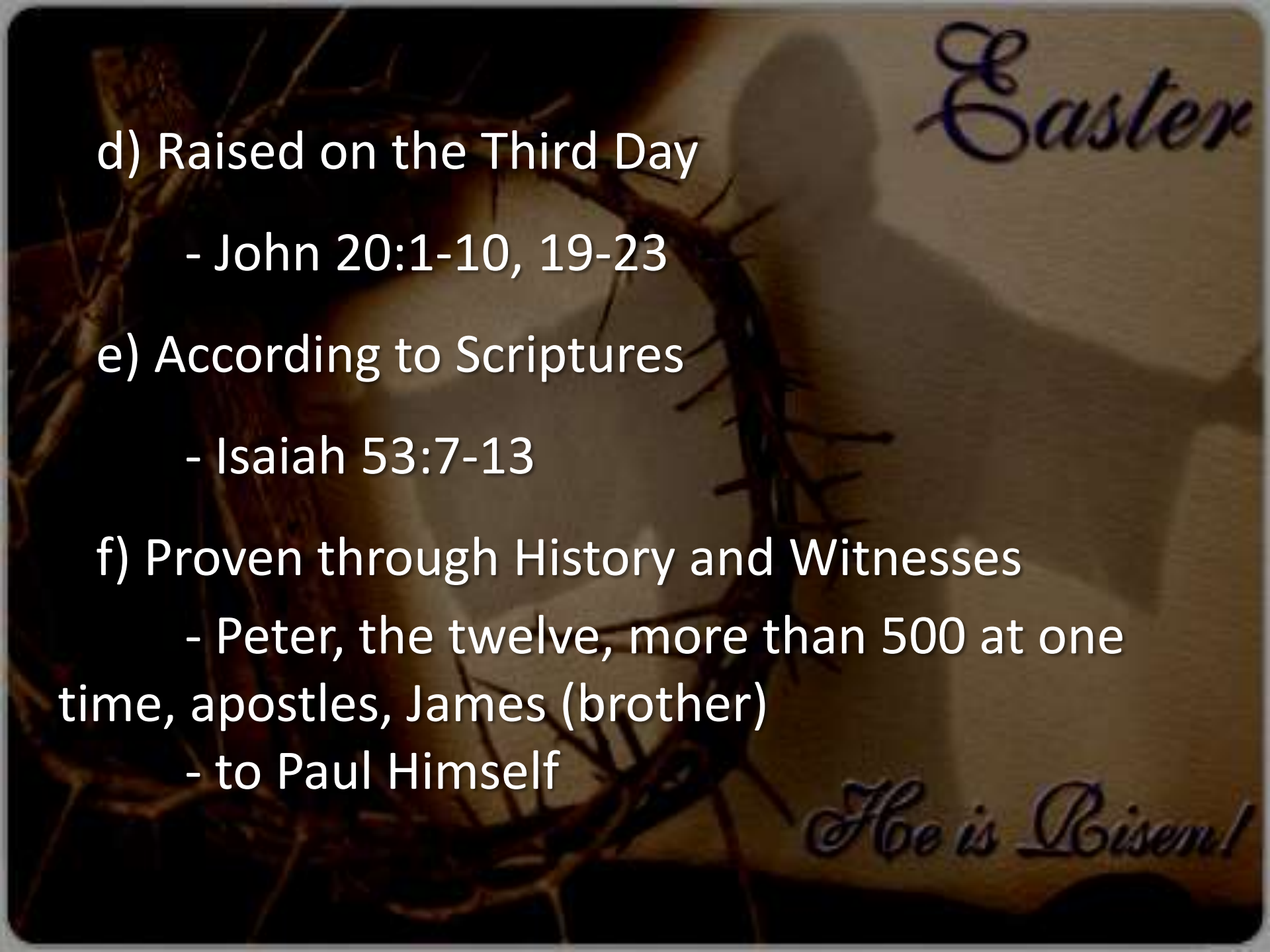


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He is Risen!



