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THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

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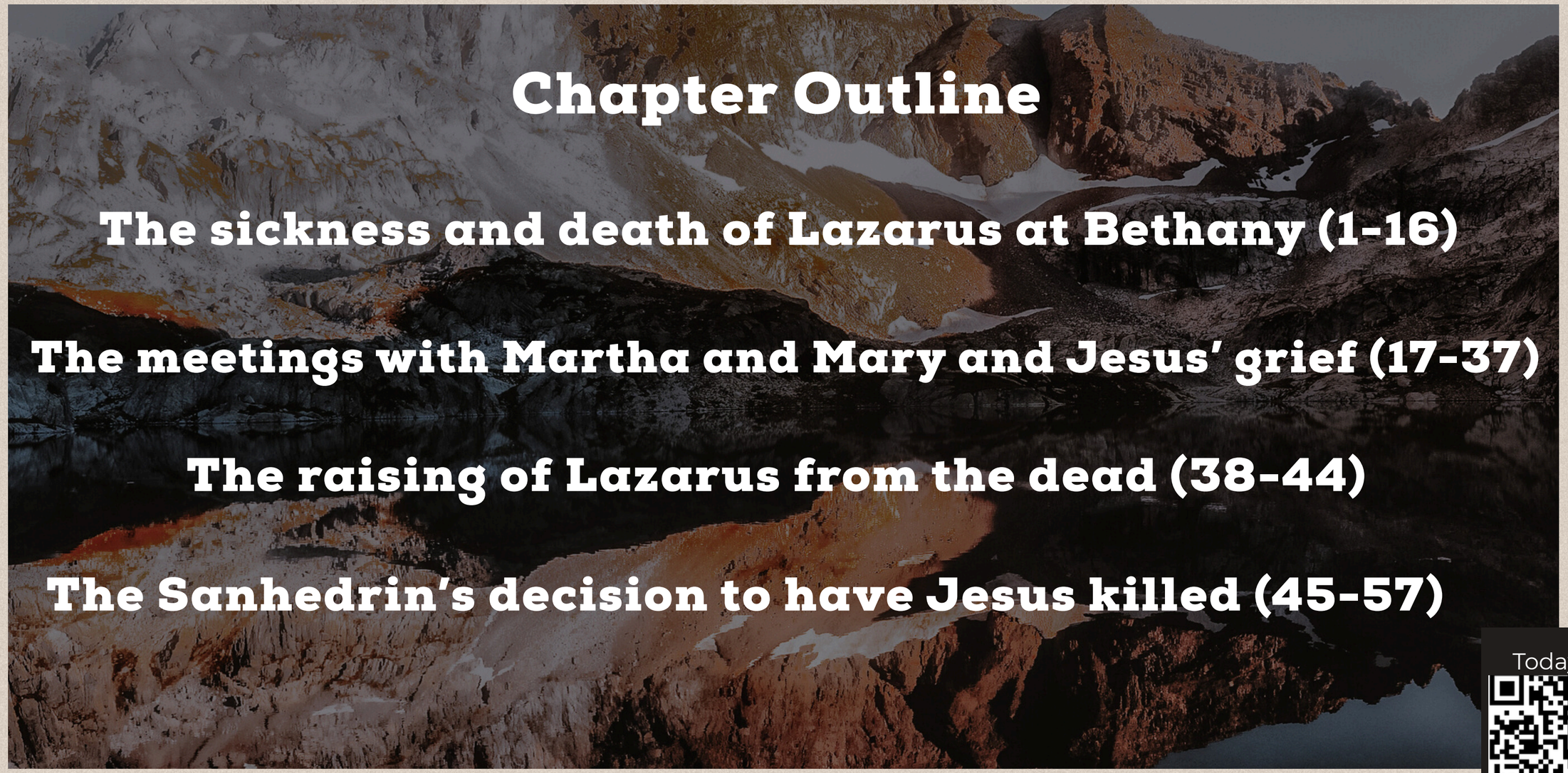

Chapter Outline

The sickness and death of Lazarus at Bethany (1-16)

The meetings with Martha and Mary and Jesus' grief (17-37)

The raising of Lazarus from the dead (38-44)

The Sanhedrin's decision to have Jesus killed (45-57)

