

A Reasonable Faith in An Uncertain World

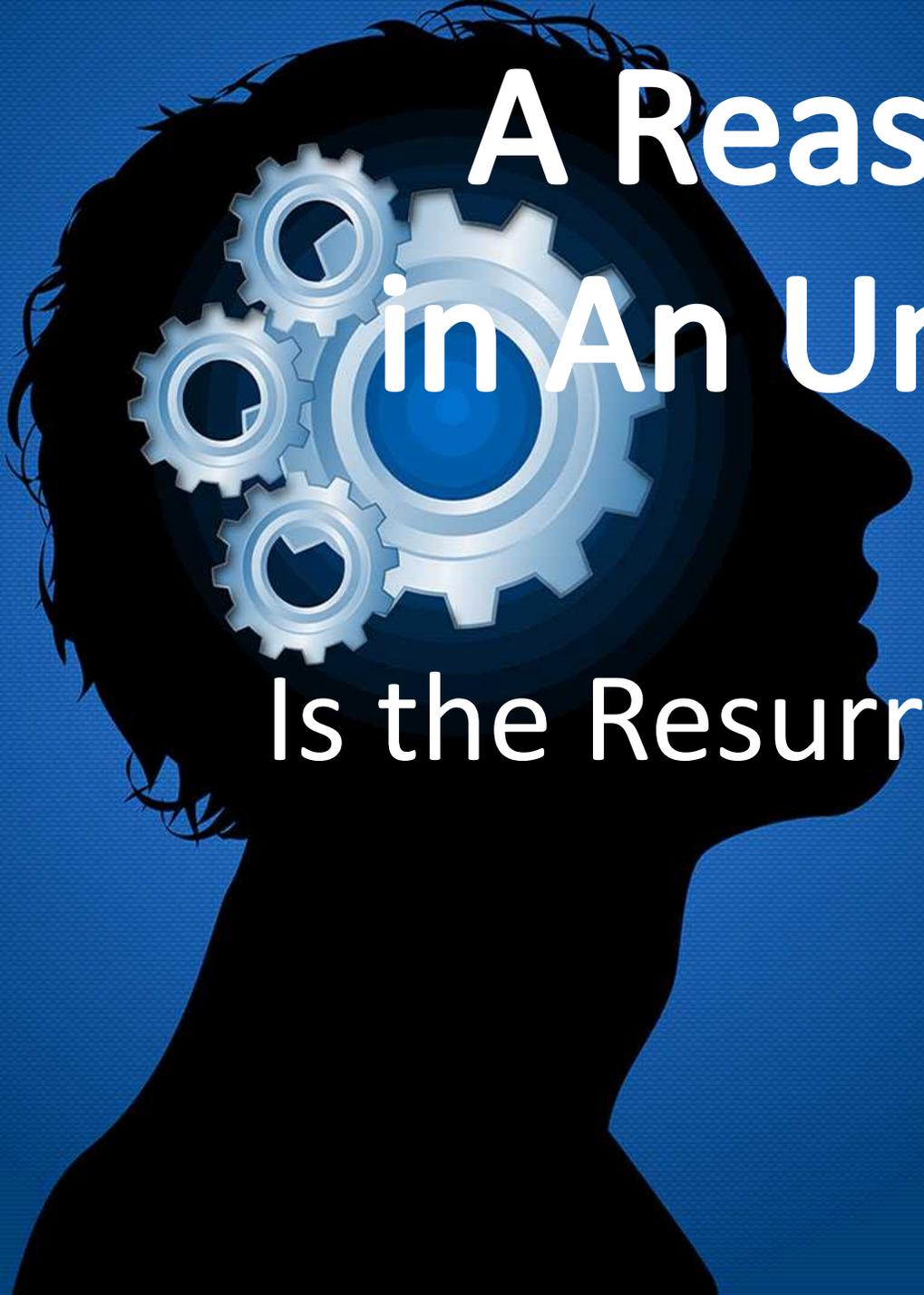
Is believing in God and Jesus Christ a matter of blind faith or are there reasons to believe?

