

What Lessons Do We Learn From the Resurrection

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This Week

On yesterday I
rose at 4:00 AM in
order to watch the
funeral of Pope
Francis Live from
Rome, Italy



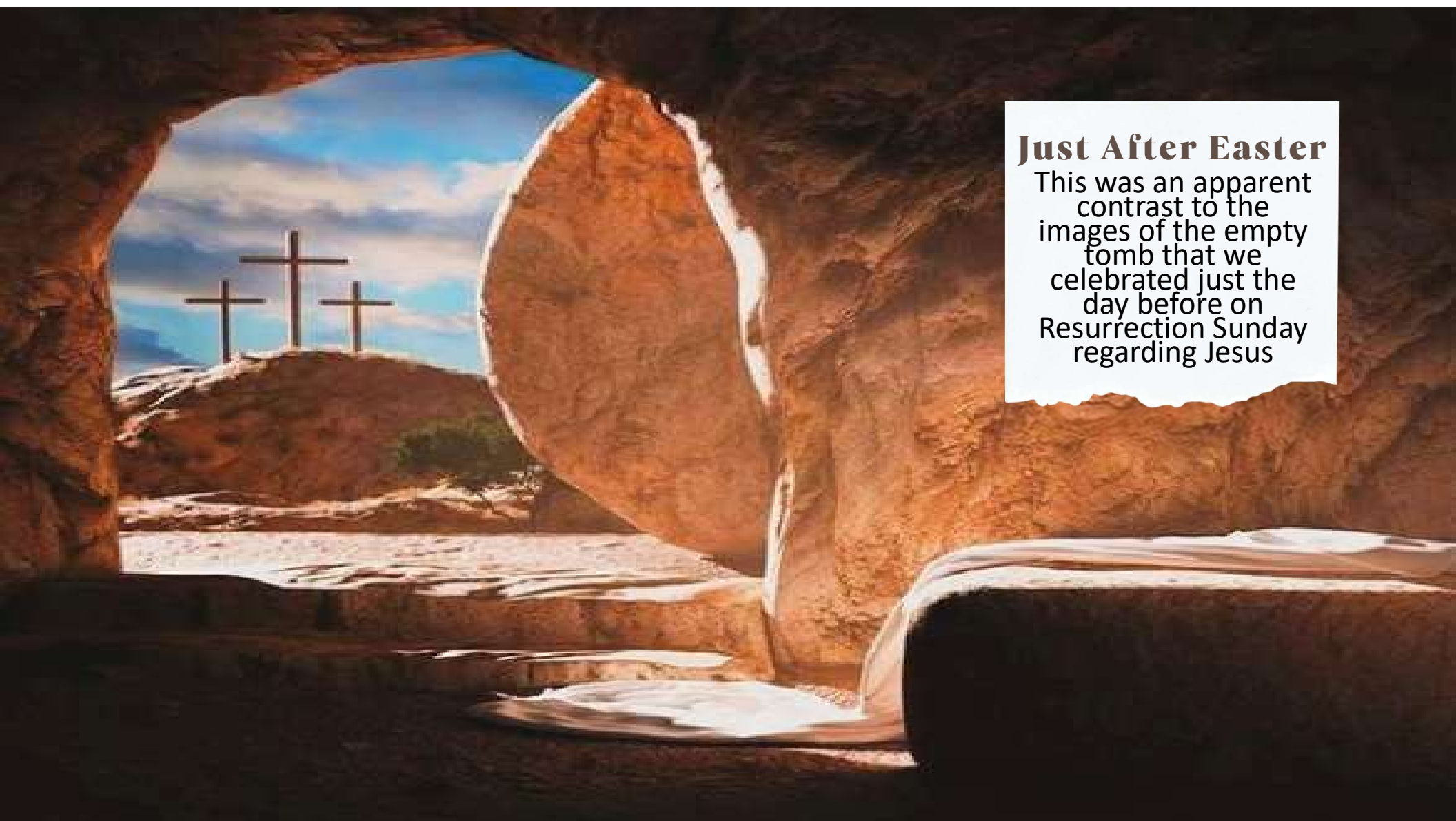
The Coffin

I was particularly impressed with the quiet dignity of the simple wood coffin that was used for his processional and burial



