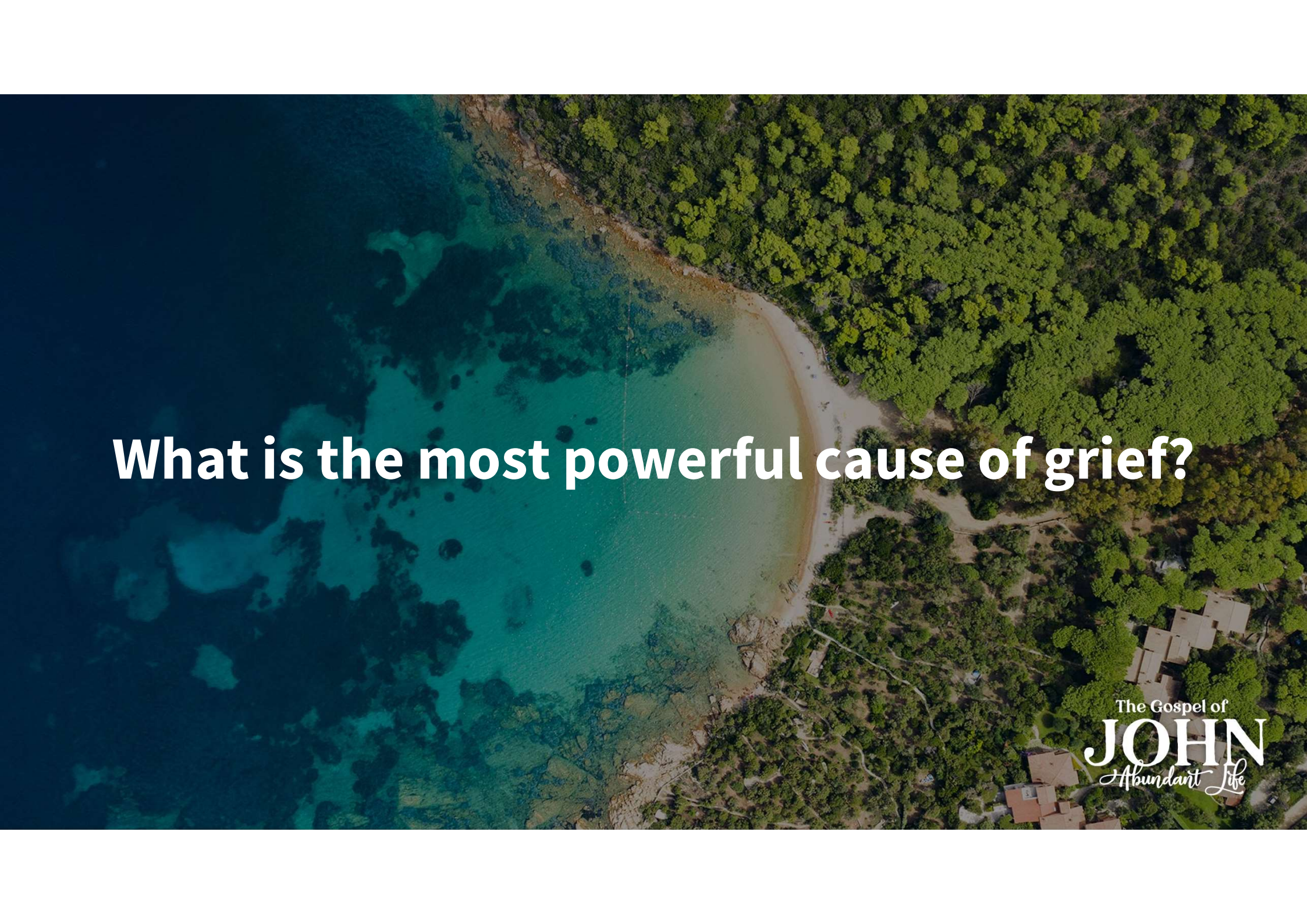
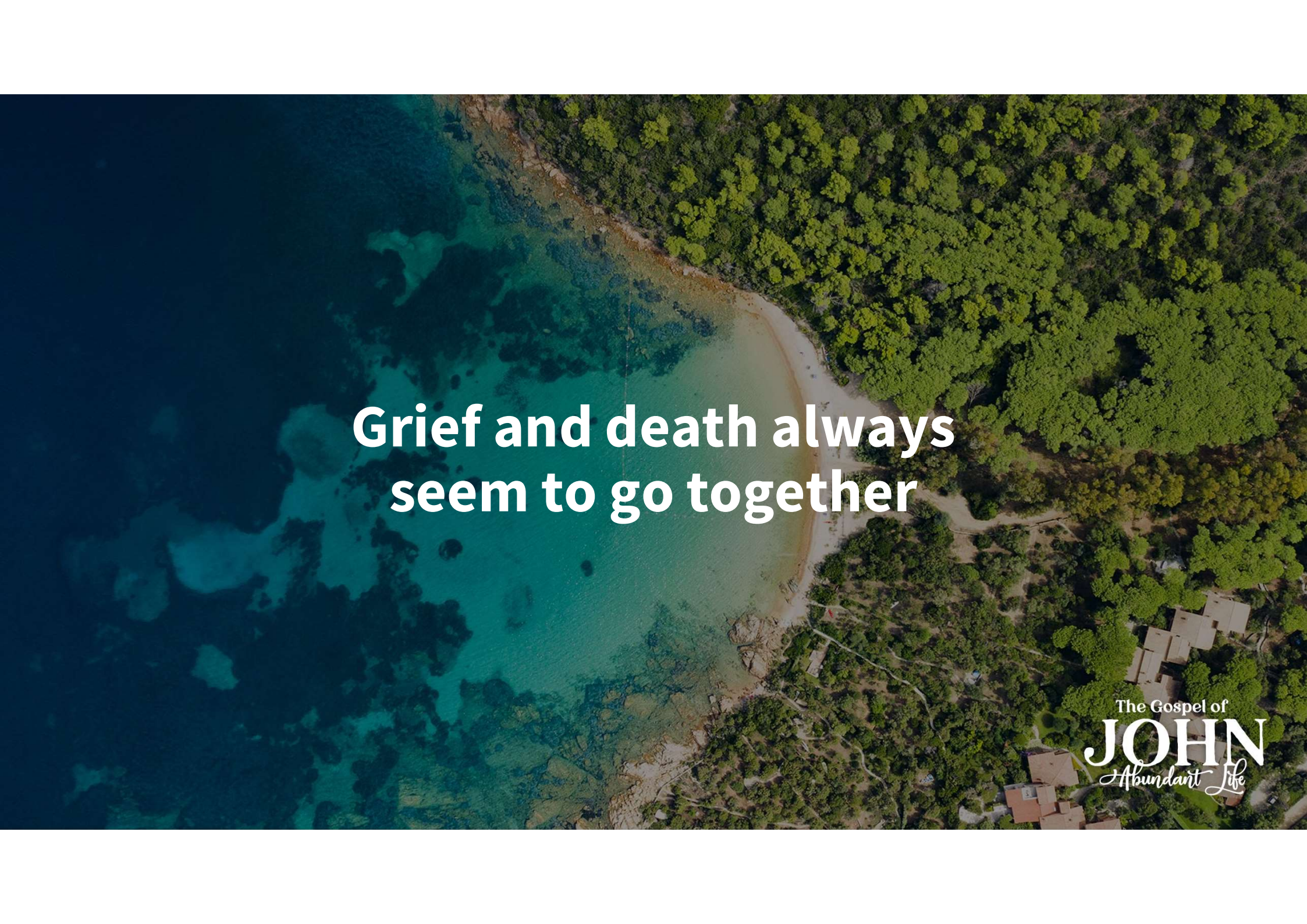


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**A Beautiful
Collision – Part 1**



What is the most powerful cause of grief?

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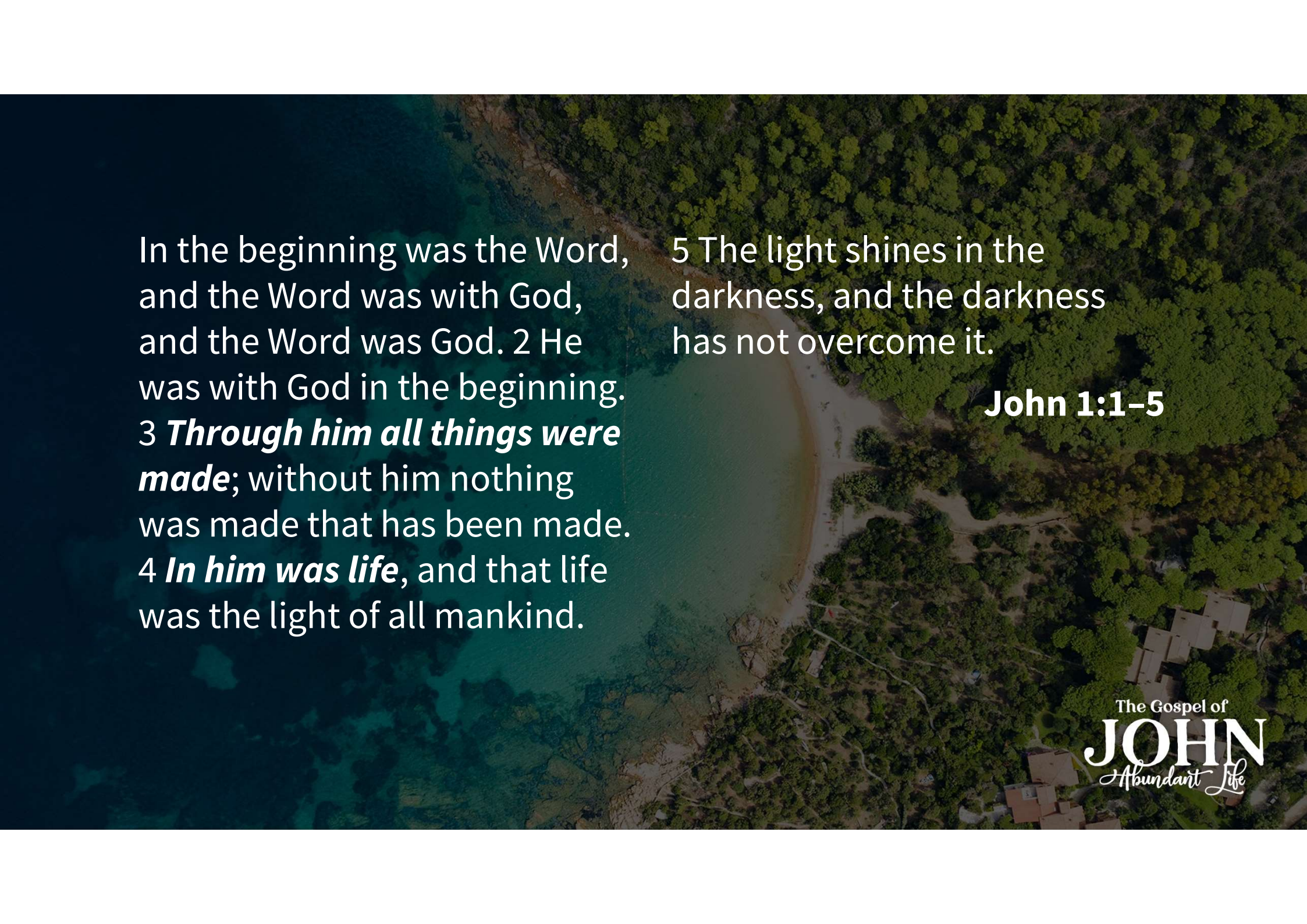
**Grief and death always
seem to go together**

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**We grieve more than we realise because
death affects us more than we realise**

