



# The Last Week

Following the Lord Jesus through the week leading up to His death and resurrection

## 13. Resurrection

# Where are we up to?

Saturday  
(Sabbath)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and returns to Bethany in the evening

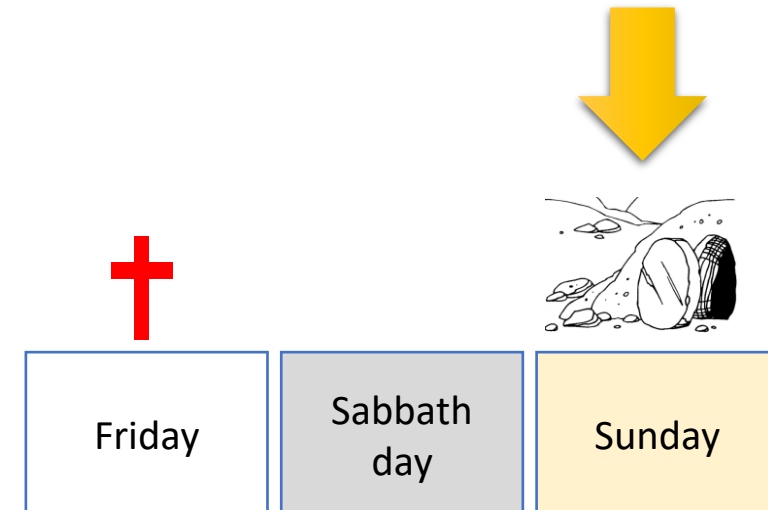
Jesus clears the Temple and returns to Bethany in the evening

Jesus is challenged by the rulers. He teaches His disciples about the last days and that night He is anointed by Mary at Bethany.

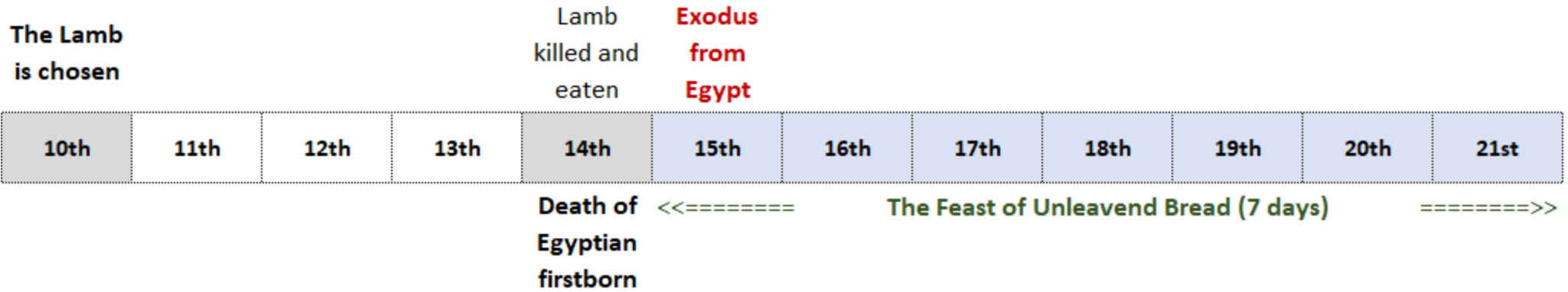
(Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver)

Jesus has the **Passover meal** with the Twelve and is later arrested in Gethsemane.

