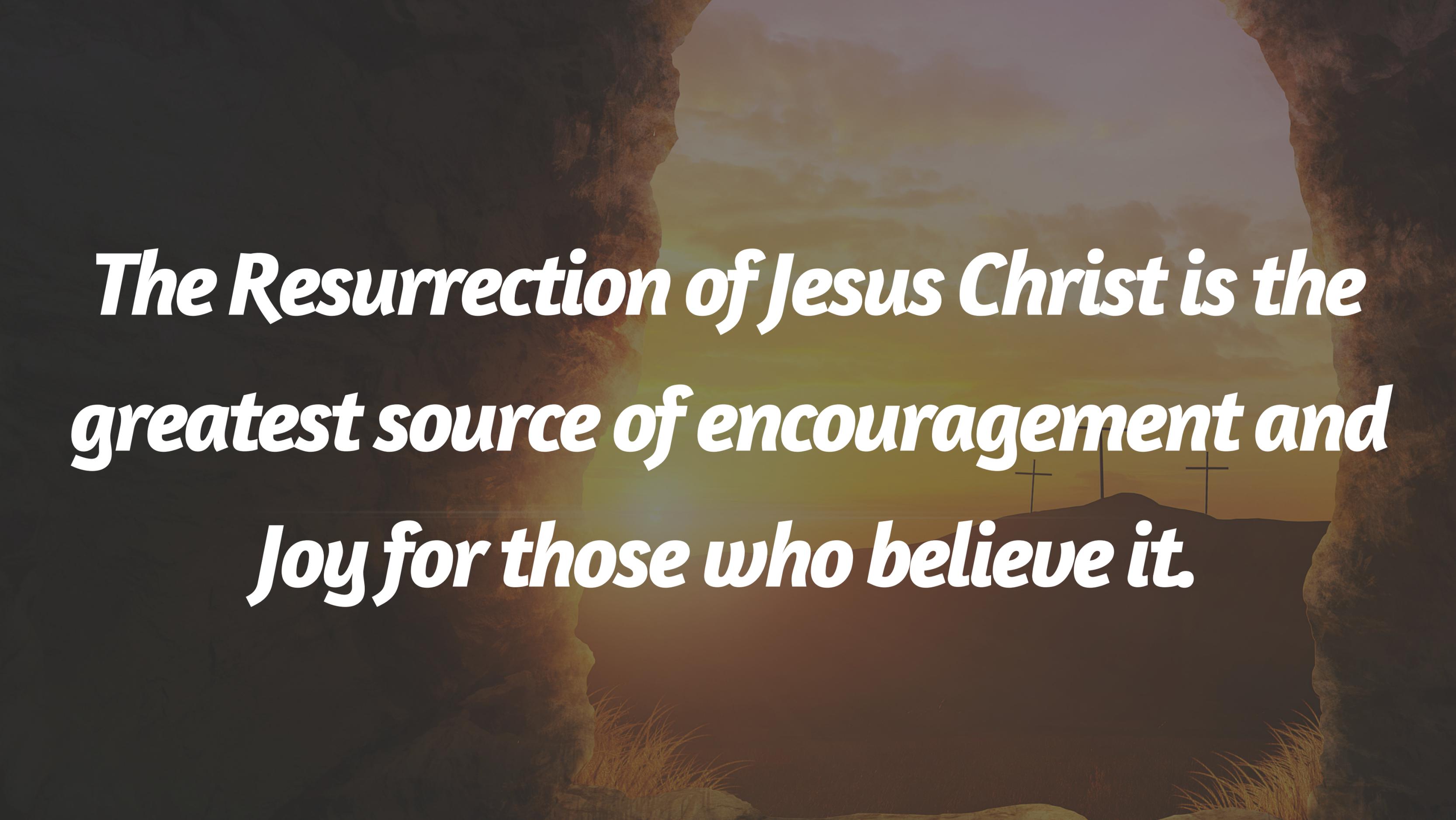
17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18 Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. 19 If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19

A sunset scene viewed through a cave opening. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple. In the distance, three crosses are visible on a hill. The foreground shows some grass and rocks.

**58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters,
be steadfast, immovable, always excelling
in the Lord's work, because you know that
your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

1 Corinthians 15:58

The image features a dramatic landscape viewed through a rocky opening. A bright sun is rising over a horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky. In the distance, three crosses are visible on a dark, silhouetted hill. The foreground shows some dry grass and rocks. The overall mood is one of hope and renewal.

