

The image depicts an open tomb, with the large stone rolled away from the entrance. The view is framed by the rough, textured edges of the rock. In the background, a landscape is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. Three crosses are visible on a hill, with the central one being the tallest. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows. The overall mood is solemn and hopeful.

EASTER

MATTHEW 28

SUNDAY

FRIDAY

HISTORICAL ACCOUNT NOT A MYTH

WOMEN
SABBATH
ANGEL
EMPTY TOMB
GUARDS





REALITY TRIP

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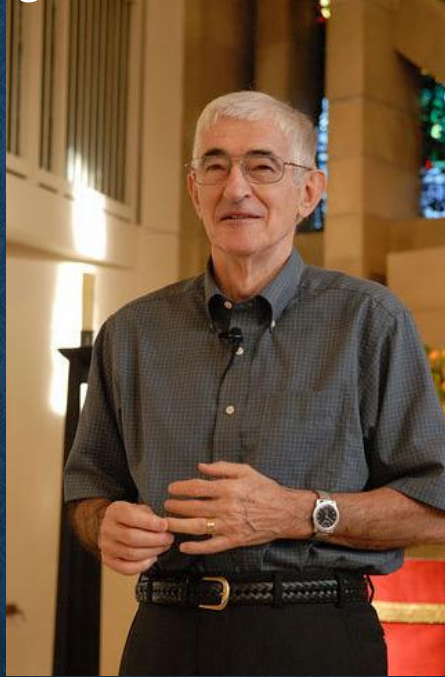
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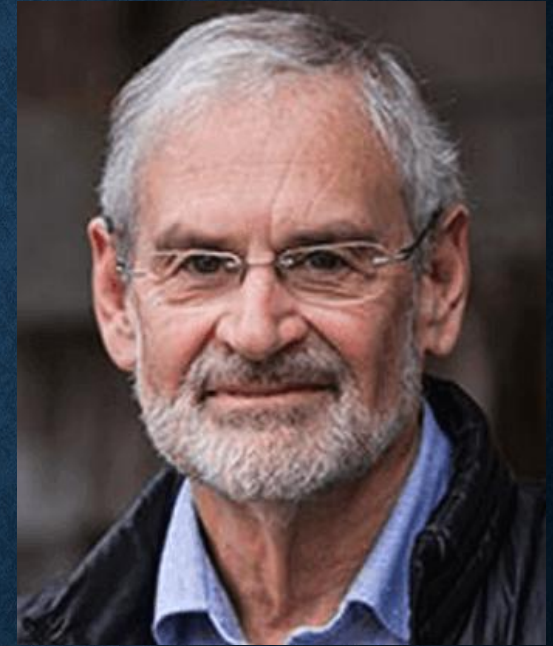
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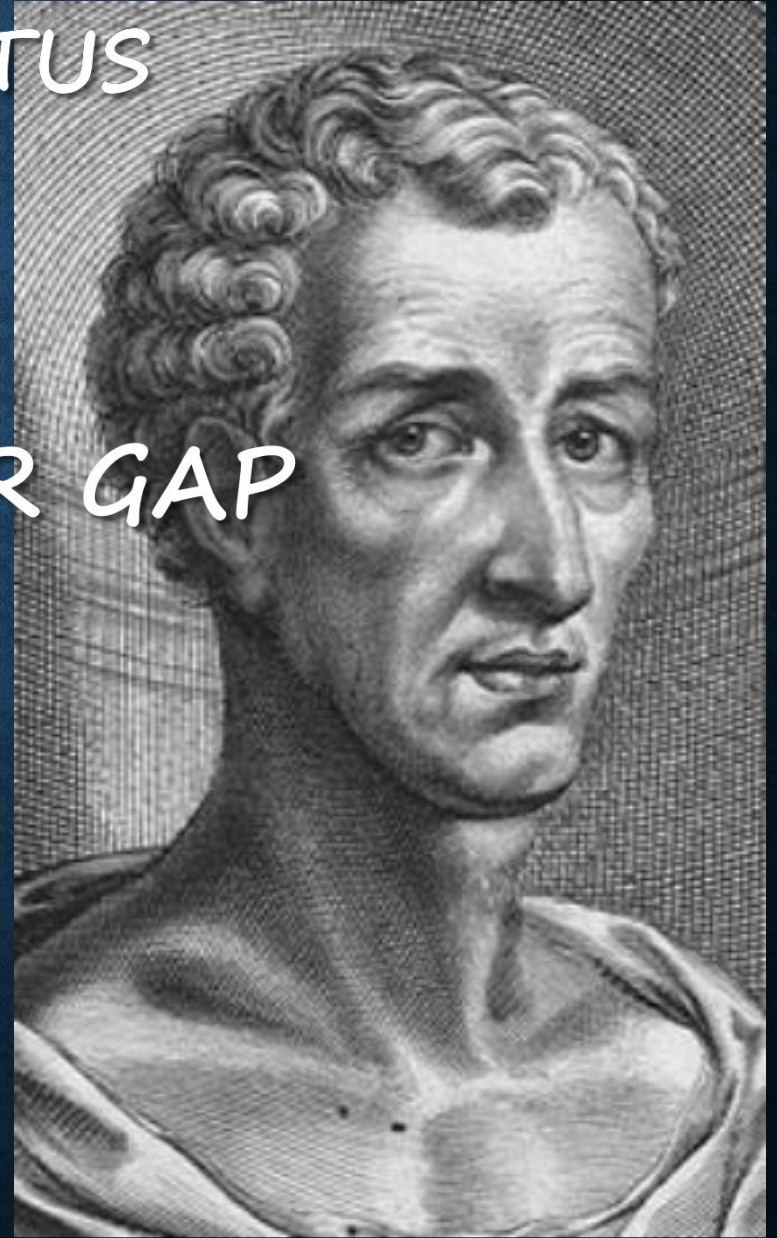
Wise man

