



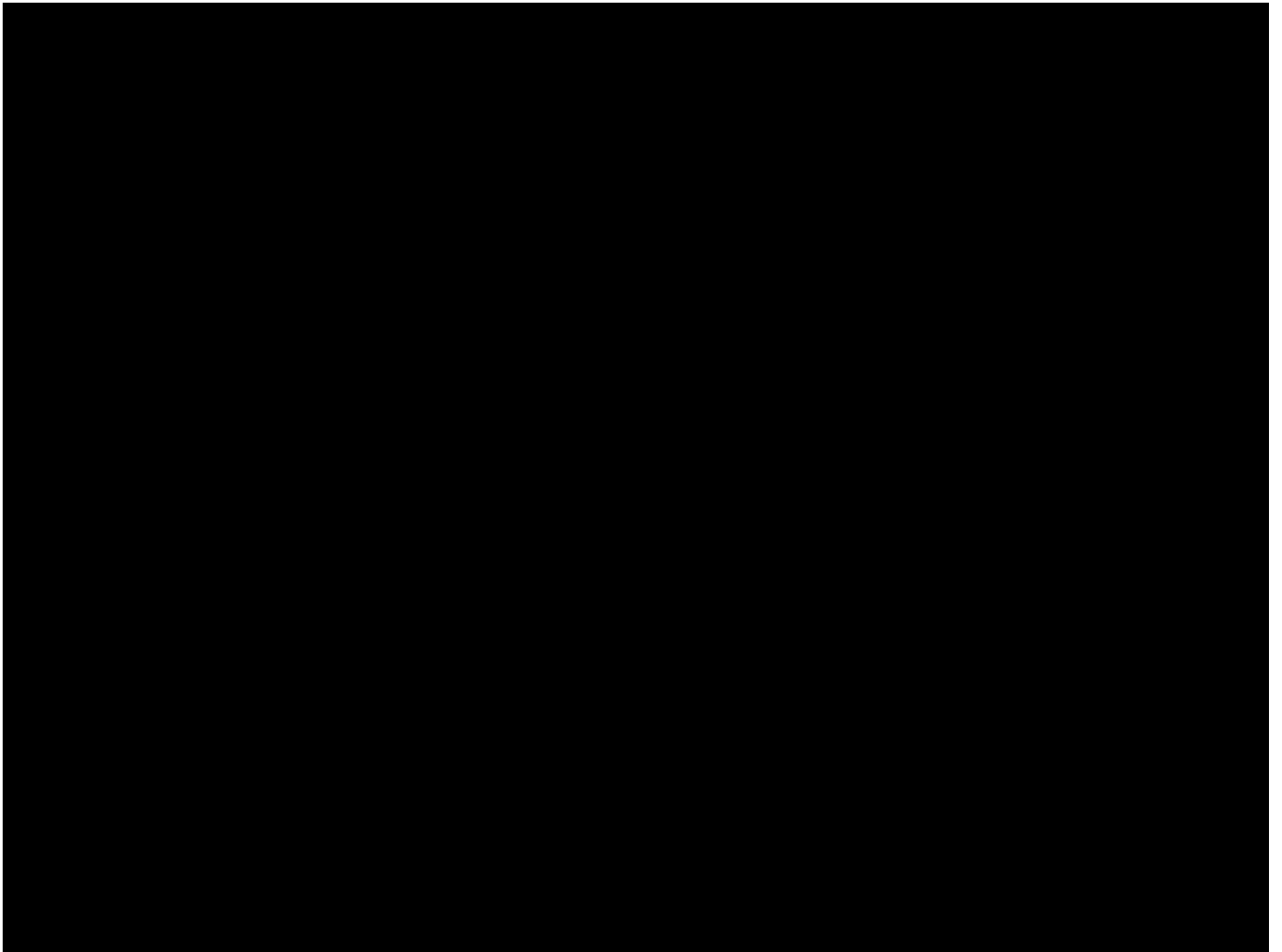
Easter Sierra Church 2010

Welcome!





Easter 1991
**"Jesus is Risen; the
Party's at Harvey's"**





Easter
Bunny
&
Rene

A close-up photograph of a palm frond, showing the intricate, overlapping structure of the leaflets. The lighting is dramatic, with a dark background that makes the green and yellowish tones of the frond stand out. The text is overlaid in a white, serif font, centered horizontally and positioned in the upper half of the image.

The most important thing you believe
in life is what you believe about God.

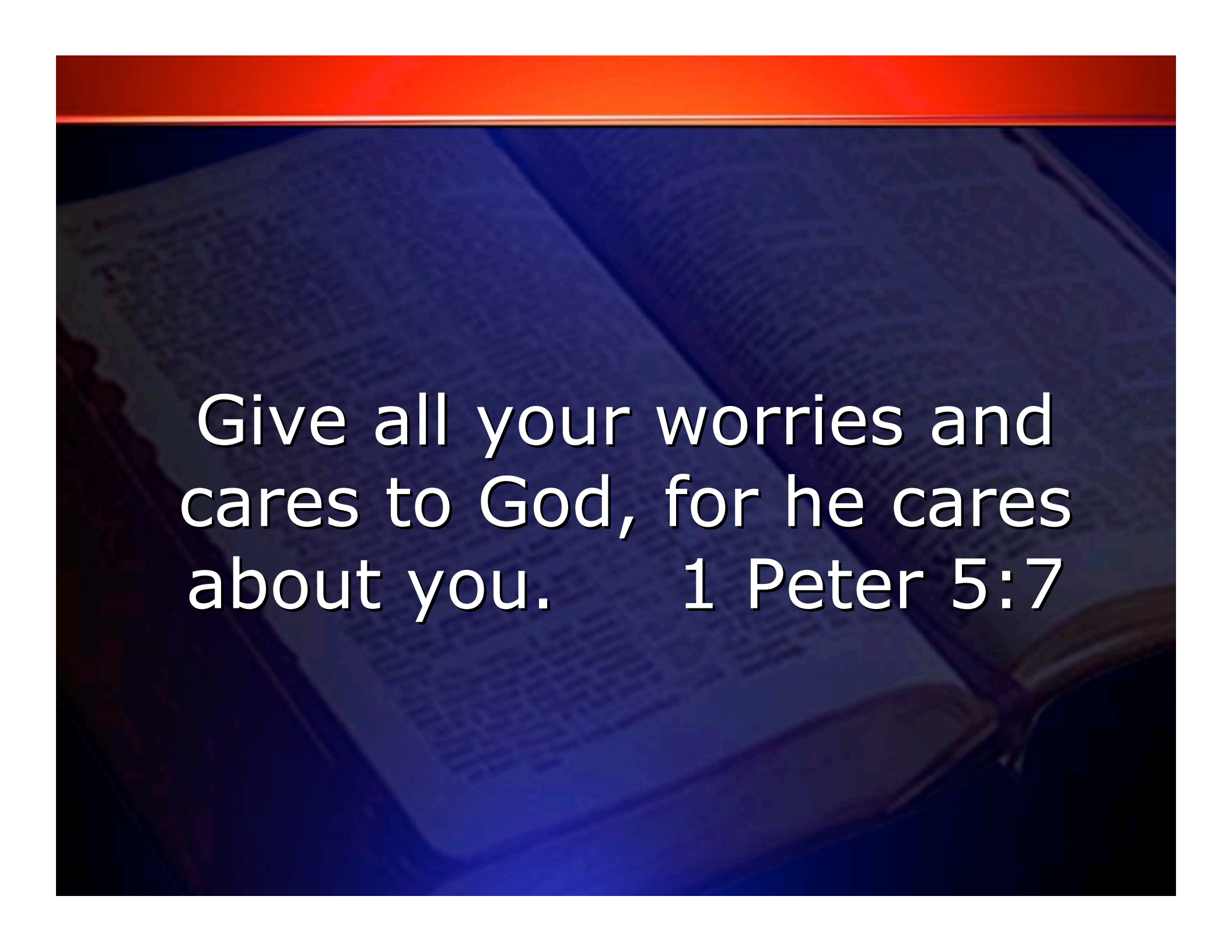
When you don't understand what
God is really like, you fall into
one of two mistakes.

1. You **deny** Him and say,

"I don't believe in God."

