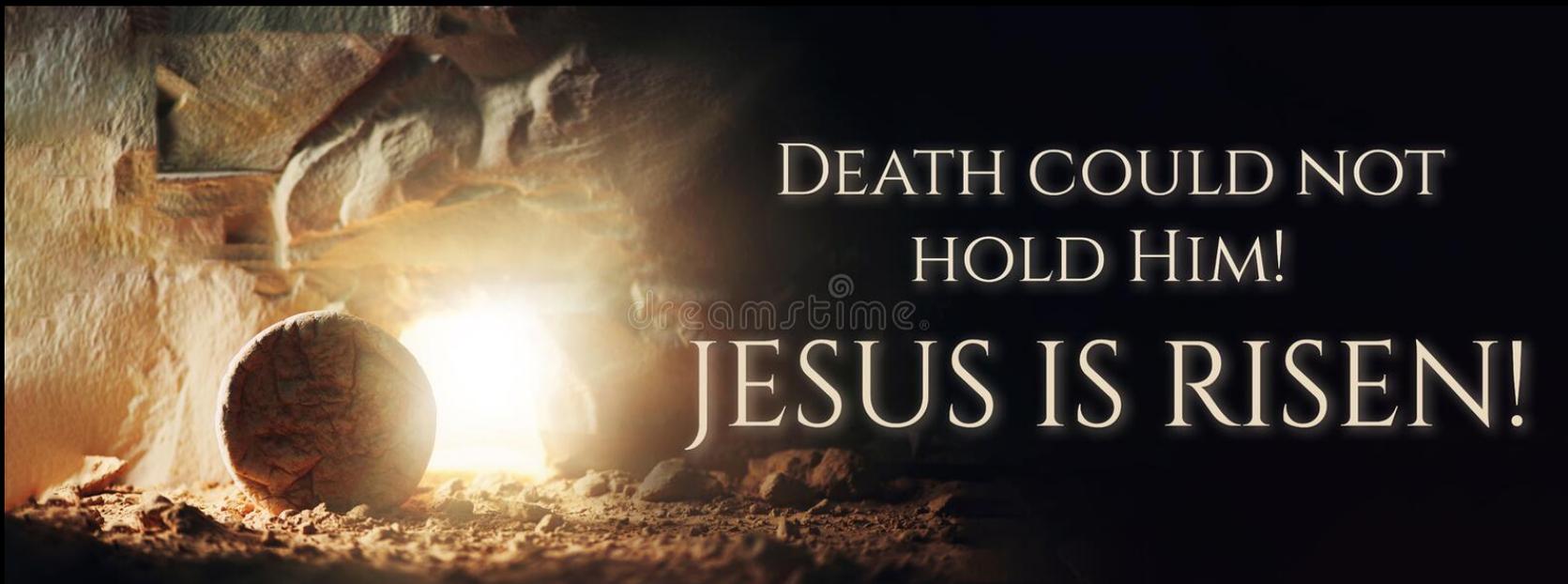


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Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.<sup>2</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.<sup>3</sup> His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.<sup>4</sup> The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.



<sup>5</sup> Then the angel spoke to the women . “Don’t be afraid!” he said . “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified . <sup>6</sup> He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen . Come, see where his body was lying . <sup>7</sup> And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee . You will see him there . Remember what I have told you .”



8 The women ran quickly from the tomb .  
They were very frightened but also filled with  
great joy, and they rushed to give the  
disciples the angel's message . 9 And as they  
went, Jesus met them and greeted them .  
And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and  
worshiped him . 10 Then Jesus said to  
them, "Don't be afraid ! Go tell my  
brothers to leave for Galilee, and  
they will see me there ."



During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive . And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God .

Acts of the Apostles 1:3



There are three pilgrimages to Jerusalem  
in the seven Jewish Festivals.

- Passover
- Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
- Feast of Tabernacles

Pentecost is the Greek word for 50.

50 days are counted from the first day of Passover celebration to then celebrate the **Feast of Weeks**. The last of wheat harvest.

It was on this day God sent His Holy Spirit to 120 followers of Christ in the upper room.

Peter and the other Apostles went down to the festival crowd after being filled with the Spirit and Peter preached to them.

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

...<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

...<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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Witnesses have been  
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Tim Keller





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"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:23

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Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. Colossians 1:15

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ.

