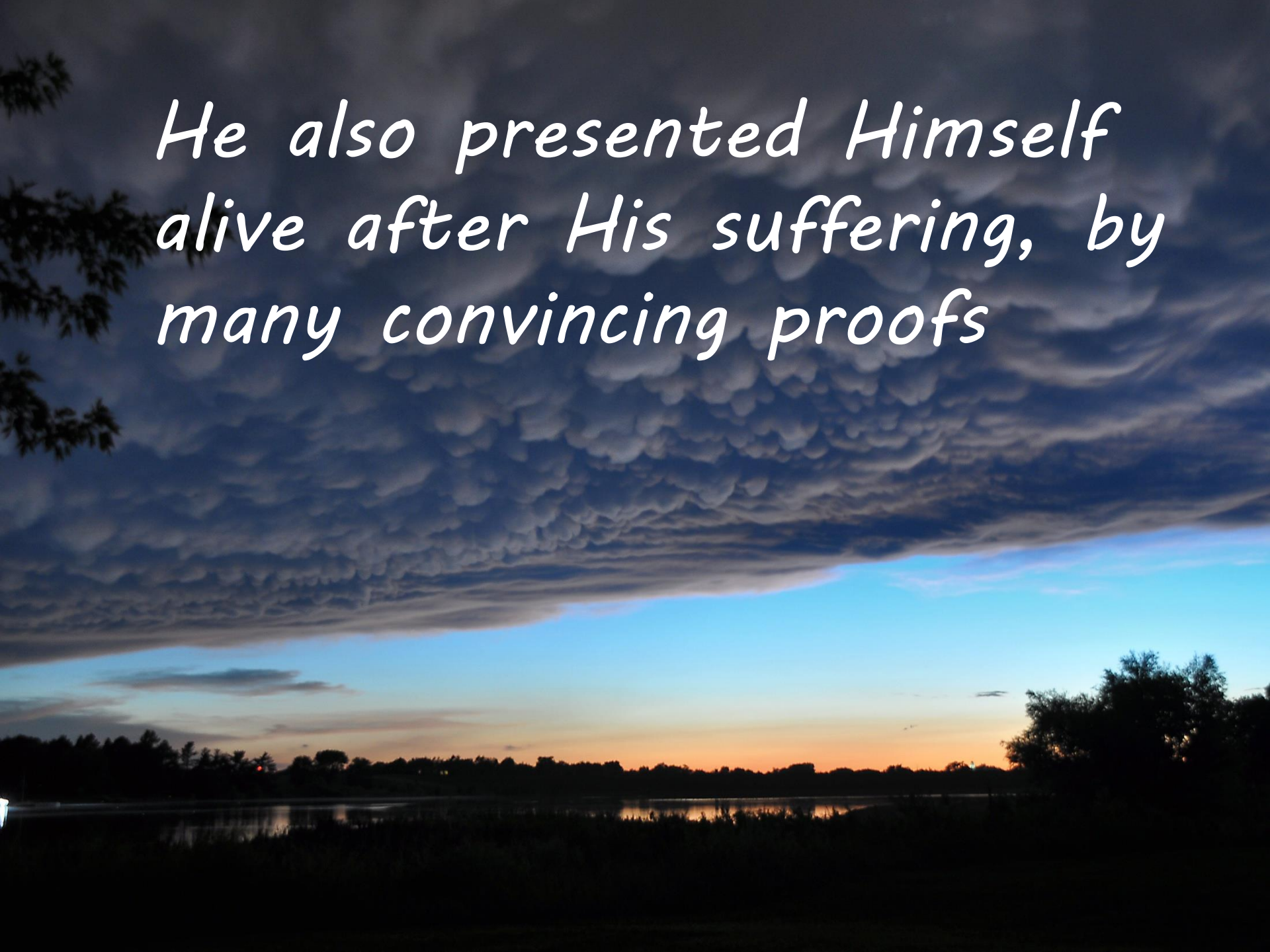


*He also presented Himself
alive after His suffering, by
many convincing proofs*



The Grave Was Empty.....

How did it get that way ?????



Option # 1

Did Not Die

BUT.....

1)The centurion said He was dead

BUT.....

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2)Soldiers saw He was dead

BUT.....

1)The centurion said He was dead

2)Soldiers saw He was dead

3)Jesus said He was dead



Did Not Die

Option # 2

Disciples Stole the Body

BUT.....

1)The tomb was orderly

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2)The disciples did not understand the
resurrection

BUT.....

- 1)The tomb was orderly
- 2)The disciples did not understand the resurrection
- 3)Then there is the problem with the guard



Disciples Stole the Body

Option # 3

Just a
Spiritual
Resurrection

BUT.....

The facts support a
physical resurrection

1) 17 physical appearances are recorded

2) Are we to believe that 500 people had contemporaneous hallucinations?

