

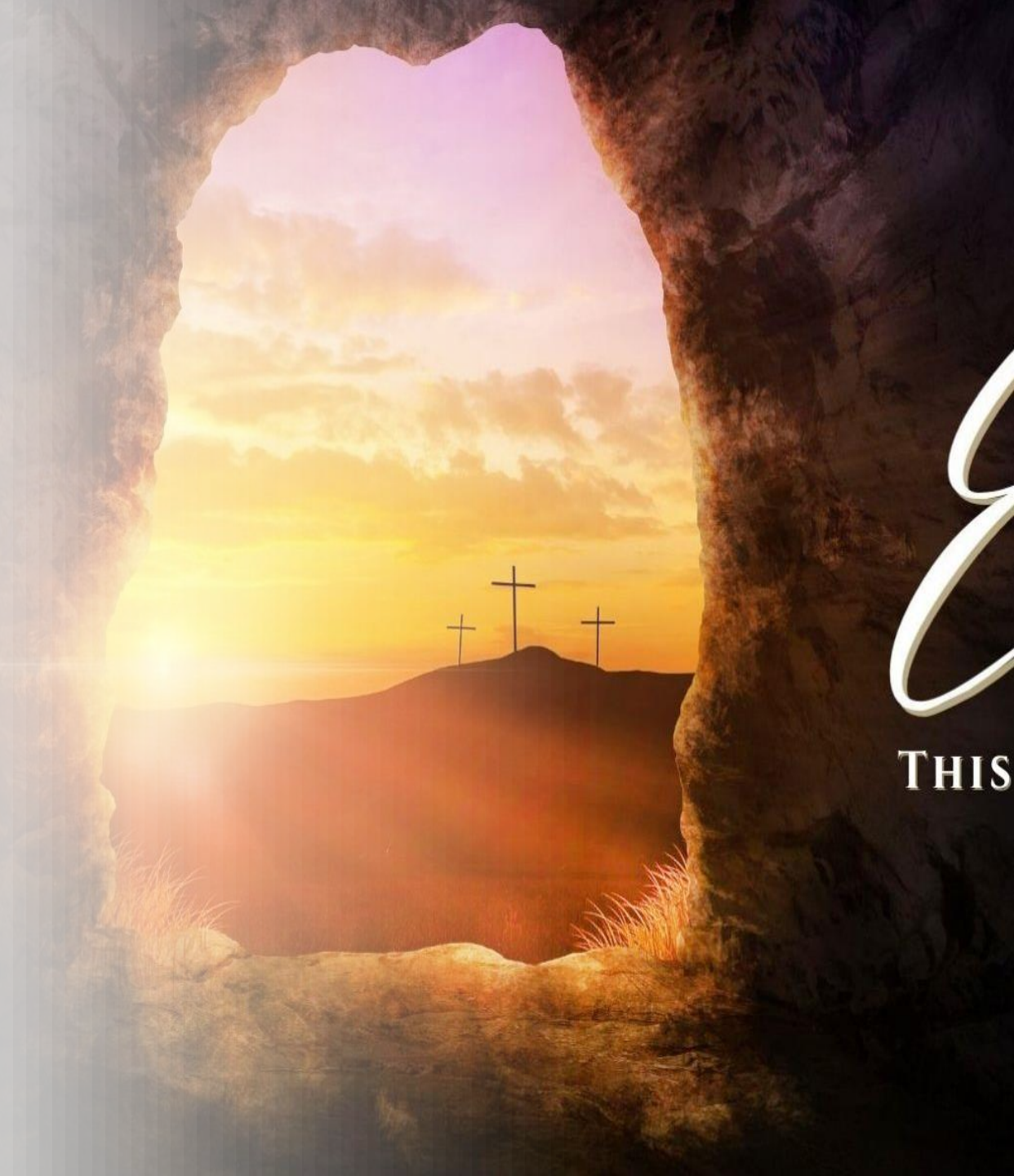


Easter

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 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 Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers 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, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8



THIS

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:7



THIS

Mary
Magdalene

John 20:11-18

Brokenhearted

One of many named Mary

Delivered from 7 demons

True Follower of Jesus

>Helped fund ministry

>Present at a distance at the Cross

>Followed His body to the tomb

Jesus message to the Brokenhearted

Relationship w/Jesus changes
everything

God is near...even when you don't
see Him

Jesus can turn your mourning into
dancing, your sorrow into joy!

Emmaus
Disciples

Luke 24:13-14

Confused,
Depressed,
Hopeless

Sad and Downcast vs 17

Hopeless vs 21

Dazed and Confused vs 22



Jesus'
message to
the Confused,
Depressed,
and
Hopeless.

I will open the scriptures to you

I will open your eyes to
possibilities you never imagined

I will ignite your heart with
spiritual fire

Peter

John 21:1-19

Failure

Early follower of Jesus

Always quick to speak...for better or worse

Deeply emotional and passionate

Failed miserably in the Garden through sleep

Failed miserably at the trials through denial



Jesus'
message to
those
who have
failed

Failure is not forever

Do you love me?

Will you follow me?



Faith Lessons For Today

- Real faith is **PERSONAL**
 - **CRISIS** reveals faith
 - Jesus is always **PRESENT**
 - Faith requires **RESPONSE**
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