



EASTER

PROOF OF LIFE

WE'RE
FASCINATED
WITH JESUS,
RESPECT HIM,
EVEN LOVE HIM,
BUT WE'RE
UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH THE
RESURRECTION.





BURIED DEEP IN THE HUMAN
HEART IS A LONGING...

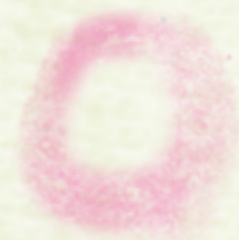
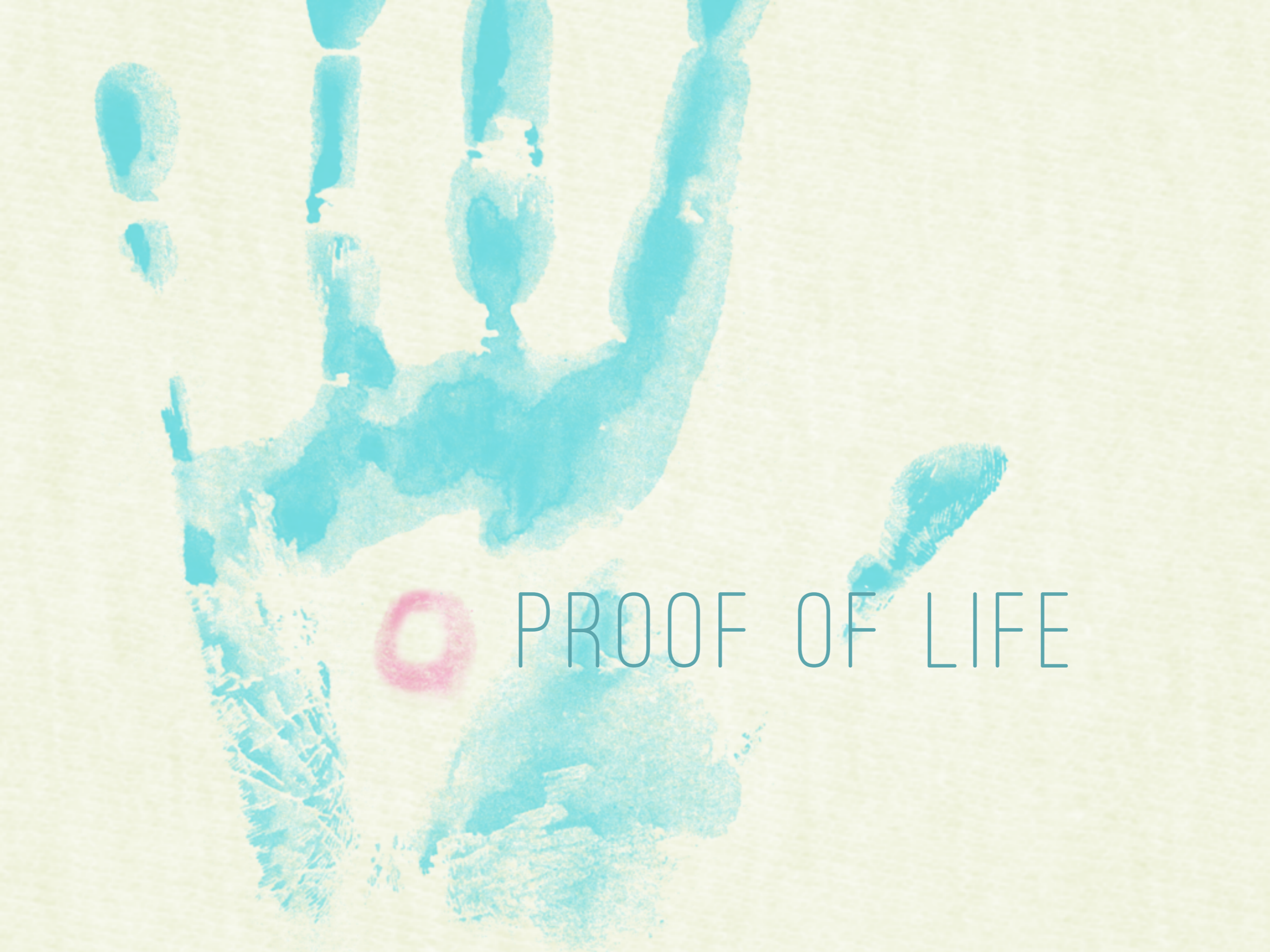
FOR THE RESURRECTION TO
BE TRUE

If Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe... And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you're still lost in your sins. [And] believers ... who have died are lost.

I CORINTHIANS 15:14-20

If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead—the guarantee that we who believe will be resurrected, too.

I CORINTHIANS 15:14-20



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IRREFUTABLE VISUAL PROOF

In the accounts of **5** different writers, the risen Christ made **13** separate appearances to a total of **557** witnesses who saw him with their own eyes.

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INDISPUTABLE PHYSICAL PROOF

- ▶ **Account of cover-up**
(BOOK OF MATTHEW)
- ▶ **The broken Roman seal**
- ▶ **Roman guards desert**

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INDISPUTABLE PHYSICAL PROOF

- ▶ **The tomb's stone was moved**
(BOOK OF MARK)
- ▶ **The empty tomb**
(BOOK OF LUKE)
- ▶ **Grave clothes left behind**
(BOOK OF JOHN)

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INCONTROVERTIBLE TRANSFORMATIONAL PROOF

- ▶ **Eleven cowardly disciples became bold resurrection preachers**
All but one were martyred
- ▶ **Within days - over 5,000 new converts**

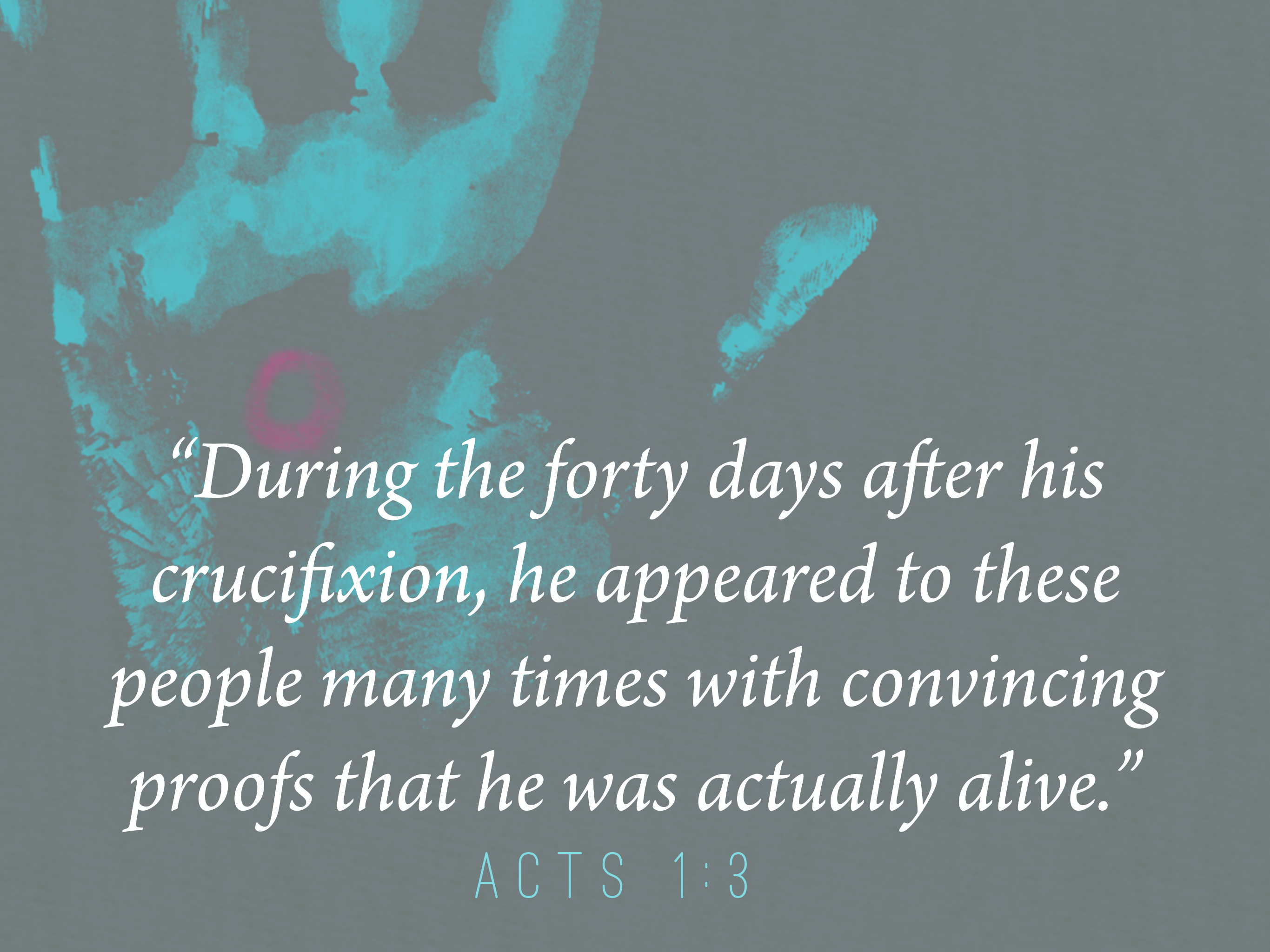
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INCONTROVERTIBLE TRANSFORMATIONAL PROOF

