



THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them,

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“They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

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Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

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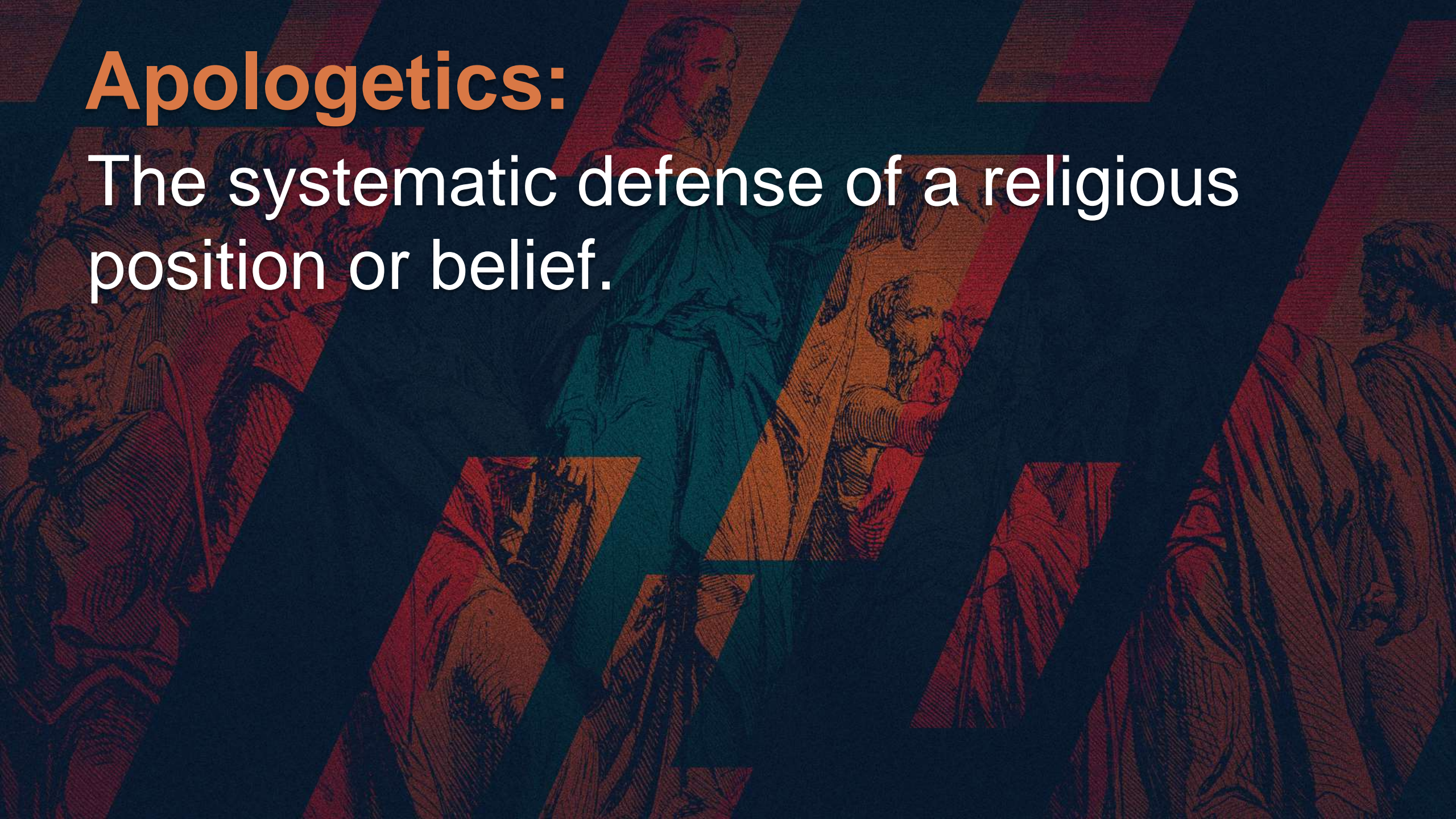
¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

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¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Apologetics:

The systematic defense of a religious position or belief.



