

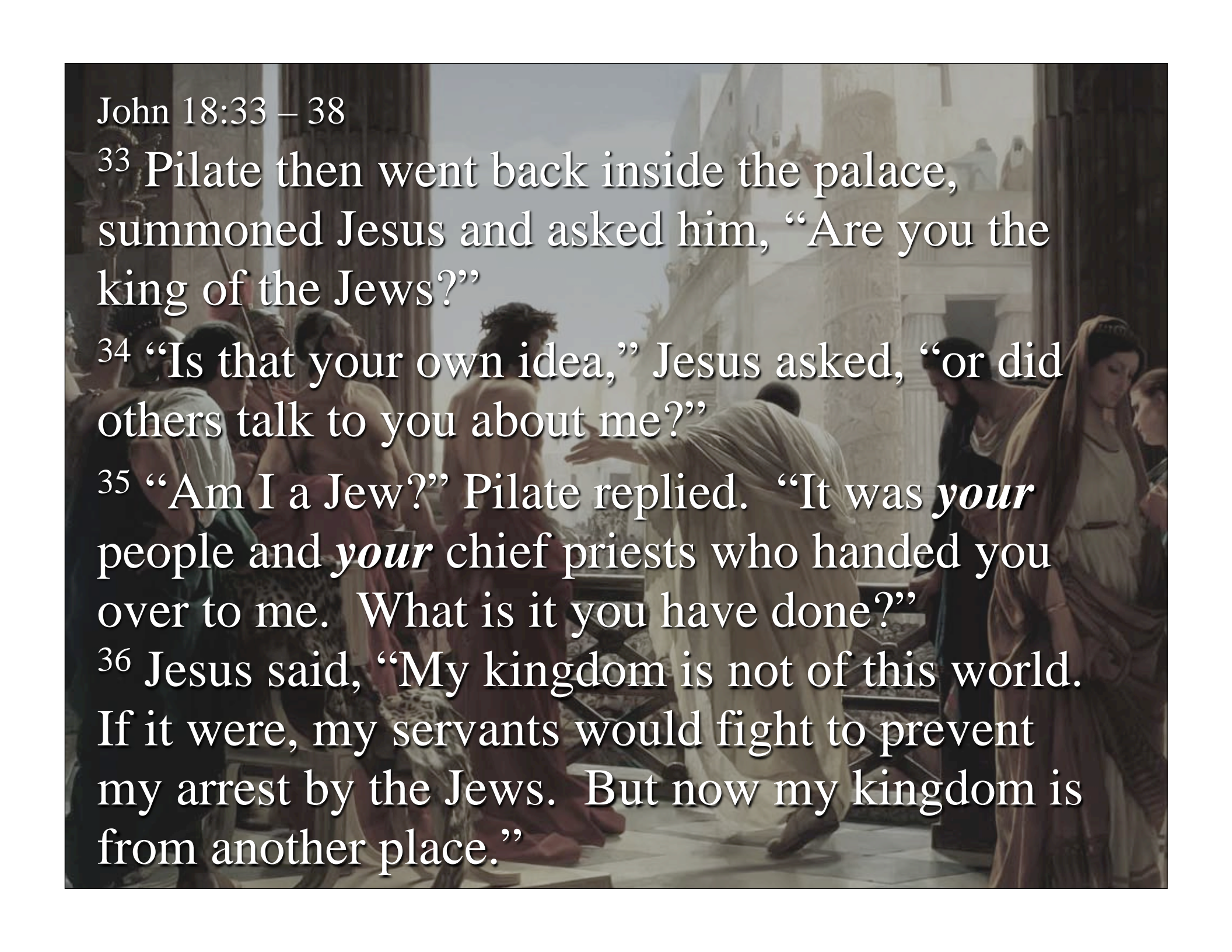
PART 1

CHRISTIANITY

faith under fire

John 18:33 - 38





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33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

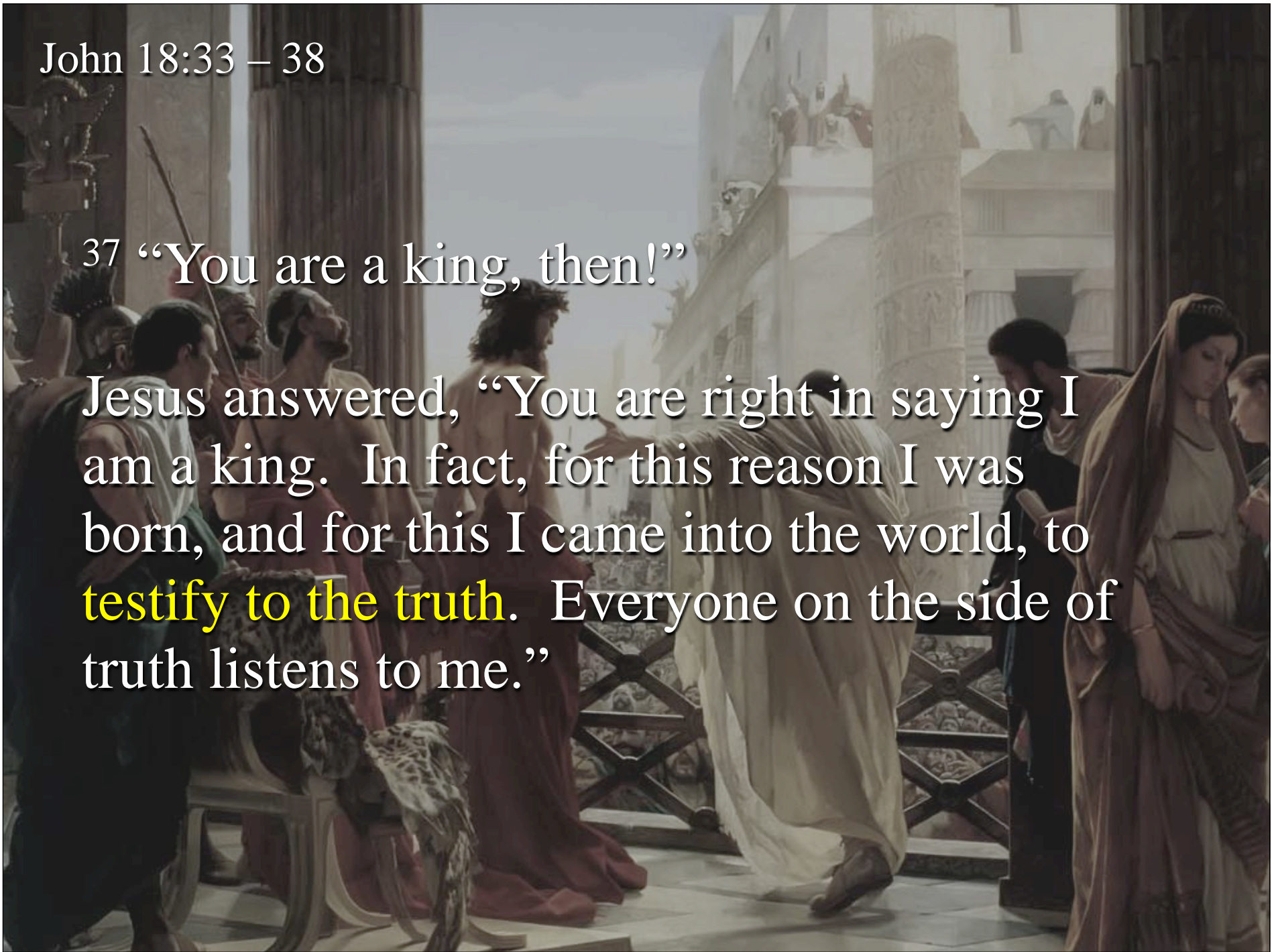
35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was *your* people and *your* chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

