

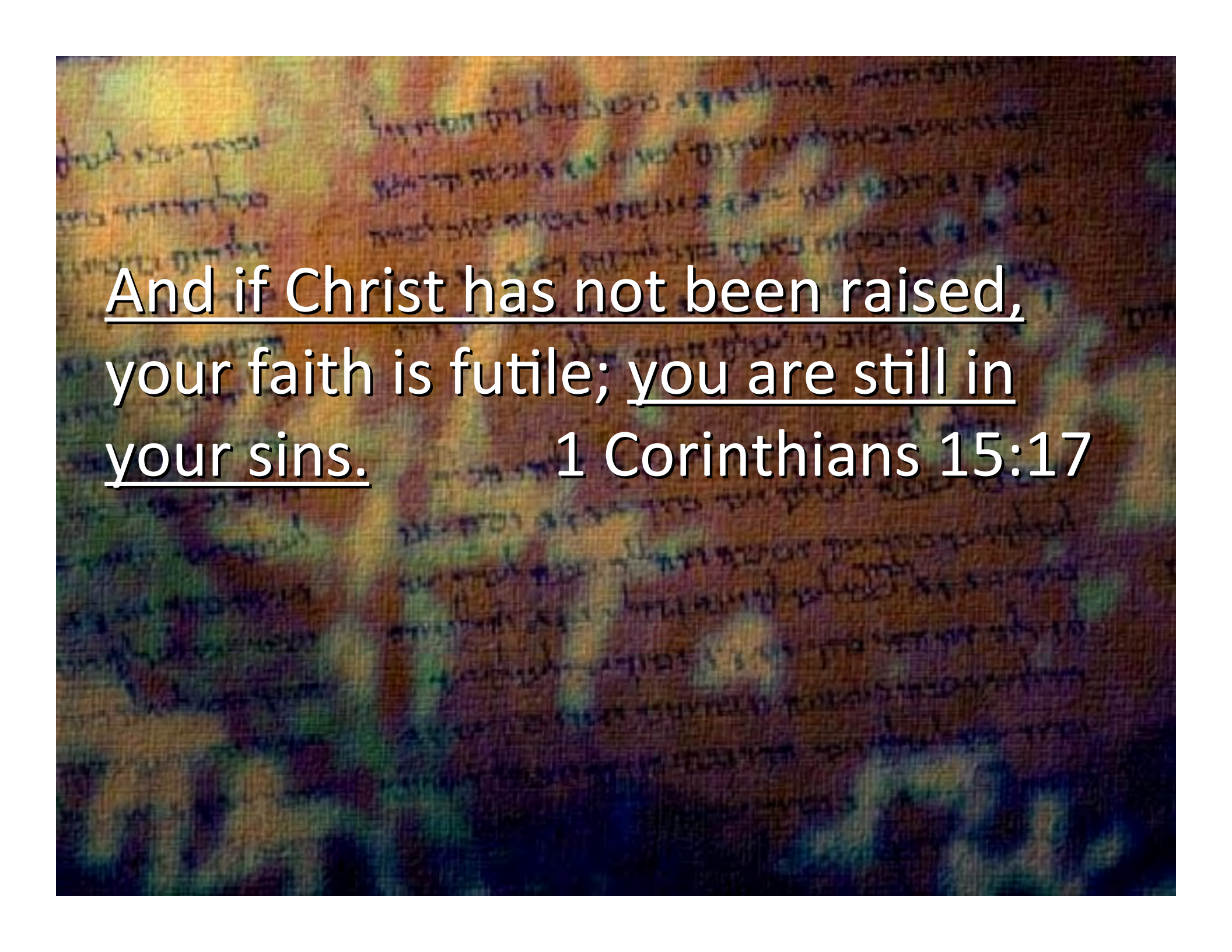
The Servant King



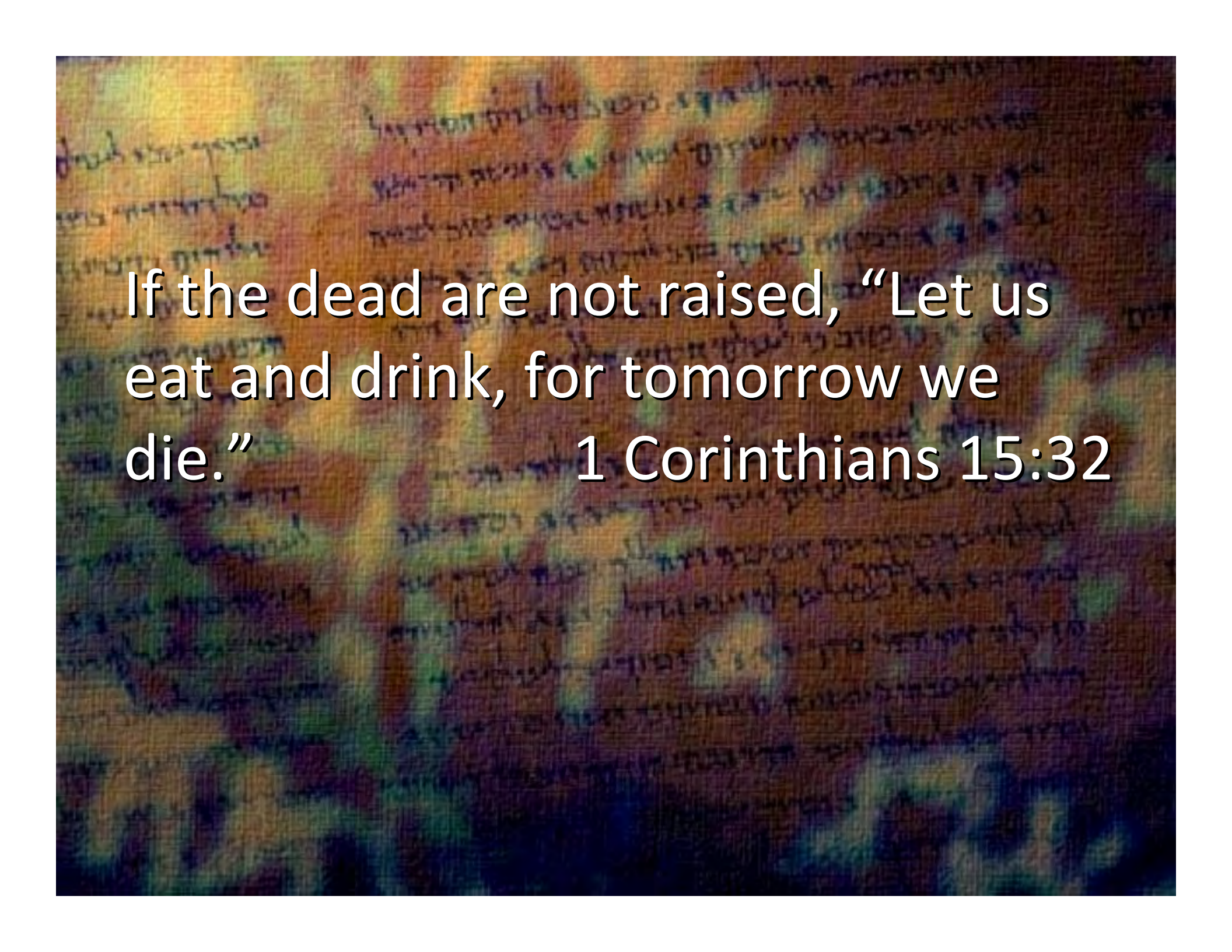
The story of the *King*... who came to *serve*.

