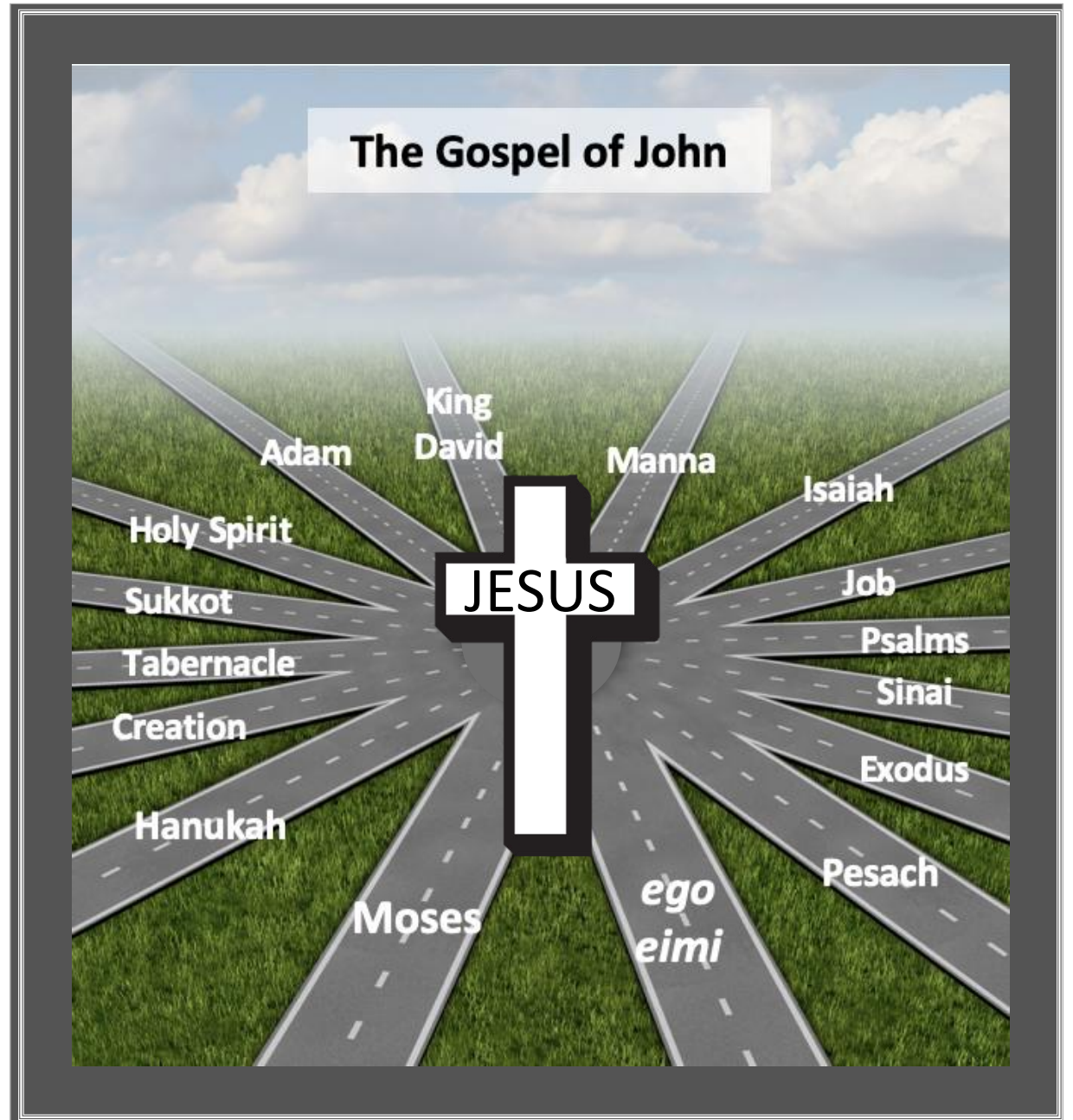


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## John Chapter 3

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

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**A journey from night to light**





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A journey from night to light

An empowering journey





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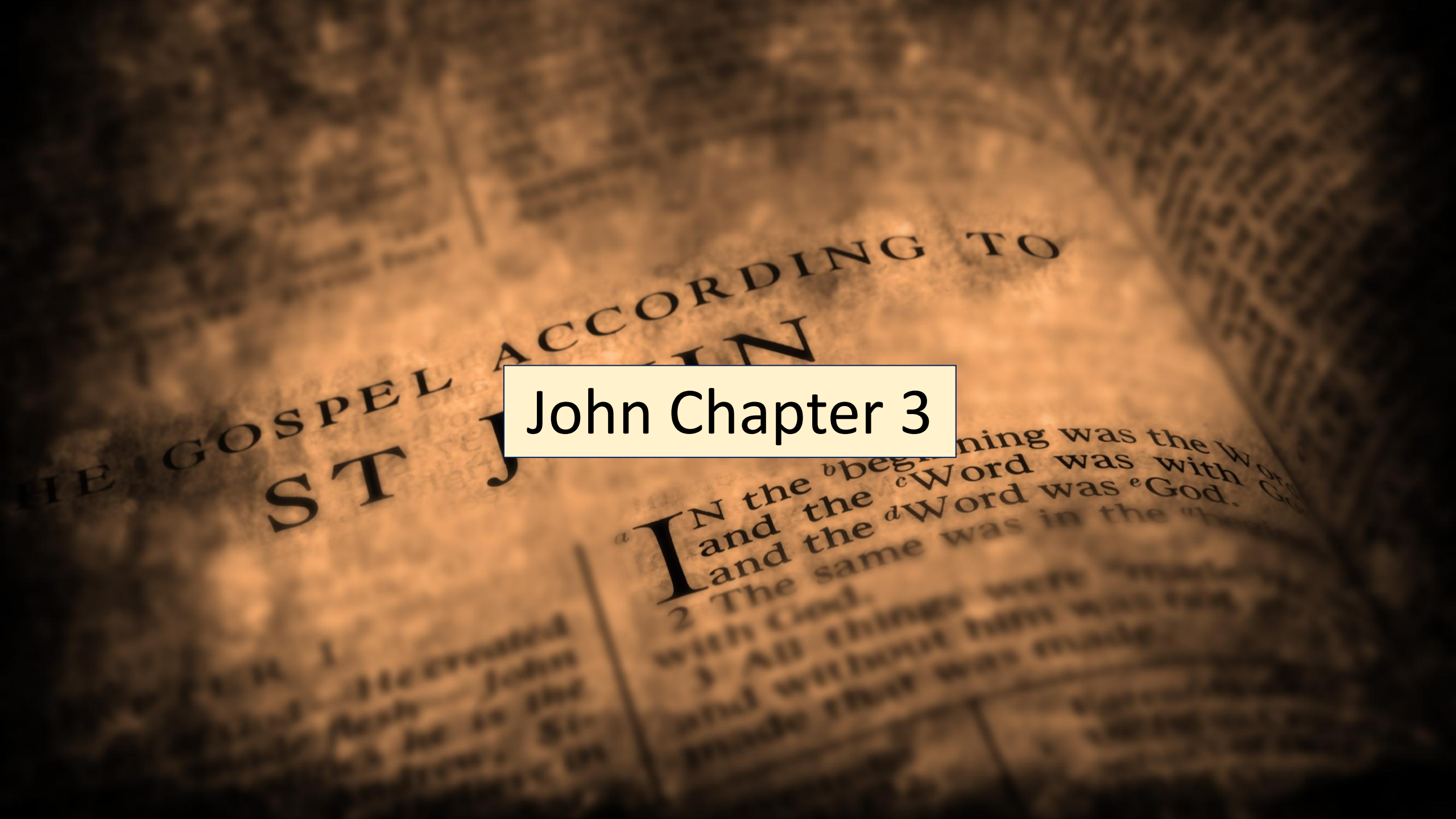
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Nicodemus comes by night



