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ANALYZE

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You are busy analyzing the Scriptures.

"You are busy analyzing the Scriptures, frantically poring over them in hopes of gaining eternal life. Everything you read points to me, yet you still refuse to come to me so I can give you the life you're looking for—eternal life!"
John 5:39-40 TPT

Religion always like to analyze the scriptures leaving out the critical subject of the Savior

Jesus Christ's life and purpose are to redeem man through the path of the Cross.

In a few days, the whole world will celebrate Easter, which is about His Death and Resurrection.

Many would love to have Christ without the Cross.

The Cross involves being able to say as Jesus did:

"... for the ruler of this dark world is coming. But he has no power over me, for he has nothing to use against me. I am doing exactly what the Father destined for me to accomplish so that the world will discover how much I love my Father. Now come with me."
John 4:30-31 TPT

How is your personal relationship with God?

Can you say like Jesus did that the enemy has nothing to use against you?

Are you doing exactly what the Father has instructed you to do?

"From Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do."
1 Chronicles 12:32 NIV

Yes, we are in the end times. Antichrist is at work, but bigger and better, the Holy Spirit is also working and always ahead.

Are you ready for the Rapture?

Many Christians live in this world without the reality of going to heaven. Hence they are not bothered with preparation to get there.

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness, no one will see the Lord."
Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)

Are you at peace with everyone?

Almost impossible, you will say.

What about Holiness?

It is a prerequisite to making it to heaven.

Whether it is a pandemic or conspiracy theory, both have their roots from the devil.

God has come to give life and abundant life for that matter.

Again are you prepared for the challenges of the end time?

Vaccine or No vaccine can you live in Divine Health as Jesus provided?

We have heard testimonies of early missionaries that the disease of this world could not touch.

Where do you stand within your faith concerning God's ability to heal?

Are you able to say like Paul that God can supply all your needs regardless of the economic system?
(Philippians 4:19)

Are you faithful in your finances with God that you truly depend on him for all your needs and be able to be a Blessing to others?

It's not time to panic; that's never God's way.

Stop engaging in endless debate on social media, analyzing back and forth.

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —Unless indeed, you fail to meet the test!"
2 Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)

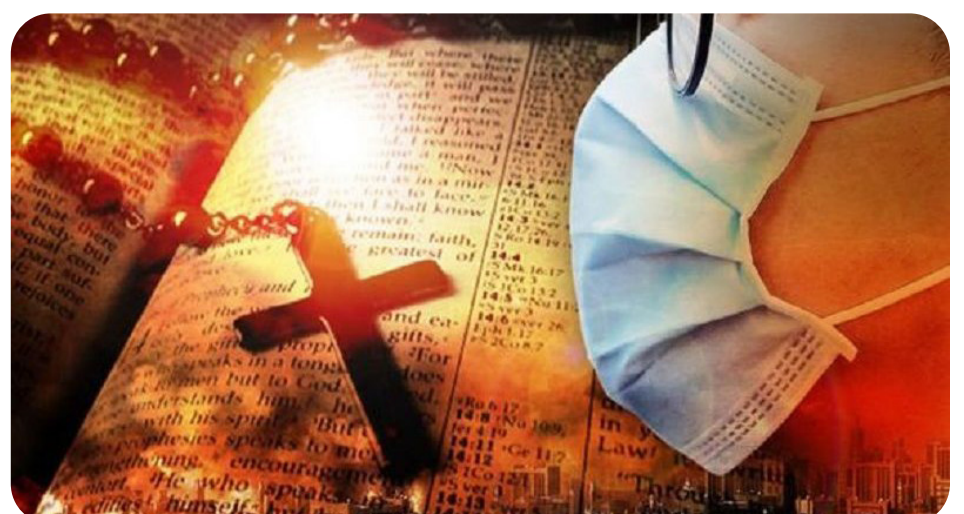
"...Jesus said, "I was born a King, and I have come into this world to prove what truth really is. And everyone who loves the truth will receive my words."
John 18:37 TPT

Jesus Christ knew His purpose and went about it diligently.

What about you?

