

The background features a bright, sunny sky with soft white clouds. In the foreground, there are numerous white lilies with yellow centers and green leaves. On the right side, a wooden cross is visible, with a white cloth draped over its horizontal beam. The overall scene is bright and celebratory.

EASTER SUNDAY

*He is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!*



You are not suffering
from anything
that a **good resurrection**
can't fix.

D.A. Carson



DOUBTERS

Fear & Doubt. Doubt & Fear.

Matthew 28



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Negative Fear: A fear that causes one to flee, panic, or feel terror, often associated with a lack of trust.



DOUBT & FEAR

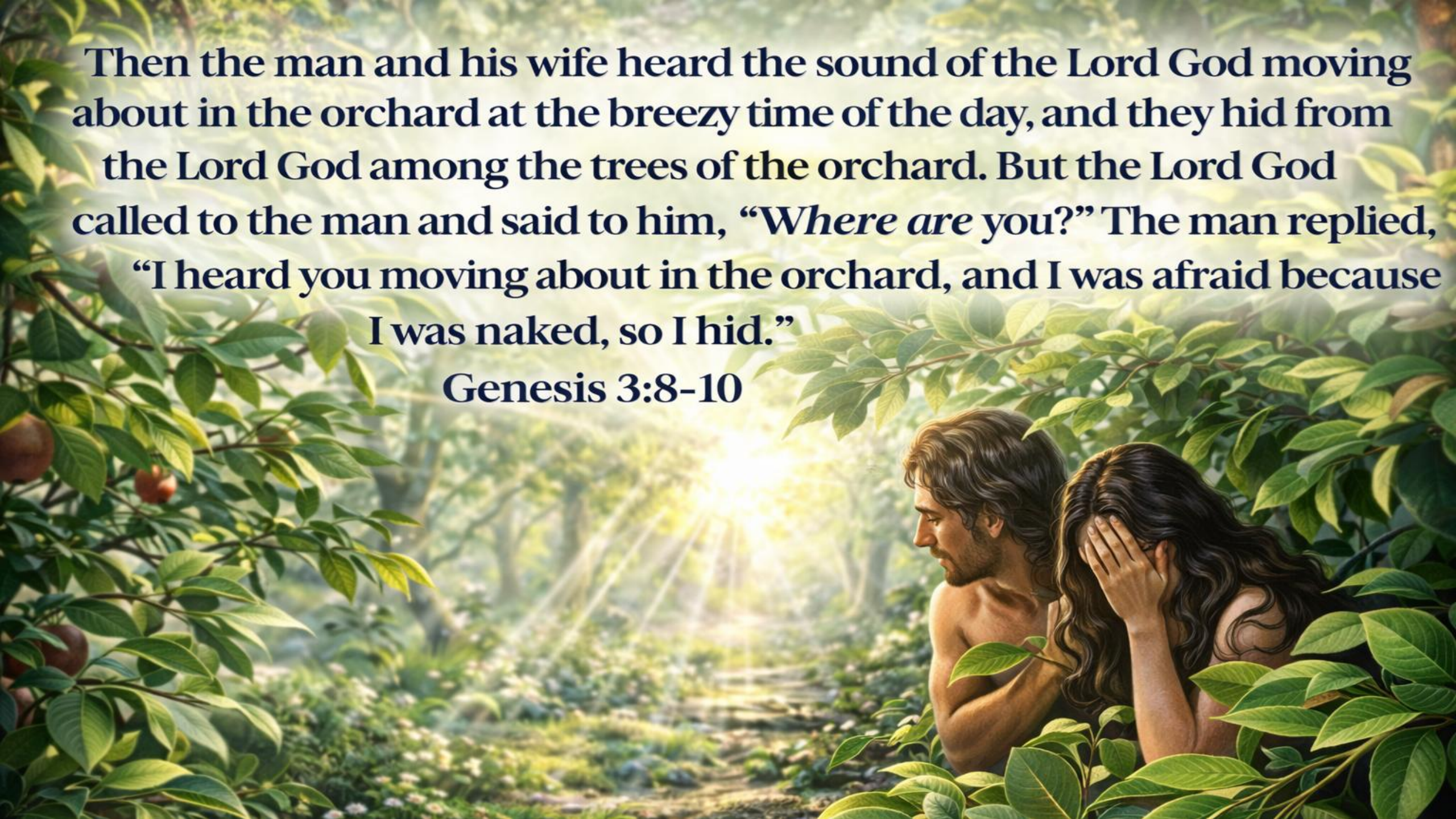
DID GOD REALLY SAY?

