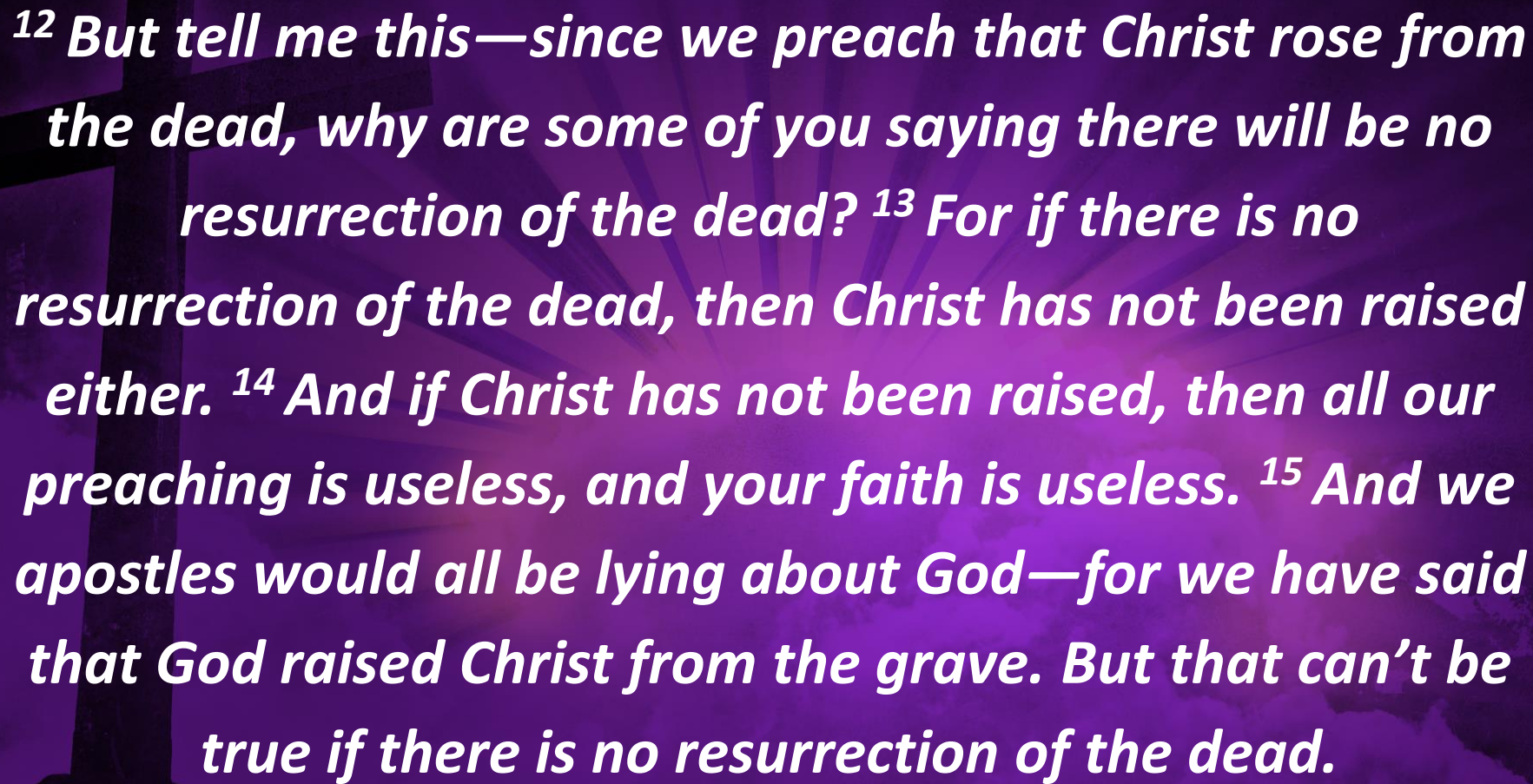


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¹² But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.

16 And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. 19 And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. 20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:12- 20a

“Jesus was put to death by Pontius Pilate, of Judea in the reign of Tiberius....”

Early Historian Publius Tacitus in (AD 112)



“Jesus was seen walking about after the crucifixion”

Josephus “Antiquities of the Jews” (AD 93)

Flavius Josephus

(37- ± 100 CE)

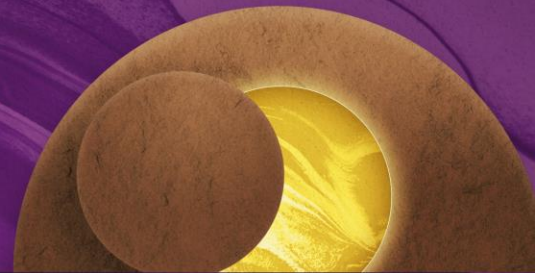


“Early non Christian testimonies concerning Jesus, are sufficient to prove that he was a historical figure who lived in Palestine in the early years of the first century - and he gathered a group of followers. he was condemned to death under Pontius Pilate. Today no competence scholar denies the historicity of Jesus”

