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JESUS FULFILLS Old Testament Prophecy

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12



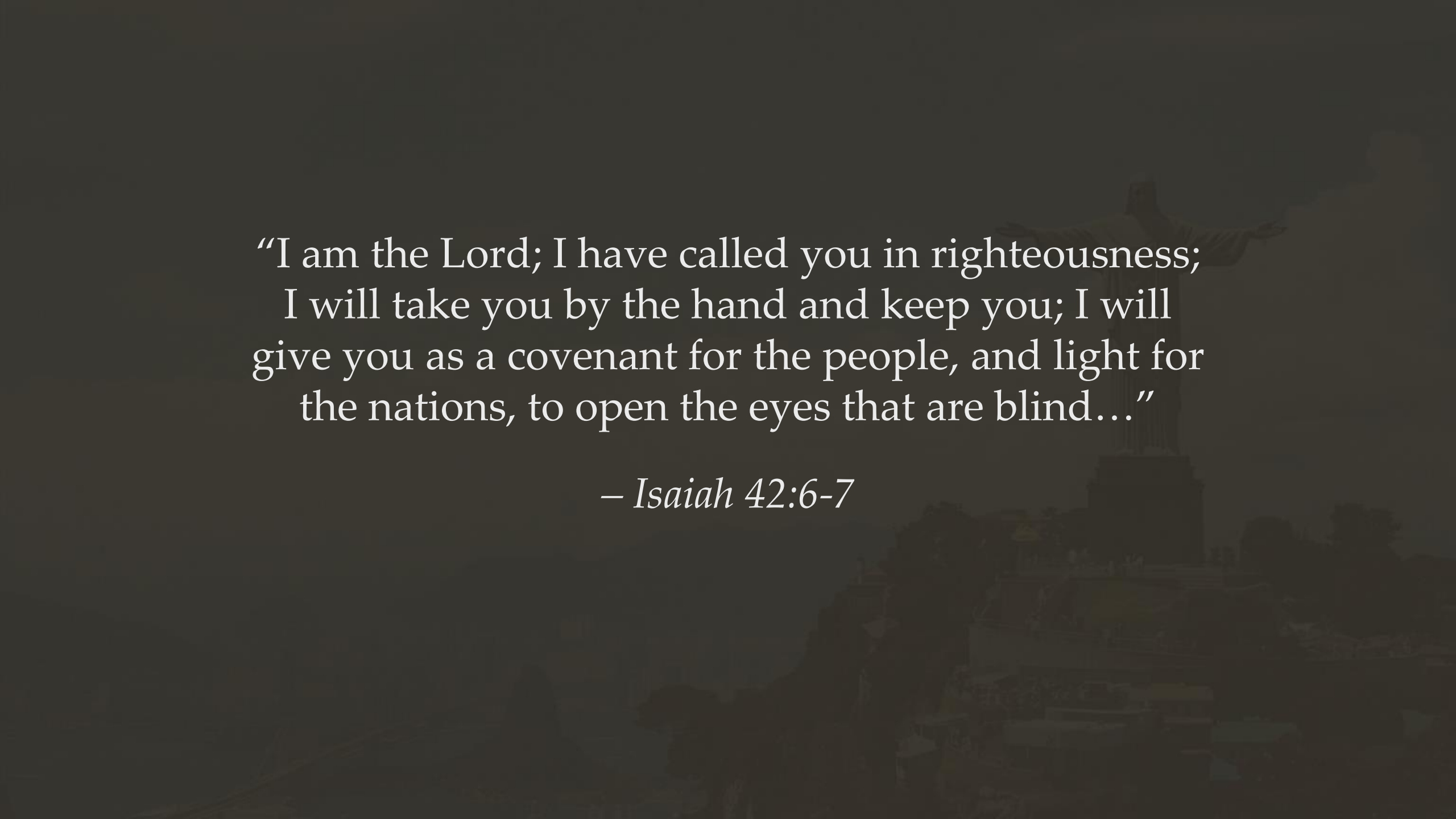
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