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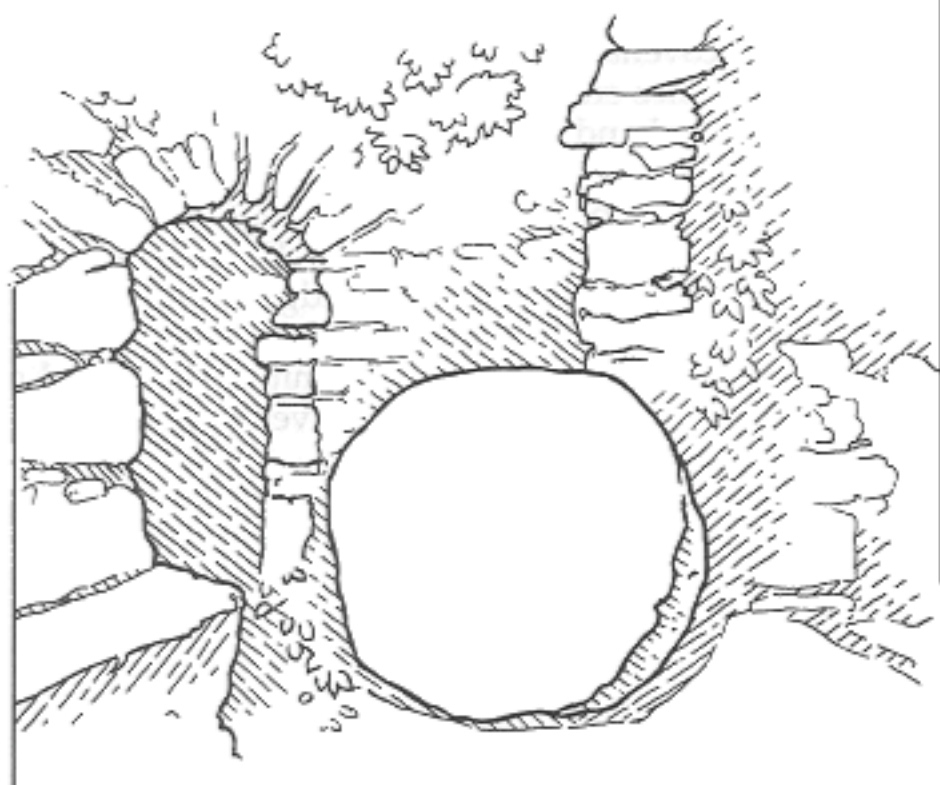
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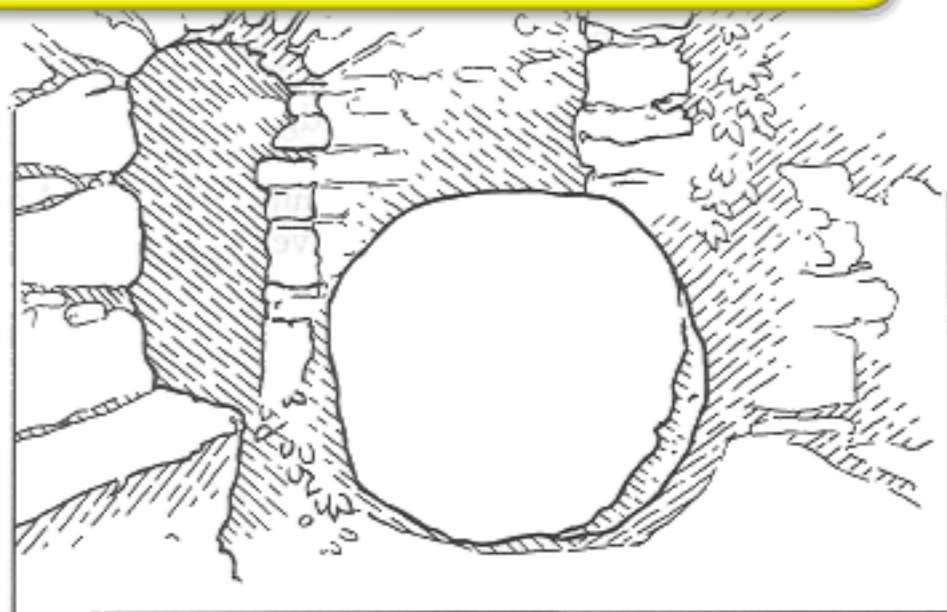
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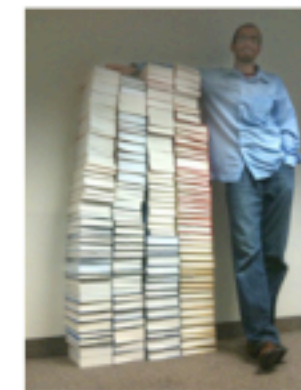
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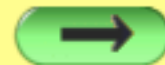
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Something of the value of accurate translations that can be understood by most people can be seen from the words of Erasmus written over four hundred years ago in 1516:

I totally disagree with those who are unwilling that the Holy Scriptures, translated into the common tongue, should be read by unlearned. Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I could wish that even all women should read the Gospel and St. Paul's Epistles, and I would that they might be read and known not merely by the Scots and the Irish but even by the Turks and the Saracens. I wish that the farm worker might sing parts of them at the plough, and that the weaver might hum them at the shuttle, and that the traveler might beguile the weariness of the way by reciting them.

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