John is working a  
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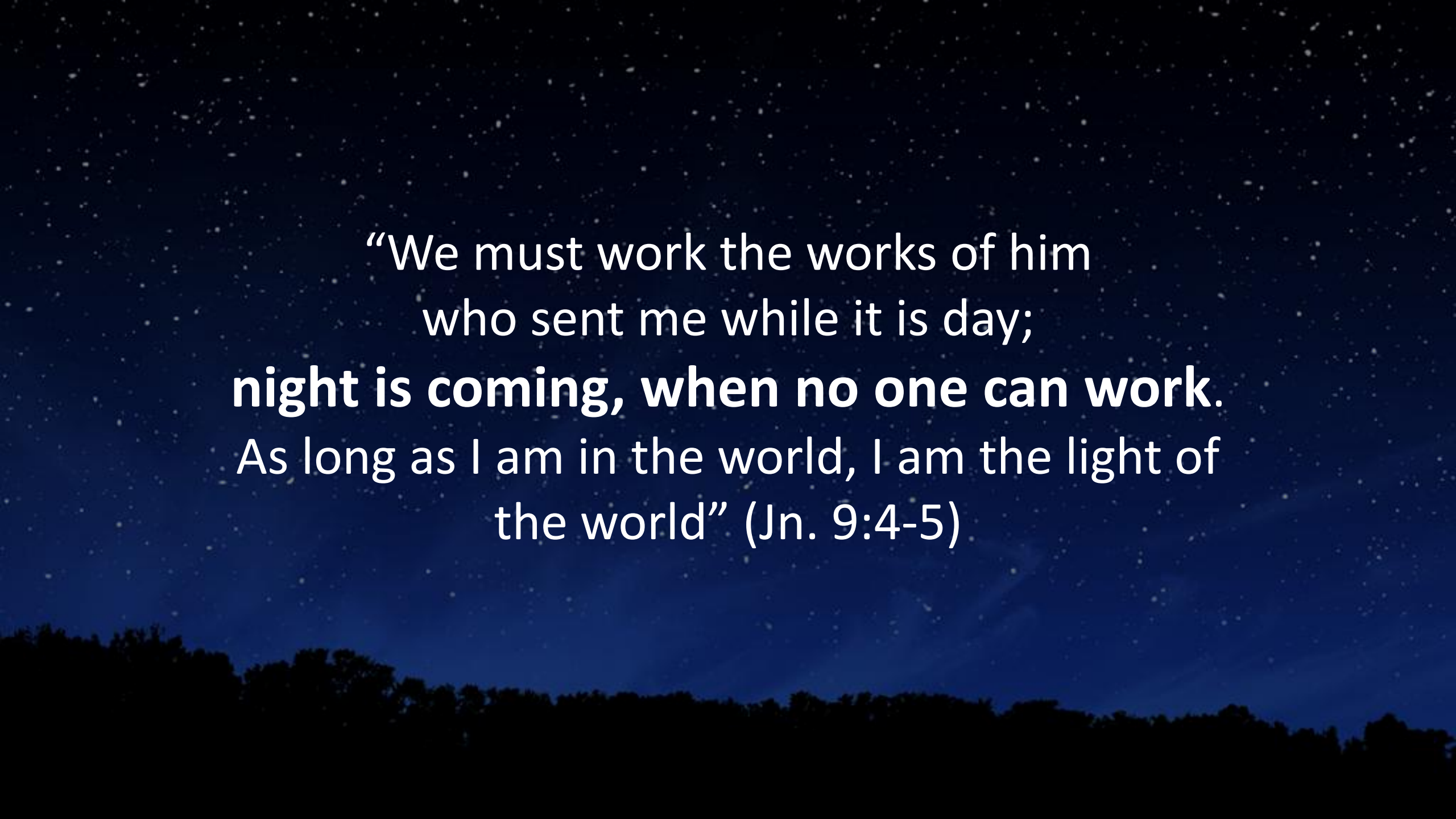
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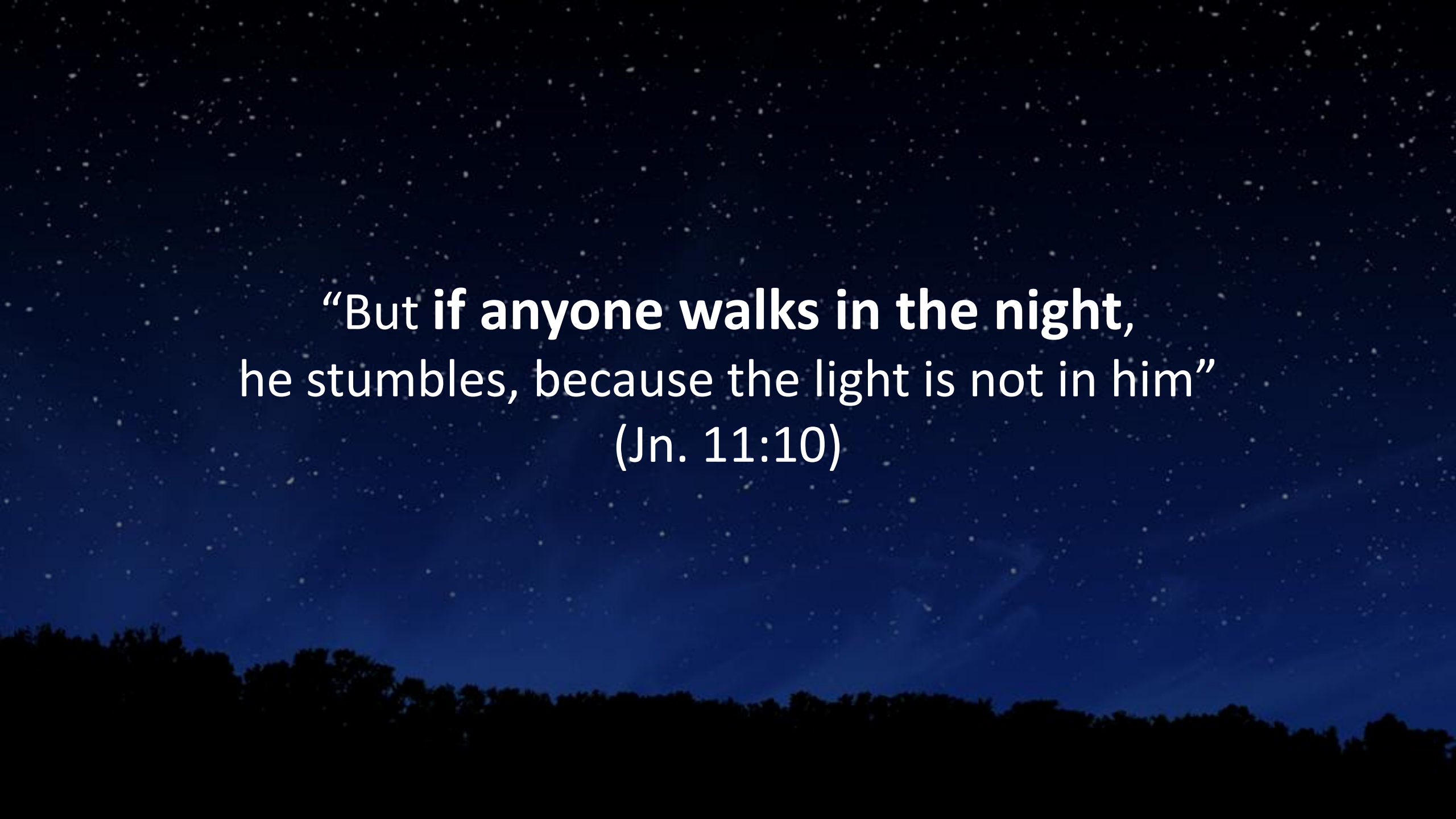




