

Neighborly Apologetics

Christ's Resurrection

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The Amazing and Profound
Implications of the Resurrection

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The Royal Law
Love your neighbor

God has entrusted the primary work
of the Kingdom to the common
Christian family

with a priestly role in our neighborhoods

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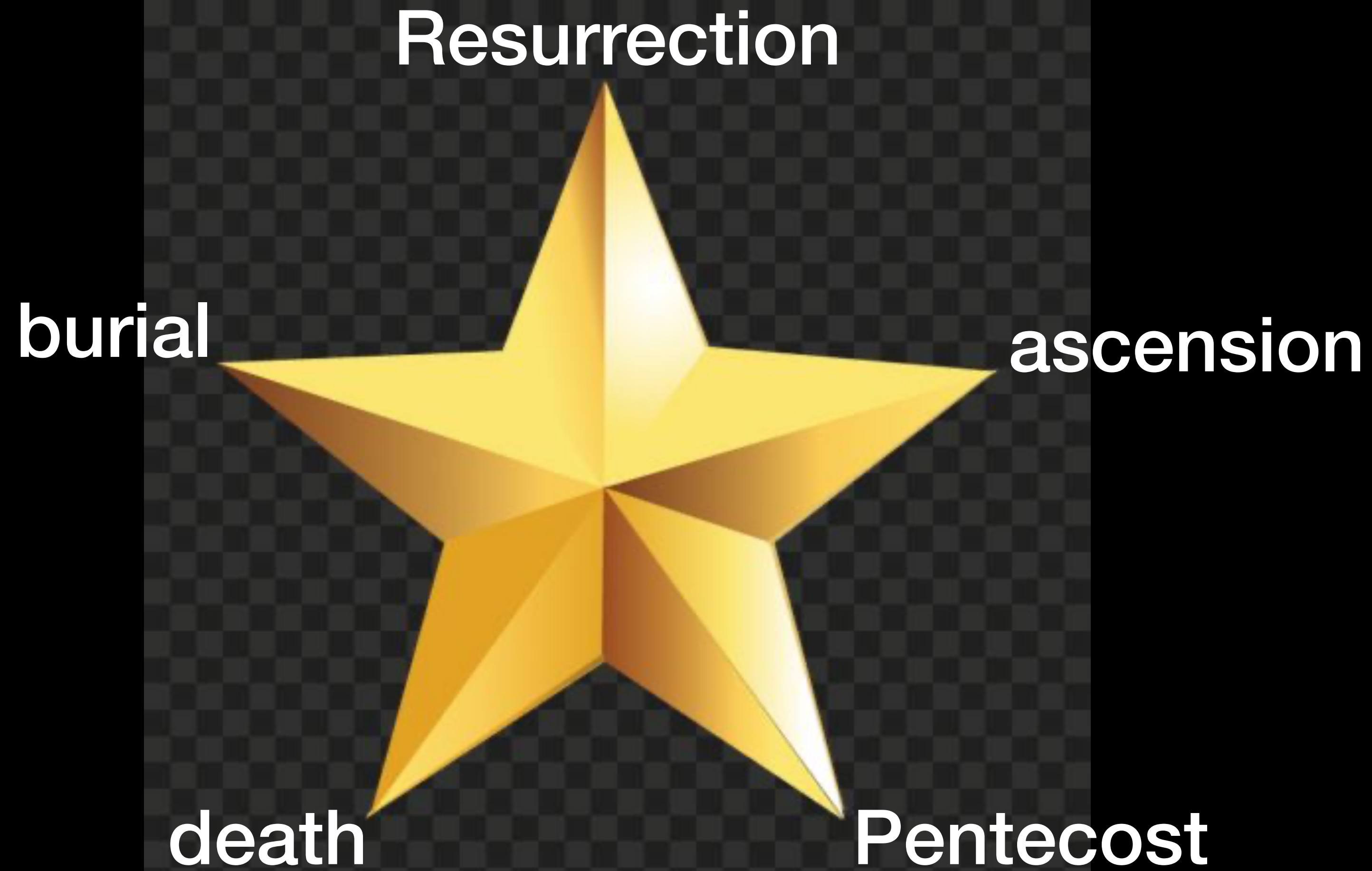
Who is Jesus?

