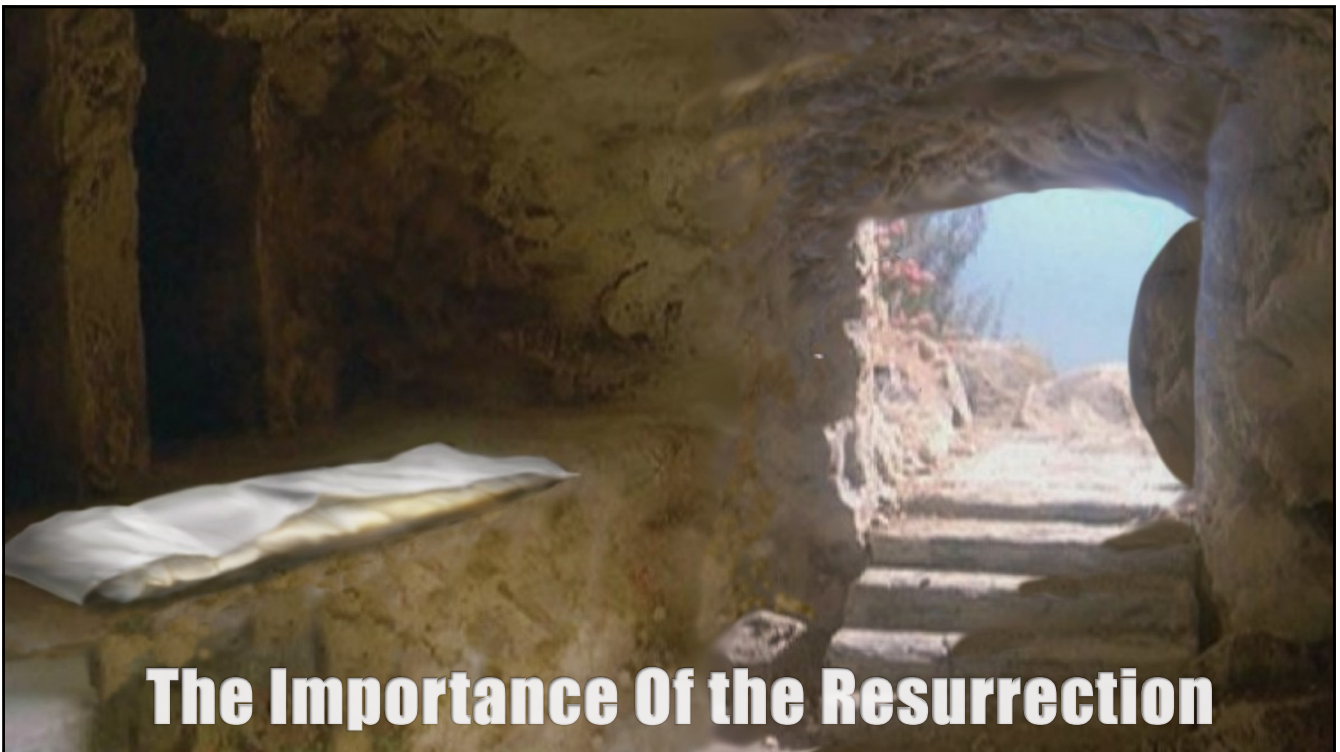


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# The Importance Of the Resurrection

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If Christ has not been raised,  
your faith is worthless;  
you are still in your sins.  
Then those also who have fallen asleep in  
Christ have perished.  
If we have hoped in Christ in this life only,  
we are of all men most to be pitied.