“We must work the works of him  
who sent me while it is day;  
**night is coming, when no one can work.**  
As long as I am in the world, I am the light of  
the world” (Jn. 9:4-5)







**“But if anyone walks in the night,  
he stumbles, because the light is not in him”  
(Jn. 11:10)**



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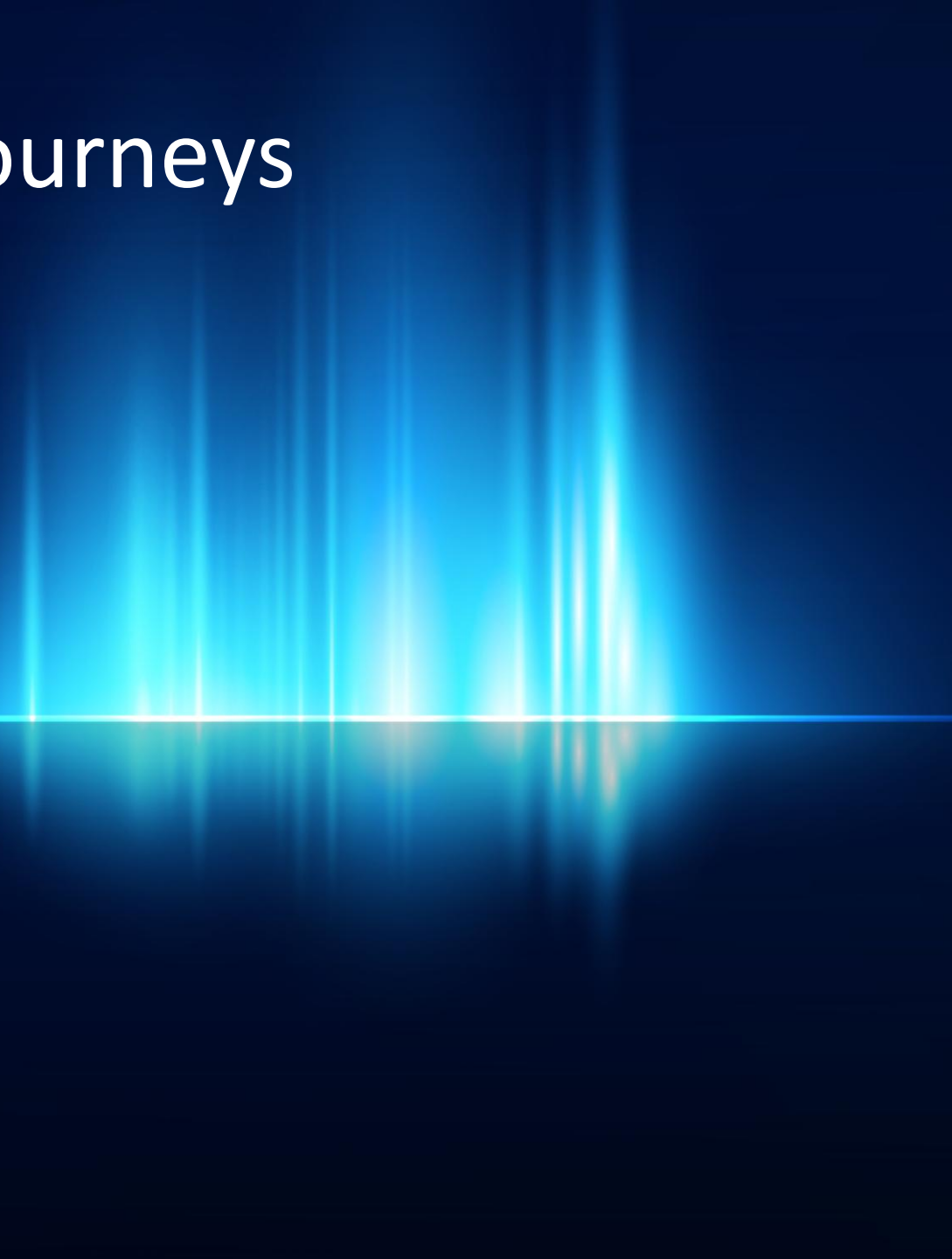
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# Compare the journeys



