



BEHOLD

J E S U S I S H E R E

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John 1:1-14

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

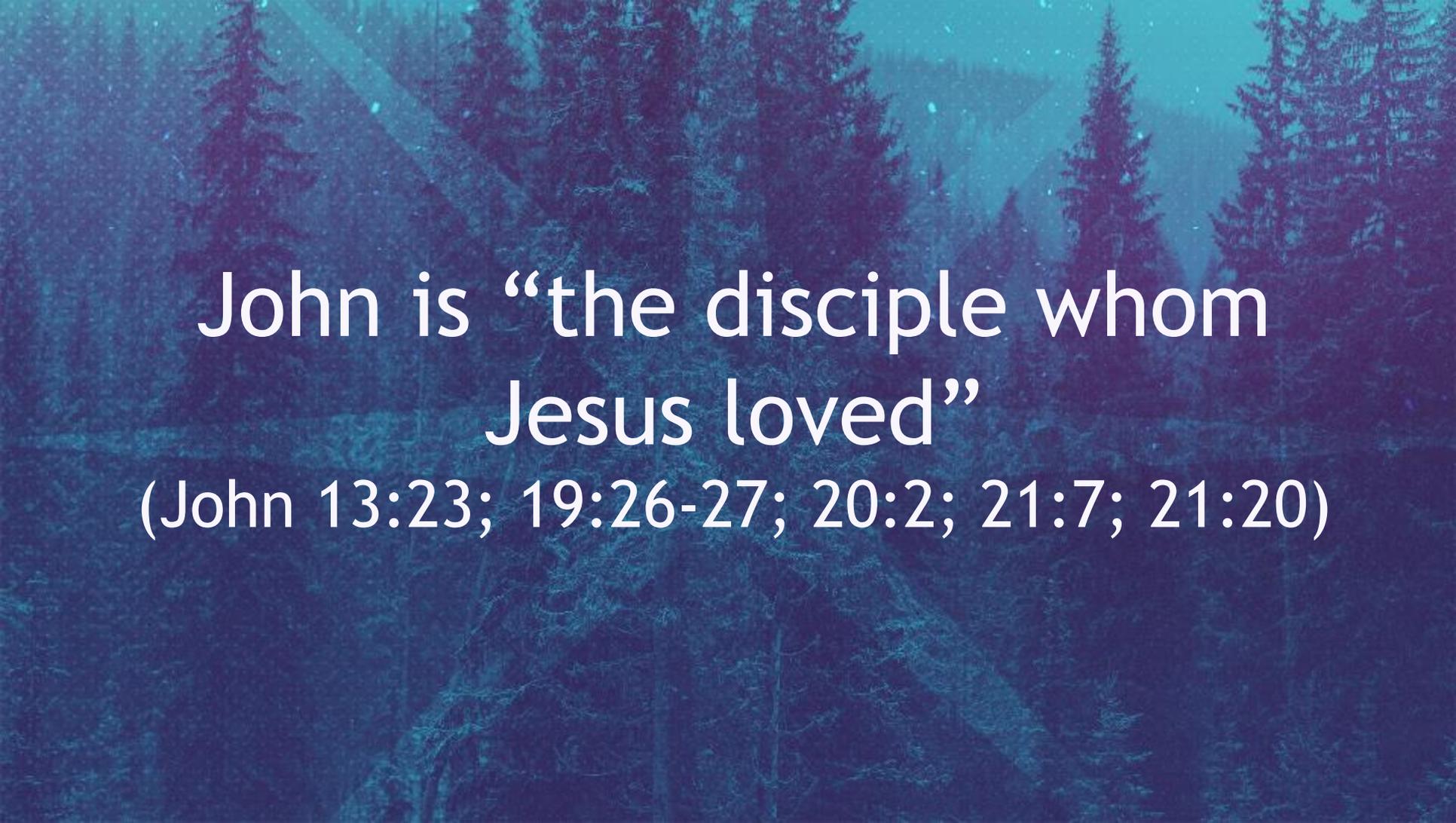
John 1:1-14

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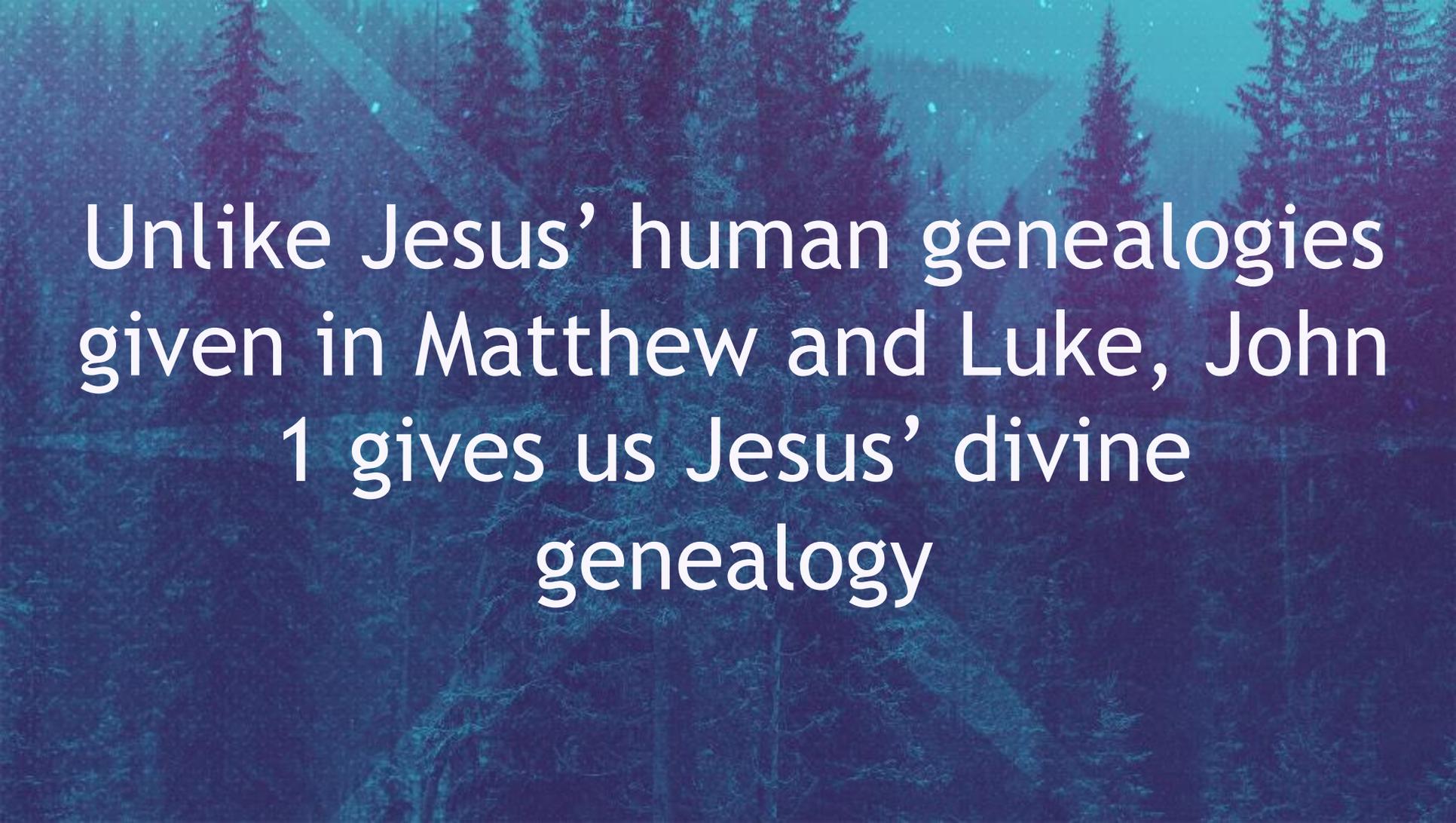
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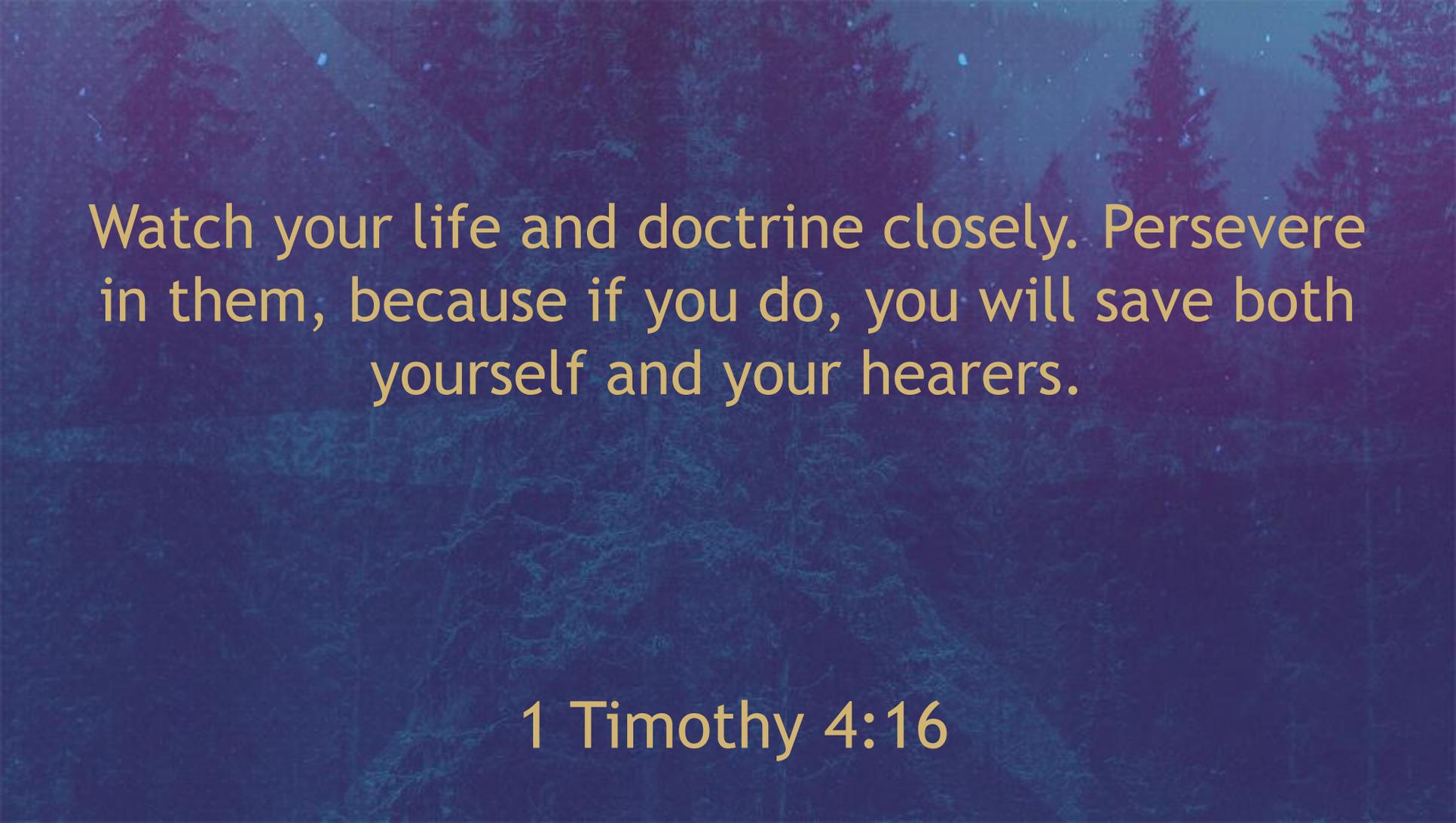


