

Reason to Believe

Palm Sunday – March 28, 2021



Fact

Faith

Feeling

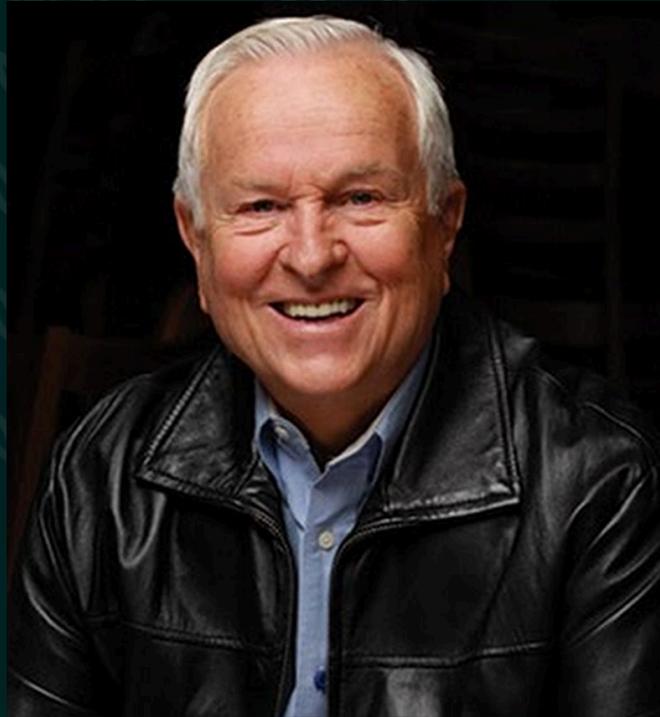


There is a religious group in Japan who believes that Jesus didn't die on the cross. Instead, it was his kid brother Isukiri. Jesus instead went to Japan and lived there until he was 106 years old. His grave is found in Shingo, and thousands of pilgrims and pagans go there every year.

Opponents, turned Proponents



C.S. Lewis



Josh McDowell



Lee Strobel

1 Corinthians 15:17

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile (useless, vain, worthless, a delusion) and (worst of all)... you are still in your sins.

John 21:24

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



Blaise Pascal

“In faith, there is enough light for those who want to believe, and enough shadows to blind those who don’t.”

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.”

Our Greatest Hurdles to Belief

- Admitting that I'm a sinner who justly deserves nothing but death and eternal judgment.
- Accepting that there is nothing I can do to redeem myself, to escape that fate.
- Trusting that Jesus is God in the flesh, who died for my sins, as my only hope and solution.
- Forsaking my sin and autonomy, and confessing Christ as my new master and Lord.

