



# Perseverance Under Pressure

Revelation 2:8–11



**We often think:**

Faithfulness → Easier Life

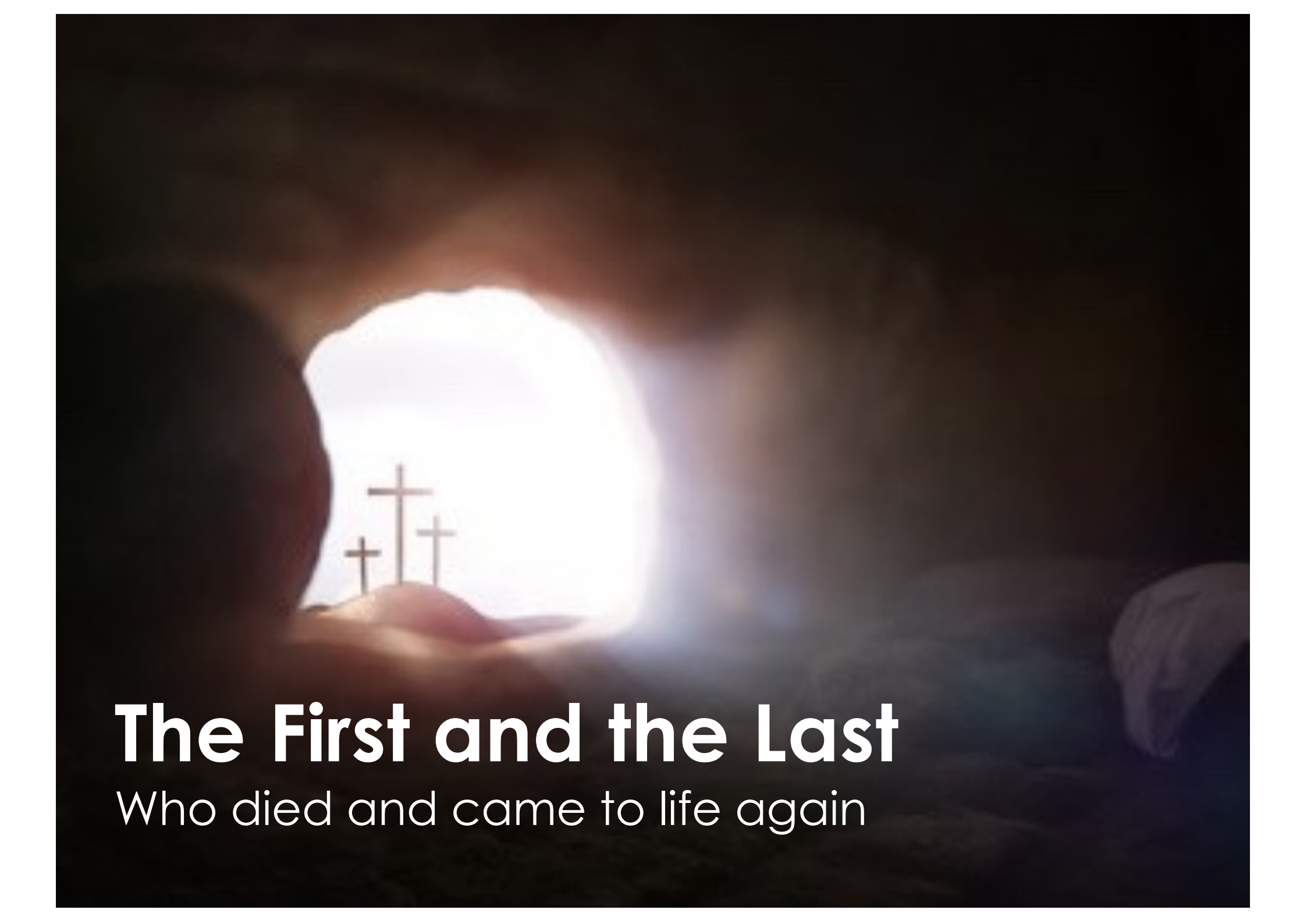
A photograph of a long, narrow stone tunnel with a series of arches receding into the distance. The stone is light-colored and shows signs of age and wear. The perspective is from the entrance, looking down the length of the tunnel. The arches are supported by thick stone walls. The floor is made of stone slabs and is somewhat uneven. The lighting is natural, coming from the end of the tunnel, creating a strong sense of depth and perspective.

**Following Jesus meant:  
Exclusion  
Slander  
Imprisonment**



**Not: Will life be easy?**

But: Will I persevere?



# The First and the Last

Who died and came to life again

A person is walking away from the camera on a wide, dark beach. The ocean is on both sides, and the sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

**I know your suffering...**

Yet you are rich



**When faith is costly—**

**PERSEVERE**