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# RESURRECTION

*security in chaotic times*



# Our CHAOTIC TIMES

*Research by Fuller Seminary & the Barna Group*

- **4,000** new churches begin each year
- **7,000** churches close each year
- **50%** of the ministers starting out will not last **5 years**
- **80%** believe ministry has negatively affected their families
- **95%** of pastors do not regularly pray with their spouses



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- **50%** feel unable to meet the demands of the job
- Only 1 out of 10 pastors will actually retire as some type of vocational minister
- **70%** of pastors constantly fight depression
- **50%** of pastors feel so discouraged they would leave the ministry if they could, but have no other way to make a living



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- 80% of pastors' spouses wish their spouse would choose a different profession
- The profession of “Pastor” is near the bottom of a survey of the most-respected professions, just above “car salesman”
- Over 1,700 pastors left the ministry every month last year
- Over 1,300 pastors were terminated by the local church each month



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1 Corinthians 2:4-5

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power



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1 Corinthians 15:3-8

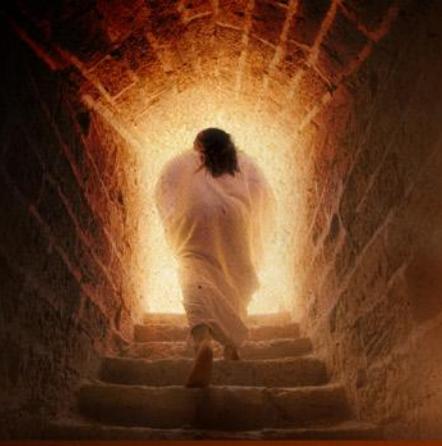
...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.



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After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.



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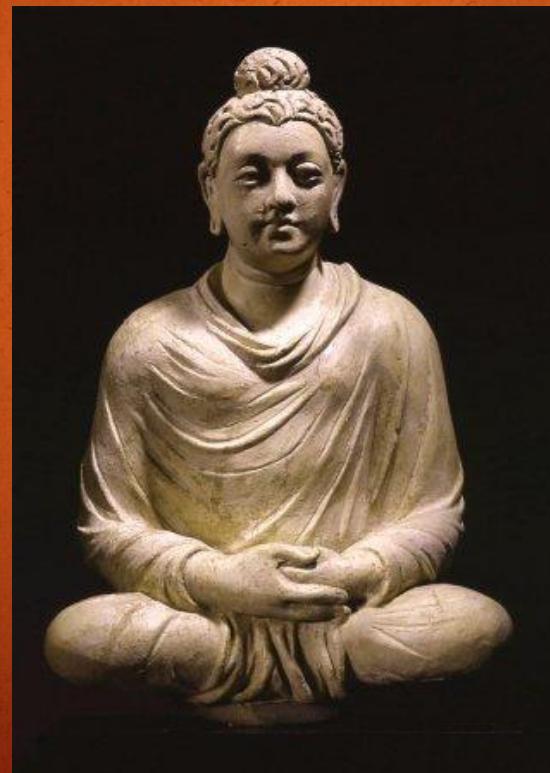
Then he appeared to James,  
then to all the apostles,  
and last of all he appeared  
to me also...

Muhammad



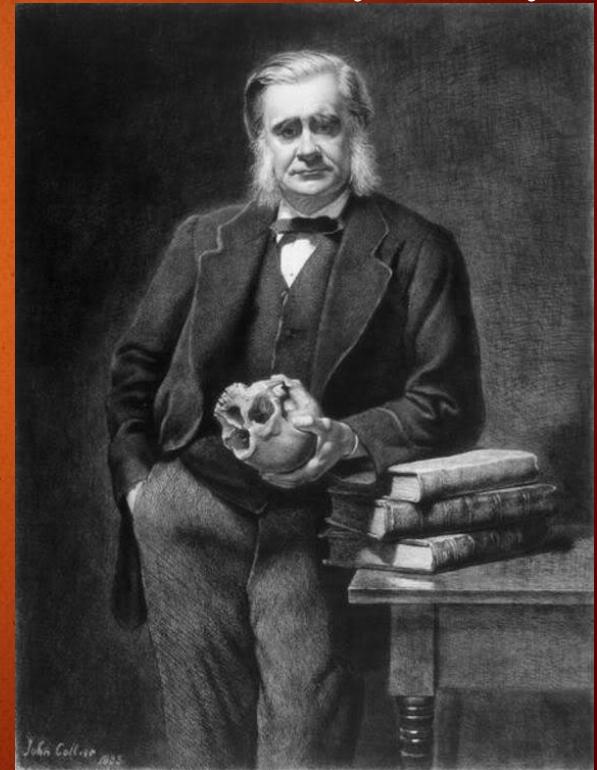
died: 632

Siddartha - Buddha



died: age 80

Thomas Henry Huxley



died: 1895



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Isaiah

*"Thy dead men shall live, together with  
my dead body shall they arise. Awake  
and sing, ye that hear: Thy dead men shall live,  
together with my dead body shall they  
arise.*



