

Why
Jesus
MATTERS

2026

March - April

JESUS LIVES

A Perfect Human Life

Matthew 3:13 – 4:11



“Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about Him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western culture for almost twenty centuries. If it were possible, with some sort of super-magnet, to pull up out of that history every scrap of metal bearing at least a trace of his name, how much would be left? It is from his birth that most human race dates its calendars, it is by his name that millions curse and in his name that millions pray.”

– *Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, Jesus Through the Centuries*

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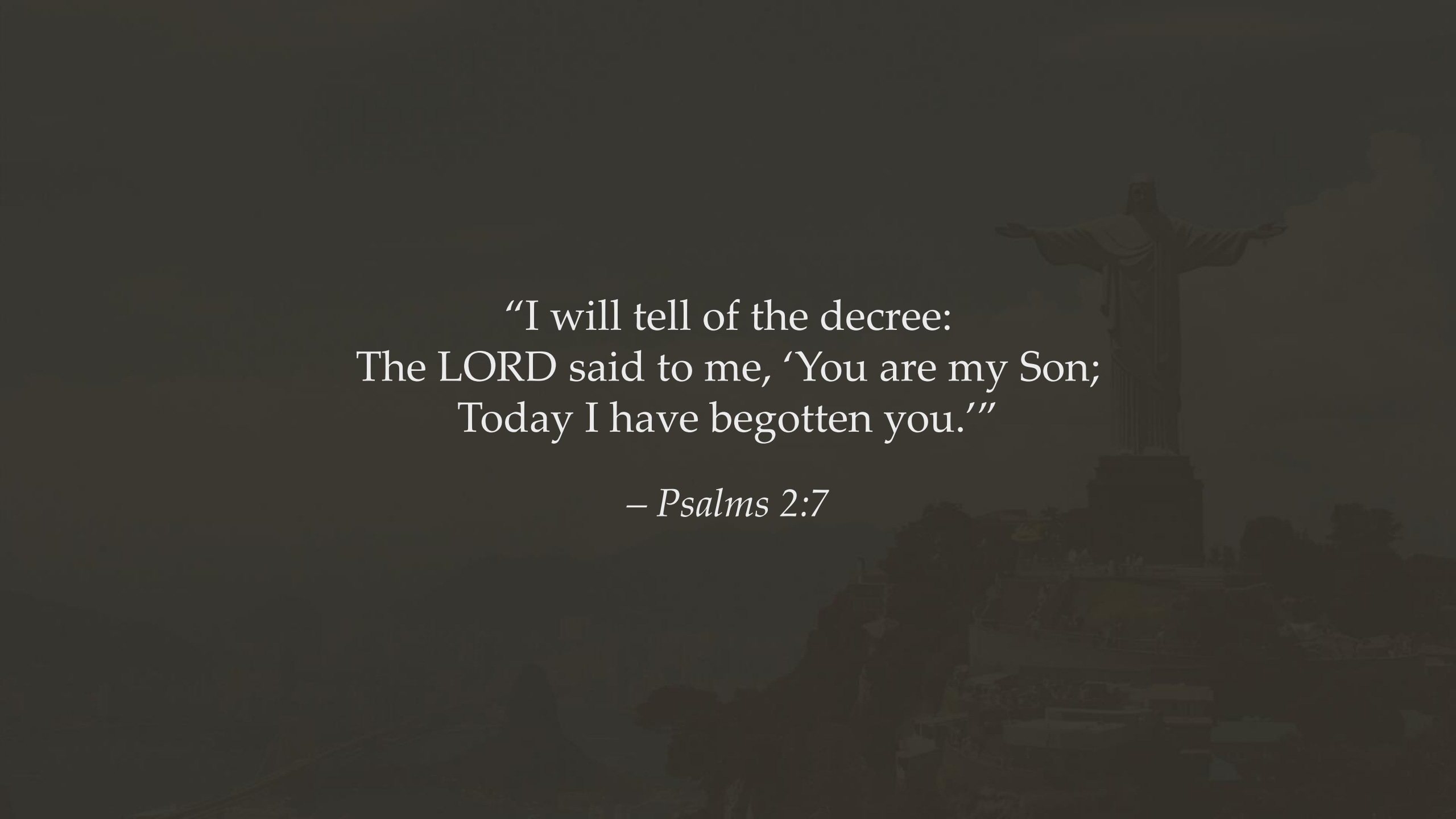
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“I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, ‘You are my Son;
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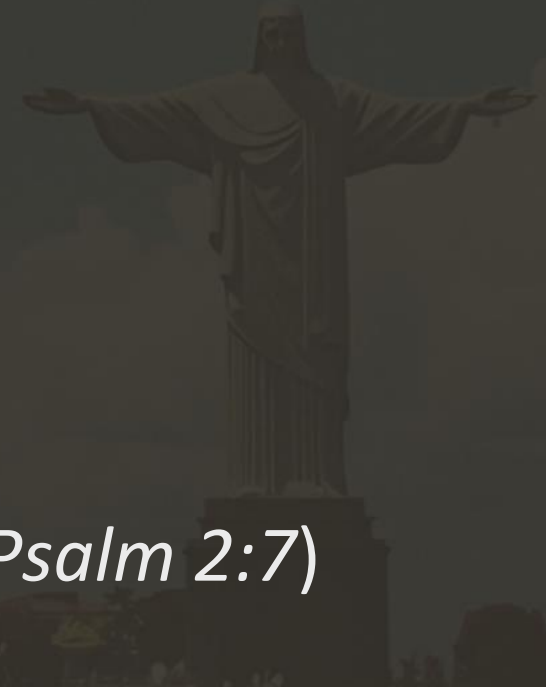
– *Psalms 2:7*