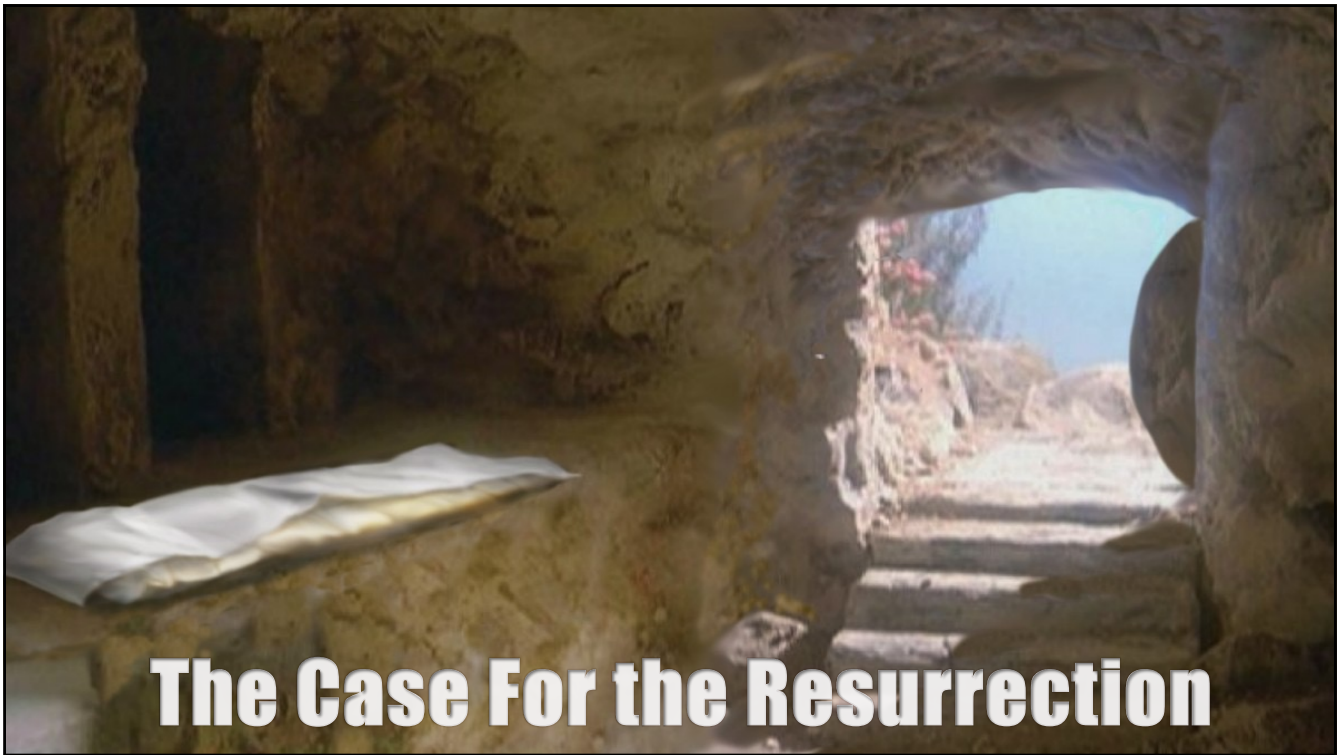
(I Corinthians 15:17-19)

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“An evil and adulterous generation craves  
for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to  
it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;  
for just as Jonah was three days and three  
nights in the belly of the sea monster,  
so will the Son of Man be three days and  
three nights in the heart of the earth.”

(Matthew 12:39-40)

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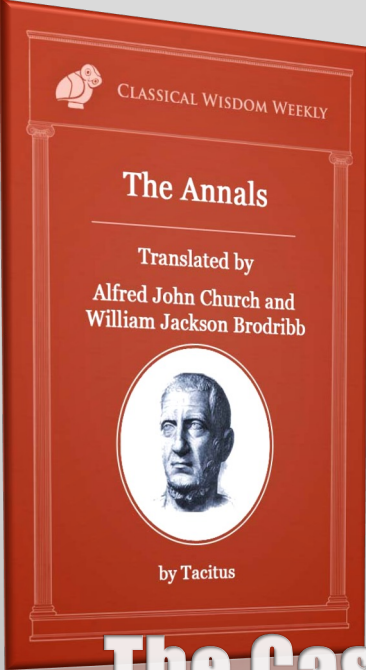
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**Eight Key Historical Facts – NOT in Dispute**

<p><b>Pre-resurrection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus died from crucifixion</li> <li>Jesus placed in secure tomb</li> <li>Disciples discouraged</li> </ul>	<p><b>Post-resurrection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tomb was found empty</li> <li>Seal broken / Stone moved</li> <li>Guard reported to chief priests</li> <li>Grave clothes were empty</li> <li>Followers “reported” resurrection</li> </ul>
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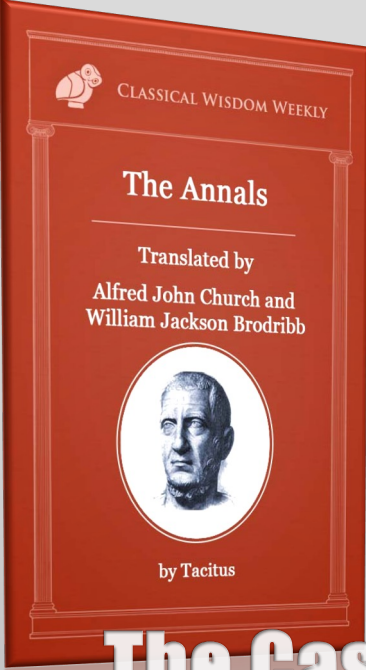
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**Tacitus**  
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“...Nero fastened the guilt . . . on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of . . . Pontius Pilatus...”

