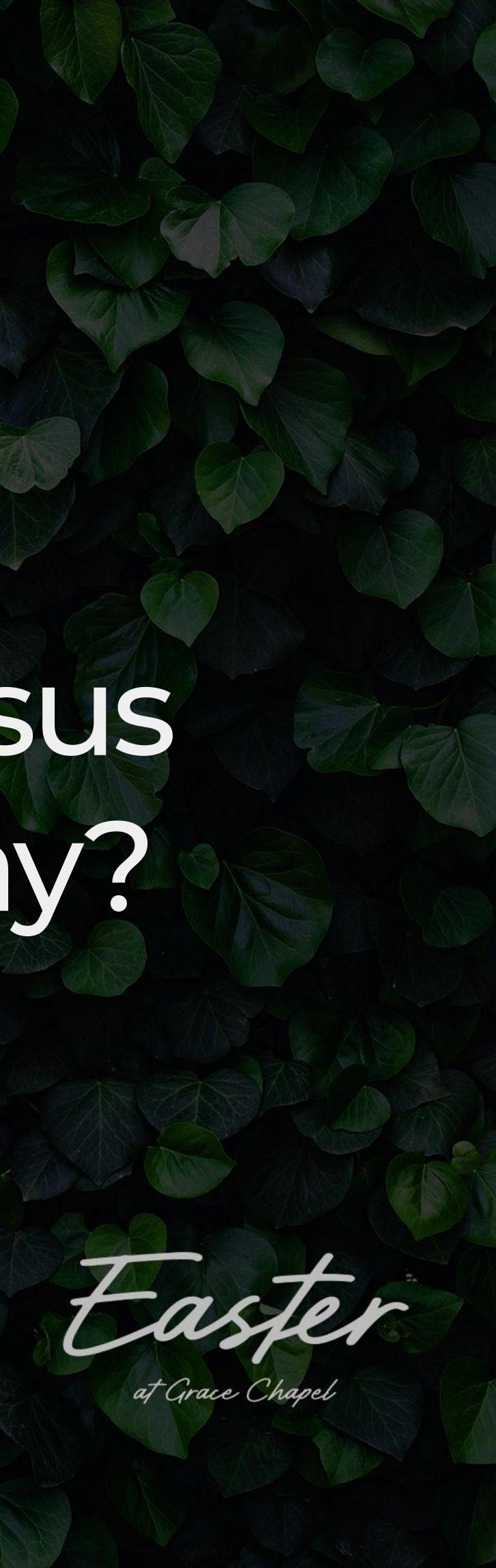




What does the resurrection of Jesus have to do with me and you today?



14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God...

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied...