1 Peter 3:15b

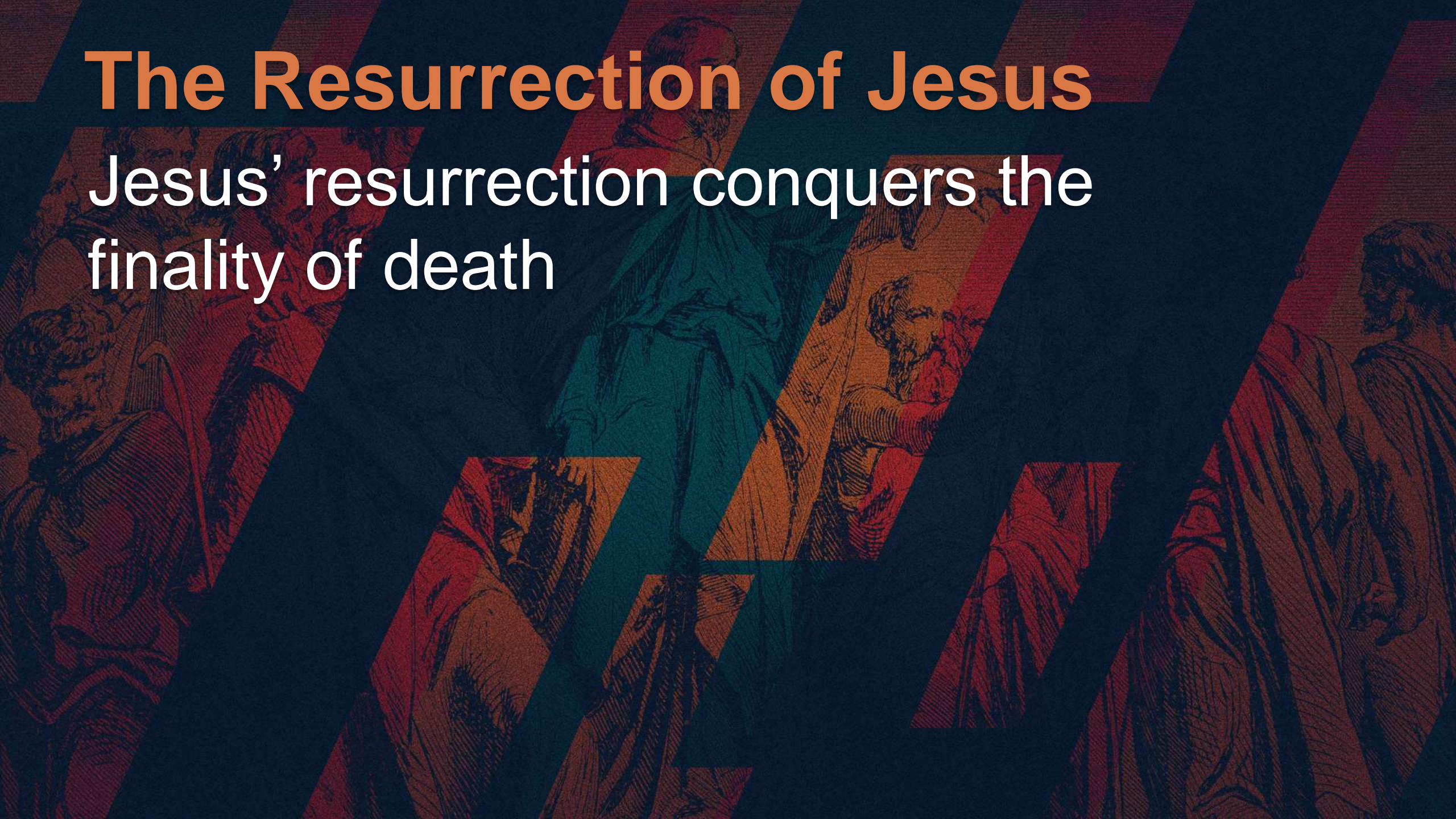
Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Reasons to Hope in Christ Jesus

