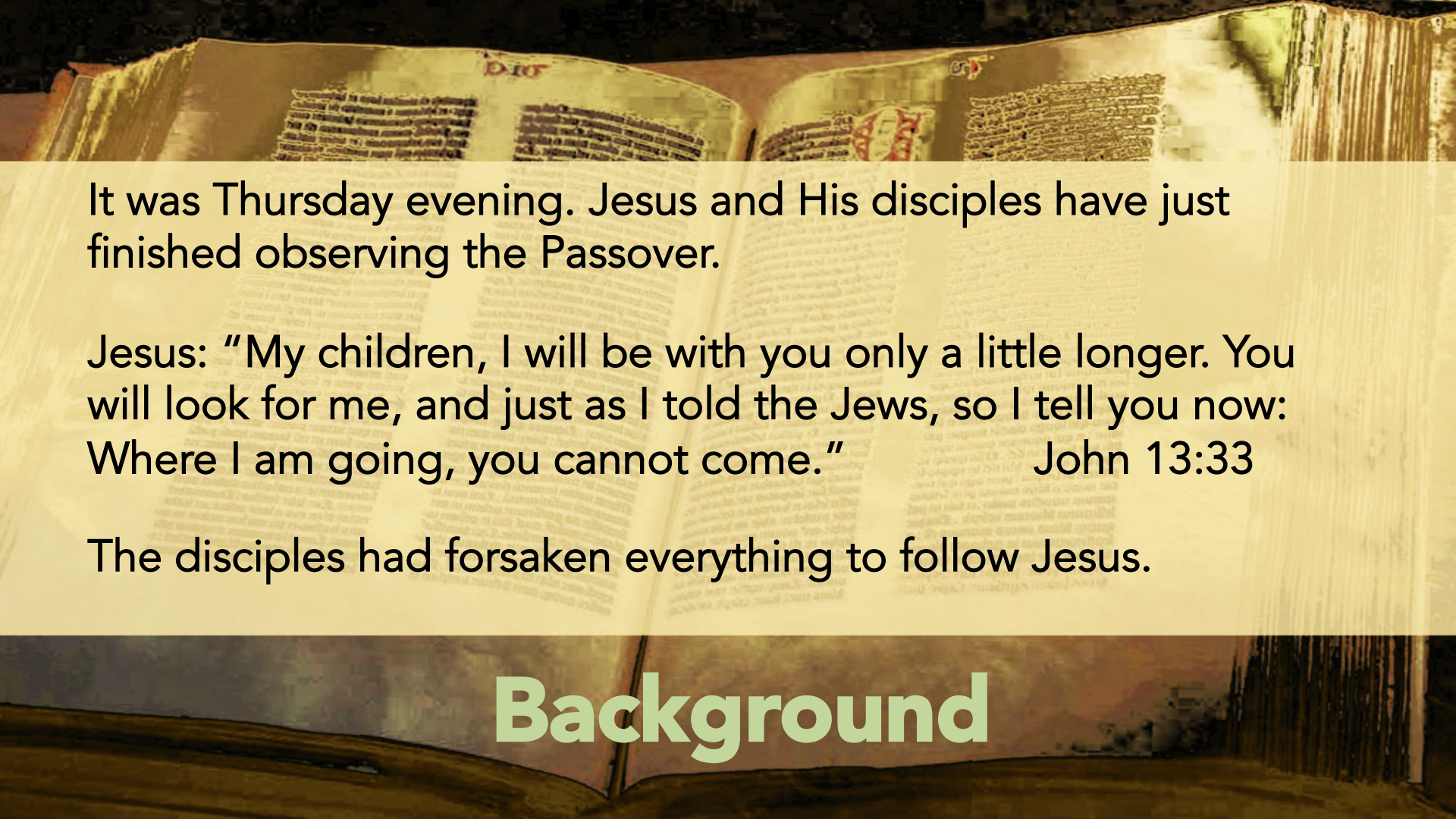




A REALITY TO HOLD ON TO

John 14:1-6

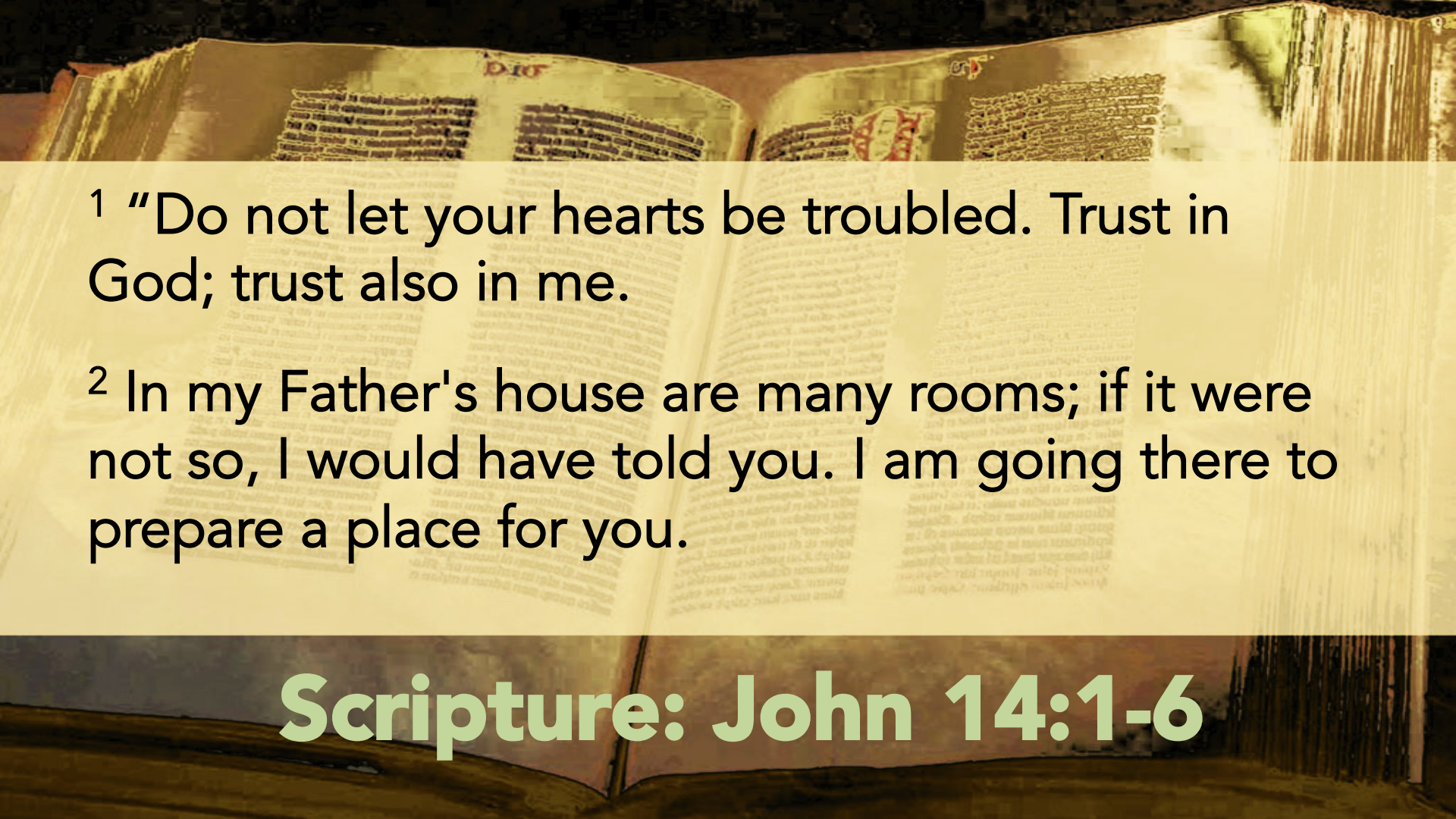


It was Thursday evening. Jesus and His disciples have just finished observing the Passover.

Jesus: "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come." John 13:33

The disciples had forsaken everything to follow Jesus.