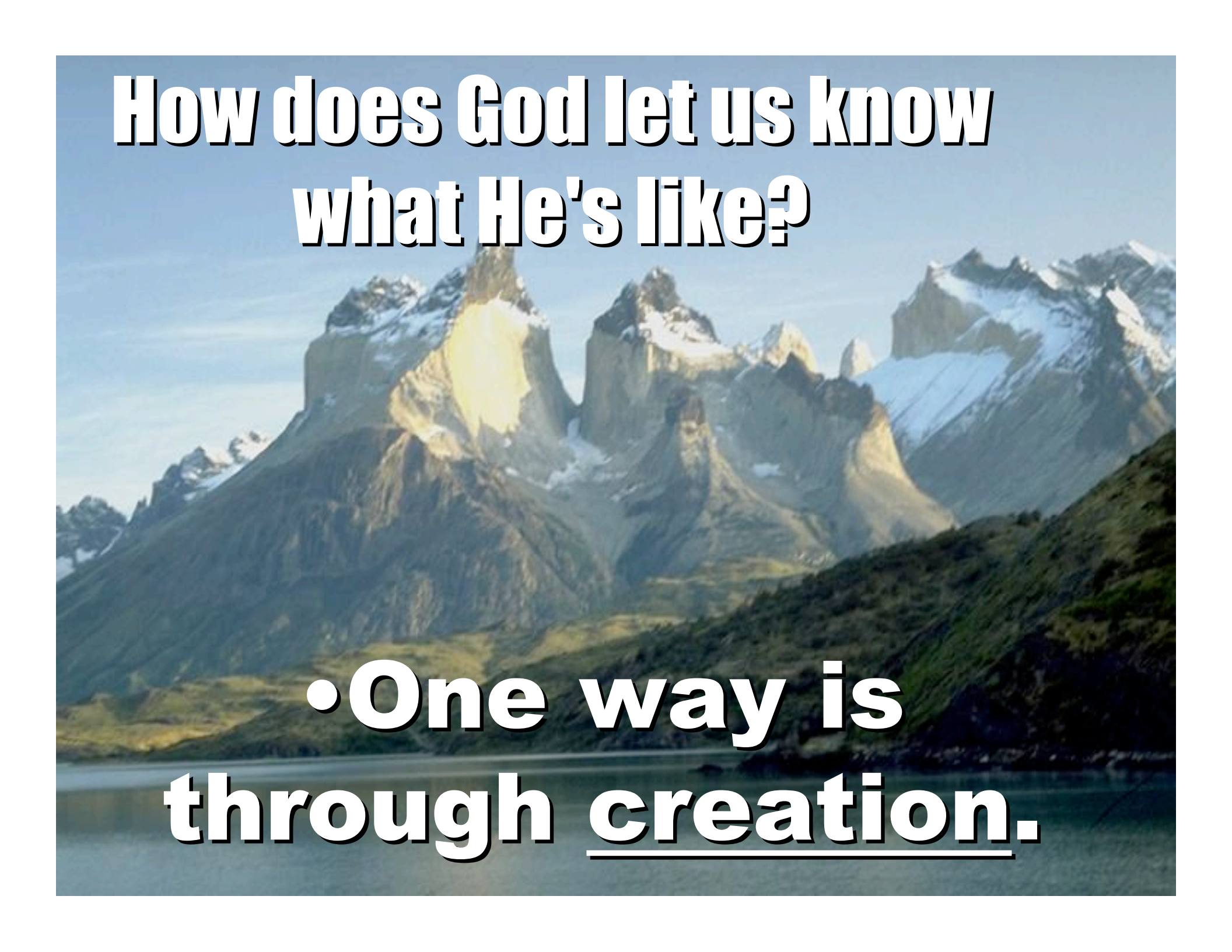
When you don't understand what
God is really like, you fall into
one of two mistakes.

2. You create your own
little god.

An open book is shown from a high angle, with its pages slightly curved. The book is set against a dark blue background. At the top of the image, there is a horizontal bar with a red-to-orange gradient. The text is centered on the book's pages.

Give all your worries and
cares to God, for he cares
about you. 1 Peter 5:7

**I. GOD CARES ENOUGH
ABOUT YOU TO
REVEAL
HIMSELF.**

A scenic view of snow-capped mountains with a lake in the foreground. The mountains are rugged and jagged, with patches of snow and ice. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The foreground shows a calm lake reflecting the surrounding landscape.

**How does God let us know
what He's like?**

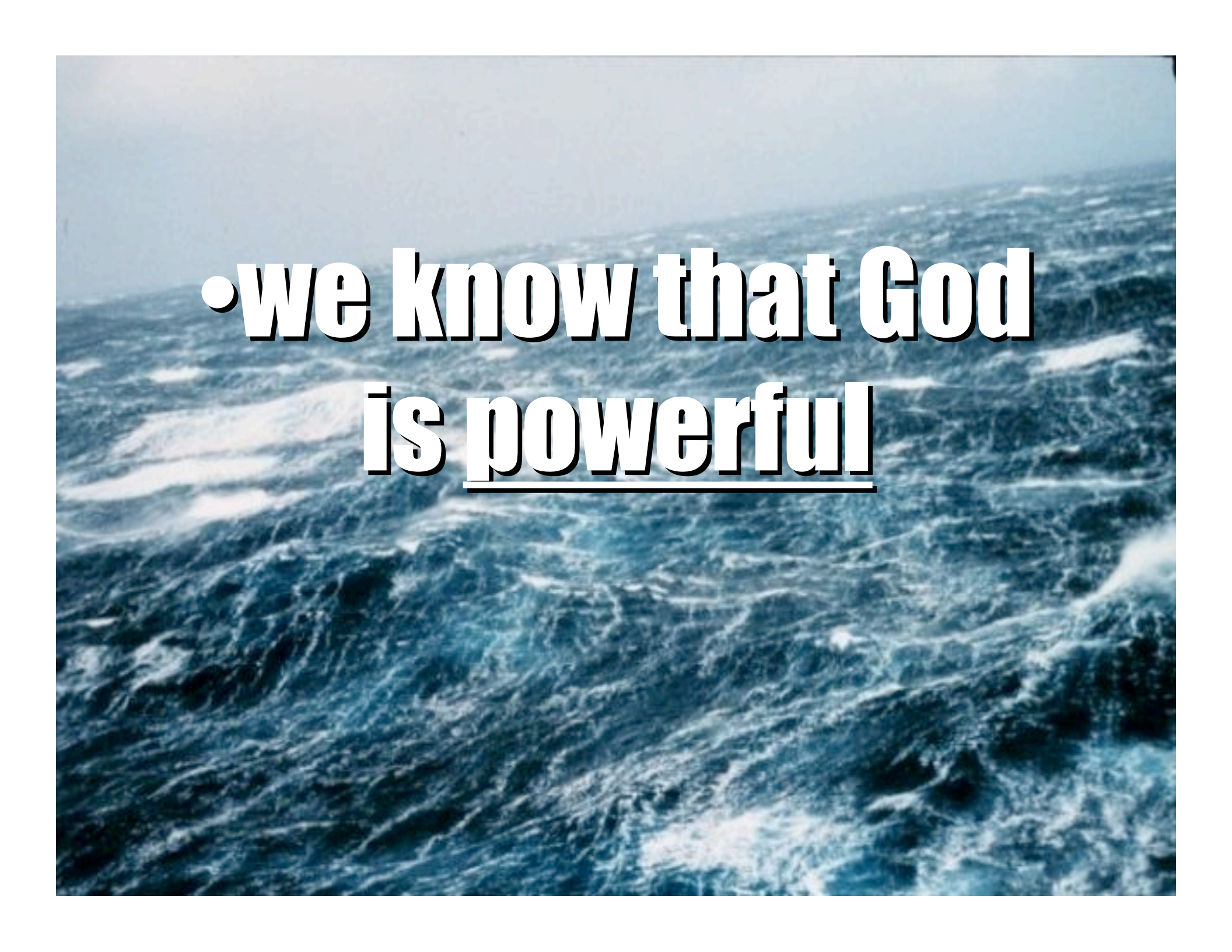
**• One way is
through creation.**

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.


Romans 1:20



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- **we know that God is organized**

An aerial photograph of a vast, turbulent ocean. The water is a deep, dark blue, with numerous white-capped waves and churning currents visible across the surface. The horizon is visible in the distance, where the sea meets a pale, overcast sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of immense power and scale.