Today's Notes



Four Realities

1. Jesus' **perspective** is higher than we can see

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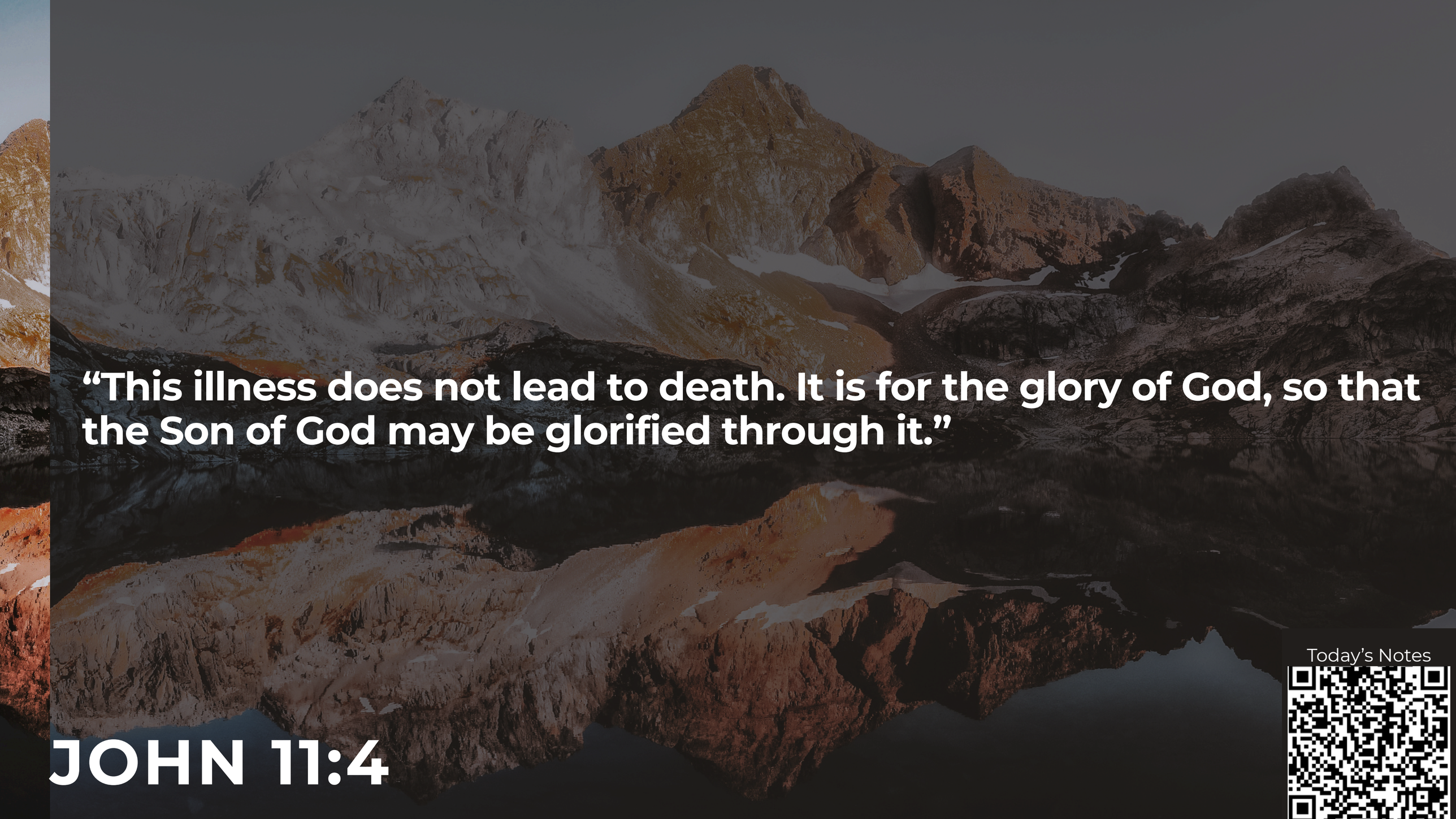
“This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”
JOHN 11:4
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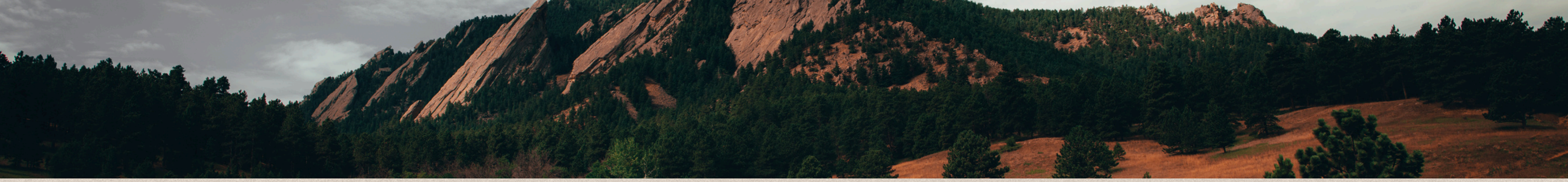

“GOD’S DELAYS ARE NOT FINAL. HE WILL COME, IN HIS OWN TIME AND WAY. NO DOUBT THAT WILL FREQUENTLY BE LATER THAN WE WOULD HAVE CHOSEN. FROM HIS DIVINE PERSPECTIVE, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE THE RIGHT TIME. GOD IS THE BEST OF TIME-KEEPERS. HE CREATED TIME; HE IS NEVER LATE FOR HIS APPOINTMENTS.”

