



# Rise & Walk



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C. S. LEWIS, *Christian Apologetics*

## **Matthew 28:1-9**

**<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.**

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

<sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook (*seis*) and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”



<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

<sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



**Resurrection is the  
cornerstone  
of Christian faith**


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“Maybe they reported only feeling Jesus ‘in spirit,’ and over the decades their testimony was altered to suggest that they saw Jesus in the flesh. Maybe accounts of the resurrection never appeared in the original gospels and were added in later centuries. Any of these explanations for the gospel descriptions of Jesus's resurrection are far more likely than the possibility that Jesus actually returned to life after being dead for three days.”

LARRY SHAPIRO

If “The message of Easter is that love is stronger than life or death” is what the earliest followers of Jesus intended to write, then that is what they would have written. But they never intended to write this at all. It would have been a whole lot safer, easier, and more believable. If this is what they thought, they wouldn't have ever written anything.

A dramatic scene of a bright light shining through a narrow opening in a dark, textured rock wall. The light creates a strong contrast, illuminating the rough, brownish rock surface on the right side of the opening. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and revelation.

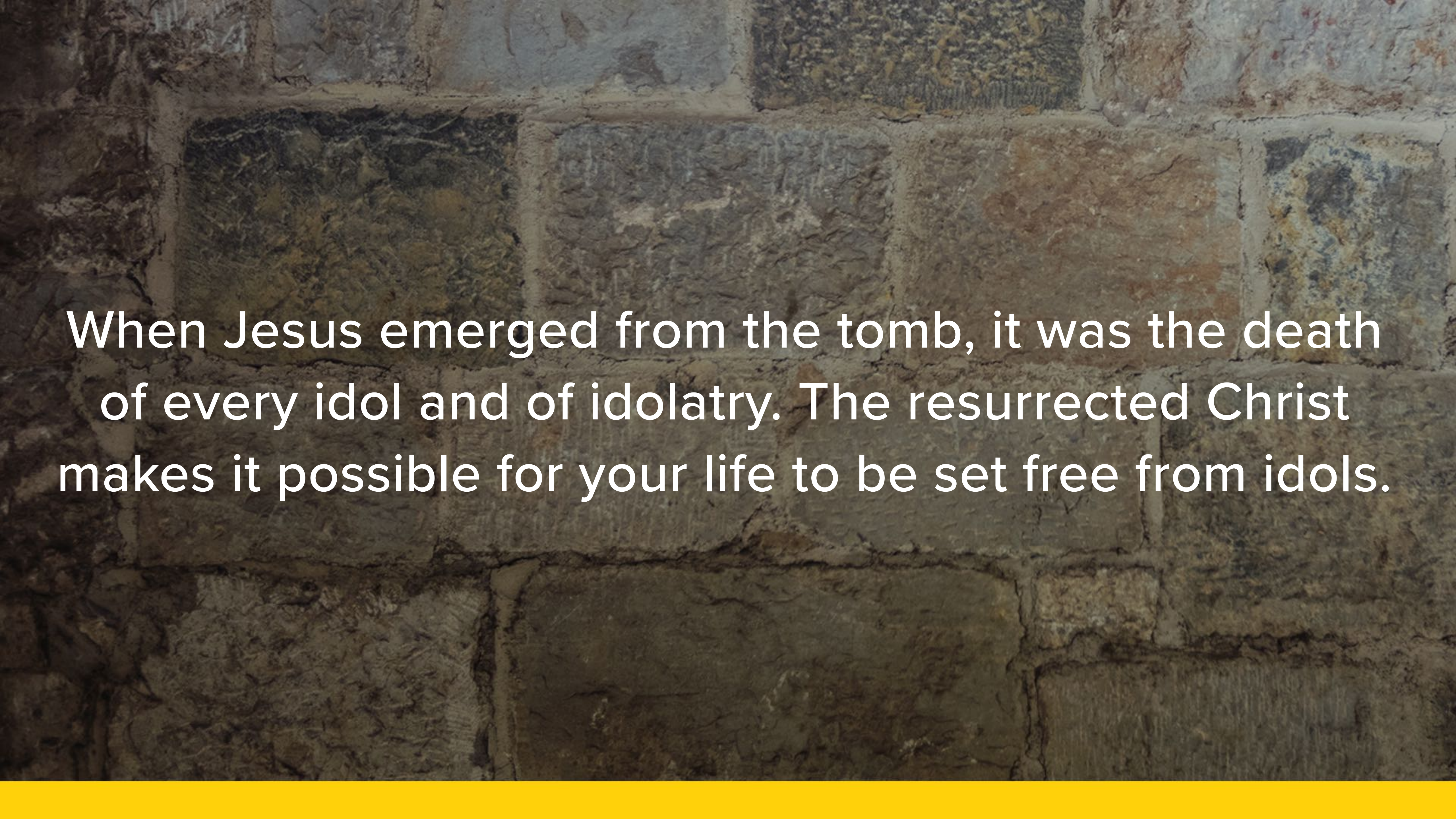
**Resurrection confronts  
our idols (vv. 2, 7)**

What is of utmost importance is what gives us life and that for which we would give our lives.

When that which is of infinite importance is ignored, the moderately important becomes the most important.



This is the phenomenon of idolatry.



