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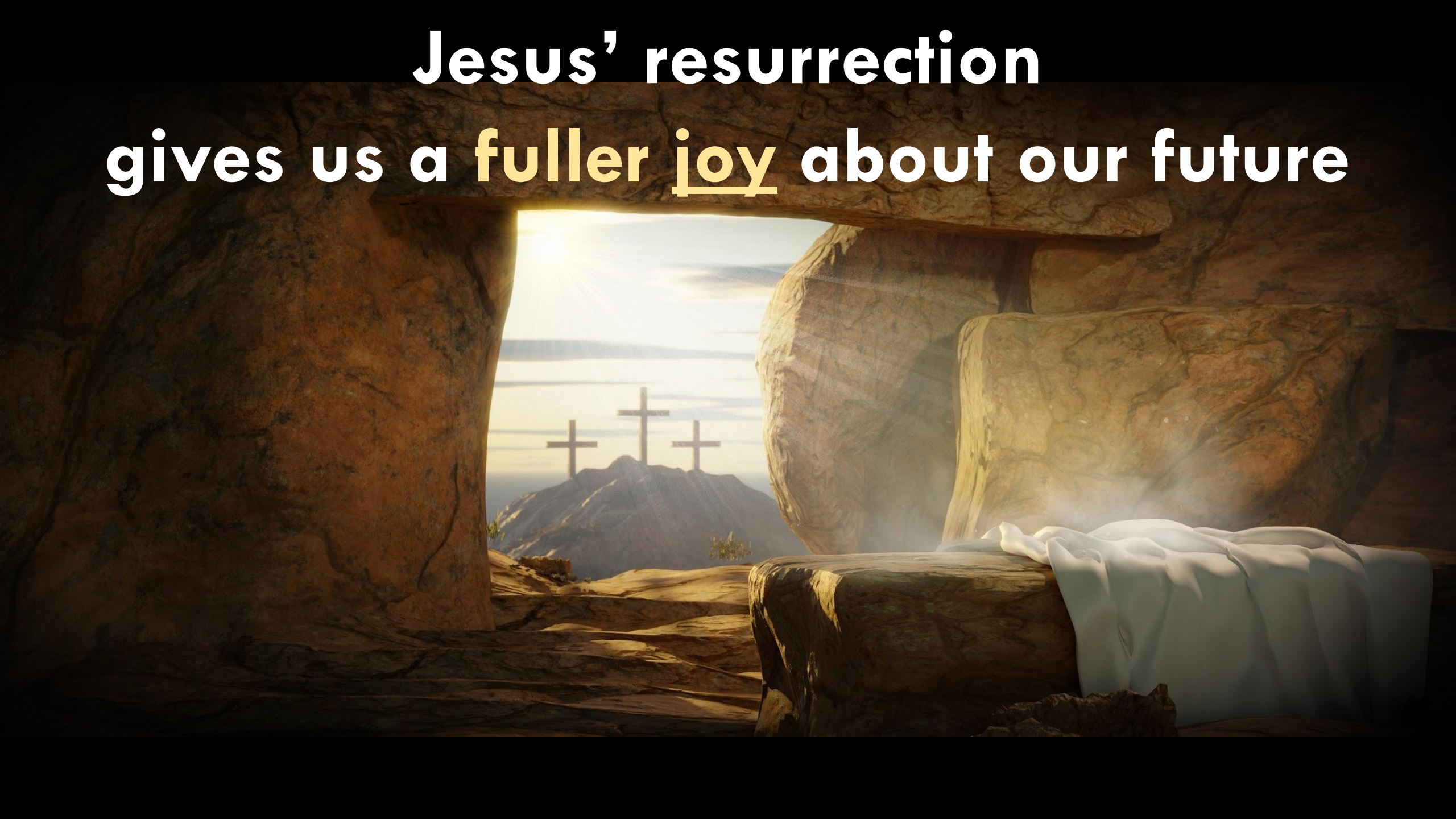


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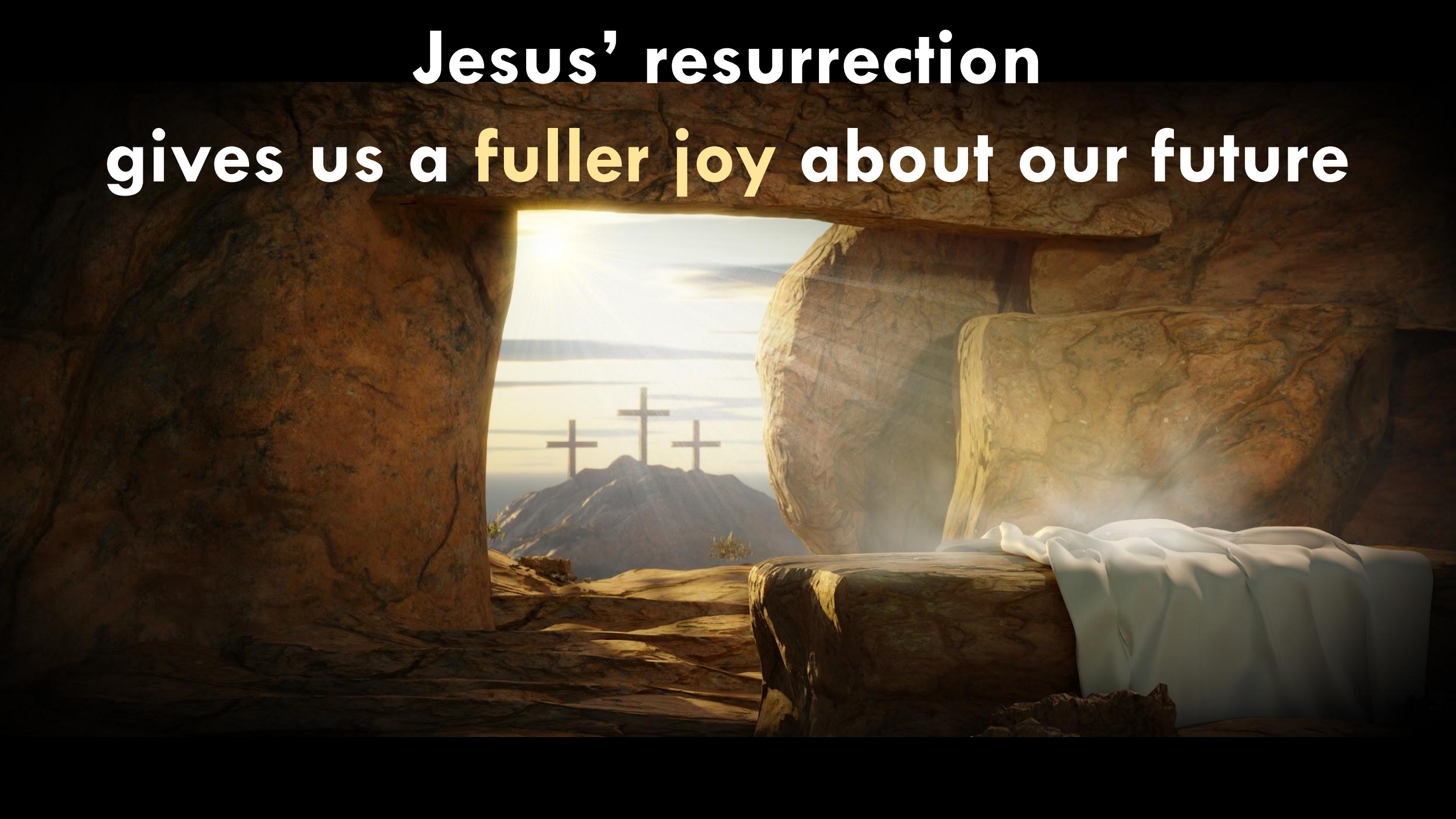