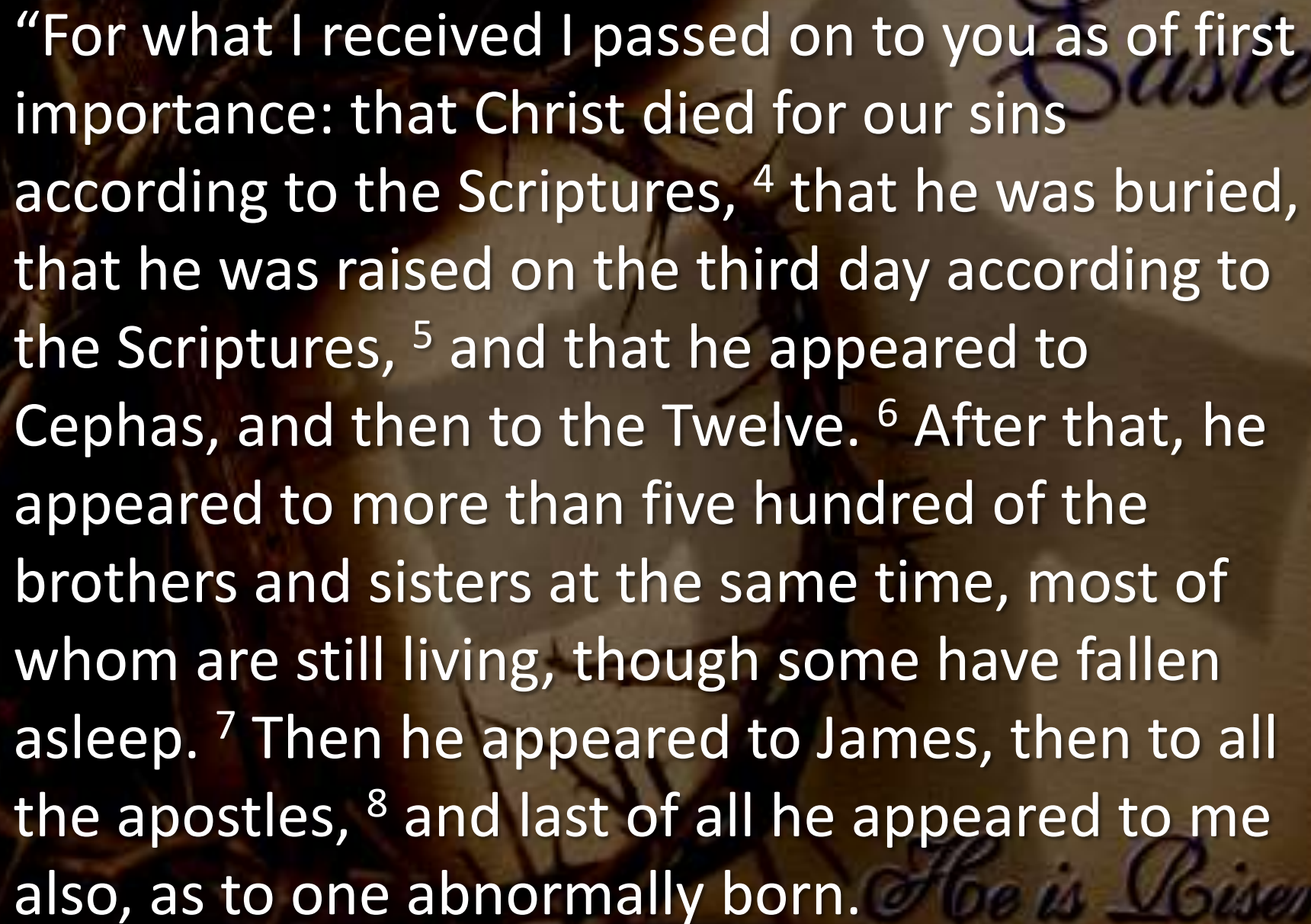
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