John is “the disciple whom
Jesus loved”

(John 13:23; 19:26-27; 20:2; 21:7; 21:20)

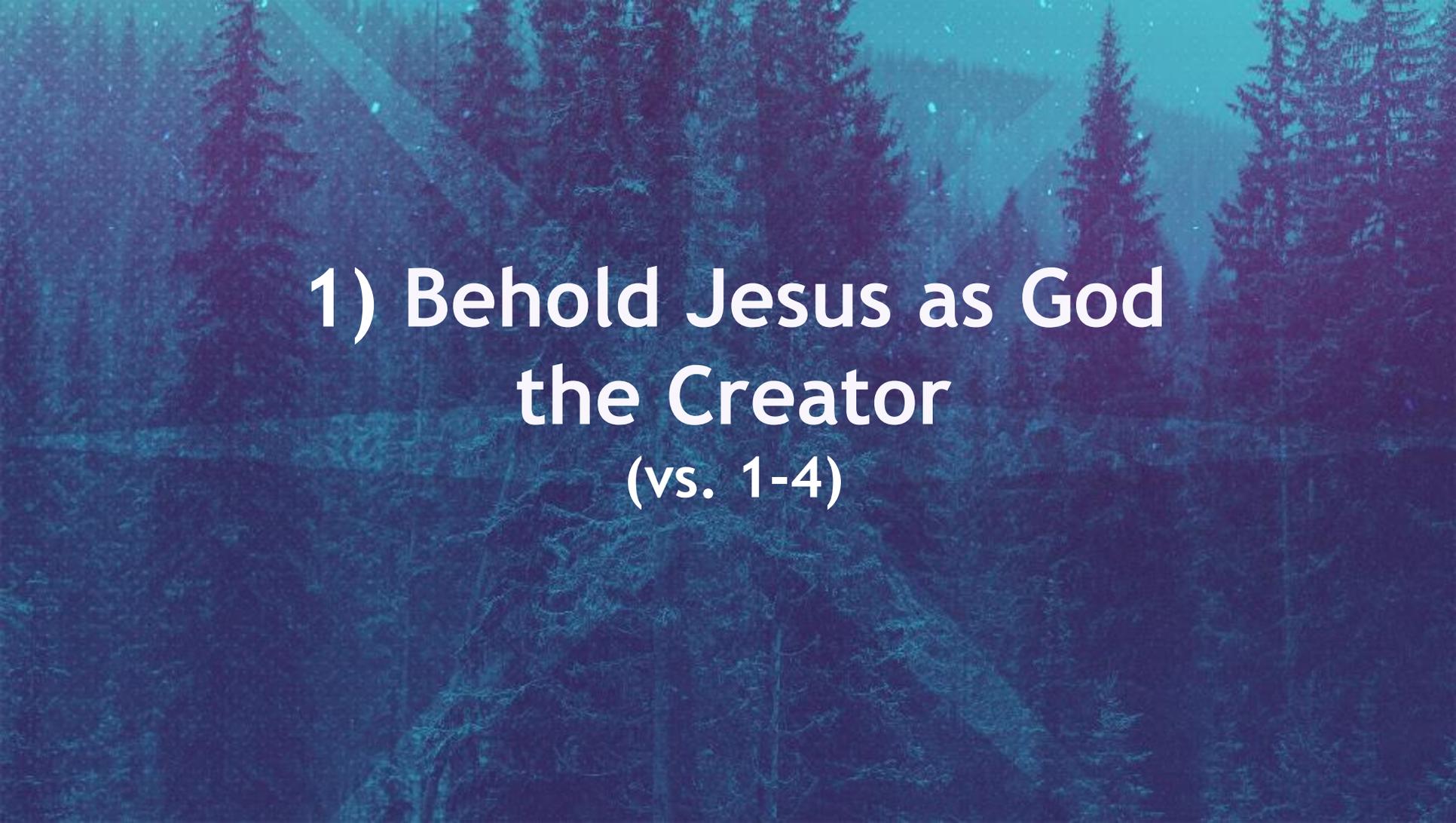


Unlike Jesus' human genealogies
given in Matthew and Luke, John
1 gives us Jesus' divine
genealogy



Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere
in them, because if you do, you will save both
yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16



