

THE KING AND HIS CROSS



Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

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⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Outline:

The Resurrection of the King:

1. Why should we believe it?
2. What difference does it make?
3. How should we respond?

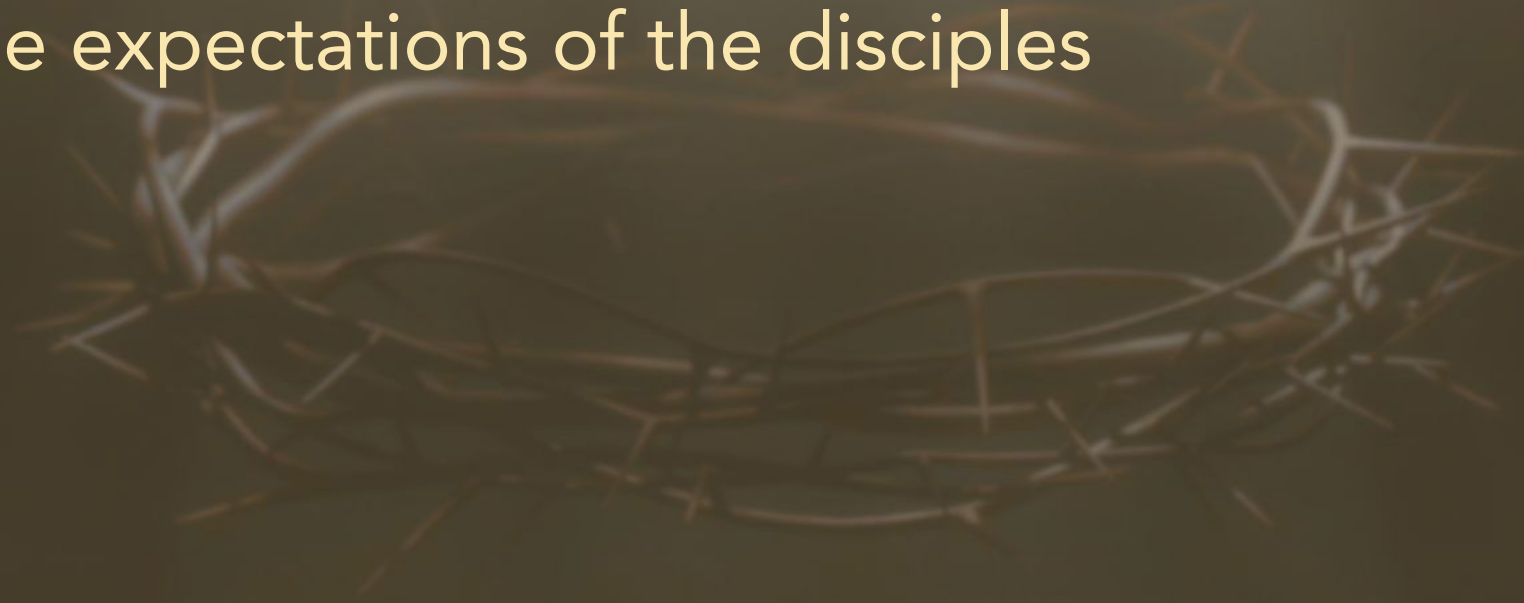


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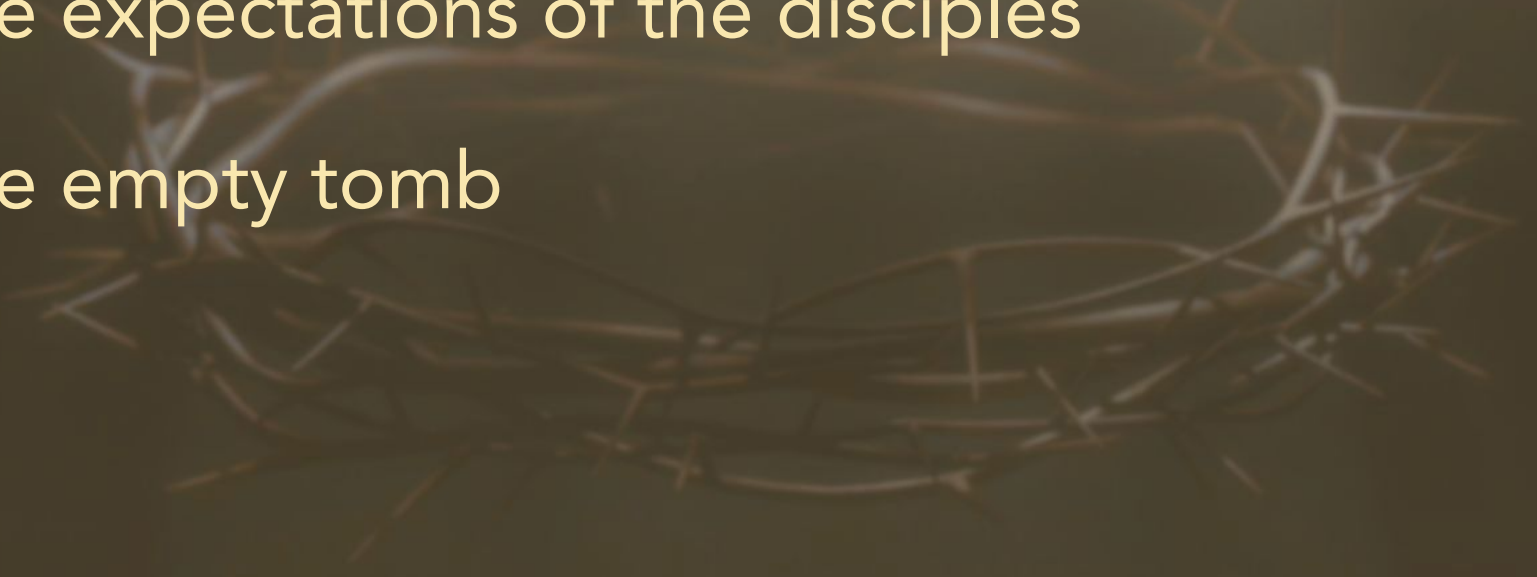
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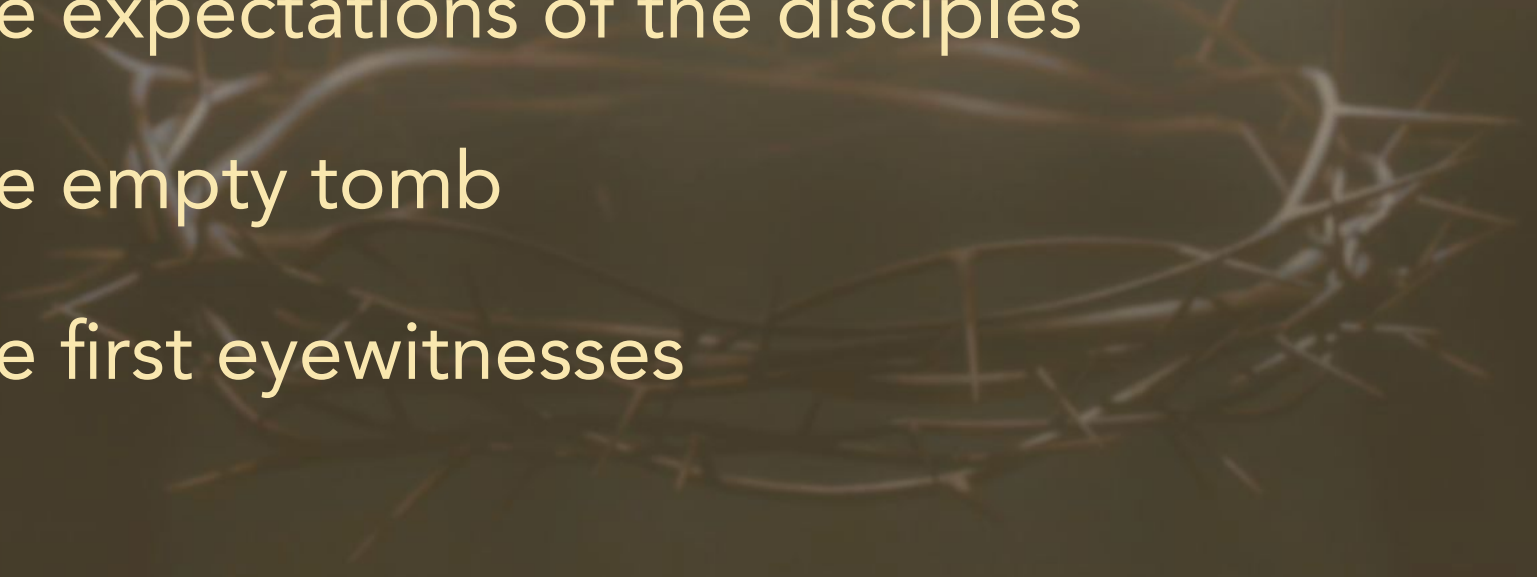
N. T. Wright on beliefs about resurrection

- GREEKS believed that the soul was good, and the body bad. Salvation meant escaping the body, not returning to it.
- JEWS believed in resurrection—but only as a future, collective event at the end of time. No one expected one man to rise in the middle of history.

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- A crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, is faintly visible in the background of the slide.

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- The movement that followed

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In not one single case do we hear the slightest mention of the disappointed followers of a would-be messiah claiming that their hero had been raised from the dead. They knew better... Claiming that the original leader was alive again was simply not an option. Unless, of course, he was.



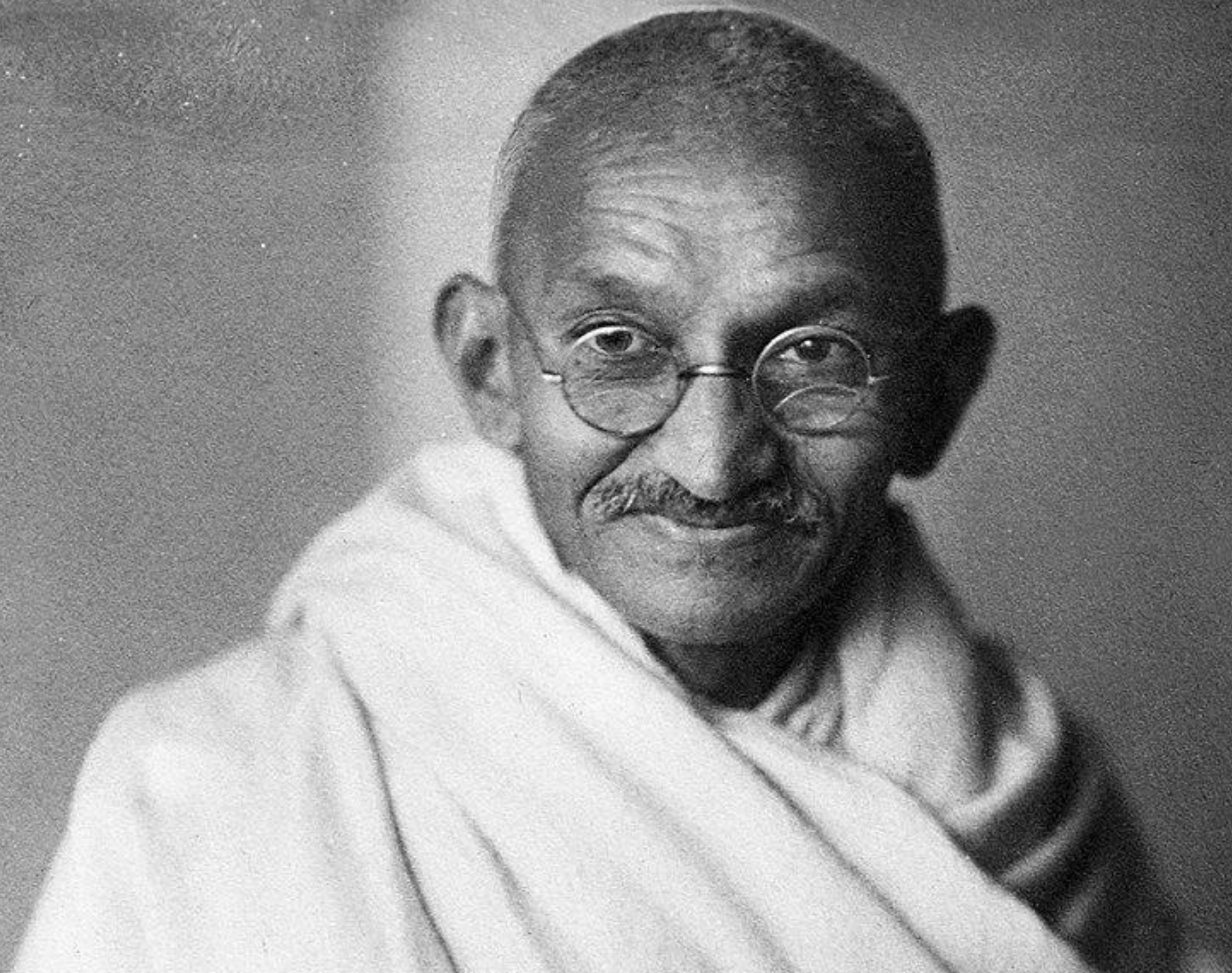
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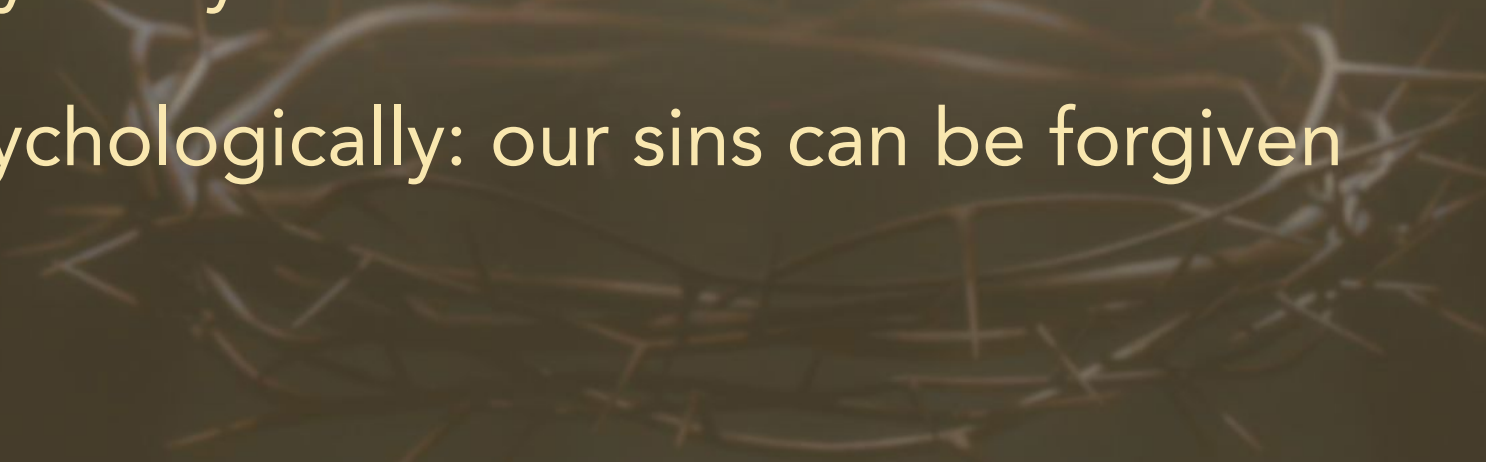




The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits,' the 'pioneer of life.' He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man... This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has begun.

—C. S. Lewis

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- Socially: the world will be made right



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- Go and tell



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The Gospel of Mark leaves us with unfinished business... The ending (which is not an ending) becomes a never-ending story, as the baton passes on to us to join in the race and spread the news. Mark's stunning ending raises the question, Who will tell the story?

—David Garland

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