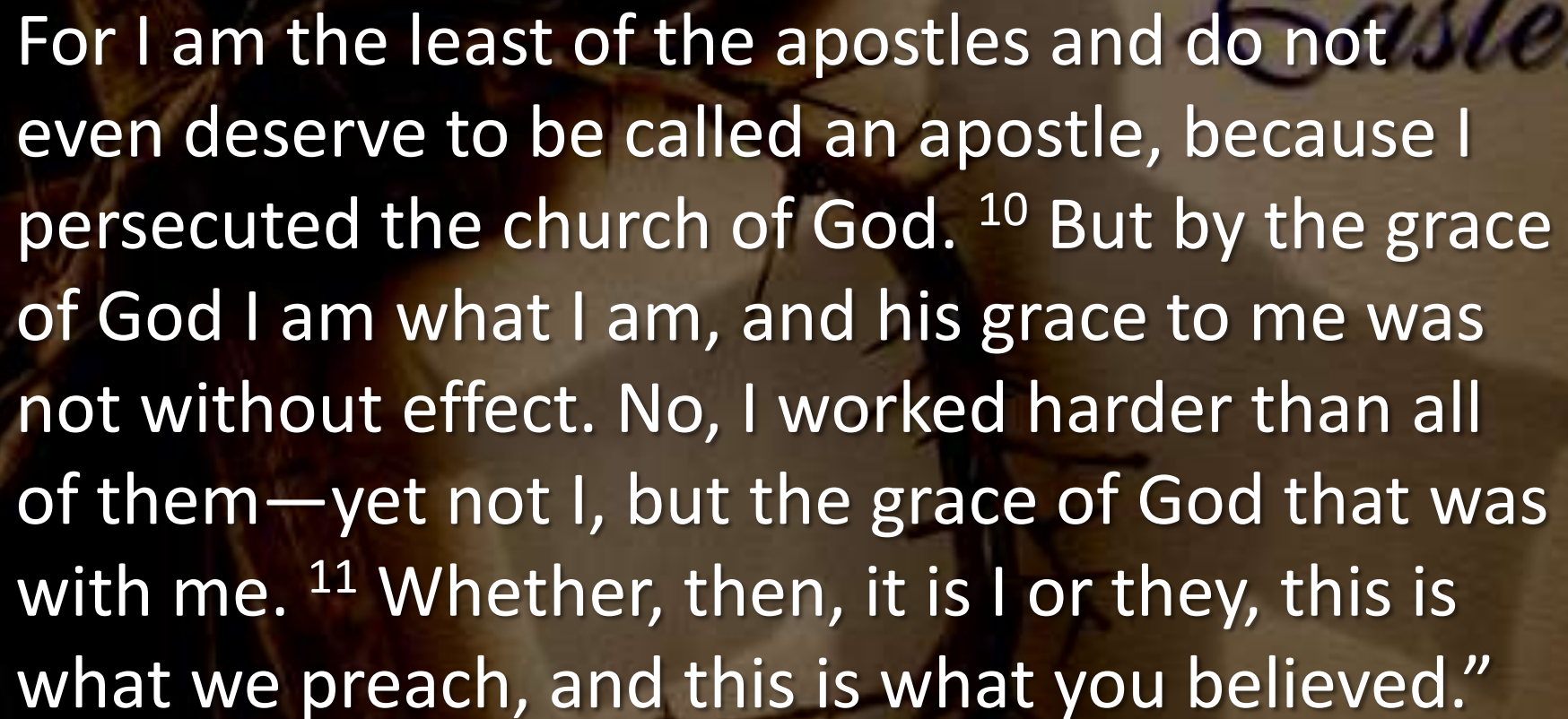
- Reminded of Truth
- Renewed in Understanding & Dedication
- Respond with Praise & Renewed

