

# THE SIGN

## Matthew 12: 38-40



# I. AN EMPTY TOMB

- Did they go to the wrong tomb?
- Did Jesus really die?
- Did they take Jesus body?
  - The guard
  - The stone
  - The reaction of the disciples
  - The condition of the grave clothes
  - The fate of the disciples

## II. EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS

- Individuals – Mary, Peter
  - Small groups – 2 men going to Emmaus
  - Larger groups – the disciples
  - 500 witnesses
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- Could it have been a hallucination?

### III. CHANGED LIVES

- Peter
- The Disciples

Josh McDowell - *“...those early Christians were beaten, stoned to death, thrown to the lions, tortured and crucified. Every conceivable method was used to stop them from talking. Yet, they laid down their lives as the ultimate proof of their complete confidence in the truth of their message.”*