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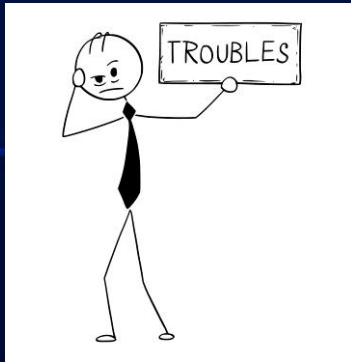
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Judas

Then after he [Judas] had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. ... he immediately went out. And it was night  
(Jn 13:27-30)

# Compare the journeys

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*dynamai*  
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**What you MUST DO,  
you CAN DO through God!**





*Jn 3:2-10*

**What you MUST DO,  
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**Get the contrast!**





# Get the contrast!

Nick:  
We “know” you  
are a teacher  
from God

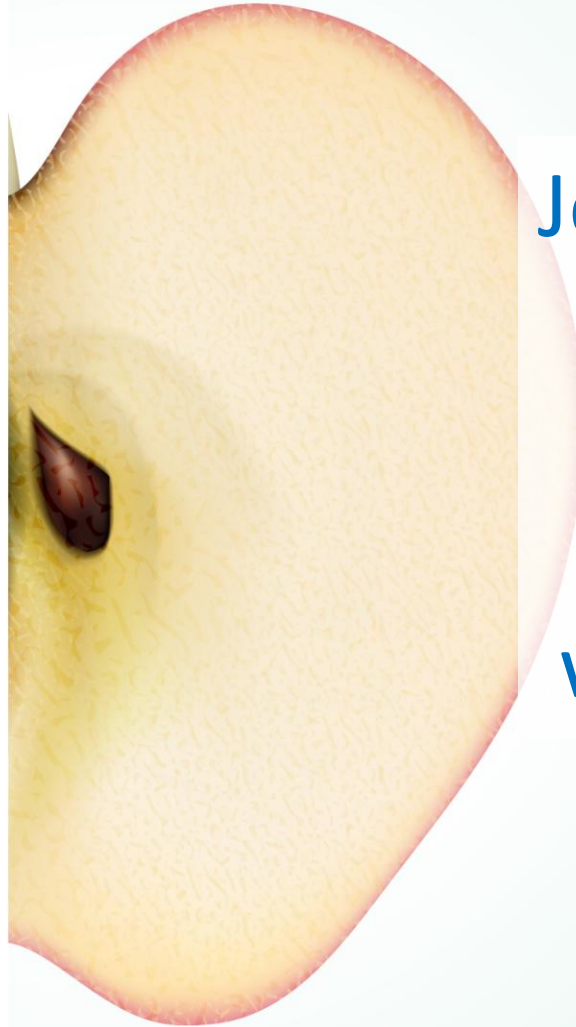


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Jesus:  
You are a  
teacher from  
Israel, listen to  
what we know!





