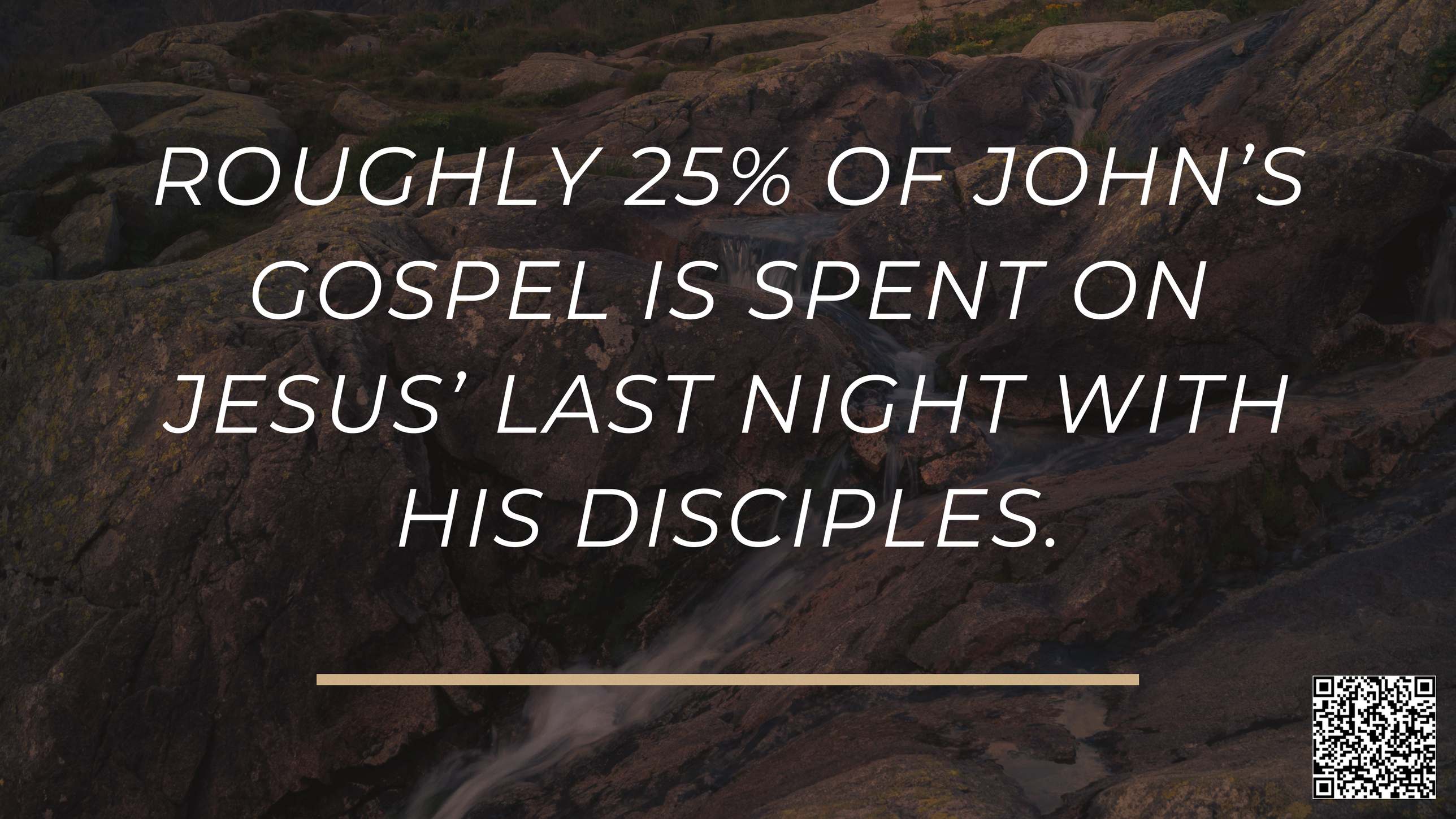

I AM
THE WAY, TRUTH, AND LIFE

John 13:30

So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. **And it was night.**

John 18:28

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. **It was early morning.**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13:21
“Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”

13:33
Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’

13:38
Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe
also in me.

2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so,
would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again
and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be
also.

