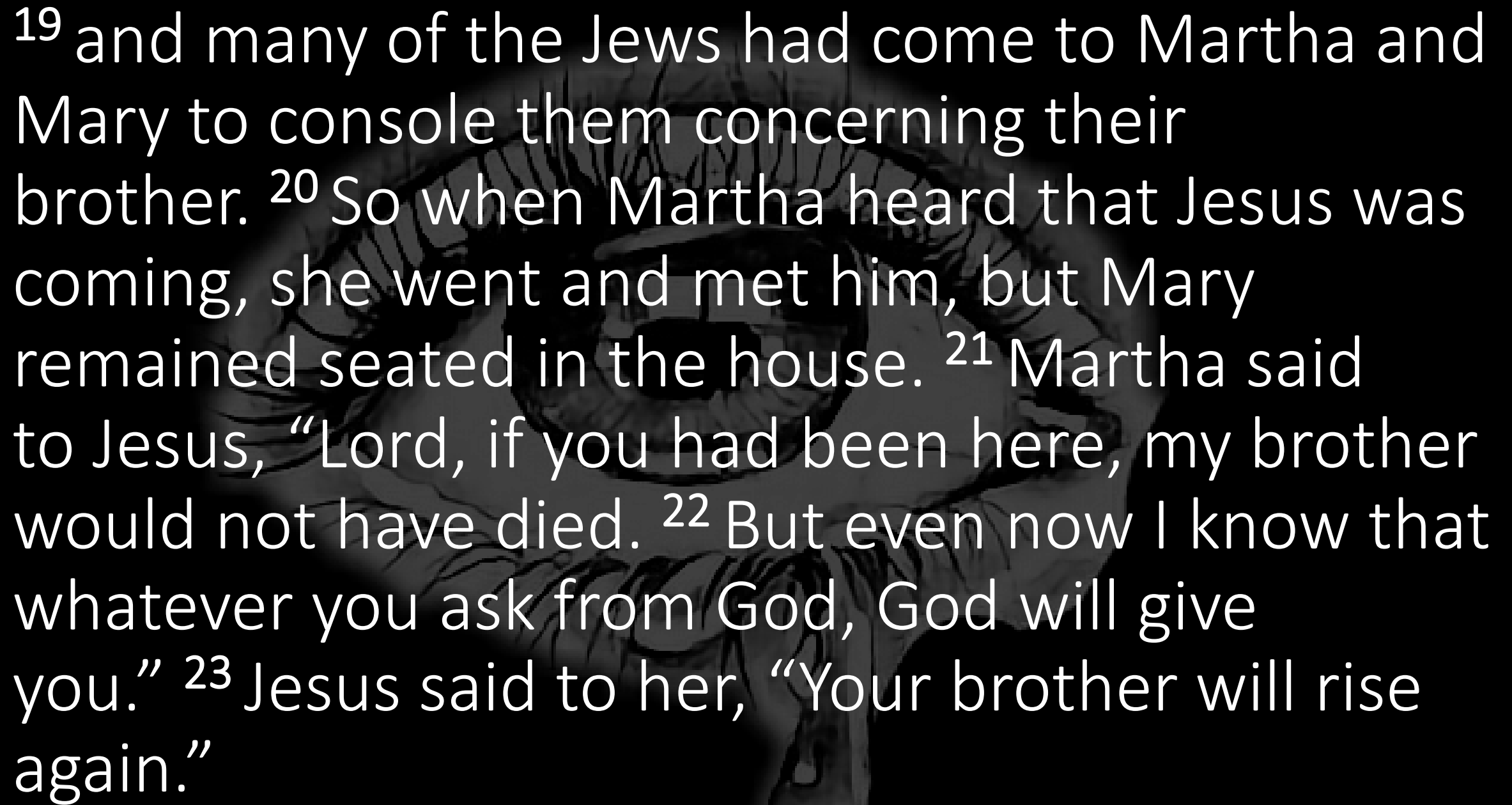


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