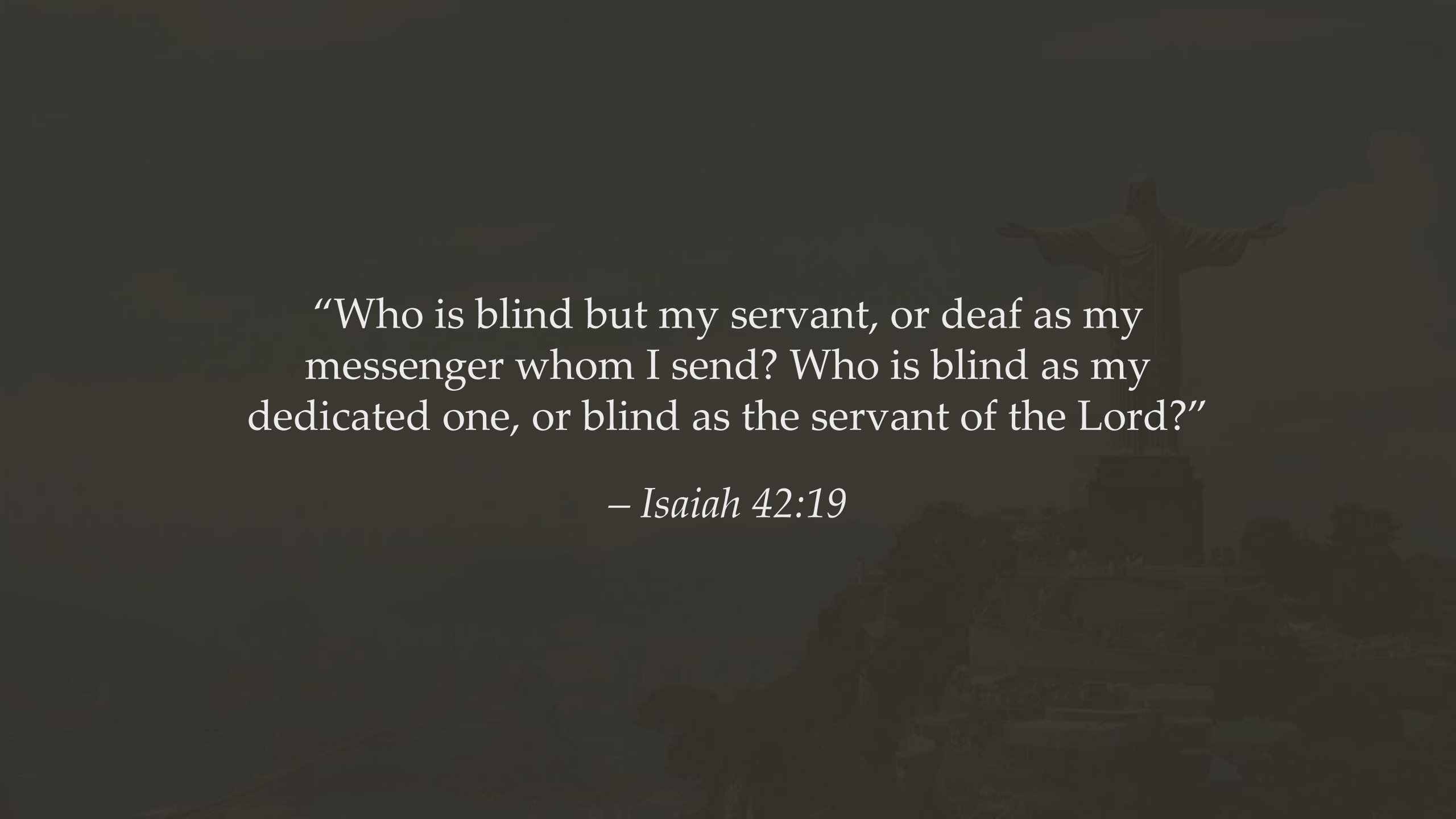
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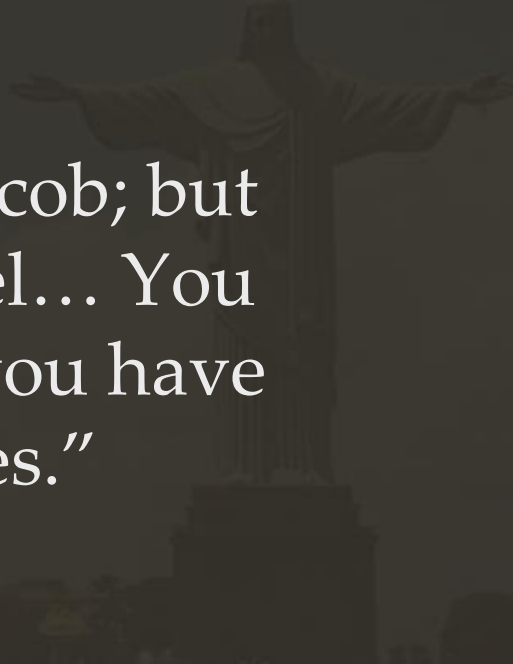
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“Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord?”