Colossians 1:19

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In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...<sup>14</sup> So the Word became human and made his home among us.

John 1:1,14

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*(Jesus) was shown to be the Son  
of God when he was raised from  
the dead Romans 1:4*



I pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 1:19,20





Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Hebrews 2:14



## JOHN 10:17,18

**“THE FATHER LOVES ME BECAUSE I SACRIFICE MY LIFE SO I MAY TAKE IT BACK AGAIN. <sup>18</sup> NO ONE CAN TAKE MY LIFE FROM ME. I SACRIFICE IT VOLUNTARILY. FOR I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LAY IT DOWN WHEN I WANT TO AND ALSO TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN. FOR THIS IS WHAT MY FATHER HAS COMMANDED.”**



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2. We are not saved by being good enough.

God saved you by his grace when you *believed*. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8,9

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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

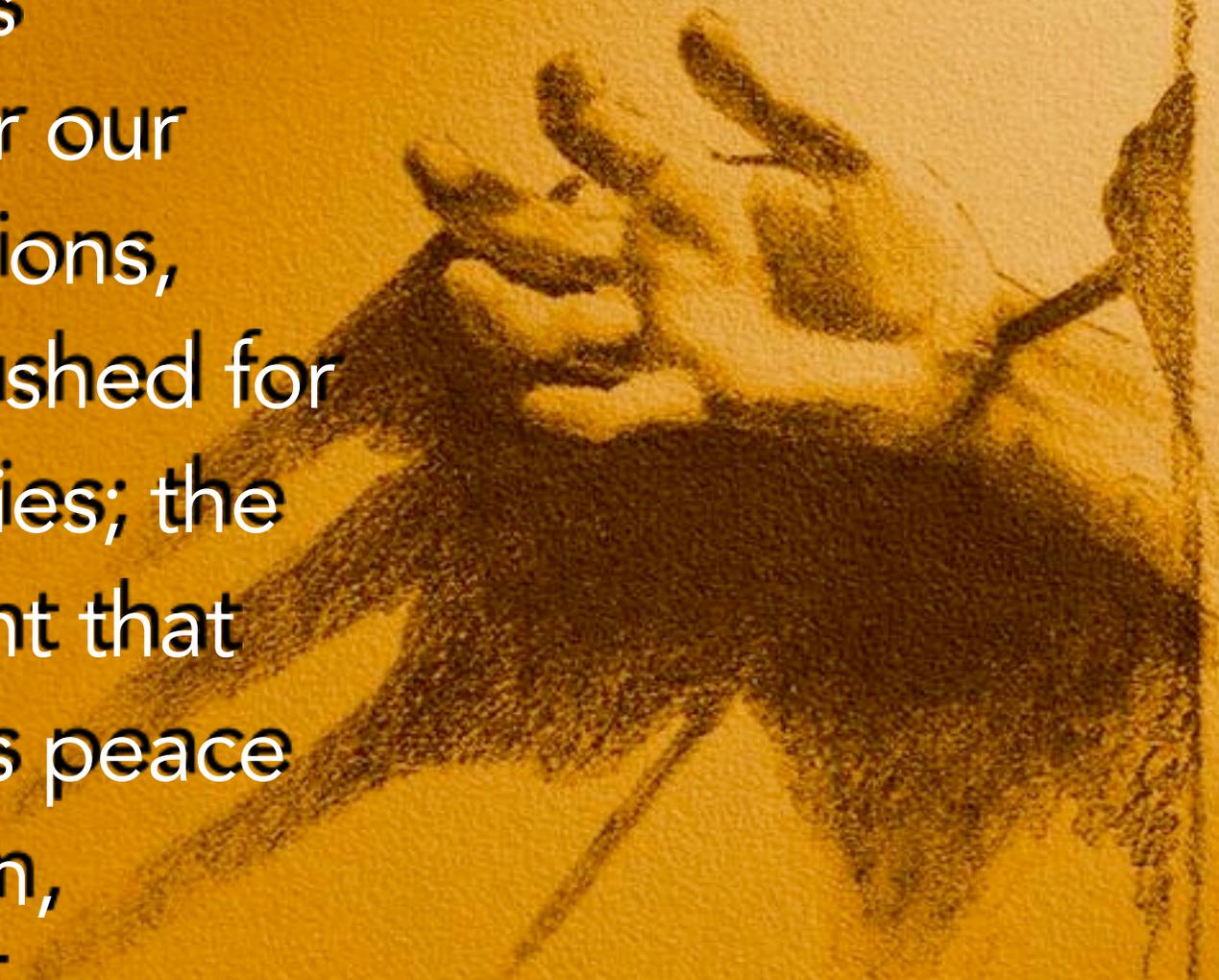
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Acts 1:24a

