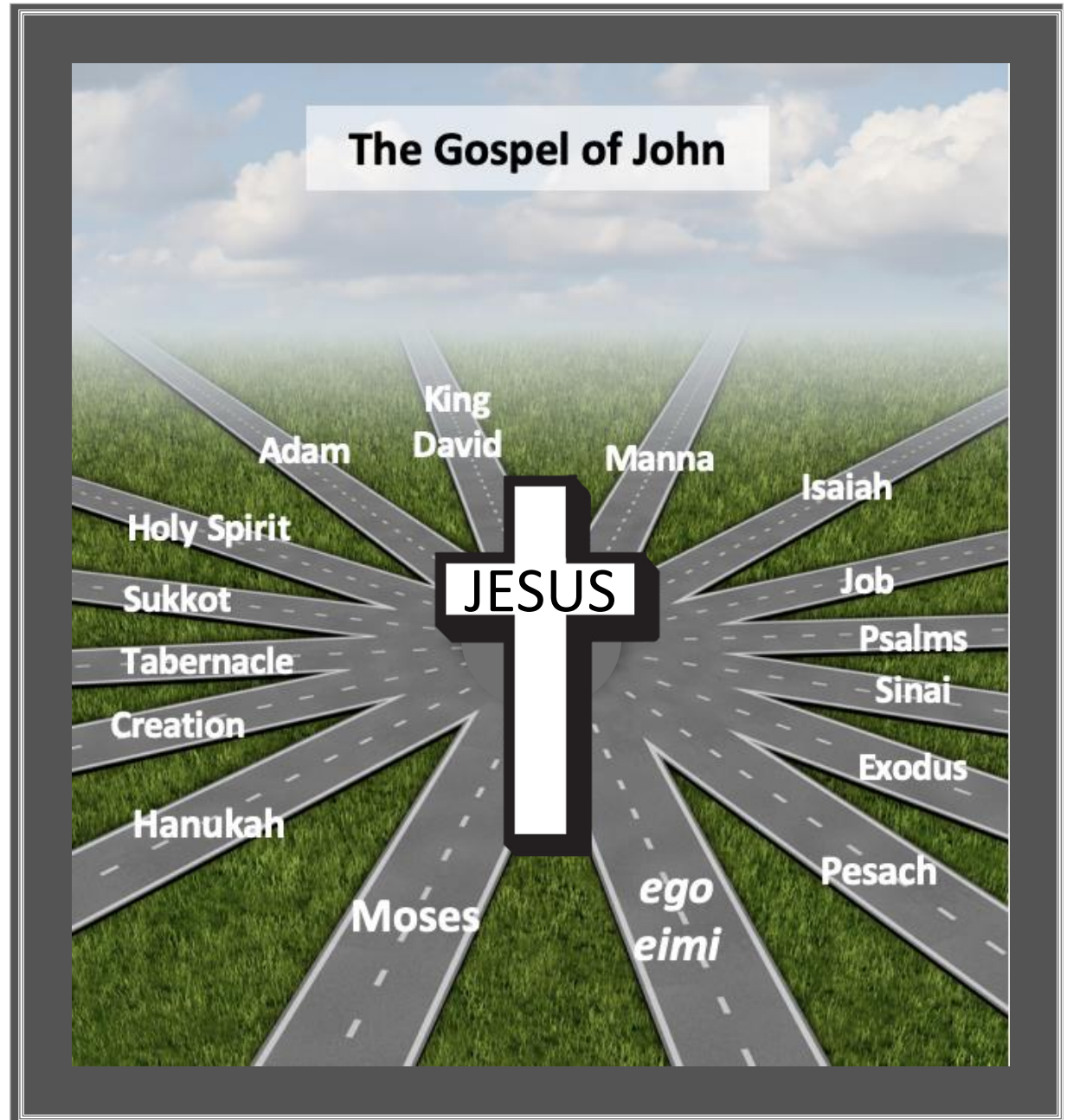


Finding the Old Testament in the Gospel of John



The Incarnate WORD

Jn. 1:9-14



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The WORD & GOD

Jn. 1:1-2



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THE WORLD'S
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The WORD & Creation