And if Christ has not been raised,
our preaching is useless and so is
your faith. 15 More than that, we
are then found to be false witnesses
about God, for we have testified
about God that he raised Christ from
the dead. But he did not raise him if
in fact the dead are not raised.

1 Corinthians 15:14,15

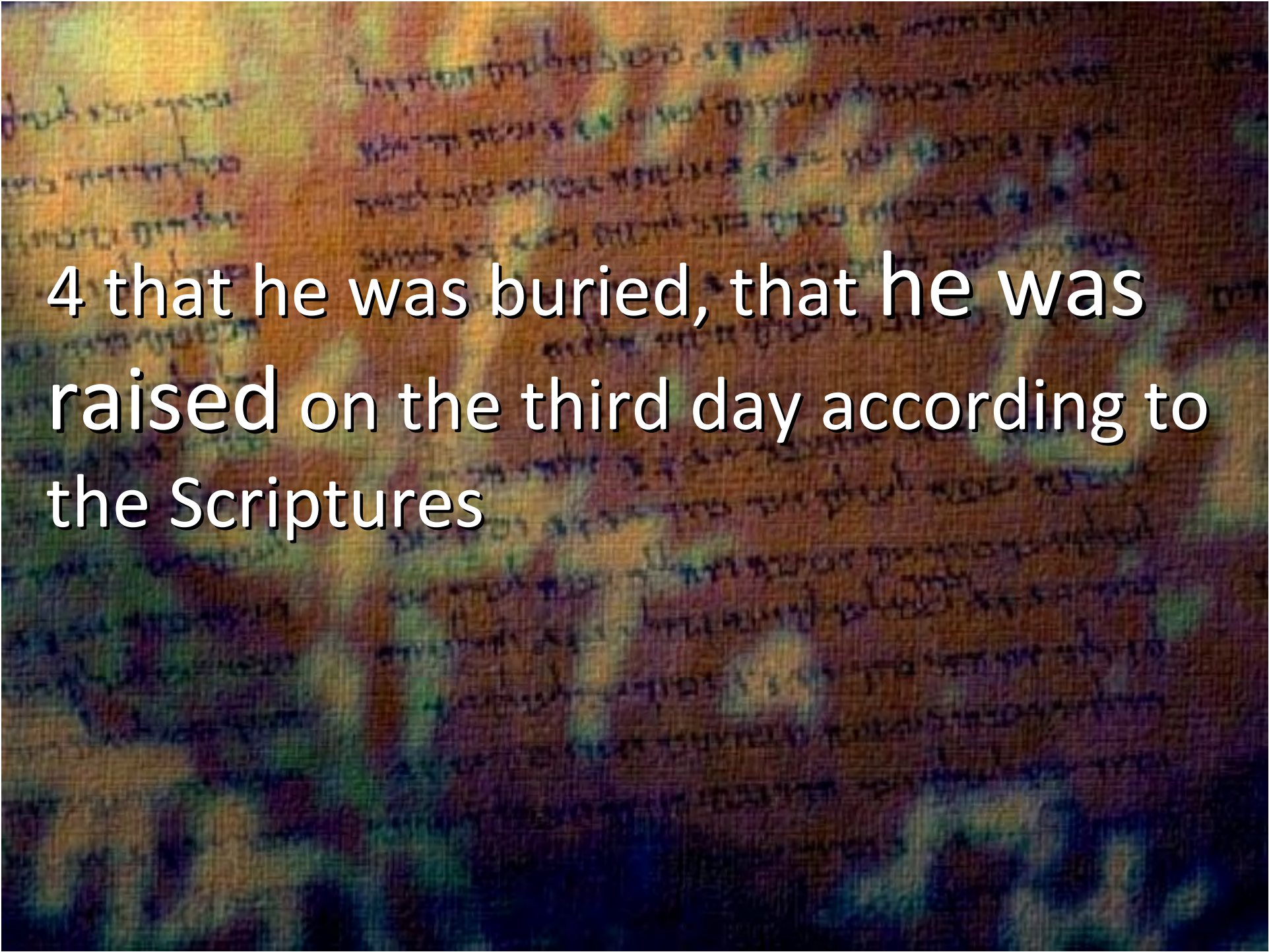


And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile; you are still in
your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17