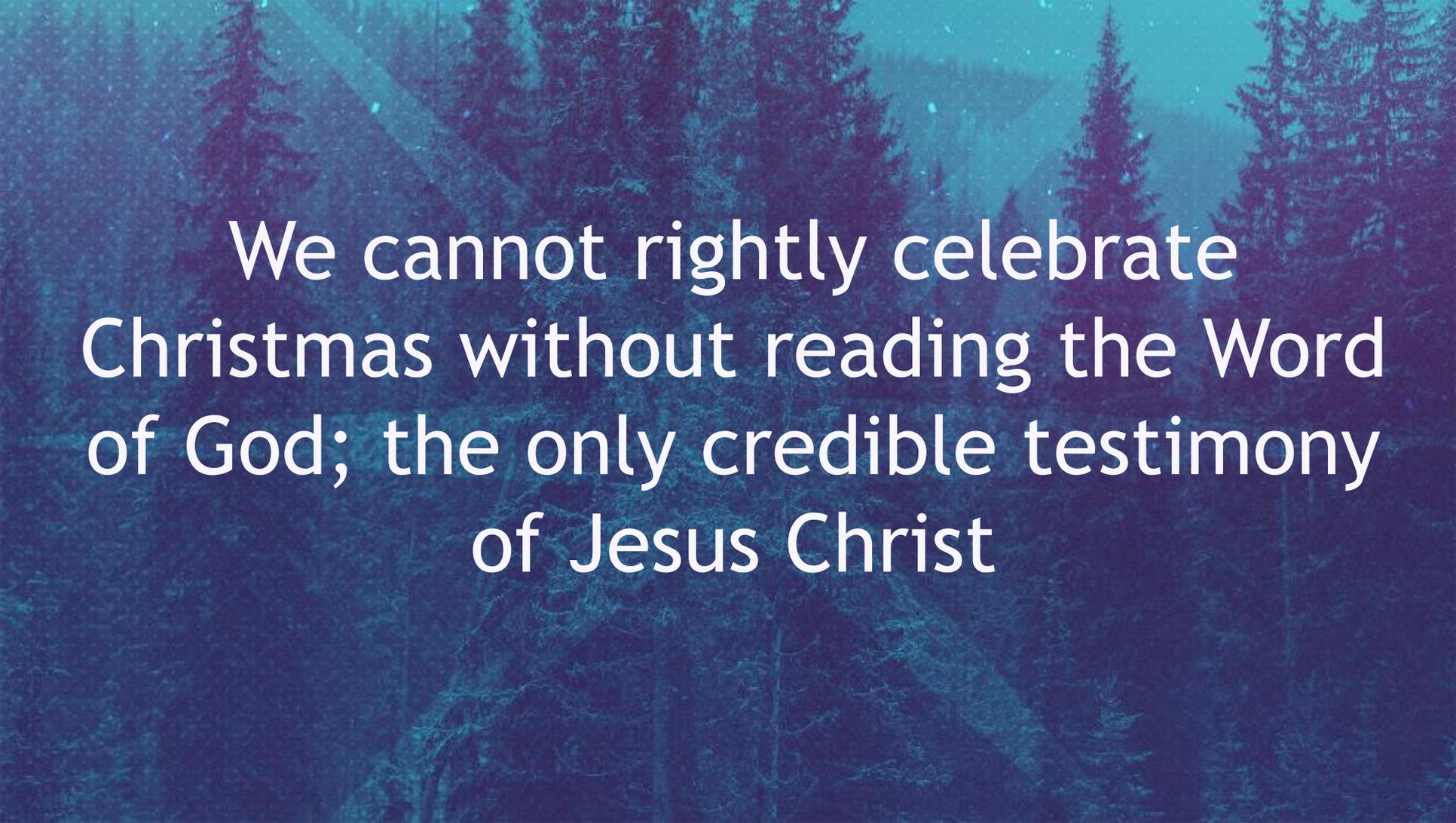
**1) Behold Jesus as God
the Creator
(vs. 1-4)**

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John 1:1-4

³⁶ For from him and through him and for him
are all things.

Romans 11:36

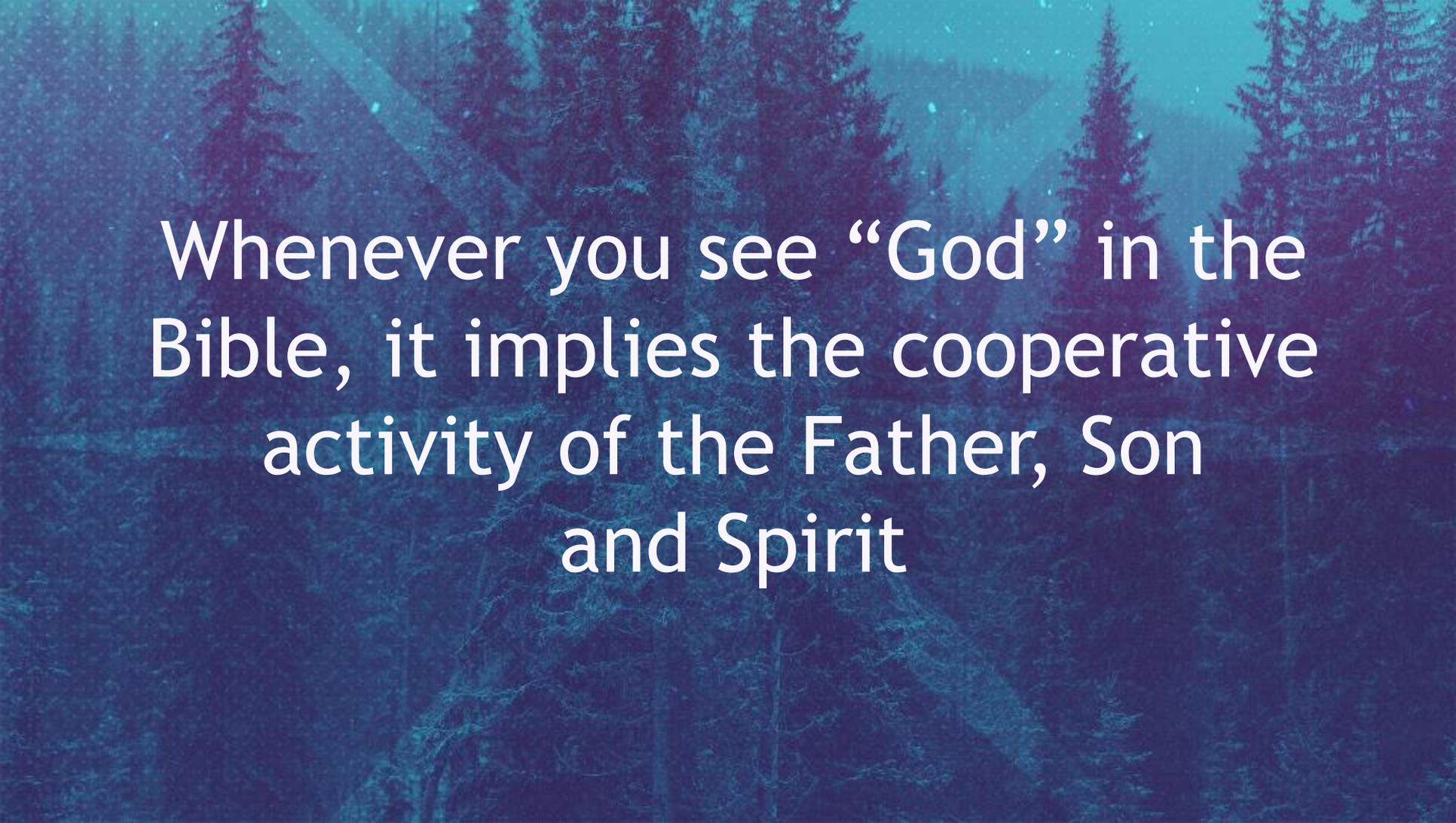


We cannot rightly celebrate
Christmas without reading the Word
of God; the only credible testimony
of Jesus Christ



In the beginning God created the heavens and
the earth.