4 And you know the way to where I am going.”

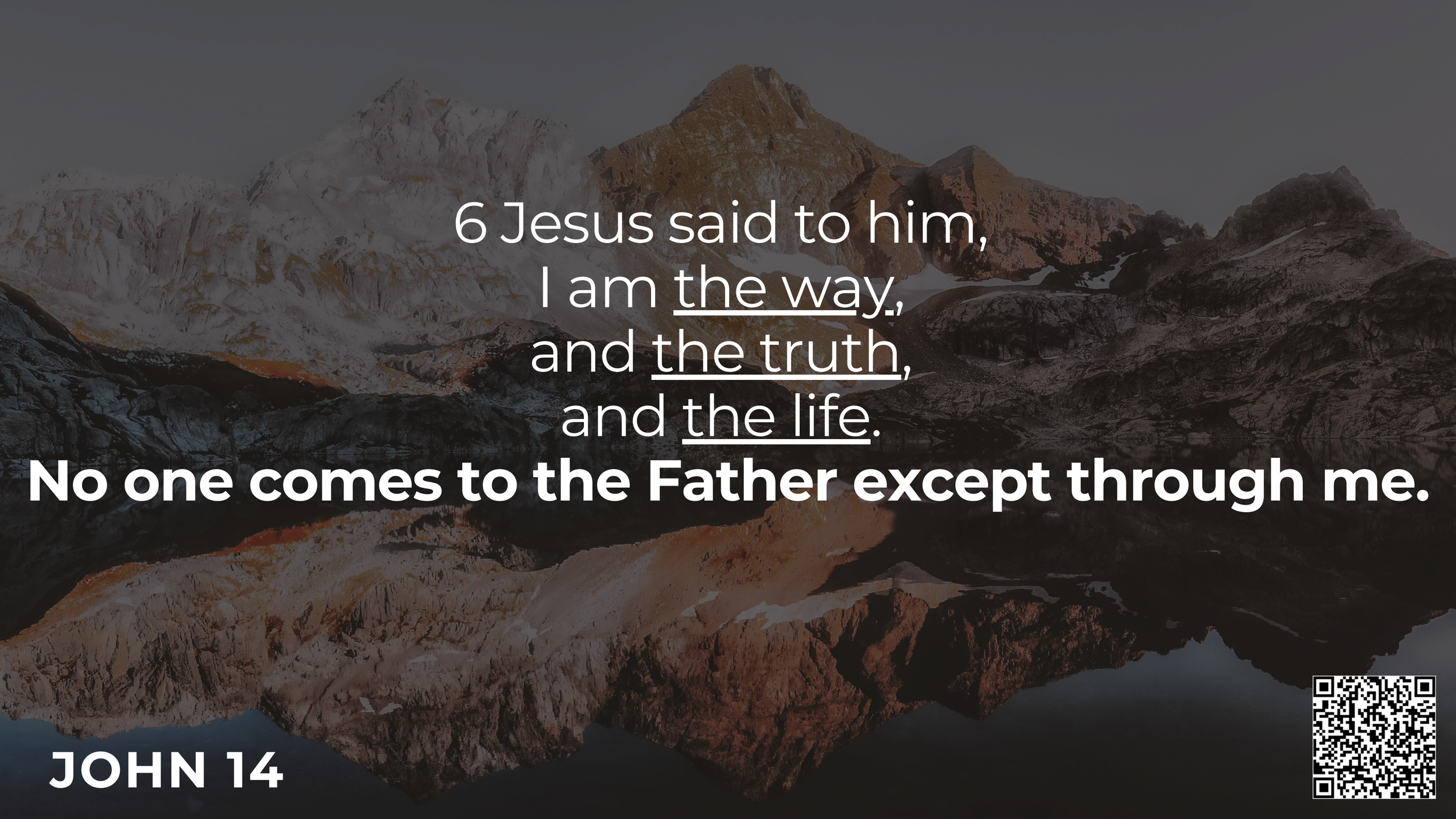
5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you
are going. How can we know the way?

JOHN 14:1-5

Thomas thinks Jesus is “leaving” to a **place.**

Jesus is “leaving” to do a **work.**

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JOHN 14

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN ACTS LARGELY AS A RETELLING AND REVERSAL OF THE CREATION ACCOUNT.

8 And they heard the sound of the
LORD God walking in the garden in the
cool of the day, and the man and his
wife hid themselves from the presence
of the LORD God among the trees of
the garden.

GENESIS 3

9 But the LORD God called to the man
and said to him, “Where are you?” 10
And he said, “I heard the sound of you in
the garden, and I was afraid, because I
was naked, and I hid myself.”

GENESIS 3

24 He (God) drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword...

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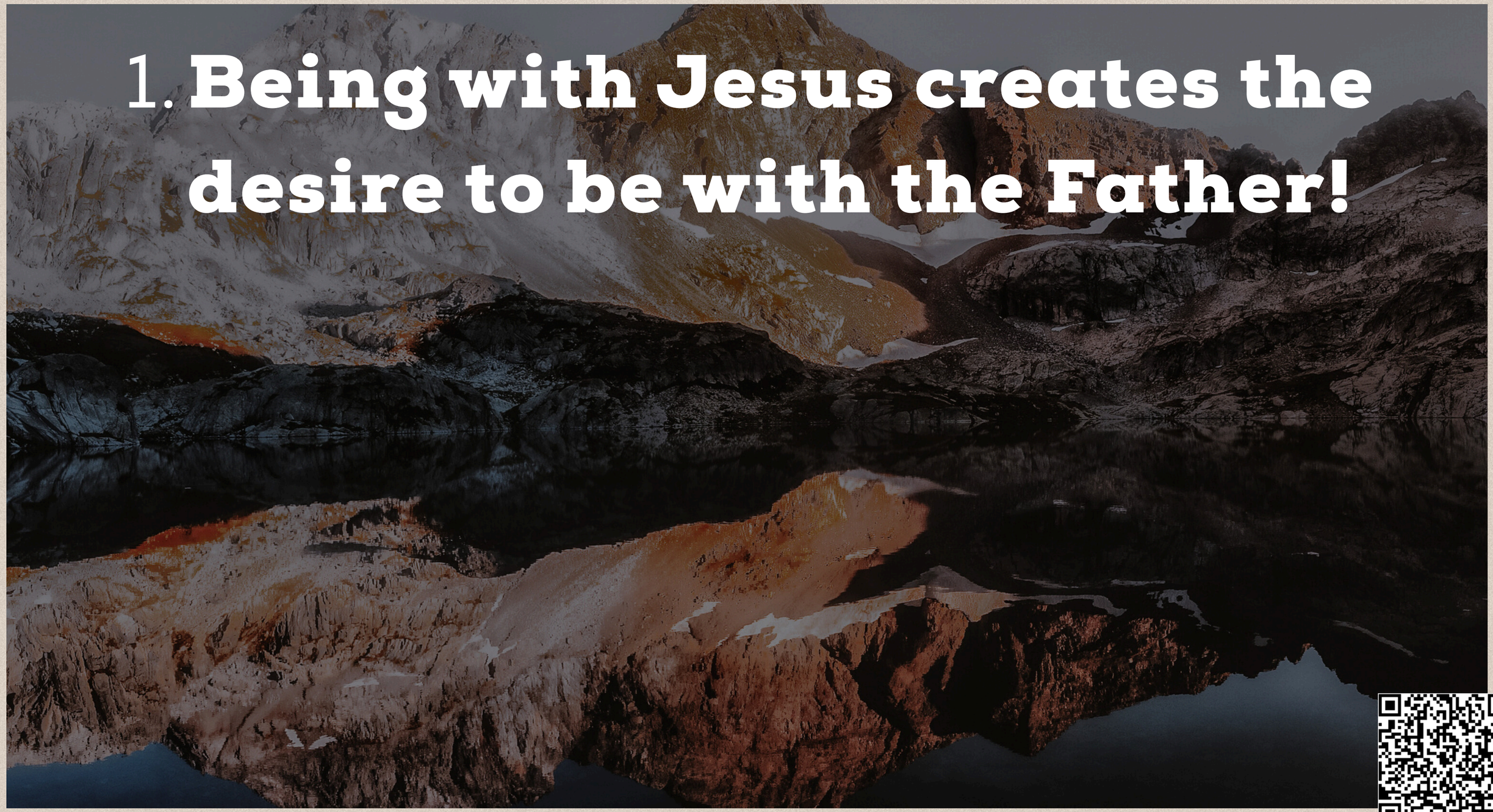
We are not with the Father!