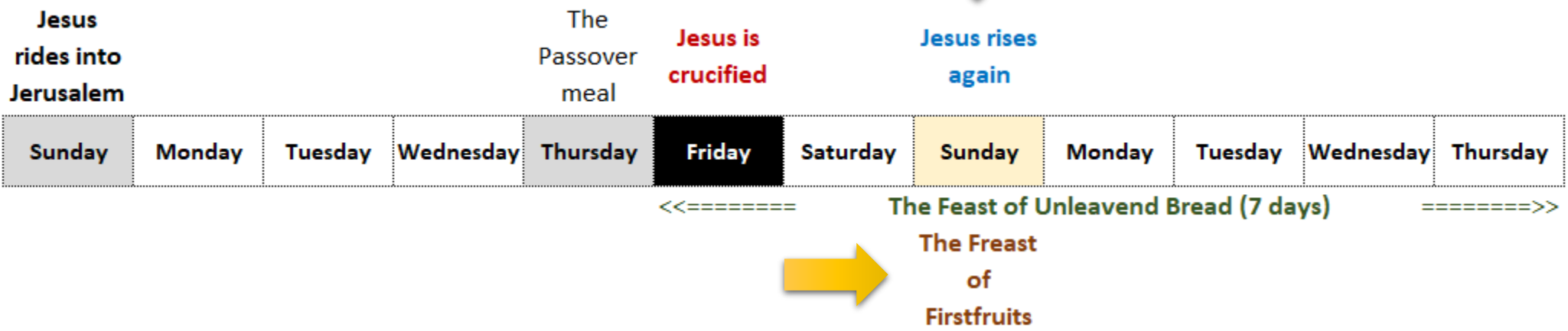
Jesus is tried and crucified. 



# The Exodus from Egypt



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*All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”*

(Psalm 22:7-8)



**He saved others;** himself he cannot save...

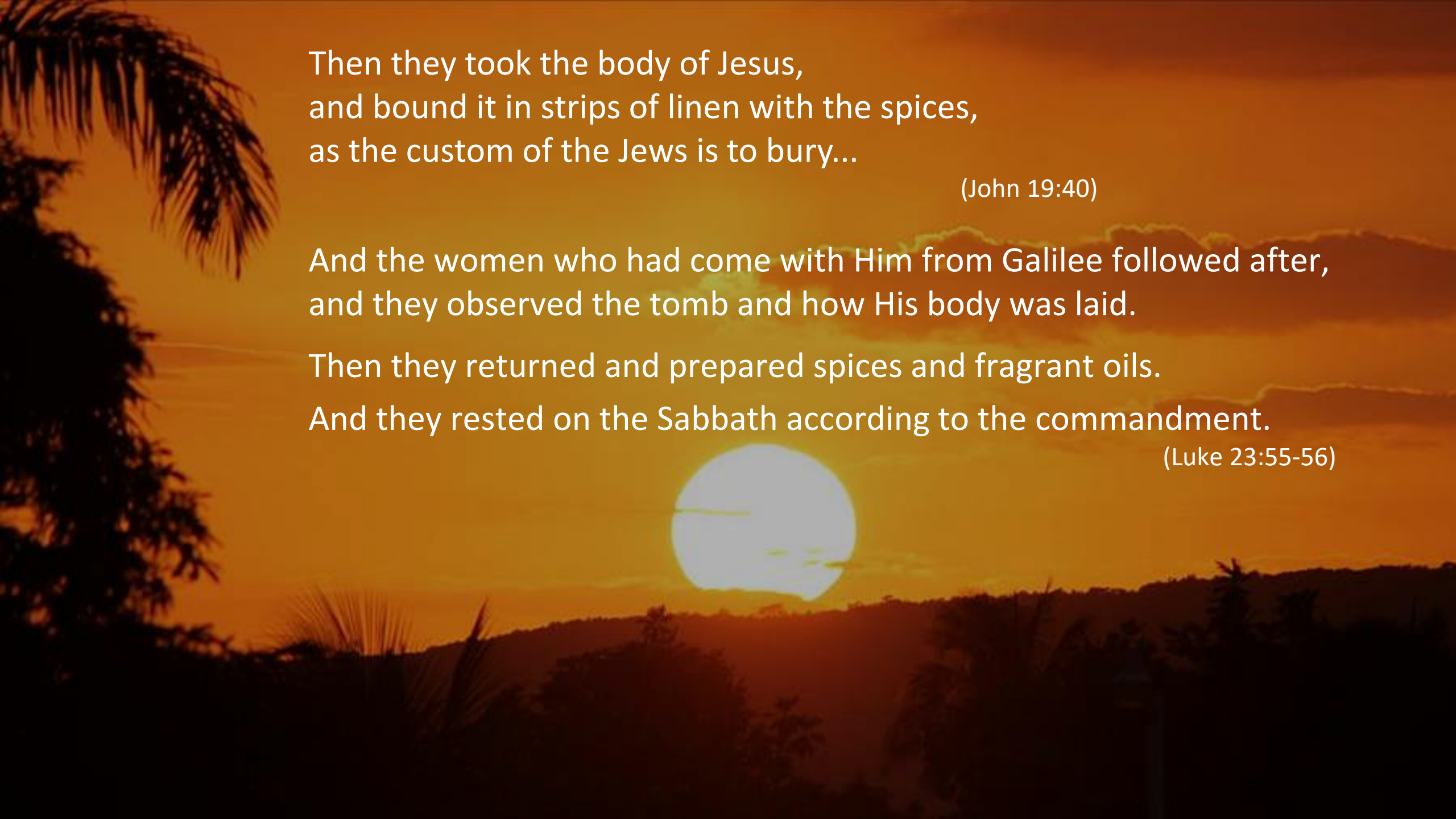
He trusted in God;  
let Him deliver him now if He will have him;  
for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'