American Scholar Bruce Metzger

(Understanding The Faith p.278)

Jesus, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection
are historically documented events



“Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³

Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:1-4



Historical Facts:

1. Jesus lived and was crucified

Historical Facts:

2. *Jesus' disciples believed that He rose again, staking their lives on the fact*

"I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15.3-8

Historical Facts:

- 3. The disciples underwent radical transformation following Jesus' resurrection*
- 4. Paul was radically converted*
- 5. No other founder of a religion has had prophecy fulfilled as Jesus*

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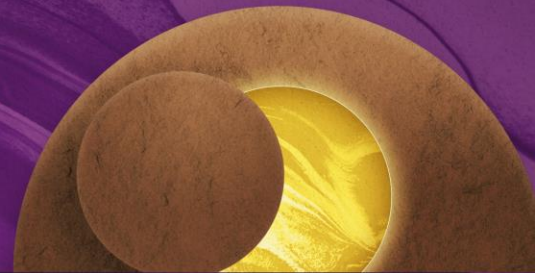
6. The Skeptic -- James

7. The tomb was empty

*“We are left with the secure historical conclusion:
the tomb was empty!”*

N.T. Wright –New Testament Scholar

*Because Jesus is ALIVE,
we can come Alive to His power to bless and
change our lives*



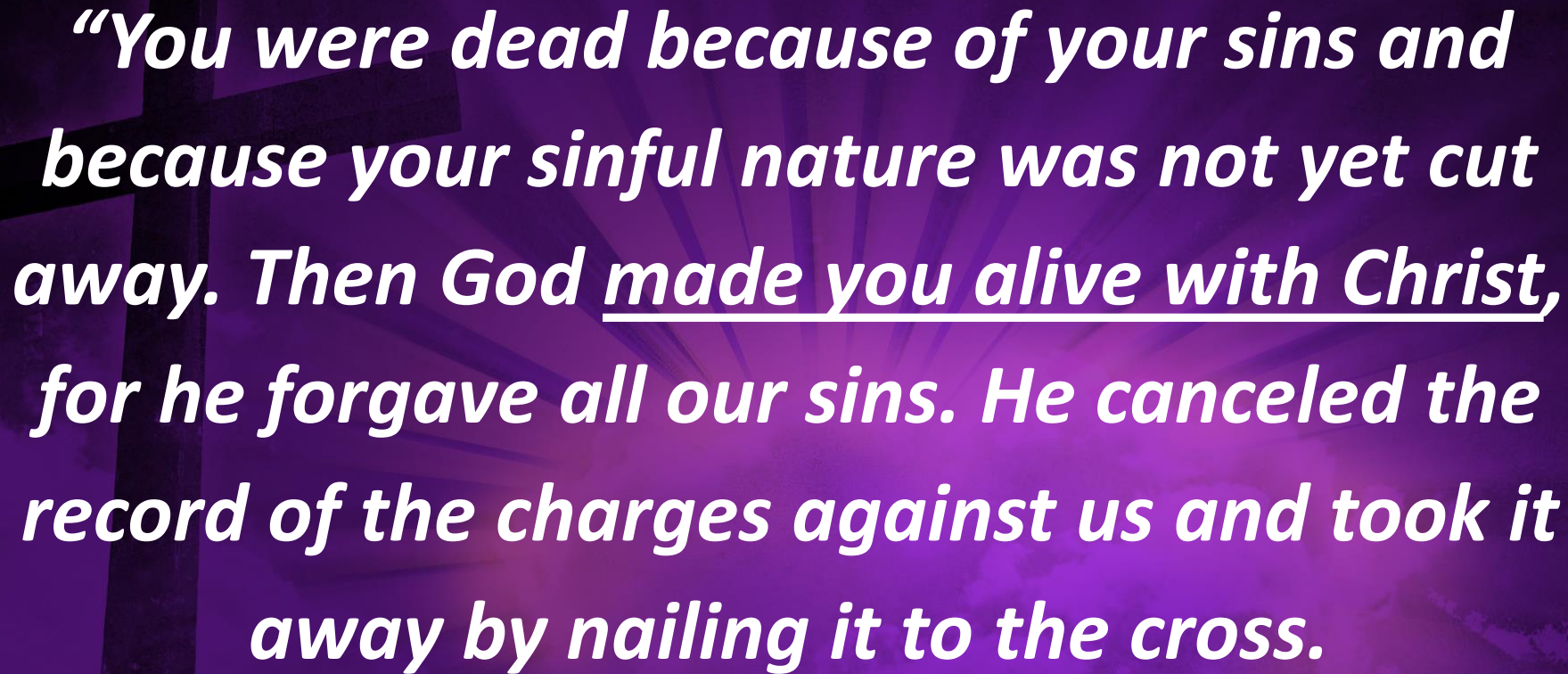


“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection.”