• **we know that God
is powerful**



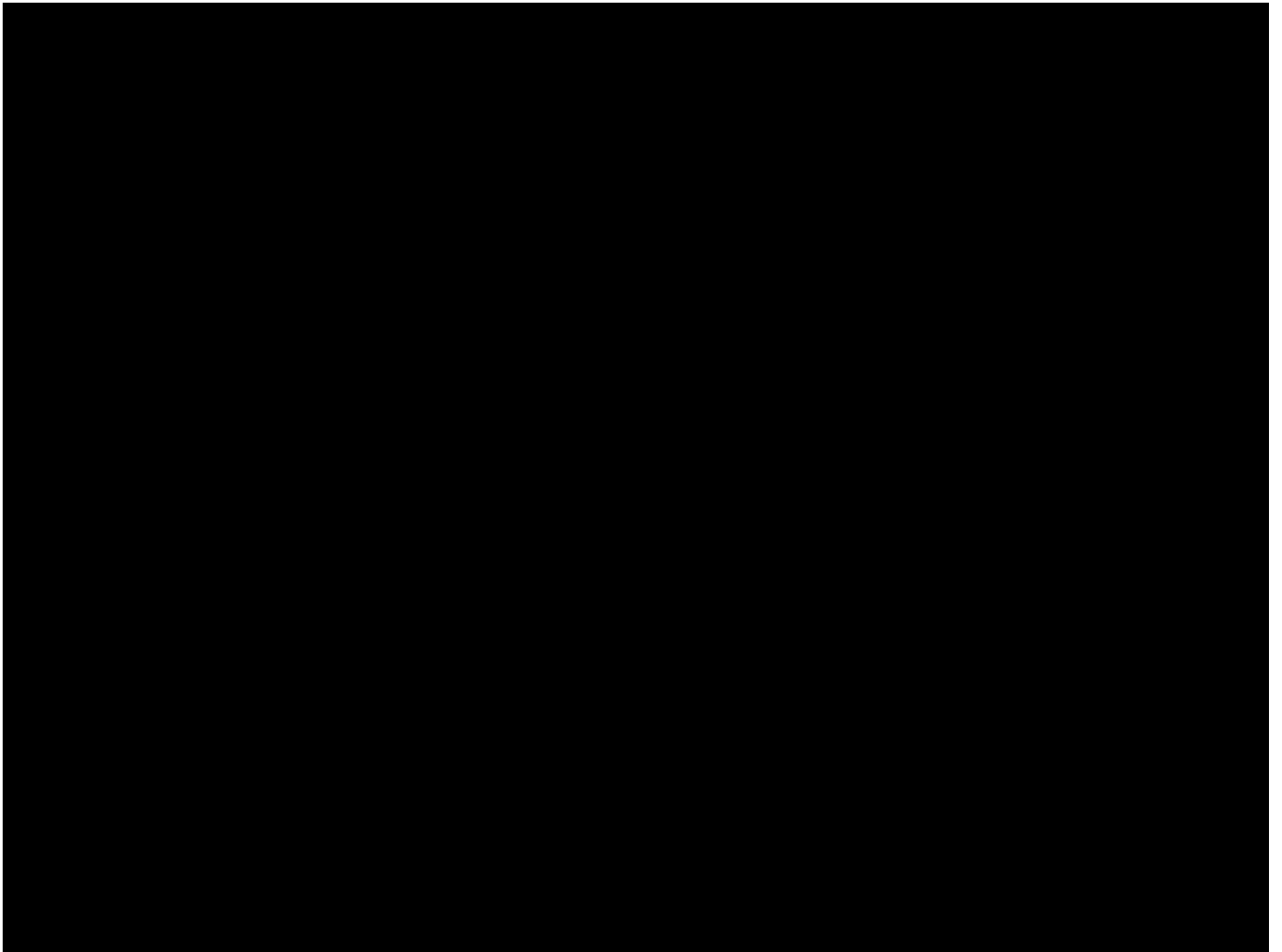
• **we know that
God is creative**

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that spreads across the sky and reflects on the water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. On the left side, a dark silhouette of a landmass or cliff is visible. The overall mood is serene and beautiful.

**• we know that
God loves beauty**



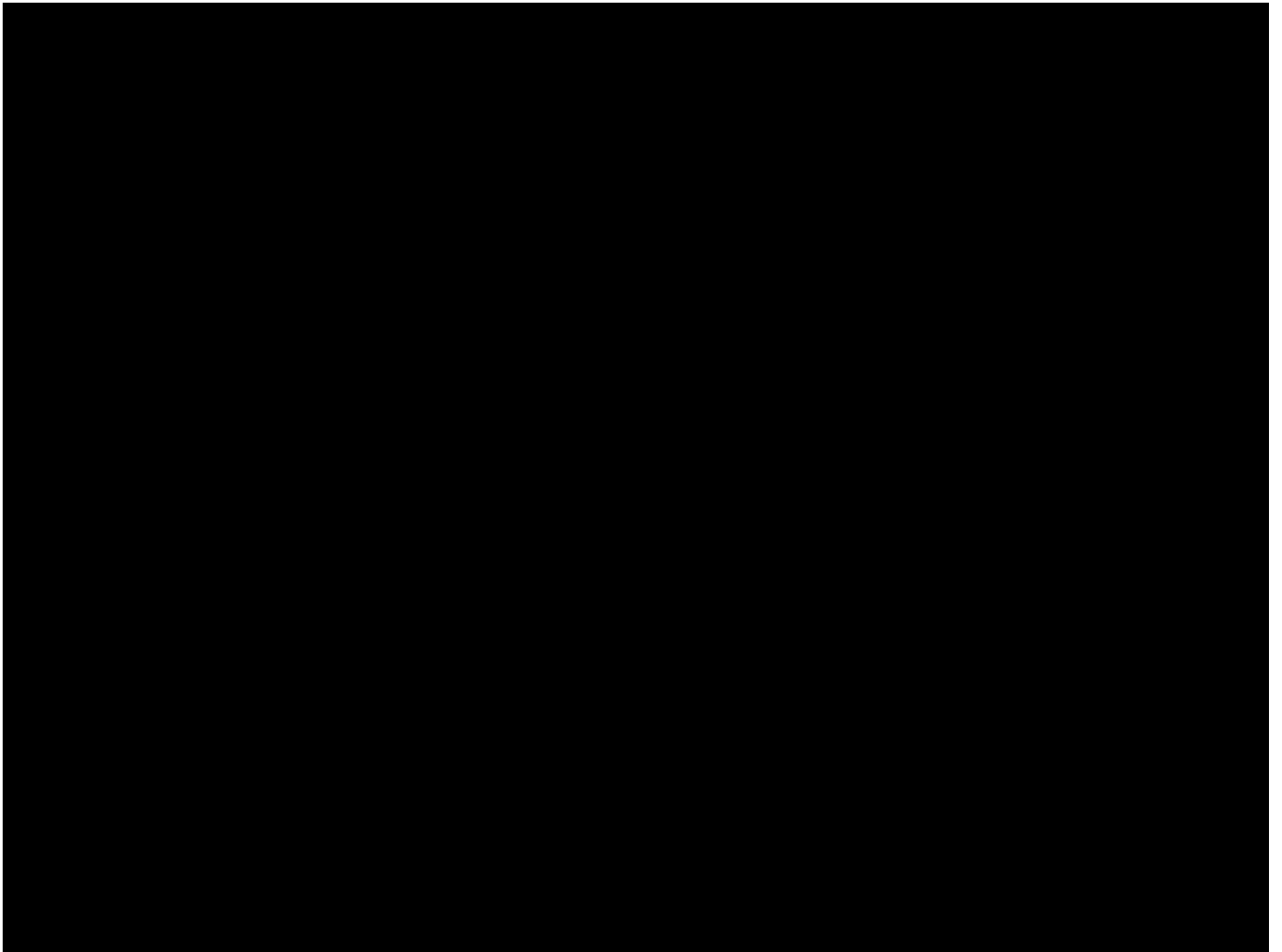
- **we know that God has a sense of humor**