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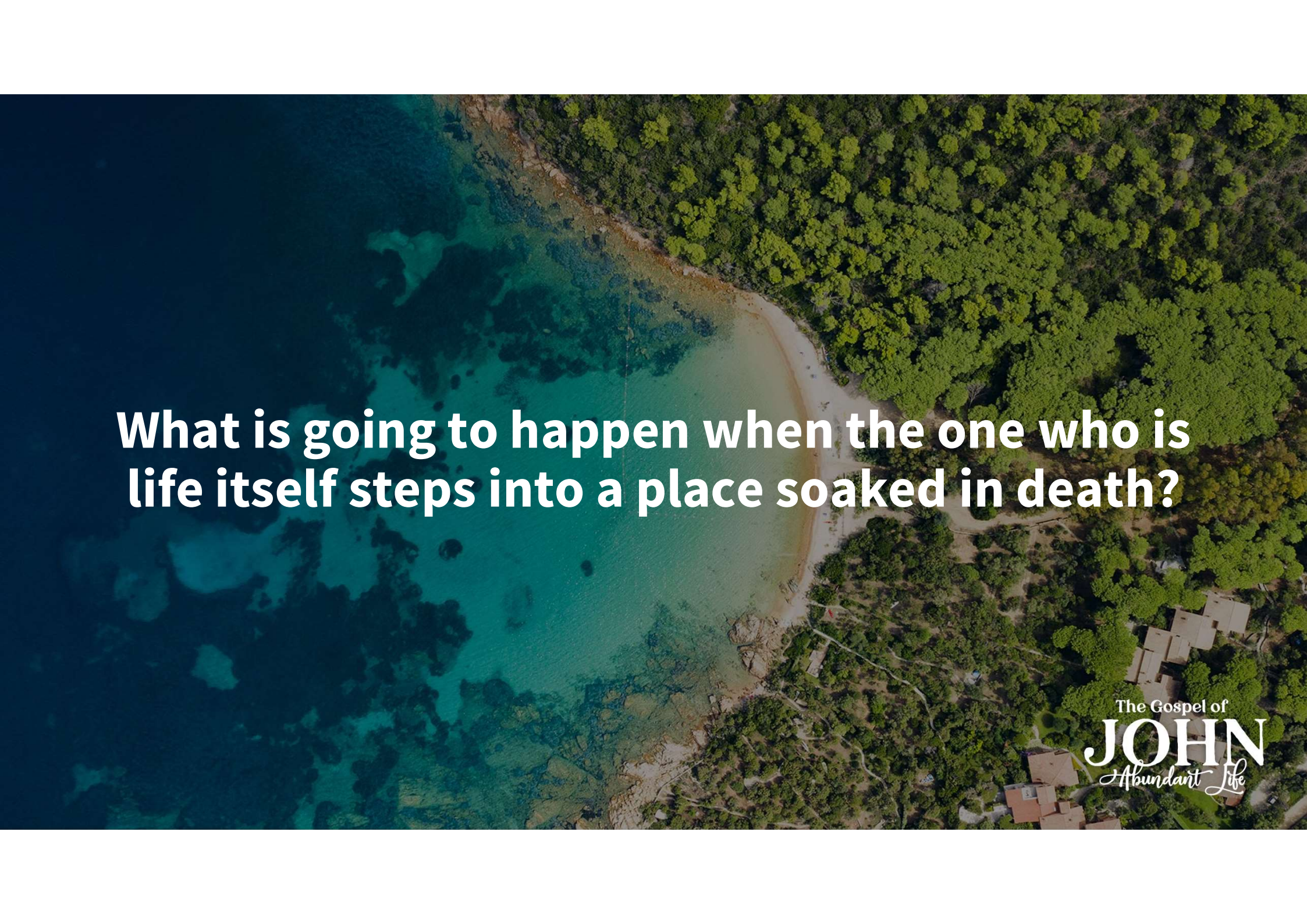


In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. 2 He
was with God in the beginning.
3 ***Through him all things were
made***; without him nothing
was made that has been made.
4 ***In him was life***, and that life
was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

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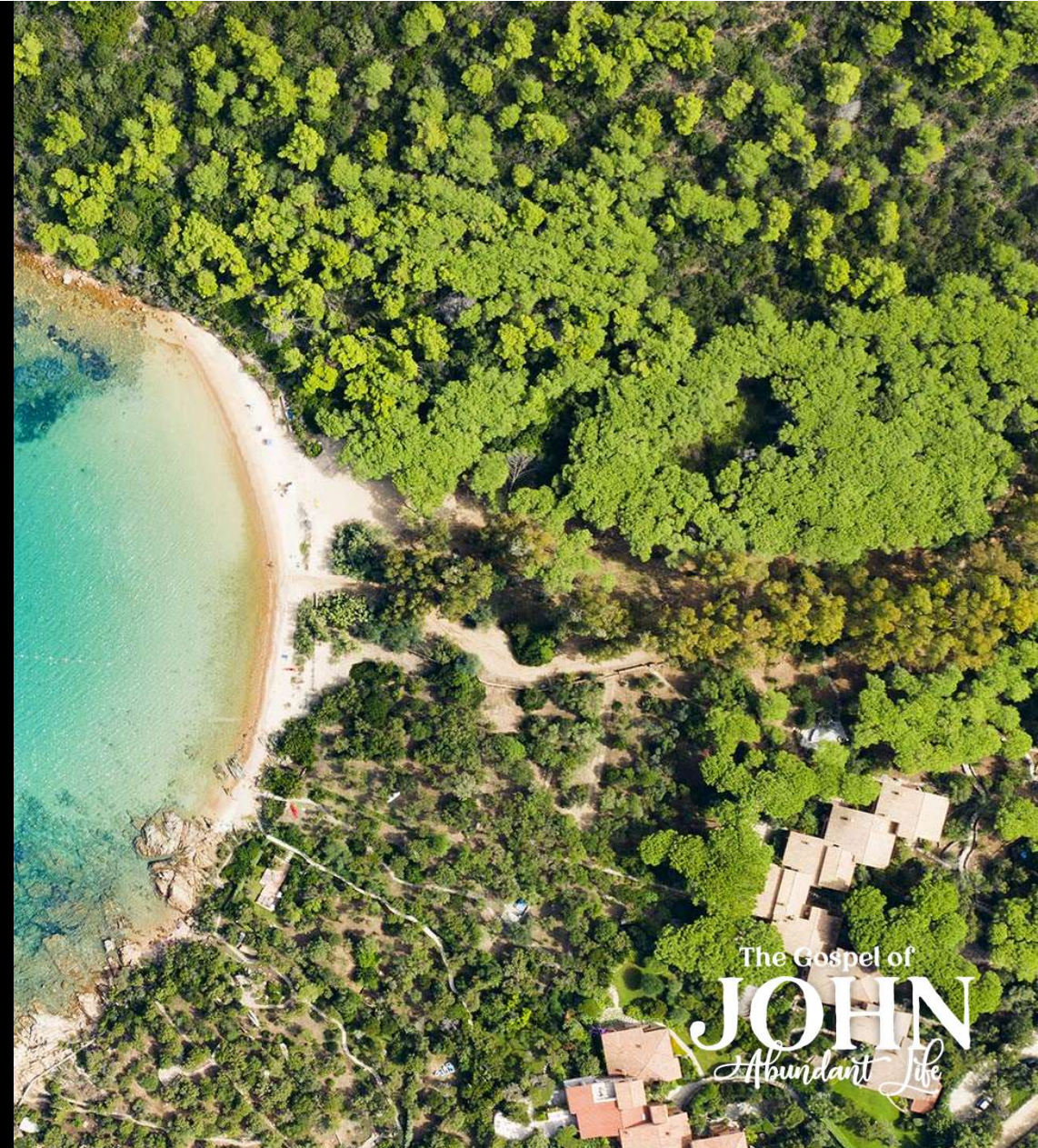
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**What is going to happen when the one who is
life itself steps into a place soaked in death?**

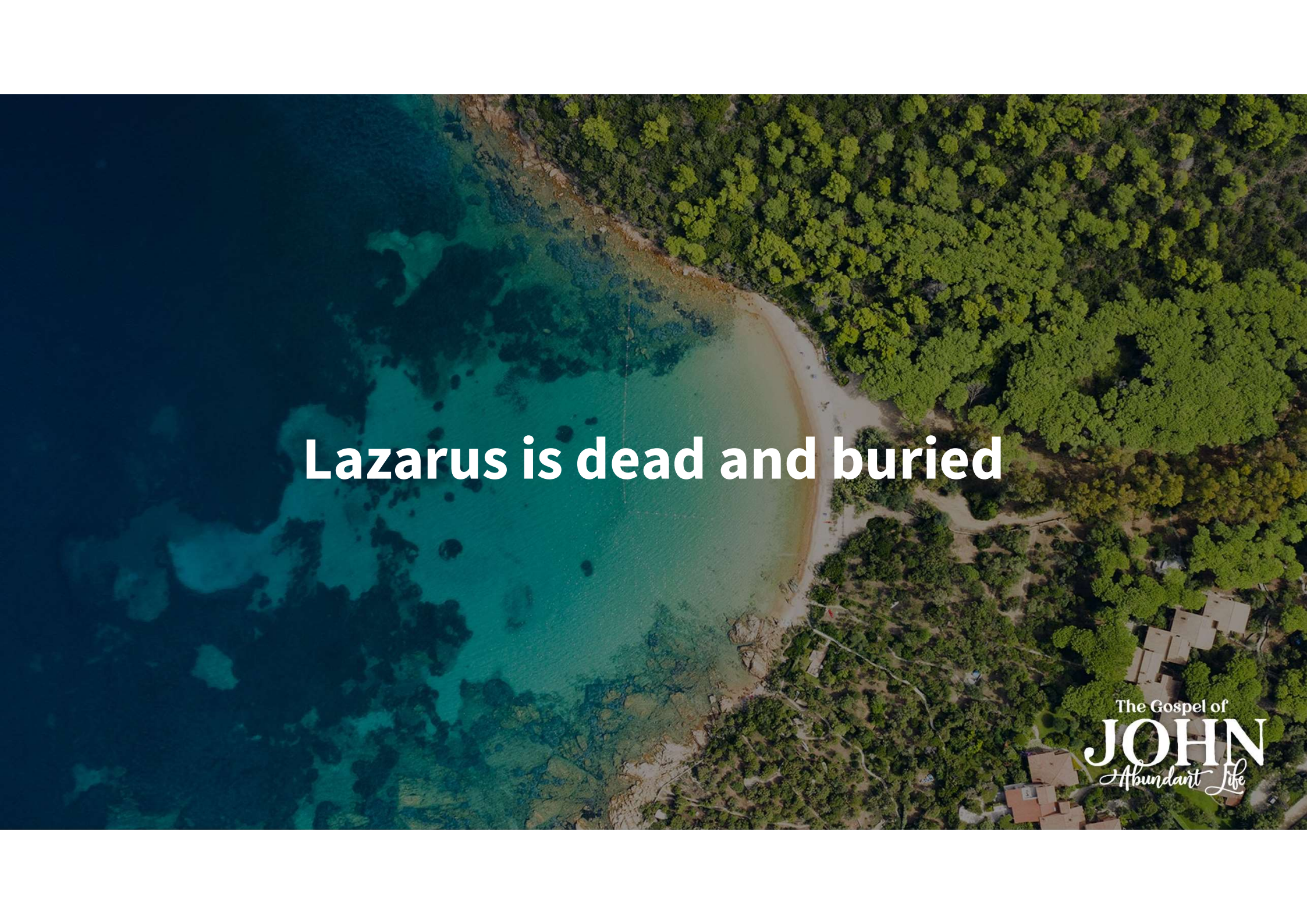
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1. The Scene