Philippians 3:10

*“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power **for us** who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.”*

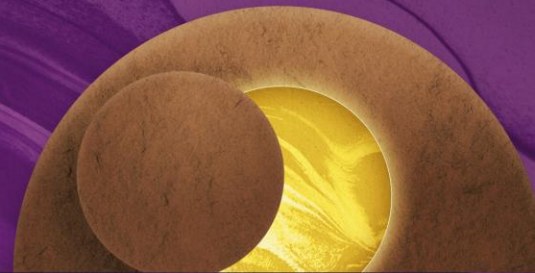
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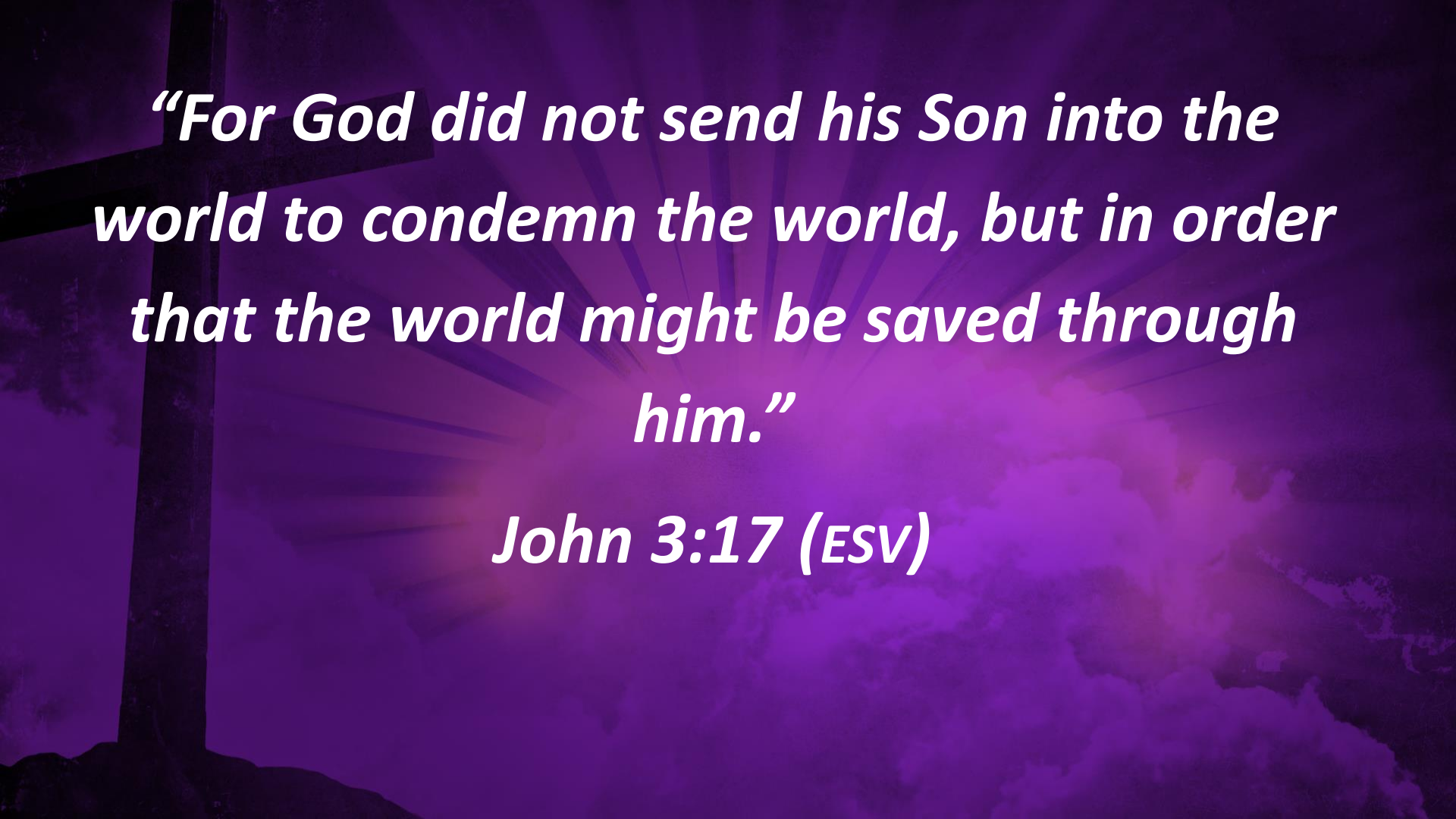


“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13–14 (NLT)