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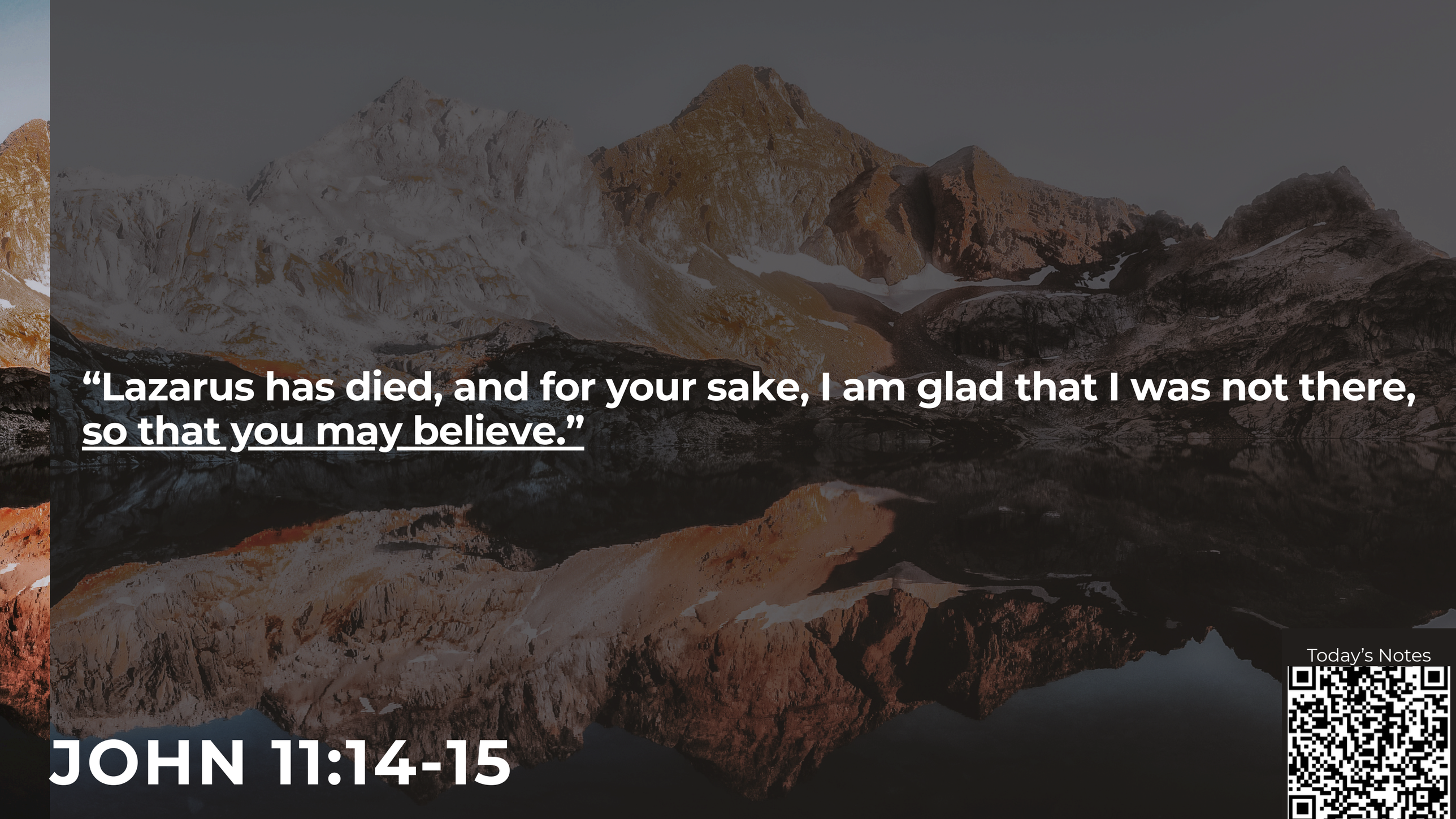

“Lazarus has died, and for your sake, I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe.”

JOHN 11:14-15

Today’s Notes

ABUNDANCE IN THE BOOK OF JOHN

- **JOHN 2**: THE WEDDING AT CANA – 120-150 GALLONS OF "THE BEST" WINE
- **JOHN 6**: FEEDING THE 5,000 – 12 BASKETS LEFT OVER
- **JOHN 11**: THE RAISING OF LAZARUS – 4 DAYS IN THE TOMB… NOT JUST DEAD, BUT *IMPOSSIBLY* DEAD

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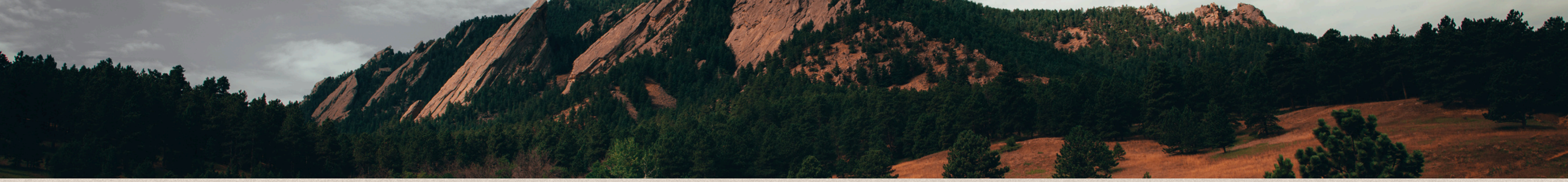

“JESUS DELIBERATELY WITHHOLDS HIS [HELP] UNTIL THE ENEMY HE IS CONFRONTING HAS ASSUMED A FULLNESS OF AUTHORITY AND DESTRUCTIVENESS. THE GREATER THE CHALLENGE, THE GREATER THE MIRACLE, AND THE GREATER THE STRENGTHENING OF HIS FOLLOWERS’ FAITH AS A RESULT.”

