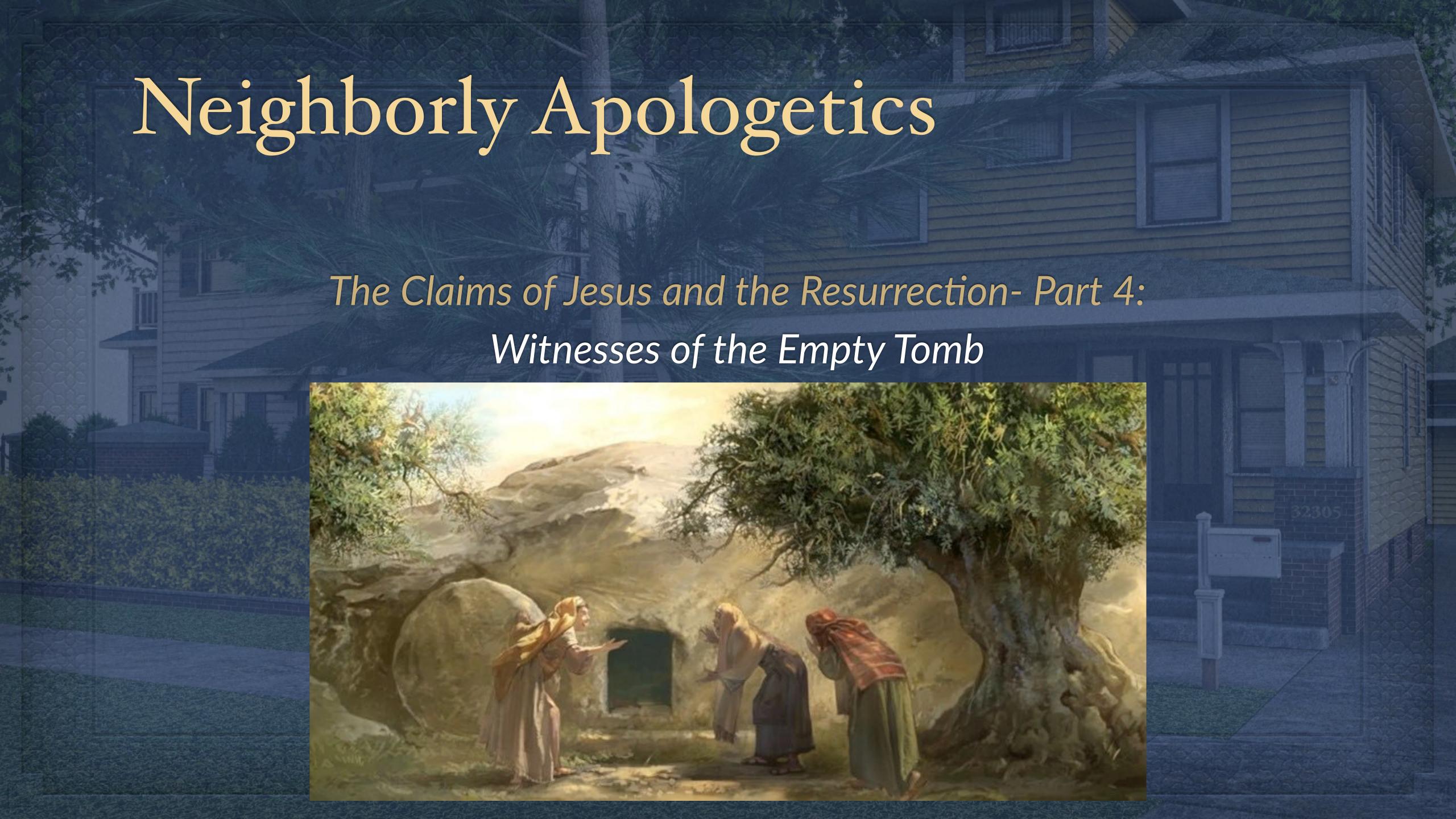


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Love your neighbor

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with a priestly role in our neighborhoods