Genesis 3:1



Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God moving about in the orchard at the breezy time of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the orchard. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “*Where are you?*” The man replied, “I heard you moving about in the orchard, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

Genesis 3:8-10



The Lord God made garments from skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. And the Lord God said, “Now that the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not be allowed to stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

So the Lord God expelled him from the orchard in Eden to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken.

When he drove the man out, he placed on the eastern side of the orchard in Eden angelic sentries who used the flame of a whirling sword to guard the way to the tree of life.

—Genesis 3:20-24



And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from **God's love.**

Neither death nor life, neither **angels** nor **demons**,
neither **fears** for today nor our **worries** about tomorrow,
not even the **powers** of **hell** can separate us from **God's love.**

No power in the **sky above** or in the **earth below.**

Indeed, **nothing** in all creation can ever separate us from the **love of God**
that is revealed in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord.**

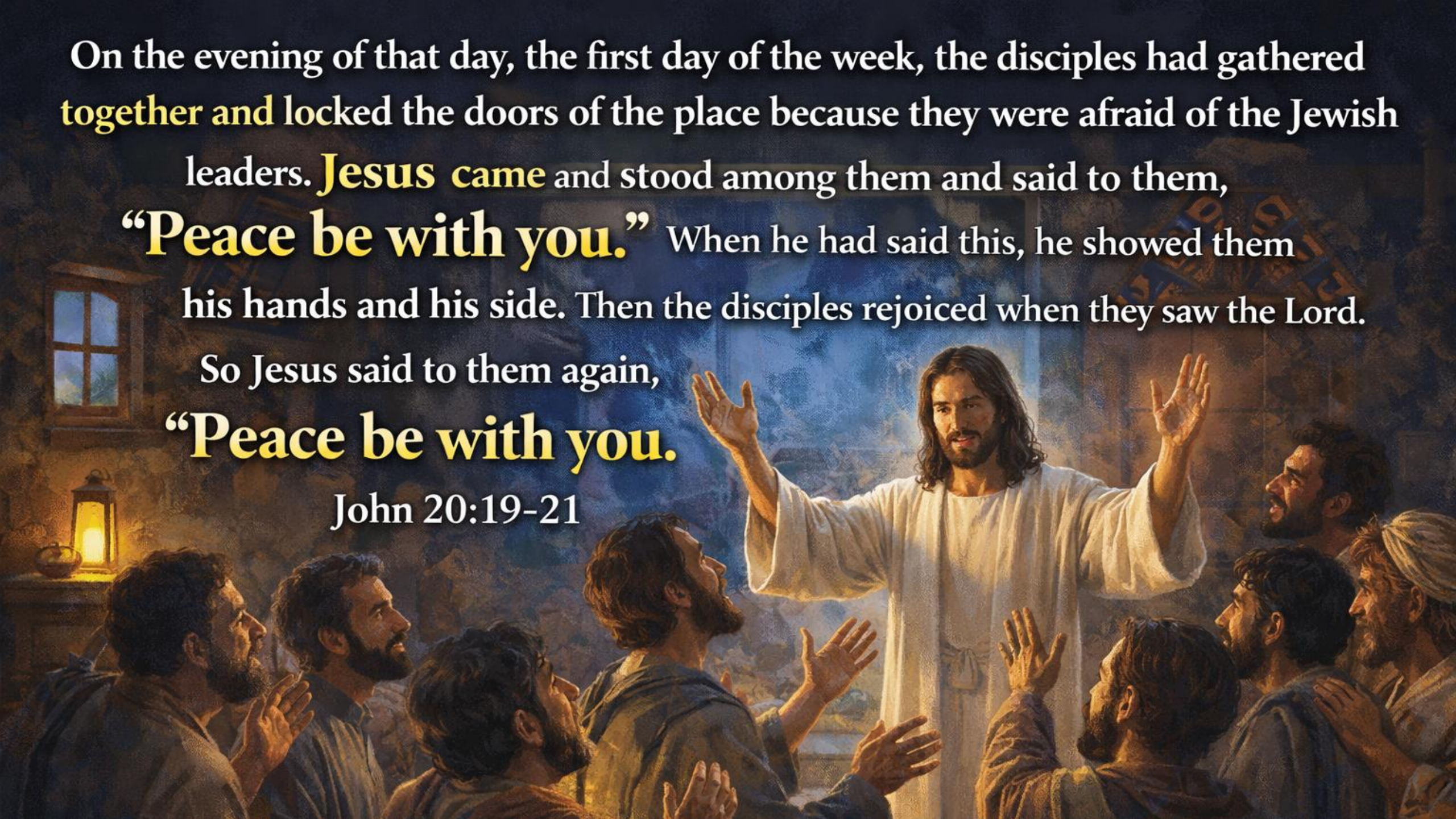
Romans 8:38-39

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. **Jesus came** and stood among them and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

