The Reality of Christmas
Part Two: Death & Resurrection
By Louie Marsh, 12-18-2022

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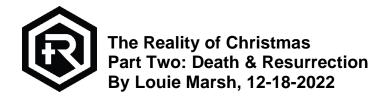
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