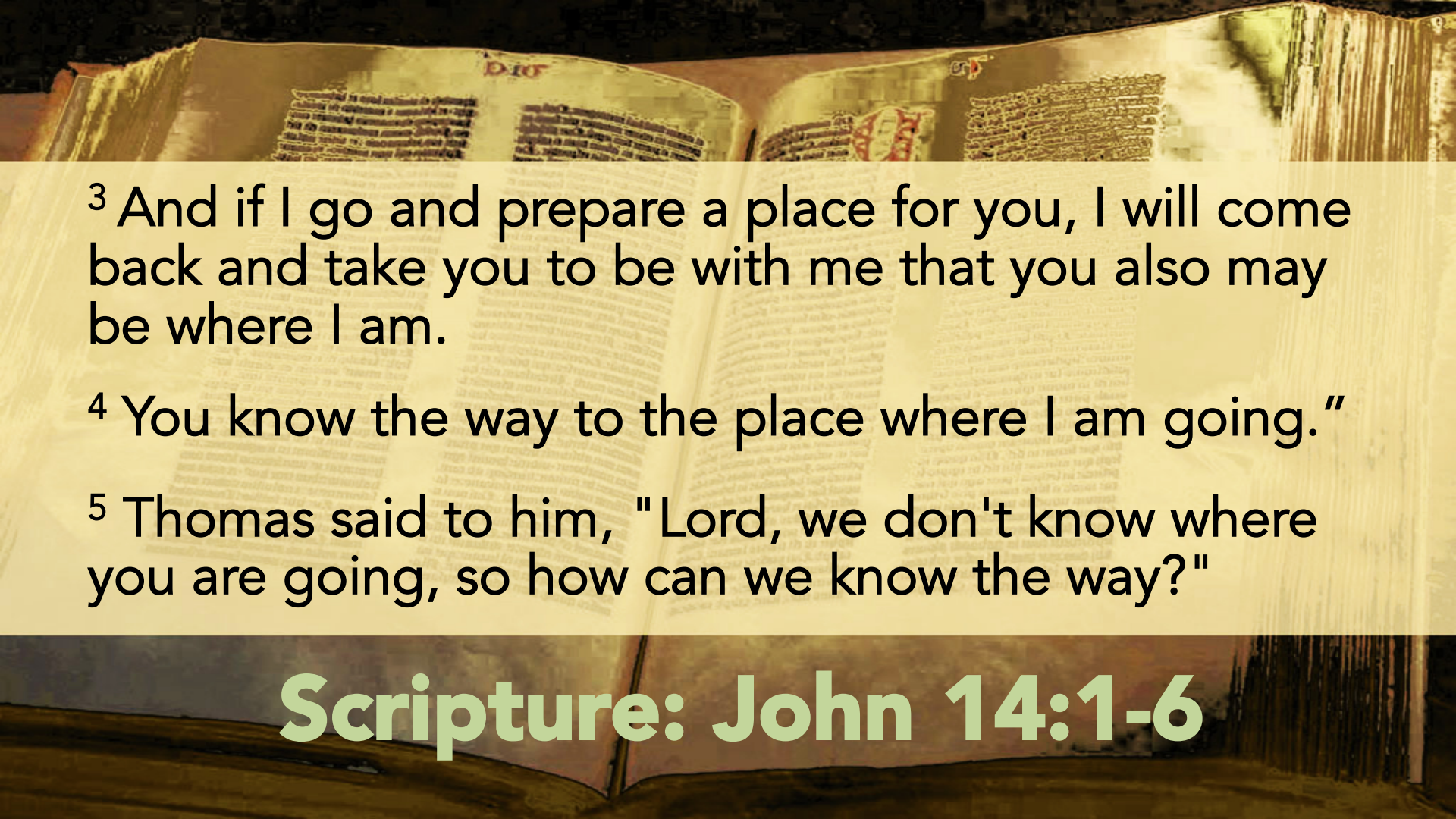
Background



¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

Scripture: John 14:1-6

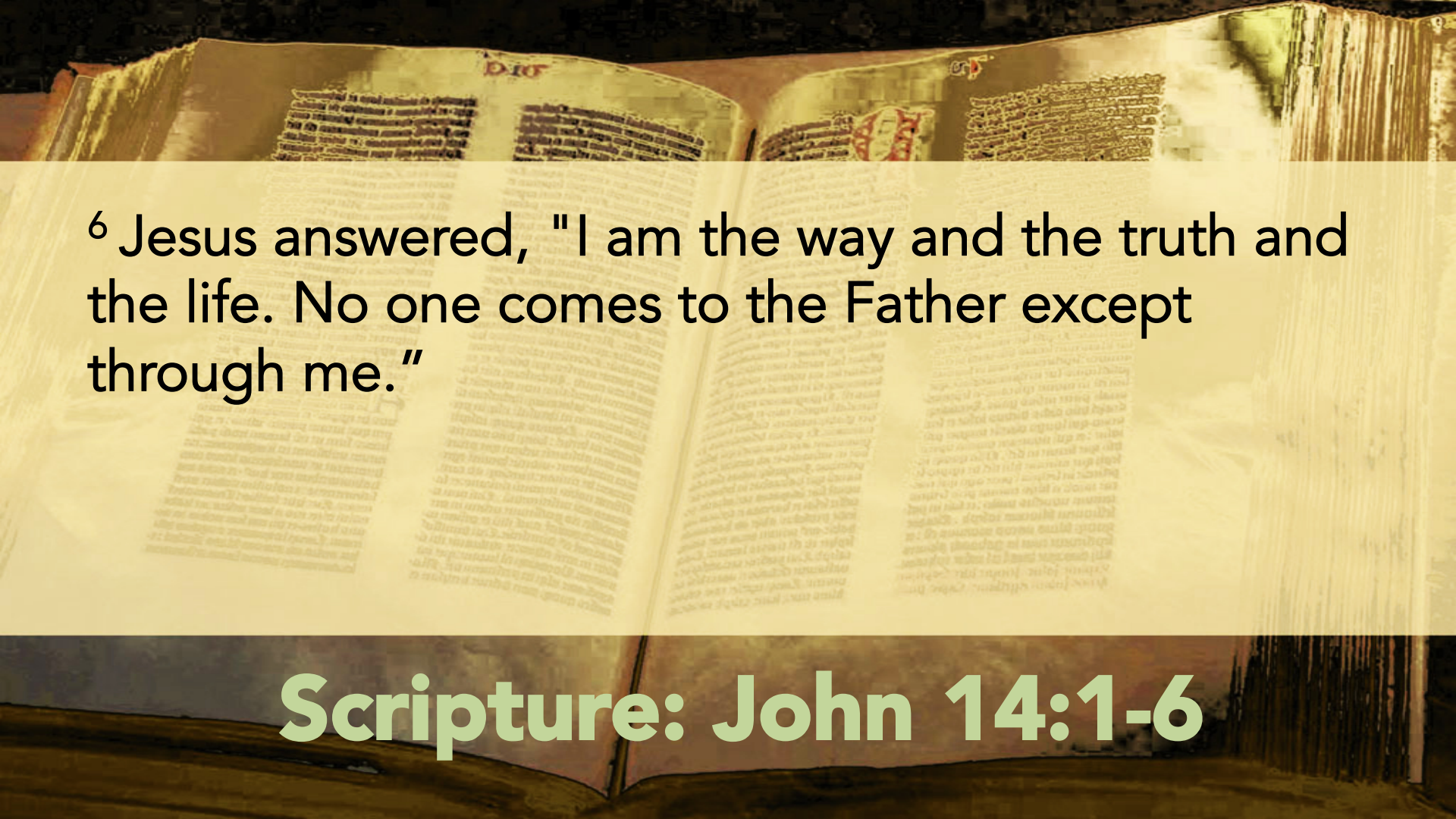


³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Scripture: John 14:1-6



⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Scripture: John 14:1-6

An open, antique book with a semi-transparent yellow overlay. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in a historical script. A large, bold title is centered over the pages. The book is bound in the center, and the edges of the pages are visible. The background behind the book is dark and textured.

THE PROBLEM OF A TROUBLED HEART



“Do not let your heart be troubled” (v.1a).

Jesus is telling the disciples to stop being troubled in their heart.



