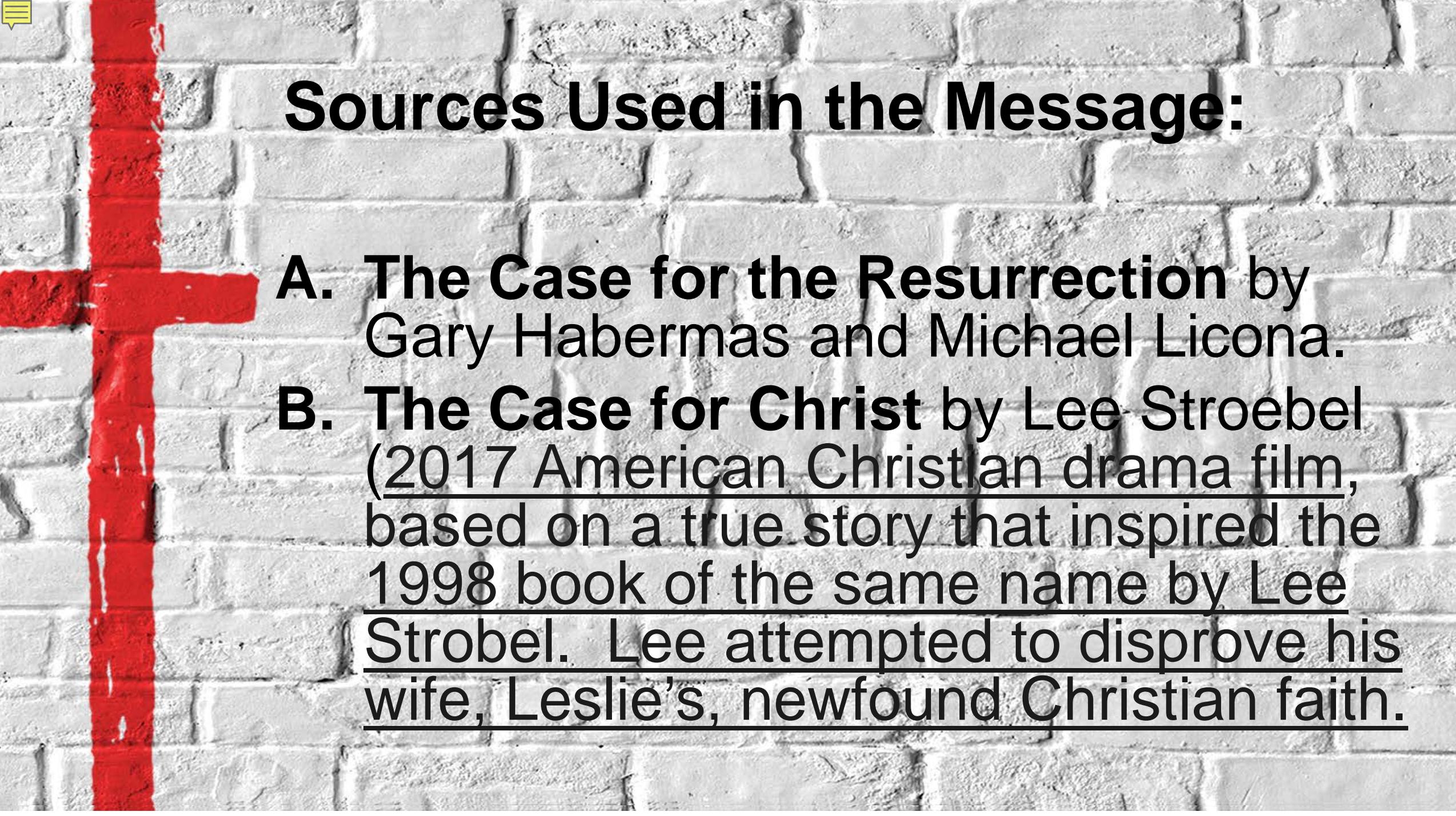




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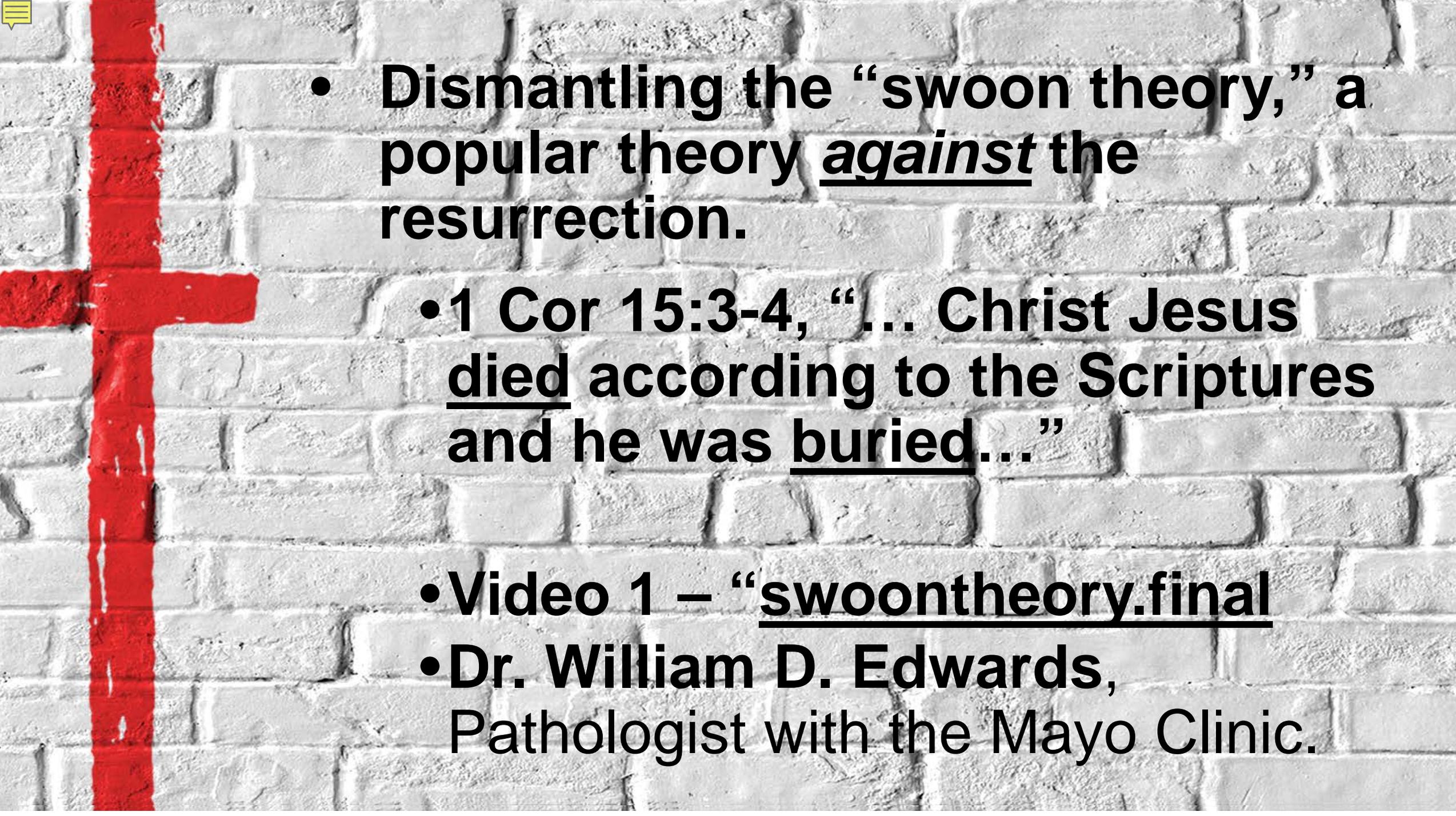
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Evidences for the Resurrection
1 Corinthians 15:1-8



Sources Used in the Message:

- A. The Case for the Resurrection** by Gary Habermas and Michael Licona.
- B. The Case for Christ** by Lee Stroebel (2017 American Christian drama film, based on a true story that inspired the 1998 book of the same name by Lee Strobel. Lee attempted to disprove his wife, Leslie's, newfound Christian faith.)

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- Dismantling the “swoon theory,” a popular theory against the resurrection.
 - 1 Cor 15:3-4, “... Christ Jesus died according to the Scriptures and he was buried...”
 - Video 1 – “swoontheory.final”
 - Dr. William D. Edwards,
Pathologist with the Mayo Clinic.

