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Easter Services 2019

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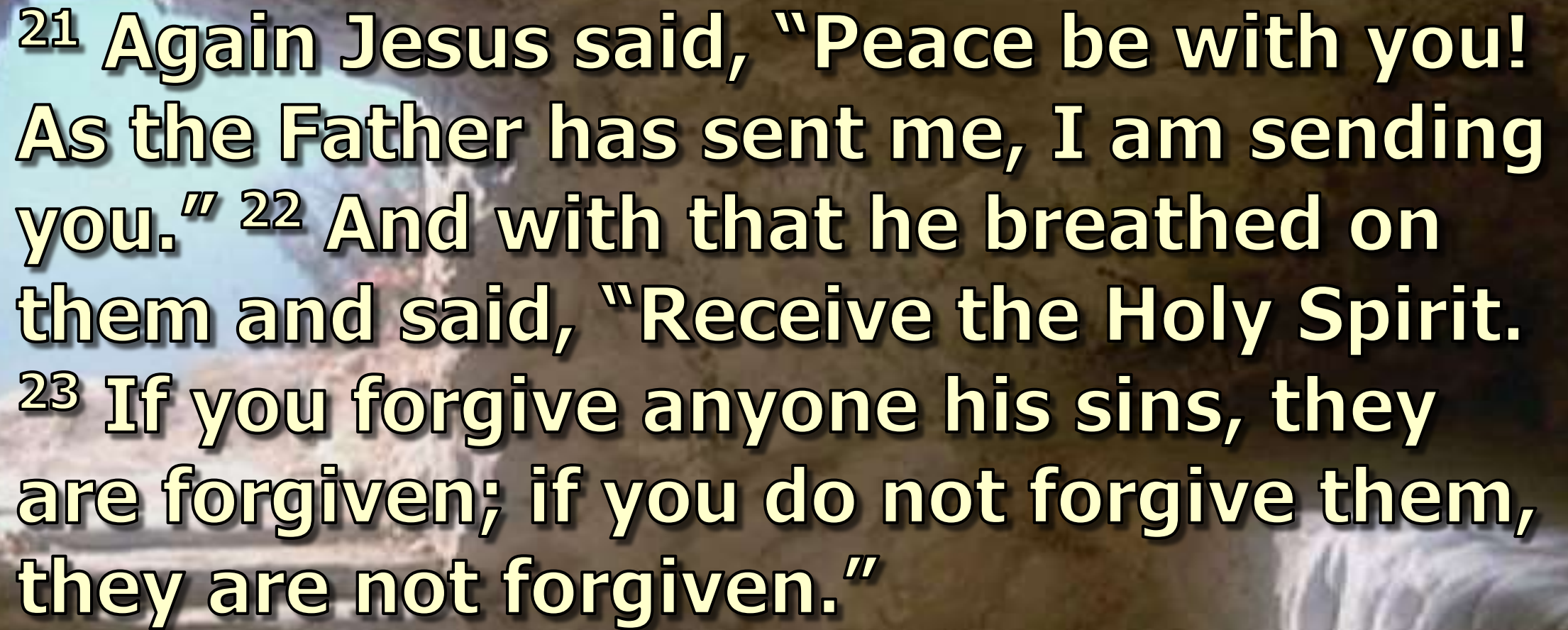
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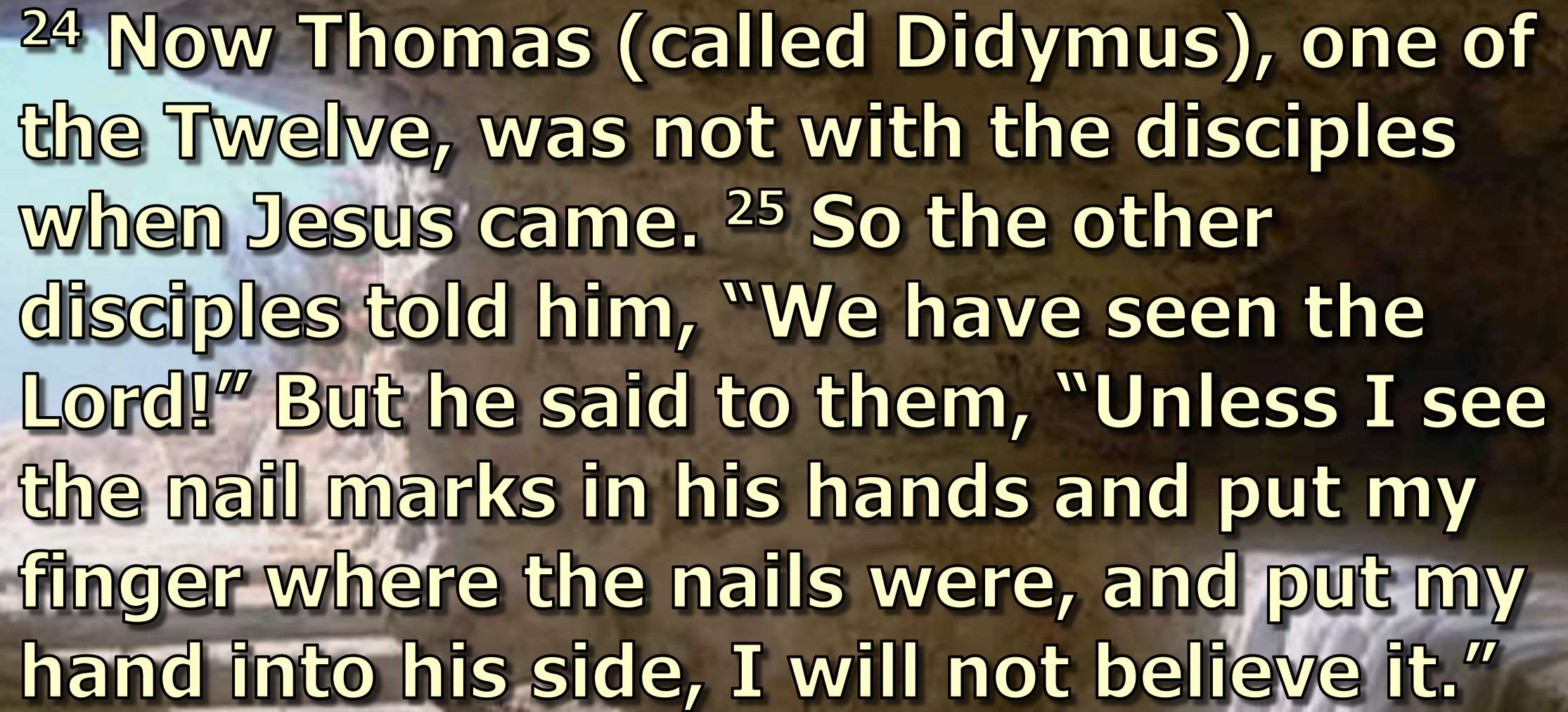