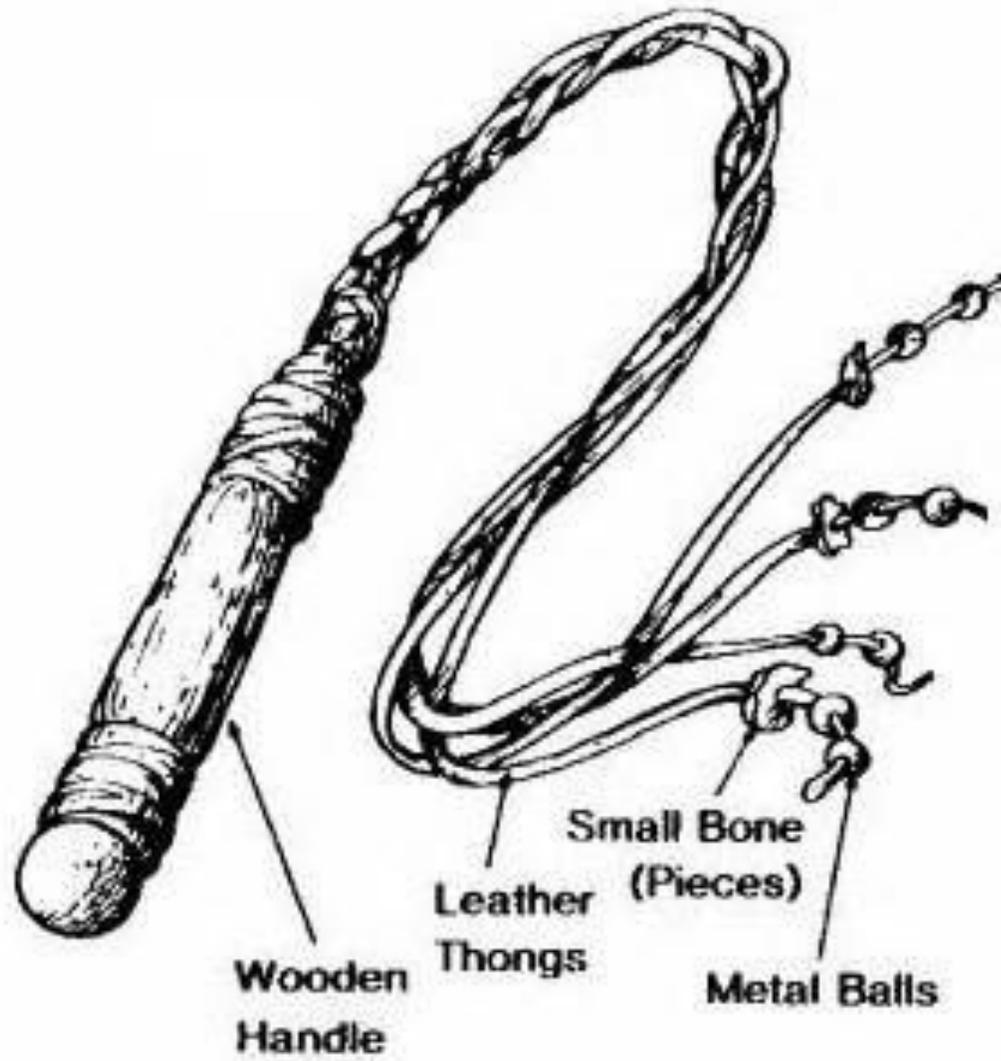
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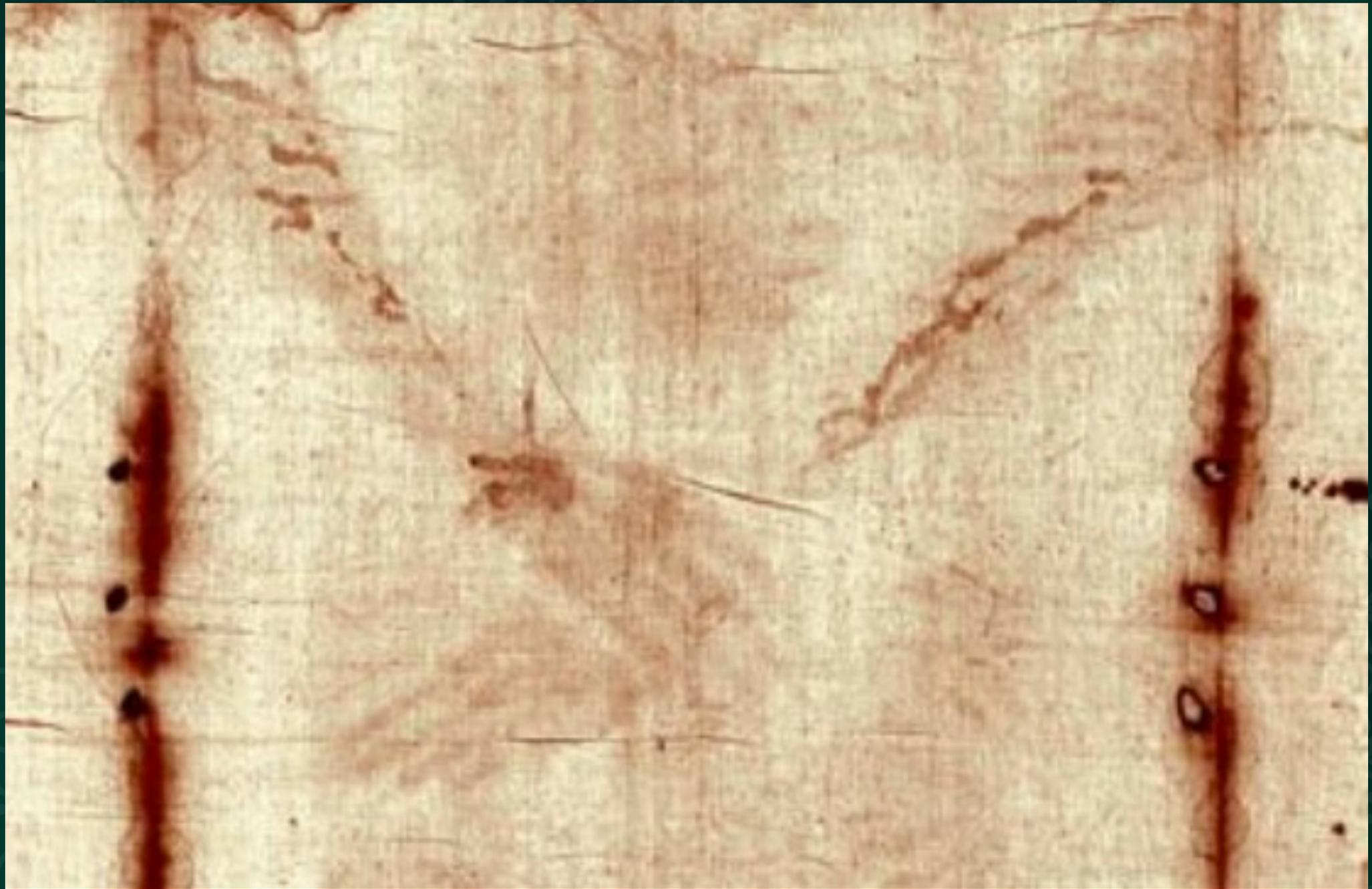