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the heart and key of the Christian apologetic

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BC or BCE

AD or CE

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summary

all the things we have examined:

- *historical facts*
- *witnesses*
- *appearances*
- *polemic and creed*
- *times, events, places*
- *harmonized account*



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if Jesus really and truly rose from the dead

then, we are presented with some

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obvious implications

the seal would have been broken

the tomb would have been empty

the stone would have been rolled away

the guards would have known it

the creation would have reacted

angels would have announced it

Jesus would have told the women

Jesus would have told His disciples

Jesus would have appeared to many

God would have recorded the events for us

Jesus must have existed/He's real

Jesus must have been dead and buried

Jesus was and is alive



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Jesus was and is alive

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Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:27-29).

Jesus was and is alive



He hears you, just as He heard Magdalene

He sees you, just as He saw Thomas

He transforms people today, like He transformed Saul of Tarsus

"I've just seen Jesus, and I'll never be the same again!"

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And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; ***He shall crush your head***, and you shall bruise His heel (Genesis 3:15).

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through ***death*** he might ***destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil*** and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Satan was defeated



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Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. ***But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death,*** since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power (Acts 2:22-24).

death was defeated



If you are in Christ, you should have no fear of death.

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We will also rise

If the Spirit of him who **raised** Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who **raised** Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you (Romans 8:11).

I am the **resurrection** and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live... (John 11:25).



“Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is your victory...where is your sting?”

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

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“Because I **live**, you also will live.”
(John 14:19)

But in fact Christ has been **raised** from
the dead, the first-fruits of those who
have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
(1 Corinthians 15:23)

He is the first-fruit



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Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a *shadow of the things to come*, but the *substance belongs to Christ*.
(Colossians 2:16-17)

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
(Luke 24:27)

He is the first-fruit



the first-fruit was to be offered “the day after the first Sabbath after Passover”

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So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will **raise** it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was **raised** from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (John 2:18-22)

the predictions were all true



you can trust the promises of God

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it was the great confirmation

“declared to be the Son of God... by his resurrection from the dead.” (Romans 1:4)



