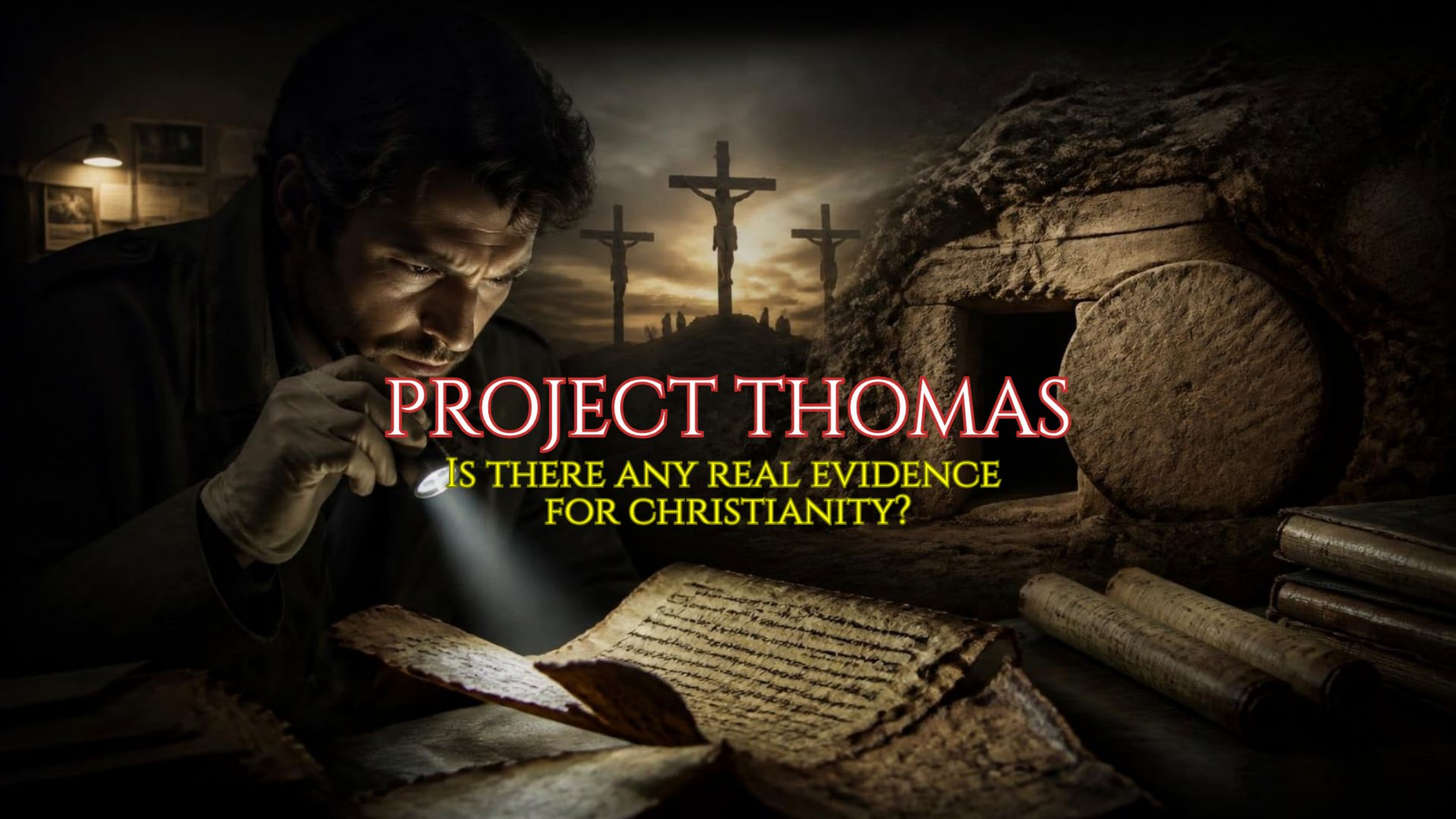
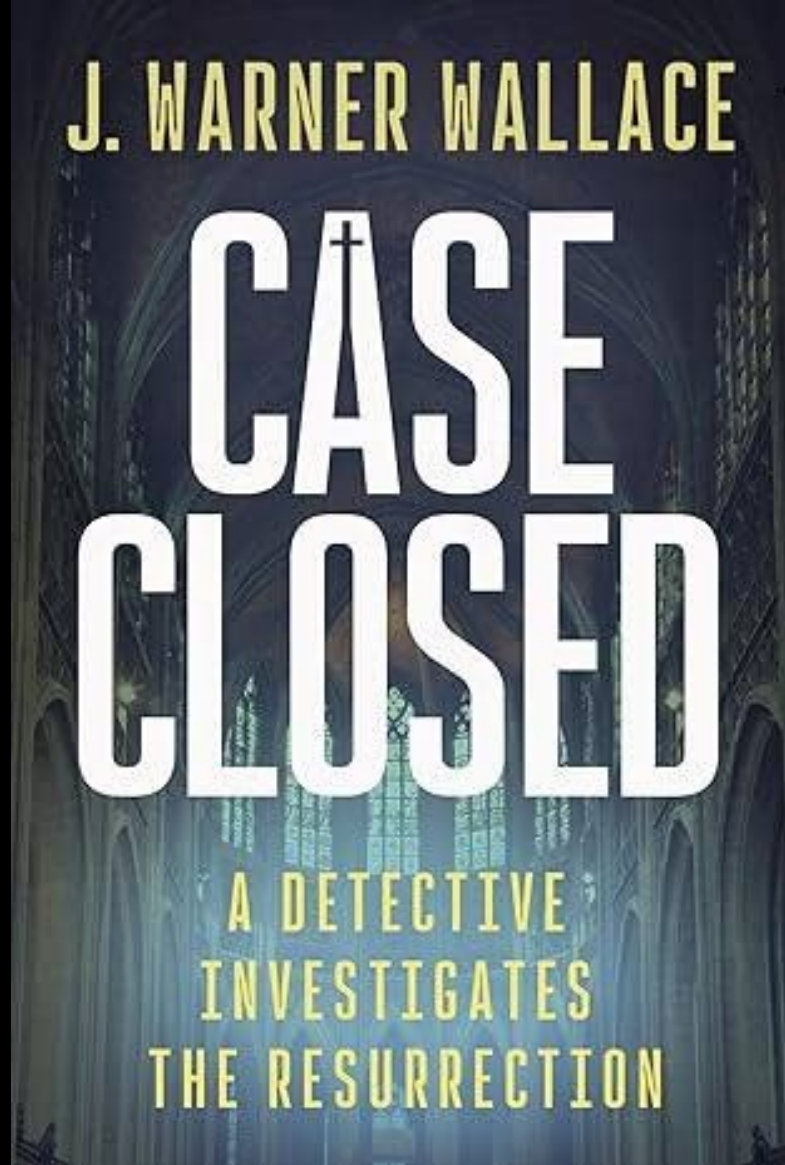