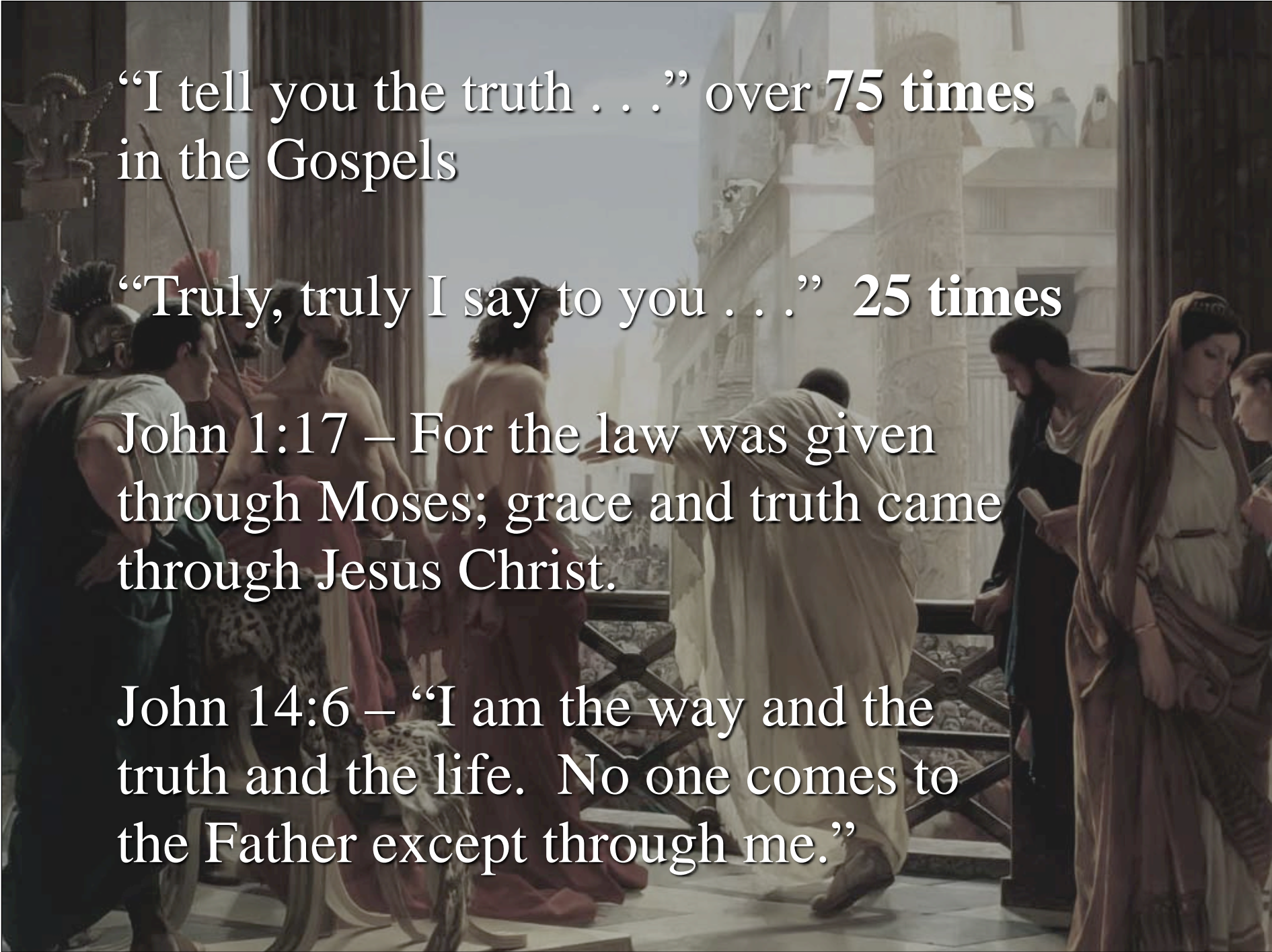
36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

John 18:33 – 38

³⁷ “You are a king, then!”

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to **testify to the truth**. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”