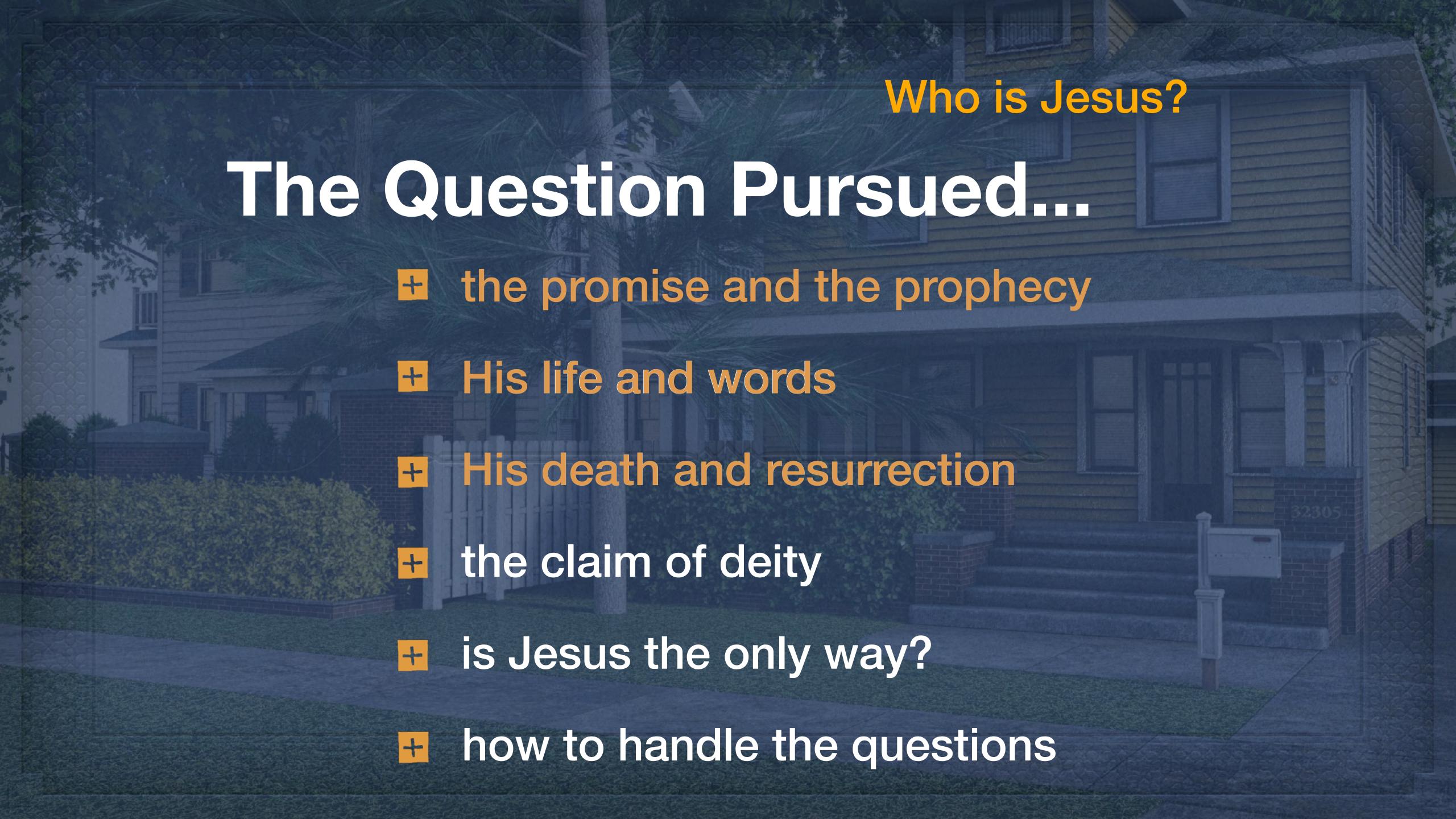
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- 3. "Only One Way" and Religious Pluralism
 - 4. Faith and Reason
 - 5. Free Will and Sovereignty
 - 6. God's Existence and Nature
 - 7. Goodness of Man, Judgment and Hell