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Body Image



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- Hebrews 9.27 (NLT)
- each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment



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- John 11.25-26 (CSB)

- Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”



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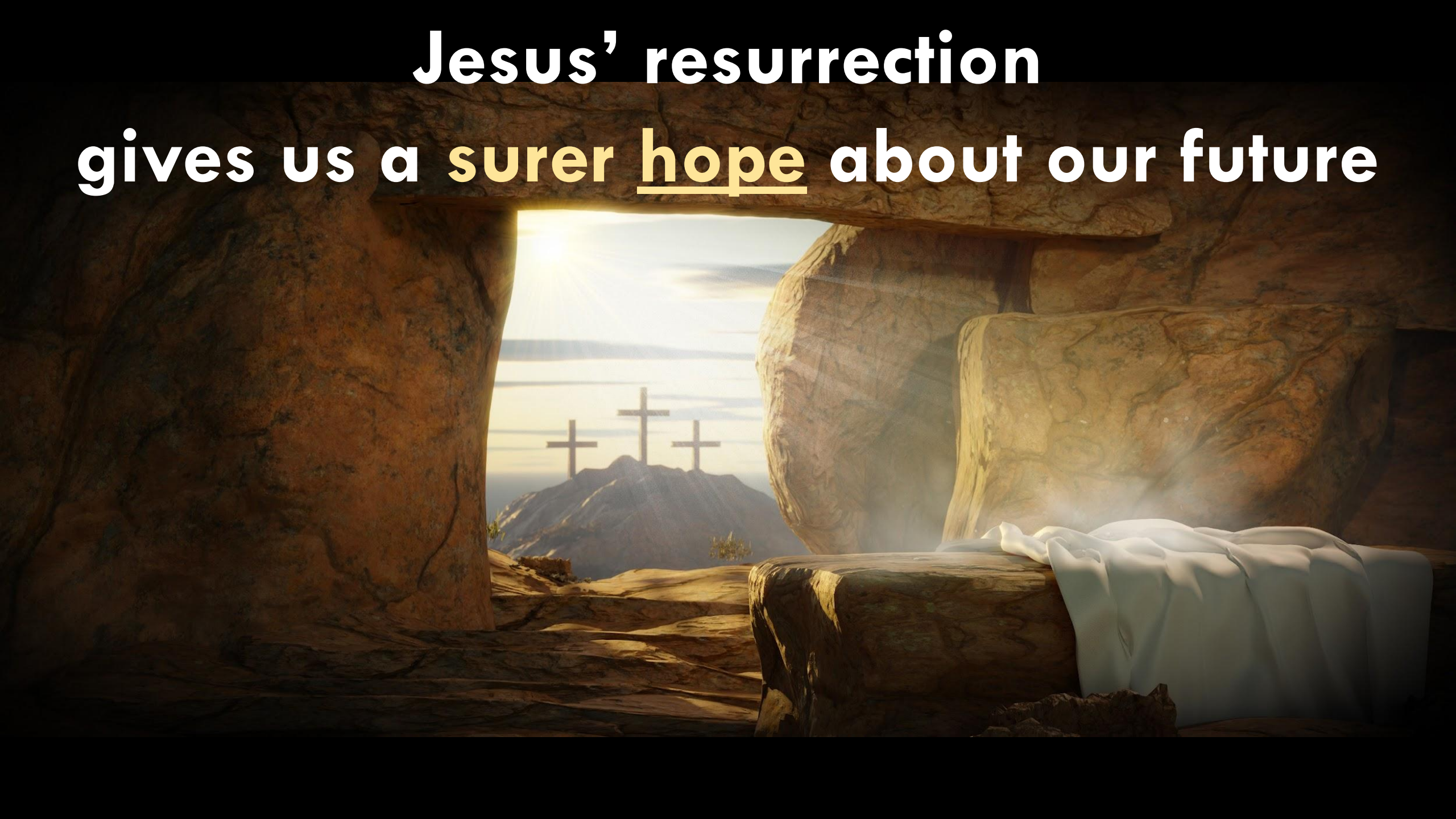
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Matthew 10.28

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