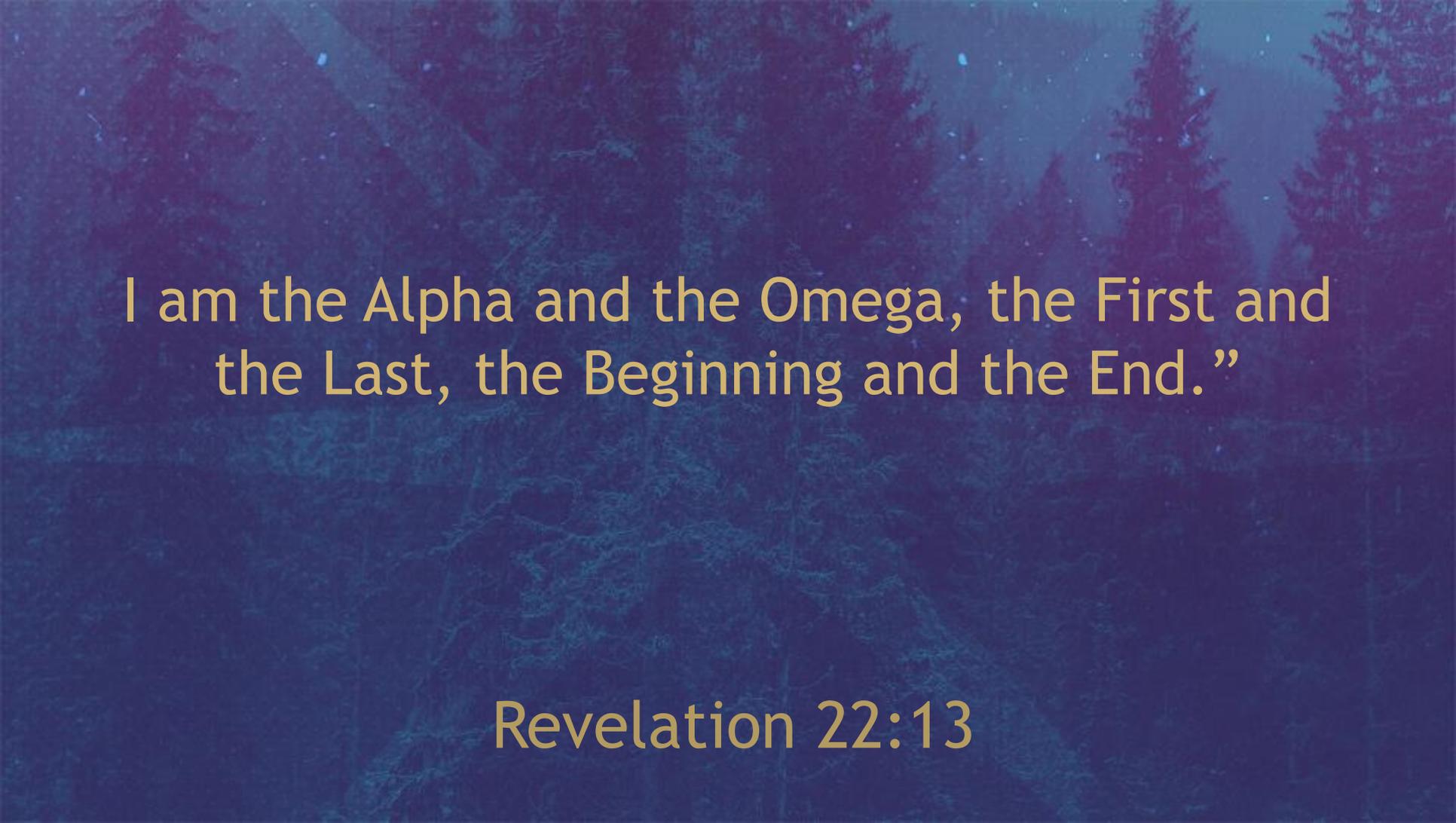
Genesis 1:1



Whenever you see “God” in the Bible, it implies the cooperative activity of the Father, Son and Spirit

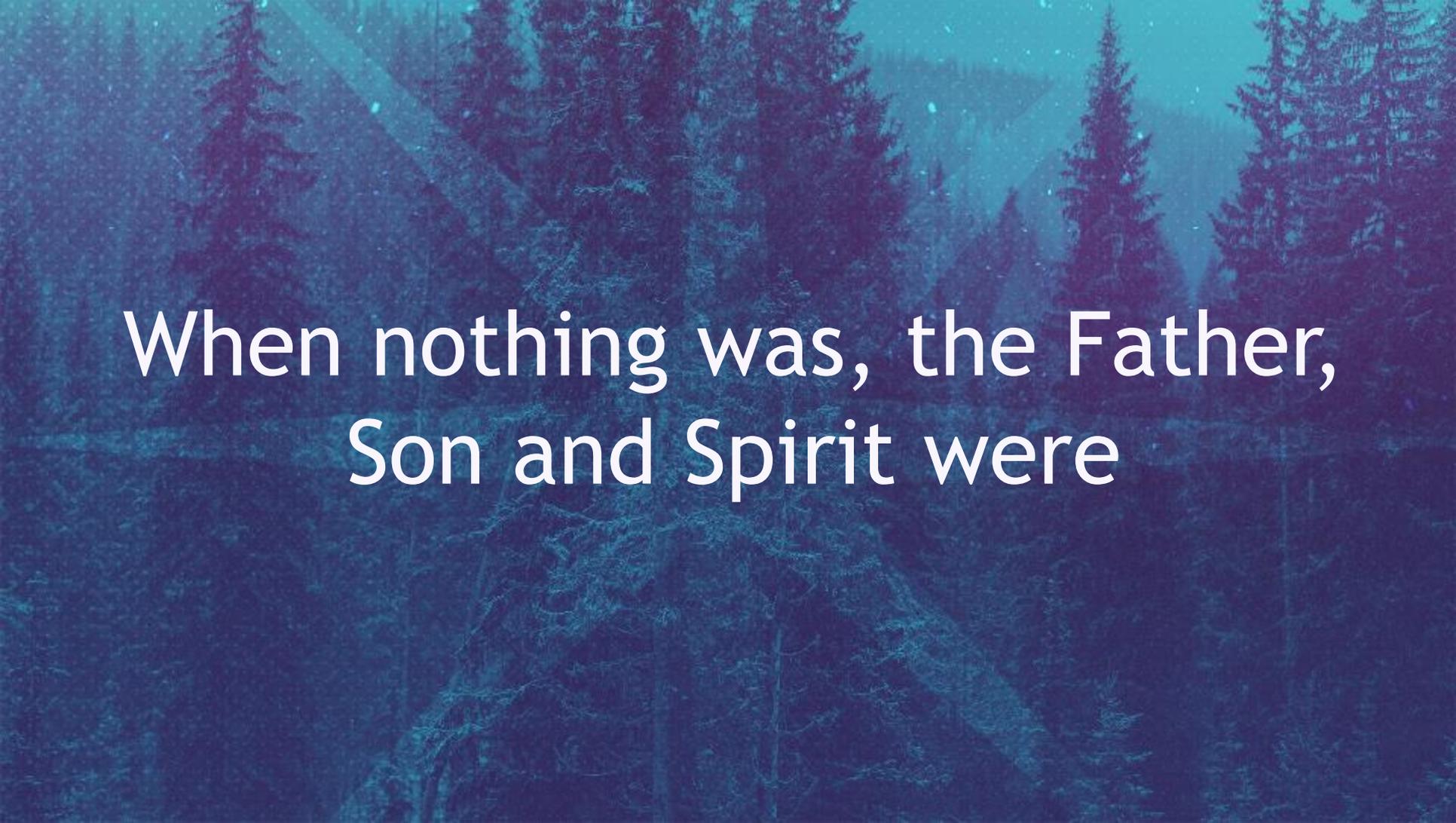
A dense forest of evergreen trees, possibly spruce or fir, is shown under a blue sky. Light rays or sunbeams are visible, and there are small white specks, likely snow or rain, falling from the sky. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

We have the opportunity to meet
our Maker in life before death



I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and
the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

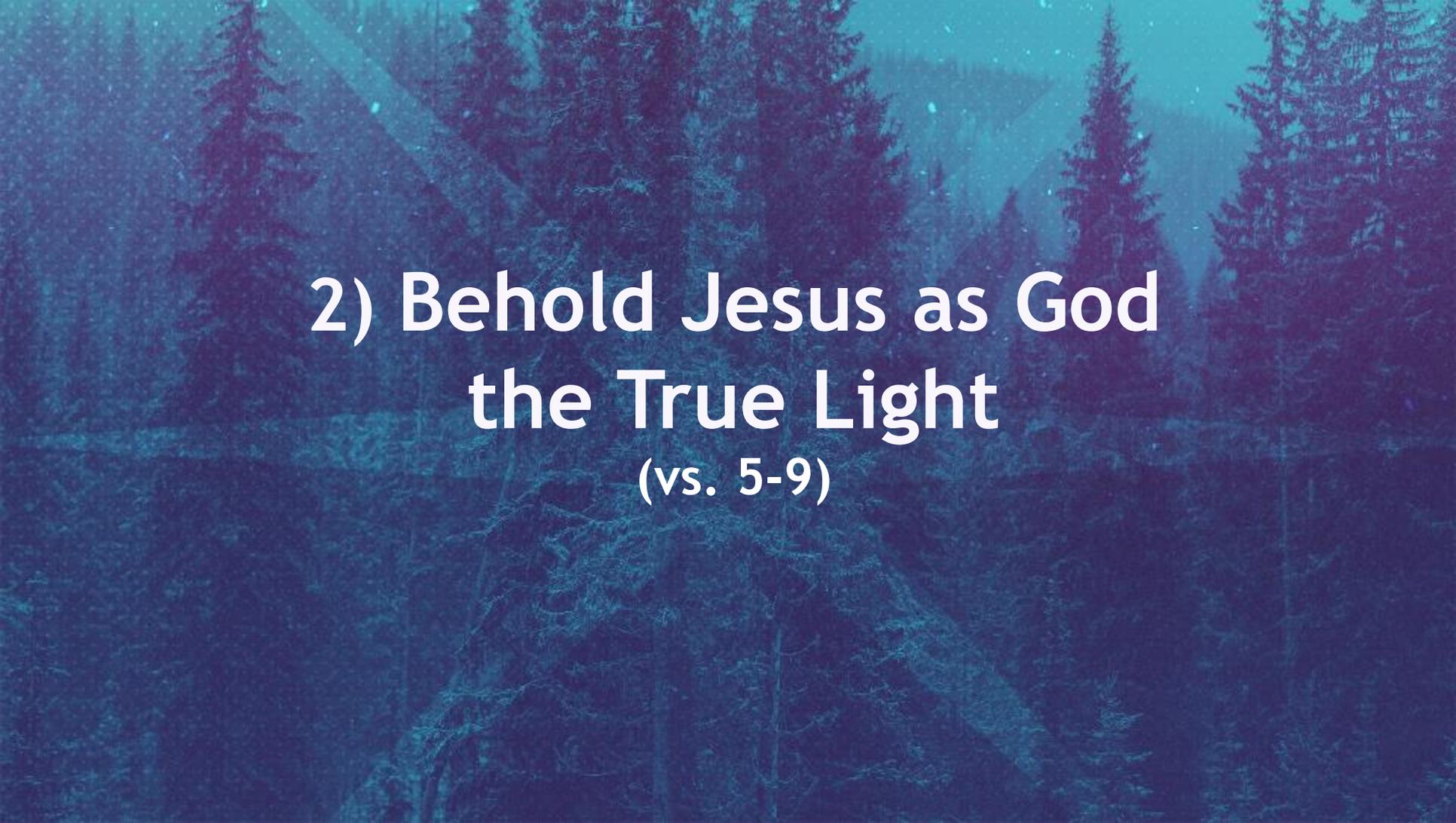
Revelation 22:13



When nothing was, the Father,
Son and Spirit were

“The creation account is primarily about God ...
The first verse also tells us that God is all-powerful. Nothing existed. Then it did. It tells us God is eternal. He existed “before” the beginning. And it tells us that God is utterly self-sufficient. He created everything from the workshop of His own mind.”