– *Isaiah 42:19*



“Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel... You have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.”

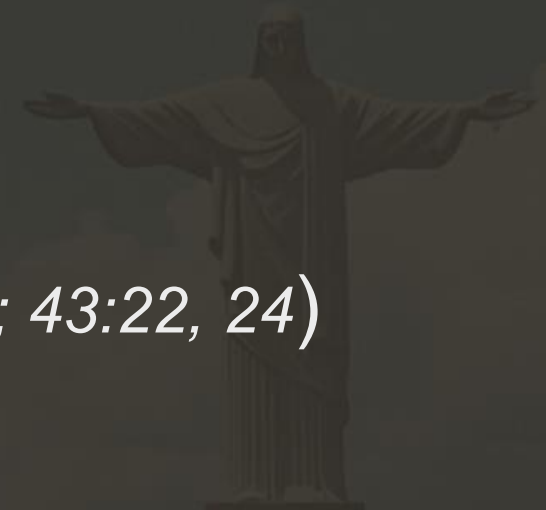
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“And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him – for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says, ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth’.”

– *Isaiah 49:5-6*

“An individual originating from within Israel who can stand apart from Israel in order to restore Israel.”

– Jeannine Brown Ph.D.,
*Jesus Messiah as Isaiah’s Servant of the Lord:
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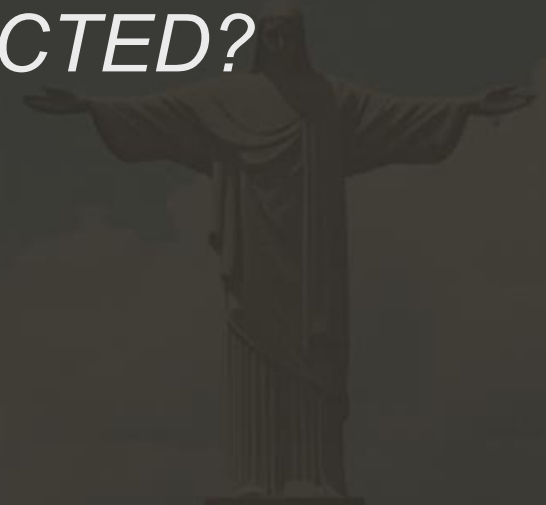
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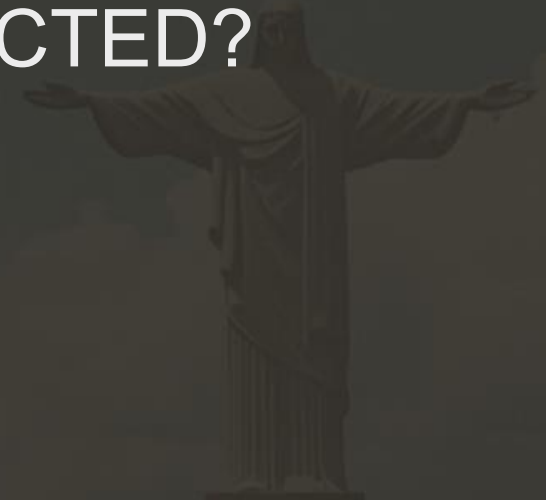
D. *This Individual will bring Salvation through Suffering*