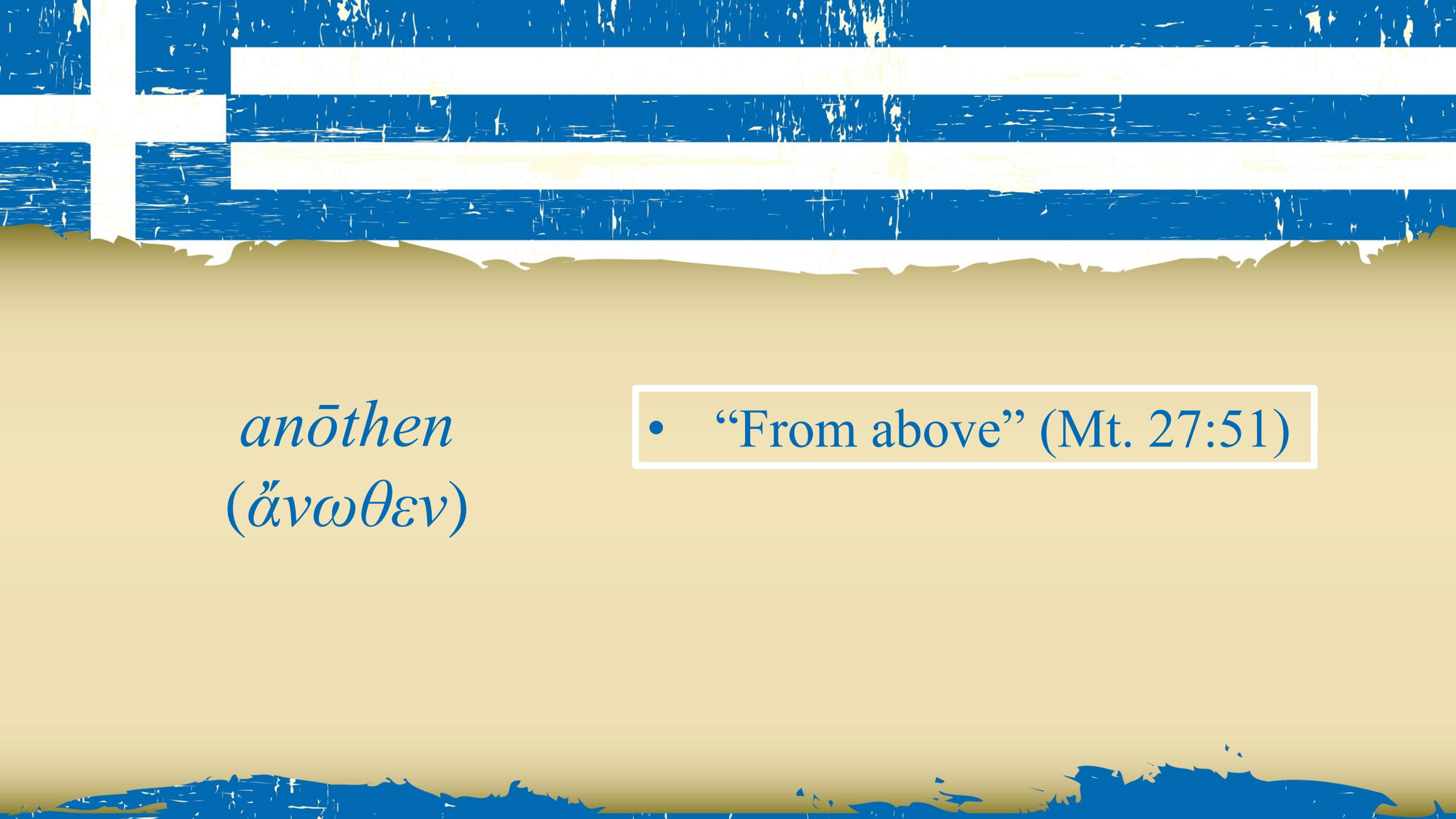
A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair tied back, holding a baby wrapped in a white cloth. She is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Born again?  
Born from above?**



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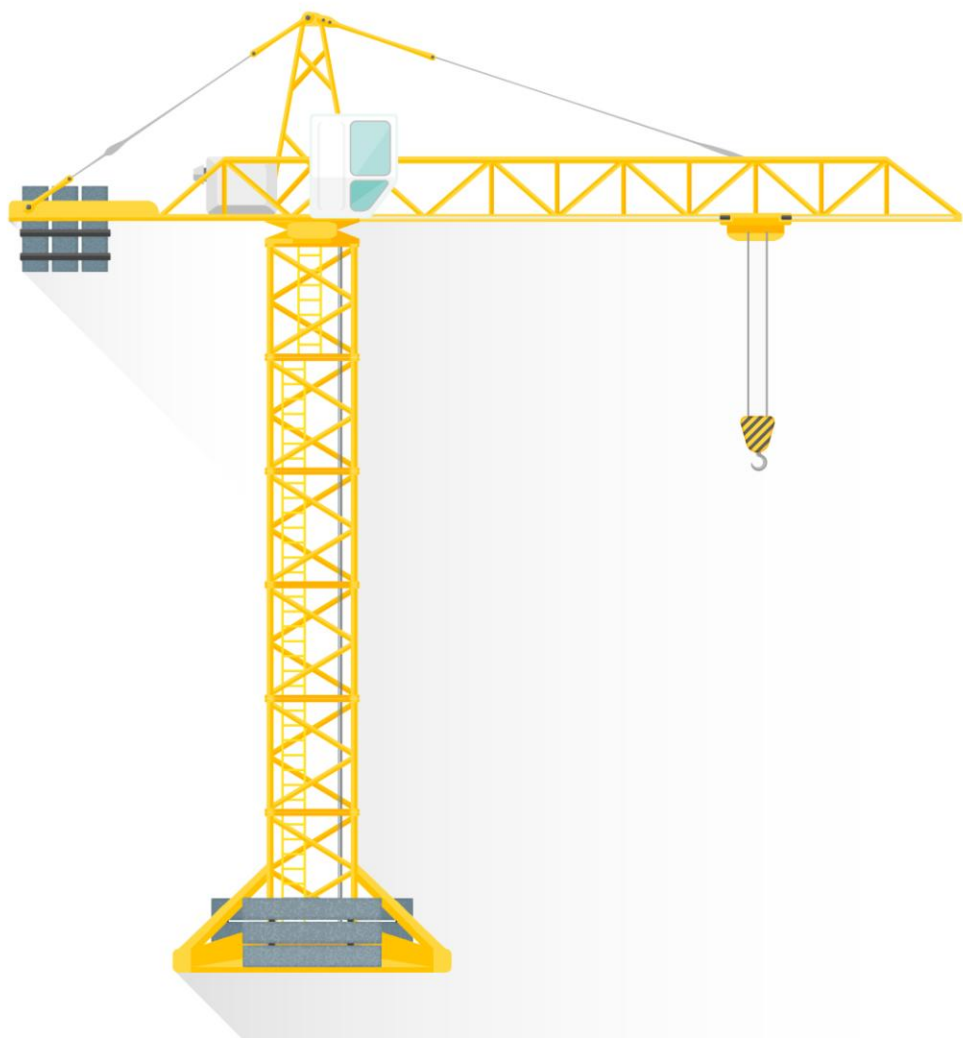


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- “From above” (Mt. 27:51)