Purpose

He is Risen!

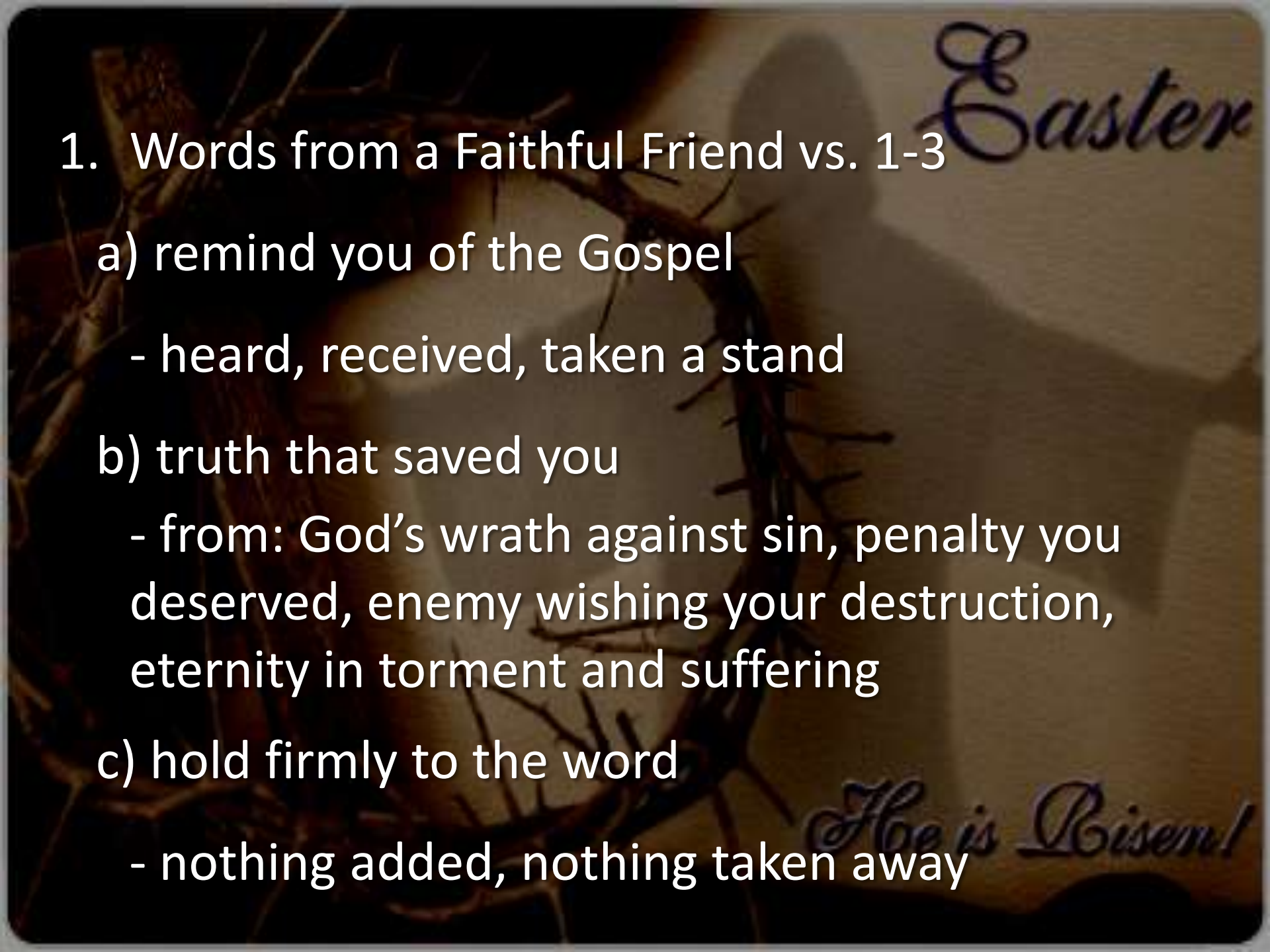


“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. *He is Risen!*



For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.”

1 Cor. 15:3-11



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1. Words from a Faithful Friend vs. 1-3

a) remind you of the Gospel

- heard, received, taken a stand

b) truth that saved you

- from: God's wrath against sin, penalty you deserved, enemy wishing your destruction, eternity in torment and suffering

c) hold firmly to the word

- nothing added, nothing taken away

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d) Critical nature of the Information