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“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

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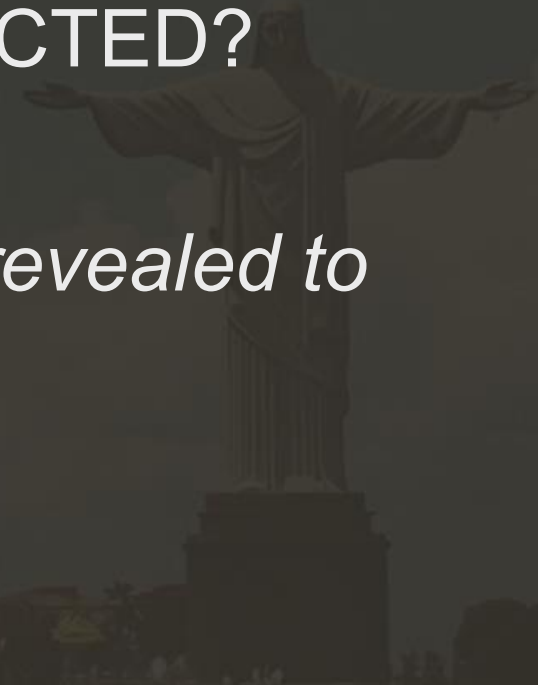
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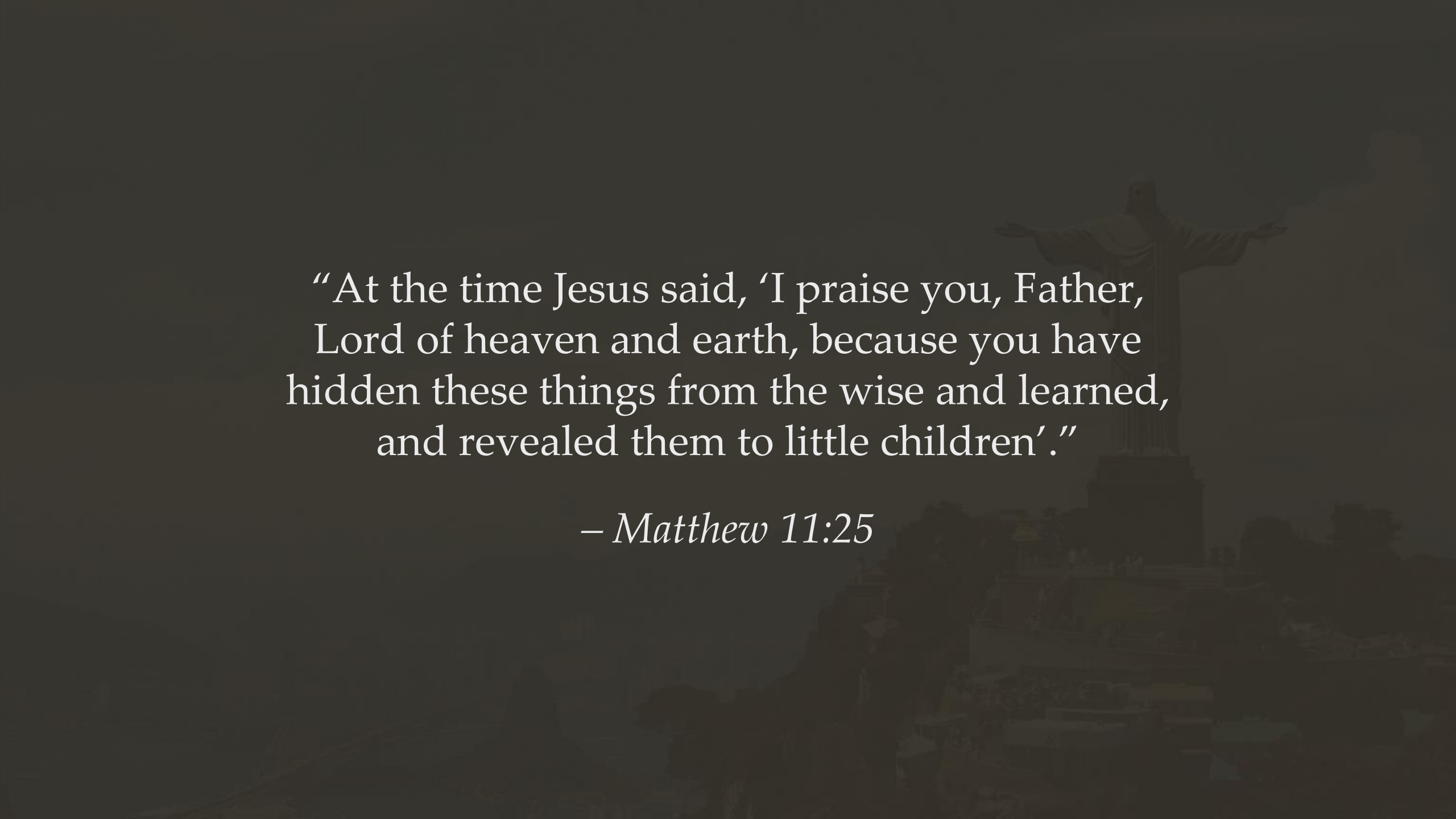
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B. Some Received Him