1. The “embarrassment criterion,” the inclusion of details that weaken credibility.

Video 2- women.unreliable.01

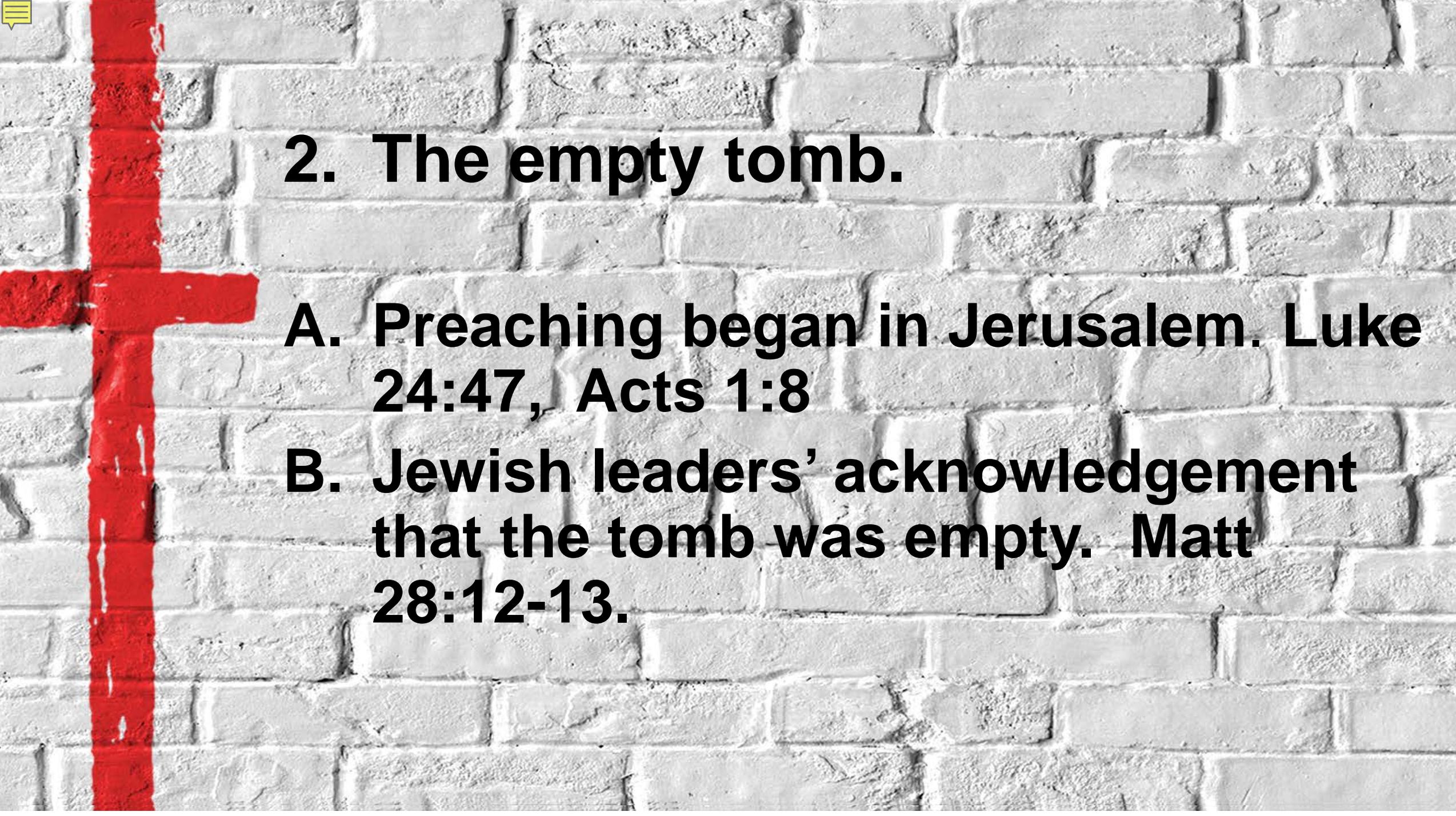
A. Women were the first witnesses.