*He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed.*

*All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
**And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.***

(Isaiah 53:5-6)





Then they took the body of Jesus,  
and bound it in strips of linen with the spices,  
as the custom of the Jews is to bury...

(John 19:40)

And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after,  
and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid.

Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils.

And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

(Luke 23:55-56)

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An aerial photograph of a village built on a hillside in a hilly, arid landscape. The buildings are small and clustered together, with some taller structures. The surrounding terrain is dry and hilly, with sparse vegetation. The sky is clear and blue.

**“Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”**

***“This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God,  
that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”***

(John 11:3-4)

***“Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.”***

**“Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.”**

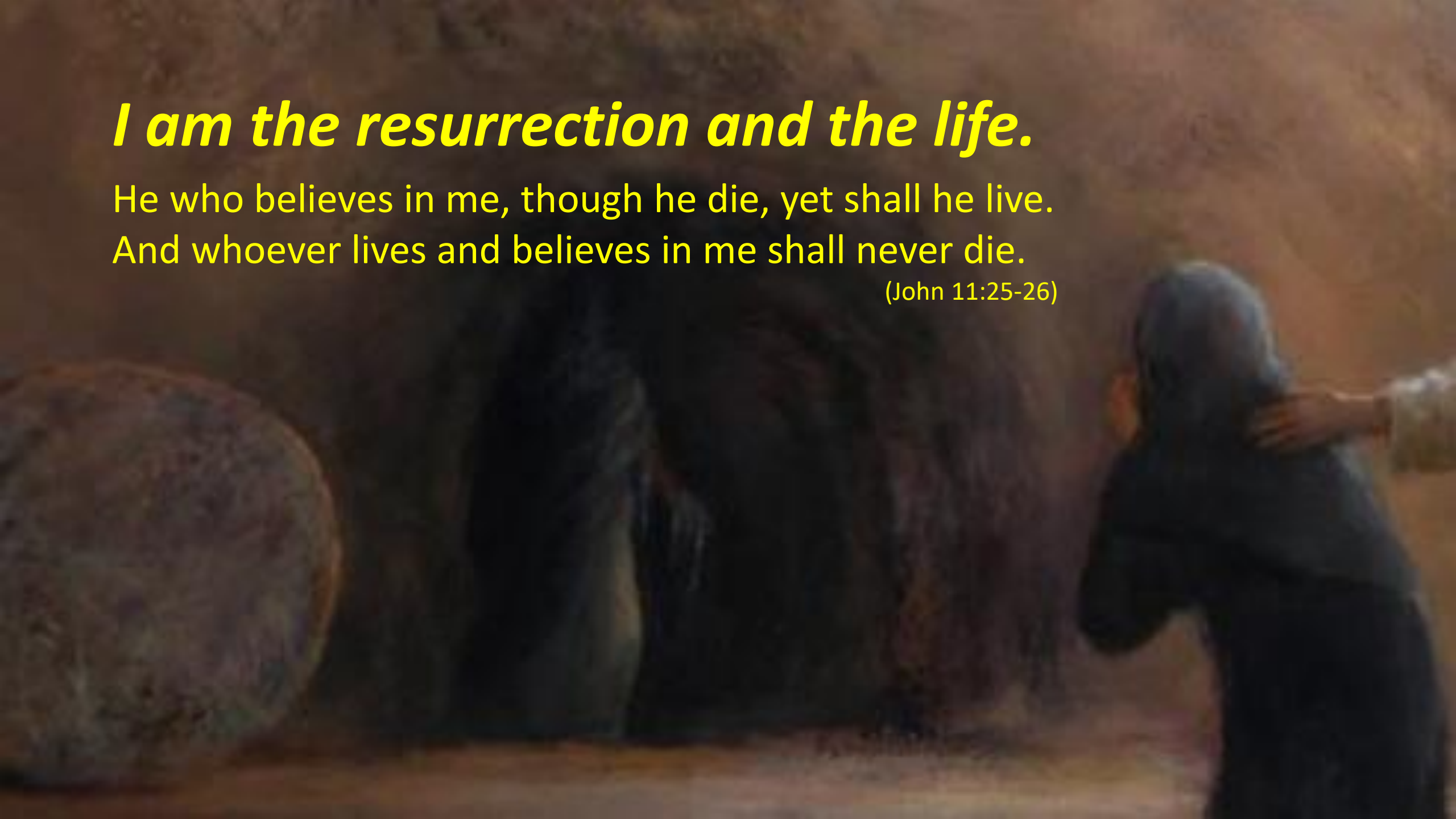
***“Lazarus is dead.”***


(John 11:11-12,14)

***I am the resurrection and the life.***

He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.  
And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

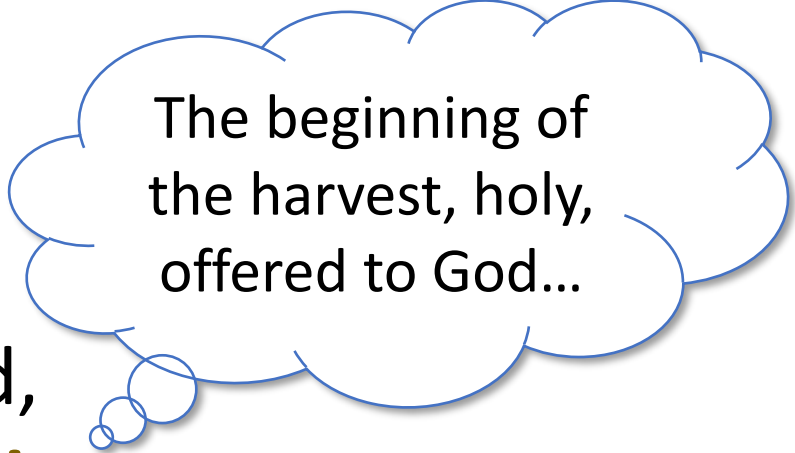
(John 11:25-26)





What happened  
to Lazarus  
during the  
following years?

**He grew old and died...**



The beginning of  
the harvest, holy,  
offered to God...

**Christ** is risen from the dead,  
and has become **the firstfruits**  
of those who have fallen asleep.

(1 Corinthians 15:20)

**The Lord Jesus is the FIRST MAN to rise from the dead!**



# How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?

(1 Corinthians 15:35)



<= Acorn



Oak tree =>



You plant just a **seed**, but its a **tree** that grows

What is sown is **perishable**; what is raised is **imperishable**.  
It is sown in **dishonor**; it is raised in **glory**.  
It is sown in **weakness**; it is raised in **power**.  
It is sown a **natural body**; it is raised a **spiritual body**.