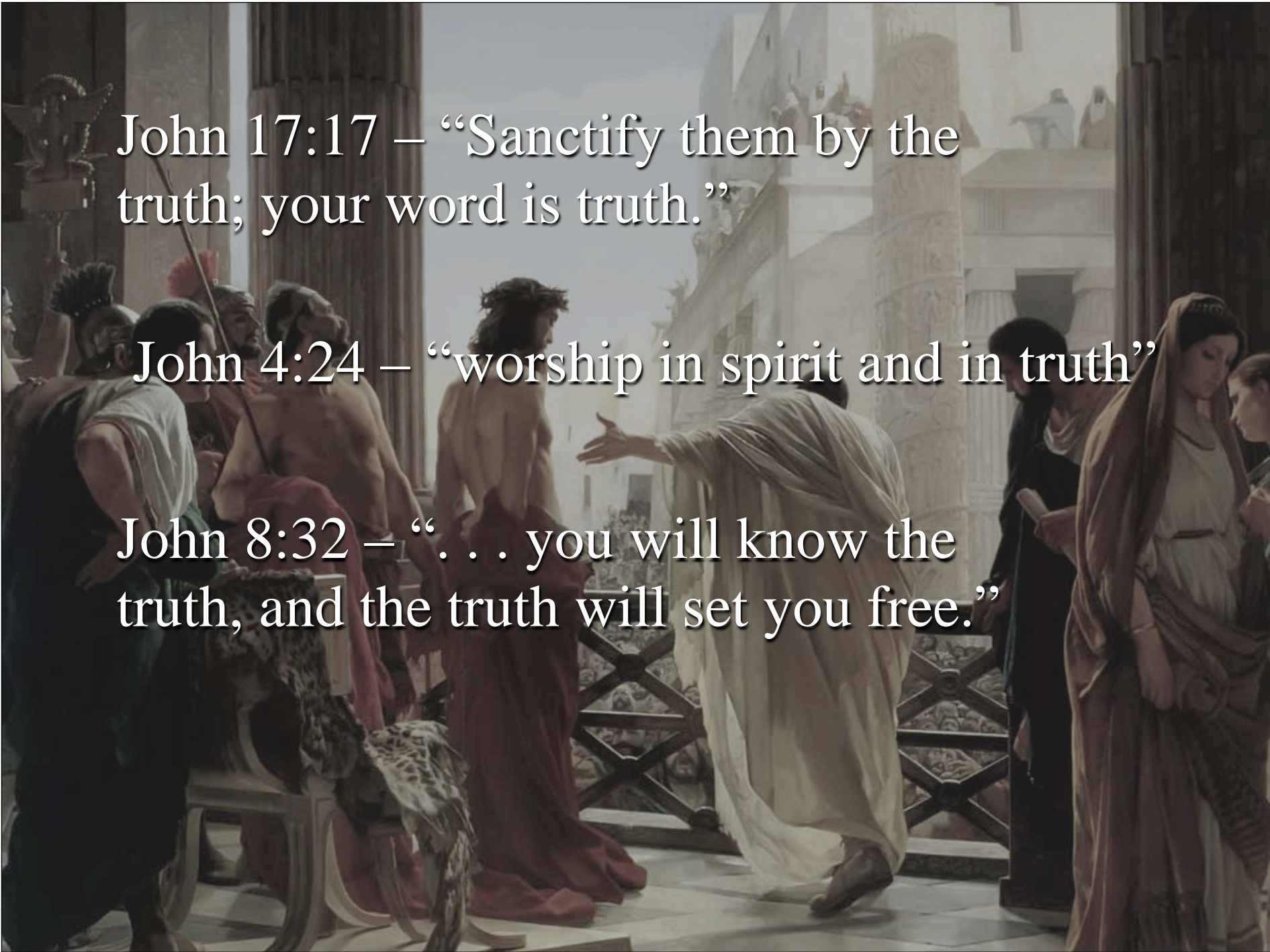


“I tell you the truth . . .” over **75 times**
in the Gospels

“Truly, truly I say to you . . .” **25 times**

John 1:17 – For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

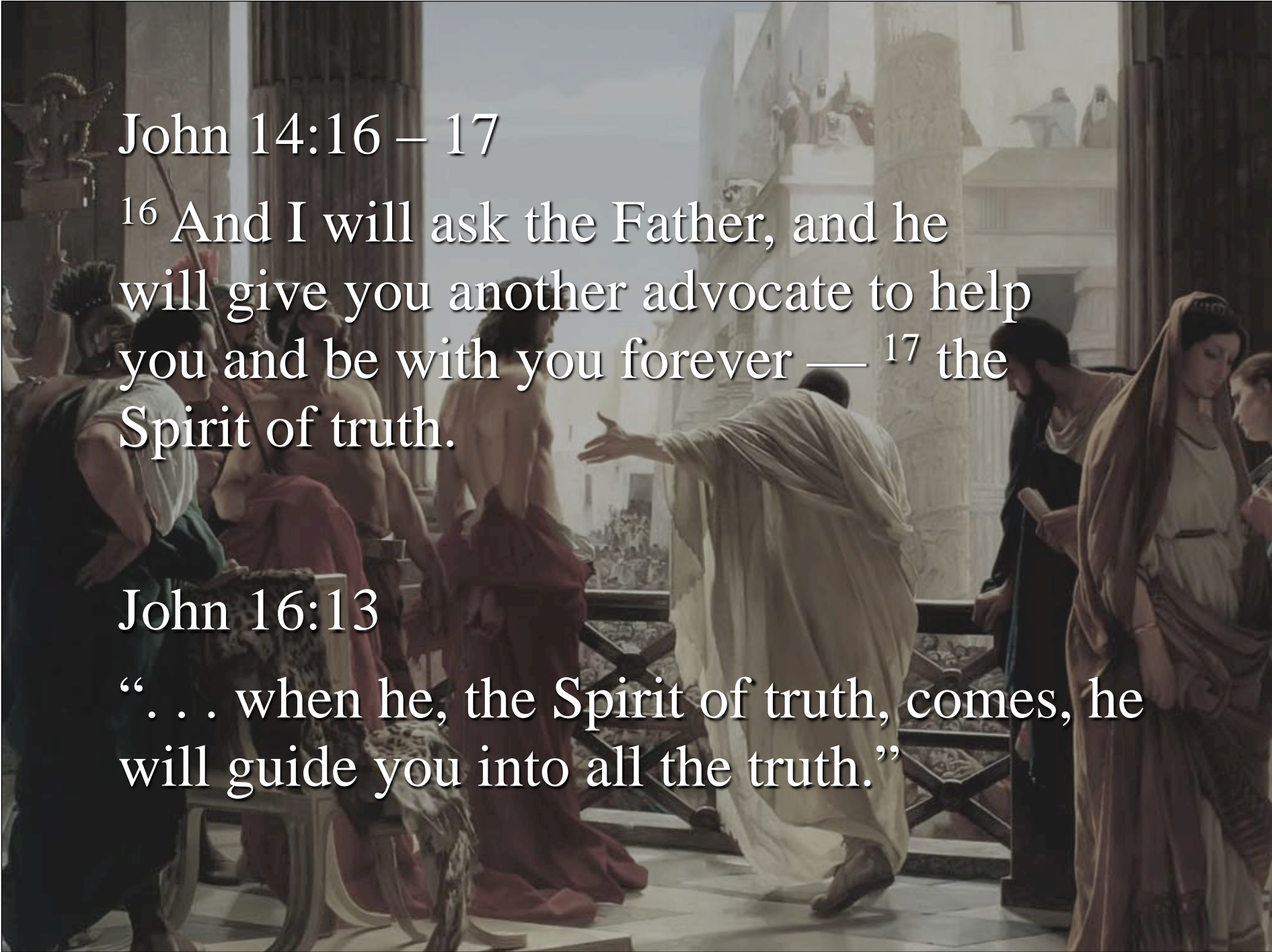
John 14:6 – “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”



John 17:17 – “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

John 4:24 – “worship in spirit and in truth”