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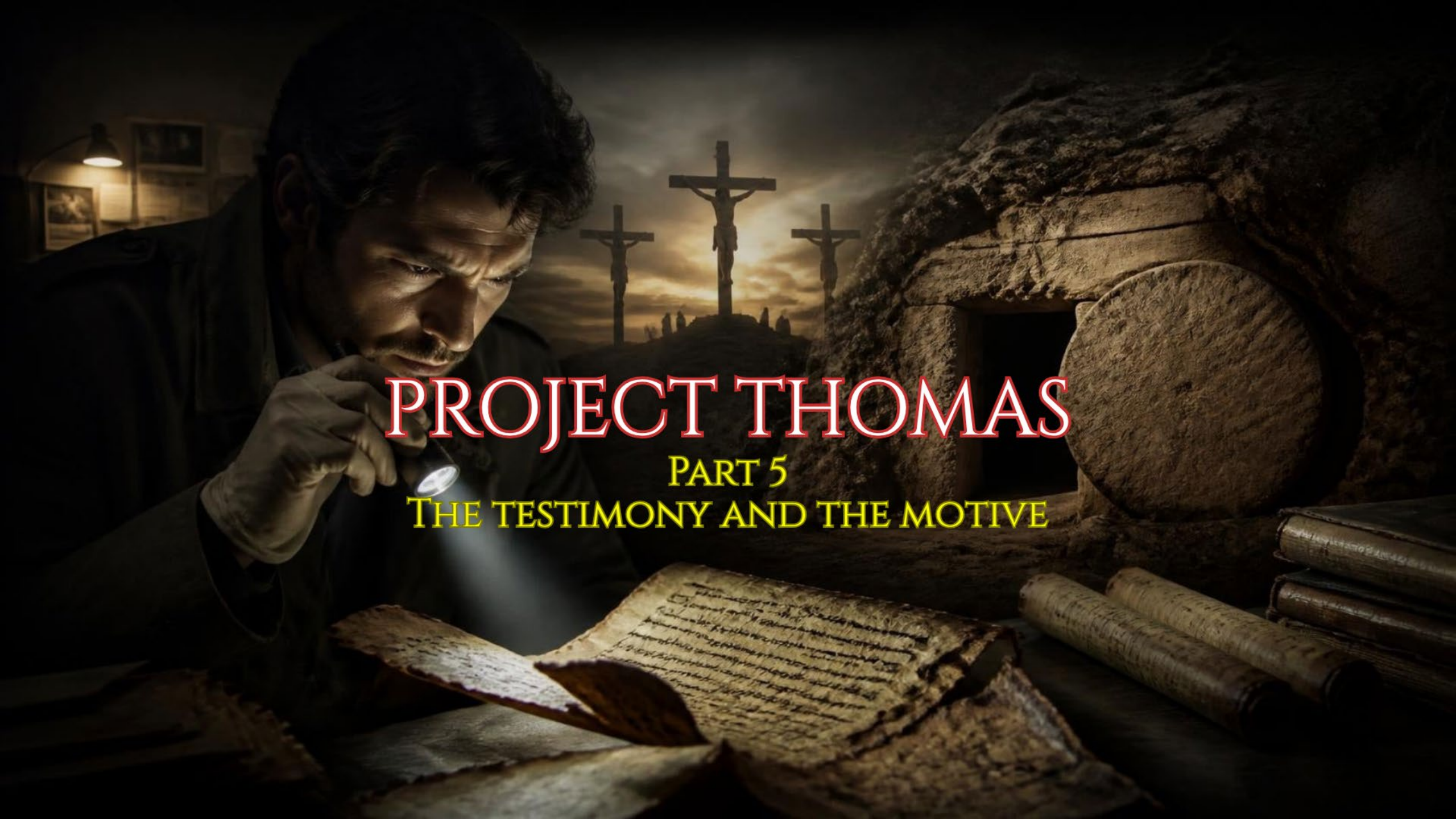
Pt 1 – What are we looking for?