- ▶ **Sunday became their day of worship**
- ▶ **The conversion of Paul**
...a staunch anti-Christian fanatic to Christianity's leading defender & evangelist...who died for his faith.



SUCH A MONUMENTAL SHIFT IN
THE LIVES OF PEOPLE SO CLOSE
TO THE EVENT IS ONLY
EXPLAINED BY IT'S POWER.



“During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to these people many times with convincing proofs that he was actually alive.”

ACTS 1:3



YOU ARE FORCED TO
DECIDE ABOUT JESUS



N . T . W R I G H T

“To suggest [Jesus never rose from the dead] is to stop doing history and enter into a fantasy world of our own.”



J A R O S L A V P E L I K A N

*“If Christ is risen, nothing else matters.
And if Christ is not risen – nothing else
matters.”*



THE POWER OF
E.A.S.T.E.R.

EXONERATION FROM
YOUR SINS

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for your sin, so that you could be made right with God through Christ.

II CORINTHIANS 5:21



THE POWER OF
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ACCEPTANCE INTO
GOD'S FAMILY

*If you believe and accept Jesus, he
gives you the right to become God's
child.*

JOHN 1:12



THE POWER OF
E.A.S.T.E.R.

SUPPLY FOR YOUR
NEEDS

Jesus is now your High Priest with access to God. He understands you because he became like you—without sin. So come boldly to God's throne through Jesus to receive mercy and grace to help you whenever you need it.

HEBREWS 4:14-16



THE POWER OF
E.A.S.T.E.R.

TRANSFORMATION OF
YOUR CHARACTER

You've been crucified with Christ and no longer live; it's Christ who lives in you. And that new life is by faith in the Resurrected One, who loved you and gave himself for you.

GALATIANS 2:20



THE POWER OF
E.A.S.T.E.R.

EMPOWERMENT FOR
YOUR LIFE

The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, so he'll also give life to you, since that very same Spirit now lives in you.

ROMANS 8:11



THE POWER OF
E.A.S.T.E.R.

RELATIONSHIP WITH
YOUR GOD

Jesus' death and resurrection opened up a new, life-giving way into God's presence. So you can confidently draw near and stay close to God.

HEBREWS 10:19-22



“He is risen.”

AND NOTHING ELSE MATTERS