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The background of the image is a composite of three elements: a classical building with a portico of columns, a statue of a woman (likely Lady Justice) holding a torch, and a large, stylized scale of justice in the foreground. The text is overlaid on this background.

What is Truth

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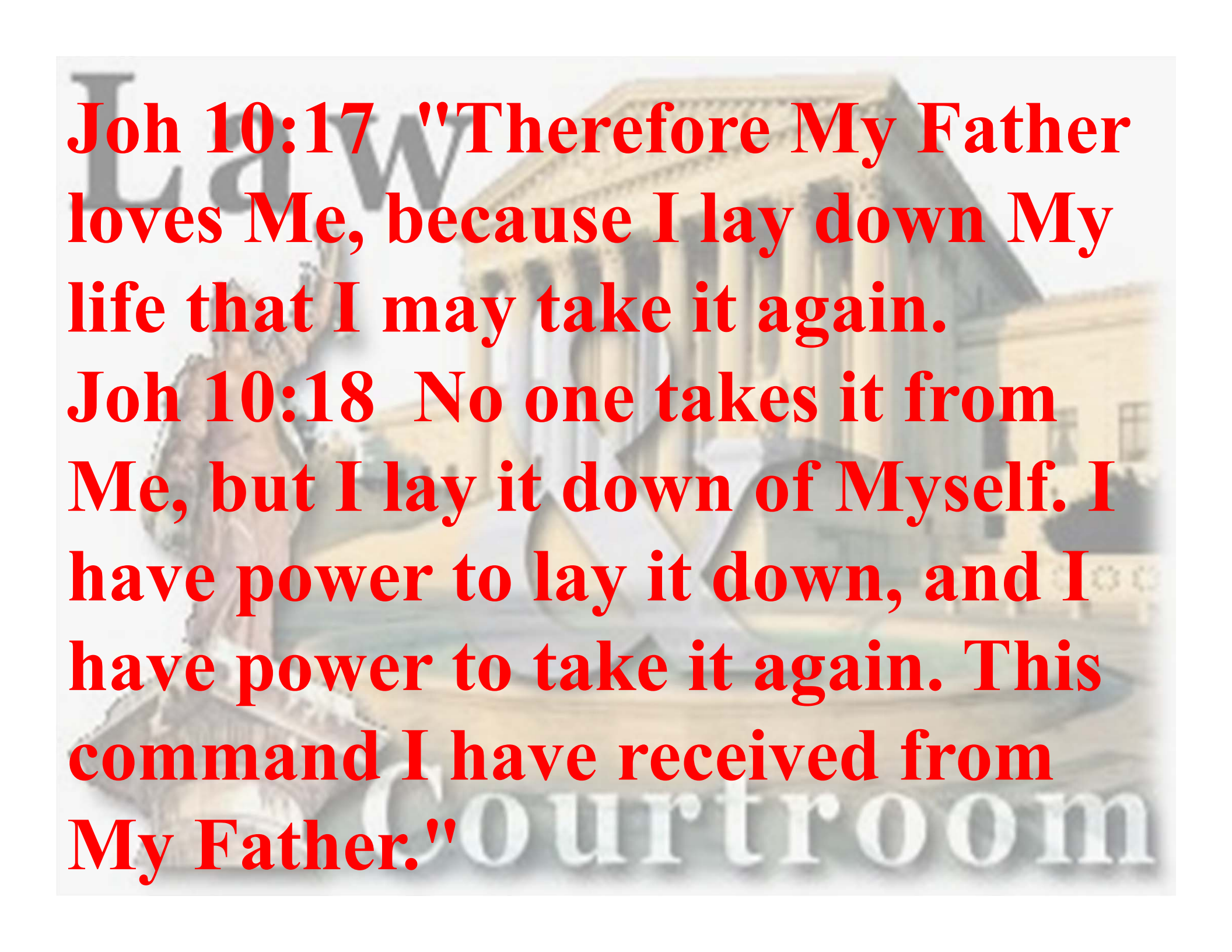
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The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a statue of a woman, likely Lady Justice, holding a torch aloft in her right hand and a set of scales in her left. In the center, there is a large, metallic, three-dimensional scale of justice. On the right, there is a classical building with a portico supported by several columns, resembling a courthouse or a government building. The overall tone is serious and legal.