- Jonathan Leeman -
(Word Centered Church)



**2) Behold Jesus as God
the True Light
(vs. 5-9)**

⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

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John 1:5-9

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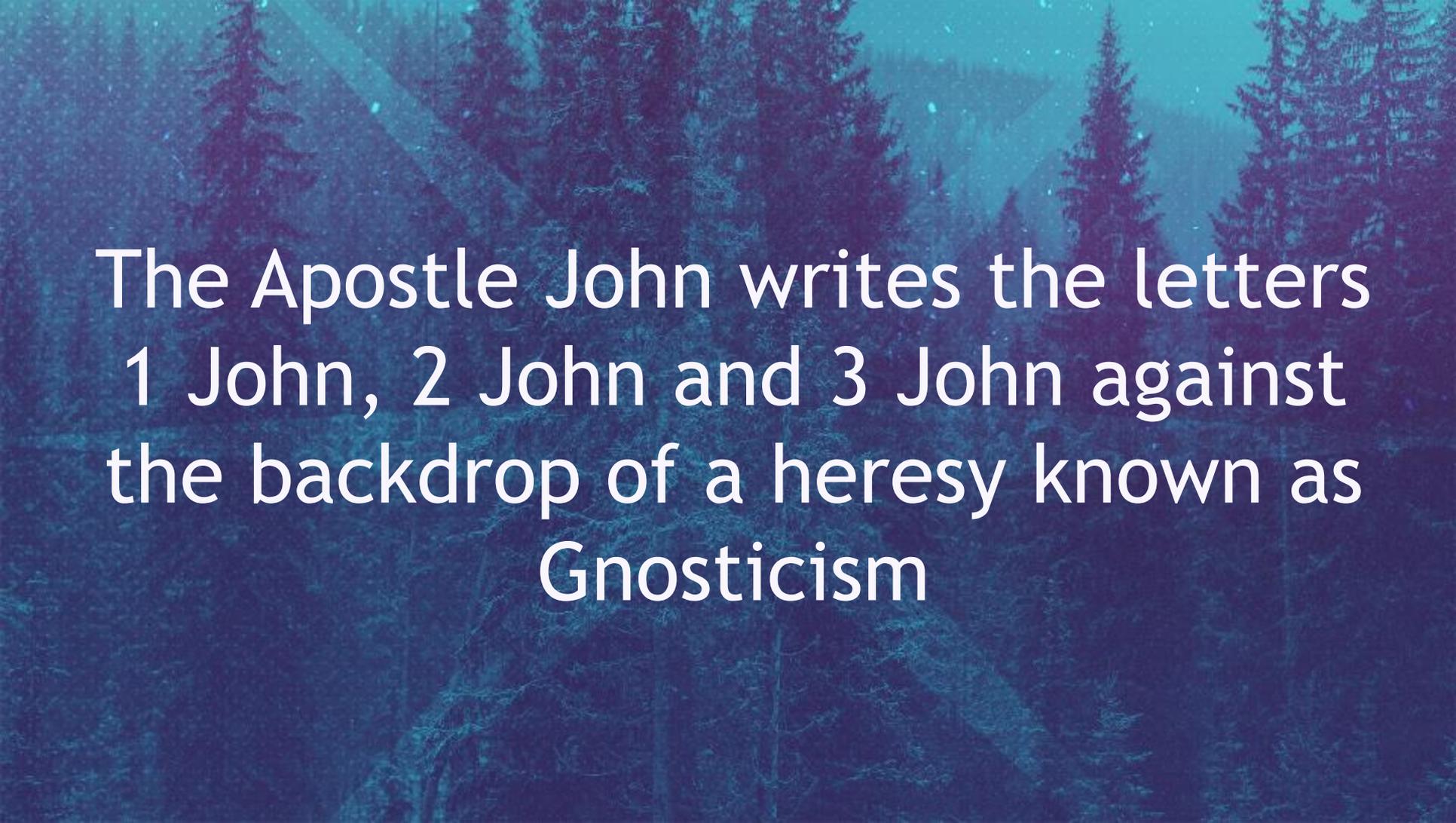
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³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:3-4

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)



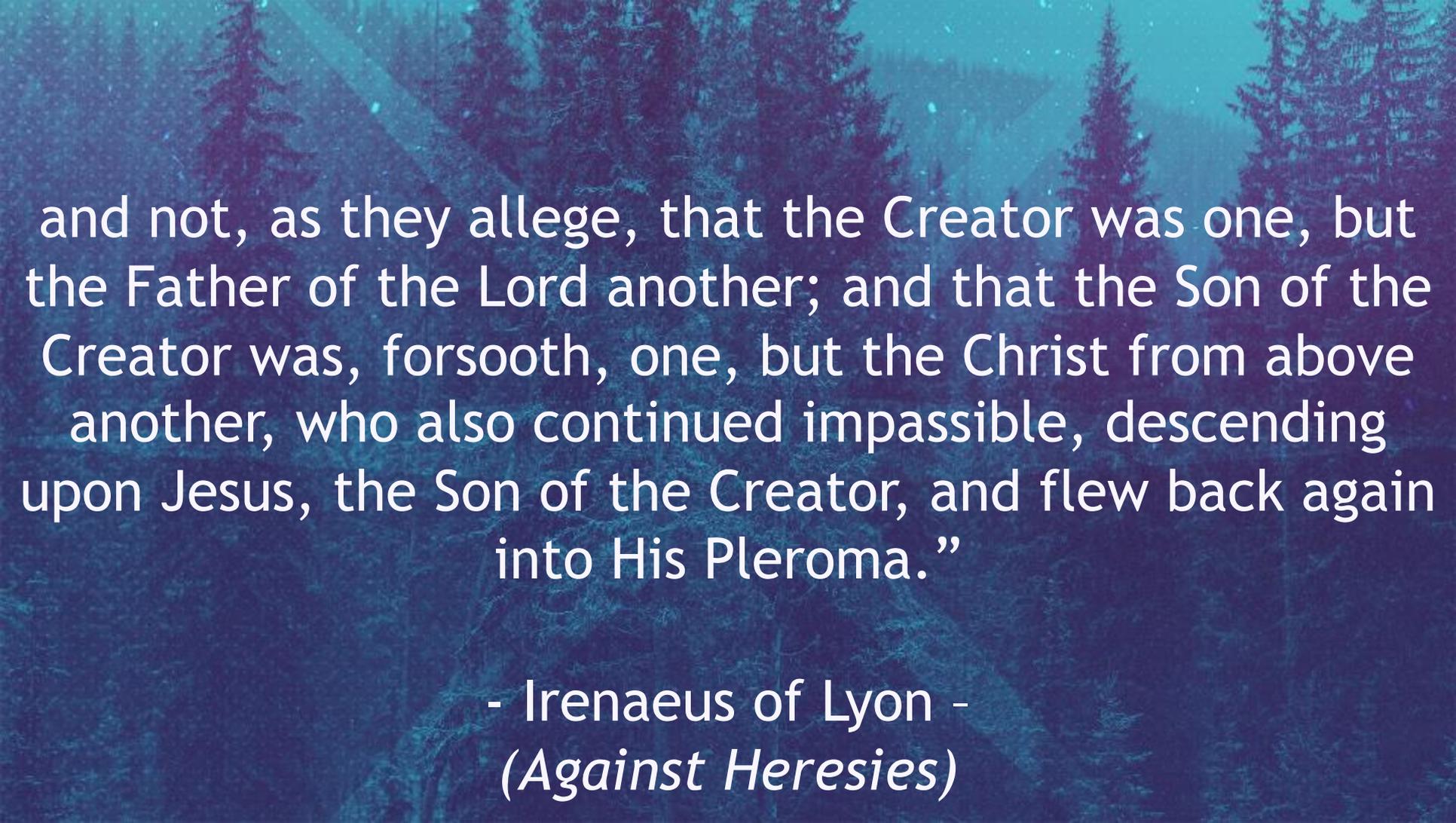
The Apostle John writes the letters
1 John, 2 John and 3 John against
the backdrop of a heresy known as
Gnosticism

A dense forest of evergreen trees, possibly spruce or fir, is shown under a blue sky. Light rays or sunbeams are visible, and there are small white specks scattered throughout, suggesting falling snow or a misty atmosphere. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue and teal.