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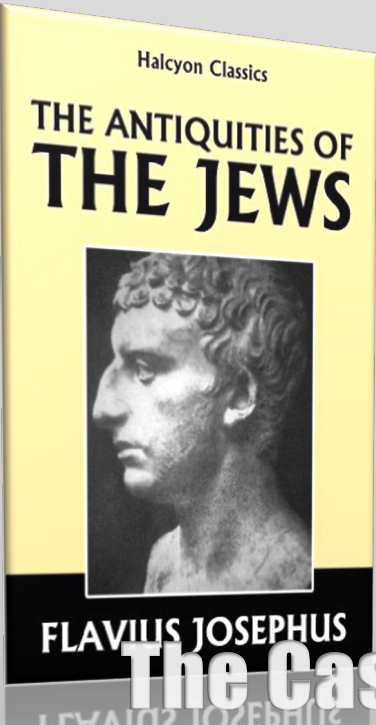
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“...and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome. . .”

*Annals 15.44*

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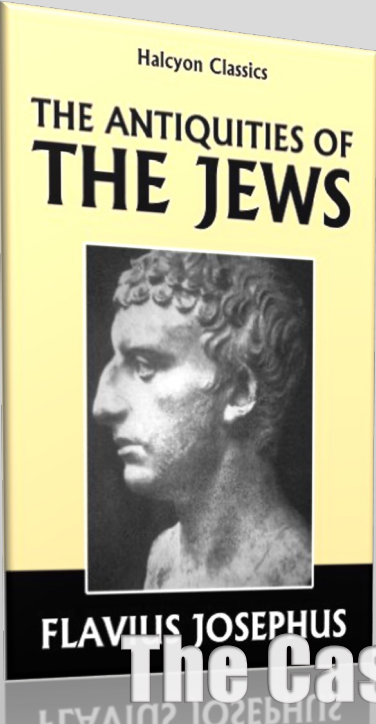
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**Josephus**  
Jewish historian

“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Messiah....”

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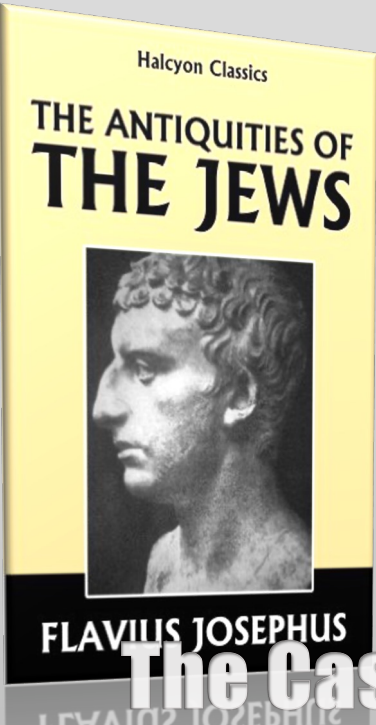
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“...And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life...”

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## Josephus

Jewish historian

“...for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.”

*Jewish Antiquities, 18.3.3 §63*

# The Case For the Resurrection

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## Explanations Regarding the Tomb without a Resurrection

<h3 style="color: red; text-decoration: underline;">Tomb Occupied:</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unknown tomb</li> <li>2. Wrong tomb</li> <li>3. Spiritual resurrection</li> <li>4. Jesus had a twin.</li> </ol>	<h3 style="color: green; text-decoration: underline;">Tomb Empty:</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Friends stole the body</li> <li>2. Enemies stole the body</li> <li>3. “Swoon Theory”</li> <li>4. “Passover Plot”</li> </ol>
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## Explanations Regarding Christ's appearances **without** a Resurrection

### **Accusation:**

1. Witnesses Lied
2. Hallucinations
3. Made up Legend

### **Response:**

One will not die for a known lie  
 Uncharacteristic of  
 hallucinations  
 Not enough time to create one  
 Problem of eyewitnesses

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## **Circumstantial Evidence** for the Resurrection

1. Jesus foretold His Resurrection
2. The Silence of the Jews
3. The Changed Lives of the Disciples
4. The Growth of the early Church
5. Worship shifts from Saturday to Sunday
6. Emphasis in Baptism and Communion
7. The total Disregard for the Tomb site
8. The Conversions of James and Saul (Paul)

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**What is the most reasonable conclusion  
after investigating credible evidence?**

**Jesus Christ rose from the dead  
Just as He predicted**

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Early on the first day of the week,  
while it was still dark,  
Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and  
saw that the stone had been removed from the  
entrance.

So she came running to Simon Peter and the  
other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said,  
“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,  
and we don’t know where they have put him!”

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Then the disciples went back to where  
they were staying. Now Mary stood  
outside the tomb crying. As she wept,  
she bent over to look into the tomb and  
saw two angels in white, seated where  
Jesus’ body had been, one at the head  
and the other at the foot.

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They asked her,

“Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

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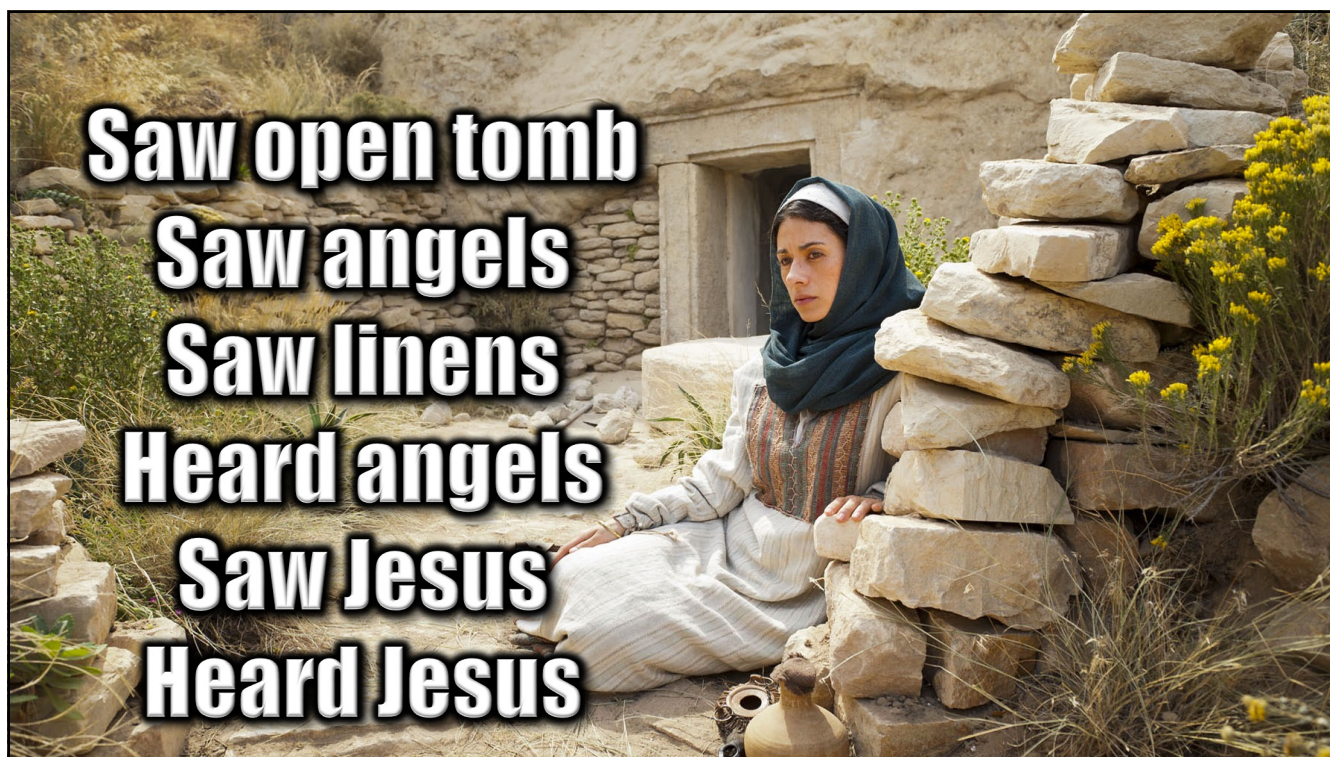
He asked her,

“Woman, why are you crying?”

Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

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Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him  
and cried out in Aramaic,  
“Rabboni!”  
(which means “Teacher”).

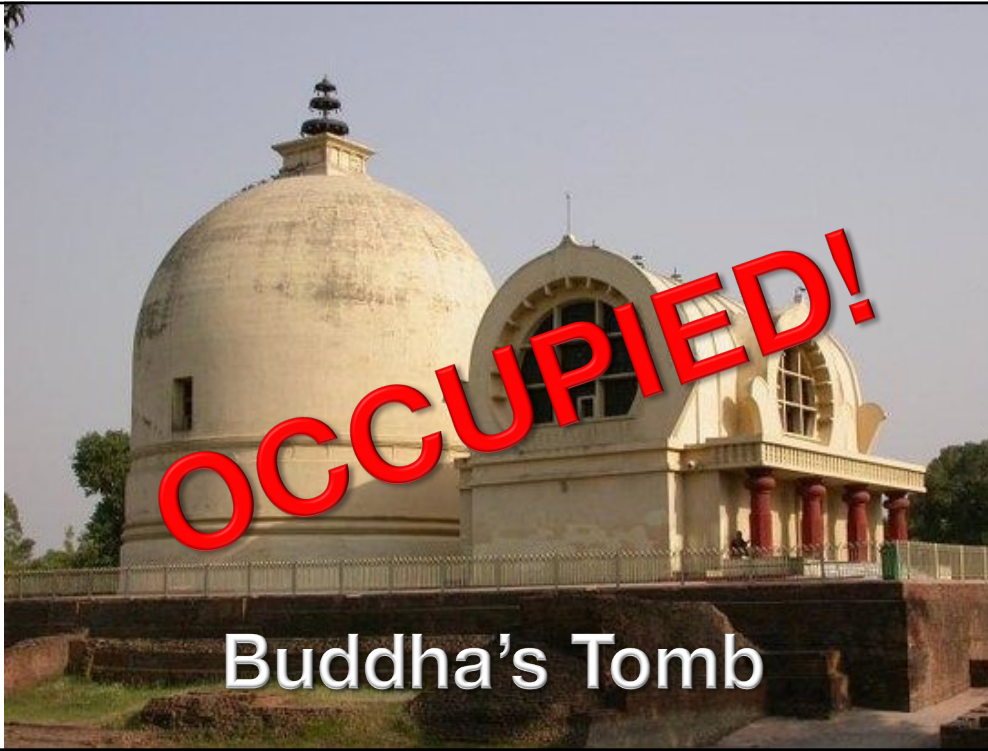
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**When  
Jesus  
calls  
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