But he was  
pierced for our  
transgressions,  
he was crushed for  
our iniquities; the  
punishment that  
brought us peace  
was on him,  
Isaiah 53:5



24 ...because it was impossible for death  
to keep its hold on him.

Acts 1:24b

It was the Lord's  
will to crush him  
and cause him  
to suffer,

Isaiah 53:10



**“Would you please stay awake  
with me “My soul is overwhelmed  
with sorrow to the point of death.”**

**Mark 14:34**



When we were  
utterly helpless,  
Christ came at  
just the right  
time and died  
for us sinners.  
Romans 5:6



Not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42



I am the One who lives; I was dead, but look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to death and to the place of the dead.

Revelation 1:18

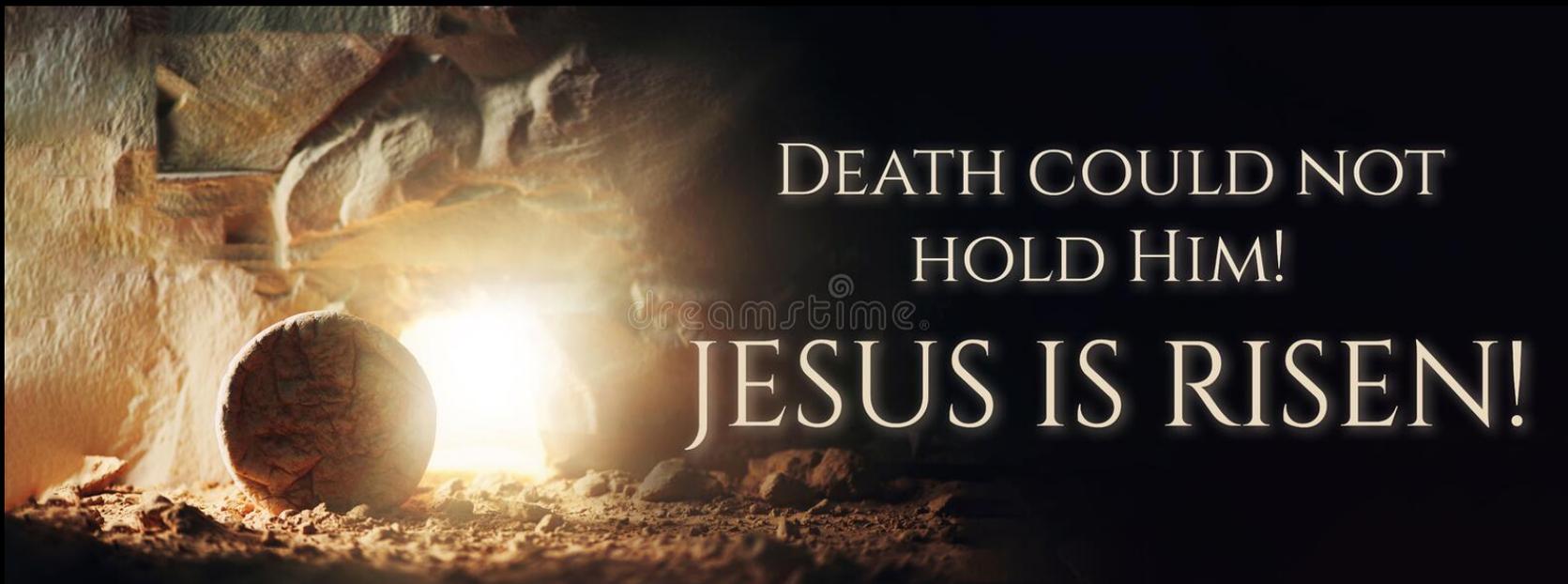
Jesus said to (Martha), "I am the  
resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me will  
have life even if they die."

John 11:25

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

John 5:24



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