Pt 2 – Did Jesus really exist?

Pt 3 – How early are the accounts?

Pt 4 – Who confirms witnesses?

Pt 5 – Transmission and motive?



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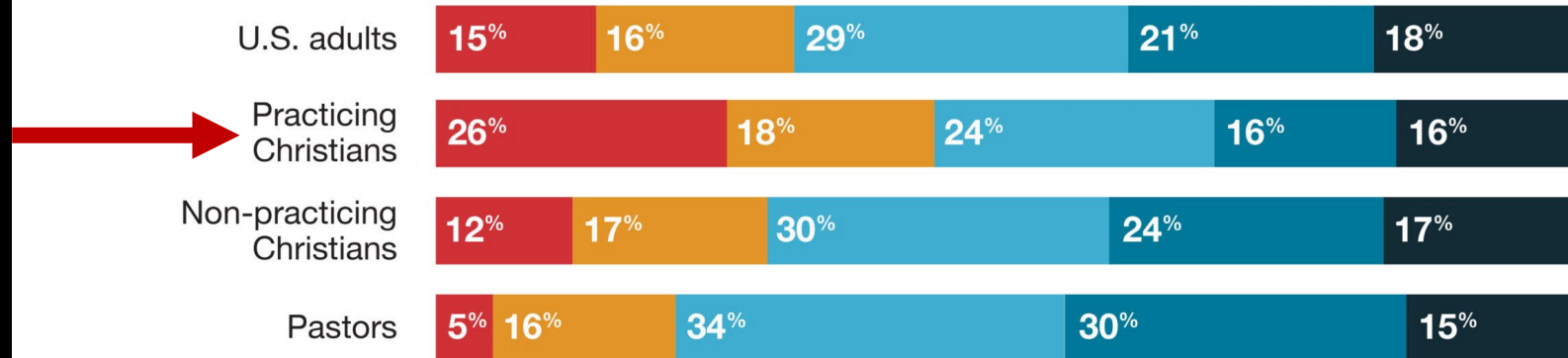
THE TESTIMONY AND THE MOTIVE