the resurrection is the key apologetic

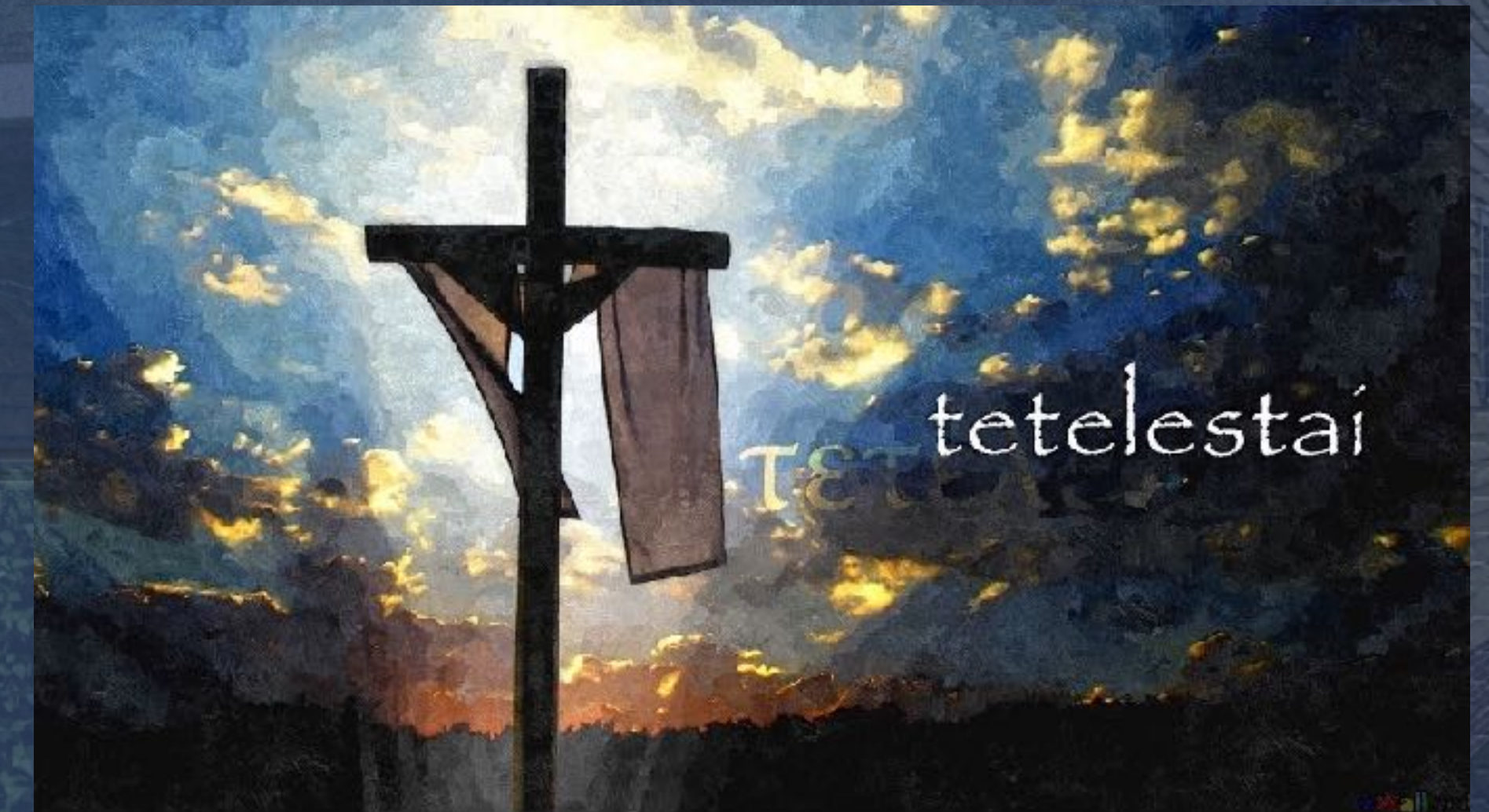
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... if Christ has not been **raised**, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)

... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God **raised** Him from the dead, you will be saved... (Romans 10:9)

our sins are forgiven
we are saved



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... if Christ has not been **raised**, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. (1 Corinthians 15:14)

And if Christ has not been **raised**, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)

And if Christ has not been **raised**... then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. (1 Corinthians 15:17-18)

our faith is not in vain



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But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and **rose again**, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up **together** with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ... (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

we will be together again



Christ's resurrection amazing and profound implications

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was **raised**—who is at the right hand of God, who is indeed interceding for us. (Romans 8:33-34)

He is interceding for us

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” (1 John 2:1)



Therefore, He is always able to save those who come to God through Him, since He always **lives** to intercede for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

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Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has set a day when He is going to judge the world in righteousness by the Man He has appointed. He has provided proof of this to everyone by **raising** Him from the dead. (Acts 17:30-31)

He will judge the world



Christ's **r e s u r r e c t i o n**

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He sent the Holy Spirit

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not **go** away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I **go**, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)



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And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now”... But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:4-5,8)

He equipped us
to change the world



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He is preparing opportunities for us

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many **mansions**; if it were not so, I would have told you. I **go** to prepare a **place** for you. And if I **go** and prepare a **place** for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1-3)

monai: abodes

topas: opportunity



“I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had **opportunity** (**topas**) to make his defense...” (Acts 25:16)

Christ's **r e s u r r e c t i o n**

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He left and turned it over to us

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am **going** to the Father. (John 14:12)