Revolutionary

HISTORICAL JESUS

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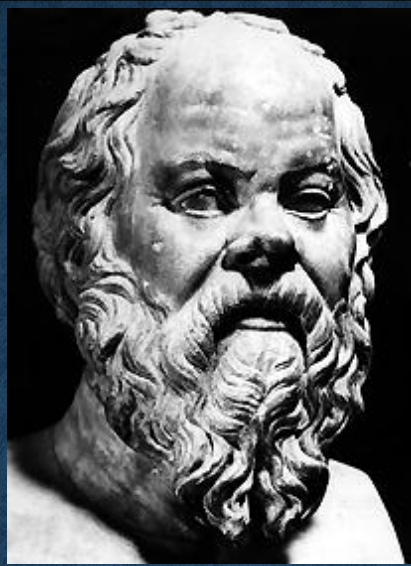


TACITUS

100 YEAR GAP

“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he ... wrought surprising feats.... He was the Christ. When Pilate ... condemned him to be crucified, those who had . . . come to love him did not give up their affection for him. On the third day he appeared ... restored to life.... And the tribe of Christians ... has ...

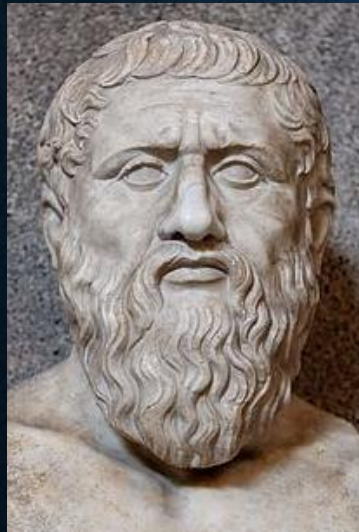
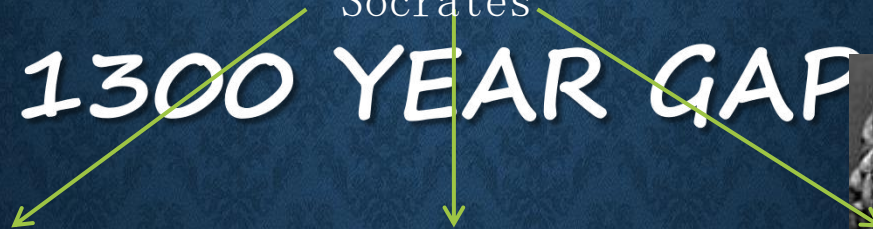
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Josephus, Antiquities 18:203-64, cited in Yamauchi, “Jesus Outside the New Testament”, 212.