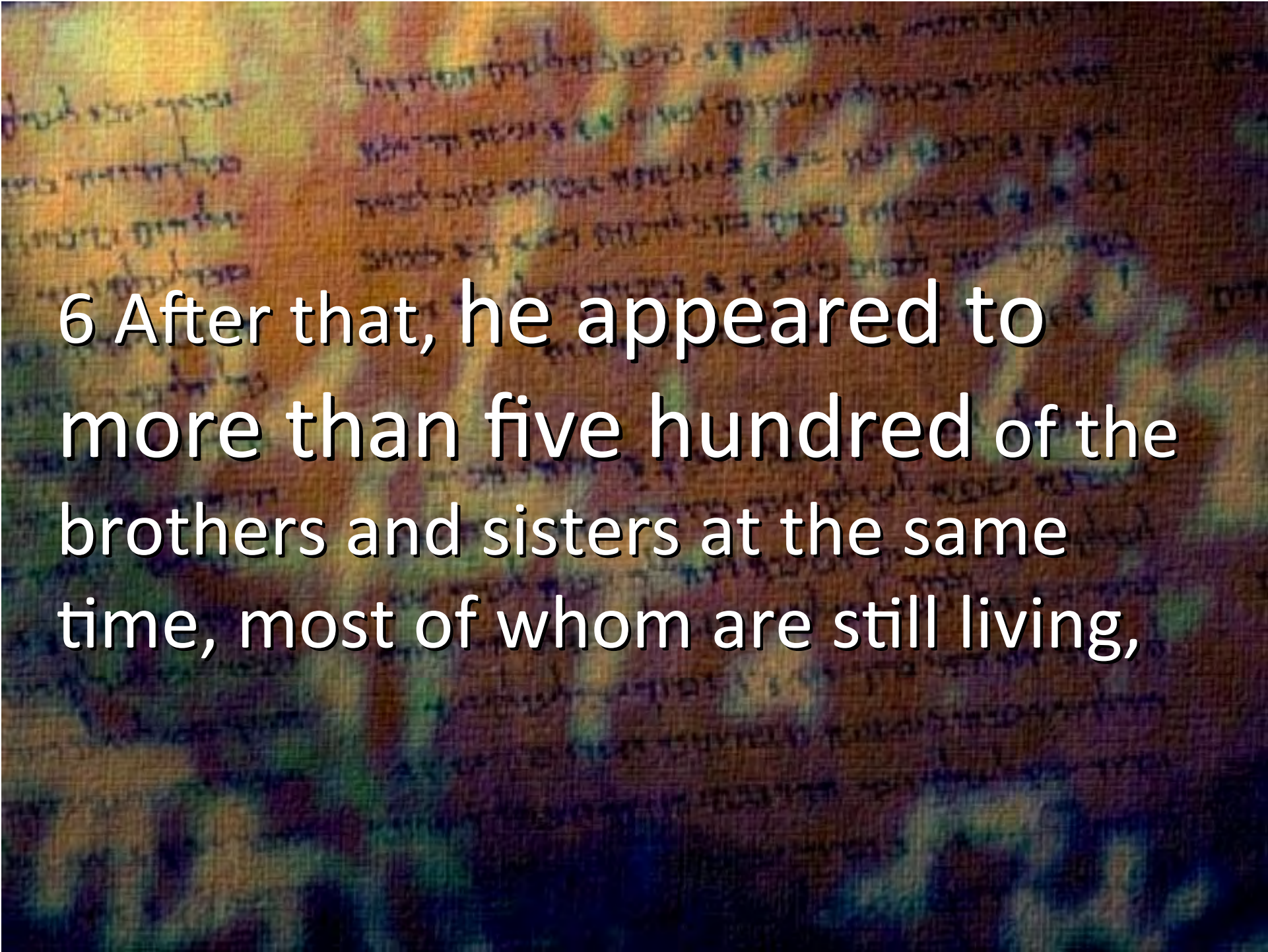


If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

1 Corinthians 15:32



4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures



6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living,



5 and that he appeared to
Peter, and then to the Twelve.

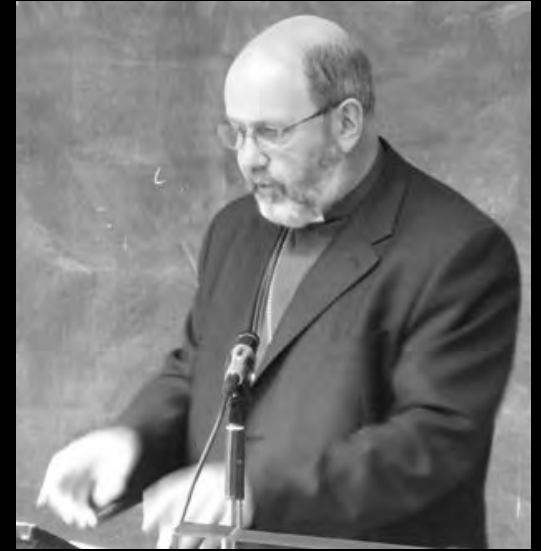
...7 Then he appeared to
James, then to all the
apostles, 8 and last of all he
appeared to me also,

“The early Christians could not have possibly preached the Resurrection of Christ publicly and successfully unless both the empty tomb and hundreds of these eyewitnesses existed.”

Wolfhart Pannenberg
German Theologian

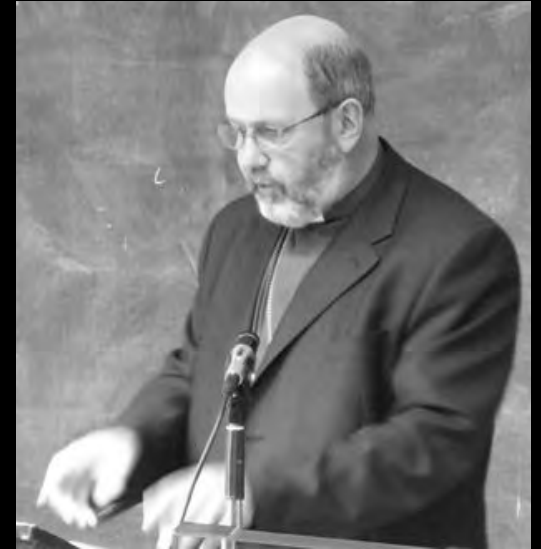


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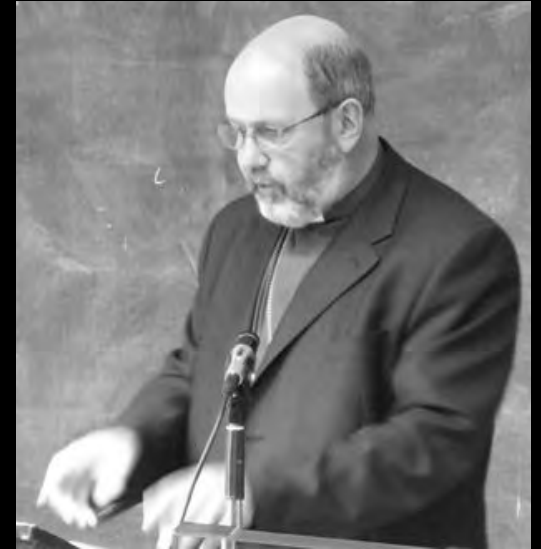
“If there was only an empty tomb and there had been no sightings, people would have believed the body was stolen.”

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“If there had only been eyewitnesses claiming to see him but the tomb still had the body in it, then everyone would have believed they were hallucinating.”