What is Truth

**“I am the way, the
truth, and the life”**

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Joh 10:17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

Joh 10:18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

The background of the slide features a faded, artistic rendering of a classical building with a portico of columns, likely a courthouse or government building. In the foreground on the left, there is a statue of a female figure, possibly representing Justice or Liberty, holding a torch aloft in her right hand and a scroll in her left. The overall tone is light and ethereal.

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John 2: 18 - 22

THEY BELIEVED

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**Our Belief in God Rests in
the Knowledge of Christ's
Resurrection**

Faith

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**Heb 11:1 Now faith is
the substance of things
hoped for, the evidence
of things not seen.**

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The background of the slide features a faded, artistic rendering of a classical building with a pediment and columns, likely a courthouse. In the foreground on the left, there is a statue of Lady Justice, depicted as a woman in a red robe holding a scale of justice in her left hand and a sword in her right. The overall tone is light and professional.

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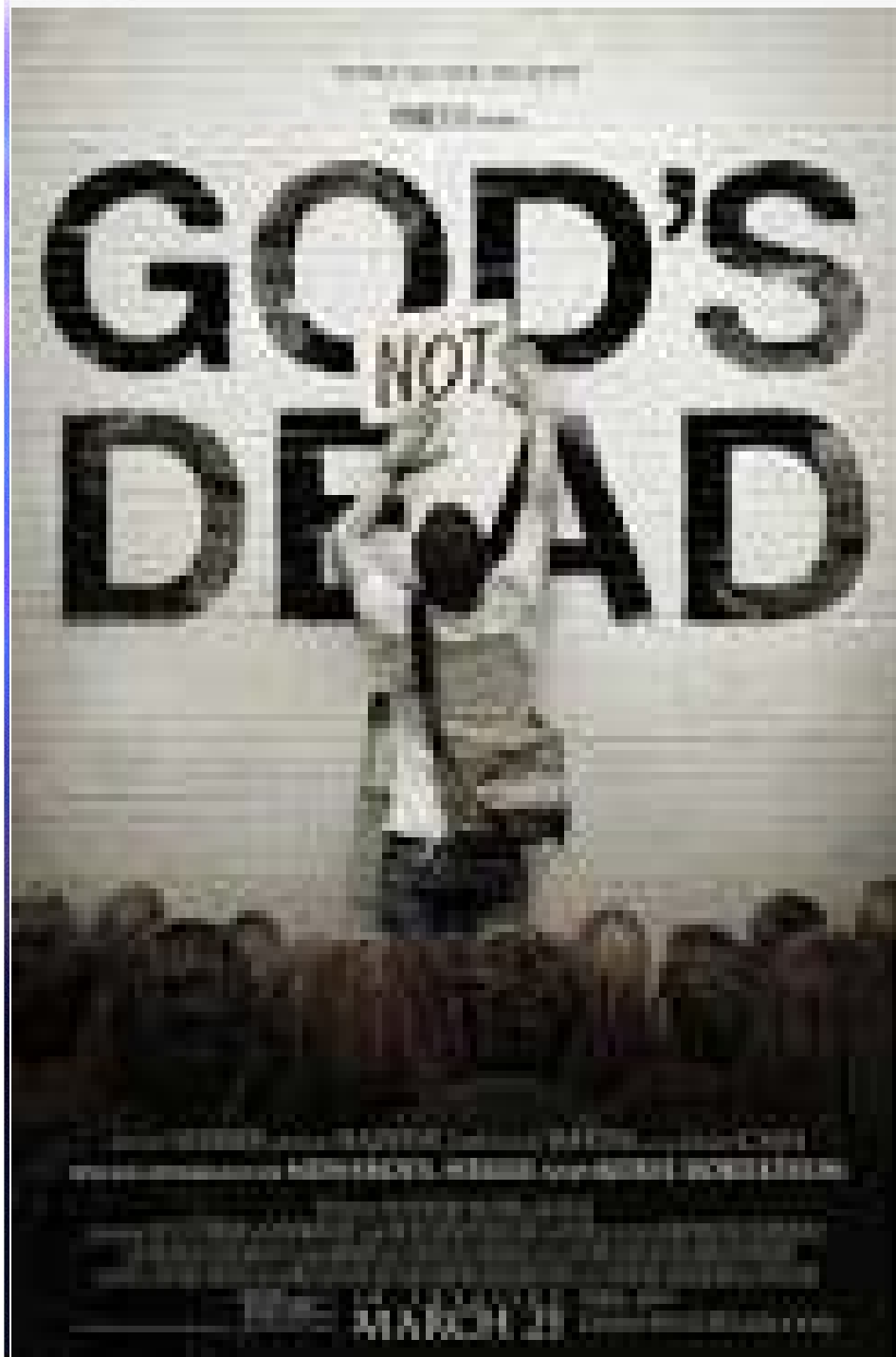
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**A Topic of
recent
discussion in
movies and
books**