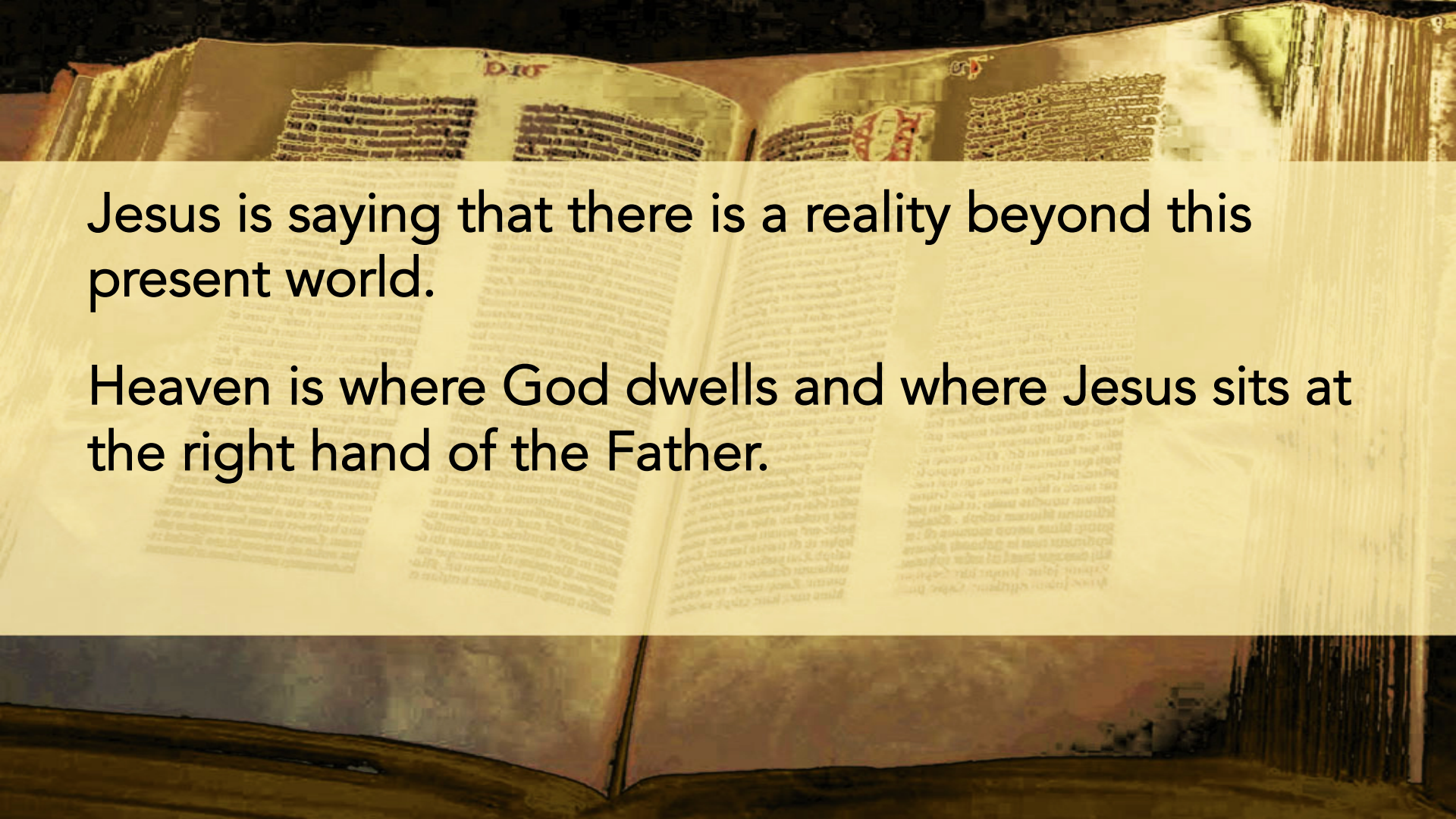
“Trust in God; trust also in me.” (v.1b)

Jesus knew they believed in Him for salvation but struggled to believe in their day-to-day lives.

The word “trust” is an on-going trust in Jesus.

