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Abundant Life
The Jesus Effect

**The Cosmos is all
that is or was or ever
will be. Carl Sagan**



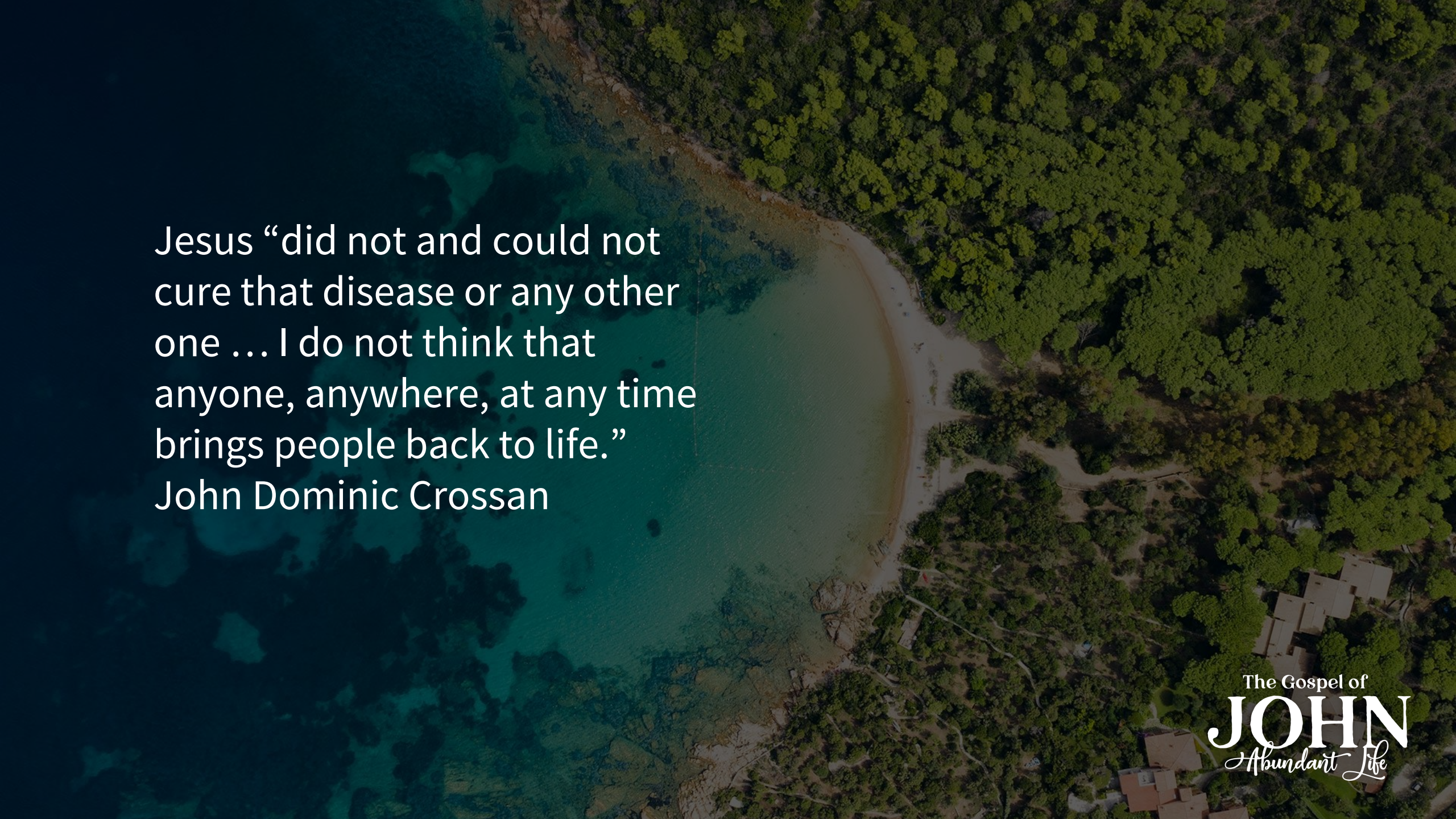
• The Cosmos is all that is or was

In a universe of electrons and selfish genes, blind physical forces and genetic replication, some people are going to get hurt, other people are going to get lucky, and you won't find any rhyme or reason in it, nor any justice. The universe that we observe has precisely the

properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference. Richard Dawkins