32 If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

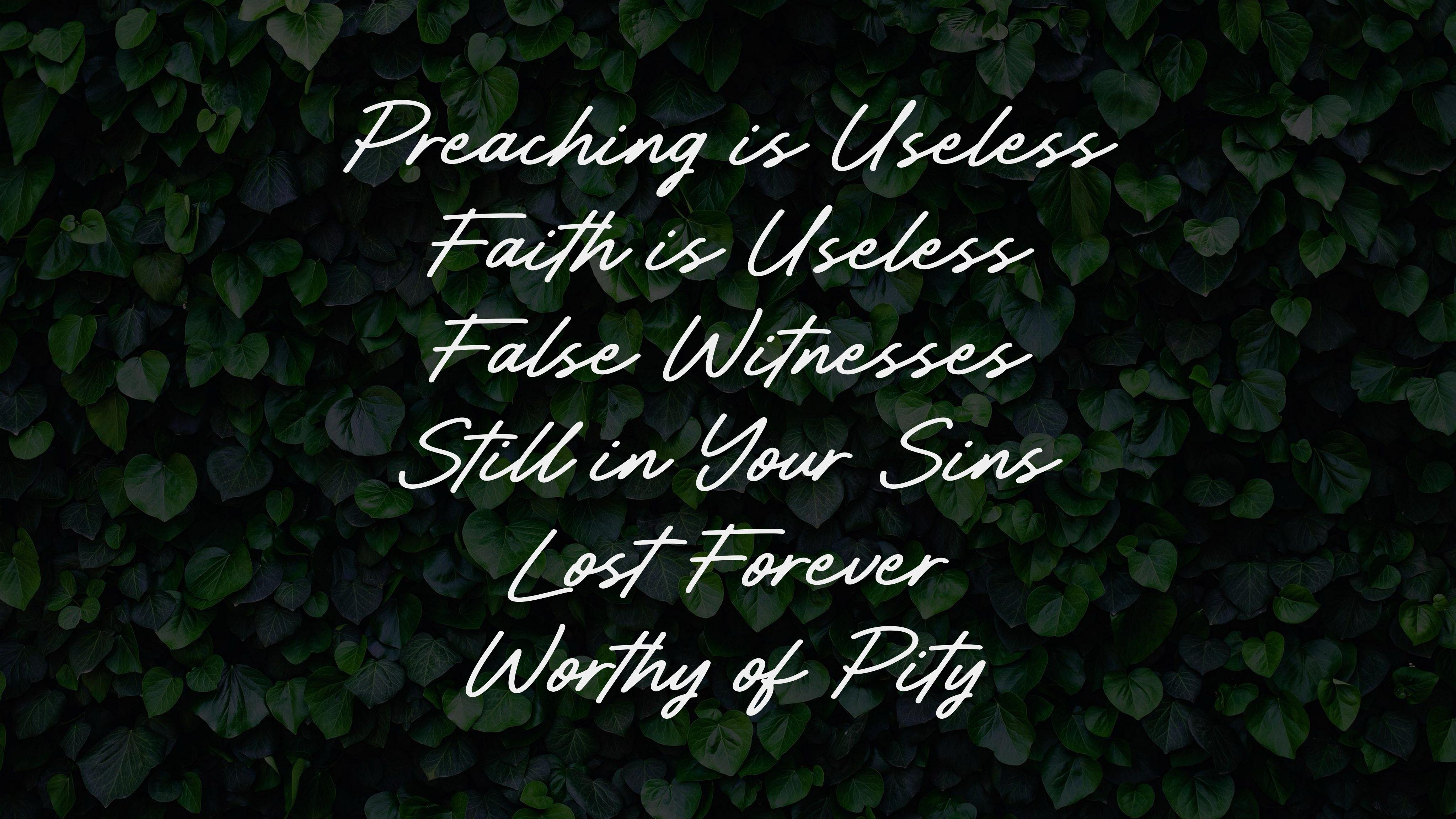


"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said.

If he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said?"