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"Many people know my friend David Limbaugh as a bestselling author and political commentator, but he is also a lawyer trained to analyze evidence—and in Jesus on Trial he provides his personal journey to the truth of the Bible. A fantastic book!"

—SEAM HANNITY

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JESUS
ON TRIAL

A LAWYER AFFIRMS THE TRUTH
OF THE GOSPEL

**Just came out
this past week. A
lawyer puts the
Truth on Trial**

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Innocent until proven Guilty...

**What is the standard
used in the courtrooms
of America today?**

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Innocent until proven Guilty...

**EVIDENCE THAT WOULD LEAD
A REASONABLE PERSON TO
CONCLUDE BEYOND A
REASONABLE DOUBT THE
GUILT OF THE ONE ACCUSED**

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The background of the slide features a composite image. At the top, a classical building with columns, likely a courthouse, is visible. In the center, a large, ornate scale of justice is prominently displayed. To the left of the scale, a statue of a person, possibly a deity or a historical figure, is partially visible. The overall scene is set in a courtroom environment.

**Is the standard fair? Is it
properly applied?**

What is Gods Standard?

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God's Law...

In the presence of two or three witnesses a matter as important as life or death is determined...

Deu 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall he that is worthy of death be put to death. At the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

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God then concludes for us that an eye witness account carries with it a great deal of weight.

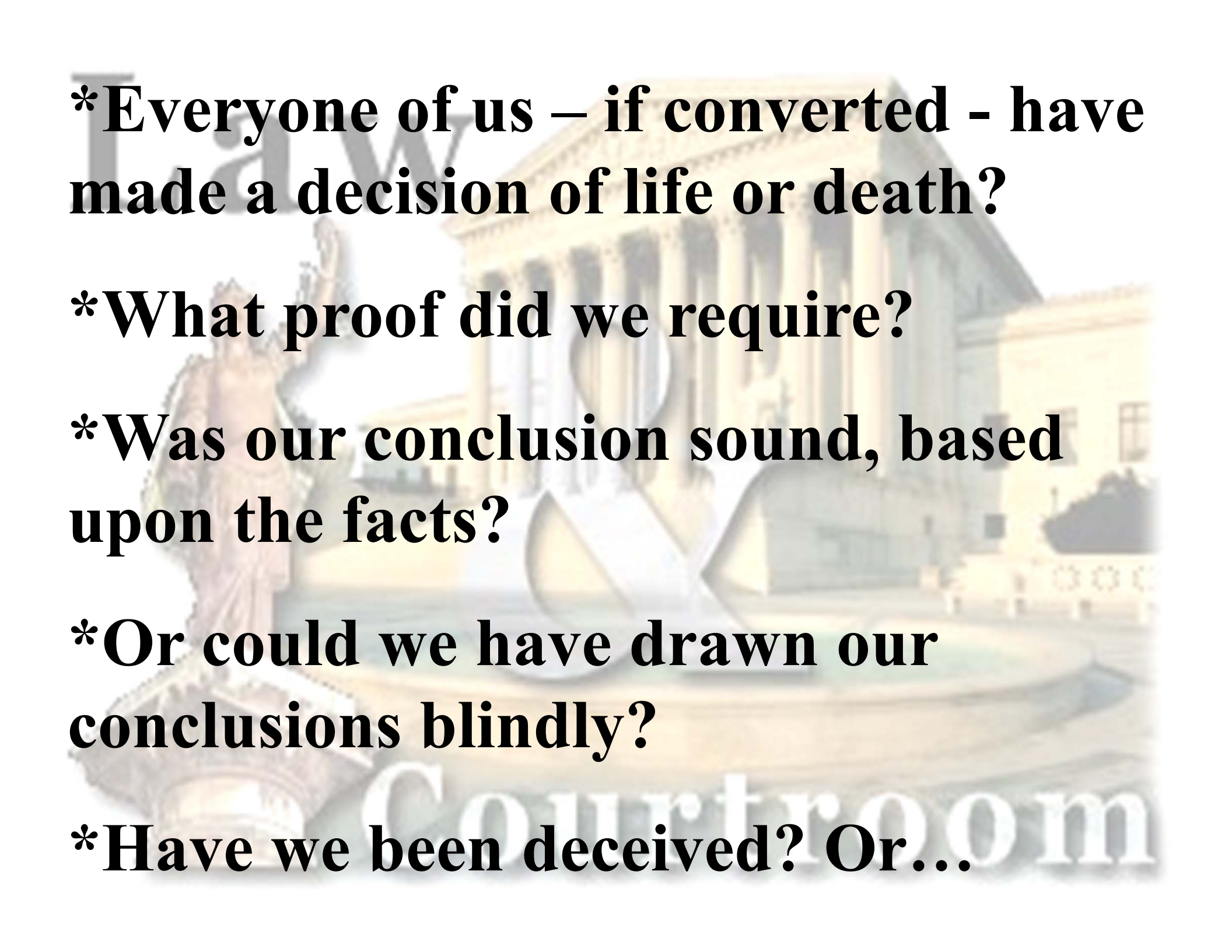
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Evidence...