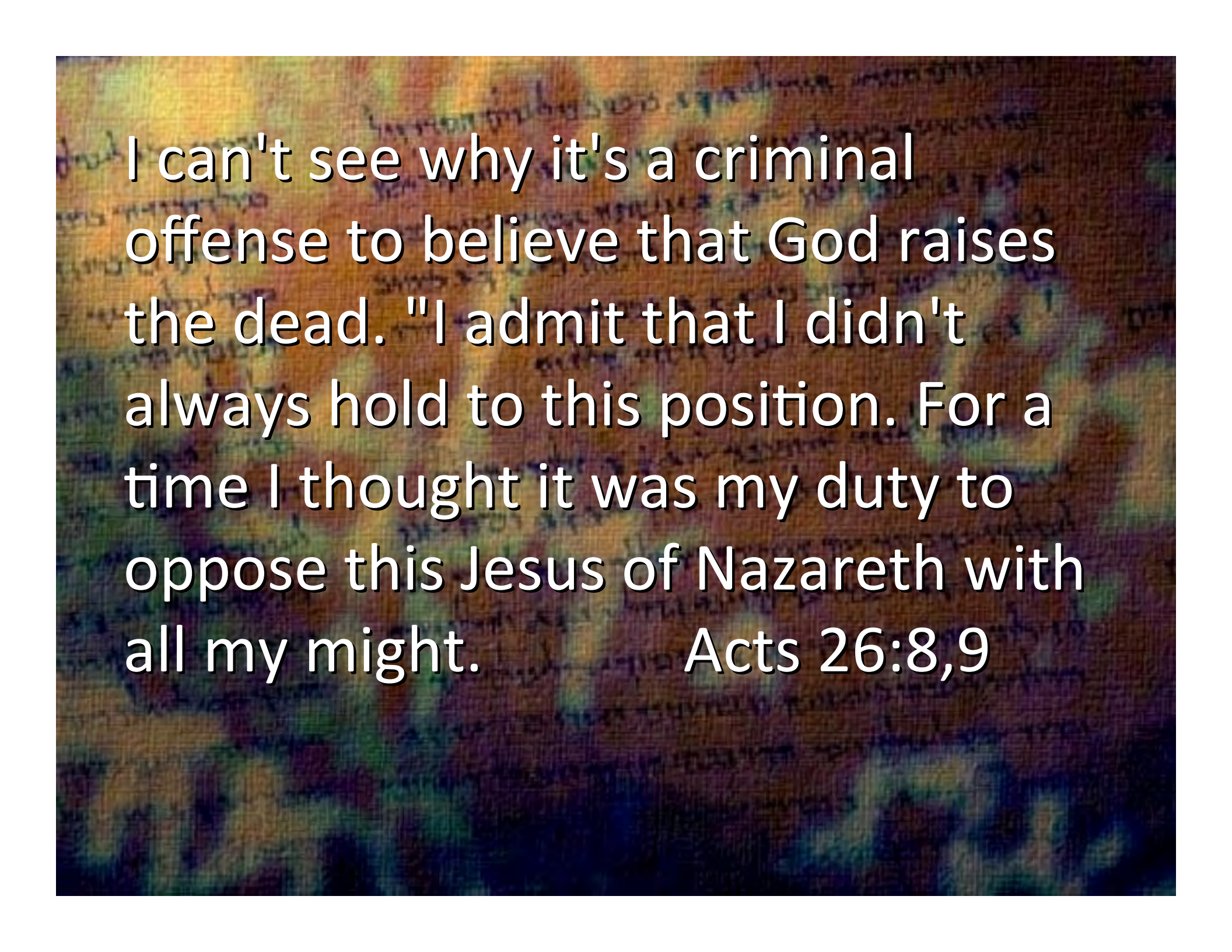
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“But only if all these were true, the empty tomb, the sightings, and the permanently changed lives of the witnesses , only if all these were true, could Christianity have ever even begun.”

Governor Festus take on Paul:

They (the Jewish leaders of Judea) had some points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a dead man named Jesus who Paul claimed was alive. Acts 25:19

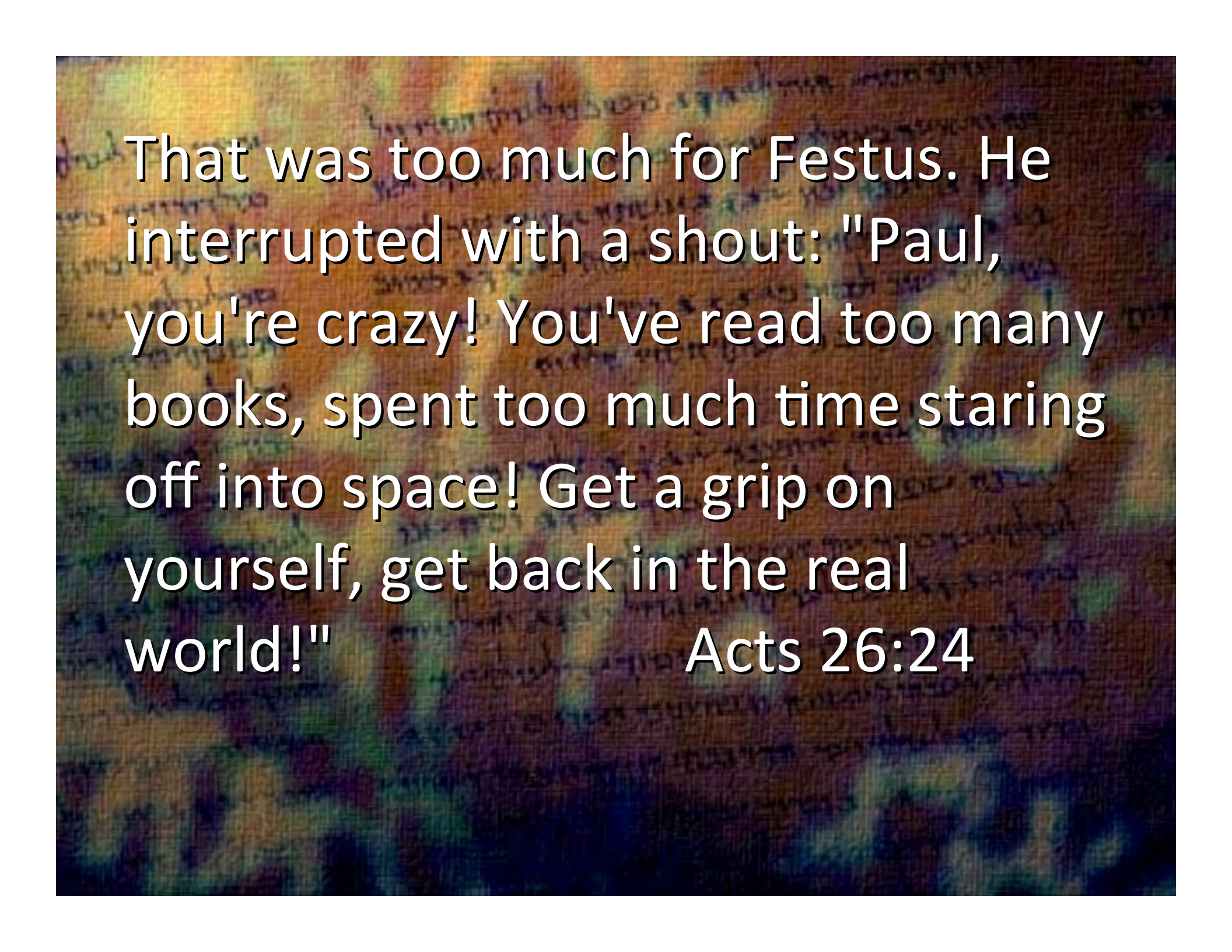


I can't see why it's a criminal offense to believe that God raises the dead. "I admit that I didn't always hold to this position. For a time I thought it was my duty to oppose this Jesus of Nazareth with all my might. Acts 26:8,9

I threw these believers—I had no idea they were God's people!—into the Jerusalem jail right and left, and whenever it came to a vote, I voted for their execution. I stormed through their meeting places, bullying them into cursing Jesus, a one-man terror obsessed with obliterating these people. And then I started on the towns outside Jerusalem. Acts 26:11