Jn. 1:3-5

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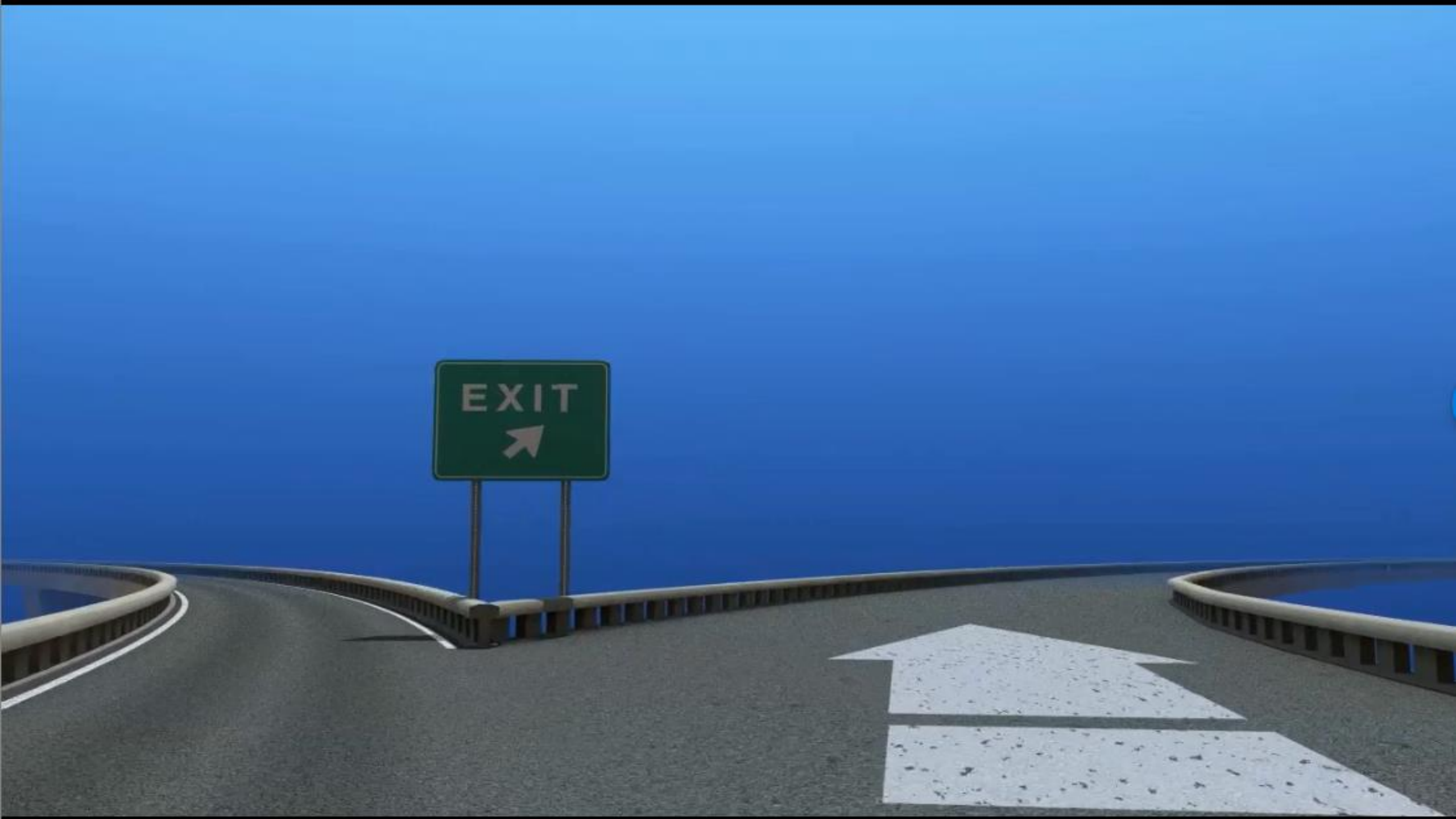


The WORD & John the Baptist

Jn. 1:6-8

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The Incarnation
Jn. 1:14



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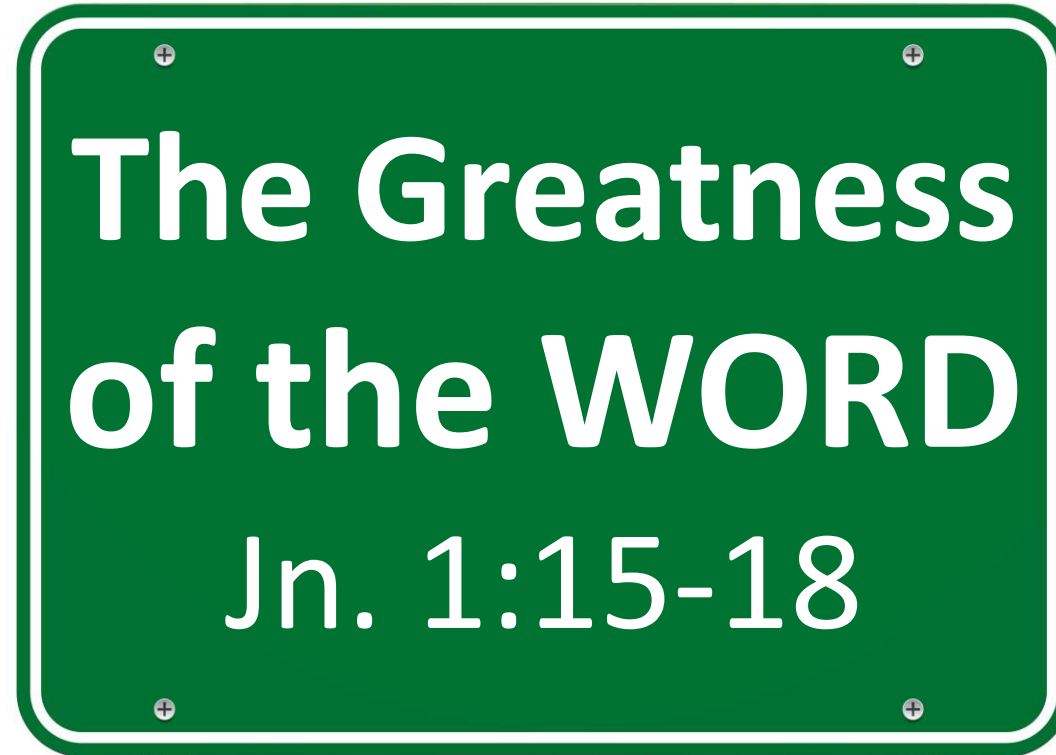


A green rectangular highway sign with a white border is suspended between two metal lattice towers. The sign contains the text 'The Incarnate WORD' in white, with 'The Incarnate' on the top line and 'WORD' in a larger font on the bottom line. Below the sign, a grey asphalt road curves into the distance under a clear blue sky. The road is bordered by white concrete guardrails.