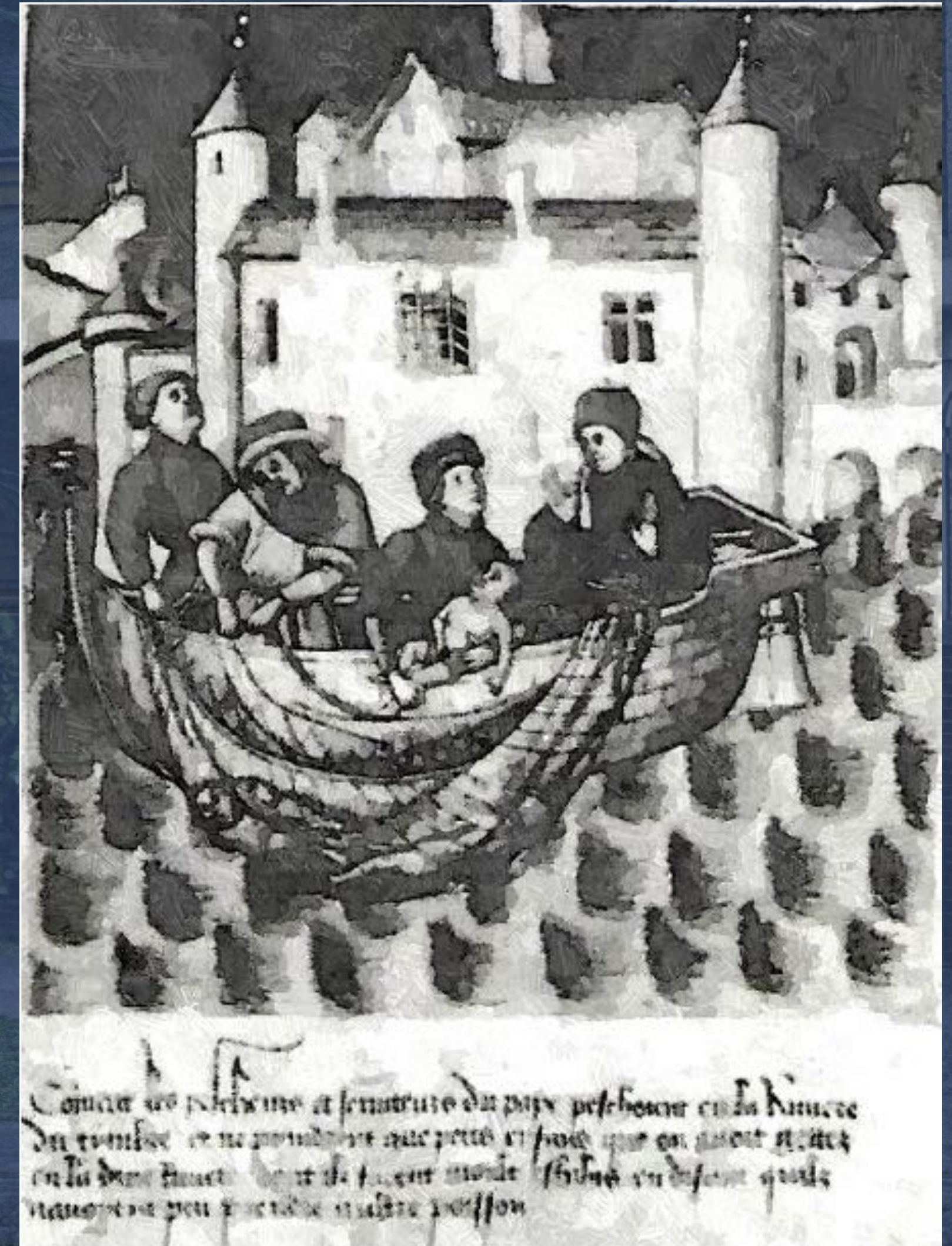


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It would have radically changed the world

But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd.