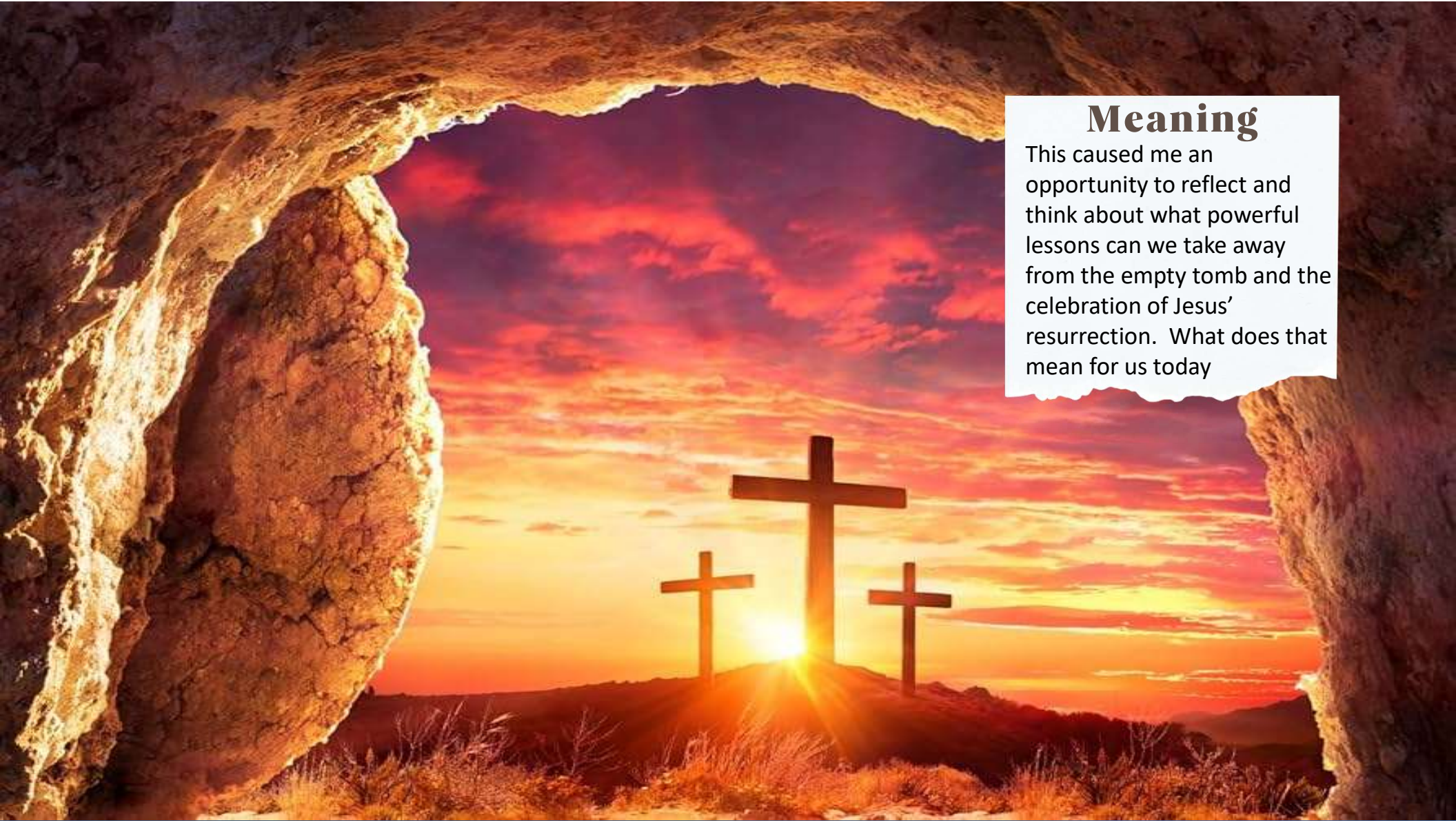
Burial Place

I was equally impressed with the intended burial place of the Holy Father, not an elaborate or fancy spectacle of wealth and materialism but a place regal because of its simplicity inclusive of just his name "Franciscus"




Just After Easter

This was an apparent contrast to the images of the empty tomb that we celebrated just the day before on Resurrection Sunday regarding Jesus



Meaning

This caused me an opportunity to reflect and think about what powerful lessons can we take away from the empty tomb and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. What does that mean for us today

A photograph of a cemetery at dawn or dusk. In the foreground, a large, dark grey tombstone stands on a grassy field scattered with fallen autumn leaves. The tombstone is covered in moss and has vines growing on it. The words "DREAMS, GOALS AND AMBITIONS" are carved into the stone in large, bold, yellow letters. In the background, several other tombstones are visible, and a bright light source creates long, soft rays of light across the scene.