The Incarnate WORD

Jn. 1:9-14

FINAL STOP



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

^aIN the ^bbeginning was the ^cWord was with ^dGod. ^eGod
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² The same was in the ³beginning
with ⁴God.

¹ All things were
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made that was made

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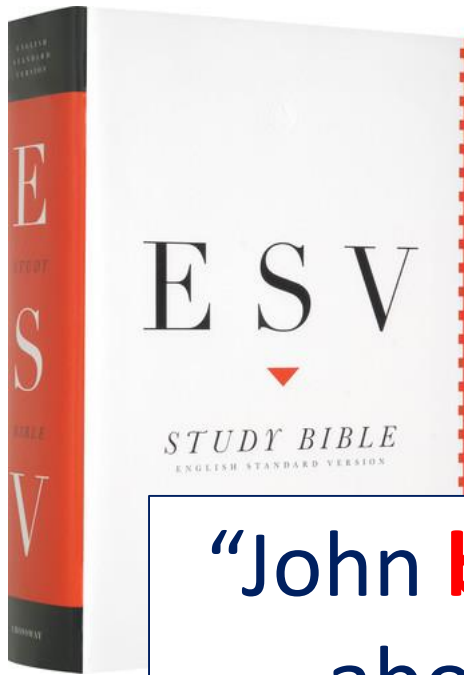
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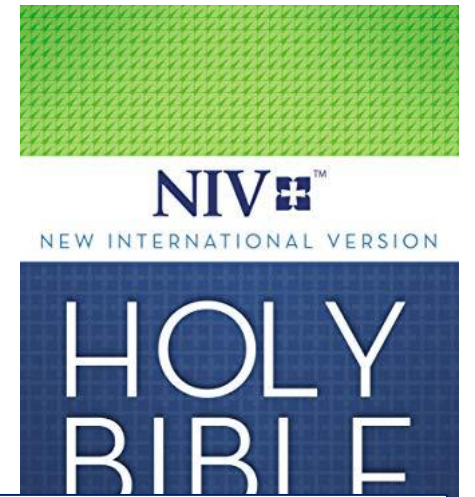


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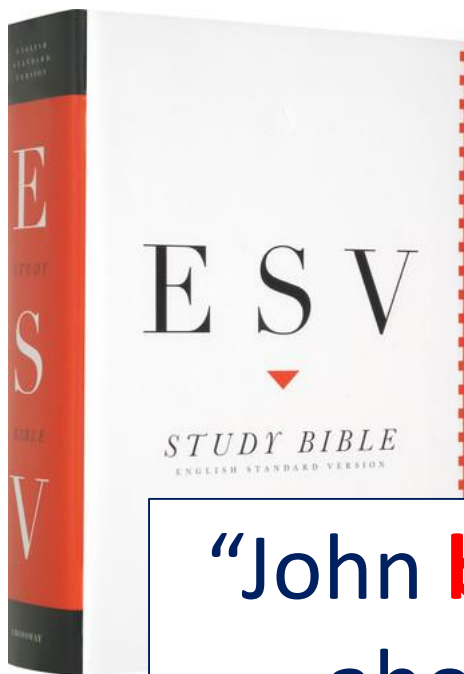




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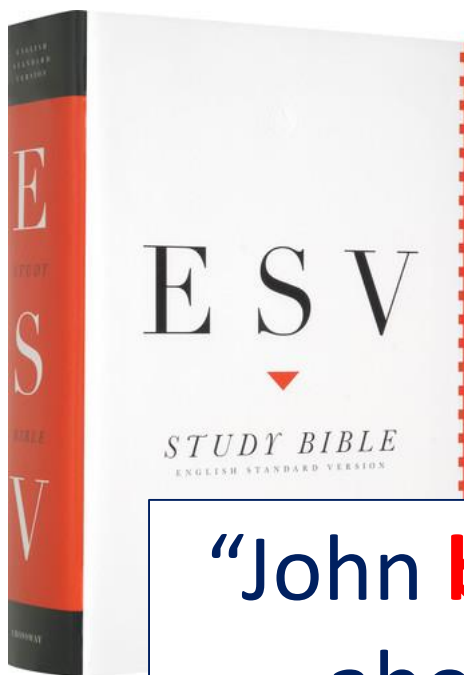


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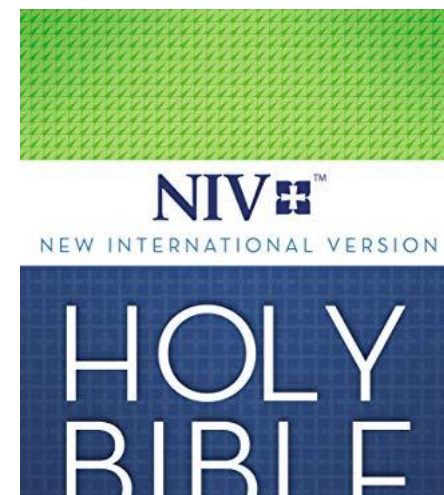