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***Everyone of us – if converted - have made a decision of life or death?**

***What proof did we require?**

***Was our conclusion sound, based upon the facts?**

***Or could we have drawn our conclusions blindly?**

***Have we been deceived? Or...**



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Faith...

Heb 11:1 Now faith is
the substance of things
hoped for, the evidence
of things not seen.

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The background of the slide features a faded, artistic rendering of a classical courtroom. It includes a large building with a pediment and columns, and a statue of a person, possibly a deity or a historical figure, standing on the left side. The overall tone is light and ethereal.

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Faith...

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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Did we walk in the days of Jesus
the Christ?

Did we see the miracles He
performed?

**Did we witness His death
and resurrection?**

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**Do these Eye Witness
accounts exist?**

**Can they be proven to
be true?**

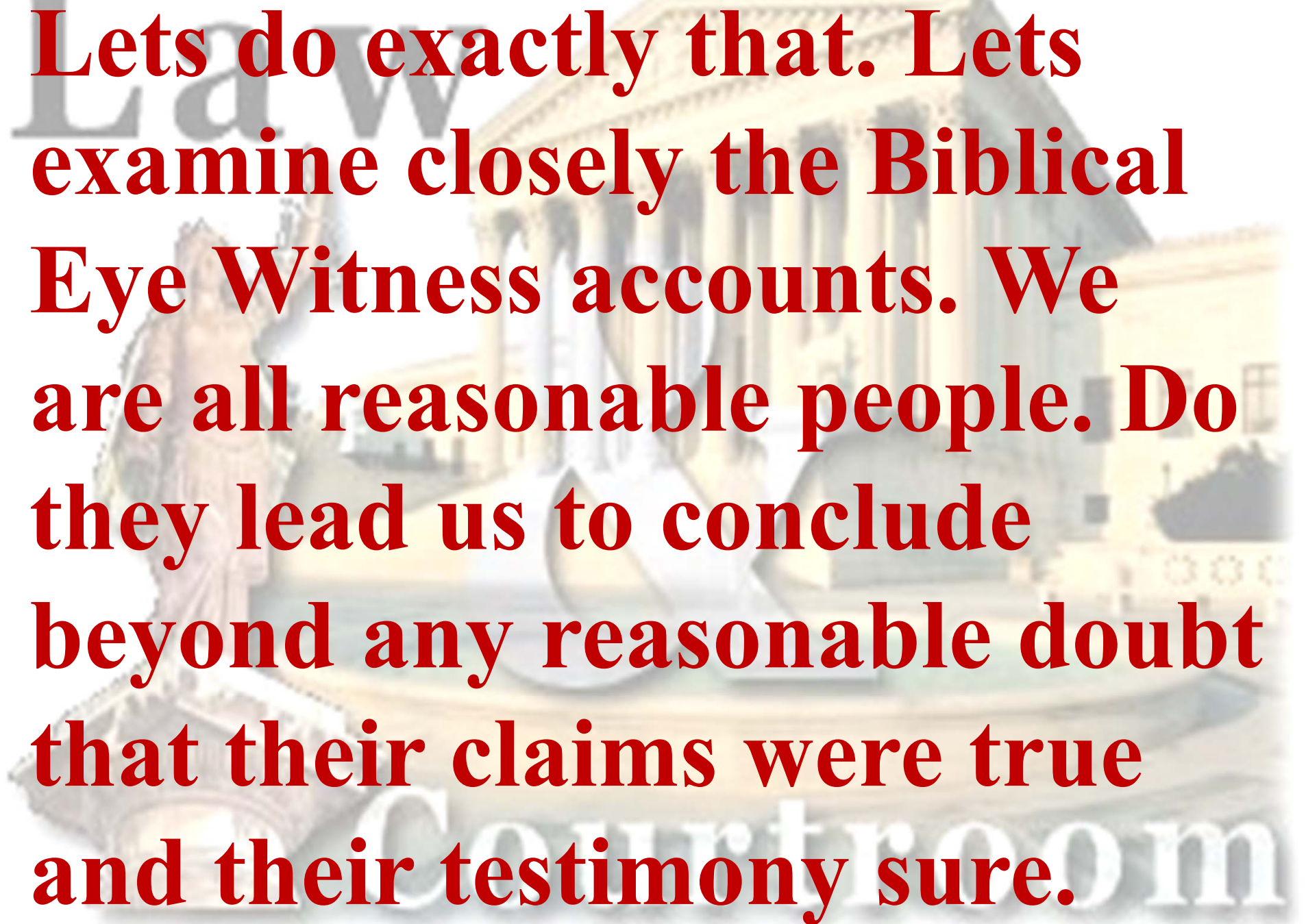
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Can they, when examined closely, lead any reasonable person to conclude beyond any reasonable doubt that their claims were true and their testimony sure.

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**Lets do exactly that. Lets
examine closely the Biblical
Eye Witness accounts. We
are all reasonable people. Do
they lead us to conclude
beyond any reasonable doubt
that their claims were true
and their testimony sure.**

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Acts 26:16

1 Corinthians 15