John 8:32 – “. . . you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

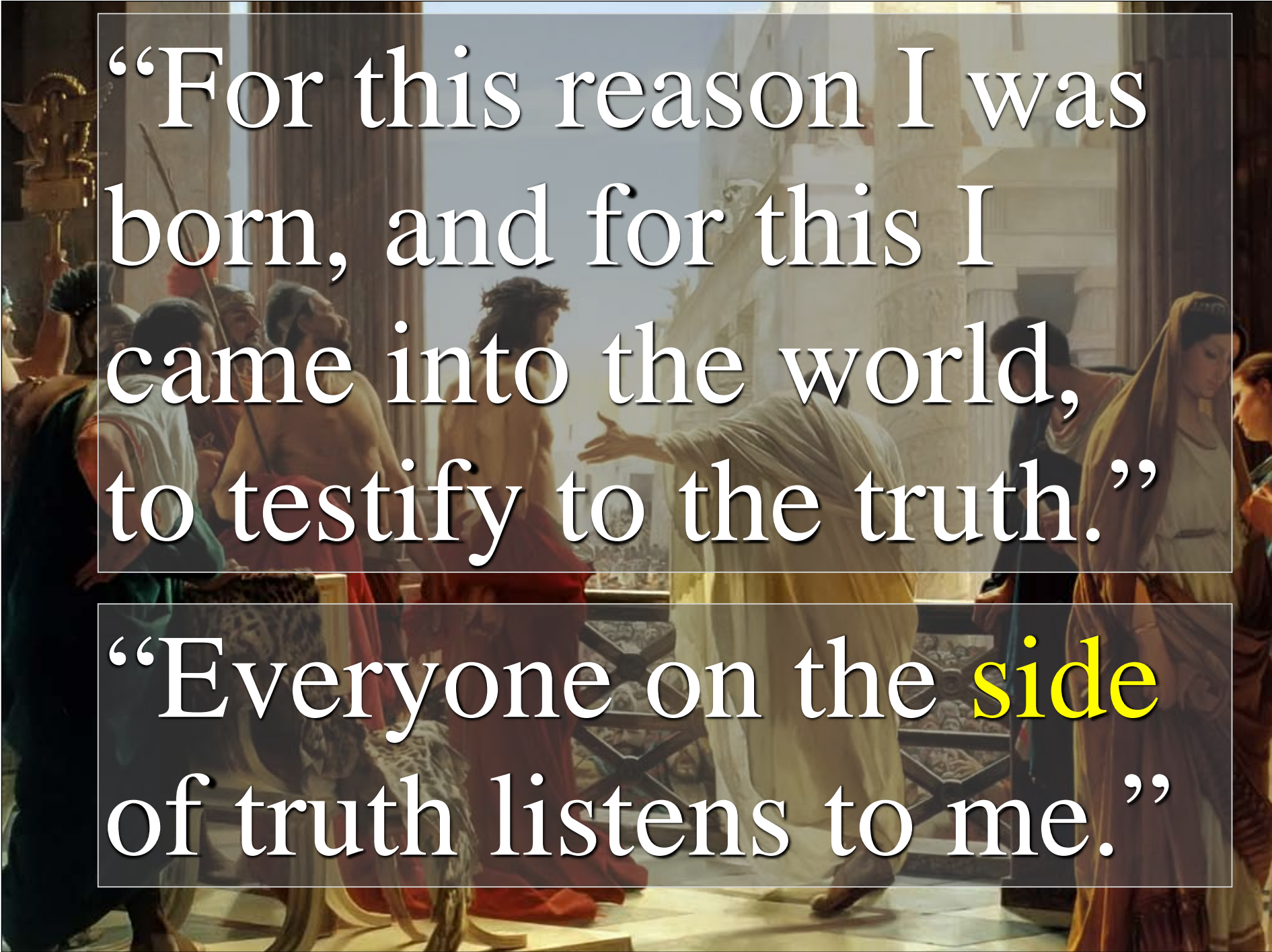


John 14:16 – 17

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth.

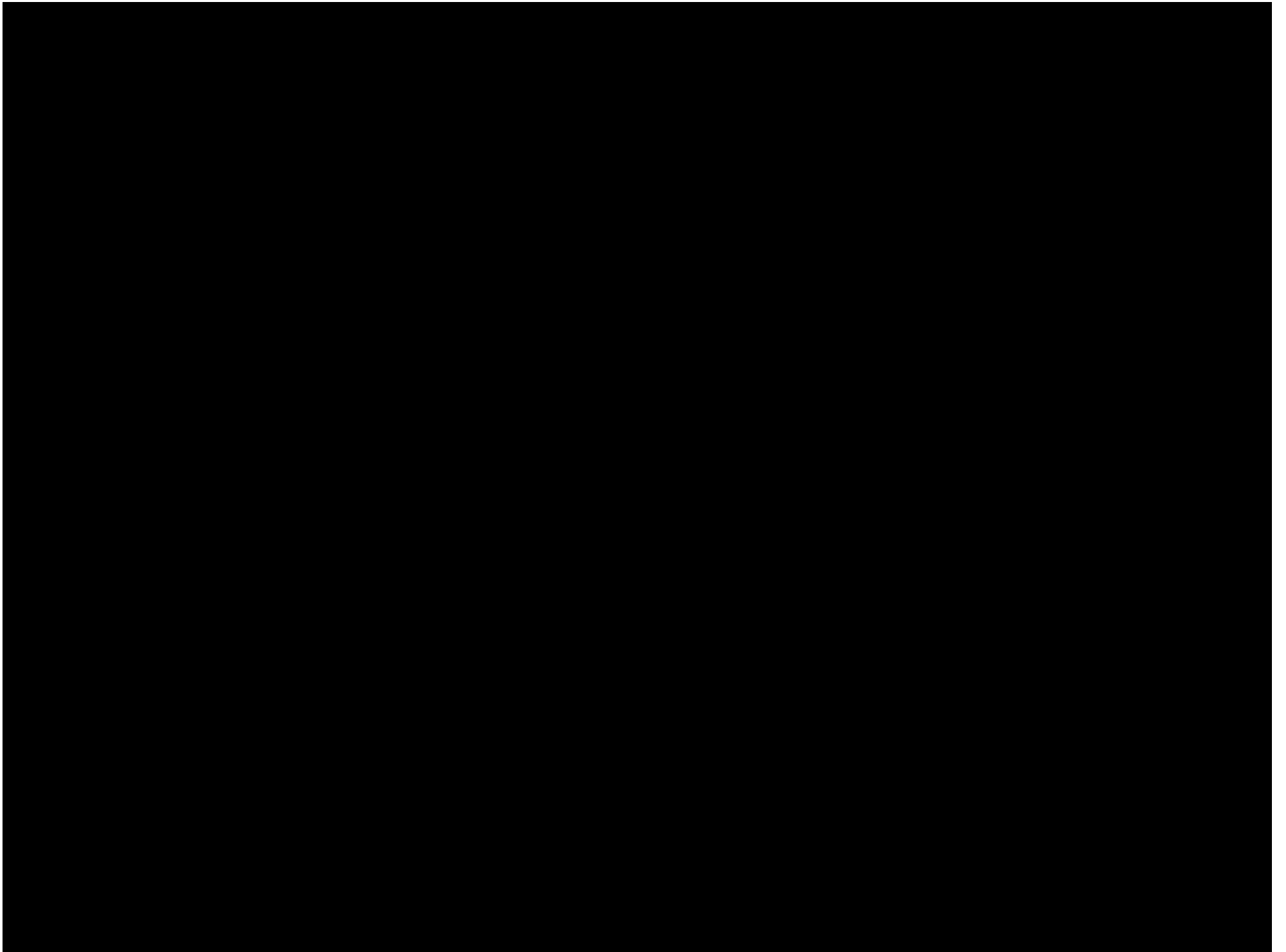
John 16:13

“... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.”



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“Everyone on the **side** of truth listens to me.”



WHERE DOES MORALITY
COME FROM?



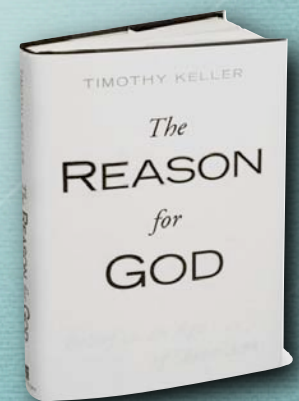
NO BRIDGE
BETWEEN THE TWO
WORLDVIEWS

ONE VIEW MUST
DEFEAT THE OTHER

“Christians believe that they have the absolute truth that everyone else has to believe—or else,” said Keith. “That attitude endangers everyone’s freedom.”

“Yes,” agreed Chloe, “A one-Truth-fits-all approach is just too confining. The Christians I know don’t seem to have the freedom to think for themselves. I believe each individual must determine truth for him- or herself.”

(Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God*, p. 35)

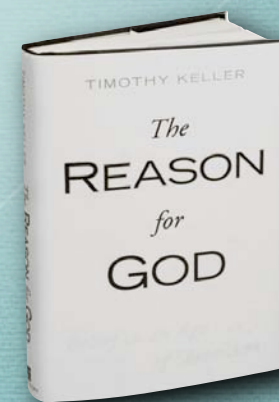




“Is belief in absolute truth the enemy of freedom? Most people I’ve met in New York City believe that it is.

Christianity names some beliefs “heresy” and some practices “immoral.” It bars from its community those who transgress its doctrinal and moral boundaries. This seems to contemporary observers to endanger civic freedom, because it divides rather than unites our population. It also appears to be culturally narrow, failing to recognize that various cultures have different perspectives on reality.”

(Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God*, p. 35)





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“What is truth?”

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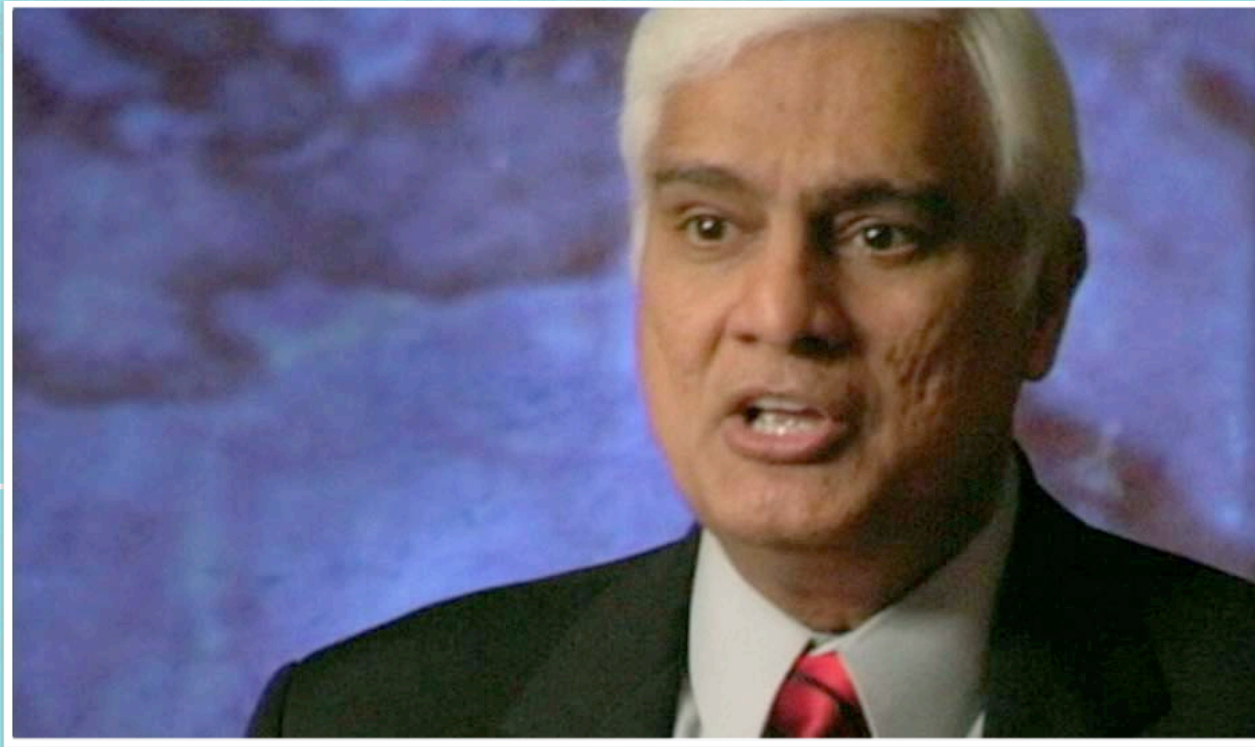
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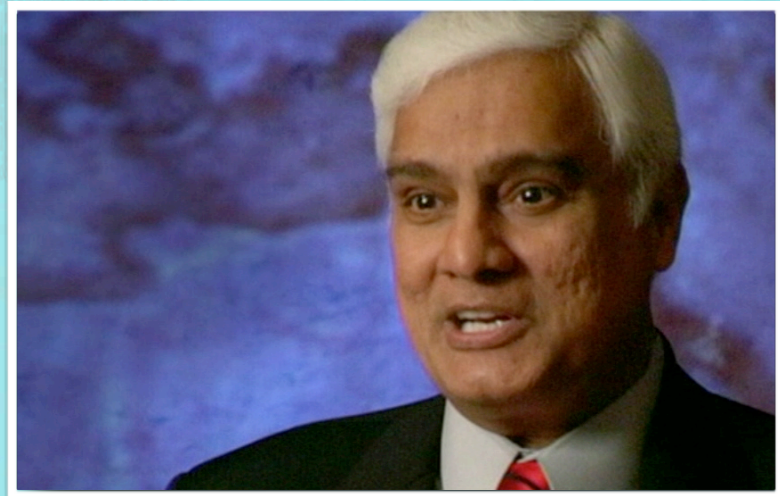
“Truth is that which affirms propositionally the nature of reality as it is.”

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What is truth?

“**affirms propositionally**” - a statement that expresses a concept that is either true **or** false



“**reality**” - the world or the state of things as they **actually exist**, as opposed to an idealistic or notional idea of them