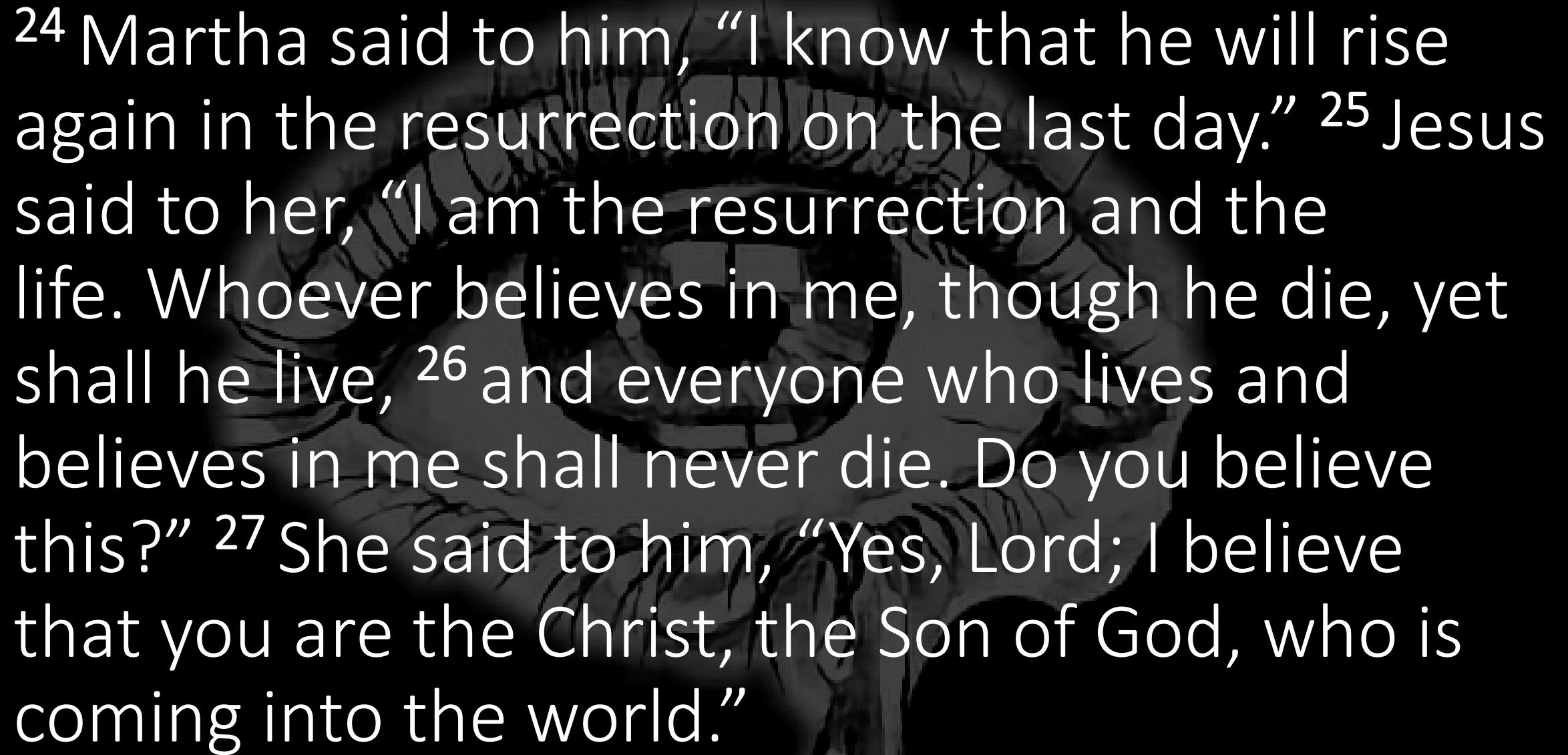
How Will You Live?