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Isaiah

*.. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust:  
for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and  
the earth shall cast out the dead" at dwell  
in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs,  
and the earth shall cast out the dead"*



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Psalm 49:15

But God will redeem my life from the grave;  
he will surely take me to himself.



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Job 14:13-15

If a man dies, will he live again?  
All the days of my hard service I will  
wait for my renewal to come.  
You will call and I will answer you;  
you will long for the creature your  
hands have made.



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Job 19:25-27

I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand upon  
the earth. And after my skin  
    has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;



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Job 19:25-27

I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!



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Hebrews 11:

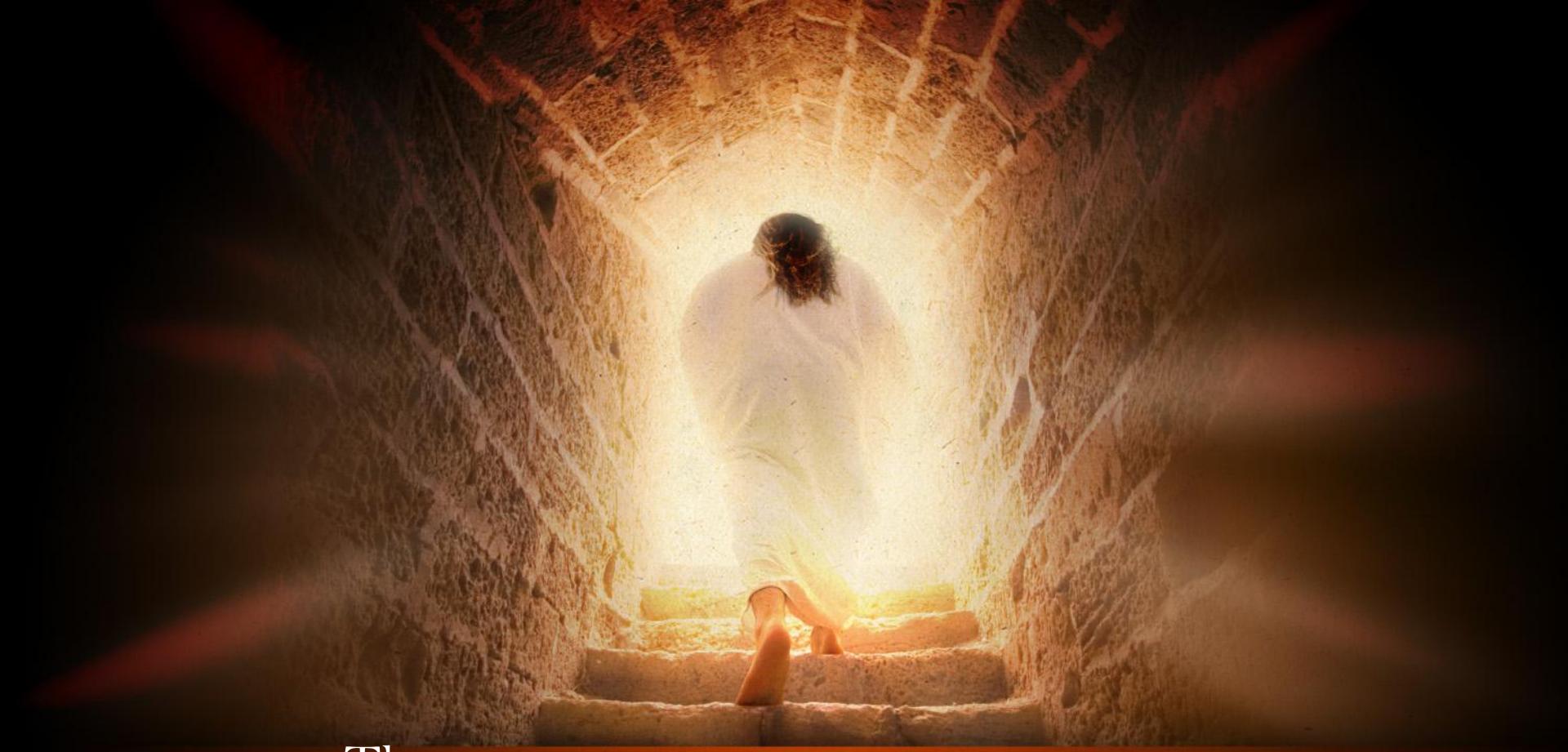
By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”



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Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.



