

# Life in His Name

*and that by  
believing you may  
have life in his name.*

*-John 20:31*



# Zeal for Life

John 2:13-25

*Life in His Name*  
*The Gospel of John*



# Jesus Cleanses the Temple - Two Truths:

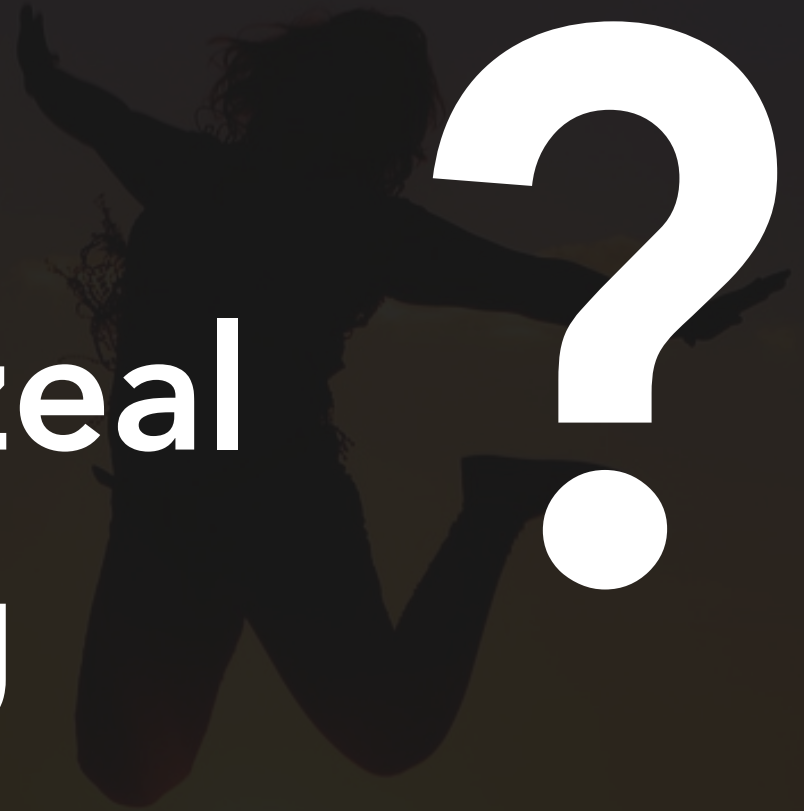
1. Life is found in knowing Jesus.
2. In His zeal for you to have life, He aims to destroy everything that separates you from Himself.




To know Christ is the way, the truth and the life - not just the way to life, but life itself.

-J.I. Packer

How can I  
cultivate a zeal  
for knowing  
God?