-Tim Keller





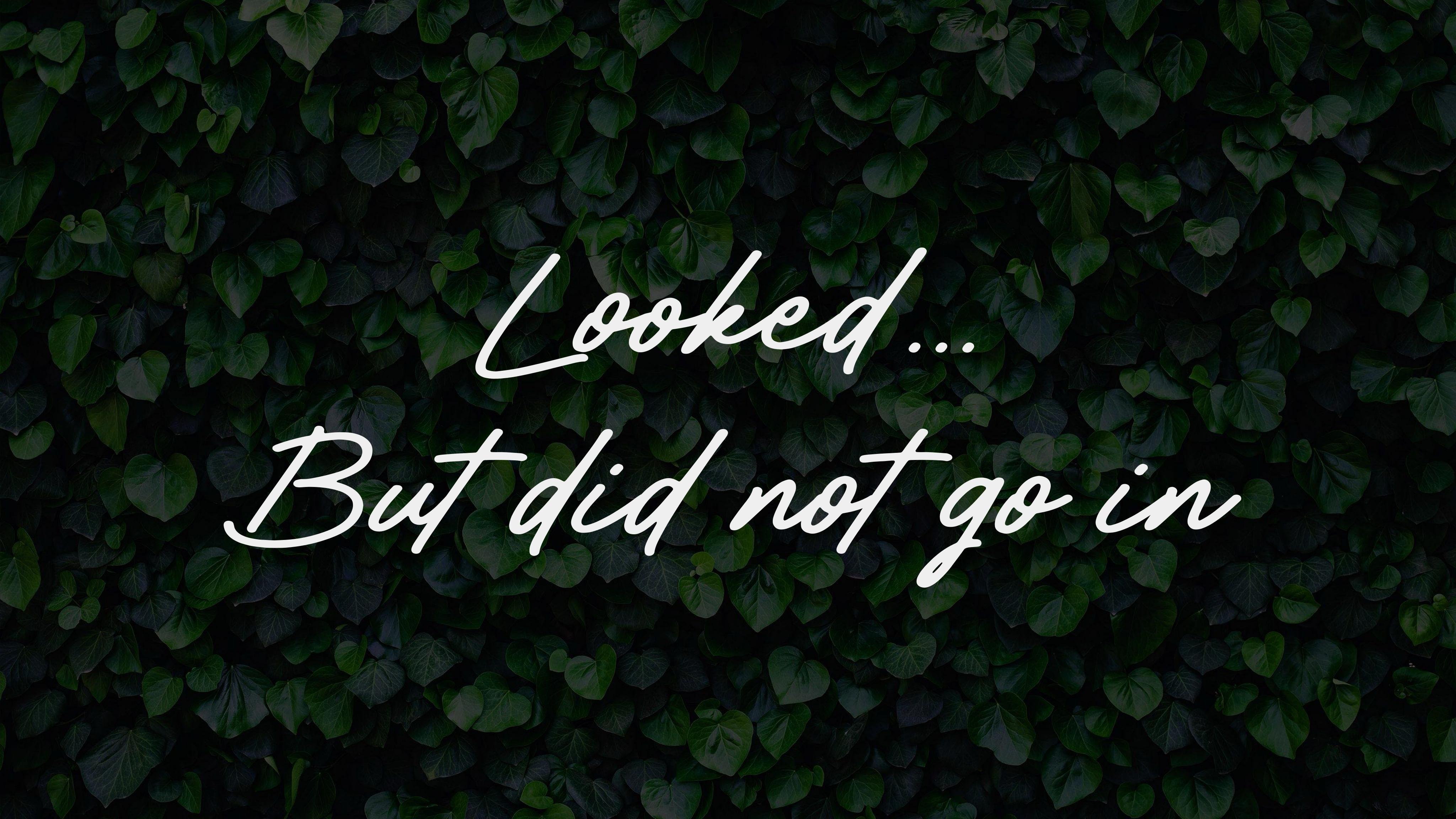
but did not go in.

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there









"Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western culture for almost twenty centuries.

It is from his birth that most of the human race dates its calendars. It is by his name that millions curse, and in his name that millions pray."