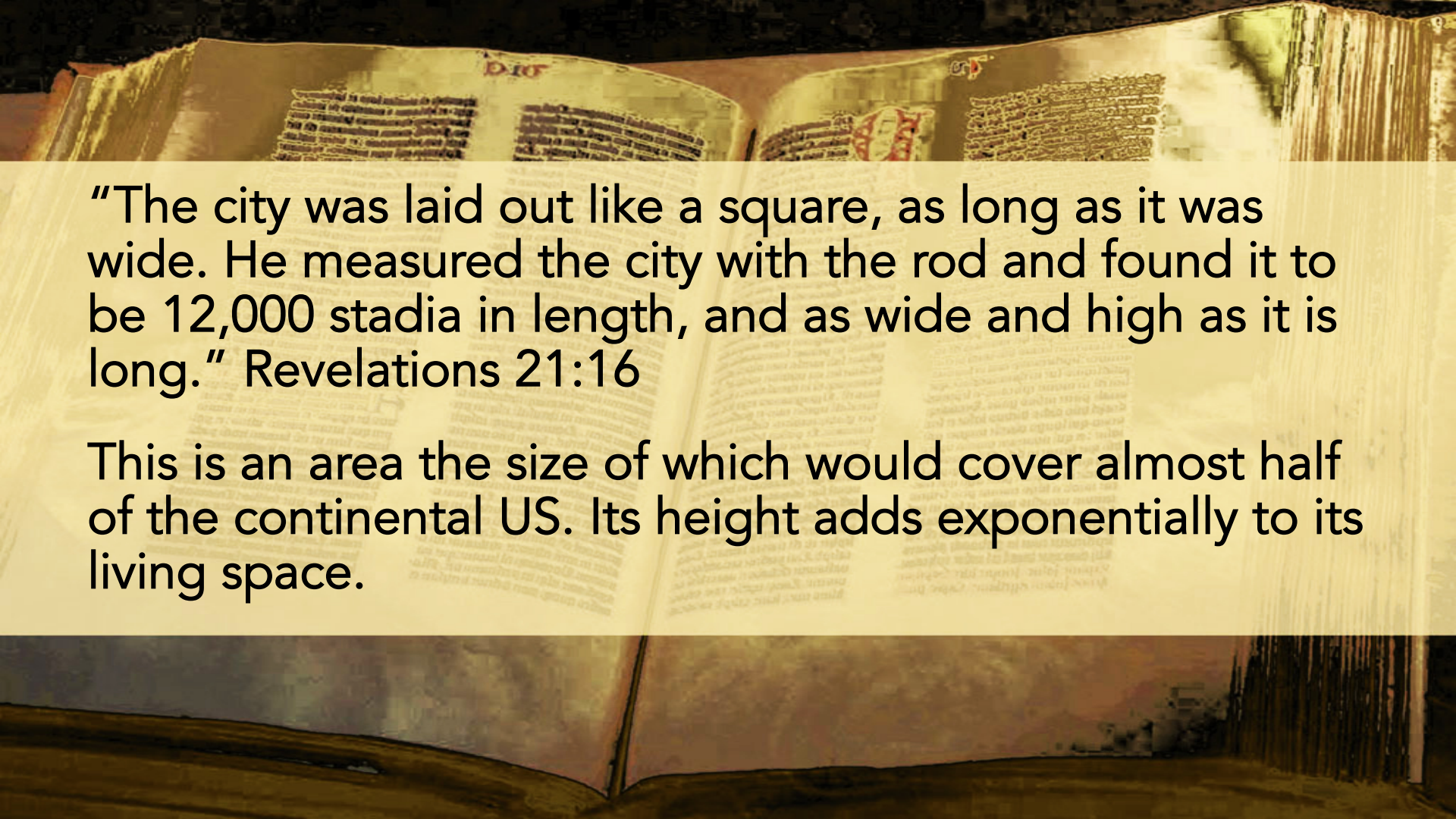


THE REALITY TO HOLD FAST TO

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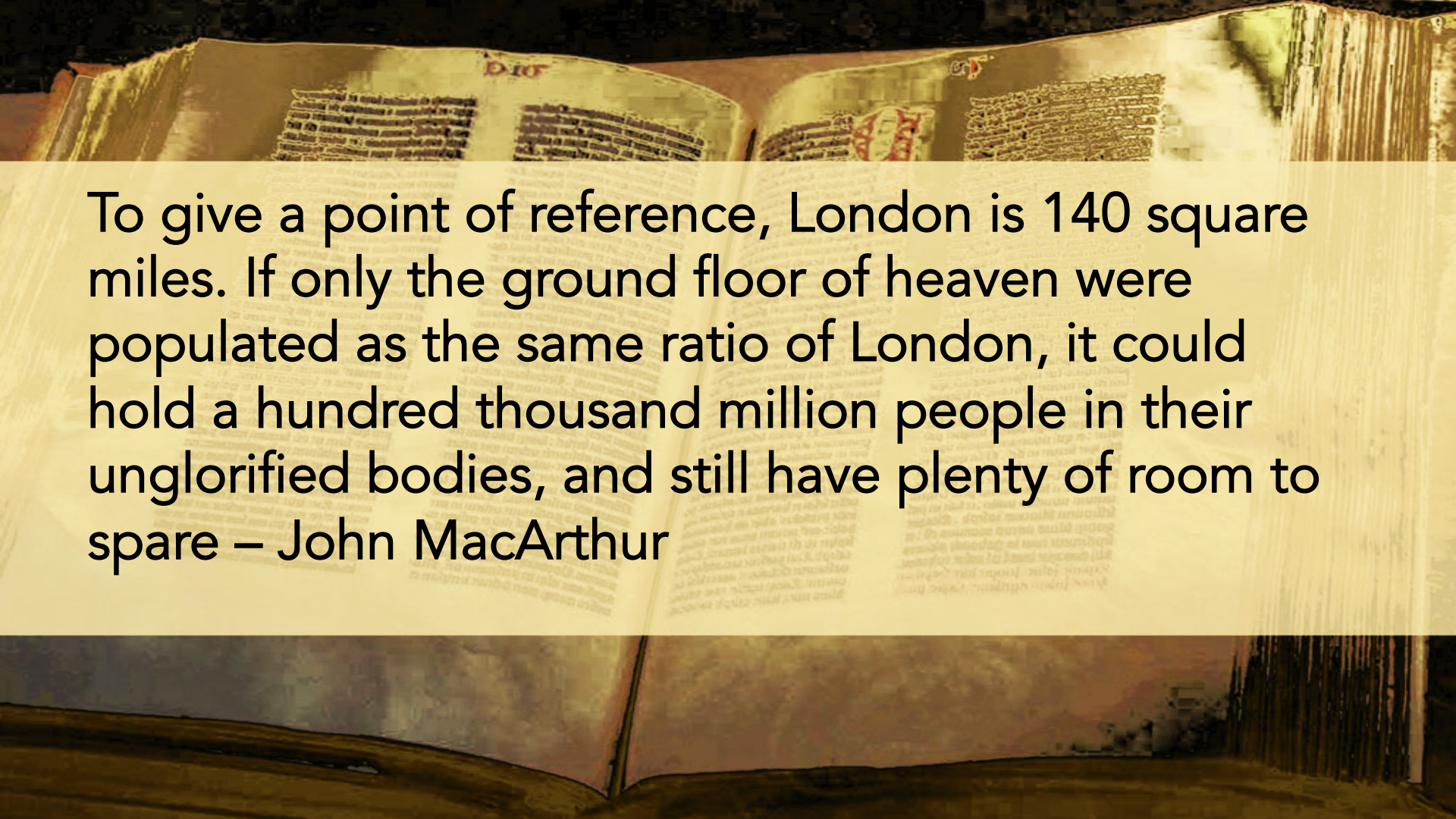
Jesus is saying that there is a reality beyond this present world.

Heaven is where God dwells and where Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father.

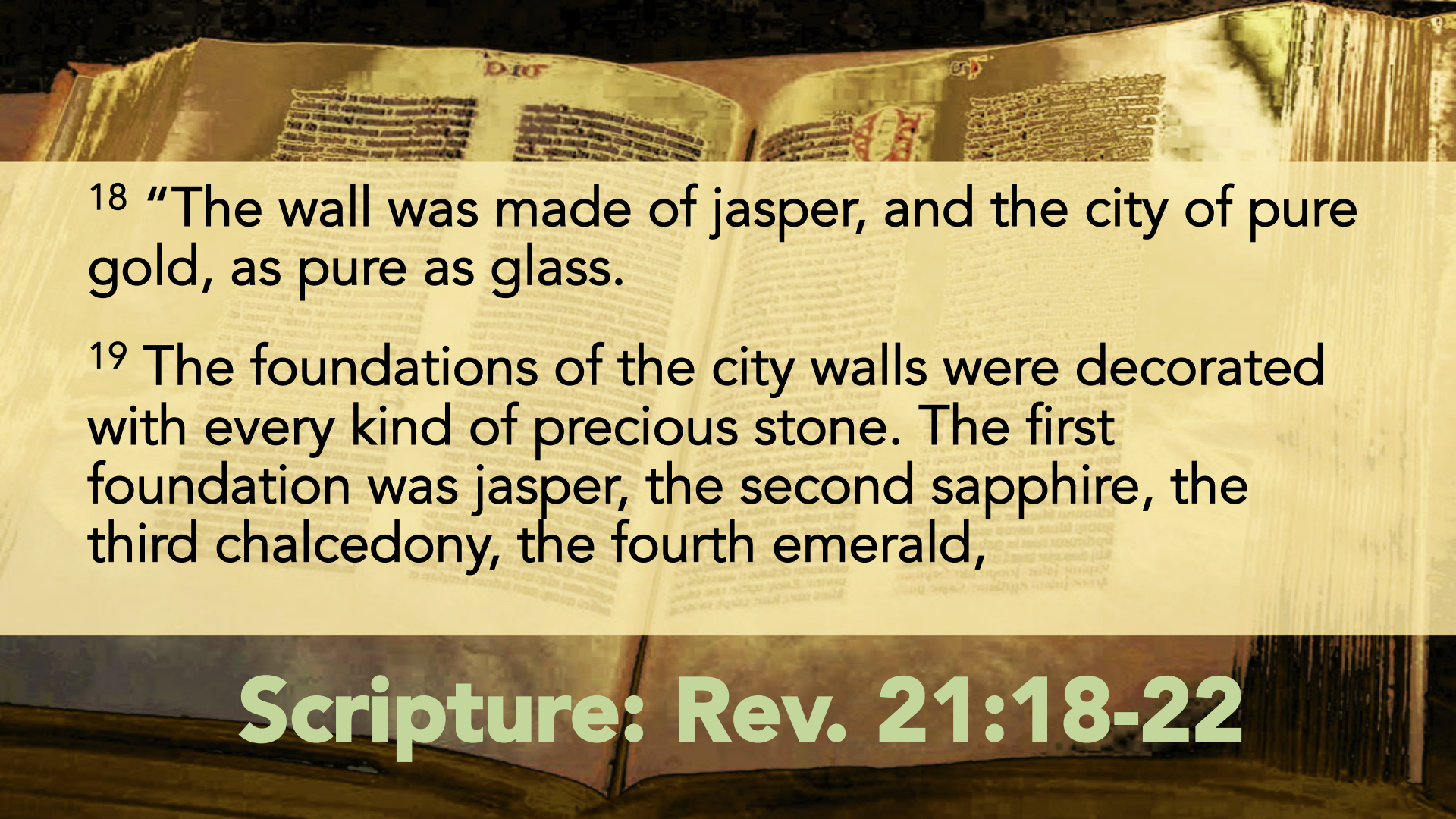


“The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.” Revelations 21:16

This is an area the size of which would cover almost half of the continental US. Its height adds exponentially to its living space.