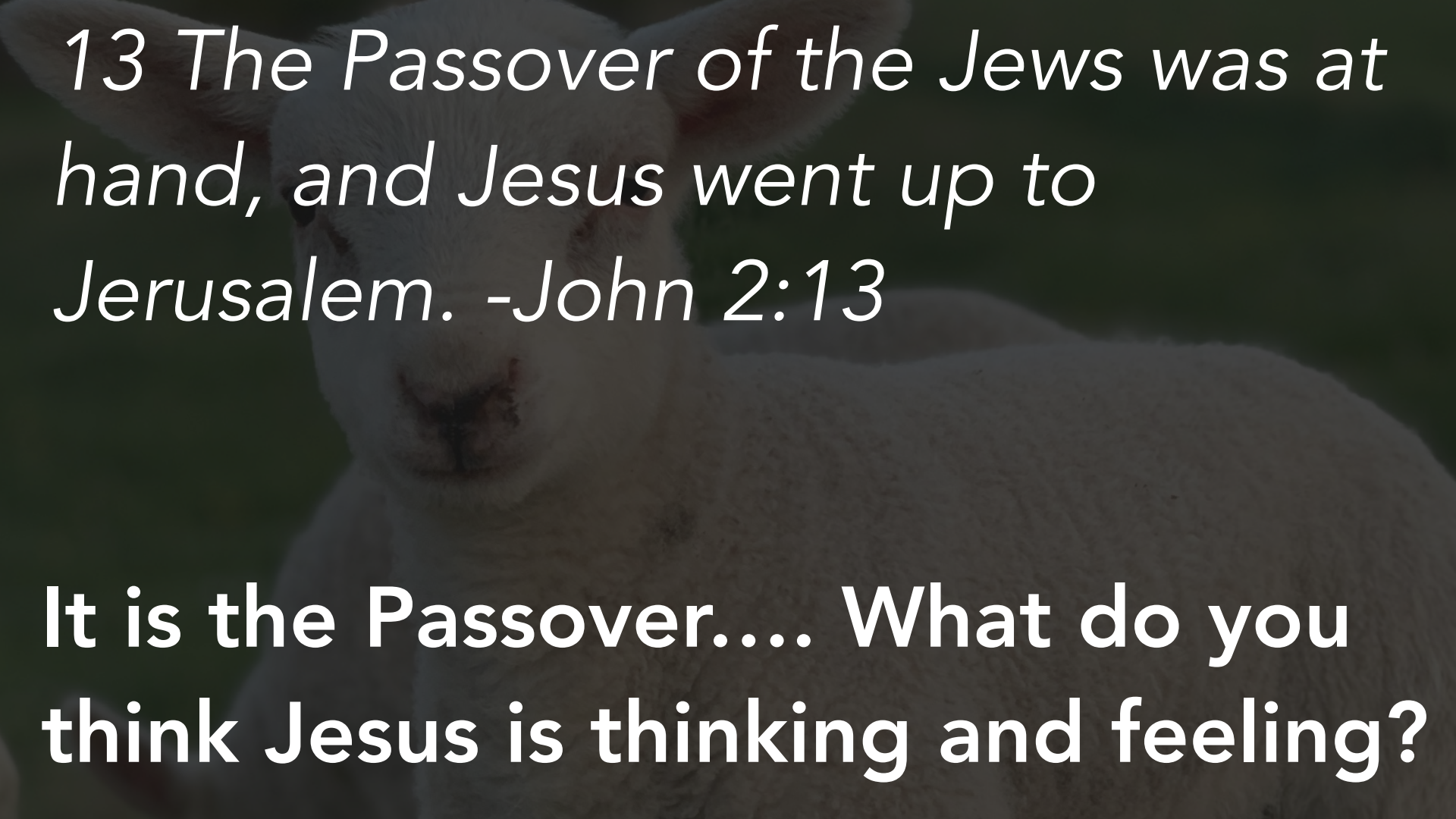




# 1. Want it!

*True Life is Available*

*John 2:13-17*



*13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. -John 2:13*

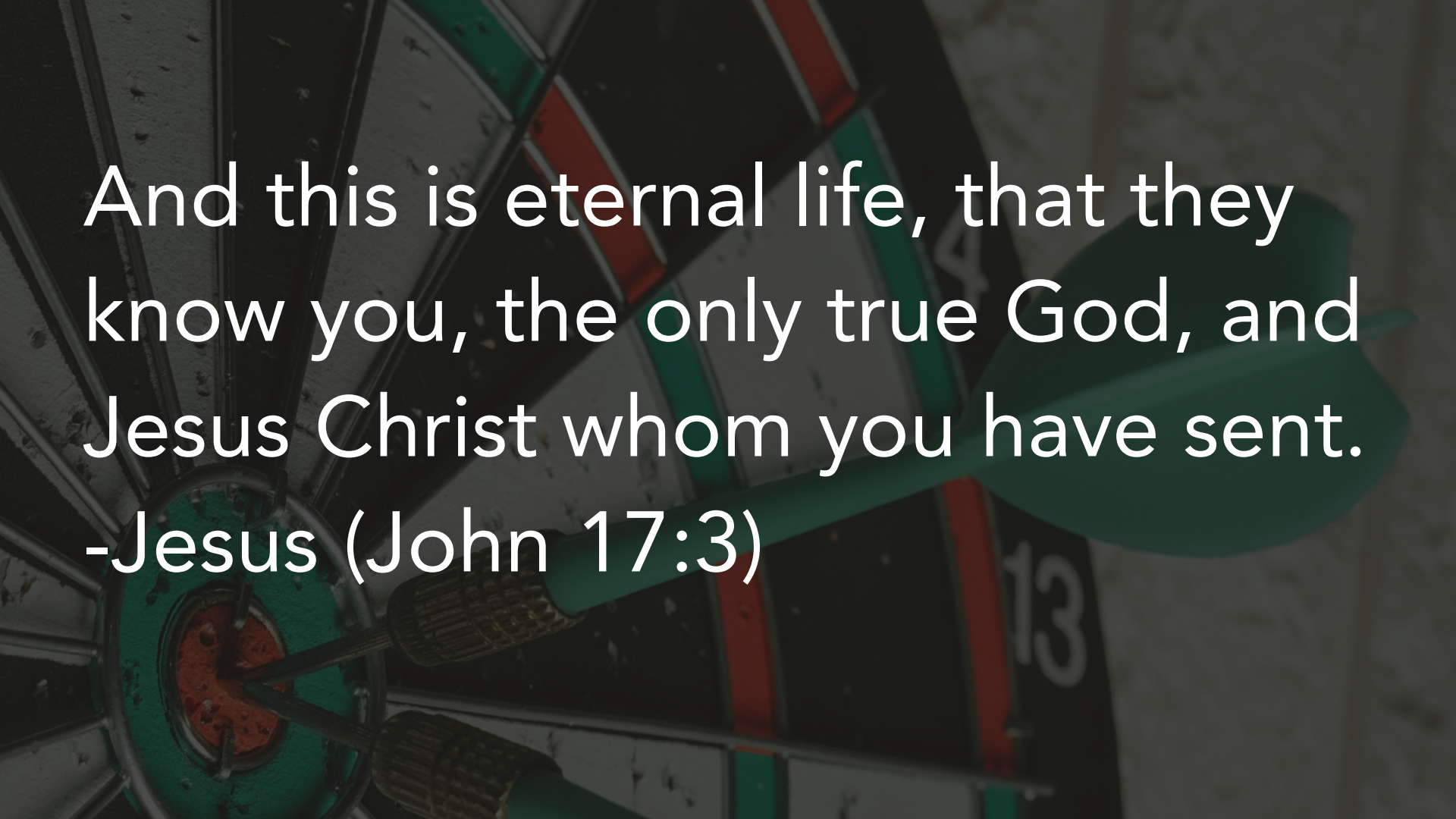
**It is the Passover.... What do you think Jesus is thinking and feeling?**