There are too many people who
believe in a deconstructed Jesus

“John, the disciple of the Lord, preaches this faith, and seeks, by the proclamation of the Gospel, to remove that error which by Cerinthus had been disseminated among men, and a long time previously by those termed Nicolaitan, who are an offset of that knowledge falsely so called, that he might confound them, and persuade them that there is but one God, who made all things by His Word;

- Irenaeus of Lyon -
(Against Heresies)



and not, as they allege, that the Creator was one, but the Father of the Lord another; and that the Son of the Creator was, forsooth, one, but the Christ from above another, who also continued impassible, descending upon Jesus, the Son of the Creator, and flew back again into His Pleroma.”

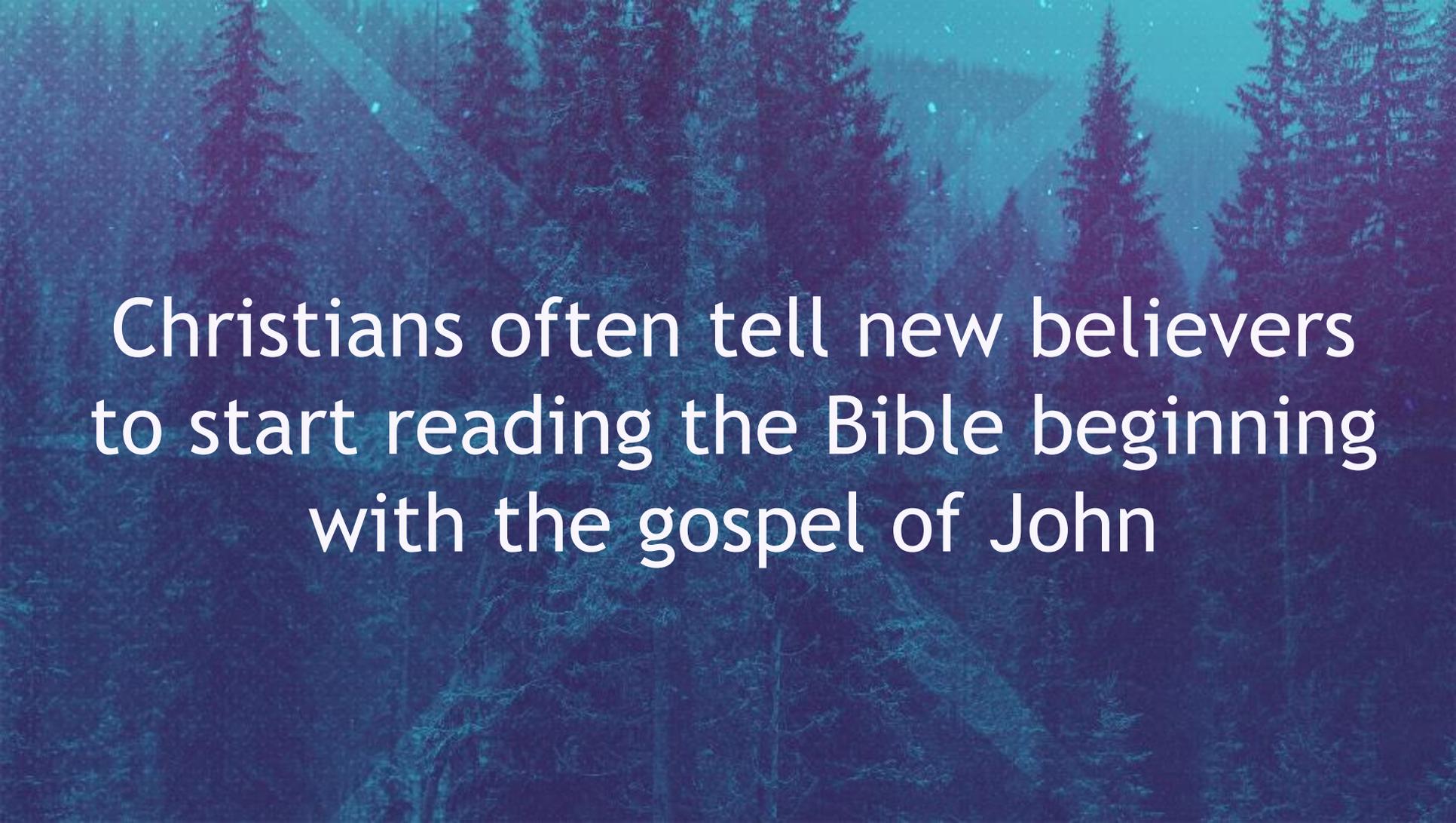
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⁷ I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

2 John 1:7



We will have unique
opportunities to present a case
for Christ this Christmas



Christians often tell new believers
to start reading the Bible beginning
with the gospel of John



**3) Behold Jesus as God
in the Flesh**
(vs. 10-14)

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 1:10-14

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:10-14

A dense forest of evergreen trees, likely spruce or fir, is shown under a blue sky with falling snow. The trees are dark green and densely packed, creating a thick canopy. The sky is a deep blue, and small white specks represent falling snow. The overall scene is serene and wintry.

A) Glory

- 18 Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”
- 19 And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
- 20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

Exodus 33:18-20

A dense forest of evergreen trees, possibly spruce or fir, with a blue and purple color overlay. The trees are tall and thin, with some snow or frost on their branches. The background is a soft, hazy blue, suggesting a misty or snowy day. The overall mood is serene and quiet.

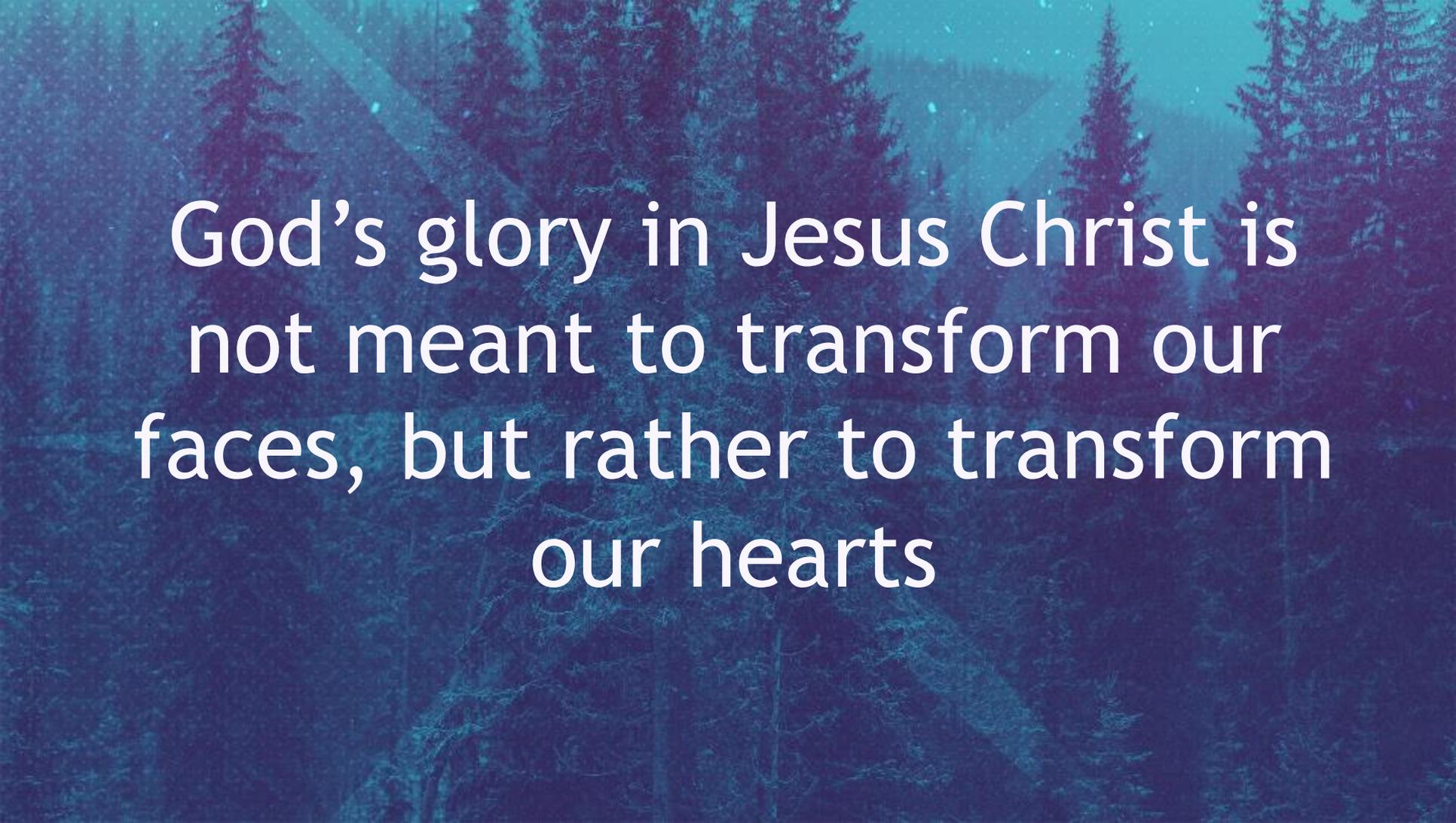
Exodus anticipates a day when
we will see God face to face

