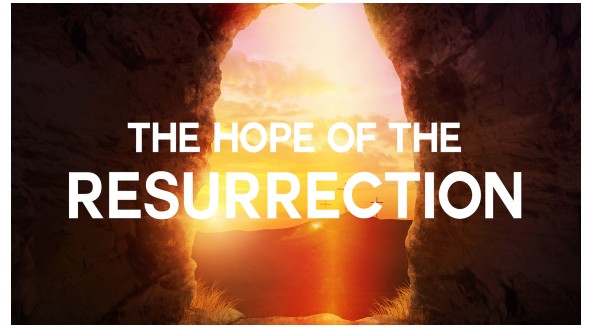


The image features a dark, rocky tomb entrance. A brilliant, golden light emanates from the opening, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The light creates a strong lens flare effect across the center of the image. In the distance, silhouetted against the bright light, are three crosses on a hill, representing the crucifixion. The overall mood is one of hope and divine light breaking through darkness.

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Hope



- What Ultimate Hope do we have?
- What hope do we have for our world now?

Defining 'Hope'



- A Feeling
- Something you wish would happen
- A state of mind

Something more?

Defining 'Hope'



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Synonyms for hope

noun longing; dream



Common



Informal



achievement

ambition

anticipation

aspiration

belief

concern

confidence

desire

expectation

faith

goal

optimism

promise

prospect

wish

assumption

buoyancy

daydream

dependence

endurance

expectancy

fancy

fortune

gain

hopefulness

reliance

reverie

reward

rosiness

sanguineness

security

stock

utopia

bright side

castles in air

fool's paradise

greedy glutton

light at end of
tunnel

pipe dream

Promised Land

thing with feathers

Defining 'Hope'



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Antonyms for hope

disbelief

doubt

hatred

reality

discouragement

dislike

fear

hopelessness

truth

pessimism

distrust

hate

fact

despair

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Defining 'resurrection'



Within this world, the word 'resurrection' in its Greek, Latin or other equivalents was never used to mean 'life after death'. 'Resurrection' was used to denote new bodily life after whatever sort of 'life after death' there may be. When the ancients spoke of resurrection, whether to deny it as the pagans did or to affirm it as some Jews did, they were referring to a two-step narrative in which resurrection, meaning new bodily life, would be preceded by an interim period of bodily death. Resurrection then wasn't a dramatic or vivid way of talking about the state people went into immediately after death. It denoted something that might happen sometime after that. This meaning is constant throughout the ancient world until the post-Christian coinages of second century Gnosticism. Most of the ancients believed in life after death...but outside Judaism and Christianity...they did not believe in resurrection.

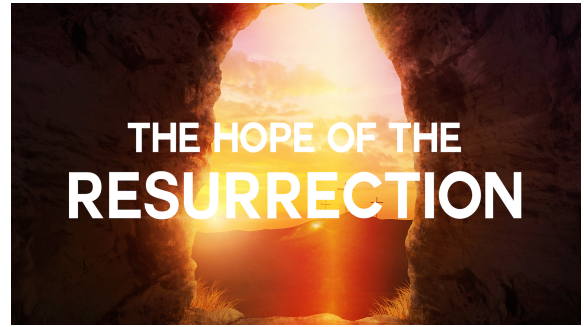
Matthew 27: 57- 28: 15



Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Matthew 27: 57- 28: 15



The Guard at the Tomb

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard^[a] of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

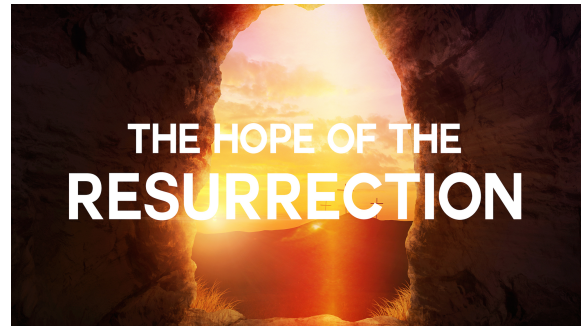
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The Resurrection