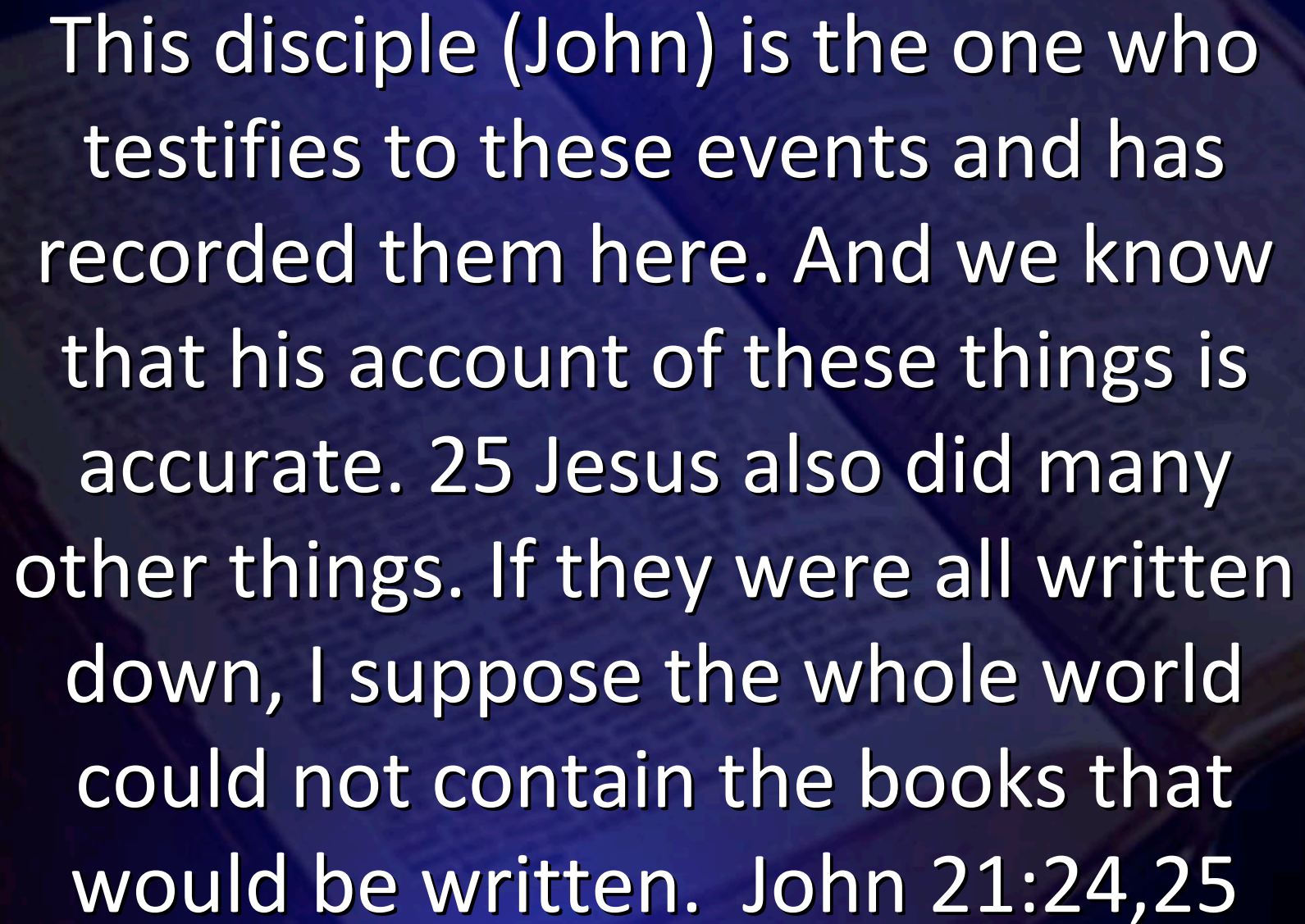




**How does God let us
know what He's like?**

**God came to
earth in
human
form**



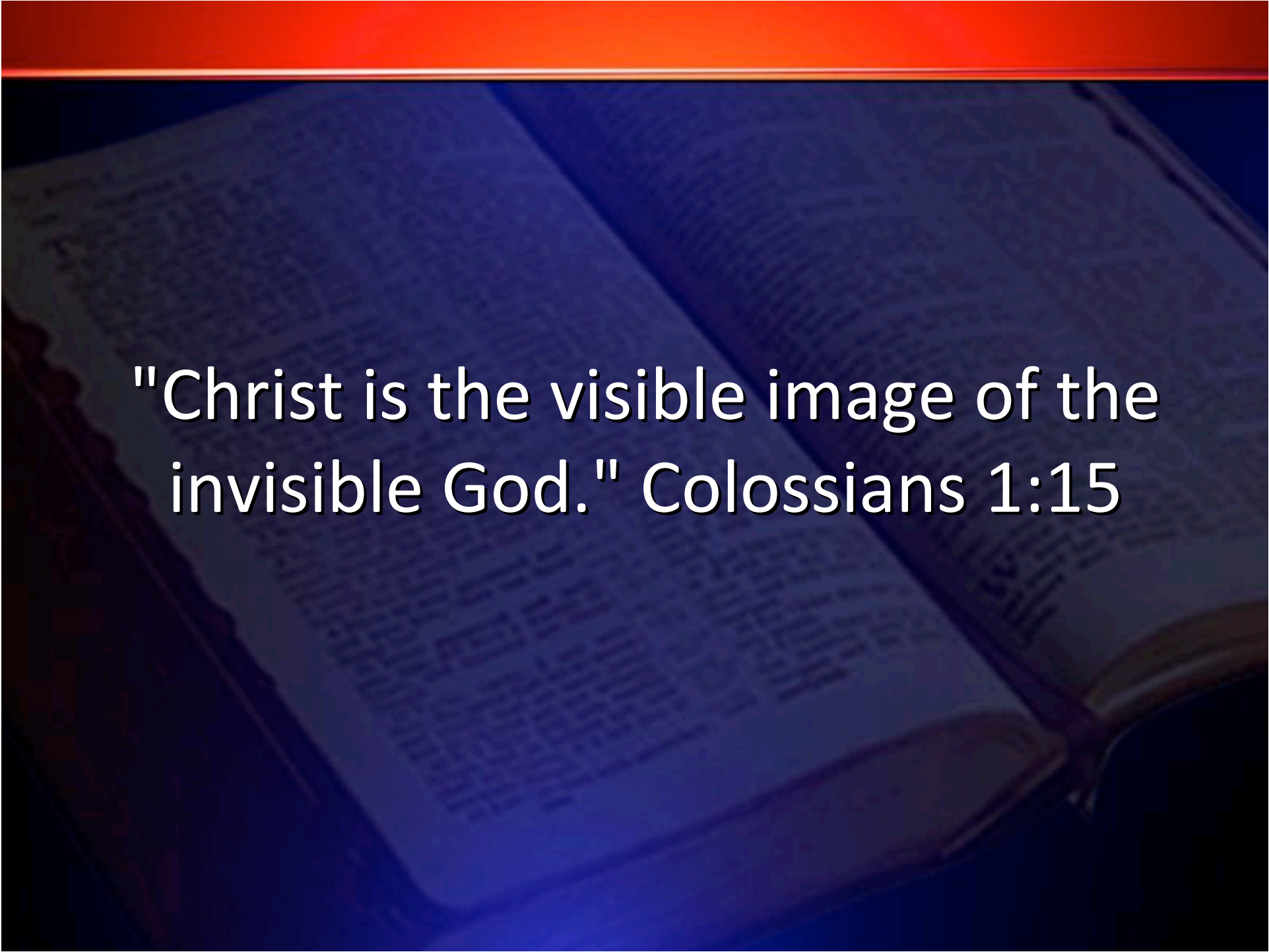


This disciple (John) is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate. 25 Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written. John 21:24,25

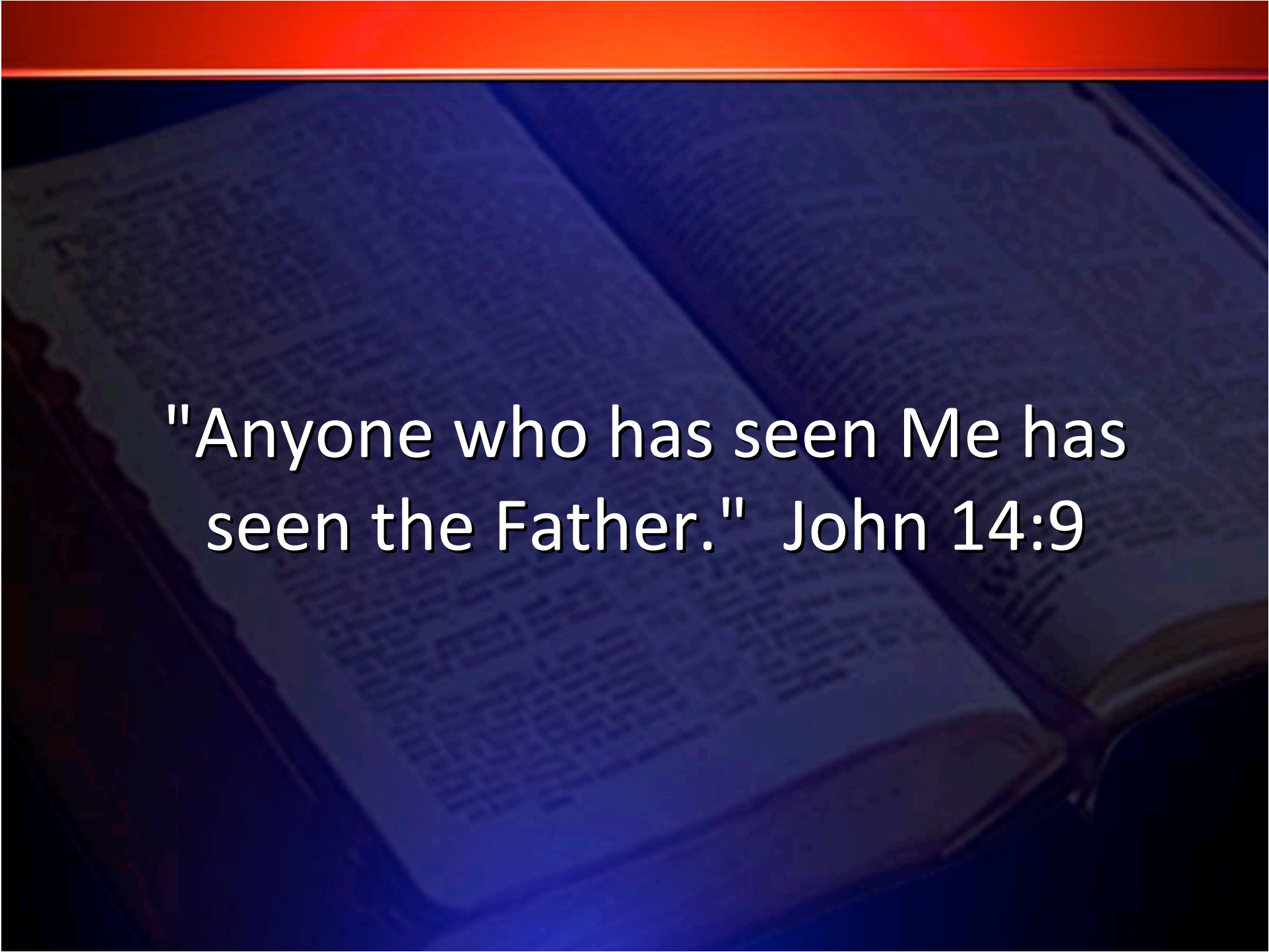


Luke 2:32

"Jesus is the light who revealed
God to the nations."