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Jesus “did not and could not
cure that disease or any other
one ... I do not think that
anyone, anywhere, at any time
brings people back to life.”
John Dominic Crossan

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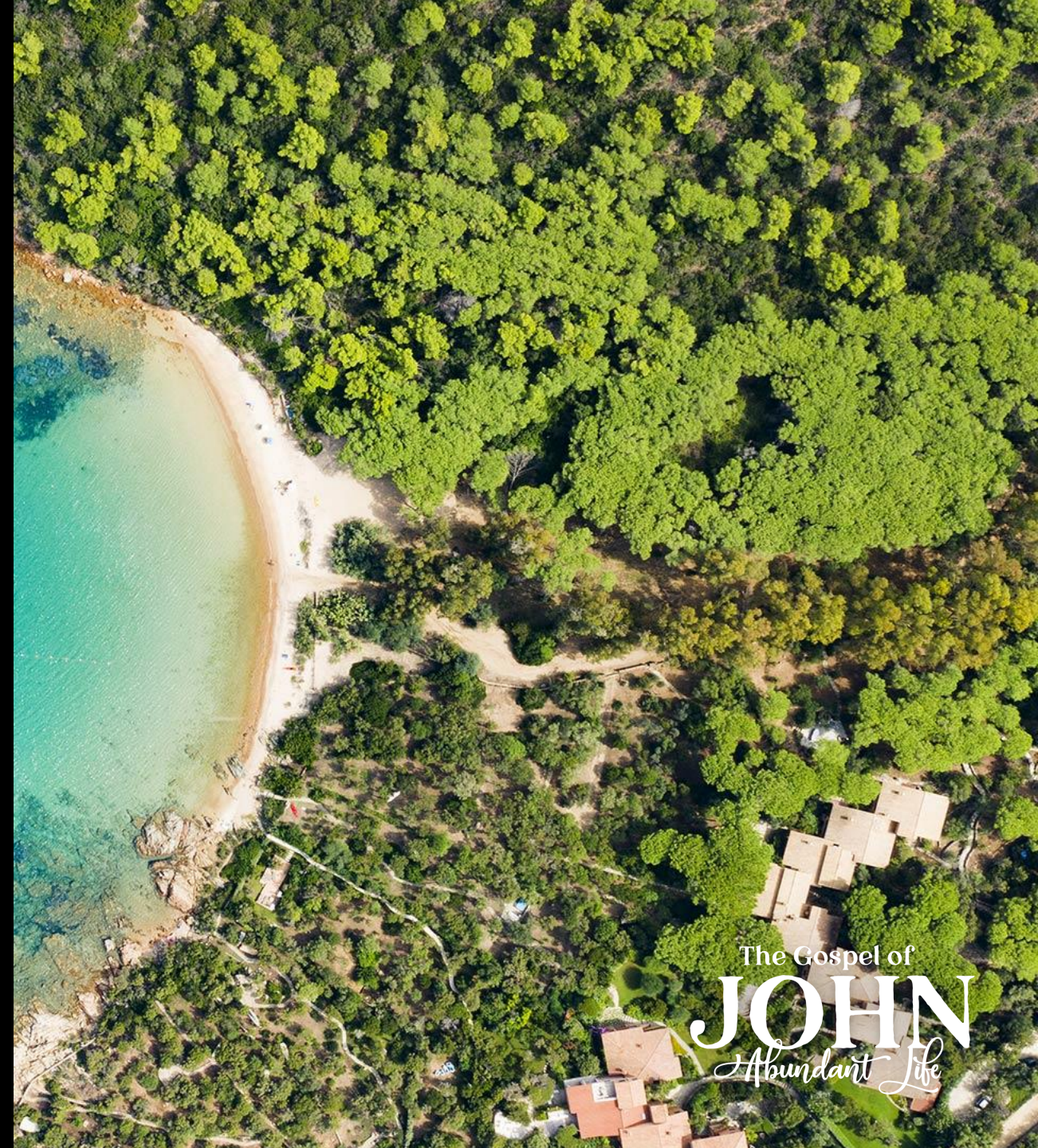


**In the beginning, God created the
heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1**

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1. His Effect on Nature

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Jesus 'walked on ice', not water

Jim Loney
Reuters

Wednesday, 5 April 2006

The New Testament says that Jesus walked on water, but a US professor says there could be a less miraculous explanation - he walked on a floating piece of ice.

