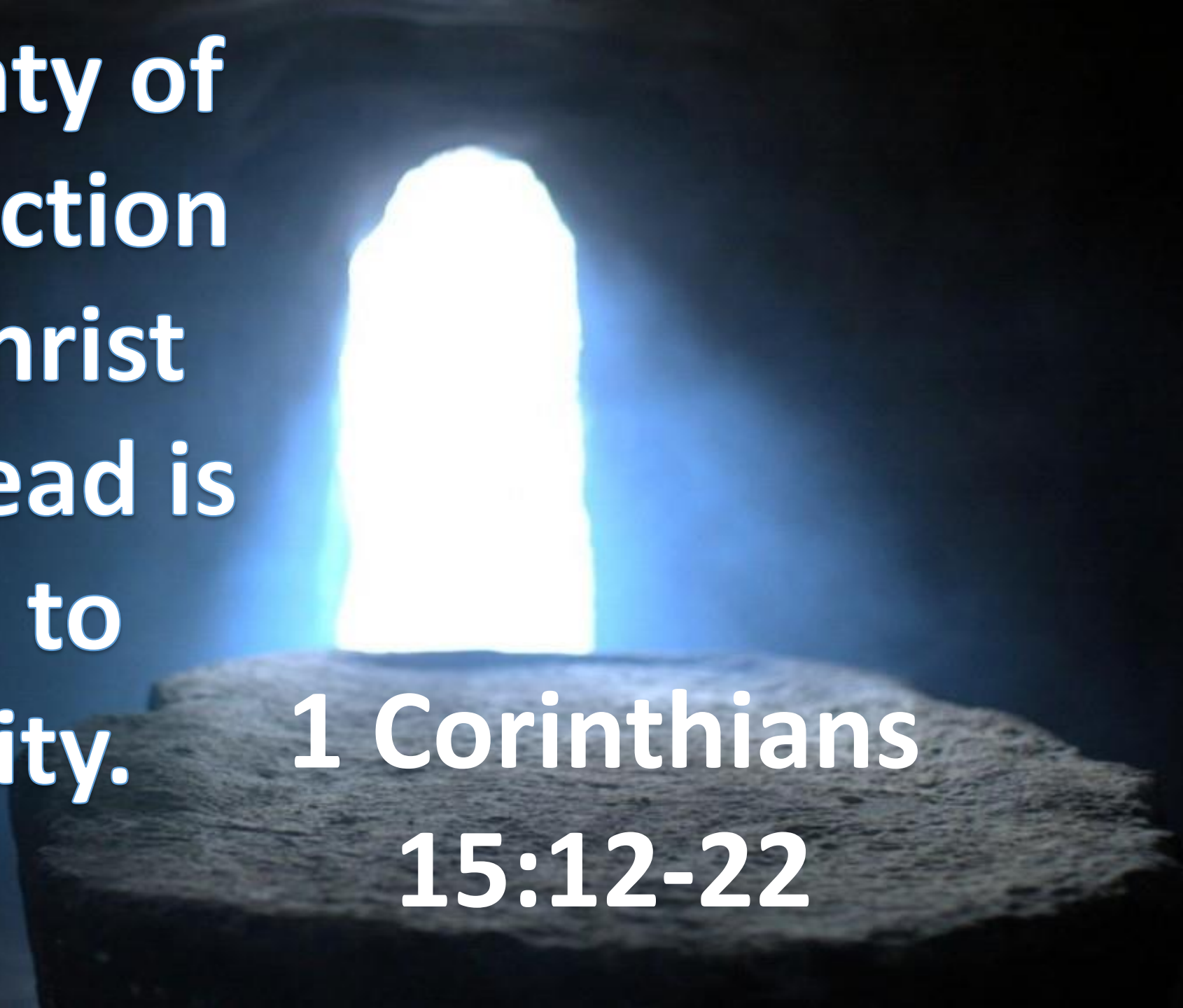


The Certainty of Christ's Resurrection



**The certainty of
the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead is
essential to
Christianity.**

**1 Corinthians
15:12-22**



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Historie and Geschichte in Terms of the Resurrection

1. Historie: The Fact that Jesus Christ
was crucified
2. Geschichte: The concept that he
was resurrected

PROPOSITION:

Christ did not actually die on the cross, which allowed him to later “rise from the dead.”





OBJECTION 1: The beating Christ received was alone likely too severe for him to survive.

Eusebius described the Roman flogging saying: “the sufferers veins were laid bare, and the very muscels, sinews, and bowels of the victim were open to exposure.”



OBJECTION 2: Christ died by asphyxiation, but the Roman Guards would have ensured his death.