"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15



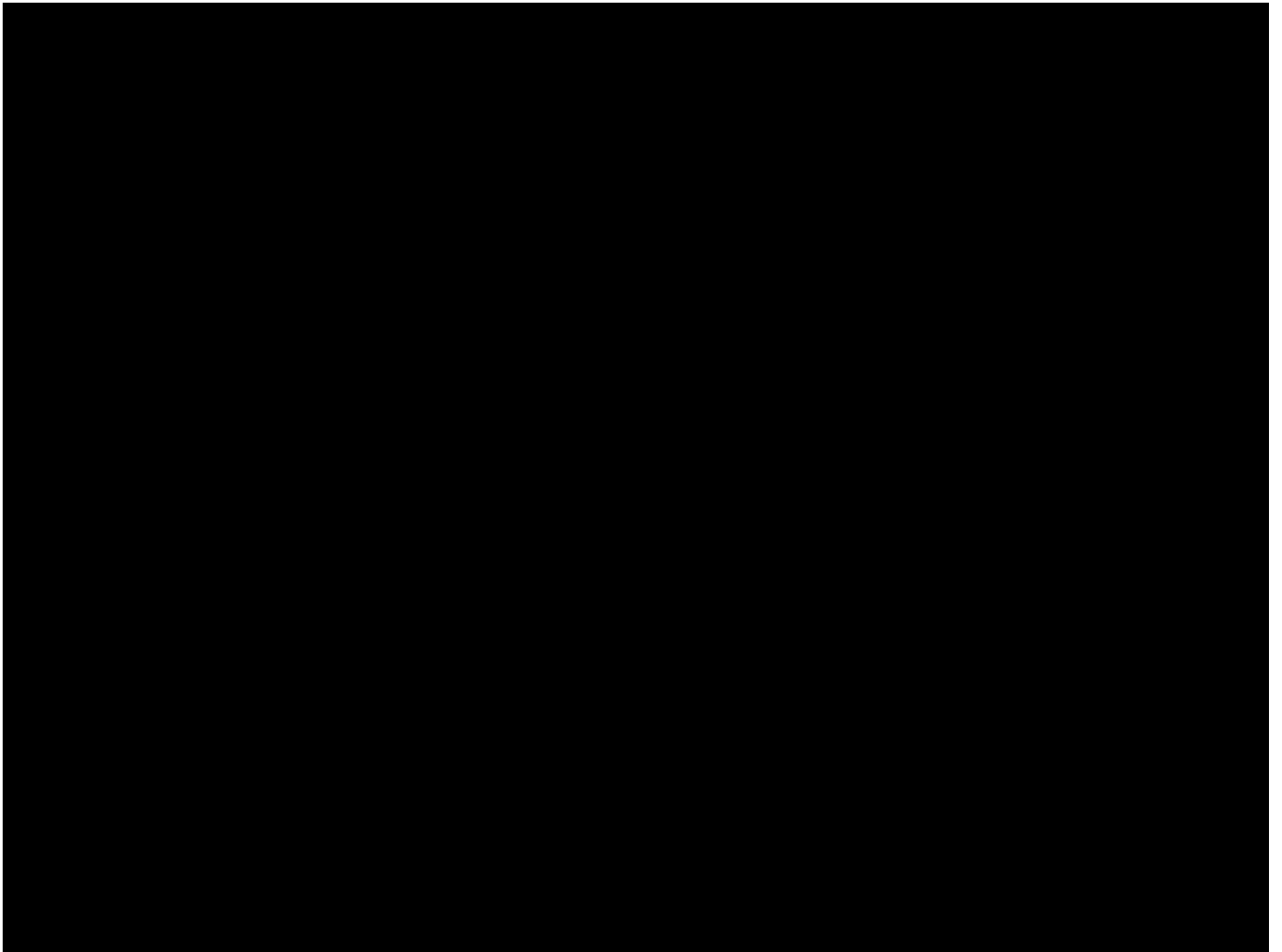
"Anyone who has seen Me has
seen the Father." John 14:9





I want to say this to the television audience.





If Jesus is dead, how can we
account for his own mother &
brothers worshiping him as God?



If Jesus is dead, why did his followers no longer fear death & suffer martyrdom boldly trusting they would rise one day?



If Jesus is dead, how do we explain the conversion of his most bitter enemies like Saul who became Paul?



If Jesus is dead, how can we explain the disciples suffering & dying brutal deaths for Jesus without ONE recanting of his resurrection?



Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him,
"My Lord and my God!"

John 20:26-28



**"What do we know about God
now because of Jesus Christ?"**

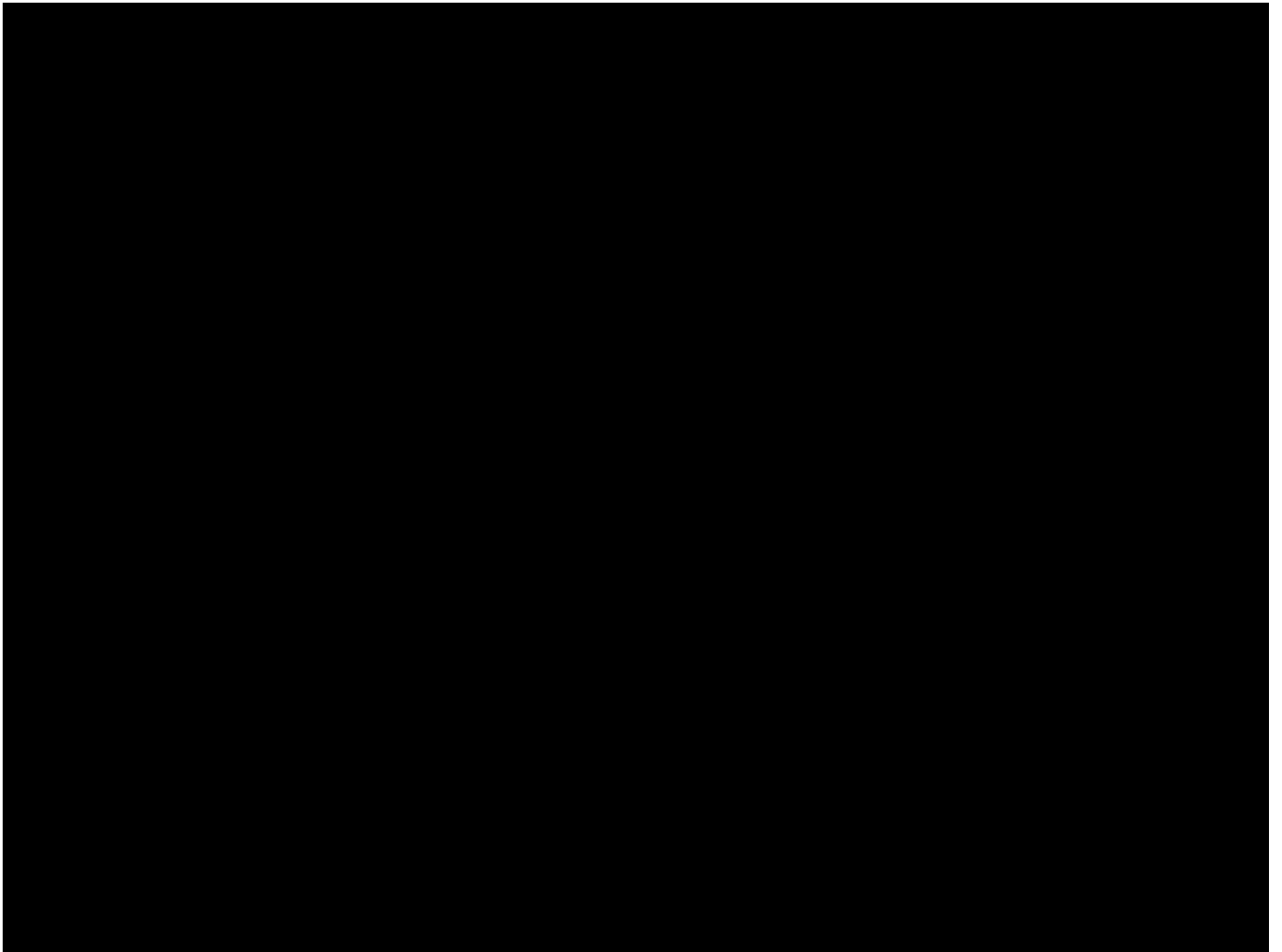
Luke Chapter 15

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

The Parable of the Lost Coin

The Parable of the Lost Son





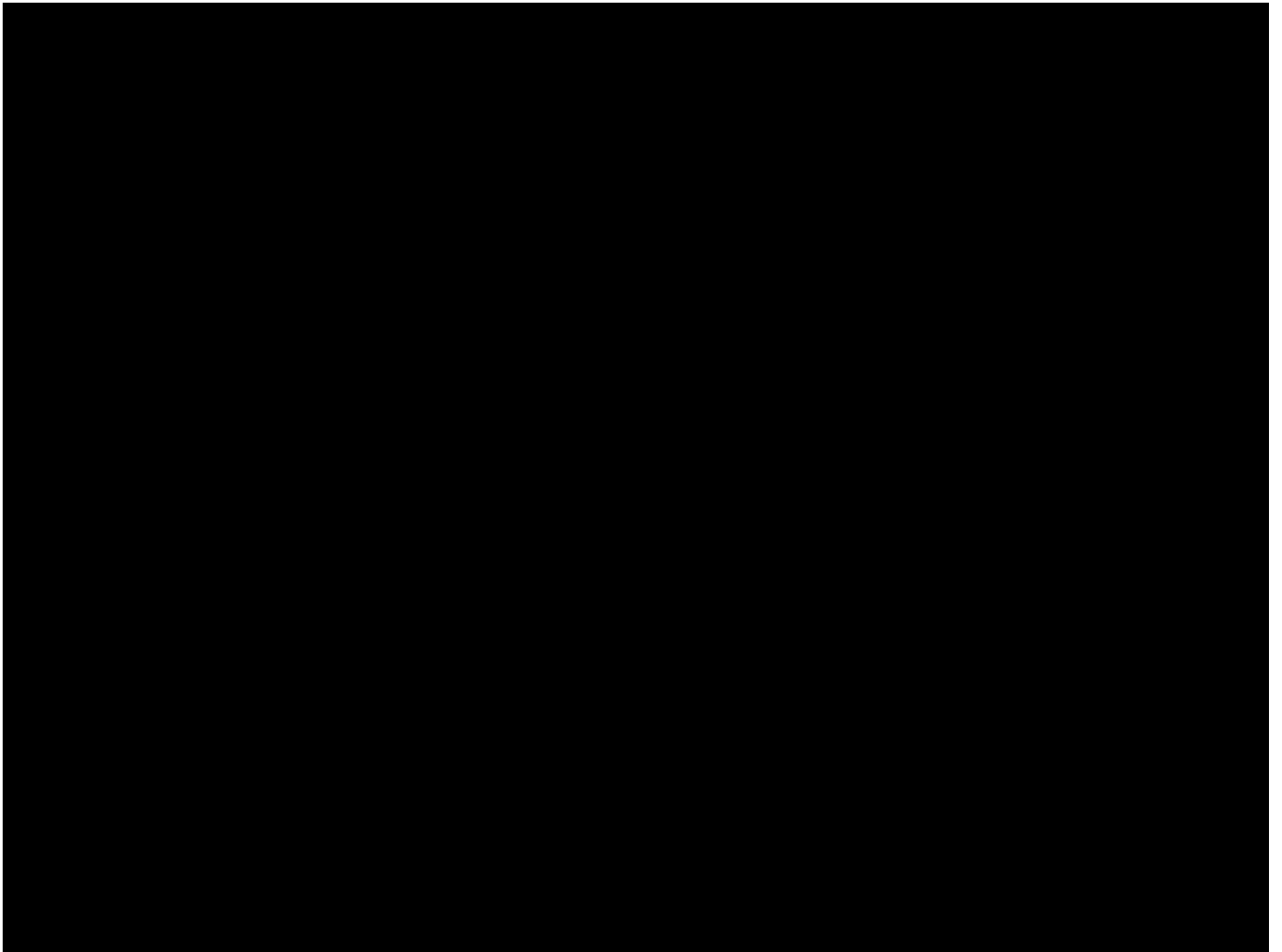
In each story
something
valuable was
LOST