"For this reason, beloved ones, be eager to confirm and validate that God has invited you to salvation and claimed you as his own. If you do these things, you will never stumble. As a result, the kingdom's gates will open wide to you as God choreographs your triumphant entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Messiah."
2 Peter 1:10-11 (TPT)

Remember the Truth and the Power in the Death and Resurrection of the Savior



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All your sins are forgiven

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"She has been forgiven of all her many sins. This is why she has shown me such extravagant love. But those who assume they have very little to be forgiven will love me very little." Then Jesus said to the woman at his feet, "All your sins are forgiven."

Luke 7:47-48 (TPT)

When you come to Christ and decisively accept Him as your Lord and Savior, be reminded that All your past sins are forgiven.

Don't allow the enemy to be daily, slowing you down with the weight of your past life.

Jesus told this woman that all of her many sins were forgiven.

"And now you must repent and turn back to God so that your sins will be removed, and so that times of refreshing will stream from the Lord's presence."

Acts 3:19 (TPT)

Paul's past history as Saul was terrible, but the moment he gave his life to Christ and realized all his past sins are forgiven, he walked in the Newness of that life.

"Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new creation. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new...and he has entrusted to us the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God."

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (TPT)

As you daily walk with God, if you miss a step with Him, don't hide from Him confess and truly repent of it and continue your walk with Him.

Many so-called Christians specialize in gossiping the challenges they see other growing disciples of God's face. They act like the hypocritical Pharisees condemning others.

Jesus came to reach out for sinners, and like Apostle Paul also did, he was all things to all men so he can win them for Christ.

Don't be discouraged when what you share in confidence with the Pastor is used on the pulpit for illustration.

Or as they often do raise those issues in the gossip prayer meeting just to broadcast your struggles.

Keep your faith intact.

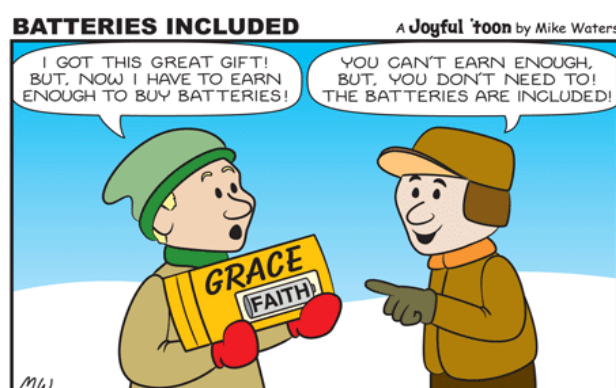
Don't be discouraged.

"You are my dear children, and I write these things to you so that you won't sin. But if anyone does sin, we continually have a forgiving Redeemer who is face-to-face with the Father: Jesus Christ, ..."

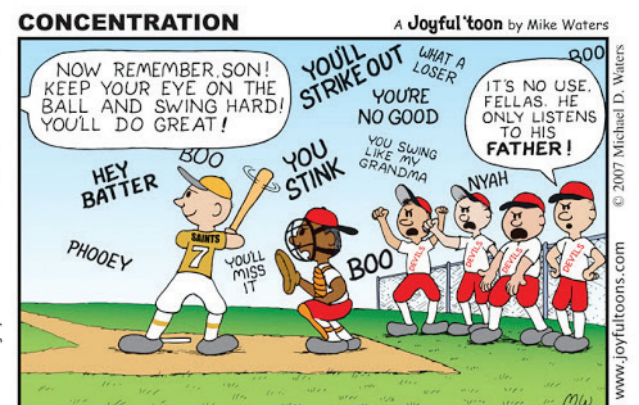
1 John 2:1-2 (TPT)

Don't live your life with condemnation of your past.

Walk in the Newness of life God has given you in Christ Jesus.



For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. — EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV



Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. — ISAIAH 26:3 KJV



THE PAINTING

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Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they traveled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet and many others adorned the walls of the family estate.

The widowed elder man looked on with satisfaction, as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son's trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed the nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was missing in action. The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again.

Within days, his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic. Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Easter holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season, a season that he and his son had so looked forward to, would visit his house no longer. On Easter morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man.

As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home. As he opened the door, he was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hand. He introduced himself to the man by

saying, "I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you."

As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man's son had told everyone of his father's love of fine art. "I'm an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." As the old man unwrapped the package, the paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the man's son. Though the world would never consider it the work of a genius, the painting featured the young man's face in striking detail.

