



“But in Fact Christ Has Been Raised”

1 Corinthians 15:11-26

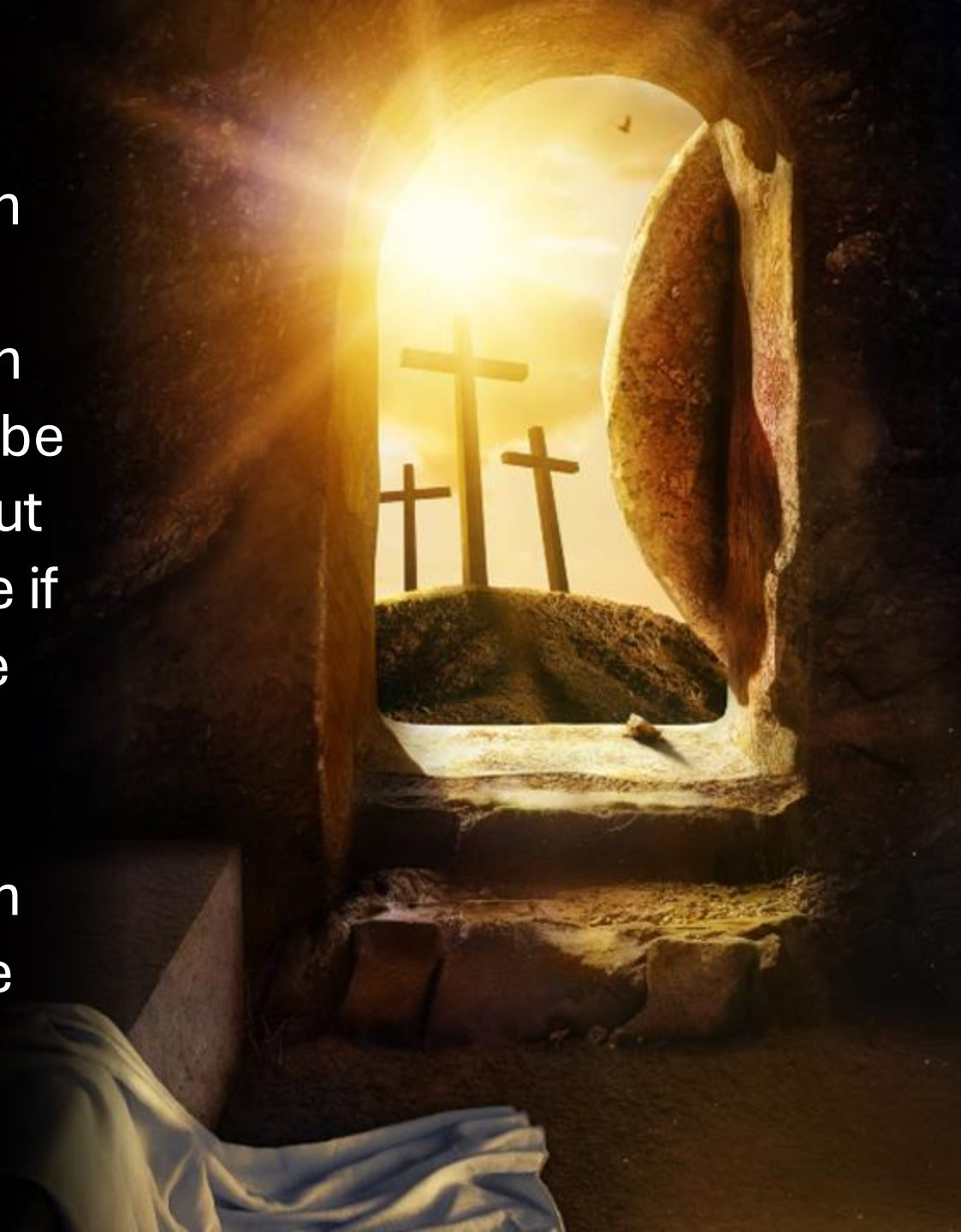
THE PROBLEM

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?



THE COLLAPSE

¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.



THE REALITY

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



THE COMPARISON

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.



