



WELCOME

“So if I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also
ought to wash one another’s feet.”

John 13:14





JOYS AND CONCERNS



THE OFFERING

Lent Series RISEN!

Week 4:

*The Greatest
Comeback in History!*



Bouncing Back Big-Time

The 2001 World Series will go down as that of the comeback. So how does it rank among the biggest comebacks in world history? Here are the 10 greatest, according to us.

- 10 Elvis Presley, 1968** Following years of making schlocky movies, the King wows fans and critics with an electrifying live 1968 TV special, *Elvis on NBC*.
- 9 Ludwig Wittgenstein, 1929** After quitting academia to teach primary school and to labor as a gardner, he returns to Cambridge University to begin *Philosophical Investigations*, the seminal work of 20th-century Anglo-American philosophy.
- 8 Go-go boots, 2000** Three decades after their kicky heyday, the knee-high footwear stages a surprising fashion revival.
- 7 Harry Truman, 1948** Trailing in the polls by a wide margin for most of the presidential campaign, he turns the *Chicago Tribune*'s DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN edition into a future treasure on eBay.
- 6 Humanity, 14th century** After 25 million Europeans perish, mankind surges back from the Black Death.
- 5 Muhammad Ali, 1974** Seven years after being stripped of his title and his boxing license, the Greatest KO's George Foreman in Zaire to win back the belt.
- 4 John Travolta, 1994** Deibrillates his comatose movie career by taking a star turn in *Pulp Fiction*.
- 3 Michael Jordan, 1991** Quits baseball to make first triumphant comeback.
- 2 Japan and Germany, 1950s** Former Axis powers rise from ashes of World War II to become industrial superpowers.
- 1 Jesus Christ, 33 A.D.** Defies critics and stuns the Romans with his resurrection.

GOSPEL READING

John 11:21-53



It's Friday,

but Sunday's coming!



4 GREAT COMEBACKS CHRIST GIVES:

MATTHEW: I Can Come Back From Despair

Matthew 27:59-61

“Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.”



Matthew 28:1–2, 5–6

At dawn on the first day of the week,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
went to look at the tomb.



Matthew 28:1–2, 5–6

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. . . .



Matthew 28:1–2, 5–6

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”



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- Redefines what we can truly count on

MARK: I Can Come Back From Defeat

Mark 16:7

But go, tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”



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- You're never too far from God's reach

LUKE: I Can Come Back From Doubt

Luke 24:5-6

“Why do you look for **the living among the dead**? He is not here; he has risen!”



Acts 1:3

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them **by many convincing proofs**, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.



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JOHN: I Can Come Back From Death

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.* Do you believe this?”



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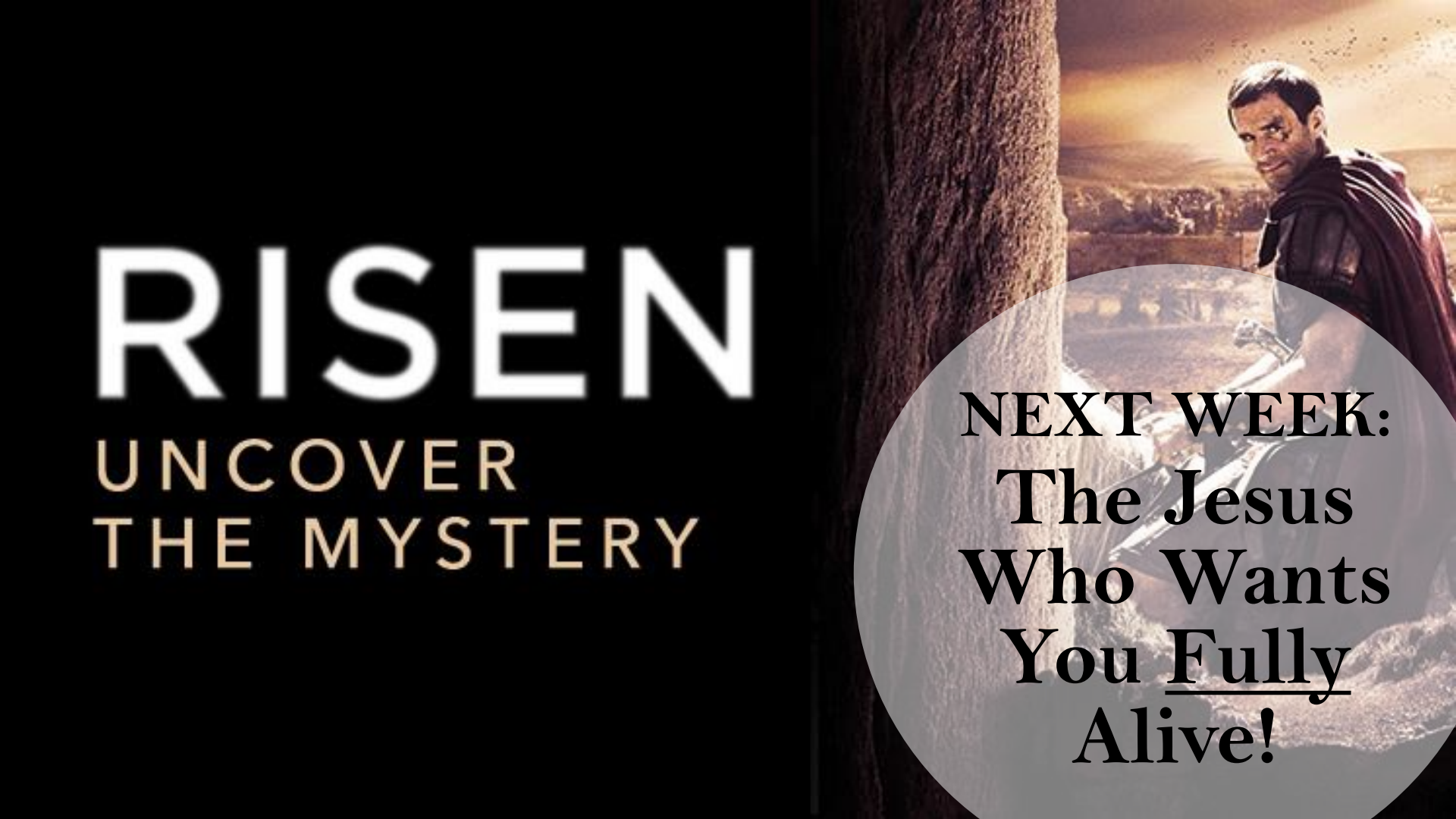
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JOHN: I Can Come Back From Death

- I can know my eternal future is secure!

RISEN

UNCOVER
THE MYSTERY



**NEXT WEEK:
The Jesus
Who Wants
You Fully
Alive!**