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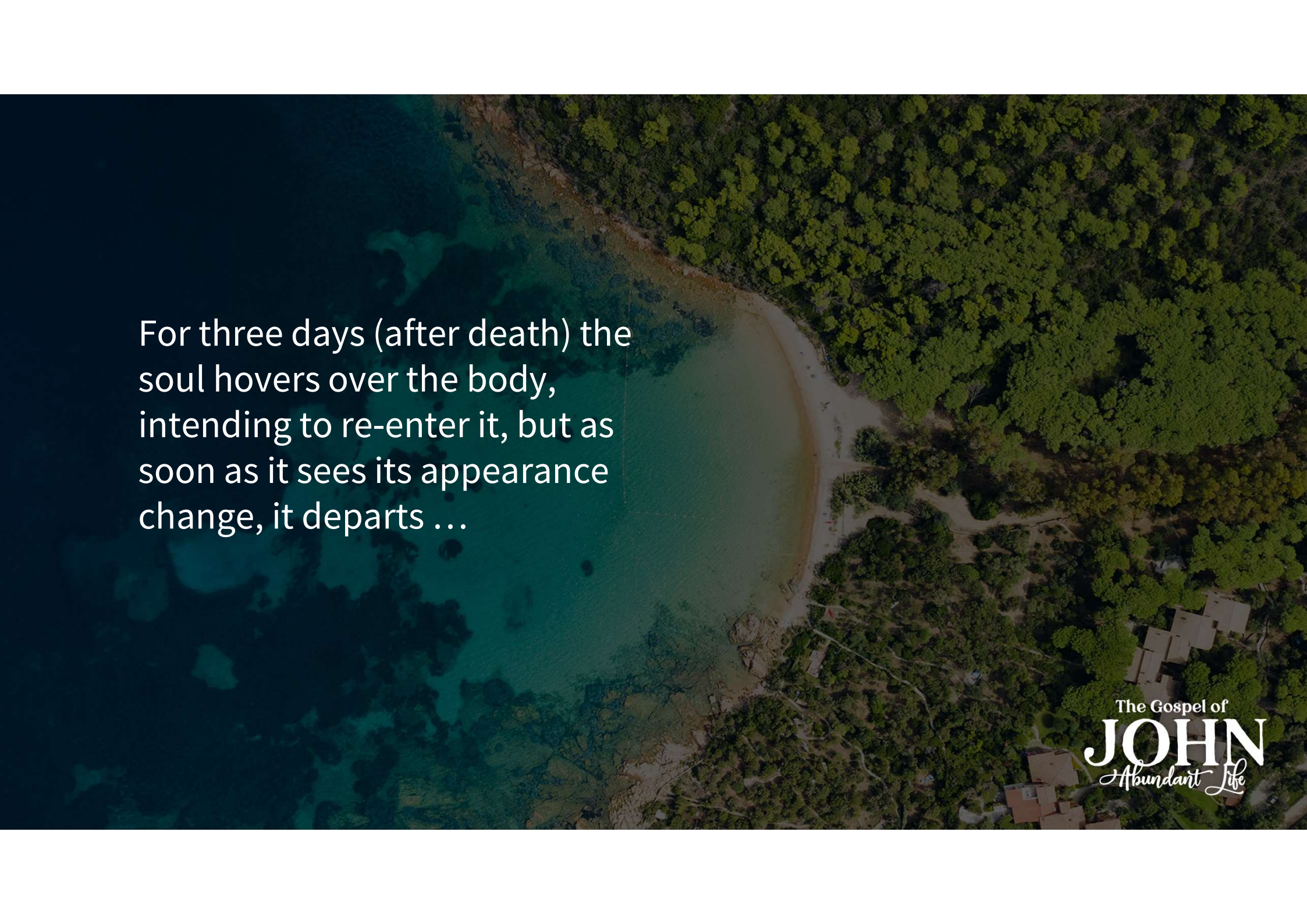


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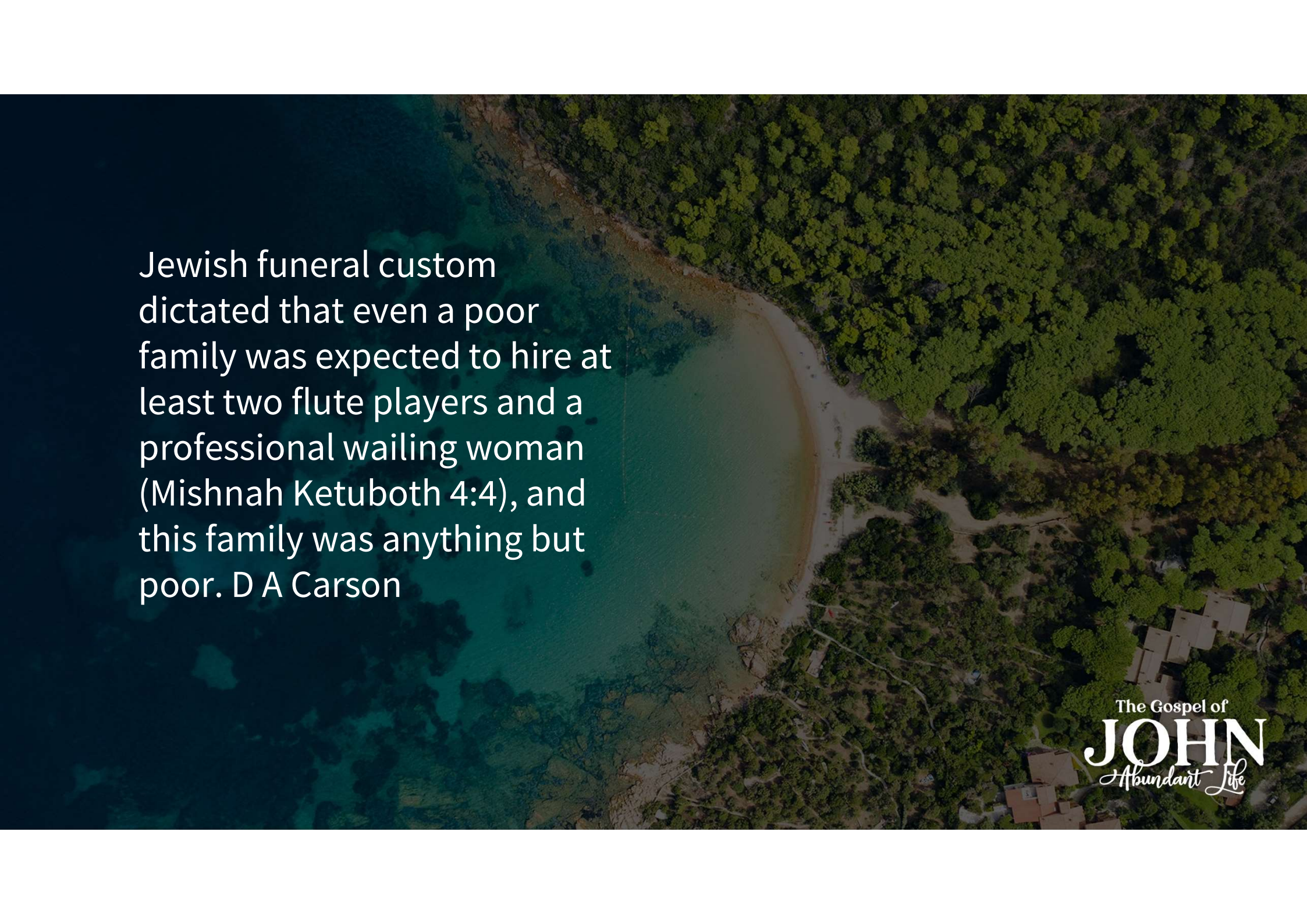
Lazarus is dead and buried

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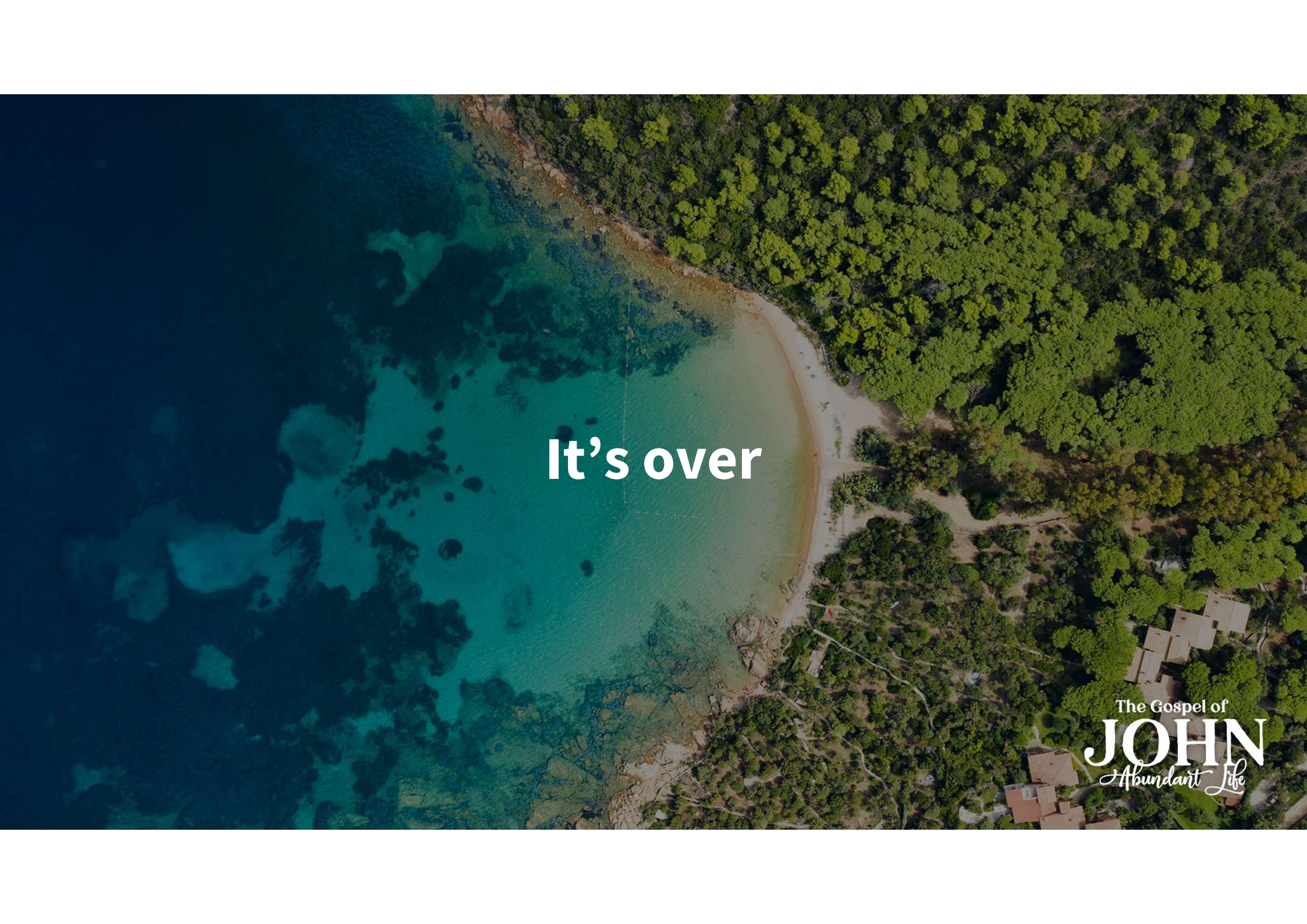
For three days (after death) the
soul hovers over the body,
intending to re-enter it, but as
soon as it sees its appearance
change, it departs ...