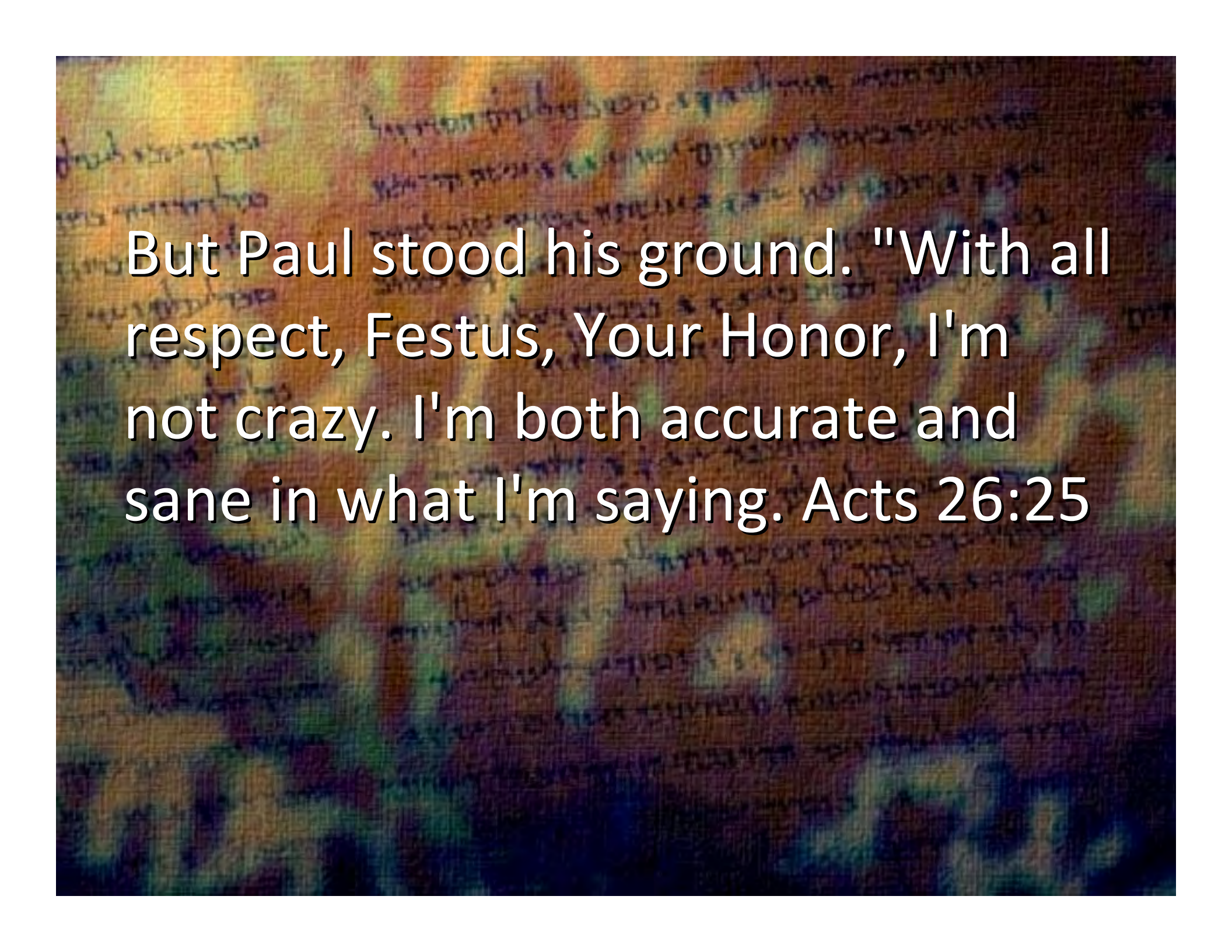
And everything I'm saying is completely in line with what the prophets and Moses said would happen: One, the Messiah must die; two, raised from the dead, he would be the first rays of God's daylight shining on people far and near, people both godless and God-fearing.”

Acts 26:22,23

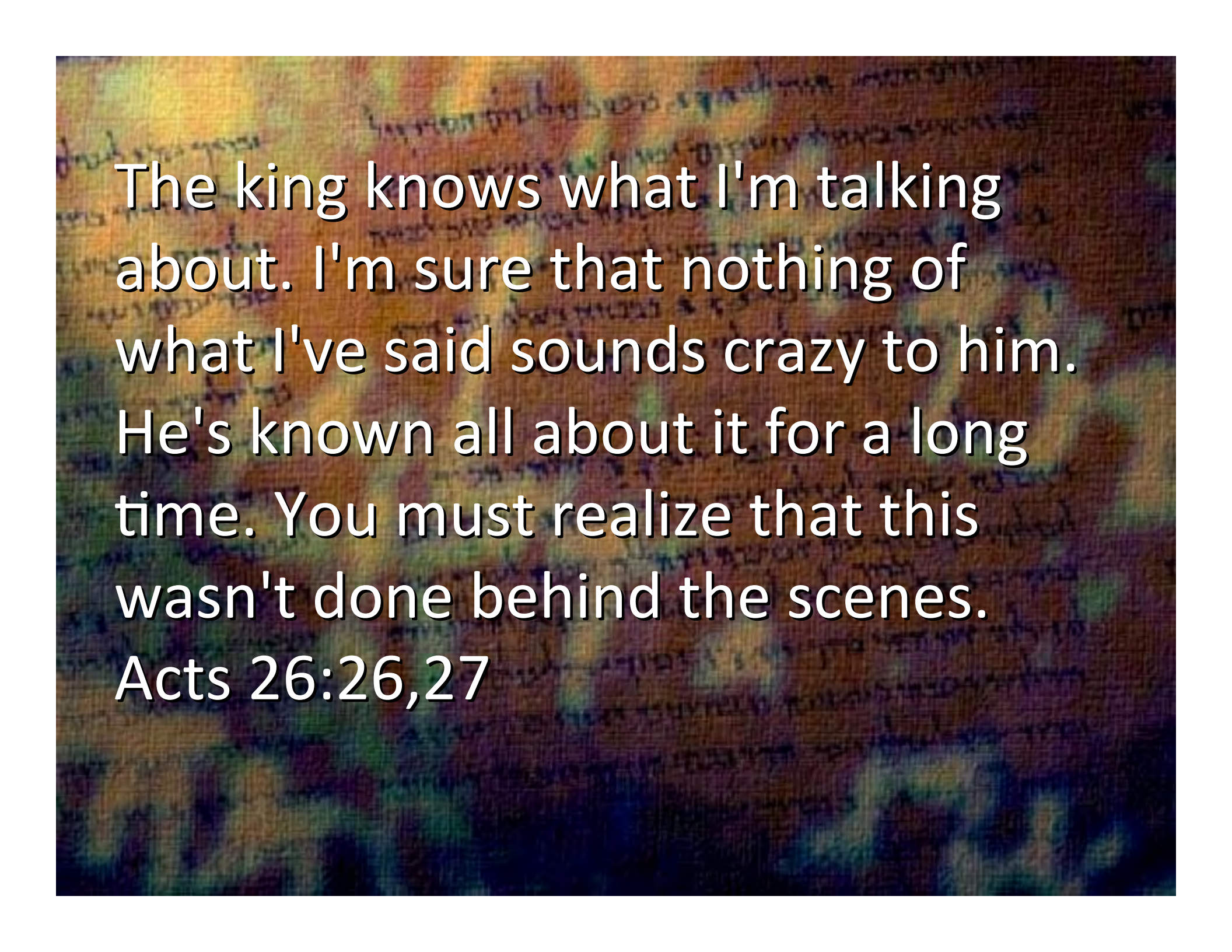
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That was too much for Festus. He interrupted with a shout: "Paul, you're crazy! You've read too many books, spent too much time staring off into space! Get a grip on yourself, get back in the real world!"