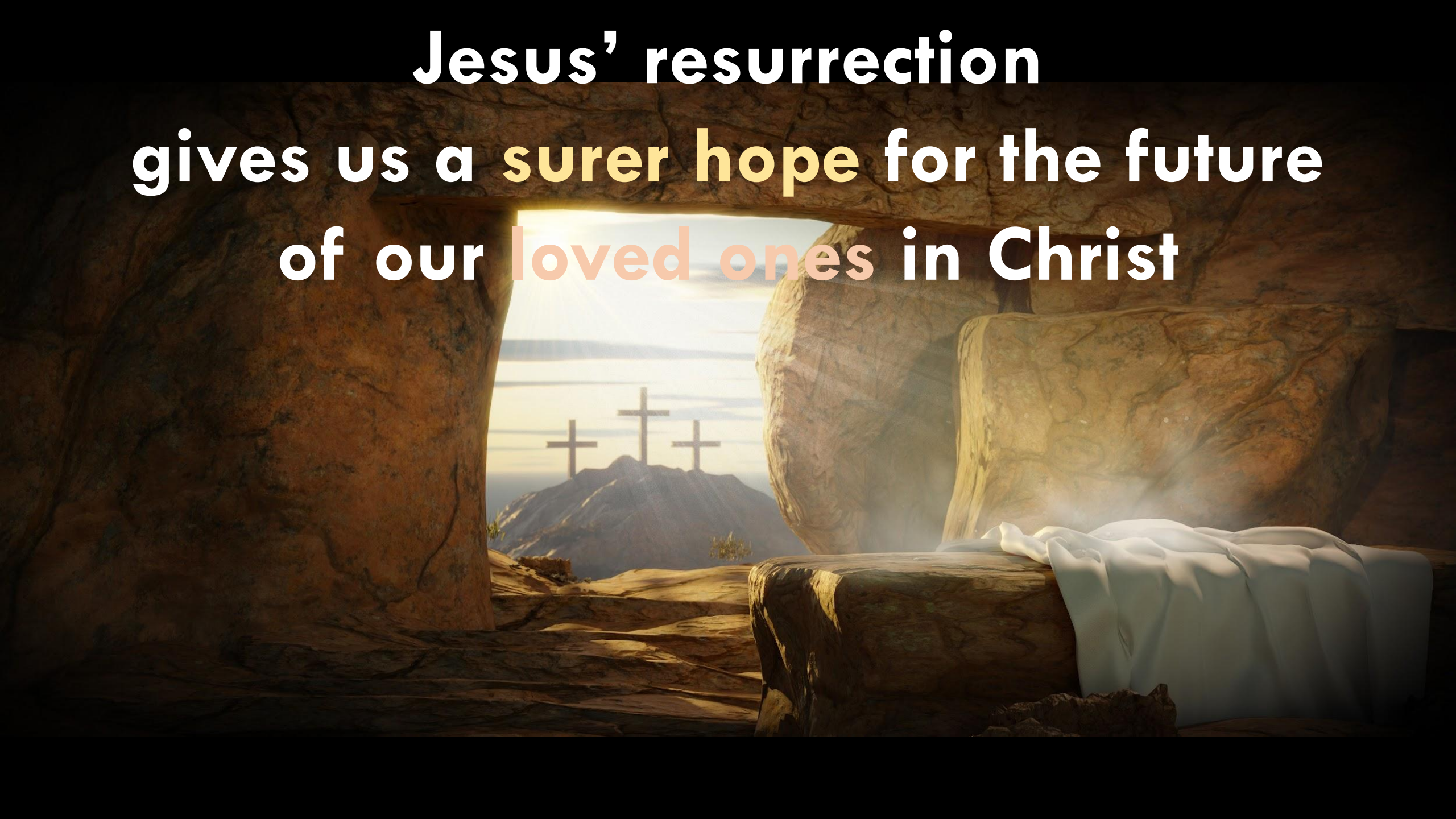




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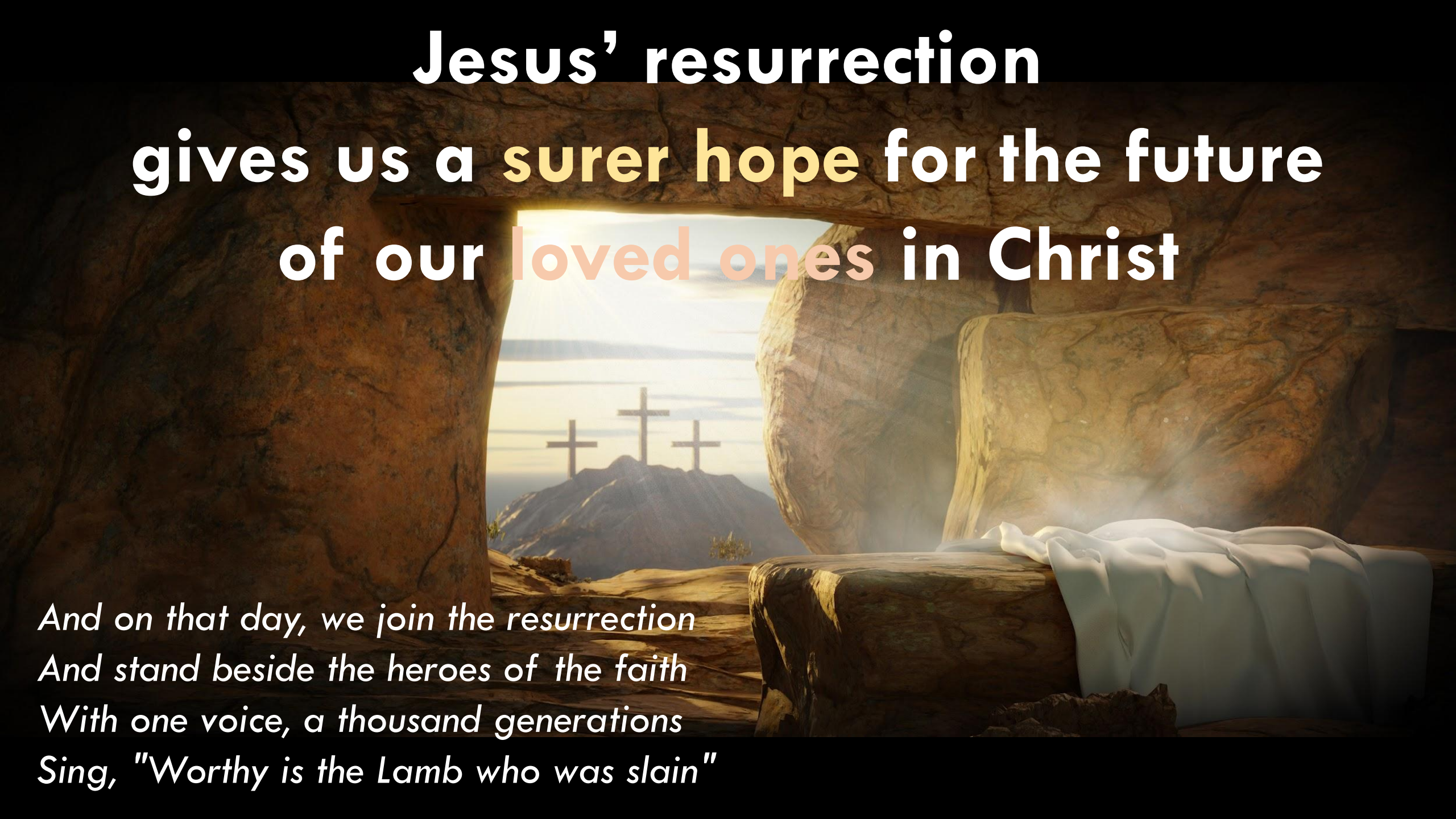
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*And