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— The Gospel of Luke 24:36-53 —



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

**I don't think
anyone can
know if there
is life after
death.**



CHRISTIANITY 101



**I believe...in the
resurrection of
the body, and the
life everlasting.**

— The Apostle's Creed —

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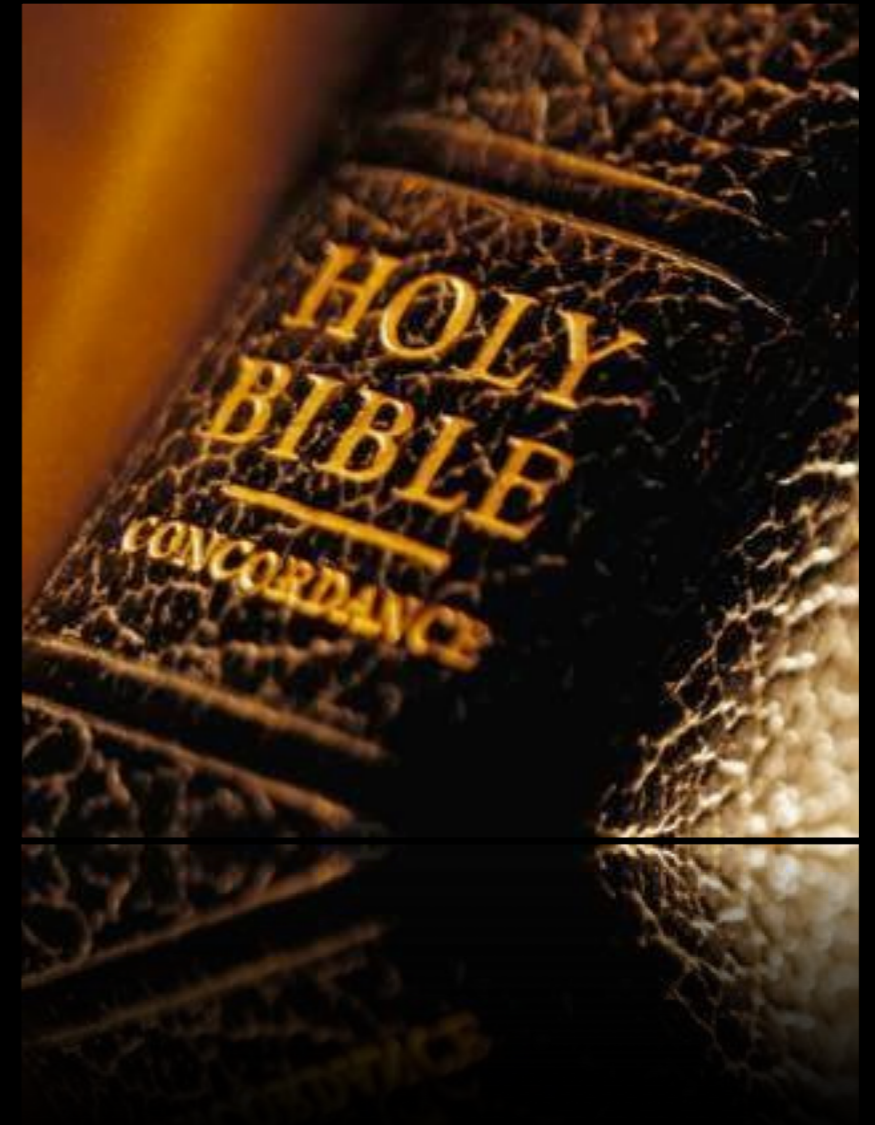
— The Gospel of Luke 24:36-53 —

The Gospel of Luke 24

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

**Zechariah predicted that
Jesus would “guide our
feet into the way of peace.”**

— The Gospel of Luke 1:79 —



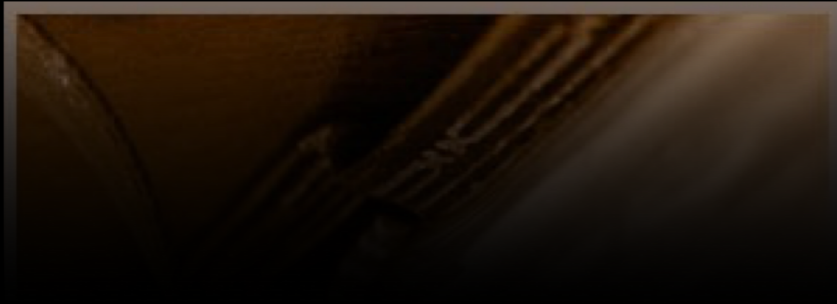
**The angels promised that Jesus
would bring peace on earth.**

— The Gospel of Luke 2:14 —



Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you.

— Jesus of Nazareth —
The Gospel of John 14:27



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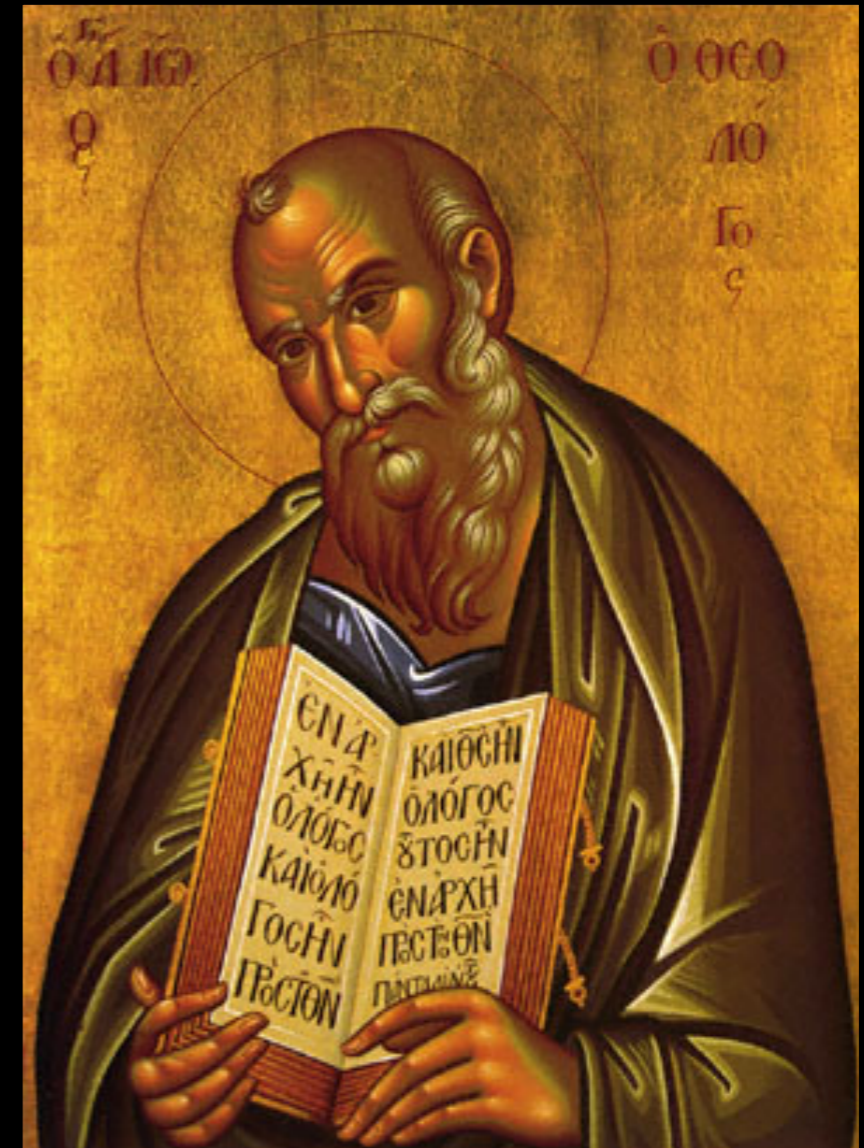
37 But they were **startled and frightened** and thought they saw **a spirit.**

**Isn't this proof
that Jesus didn't
physically rise from
the dead, that his
spirit lived on
but not his body?**



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

— The Apostle John —
The Gospel of John 20:19



The Gospel of Luke 24

38 And he said to them, **“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts...?”**

The Gospel of Luke 24

39 **“See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”** 40 **And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.**



“Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe...”

— The Gospel of John 20:25-28 —



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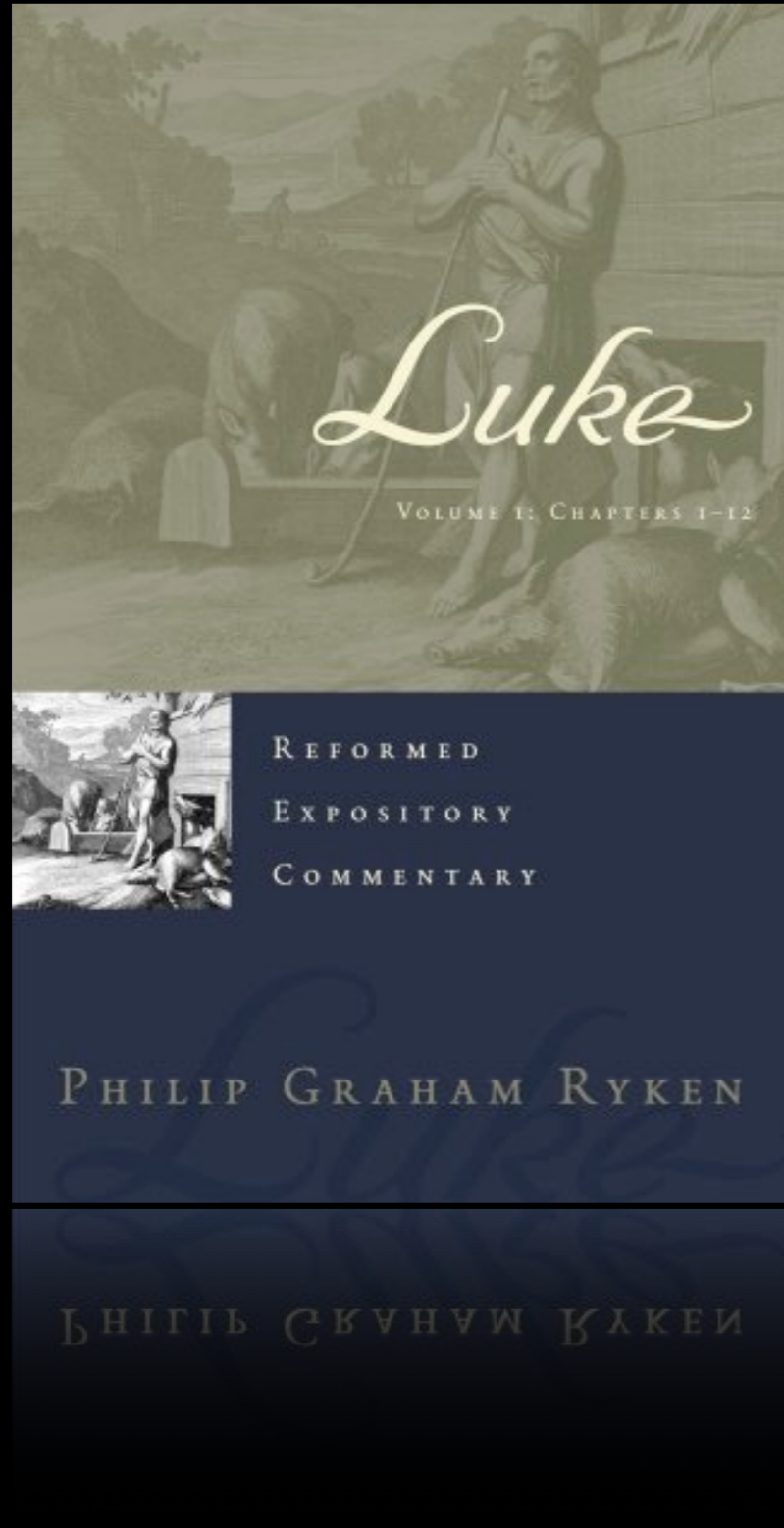
Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