The foundation of all that we believe in, all that we hold fast to and the future we all hope for, RESTS clearly upon one fact.

That Jesus the Christ not only lived, but as the Son of God he died and rose again on the third day just as we read in scripture.

Evidence...

Are there any witnesses to talk to?

Some claim the gospel accounts to be fabrications.

We base our entire lives upon the fact that He lived and died, and that He rose from the dead.

Evidence...

**Did Jesus of Nazareth live
and of greater importance,
was He God?**

CAN THIS BE PROVED?

**“BEYOND A REASONABLE
DOUBT”**



PERPONDERANCE

OF EVIDENCE

**“BEYOND A
REASONABLE
DOUBT”**

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Law History...

Flavius Josephus-93 AD

“Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many Gentiles. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principle men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this date.

Law History...

Tacitus 115-117 AD

A Roman Historian

“They got their name from Christ, who was executed by sentence of the procurator Pontius Pilate in the reign of Tiberius. That checked the pernicious superstition for a short time, but it broke out a fresh not only in Judea, where the plague first arose, but in Rome itself, where all the horrible and shameful things in the world collect and find a home.”

Law History...

Sanhedrin 43a 200-500 AD

“On the eve of the Passover Yeshu (*the Talmudic designation for Jesus*) was hanged.

‘He is going forth to be stoned because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy.’ Any one who can say anything in his favor, let him come forward and plead on his behalf. But since nothing was brought forward in his favor he was hanged (on a tree) on the eve of Passover!”

Modern Day Historians...

Greco Roman historian Michael Grant, indicates there is more evidence for the existence of Jesus than there are for many famous pagan personages.

