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"THE EMPTY TOMB"

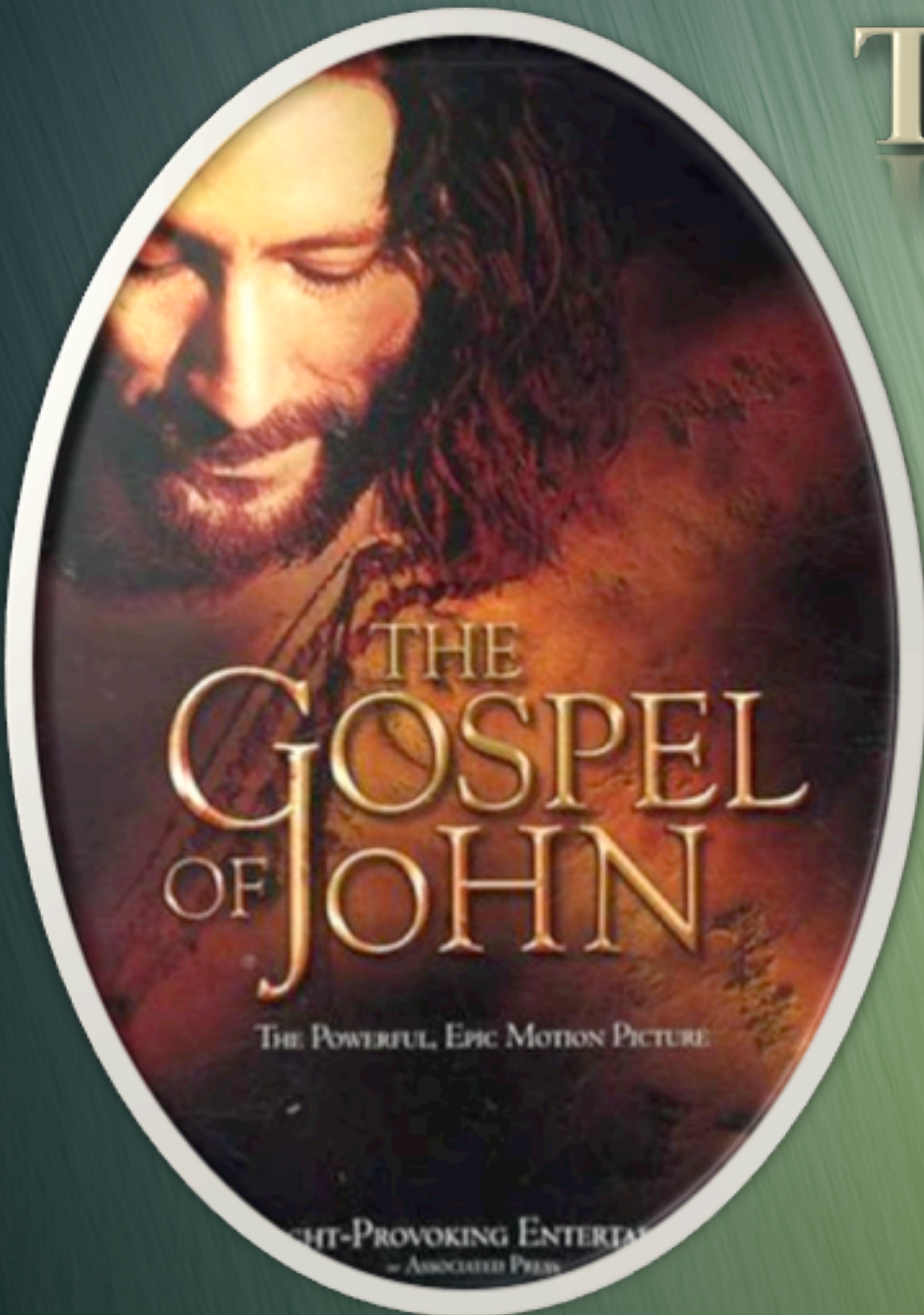
(JOHN 20:1-29)

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THEME

John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

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JESUS PREPARES HIS DISCIPLES FOR HIS IMMINENT DEATH



JOHN 13:1-17:26

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THE ARREST OF CHRIST – 18:1-12

✦ The plans of wicked men:

2:13-22; 5:16-18;
7:7-49; 8:21-59;
9:22; 10:22-39;
11:47-57; 12:9-11,19;
13:2,27-30



✦ The plan of Almighty God

1:1,14; 3:14-16;
6:51-58; 7:30;
8:20,59;
10:14-18,31,39;
11:8-10; 12:20-36

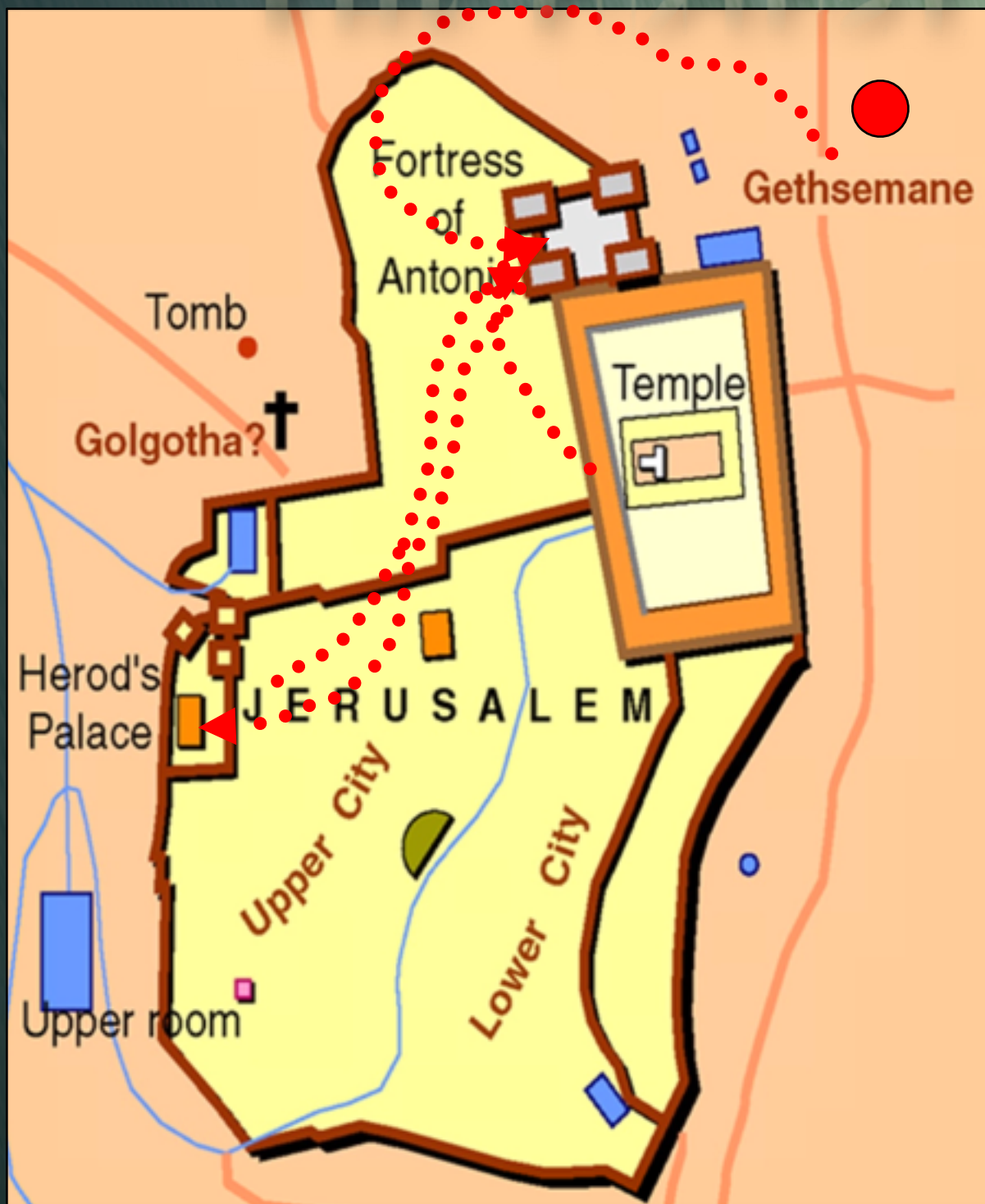
Jesus does NOT appear in this narrative as a mere victim - nor is he overcome by an external superior power!