-Jaroslav Pelikan



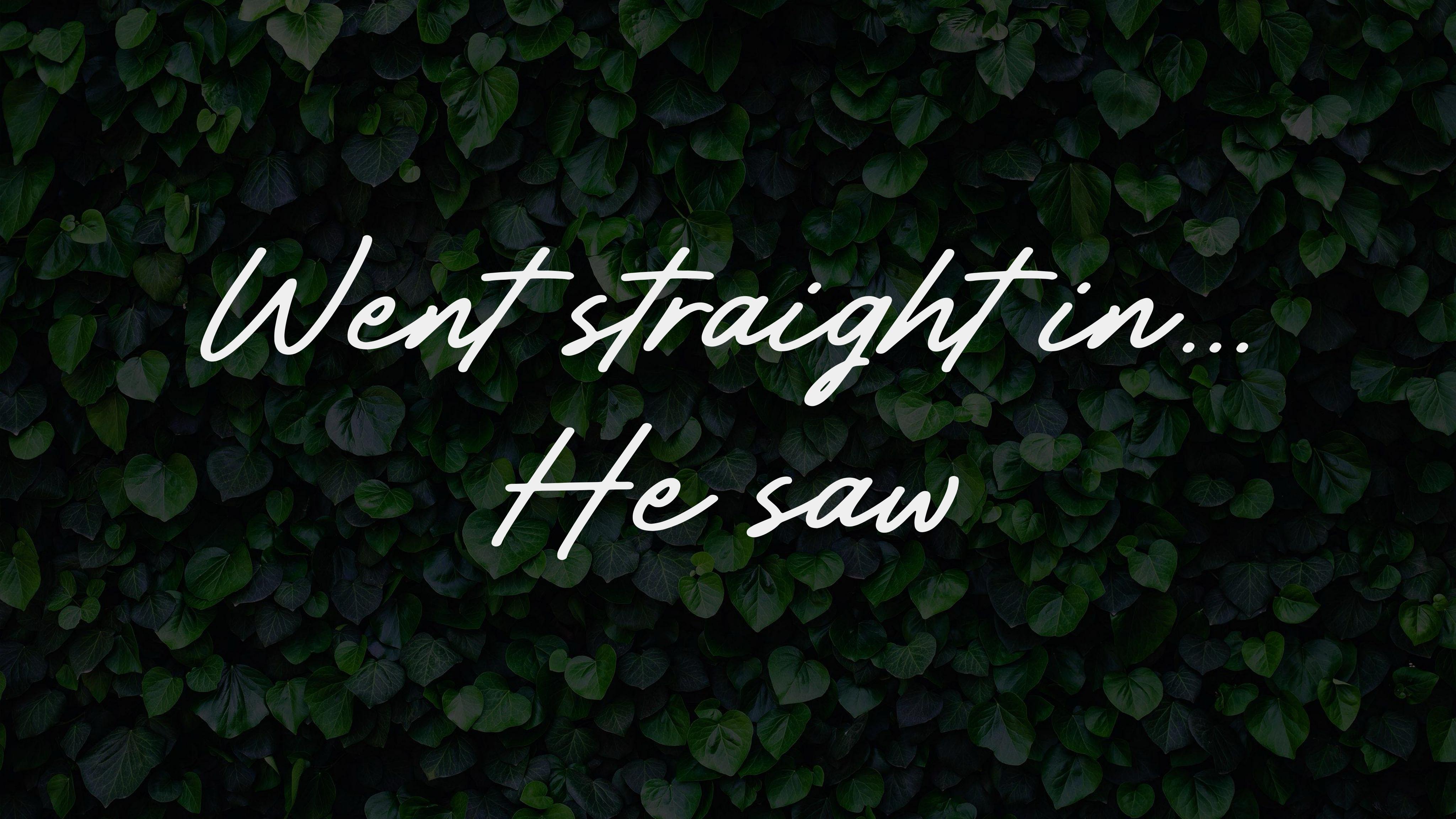
still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was

John 20:6-7

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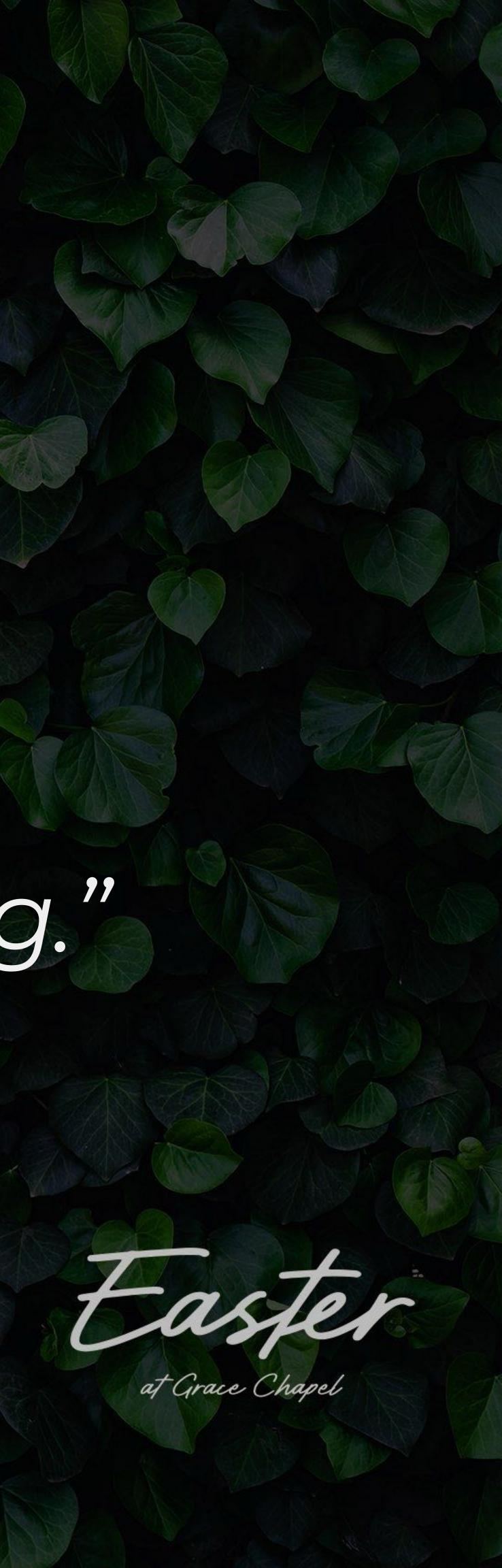
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"To gaze on for the purpose of analyzing."