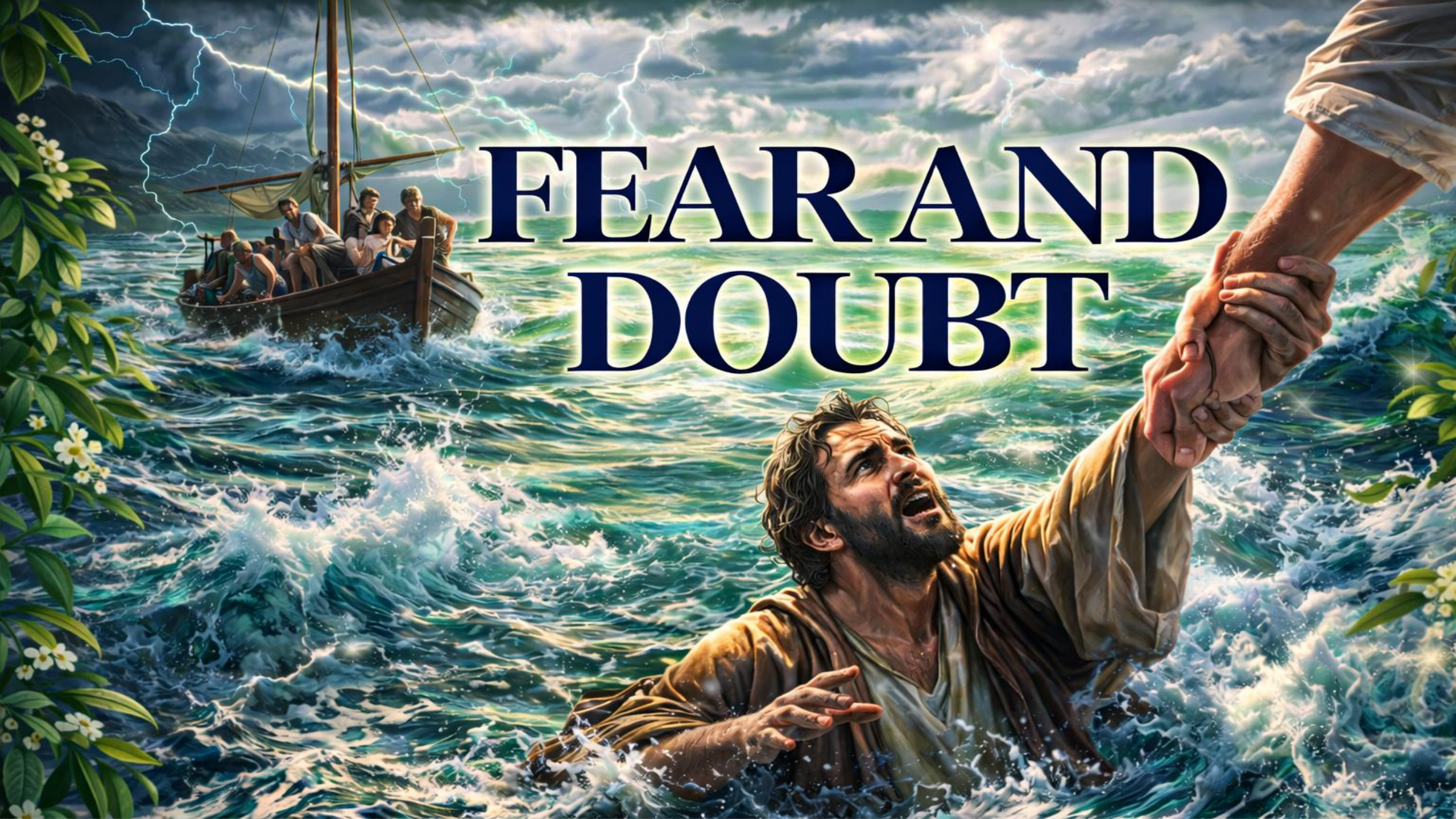
So Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you.”

John 20:19-21



FEAR AND DOUBT



Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dispersed the crowds.