*14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. -John 2:14*

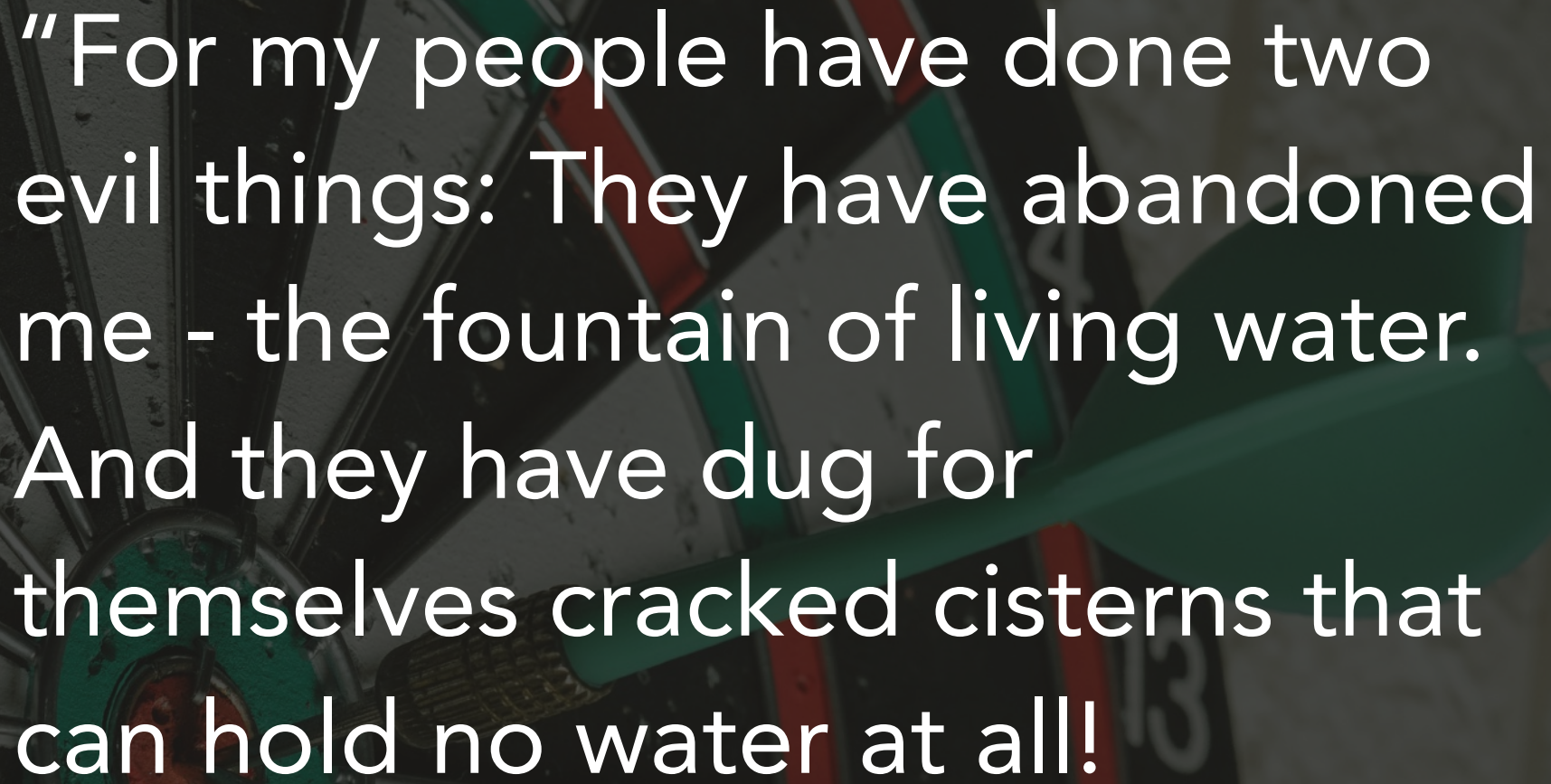
**What is he thinking & feeling now?**

*And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. -John 2:15*

**Why is Jesus so angry?**



And this is eternal life, that they  
know you, the only true God, and  
Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
-Jesus (John 17:3)



“For my people have done two  
evil things: They have abandoned  
me - the fountain of living water.  
And they have dug for  
themselves cracked cisterns that  
can hold no water at all!

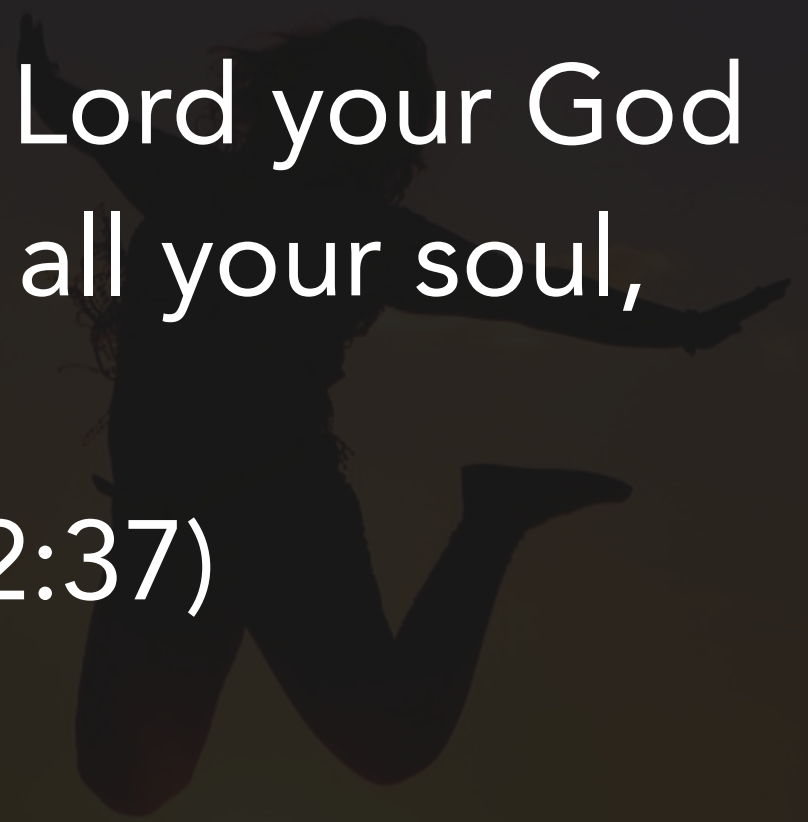
-Jeremiah 2:13

16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." -John 2:16

**What is God's purpose  
in your life?**

'You must love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, all your soul,  
and all your mind.'