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- “From above” (Mt. 27:51)
- “Again” (Gal. 4:9)





## William Barclay

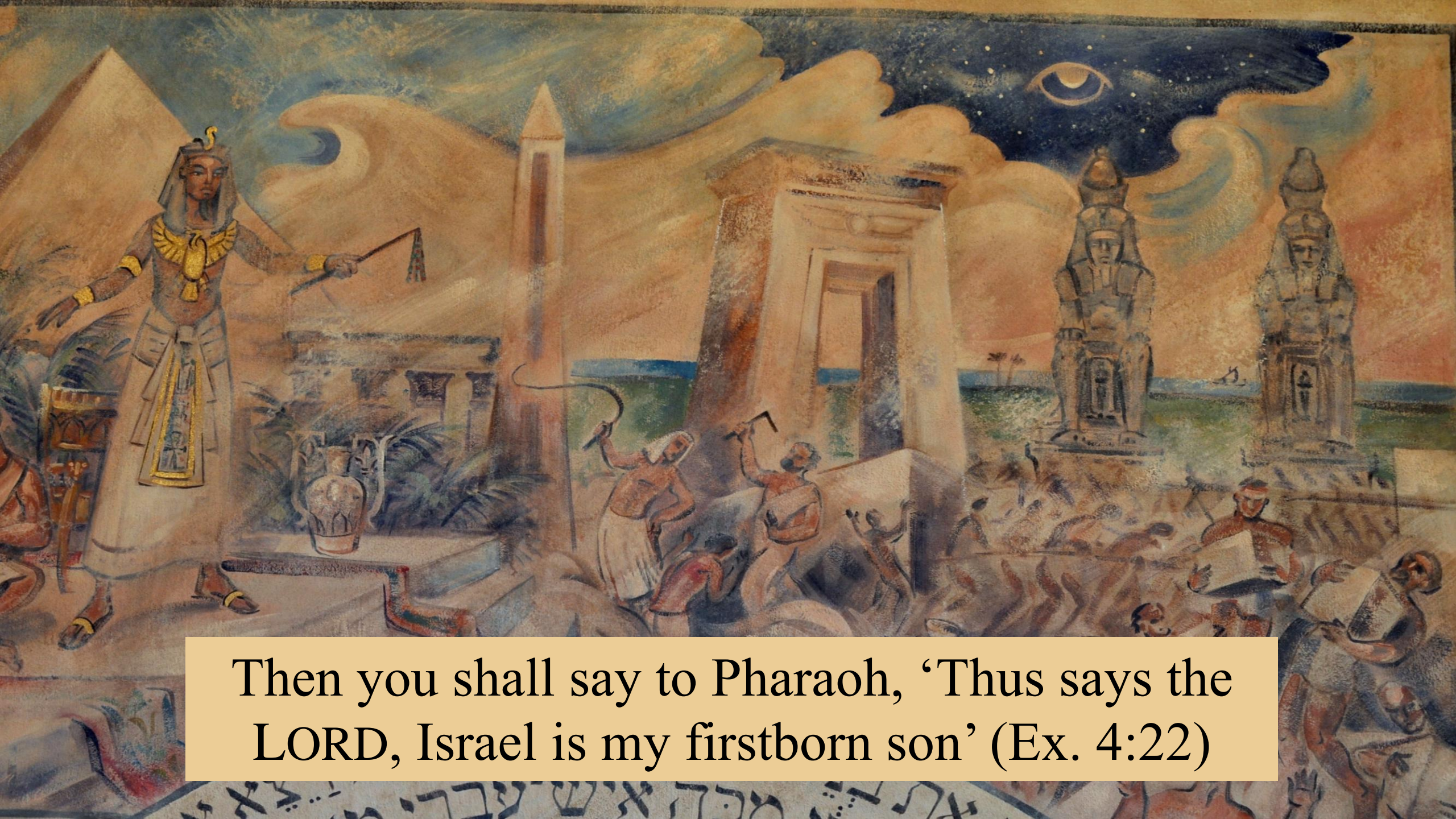


Unless one is  
“reborn from above...”

A close-up, profile view of a woman with dark hair tied back, gently holding a baby. Her eyes are closed, and she has a soft smile, conveying a sense of love and protection. The baby is wrapped in a white cloth. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