28 *Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[b] lay.*

Matthew 27: 57- 28: 15



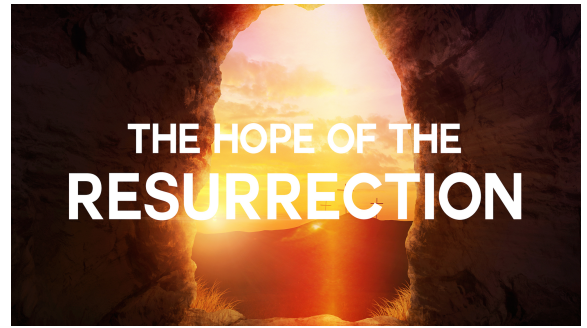
⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Matthew 27: 57- 28: 15



The Report of the Guard

11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.



- 1.The Evidence of the Resurrection
- 2.The Meaning of the Resurrection
- 3.The Hope of the Resurrection

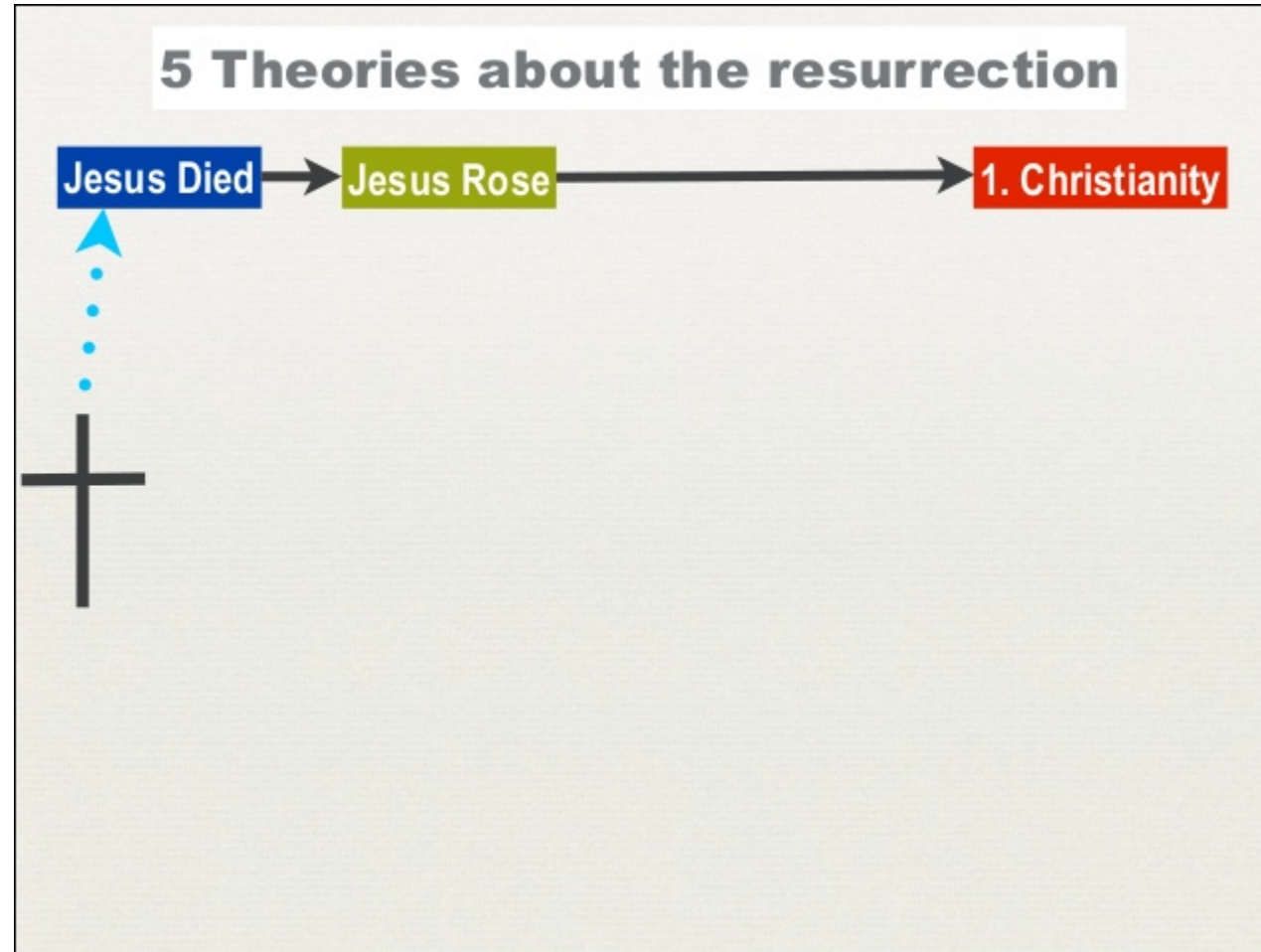
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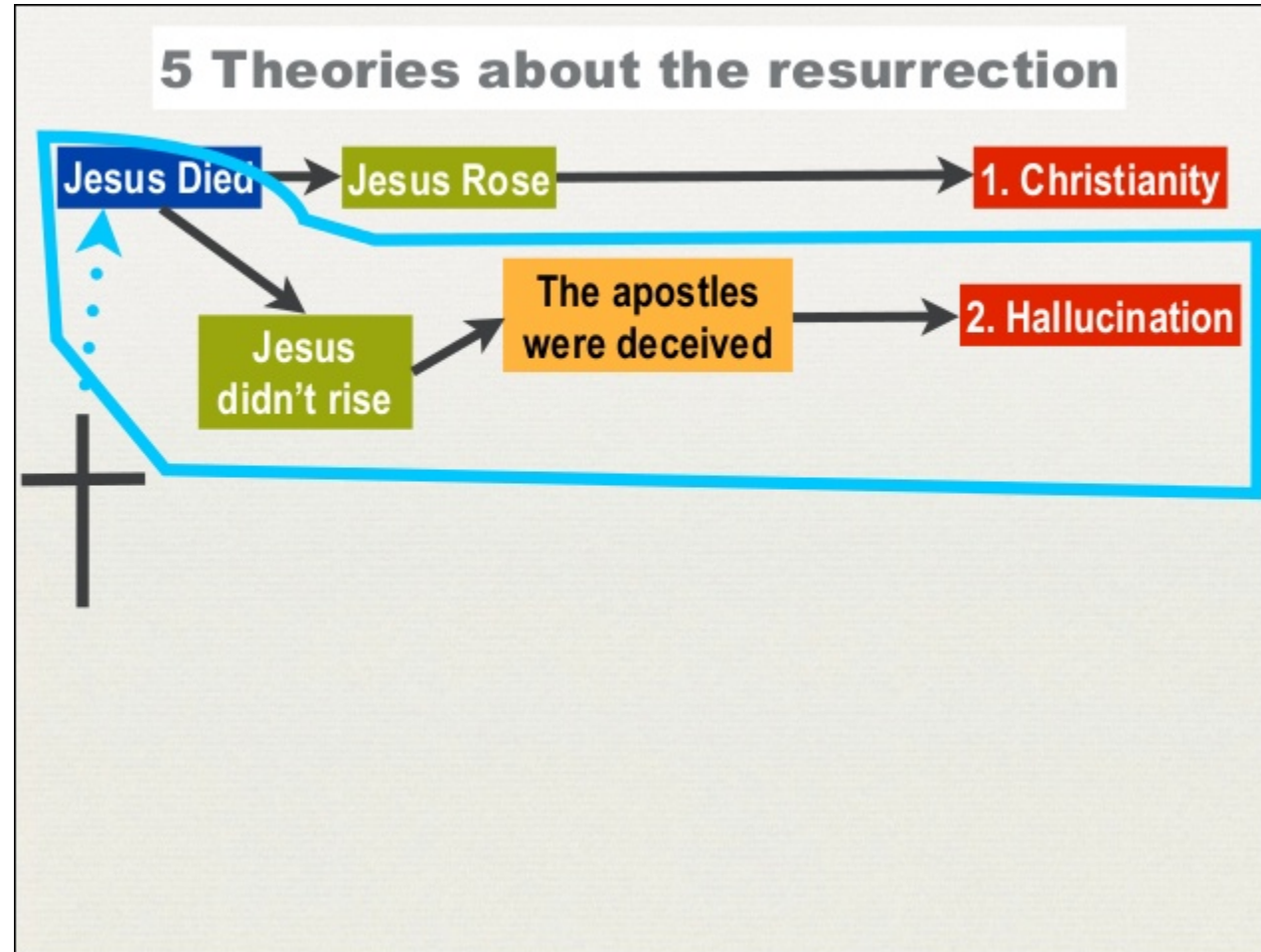
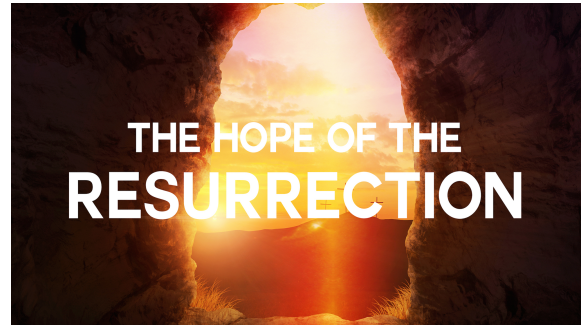
