The background of the slide is a photograph of the entrance to the tomb in the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. A massive, roughly-hewn stone has been rolled away from the entrance, revealing a bright, glowing light from within the tomb. The stone is positioned on the right side of the frame, and the light creates a strong contrast with the dark, shadowed interior of the tomb.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Crucial Truth

1 Corinthians 15:12-30

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Passage Theme Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:20 - But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.





The Gospel

“By which also you are saved” and which “you believed”

Gospel Fact

Authority

Proof

#1 Christ died for our sins

The Scriptures

He was buried

Genesis 3:15

Psalms 16:10

Isaiah 53

#2 He was raised on the 3rd day

The Scriptures

He appeared to:

The First Gospel - Proto-Evangelium

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
between your seed and her seed;

He shall bruise you on the head,

And you shall bruise Him on the heel.

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Psalms 16:10

Isaiah 53

Peter

The twelve

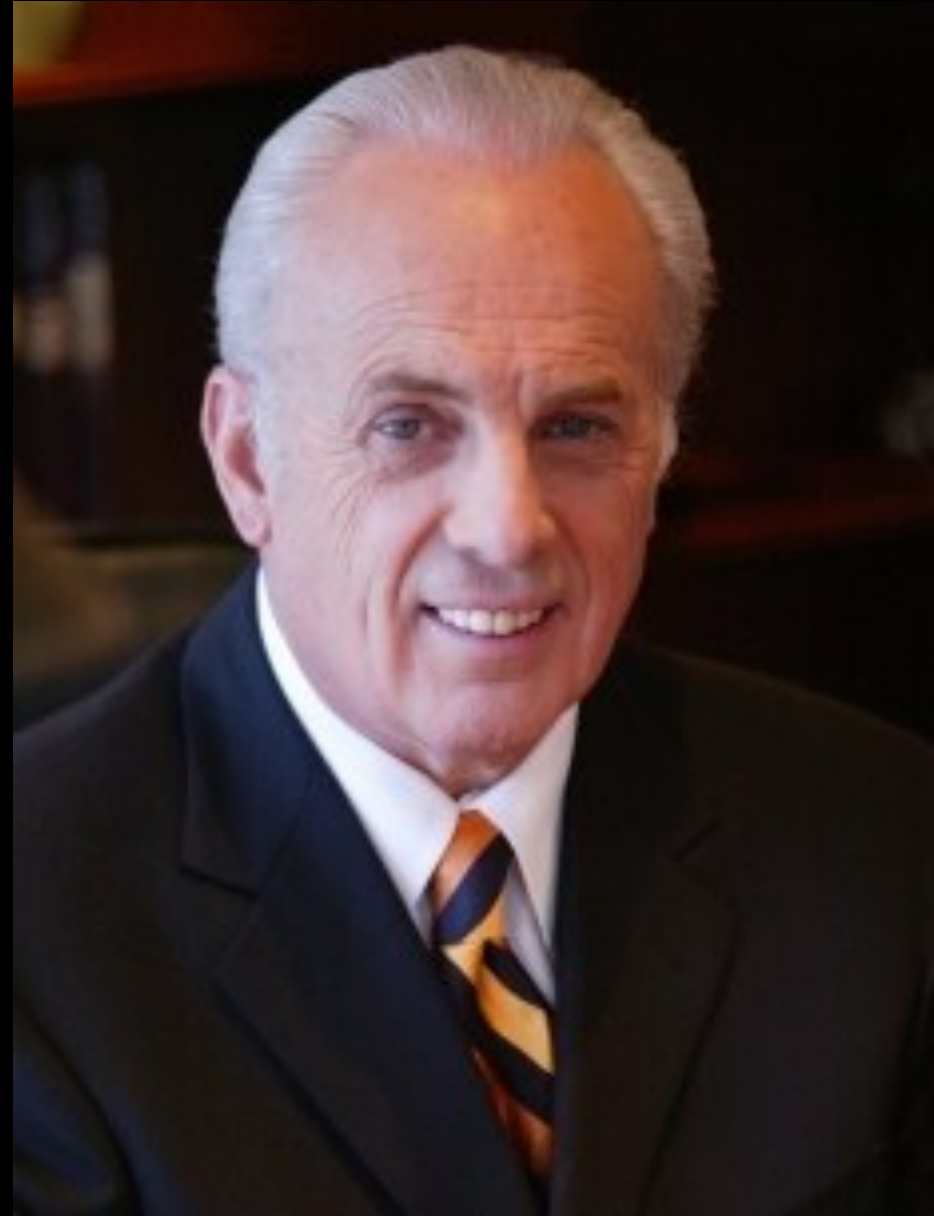
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James

All the apostles

Paul

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(1 Corinthians 15:12)



John MacArthur

“It seems strange that some of those believers could have accepted one part of the truth without the other. The cause of this confusion, as of many of their other problems, lay in the continuing influence of the pagan philosophies and religions out of which many of them had come. The philosophical and spiritualistic thought of Paul’s day, just as in our own, had many erroneous ideas of what happens to human beings after death.”