1. Josephus, Historian, Antiquities, 4.8.15

2. The Talmud.

3. Luke 24:11. “... like nonsense...”

B. Mary Magdalene; Peter; Judas.



2. The empty tomb.

A. Preaching began in Jerusalem. Luke 24:47, Acts 1:8

B. Jewish leaders' acknowledgement that the tomb was empty. Matt 28:12-13.

3. The change in the mental and emotional state of the Apostles.

- **Jn. 20:19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (ESV)**

3. The change in the mental and emotional state of the Apostles.

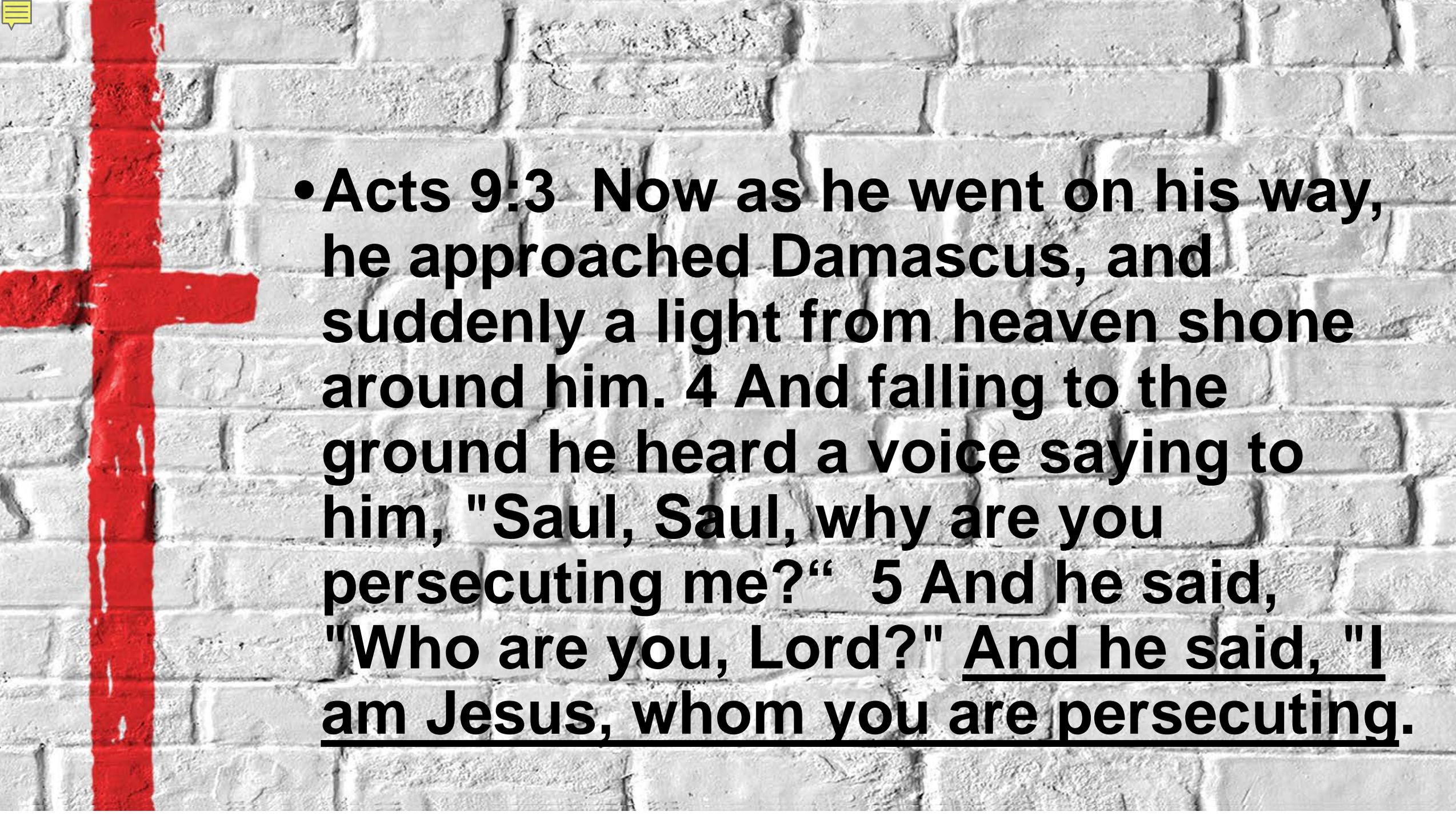
- Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.**