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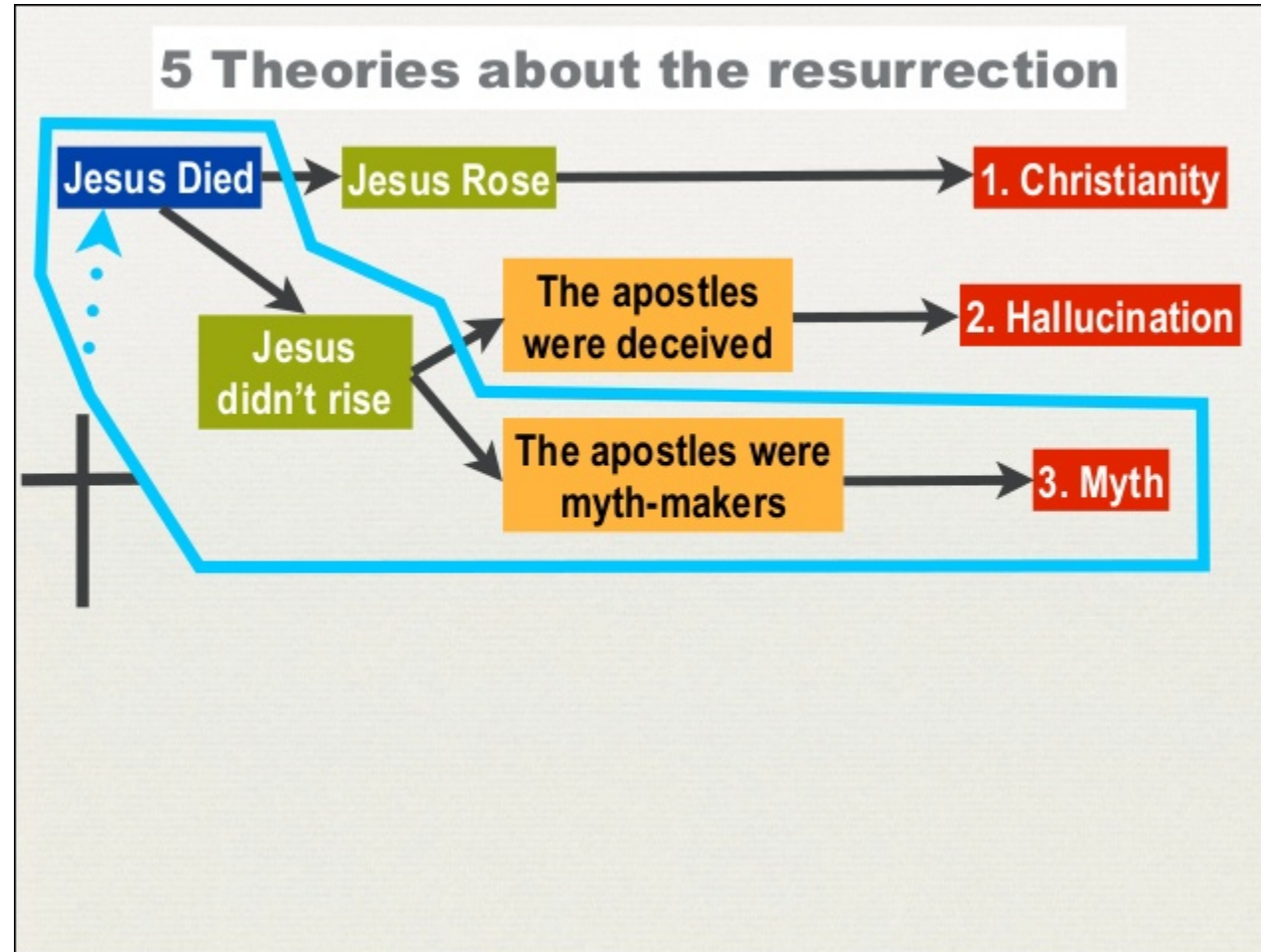
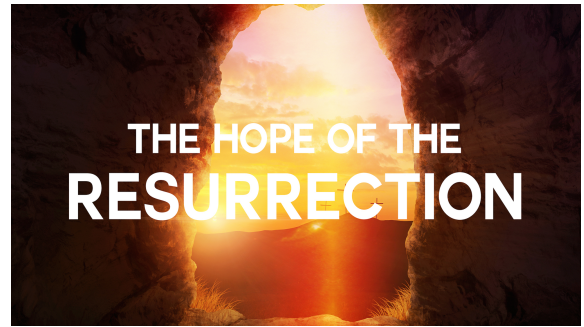
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