And after he sent the crowds away, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

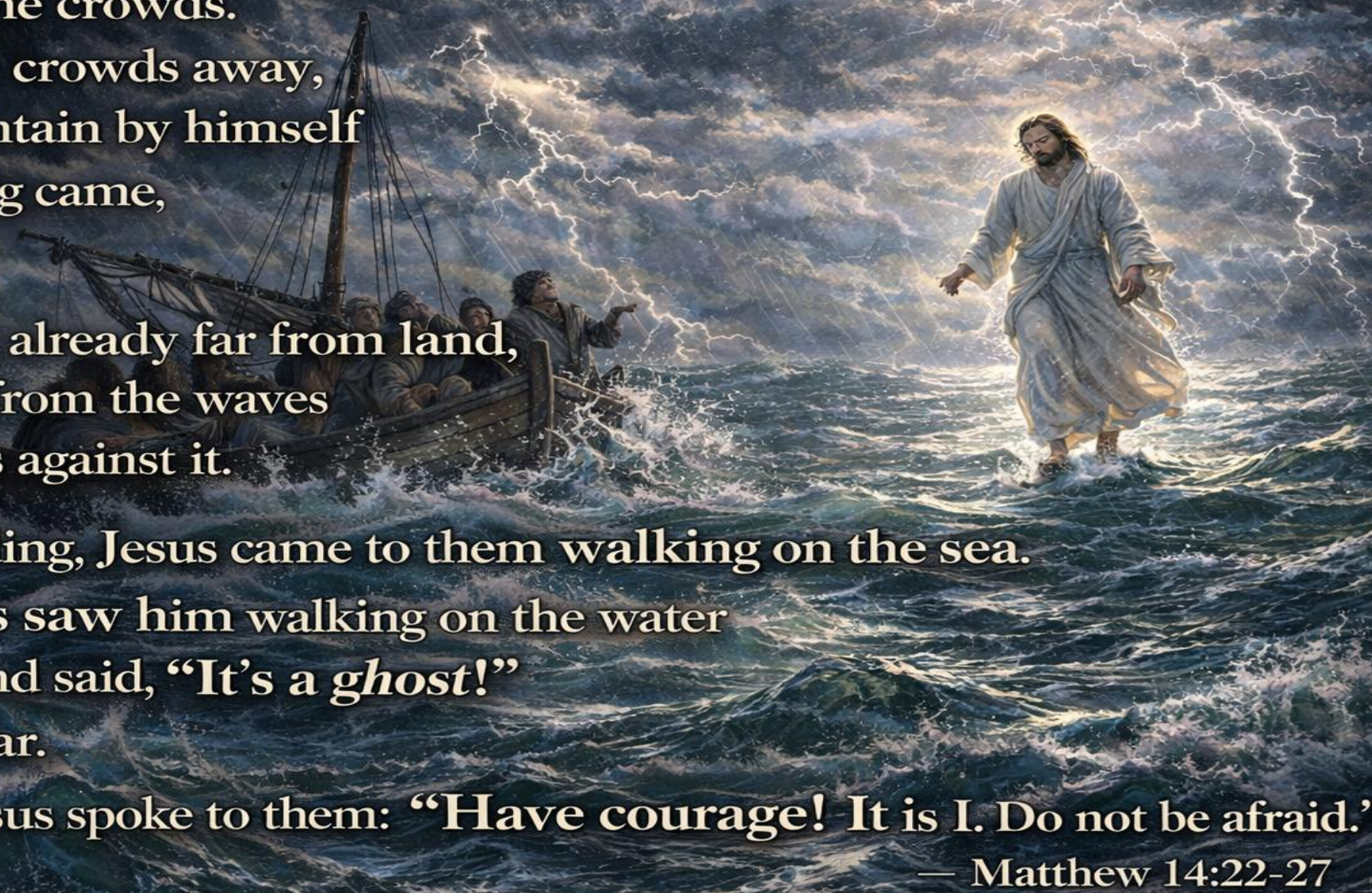
Meanwhile the boat, already far from land, was taking a beating from the waves because the wind was against it.

As the night was ending, Jesus came to them walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the water they were terrified and said, "It's a *ghost!*" and cried out with fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them: "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

— Matthew 14:22-27



Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind he became afraid.