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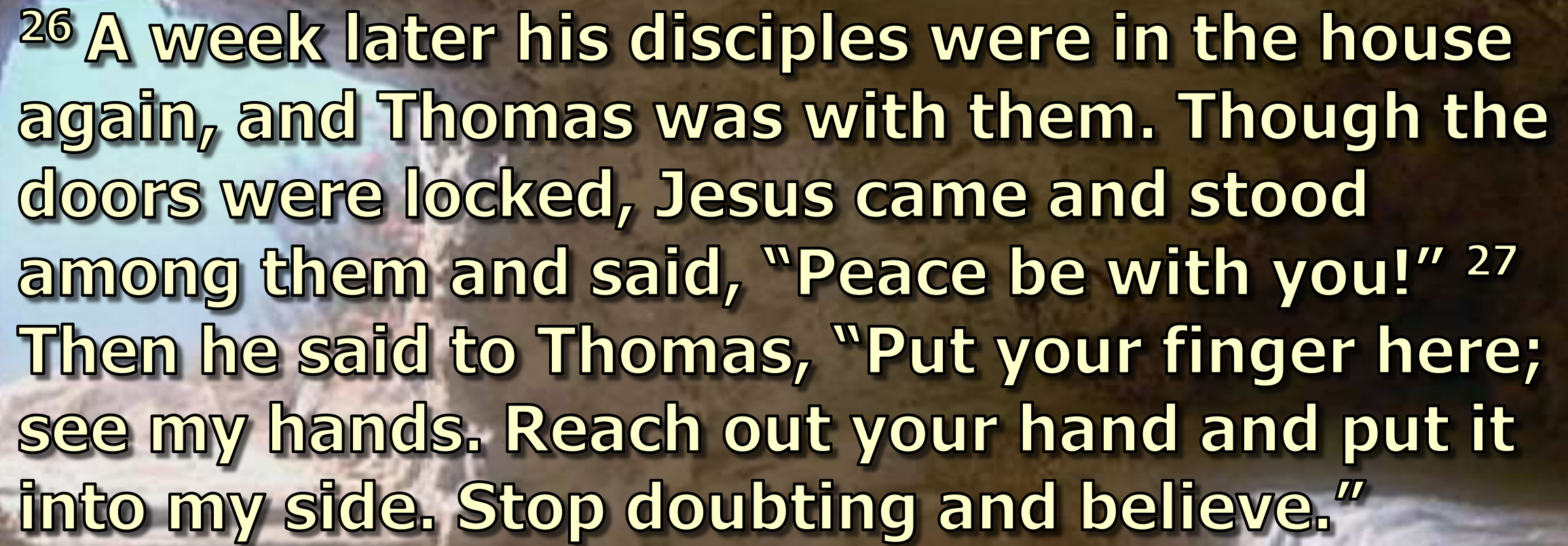
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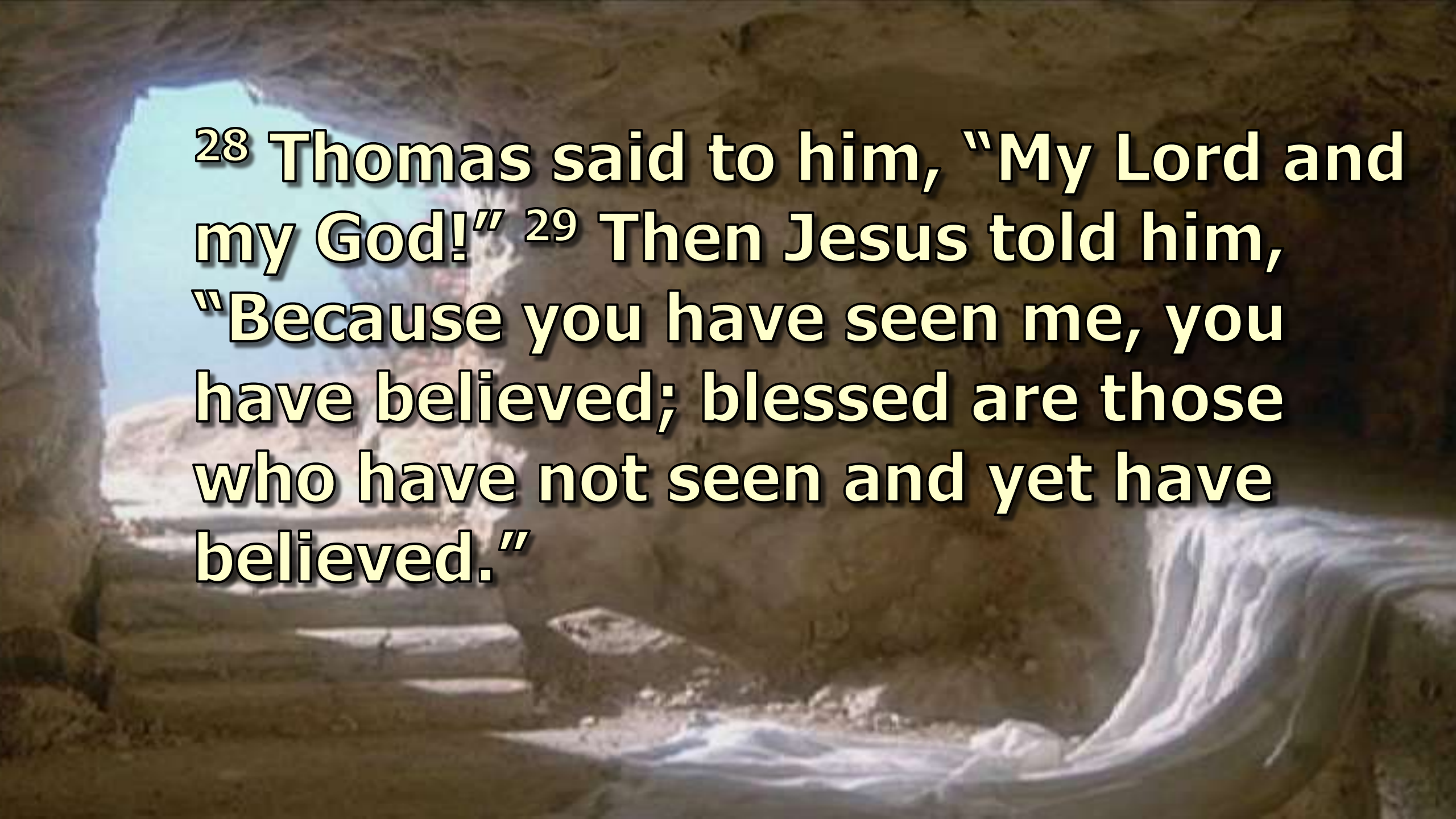
21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."