on that day, we join the resurrection
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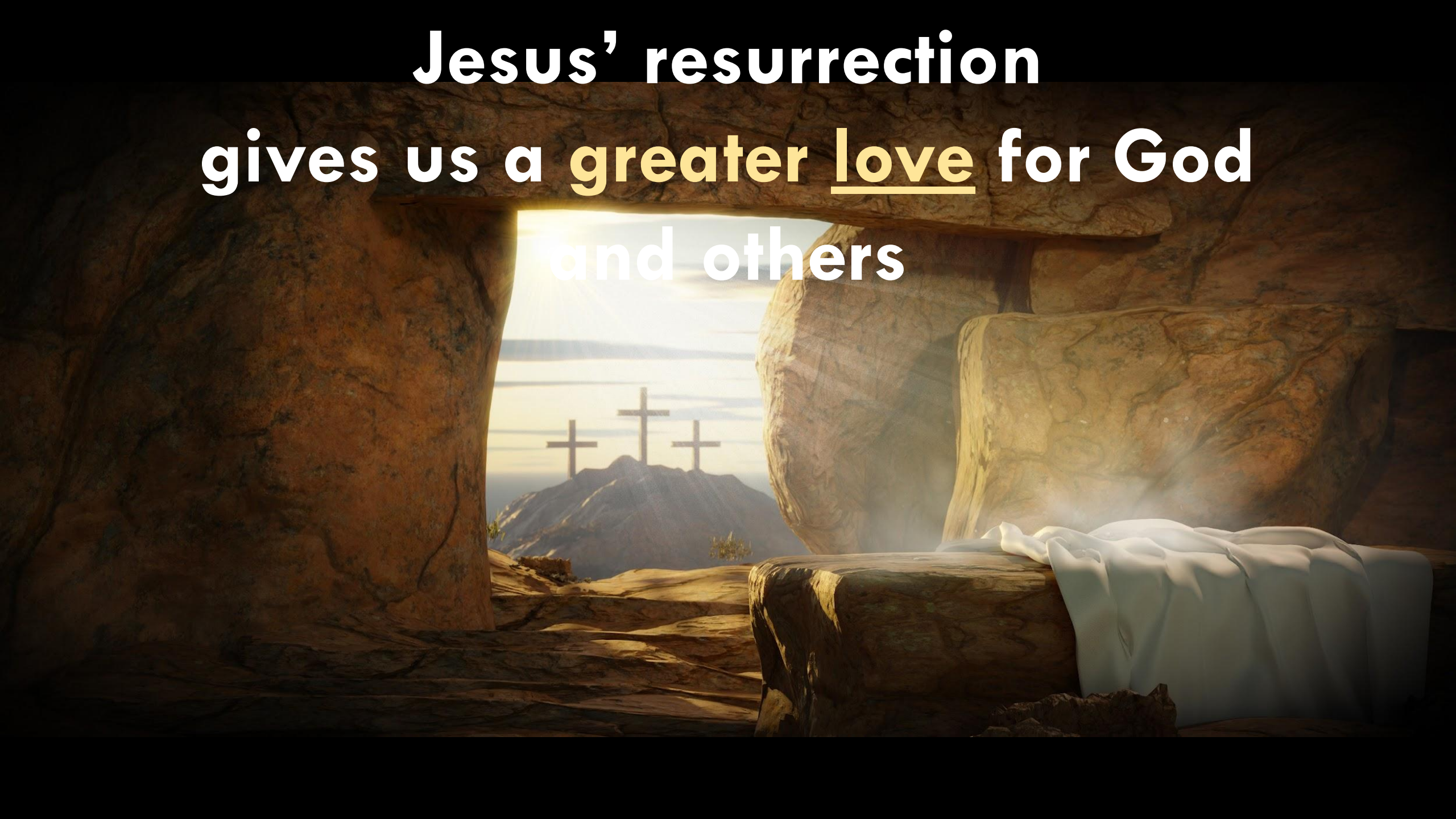
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