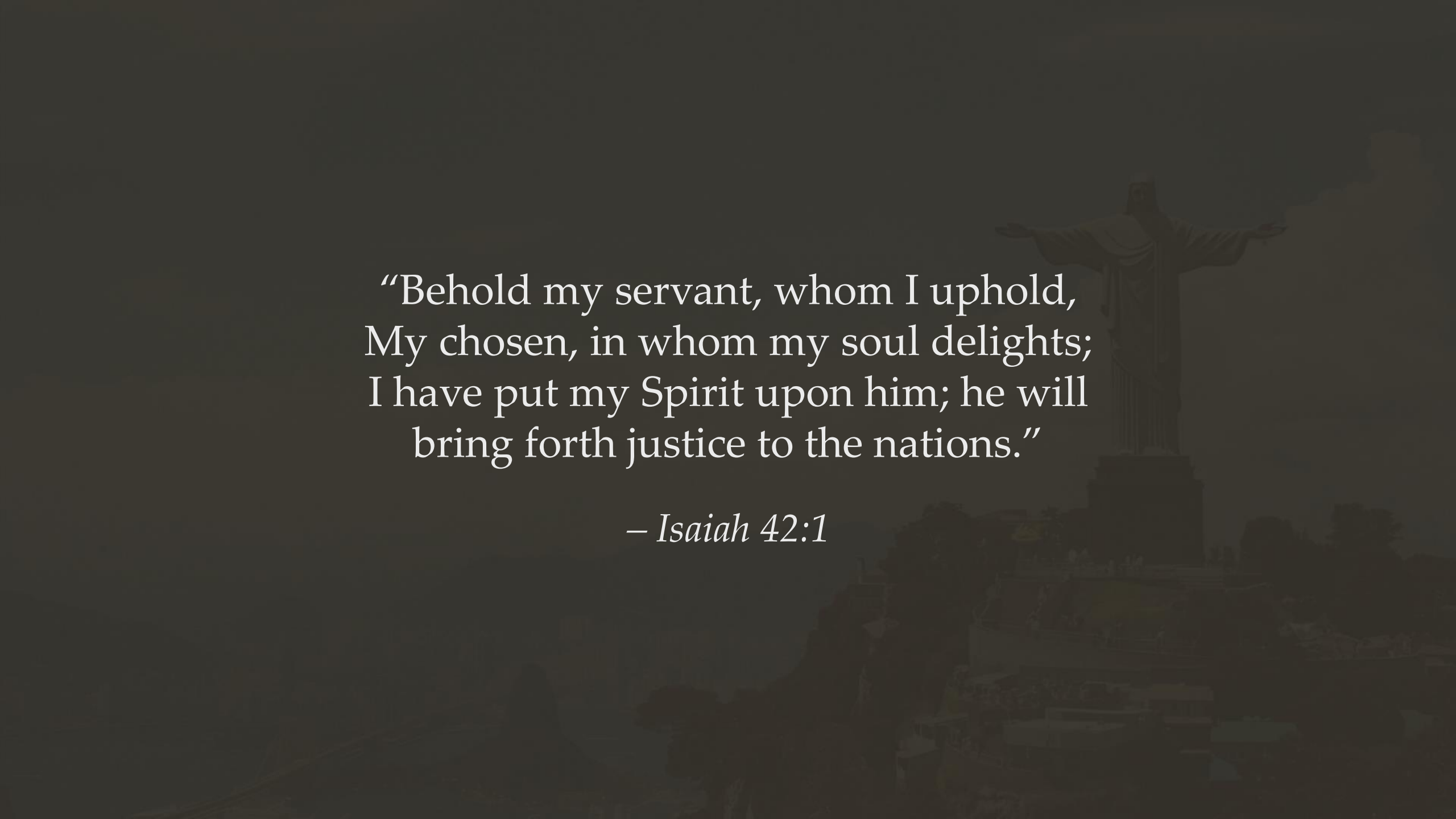
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 - The Servant of God





“Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will
bring forth justice to the nations.”

– *Isaiah 42:1*

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Spirit Baptism is followed by Spiritual Battle.



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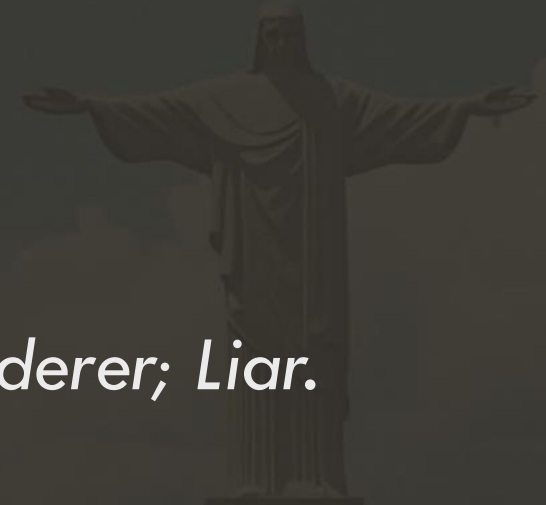


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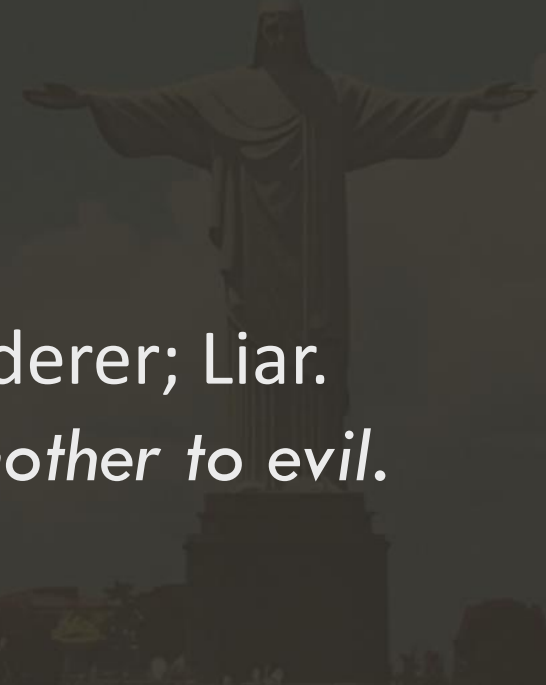