The Point:
You matter
to God



**II. GOD CARES ENOUGH
ABOUT YOU TO
RESCUE
YOU.**



• **Jesus wants to
rescue you from the
justice you deserve.**



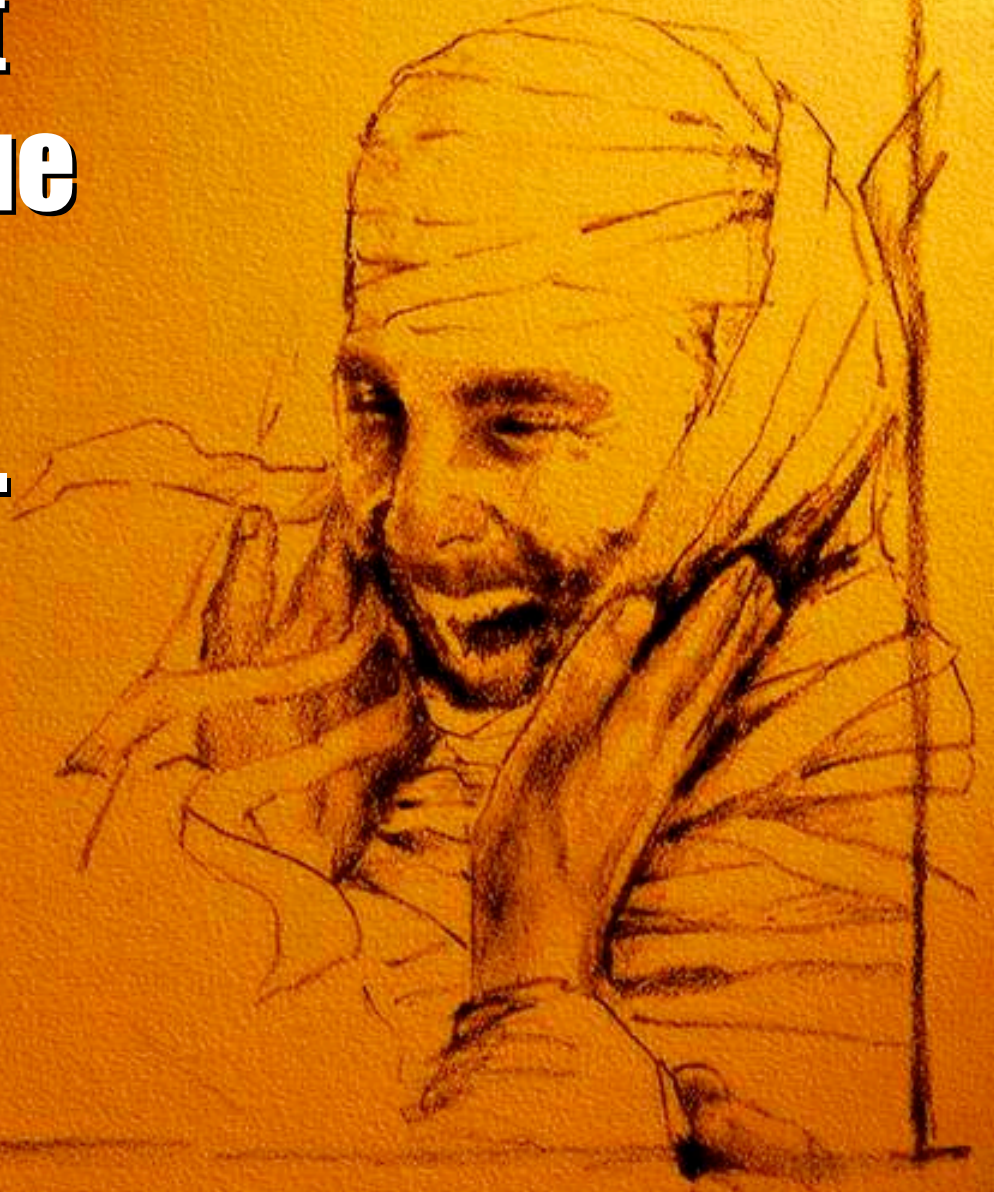


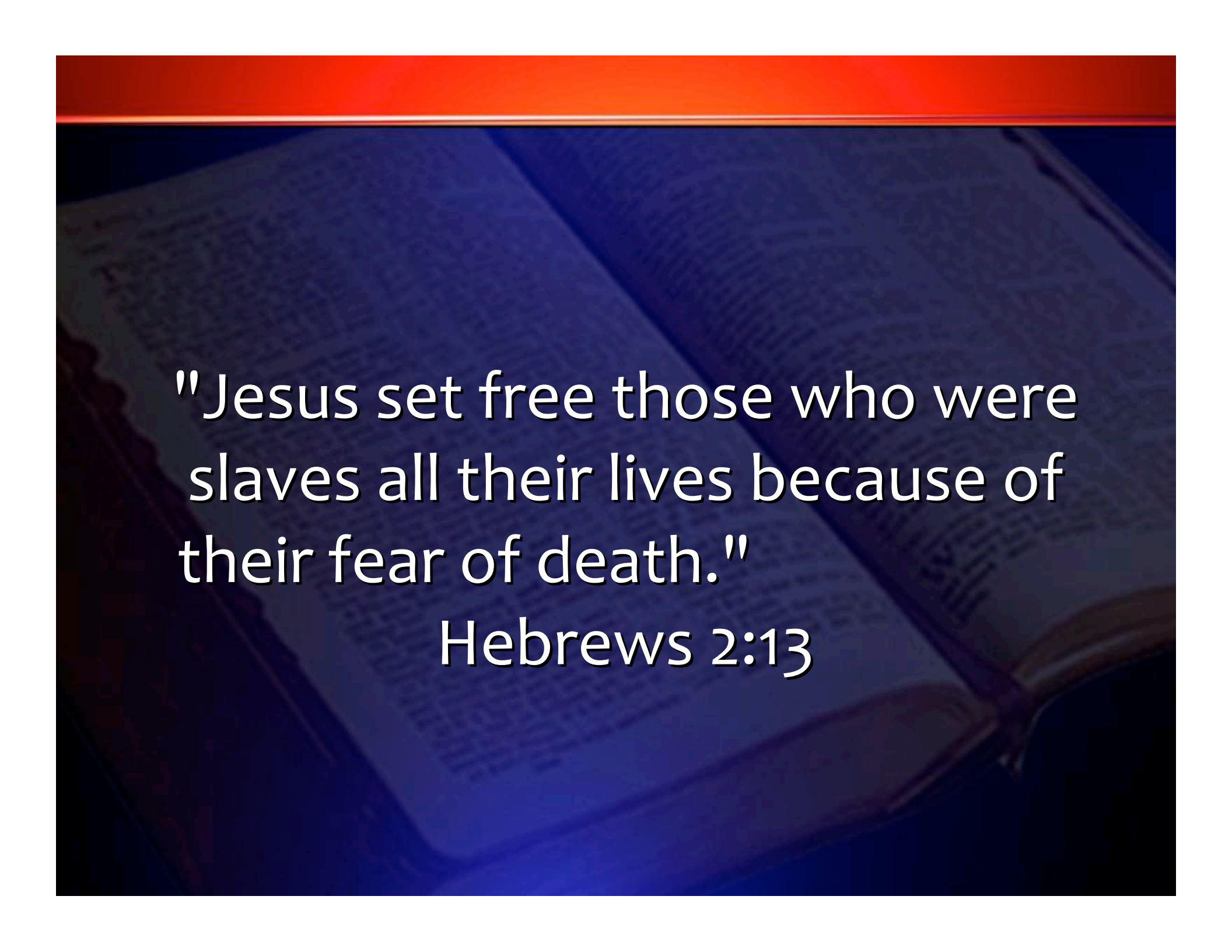
For Christ died to set them free
from the penalty of the sins
they had committed...