And starting to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

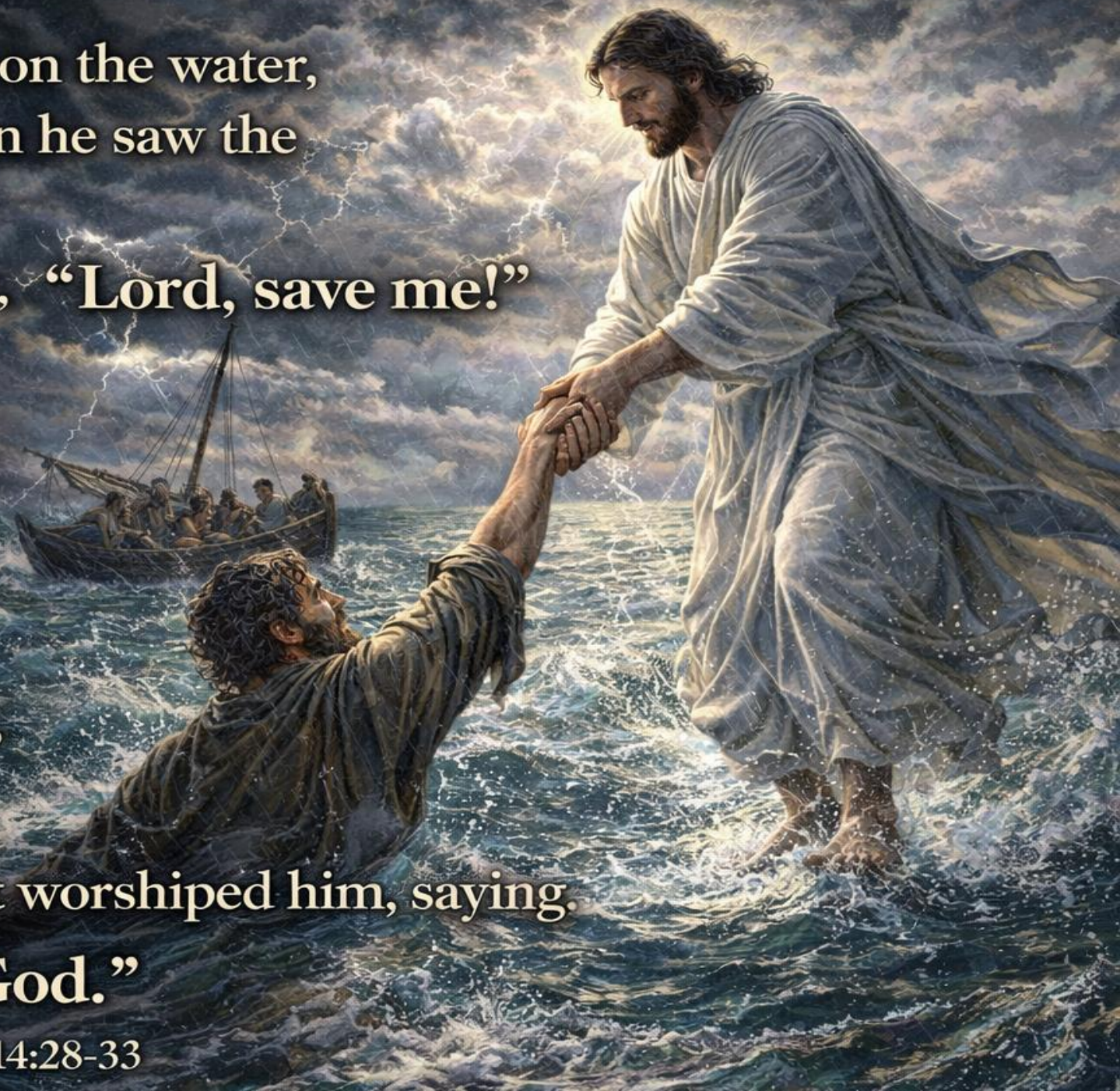
Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”


When they went up into the boat, the wind ceased.

Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying,

“Truly you are the Son of God.”

— Matthew 14:28-33





Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

1 John 4:8

When it was already very early morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

So Jesus said to them, “Children, you don’t have any fish, do you?”