-Jesus (Matthew 22:37)

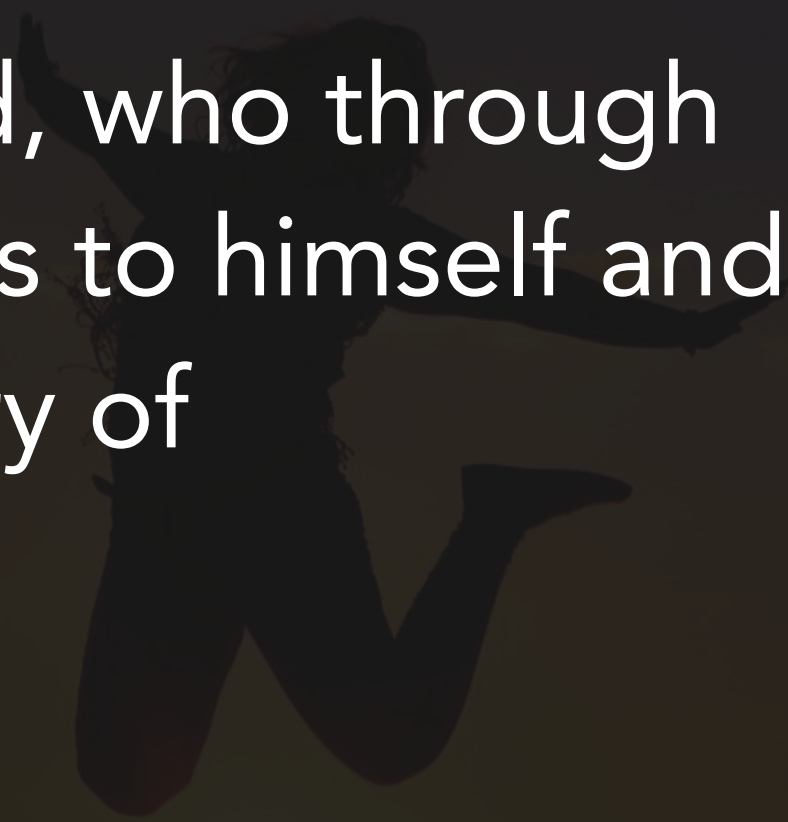


*His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." -John 2:17*

**What is consuming  
Jesus?**

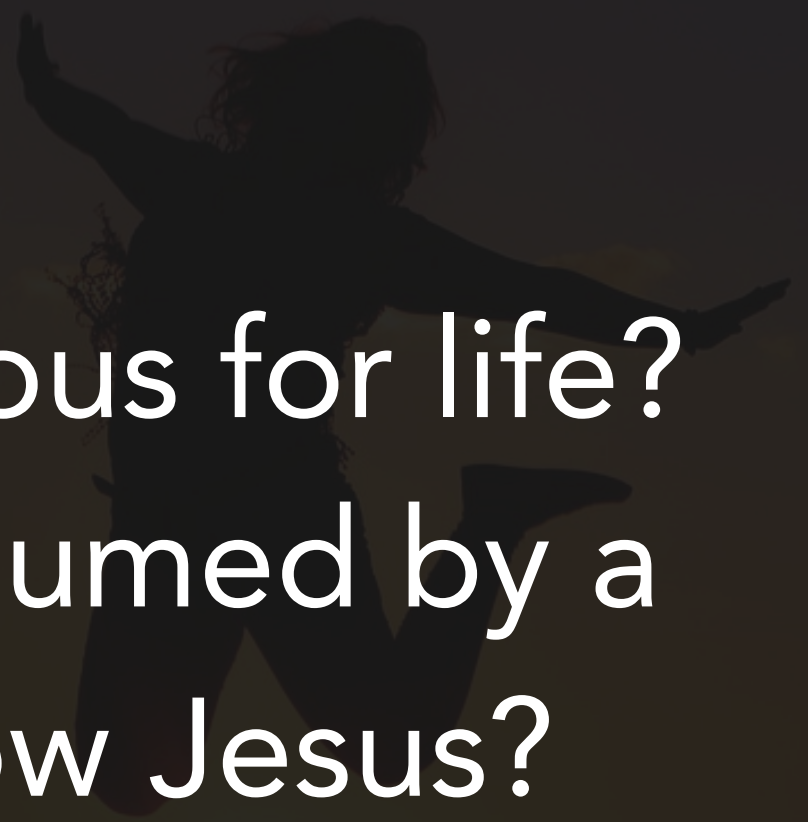
All this is from God, who through  
Christ reconciled us to himself and  
gave us the ministry of  
reconciliation