Acts 26:24

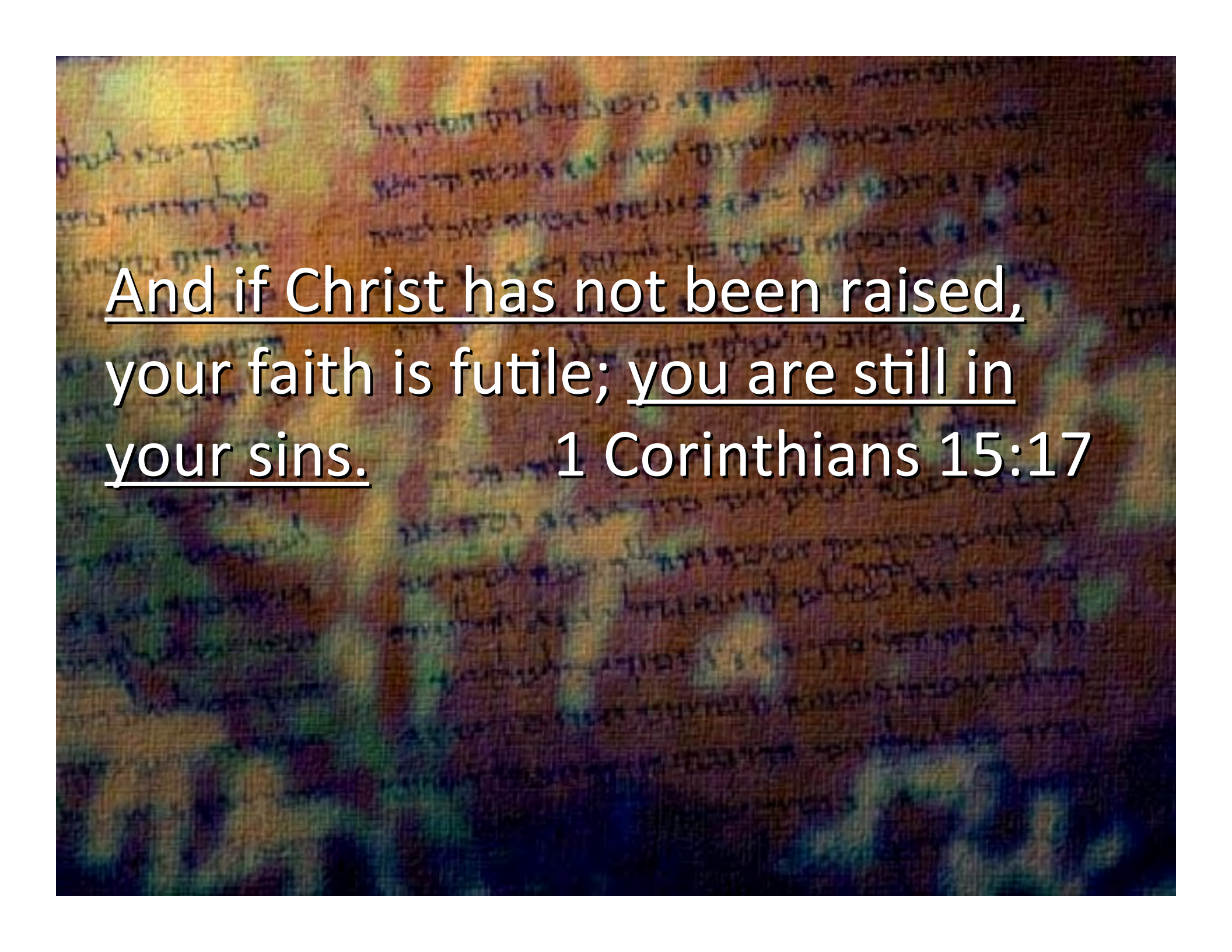


But Paul stood his ground. "With all respect, Festus, Your Honor, I'm not crazy. I'm both accurate and sane in what I'm saying. Acts 26:25