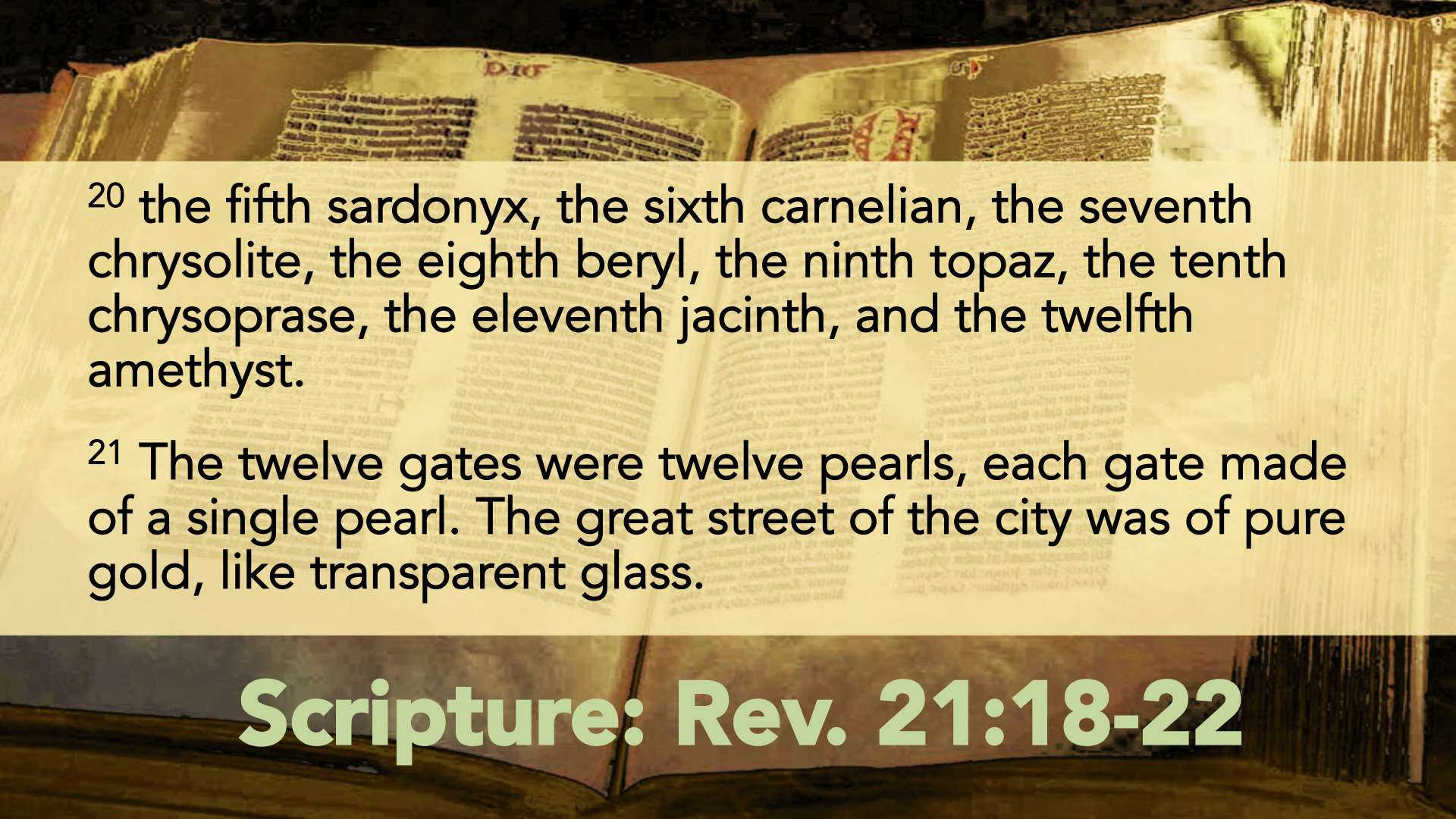
To give a point of reference, London is 140 square miles. If only the ground floor of heaven were populated as the same ratio of London, it could hold a hundred thousand million people in their unglorified bodies, and still have plenty of room to spare – John MacArthur



18 "The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.