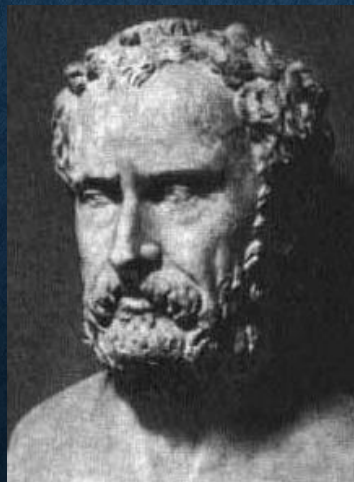
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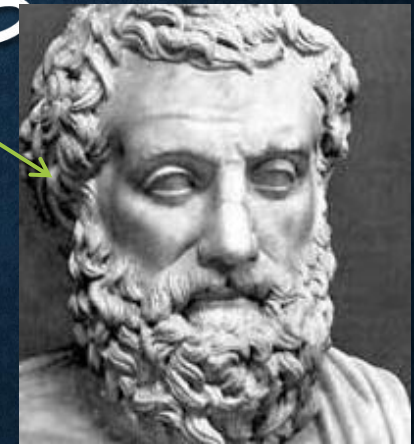
1300 YEAR GAP



Plato 900AD



Xenophone 800 AD



Aristophanes 1000AD

Contemporaries

EYE WITNESSES



Matthew 28:1 Now after the Sabbath,
toward the dawn of the first day of
the week, Mary Magdalene and the
other Mary went to see the tomb.

ANGEL AND THE EMPTY TOMB



Matthew 28:2–6 (ESV) And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay

A photograph of an ancient stone tomb entrance. A large, smooth, light-colored stone is rolled away from the opening on the left side. The interior of the tomb is dark and empty. The surrounding rock is weathered and textured. The text "EMPTY TOMB" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the dark opening.

EMPTY TOMB

A close-up photograph of a man with short, graying hair, wearing a white shirt. He is holding a long, thin, white cylindrical object (likely a stick or a piece of wood) vertically against his nose. He has a slight smile and is looking towards the left of the frame. The background is plain white.

Owobusobozi Bisaka

two million strong cult



Muhorro town council in
Kagadi district.





THEY SAW JESUS

Matthew 28:9–10 (ESV) And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”



1 Corinthians 15:4-6 That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

PAUL AND JAMES



1 Corinthians 15:7–9 (ESV) Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.



Matthew 28:11–15 (ESV) While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, “Tell people, His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.” 14 And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

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Russia and
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I KNOW IT. YOU KNOW IT.
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Hear something
enough it becomes
truth
Repetitions in
variety of context





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AUDIT OF
PA-GA-MI
WI-AZ-NV

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ORIGINATOR OF LIES

John 8: 44b When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

MOST PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION

Crucifixion

Lives and
Witness of
Disciples



EMPTY TOMB

Conversion
Paul

Conversion
James



PUTIN'S EXPLANATION

Staged
Not dead









UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED FACTS

Crucifixion

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MOST PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION

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Lives and
Witness of
Disciples

Autho Resurrectione body

Conversion
Paul

Conversion
James

A dramatic scene of an open tomb. The large, heavy stone is rolled away from the entrance of the tomb, which is framed by dark, jagged rock walls. In the background, three crosses stand on a hill under a vibrant sunset sky with orange, yellow, and purple hues. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows.

