

SERMON: EASTER – Consider Jesus! (Luke 24:1-12)

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Consider that this morning we celebrate a victory - Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, was slain for our sins, but He has risen from the dead! Through baptism and faith in His Name we have forgiveness and eternal life. That means that because He has risen, we too will rise. That's something to celebrate! ... Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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CONSIDER JESUS ...

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Mark 2:16-17, Romans 1:16, Luke 19:10

When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw [Jesus] eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:16-17

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Acts 3:15, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this." Acts 3:15

- **CONSIDER THE ETERNAL _____ OF JESUS.**

Romans 3:21-24, Ephesians 2:1-10

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:22, NLT

Religion = " _____ "

Relationship with Christ = " _____ "

The "GOSPEL" = Christ + _____ .

Questions for individual or group reflection:

Share about your experiences inviting people to Easter services. What kind of responses did you get?

What influenced your faith as a child?

Do you have experience with non-Christian religions?

How do you respond to friends and family who believe there are multiple ways to God?

Can you remember your life before you knew Christ?

How has Christ changed/defined your life?

What about Jesus' life and ministry has impacted you the most?

What makes it difficult to trust in God's love for you?

Is there a part of Jesus' ministry or life that you have a hard time believing or comprehending?

What are some questions you've heard about the resurrection of Jesus? Did Sunday's sermon address some of those?

Dig into Scripture as you "consider Jesus." Consider some of these verses: John 8:54-58, Philippians 2:5-8, John 1:1-18, Romans 10:9-10, Colossians 2:8-10, John 8:24

What are some "Christ Plus" or "DO" things you've felt you needed to add to add to the completed work of Jesus?

Discuss the differences between religion and relationship.

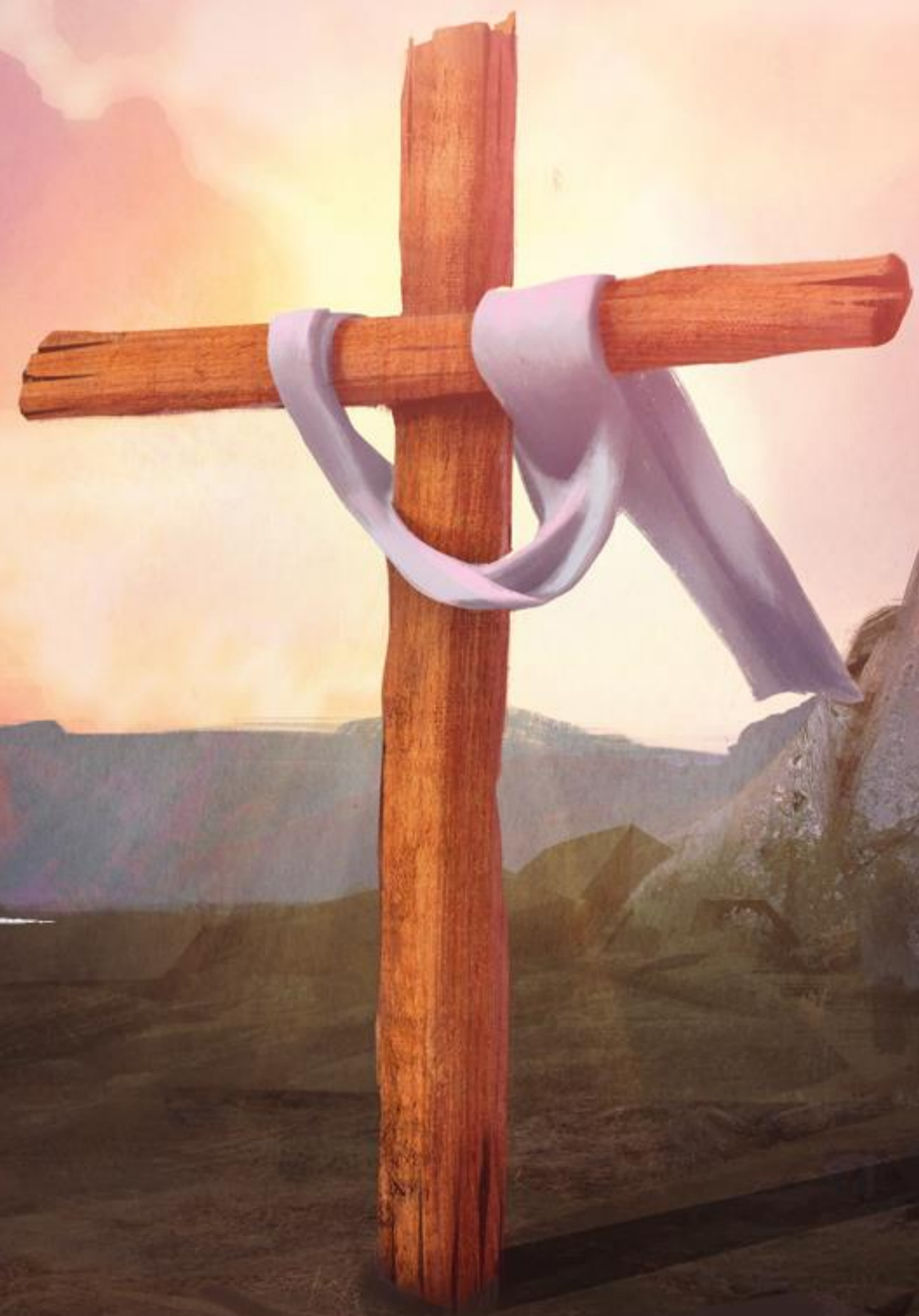
Pray: Thank God for His unfailing love and for rescuing you from sin and death! Then think of someone who isn't so sure what they believe. Pray for them, and ask God to show you how to share His love and your faith with them.