Mary & Martha: Hope &  
Comfort for those who Grieve

*John 11:19-44*



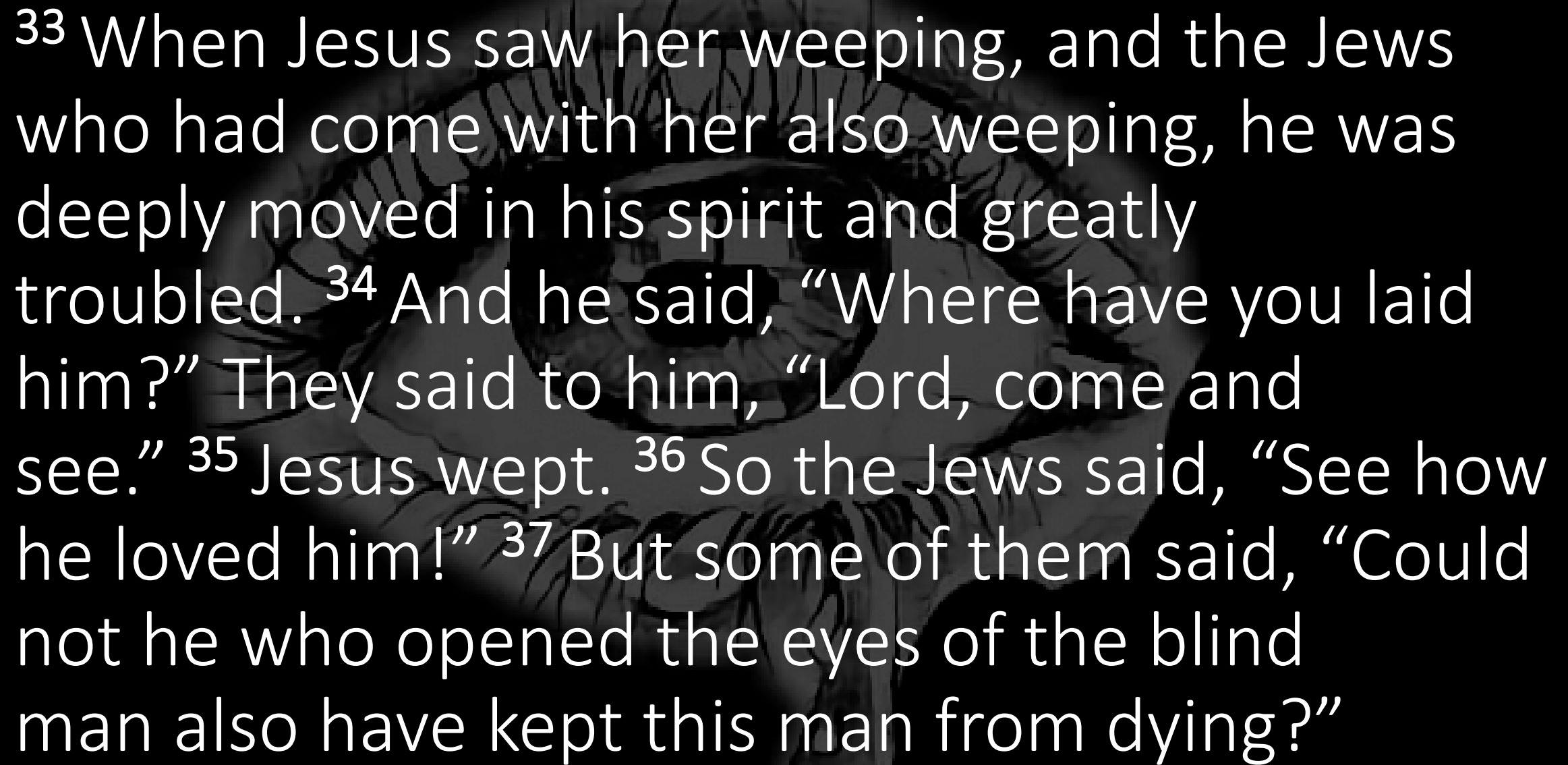
<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”