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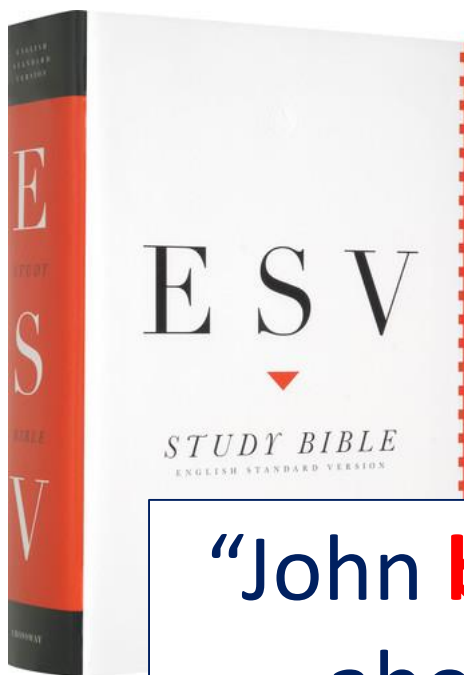
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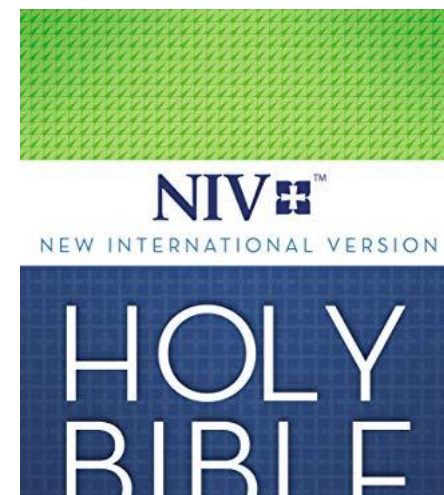
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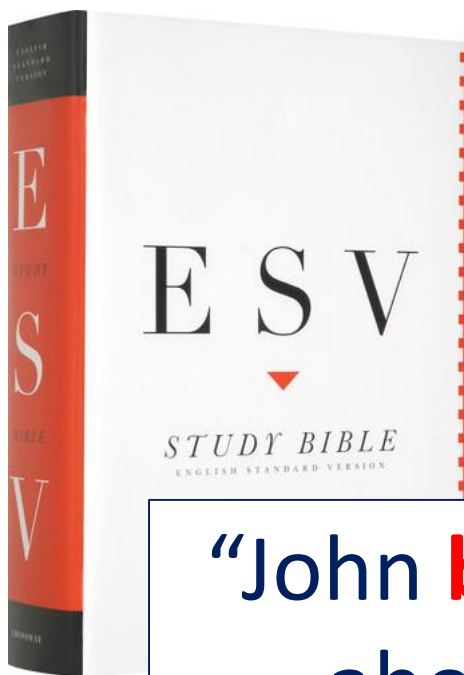
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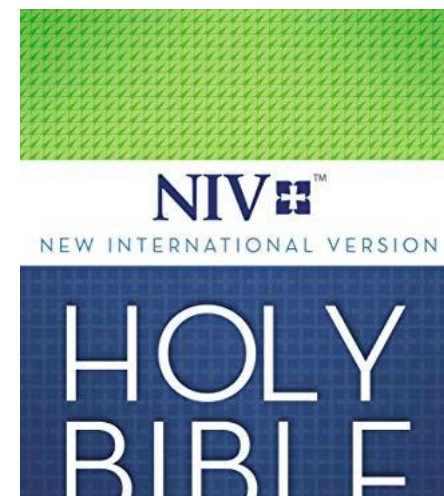
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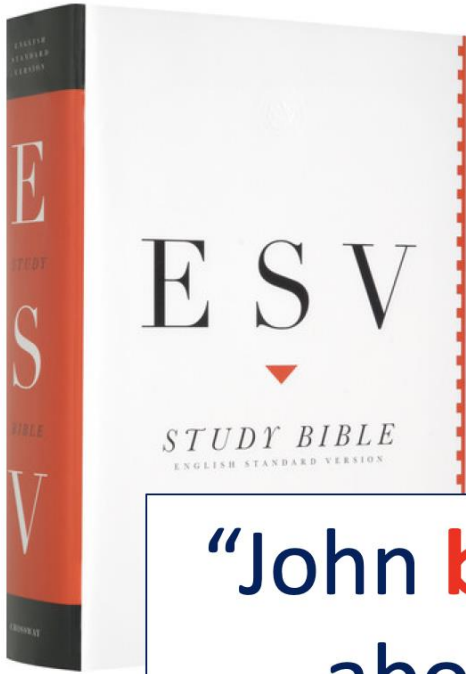
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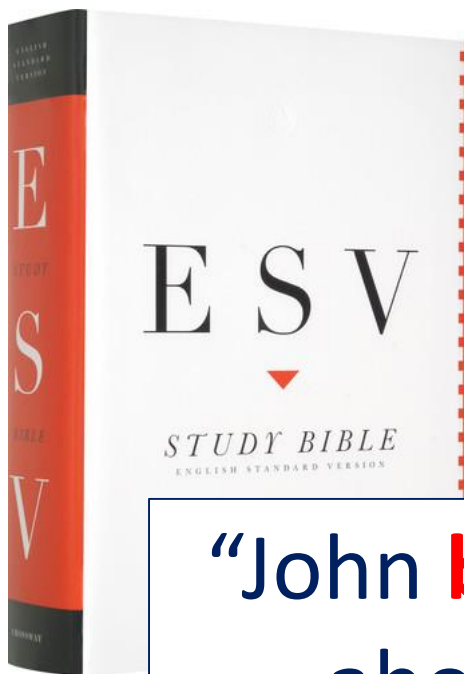


