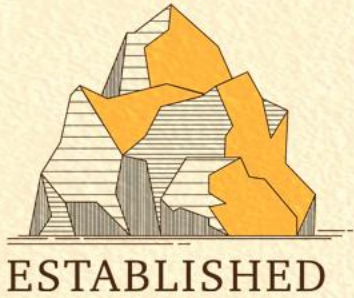


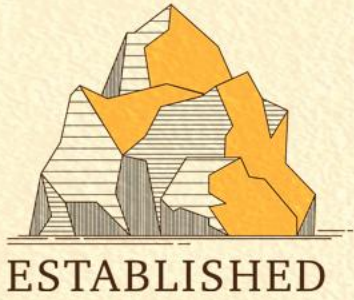
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You're Already a Believer

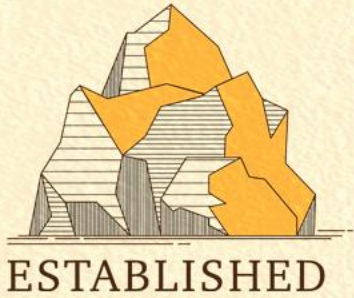
1 Corinthians 15:3-20



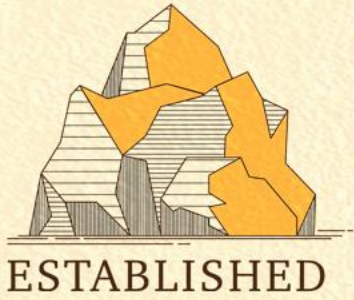
**Where did your
deepest convictions
come from?**



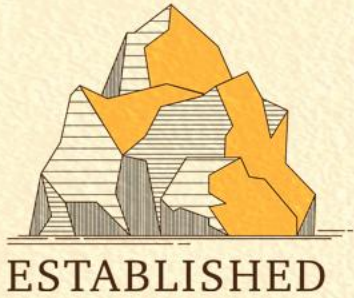
**Every human life
has equal worth**



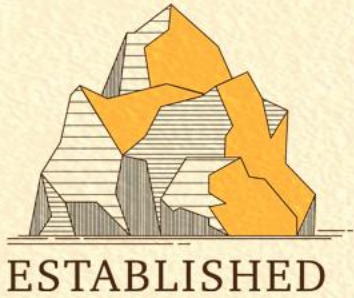
**You should help people
you've never met**



**Laying down your life
is genuinely good**

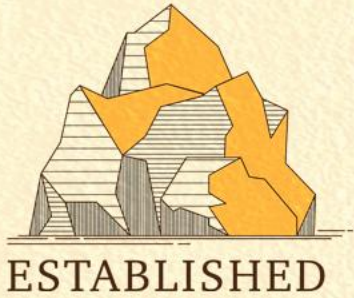


The Resurrection Really Happened



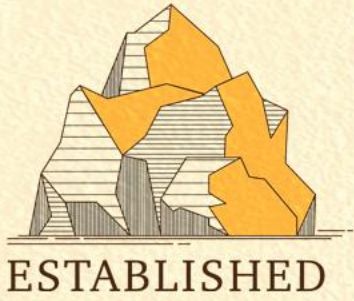
1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

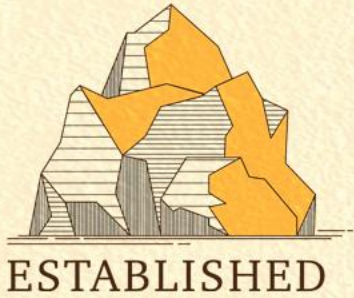


1 Corinthians 15:5-6

...and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

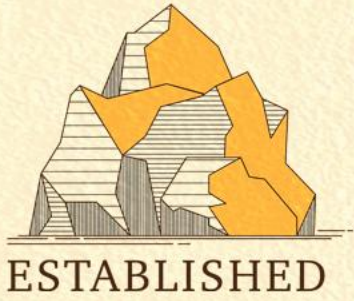


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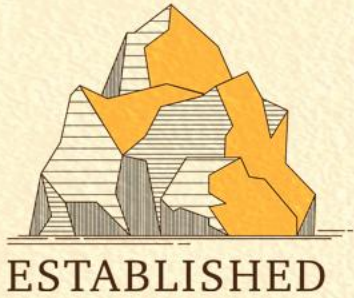


Paul's Conversion

He was killing Christians, then he spent his life dying for their message.

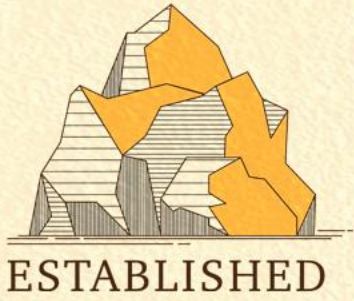


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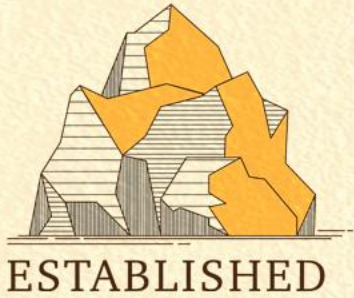


James the Brother of Jesus

What would it take for you to believe your own brother was God?