EASTER

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

WORSHIP

Matthew 28:17 And when they saw
him they worshipped him, but some
doubted

THOMAS THE SKEPTIC



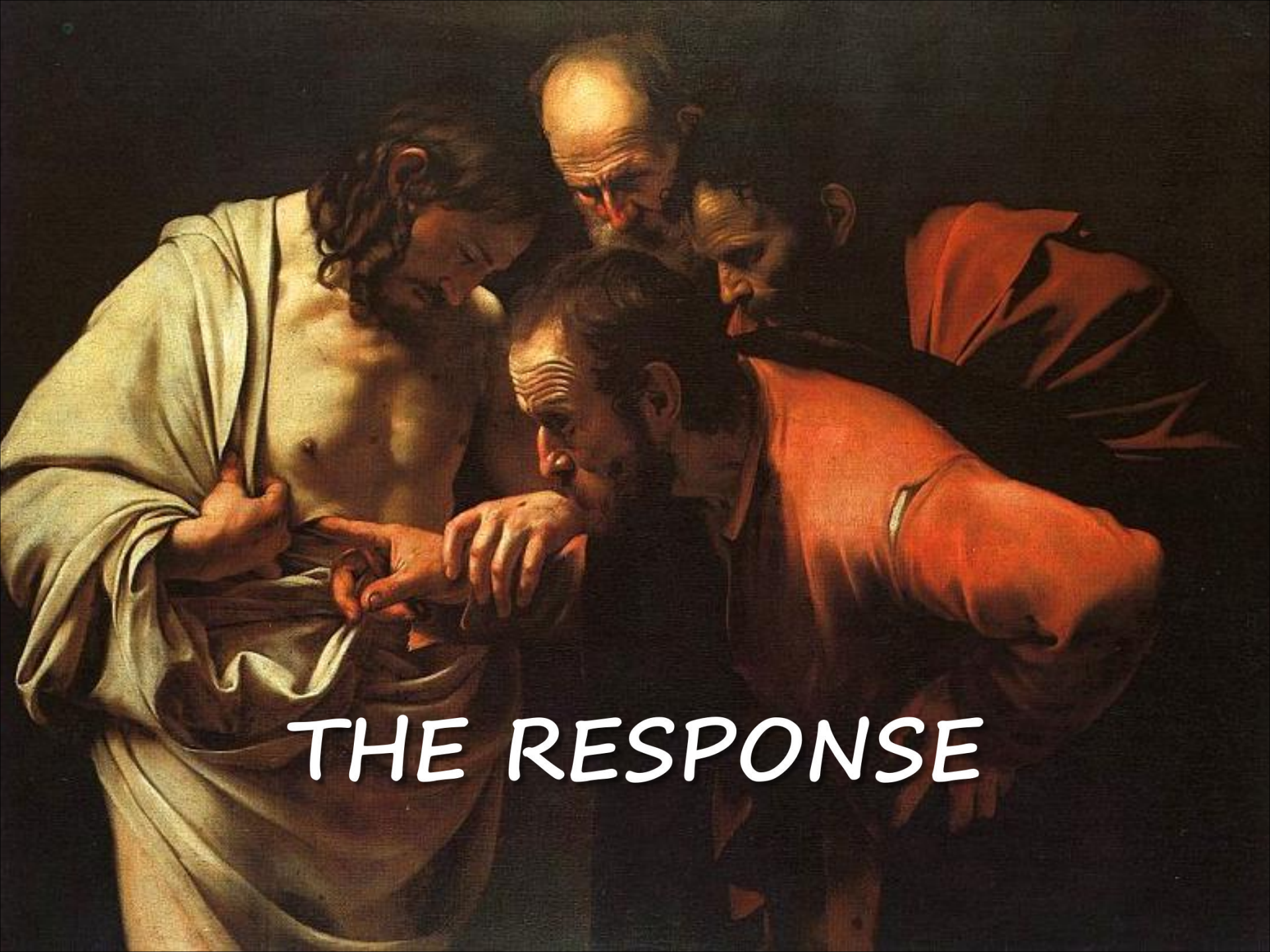
John 20:25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Skeptical, cynical, fearful of disappointment

8 DAYS LATER



John 20:27–28 (ESV) 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 RESPONSE

Caravaggio early 17th century





28 THOMAS ANSWERED HIM, “MY LORD AND MY GOD!””

A cinematic scene depicting Jesus and his disciples on a boat. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, sits in the center. He is surrounded by several men in traditional Middle Eastern clothing, including turbans and head coverings. They are gathered around a large fish on a spit, which is being cooked over a fire. The background shows a body of water and distant hills under a cloudy sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and focused on the central figure of Jesus.

JOHN 21:15 "DO
YOU LOVE ME MORE
THAN THESE?"

NOTE ABSENCE OF



Excuses

Defensiveness

Groveling



YES, LORD; YOU KNOW THAT I
LOVE YOU.