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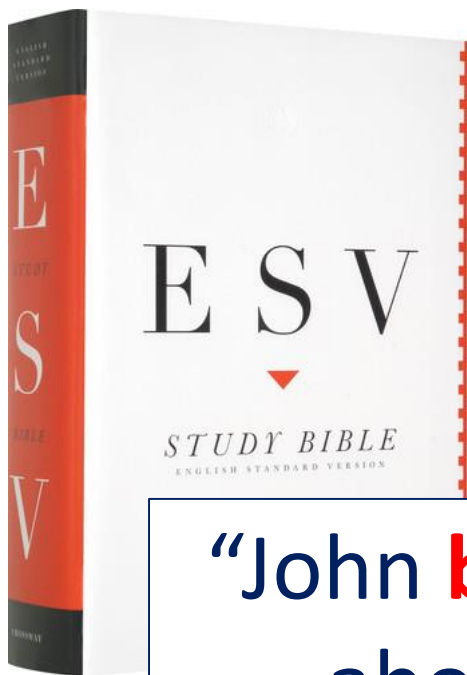
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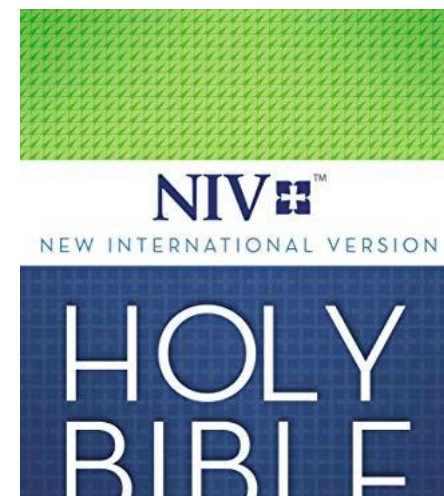
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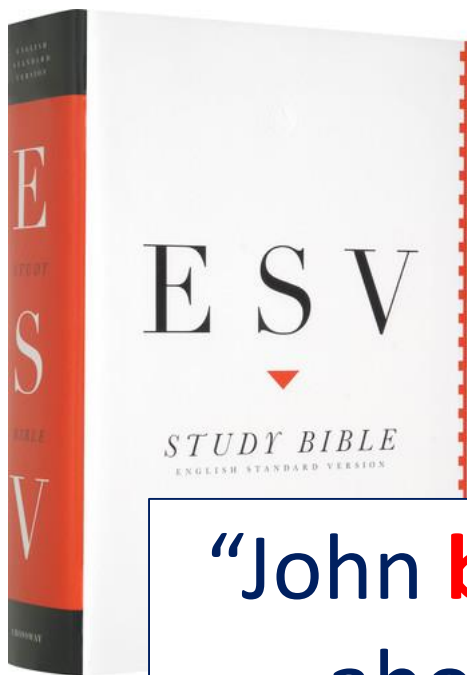


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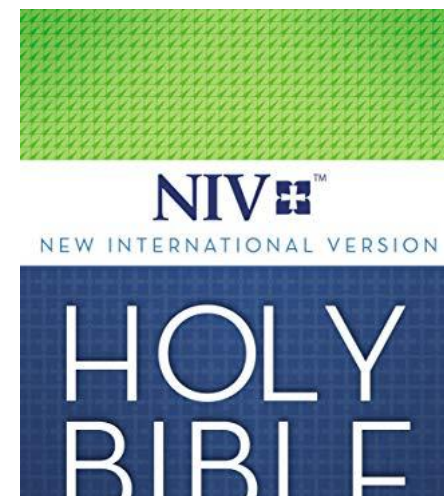
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“Witness” was
a special word



The “witness”
John the Baptist
as a martyr **is** a
witness for eternity

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The image is a collage of three photographs of ancient ruins. The left side shows a close-up of a stone wall made of irregular blocks. The top center shows a large, multi-story classical building with many columns, some of which are missing. The right side shows a path through ruins with a metal railing. The word 'HISTORY' is written in large, bold, gold letters across the center, with a white arrow pointing to the right behind it.