19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

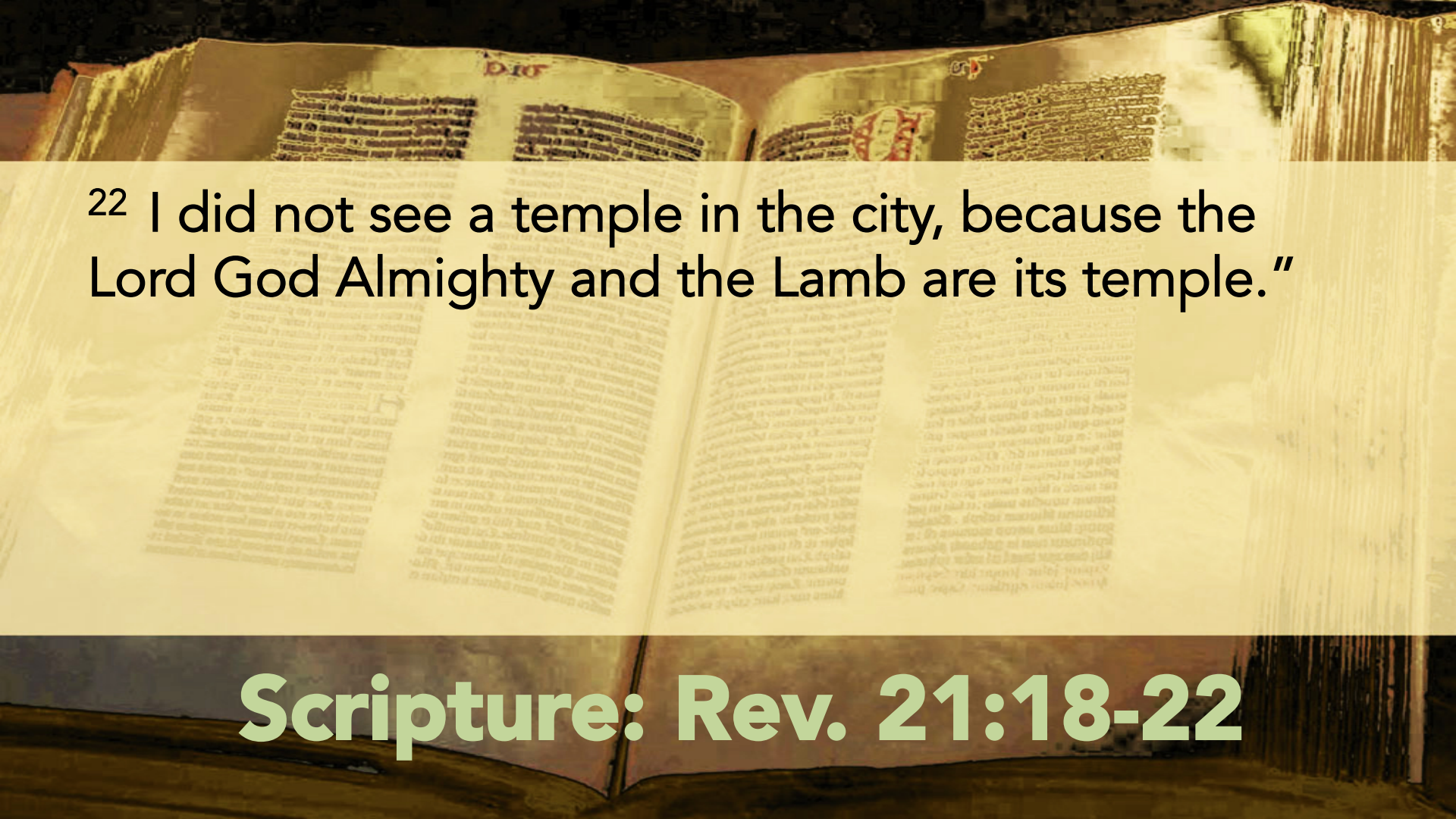
Scripture: Rev. 21:18-22



²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

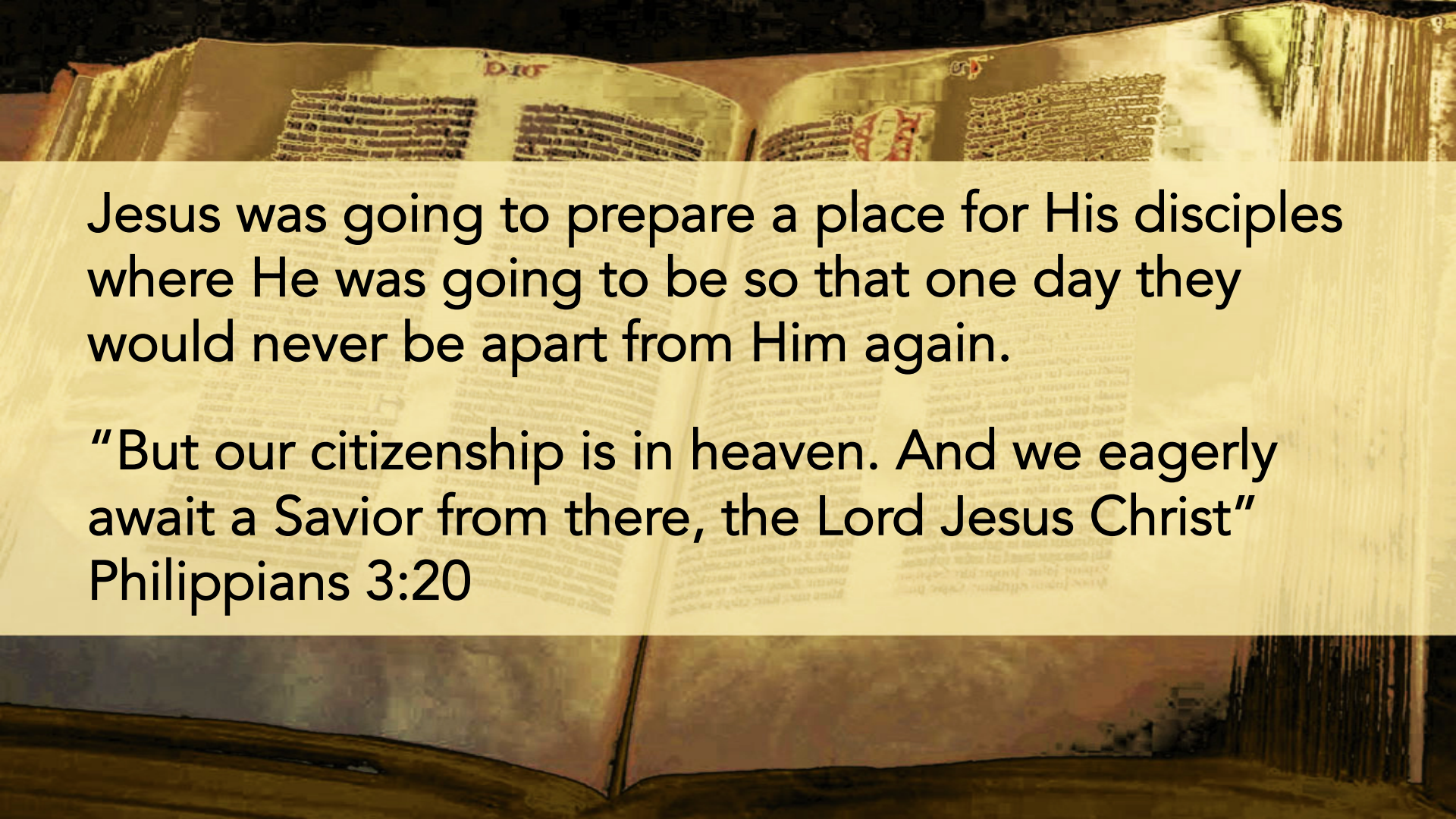
²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

Scripture: Rev. 21:18-22



22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”

Scripture: Rev. 21:18-22



Jesus was going to prepare a place for His disciples where He was going to be so that one day they would never be apart from Him again.

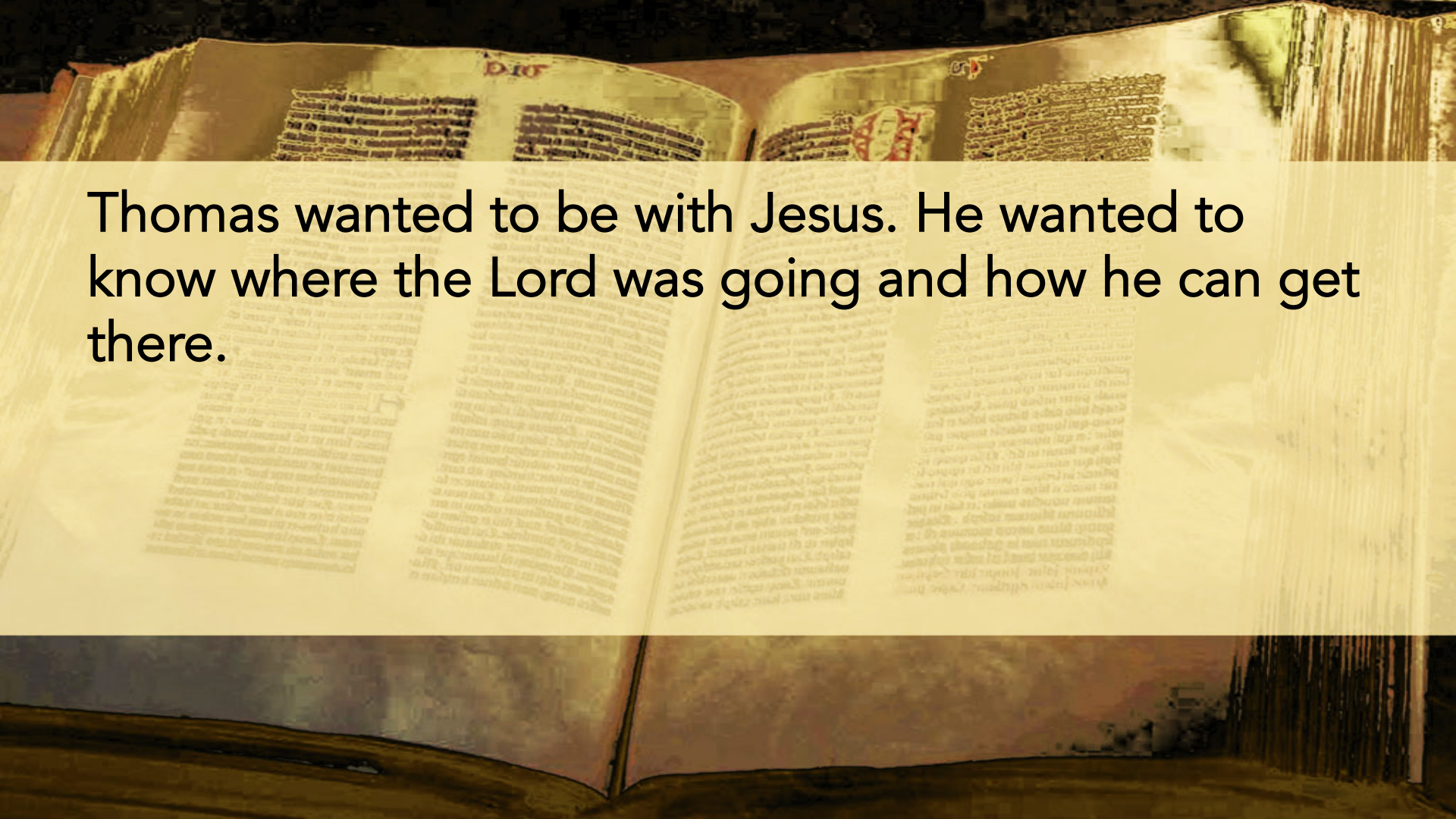
“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ”
Philippians 3:20

An open antique book with yellowed, worn pages. The text is written in a dense, dark script, likely a Gothic or similar medieval hand. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid across the center of the book, containing a message in black text. The book's binding is visible at the top and bottom edges, and the pages show signs of age and use.

Not only has Jesus gone to prepare a place for us,
He is coming back to receive us unto Himself.

An open antique book with aged, yellowed pages. The text is written in a dense, medieval-style script. A semi-transparent yellow rectangular overlay covers the center of the book, serving as a background for the title text. The book is open to two pages, with the gutter visible in the center. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the paper and the ink of the text.

THE ROUTE FOR TROUBLED HEARTS

An open, antique book with yellowed, aged pages. The text is written in a dense, medieval-style script. A prominent red initial letter 'D' is visible on the left page. The book is set against a dark, textured background, possibly a book cover or a wall. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the paper and the ink of the text.

Thomas wanted to be with Jesus. He wanted to know where the Lord was going and how he can get there.

