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And the word “resurrection” means that He was raised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, never to die again.

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First, this is what the Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Second, this is what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happened.

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Four conclusions follow.

1. **Our faith is \_\_\_\_\_\_.**
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