- 8. Hypocrisy and Christian Crimes of the Past
 - 9. The Claims of Jesus and the Resurrection

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- 12. The Veracity of the Bible and "Contradictions"

Plus: Burning Issues of our Day















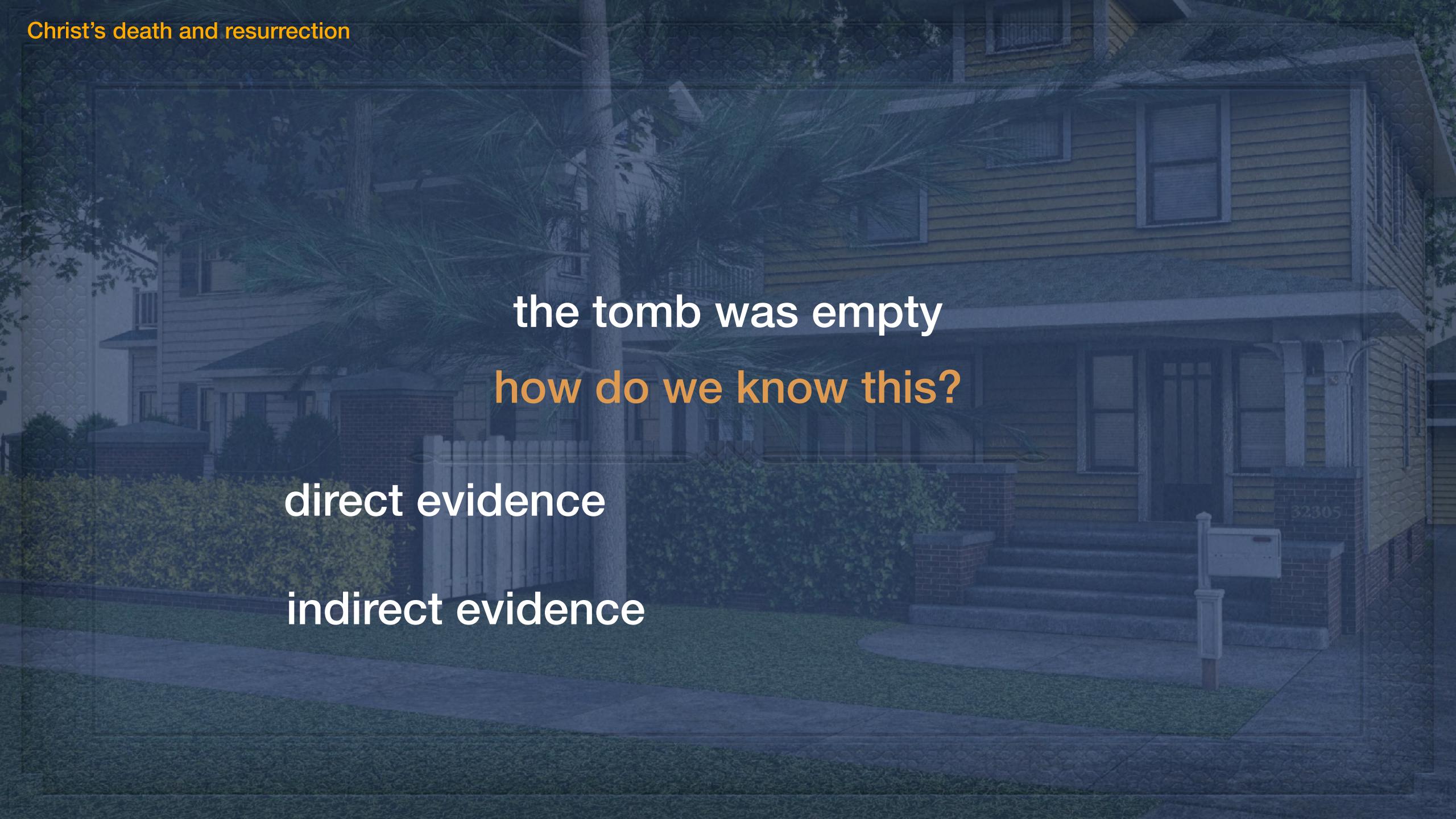
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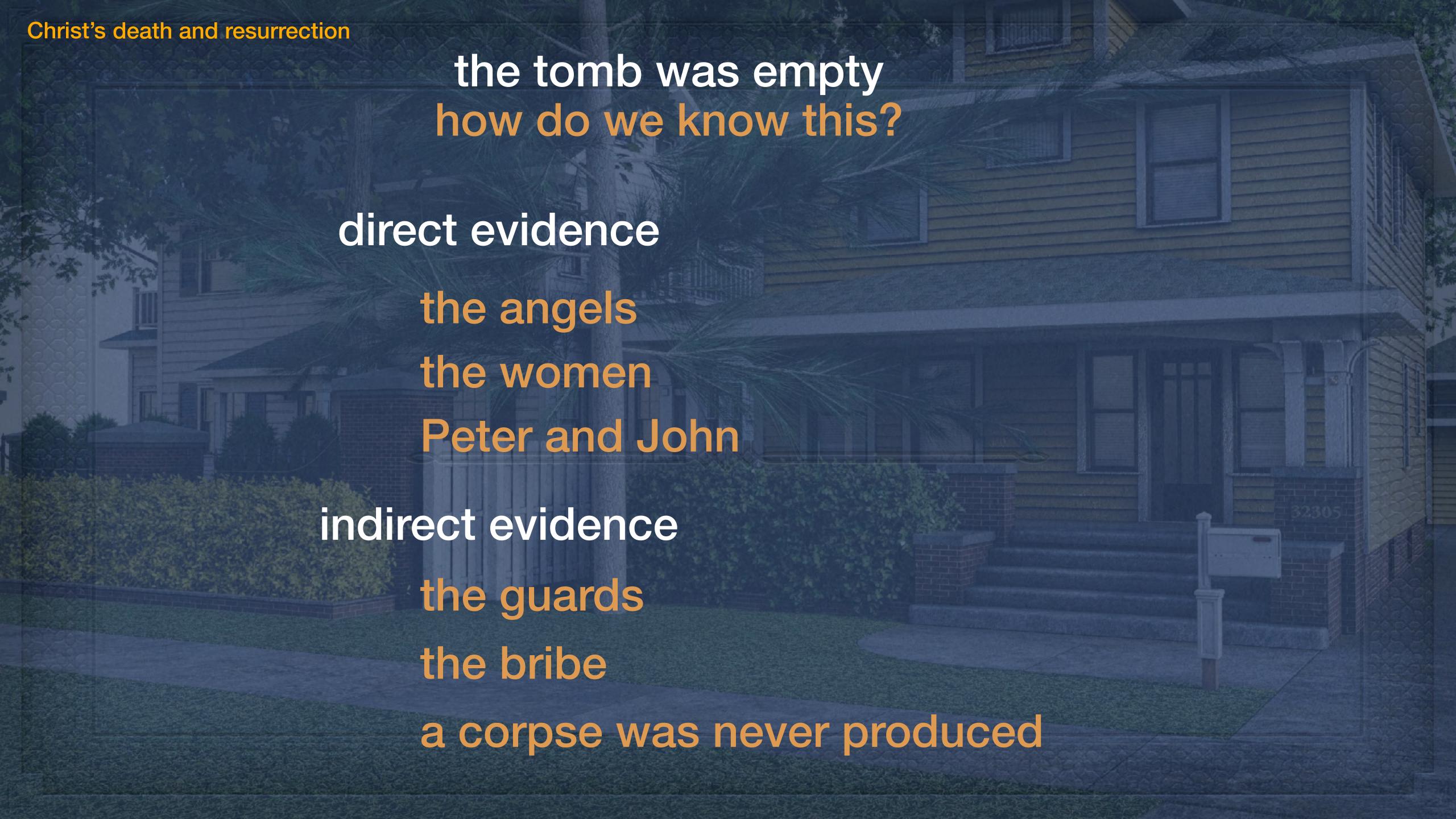
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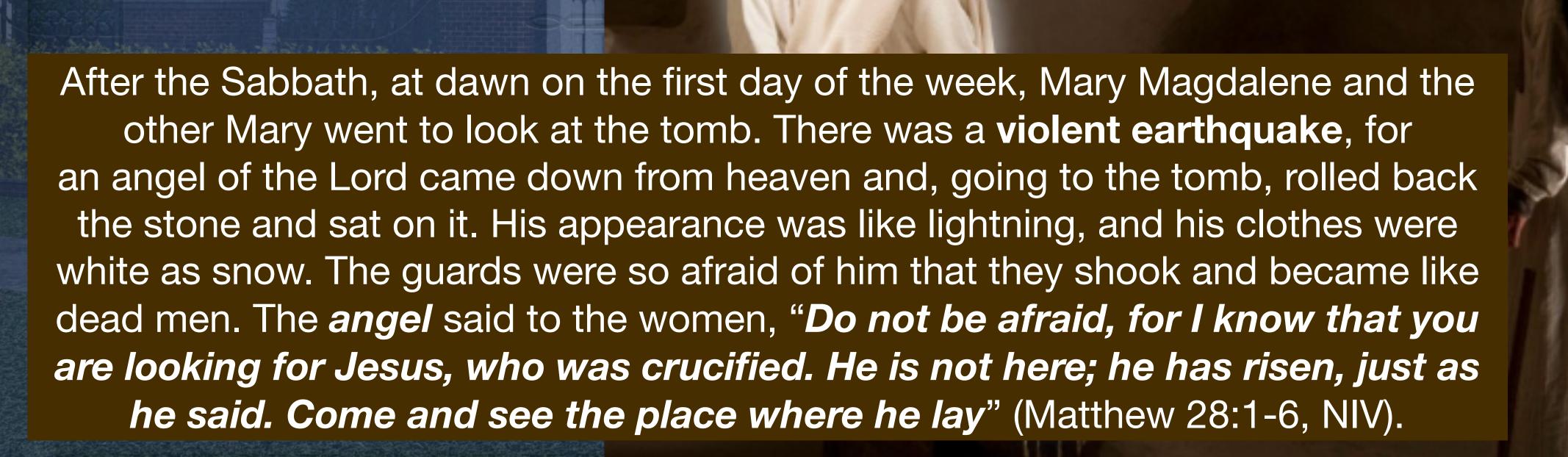