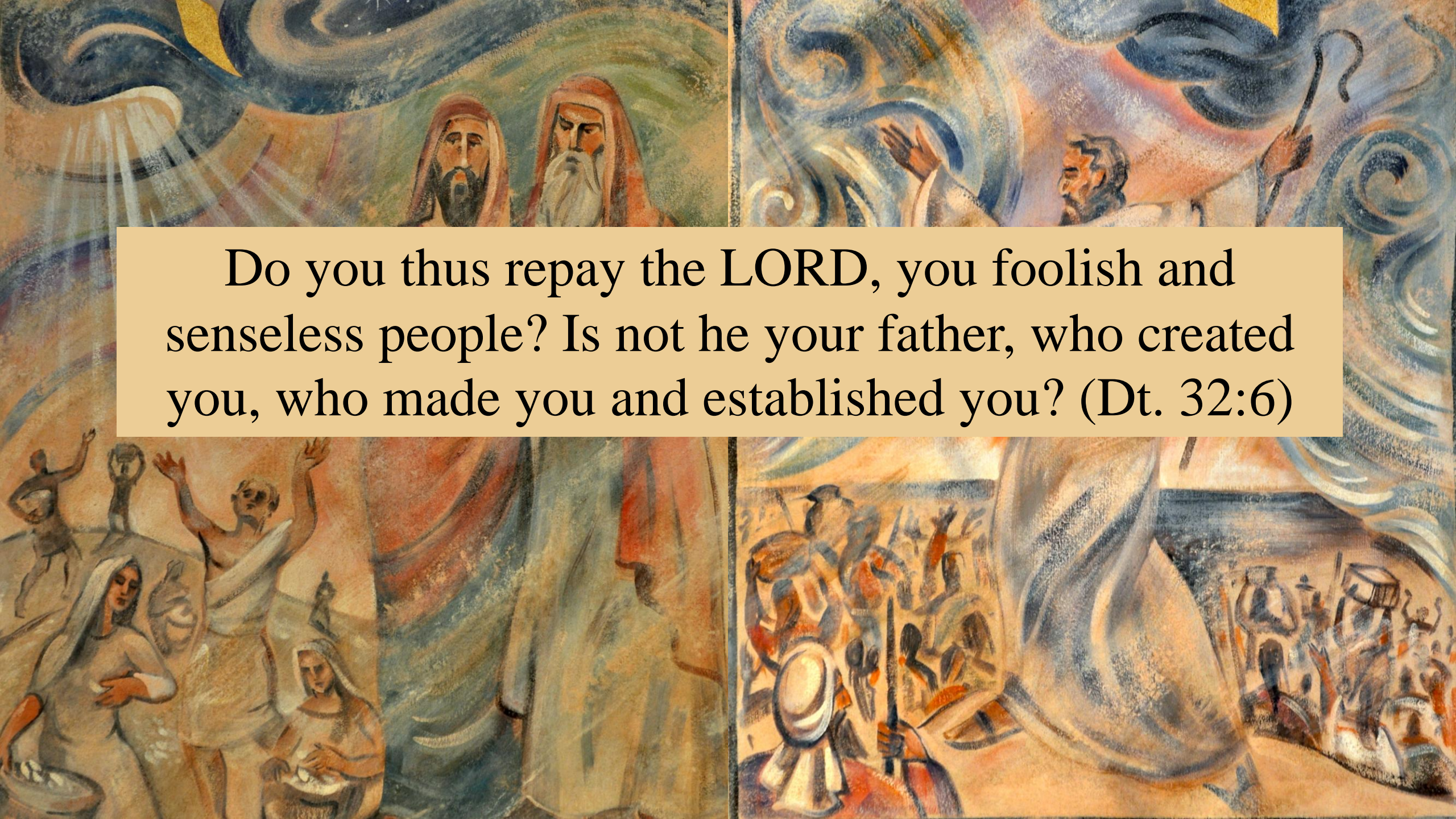
**Catch the  
tenderness**





Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son’ (Ex. 4:22)





Do you thus repay the LORD, you foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you? (Dt. 32:6)



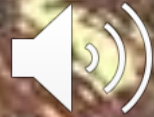


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Lamb III



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# Hosea 11

When Israel was young  
how I loved him

Lamb III





# Hosea 11

From Egypt I did call  
him to be my son

Lamb III



# Hosea 11

For it was I who taught  
Ephraim to walk

Lamb III





## Hosea 11

And I who picked him  
up in my arms

Lamb III



## Hosea 11

Yet they did not know that  
it was I who loved them

Lamb III





## Hosea 11

With tender cords of  
love I did lead them

Lamb III



# Hosea 11

For I was to them as  
one who lifts a yoke

Lamb III





## Hosea 11

And bending down  
I lovingly fed

Lamb III



# Hosea 11

How can I give you up  
my son Ephraim?

Lamb III





# Hosea 11

How can I give you  
up Israel?

Lamb III



# Hosea 11

For my heart's  
overturned

Lamb III





Hosea 11

My compassion  
are kindled

Lamb III



## Hosea 11

But again will my  
anger be burned

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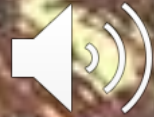


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Ezek. 36:25-27





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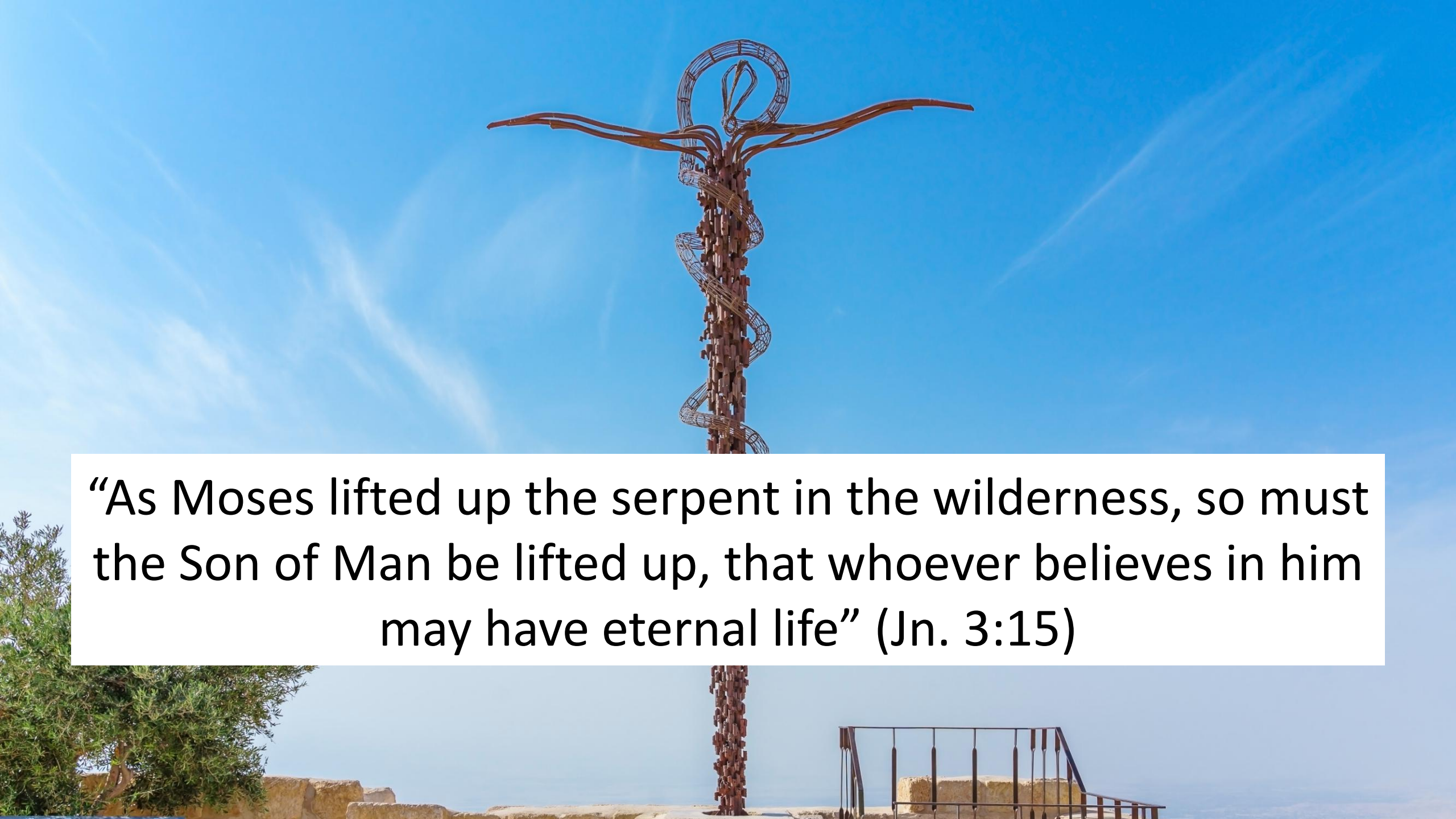