Overcome with emotion, the man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the picture above the fireplace. A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task.

True to his word, the painting went above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars of paintings. And then the man sat in his chair and spent Easter gazing at the gift he had been given. During the days and weeks that followed, the man realized that even though his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he had touched. He would soon learn that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart.

As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease the grief. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the pieces for which museums

around the world clamored. He told his neighbors it was the greatest gift he had ever received. The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art world was in anticipation.

With the collector's passing, and his only son dead, those paintings would be sold at an auction. According to the will of the old man, all of the art works would be auctioned on Easter day, the day he had received his greatest gift.

The day soon arrived. Art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams would be fulfilled this day; greatness would be achieved as many would claim "I have the greatest collection." The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum's list. It was the painting of the man's son.

room was silent. "Who will open the bidding with \$100?" he asked. Minutes passed. No one spoke. From the back of the room came, "Who cares about that painting? It's just a picture of his son. Let's forget it and go on to the good stuff." More voices echoed in agreement.

"No, we have to sell this one first," replied the auctioneer.

"Now, who will take the son?" Finally, a friend of the old man and his son spoke. "Will you take ten dollars for the painting? That's all I have. I knew the boy, so I'd like to have it."

"I have ten dollars. Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence, the



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(John 3:16)*

auctioneer said, "Going once, going twice. Gone." The gavel fell. Cheers filled the room and someone exclaimed, "Now we can get on with it and we can bid on these treasures!"

The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced the auction was over.

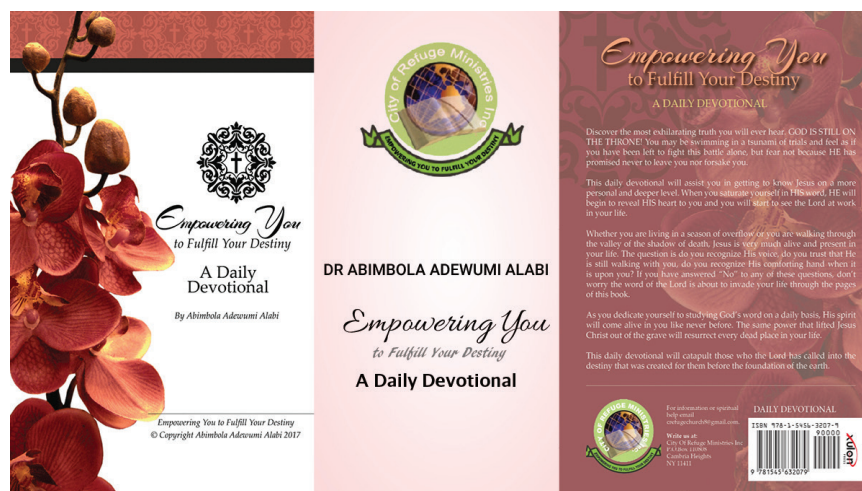
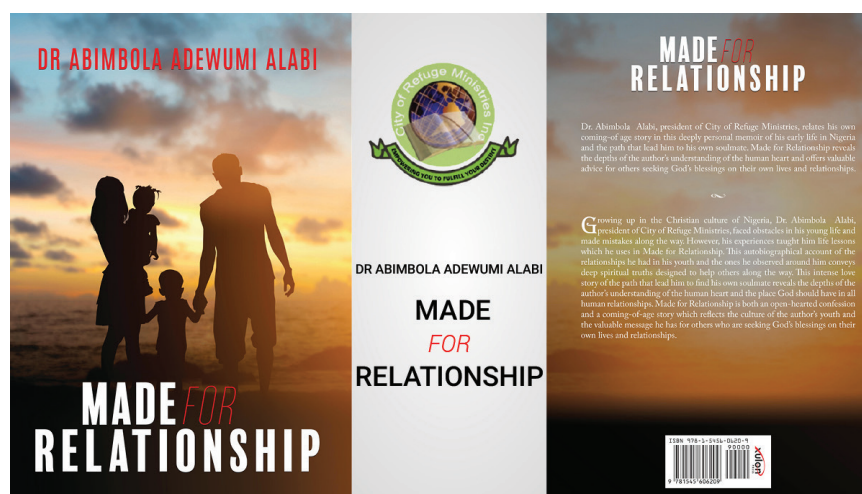
Stunned disbelief quieted the room. Someone spoke up and asked, "What do you mean it's over? We didn't come here for a picture of some old guy's son. What about all of these paintings? There are millions of dollars of art here! I demand that you explain what's going on here!"

