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A woman with long, wavy brown hair is seen from behind, looking at a wall covered in evidence. The wall is cluttered with various items: a sign that says "Is God Dead?" in red letters on a black background, several pieces of paper and photographs pinned to the wall, and red string connecting different points of evidence. In the background, a woman with blonde hair is smiling. The overall scene suggests a complex investigation or a search for truth.

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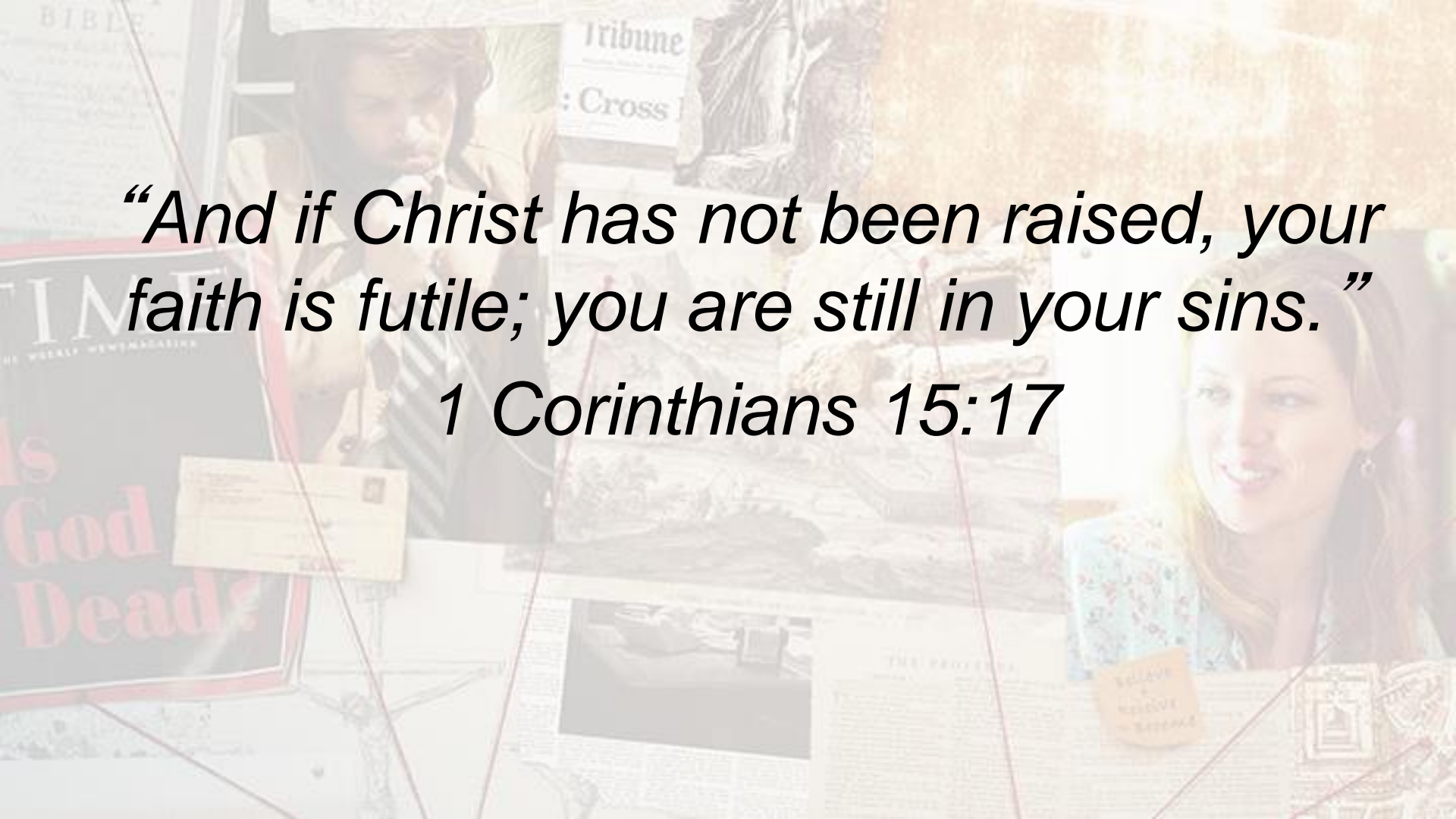
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Exploring the evidence for Christ

A collage of images related to Christianity and the resurrection. It features a man in a suit and tie, a newspaper clipping with the word "Tribune" and "Cross", a woman, and various religious symbols and text. The background is a light, textured surface.

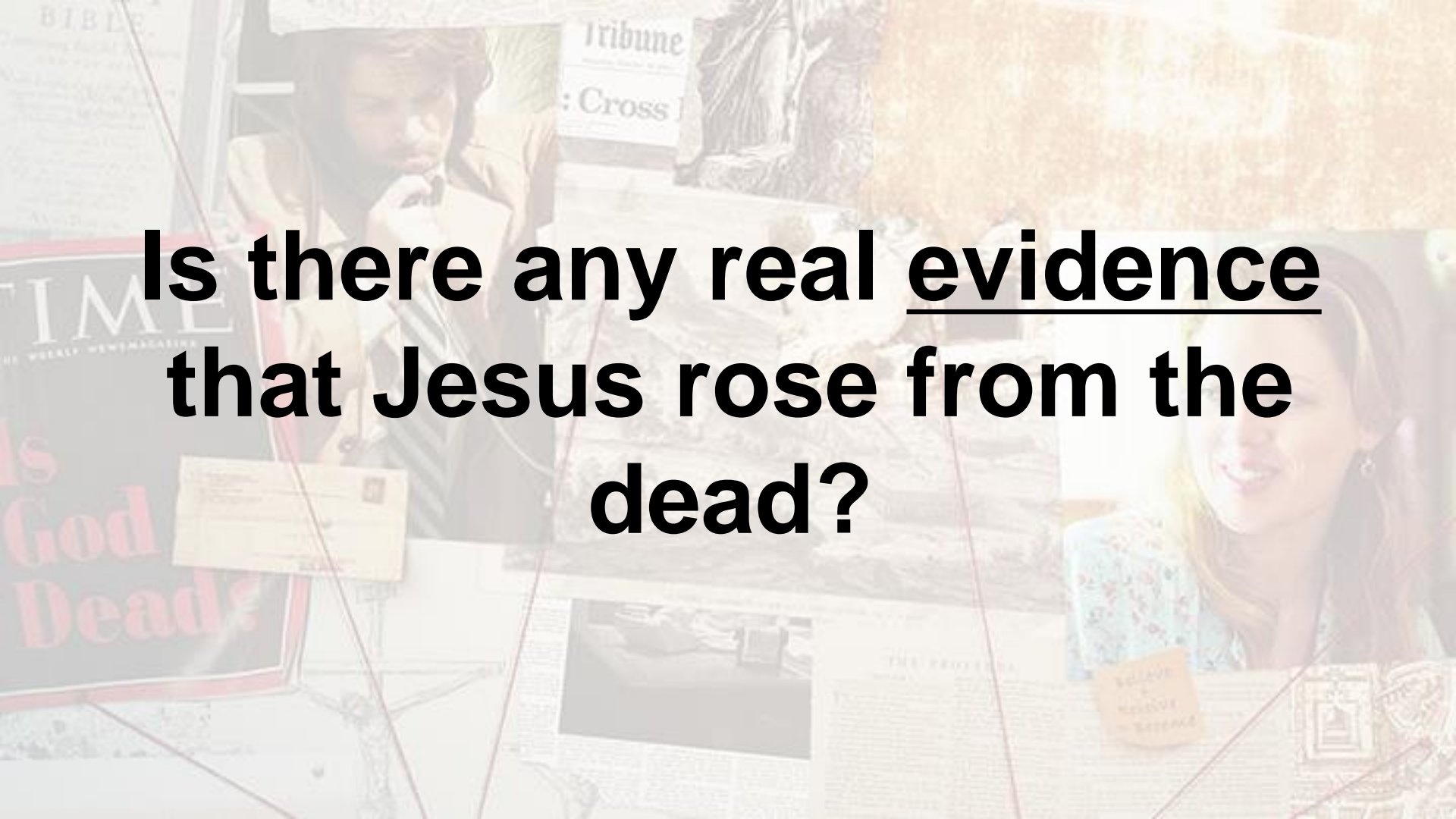
the lynchpin of Christianity.