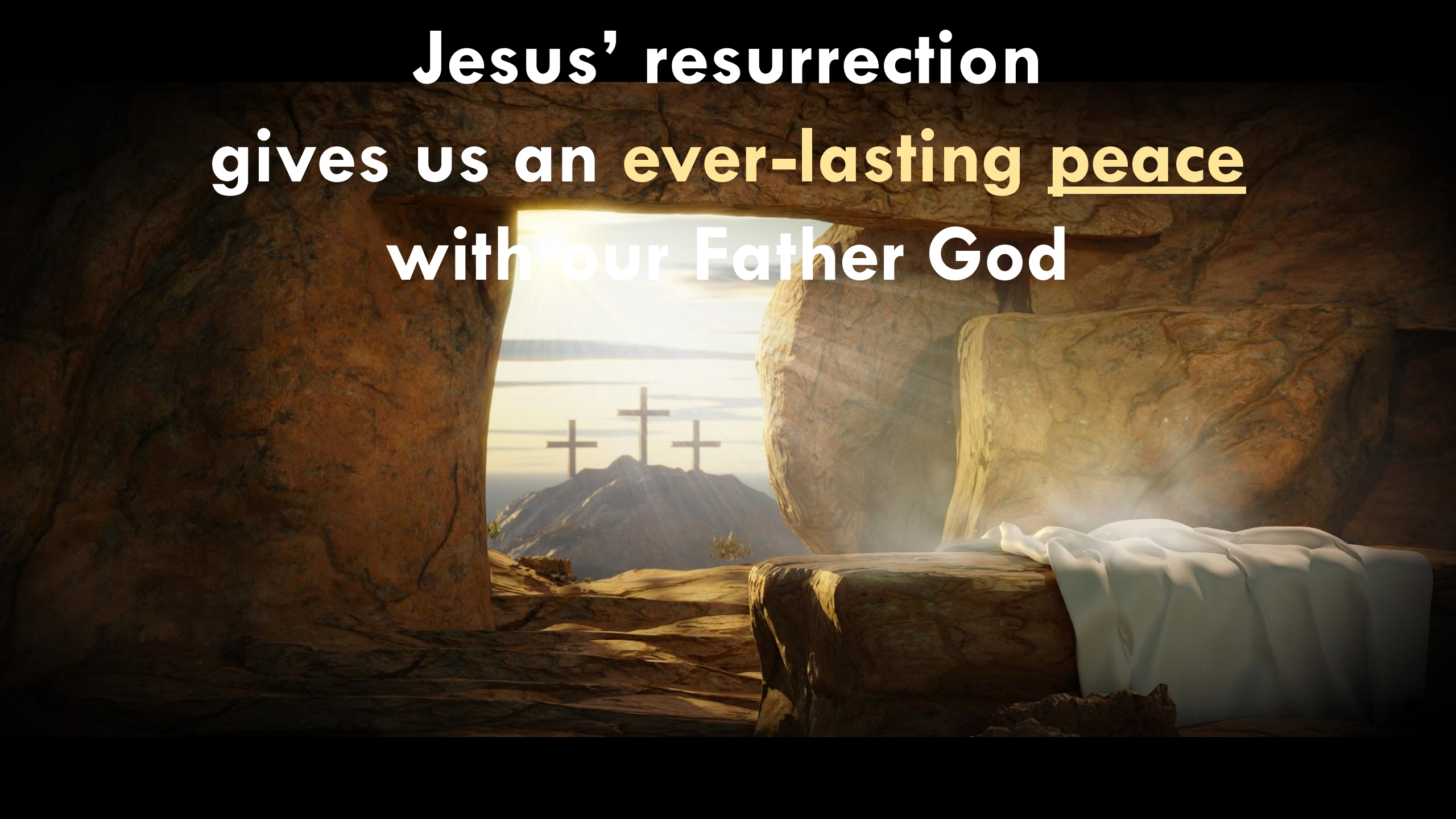
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1 John 1 (NLT)

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