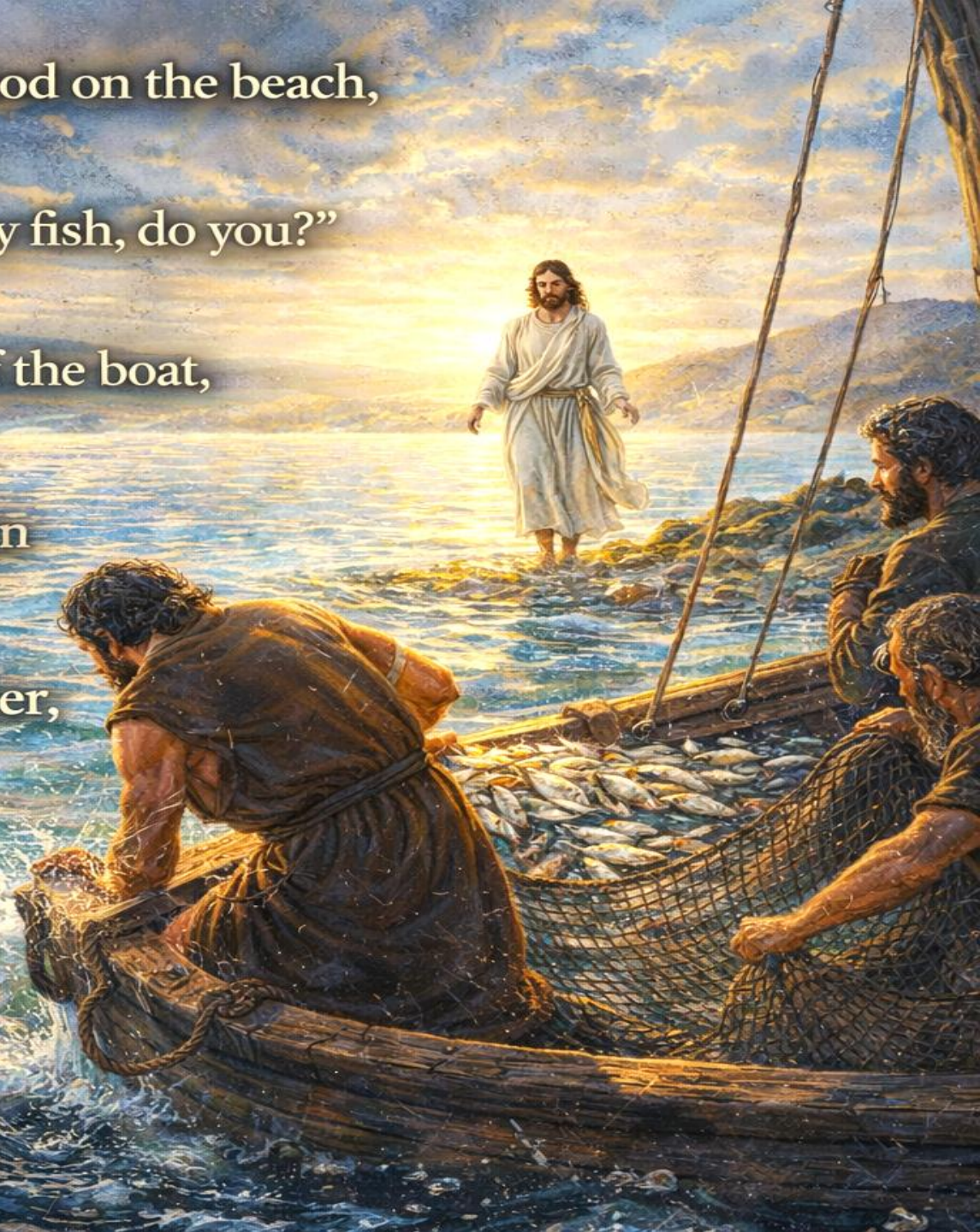
They replied, “No.”

He told them, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”

So they threw the net and were not able to pull it in because of the large number of fish.