The Shroud of Turin Blood Stains:

- ✓ Flogging wounds
- ✓ Crown of thorns
- ✓ Spike wounds
- ✓ Spear to rib cage





John 10:17-18

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.

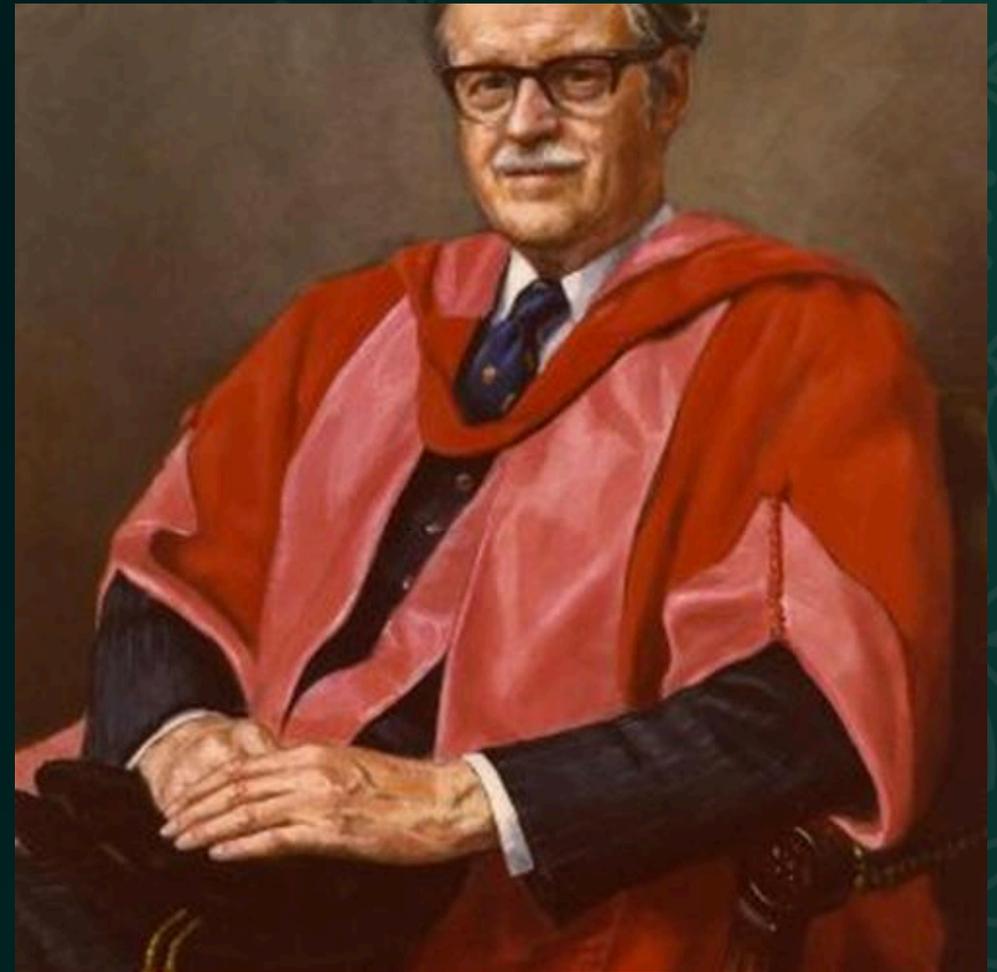
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“The empty tomb, then, forms a veritable rock on which all rationalistic theories of the resurrection dash themselves in vain.”



**Sir Norman
Anderson**

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Paul Saw the Risen Christ

1 Corinthians 9:1

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle?
Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?

1 Corinthians 15:8

Last of all, as to one untimely born,
he appeared also to me.

1 Corinthians 15:1-7

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:1-7

⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.



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“Hallucinations are individual occurrences. By their very nature, only one person can see a given hallucination at a time. They certainly aren’t something that can be seen by a group of people.

Neither is it possible that one person could somehow induce an hallucination in someone else.

Since an hallucination exists only in this subjective, personal sense, it is obvious that others cannot witness it.”