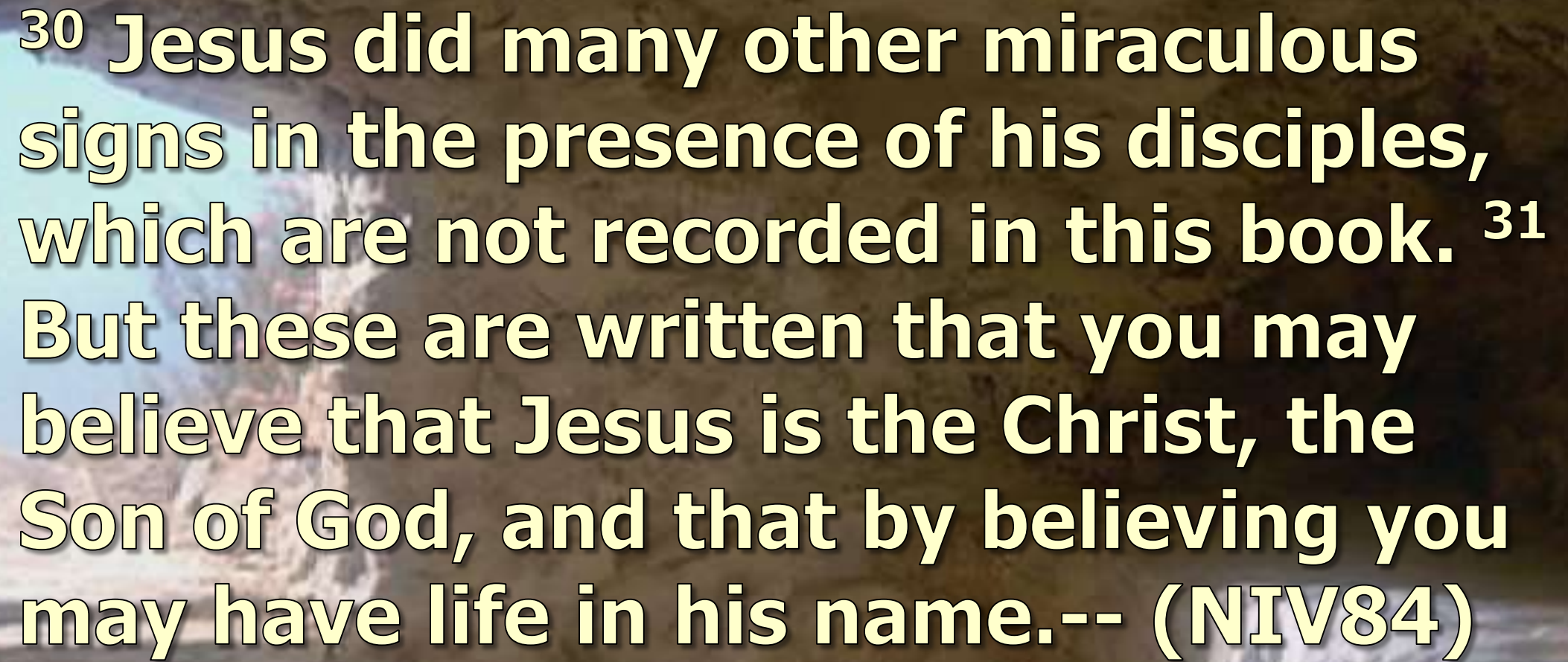
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A stone tomb with a rolled-up white cloth inside, set against a dark, textured background. The tomb is made of rough-hewn stone and has a large, irregular opening. Inside the tomb, a white cloth is visible, rolled up and partially covering the floor. The background is dark and textured, possibly representing a cave or a tomb's interior.