***The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the
greatest source of encouragement and
Joy for those who believe it.***

1. The Need for Our Encouragement

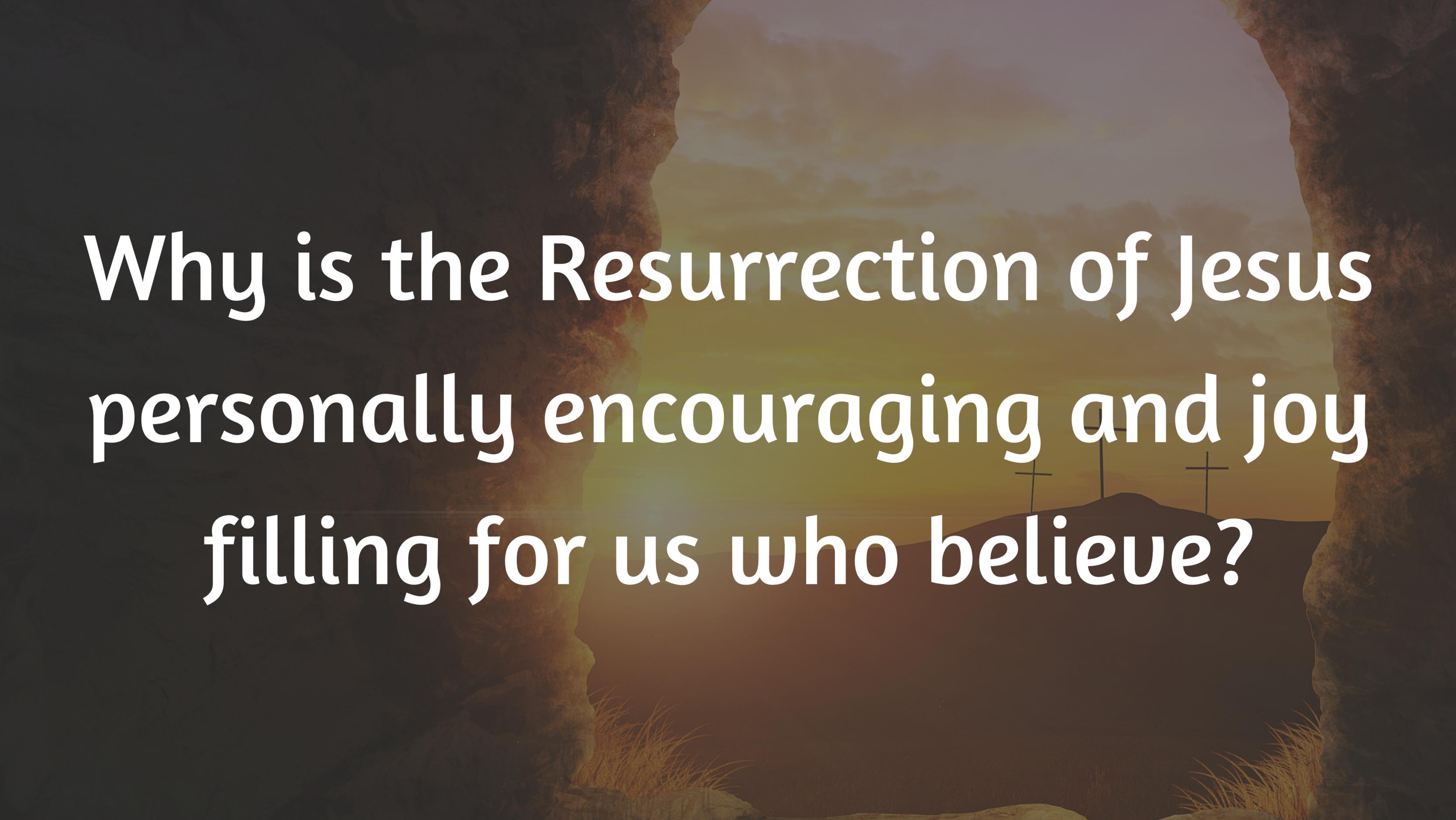
13 Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia, but John left them and went back to Jerusalem. 14 They continued their journey from Perga and reached Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, ***“Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, you can speak.”***