-2 Corinthians 5:18



# Question:

1. Are you zealous for life?
2. Are you consumed by a desire to know Jesus?





# 2. Believe in Jesus

*He is the True Temple*

*John 2:18-22*

*So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" -John 2:18*

**What do they mean by asking for a sign?**

*Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." -John 2:19*

**What is the sign that  
Jesus will give them?**

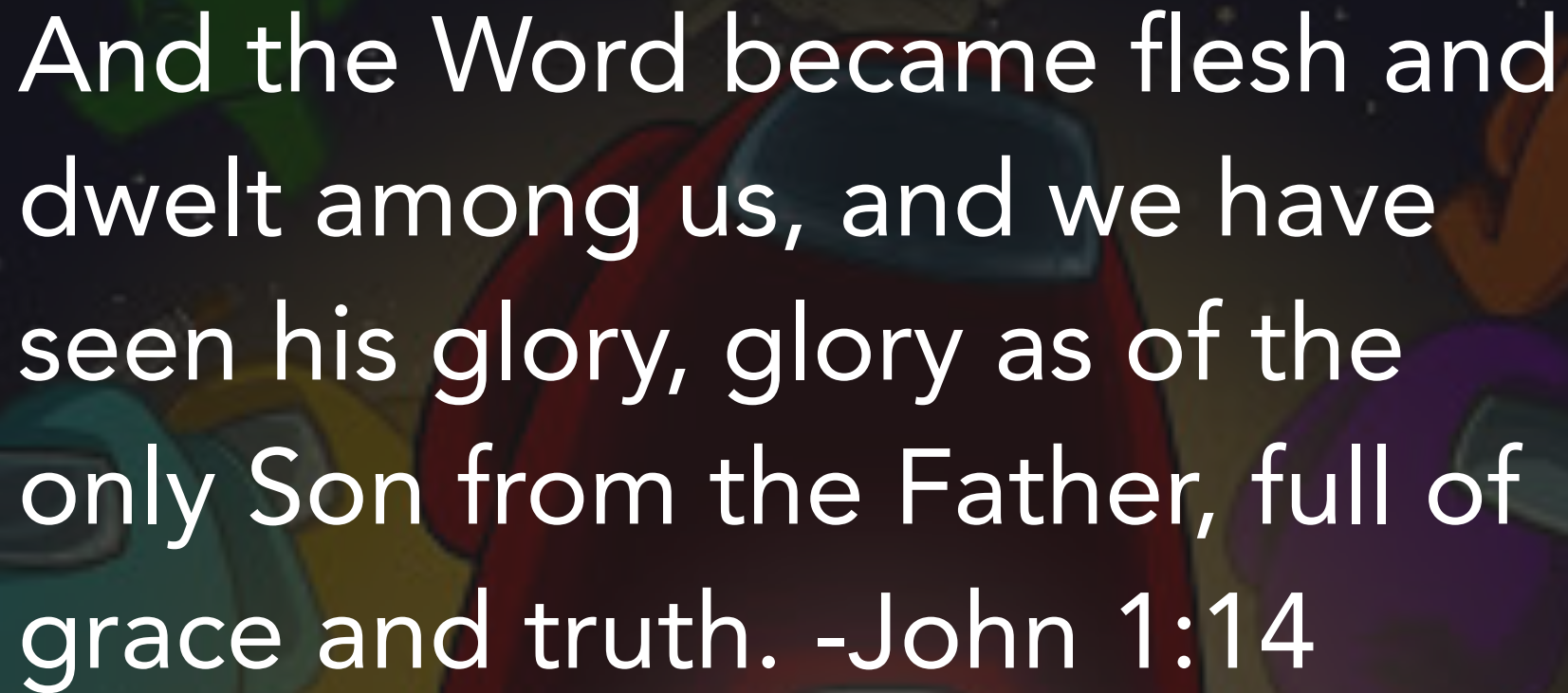
*The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" -John 2:20*

**What did the Jews think he was talking about?**

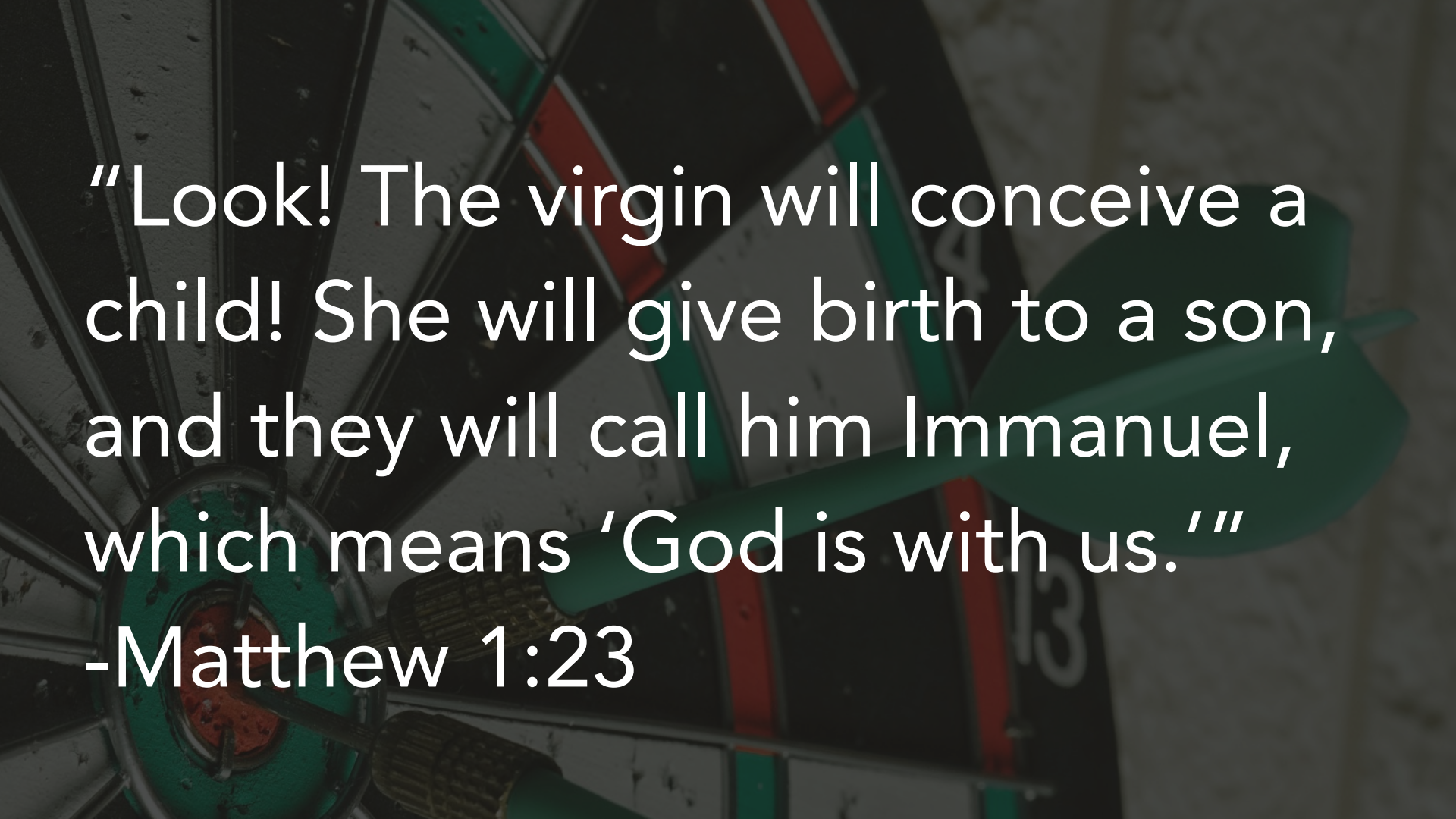
*But he was speaking about the  
temple of his body. -John 2:21*