(1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

The **first man** was from the earth, a **man of dust**;

Adam

the **second man** is from **heaven**.

Jesus

Just as we have borne the image of the **man of dust**,  
we shall also bear the image of the **man of heaven**.

(1 Corinthians 15:47,49)

For this perishable body must put on the **imperishable**,  
and this mortal body must put on **immortality**.

(1 Corinthians 15:53)

**“Death is swallowed up in victory.”**

(1 Corinthians 15:54)



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**FRIDAY...**

And Nicodemus ... also came,  
bringing a mixture of **myrrh and aloes**,  
about a hundred pounds.

Roman pounds - about 32.5kg



Then they took the body of Jesus,  
and bound it in **strips of linen** with the spices,  
as the custom of the Jews is to bury...

(John 19:39-40)

## ON THE SABBATH (SATURDAY)...

Sir, we remember ...  
how that deceiver said,  
*'After three days I will rise.'*  
(Matthew 27:63)

*koustōdia* - Latin origin - a Roman sentry  
or watch made up of 4 to 16 soldiers.

You have a guard.  
Go, make it as secure as you can.  
(Matthew 27:65)

So they went and made the tomb secure  
by **sealing the stone** and setting a guard.  
(Matthew 27:66)



## THEN ON SUNDAY...

The chief priests ...  
gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,  
saying, Tell them,

"His disciples came at night  
and stole him away while we slept."

(Matthew 28:12-13)

There is something  
wrong with this,  
isn't there?



## WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT SUNDAY?

- An angel rolled away the stone, there was an earthquake and the guards fled.
- A group of women go to the tomb very early to further embalm the body.
- They find the stone rolled away and the tomb empty.
- Mary Magdalene rushes back. She tells Peter and John that the body has been taken.
- Meanwhile, the other women have seen angels who tell them that the Lord is risen.
- As they return to the city the Lord appears to them. They go and tell the others.
- After hearing from the women, two leave for Emmaus and meet the Lord on the road.
- Before the women return, Peter and John run to the tomb, then leave.
- Mary Magdalene follows Peter and John and arrives after all have left.
- Mary Magdalene sees two angels who ask why she is weeping.
- She meets the Lord and returns to tell the disciples.
- The two return from Emmaus. They hear that the Lord has appeared to Simon Peter.
- The Lord appears to them all (not Thomas) in the closed room and eats before them.



## EARLY SUNDAY MORNING...

They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb,  
and we do not know where they have laid Him.

(John 20:2)

Then Simon Peter came, ... and went into the tomb; and  
**he saw the linen cloths lying there,  
and the handkerchief that had been around His head,  
not lying with the linen cloths,  
but folded together in a place by itself.**

Then the other disciple, ... went in also;  
**and he saw and believed.**

(John 20:6-8)



Sir, if You have carried Him away,  
tell me where You have laid Him,  
and I will take Him away.

(John 20:15)

Mary...

*Go to my brethren and say to them,  
I am ascending to my Father and your Father,  
and to my God and your God.*

(John 20:17)

## On the road to Emmaus...

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

“Did not our **heart burn within us** while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

So they rose up that very hour ... and found the eleven ... saying,

**“The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”**

(Luke 24:30, 32-34)



A wooden cutting board with a broiled fish and green vegetables. The fish is the central focus, with its skin charred and flesh white. It is surrounded by green leafy vegetables, possibly lettuce or spinach, which are also on the cutting board. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pattern of green and white, suggesting a kitchen or dining area.

***Peace to you.***

...

*"Why are you troubled?  
And why do doubts arise in your hearts?  
**Behold my hands and my feet,**  
that it is I myself. Handle me and see,  
for a spirit does not have **flesh and bones**  
as you see I have."*

...