The image features a dark, monochromatic scene with several silhouettes of men standing in a field. The men are dressed in long, heavy coats, and one man in the center-left is holding a long staff or pole. The background is a light, hazy sky, and the foreground shows the rough, uneven ground of a field. Overlaid on this scene is the text "LOVE GIVES WHAT IS BEST--CHRIST FEED MY SHEEP" in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a slight drop shadow.

LOVE GIVES WHAT IS
BEST--CHRIST
FEED MY SHEEP

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.



HOPE IN TIMES OF FEAR



“The resurrection means not merely that Christians have a hope for the future but that they have hope that comes from the future. It is not yet here fully but it is here

Making
Disciples

Gospel-Baptism

Teaching-Obedience

Holy Night

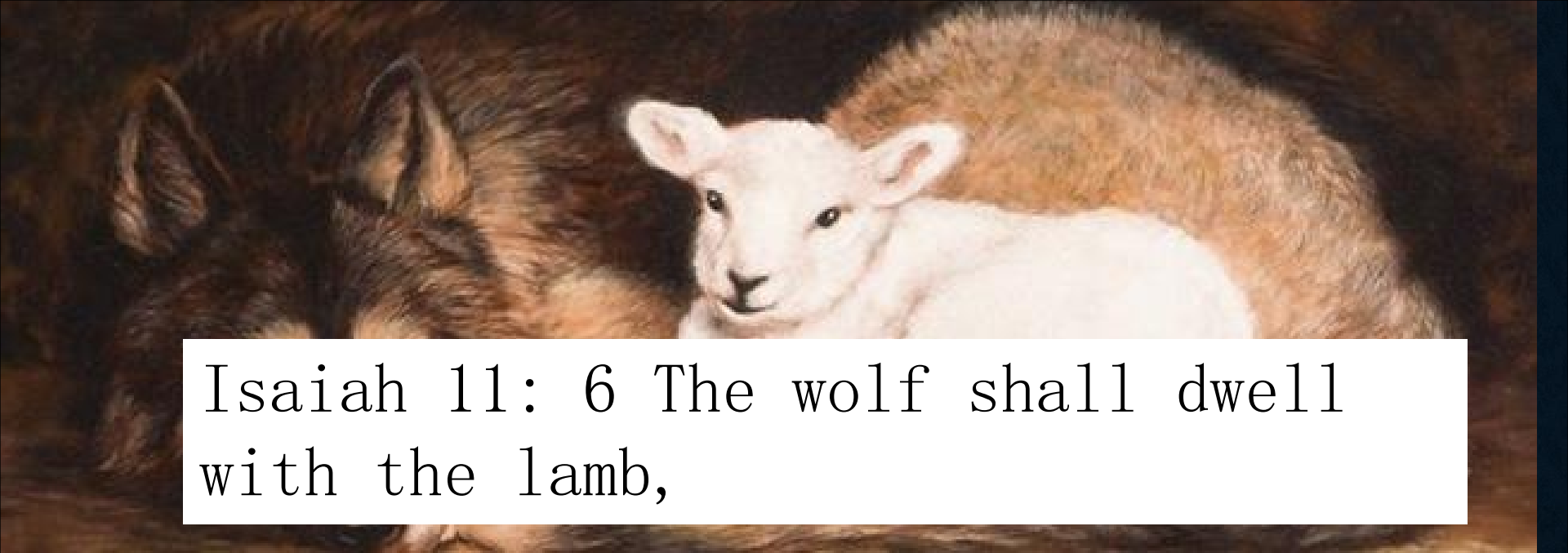


Isaiah 11:1-2 (ESV) There shall come forth
a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a
branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