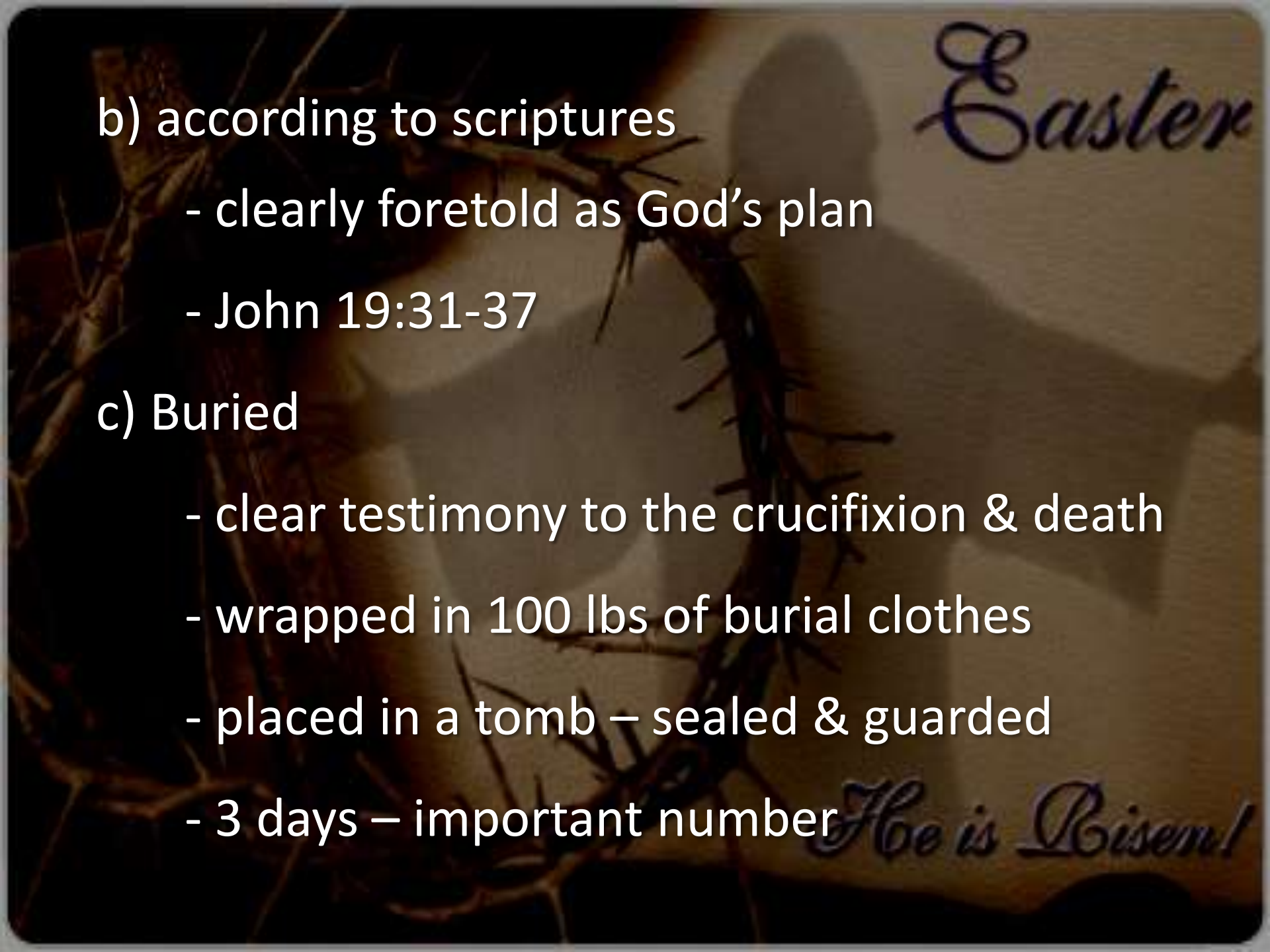
- I received it – Gal.1:11-12
- passed it on to you – critical, urgent

2. Clear Truth of the Gospel

a) Christ Died for Our Sins

- my rebellion, wrong motives
- Rom. 4:25 “He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.”