1. To Mary Magdalene (John 20:10-18)
2. To the other women (Matthew 28:8-10)
3. To Cleopas & disciple on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
4. To 11 disciples and others (Luke 24:33-49)
5. To 10 apostles & others with Thomas absent (John 20:19-23)
6. To Thomas & the other apostles (John 20:26-30)
7. To 7 apostles on the shore of Galilee (John 21:1-14)
8. To the disciples at Galilee (Matthew 28:16-20)
9. To the apostles on the Mt. of Olives (Luke 24:50-53, Acts

Acts 2:32 “This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.”

Acts 3:15 “You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.”

Acts 10:41 “...[he] ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”

Acts 13:31 “...and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.”

Mark 8:31

And [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

John 13:19

I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.

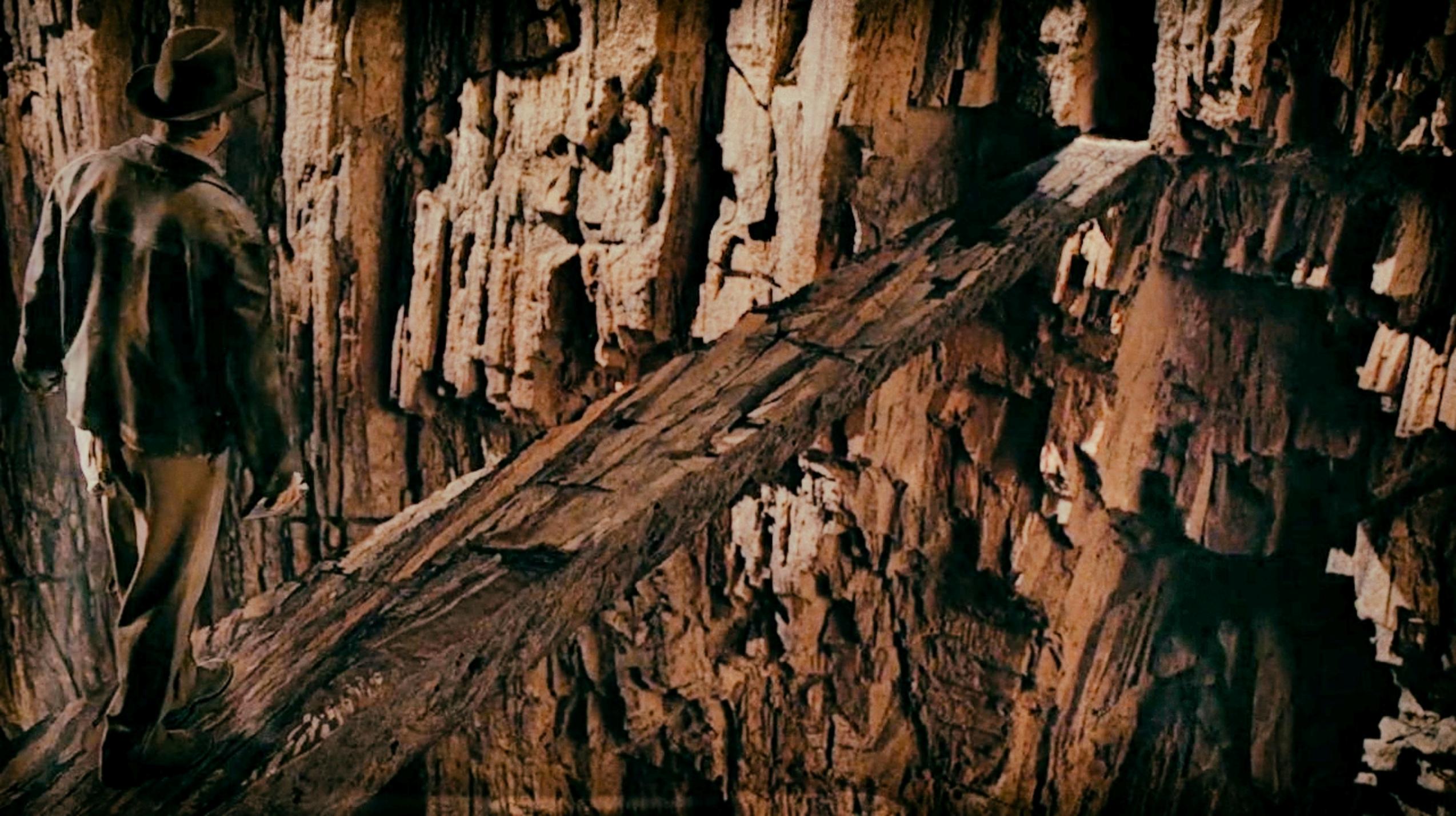
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John 2:22

When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.





"I have been used for many years to study the histories of other times, and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer, than the great sign which God has given us, that Christ died and rose again from the dead."

- *Thomas Arnold, Ph.D.*

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

My message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