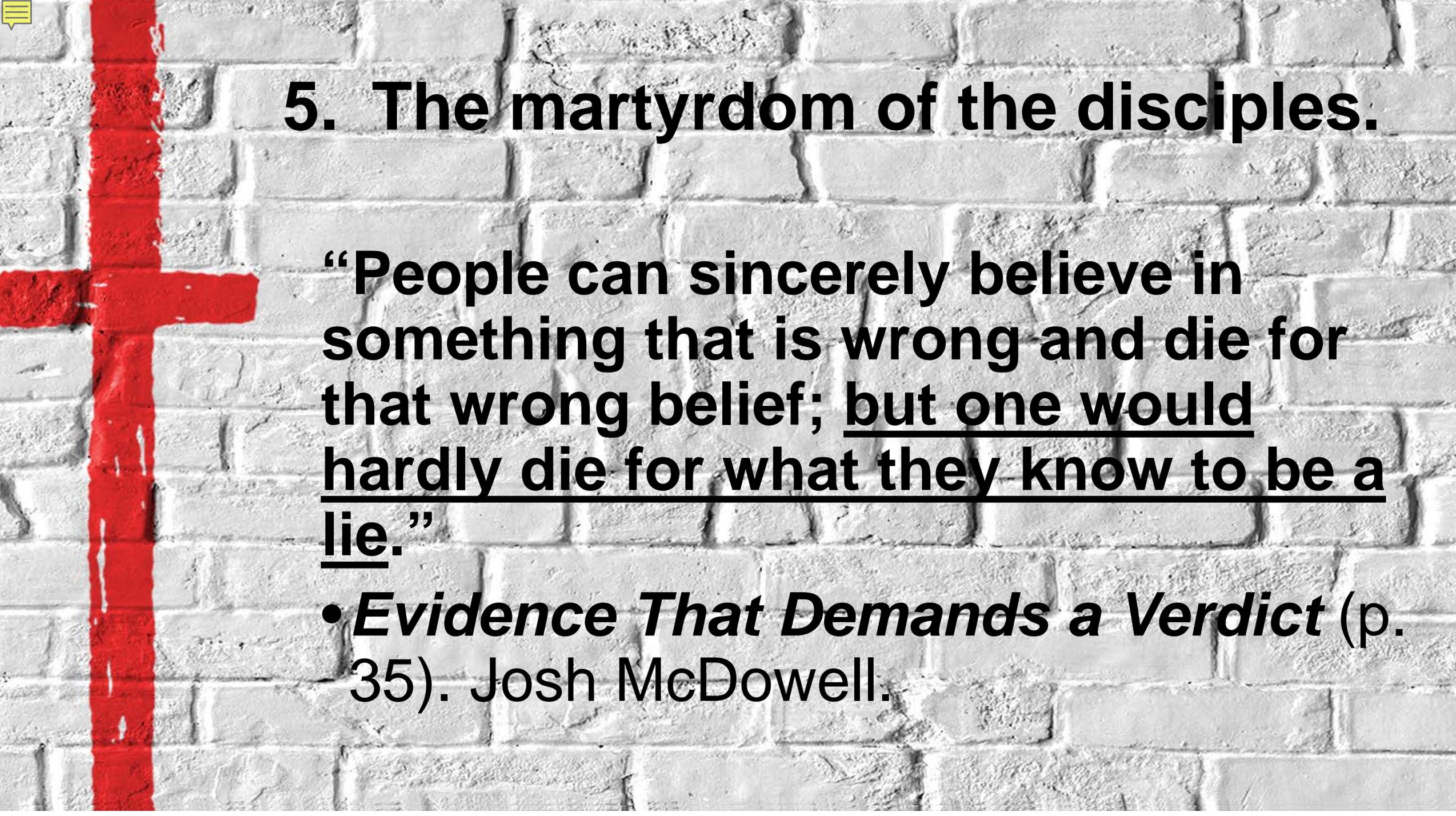


4. The conversion of Saul, a persecutor of the early Church, on the Damascus Road.

1 Cor. 15:9-10 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. ... (ESV)

• Acts 8:3, 9:1-3; 1 Cor 15:17-18

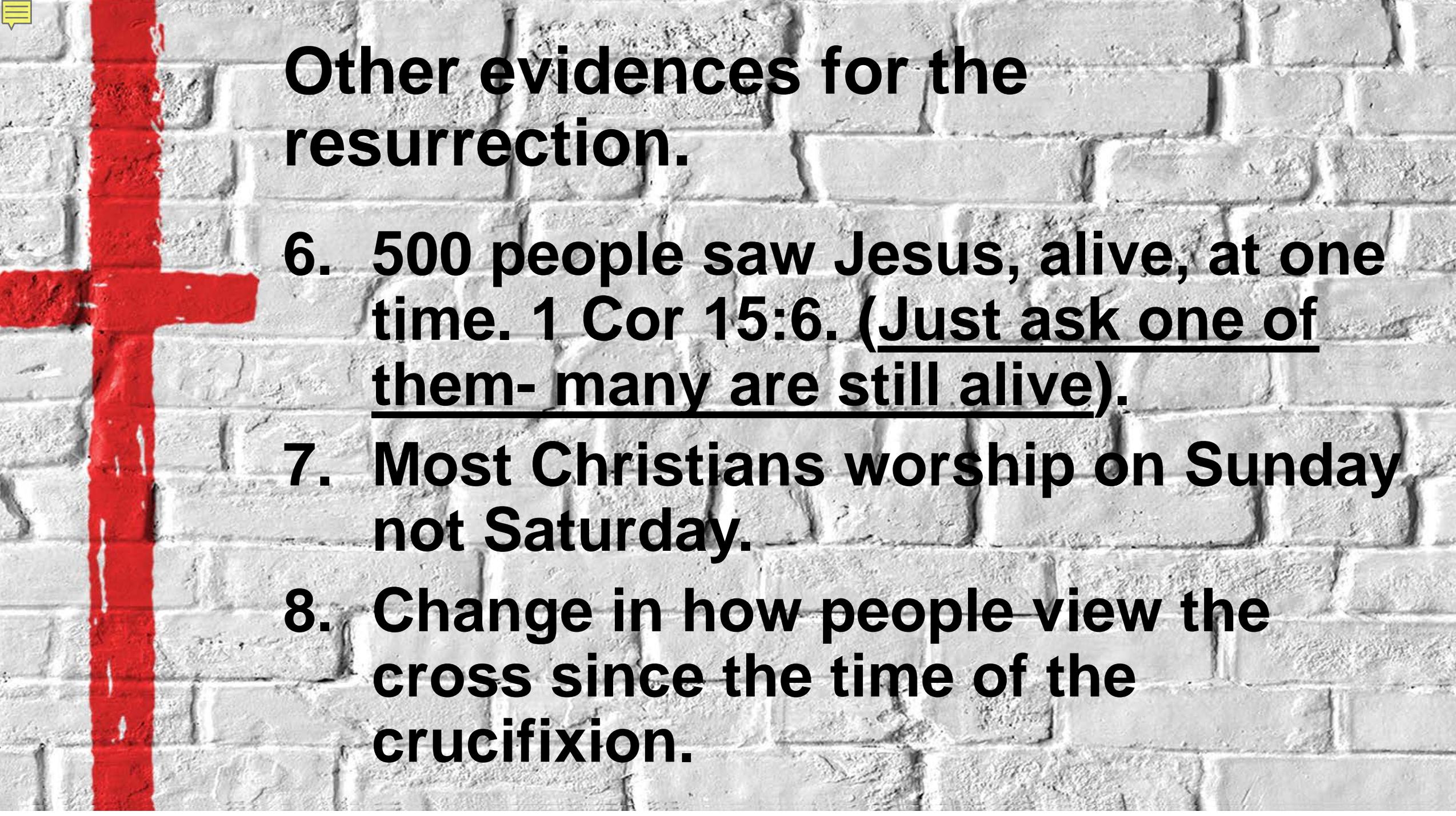
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- **Acts 9:3** Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."