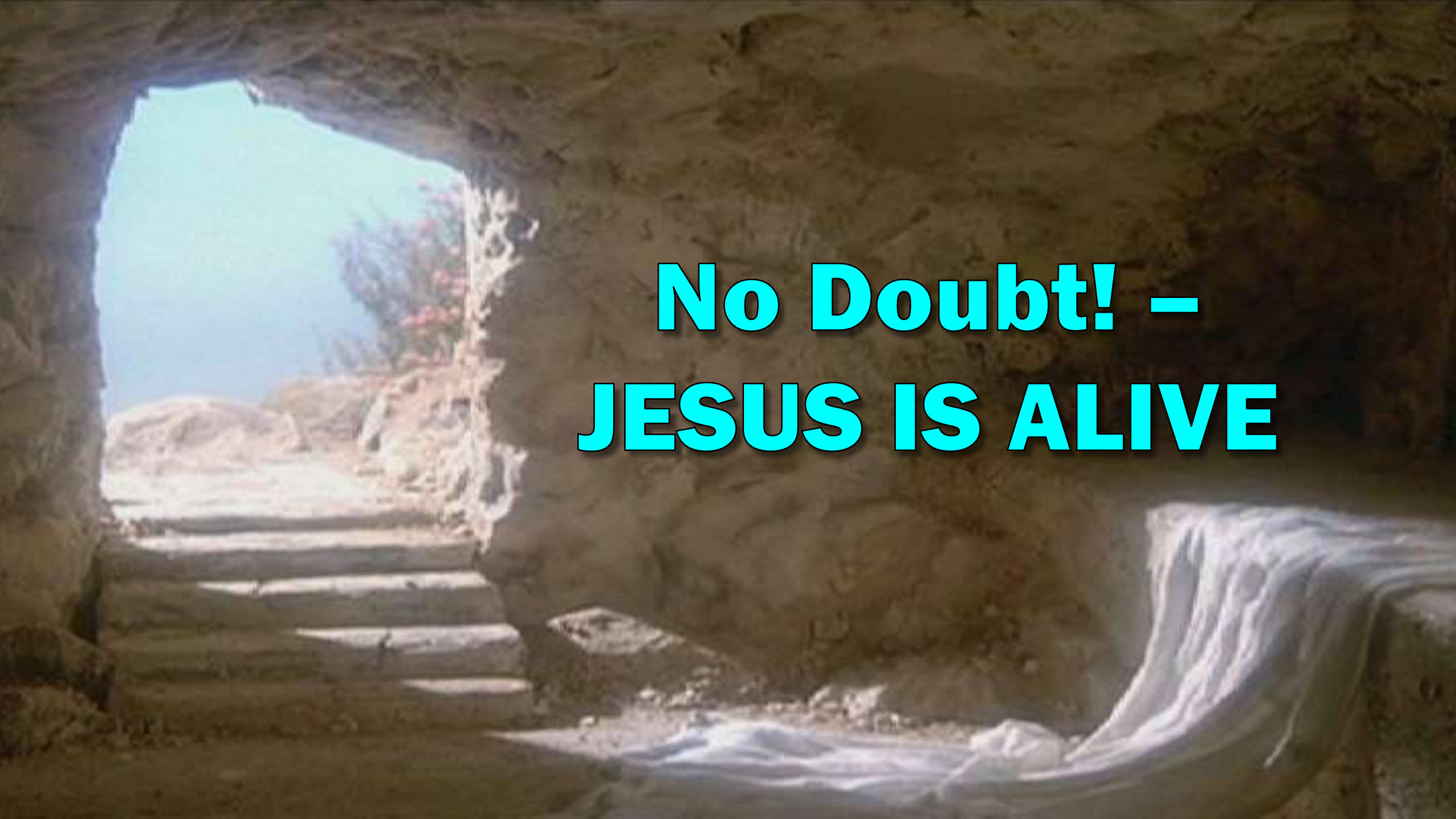
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A photograph of an open tomb. The tomb is a dark, rocky cavity. Inside, a white cloth lies on the floor. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with a body of water and distant hills. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline.

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."



³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.-- (NIV84)

The image shows the interior of a tomb. A large, irregular opening on the left side of the frame looks out onto a bright, sunlit landscape with hills and some trees. The interior walls of the tomb are made of rough, brownish stone. On the floor, a white, translucent cloth is draped over a low ledge on the right side. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and new beginnings, symbolizing resurrection.

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1. The Scared: The Ten Disciples.

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A. They Were Assembled.

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Hebrews 10:23–25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

B. They Were Afraid.

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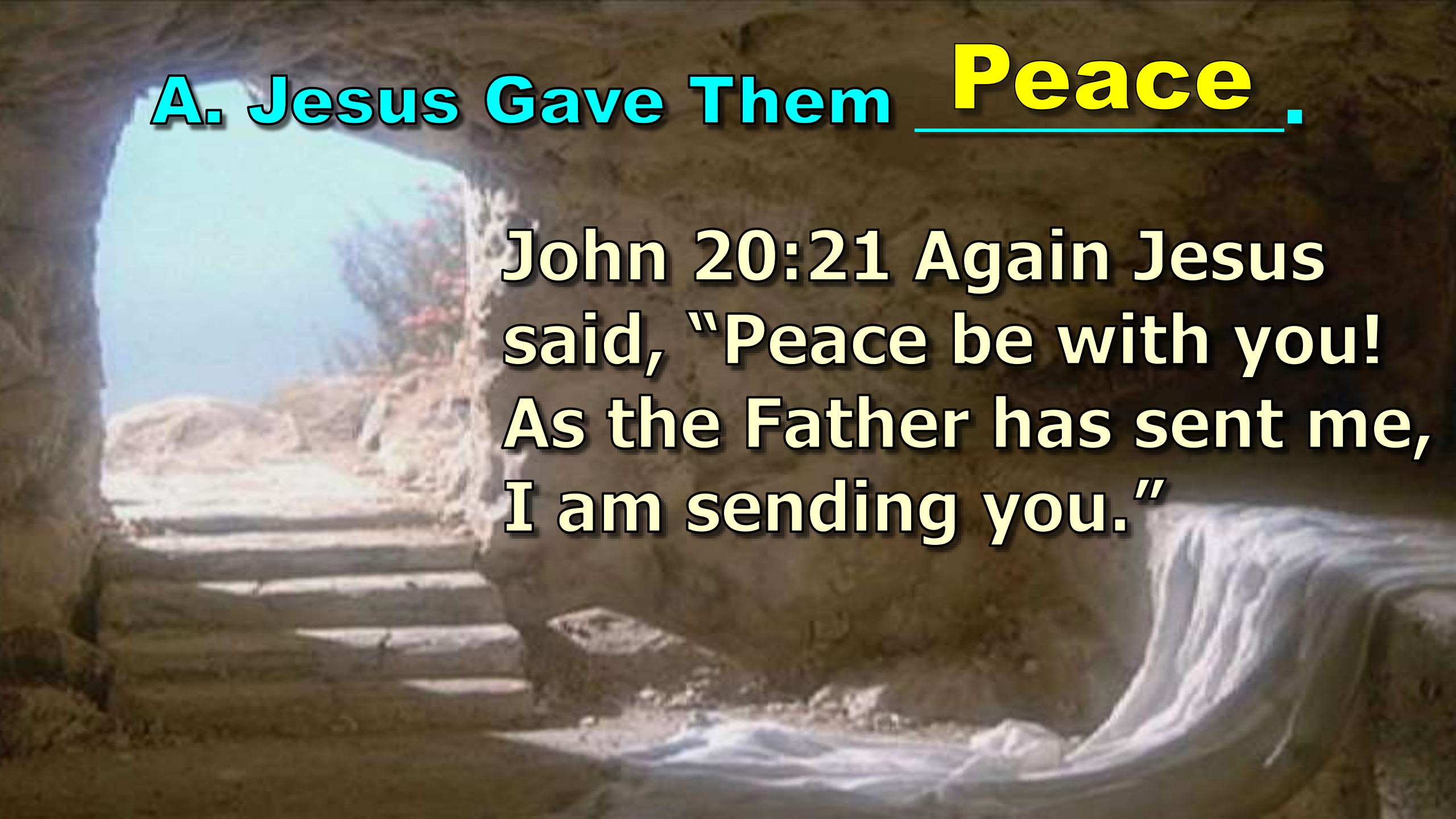
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2. The Subduer : Jesus Christ