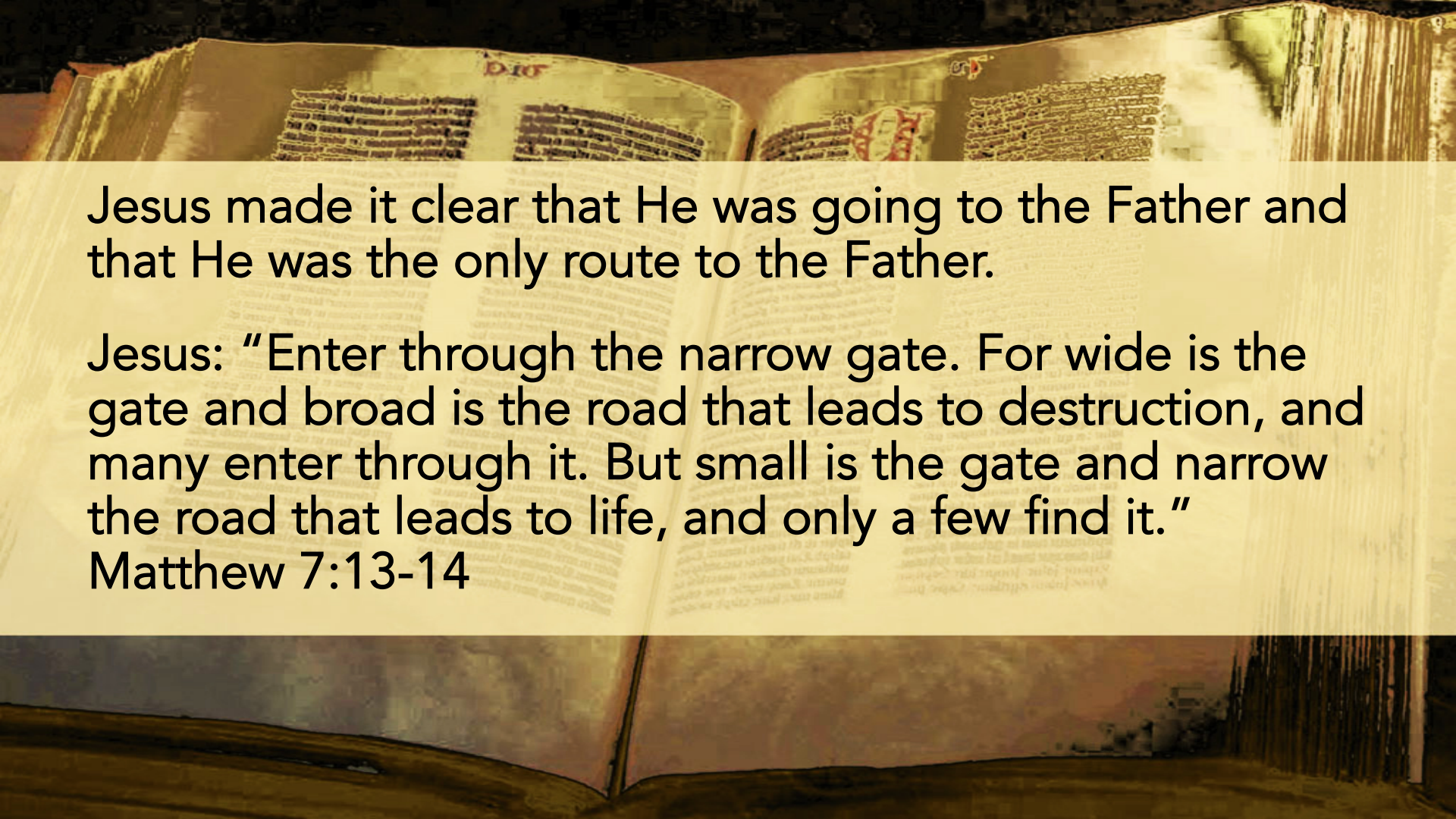
An open medieval manuscript is shown, featuring two pages of dense Latin text in a Gothic script. The left page has a red initial 'D' at the top. The right page features a large, ornate illuminated initial 'D' in red and blue. The manuscript is set against a dark, textured background. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the center of the image, containing the text 'In response to Thomas, the Lord answers:'.

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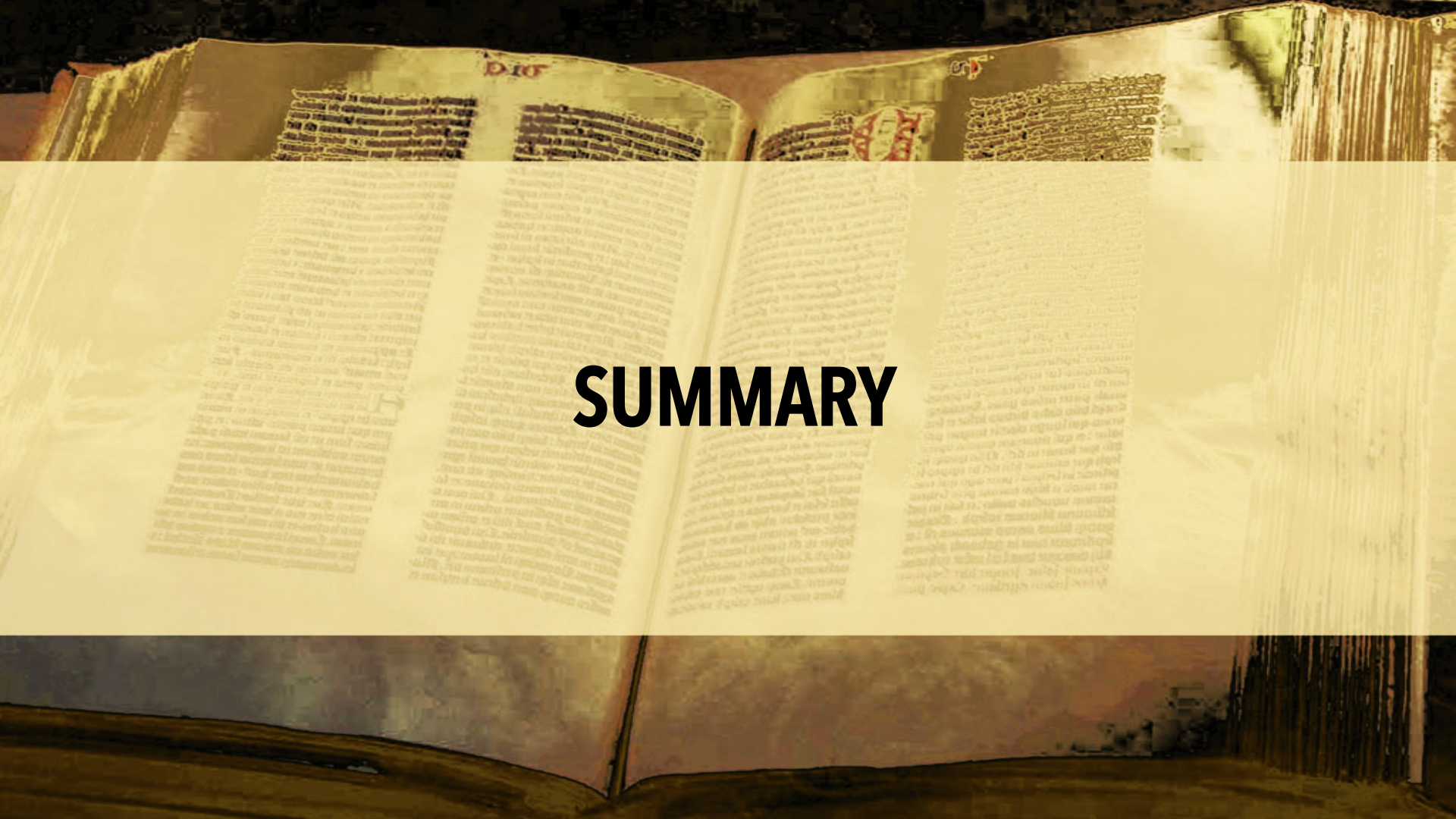
- Jesus is the way to the Father.
- Jesus is the truth of all we find in the Father.
- Jesus is the life given to us by virtue of our access to the Father.