Acts 17:30–32 - ³⁰“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

³²Now **when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer**, but others said, “We shall hear you again concerning this.”

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Thomas Jefferson

“Now, in the place where He was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never a man yet laid. There laid they Jesus. And rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.”

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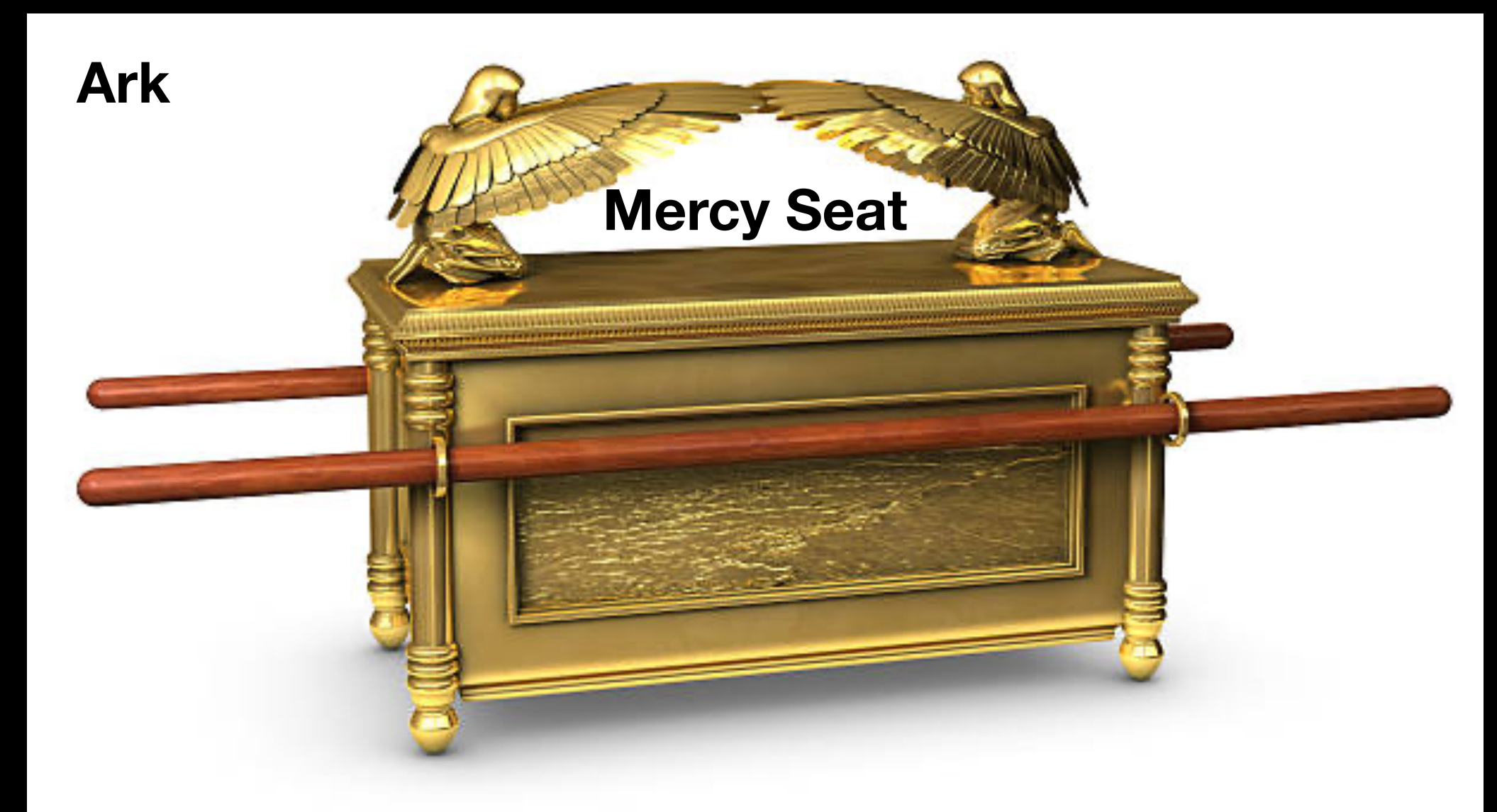
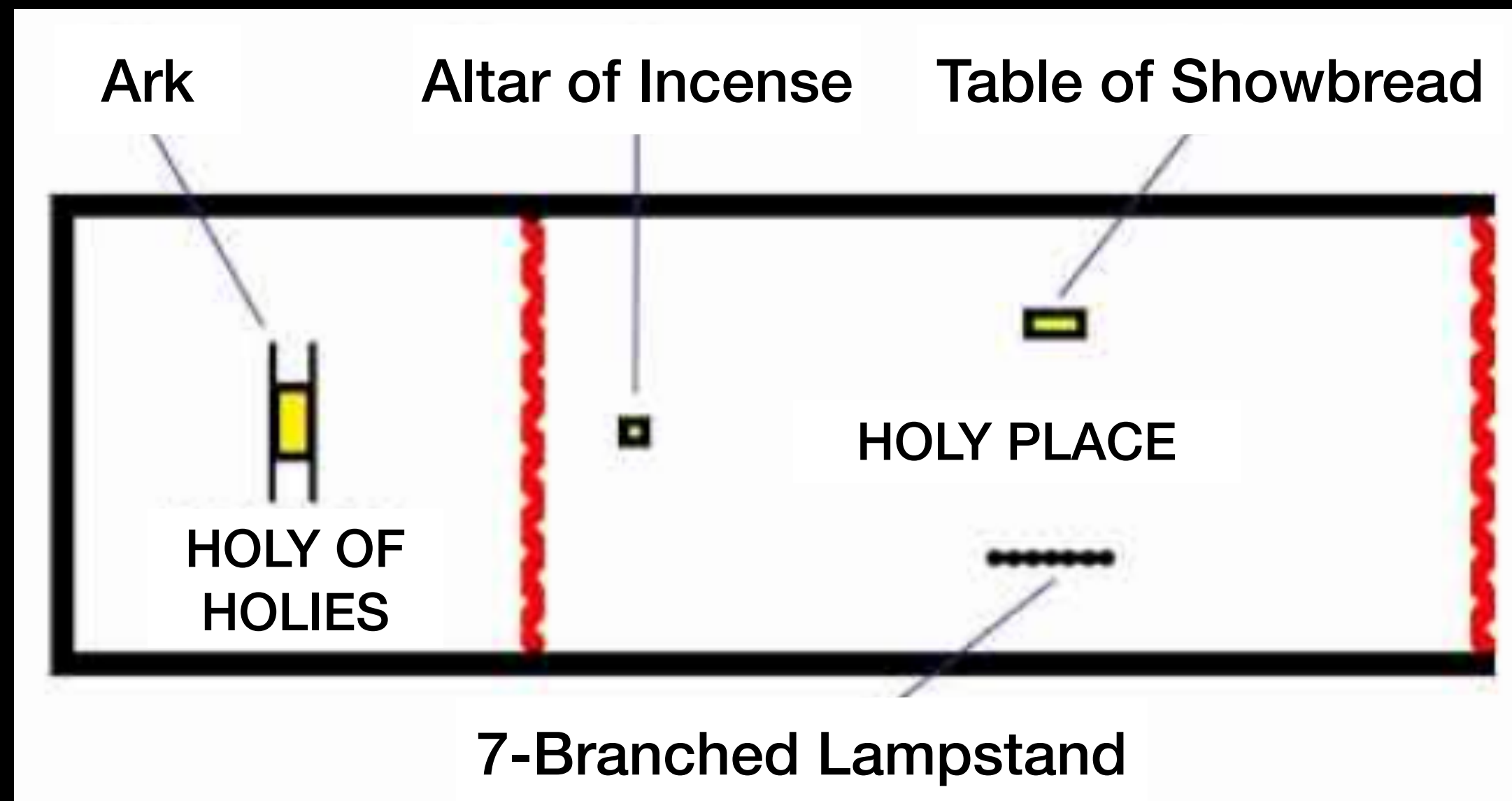
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Romans 4:25 - ²⁵He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was **raised because of our justification.**