Hebrews 9:15



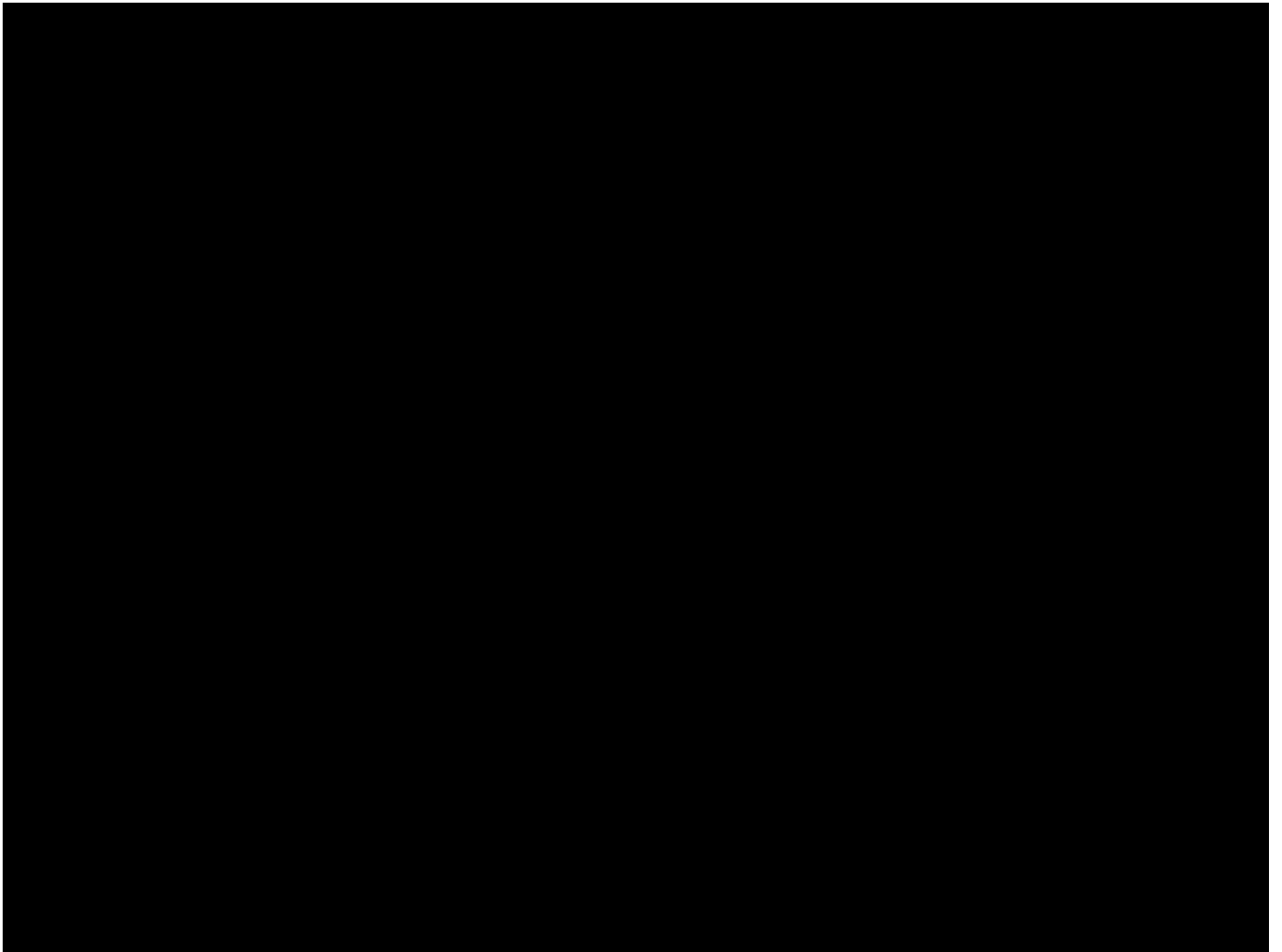
**• Jesus Christ
wants to rescue
you from the
fear of death.**

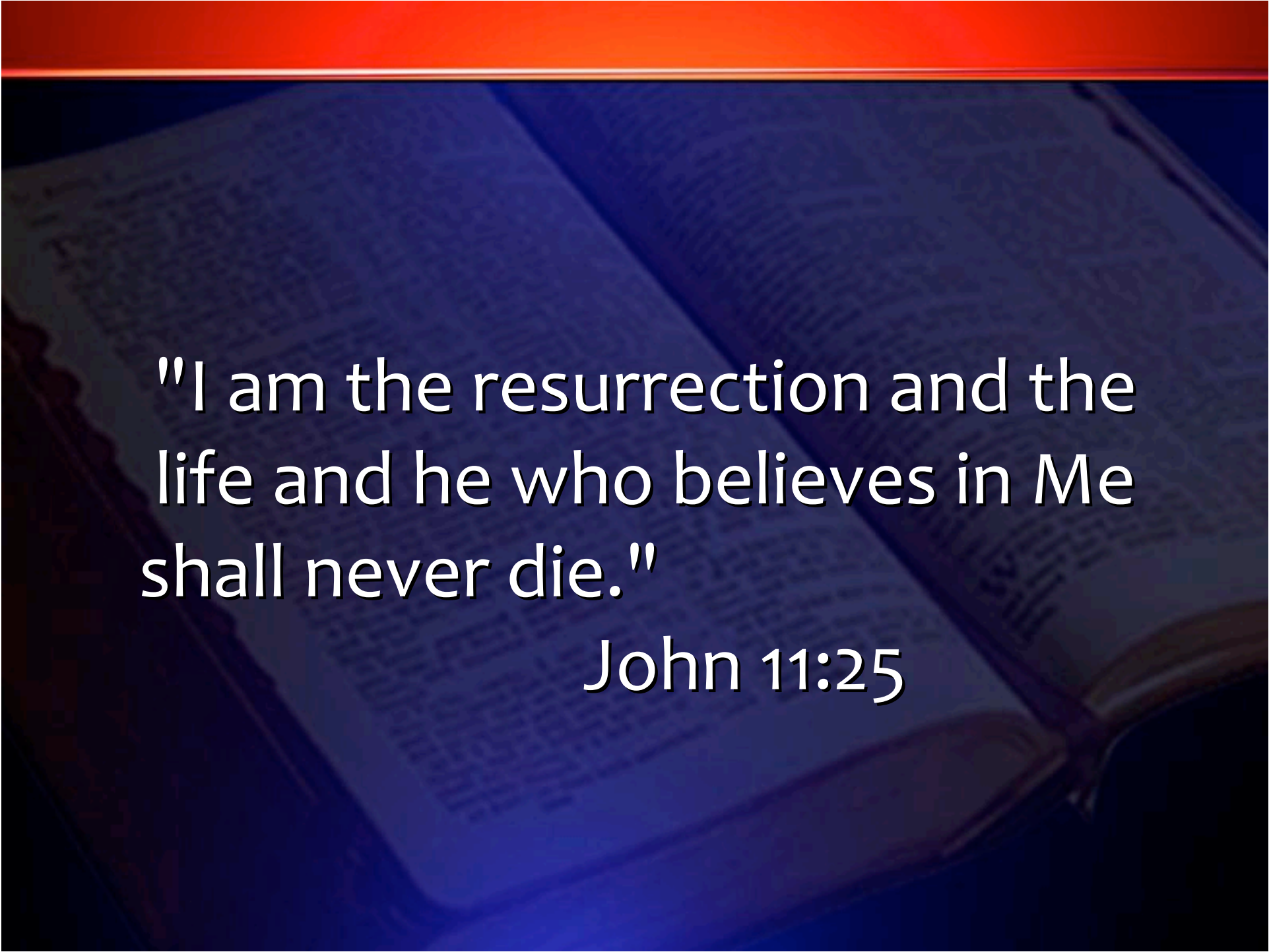


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"Jesus set free those who were slaves all their lives because of their fear of death."