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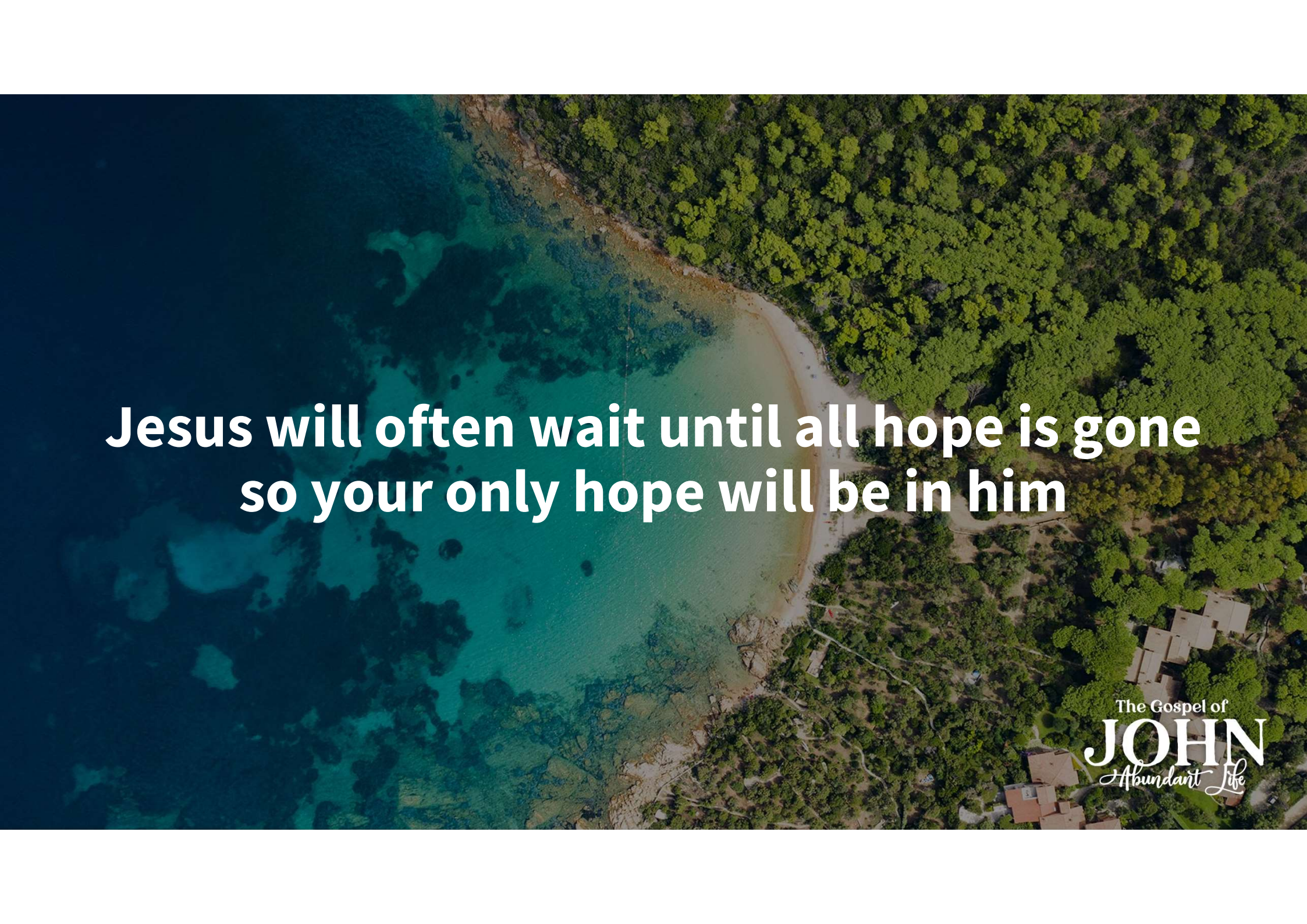
Jewish funeral custom dictated that even a poor family was expected to hire at least two flute players and a professional wailing woman (Mishnah Ketuboth 4:4), and this family was anything but poor. D A Carson

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It's over

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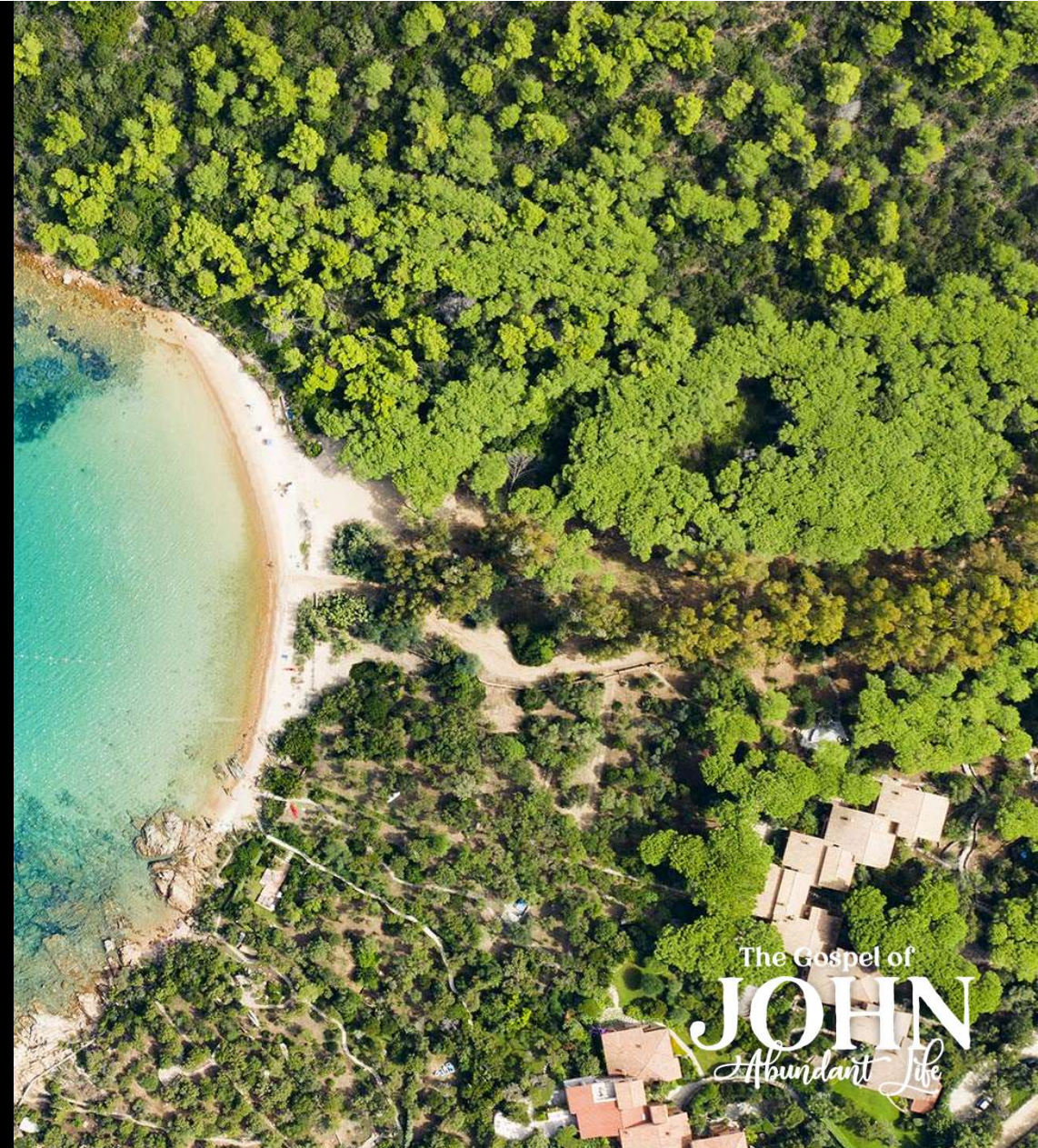


**Jesus will often wait until all hope is gone
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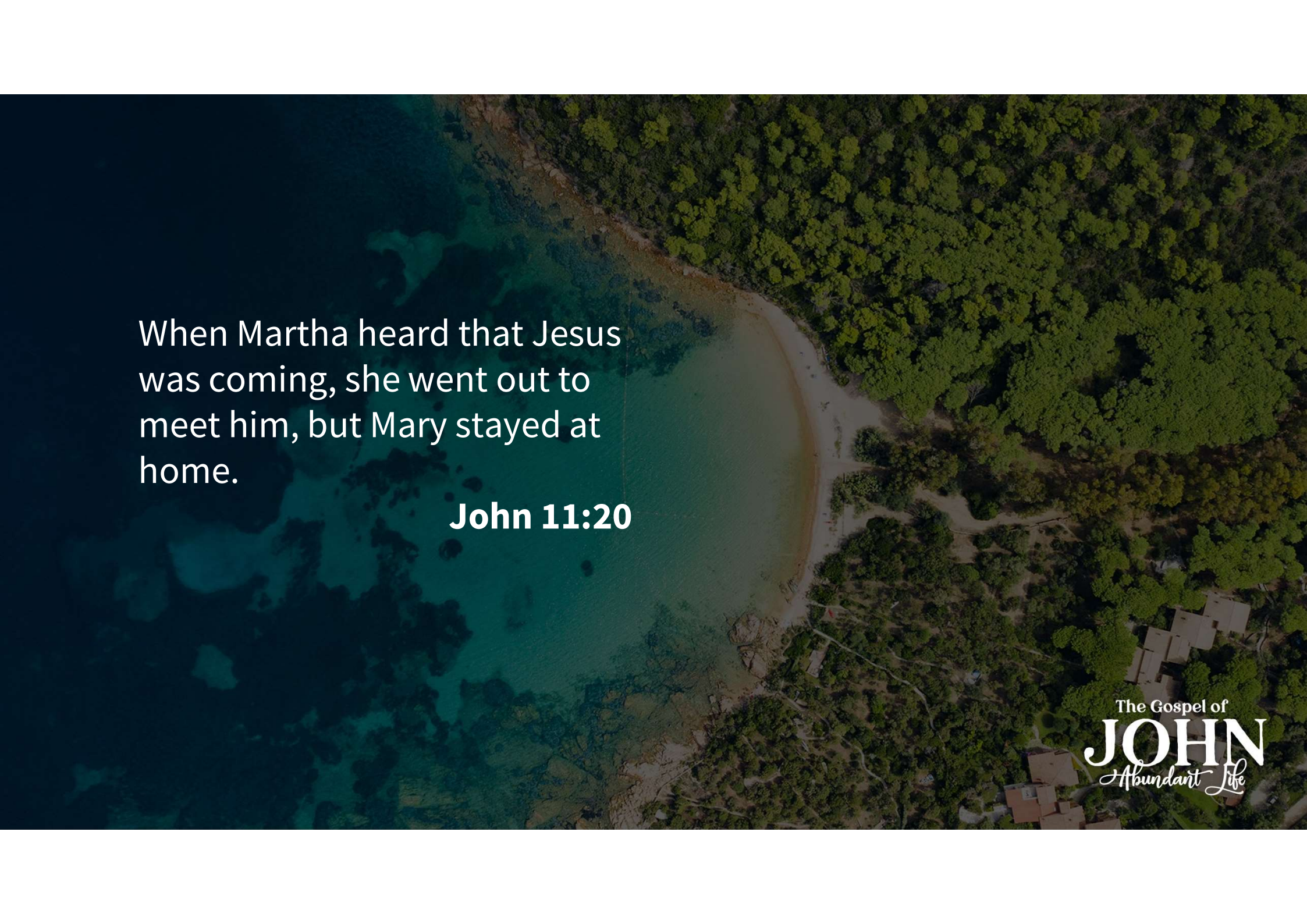
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2. The People