His death was entirely voluntary - 10:14-18; 14:30,31

None but Jesus has mastery of the circumstances -

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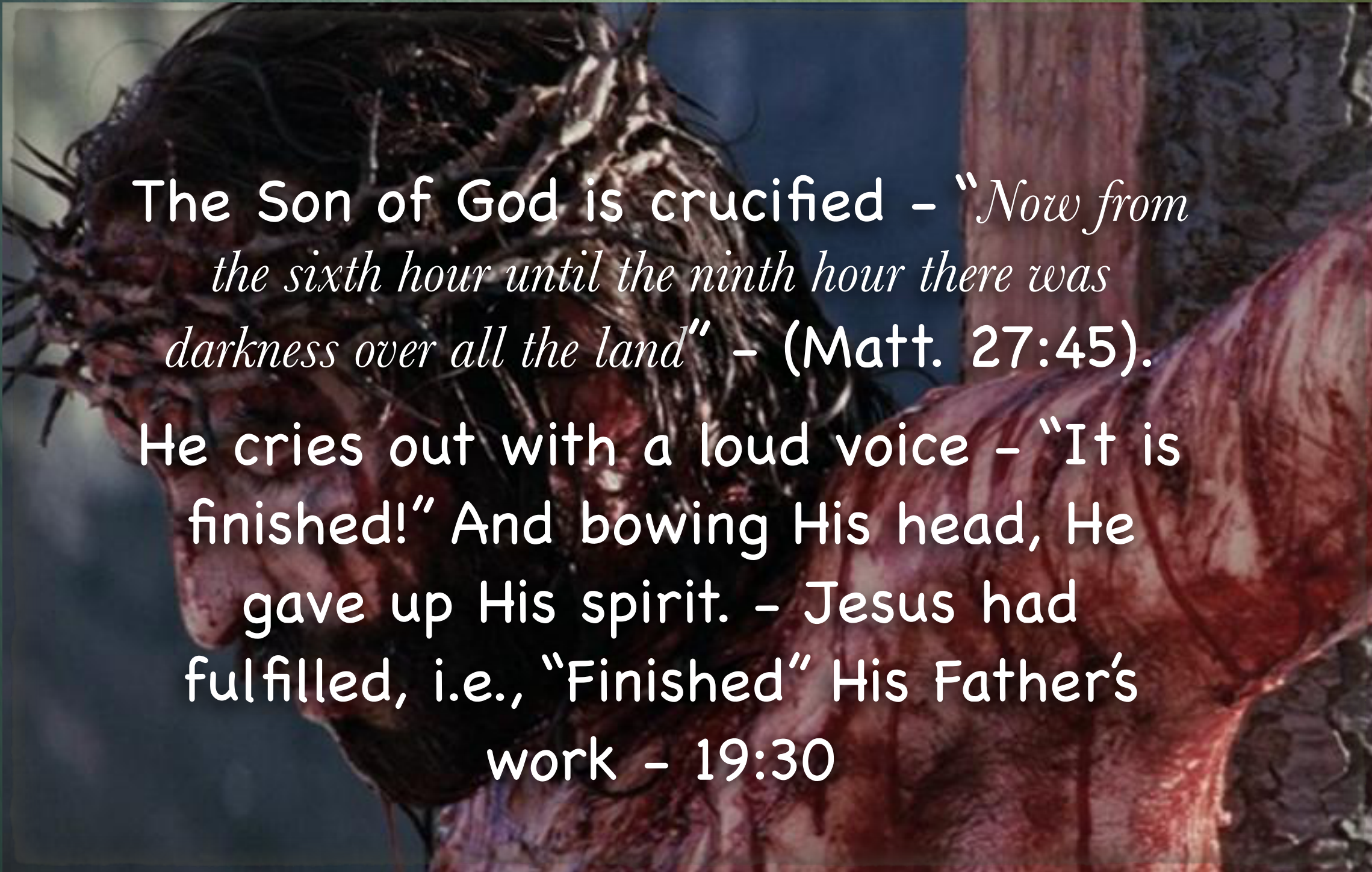
THE UNJUST TRIAL OF JESUS



1. Jesus taken to Annas, - John 18:13-14, 19-24
2. Then to Caiaphas and SOME of the elders - John 18:24; Mat 26:57-68; Luke 66-71
3. Jesus sent to Pilate - Mat 27:1,2; Luke 23:1,2; John 18:28-38
4. Jesus sent to Herod "tetrarch of Galilee" - Lk 3:1 23:6-12
5. Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate - Luke 23:11; John 18:39-19:16
6. Jesus' crucifixion & death - Jn 19:16-30

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JESUS' CRUCIFIXION & DEATH - 19:16-30



The Son of God is crucified – *"Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land"* – (Matt. 27:45).

He cries out with a loud voice – "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. – Jesus had fulfilled, i.e., "Finished" His Father's work – 19:30

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JESUS' BURIAL – 19:38-42

- * The burial of Jesus is part of the gospel ("He was buried," 1 Cor. 15:4; Rom 6:16,17).
- * 19:38–39. Joseph of Arimathea [who was rich (Matt. 27:57) and was waiting for the kingdom (Mark 15:43)], got permission to bury Jesus' body along with Nicodemus; (cf. 3:1; 7:51). About 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes was used in preparing the body for burial.
- * 19:40–42. Because it was almost the Sabbath (which began at sundown) the burial had to take place quickly.



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- * Jesus' body was placed in a new tomb in a private garden, not in a cemetery – John states it was placed there "for it was nearby" – 19:42.
- * Matthew tells us it was Joseph's "own new tomb he had cut from the rock" (Matt. 27:60).
- * Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah, the suffering Servant, though despised and rejected by men, would be with the rich in His death (Isa. 53:9).