5. The martyrdom of the disciples.

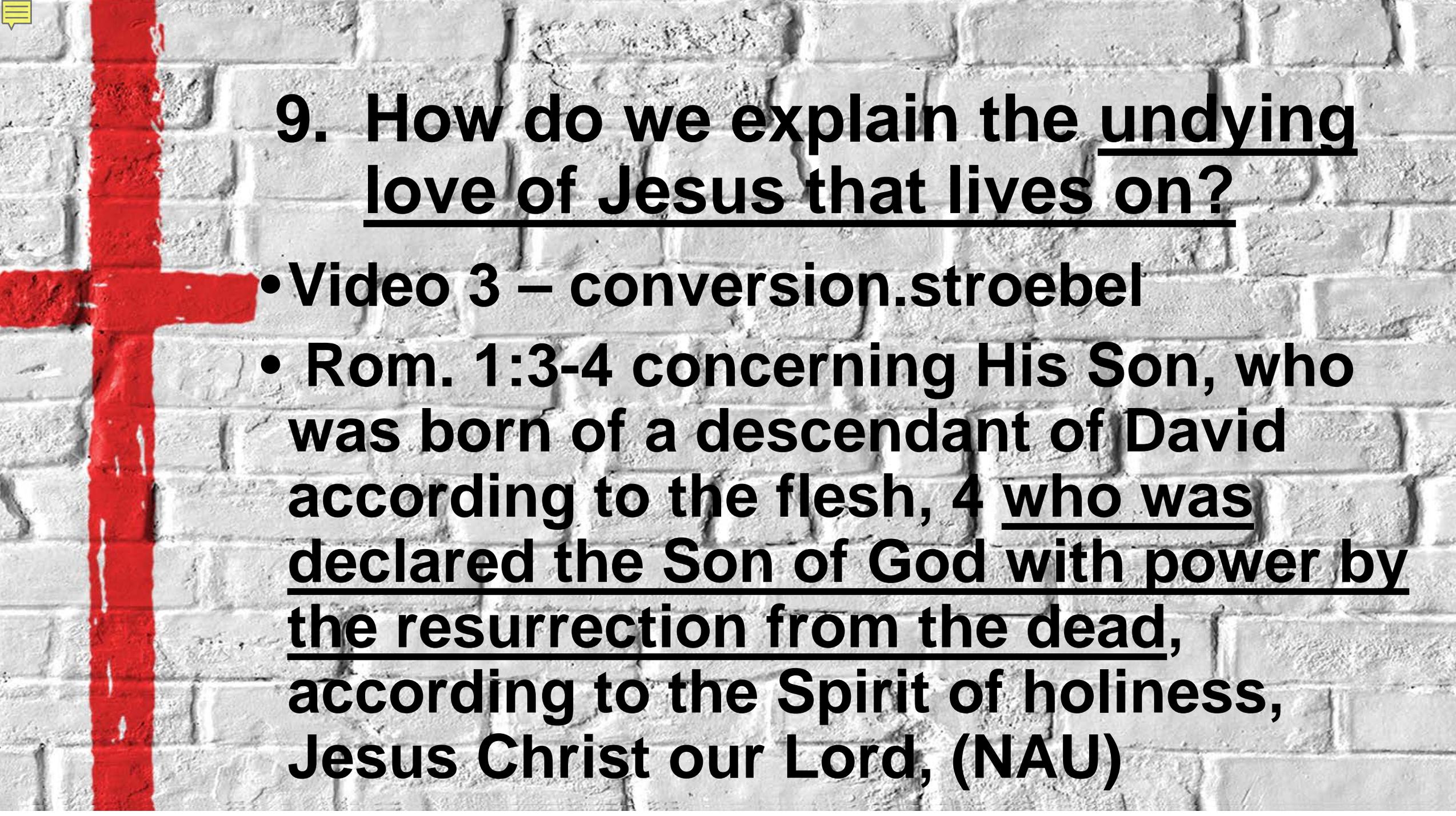
“People can sincerely believe in something that is wrong and die for that wrong belief; but one would hardly die for what they know to be a lie.”