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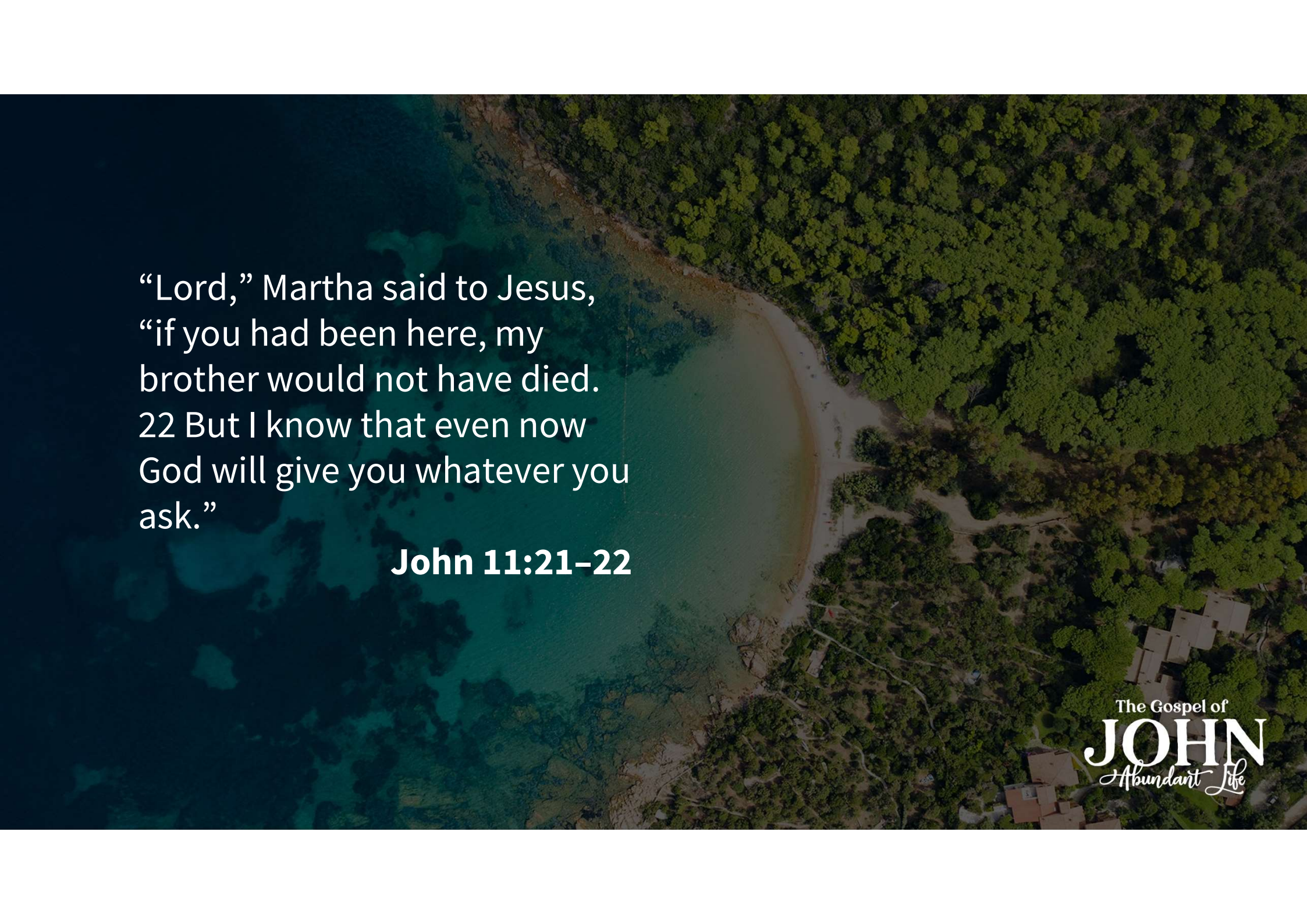
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When Martha heard that Jesus
was coming, she went out to
meet him, but Mary stayed at
home.

John 11:20

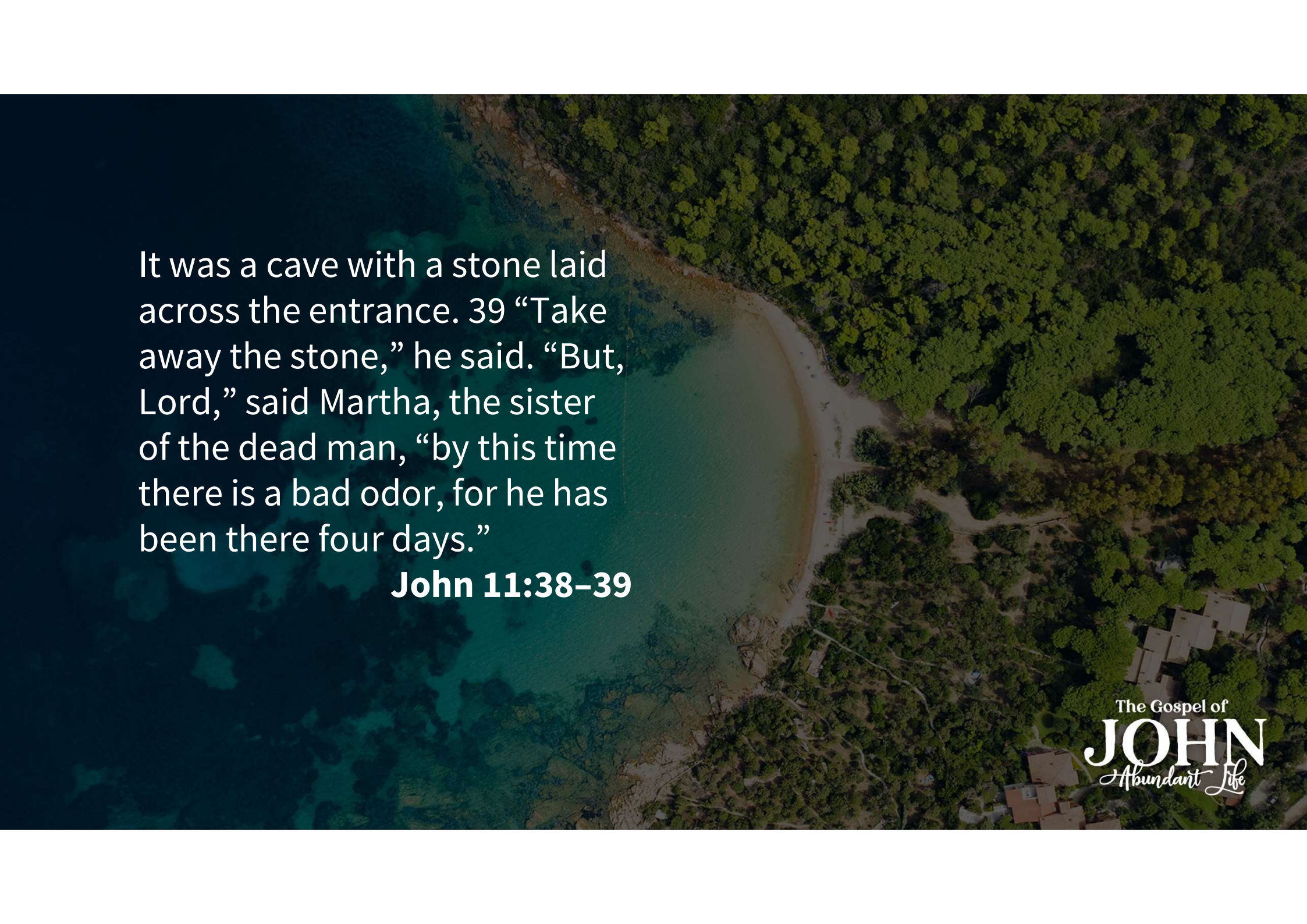
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“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus,
“if you had been here, my
brother would not have died.
22 But I know that even now
God will give you whatever you
ask.”

John 11:21-22

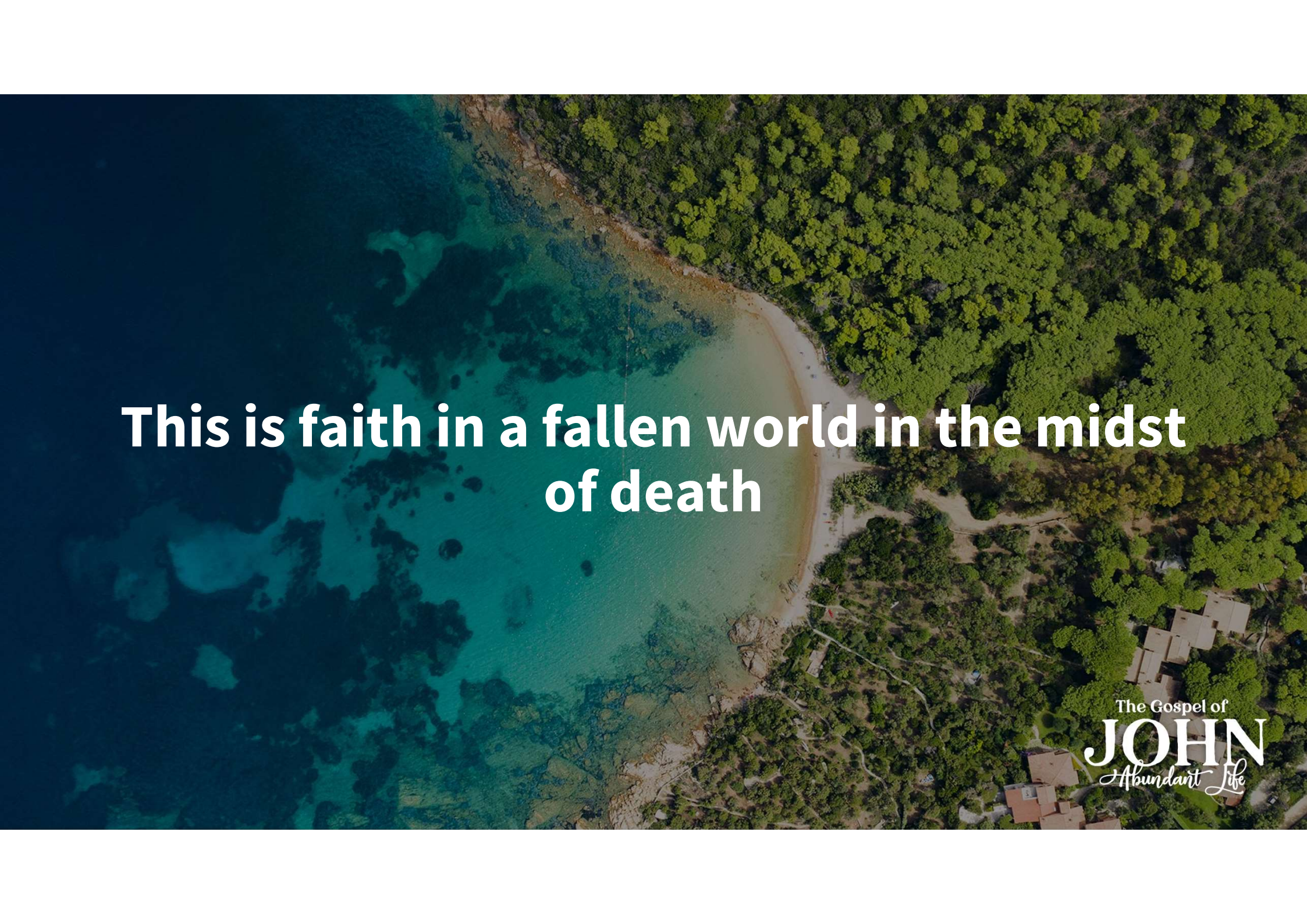
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It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

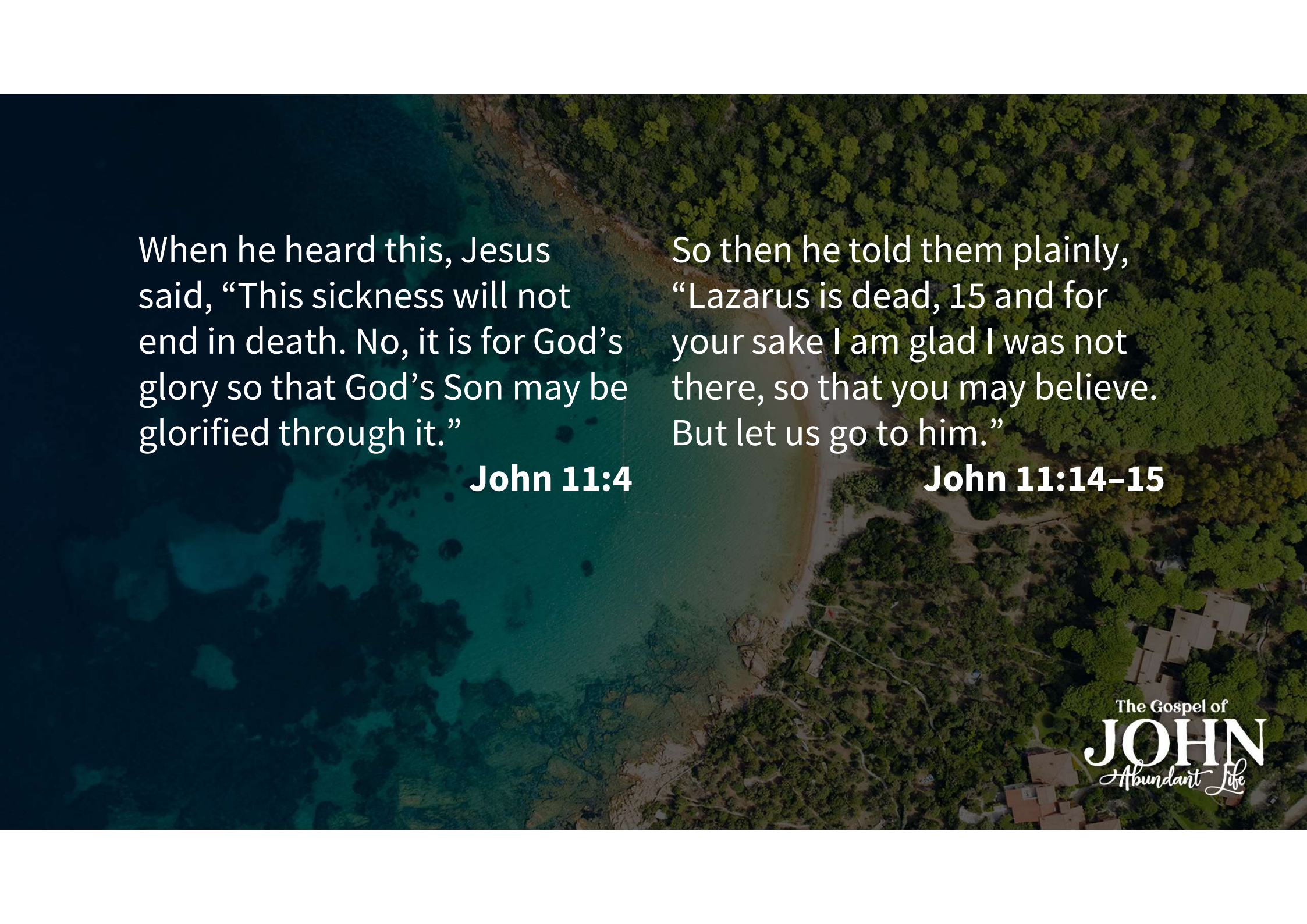
John 11:38–39

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**This is faith in a fallen world in the midst
of death**