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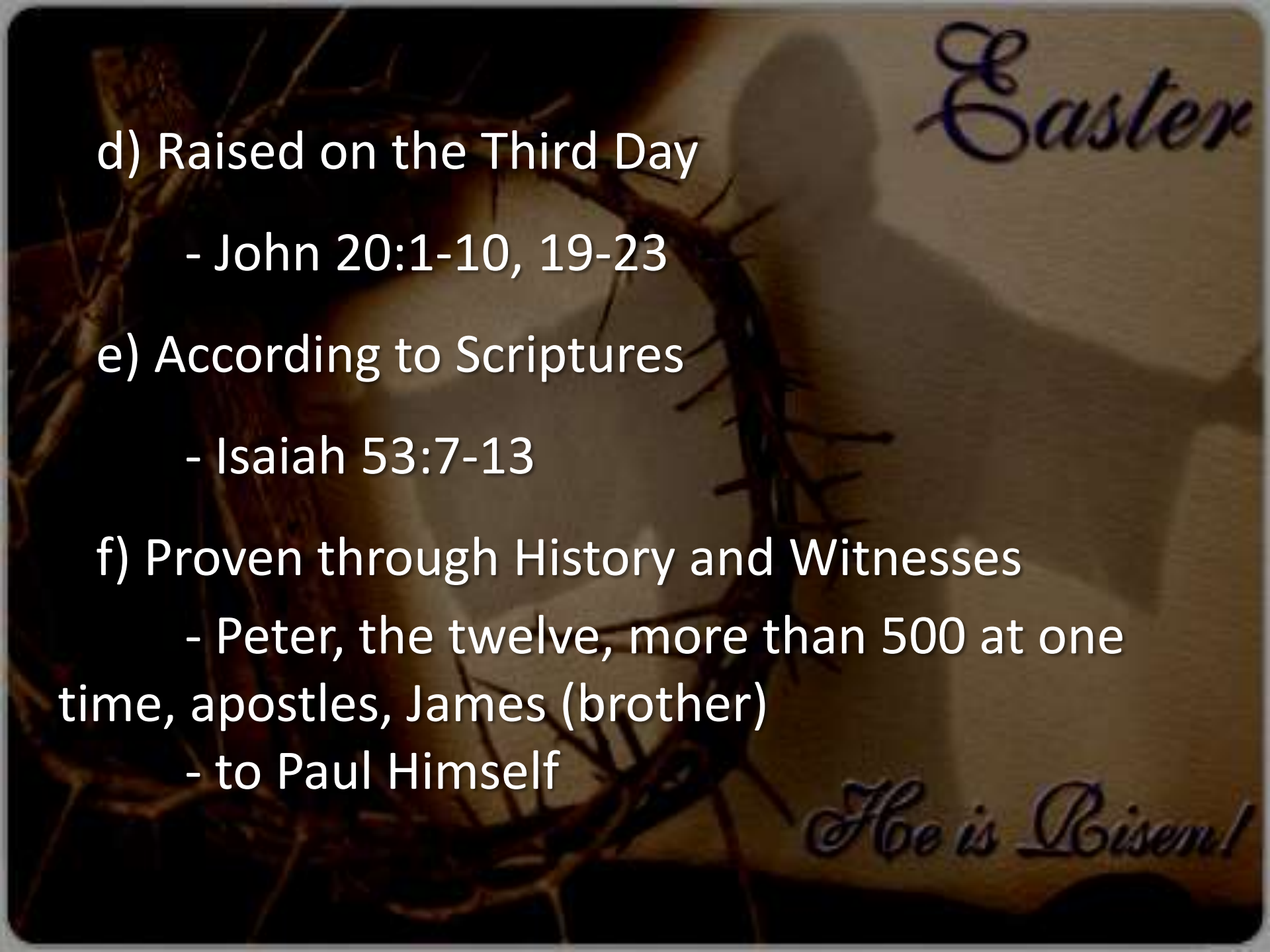
b) according to scriptures

- clearly foretold as God's plan
- John 19:31-37

c) Buried

- clear testimony to the crucifixion & death
- wrapped in 100 lbs of burial clothes
- placed in a tomb – sealed & guarded
- 3 days – important number

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d) Raised on the Third Day

- John 20:1-10, 19-23

e) According to Scriptures

- Isaiah 53:7-13

f) Proven through History and Witnesses

- Peter, the twelve, more than 500 at one time, apostles, James (brother)
- to Paul Himself