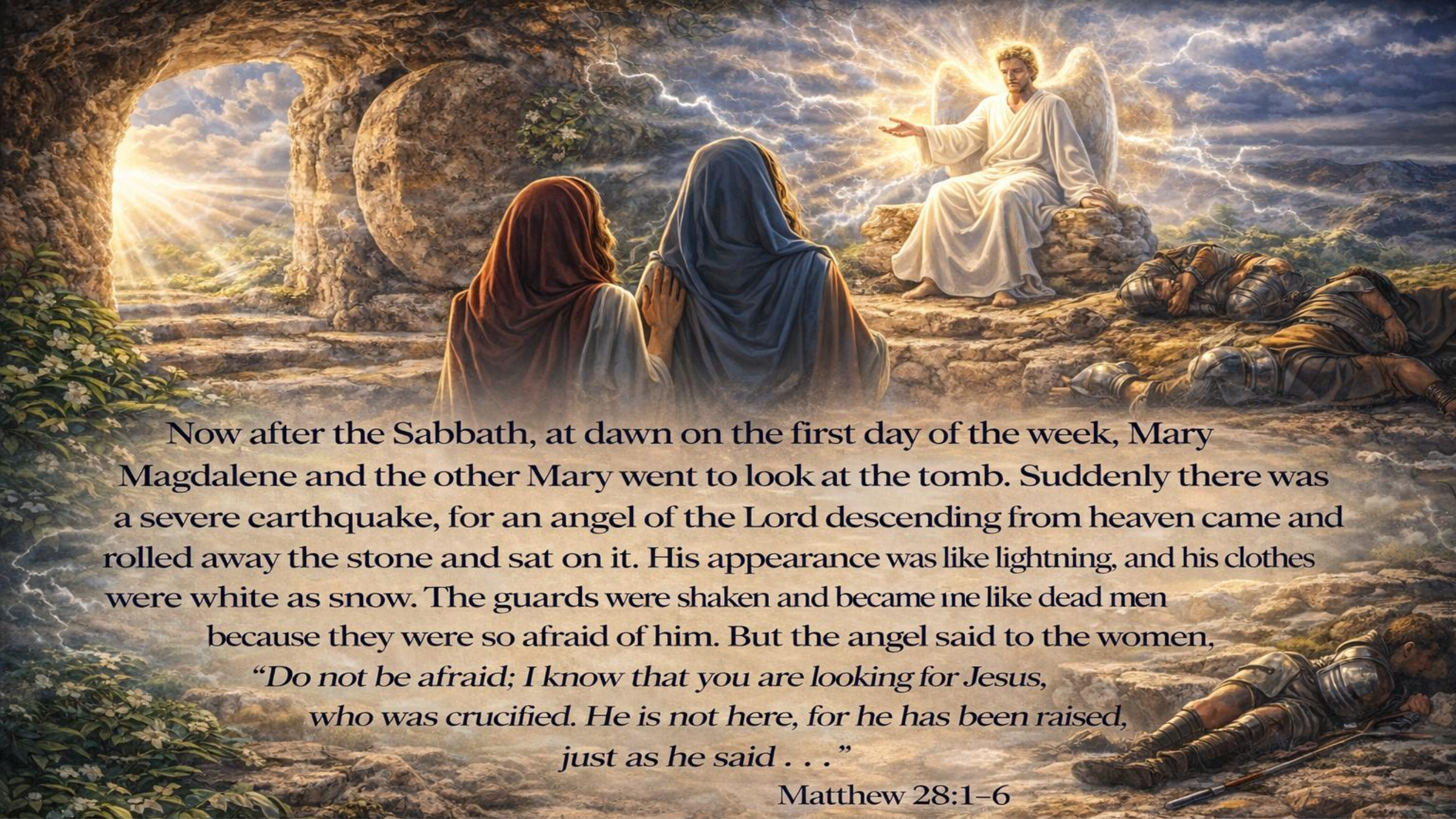
Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” So Simon Peter, when he heard that it was the Lord, tucked in his outer garment (for he had nothing on underneath it), and plunged into the sea.