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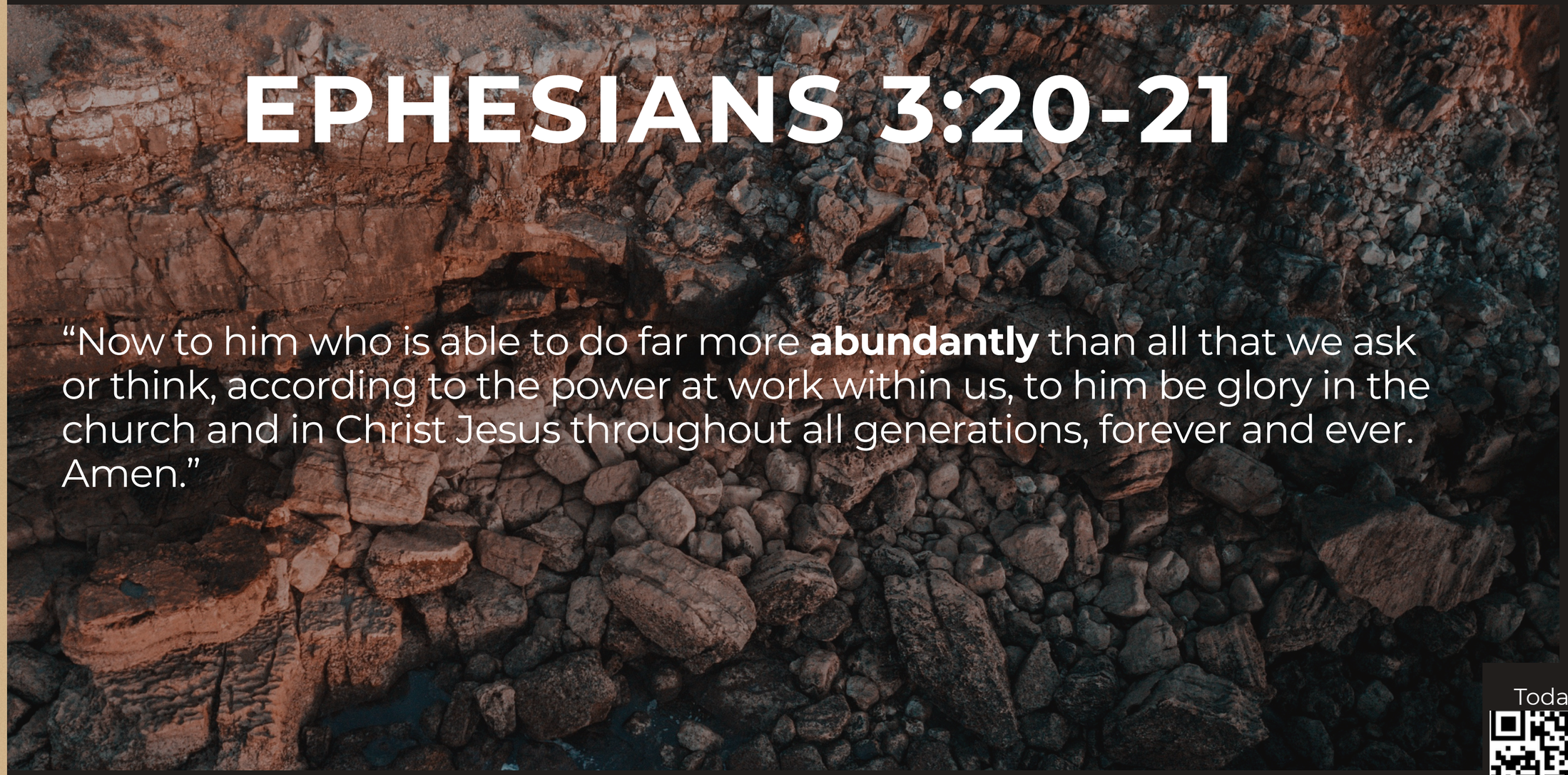

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do far more **abundantly** than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Today’s Notes

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

JOHN 11:25-26

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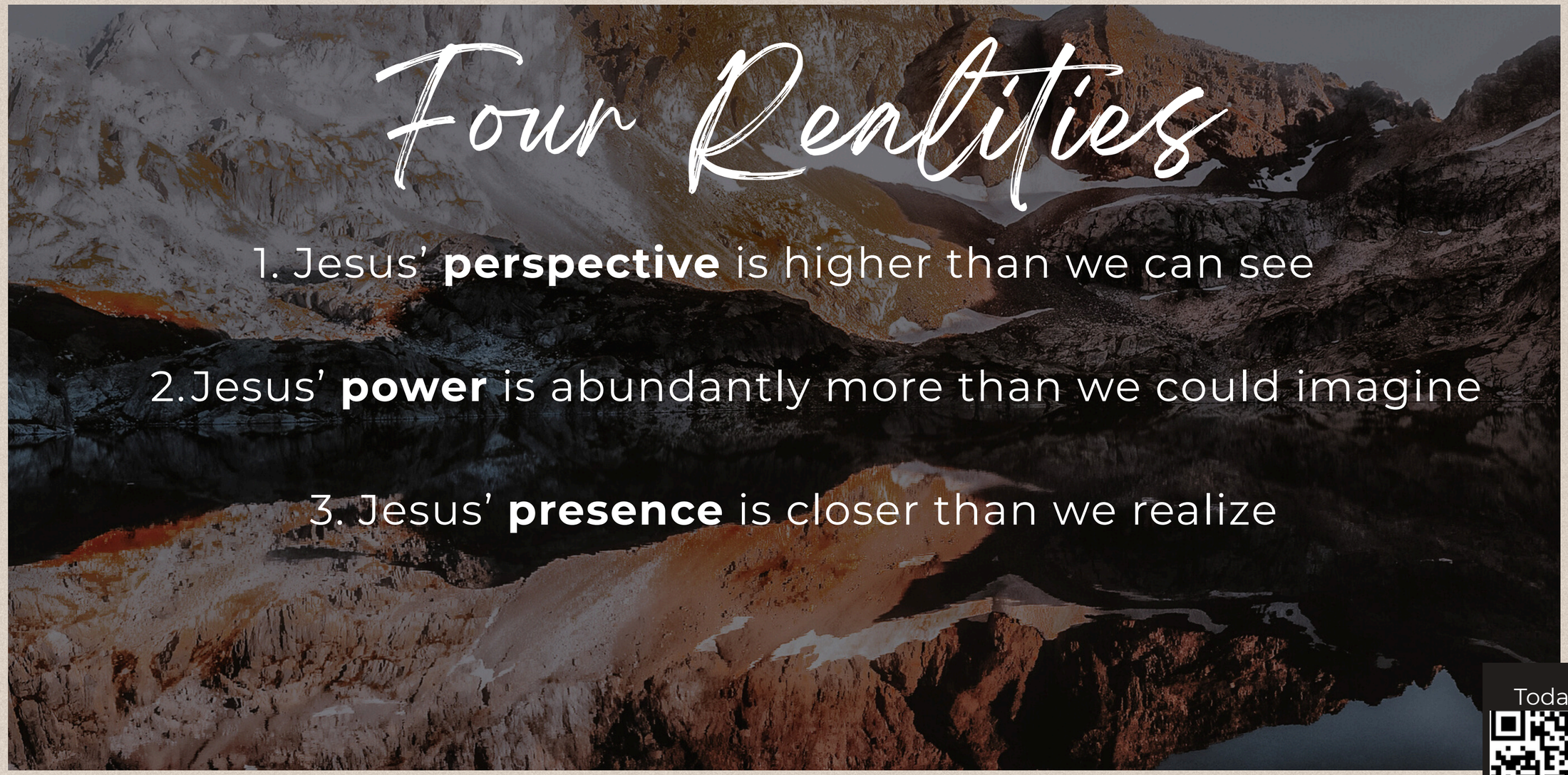