Do: What is God calling you to do this week to show the love of Christ to people who don't know Him?

Taking it home / Memory Verse: *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6



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“ What’s Next? ... ”



Death has been
Defeated

1 Corinthians 15:55





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Worldviews / Religions ...

- No God
- Reincarnations
- Multiple gods
- Karma/payback
- Good works
- Universe is all there is
- Christ, The God of the Bible

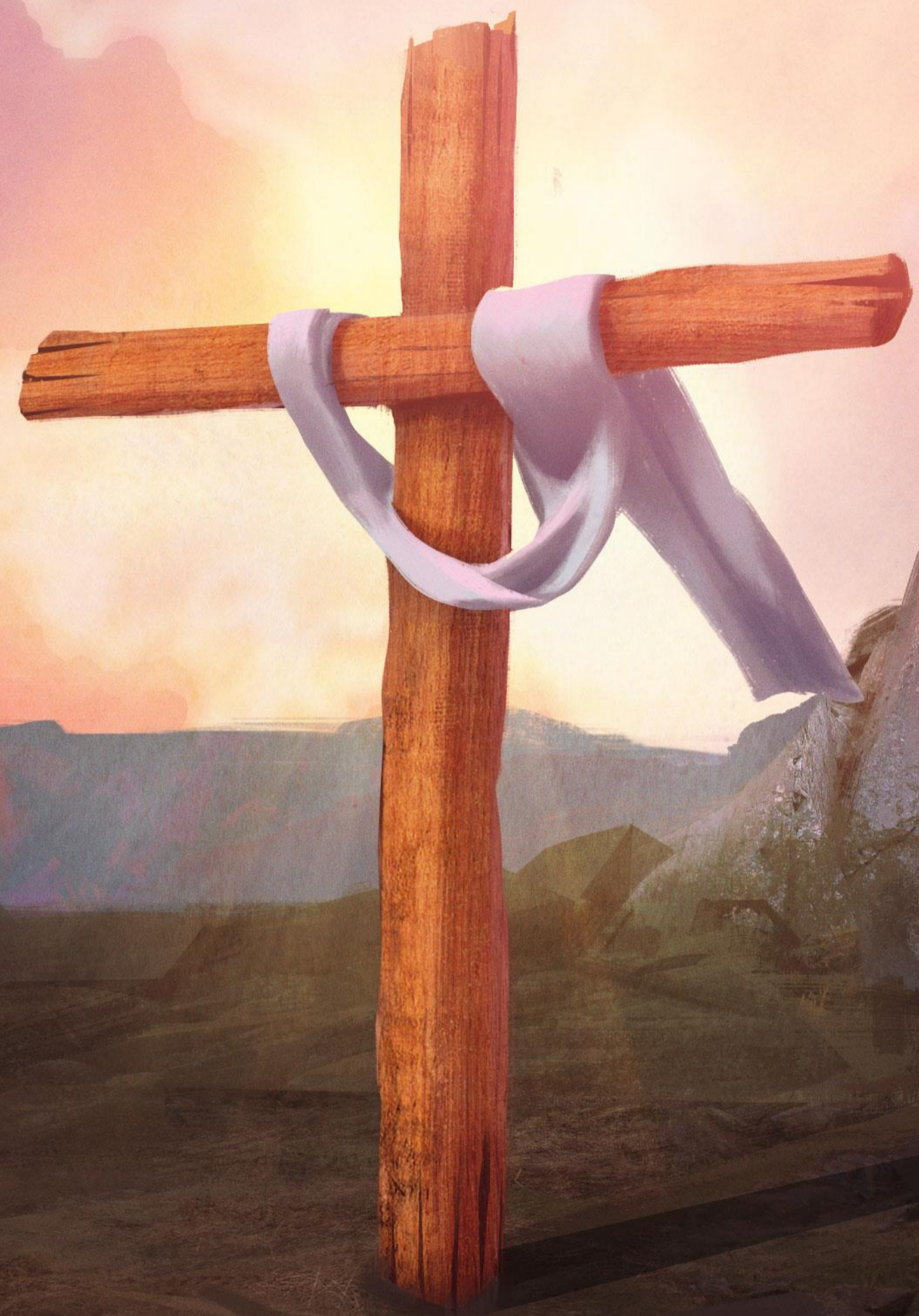
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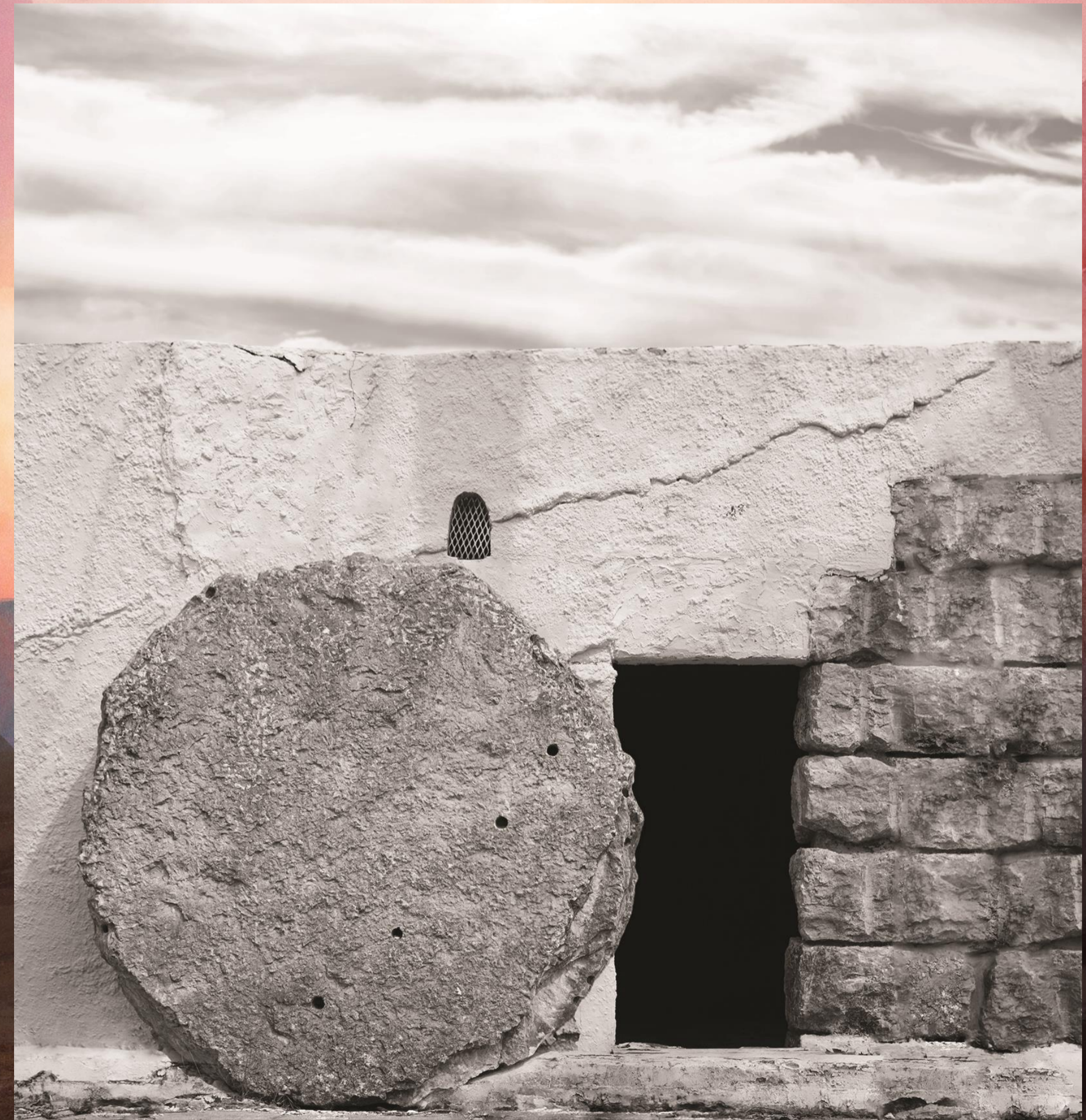
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Romans 3:22, NLT