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Prophecies of the Betrayal, Trial, and Crucifixion of Jesus

Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zech. 11:12	Mt. 26:14,15
The money to be cast to potter	Zech. 11:13	Mt. 27:3-10
His disciples to forsake Him	Zech. 13:7	Mk. 14:27
Silent before accusers	Isa. 53:7	Mt. 27:12-14
Wounded and bruised	Isa. 53:5	Mt. 27:12-14
Hands and feet pierced	Ps. 22:16	Lk. 23:33
Crucified with thieves	Isa. 53:12	Mk. 15:27,28
Prayed for persecutors	Isa. 53:12	Lk. 23:34
People shook heads at Him	Ps. 22:7	Mt. 27:39
He was ridiculed	Ps. 22:7	Mt. 27:41,43
The people were astonished	Ps. 22:17	Lk. 23:35
Garments parted/lots cast	Ps. 22:18	Jn. 19:24
He cried unto God	Ps. 22:1	Mt. 27:46
Bones were not broken	Ps. 34:20	Jn. 19:33,36
Side to be pierced	Zech. 12:10	Jn. 19:34,37
Buried in a rich man's tomb	Isa. 53:9	Mt. 27:57-60

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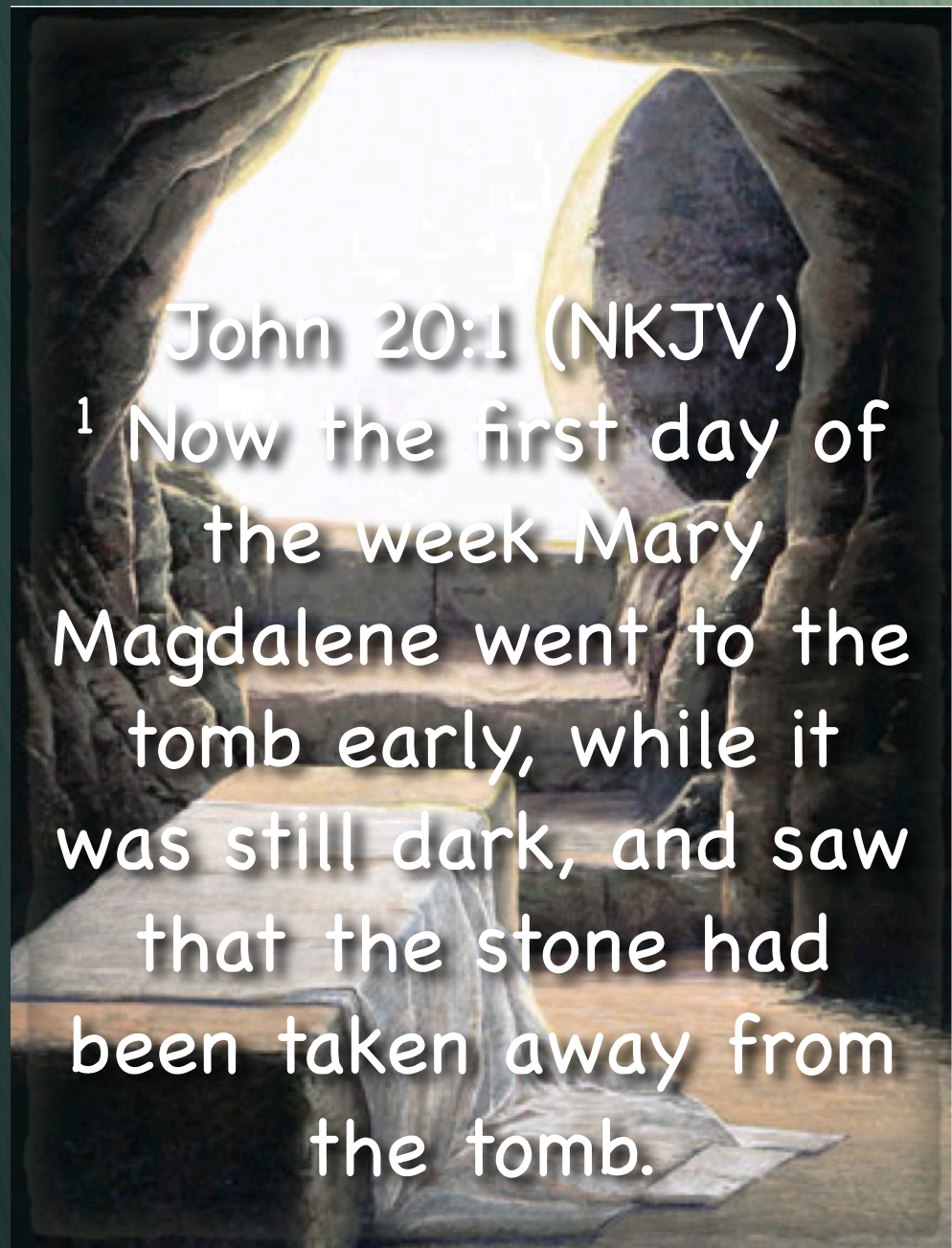
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- ✧ John's Gospel comes to a conclusion with a proclamation of Jesus' victory over death (chap. 20) followed by an epilogue (chap. 21).
- ✧ Each Gospel writer stressed certain aspects of the events. There are differences in the accounts – but no contradictions.
- ✧ John begins as the other accounts – "Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early" – 20:1; Mat 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1

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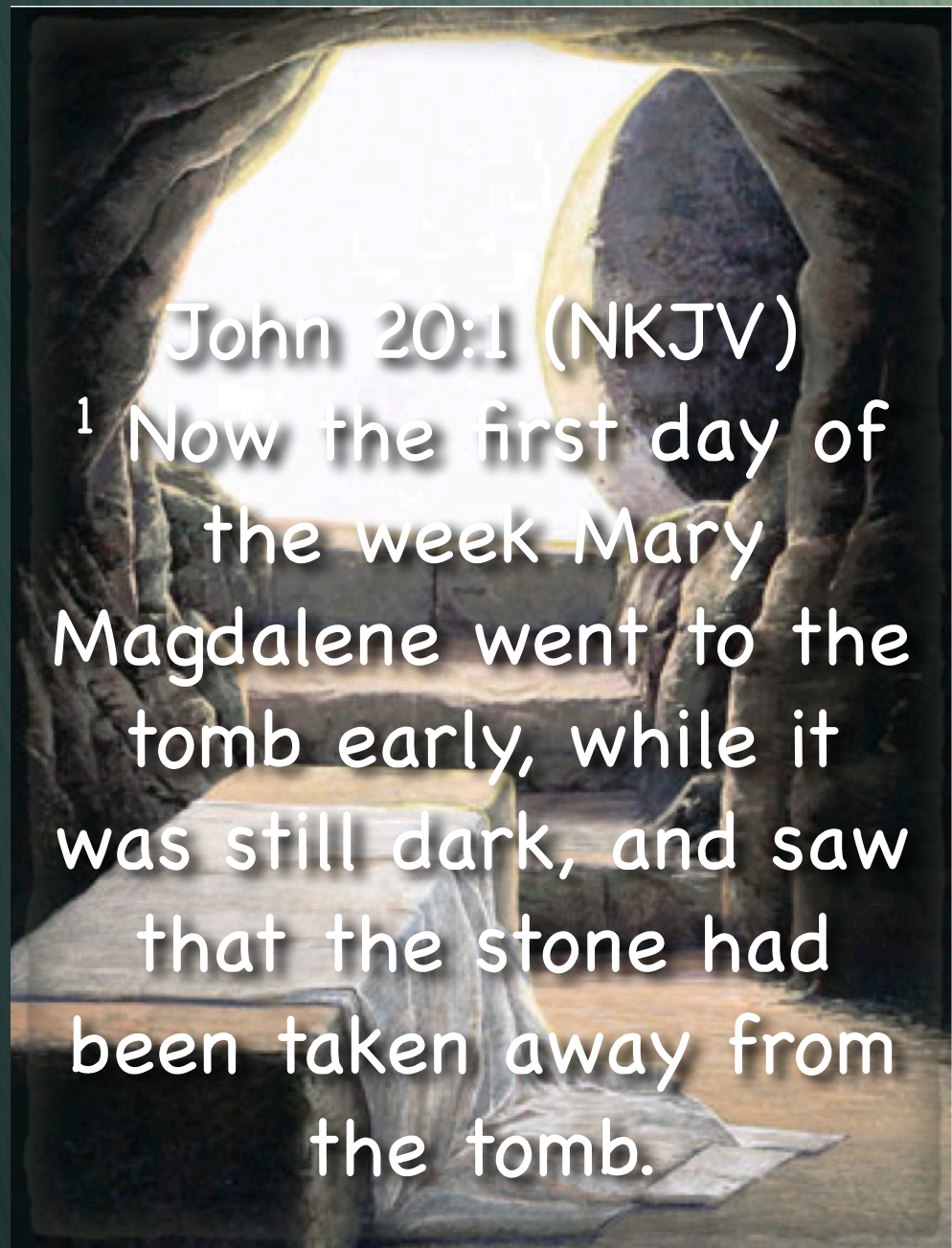
John 20:1 (NKJV)