HISTORY







 Jerusalem



Ephesus



Jerusalem



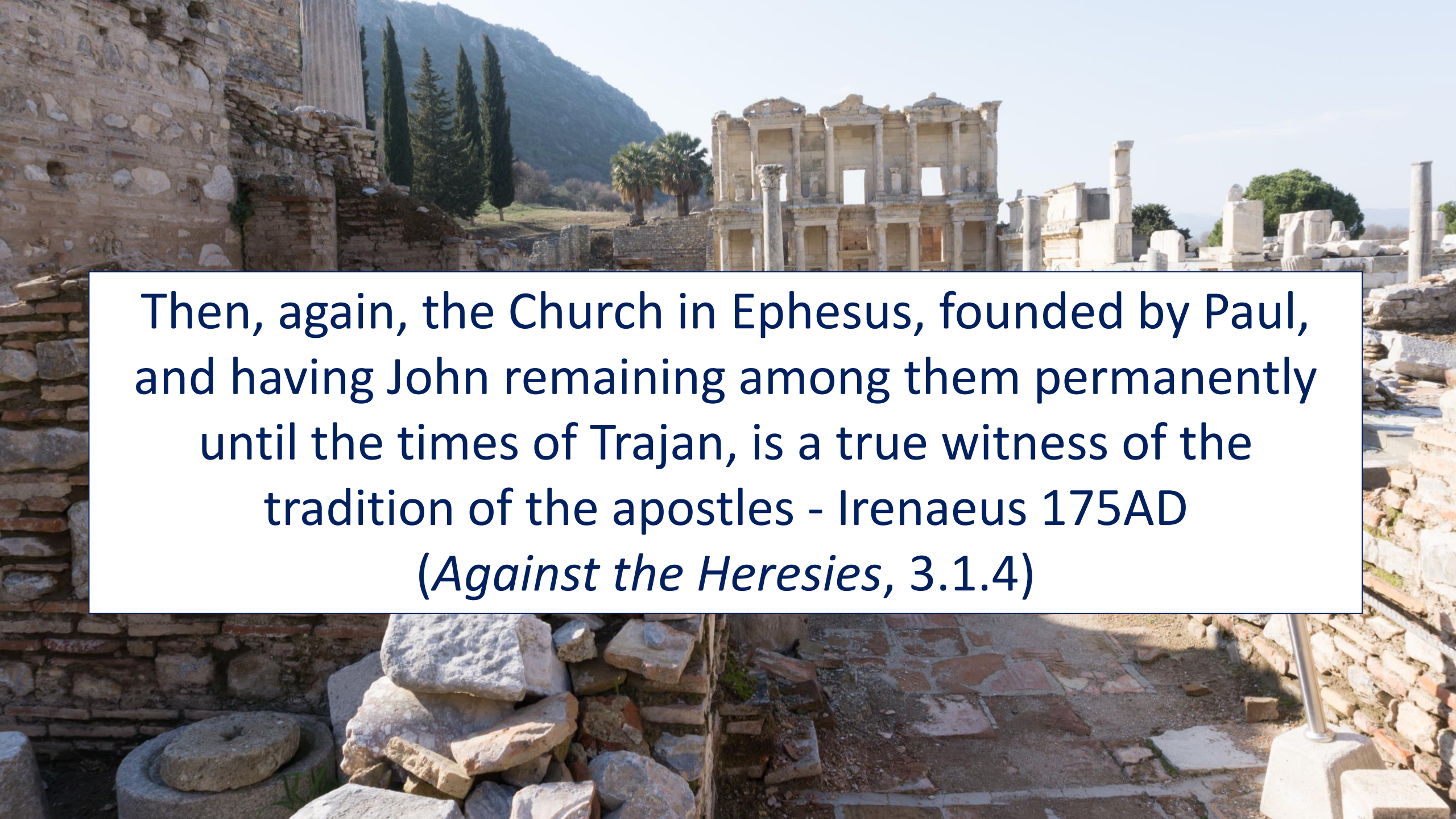
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**~ Distance of Houston to
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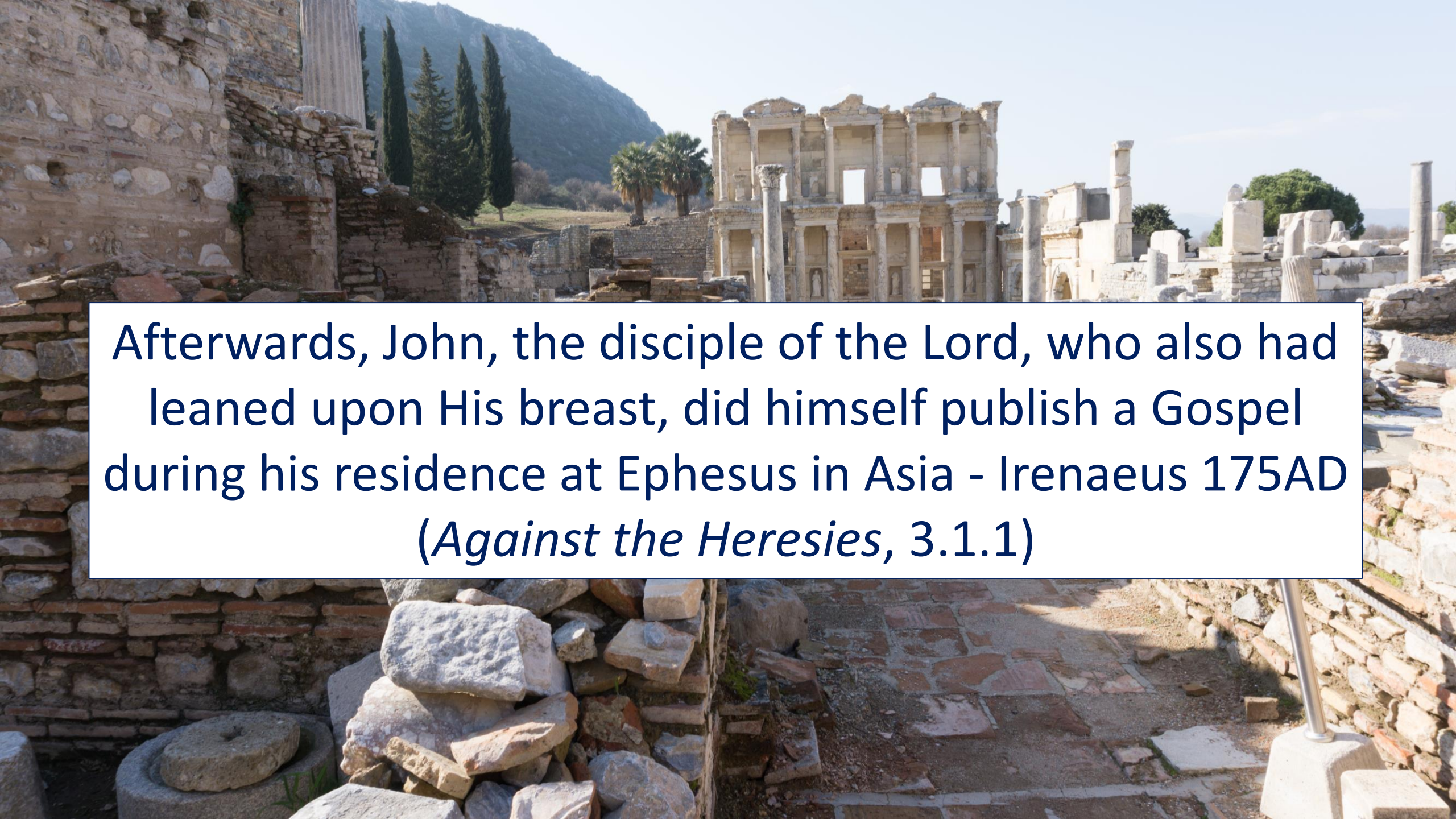