(And we don’t want to be!)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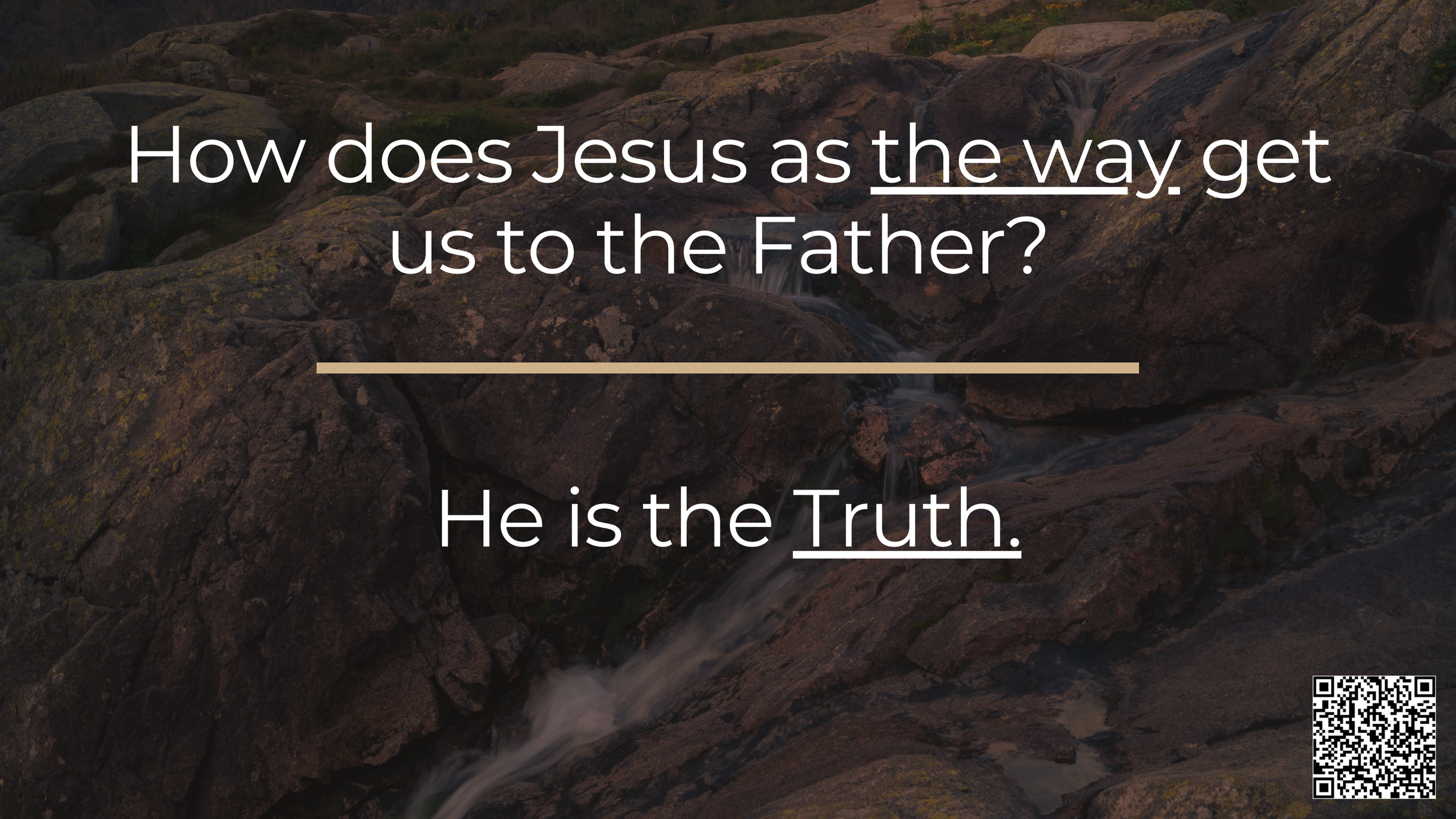
and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him,
“Have I been with you so long, and you still do
not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show
us the Father’?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He is the Truth.