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God will then purify every deed of man with this truth; He will refine for Himself the human frame by rooting out all spirit of falsehood from the bounds of his flesh. He will cleanse him of all wicked deeds with the spirit of holiness; like purifying waters He will shed upon him the spirit of truth (to cleanse him) of all abomination and falsehood. And he shall be plunged into the spirit of purification that he may instruct the upright in the knowledge of the Most High and teach the wisdom of the sons of heaven to the perfect of way. (1 QS iv 20-22)



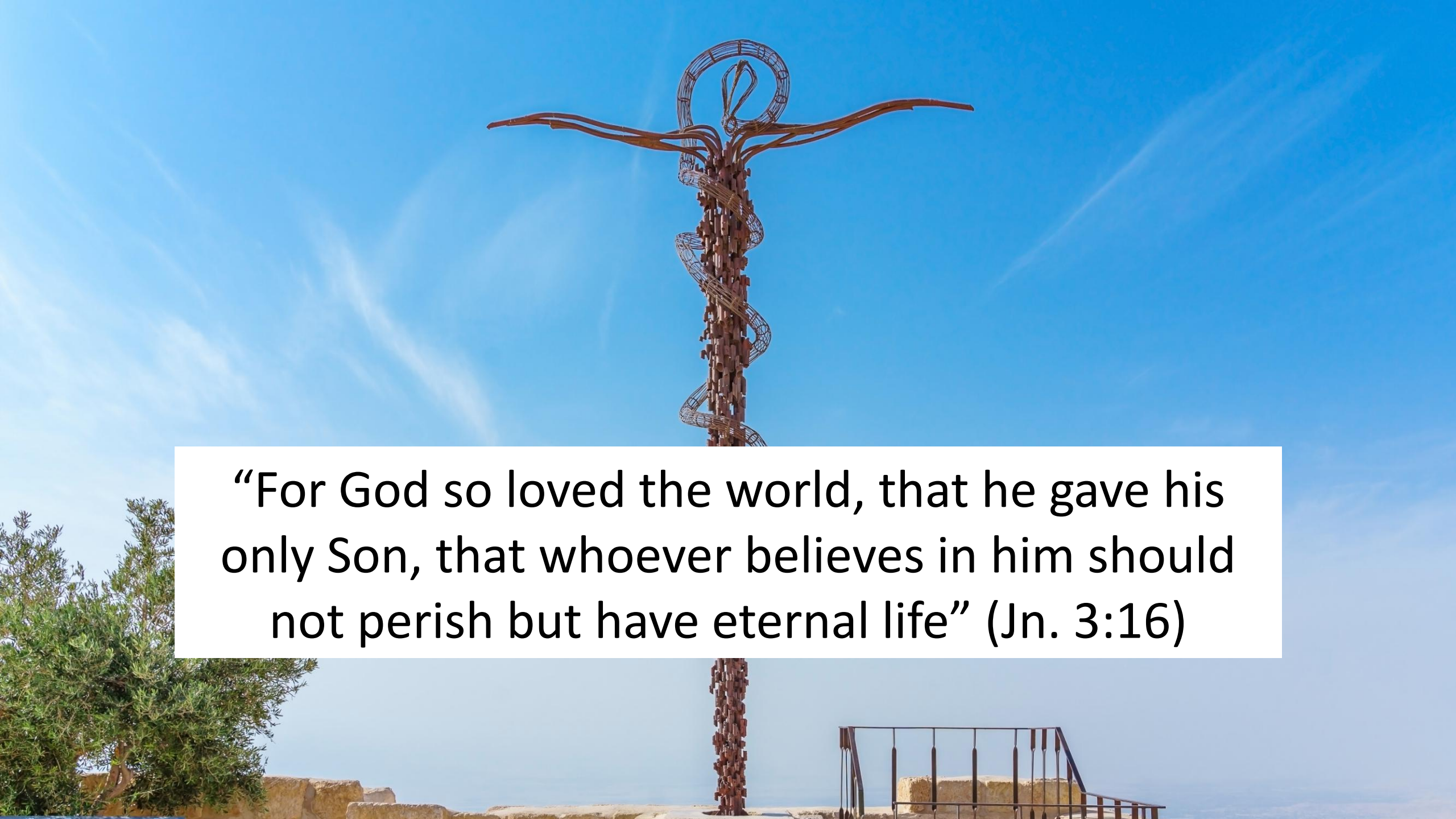




“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (Jn. 3:15)







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**Journey into the light**





## **Journey into the light**

**But whoever does what is  
true comes to the light”  
(Jn. 3:21)**







**Journey with God's  
power**



## **Journey with God's power**

*“How can these things be?”  
(Jn 3:9)*







**Journey expectantly**





## **Journey expectantly**

“unless one is born again  
he cannot see the  
kingdom of God” (Jn 3:3)