And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." (Acts 17:5-7)

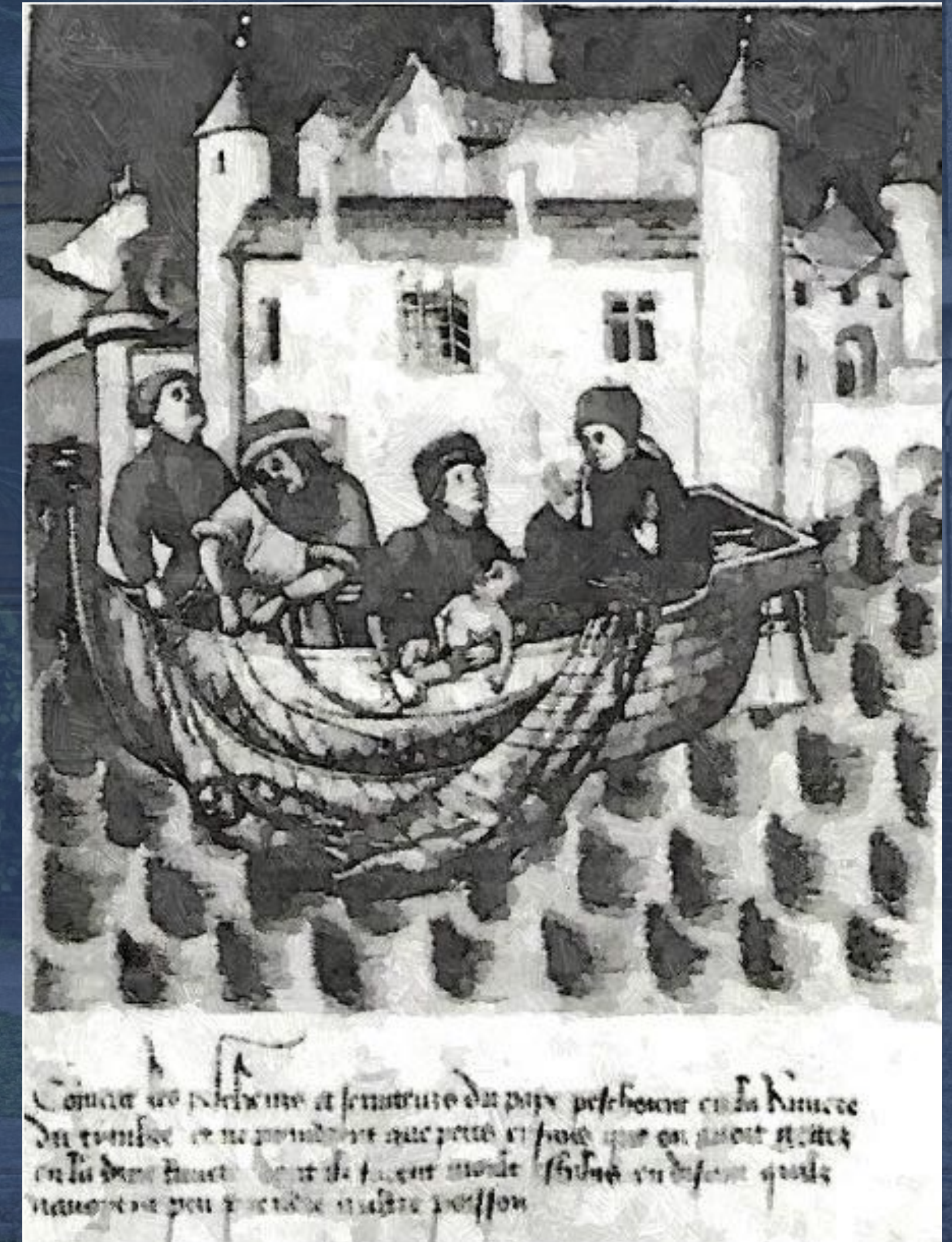


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It would have radically changed the world

- abortion and infanticide
- human sacrifice
- prostitution
- pedophilia
- slavery
- view of marriage
- view of women, widows, orphans
- view of the blind, lame, diseased
- view of the poor
- view of labor



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It would have radically changed the disciples

As [Peter and John] were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. (Acts 4:1-3)



But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.)

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It would have radically changed the disciples

On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?" (verses 5-7)



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Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God **raised** from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (verses 8-12)



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It would have radically changed the disciples

And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus (verse 18).

But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard" (verses 19-20).



And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all (verse 33).

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has it radically changed you?



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