James Charlesworth “Jesus did exist; and we know more about him than about almost any Palestinian Jew before 70 ad.

Modern Day Historians...

Stated in response to a scholarly attempt to argue Christ was a created myth...

“The alternative thesis is that within thirty years there had evolved such a coherent and consistent complex of traditions about a non-existent figure such as we have in the sources of the Gospels is just too implausible.

Modern Day Historians...

It involves too many complex and speculative hypotheses, in contrast to the much simpler explanation that there was a Jesus who said and did more or less what the first three gospels attribute to him

Harvey Bluedorn;

Author of Ancient History from Primary Sources

Law History...

Facts to enter into evidence.

- 1. That Jesus Lived**
- 2. That he was crucified**
- 3. That he was considered Dead**
- 4. He was buried in a known and accessible tomb.**
- 5. He preached he would be raised in three days.**

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Facts to enter into evidence.

6. Jewish leaders needed to disprove this.

7. The disciples were persecuted.

8. The tomb was empty

We have not entered as evidence that
He was resurrected.



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Several Theories

The Disciples stole the body...

The Jewish leaders stole the body...

Roman leaders stole the body...

The woman went to the wrong tomb...

Christ was revived, not really dead...

The disciples all collectively lied...

IT IS ALL TRUE...

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The Disciples stole the body...

Mat 27:62-66 Sealed and guarded

The Jewish leaders stole the body...

**Mat 28:11-15 Earthquake moves the
stone and the guards are bribed...**

Roman leaders stole the body...

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John 20:2-9

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A Startling alternative...

The Disciples either
made the story up to
save face and the whole
thing is a lie, OR...

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A photograph of a stone wall with a doorway and flower boxes, serving as a background for the text. The wall is made of rough-hewn stones. There is a dark doorway in the center. To the right of the doorway, there are two flower boxes filled with red and pink flowers. A white metal railing is visible on the left side of the image. The overall scene is somewhat dimly lit, with a soft glow around the doorway.

They're telling what
they truly experienced
as honest men!



A Crucial Point in our Christian Faith

**Were these Disciples the witnesses we
draw evidence from today, honest men
telling what they saw, or conspirators
who concocted a lie to save face...**

**Today we discuss the most
compelling reason to believe
*“Beyond a reasonable doubt”***

The background of the slide is a photograph of a light-colored stone wall. In the center, there is a small, dark arched window. Below the window, a flower box filled with red and pink flowers is visible. To the left of the window, a white metal railing is partially seen. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting daylight.

**We can rely on the
Disciples eyewitness
accounts based upon two
irrefutable proofs...**

- Price Paid**

- They died alone**

Price Paid...

You don't pay the price these men paid for a lie...

All of them, except John, died a martyr's death; **Mark** drug to death by horses for what he taught; **James** the brother of Jesus, was cast down from the pinnacle of a temple and then when discovered he was not dead and was clubbed to death;

Price Paid...

**James the son of Zebedee was beheaded;
Bartholomew was beaten to death by whips;
Jude the other brother to Christ was shot to
death by arrows refusing to deny his faith;
Barnabus stoned to death; Paul tortured and
then beheaded; Mathias stoned and
beheaded; Matthew killed by the sword in
Ethiopia; Luke hung by idolatrous priests.
All these men paid the ultimate price.**



Price Paid...

Evidence... Would any one of these men have paid this ultimate price for a lie. Possibly! But not all of them to the very last one, save John.

They Died Alone...

The Litmus test...

- Who would know if they changed their story
- So much easier to admit to the lie than be whipped to death or stoned or beaten and beheaded.
- They could have claimed they were confused.

They Died Alone...

They did none of these. Instead they continued to preach what they had committed their lives to with the full knowledge of who and what Jesus was. The promised Messiah, the Son of the Living Great God. They are the witnesses we can safely hold to their testimony.

They Died Alone...

Their lives and their deaths are the evidence needed to prove our case beyond a reasonable doubt!

There are 18 New Testament accounts where the disciples describe the appearances of our Savior and His teachings after His crucifixion.

They Died Alone...