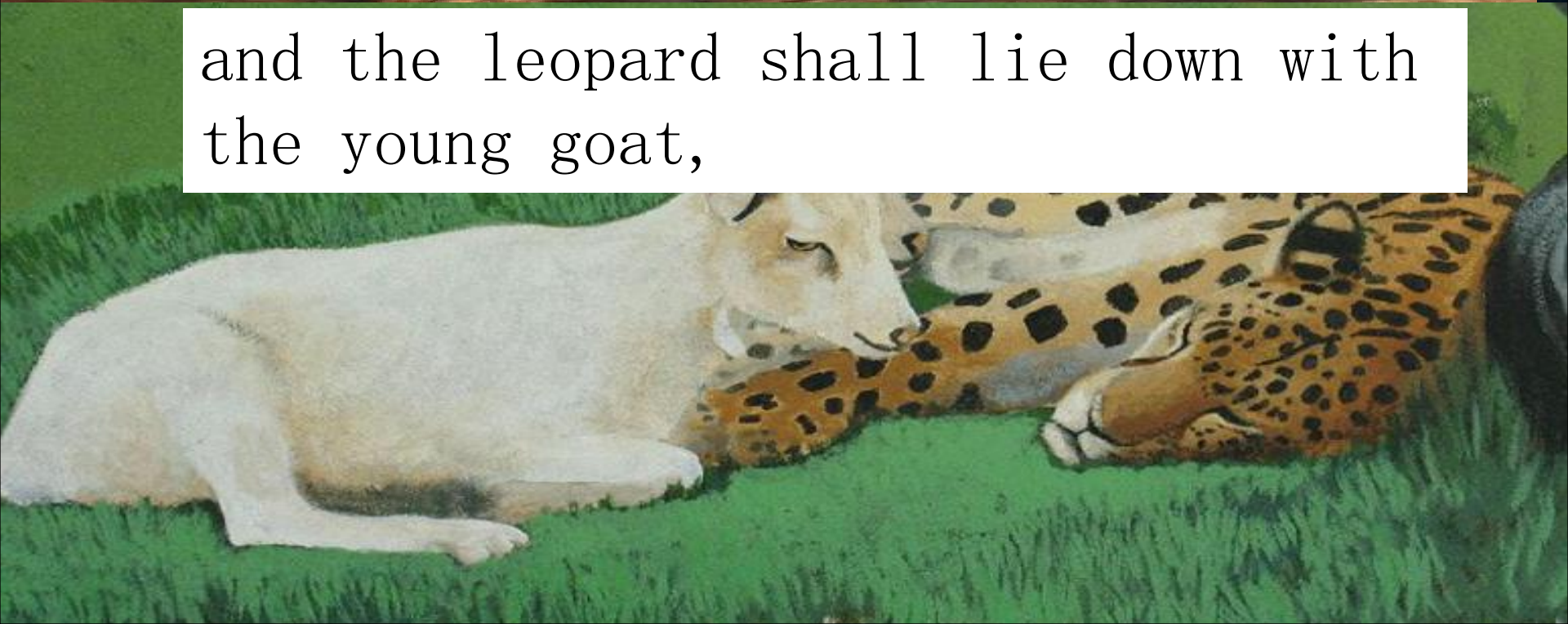
2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest
upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and
understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might,

the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of
the LORD.



Isaiah 11: 6 The wolf shall dwell
with the lamb,



and the leopard shall lie down with
the young goat,

and the calf and the lion and the
fattened calf together;

and a little child shall lead them.



BFF







Isaiah 11:9 They shall not hurt
or destroy in all my holy
mountain;