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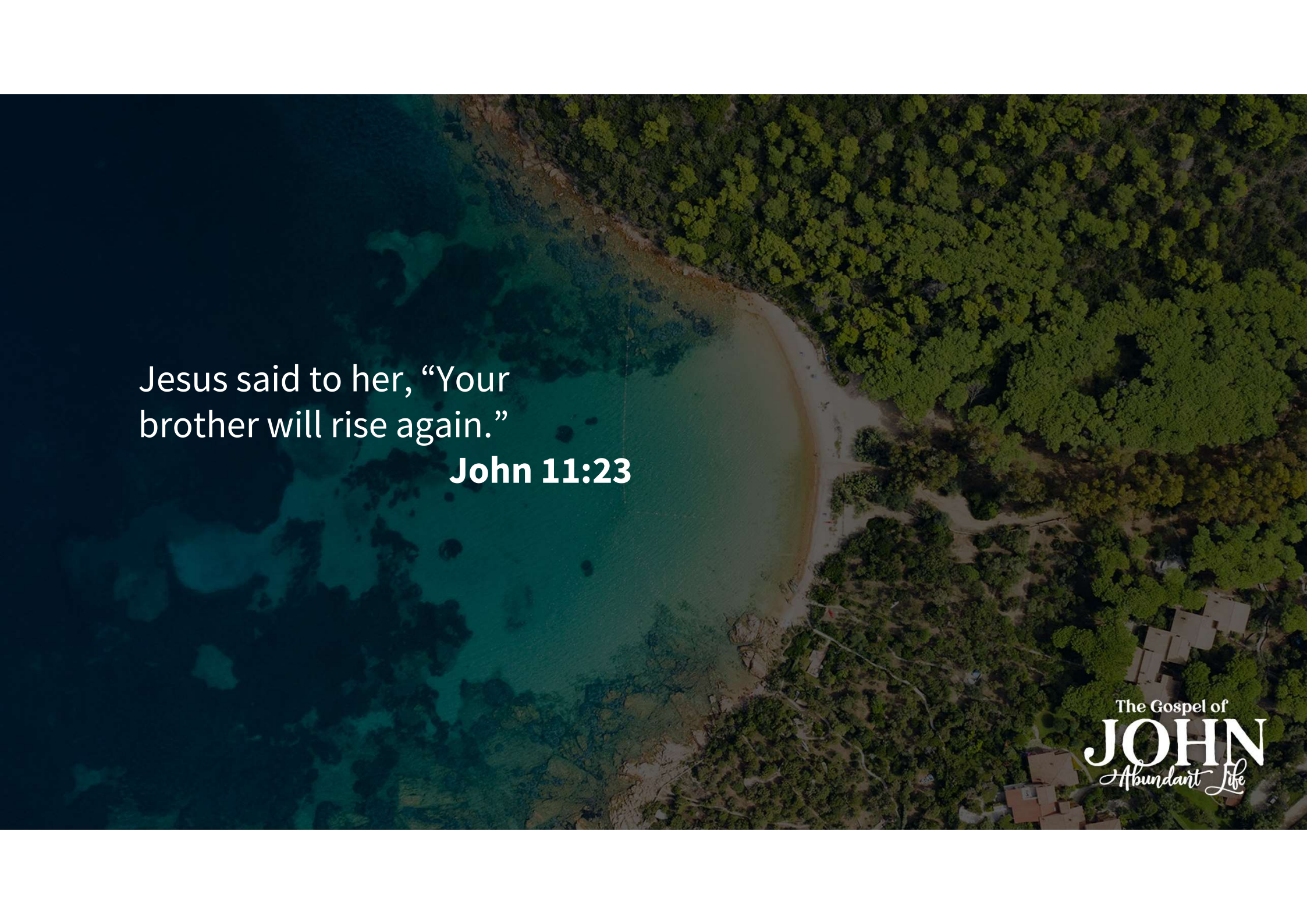
When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”

John 11:4

So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

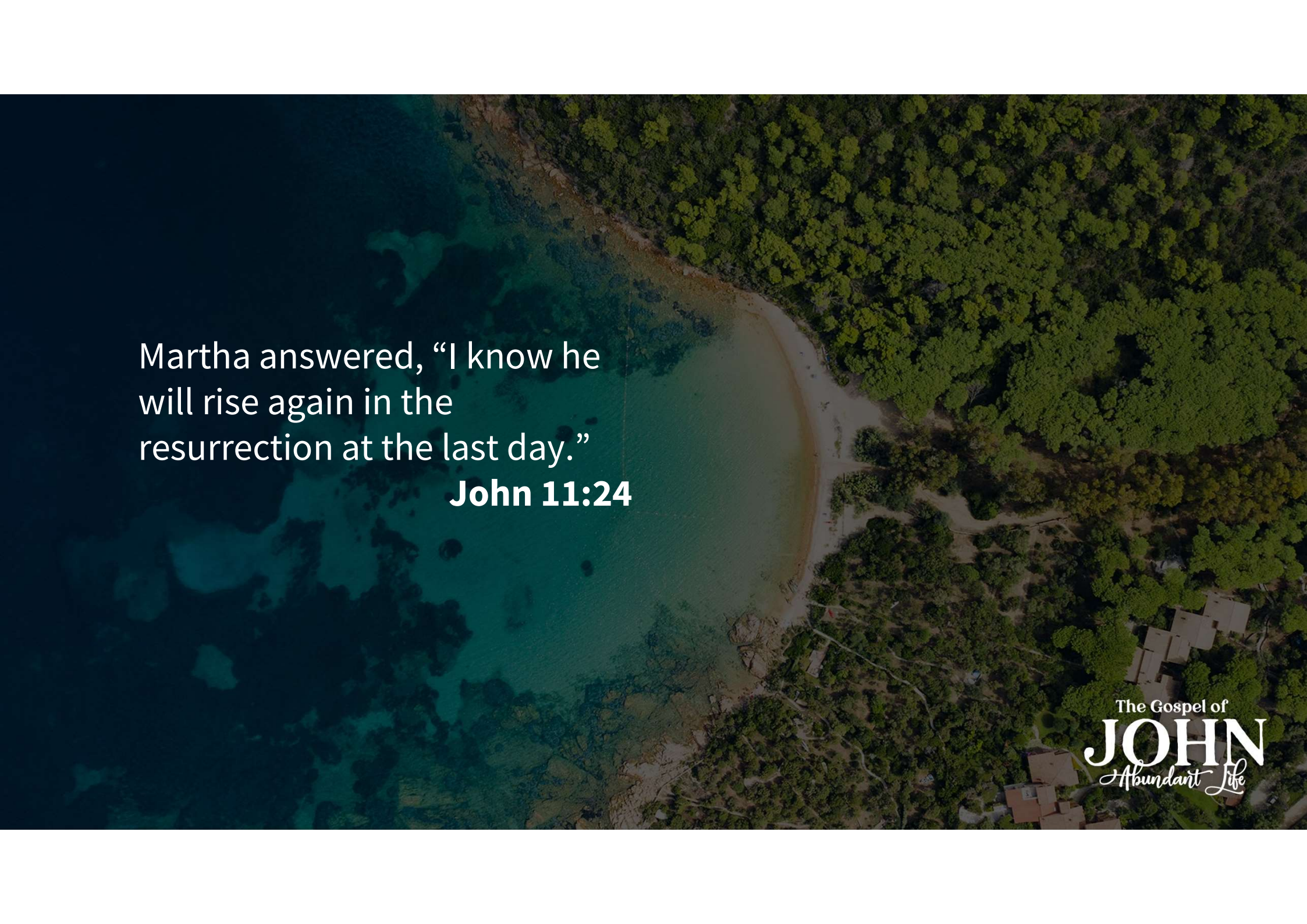
John 11:14–15

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Jesus said to her, “Your
brother will rise again.”
John 11:23

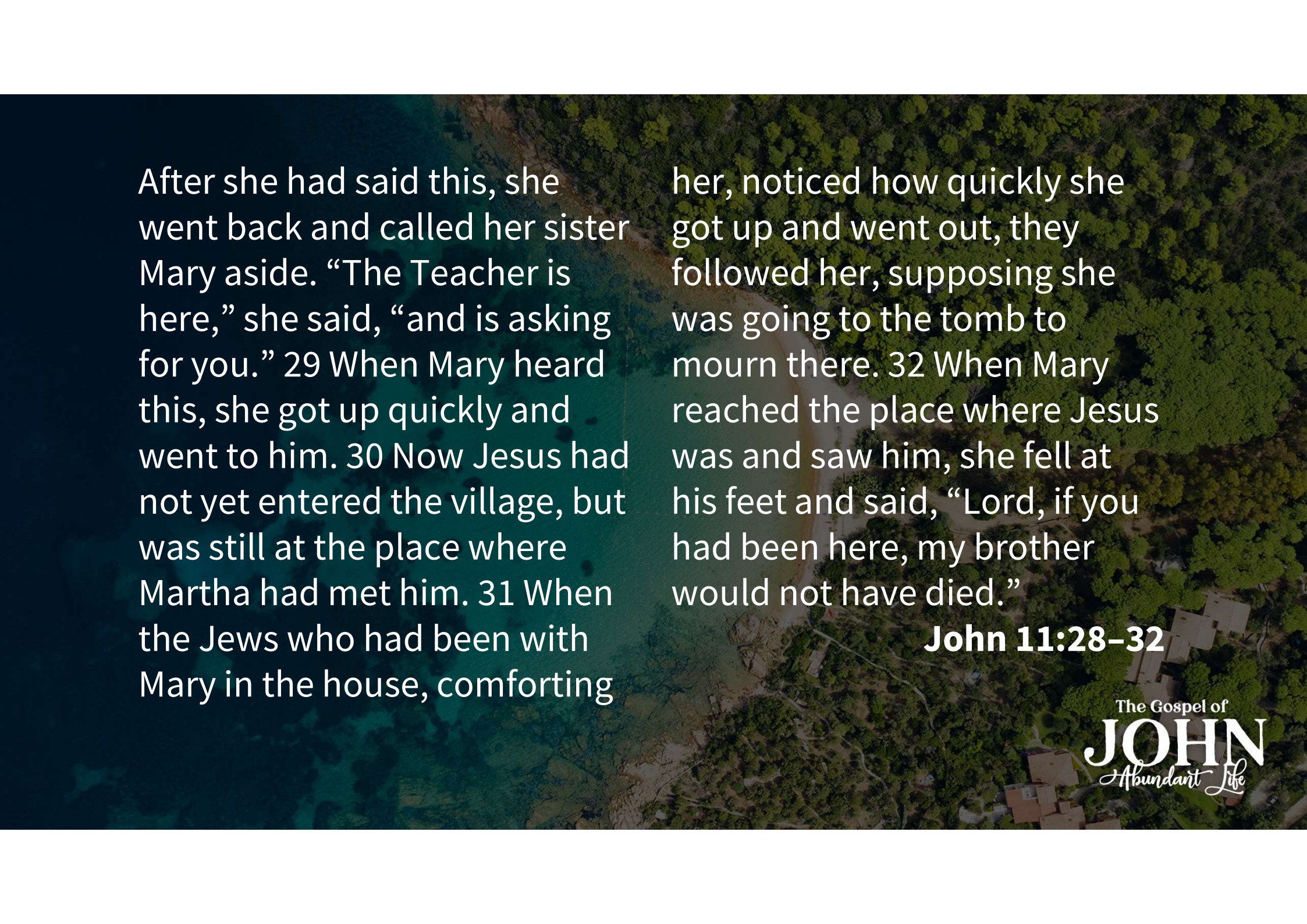
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Martha answered, “I know he
will rise again in the
resurrection at the last day.”