If the evidence for the resurrection stands, then the Christian faith stands;

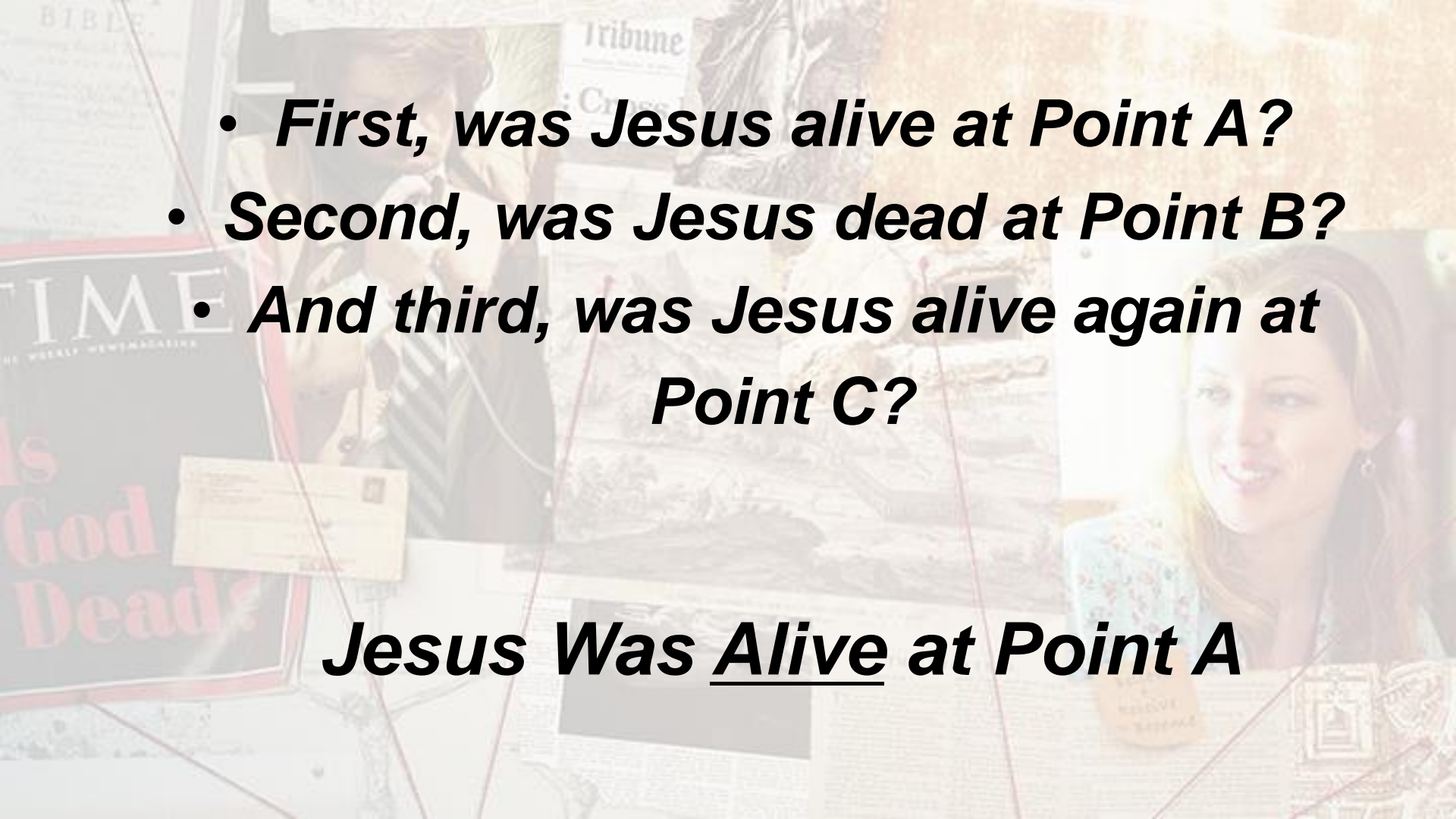
A collage of religious and historical images. On the left, a man in a suit and tie is shown in a close-up. In the center, a newspaper clipping features the word "Tribune" and "Cross". To the right, a woman with long hair is smiling while reading a newspaper. At the bottom left, a Bible cover is visible with the text "BIBLE" and "THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER". A sign in the bottom right corner reads "BELIEVE & RECEIVE SALVANCE".

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.”

1 Corinthians 15:17

A collage of images related to the resurrection of Jesus. In the top left, a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a suit and tie, is shown in a thoughtful pose with his hand to his chin. To his right is a newspaper clipping with the word "Tribune" at the top and "Cross" below it. In the top right, a woman with long dark hair is smiling. In the bottom left, a Bible is visible with the word "BIBLE" at the top and "TIME" in large letters below it. In the bottom right, a woman is looking at a newspaper clipping with the words "Believe & Receive" written on it. The background is a light, textured surface.

**Is there any real evidence
that Jesus rose from the
dead?**

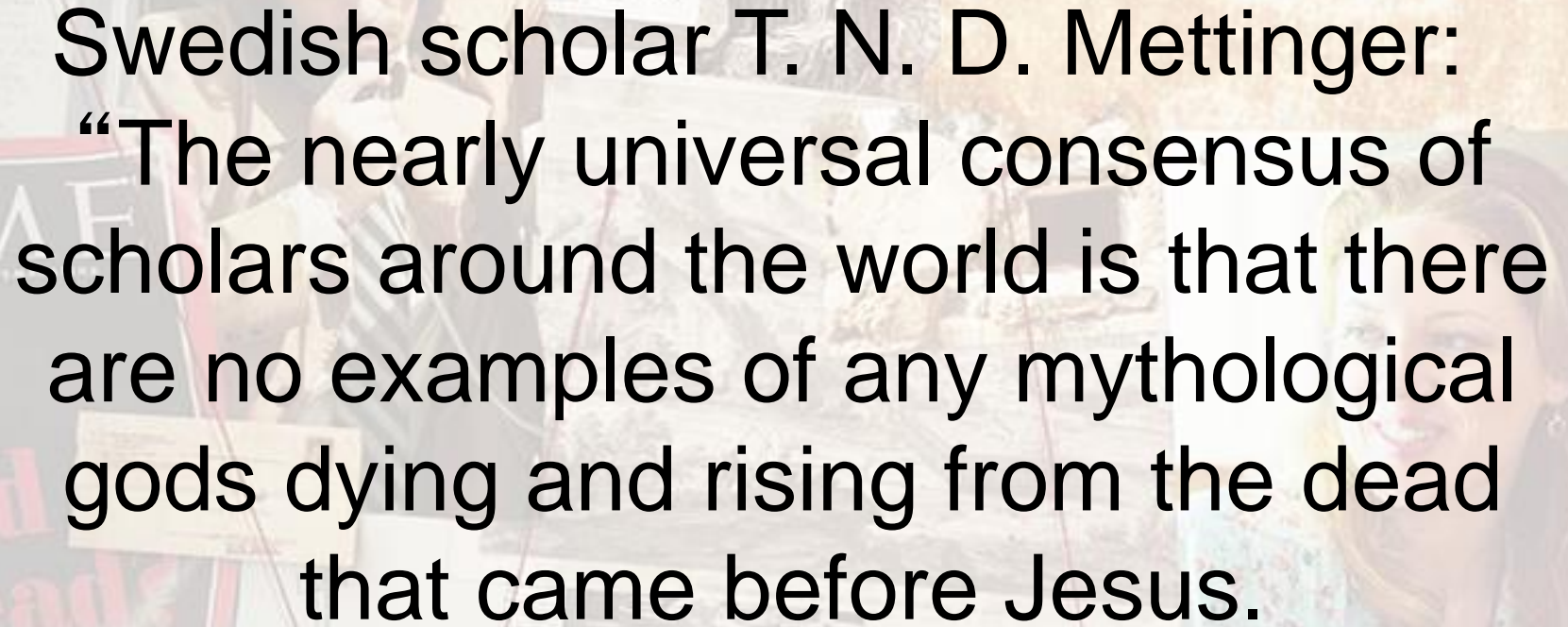
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- ***First, was Jesus alive at Point A?***
 - ***Second, was Jesus dead at Point B?***
 - ***And third, was Jesus alive again at Point C?***

Jesus Was Alive at Point A

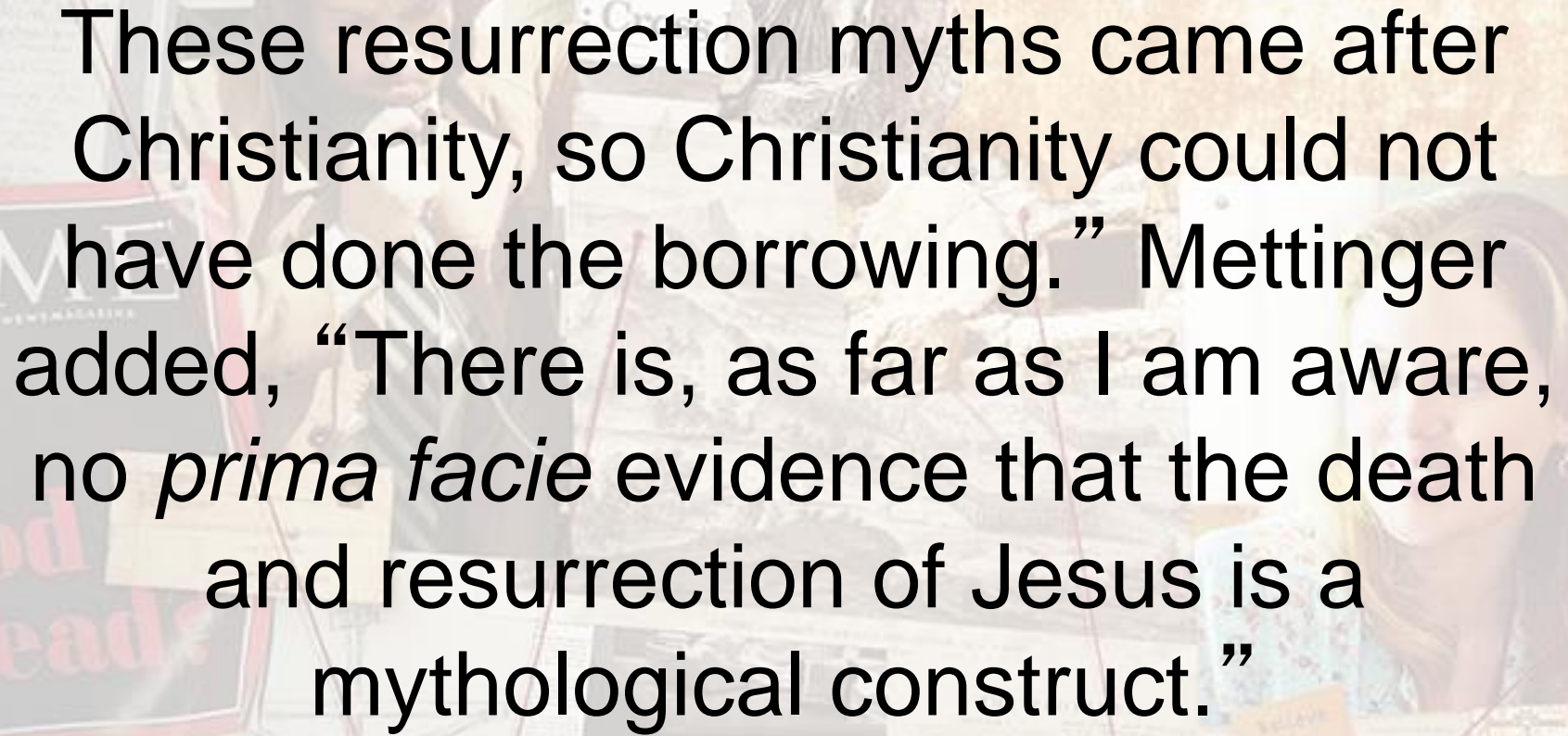
A collage of images including a man in a suit, a woman, a newspaper clipping, and a magazine cover. The man is in the upper left, the woman is on the right, and the newspaper clipping is in the center. The magazine cover is on the left. The background is a light, textured surface.

***The Da Vinci Code*, which said,
“Nothing in Christianity is original.”**

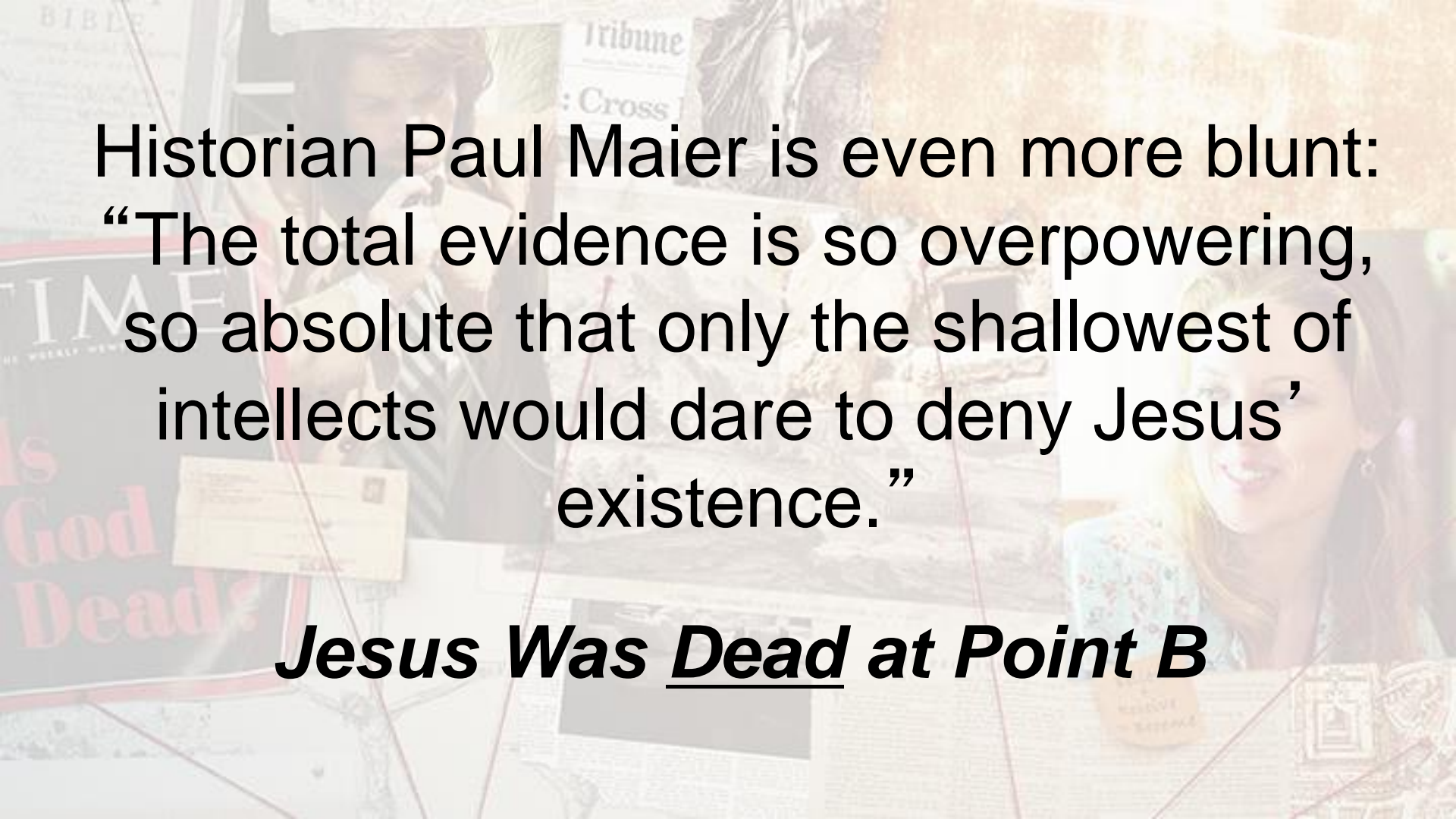
The mythological god named Mithras



Swedish scholar T. N. D. Mettinger:
“The nearly universal consensus of scholars around the world is that there are no examples of any mythological gods dying and rising from the dead that came before Jesus.


The background features a collage of various elements: a Bible in the top left, a woman reading a newspaper in the top right, a newspaper with the word 'Tribune' in the center, and a sign in the bottom left that reads 'God Dead'.

These resurrection myths came after Christianity, so Christianity could not have done the borrowing.” Mettinger added, “There is, as far as I am aware, no *prima facie* evidence that the death and resurrection of Jesus is a mythological construct.”



Historian Paul Maier is even more blunt:
“The total evidence is so overpowering,
so absolute that only the shallowest of
intellects would dare to deny Jesus’
existence.”

Jesus Was Dead at Point B



Dr. Alexander Metherell said a witness described Roman floggings like this:
“The sufferer’s veins were laid bare, and the very muscles and tendons and bowels of the victim were open to exposure.”



***Jesus was in hypovolemic
shock***

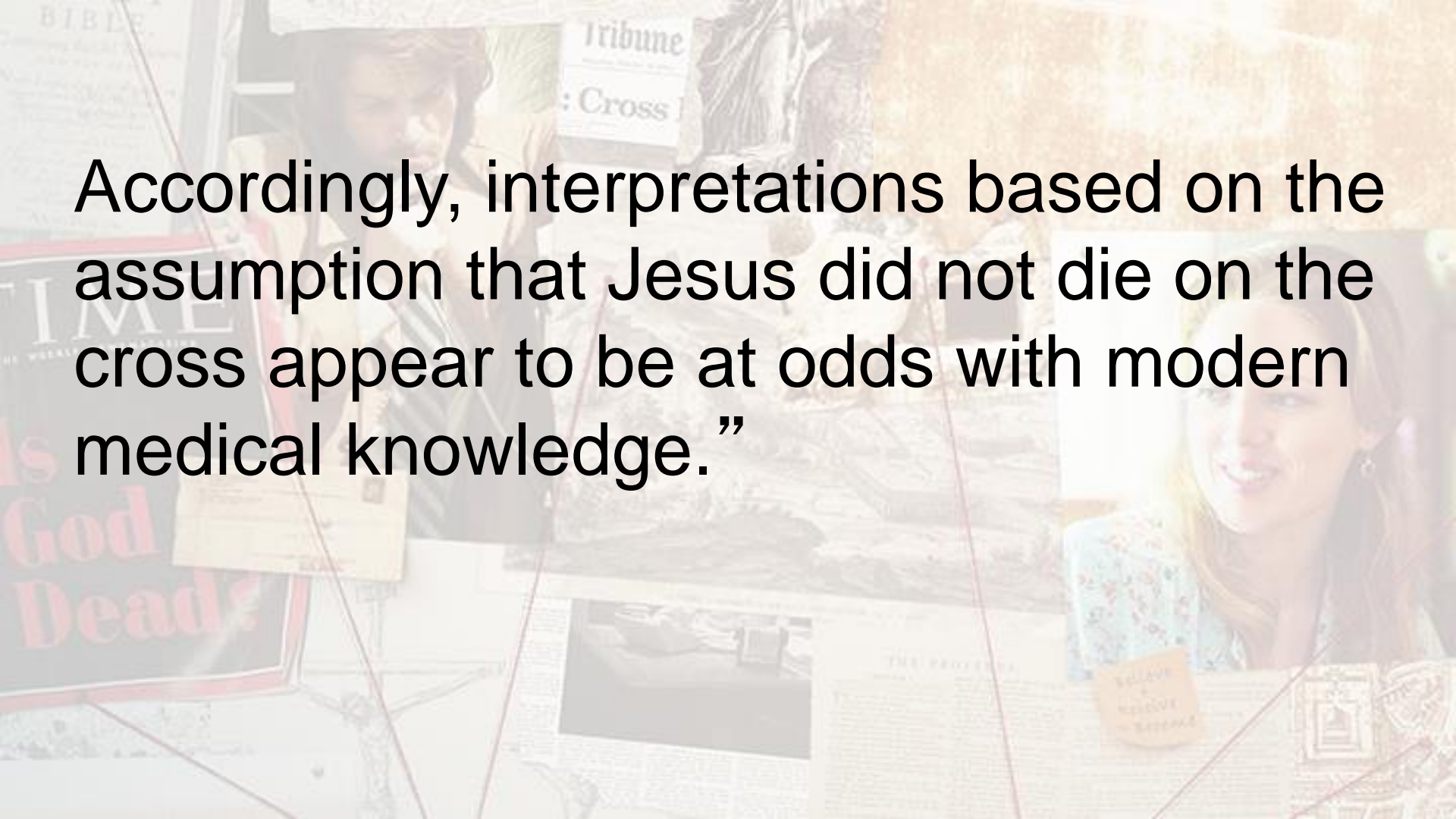
Spikes

**death by asphyxiation
soldier plunged a spear**

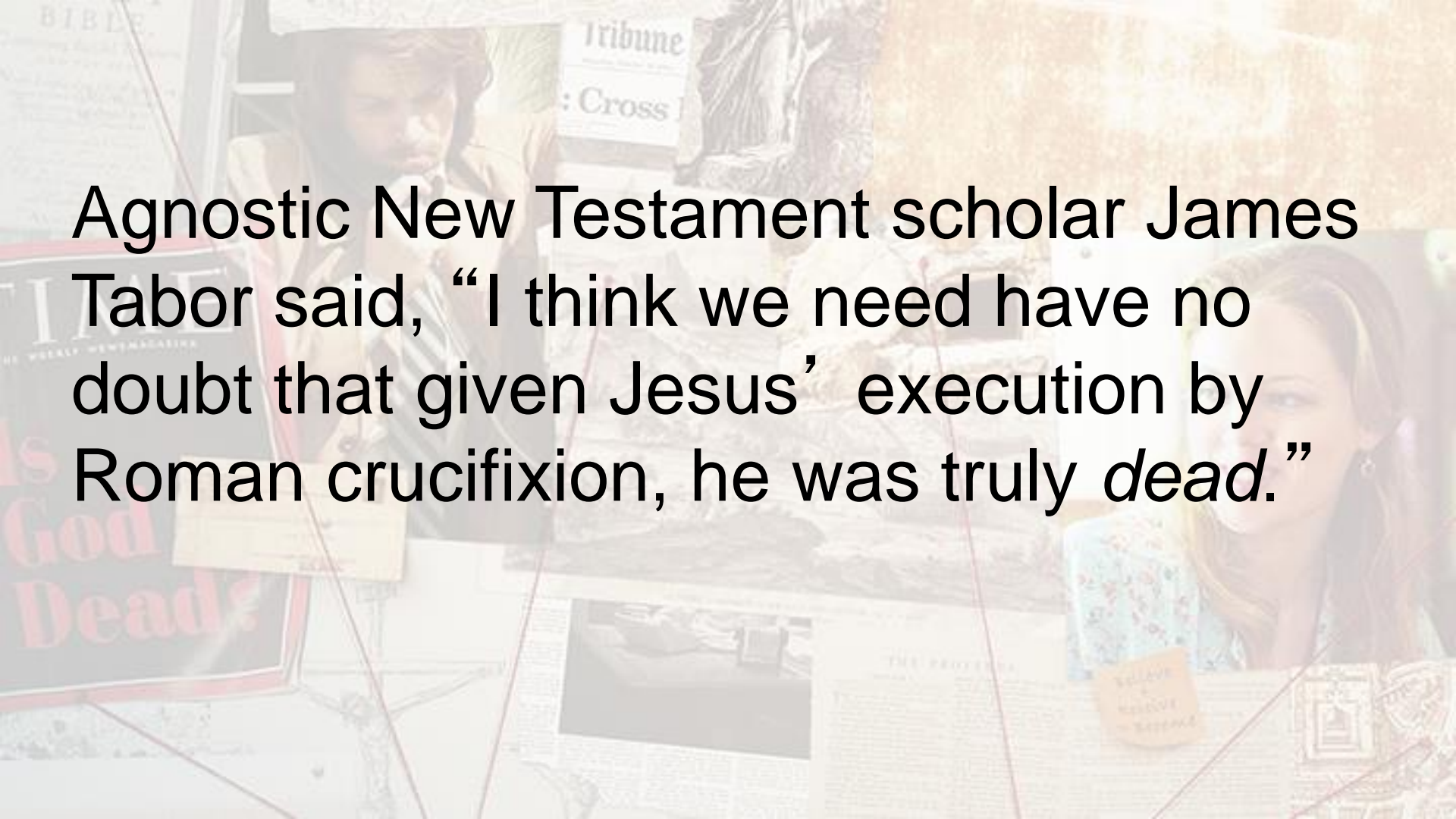


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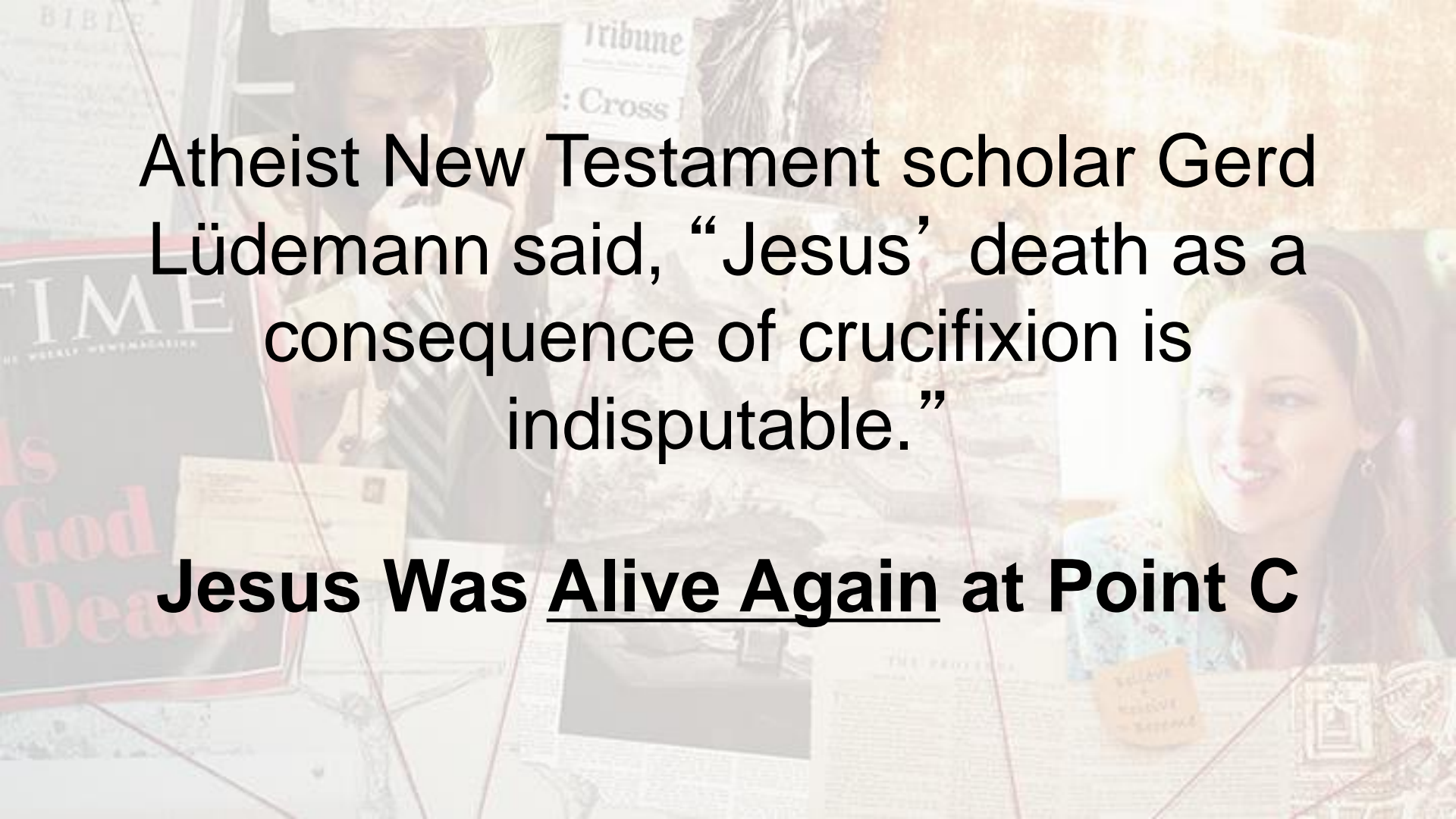
“Clearly the weight of the historical and medical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead before the wound to his side was inflicted. . . .

A collage of religious and historical images. In the top left, a man with a beard is reading a newspaper titled 'Tribune' with the word 'Cross' visible. To the right, a woman with long hair is smiling. The background is filled with various text elements: 'BIBLE' at the top left, 'TIME' in large letters, 'God Dead' in red, and 'Believe & Receive Salvation' on a small sign. There are also images of a cross and other religious symbols.

Accordingly, interpretations based on the assumption that Jesus did not die on the cross appear to be at odds with modern medical knowledge.”



Agnostic New Testament scholar James Tabor said, “I think we need have no doubt that given Jesus’ execution by Roman crucifixion, he was truly *dead*.”

A collage of religious and historical images. At the top left, a Bible is visible with the word 'BIBLE' partially seen. Below it, a newspaper clipping features the words 'Tribune' and ': Cross'. In the center, a woman with long dark hair is smiling and looking to the right. To her left, a crucifix is visible. At the bottom left, a sign reads 'God Dead'. At the bottom right, a newspaper clipping has the words 'THE' and 'THE' visible. A small orange tag with the words 'BELIEVE' and 'KNOW' is pinned to the newspaper.

Atheist New Testament scholar Gerd Lüdemann said, “Jesus’ death as a consequence of crucifixion is indisputable.”

Jesus Was Alive Again at Point C



Two strands of evidence that establish that Jesus came back to life:

1. His tomb was empty
2. He appeared to people.

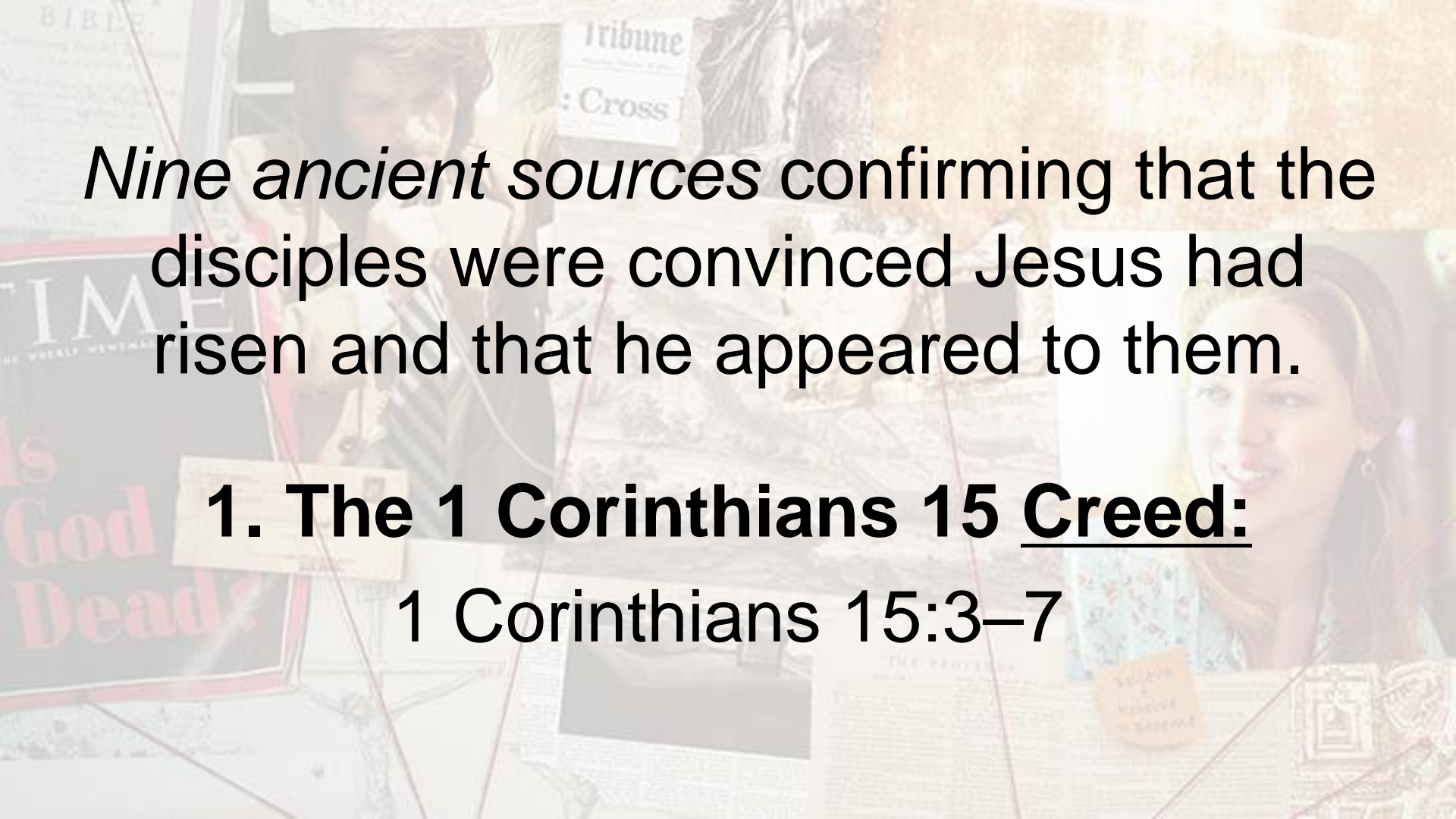


So how do we know the tomb was empty?

1. Jerusalem Factor.

2. Criterion of Embarrassment

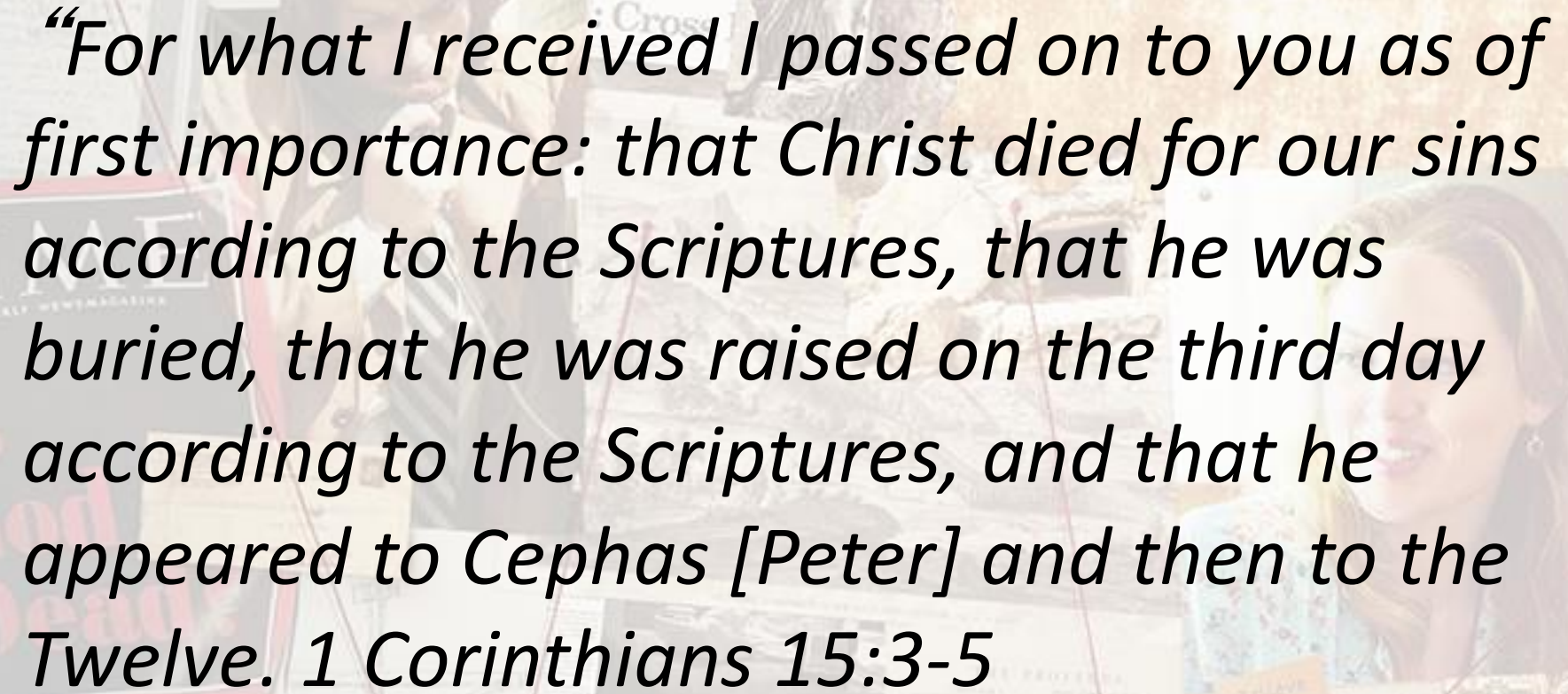
3. Enemy Attestation



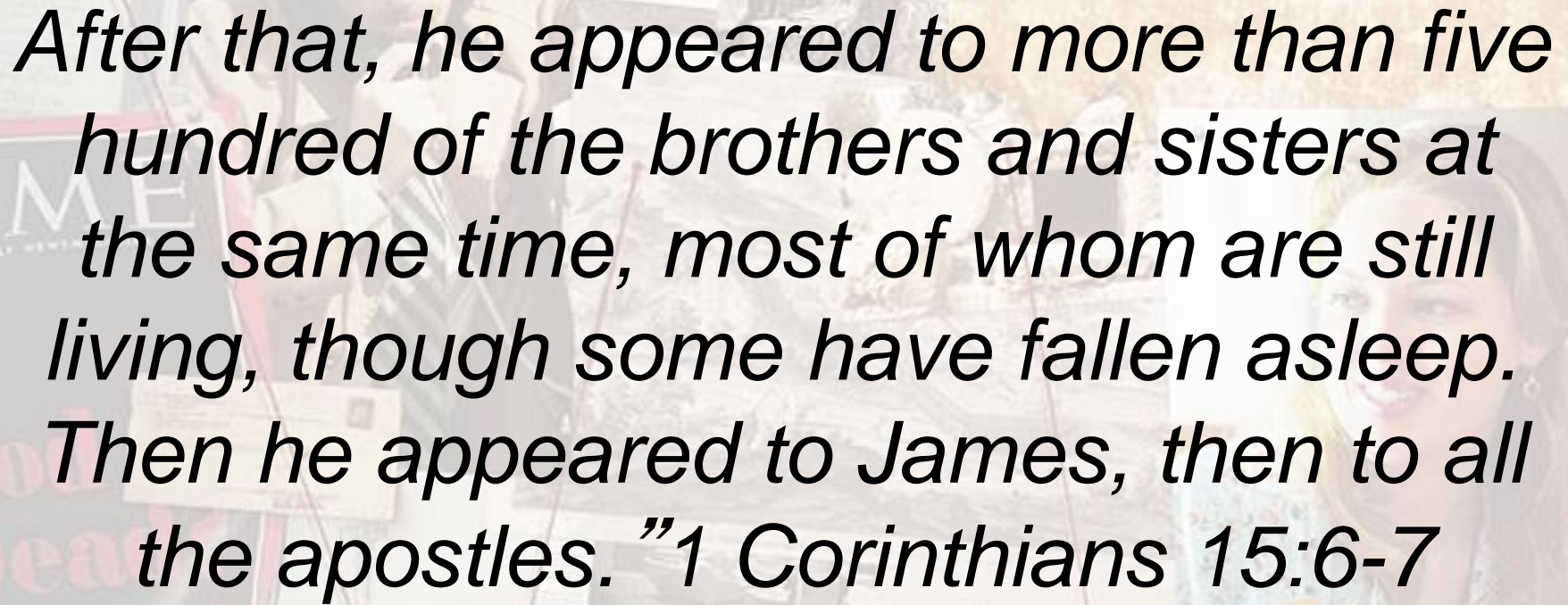
Nine ancient sources confirming that the disciples were convinced Jesus had risen and that he appeared to them.

1. The 1 Corinthians 15 Creed:

1 Corinthians 15:3–7

A collage background featuring a woman reading a newspaper, a Bible, and various documents. The text is overlaid on this background.

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas [Peter] and then to the Twelve. 1 Corinthians 15:3-5



After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.” 1 Corinthians 15:6-7



2. Paul:

1 Corinthians 15:11,

“whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.”

3. Sermon Summaries in Acts:

Acts 2:32:

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.”



4, 5, 6, and 7. The Four Gospels:

8. Clement:

“[The apostles had] complete certainty caused by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The background is a collage of various elements. On the left, there's a man in a suit looking thoughtful. In the center, a newspaper clipping with the word 'Tribune' is visible. On the right, a woman is smiling. There are also several documents and newspaper clippings scattered throughout, some with red lines connecting them. One document on the left has the word 'TIME' and 'THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE' visible. Another document on the right has the words 'BELIEVE & RECEIVE SALVANCE' written on it. The overall theme seems to be related to news, research, or a historical investigation.

9. Polycarp:

“For they did not love the present age, but him who died for our benefit and for our sake was raised by God.”

A collage of images including a man on a phone, a newspaper, a woman, and a Bible. The man is wearing a suit and tie, holding a phone to his ear. The newspaper has the word 'Tribune' and 'Cross' visible. The woman is smiling and looking to the side. The Bible is open, showing text. The background is a light, textured surface.

Jesus Was Alive at Point A.

Jesus Was Dead at Point B.

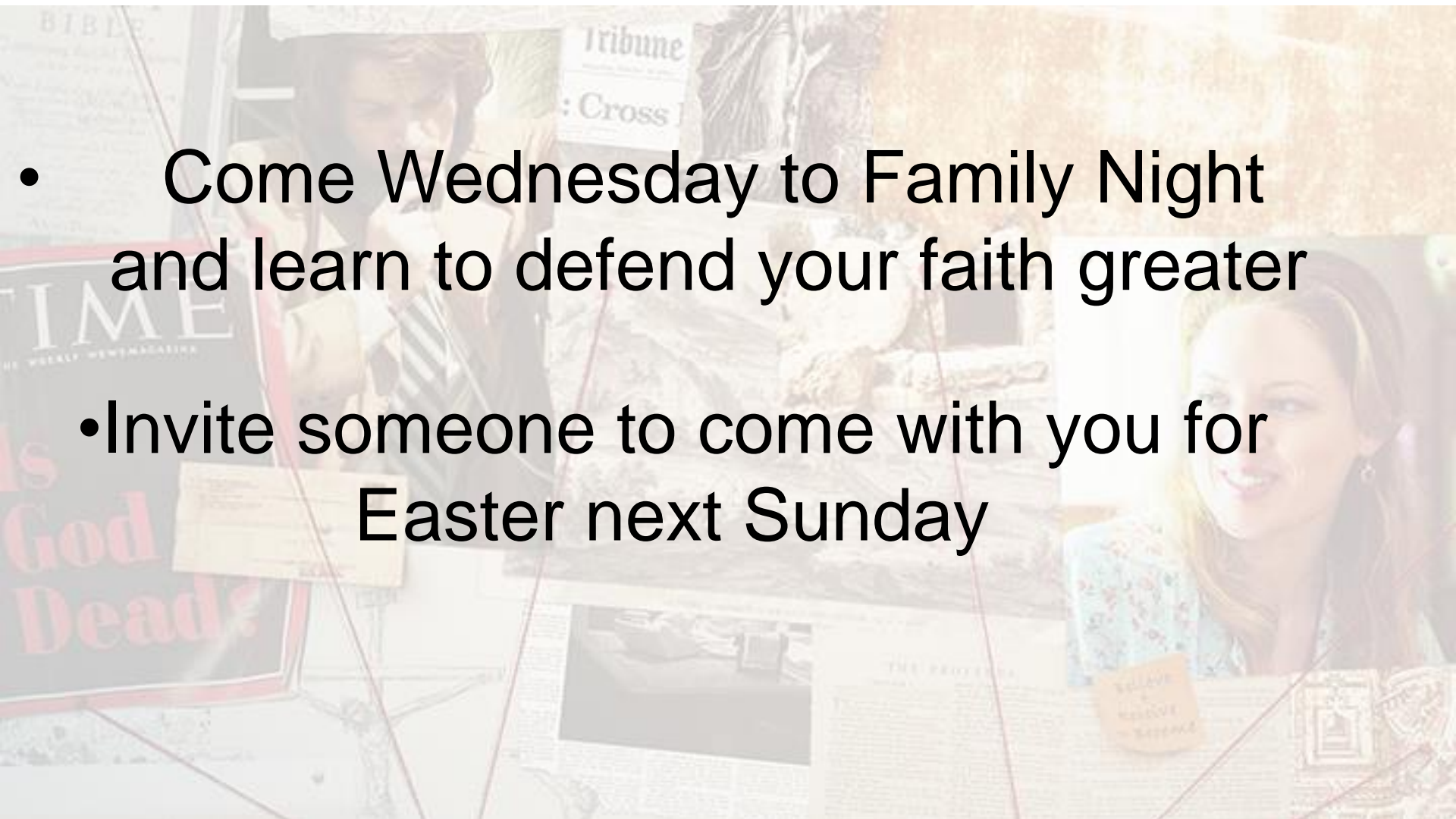
Jesus Was Alive Again at Point C.



Practical application:

What is your takeaway today? Share
with someone now

See the Movie “The Case for Christ” in
the theaters

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- Come Wednesday to Family Night and learn to defend your faith greater
 - Invite someone to come with you for Easter next Sunday



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