¹ Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

- ✦ The first day of the week, Sunday (τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων [tēi de miāi tōn sabbatōn]) The Hebrew idiom, day one of the week. cf Mat 28:1; Luke 4:31; Acts 20:7.
- ✦ Mary Magdalene and other women (cf. we in v. 2) came to the tomb. – (Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1,9; Luke 24:10) She had been an observer at the cross and now was the first person at the grave.

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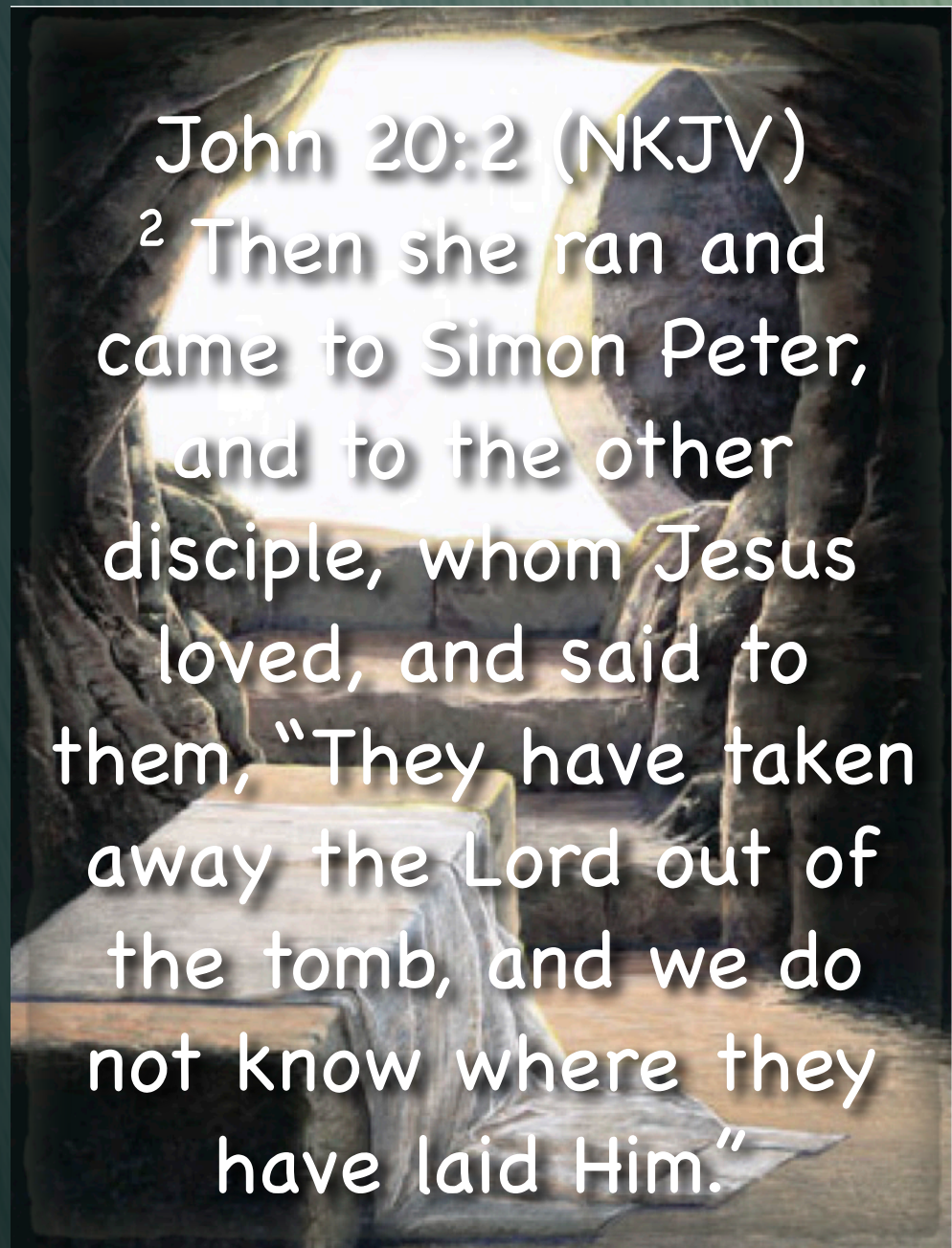
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John 20:2 (NKJV)

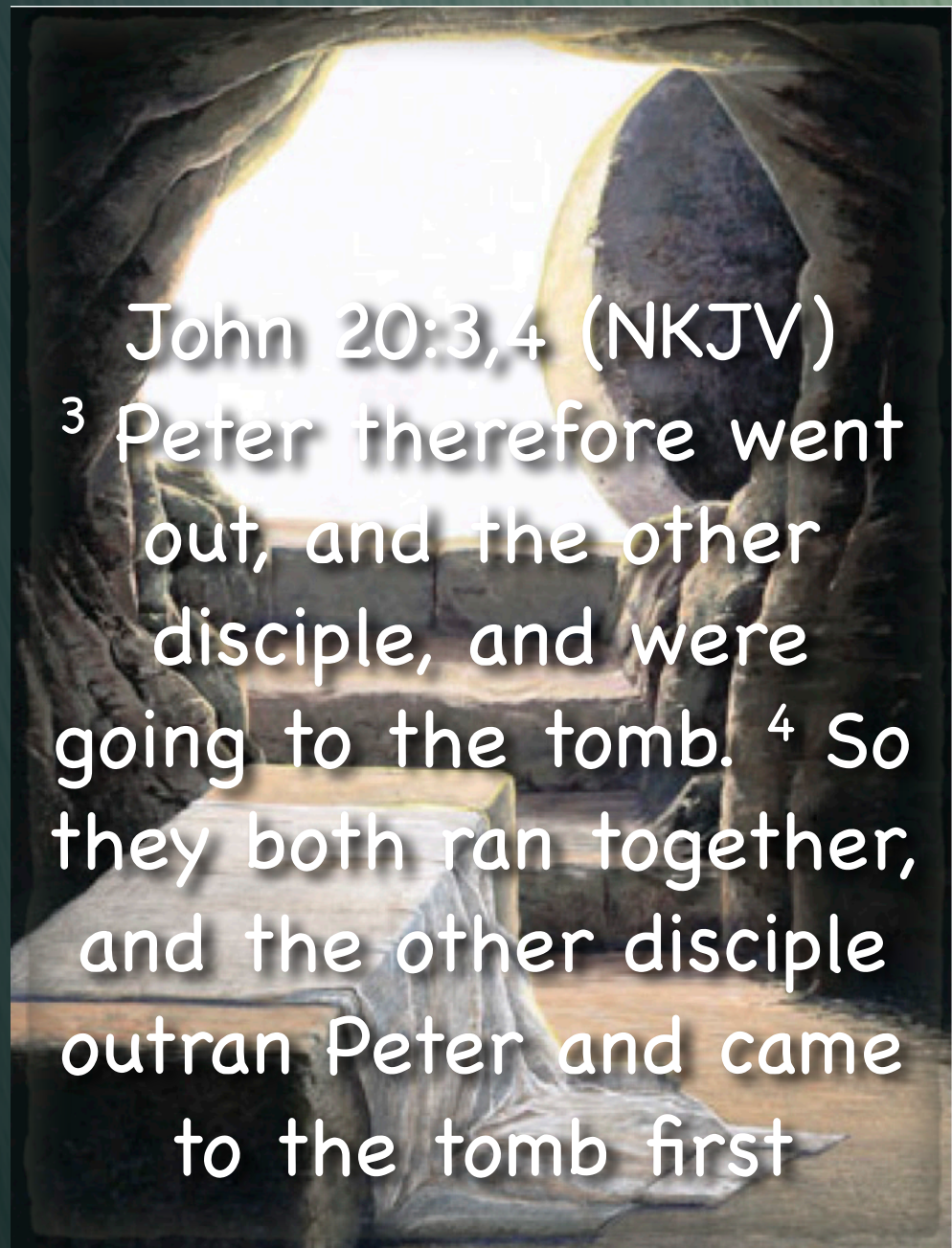
² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