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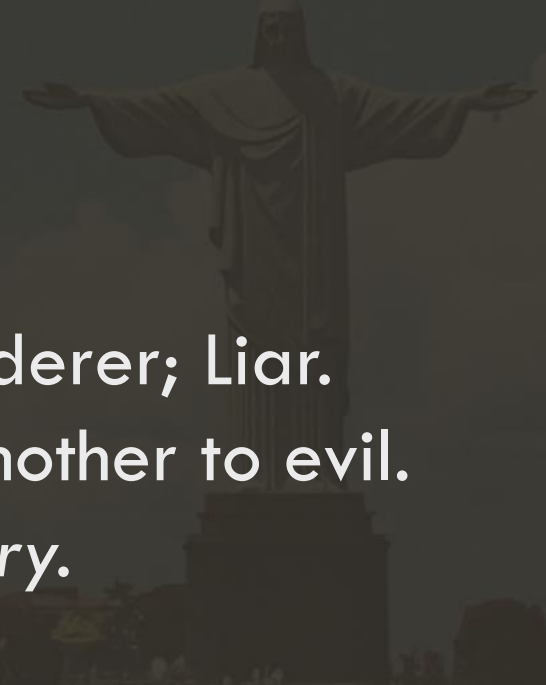


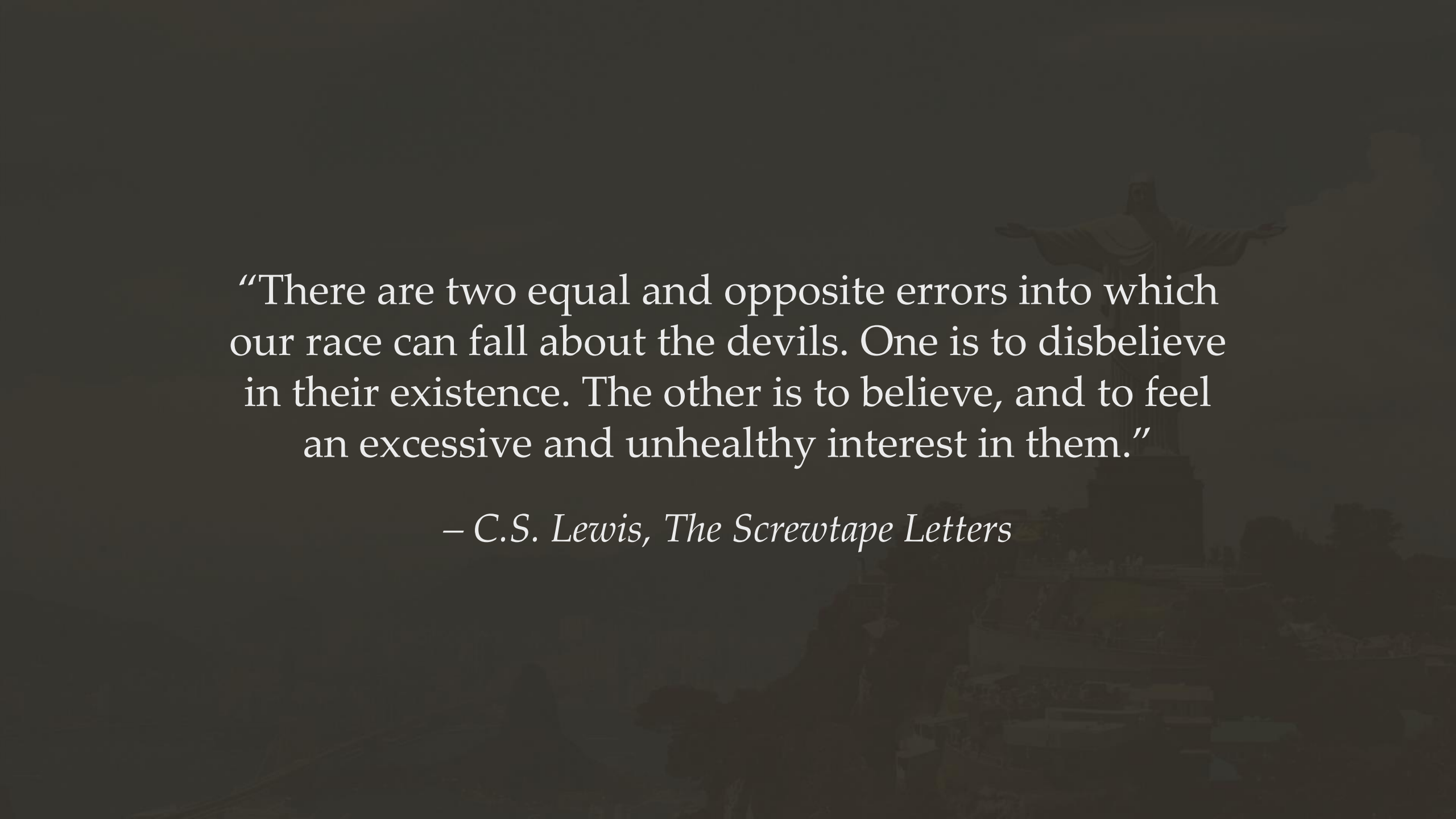
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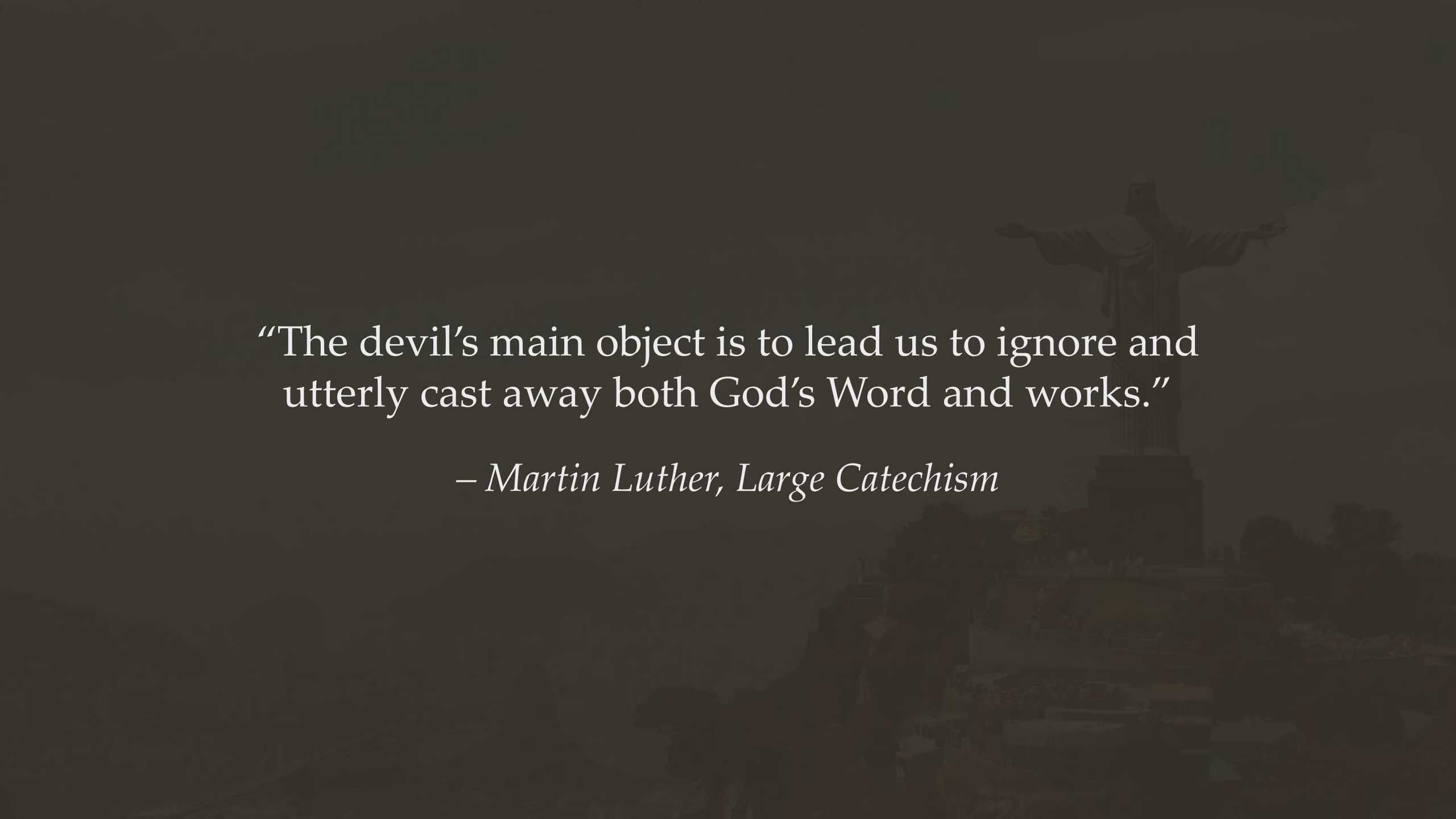