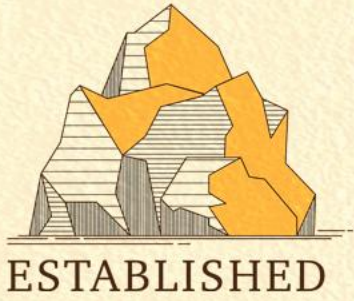


The Transformation of the Disciples

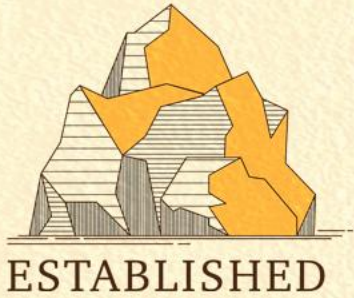


The Transformation of the Disciples

People don't die for something
they know is a lie.



The Empty Tomb



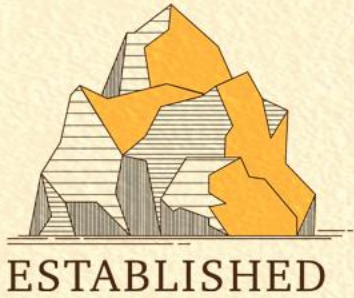
The Empty Tomb

Their response wasn't "the tomb isn't empty." It was
"the disciples stole the body."



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The Emergence of the Church



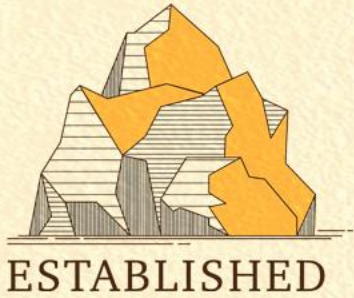
The Emergence of the Church

A dead carpenter. No money. No army. No power. The most enduring movement in human history.



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Mary



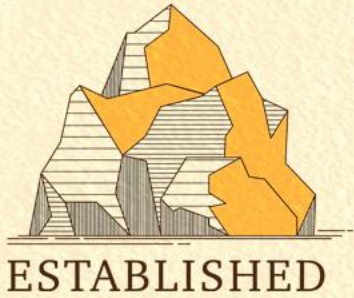
John 20:16

Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned and said to him in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means Teacher).

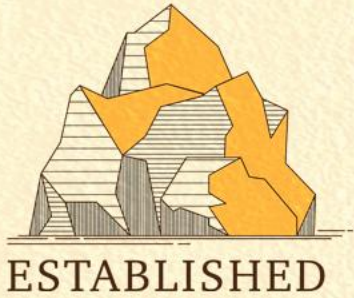


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Resurrection

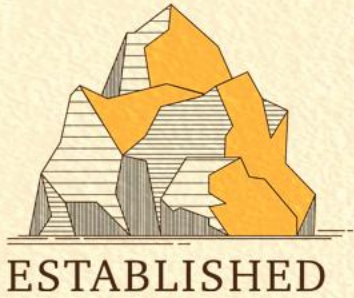


**We live in an Easter-shaped
cosmos because there is an
Easter-shaped God.**



1 Corinthians 15:14

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.



1 Corinthians 15:19

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.



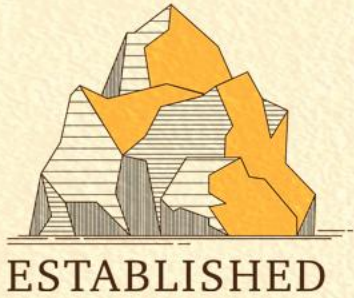
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**The foundation of
reality is love**



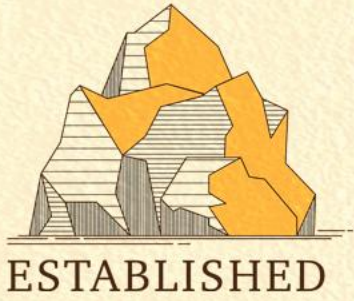
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If Christ is still in the tomb:

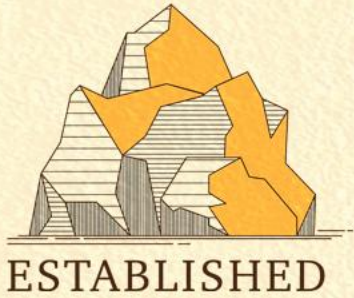


If Christ is still in the tomb:

Love lost. Death wins.