What is truth?

That which matches or corresponds with reality.

Genesis 2

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

What is the opposite of truth?

Ignorance.
Lies.
Deception.

Common deceptions the world offers:

There are many ways to God.

God just wants you to be happy.

Good people go to heaven.

If you do good, good things will happen.

Jesus is a good teacher and example but not God.

Kindness is better than truth.

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent **deceived** me, and I ate.”

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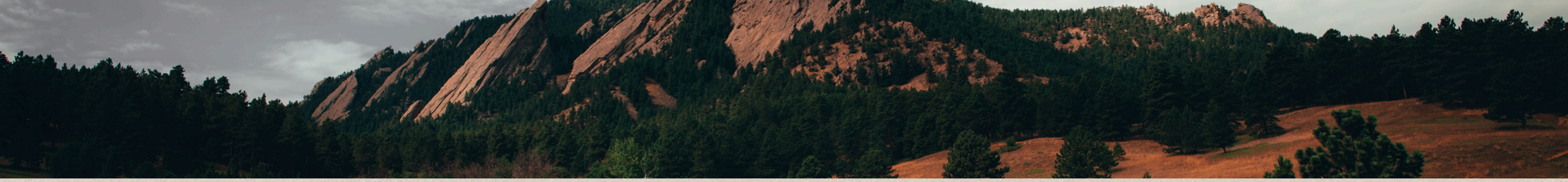
2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

Genesis 3

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.



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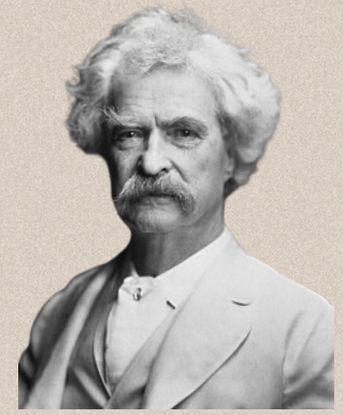