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

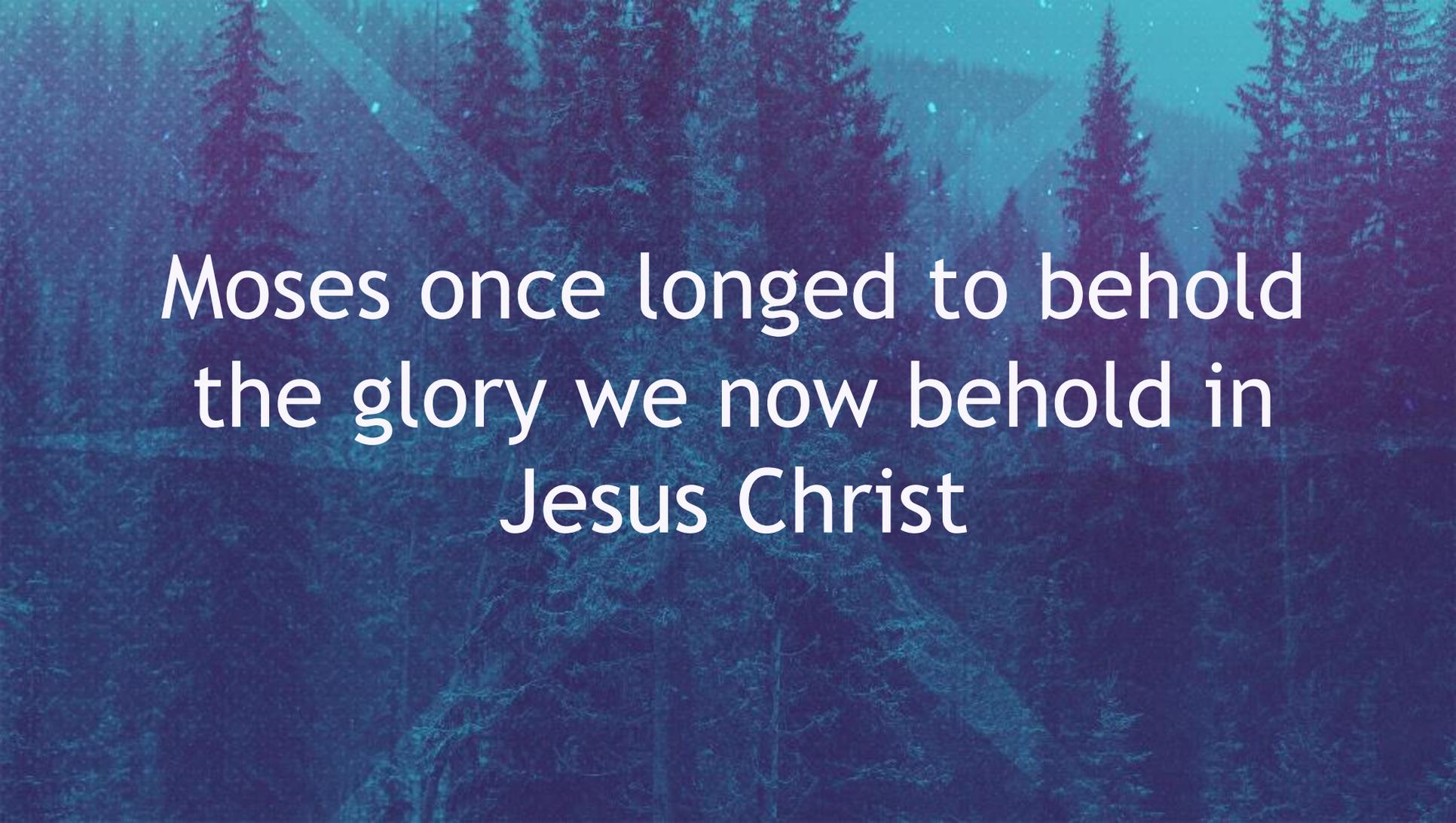
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

¹⁵ Even to this day when *Moses* is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

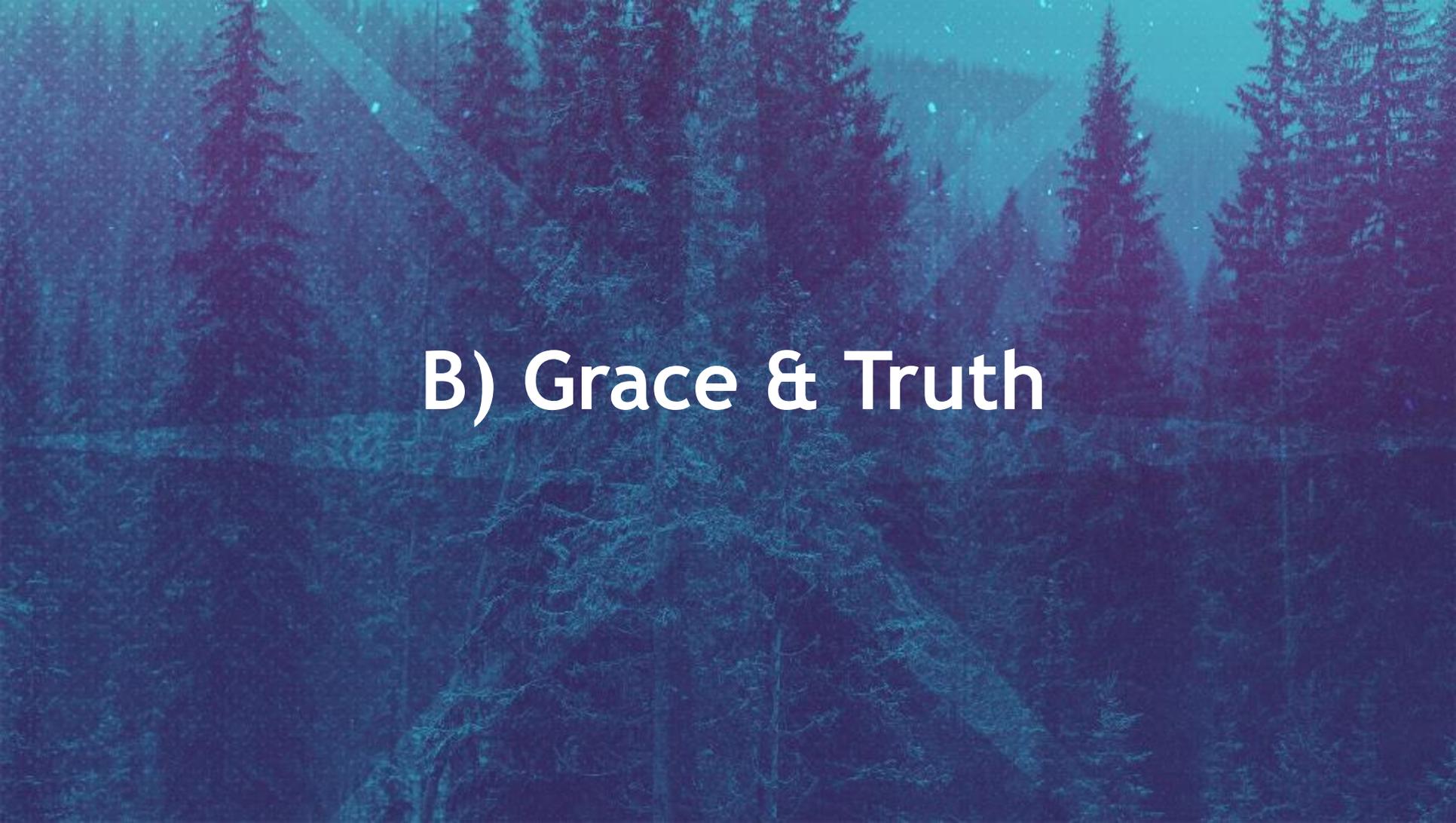
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God's glory in Jesus Christ is
not meant to transform our
faces, but rather to transform
our hearts