**What was the purpose of  
the temple?**

**It is the dwelling of God with human beings!**



And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. -John 1:14



“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

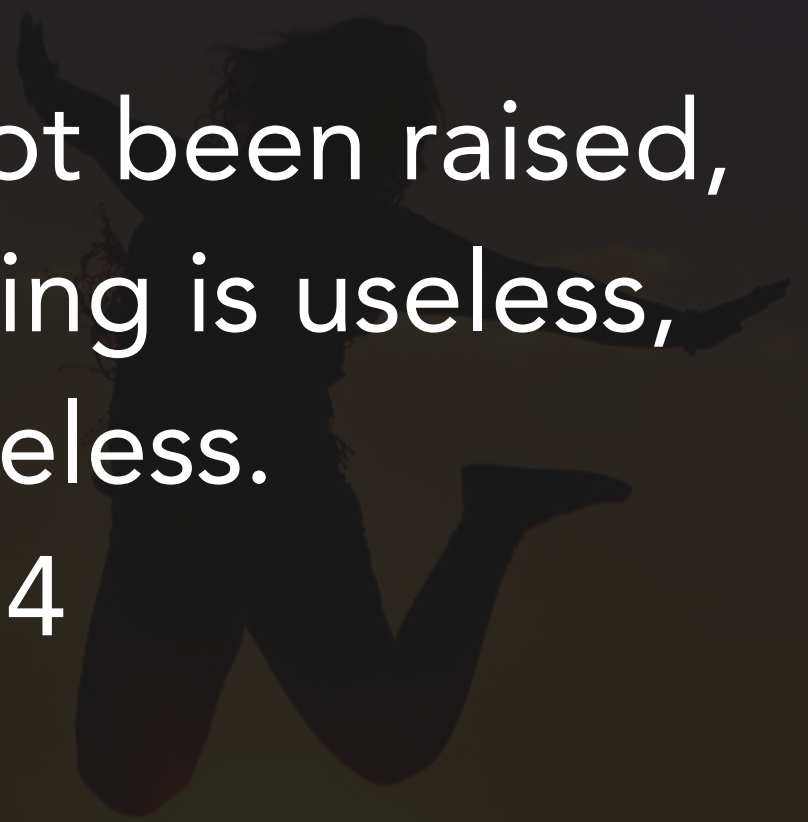
-Matthew 1:23

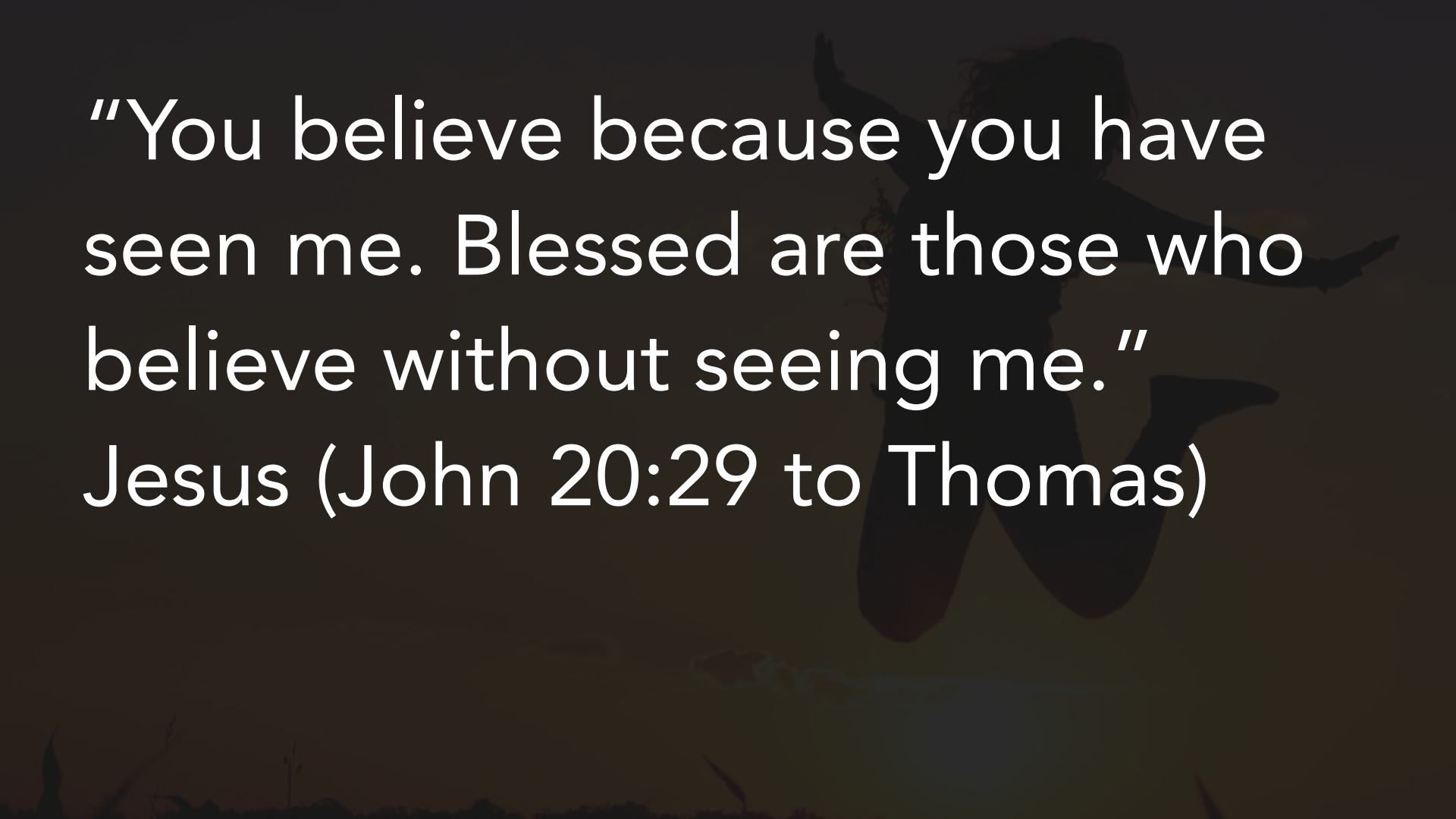
*When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. -John 2:22*