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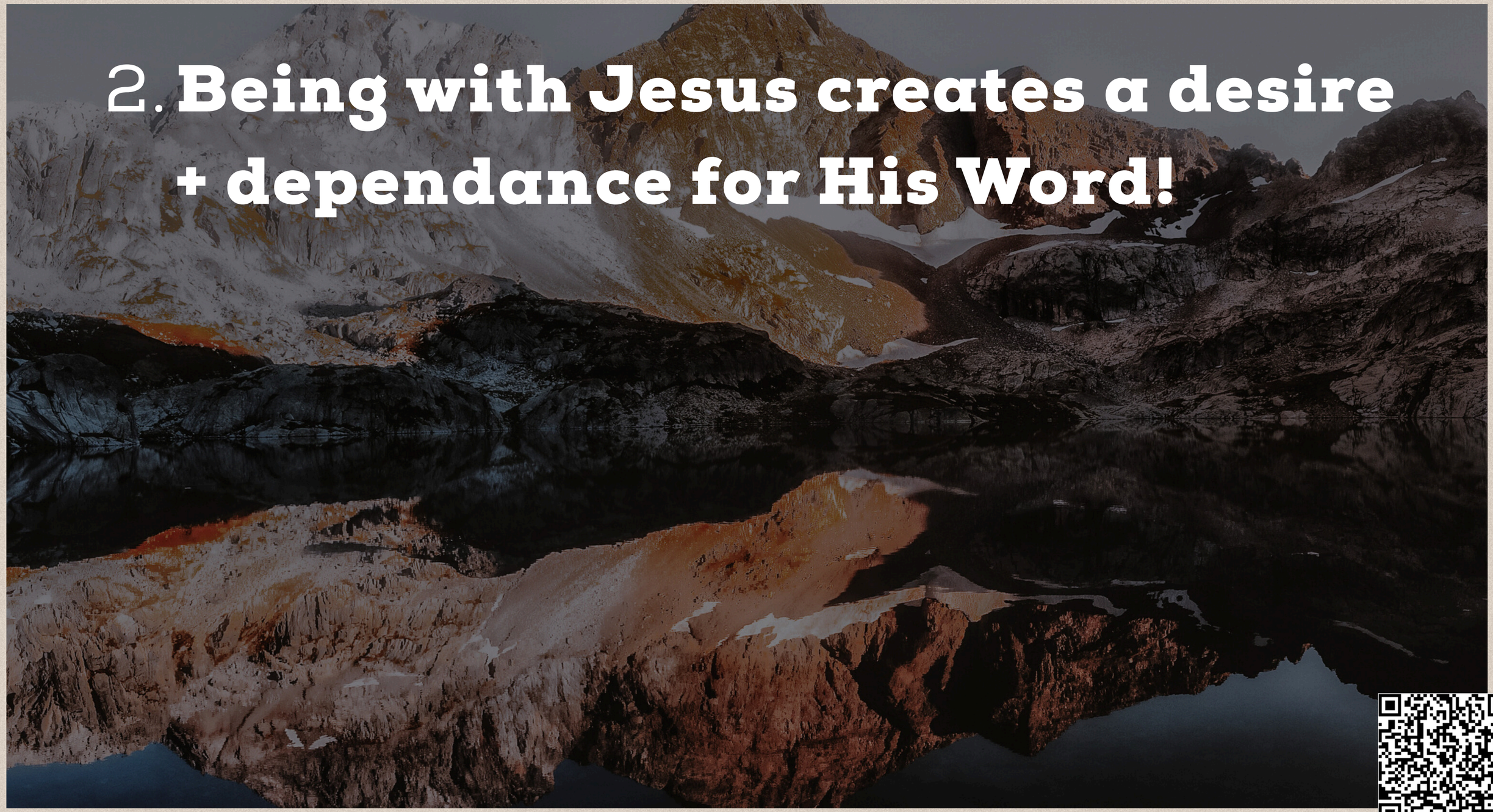
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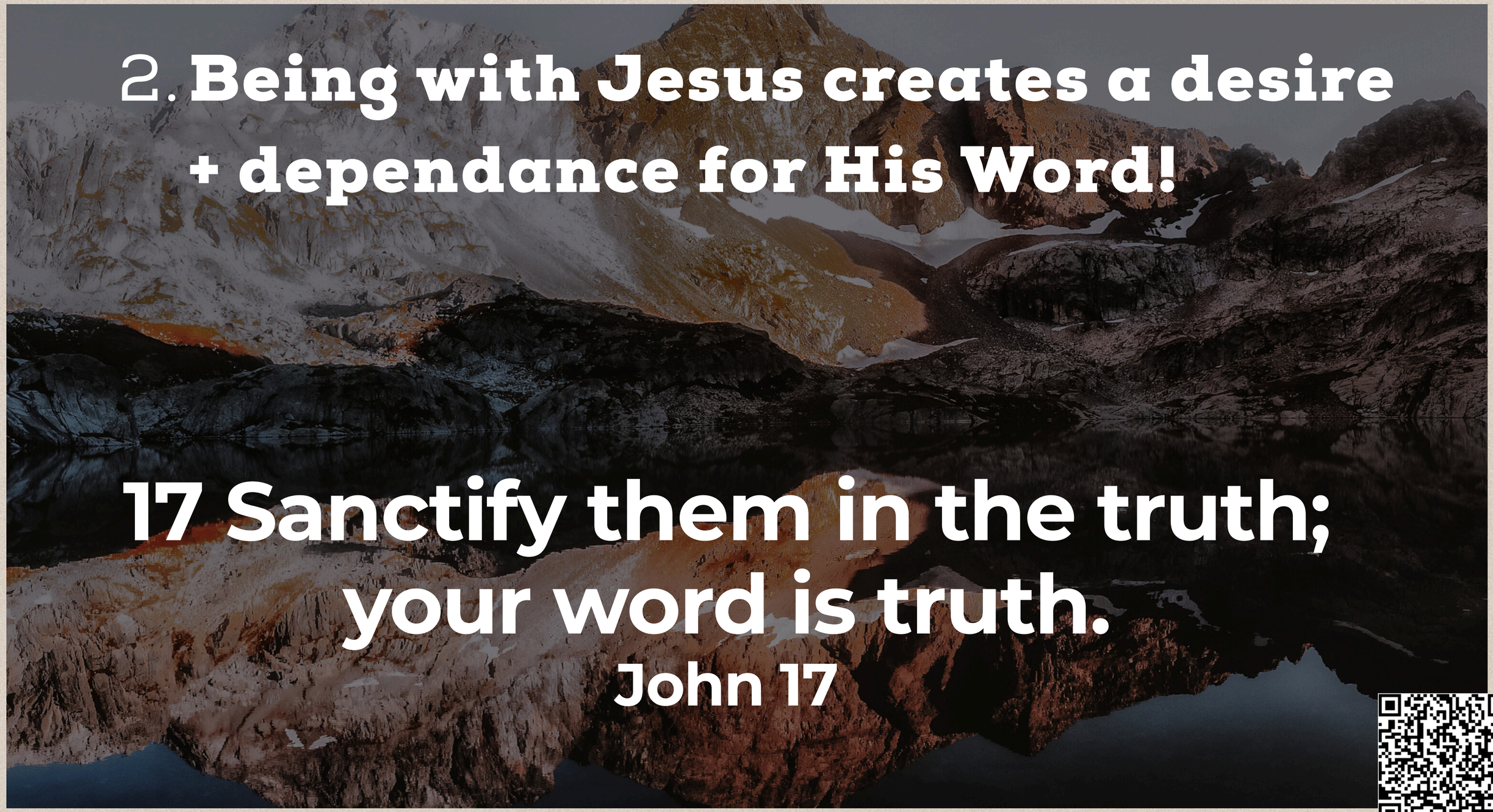

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**17 Sanctify them in the truth;
your word is truth.**