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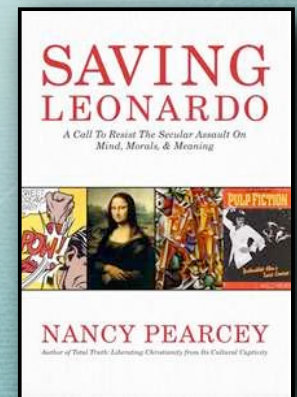
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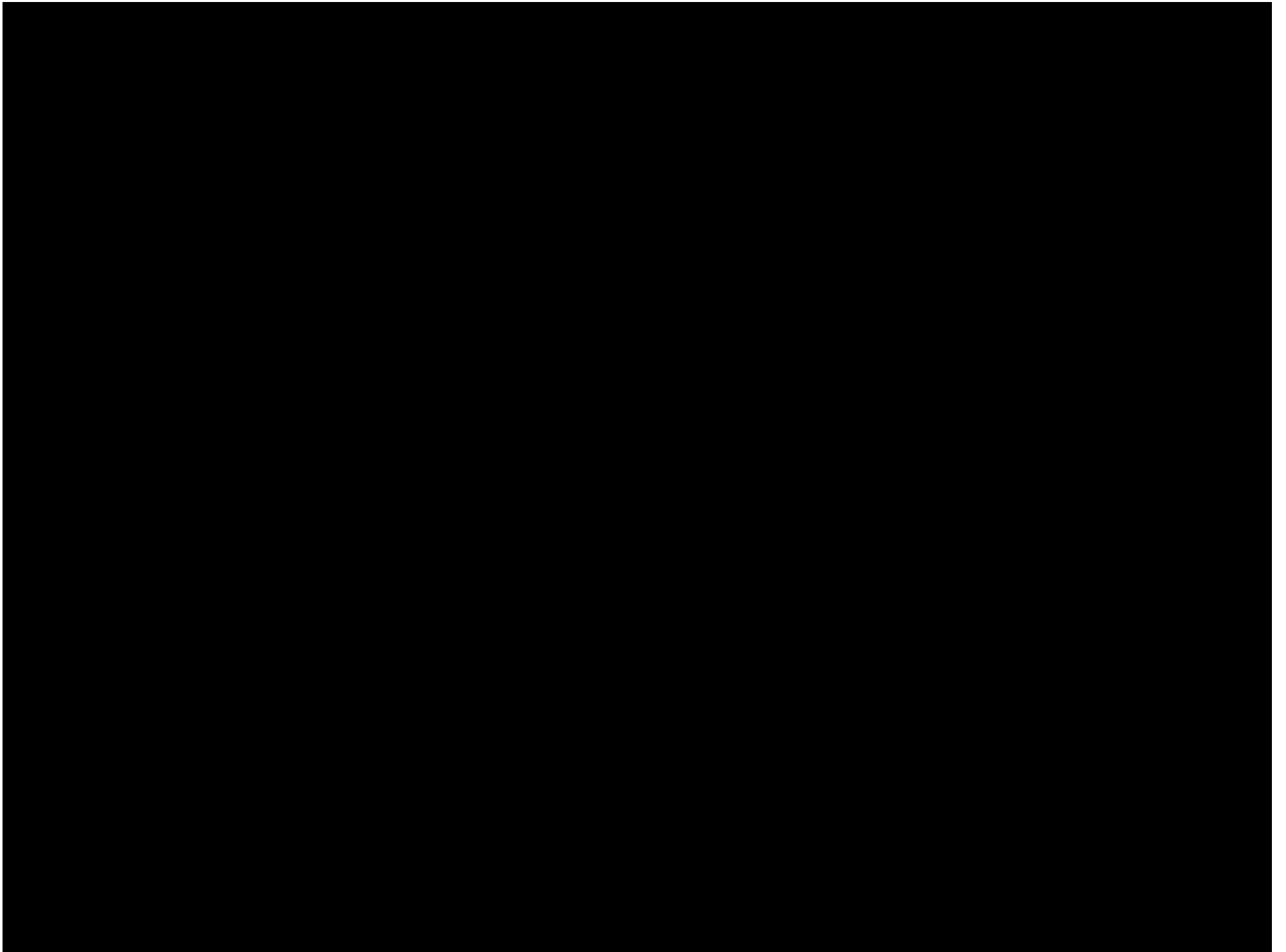
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“Because all things were created by a single divine mind, all truth forms a single, coherent, mutually consistent system. Truth is unified and universal.”

(Nancy Pearcey, *Saving Leonardo*, p. 25)







“Truth is a thing of this world. It is produced only by multiple forms of constraint and that includes the regular effects of power.”

(Truth and Power by Michael Foucault, quoted by Timothy Keller in The Reason for God, p. 36)



Planned Parenthood v. Casey

“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, the meaning of the universe, and the mystery of human life.”

(Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God*, p. 265)



Sonny: “Now that I have fulfilled my purpose, I don’t know what to do.”

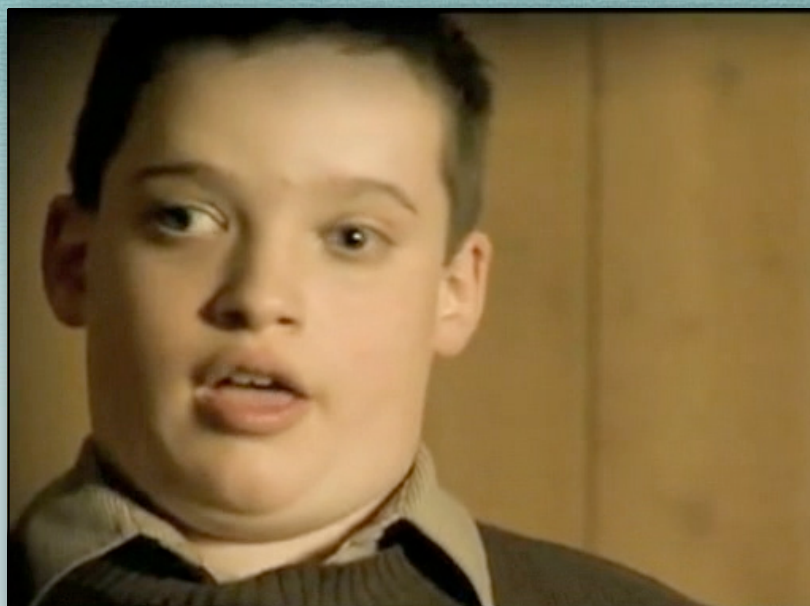
Spooner: “I guess you’ll have to find your way like the rest of us, Sonny . . . That’s what it means to be free.” .”

(Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God*, p. 36)



“We are here because one odd group of fishes had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures; because comets struck the earth and wiped out dinosaurs, thereby giving mammals a chance not otherwise available . . . We may yearn for a ‘higher’ answer—but none exists. This explanation, though superficially troubling, if not terrifying, is ultimately liberating and exhilarating. We cannot real the meaning of life passively in the facts of nature. We must construct these answers for ourselves . . .”

(Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God*, p. 36 - 37)



“There has to be a fixed truth . . . for the universe to function properly.”

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How do you determine right from wrong?