**The resurrection proves His authority!**

And if Christ has not been raised,  
then all our preaching is useless,  
and your faith is useless.

-1 Corinthians 15:14





“You believe because you have  
seen me. Blessed are those who  
believe without seeing me.”

Jesus (John 20:29 to Thomas)

A wooden signpost with a single arrow pointing to the right, set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The signpost is made of dark, weathered wood and is mounted on a vertical post. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds.

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“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said?”

-Timothy Keller



**3.** Enjoy Jesus!  
*That's True Belief*

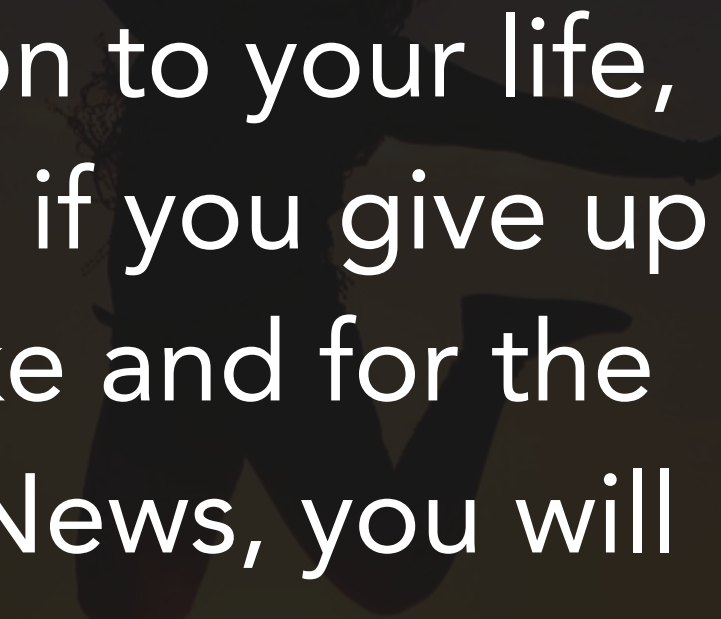
*John 2:23-25*

*Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. -John 2:23*

**What does it mean to believe?**

*But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people -John 2:24*

**Jesus would not 'entrust' himself to them?**

A dark silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender, set against a dark background. The person appears to be wearing a long-sleeved top and pants.

If you try to hang on to your life,  
you will lose it. But if you give up  
your life for my sake and for the  
sake of the Good News, you will  
save it. -Jesus (Mark 8:35)

*and needed no one to bear witness  
about man, for he himself knew what  
was in man. -John 2:25*

**Jesus knows what is in a  
man?**

○ Lord, you have examined my heart  
and know everything about me.

You know when I sit down or stand up.

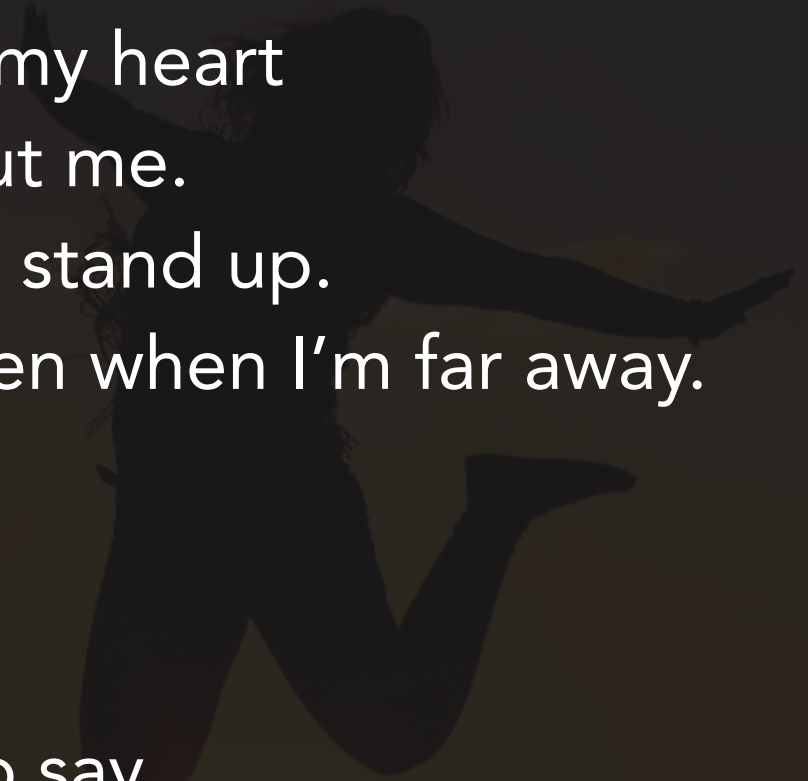
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