***"Have you any food here?"***  
So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish.  
And He took it and ate in their presence.  
(Luke 24:36-43)

Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails,  
and put my finger into the print of the nails,  
and put my hand into his side,  
**I will not believe.**

**Eight days later...**

*Peace to you.  
Reach your finger here, and look at my hands;  
and reach your hand here, and put it into my side.  
**Do not be unbelieving, but believing.***

**My Lord and my God!**

*Thomas, because you have seen Me,  
you have believed.  
**Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have believed.***

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# DID JESUS RISE FROM THE DEAD?

1. The crucifixion of Jesus is an established fact of history.
2. Could it be that the tomb was NOT empty?
3. What explanation is there for:
  - A. The empty tomb?
  - B. The birth of the church?



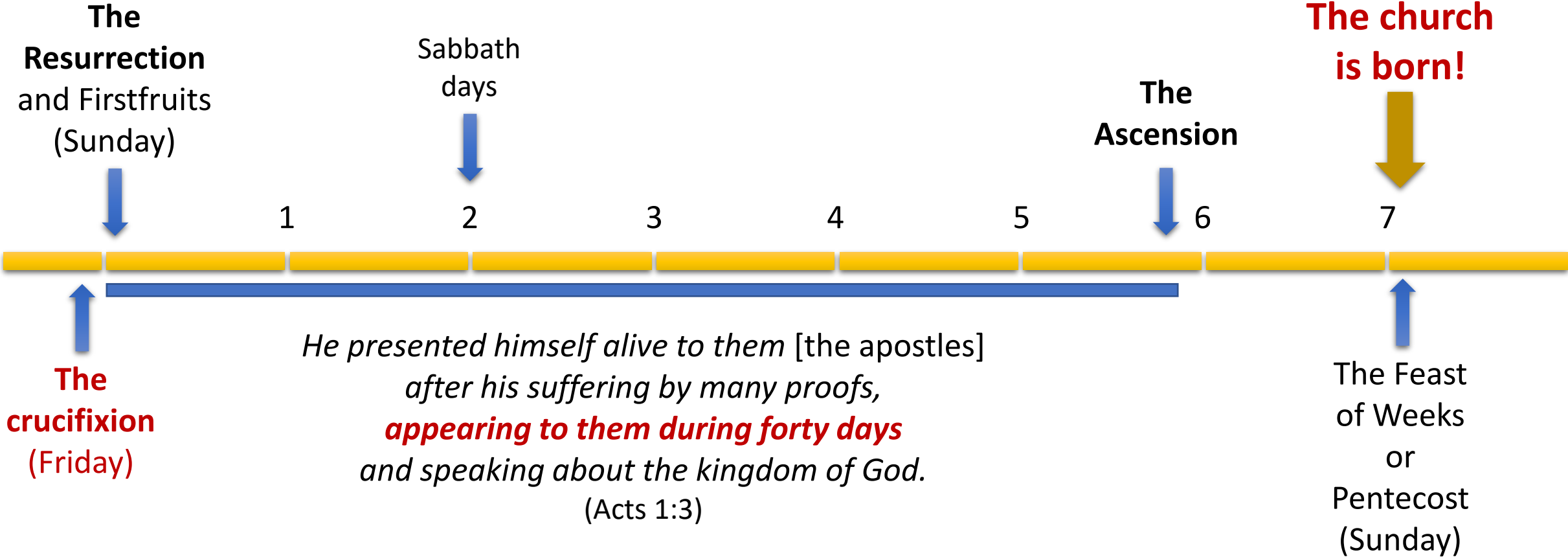
## A. THE EMPTY TOMB

What explanation is there for the empty tomb?

1. They went to the wrong tomb?
2. He didn't actually die?
3. The Romans took the body?
4. The Jews took the body?
5. The disciples took the body?
6. He rose from the dead!



# B. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH



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- Seven weeks after the crucifixion
- In Jerusalem where He died and rose again
- Built entirely on the fact of His resurrection

Men of Israel, hear these words:  
Jesus of Nazareth, ...  
you have crucified, and put to death;  
**whom God raised up...**  
(Acts 2:22-24)

**He is  
risen!**