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*a personal journey*



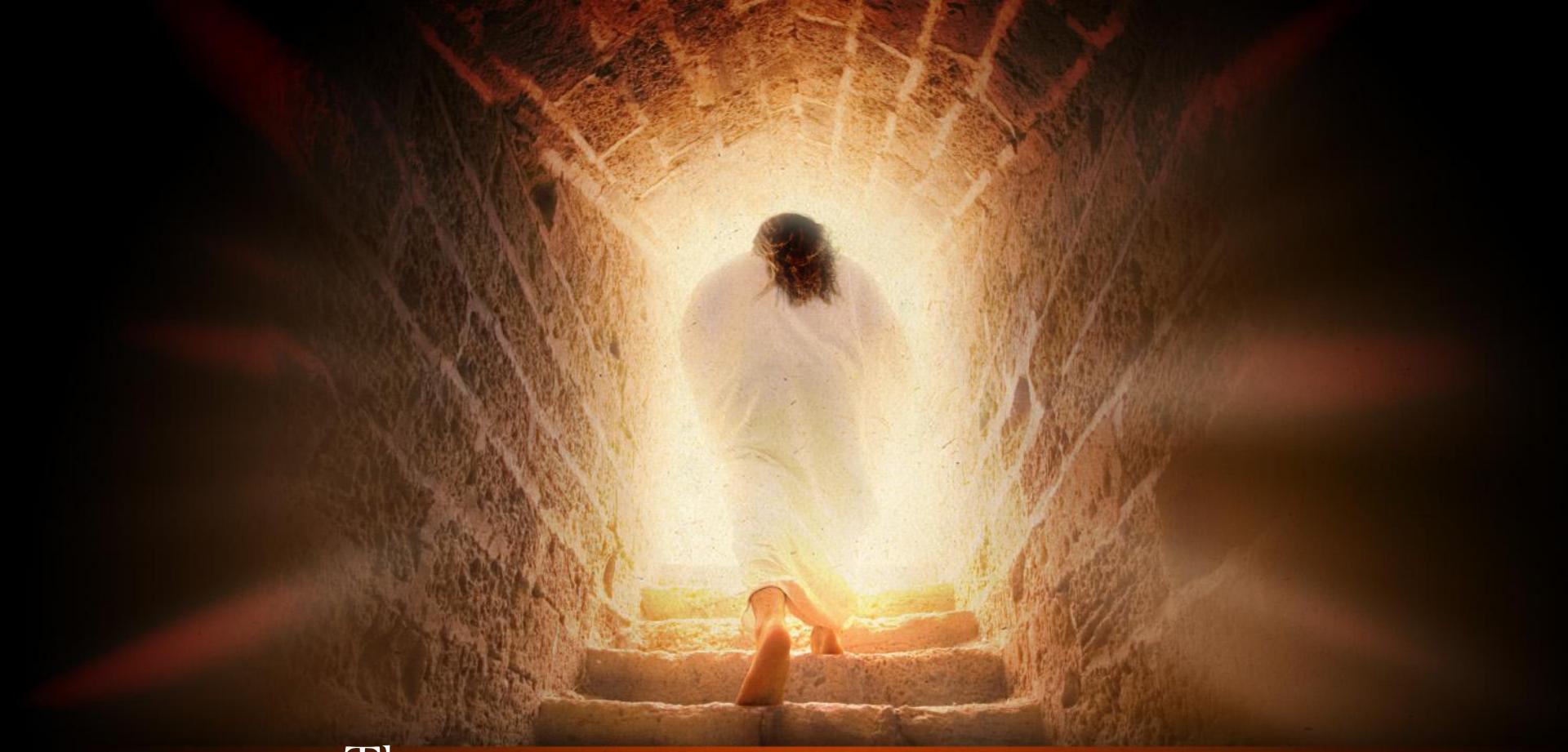
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He Is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

And Because He Is Risen...

I Can Believe!



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