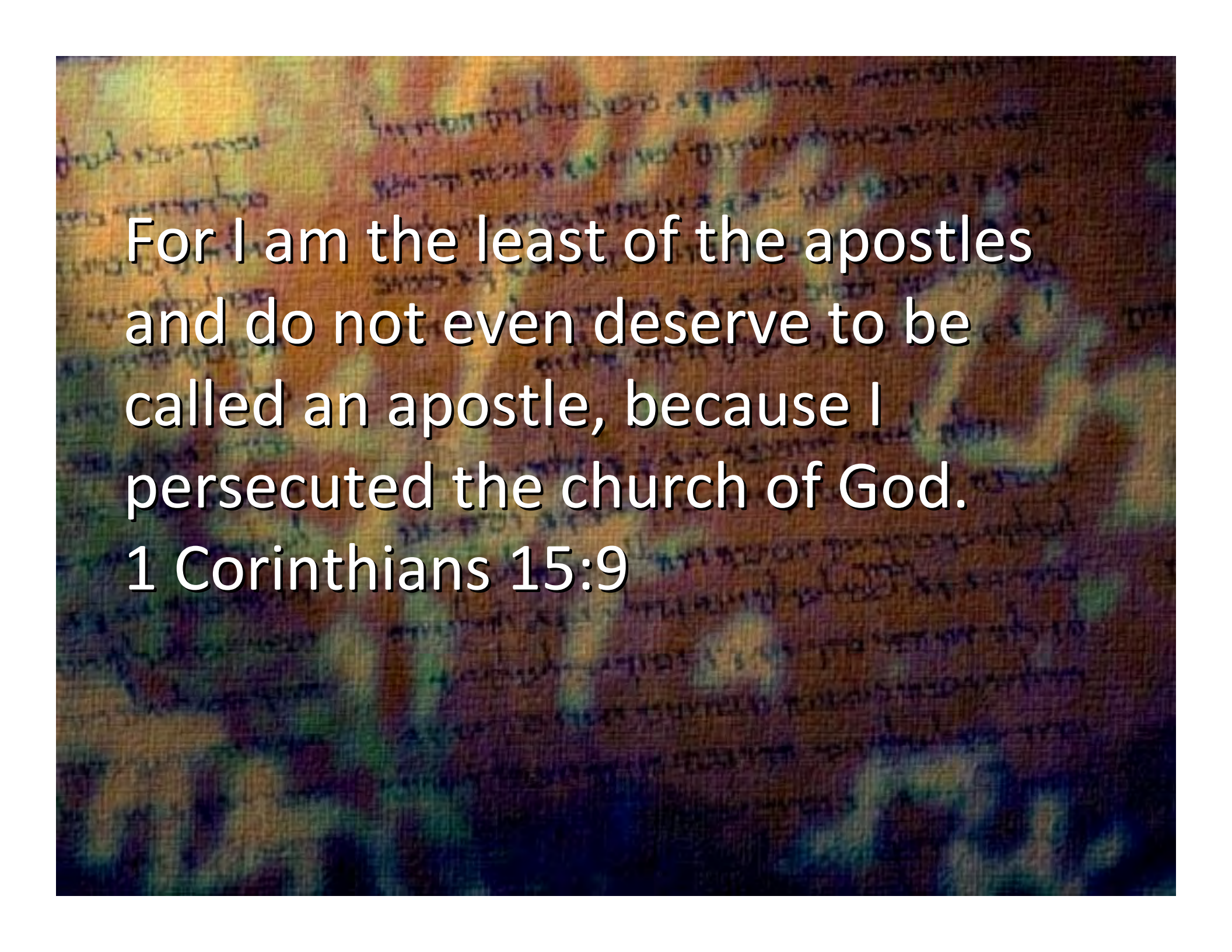


The king knows what I'm talking about. I'm sure that nothing of what I've said sounds crazy to him. He's known all about it for a long time. You must realize that this wasn't done behind the scenes.

Acts 26:26,27

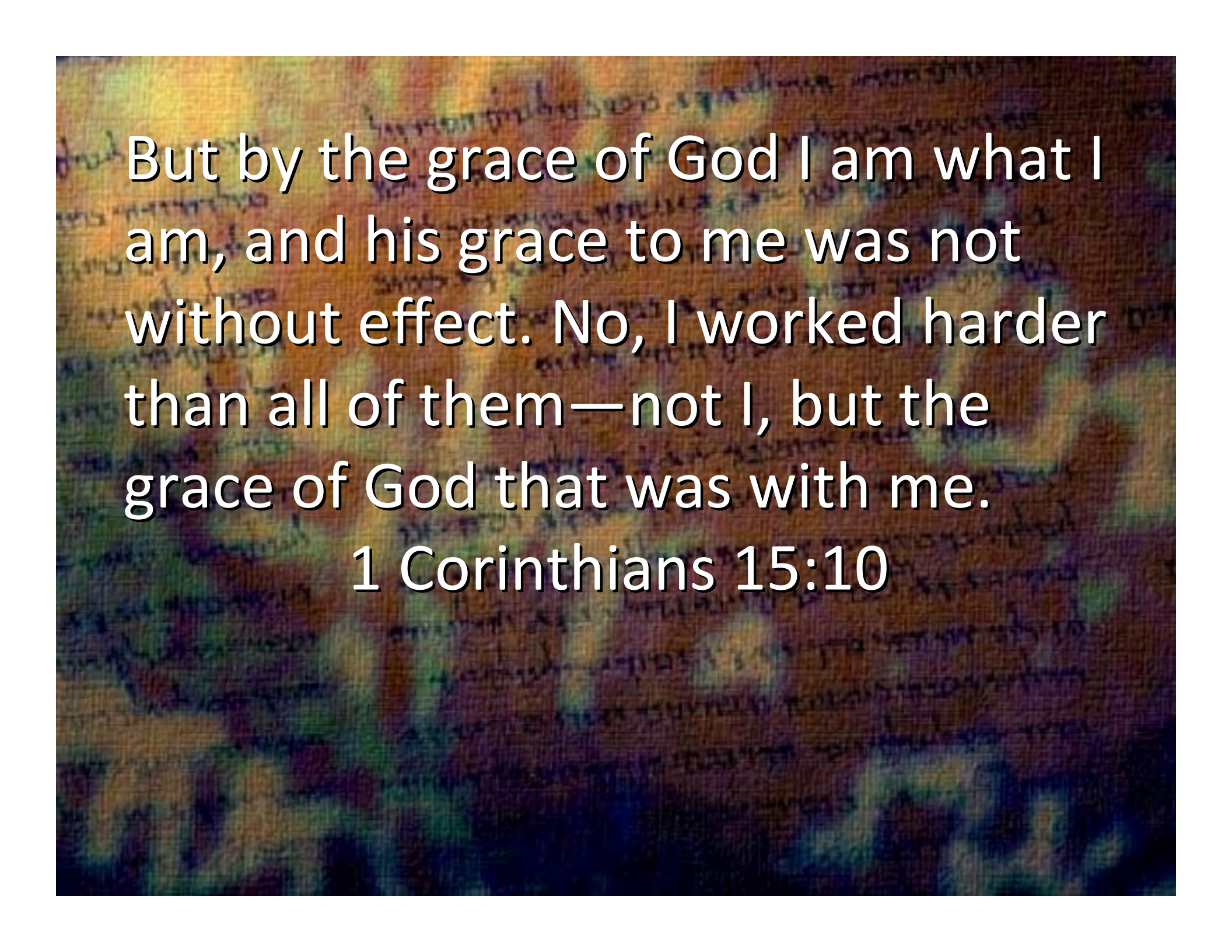


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For I am the least of the apostles
and do not even deserve to be
called an apostle, because I
persecuted the church of God.