- They did not break his legs...because he was dead
- The spear in the side went into the heart
- A Roman soldier's life was on the line



OBJECTION 3: Christ's appearance to his disciples would not have been motivating

- **Had he not been resurrected his natural body would not have been the picture of one who conquered death**
- **How would he have walked around with such wounds?**



OBJECTION 4: Essential aspects of the Gospel require Christ's death



Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

PROPOSITION:
The grave was in
some way tampered
with to remove the
body



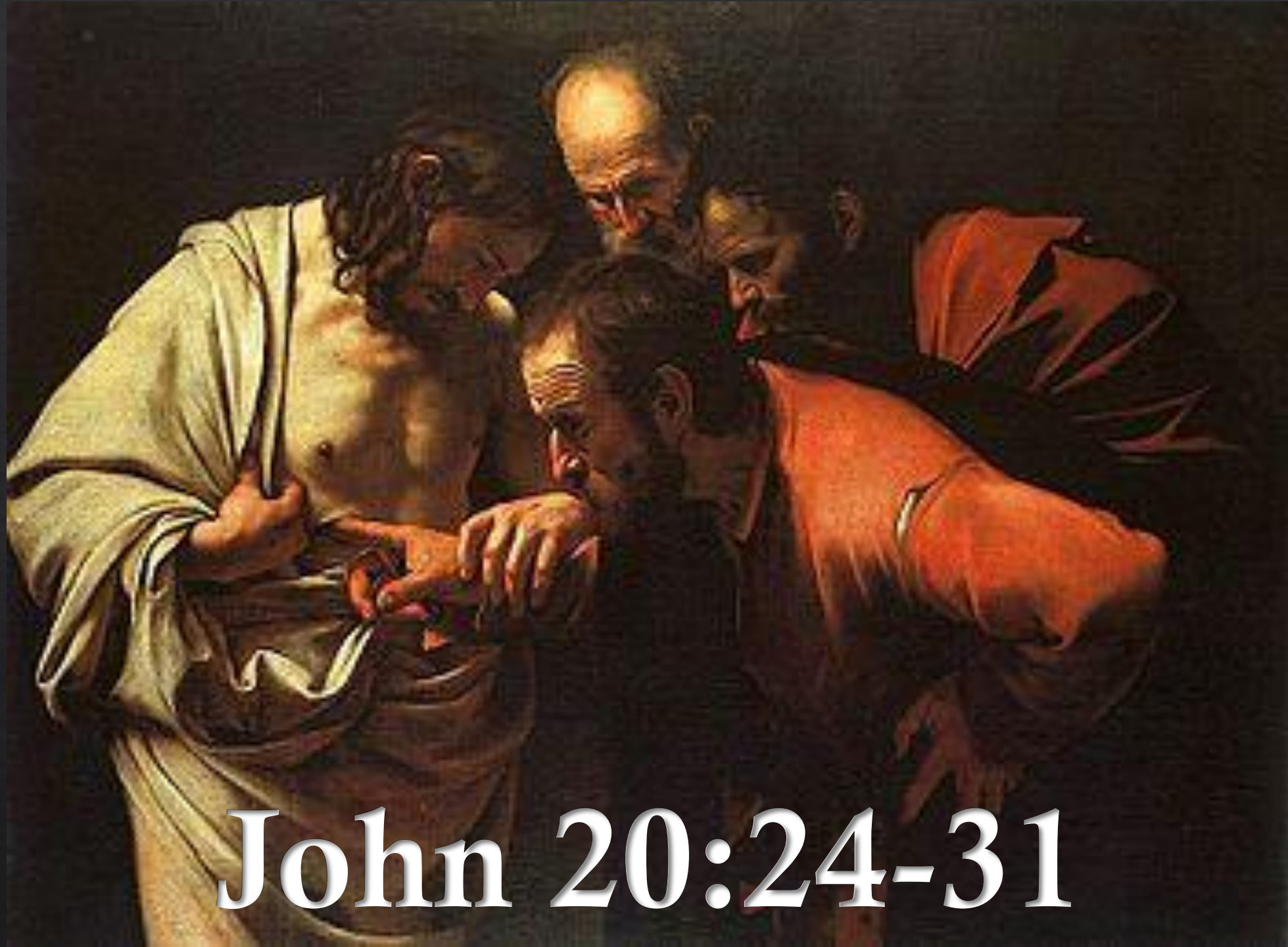
A photograph of a stone tomb entrance. A large, circular stone is rolled away from the opening, which is dark and empty. The stone is resting on a low wall of stacked stones. The background shows more of the stone structure and some greenery.

Matthew 27:57-66



Matthew 28:1-15

**PROPOSITION: The Disciples
fabricated the story of Christ's
resurrection**



John 20:24-31

**The certainty of
the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead is
essential for
every believer.**

**Romans
10:9-13**

Mark

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