Four Realities

1. Jesus' **perspective** is higher than we can see

2. Jesus' **power** is abundantly more than we could imagine

3. Jesus' **presence** is closer than we realize

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JESUS RESPONDS WITH BOTH GRIEF AND RIGHTEOUS ANGER:

“WHEN JESUS SAW HER WEEPING, AND THE JEWS WHO HAD COME WITH HER ALSO WEEPING, HE WAS DEEPLY MOVED IN HIS SPIRIT AND **GREATLY TROUBLED**. AND HE SAID, ‘WHERE HAVE YOU LAID HIM?’ THEY SAID TO HIM, ‘LORD, COME AND SEE.’ **JESUS WEPT**.”

JOHN 11:33-35

Today’s Notes

HEBREWS 2:14-17

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God”

Today’s Notes

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

Today’s Notes



PSALM 34:17-18

“When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Today’s Notes

IS IT OK FOR ME TO PRAY FOR HEALING? WHAT IF GOD'S WILL IS NOT TO HEAL?

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ROMANS 8:20-23

“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

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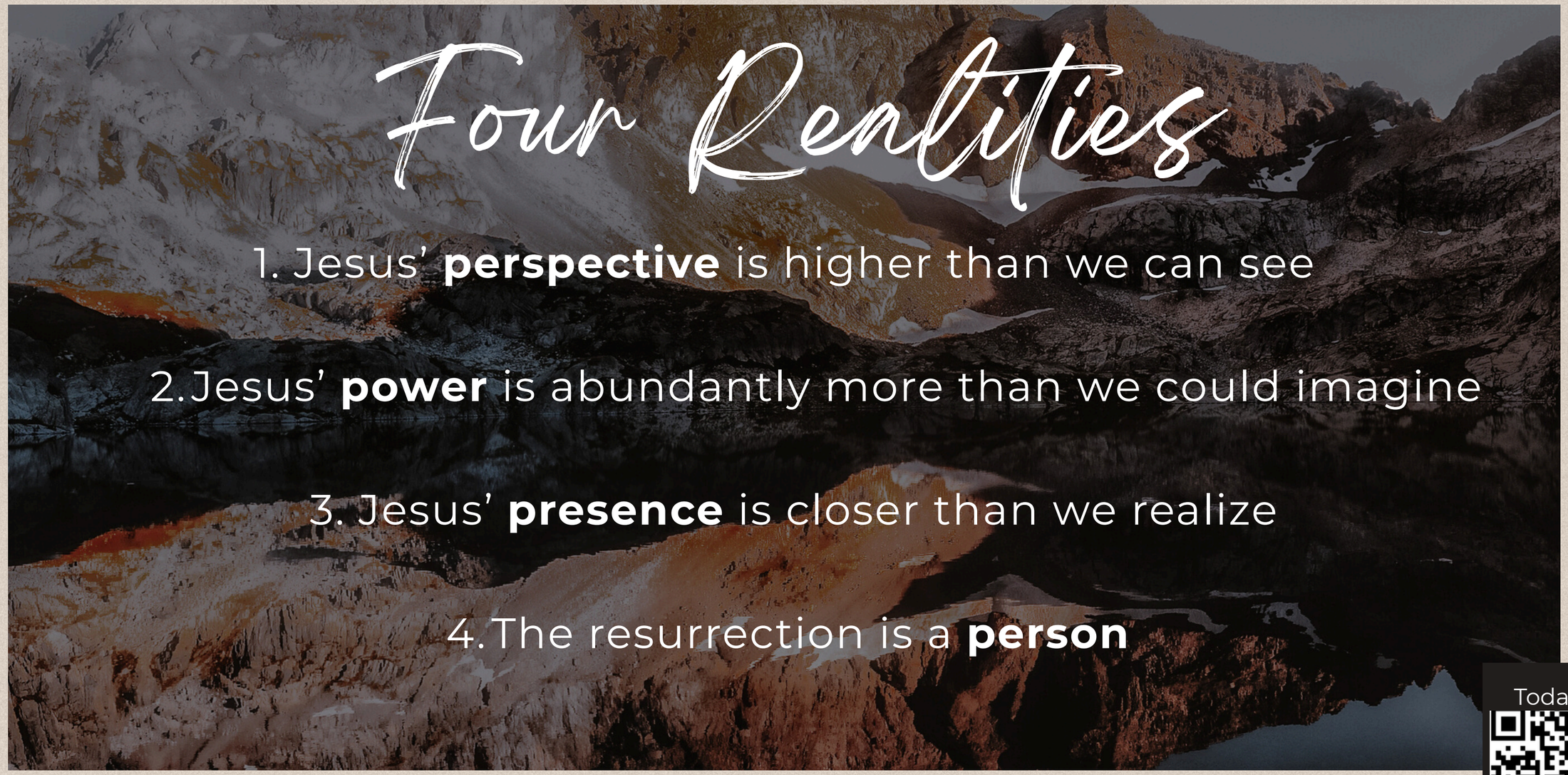

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4. The resurrection is a **person**

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When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’”

JOHN 11:43-44

Today’s Notes

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS SAID, "*I AM* THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE?"