3) Evidence supports a physical resurrection

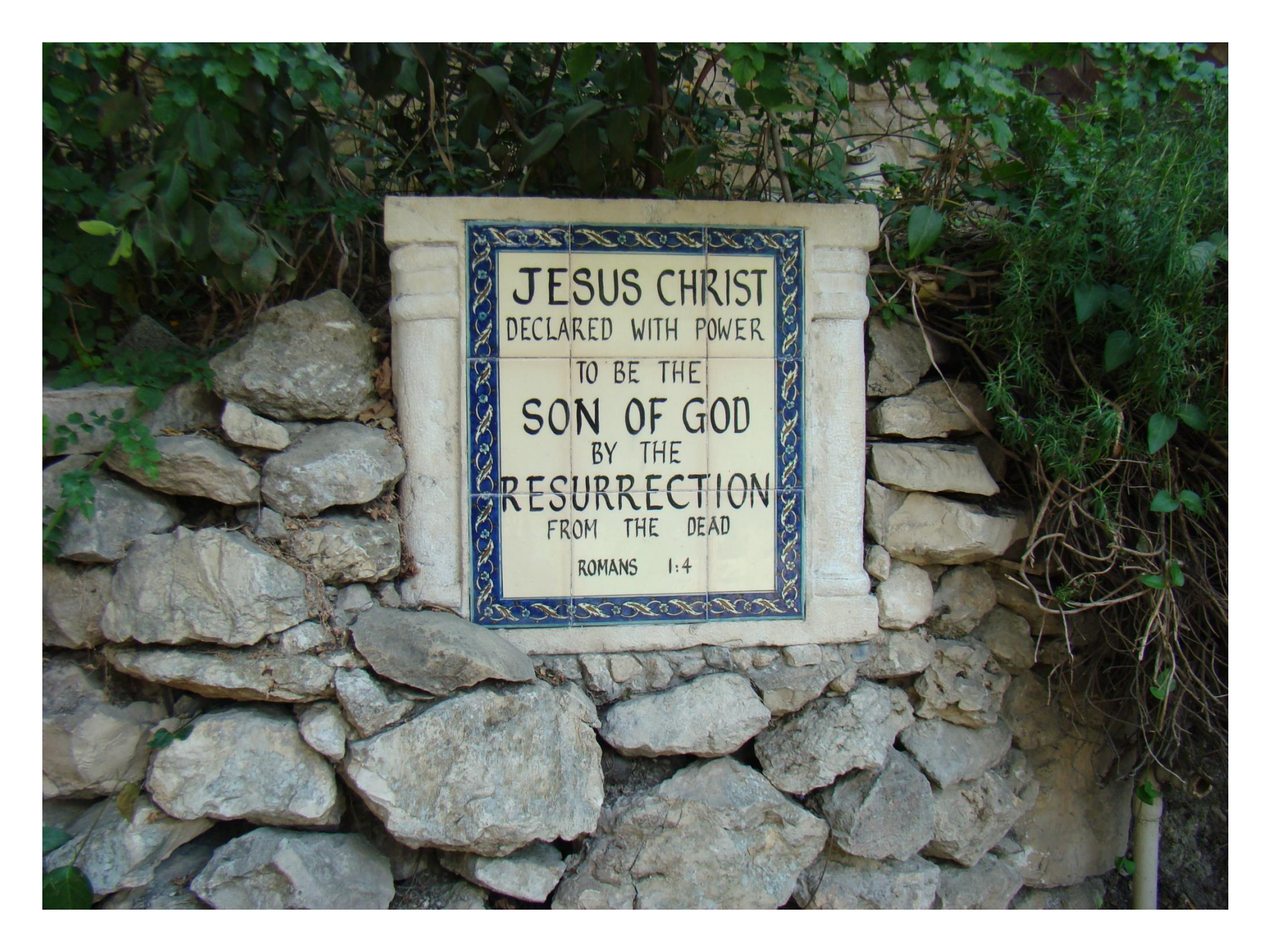


Just a
Spiritual Resurrection

Option # 4

The only possible Biblical answer:

A miracle (departure from natural laws) happened



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JESUS CHRIST
DECLARED WITH POWER
TO BE THE
SON OF GOD
BY THE
RESURRECTION
FROM THE DEAD
ROMANS 1:4

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. 12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. 15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

If There is no Resurrection

- ▣ Not even Christ has been raised
- ▣ Our preaching is vain
- ▣ Your faith also is vain
- ▣ Not even Christ has been raised
- ▣ Your faith is worthless
- ▣ You are still in your sins
- ▣ All those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished
- ▣ We are even found to be false witnesses of God
- ▣ Because we witnessed against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised

Without the resurrection our hope falls flat

- 1) Denial of the resurrection tears the heart out of the gospel message and leaves it lifeless. Also any who trust in it believed in vain.
- 2) The apostles of the church turn out to be crass charlatans (frauds) since this was the heart of their message.
- 3) Salvation would only be a state of mind not based on reality.
- 4) God's validation of the accepted work of Christ on the cross would be a lie. (Rom. 4.25)
- 5) Loved ones who had believed have perished.
- 6) The sting of death remains.
- 7) The pagans would be right....The cross is foolishness.
- 8) Believers who hoped in eternal life are only objects of pity.
- 9) Those who live for the pleasure of the moment would be right.
- 10) The sacrifices of the Christian would only be a cruel, self-inflicted joke. (I Cor. 15.32)

Any religion
(or lack thereof)
will get you through this life,
only Christianity will
keep you out of hell.