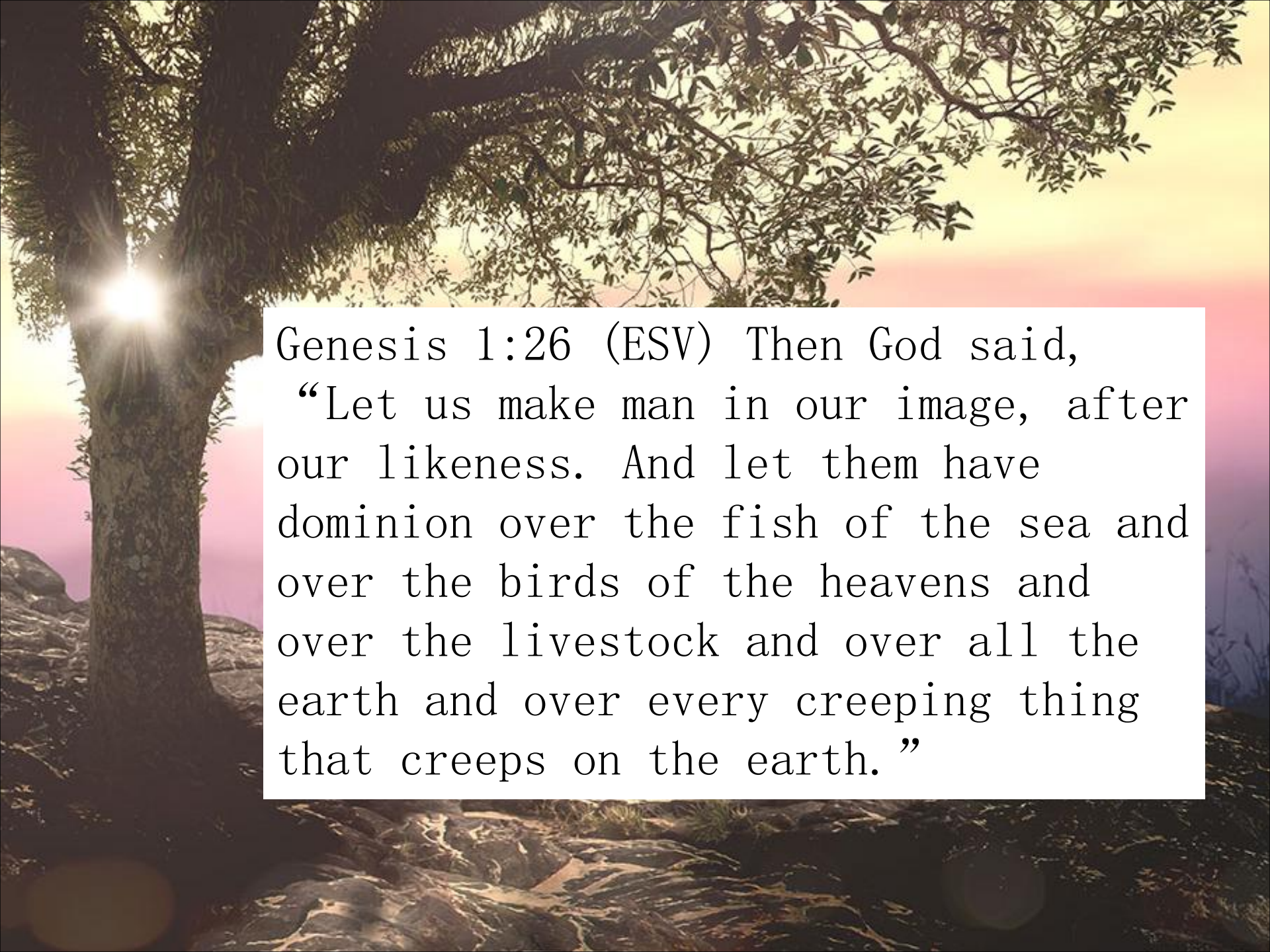
for the earth shall be full of
the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Relationship



Intimacy

Transformation

A large, leafy tree stands on the left side of the frame. Behind the tree, a bright sunburst effect is visible, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a warm yellow and orange near the horizon to a soft purple and blue at the top. The ground in the foreground is dark and appears to be rocky or uneven terrain.

Genesis 1:26 (ESV) Then God said,
“Let us make man in our image, after
our likeness. And let them have
dominion over the fish of the sea and
over the birds of the heavens and
over the livestock and over all the
earth and over every creeping thing
that creeps on the earth.”

Relate

IMAGE OF GOD

Reflect

Represent



THE EARTH SHALL BE FULL.



Matthew 28: 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



Revelation 7:9–10 (ESV) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,





OUR DISCIPLESHIP IS
ALWAYS EXPANSIVE
AND INCLUSIVE



GOSPEL -EVANGELISM



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Bapto

Dipped
Temporary change

Baptizo



Permanent



LIFE TRANSFORMATION



The colour of your life
Trajectory
Ambitions

Our colour is red

LIFE TRANSFORMATION

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20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

WRONG FOCUS

Worship

Emotional high-
Sunday
Ignore discipleship
mandate on Monday

Evangelism

Pressured to bring
people to
Jesus..without
grounding efforts in
genuine worship
Converts but not
disciples



Motivation

Guilt
Pride











Galatians 6:14 (ESV) But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

HOW CAN WE DO THIS?