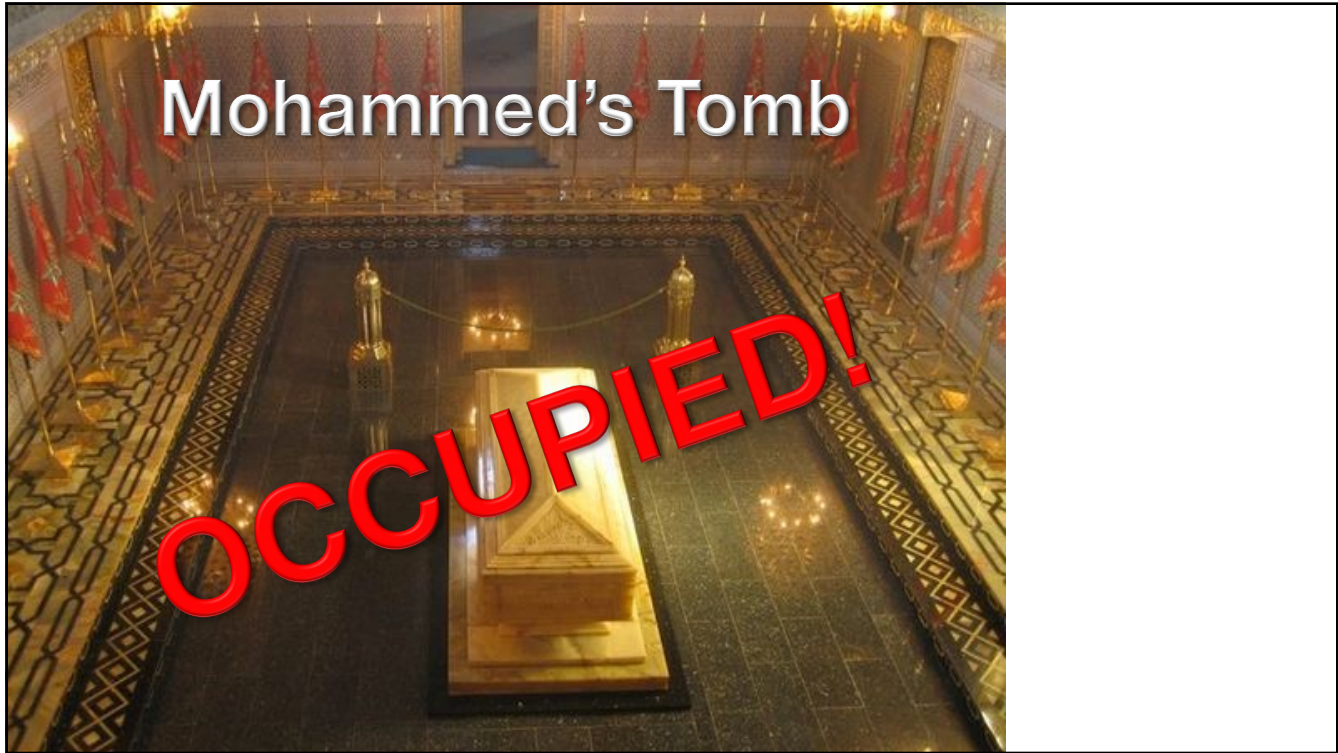
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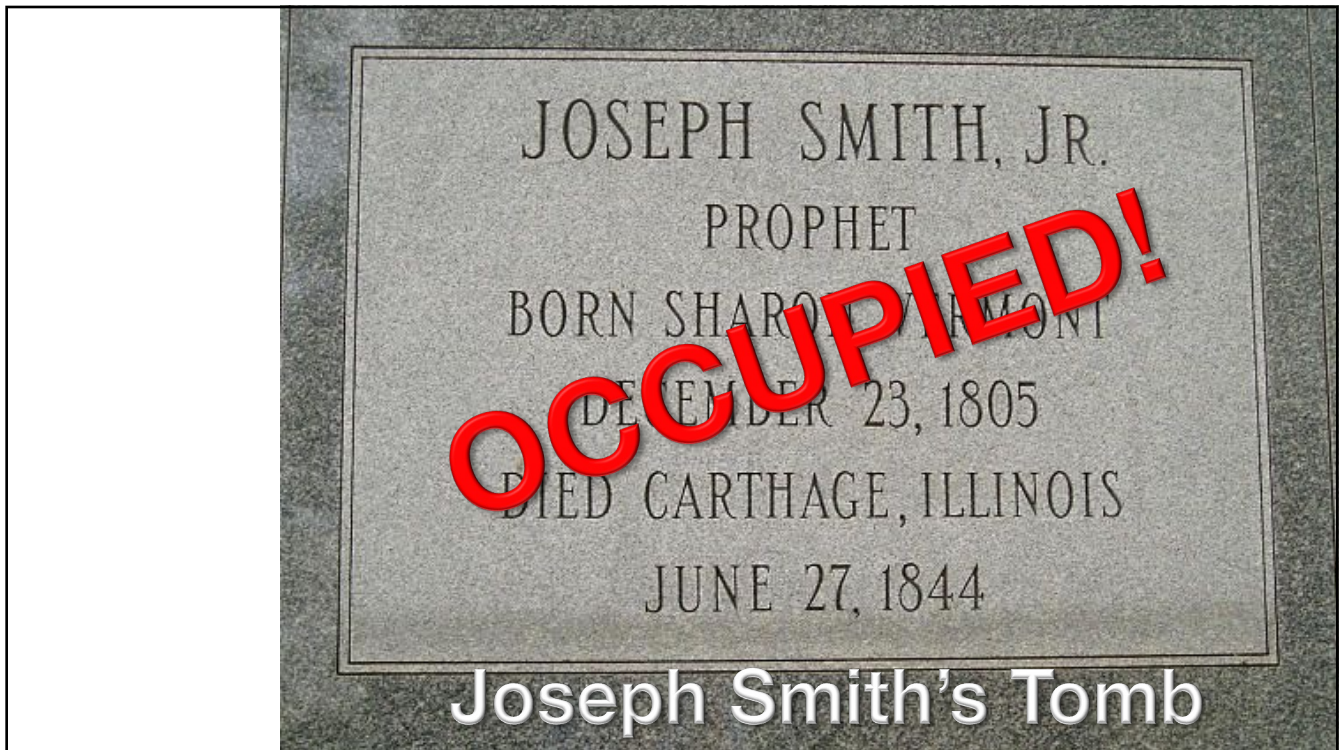
**Buddha's Tomb**