John 17

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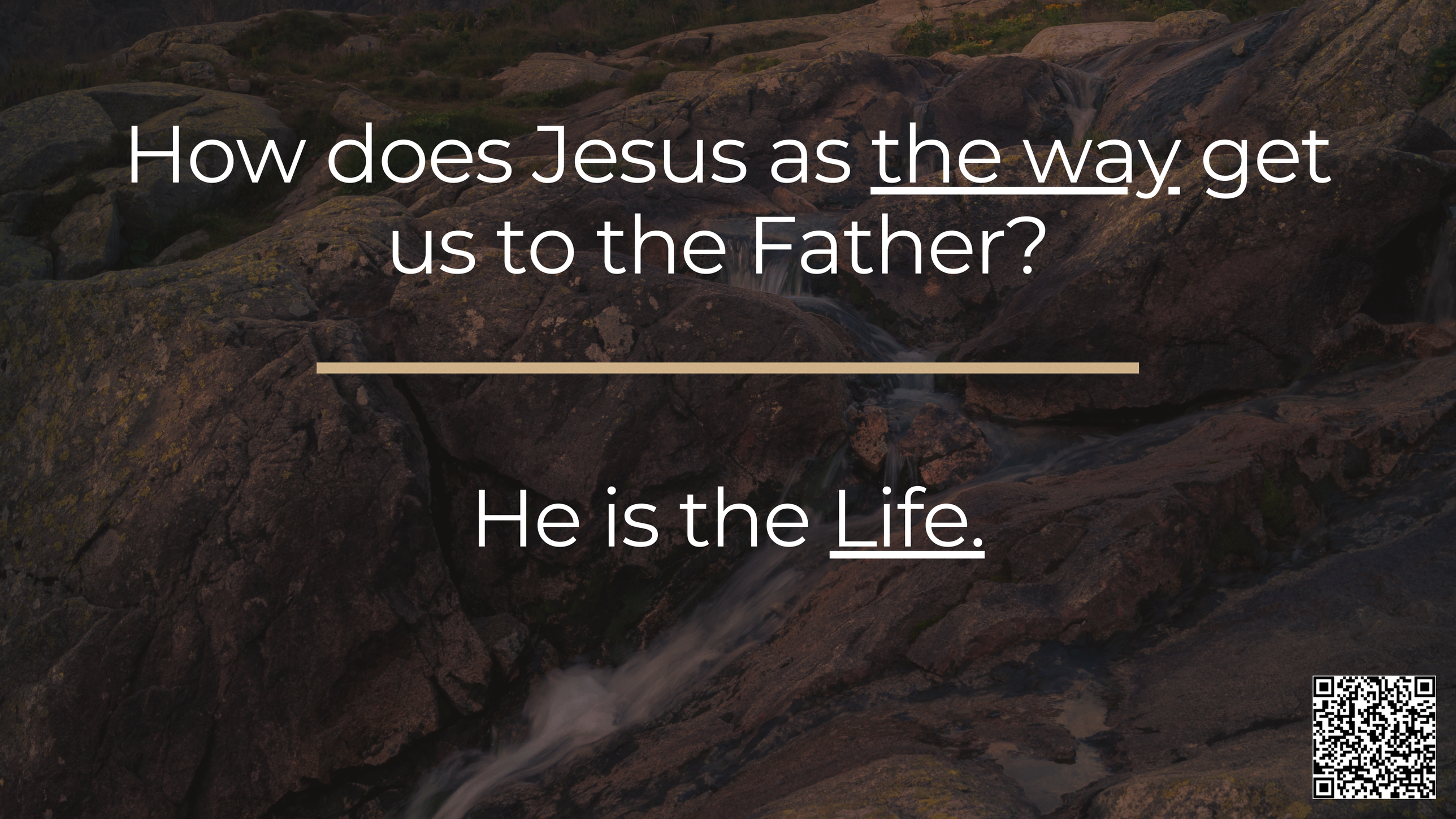

How does Jesus as the way get us to the Father?

He is the Life.

What tree did Adam and Eve eat from?

Genesis 3

22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil.

Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden

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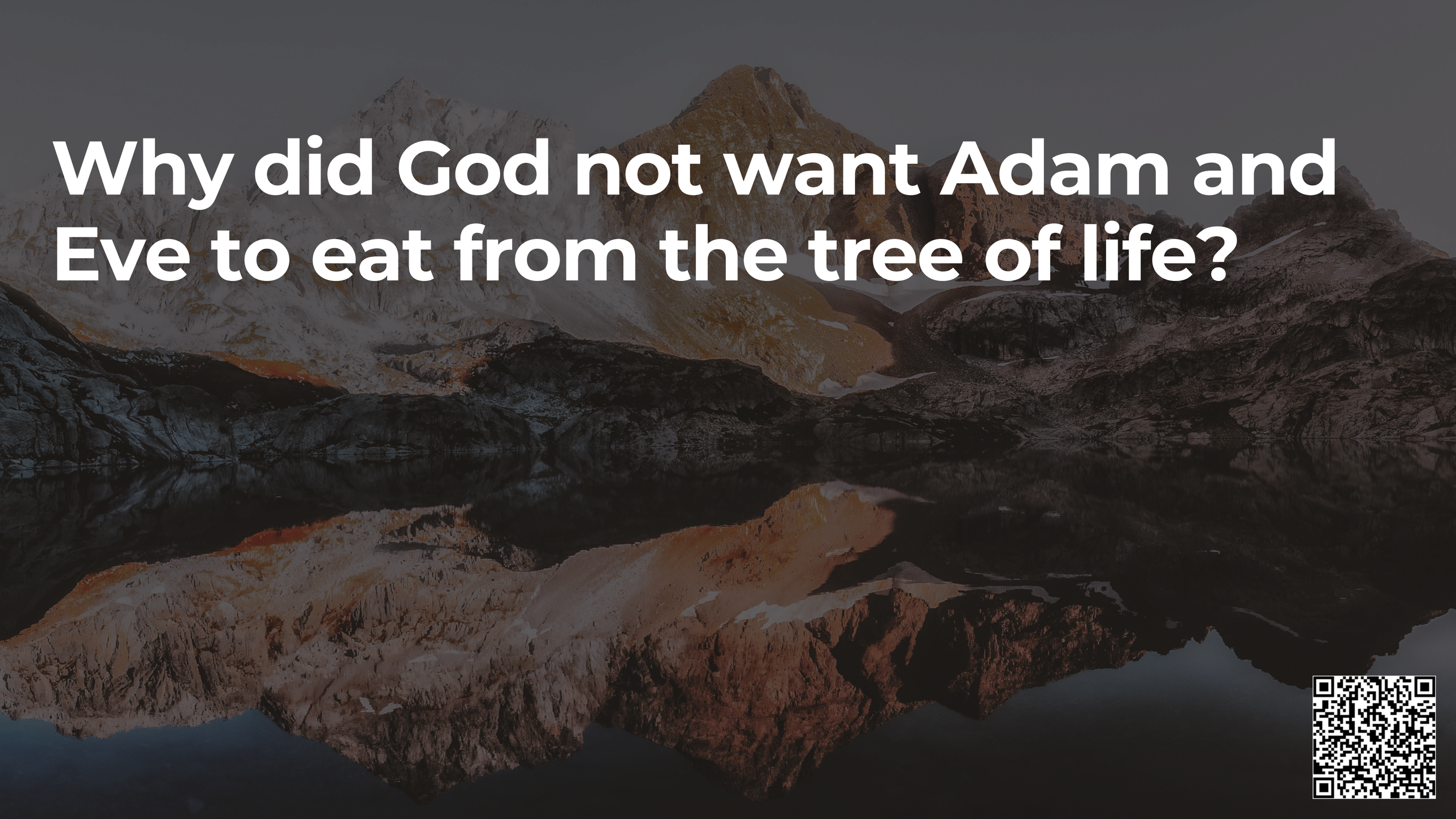

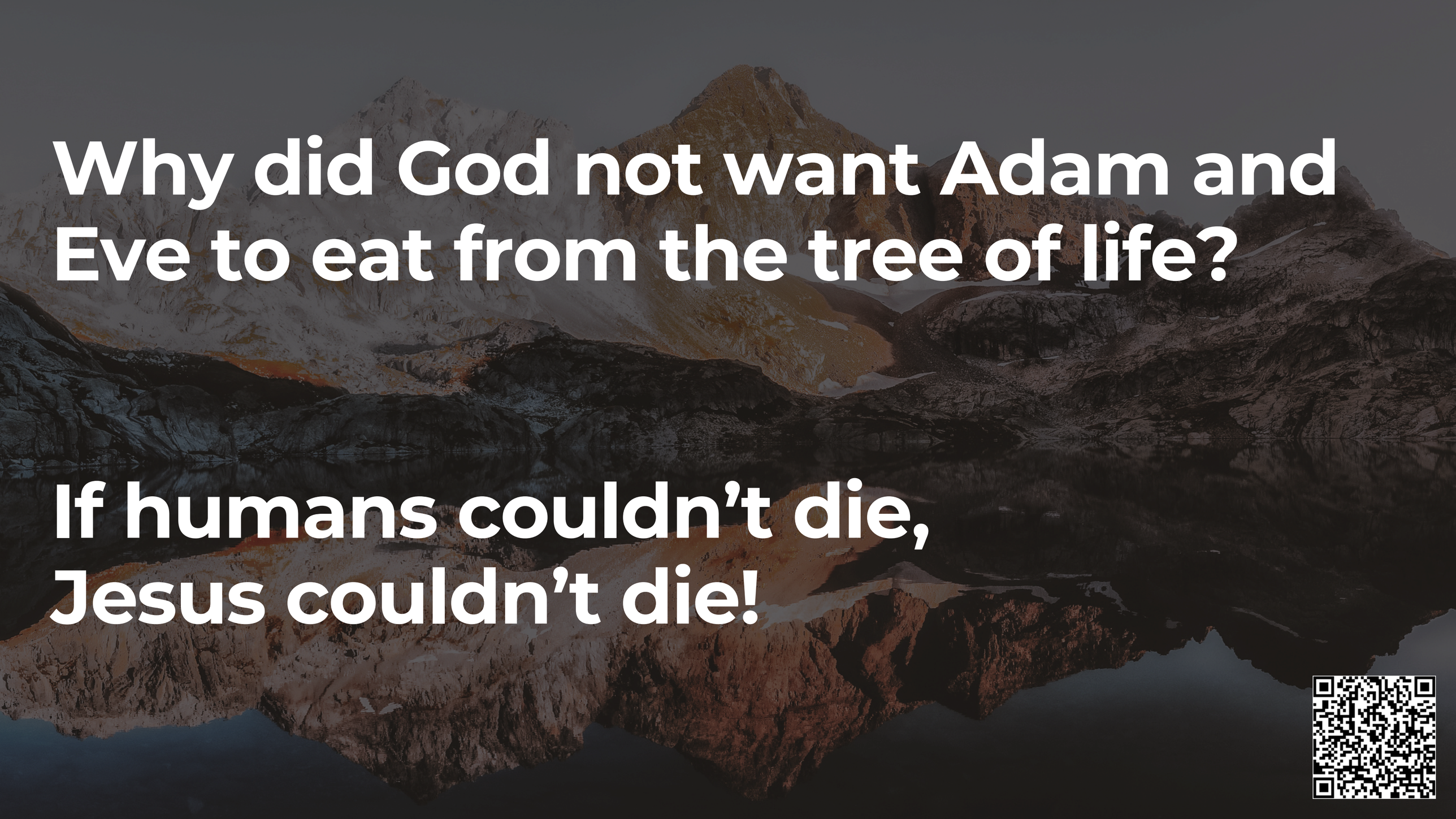
Why did God not want Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of life?
If humans couldn’t die, Jesus couldn’t die!