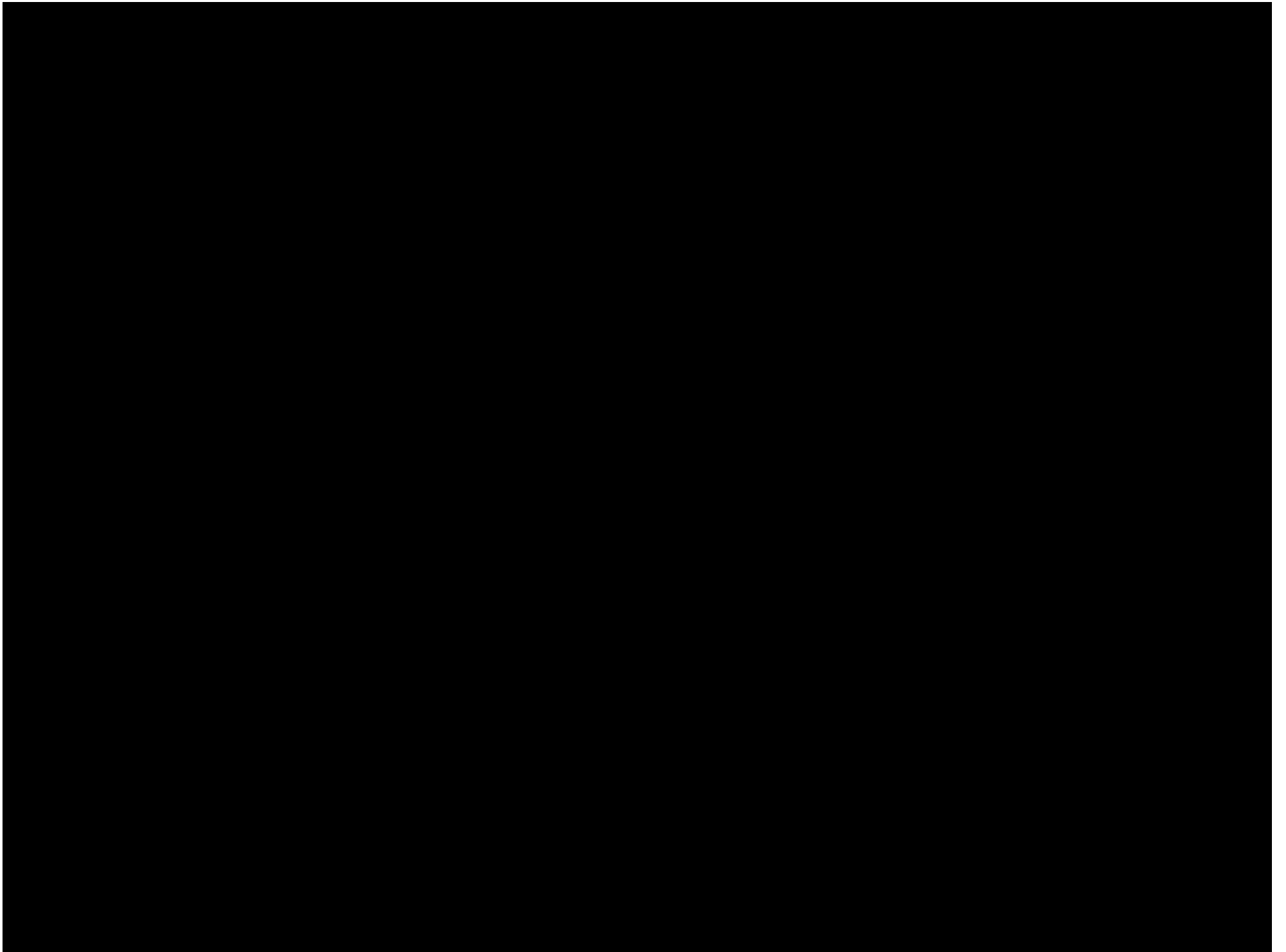


“relativism” - a view that ethical truths (right & wrong) depend on the individuals and groups holding them

Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 1987

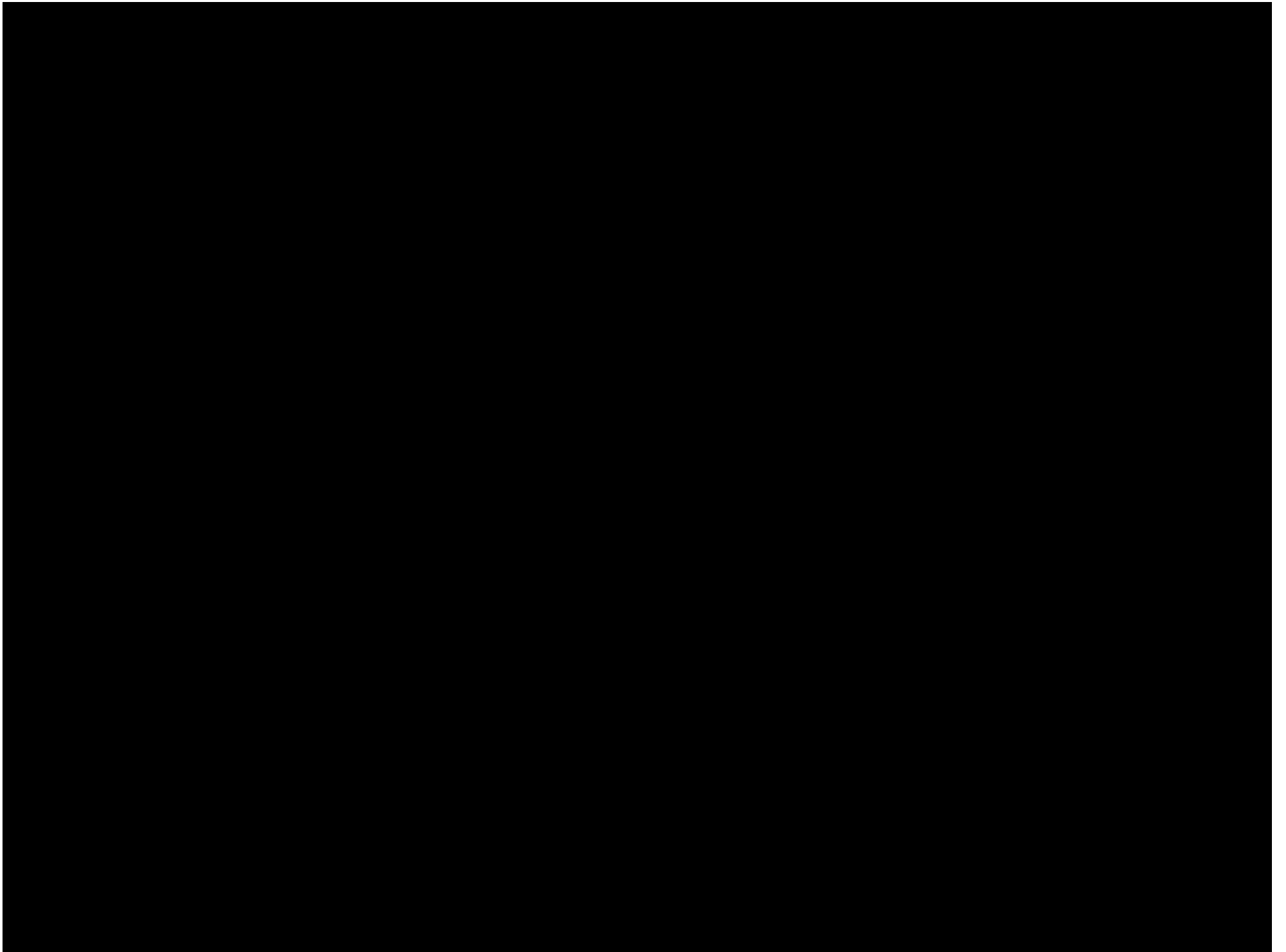
“moral absolutes” - objective standards of behavior