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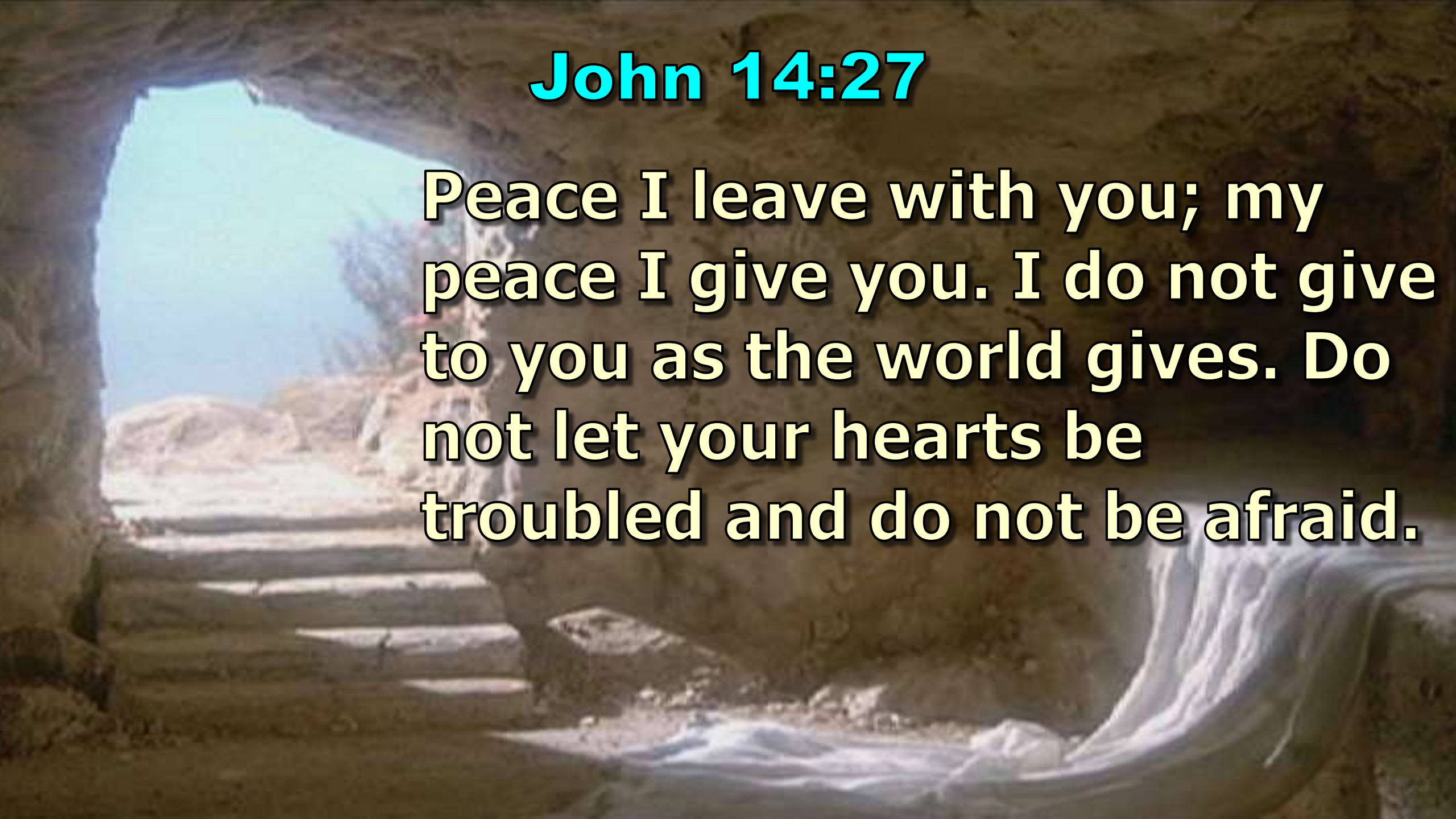
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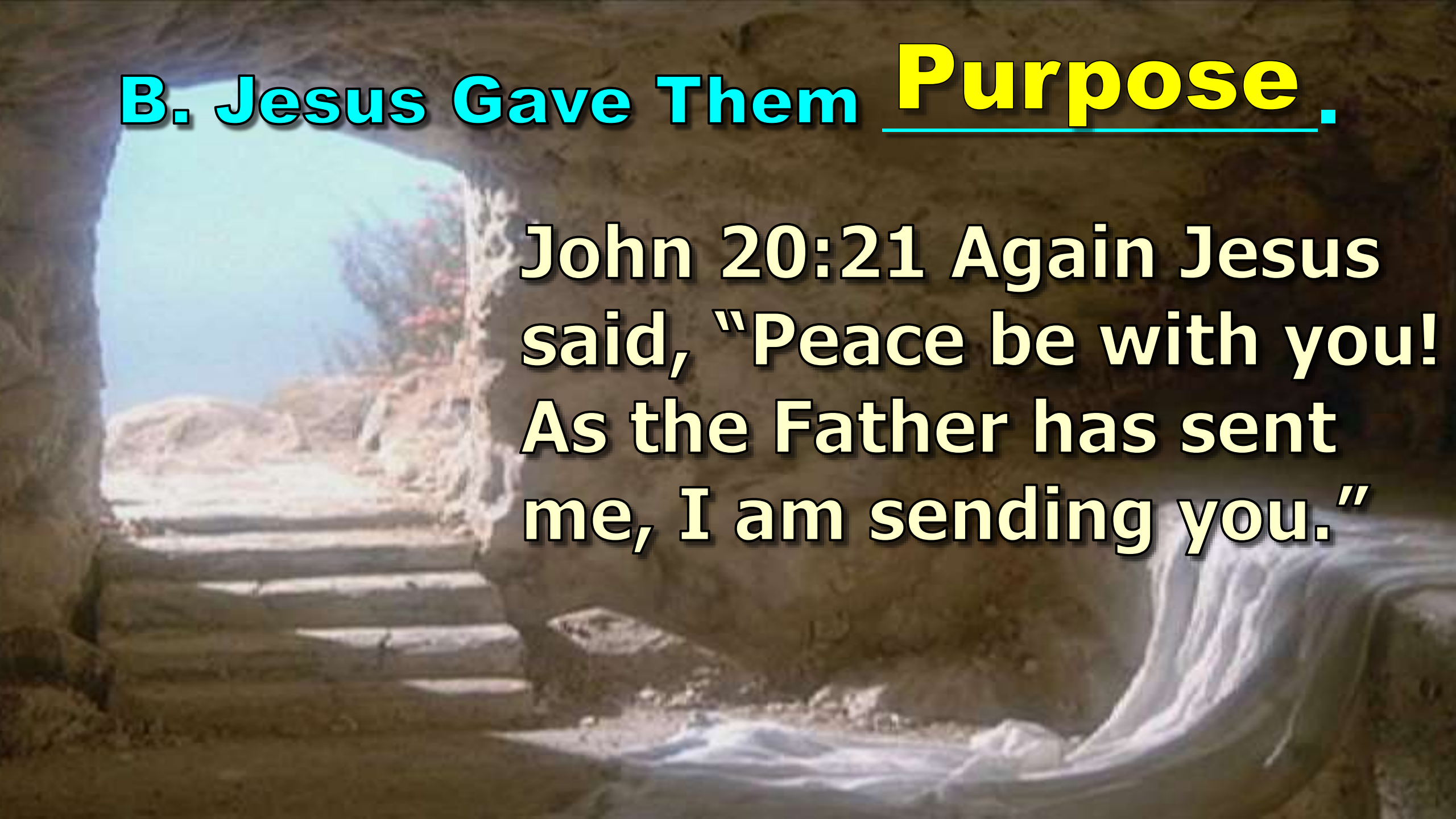
John 14:27


Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



B. Jesus Gave Them Purpose.

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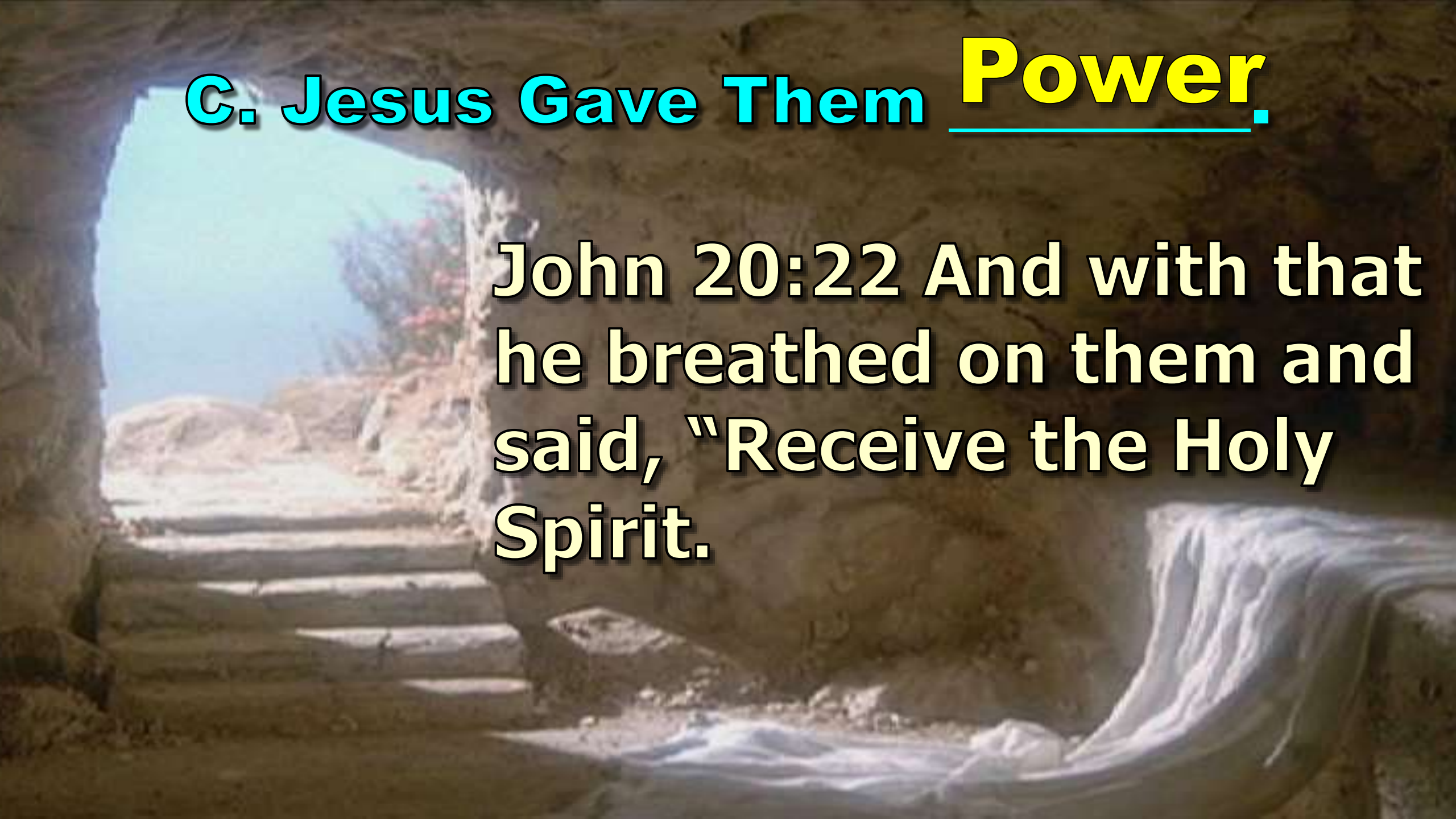
A photograph of an open tomb. The interior is dark and rocky. A white cloth lies on the floor in the lower right. Through the large opening on the left, a bright, hazy landscape with hills and a body of water is visible. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