— The Gospel of John 20:25-28 —

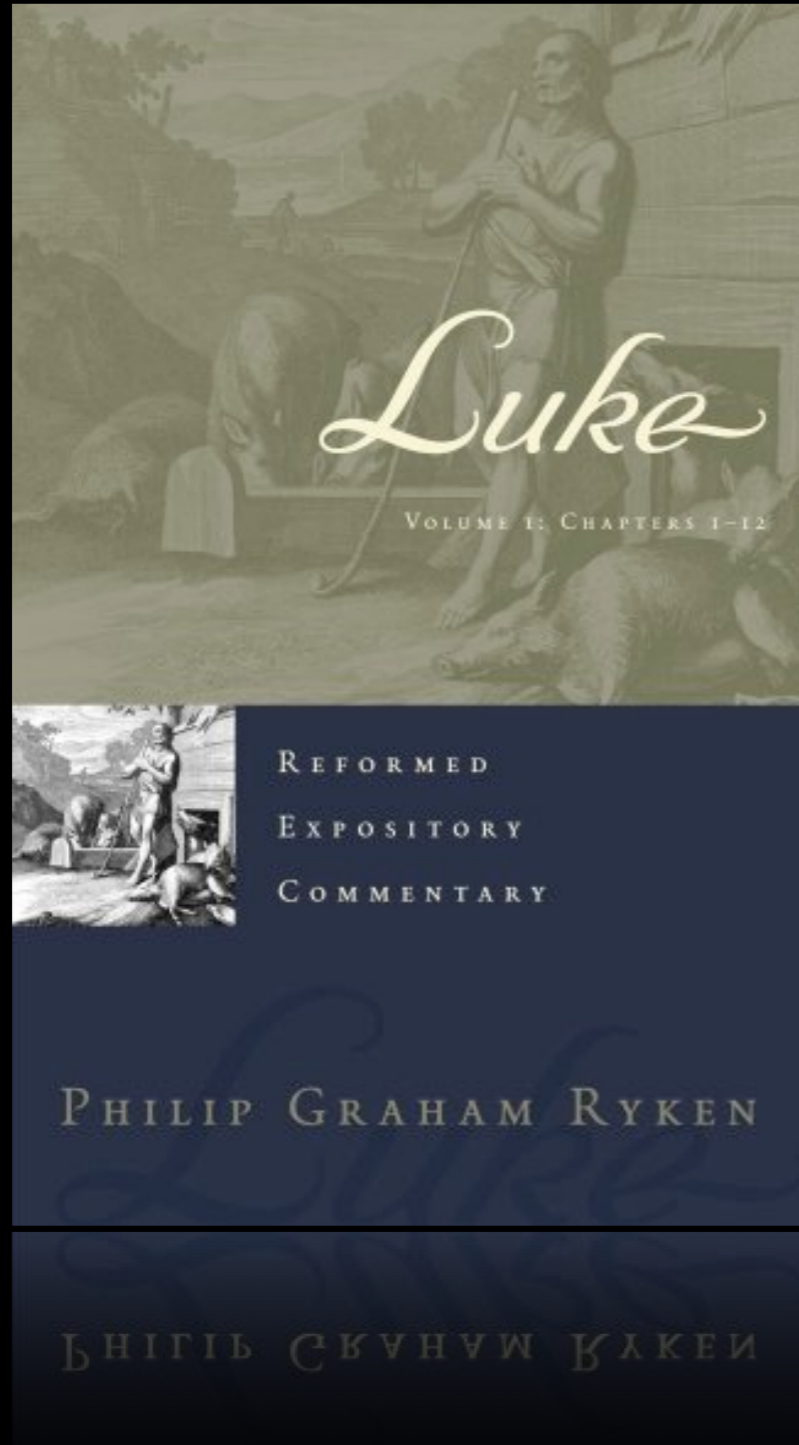


**Thomas
answered him,
“My Lord
and my God.”**

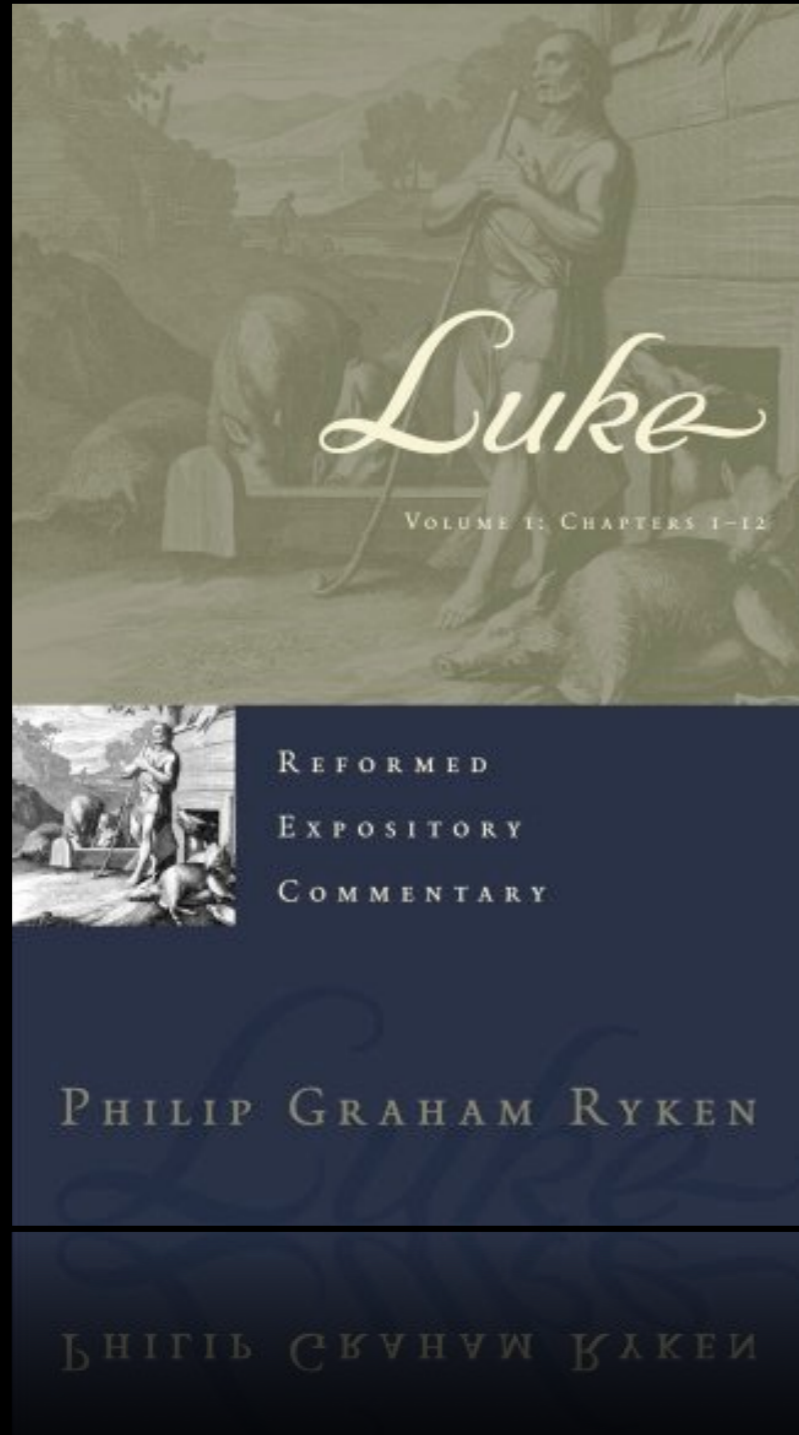
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The wound-marks remain on the resurrection body of Jesus Christ as a permanent reminder of everything he has done for our salvation. His hands and feet show the Father that he has paid the full price for sin. At the same time, they show us that our sins are fully forgiven.



In fact, the glorified wounds of Jesus show us the whole gospel. The marks on his body bear witness to the cross where he died. But his hands and feet belong to the same resurrection body that came out of the empty tomb.



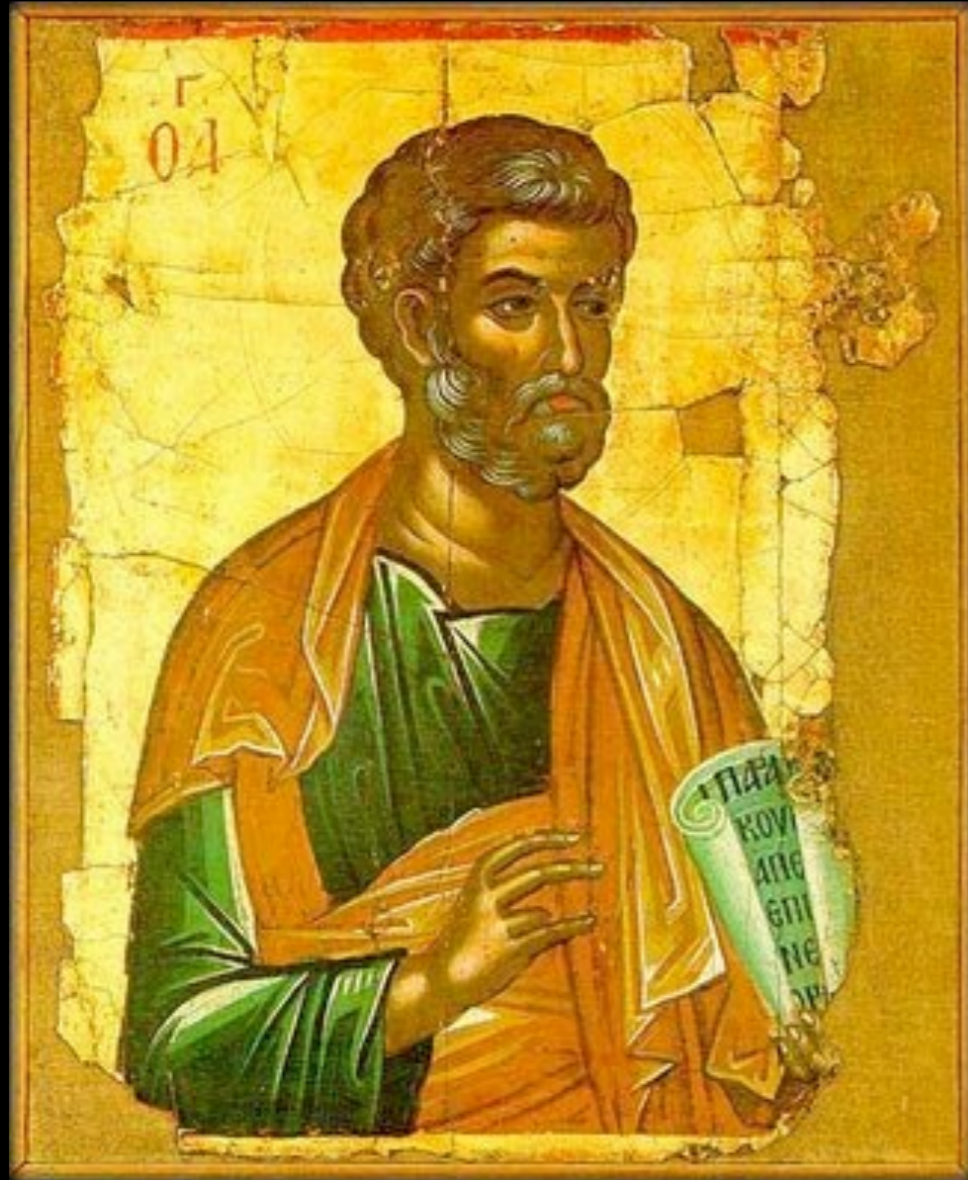
These are the two great facts of the gospel: Jesus died, and then in the same body he rose again. These two facts give us the good news of our salvation: by the cross our sins are forgiven, and by the empty tomb we have the free gift of resurrection life.

The Gospel of Luke 24

41 And while **they still disbelieved for joy** and were **marveling**, he said to them, **“Have you anything here to eat?”**

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

43 and he took it and ate before them.



The Apostle Peter
— Acts 10:40-41 —

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear...to us who had been chosen by God as eyewitnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

The Gospel of Luke 24

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

The Gospel of Luke 24

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures....,



**Did not our hearts burn
within us...while he opened
to us the Scriptures?**

The Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

— The Gospel of Luke 24:32 —

The Gospel of Luke 24

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead....

The Gospel of Luke 24

47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.