The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son... gets it all!"

Just as those art collectors discovered on that Easter day, the message is still the same - the love of a Father - a Father whose greatest joy came from His Son who left his home and gave his life rescuing others. And because of that Father's love... whoever takes the Son gets it all.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)

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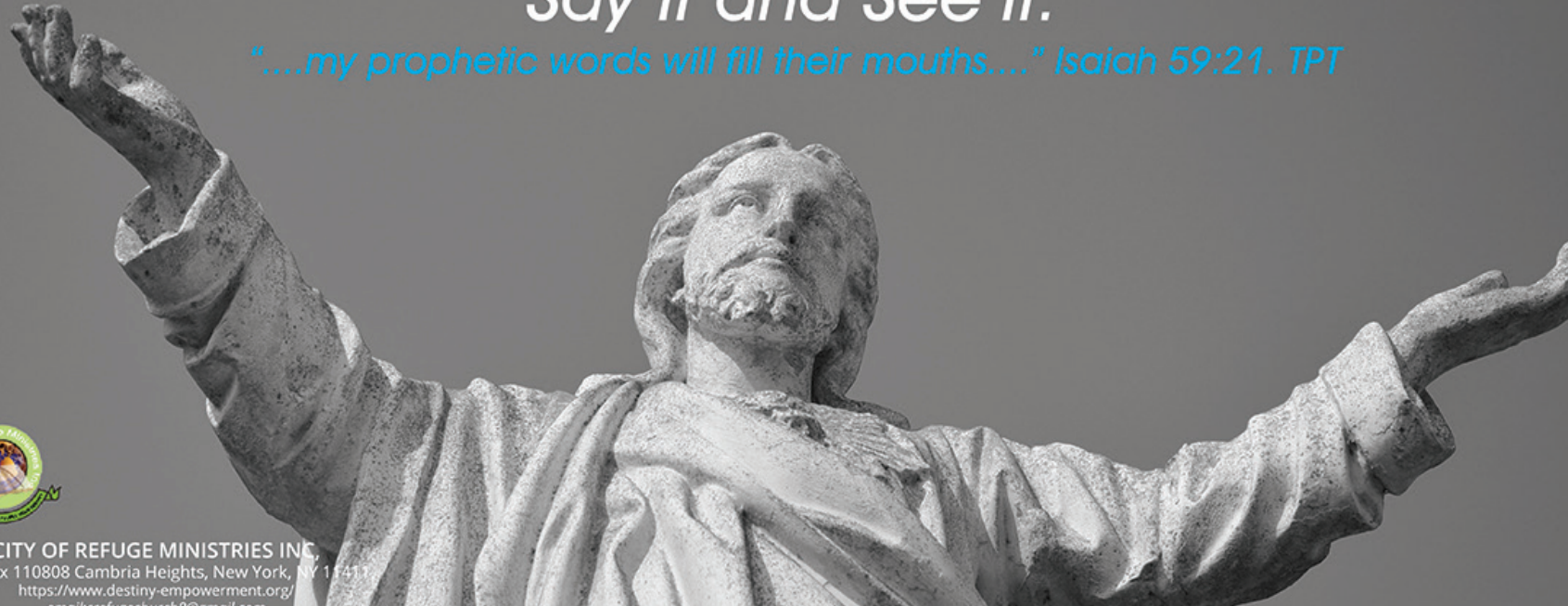



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EVERY CHILD OF GOD OVERCOMES THE WORLD

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"You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world."

1 John 5:4 (TPT)

As a child of God, You are an overcomer.

As an overcomer, no plague or disease can overcome you.

No satanic agenda can frustrate the purpose of God for your destined life.

Today again be reminded:

"Every child of God can defeat the world, and our faith is what gives us this victory."

1 John 5:4 (CEV)

"For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world, and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith."

1 John 5:4 (AMPC)

"Every God-begotten person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God."