You see me when I travel  
and when I rest at home.

You know everything I do.

You know what I am going to say  
even before I say it, Lord.

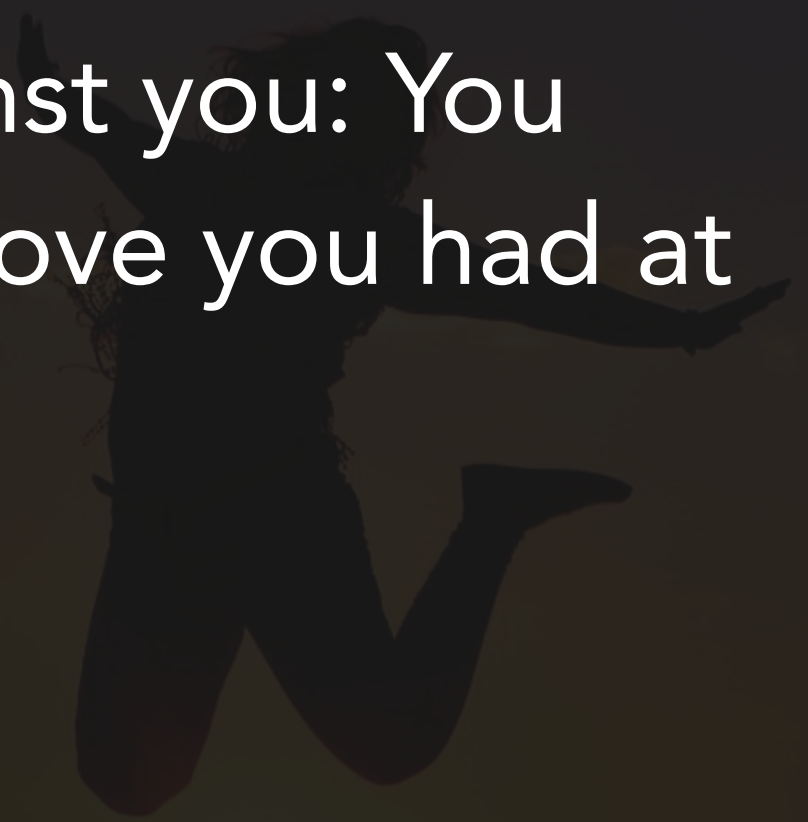
-Psalm 139:1-4



Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

-Revelation 2:4

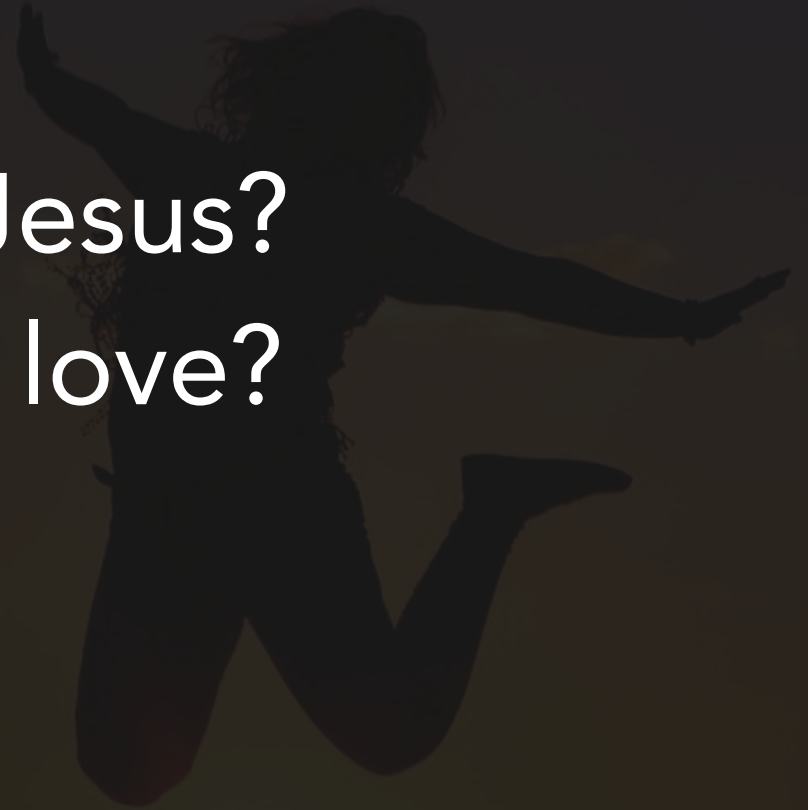
(to the church in Ephesus)



# Closing Question:

Are you treasuring Jesus?

Is He (still) your first love?



## Closing Quote

“Christ did not die to forgive sinners who go on treasuring anything above seeing and savoring God. And people who would be happy in heaven if Christ were not there, will not be there. The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God.” -John Piper

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