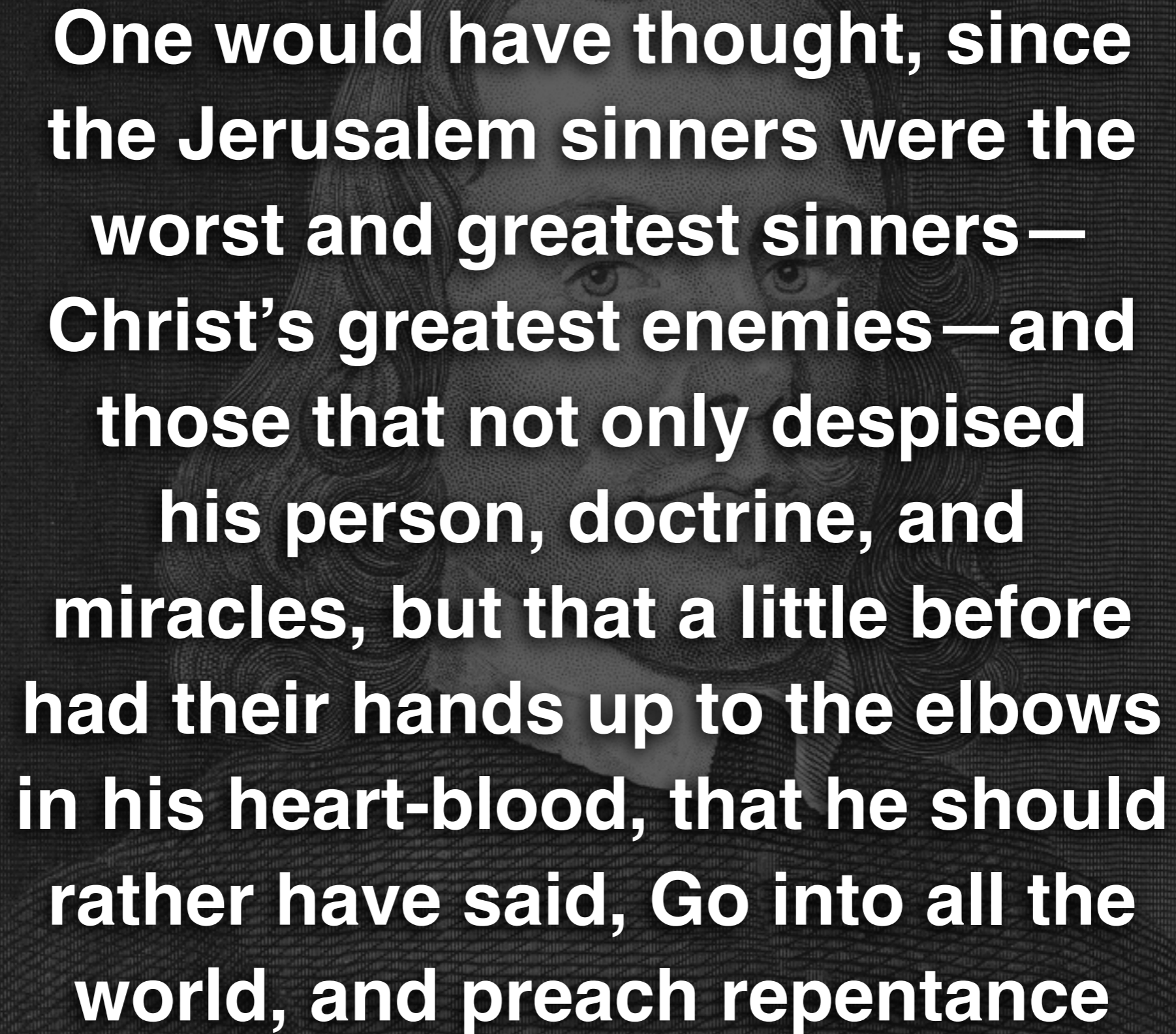
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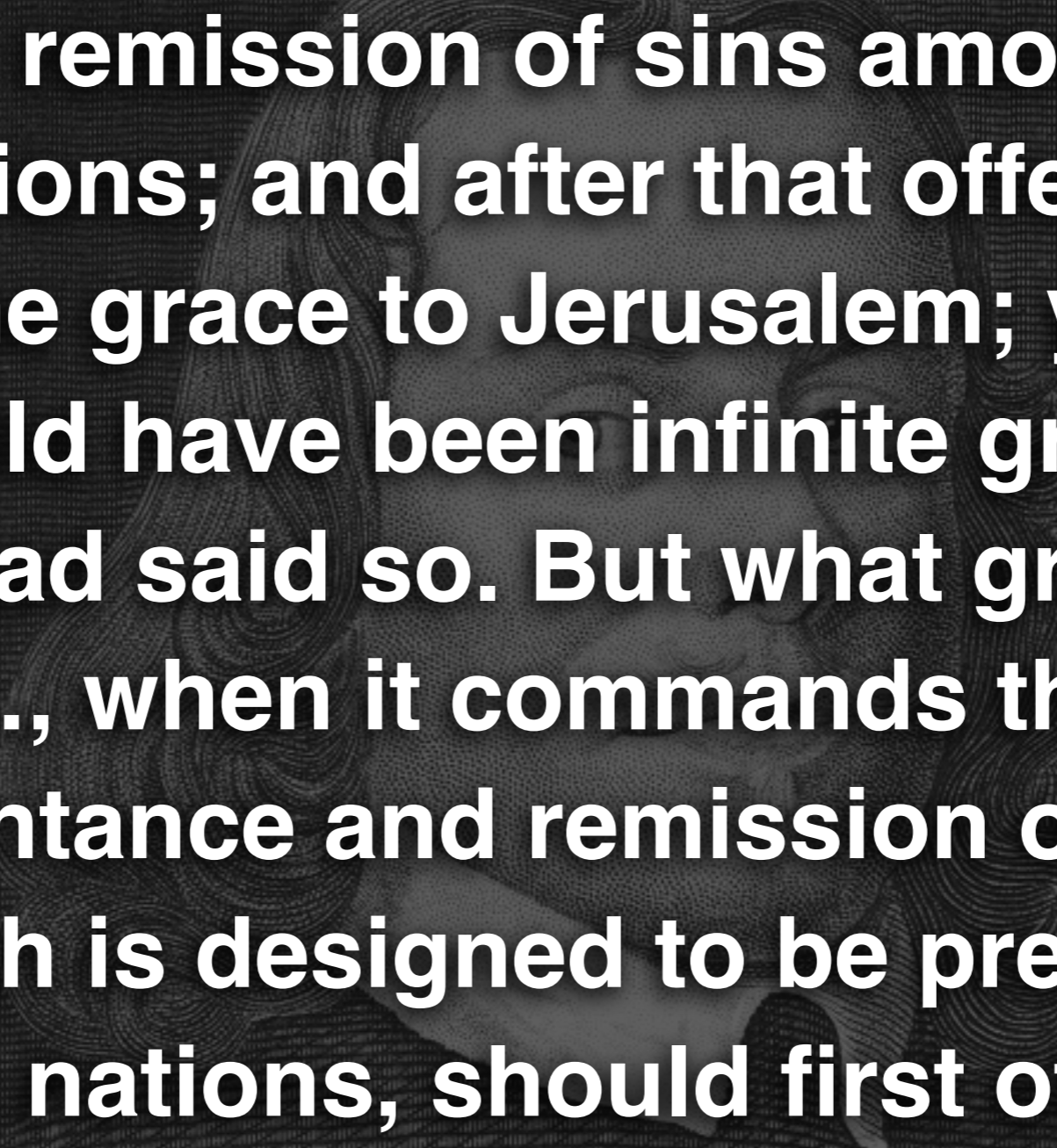


The Jerusalem Sinner Saved

— John Bunyan 1628-1688 —

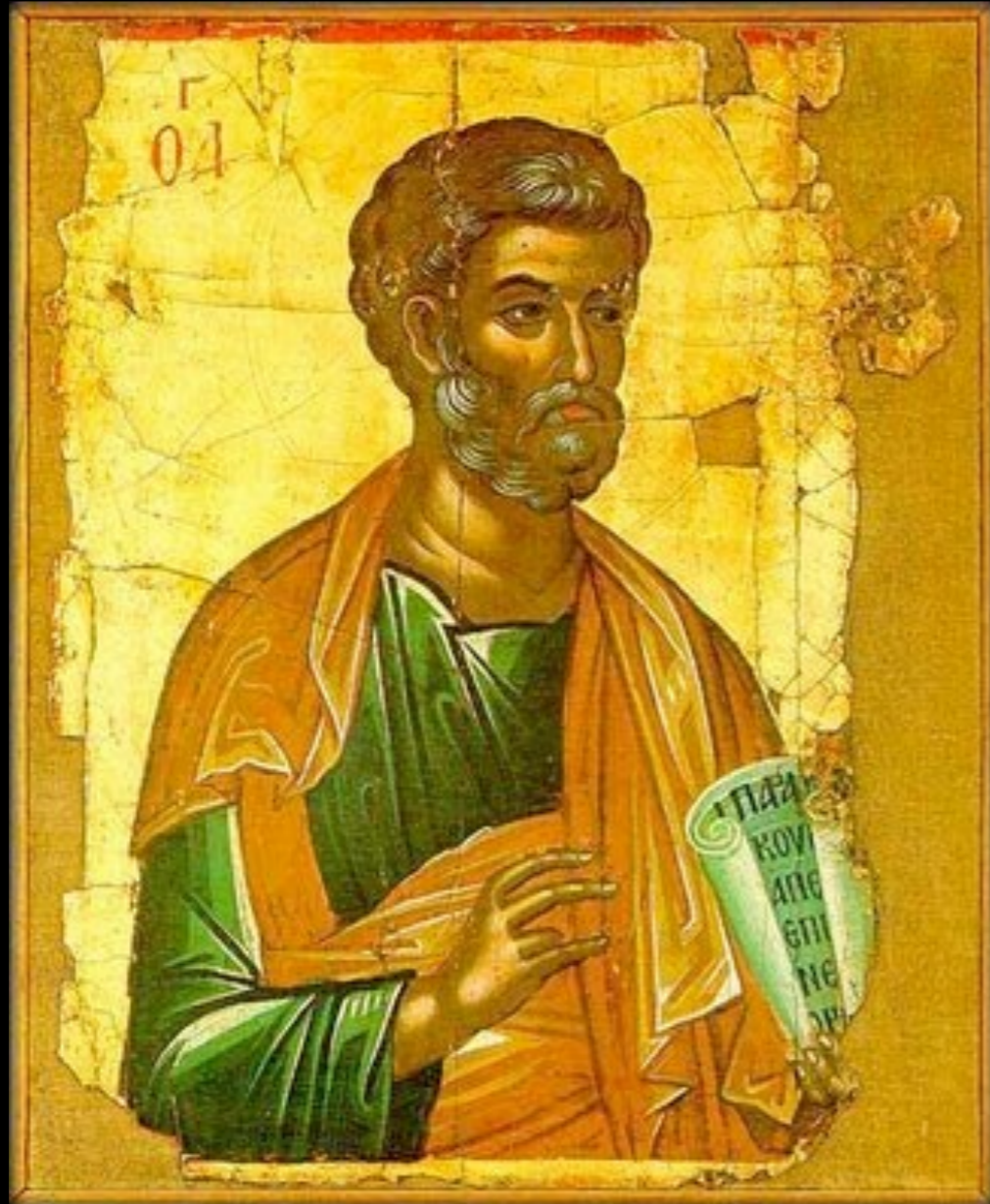


One would have thought, since the Jerusalem sinners were the worst and greatest sinners— Christ's greatest enemies—and those that not only despised his person, doctrine, and miracles, but that a little before had their hands up to the elbows in his heart-blood, that he should rather have said, Go into all the world, and preach repentance



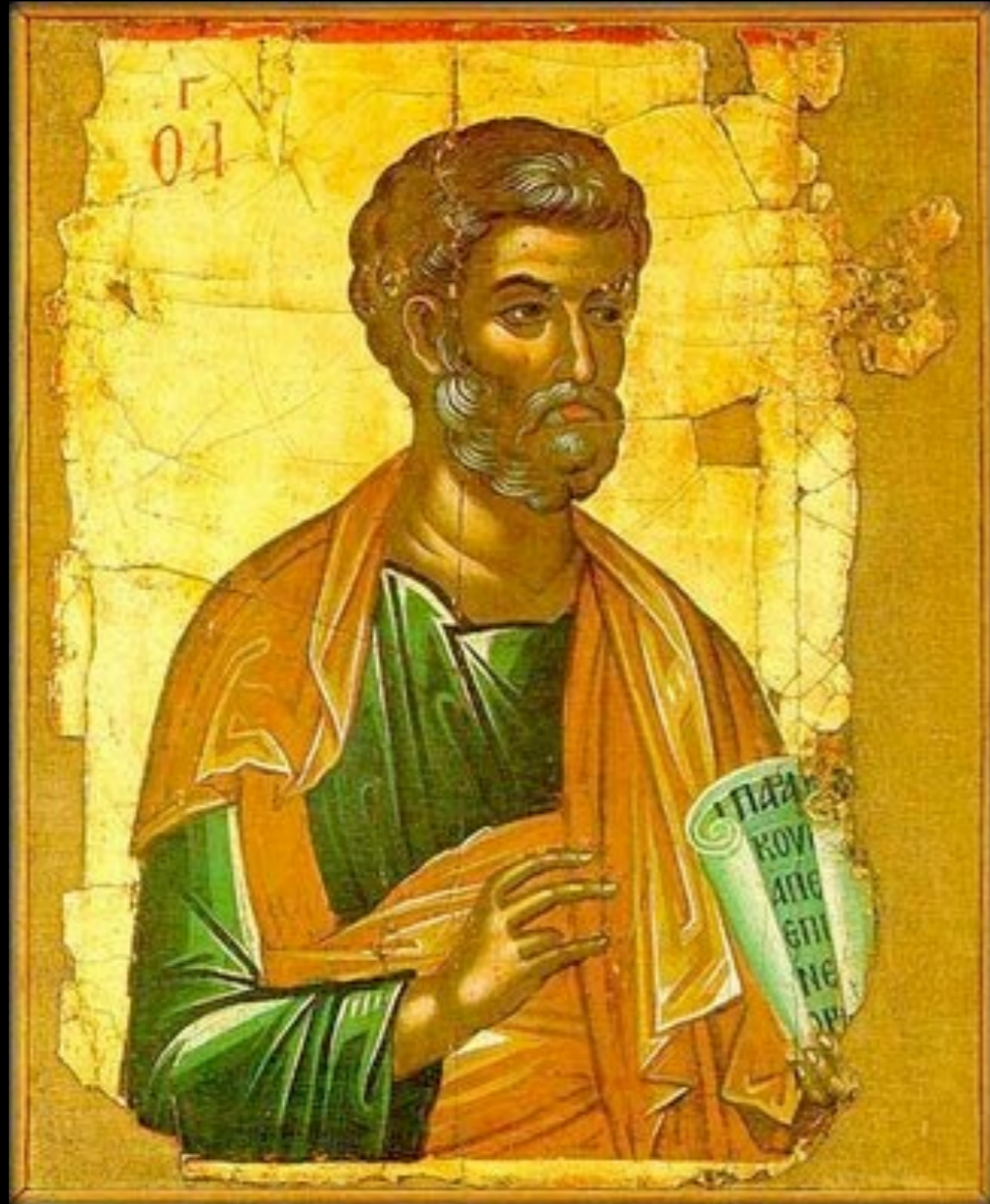
and remission of sins among all nations; and after that offer the same grace to Jerusalem; yes, it would have been infinite grace if he had said so. But what grace is this...., when it commands that this repentance and remission of sins, which is designed to be preached to all nations, should first of all be offered to Jerusalem, in the place of the worst of sinners!

— John Bunyan, *The Jerusalem Sinner Saved* —



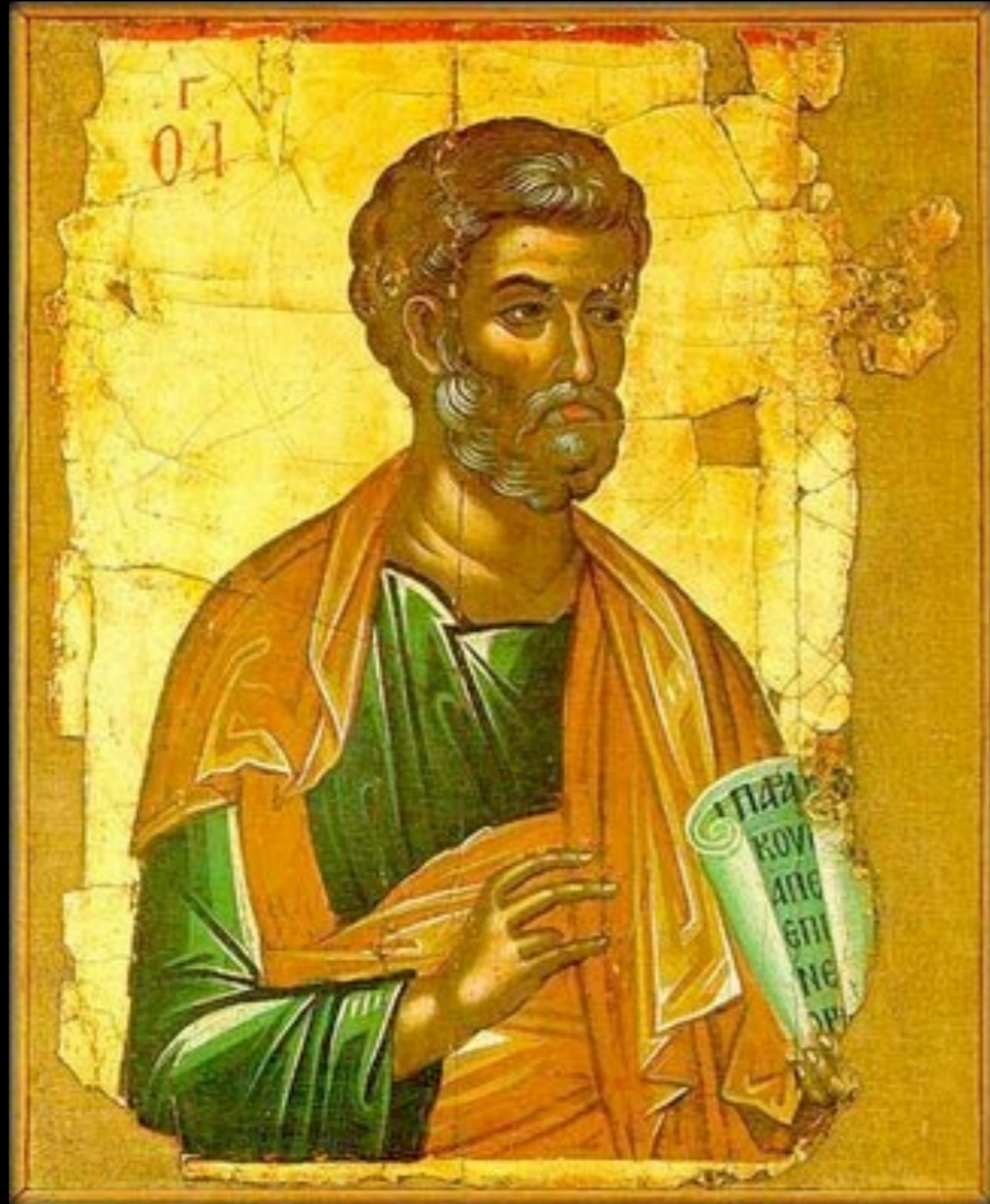
The Apostle Peter
— Acts, Chapter 2 —

**But Peter, standing
with the eleven, lifted
up his voice and
addressed them:
“Men of Judea and
all who dwell in
Jerusalem, let this be
known to you, and
give ear to my
words....**



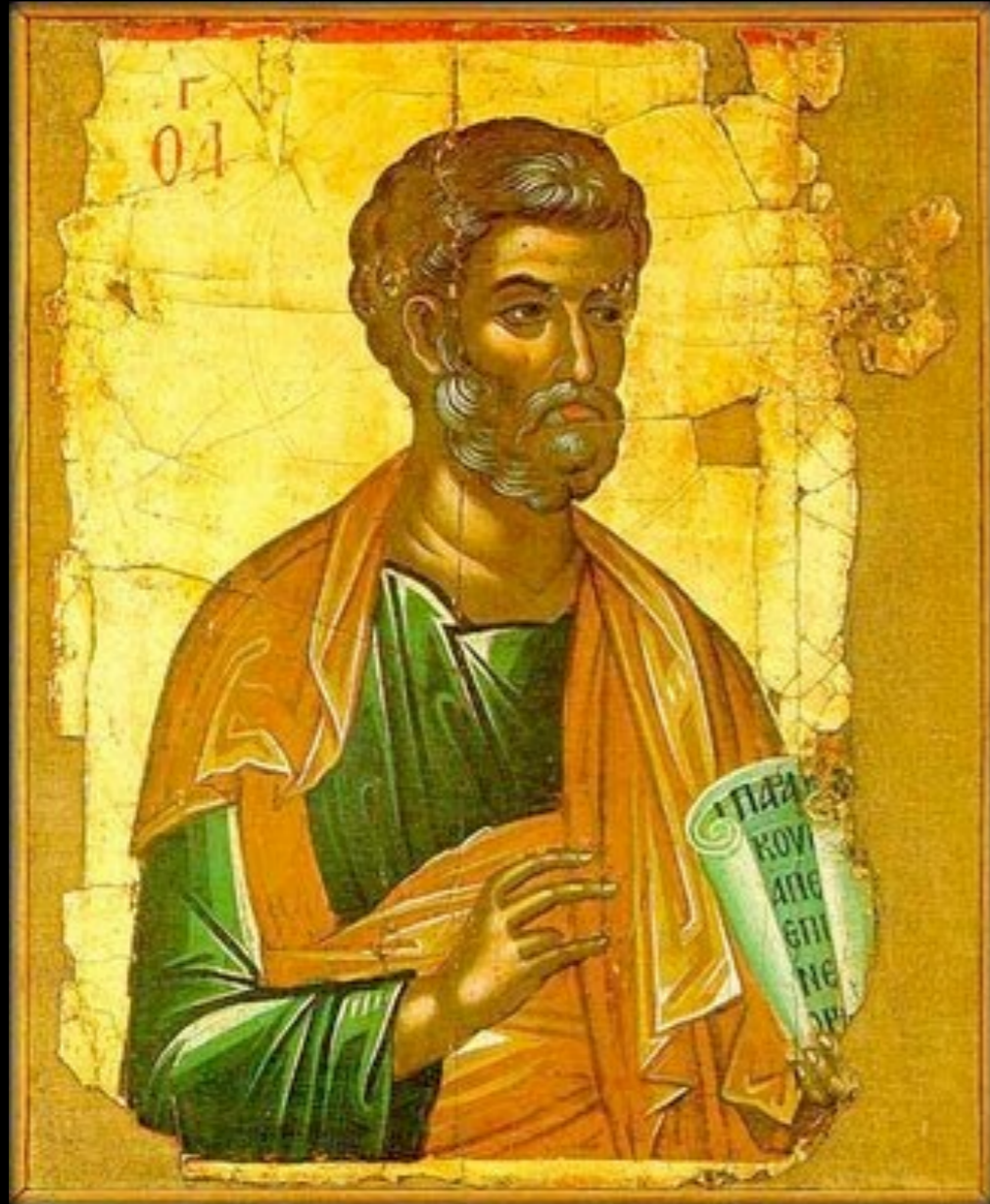
Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

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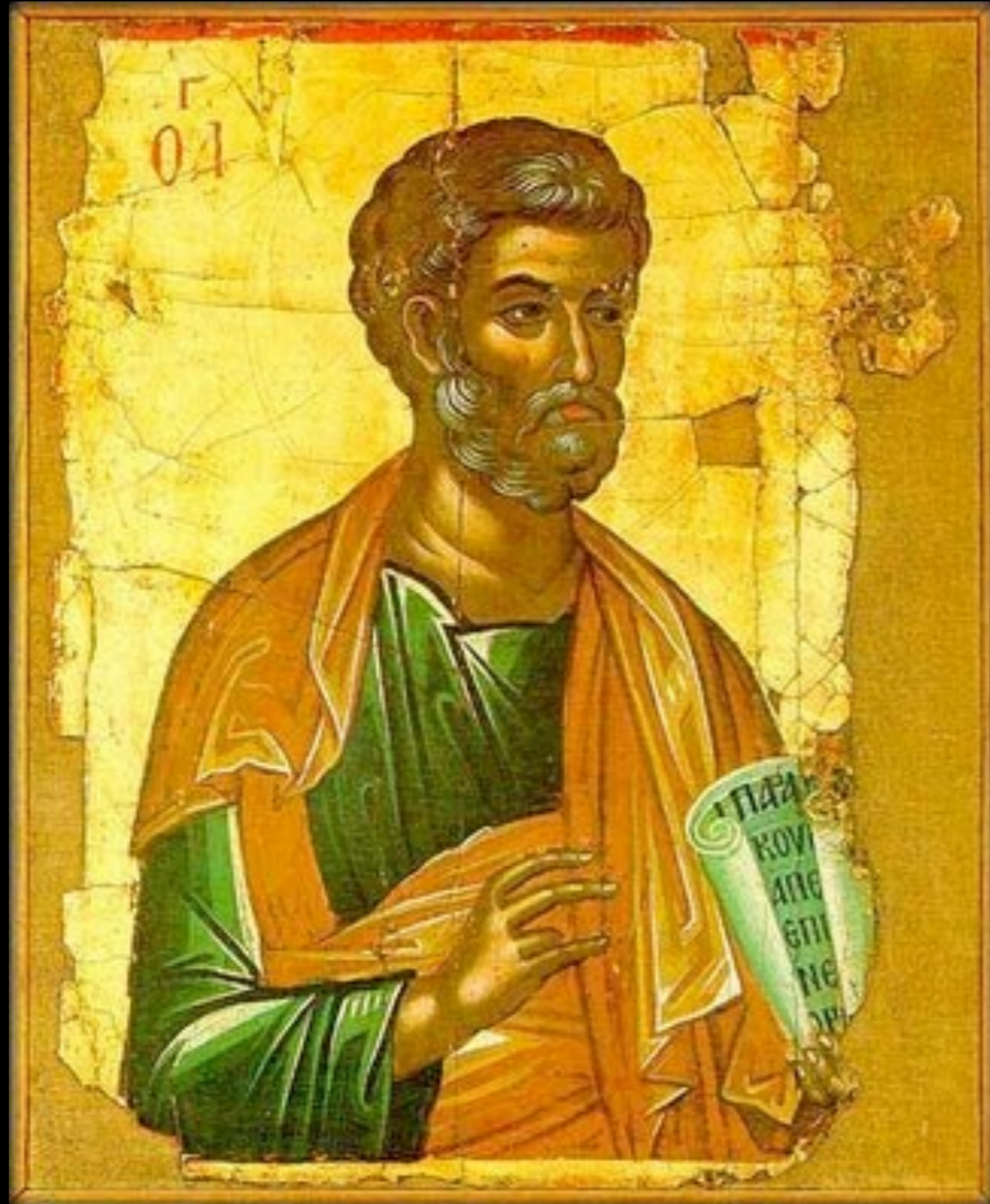
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this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it....



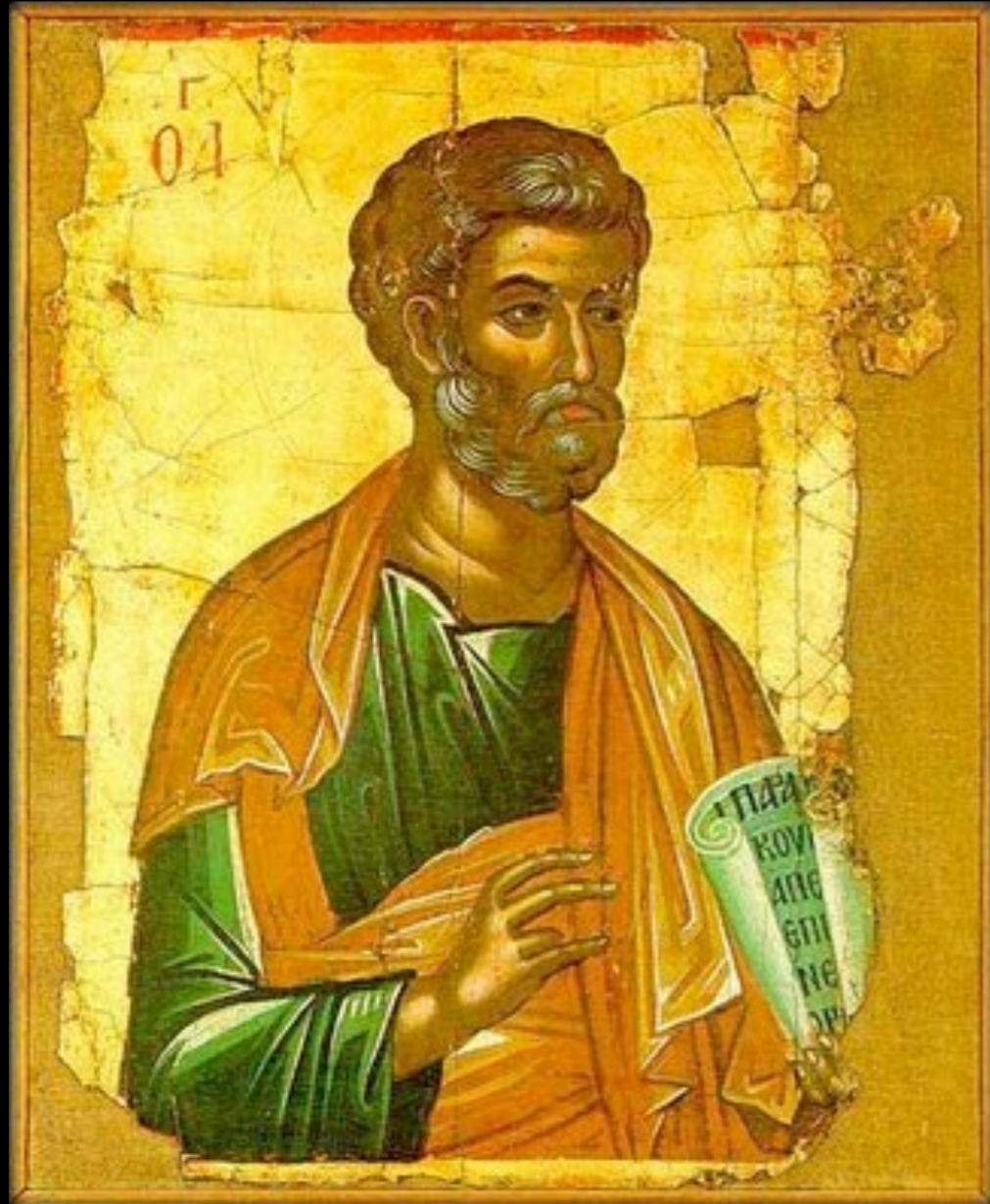
Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

The Apostle Peter
— Acts, Chapter 2 —



**Now when they heard
this they were cut to
the heart, and said to
Peter and the rest of
the apostles,
“Brothers, what shall
we do?”**

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**And Peter said to them,
“Repent and be
baptized every one of
you in the name of
Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your
sins, and you will
receive the gift of the
Holy Spirit.”**



Objection

**But I was one of them that plotted
to take away his life.
May I be saved?**

Peter

Every one of you.



Objection

**But I was one of them that bore
false witness against him.
Is there grace for me?**

Peter

For every one of you.



Objection

**But I was one of them that cried out,
Crucify him! Crucify him!
And I desired that Barabbas
the murderer might live, rather than him.
What will become of me?**

Peter

**I am to preach repentance and
remission of sin to every one of you.**



Objection

**But I was one of them that spit in his face
when he stood before his accusers.
I also mocked him, when in anguish
he hung bleeding on the tree.
Is there room for me?**

Peter

For every one of you.



Objection

But I was one of them that in his extremity said, Give him gall and vinegar to drink. Why may not I expect the same when anguish and guilt are upon me?

Peter

Repent for these your wickednesses, and here is remission of sins for every one of you.

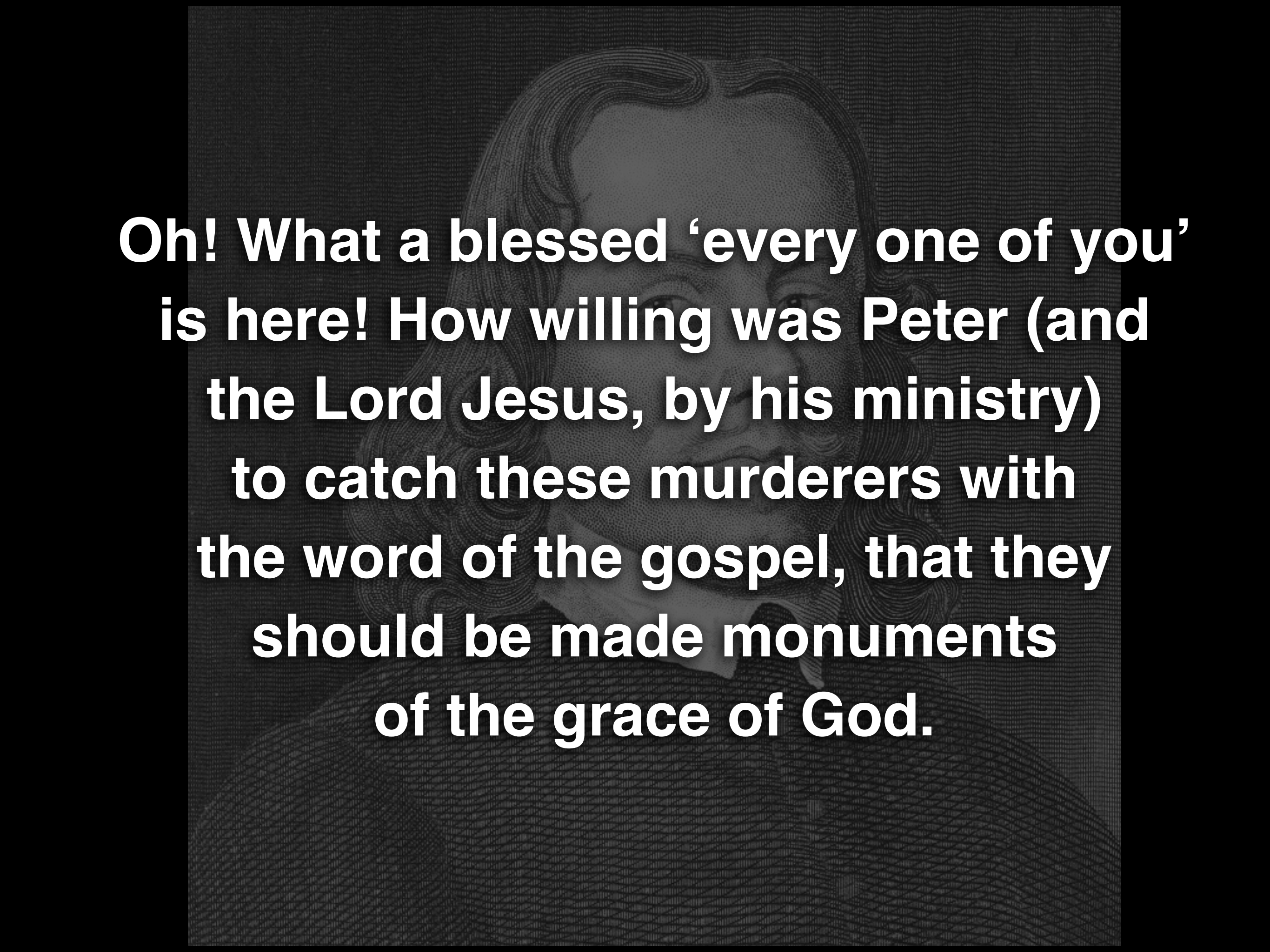


Objection

**But I railed on him, I reviled him,
I hated him, I rejoiced to see him
mocked by others. Can there
be any hope for me?**

Peter

**Repent and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus, for the remission
of sins, and you shall receive the Holy Spirit.**



**Oh! What a blessed ‘every one of you’
is here! How willing was Peter (and
the Lord Jesus, by his ministry)
to catch these murderers with
the word of the gospel, that they
should be made monuments
of the grace of God.**

**...formerly I was a
blasphemer, persecutor,
and insolent opponent.
But I received mercy
because I had acted
ignorantly in unbelief,
and the grace of our
Lord overflowed for me
with the faith and love
that are in Christ Jesus.**



**Here is a trustworthy
saying that deserves full
acceptance: Christ
Jesus came into the
world to save sinners —
of whom I am the worst.**



**But for that very reason
I was shown mercy so
that in me, the worst of
sinners, Christ Jesus
might display his
immense patience as an
example for those who
would believe in him
and receive eternal life.**



**Now to the King eternal,
immortal, invisible, the
only God, be honor and
glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Apostle Paul
— 1 Timothy 1:13-17 —



The Gospel of Luke 24

49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.



**The Holy Spirit is the Promised,
Powerful, Personal Presence of God**

The Gospel of Luke 24

50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

The Gospel of Luke 24

52 And **they worshiped him** and returned to Jerusalem with **great joy**, 53 and were continually in the temple **blessing God**.

Important Question

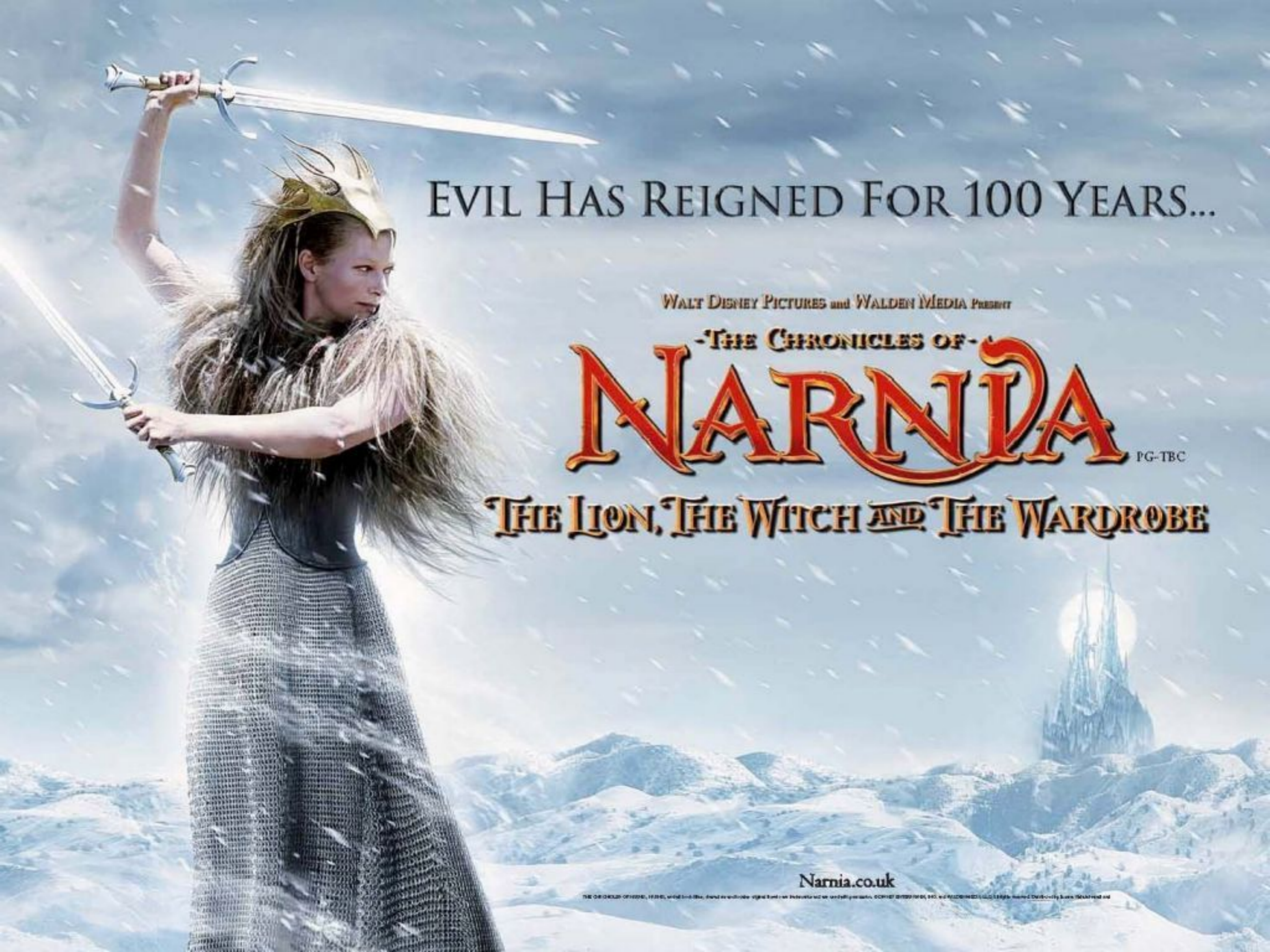
Why did Luke write this historical biography of Jesus, and why did he include the appearance of Jesus to his disciples?

**Without the resurrection of Jesus,
there is no Good News.**

Death remains all-powerful.

Death gets the last word.

**But with the resurrection, there
is Good News for every one of us
because Jesus gets the last word.**



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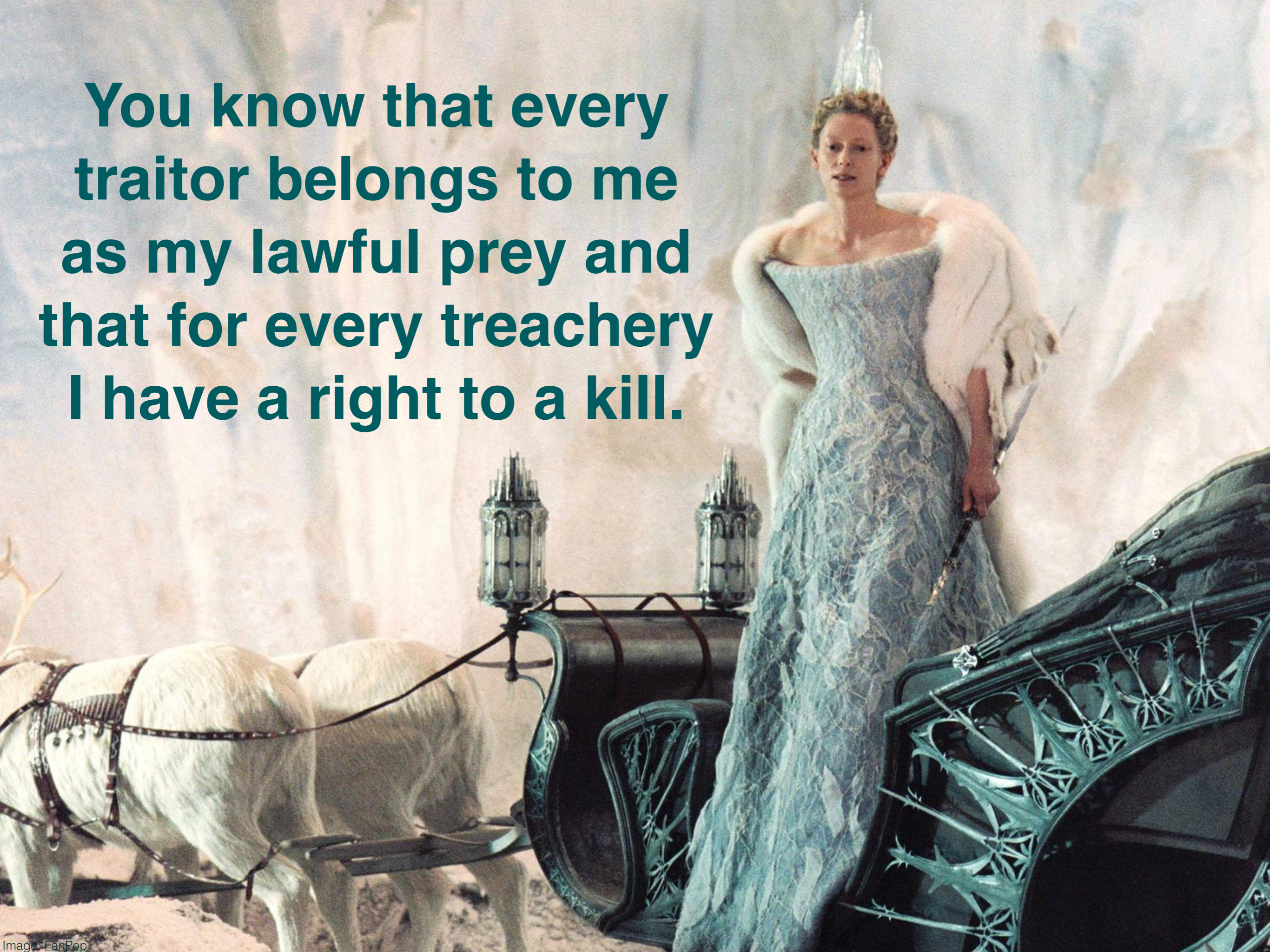
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**You know that every
traitor belongs to me
as my lawful prey and
that for every treachery
I have a right to a kill.**



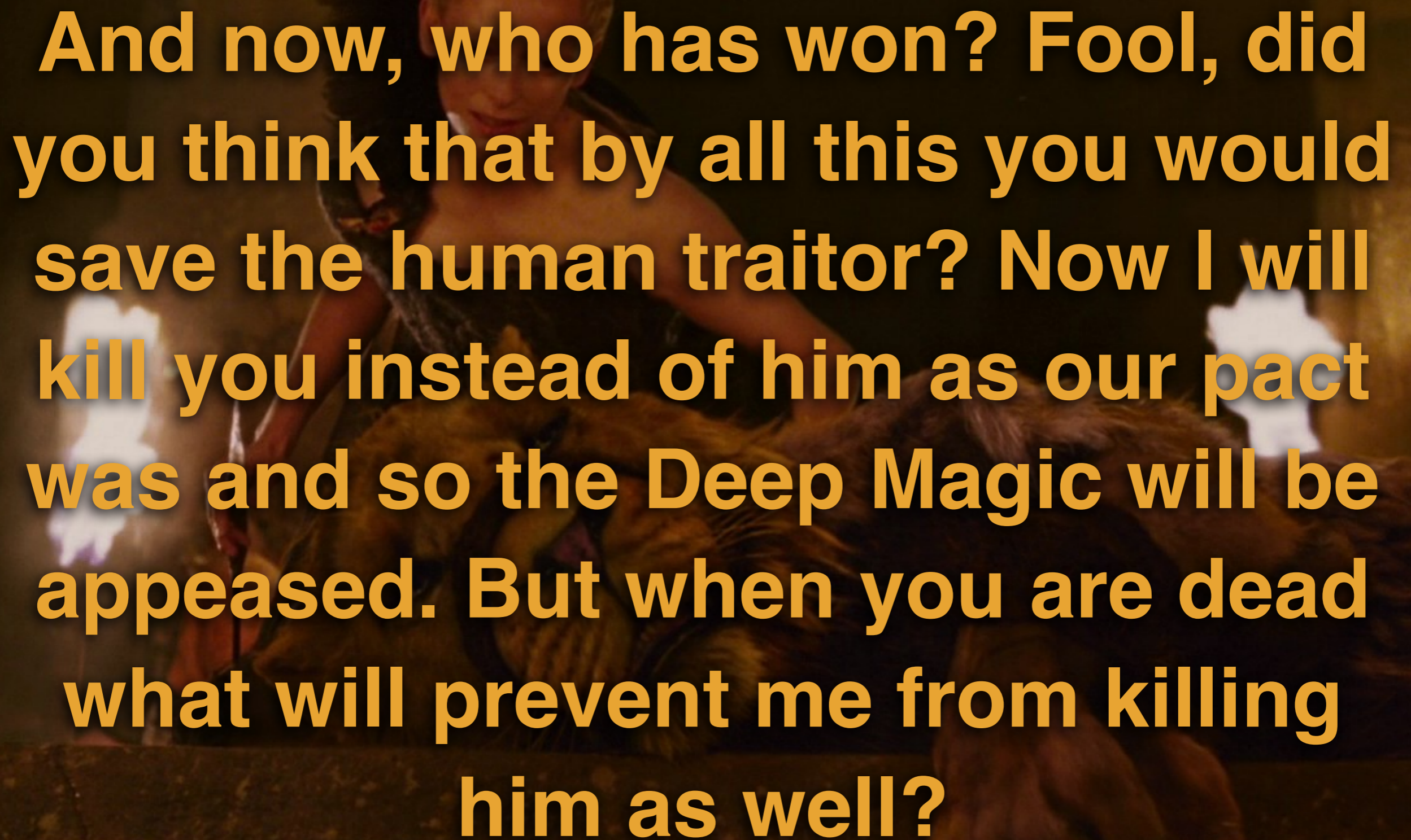
And so that human creature is mine. His life is forfeit to me. His blood is my property.



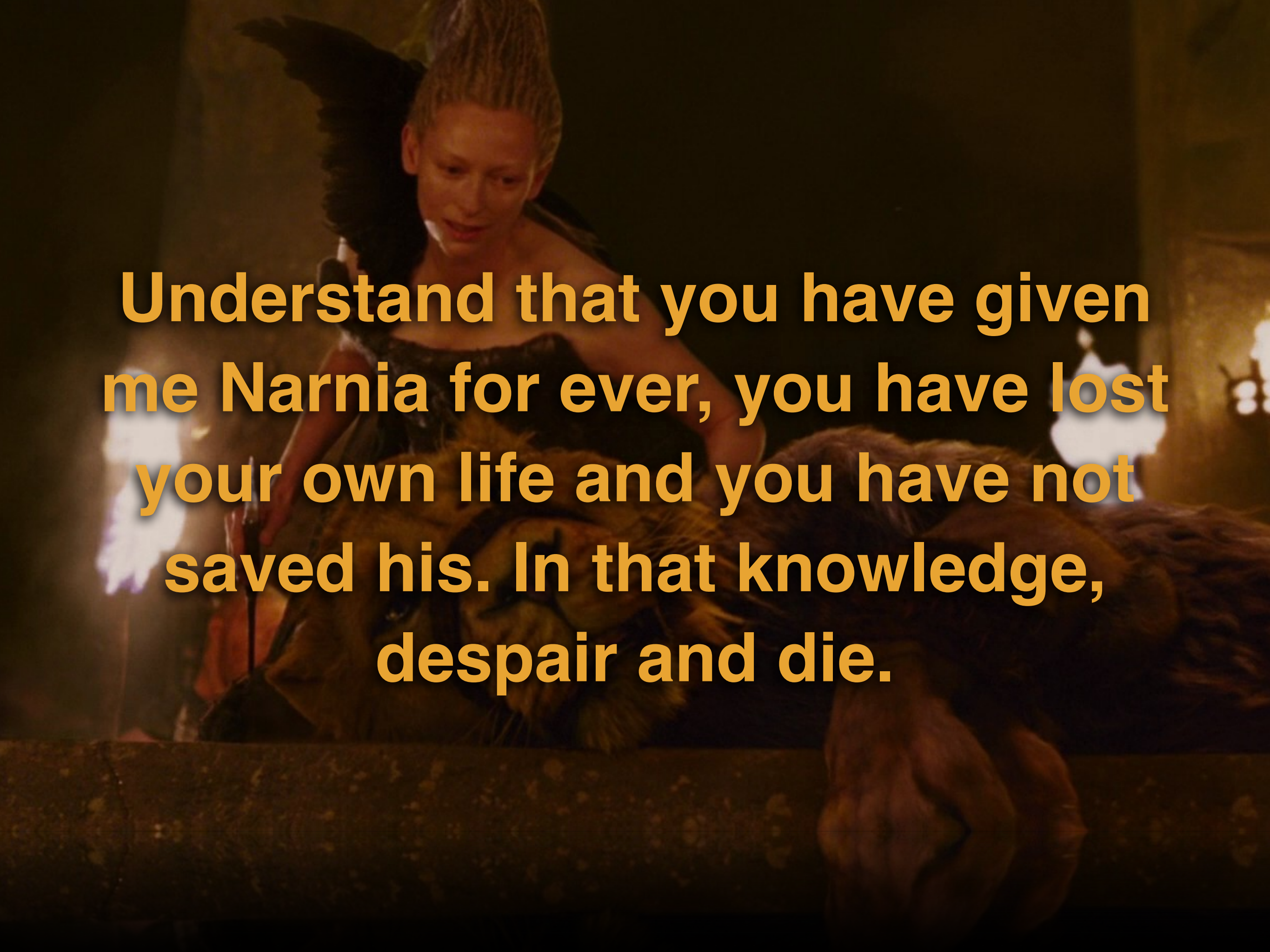
A close-up, high-resolution photograph of Aslan's face from the movie 'The Lion King'. The image focuses on his eyes, nose, and mouth, showing the texture of his golden-brown fur. The lighting is dramatic, with the right side of his face (viewer's right) being brightly lit while the left side (viewer's left) is in deep shadow.

**“It is very true,”
says Aslan.
“I do not deny it.”**



A woman with her hair in a tall, braided bun, wearing a dark, textured, sleeveless dress. She is looking down with a somber expression. The background is dark and textured, possibly a cave or a stone wall.

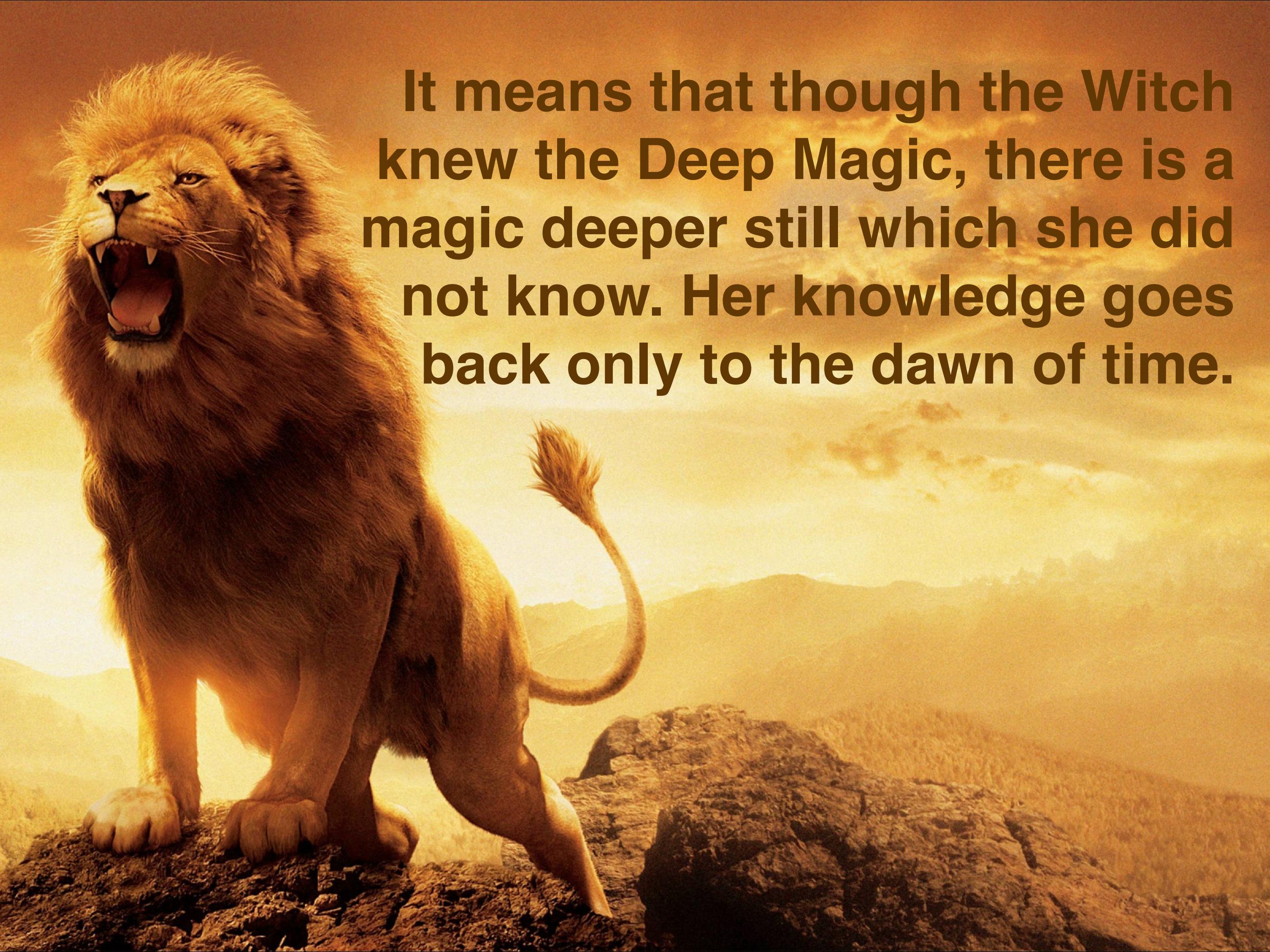
And now, who has won? Fool, did you think that by all this you would save the human traitor? Now I will kill you instead of him as our pact was and so the Deep Magic will be appeased. But when you are dead what will prevent me from killing him as well?

A woman with large, dark, feathered wings is shown from the chest up, looking down with a somber expression at a person lying on a stone slab. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source in the background. The text is overlaid in a bold, yellow font.

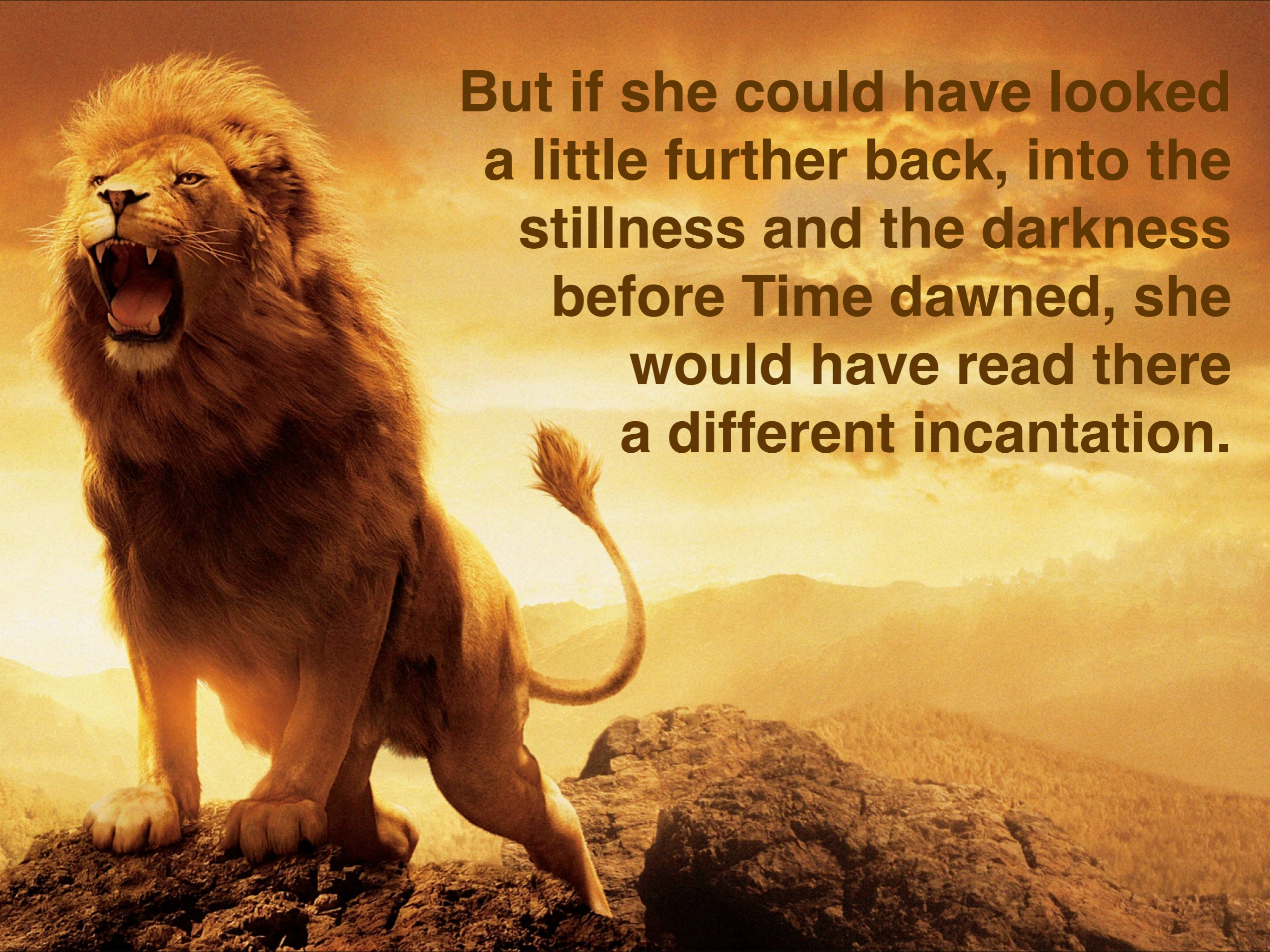
**Understand that you have given
me Narnia for ever, you have lost
your own life and you have not
saved his. In that knowledge,
despair and die.**



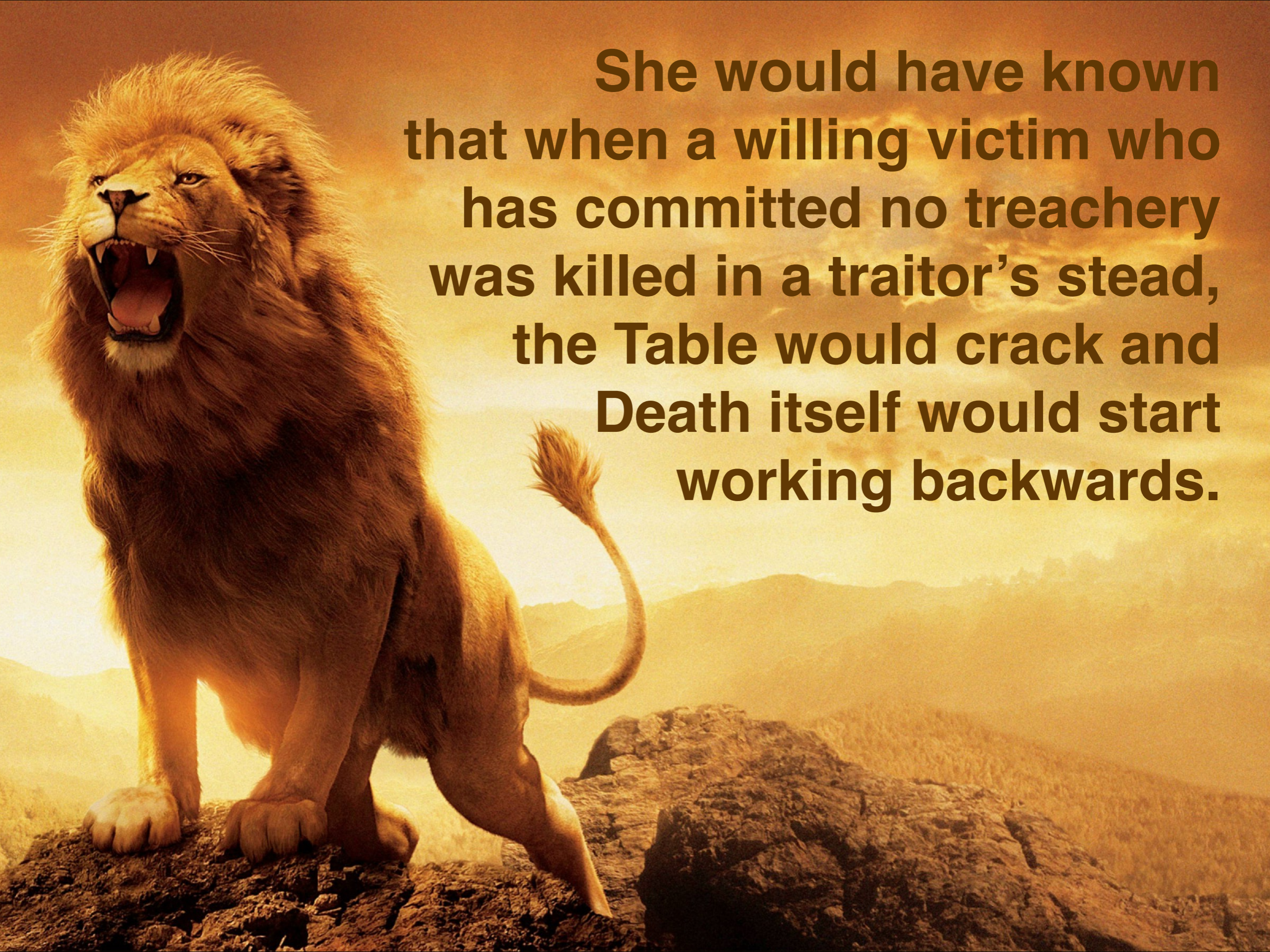


A majestic lion with a thick, golden-brown mane is perched on a dark, jagged rock. The lion's mouth is wide open in a powerful roar, with its tongue and teeth visible. The background is a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a warm, golden sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is dramatic and powerful.

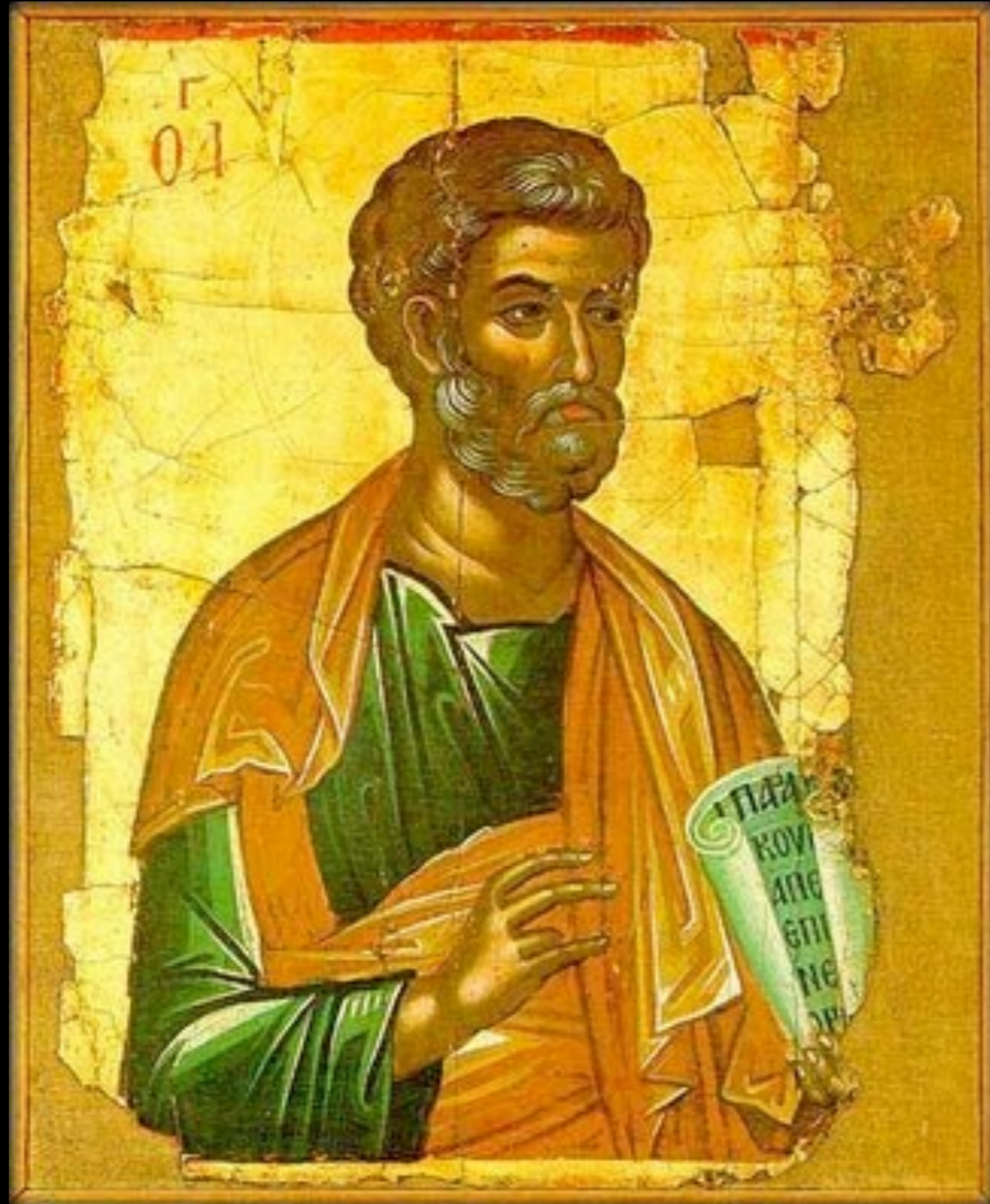
It means that though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time.



**But if she could have looked
a little further back, into the
stillness and the darkness
before Time dawned, she
would have read there
a different incantation.**




She would have known that when a willing victim who has committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backwards.




**...it was impossible
for death to keep
its hold on him. This
Jesus God raised up,
and of that we all
are witnesses.**

**The Apostle Peter
— Acts 2:24 & 32—**

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**Weep no more;
behold, the Lion
of the tribe of Judah...
has conquered....**

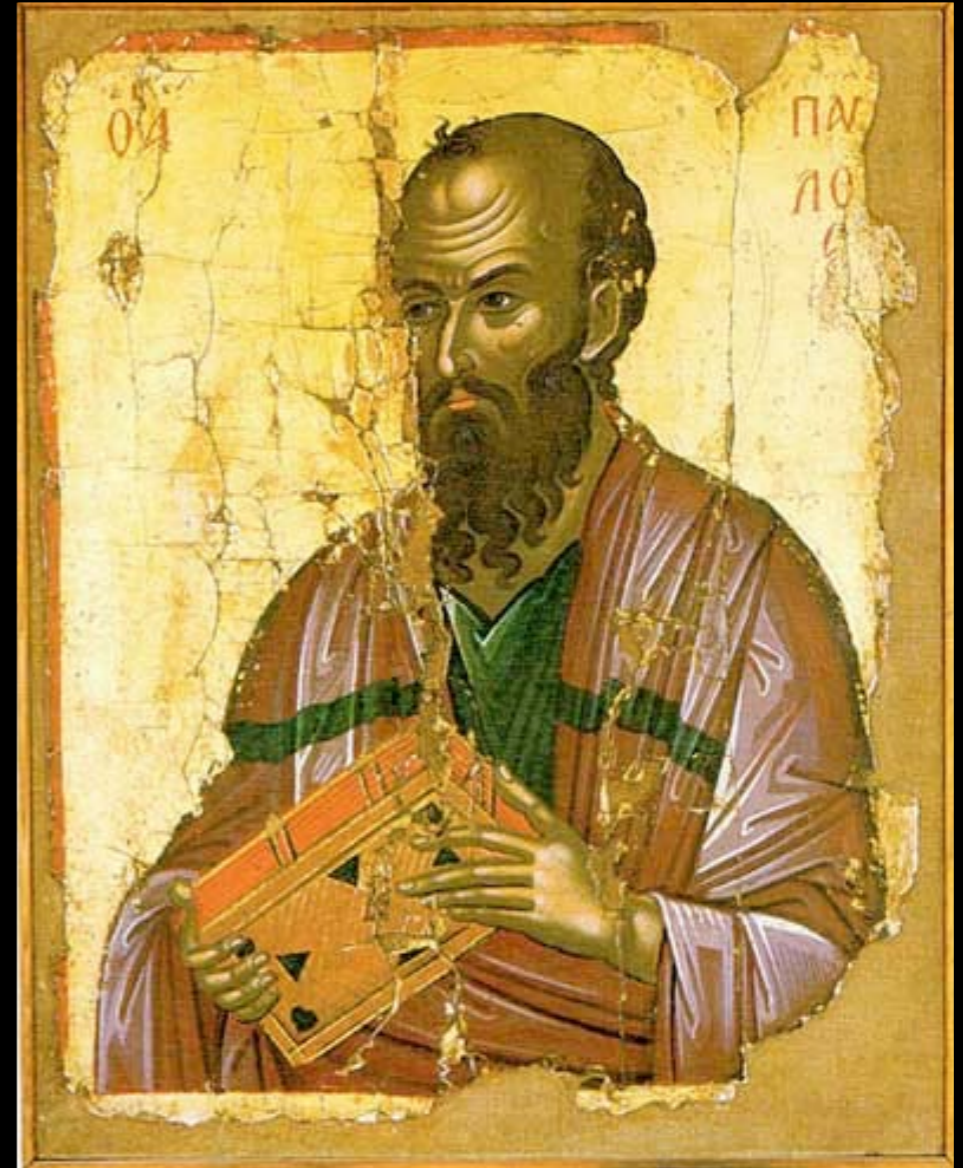
— Revelation 5:5 —

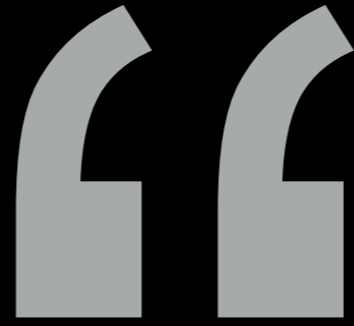


**Let's look to Jesus
for the forgiveness
of sins and
for eternal life.**

**...if you confess with
your mouth that Jesus
is Lord and believe in
your heart that God
raised him from the
dead, you will be
saved.**

The Apostle Paul
— Romans 10:9 —





“[This confession, namely that Jesus is Lord] is distinguished in that it is a commitment to a belief about the meaning of the whole of human experience in its entirety--namely, the belief that this meaning is to be found in the person of Jesus Christ, incarnate, crucified, risen, and destined to reign over all things.”

— Lesslie Newbigin, Missionary to India —



**Let's join the long history of witnesses
who testify about Jesus, crucified
and risen from the dead.**

**Do you think death is the end
or just the beginning?**



I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



The Apostle Paul
— Romans 8:38-39 —



**Let's worship Jesus Christ,
the King of kings.**



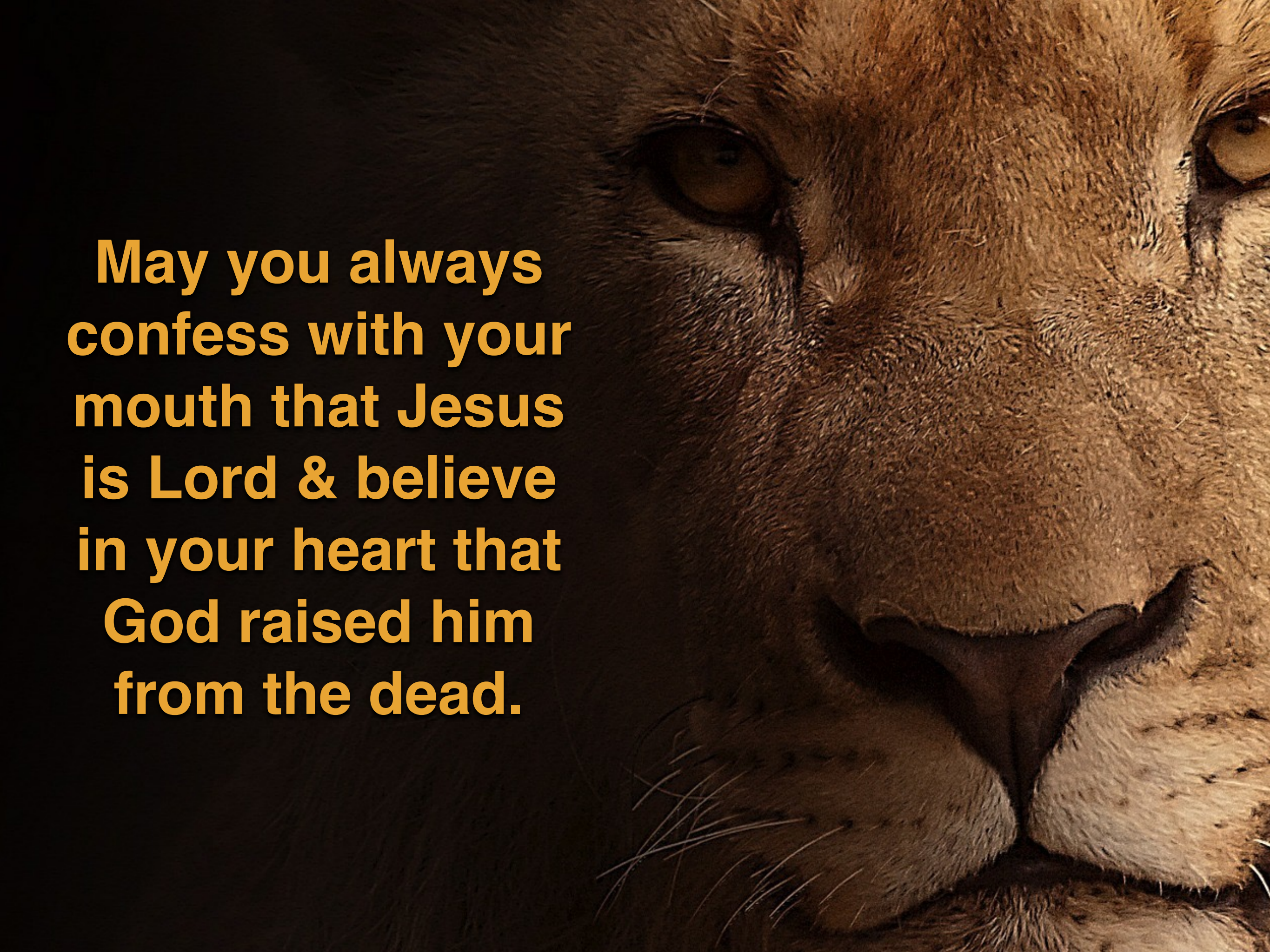
“And they worshiped him....”

— The Gospel of Luke 24:52 —

THE
ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES



In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God....

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