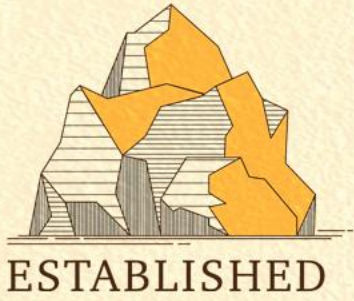


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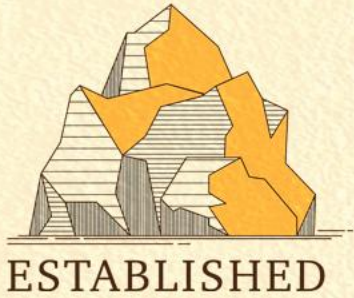


If Christ is still dead:

Death has the last word. And that's not good.

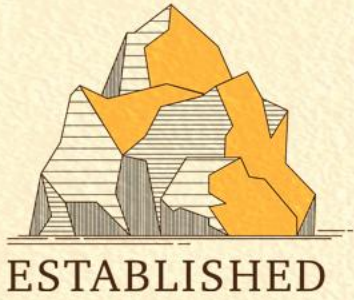


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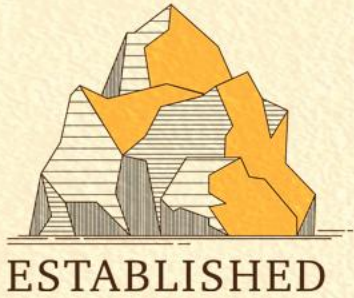


If Christ is not raised:

You're just \$134 worth of chemicals.

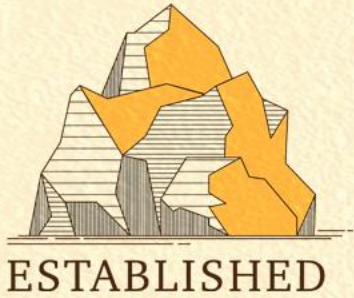


If Christ is still in the grave:



If Christ is still in the grave:

The way to God is closed. You're
on your own.



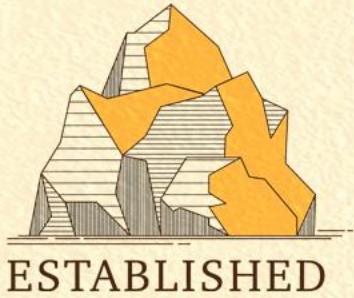
1 Corinthians 15:20

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



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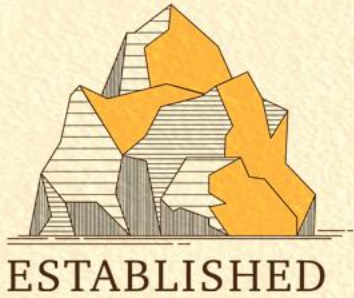
Death did not win



1 Corinthians 15:54-55

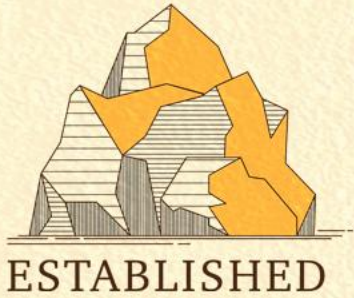
Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory? O death,
where is your sting?



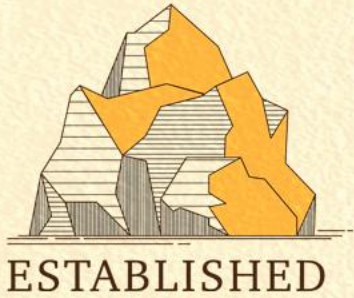
Romans 4:25

...who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

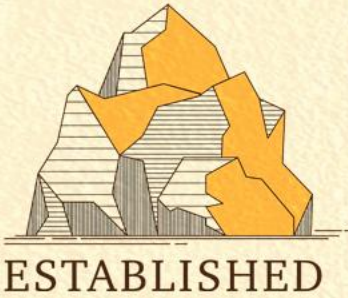


Ephesians 2:18

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

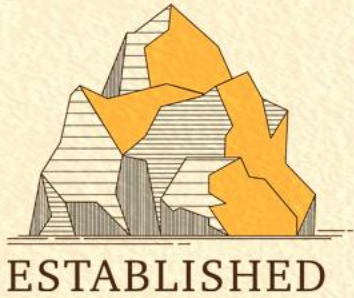


**The door Jesus opened on
Good Friday is open
permanently because of
Easter Sunday.**

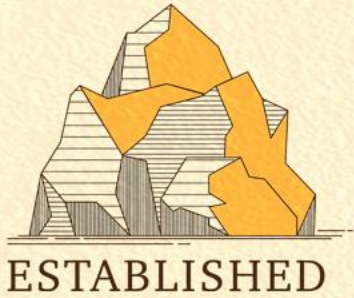


Romans 10:9

...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



**Believing in Jesus gives you
the foundation for the things
you already believe in.**



He is risen!

He is risen indeed!