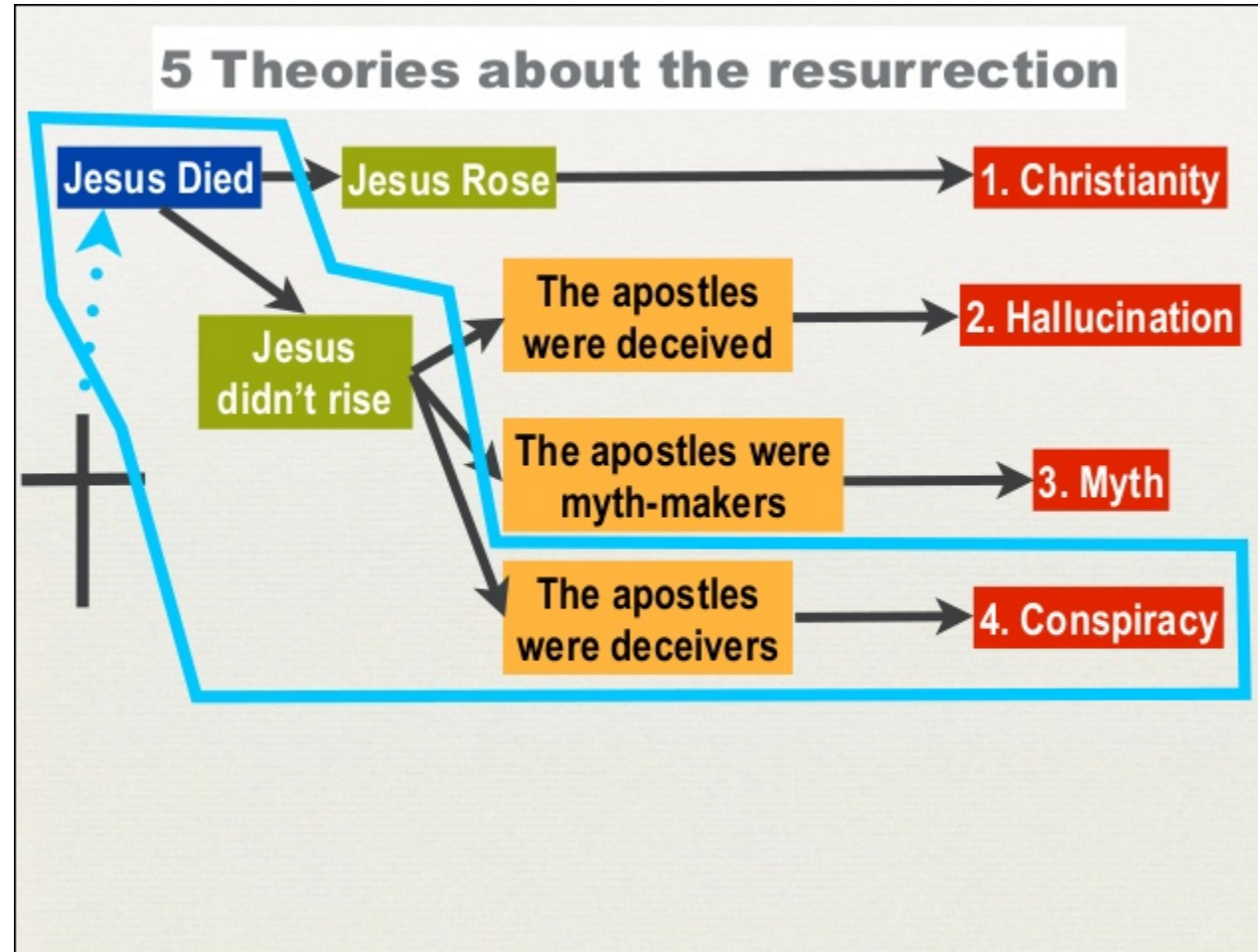
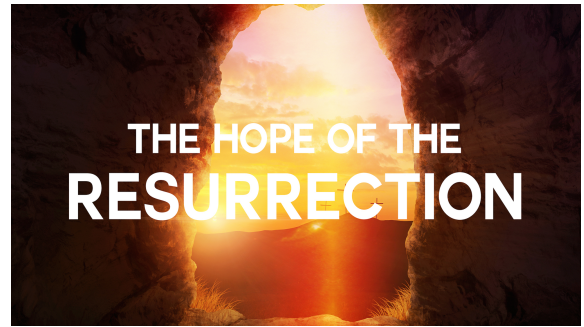
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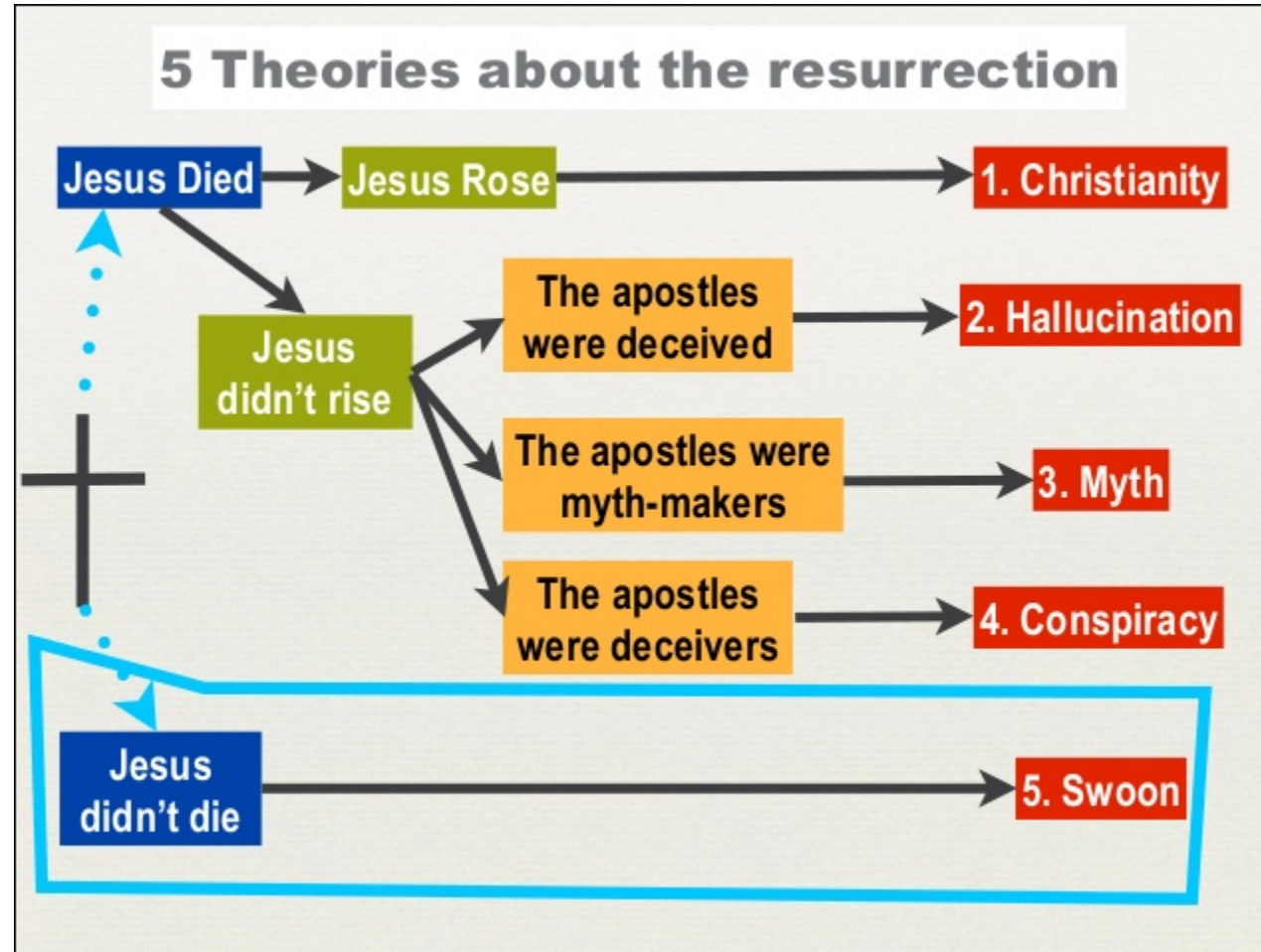