Why? Because the truth was revealed to them.





“At the time Jesus said, ‘I praise you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, because you have
hidden these things from the wise and learned,
and revealed them to little children’.”

– *Matthew 11:25*



“‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered,
‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’
Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah,
for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood,
but by my Father in heaven.’”

– *Matthew 16:15-17*

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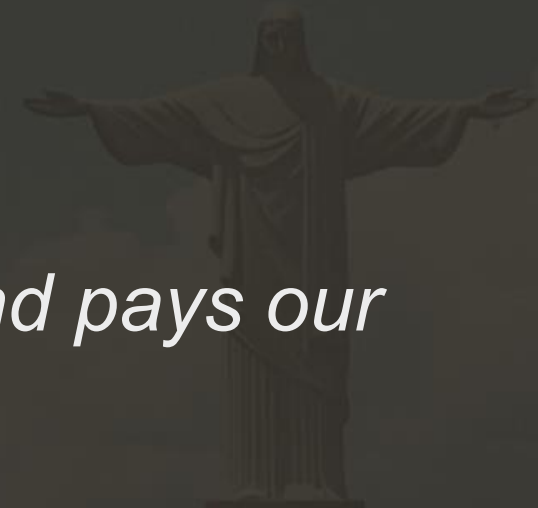
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III. WHY DID HE SUFFER?

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B. *He willingly takes our place and pays our penalty.*



“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

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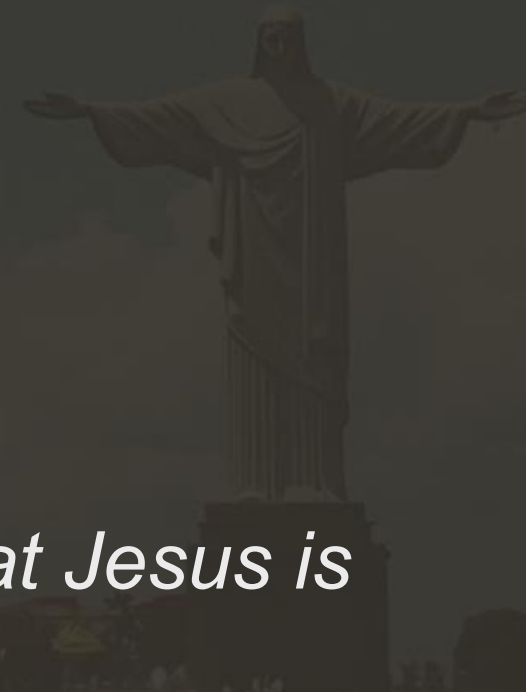
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- Unjust Trials
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- Undeserved Death
 - *In Luke 23, we're told that Jesus is innocent seven times!*