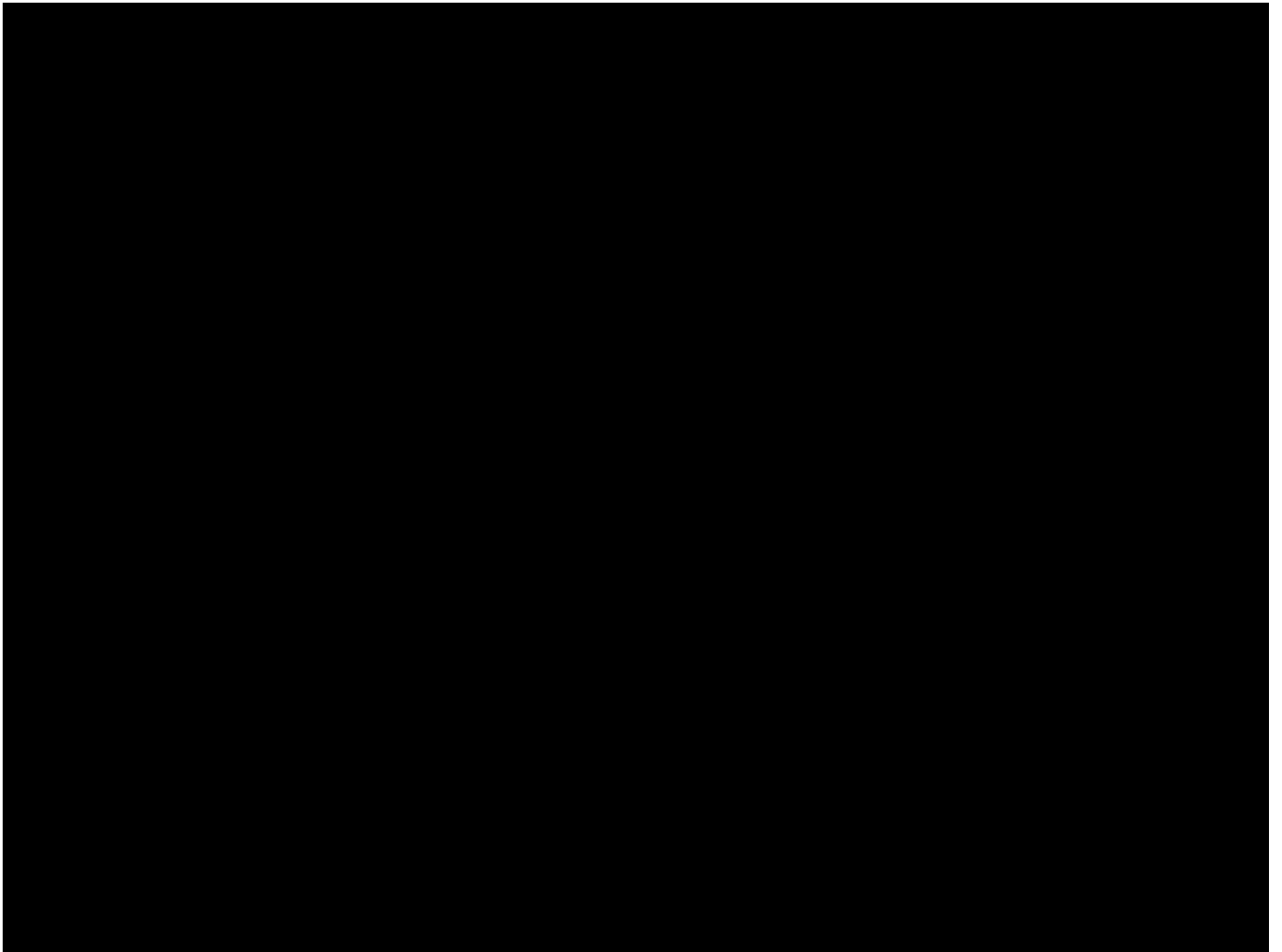
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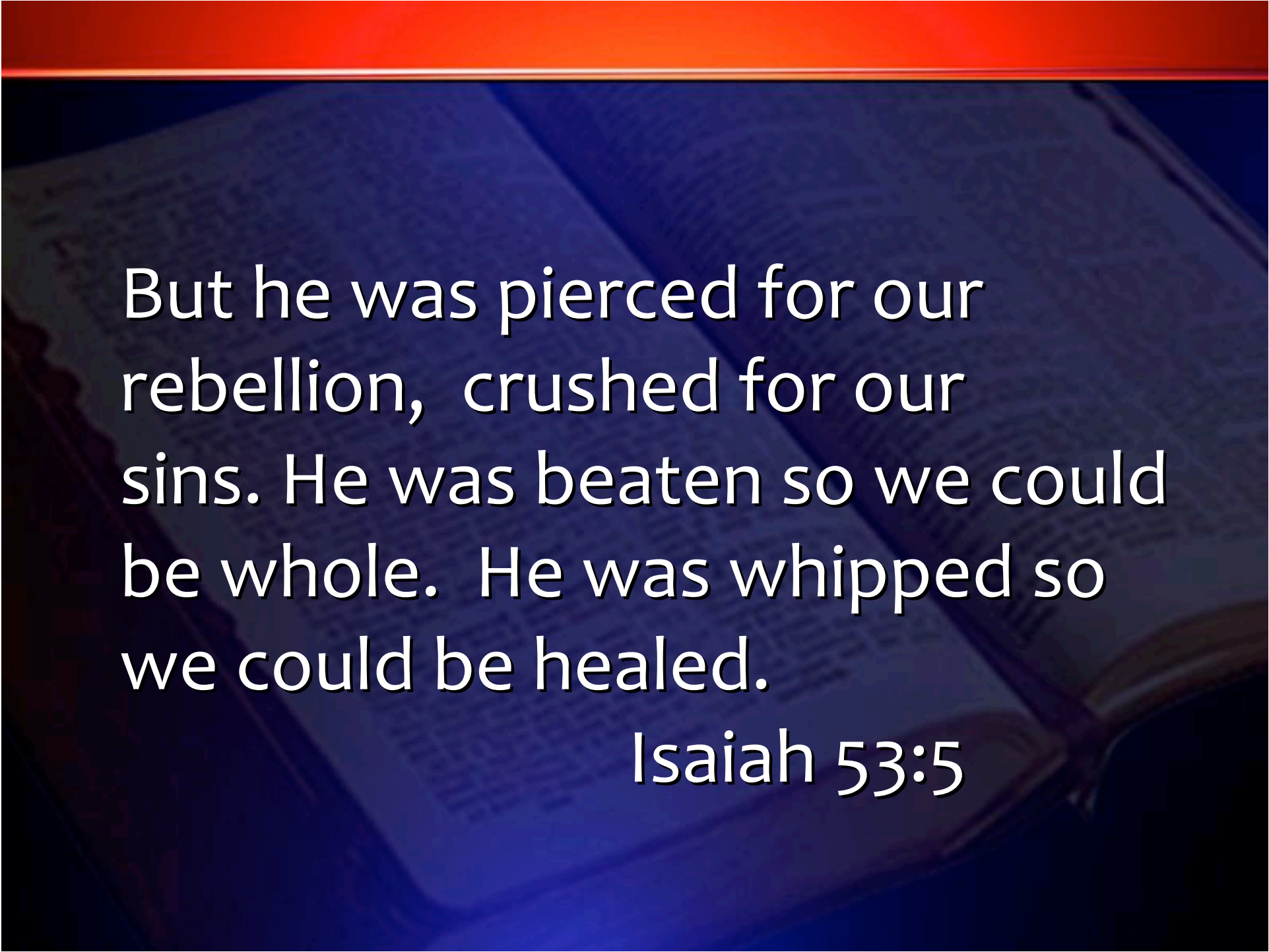




"I am the resurrection and the
life and he who believes in Me
shall never die."

John 11:25



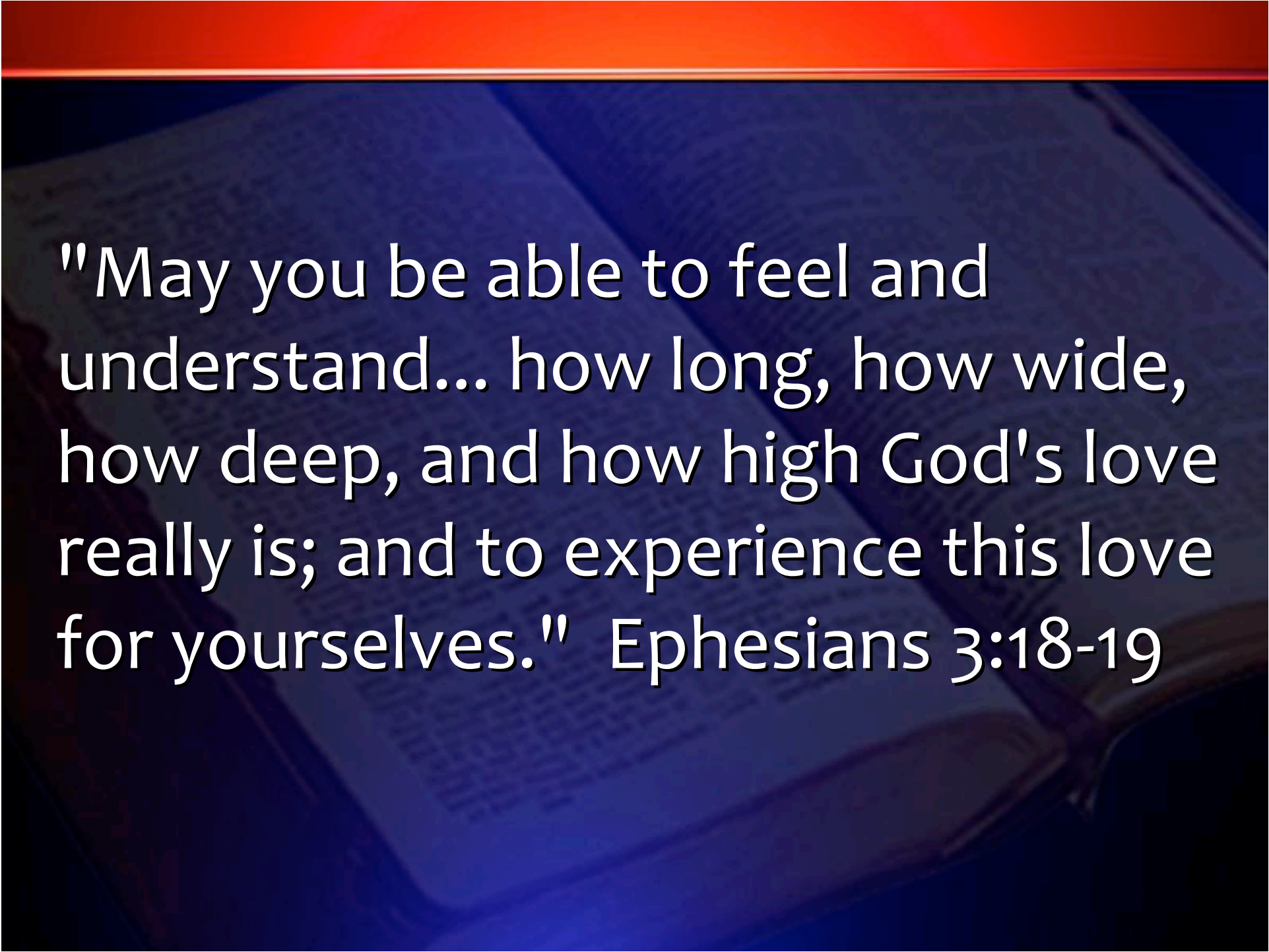


But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Isaiah 53:5

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. Romans 8:8-10





"May you be able to feel and understand... how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves." Ephesians 3:18-19