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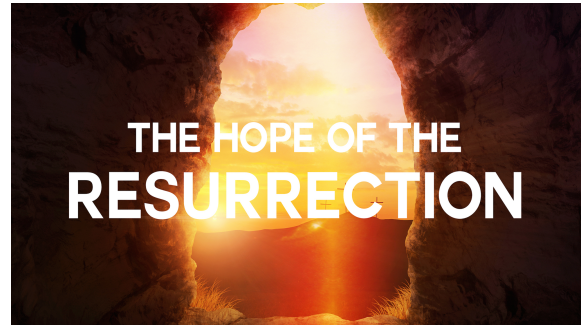


Evidence of the Resurrection



Josh McDowell wrote, “After more than seven hundred hours of studying this subject and thoroughly investigating its foundation, I have come to the conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted upon the minds of men, OR it is the most fantastic fact of history.”

Meaning of the Resurrection



*And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 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. . . . if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. **1 Corinthians 15:14-17***

Meaning of the Resurrection



- The Resurrection proved that Christ was divine.
- The Resurrection proved Christ's power to forgive sin.
- The Resurrection revealed Christ's power over death.
- The Resurrection secured our victory over death
- The Resurrection defeated God's enemy.
- The Resurrection means that the Holy Spirit will be poured out into the hearts of those who believe
- The Resurrection means that we will be raised like Jesus
- The Resurrection gives Christians a living Hope



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