<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

# Jesus Weeps

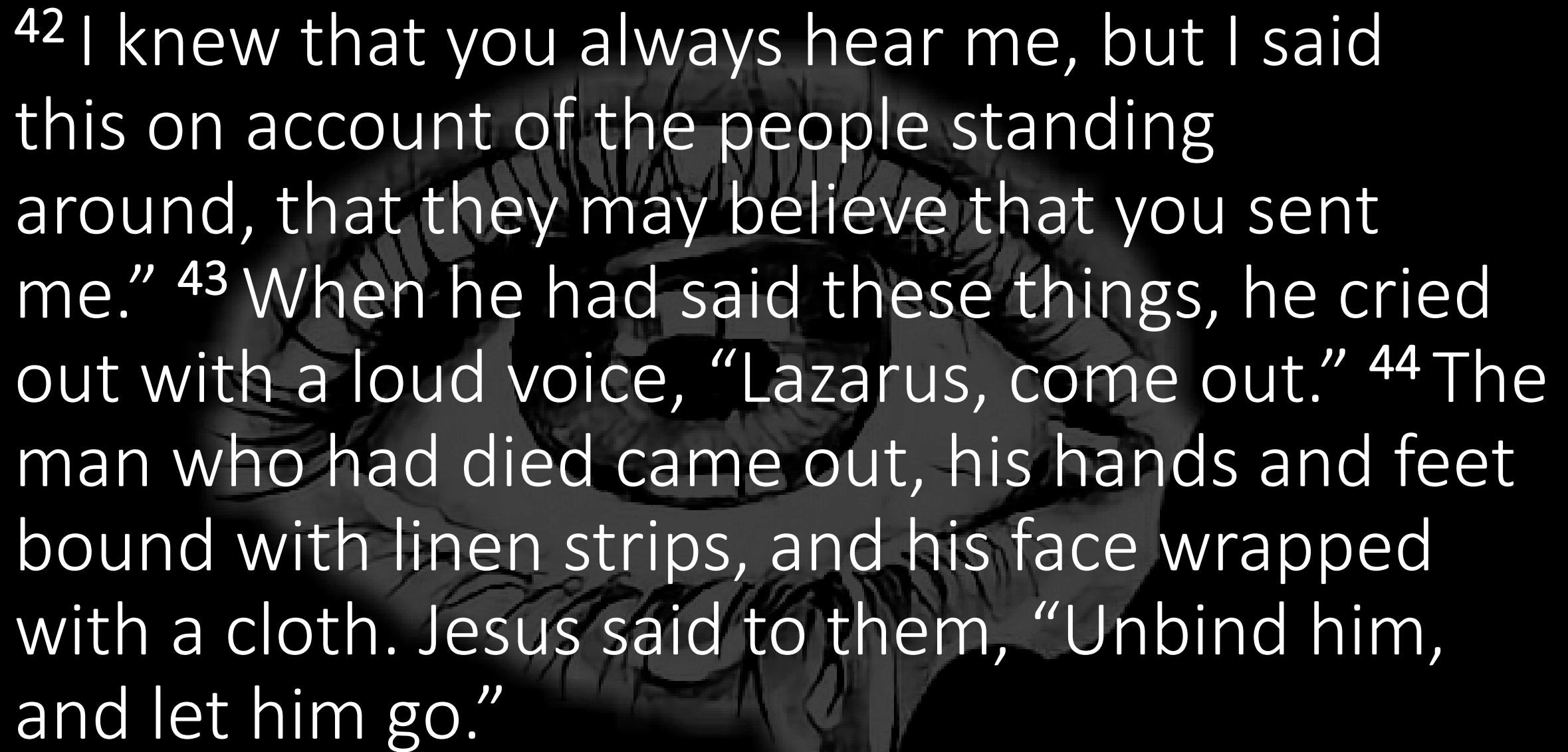
<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.