1 Corinthians 15:9

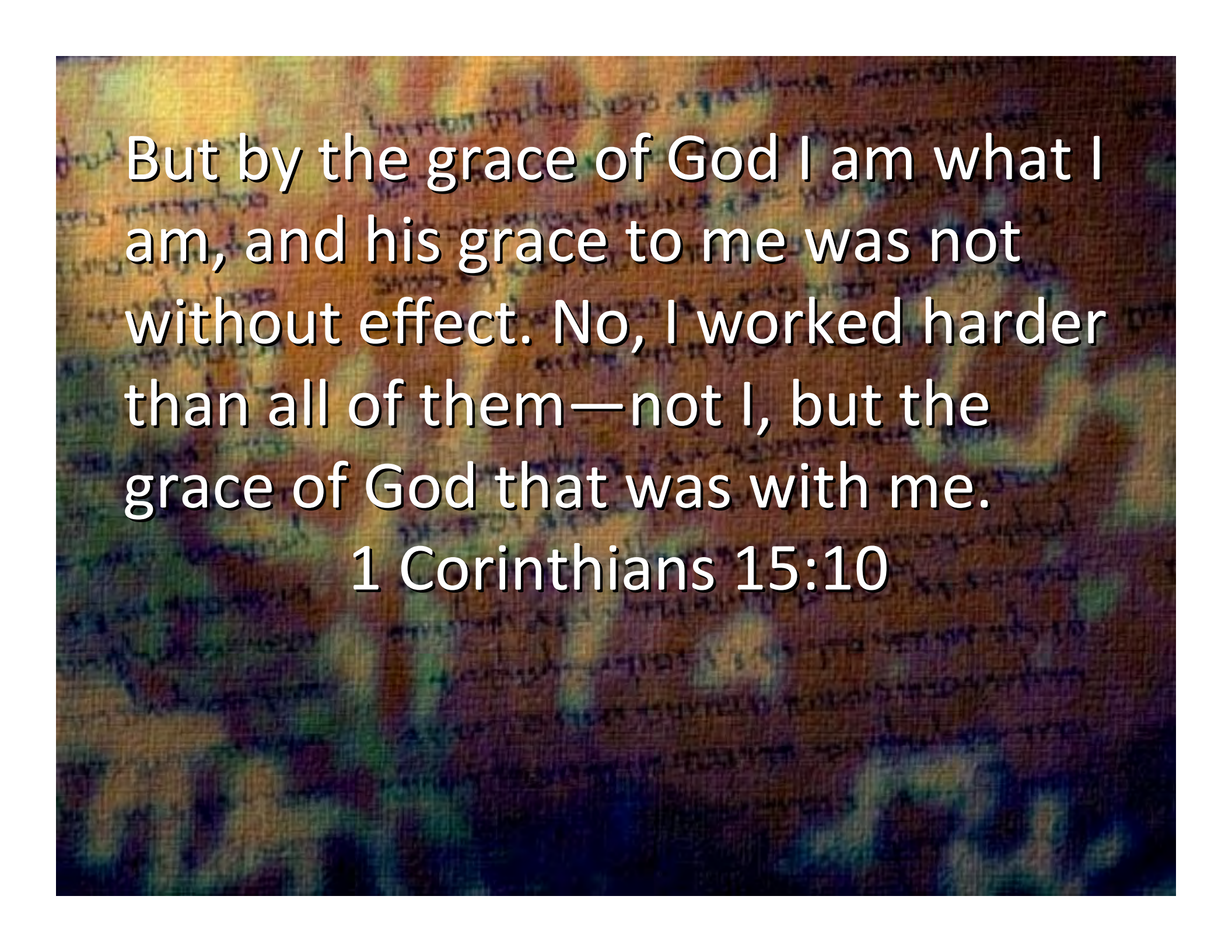


But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10



White House Easter Breakfast
this past Wednesday



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Susan Atkins

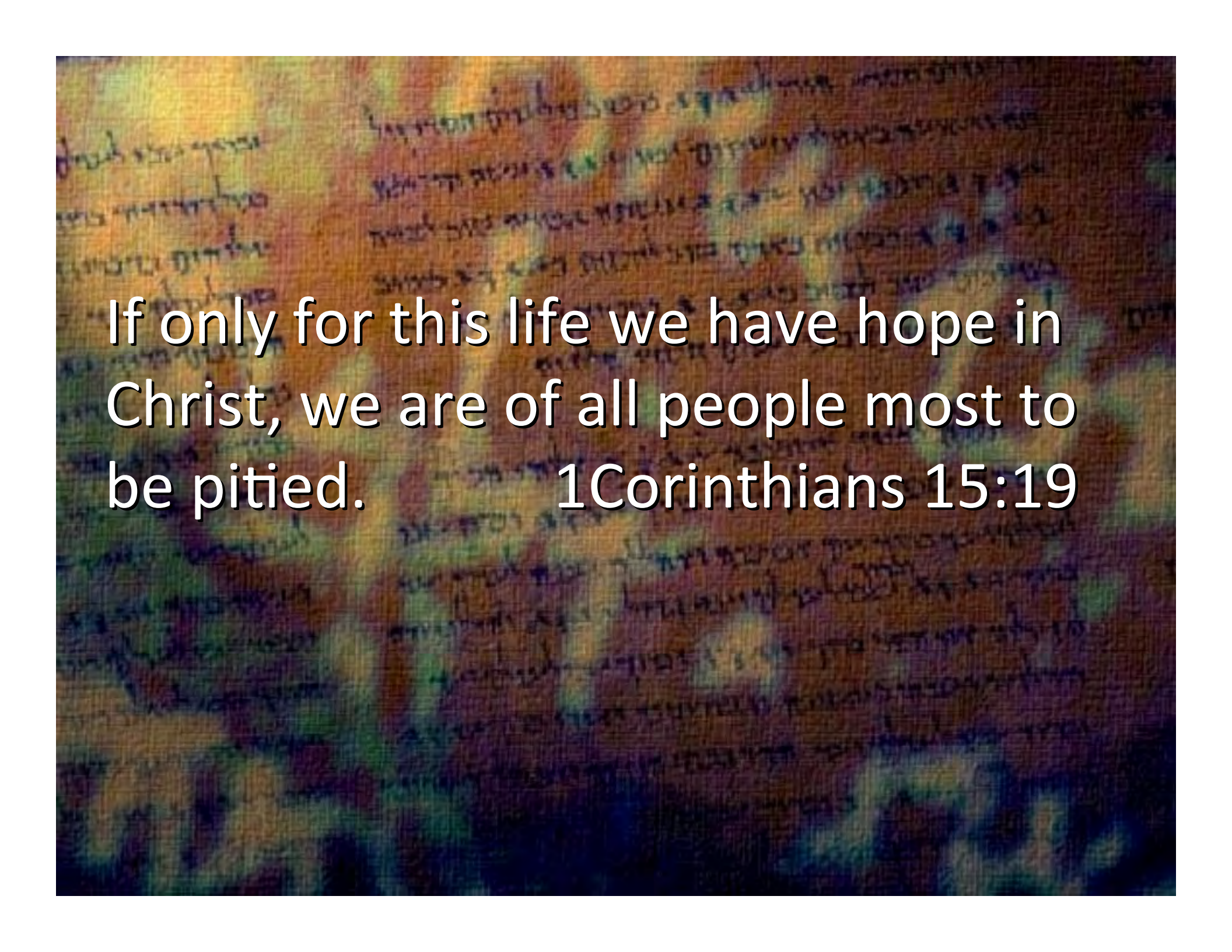


Susan Atkins

Her last whispered word was 'Amen.' No one on the face of the Earth worked as hard as Susan did to right an unrightable wrong."

And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? **31** I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. **32** If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

1 Corinthians 15:30-32



If only for this life we have hope in
Christ, we are of all people most to
be pitied. 1Corinthians 15:19