- ✧ The tomb had been sealed with a large rock door (Mark 16:3–4) and had been sealed by the authority of the Roman governor Pontius Pilate (Matt. 27:65–66).
- ✧ The women were amazed to see an open and apparently empty tomb. They ran and told Peter and the beloved disciple (cf. John 19:26) that a terrible thing had occurred. They assumed that grave robbers had desecrated the tomb, (Jn 20:2)

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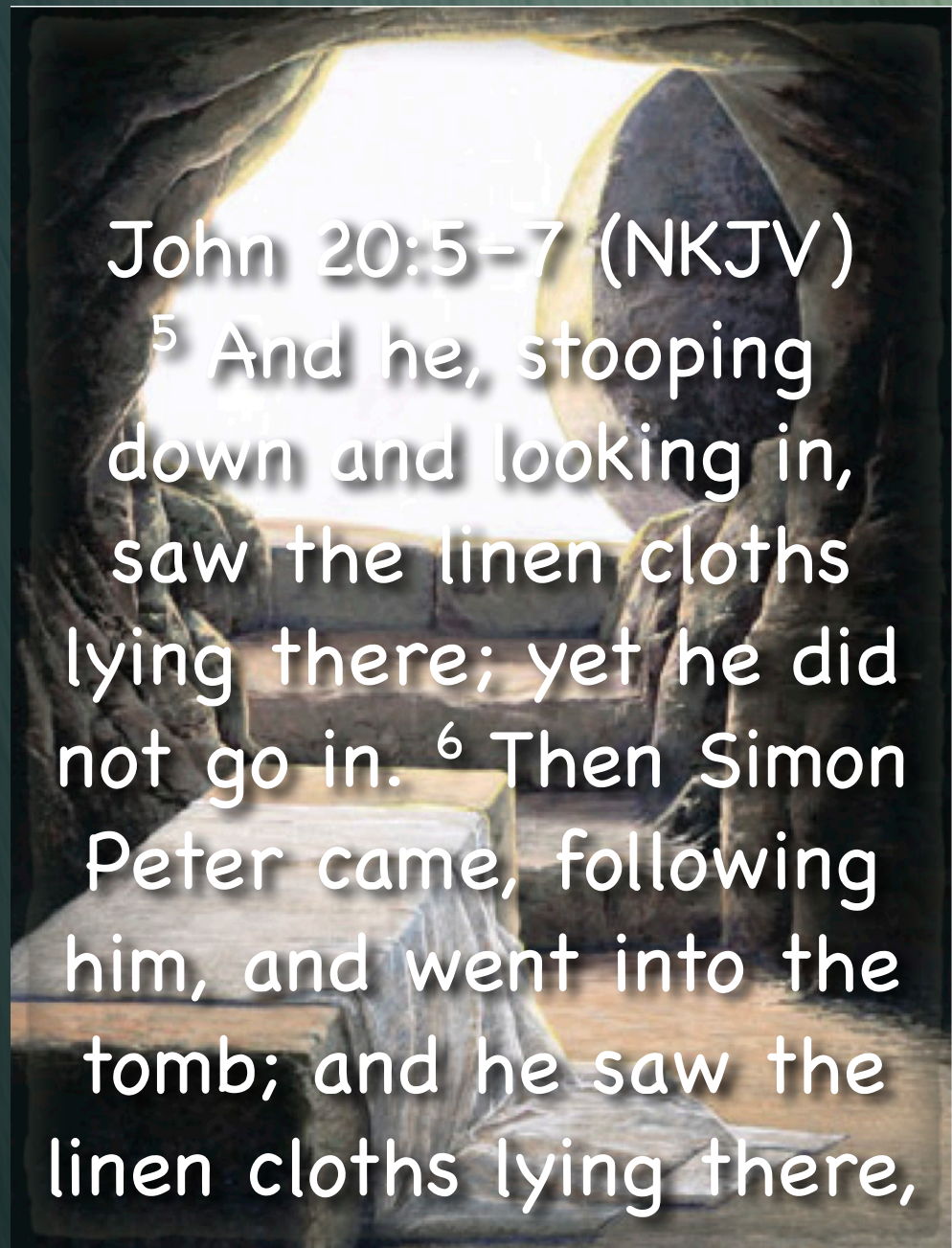


John 20:3,4 (NKJV)

³ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴ So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first

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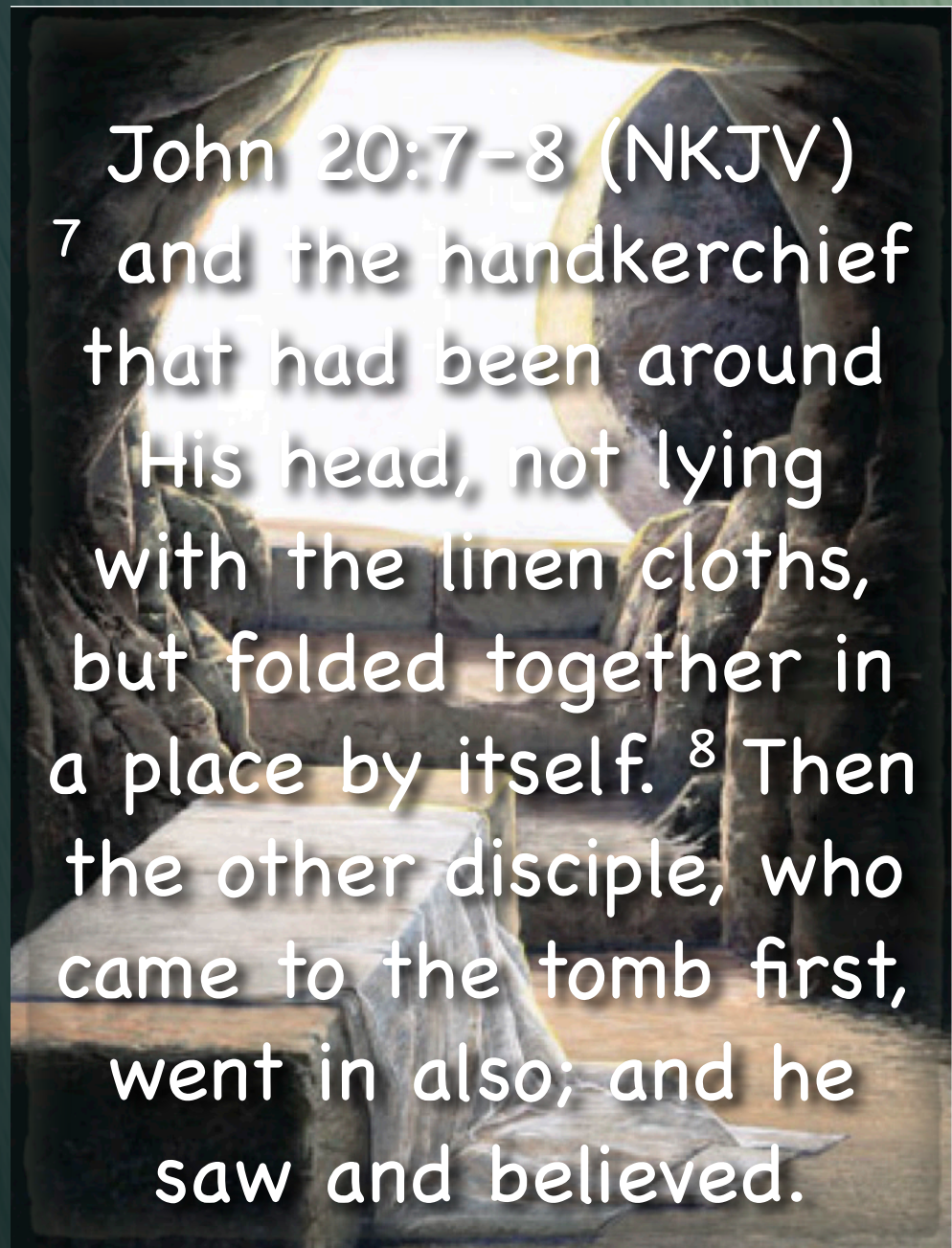
John 20:5-7 (NKJV)

⁵ And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there,

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John 20:7-8 (NKJV)
7 and the handkerchief
that had been around
His head, not lying
with the linen cloths,
but folded together in
a place by itself. 8 Then
the other disciple, who
came to the tomb first,
went in also; and he
saw and believed.

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- ✧ John then enters & sees (*eiden*, “*perceived*”—the third Gr. word for “see” in these verses) and believes. John perceived that the missing body & the position of the grave clothes meant Jesus had risen from the dead.

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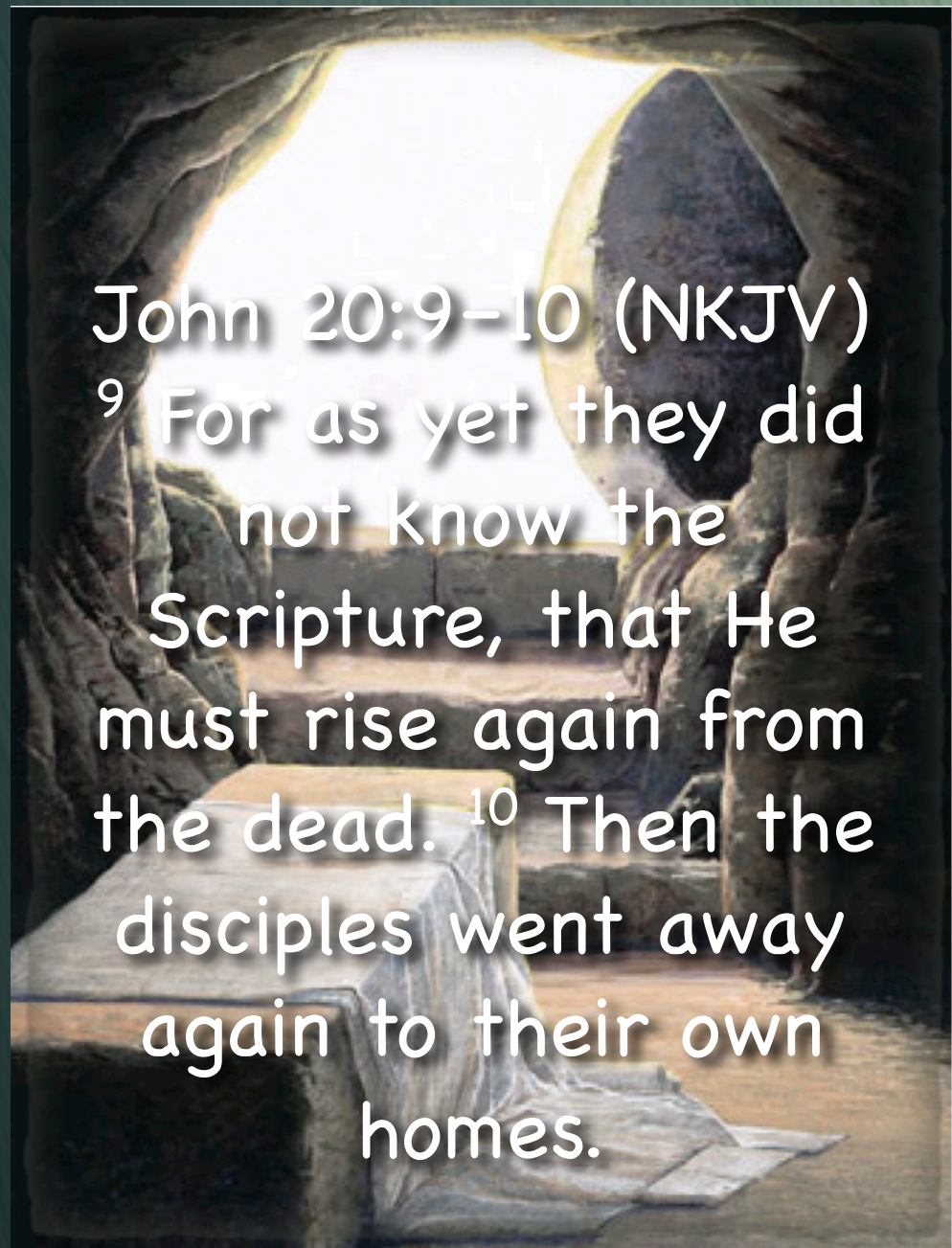
John 20:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

- ✦ John commented (v. 9) that even after a long period of teaching by Jesus the disciples still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead (cf. Pss. 16:10-11; 110:1, 4; Isa. 53:11-12).
- ✦ See also – Ac. 2:25-32; 13:29-37; 1 Co. 15:4.

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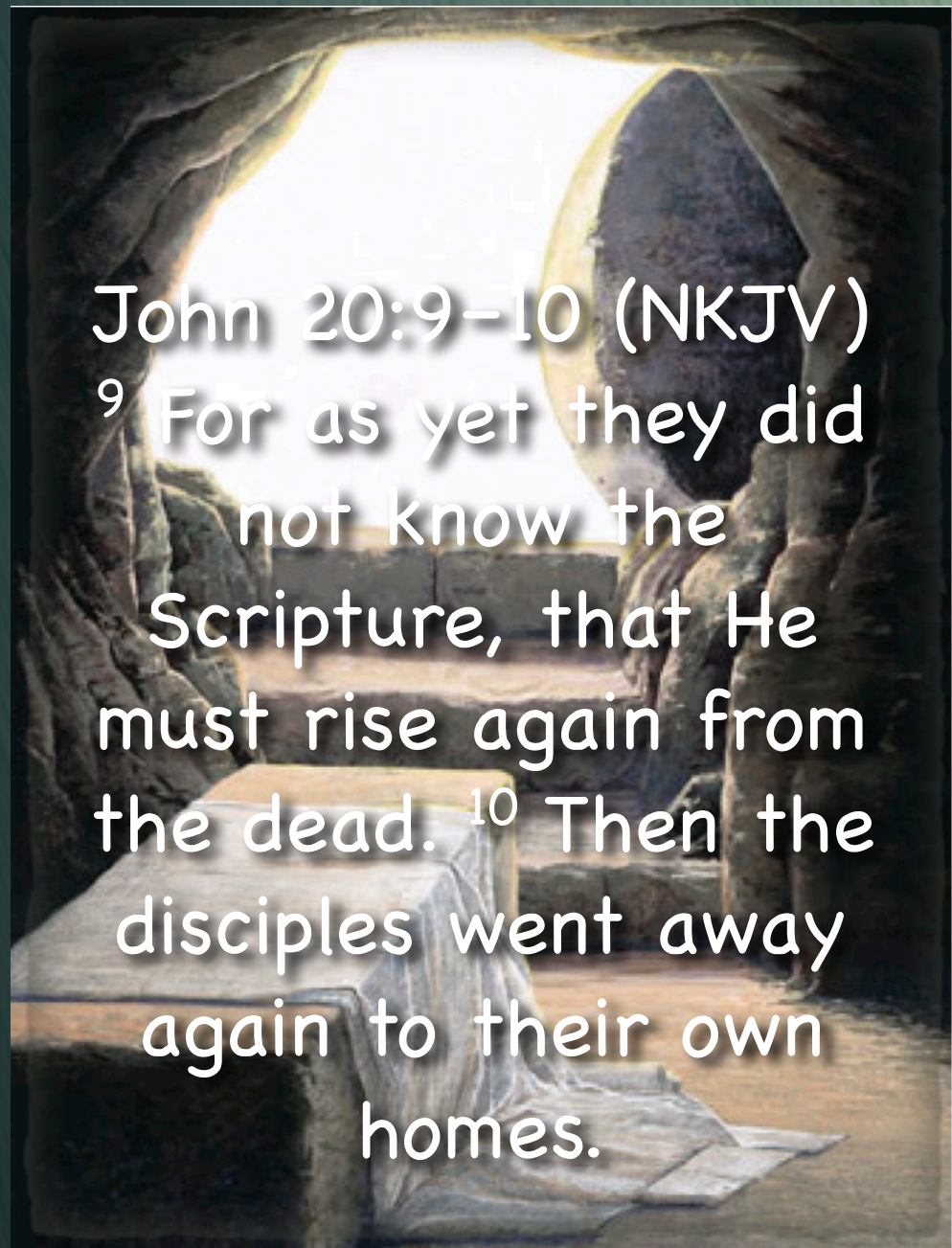
Matthew 16:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²²

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

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Luke 18:33-34 (NKJV)

³³ They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” ³⁴ But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken. (cf Luke 9:45)

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Luke 24:26, 44,46 (NKJV)

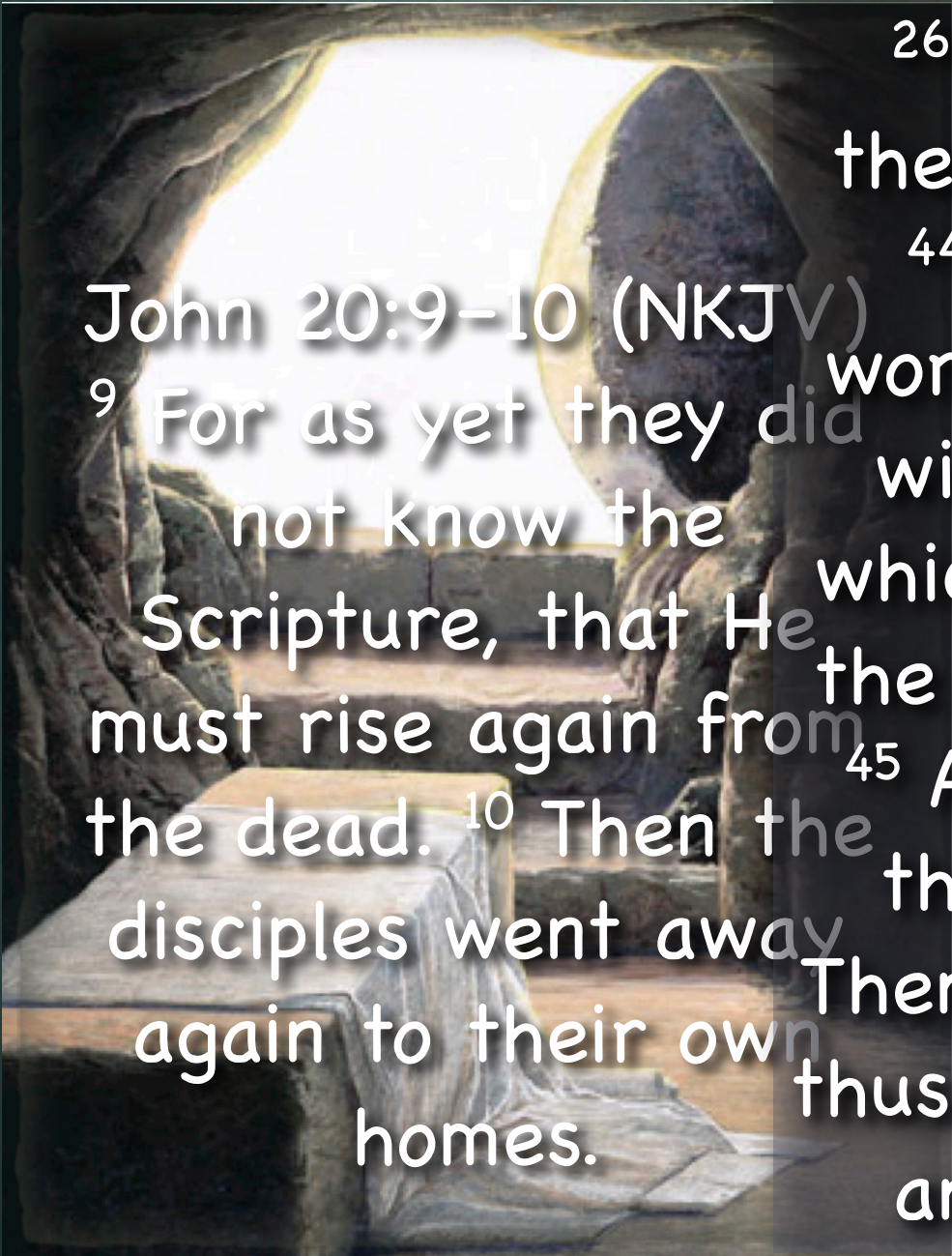
²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" ...