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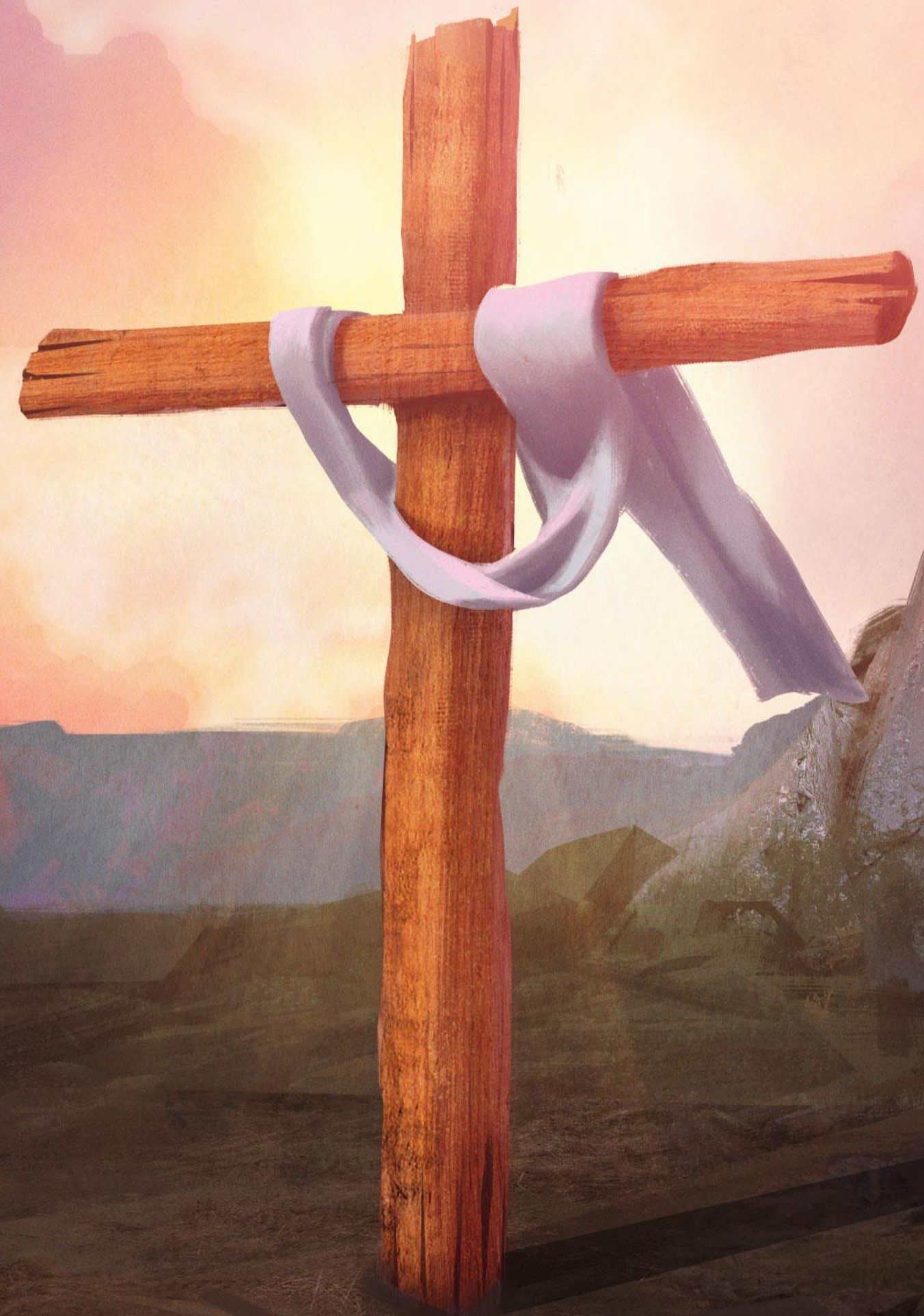
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Connection Card ...

- **A** = Already
- **B** = Becoming
- **C** = Considering
- **D** = Doubt