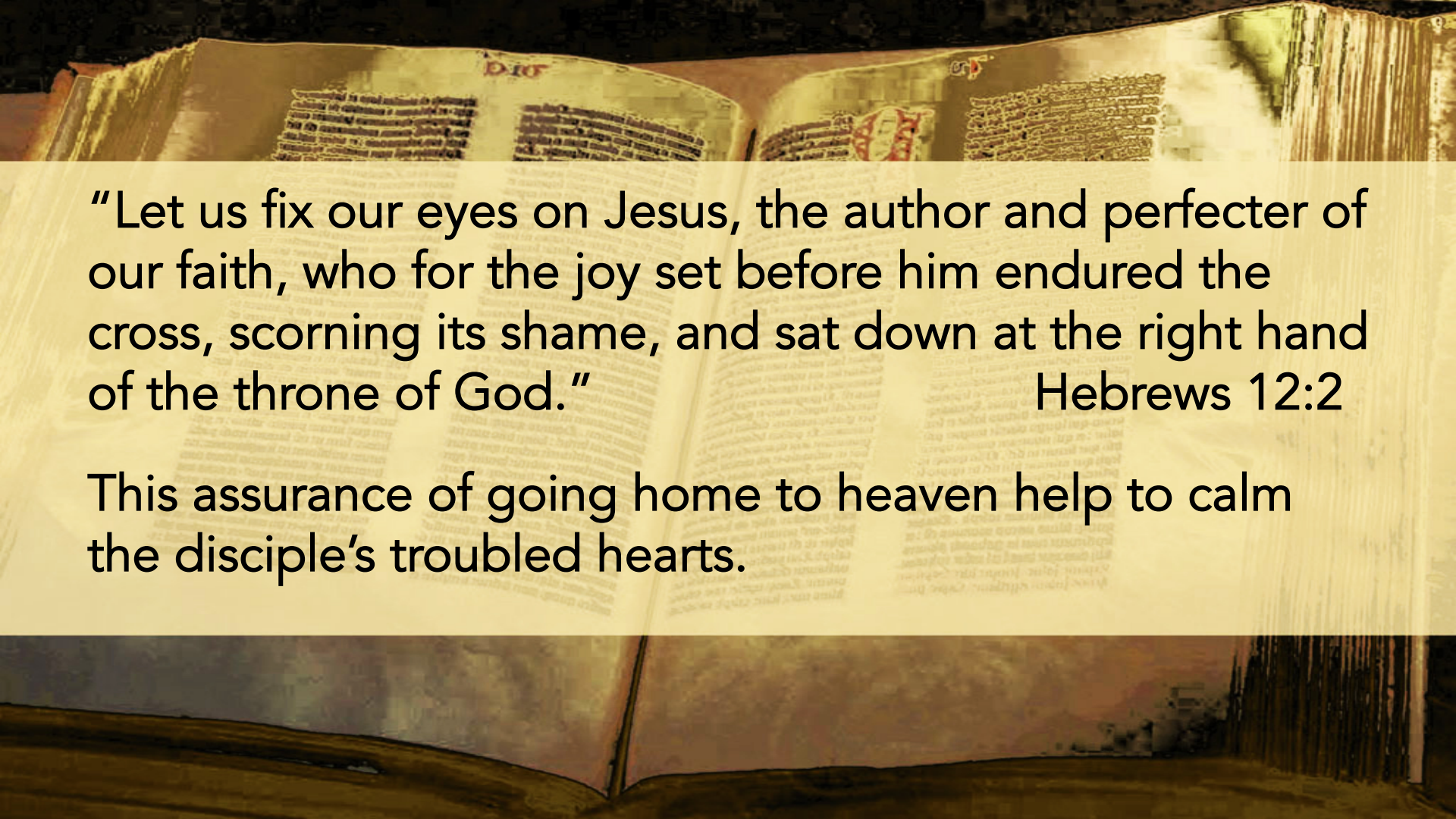
Jesus made it clear that He was going to the Father and that He was the only route to the Father.

Jesus: "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Matthew 7:13-14



SUMMARY



“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

This assurance of going home to heaven help to calm the disciple’s troubled hearts.

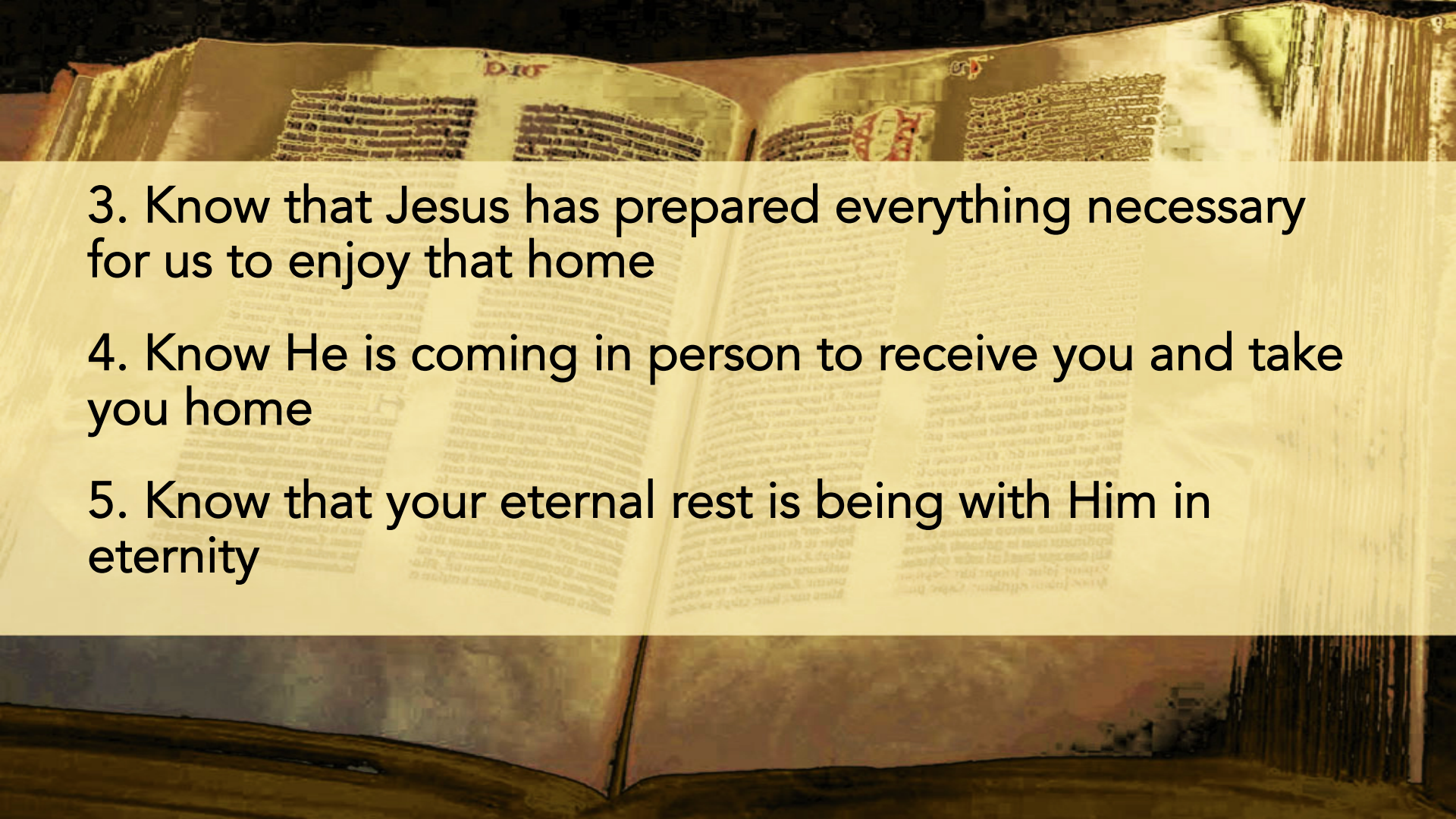


Make strong applications of these truths to our personal daily experiences.



The next time you're troubled and anxious, do something radical:

1. Believe in God and believe in Christ
2. Know that Father's home is the Son's home is your home – forever



3. Know that Jesus has prepared everything necessary for us to enjoy that home

4. Know He is coming in person to receive you and take you home

5. Know that your eternal rest is being with Him in eternity