John 11:24

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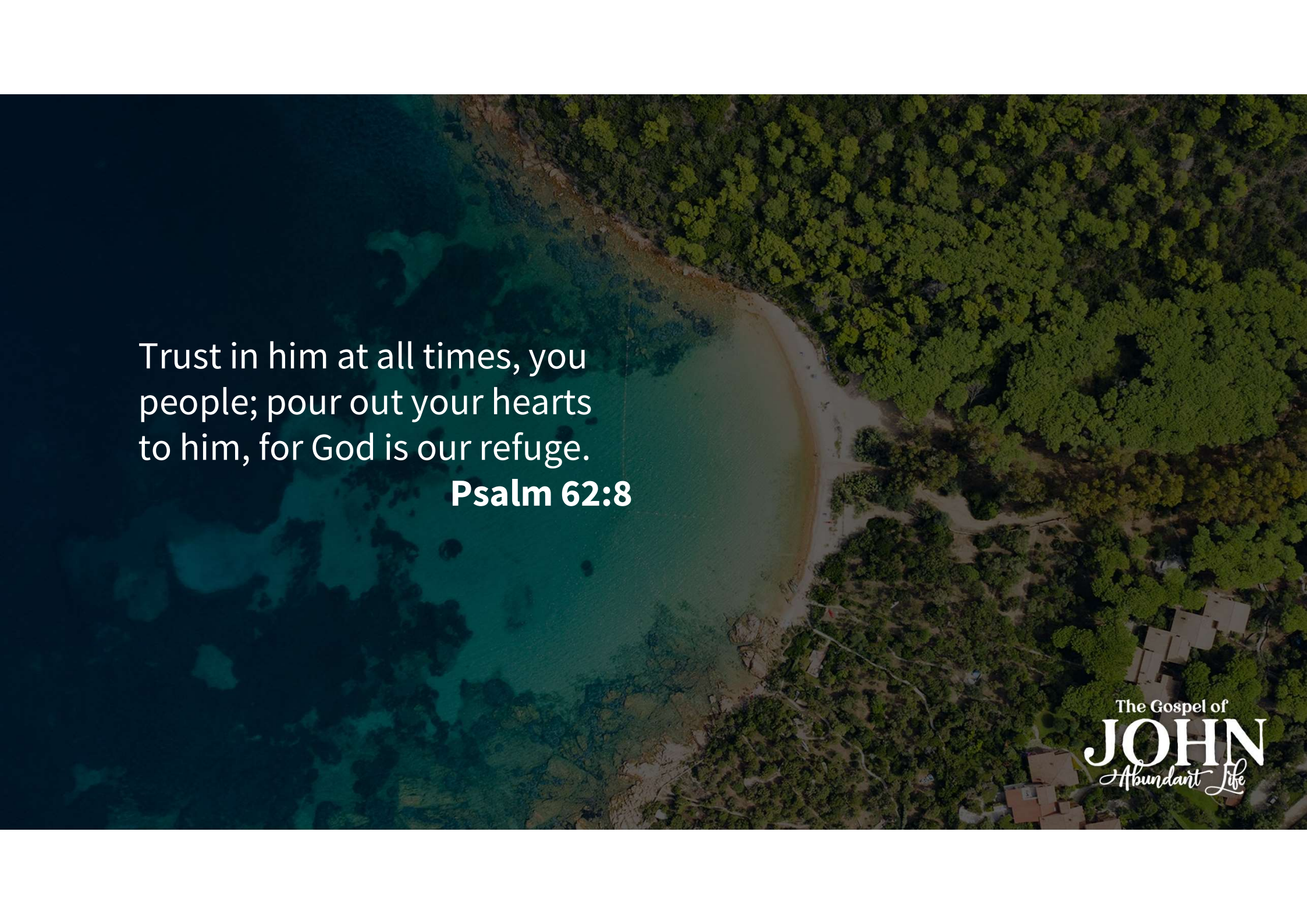


After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting

her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

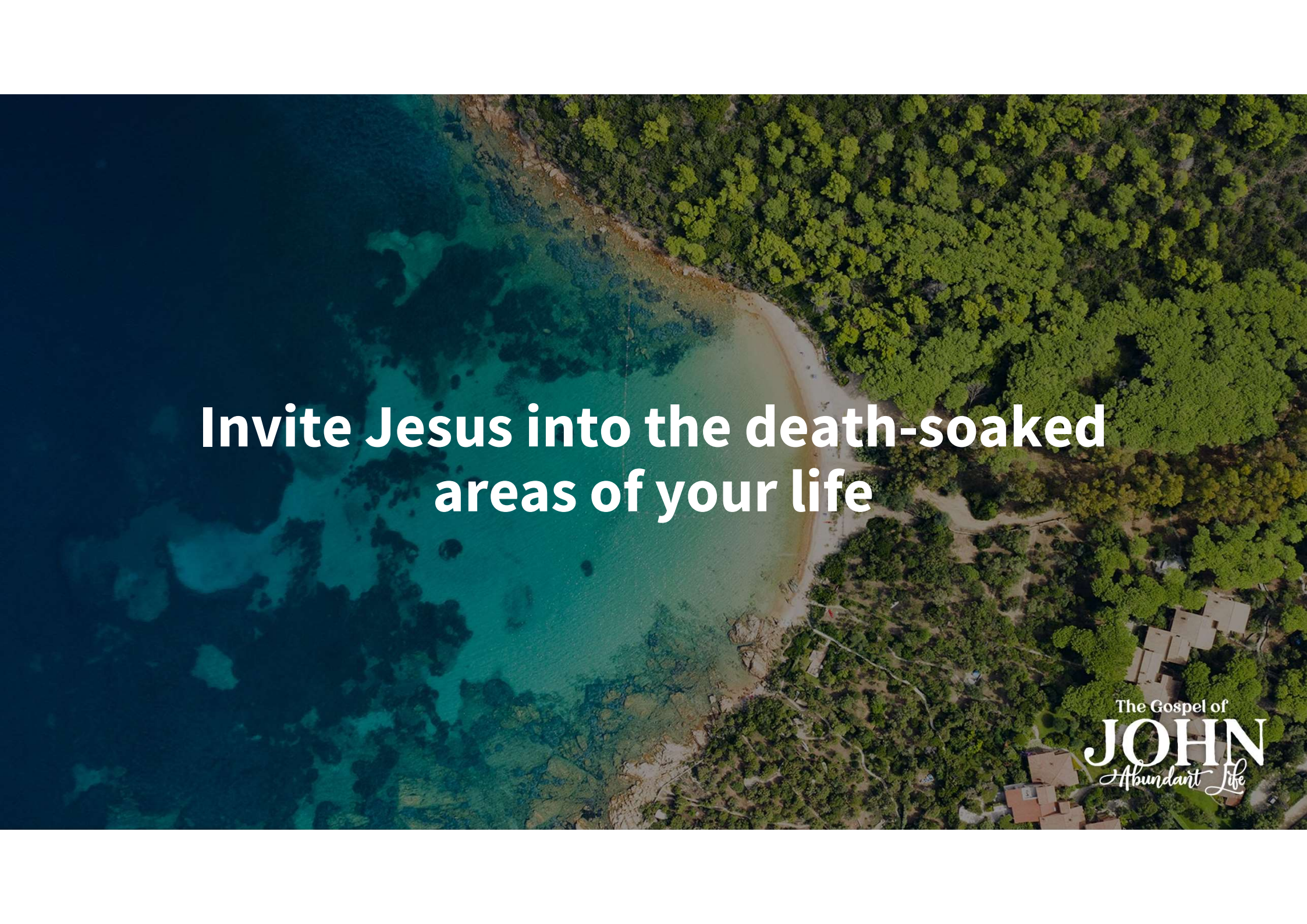
John 11:28–32

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Trust in him at all times, you
people; pour out your hearts
to him, for God is our refuge.
Psalm 62:8

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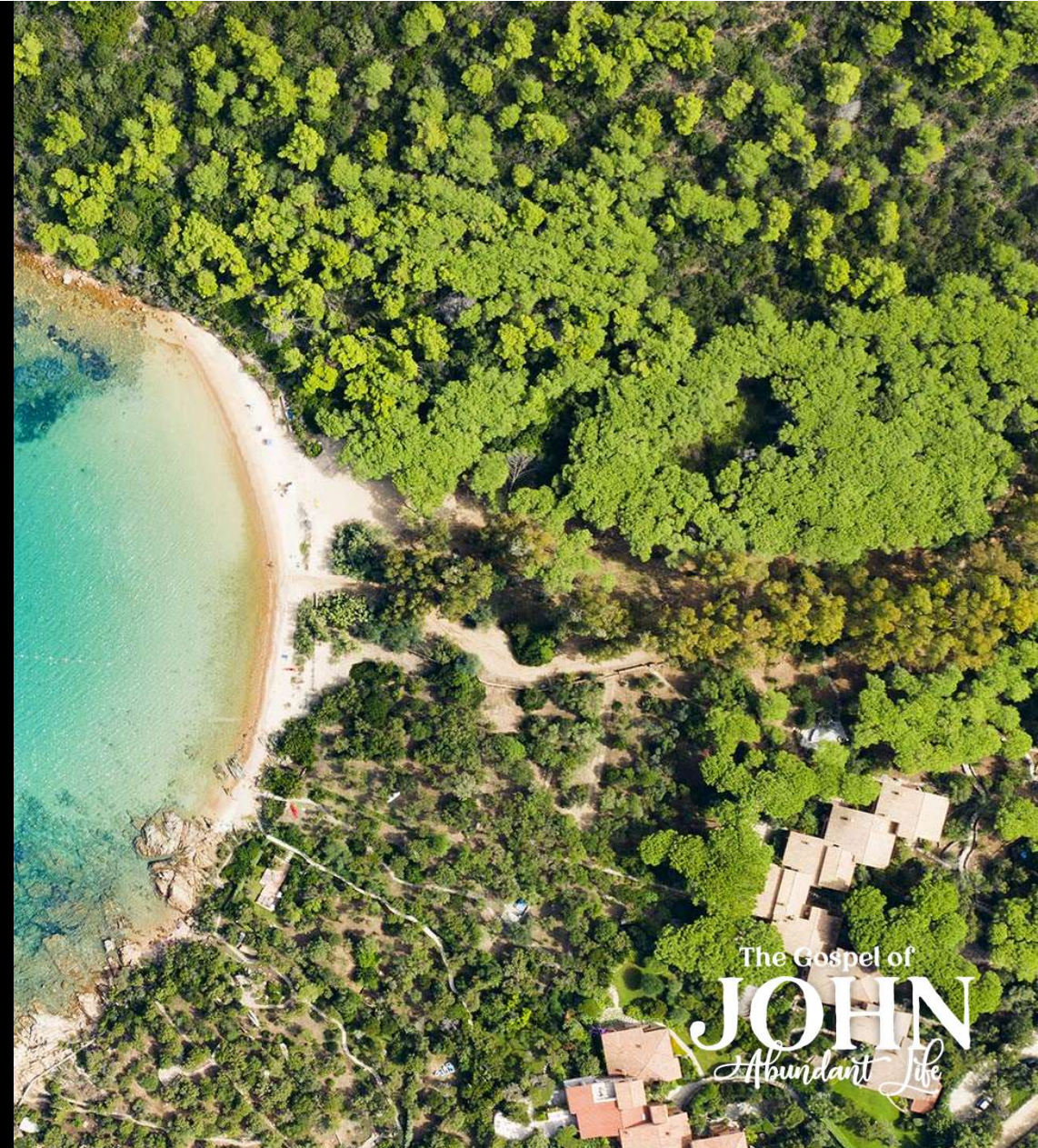