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Mohammed's Tomb

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PROPHET

BORN SHARON VERMONT

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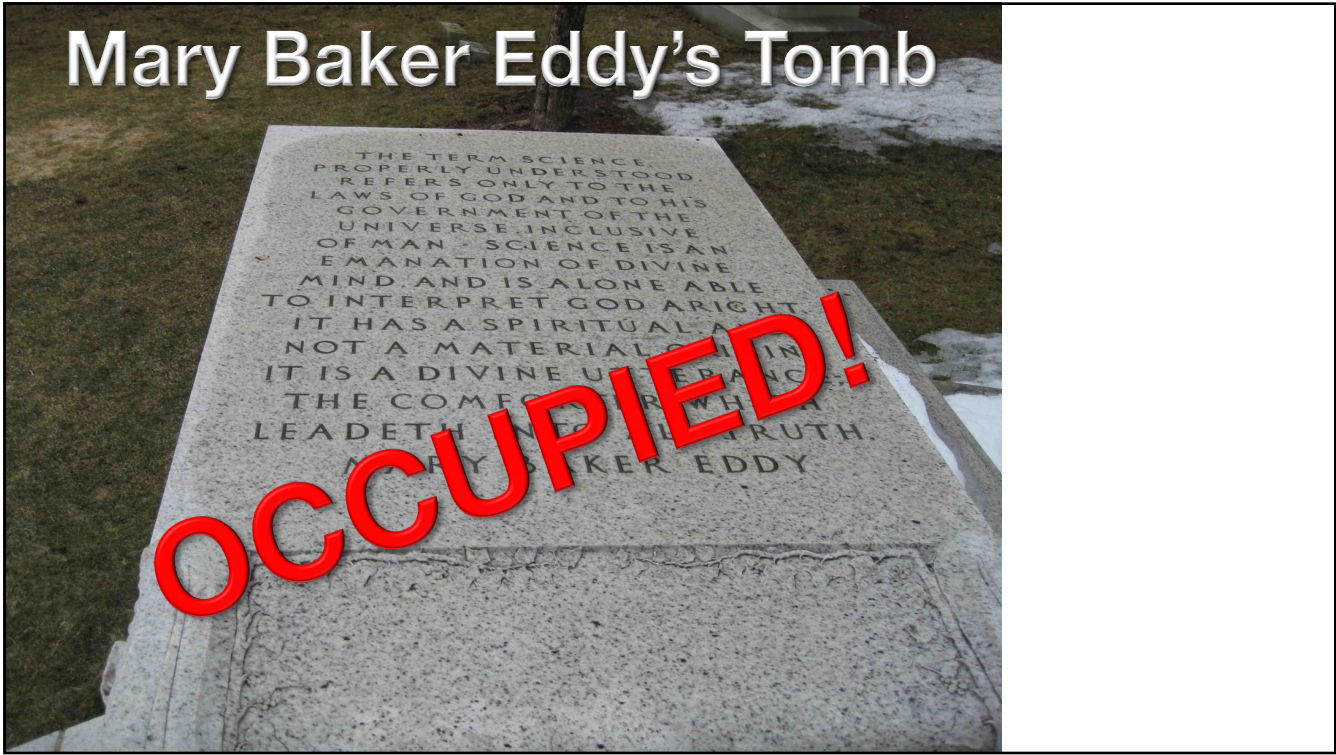
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Joseph Smith's Tomb

