



THAT TOMB
IS EMPTY

MATTHEW 28:1–8

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

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² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

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³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

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⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

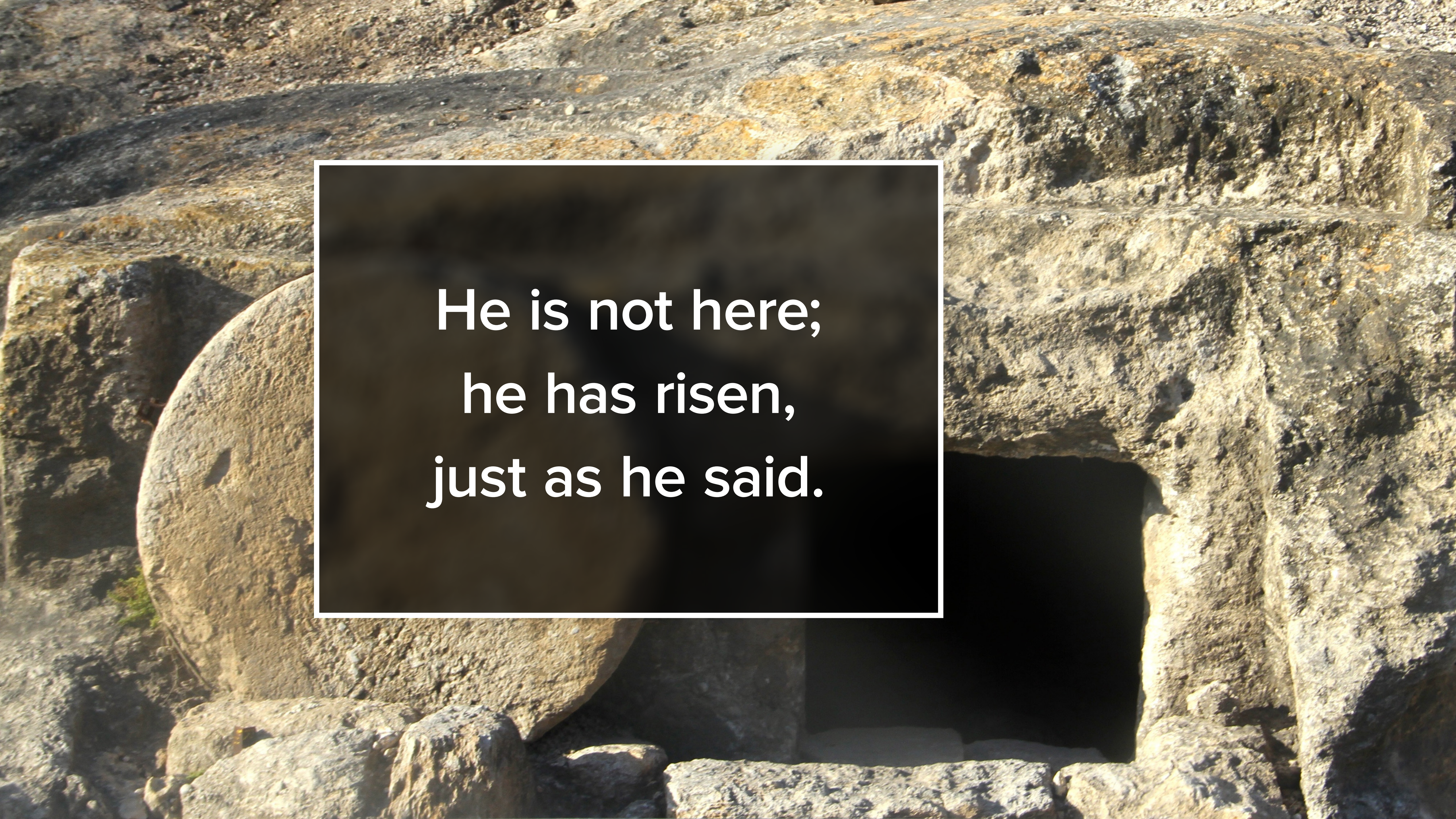
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⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

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⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.





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“Easter is not about the return of the robin in spring or crocuses or a butterfly coming out of the cocoon, or any of that pagan drivel. It’s about a body that somehow got loose.



The gospel accounts strain to describe what happened, but don't make any mistake about it, they're trying to describe something unearthly . . .

death working backward.”

—WILLIAM WILLIMON, DUKE CHAPEL

ROMANS 4:25

²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.


ROMANS 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



“ . . . carefully furnished lives and
utterly barren souls.”

—CHUCK COLSON, PRISON FELLOWSHIP



“I speak as one transformed by Jesus Christ, the living God, He is the way, the Truth, and the Life. He has lived in me for 20 years. His presence is the sole explanation for whatever is praiseworthy in my work.”

—CHUCK COLSON, PRISON FELLOWSHIP

JOHN 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.