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JESUS ISN'T ONLY THE ANSWER AFTER DEATH; HE IS LIFE INVADING THE REALITIES OF DEATH NOW.

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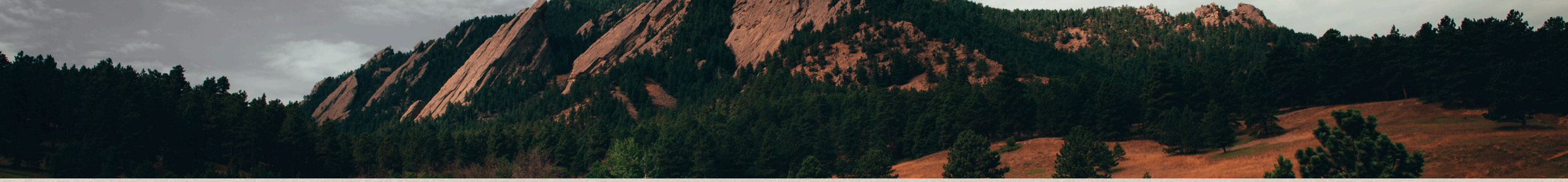

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID THE CONCLUSION THAT THE MEANING THAT CHRIST INTENDED TO CONVEY WAS THAT DEATH WAS A COMPLETELY NEGLIGIBLE EXPERIENCE TO THE MAN WHO HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO LIVE LIFE OF THE ETERNAL QUALITY."

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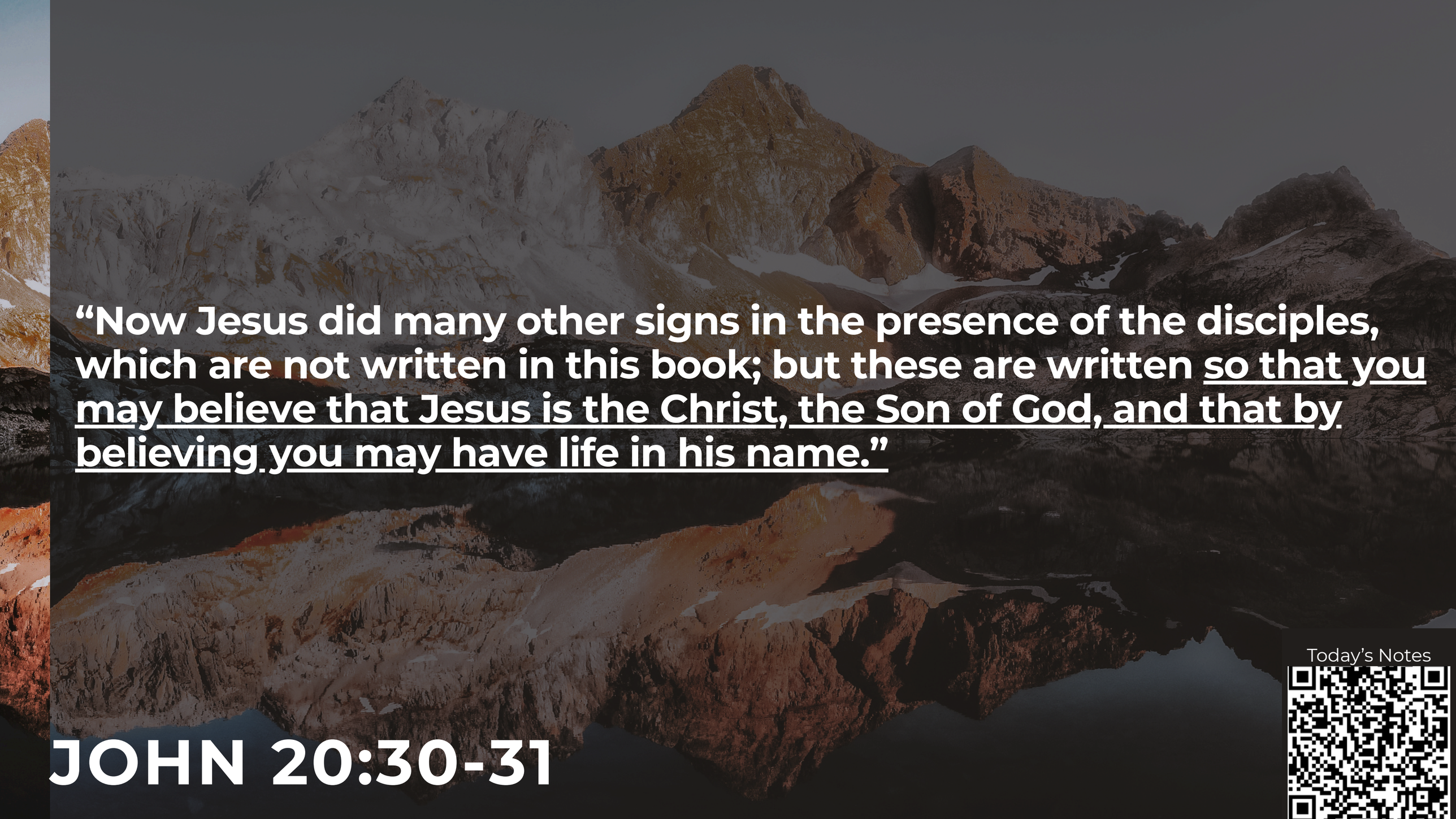

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

JOHN 20:30-31

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THE CRITICAL QUESTION:

“DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?”