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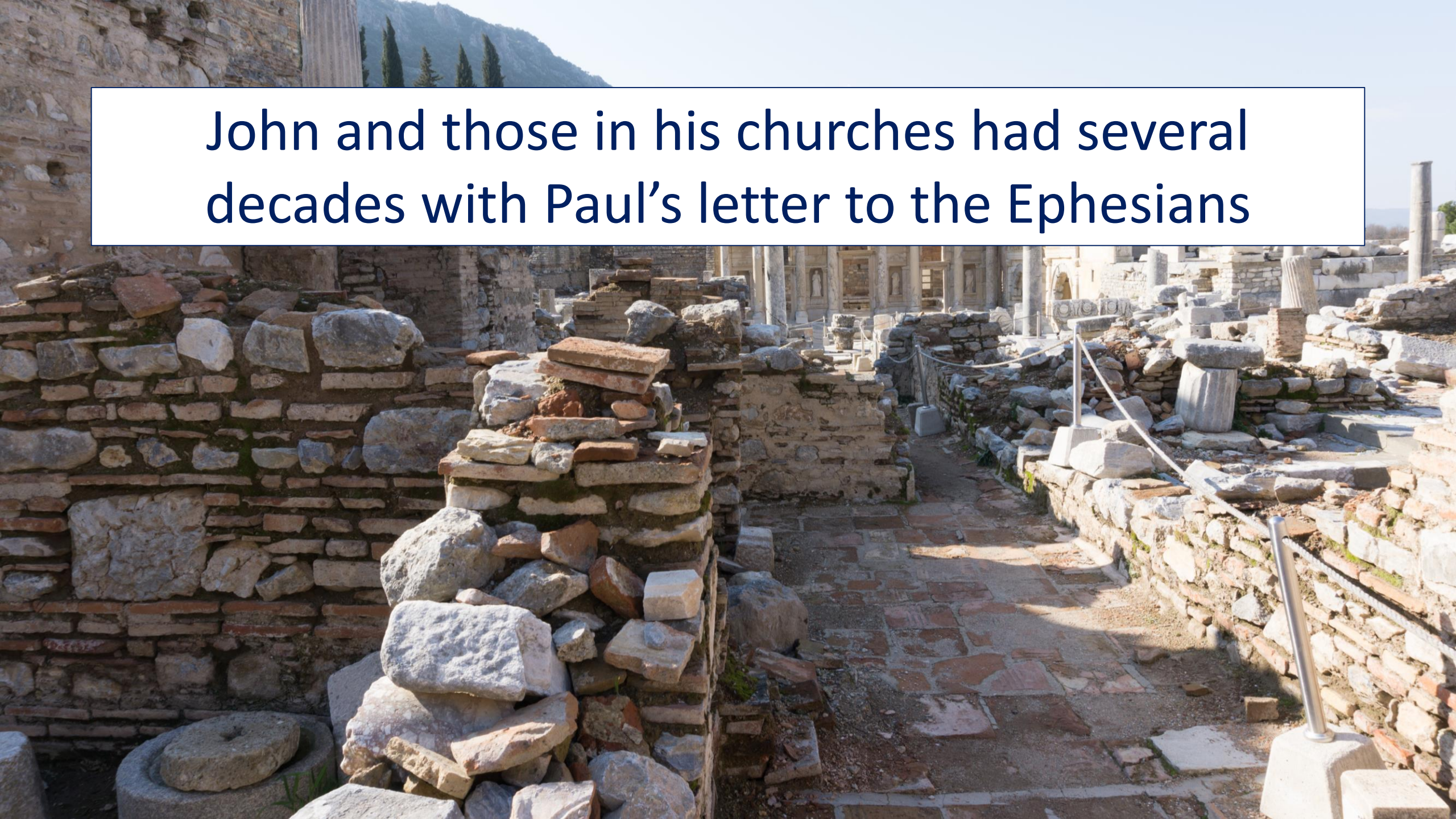