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- 3. Mary, mother of James and Joseph (*Matthew, Mark, Luke*)
- 4. Mary Magdalene (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
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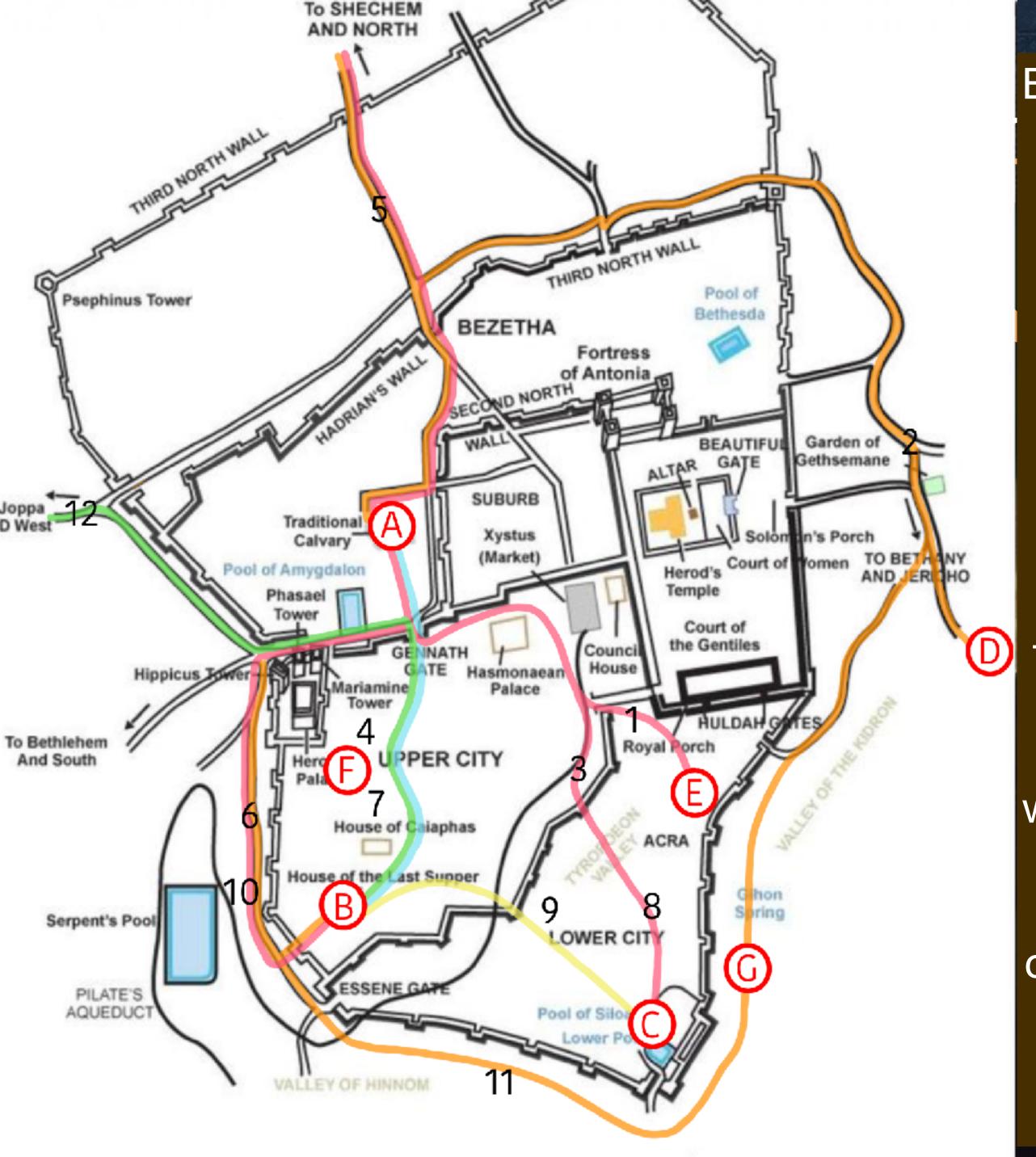
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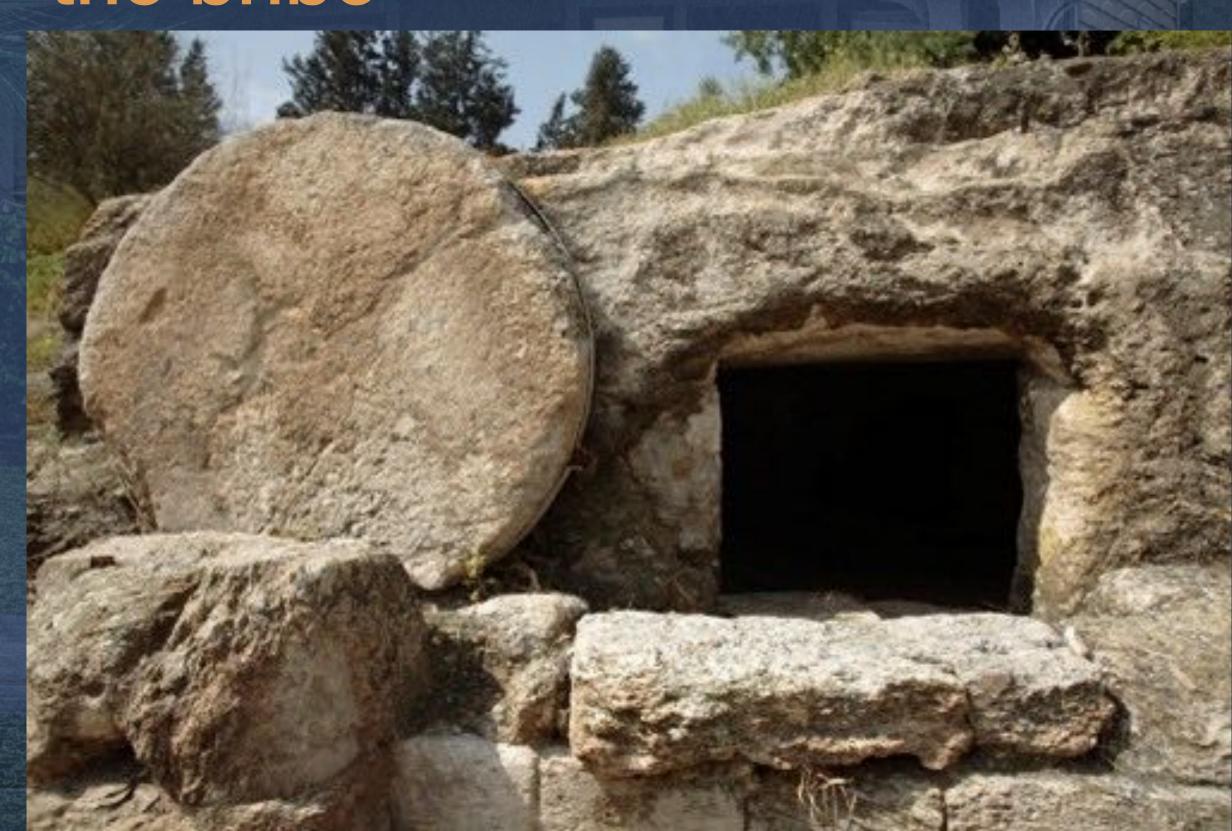
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