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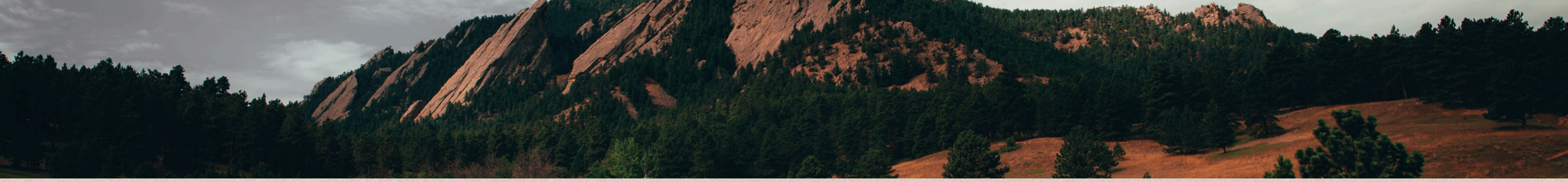

“HE WAS QUESTIONING HER FAITH IN HIM, NOT HER FAITH IN DOCTRINES. SHE HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED HER FAITH IN THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION (V. 24). JESUS WAS CLAIMING TO DO WHAT DANIEL PROPHESIED THAT GOD WOULD (DAN. 12:1-2). HE WANTED MARTHA TO THINK ABOUT THE PERSON WHO WOULD DO THE RESURRECTING RATHER THAN THE EVENT ITSELF. JESUS' OWN POWER RAISES PEOPLE TO LIFE, JUST AS JESUS' OWN PERSON SATISFIES PEOPLE SPIRITUALLY LIKE BREAD SATISFIES PHYSICALLY. HE HIMSELF IS, THEREFORE, THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN RESURRECTION. WITHOUT HIM THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OR LIFE. THIS WAS REALLY A DOUBLE CLAIM. JESUS MEANT THAT HE IS "THE RESURRECTION" (THE OVERCOMER OF DEATH), AND THAT HE IS ALSO "THE LIFE" (THE SUSTAINER OF LIFE). THIS IS CLEAR BECAUSE HE DEALT WITH THE TWO CONCEPTS OF RESURRECTION AND LIFE SEPARATELY IN THE DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS WILL LIVE SPIRITUALLY AND ETERNALLY, EVEN IF HE OR SHE DIES PHYSICALLY.”

BRUCE MILNE

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EITHER JESUS IS GOD AND HAS REAL AUTHORITY OVER LIFE AND DEATH, OR HE DOESN'T. AND IF HE DOESN'T, THEN NONE OF THIS MATTERS.

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-22

“Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Today’s Notes

COLOSSIANS 1:15-18

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.”

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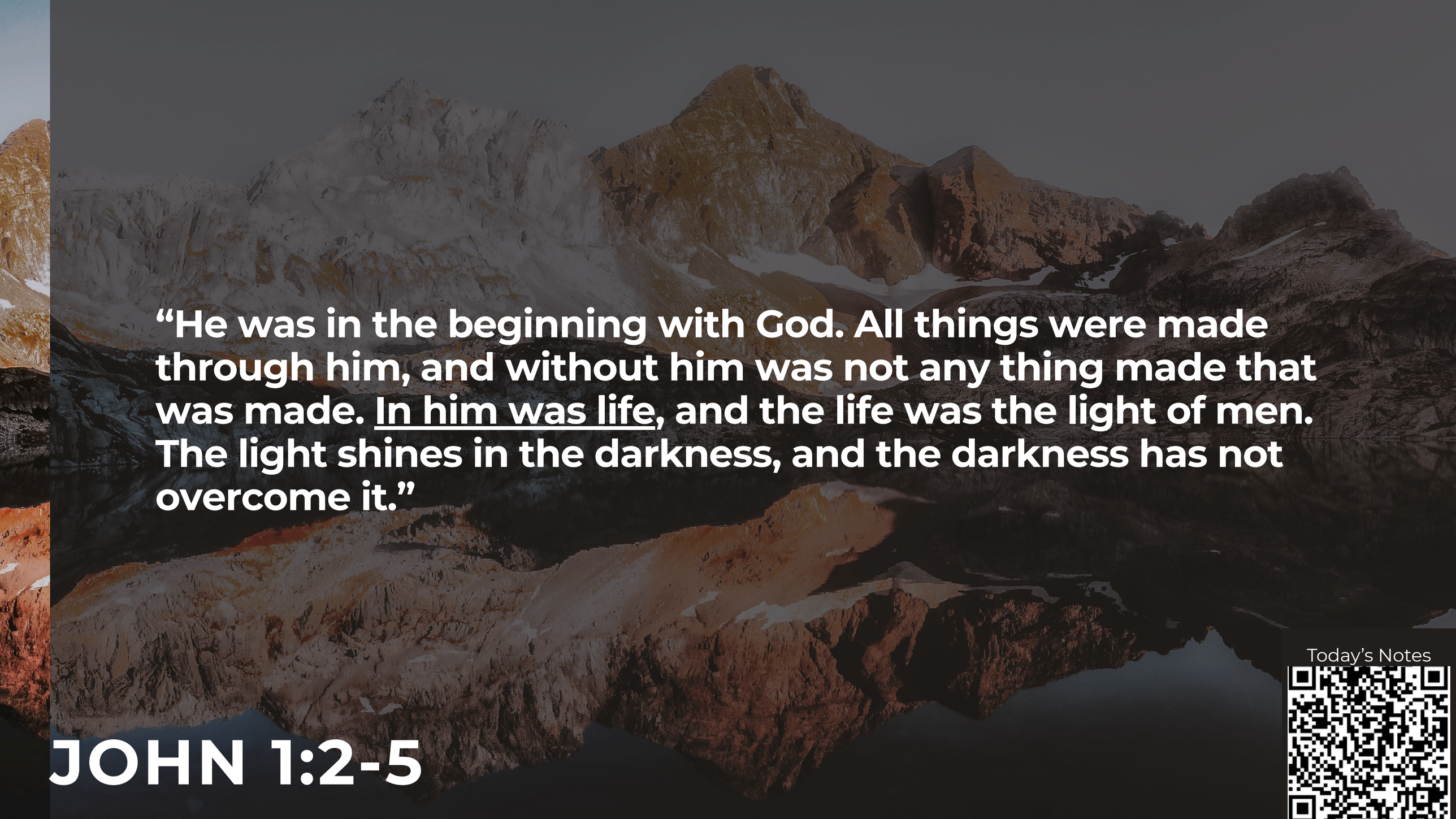