- ***Evidence That Demands a Verdict*** (p. 35). Josh McDowell.

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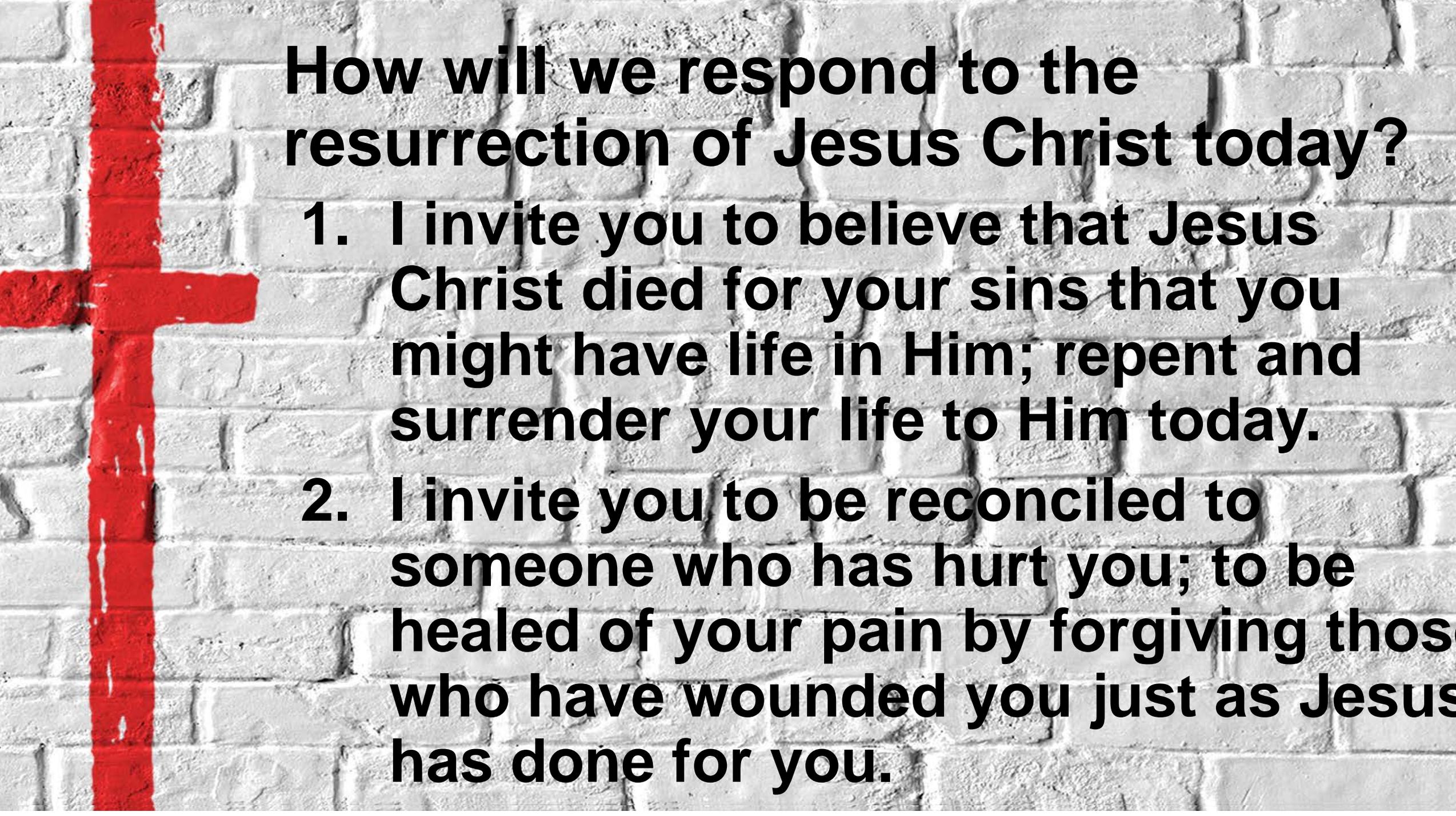
Other evidences for the resurrection.