Professor Doron Nof, a professor of oceanography at [Florida State University](#), says his study found an unusual combination of water and atmospheric conditions could have led to ice formation on the Sea of Galilee.

He and his co-authors describe the local freezing phenomenon as "springs ice".

Nof used palaeoceanographic records of the Mediterranean Sea's surface temperatures and statistical models to examine the dynamics of the Sea of Galilee, which Israelis know now as Lake Kinneret.

The study, published in the April issue of the *Journal of Paleolimnology*, found that a period of cooler temperatures in the area between 1500 and 2600 years ago could have included the decades in which Jesus lived.

A drop in temperature below freezing could have caused ice thick enough to support a human form on the surface of the freshwater lake near the western shore, Nof says.

This is an area where the researchers say many archaeological findings relating to Jesus have been found.

It might have been nearly impossible for distant observers to see a piece of floating ice surrounded by water.

Nof says he offers his study as a "possible explanation" for



Unique conditions at the Sea of Galilee, or Lake Kinneret as it's also known, may have caused a patch of ice to form near its western shore, says an oceanographer (*Image: iStockphoto*)

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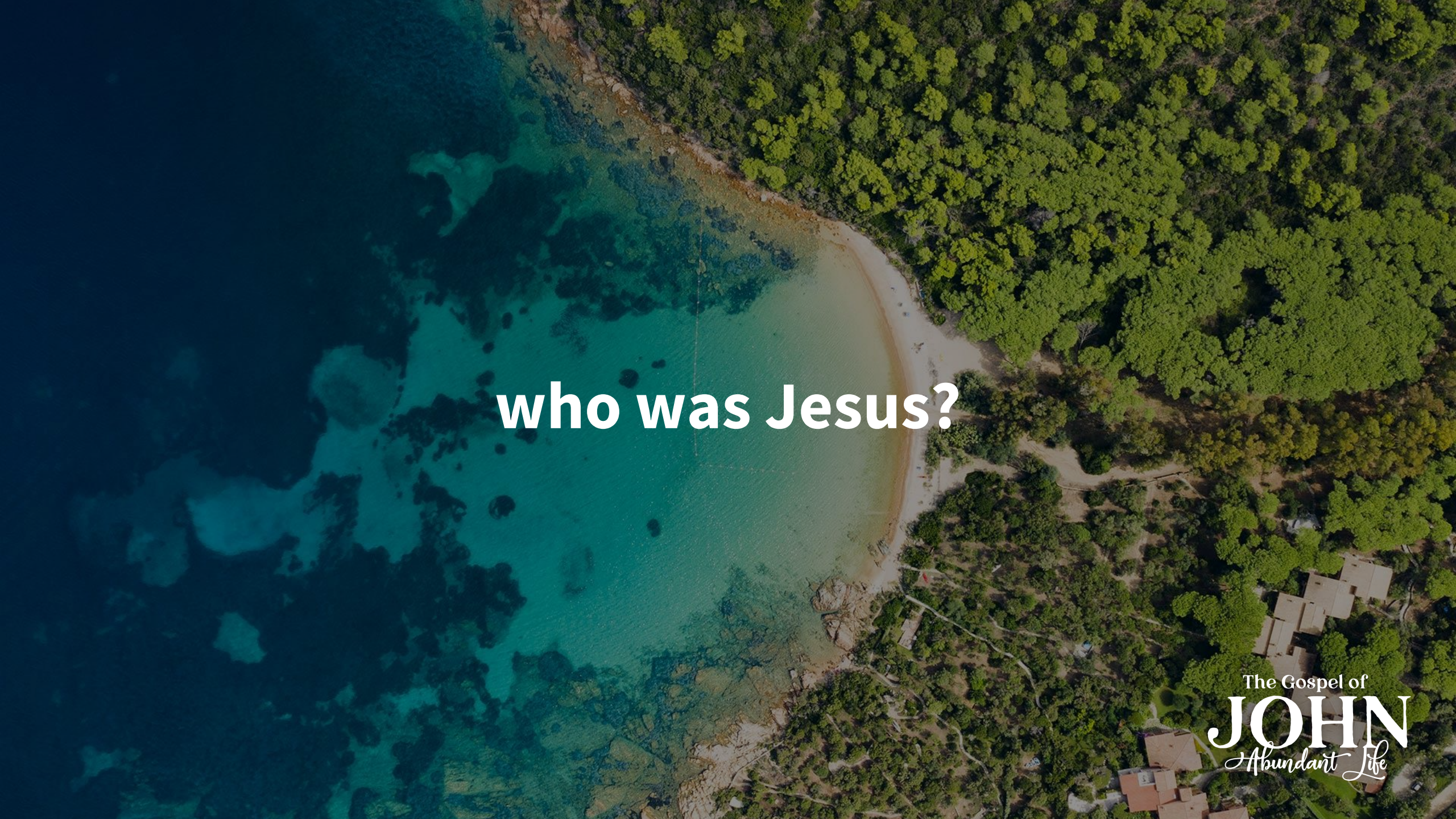
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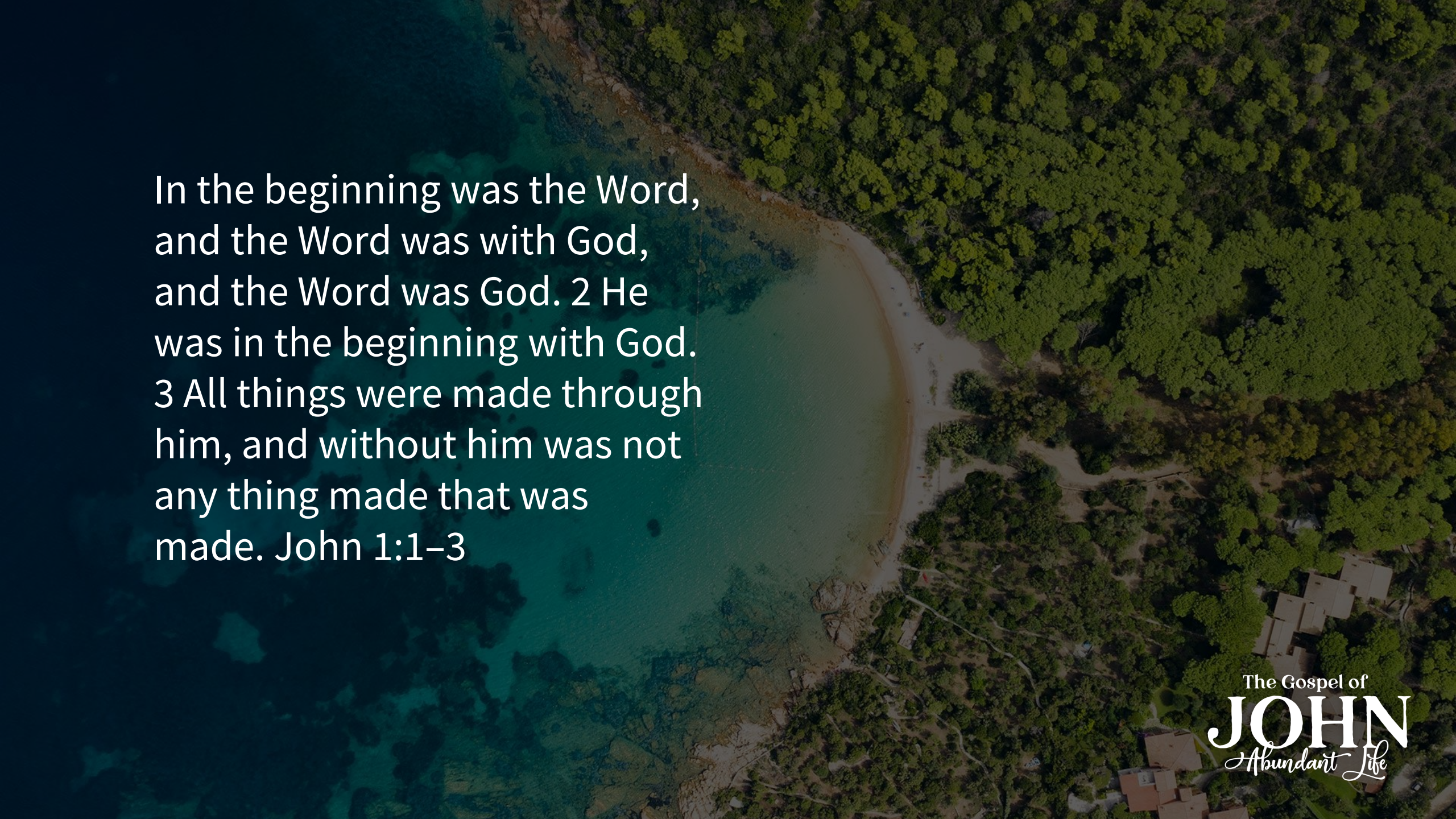
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who was Jesus?

