

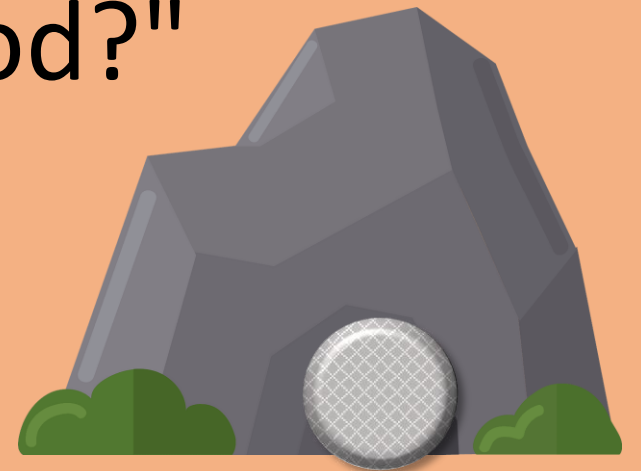
A photograph of a cliffside with numerous cave openings, serving as a background for the text. The cliff is made of light-colored, layered rock. The cave openings are of various sizes and shapes, some with small arches or doorways. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with some green moss or small plants growing on the rock surfaces.

Disagreement at the Cemetery

Family Discussion

It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

John 11:38b – 40 (NIV)



Discuss

- Why might Martha have thought His request was not a good one?
- Agree or disagree ... Questioning God in the face of grief is not acceptable for a Christian
- What obstacles often prevent us from responding to what God wants us to do?
- In what area of your life do you need to believe in God's Word over the circumstances you can see?



Pray



- Praise the Lord for His power and authority and love for you in the face of tragedy and loss.
- Believe God together to increase your faith in Him, to totally convince you that He is accomplishing good things in your life.
- Ask God to remove those attitudes and feelings that prevent you from trusting and obeying Him.
- Pray also for friends and family who may be struggling with the grief of loss. Pray that He will provide for and comfort them.