- 6. 500 people saw Jesus, alive, at one time. 1 Cor 15:6. (Just ask one of them- many are still alive).**
- 7. Most Christians worship on Sunday not Saturday.**
- 8. Change in how people view the cross since the time of the crucifixion.**



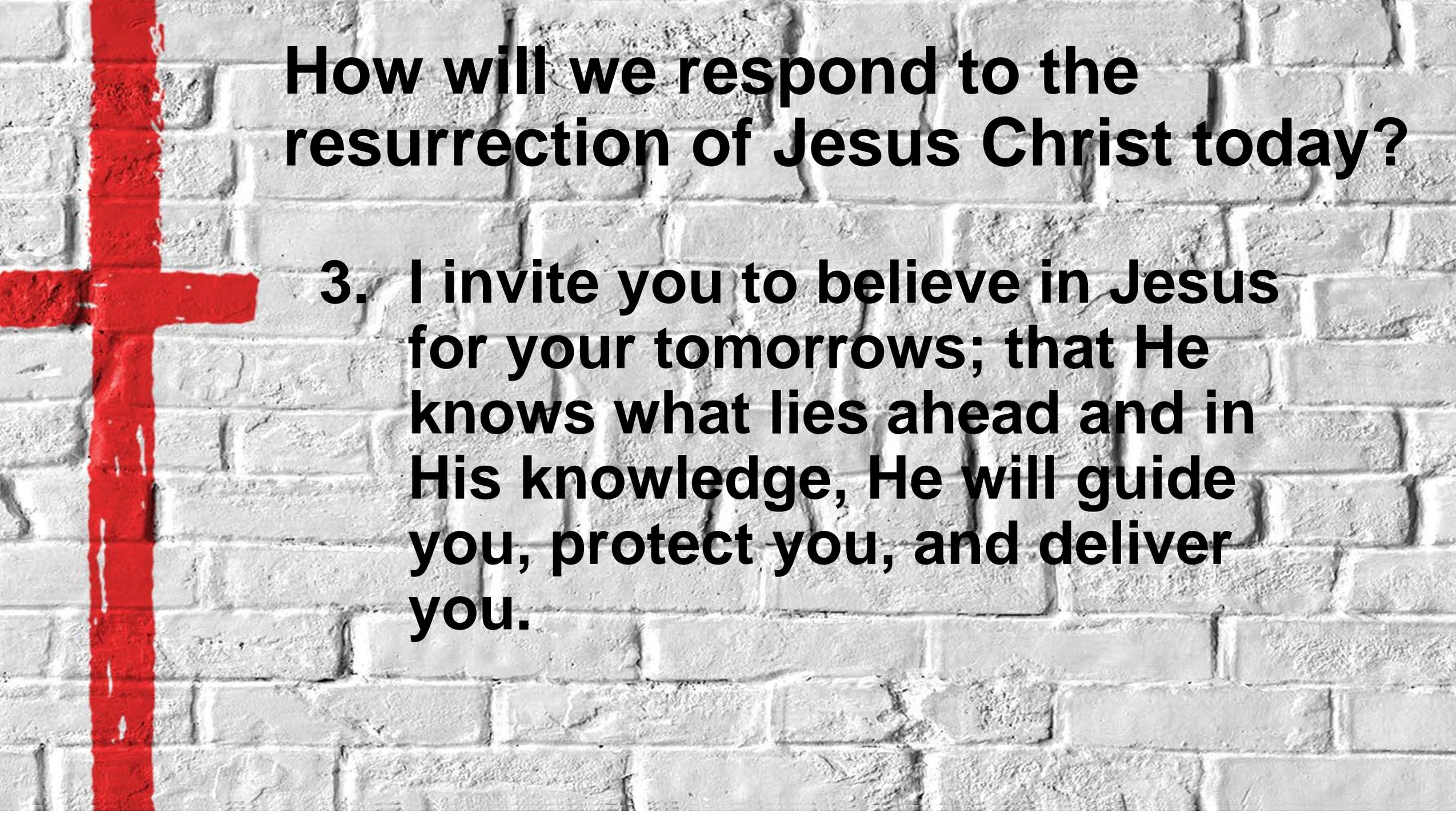
9. How do we explain the undying love of Jesus that lives on?

- Video 3 – conversion.stroeel
- Rom. 1:3-4 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, (NAU)

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How will we respond to the resurrection of Jesus Christ today?

- 1. I invite you to believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins that you might have life in Him; repent and surrender your life to Him today.**
- 2. I invite you to be reconciled to someone who has hurt you; to be healed of your pain by forgiving those who have wounded you just as Jesus has done for you.**

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How will we respond to the resurrection of Jesus Christ today?

3. I invite you to believe in Jesus for your tomorrows; that He knows what lies ahead and in His knowledge, He will guide you, protect you, and deliver you.