2. The Source of Our Encouragement

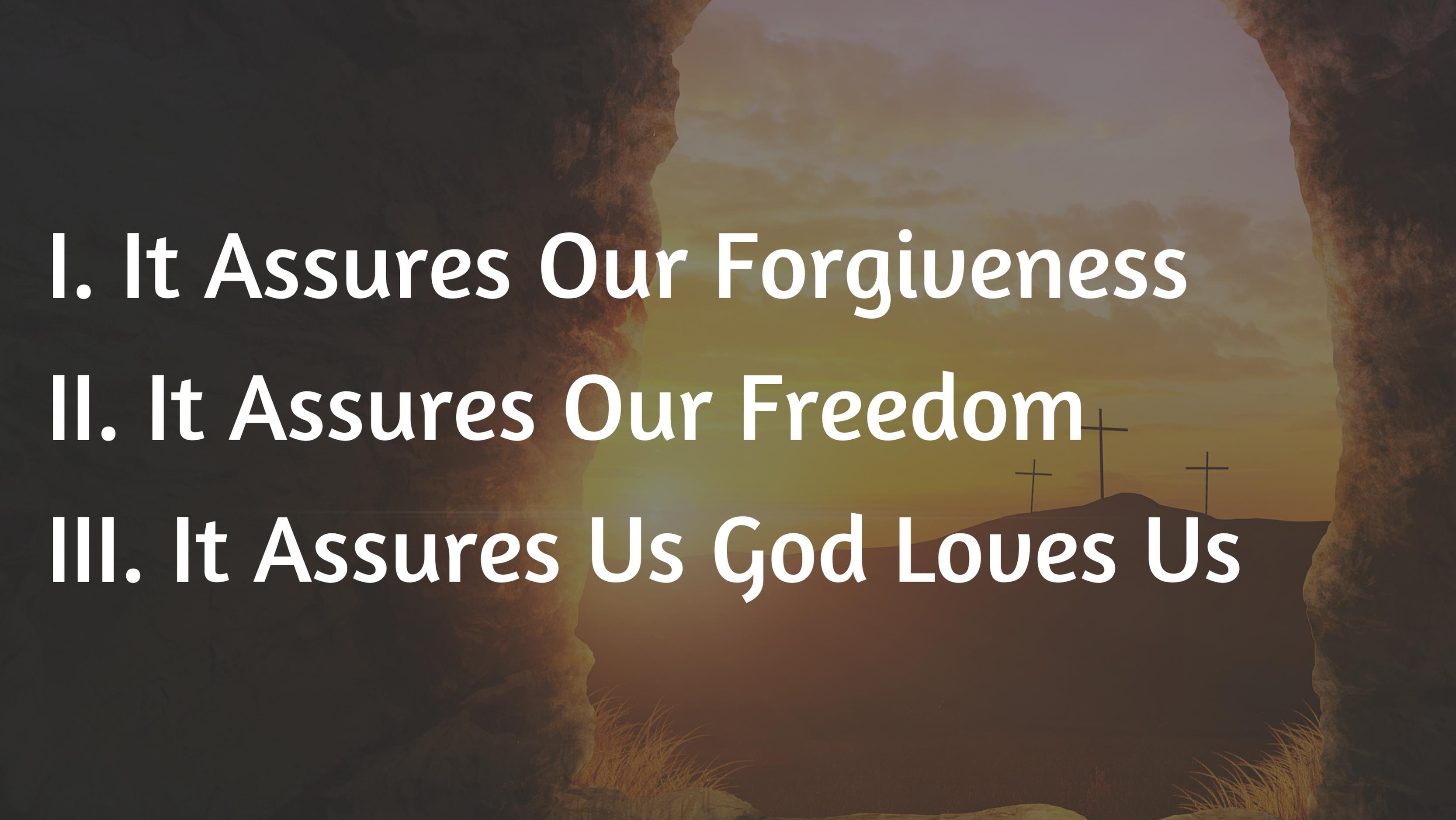
30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 and he appeared for many days to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. 32 And we ourselves proclaim to you **the good news** of the promise that was made to our ancestors. 33 God has fulfilled this for us, their children, by raising up Jesus, as it is written...