John 20:23

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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John 20:22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



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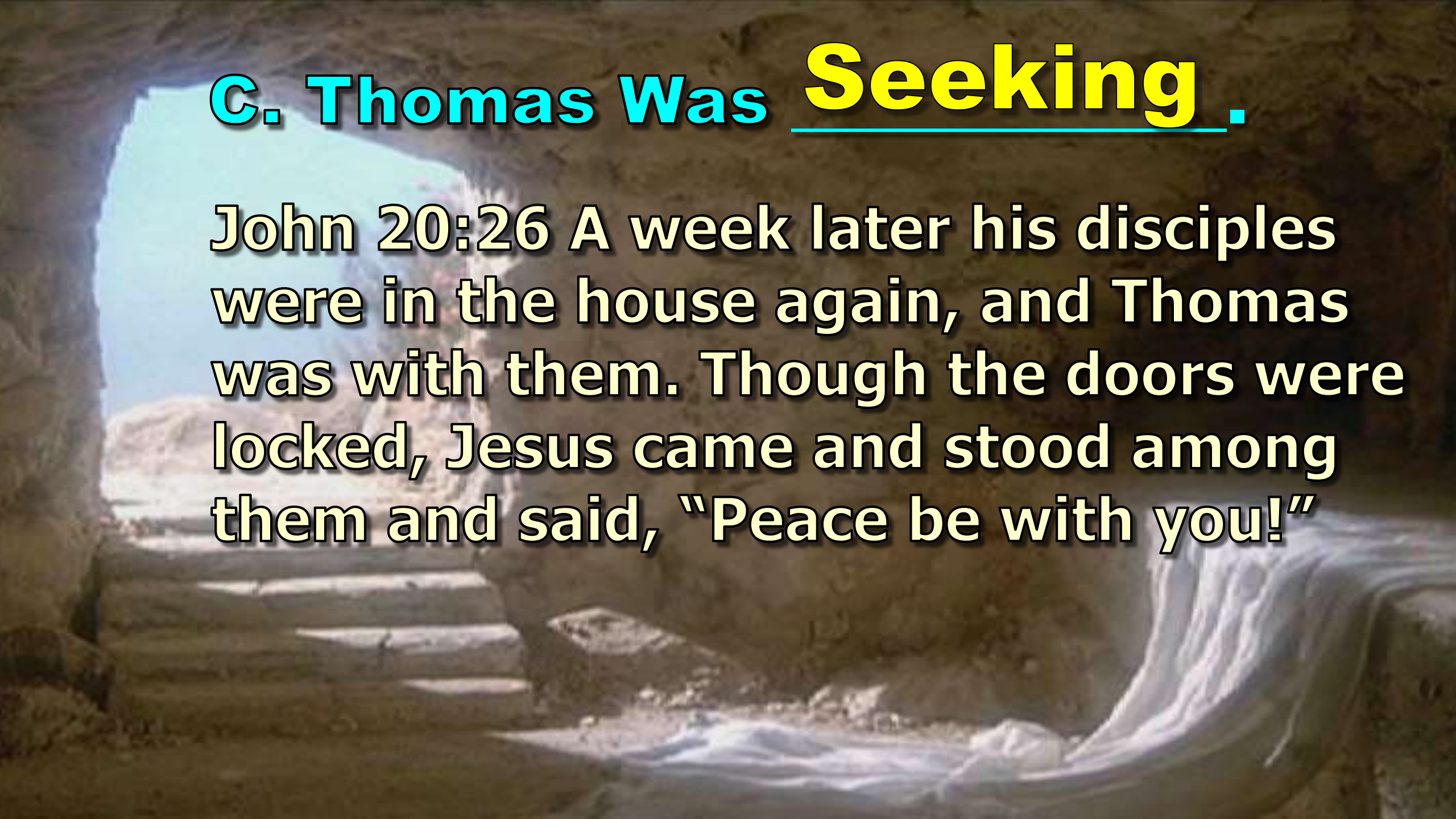
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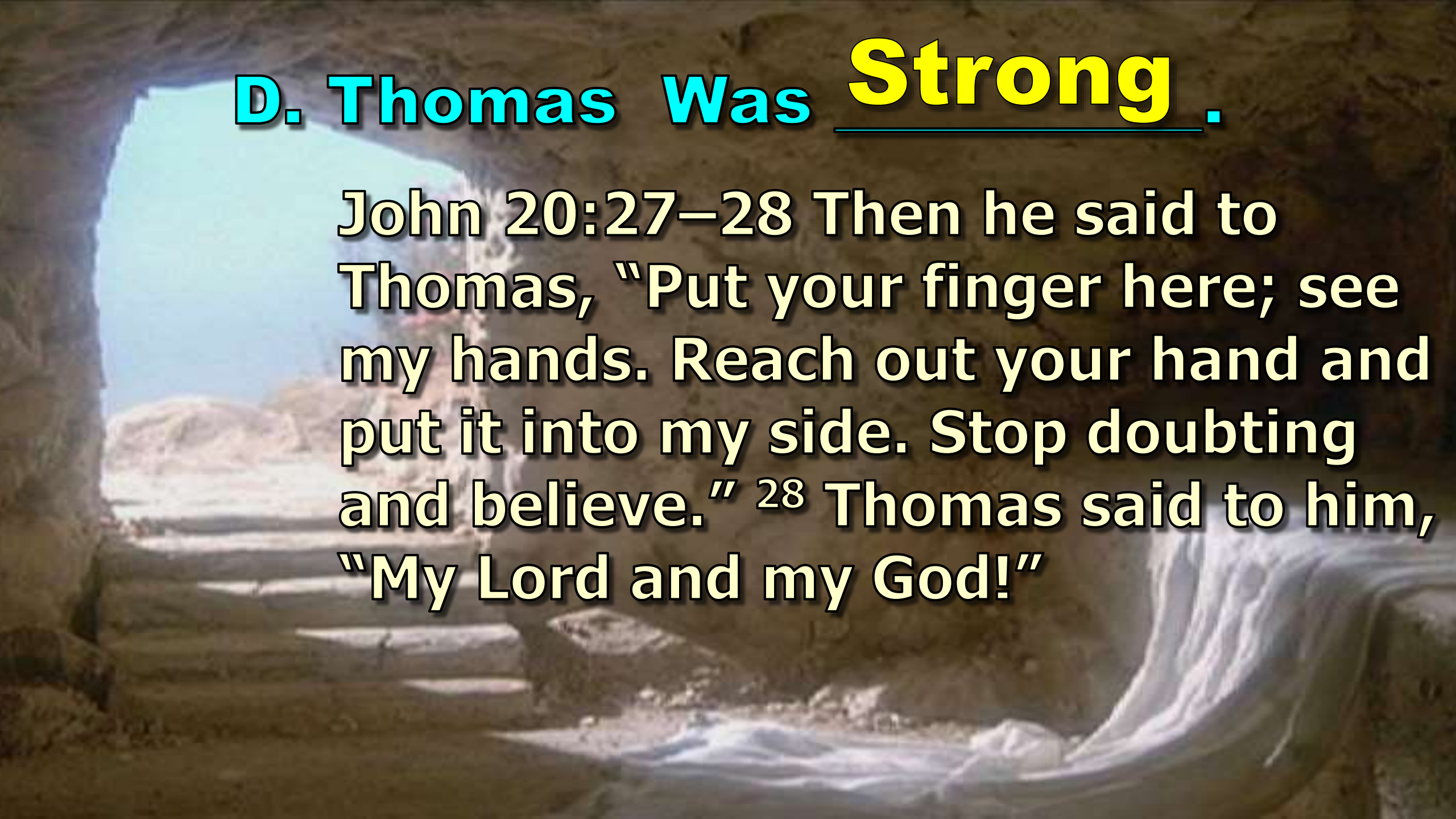
B. Thomas Was Skeptical .