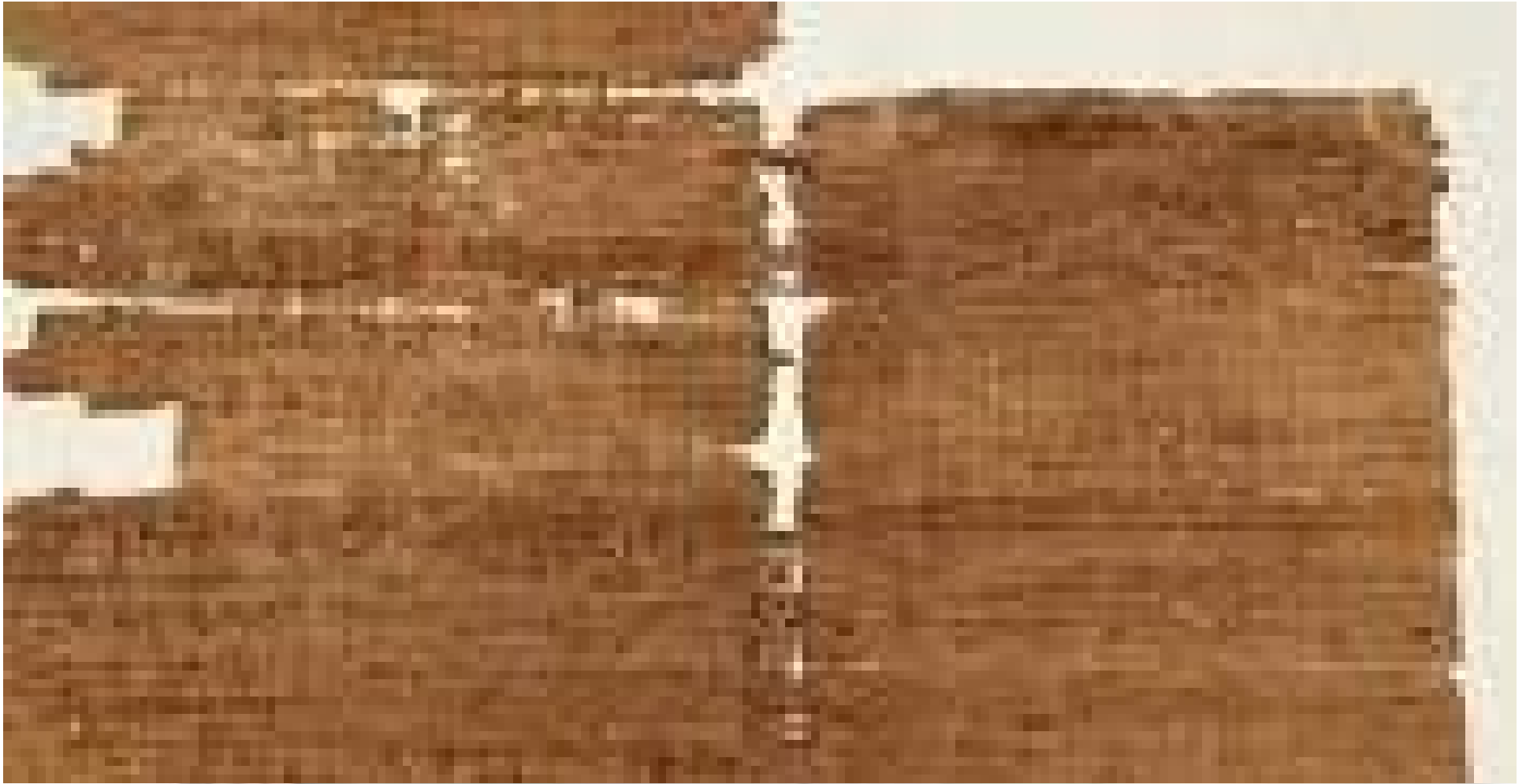
By their testimony our faith is secure. The evidence of things not seen can clearly be deduced if we take the time to look.

John 20:29

Jesus said to him, Thomas, because you have seen Me you have believed. Blessed *are* they who have not seen and have believed.

Joh 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book.

Joh 20:31 But these are written so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in His name.



From the news last week – a 1500 plus year old document discovered. They are calling it the “Last Supper papyrus”

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