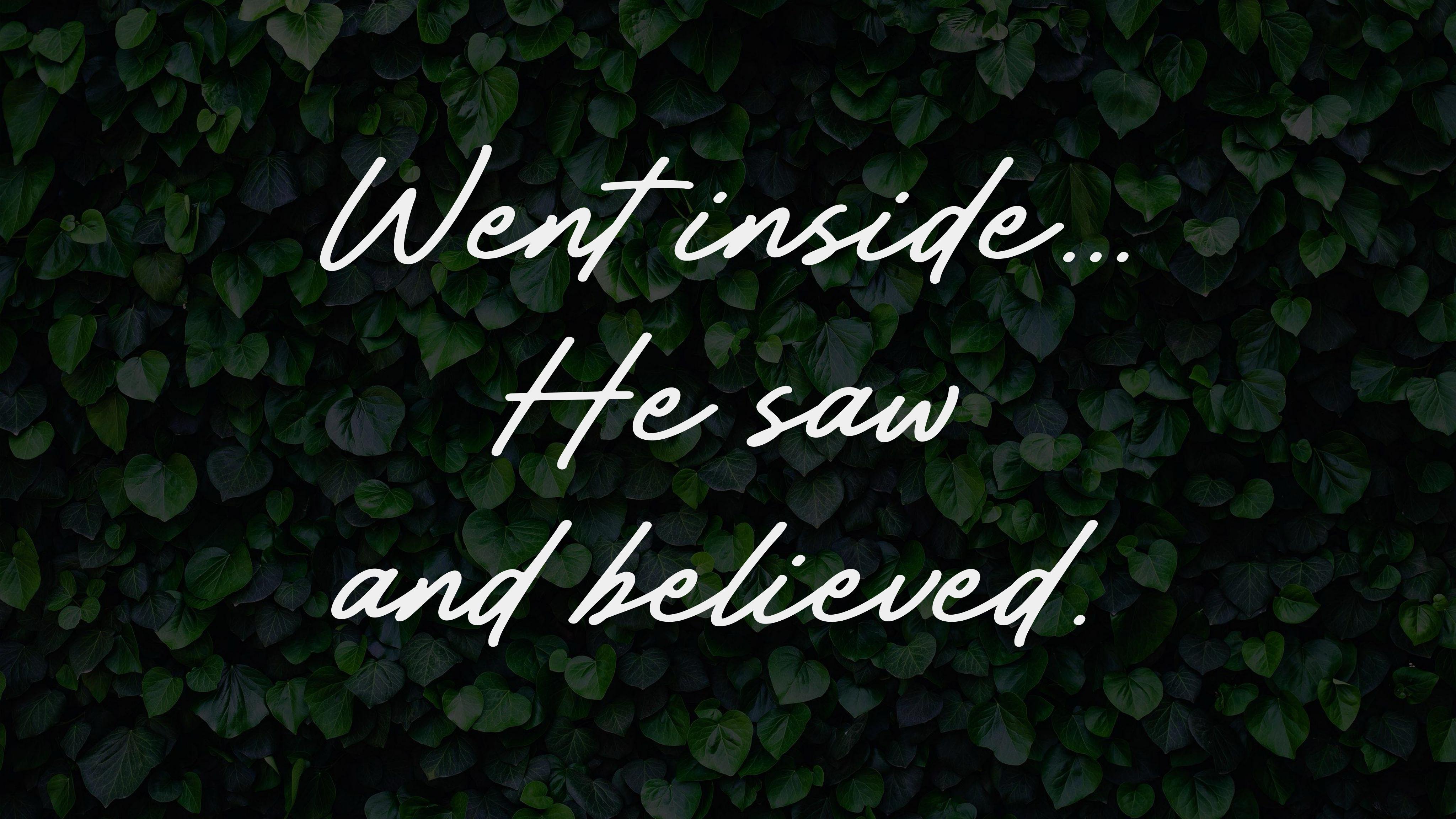
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Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.





