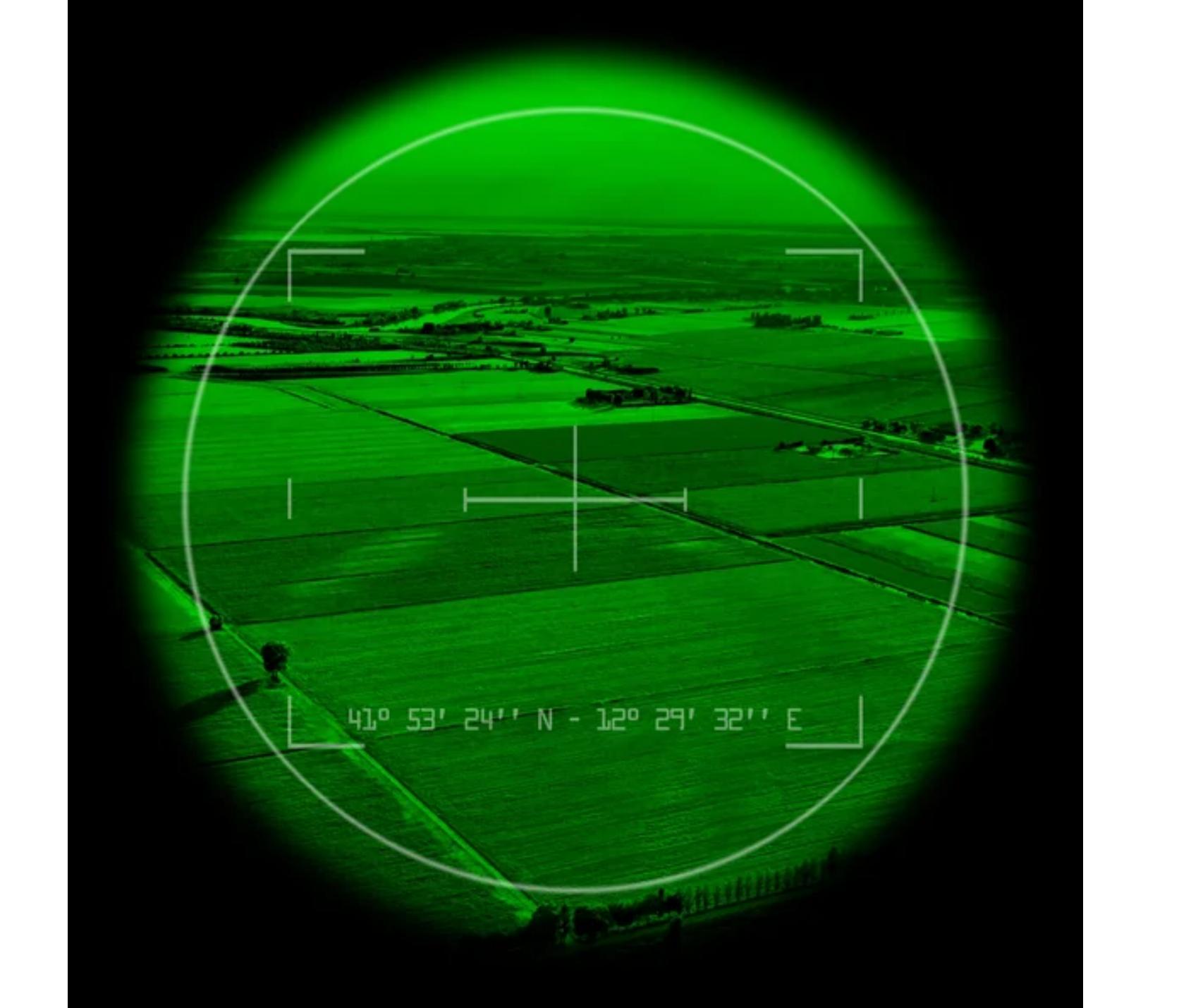
THE GOSPEL OF — THE GO

"Seeing in the Dark"

John 11:1-32



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"Mercy may seem slow, but it is sure. The Lord in his unfailing wisdom has appointed a time for the outgoings of his gracious power, and God's time is the best time."

-Charles Spurgeon

"Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me." Micah 7:7

"My times are in Your hand;
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
And from those who persecute me." Psalm 31:15

Lord, give me patience in this hour as I wait for you, knowing you have heard my prayer.

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Martha—(17-22) "So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

Mary—(28-32) "And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

"God is too good to be unkind. Too wise to be mistaken; and when you cannot trace His hand, you can trust His heart."
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Lord, this road is unsettling and troubling, and I cannot see how it will all work out, so help me trust You through it.

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3. How to R<u>eceive</u> God's <u>Power</u>:

<u>Believe</u> God's Son, Jesus Christ, who is the <u>resurrection</u> and the <u>life</u>.

(v.23-27)

"Those that believe in Jesus Christ appear to die, but yet they live.

They are not in the grave, they are forever with the Lord.

They are not unconscious they are with their Lord in Paradise.

Death cannot kill a believer,

it can only usher him into a freer form of life."

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