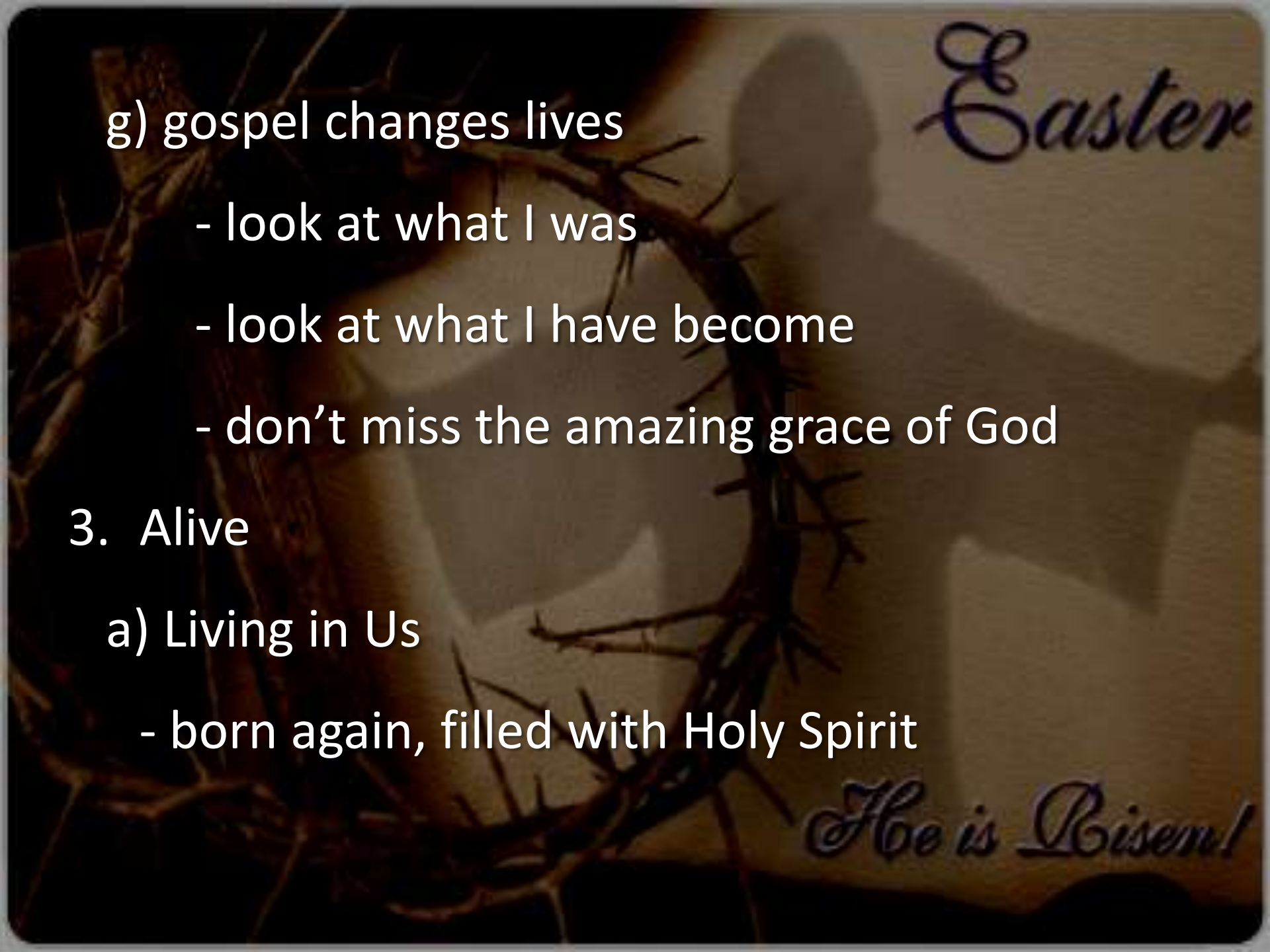
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- Acts 10:39-43

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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g) gospel changes lives

- look at what I was
- look at what I have become
- don't miss the amazing grace of God