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In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

– 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

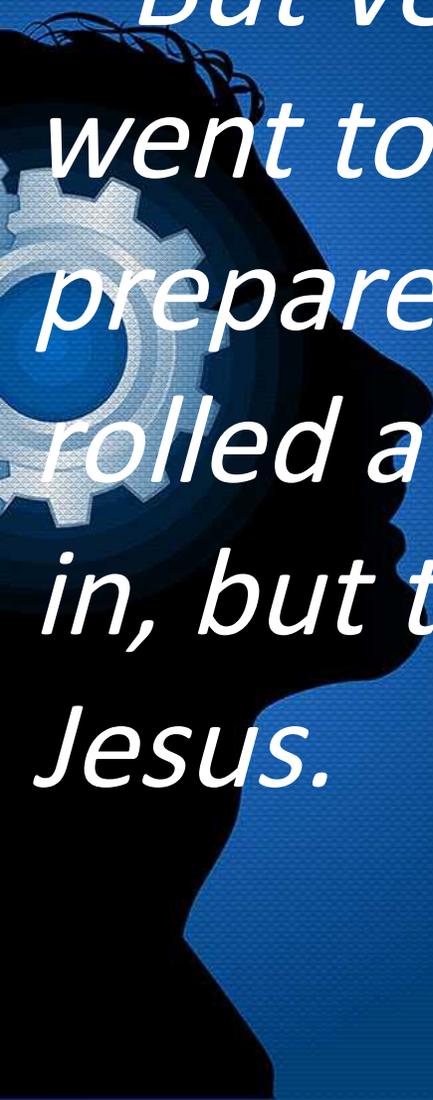
Be Prepared

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Is the Resurrection of Christ True?

The Empty Tomb

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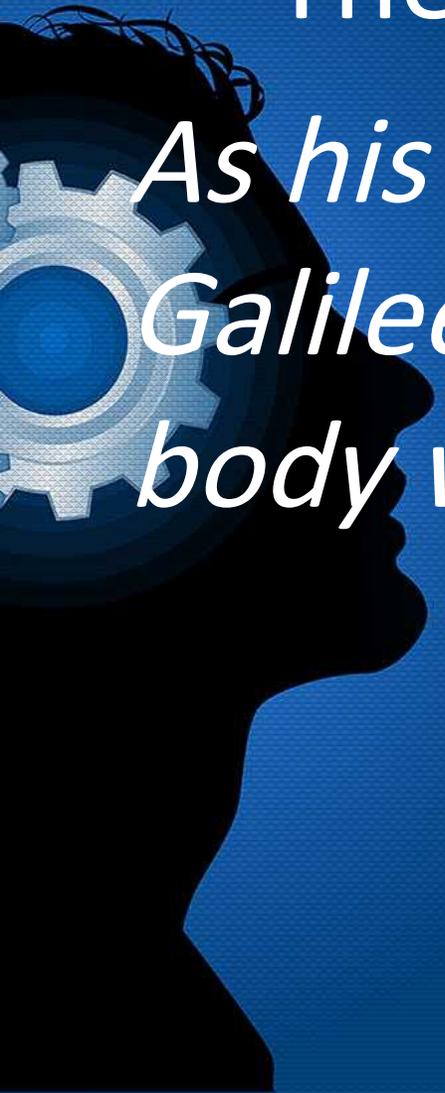
But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 24:1-3 (NLT)

The Empty Tomb

- The Women Found It Empty

As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed. Luke 23:55-56 (NLT)



The Empty Tomb

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56 Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law.

Luke 23:55-56 (NLT)

Empty Tomb

- John and Peter Saw It

But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it.

Luke 24:11-12 (NLT) Cp John 20:1-10



The Empty Tomb

- John and Peter Saw It

12 However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

Luke 24:11-12 (NLT) Cp John 20:1-10

The Empty Tomb

- The Disciples Preached It...In Jerusalem
Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this..." Acts 2:14ff



The Empty Tomb

- Joseph of Arimathea's Tomb

Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.) Mark 15:43-46 (NLT)

The Empty Tomb

- Joseph of Arimathea's Tomb

44 Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet. 45 The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body.

Mark 15:43-46 (NLT)

The Empty Tomb

- Joseph of Arimathea's Tomb

46 Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. Mark 15:43-46 (NLT)

The Empty Tomb

- Foes Admitted It

As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. 12 A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe. Matthew 28:11-15 (NLT)



The Empty Tomb

- Foes Admitted It

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13 They told the soldiers, “You must say, ‘Jesus’ disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.’ 14 If the governor hears about it, we’ll stand up for you so you won’t get in trouble.” Matthew 28:11-15 (NLT)

The Empty Tomb

- Foes Admitted It

15 So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today.

Matthew 28:11-15 (NLT)



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Toledot Yeshu



The Empty Tomb



And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!

1 Corinthians 15:16-18 (NLT)