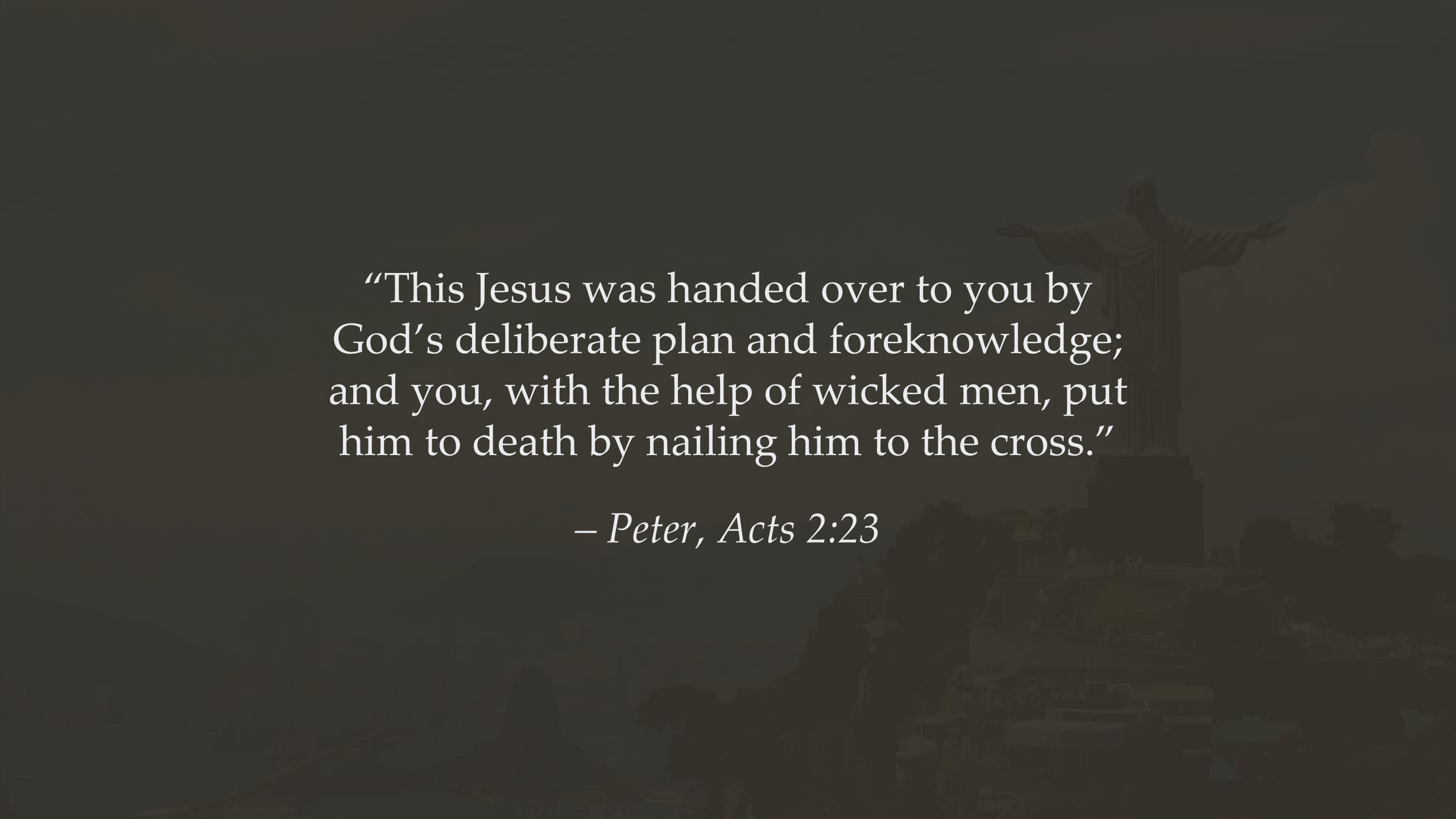
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“This Jesus was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.”

– *Peter, Acts 2:23*

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- *God's justice requires payment of the penalty and God's love provides that payment!*