Hebrews 2

14 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, 15 and deliver all those who
through fear of death were subject to
lifelong slavery.

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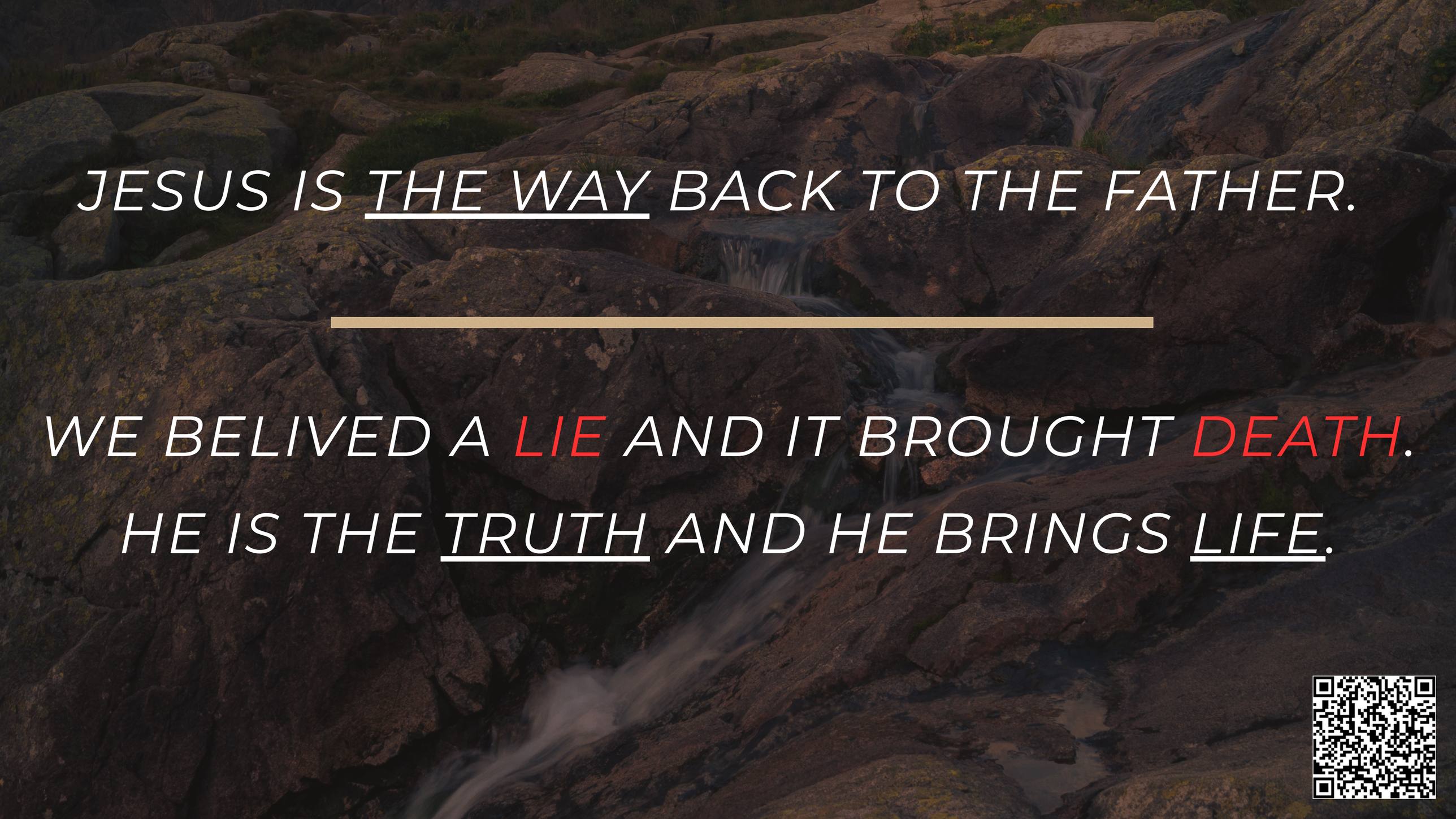
19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22

Jesus goes up on the tree of death, and becomes the fruit, hanging off the outstretched branches.

When we feast on Him, He grants to us the fruit of the tree of life.

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’ Revelation 2:7


JESUS IS THE WAY BACK TO THE FATHER.
WE BELIVED A LIE AND IT BROUGHT DEATH.
HE IS THE TRUTH AND HE BRINGS LIFE.

How we respond:

Unbeliever:

Recognize there is only one way to the Father, and it is Jesus!
Repent and believe that He died to be that way.

Believer:

Desire to be with the Father.

Depend on His Word.

Hunger for Him and be satisfied.

No one comes to the Father
except through Him.

This is great news.