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# Mary Baker Eddy's Tomb

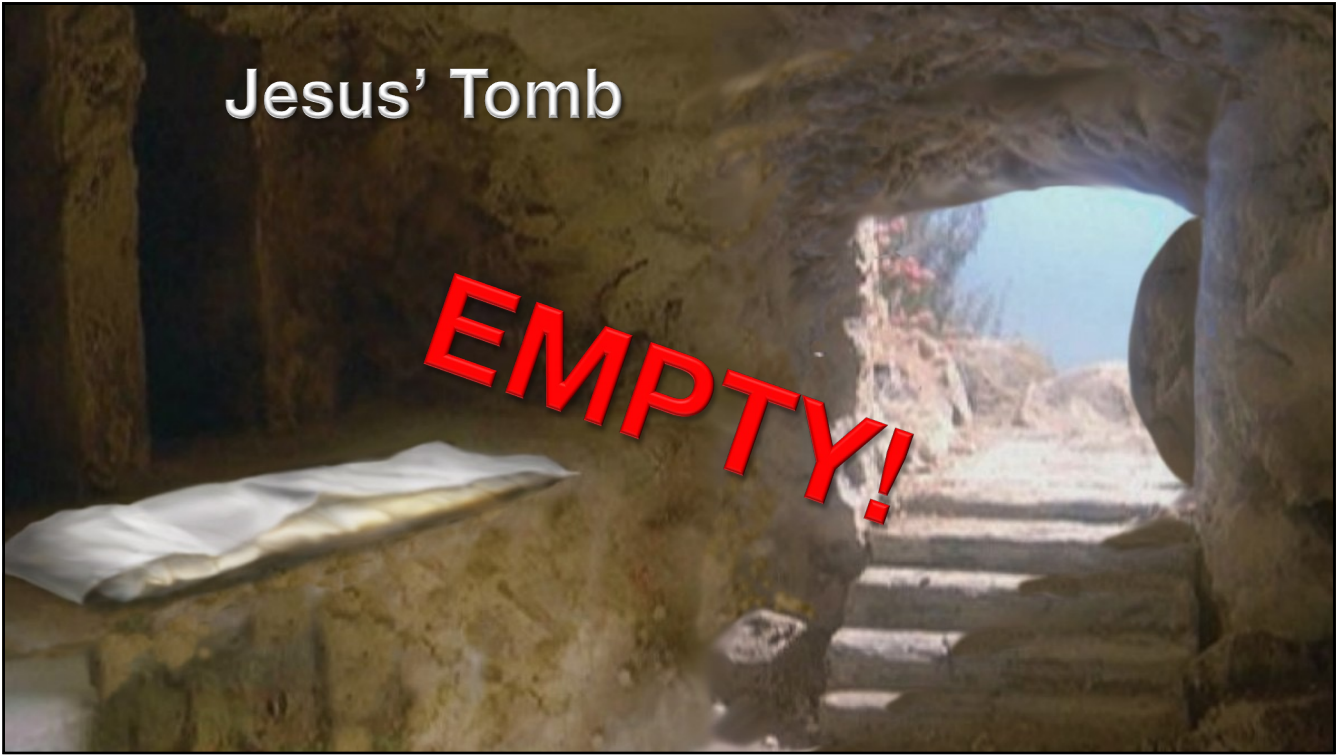


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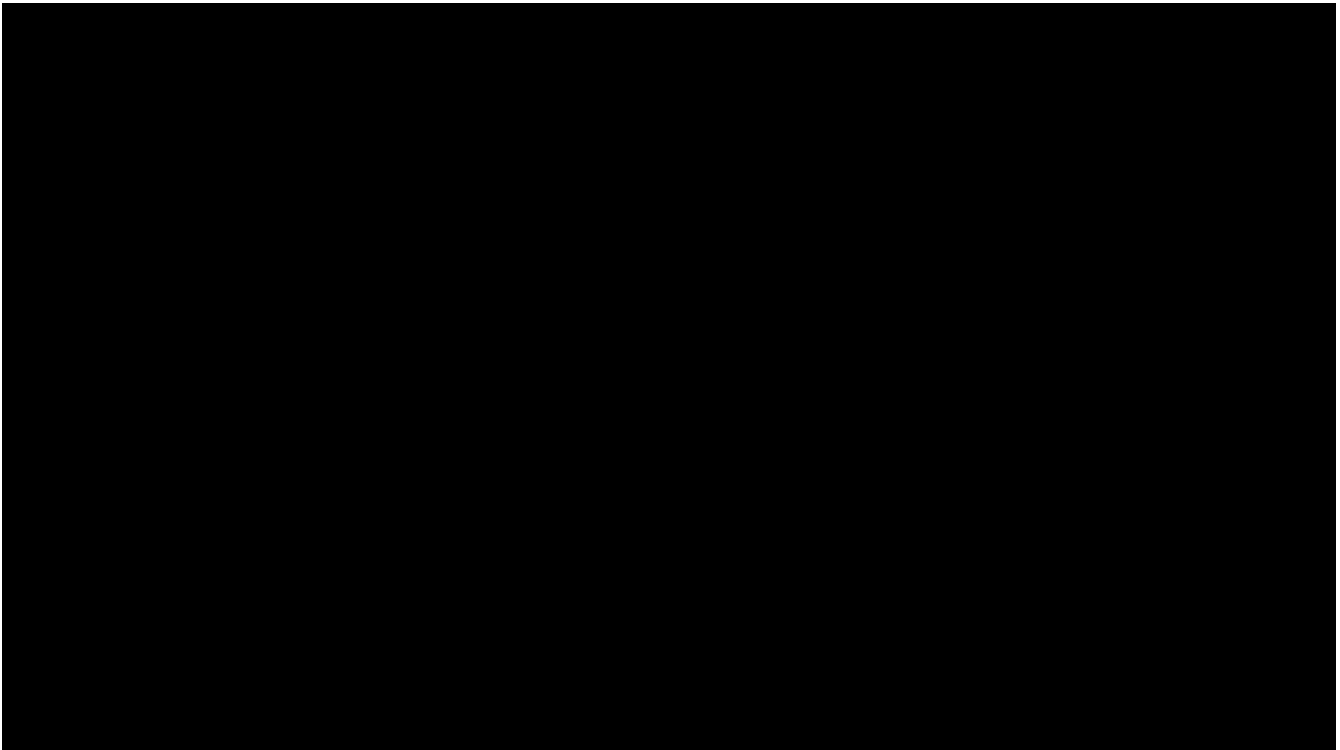


# Charles Taze Russell's Tomb

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