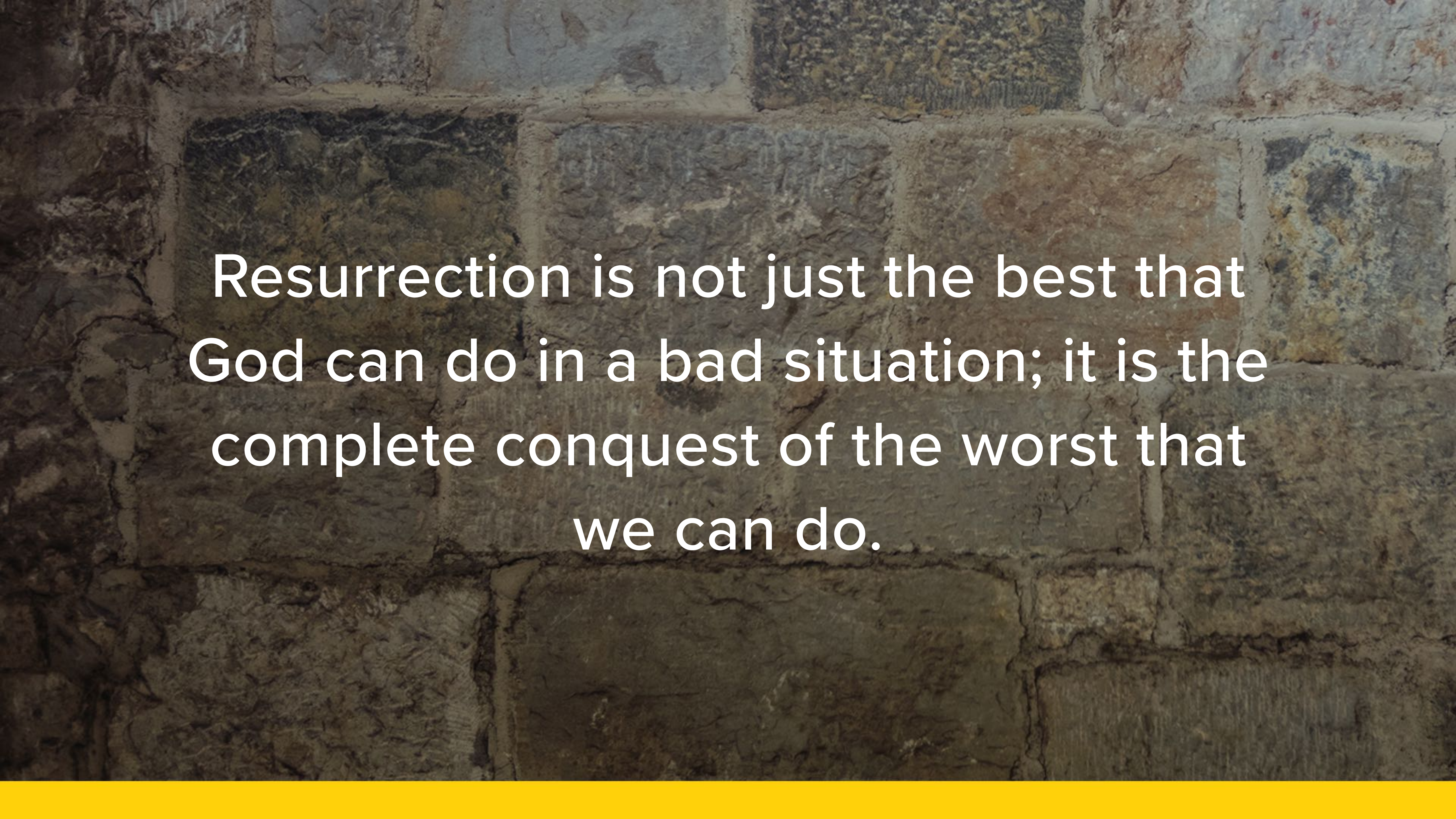
When Jesus emerged from the tomb, it was the death of every idol and of idolatry. The resurrected Christ makes it possible for your life to be set free from idols.



**Resurrection comforts  
our sorrows (vv. 1, 5)**

“Resurrection is not simply death from another viewpoint; it is the reversal of death, its cancellation, the destruction of its power.”

N. T. WRIGHT

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of a stone wall. The stones are rectangular and arranged in a grid pattern, with visible mortar joints. The colors of the stones range from dark grey and brown to light tan and beige. The lighting is somewhat uneven, with the left side being darker and the right side being slightly brighter. At the bottom of the image, there is a solid yellow horizontal bar.

Resurrection is not just the best that  
God can do in a bad situation; it is the  
complete conquest of the worst that  
we can do.



**Resurrection compels  
our worship (v. 9)**



**The Resurrected Christ  
calls us to follow (v. 10)**

“The key to the obedience of God’s people is not their effectiveness but their patience.... The relationship between the obedience of God’s people and the triumph of God’s cause is not a relationship of cause and effect but one of cross and resurrection.”

JOHN HOWARD YODER

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Apostle Paul, Philippians 3:10-11



**Following the  
Resurrected Christ  
always includes a cross**

# TAKE THE NEXT STEP

HAS GOD WORKED IN YOUR HEART TODAY?

- I want to become a Christian.
- I want to know more about growing in Christ.
- I am interested in serving in a ministry at King Street Church.
- I am new to King Street and would like to learn more about the church.
- I would like for the pastors/staff to pray for a need in my life.

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