THE REIGN

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

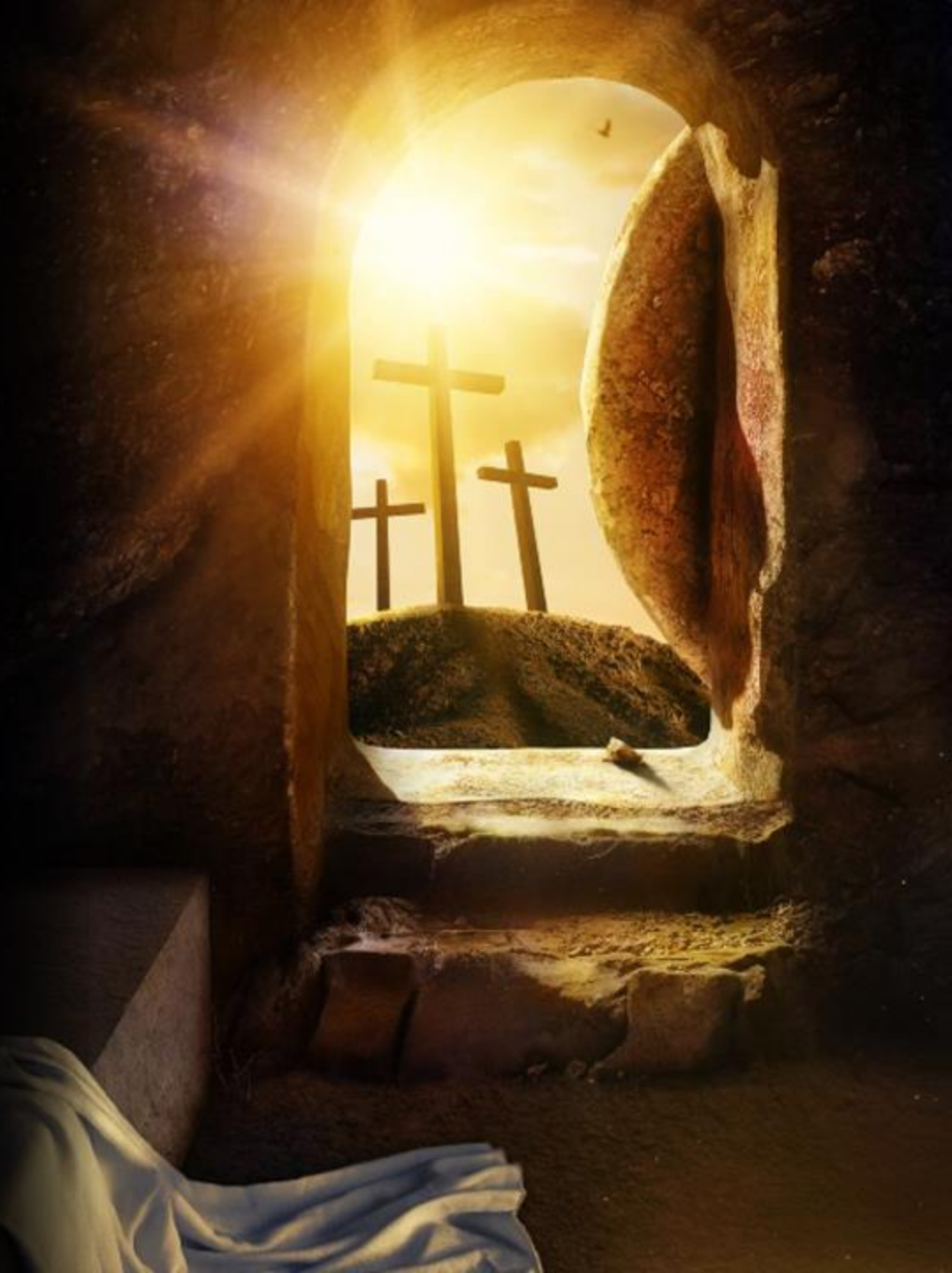
PAST – CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

PRESENT – CHRIST'S REIGN

FUTURE – OUR RESURRECTION



***Because He rose, He reigns –
and we will rise.***



An illustration of an open tomb entrance. The tomb is dark and cavernous, with a large, smooth stone rolled away from the arched opening. A bright, golden light streams through the opening, illuminating the interior. In the background, three wooden crosses stand on a hill under a hazy sky. A white cloth lies on the floor in the foreground.

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