Romans 6:4 - ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was **raised from the dead** through the glory of the Father, **so we too might walk in newness of life. (REGENERATION)**

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Hebrews 2:17 - ¹⁷Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people.

1 John 2:2 - ²and He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

Romans 1:4 - ⁴who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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4. No resurrection of Jesus Christ then all proclaimers of the resurrection are liars - v. 15
5. No resurrection of Jesus Christ then the dead in Christ are lost forever - v. 18
6. No resurrection of Jesus Christ then Christians are the most pitiful people in the world

THE TRUTH

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1. Jesus Christ is the first fruits of all that will be raised from the dead - v. 20b, 23
2. Like Adam is the representative head of sinners, Jesus Christ is the representative head of all believers in Jesus Christ - v. 21-23
3. Jesus Christ is the central figure in the restoration of creation abolishing all competing authorities, enemies and death - v. 24-28

Romans 5:18–19 - ¹⁸So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Application

1. Be determined to know nothing better than Jesus Christ, and Him crucified and raised from the dead - 1 Corinthians 2:2; 15:20
2. Meditate and worship our God for the rich salvation that we have in Christ who died for our sins and was raised the third day - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
3. If you are here today and not in Christ, there is abundant evidence in the Scriptures of the truth of the gospel. Let today be the day of your salvation.