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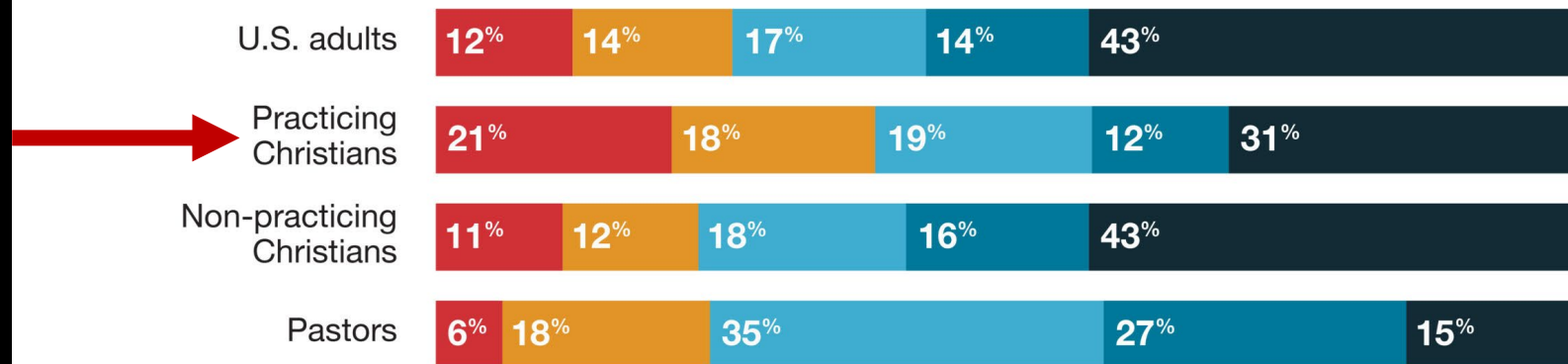
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Very often Often Sometimes Not very much Not at all

Personal life



Work



*Did the witnesses
change their story?*

*Was it changed before and/or while it
was written?*

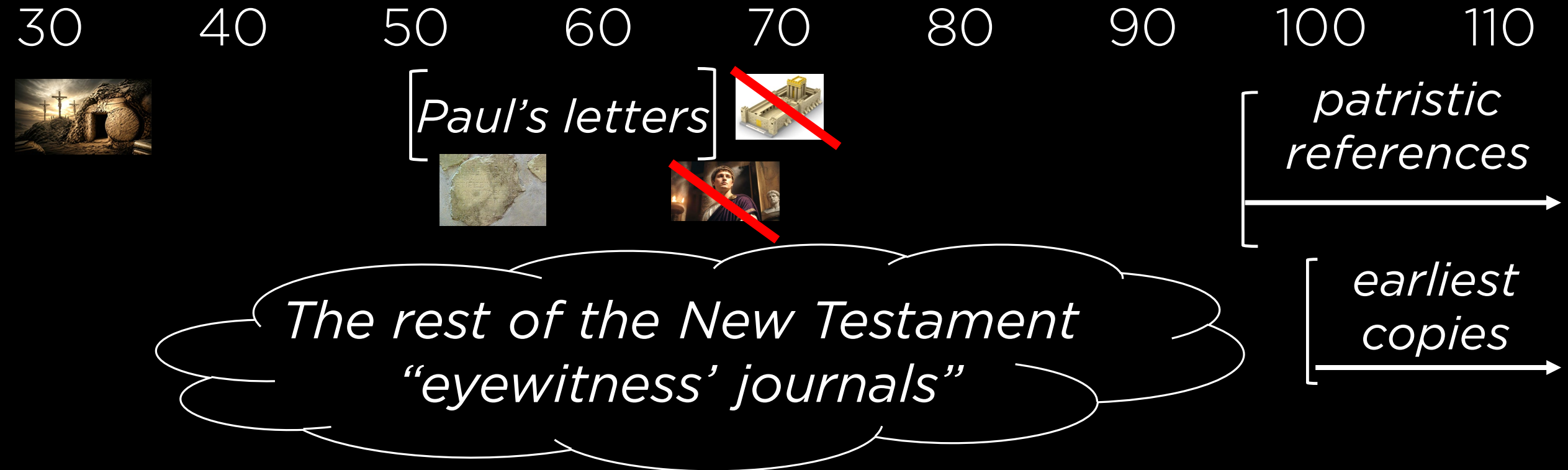
After it was written?

*“Are you changing your story
now??”*



*Did the story change
before it was written?
And/or while it was
being written?*

Are the eyewitness' journals authentic?



Are the eyewitness' journals authentic?

30

40

50

60

90

100

110



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Information circulated while friends
and foes still alive

*The rest of the New Testament
"eyewitness' journals"*

*patristic
references*

*earliest
copies*

*Did the story
change after it was
written?*

*⁸ Trembling and bewildered,
the women went out and fled
from the tomb. They said
nothing to anyone, because
they were afraid.*

Does Mark end with 16:8?

⁹ When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.....

OR does it continue with 16:9-20

*Variants in manuscripts do
not change basic proclaimed
testimony of Jesus'
resurrection*

*What would the
witnesses have to gain?*

*Power, relationship (sex),
money?*

⁹ For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored!

¹¹ To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. ¹² We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; ¹³ when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

1 Corinthians 4:9-13

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

The witnesses had nothing to gain, and were willing to risk great loss for their testimony!