Matthew 28:18–19 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

I am with you always, to
the end of the age.”

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**THEY LIVED HAPPILY
EVER AFTER**

REALITY





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THE REAL PICTURE OF POWER

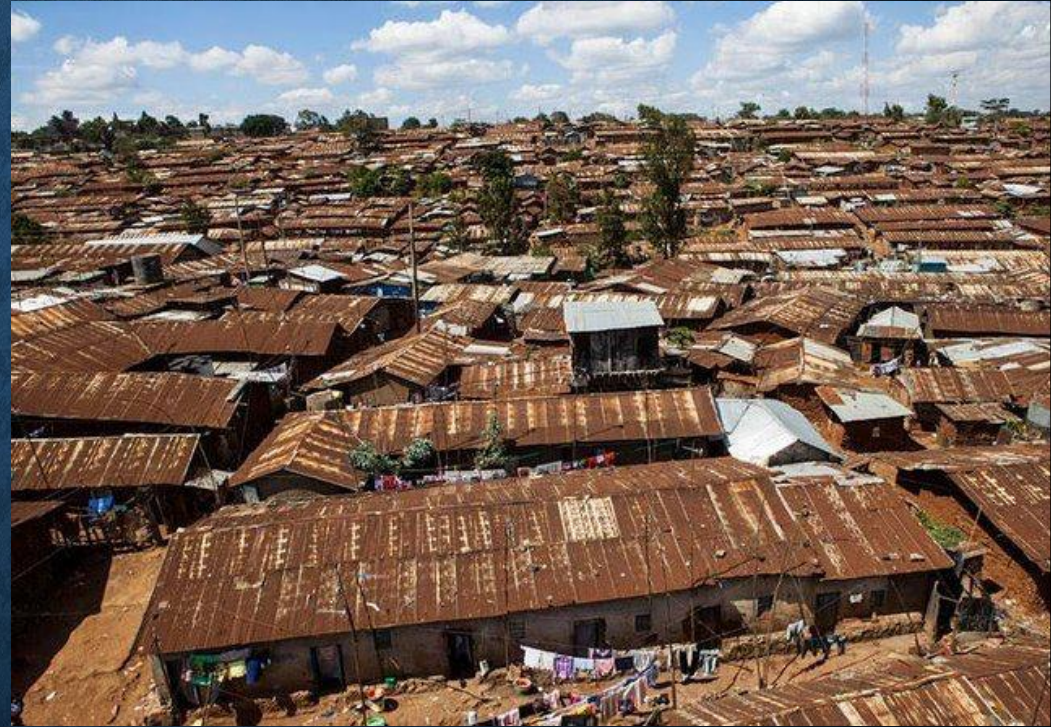
We live in a
broken world



KELLER

Jesus' s apparent powerlessness is actually power used to serve others, rather than power used to control others. To sacrifice power in love is to exert the power of love to change things.

KIBERA SLUM IN NAIROBI, KENYA



1/3 of population of Nairobi - 3 million on 1% of the land




FAITHSTAR JNR SCHOOL
Babyclass Nursery
Pre-unit Std 1&2

MAMA EMU
SHOES REPAIR
&
POLISHING

LIFE MOVES
ON WHEN
YOU'RE DONE



A group of Christians in Ukraine are gathered in a metro station in Kyiv for worship. They are dressed in winter clothing, including coats and scarves. Many are holding books, likely hymnals or prayer books, and appear to be singing or praying. The setting is an underground metro station with concrete walls and a tiled floor. In the background, a yellow sign with the number '4' is visible. The overall atmosphere is one of solemnity and devotion.

Christians in Ukraine worship God at the metro station in Kyiv. They sing of forgiveness, salvation, mercy, joy, peace, and the people of Ukraine.



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peace in our hearts and we could see the ways we could build the kingdom in times of war that we could be the light the warmth and the love and the hand of God to other people who are in need

AND ALL MY LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL

Mar 25, 2022



Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God



... I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In the darkest night

You are close like no other

I've known You as a Father

I've known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God

(yeah)

... And all my life You have been faithful

(oh



WE HAVE A CHOICE

Matthew 28:17 (ESV) And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted