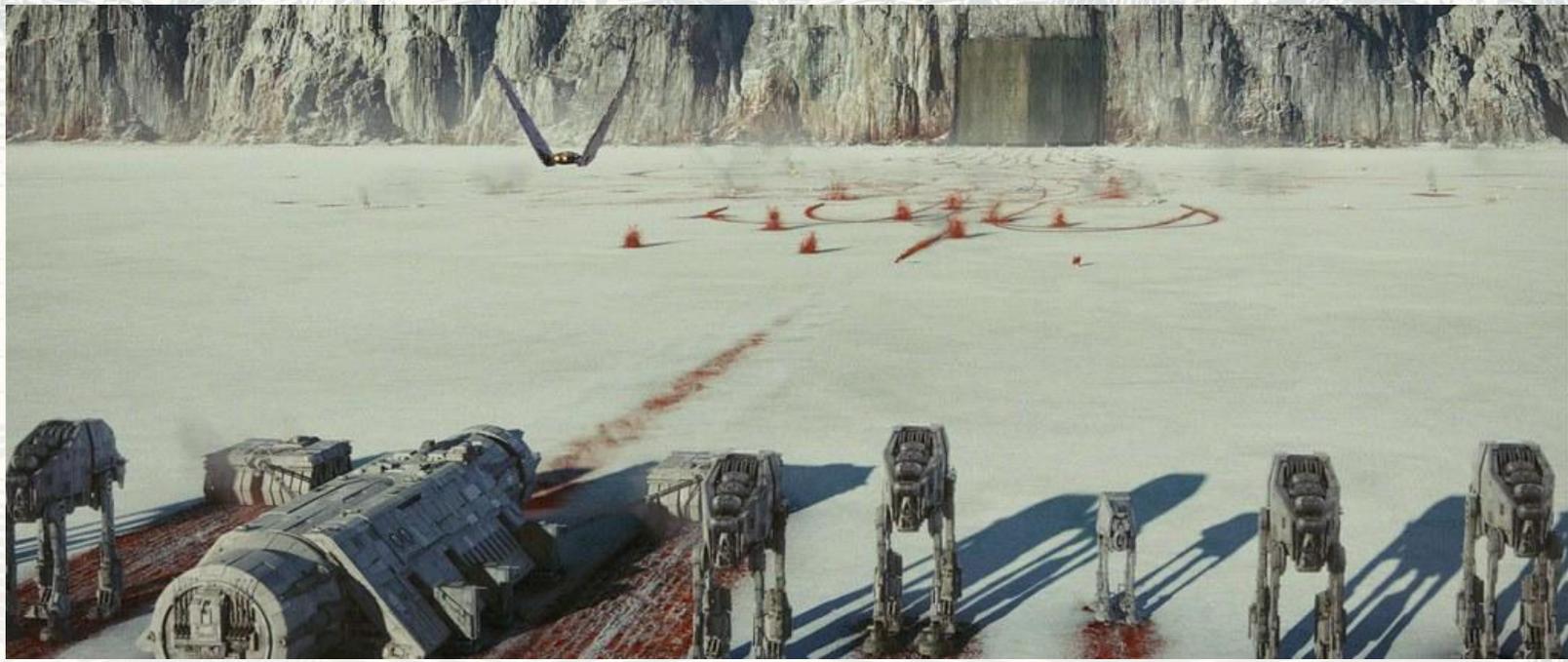


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# Control in the Chaos

John 18:1-38a

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Scene 1: Arrest in the Garden

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## Arrest in the Garden (John 18:1-11)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup> They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

## Arrest in the Garden (John 18:1-11)

<sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

# Arrest in the Garden

## How Things Appear on the Surface

- Jesus is betrayed by a close follower
- He is being arrested through a joint Jewish-Roman operation
- A large crowd with weapons comes to arrest him



# Arrest in the Garden

## And Yet... Jesus is in Control

1. Jesus is not hiding (v.1-2)
2. He knew all that would happen to him (v.4)

John 10:17b-18a

...I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.

# Arrest in the Garden

## *And Yet... Jesus is in Control*

3. He identifies himself in more ways than one (“I am”) causing those arresting him to draw back and fall to the ground.

Psalm 27:2

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

# Arrest in the Garden

## And Yet... Jesus is in Control

4. He tells those arresting him what to do—to let the others go (v.8) in fulfillment of his words that not one of those that the father had given him would be lost.
5. He tells Peter: “Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?” (v.11)

The cup = The cup of God’s wrath against sin

Psalm 75:8

For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup  
with foaming wine, well mixed,  
and he pours out from it,  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drain it down to the dregs.



# Arrest in the Garden

## What Does this Mean for Us?

- Like Peter, we will be tempted to take things into our own hands
- When we are afraid, we should look to Jesus



# Trial Before Religious Authorities (John 18:12-14, 19-24)

<sup>12</sup> So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people... <sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world...

# Trial Before Religious Authorities (John 18:12-14, 19-24)

... I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup> Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

# Trial Before Religious Authorities

## Two High Priests?

- Annas and Caiaphas are both referred to as the High Priest
  - Annas = True High Priest in the eyes of the Jewish people
  - Caiaphas = High Priest in the eyes of Rome

## How Things Appear on the Surface

- Jesus is given a religious trial by night, which is likely illegal
- The trial possibly violates standard court proceedings
- Jesus is accused of being deceptive and concealing his true motives

# Trial Before Religious Authorities

## *And Yet... Jesus is in Control*

1. Jesus responds to accusations with clarity and truth
2. John uses irony to highlight Jesus as *the real High Priest*
3. John reminds us that it was Caiaphas who unintentionally prophesied that it would be expedient for one man to die for the people.

# Trial Before Religious Authorities

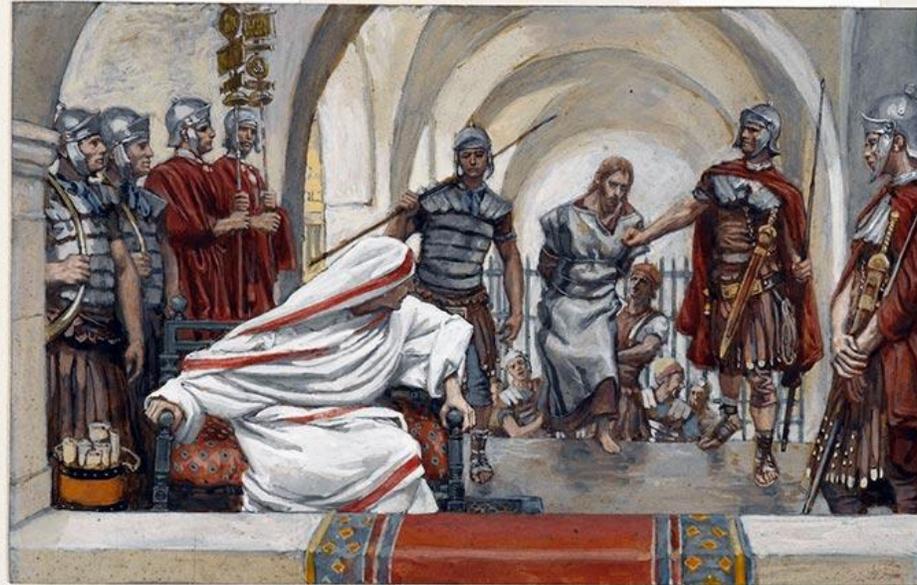
## What Does this Mean for Us?

- Jesus knows what it's like to suffer at the hand of religious teachers
- We can and should boldly speak truth
- We should hold religious leaders accountable
- We can continue to trust God the Father, even when his representatives fall short

# Trial Before Roman Authorities (John 18:28-38a)

## How Things Appear on the Surface

- Jesus is being accused of inciting an insurrection against Rome
- The brutal and despised Pontius Pilate is calling the shots



# Trial Before Roman Authorities

## *And Yet... Jesus is in Control*

1. Jesus being taken to Romans for execution fulfills words that he has spoken earlier (v.32)

John 12:32-33

“...And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

# Trial Before Roman Authorities

## *And Yet... Jesus is in Control*

2. Jesus turns the tables on Pilate and interrogates him (v.34)
3. Jesus openly admits to Pilate that he is a king (v.36-37)



# Trial Before Roman Authorities

## What Does this Mean for Us?

- We can experience confident peace even when our lives are endangered by political chaos by setting our minds on “the things that are above” (Colossians 3) – the kingdom of God

# Control in the Chaos

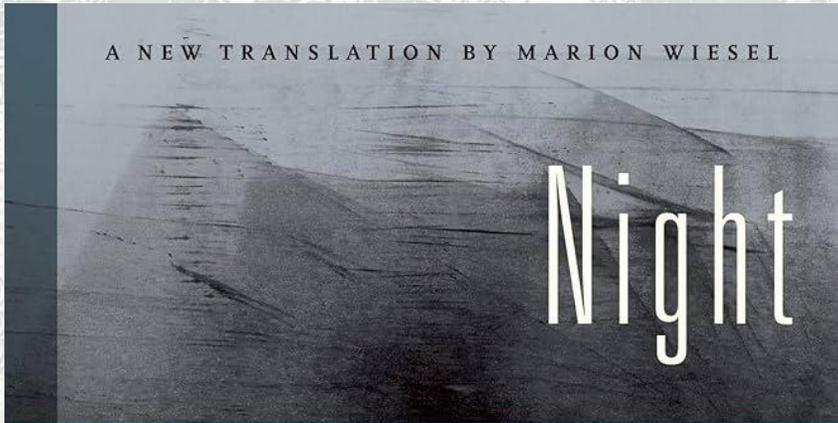
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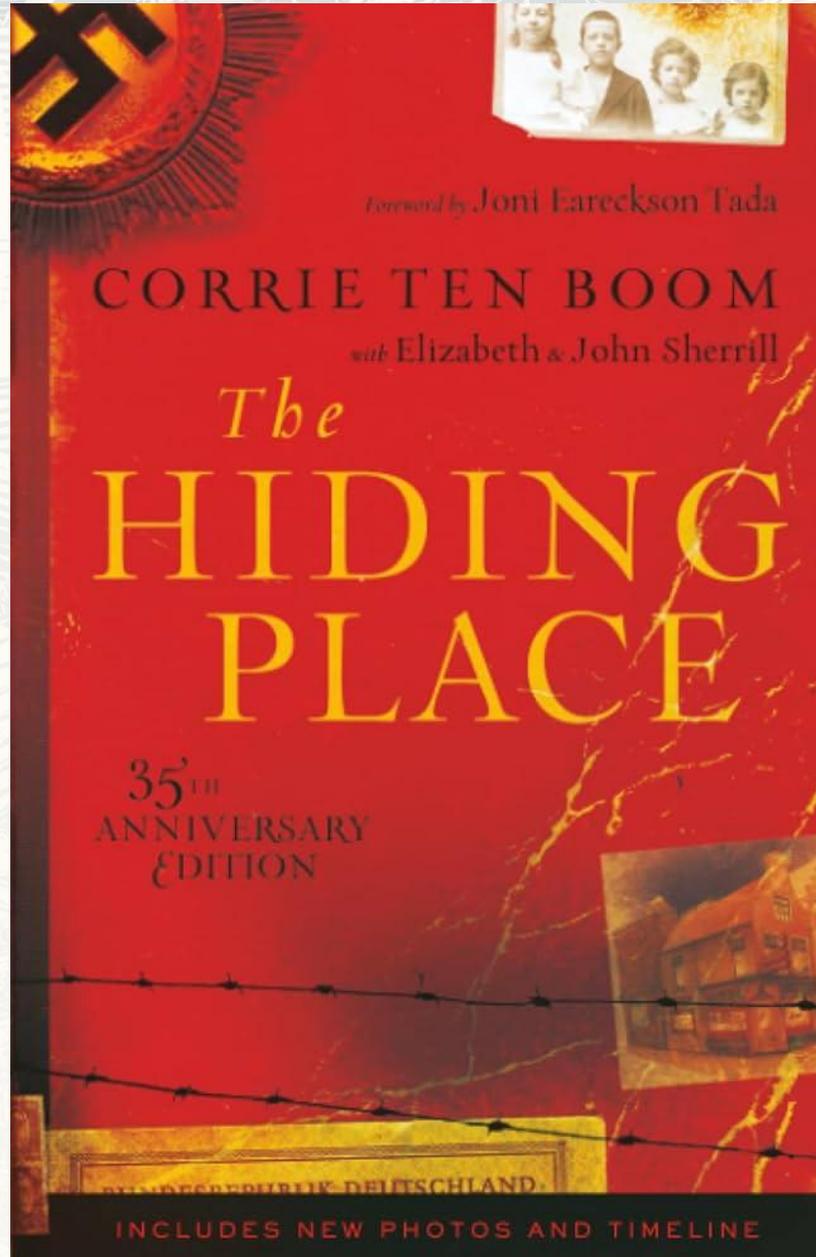