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A photograph of an open tomb entrance. The entrance is a dark, rectangular opening in a light-colored stone wall. Inside the tomb, a white cloth lies on the floor. The background outside the tomb shows a bright, hazy sky and some distant structures.

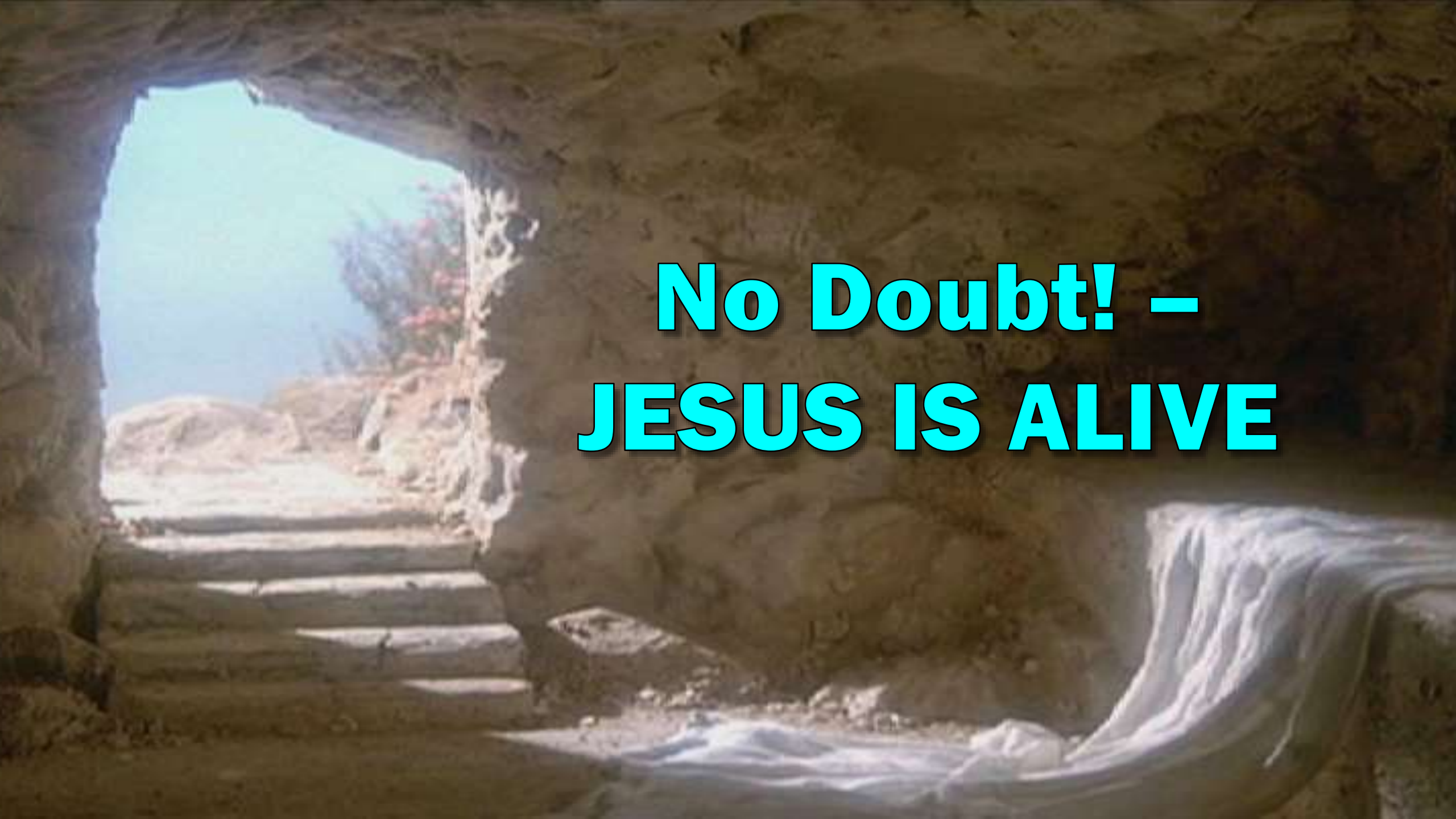
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D. Thomas Was Strong .

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