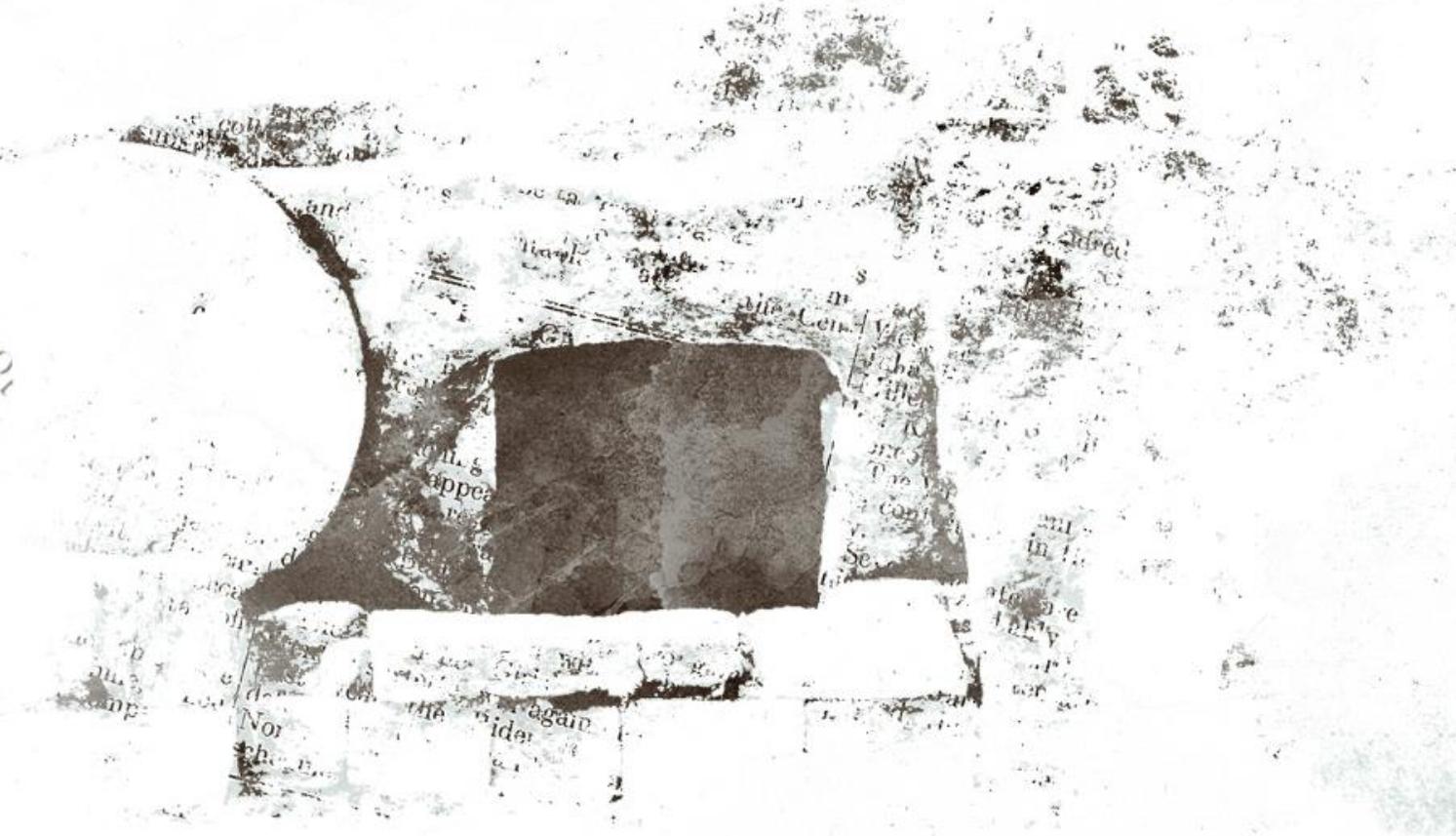


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# Many DO NOT Believe in the Resurrection of the Dead

- The non-believing base this belief on a lack of empirical evidence.
  - If they haven't seen it, they don't believe it to be true.
  - No one can experiment on dying – being dead for days (if not longer) – then being brought back to life.

# Even some Jews

“...the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection...”

Luke 20:27



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# If the dead are not raised from the dead...

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

- Our preaching is in vain.
- Our faith is in vain.
- We're still in our sins.
- Worse: we are false witnesses, preaching a false God.

# If the dead are not raised from the dead...

- Christians are the most pitied among man.  
**1 Cor. 15:19**
- Eat drink and be merry... for tomorrow we die. **1 Cor. 15:32**

*But now*

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# Christ has been raised from the dead

- Corinthian Christians *believed* in the resurrection *when they first heard the gospel*. 1 Cor. 15:1-2
- Empirical evidence:
  - There were *hundreds of eye-witnesses*. 1 Cor. 15: 6
  - Included were the *apostles* who went forth and *preached the resurrected Christ*.

# Scriptures prophesied of the resurrection

“Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. *Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust*; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.” (Isaiah 26:19)

# Scriptures prophesied of the resurrection

“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth *shall awake*, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.” (Daniel 12:2)

# Scriptures prophesied of the resurrection

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; *And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,* Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”  
(Job 19:25–27)

# Jesus' Statement about His Resurrection

“Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? *Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.*””

John. 20:29

*do you*  
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# Believers have faith in the resurrected Christ

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped  
for, the evidence of things not seen.”  
(Hebrews 11:1)

