

The REALITY of the RESURRECTION



RESURRECTION

I. Introduction

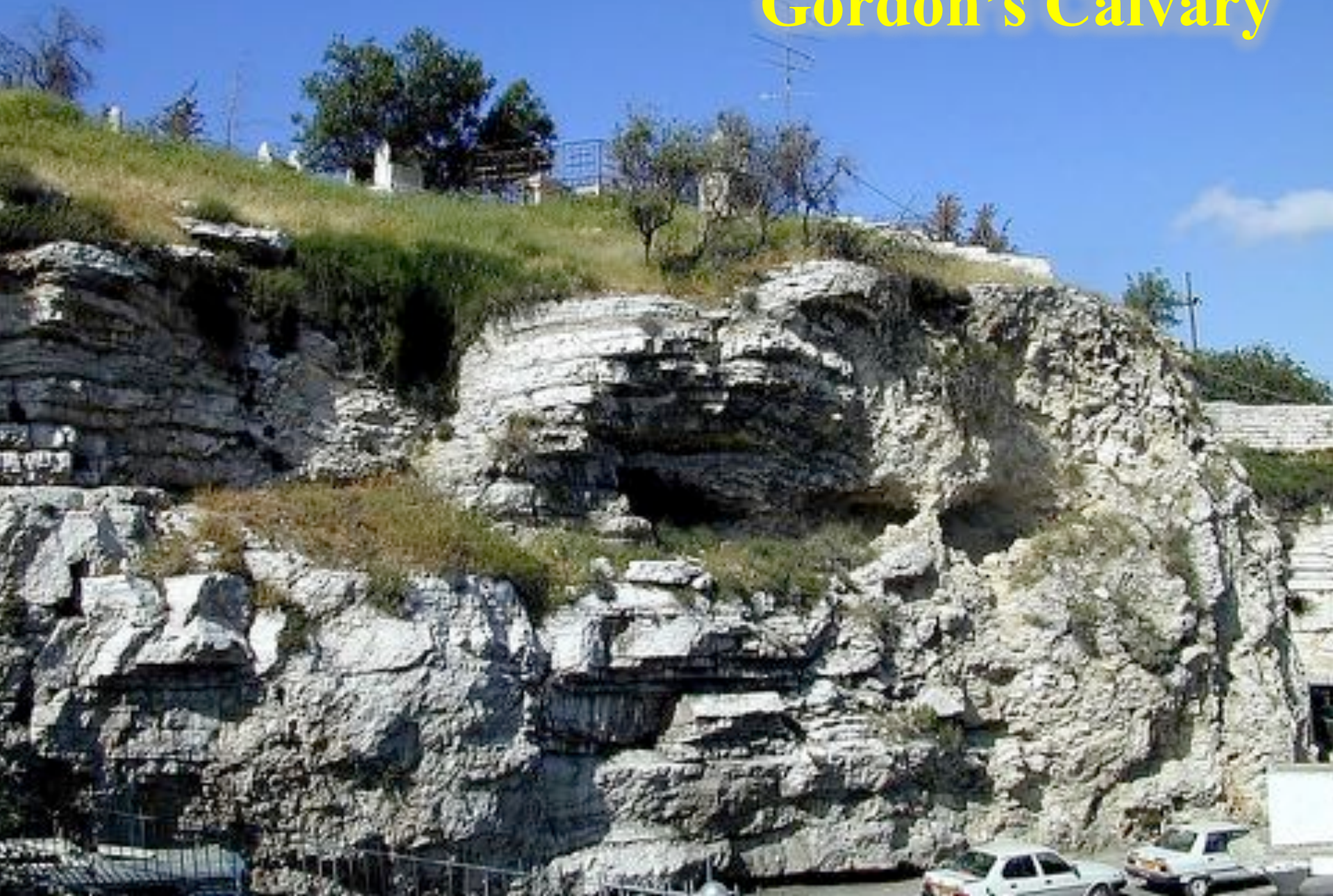
A. Importance



Act 17:30-31 “**Therefore** having overlooked the times of ignorance, **God is now declaring** to men that all people everywhere should repent, **31** because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, **having furnished proof** to all men **by raising Him from the dead.**”

1Cor 15:17-19 and if **Christ has not been raised**, your faith is **worthless** ; you are still **in your sins**. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in **Christ have perished**. **19** If we have hoped in **Christ in this life only**, we are of all **men most to be pitied**.

Gordon's Calvary







Church of
Holy
Sepulcher

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THEORIES

- 1. Swoon - did not die**
- 2. Theft - stole body**
- 3. Hallucination - confusion**
- 4. Wrong Tomb - too emotional**
- 5. Spiritual - not bodily**
- 6. Conspiracy - deception**
- 7. Mythical - pagan myth**

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II. Irrefutability

IRRIFUTABILITY

1. Certainty of Death



DEATH

A photograph of a stone tomb entrance. The entrance is a dark, arched opening in a wall of rough-hewn, light-colored stone. A large, smooth, rounded stone has been rolled away from the opening, resting on the ground to the left. The interior of the tomb is dark and appears to be a simple, rectangular chamber. The surrounding area is rocky and somewhat overgrown with small green plants.

- **Fact of it -** Mk 15:42-16:1
- **Security of tomb -** Mt 27:62-66
- **Swoon & Theft theories???**

IRRIFUTABILITY

1. Certainty of Death
2. Empty Tomb



Garden Tomb





EMPTY TOMB

1. Large stone - Mt 28:2
2. Earthquake -
3. Angels - 28:3
4. Guards - 28:4
5. Women - 28:6
6. Peter & John - Lk 24:12
7. Grave clothes -

REFUTATION

- **Certainty of Death - swoon & theft**
- **Empty Tomb - wrong tomb**

IRRIFUTABILITY

1. Certainty of Death
2. Empty Tomb
3. Eyewitnesses



EYEWITNESSES

1. **Mary M. -** **Mt 28:9-10**
2. **Other Woman -**
3. **2 Travelers -** **Lk 24:13-35**
4. **Peter -** **24:34**
5. **10 Disciples -** **Jn 20:19-20**
6. **11 Disciples -** **20:26-30**
7. **7 Disciples -** **21:1-14**
8. **500 -** **1Cor 15:6**

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- **Eyewitnesses - hallucination & conspiracy**

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- 4. Appearances**



APPEARANCES

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Emmaus Roman Road





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✧ **10 Disciples -**
Jn 20:19-25

✧ **With Thomas -**
Jn 20:26-31

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- **To 11 Disciples - Mt 28:16-20**



VARIETY

- 1. Various Times**
- 2. Various Locations**
- 3. Men**
- 4. Women**

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- 5. History**



HISTORY

- 1. Unbelieving sources**
- 2. Jewish sources**
- 3. Early fathers**
- 4. Secular historians**
- 5. Failed attempts to discredit**

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- **History - mythical**

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III. Implications

A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb positioned just above the horizon line, casting a shimmering, golden reflection down the center of the water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the sun, creating a warm, orange and yellow glow. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a hillside or shoreline with some sparse vegetation.

We have resurrection power now!!!

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