3. The Fulfillment of Our Encouragement

38 Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

A view through a cave opening showing a landscape with a hill and crosses under a sunset sky. The scene is framed by dark, rocky cave walls. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a hill features three crosses. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

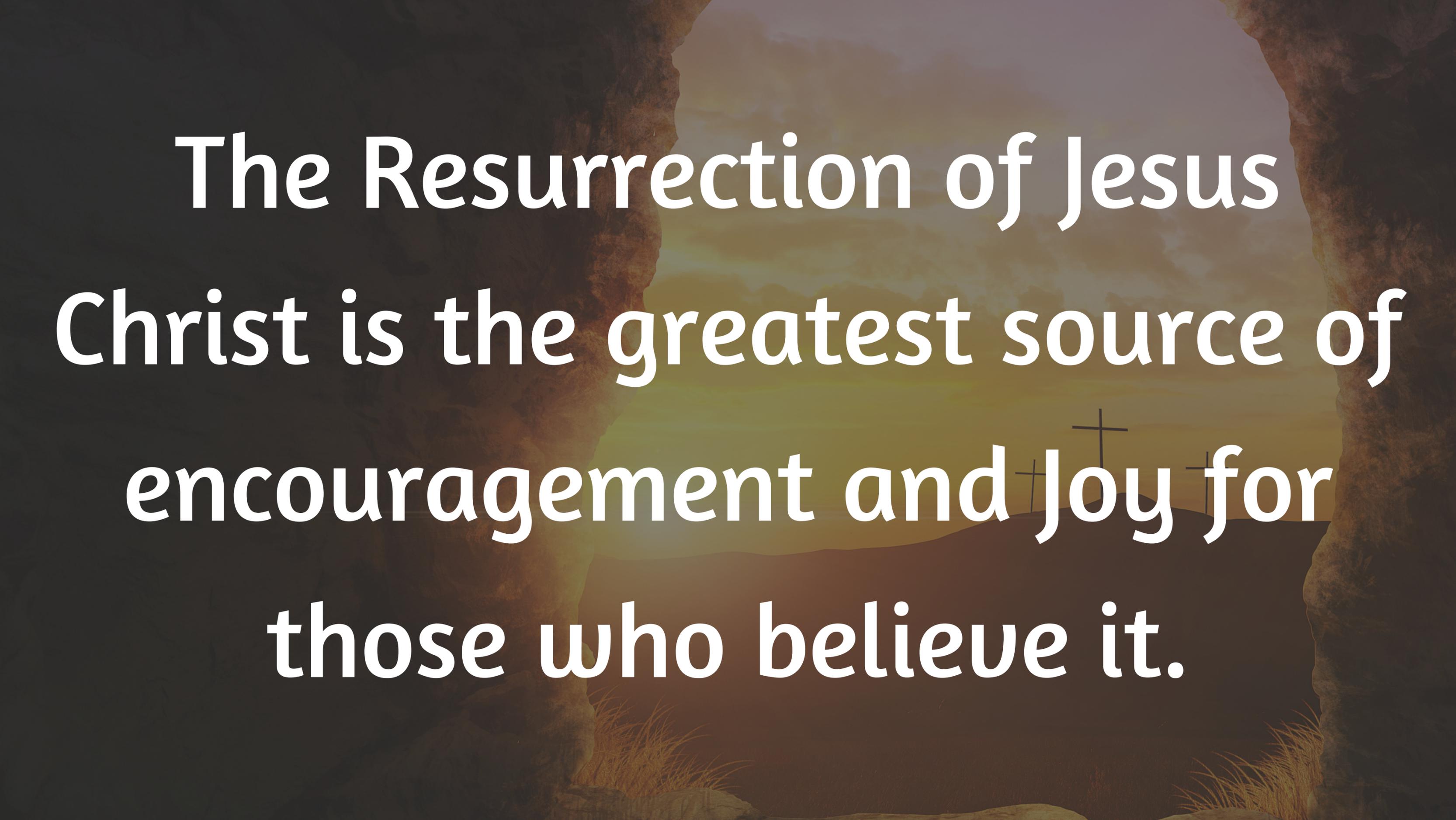
**Why is the Resurrection of Jesus
personally encouraging and joy
filling for us who believe?**

A view through a cave opening showing a landscape with three crosses on a hill under a sunset sky.

I. It Assures Our Forgiveness

II. It Assures Our Freedom

III. It Assures Us God Loves Us

A landscape view through a cave opening. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a hill features several white crosses. The foreground shows the rough, textured edges of the cave walls and some sparse, dry grass. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

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