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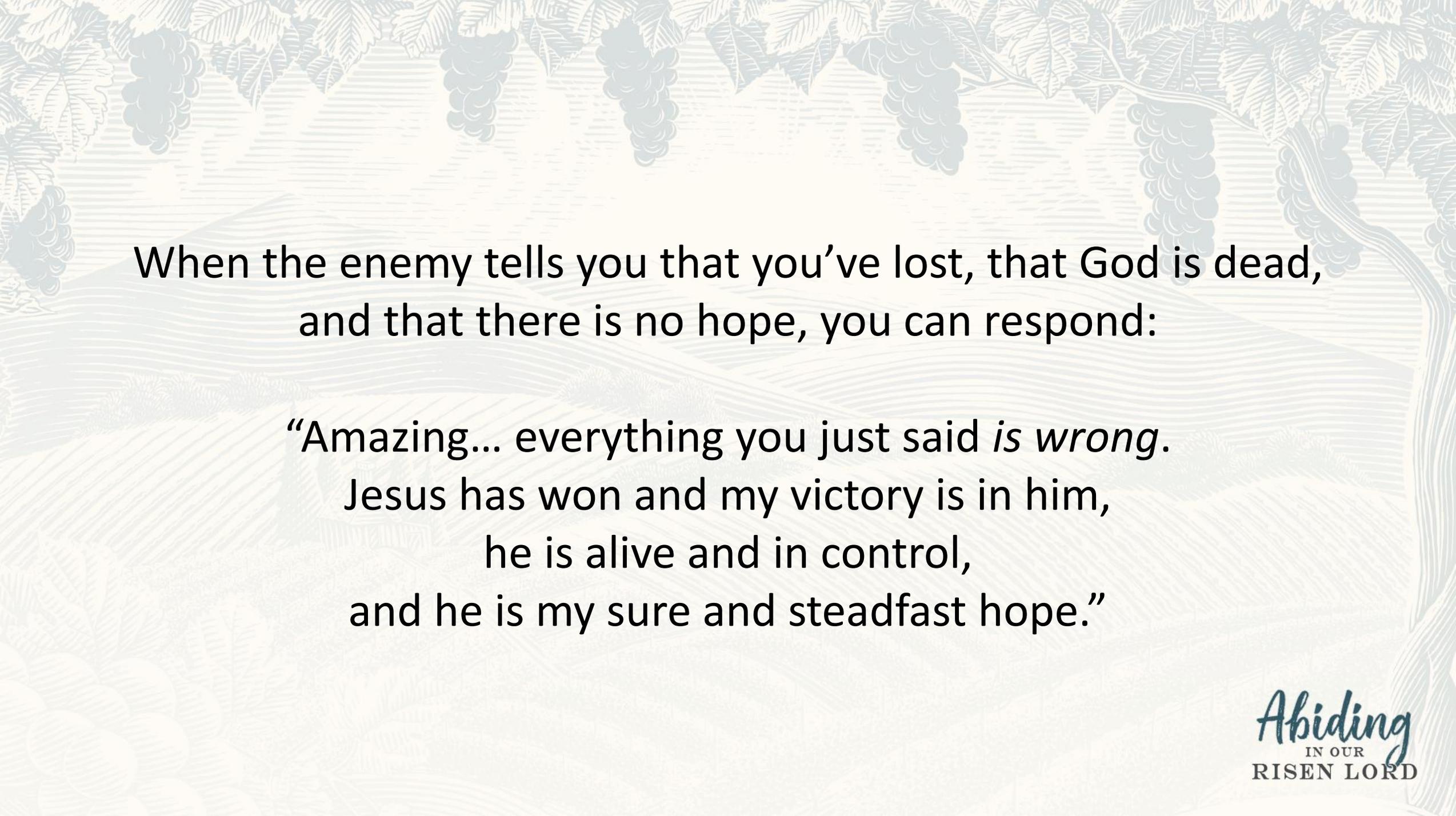
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