—John 21:4-7



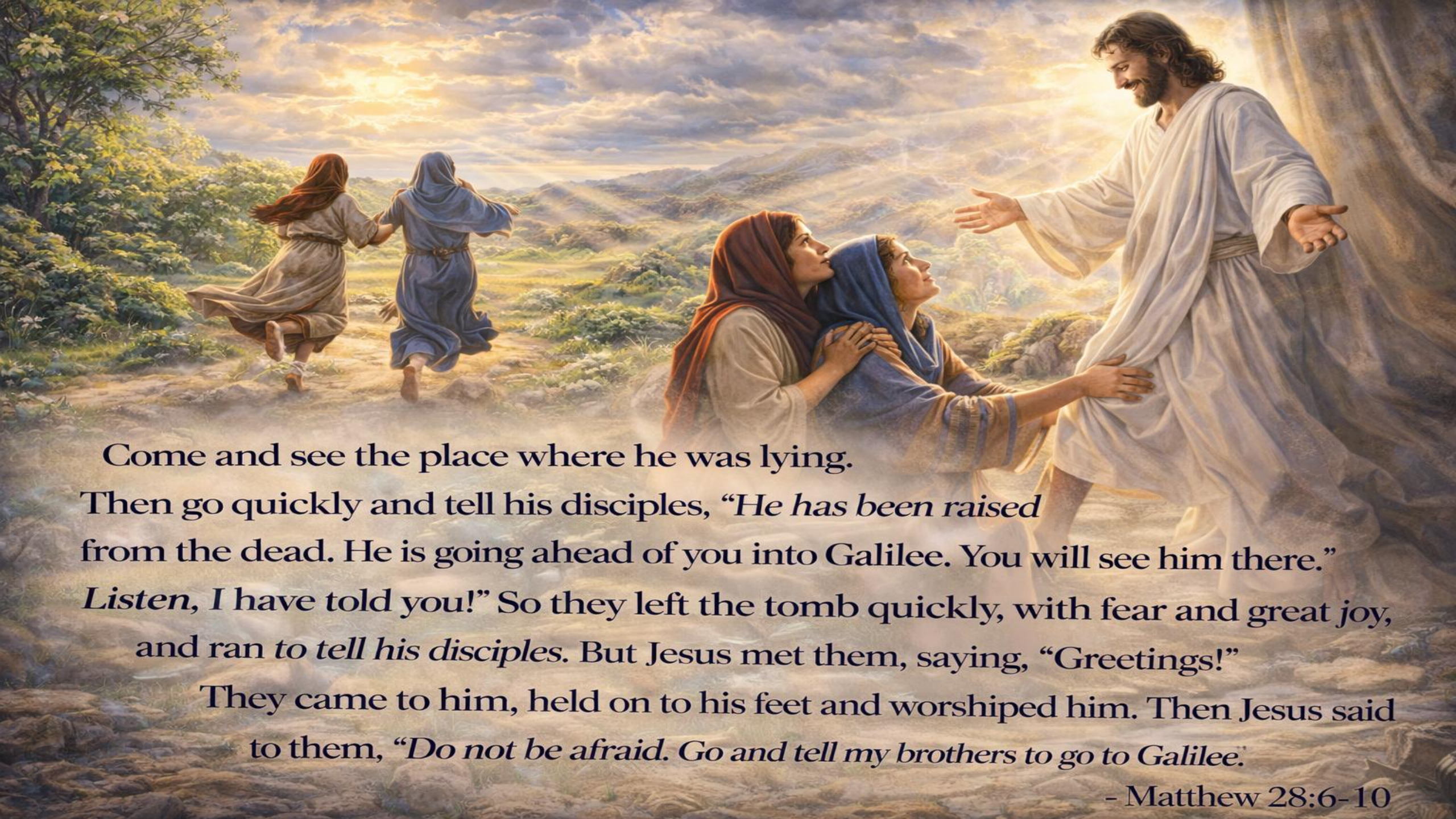
A dramatic scene from a cave looking out at a bright, sunlit landscape. The sun is shining from the left, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. In the foreground, a stone tomb is covered with a white cloth. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with mountains and greenery. The overall mood is one of hope and triumph.

FEAR NOT



Now after the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. Suddenly there was a severe earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descending from heaven came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were shaken and became like dead men because they were so afraid of him. But the angel said to the women, *“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said . . .”*

Matthew 28:1-6



Come and see the place where he was lying. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “*He has been raised from the dead. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there. Listen, I have told you!*” So they left the tomb quickly, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings!” They came to him, held on to his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “*Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee.*”

- Matthew 28:6-10



So the 11 disciples went to Galilee to the mountain Jesus had designated. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. Then Jesus came up and said to them, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

- Matthew 28:16-20



**Don't be afraid,
for I am with you!**

**Don't be frightened,
for I am your God!**

**I strengthen you—yes, I help you—
yes, I uphold you with my
victorious right hand!**

**...For I am the Lord your God,
the one who takes hold of your right hand,
who says to you, “Don't be afraid,
I am helping you.”**

**Don't be afraid, despised, insignificant Jacob,
men of Israel. I am helping you,” says the Lord,
your Protector, the Holy One of Israel.**

Isaiah 41



Let us beware of regarding the **Lord Jesus Christ,**
only as one that is dead.

Here, I believe, many greatly err.
They think much of His atoning death,
and it is right that they should do so.

But we ought not to stop short there.

We ought to remember that **He not only died**
and went to the grave—but that **He rose again,**
and ascended up on high, leading captivity captive.

We ought to remember that **He is now sitting**
on the right hand of **God,** to do a work as real, as true,
as important to our souls, as the work which **He did**
when **He shed His blood.**

Christ lives, and is not dead.

He lives as truly as any one of ourselves. Christ sees us, hears us, knows us,
and is acting as a Priest in heaven on behalf of His believing people.

The thought of His life ought to have as great and important a place in our souls—
as the thought of His death upon the cross.

J.C. Ryle

A dramatic scene from a cave looking out at a bright, sunlit landscape with mountains and a white cloth on a stone ledge. The sun is shining from the left, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The text is centered in a dark blue, serif font.

**FEAR NOT,
FOR I AM WITH YOU.**