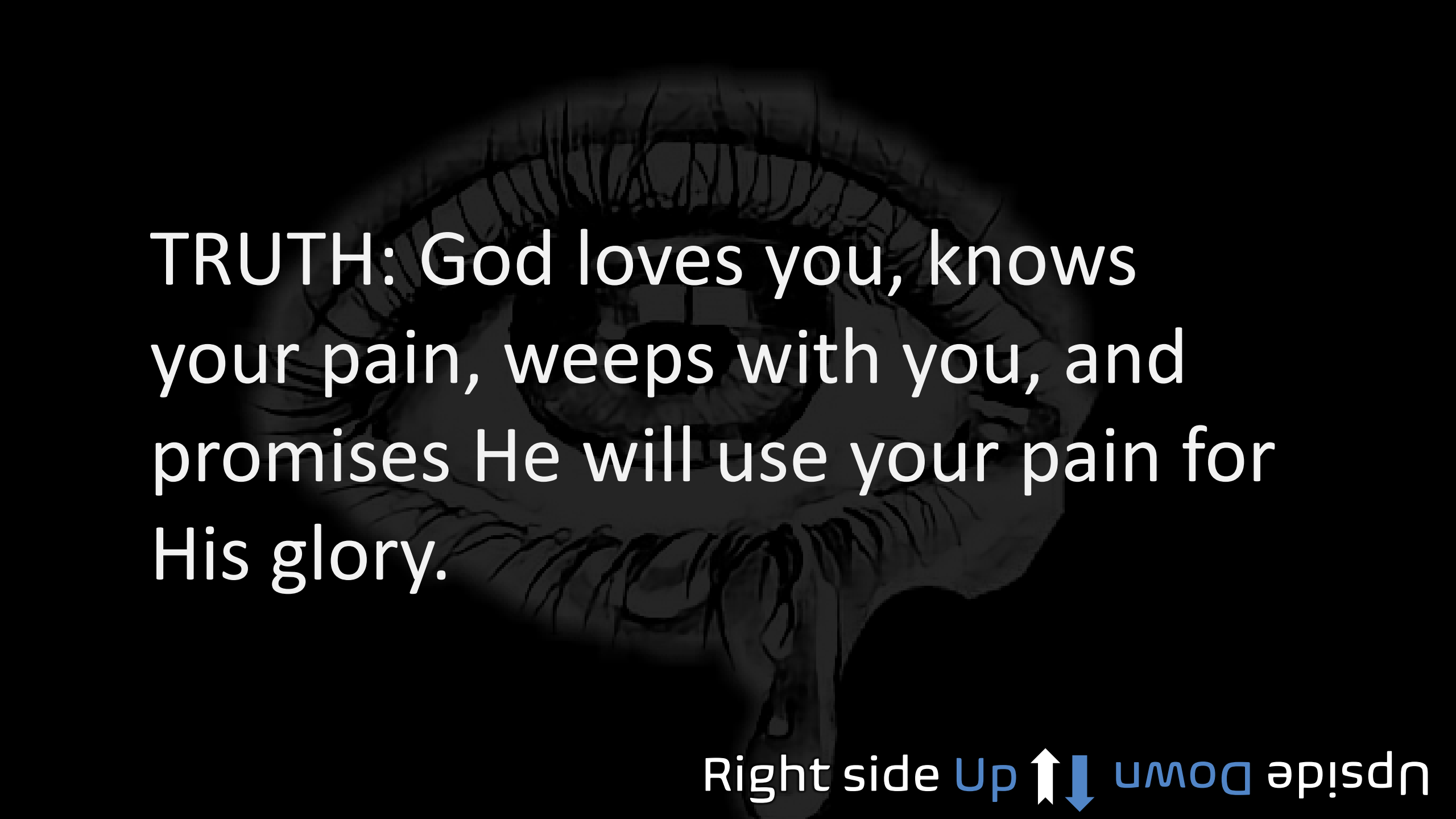
<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

## Jesus Raises Lazarus

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.



42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”



TRUTH: God loves you, knows  
your pain, weeps with you, and  
promises He will use your pain for  
His glory.

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# Why does God allow death & suffering?

1. Original sin brought death to all mankind
2. God allows free will and sometimes we suffer from other people's choices
3. God tells us we will suffer as His children, but He is still with us and in control

# Does everyone grieve the same?

1. We all experience various stages of grief: Martha was angry & questioned Jesus; Mary was heartbroken and wept to Jesus
2. We all grieve differently depending on your proximity to loss and the circumstances of it

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# How Can God Heal My Pain?

1. He asks you to believe His promises
2. He knows your pain and grieves with you
3. He knew you would be right where you are now, and He has already made provision for it

3. He knew you would be right where you are now, and He has already made provision for it

- His love for you never changes even though your circumstances do
- His promises never change even though your life does
- He allows everything that happens in your life to bring Him glory including your pain

# BOTTOM LINE

God offers help through the Holy Spirit, His Word, and His people. God offers hope for eternity after we leave this temporary life.

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