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

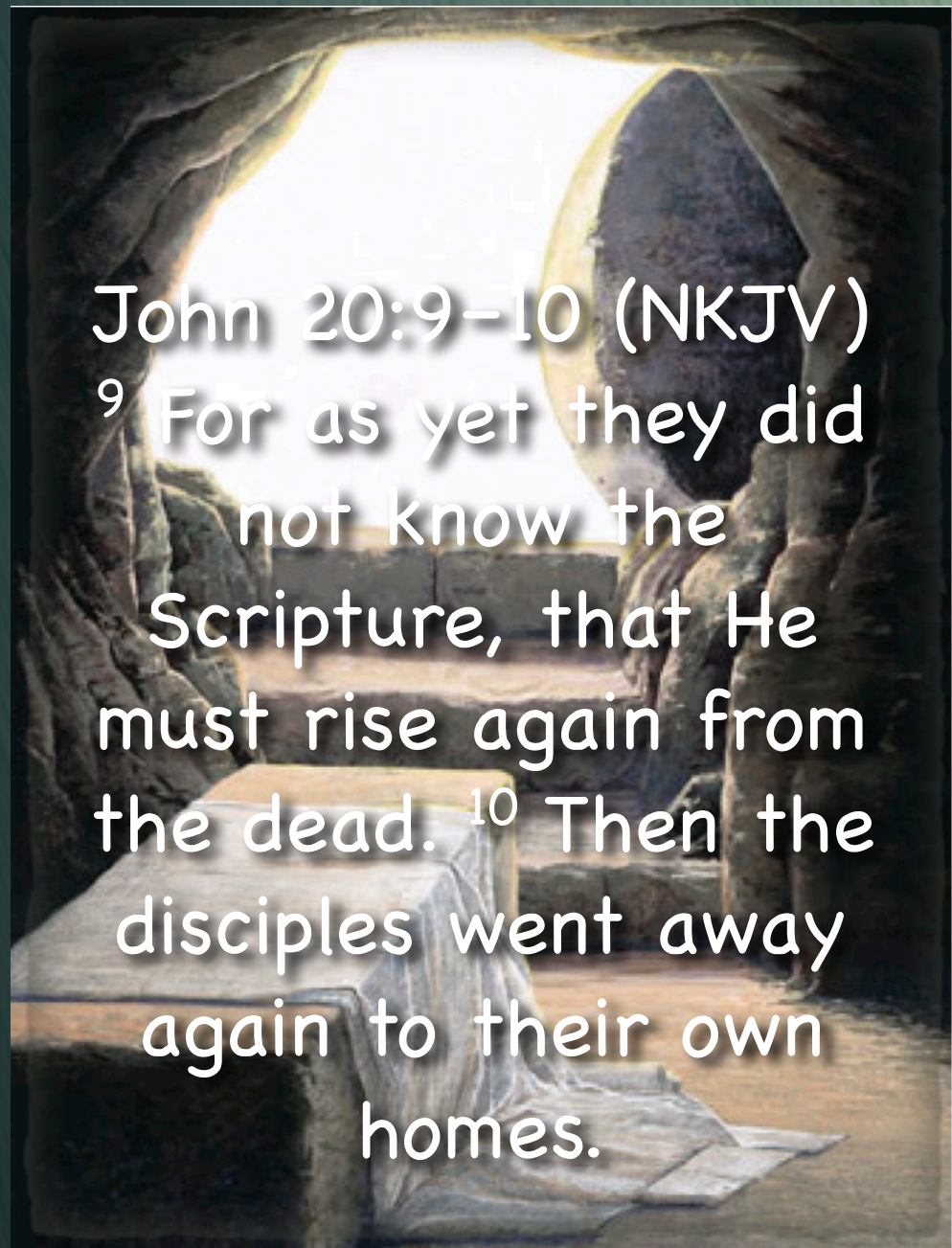
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ACTS 4:19-20 (NKJV)

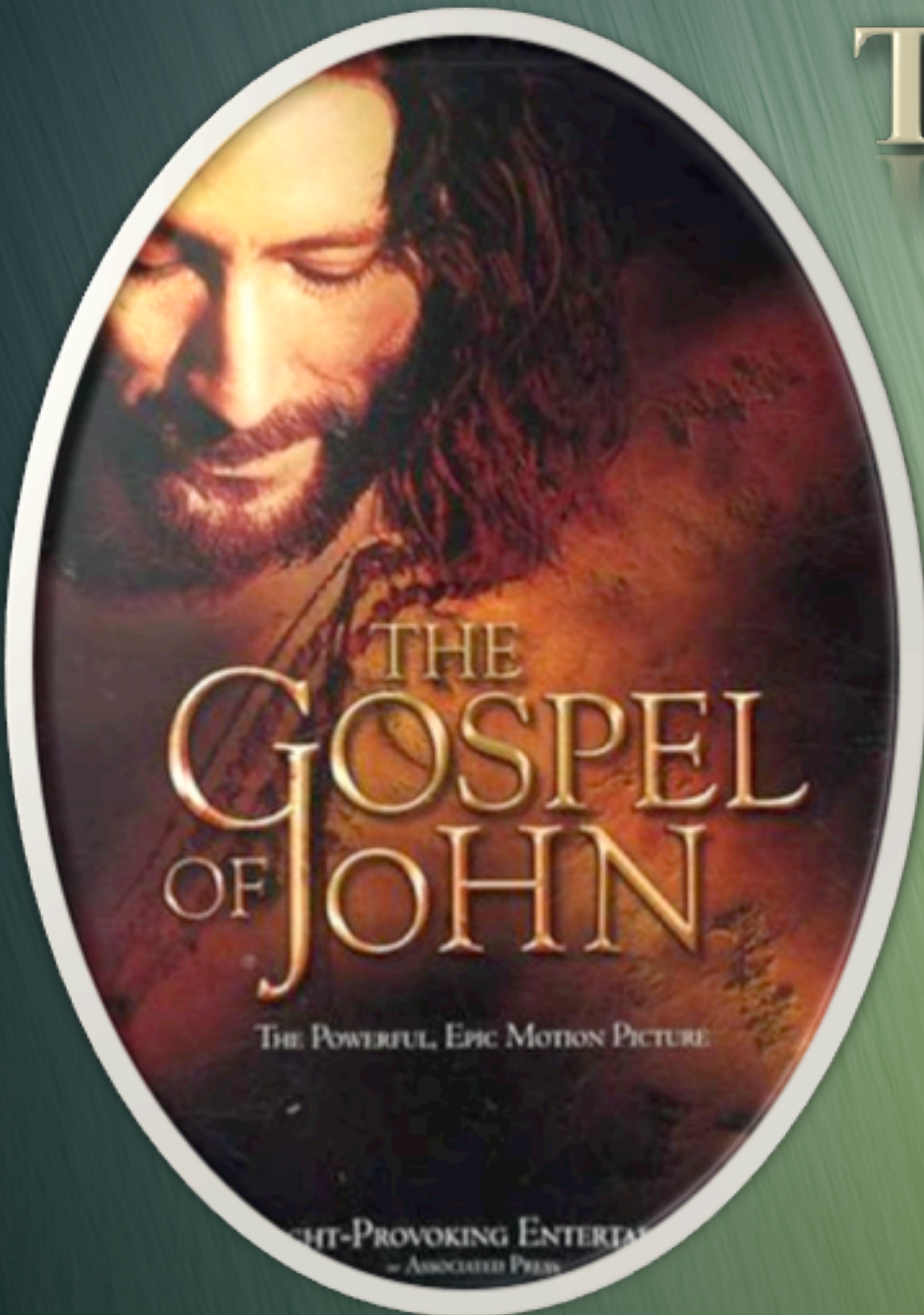
¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

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MATTHEW 28:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

MATTHEW 28:1-8 (NKJV)

³ His countenance was like lightning,
and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴
And the guards shook for fear of him,
and became like dead men. ⁵ But the
angel answered and said to the
women, "Do not be afraid, for I know
that you seek Jesus who was
crucified.

MATTHEW 28:1-8 (NKJV)

⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

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⁸ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.