DREAMS, GOALS AND AMBITIONS

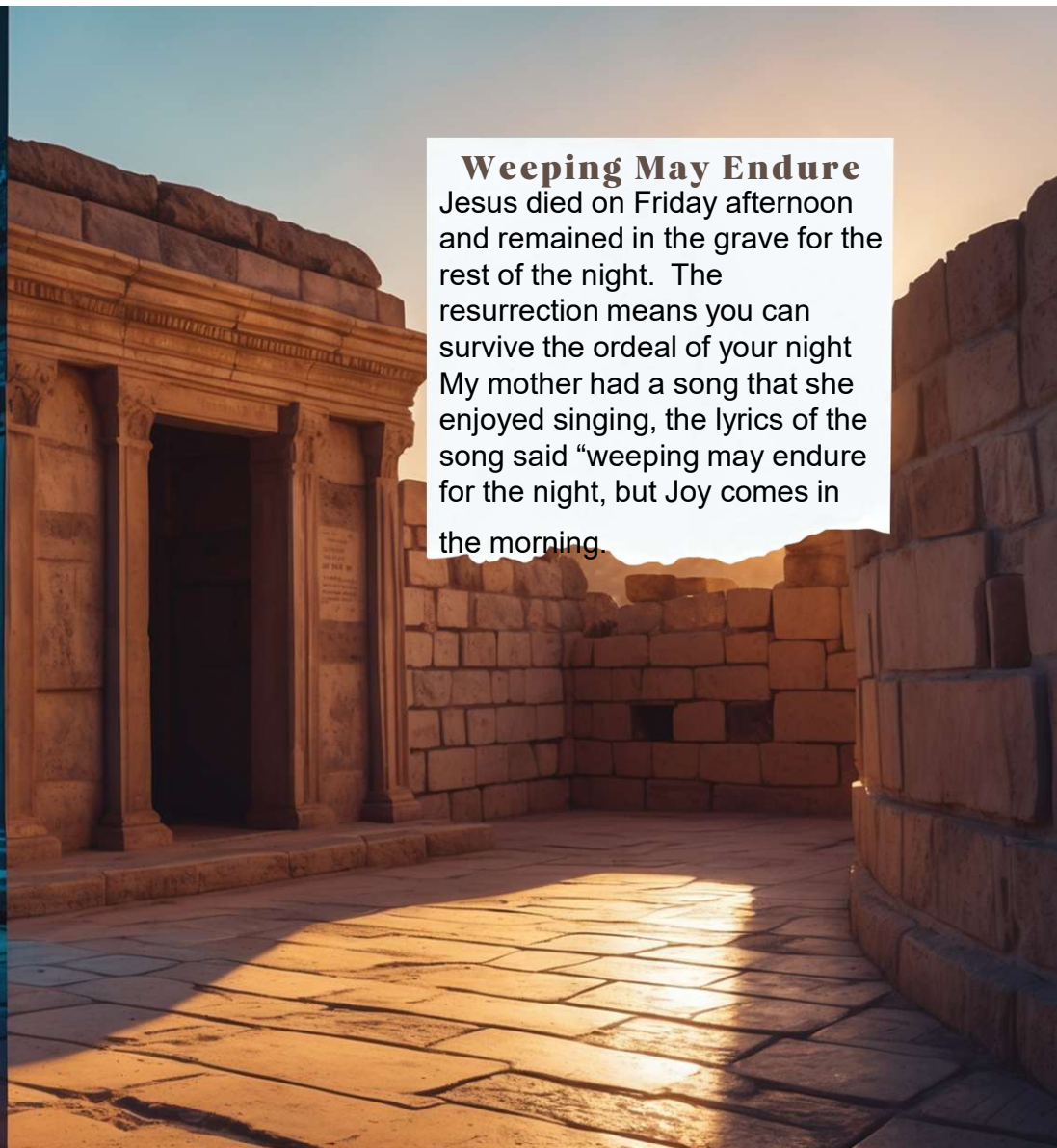
Death is not Permanent

So many of the items that having seemingly died in your life like dreams, goals and ambitions are not permanently gone. With hope they all can live again in your life



Death Does Not Win

Just like the Pharisees, Herodians and all others who conspired to bring Jesus down in the end they do not have the final victory. The resurrection says that those who plot against you and seek your destruction will be thwarted in the end because the resurrection will not allow them to win



Weeping May Endure

Jesus died on Friday afternoon and remained in the grave for the rest of the night. The resurrection means you can survive the ordeal of your night. My mother had a song that she enjoyed singing, the lyrics of the song said "weeping may endure for the night, but Joy comes in the morning."

Thank You for Watching

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