**Invite Jesus into the death-soaked
areas of your life**

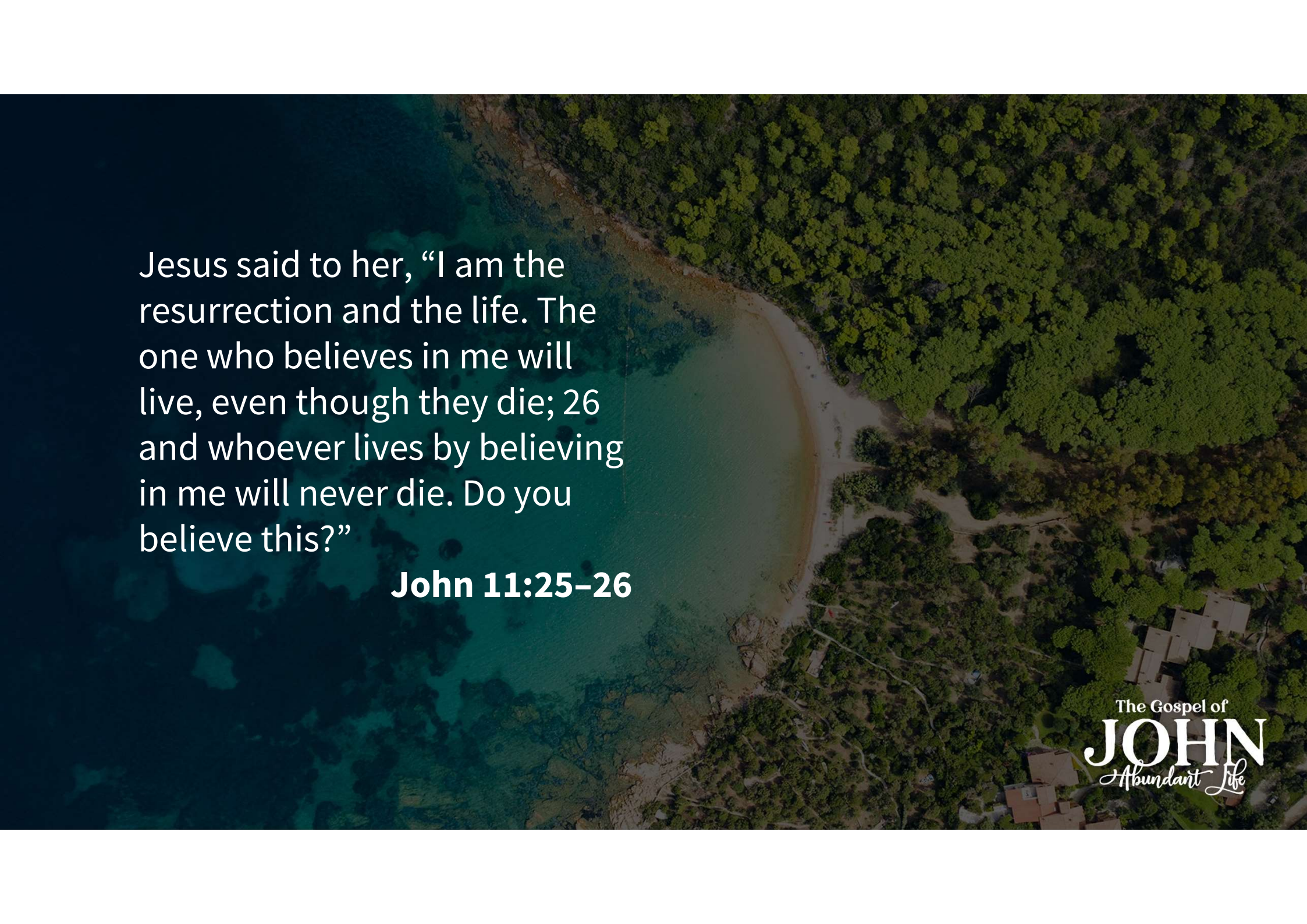
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3. The Person of Jesus

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Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

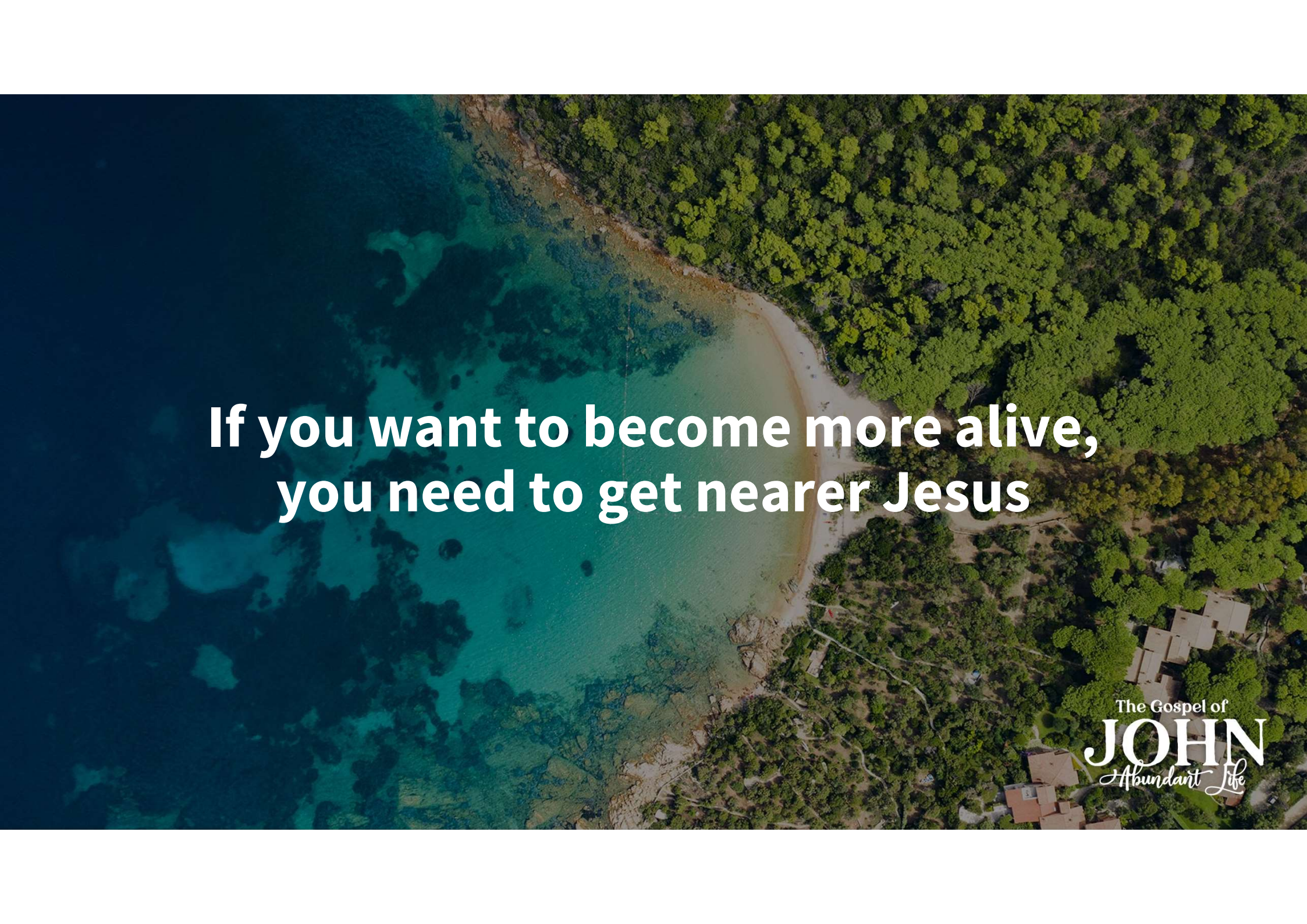
John 11:25–26

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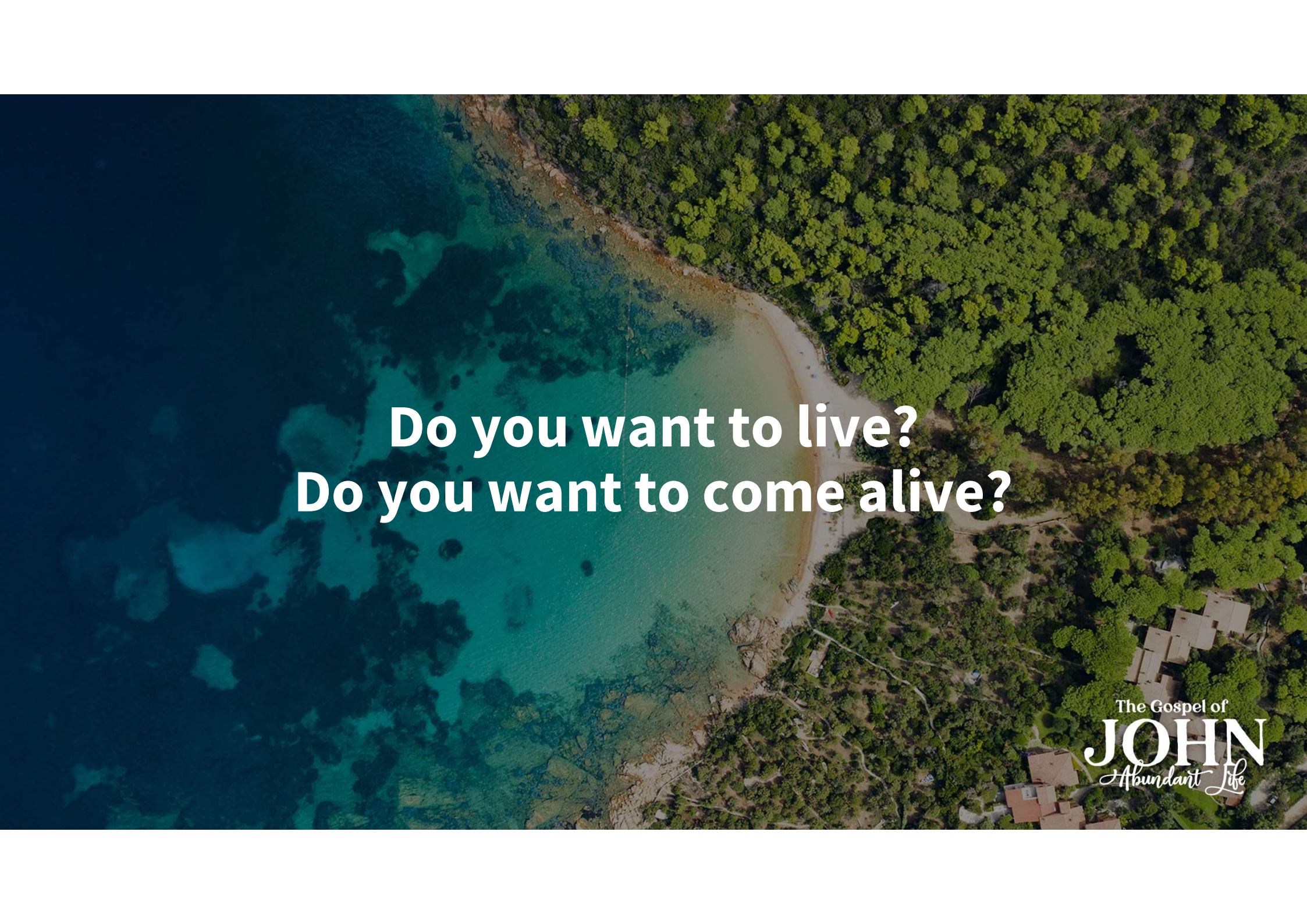
**If you want to become more alive,
you need to get nearer Jesus**

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**Do you want to live?
Do you want to come alive?**

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