“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

– *C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters*

“In the New Testament there is simply the conviction that an anti-God force, most often conceived personally, exists and works in history, especially against the purposes and people of God, with the special aim of splitting people off from God.”

– *Dr. Frederick Dale Brunner,*
The Christbook, Matthew 1-12



“The devil’s main object is to lead us to ignore and utterly cast away both God’s Word and works.”

– *Martin Luther, Large Catechism*

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- B. *Recalling Scripture*



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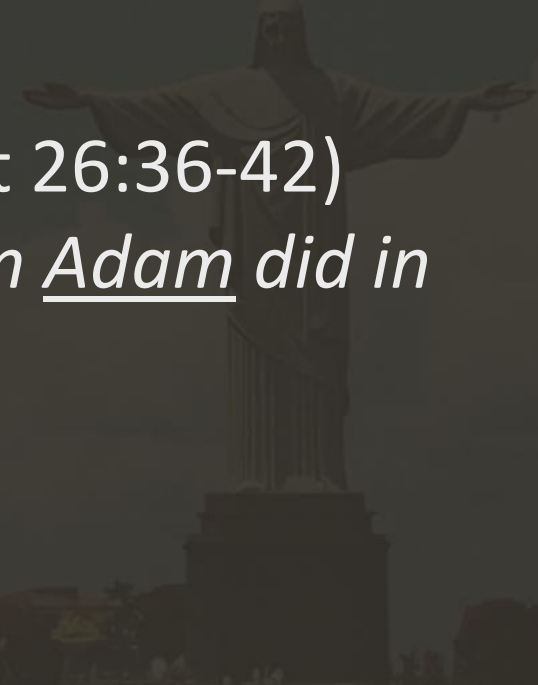
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- A. Garden of Gethsemane (ref. Matt 26:36-42)
- B. *He faces a much greater test than Adam did in another Garden.*

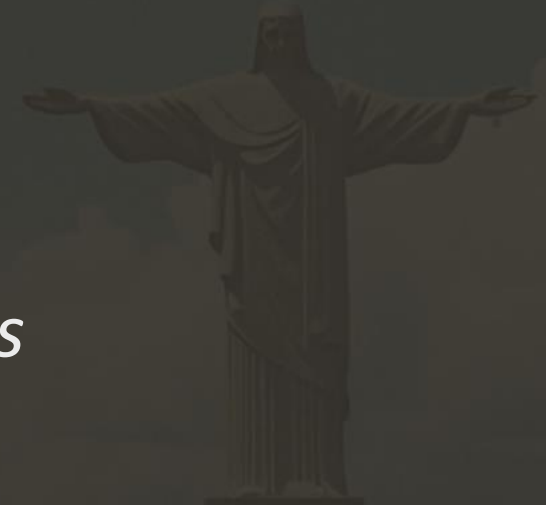


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*Jesus' obedience overwhelms
Adam's disobedience.*

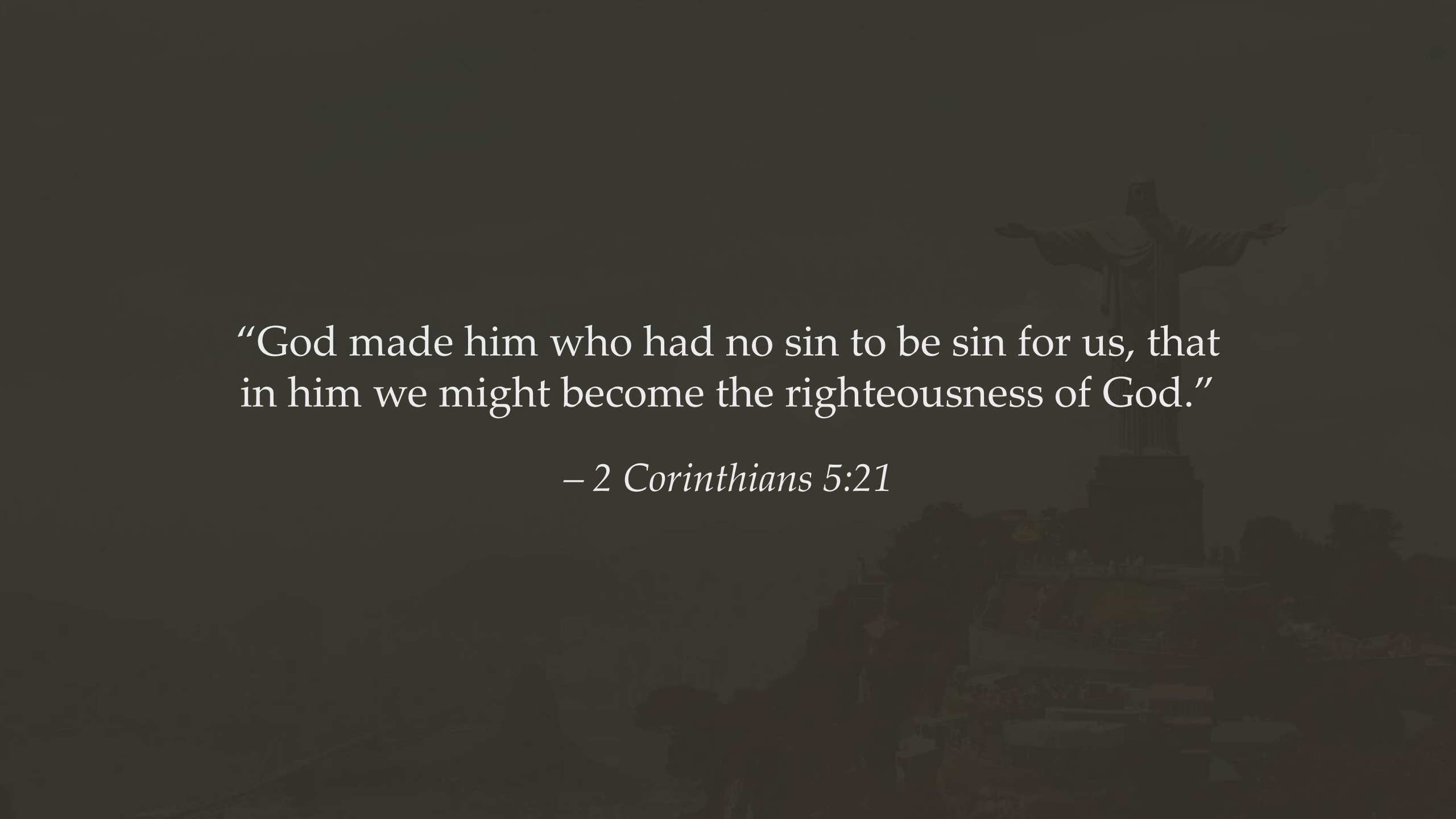


“Where the First Adam had been tested and found wanting (Genesis 3), the Second Adam is now tested and found faithful. Where one man’s disobedience under temptation made all sinners, now another man’s obedience under temptation is effective for the righteousness of all (Romans 5).”

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“For if, by the trespasses of one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the *gift of righteousness* reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the *many will be made righteousness.*”

– *Romans 5:17-19*



“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, that
in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

– *2 Corinthians 5:21*

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- C. Live for His Glory.