1 John 5:4(MSG)

You can not be defeated.

Your Faith in Him remains Strong.

You are more than a Conqueror through Christ Jesus.

"Jairus, don't yield to your fear. Have faith in me, and she will live again."

Have Faith in God.

God has Healed You.

God has Healed our Land.

Never yield to fear.

"Because everything having been born from God is being-victorious-over the world. And this is the victory having been-victorious-over the world: our faith!"

1 John 5:4(DLNT)



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VICTORIOUS OR DEFEATED

Honor me in front of the leaders of the army and the people of Israel.

“Saul said, “I did sin, but please honor me in front of the leaders of the army and the people of Israel. Come back with me, so I can worship the LORD your God.” Samuel followed Saul back, and Saul worshiped the LORD.” 1 Samuel 15:30-31 (CEV)

Whose honor do you seek? Man or God???

Saul did sin, but even after realizing it, he was still obsessed about how he looked before men, not so much of his Creator.

In his own words, God already became the third person, hear him, “so I can worship the LORD your God.” He was already far from God in his heart. Worshiping God was just an activity to show off to his people.

When you worship, are you truly focusing on God or just for the cameras?

How do you reconcile worshiping God and taking a personal selfie to post on your social media group?

What are you living for?

People can see you as a victorious man when, in fact, you are defeated?

Saul started out having victories in battles (1 Samuel 14:47).

What did Saul do about Amalek?

God told him to destroy them ALL because they stood against the Jews right after their exodus from Egypt.

God said that they would perish.

The Jews had a victory against the Amalek.

But was it indeed a victory for Saul?

Is there any possibility for the people to see you as a victorious man when, in fact, you are defeated?

The members of Saul’s congregation saw him as victorious.

Are you obeying the word of God completely?.

Are you paying attention to only the parts of the Bible that suit you?.

The people considered Saul as a victorious man, but before God?

If you miss it like Peter did initially and you completely turn around, you can make it.

Judas Iscariot did not fully repent; he returned the blood money but did not return his heart to the Savior he had betrayed.

“You show that you are my intimate friends when you obey[all that I command you.” John 15:14 (TPT)

Are you obeying His commands?

How are your public and private life?

Let the Resurrection power truly restore you back fully to God.





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“So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ... Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.” John 20:3-9 (NIV)

Another reminder from the resurrection morning celebrations.

Both Peter and John ran to the tomb.

Even though John got there first, he did not initially enter.

Peter entered first but did not understand what had happened.

John came in later, he saw and believed.

What made Peter puzzled, and John believed?

Our perception and thought process?

Do you immediately grasp what is going on?

Do you have to reason it out like the other disciples?

Thank God, the Owner of the Church, our Lord, and Savior, worked with the two.

Again unlike both of them that day, they did not have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them at that time.

You and I are living under such a tremendous grace in that the Holy Spirit is our helper.

Great if on some issues you understand and believe like John did.

However, don't take off on AWOL (absent from one's post but without intent to desert.) like Peter did.

You can call upon God, and HE will explain what is puzzling to you.

Much more, HE will strengthen you to fulfill your God-given destiny.

Sometimes in life on different issues, you find both John and Peter in you.

You can have family, friends, and team members on different levels of belief.

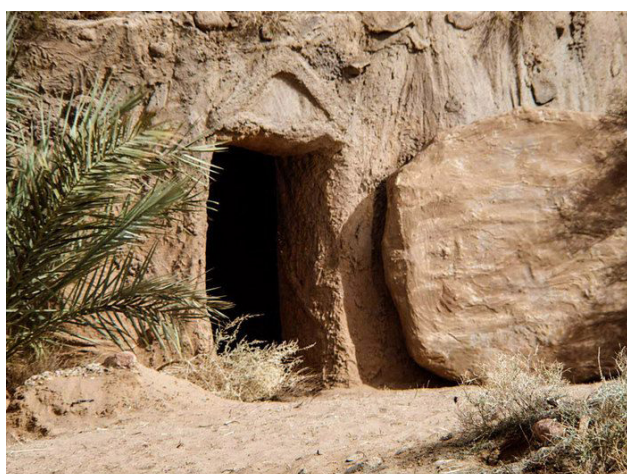
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