3. Alive

a) Living in Us

- born again, filled with Holy Spirit

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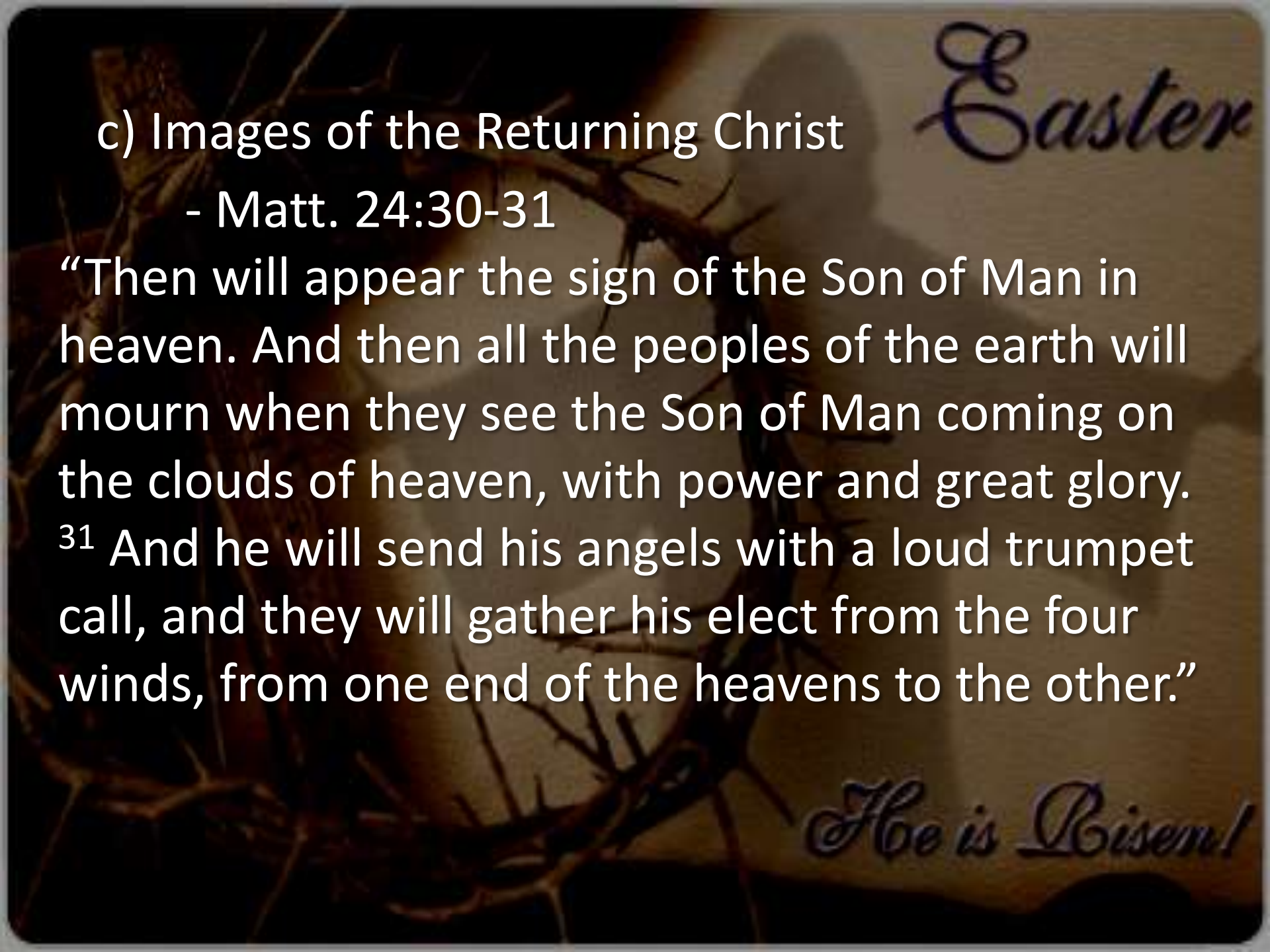
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b) Returning for Us

- 1 Cor. 15:22-25

“²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.”

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c) Images of the Returning Christ

- Matt. 24:30-31

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.
³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”

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- Matt 25:31-32

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.”

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- 2 Thess. 1:7-8

“⁶ God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰ on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.”

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So What

1. Be Reminded of the Truth

- gospel is clear and compelling

2. Be Renewed in Your Covenant

- We serve a Living Savior, indwelling, returning

3. Respond with a Sacrifice

- of Praise
- of Promise