Then, again, the Church in Ephesus, founded by Paul,
and having John remaining among them permanently
until the times of Trajan, is a true witness of the
tradition of the apostles - Irenaeus 175AD
(*Against the Heresies*, 3.1.4)



Afterwards, John, the disciple of the Lord, who also had
leaned upon His breast, did himself publish a Gospel
during his residence at Ephesus in Asia - Irenaeus 175AD
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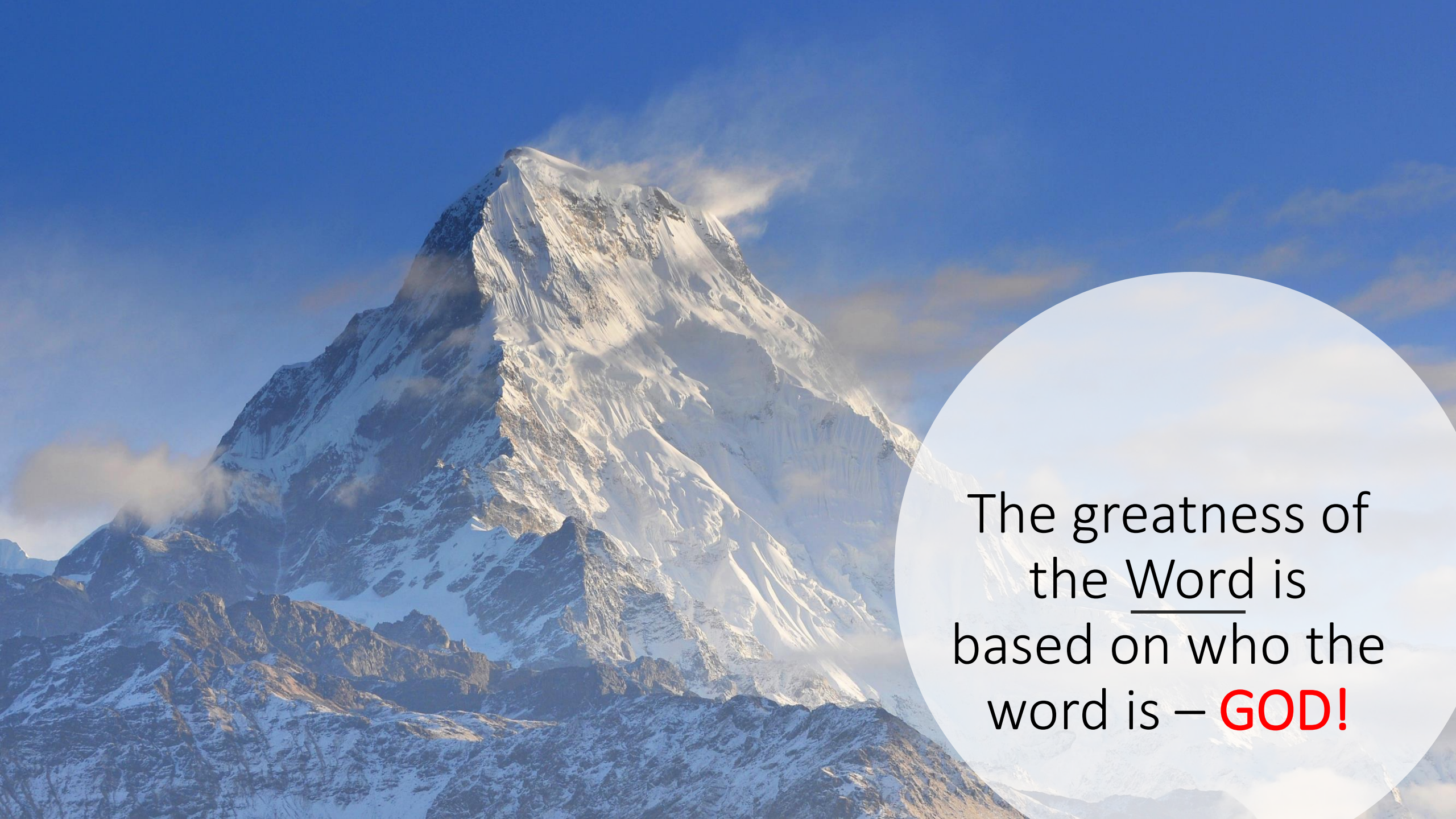
John and those in his churches had several decades with Paul's letter to the Ephesians



*For **from his fullness**
we have all received,
grace upon grace.*

(Jn. 1:16)

*Read Ephesians 1:3, 7-8, 22-23;
2:7*



The greatness of
the Word is
based on who the
word is – **GOD!**



The greatness of
God isn't his
power and might



The greatness of
God isn't his
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It is his love

The
Gospel of
John is a
love story

must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever ^abelieves in Him
¹should not perish but ^bhave eter-

For God so loved the world
He gave His only begotten
Son, that whoever believes in
Him should not perish but have
everlasting life.

17 ^aFor God did not send His Son
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Him might be saved.

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(Jn. 1:15-18)

Jesus outshines all others – even Moses







**Praise Jesus:
the Word of God**



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*“Grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ” (Jn 1:17)*





Walk in the grace of God



Walk in the grace of God

*“For from his fullness we have
all received, grace upon grace”
(Jn 1:16)*





See Jesus, see God



See Jesus, see God

*“No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known”
(Jn 1:18)*