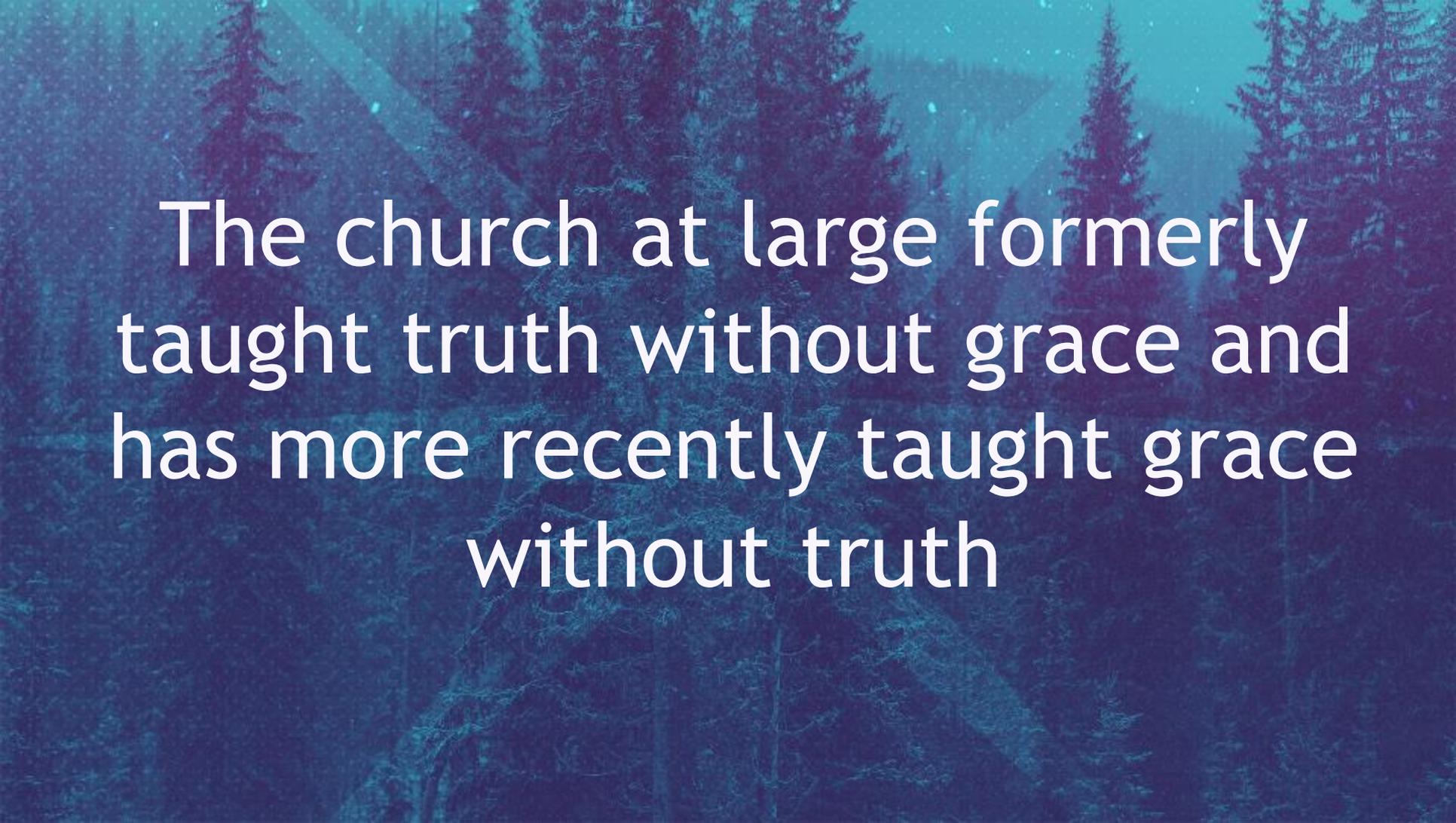
Moses once longed to behold
the glory we now behold in
Jesus Christ

A dense forest of evergreen trees, possibly spruce or fir, filling the frame. The scene is bathed in a deep blue light, with rays of light filtering through the canopy from the top. The overall mood is serene and somewhat ethereal.

B) Grace & Truth

¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:16-17

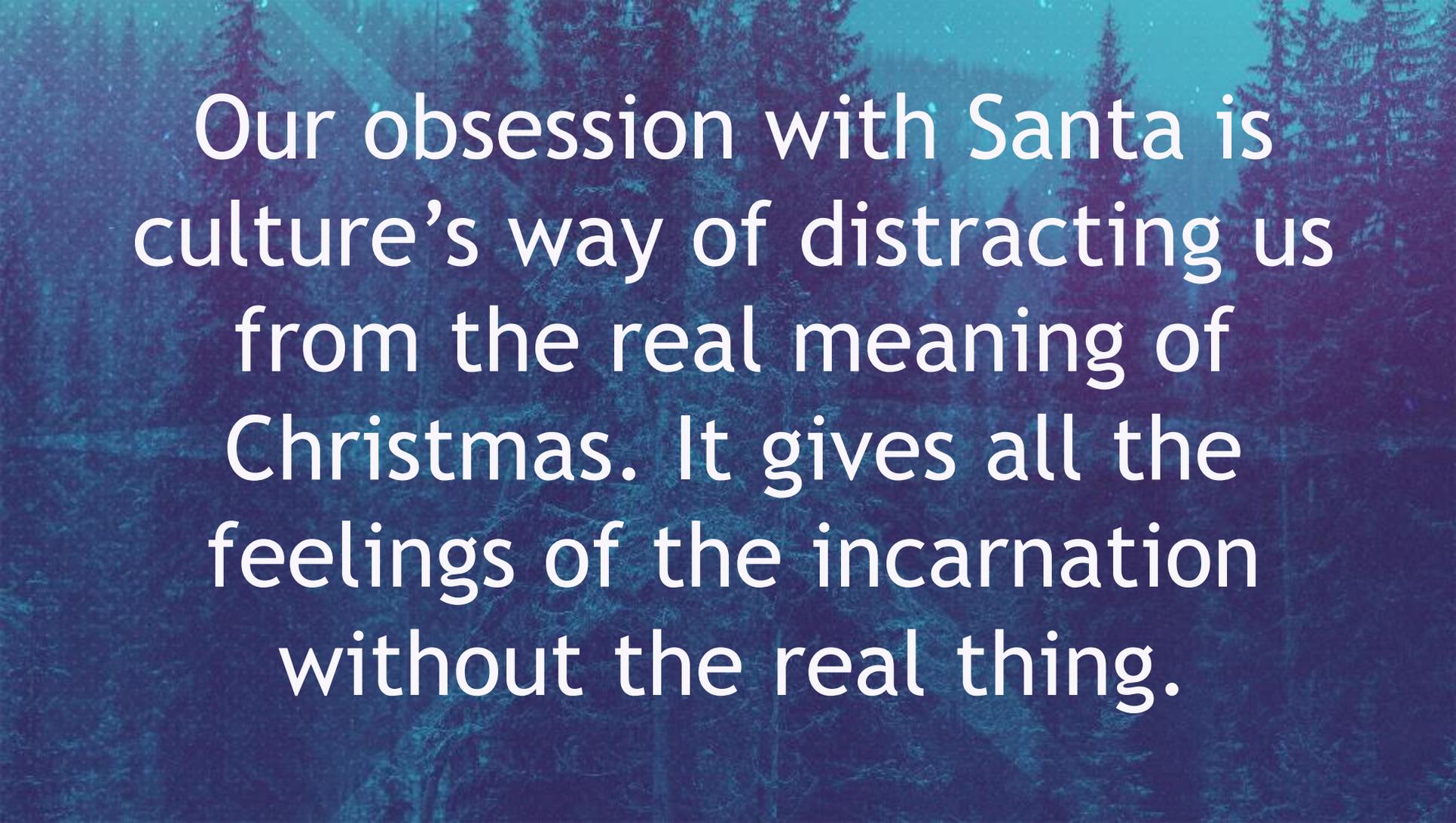


The church at large formerly
taught truth without grace and
has more recently taught grace
without truth



Jesus' conflict management
strategy was grace and truth





Our obsession with Santa is culture's way of distracting us from the real meaning of Christmas. It gives all the feelings of the incarnation without the real thing.

³⁰ Jesus performed many other 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 Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31



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