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In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. 2 He
was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made through
him, and without him was not
any thing made that was
made. John 1:1–3

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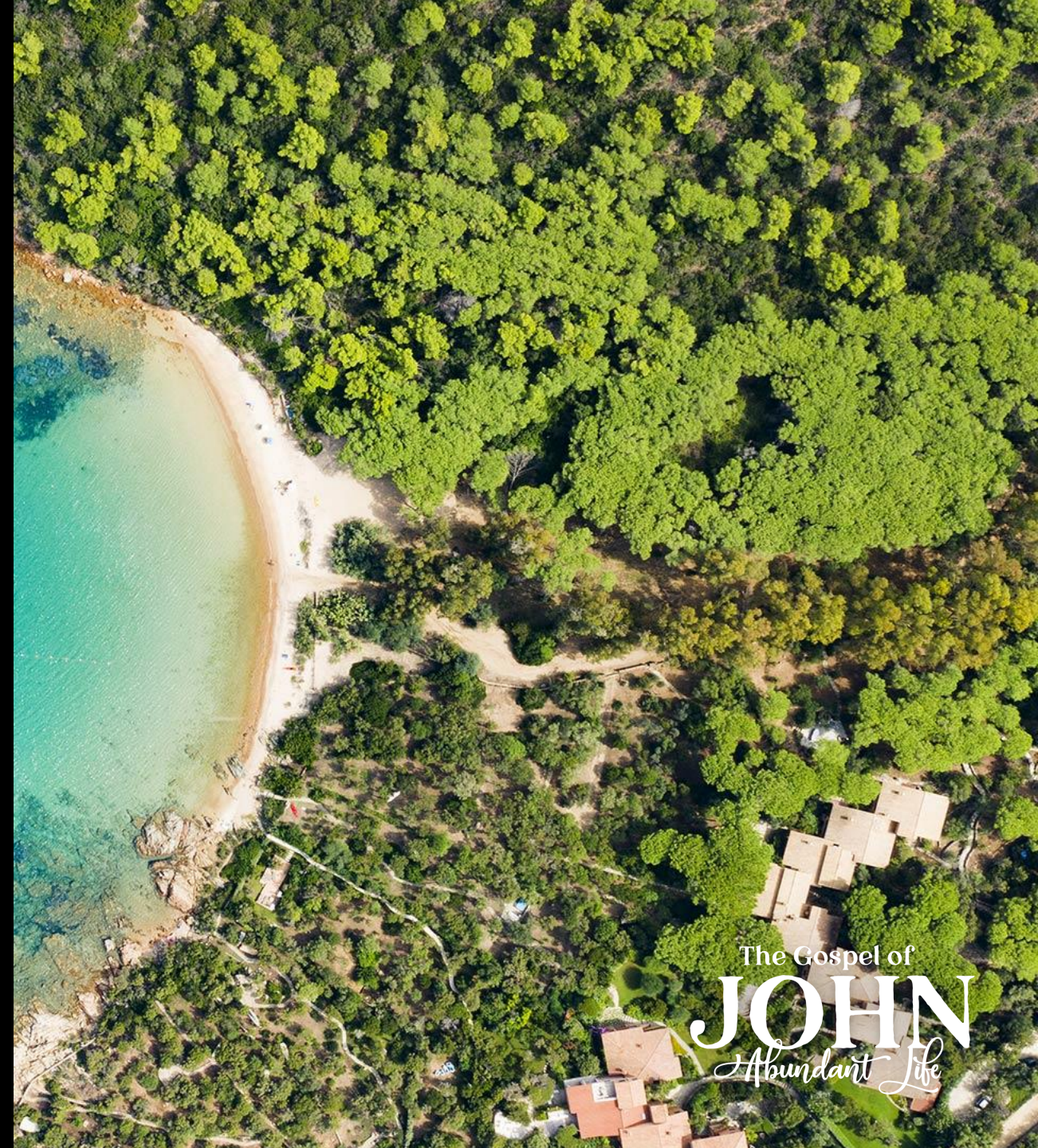


he can do whatever he wants

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2. His Effect on the Disciples

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God has a keen interest in you not being
afraid

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You Dispel Fear With a God Who Is ...