1. Jesus' body has never been discovered/unearthed
2. The testimony of a woman (Mary{s})

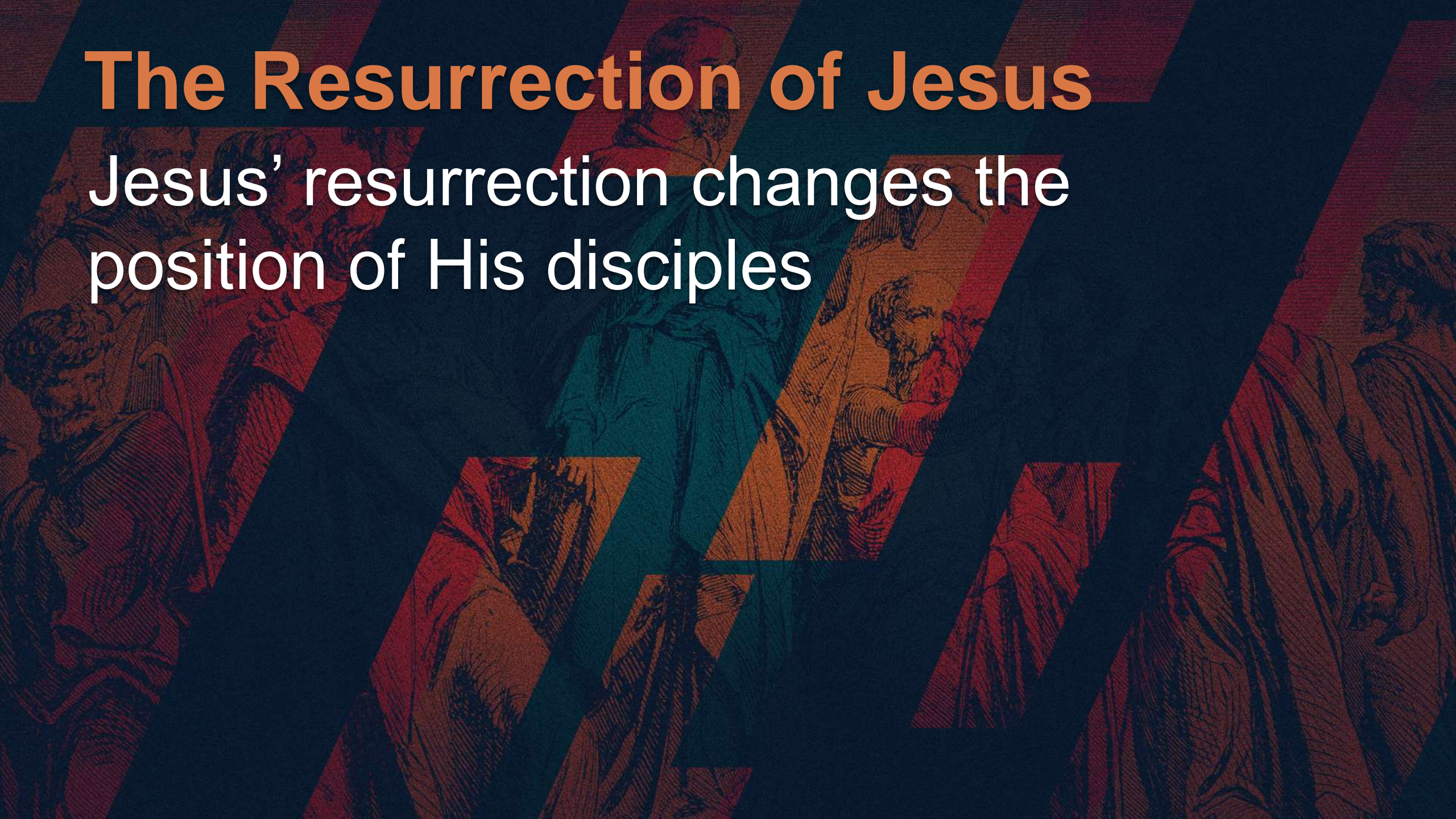
The Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus' resurrection conquers the
finality of death



The Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus' resurrection changes the position of His disciples



Application:

1. Stooping down (becoming focused on earthly things).



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“The scripture takes to task the foolishness of men who ‘spend their money for that which is not bread, and their labor for that which does not do us any real good.’ They spend their time and money chasing perishing things, when something solid and everlasting is put before them.”

Application:

What do men think about most of the time? Some spend their time planning how to make provision for the flesh and how to satisfy lusts (Romans 13:14). They spend their thoughts on sinful pleasures, refusing to behold the glory of Christ.

Application:

Some continually worry about the things of this world, seeking promotion and rewards for all they do. So they are transformed into the image of the world, becoming earthly, unspiritual, and stupid. The blindness, the darkness, the foolishness of poor sinners!

Application:

Do they realize who it is they despise? Do they realize who it is they are rejecting and for what?”

- John Owen, The Glory of Christ

Application:

1. Stooping down (becoming focused on earthly things).
2. Belief in the resurrection should move us to evangelism.