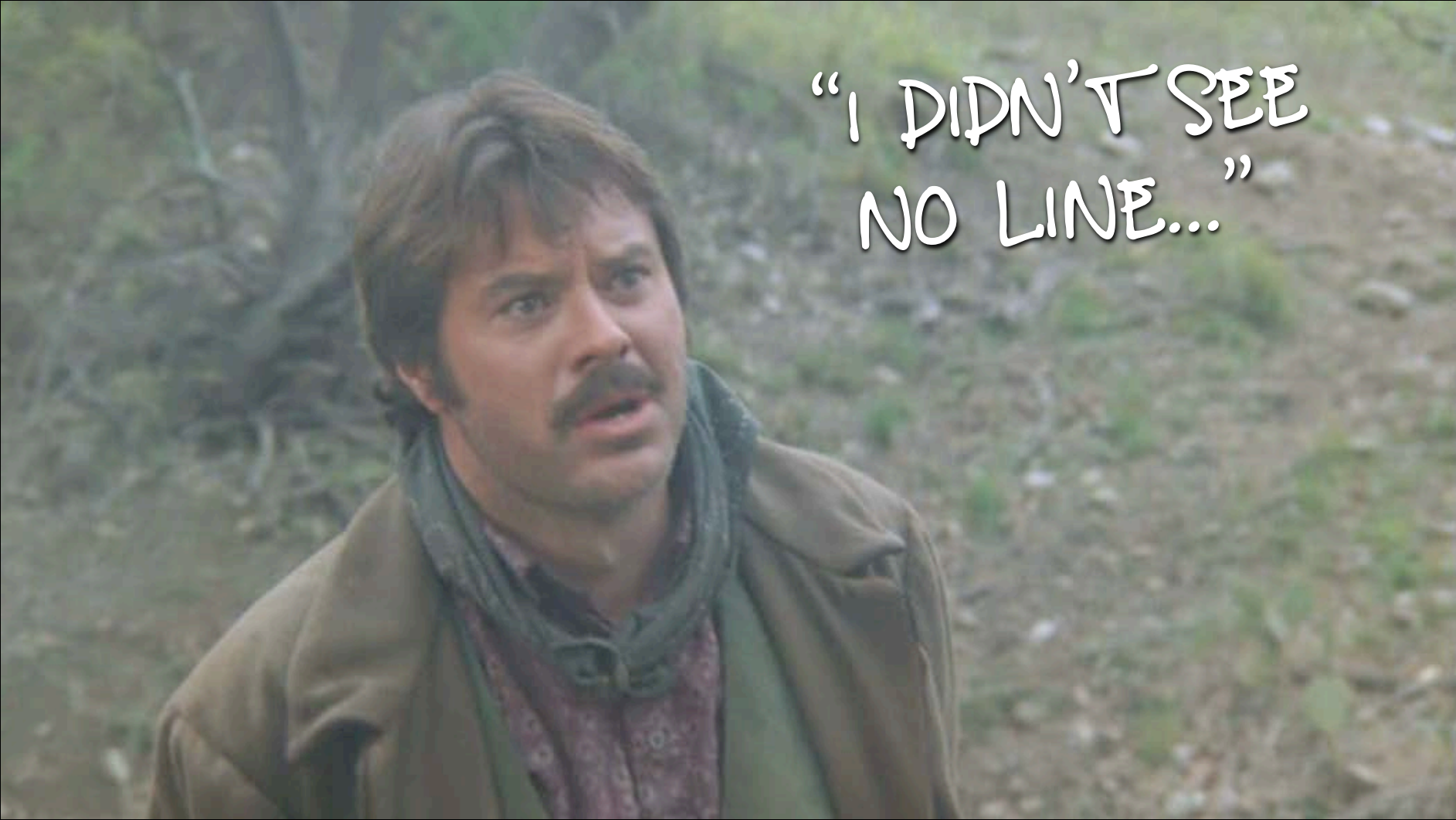
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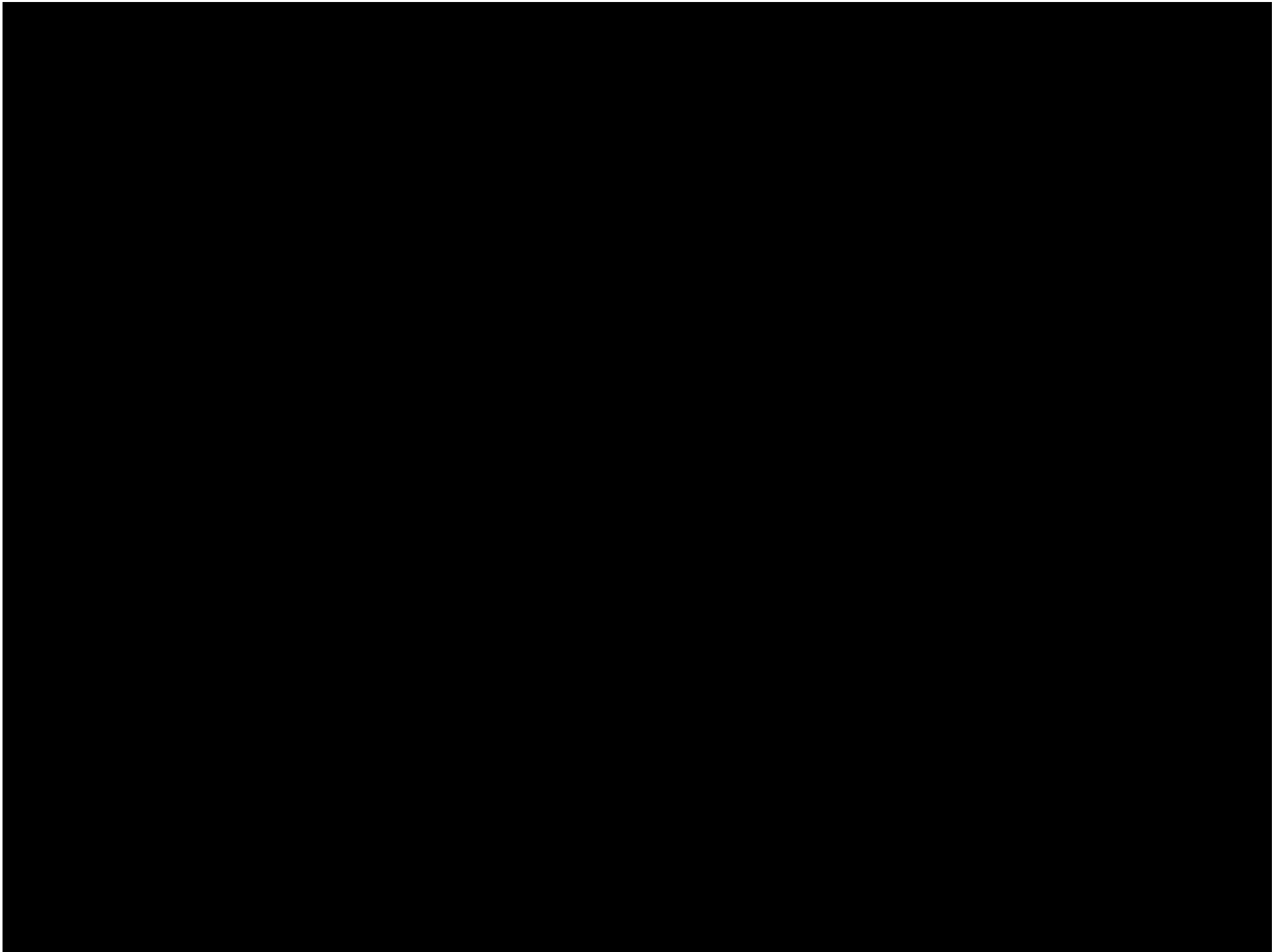


America experienced its lowest rates of crime and other social disorders, as long as the Judeo-Christian based moral structure prevailed.



A man with a mustache and brown hair, wearing a brown jacket and a patterned scarf, is shown in a forest setting. He has a surprised or concerned expression on his face. The background is a blurred forest with trees and foliage.

“I DIDN'T SEE
NO LINE...”





Don't turn away from the truth -- turn **to** it. 2 Timothy 4:3 & 4

Don't distort the truth -- understand & accept it. Acts 20:30

Don't reject the truth -- obey it. Romans 2:8