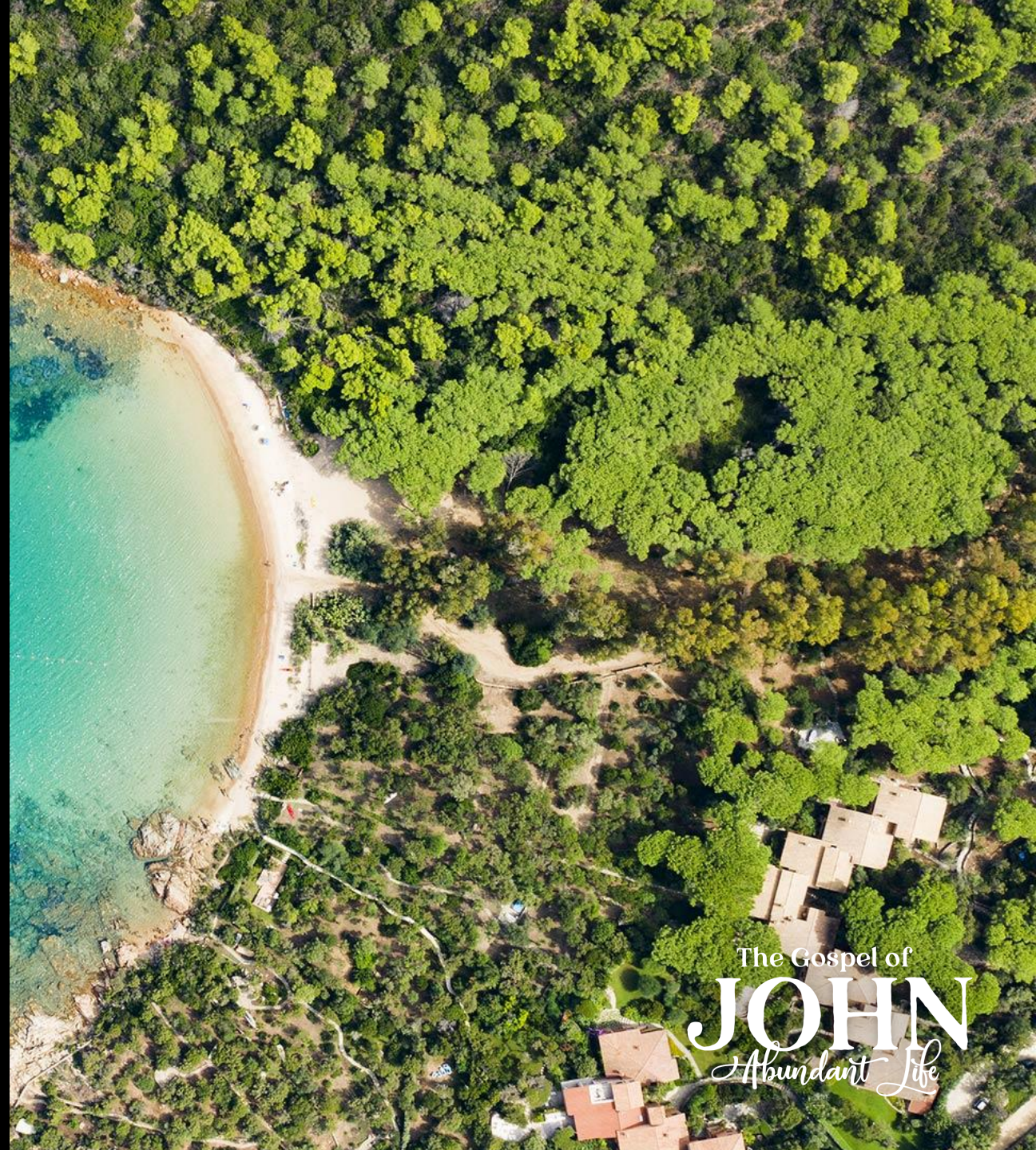


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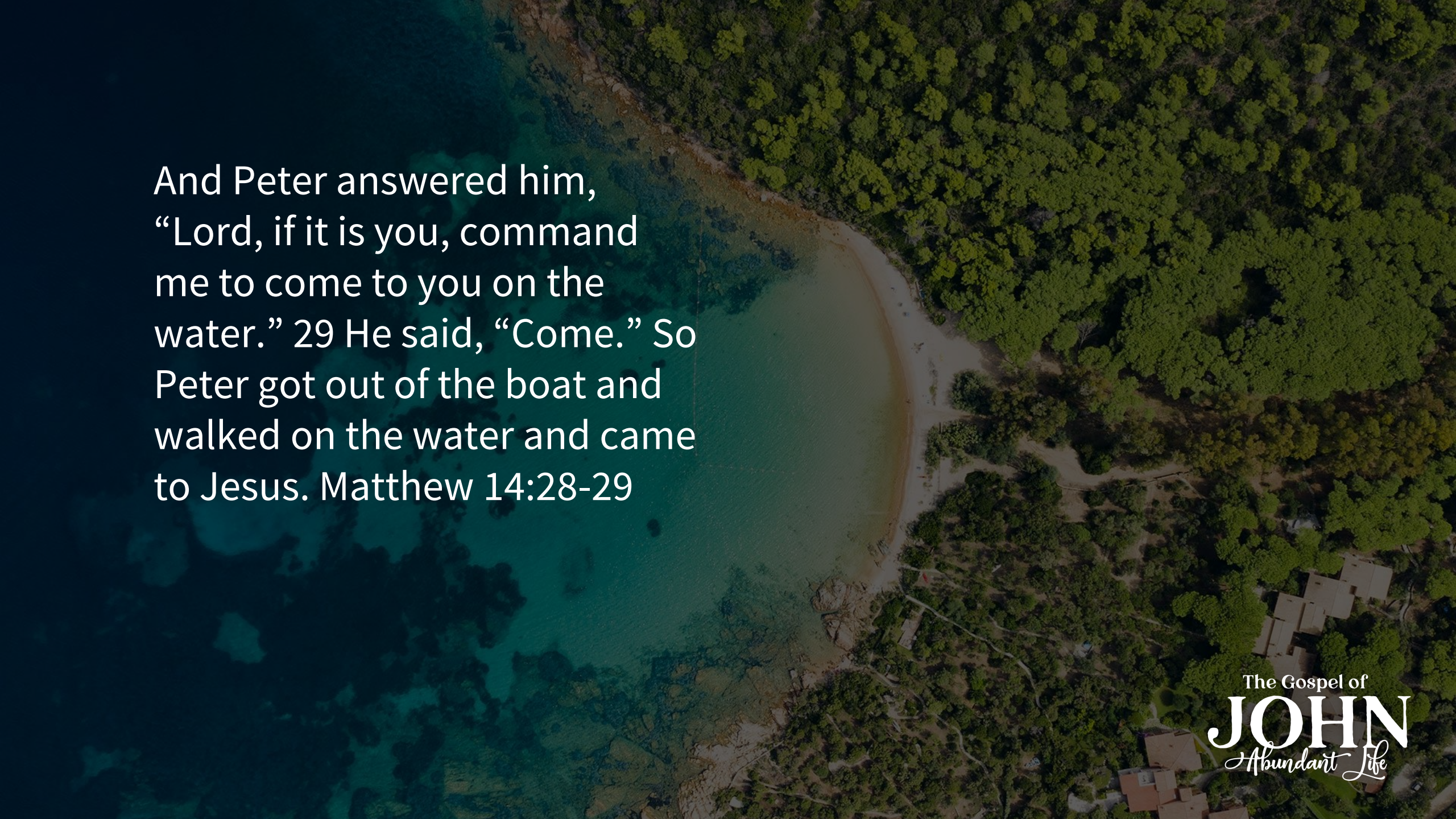
**for you &
with you**

3. His Effect on Peter

Matt 14:28-31



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And Peter answered him,
“Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the
water.” 29 He said, “Come.” So
Peter got out of the boat and
walked on the water and came
to Jesus. Matthew 14:28-29



Jesus, if it is truly you, then you can help
me do the impossible

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30 But when he saw the wind,
he was afraid, and beginning
to sink he cried out, “Lord,
save me.” 31 Jesus
immediately reached out his
hand and took hold of him,
saying to him, “O you of little
faith, why did you doubt?”
Matthew 14:30–31

Fear Dispels Faith By Telling Us ...



our
enemies
are
sovereign

we are on
our own

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The left side of the image shows deep blue ocean water transitioning into a shallow, turquoise lagoon. A narrow, crescent-shaped sandy beach separates the lagoon from a dense, lush green forest that covers the right side of the image. In the bottom right corner, a small cluster of buildings with reddish-brown roofs is visible, partially obscured by the trees.

how close did Peter get to Jesus?

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