*Through the Resurrection; God offers
complete forgiveness*





“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

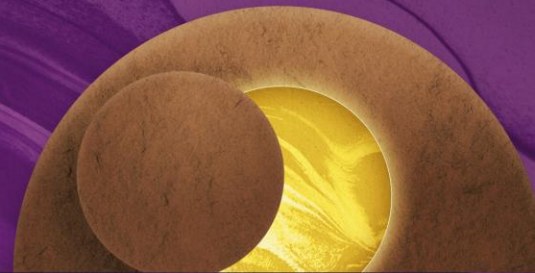
John 3:17 (ESV)

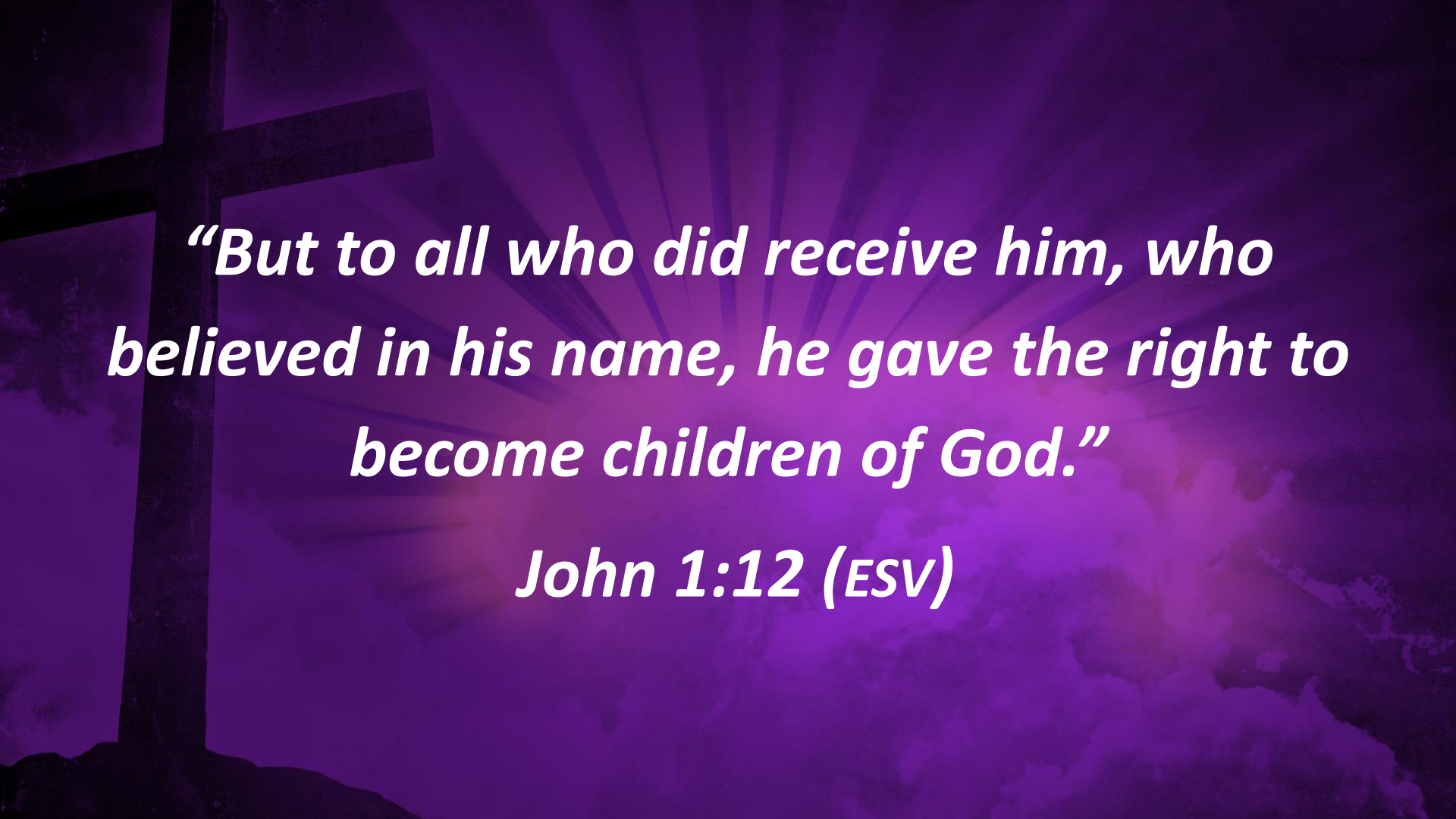


***“There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.”***

Romans 8:1 (ESV)


Your identity can now be shaped by God





***“But to all who did receive him, who
believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God.”***

John 1:12 (ESV)



“And he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.”

2 Corinthians 1:22 (NLT)

What does the Resurrection mean to you?