“He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

JOHN 1:2-5

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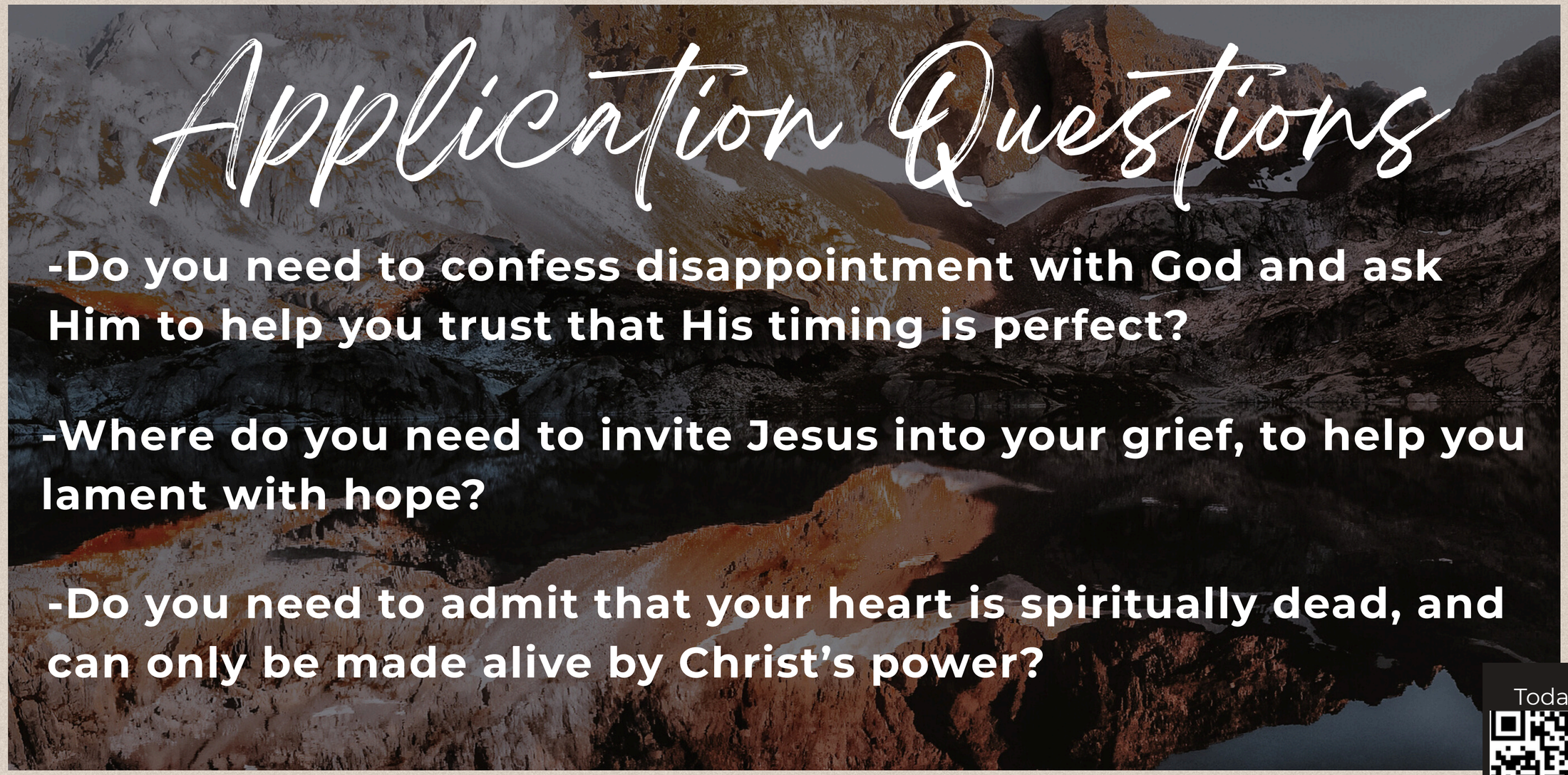

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Our hope rests, not on an outcome, but in a person – in a God who became so much *like* us that he shared in our tears, and who is so *unlike* us, that He will one day rise up and cast death itself into a lake of fire. Yet even now, he has conquered death. He is the resurrection. He is the life.

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REVELATION 1:17-18

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

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