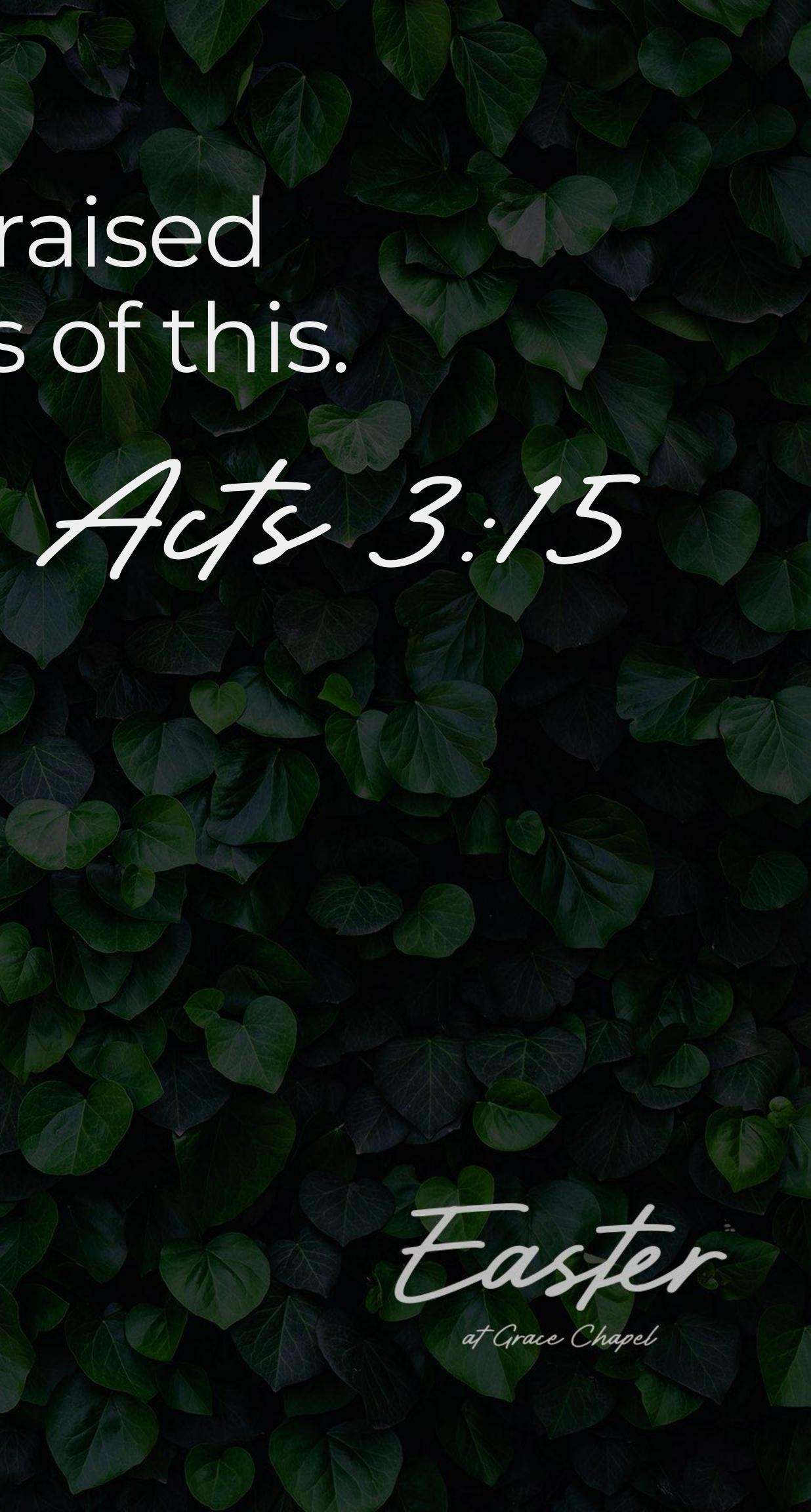


To grasp, understand, and perceive correctly.





You killed the **author** of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.





Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

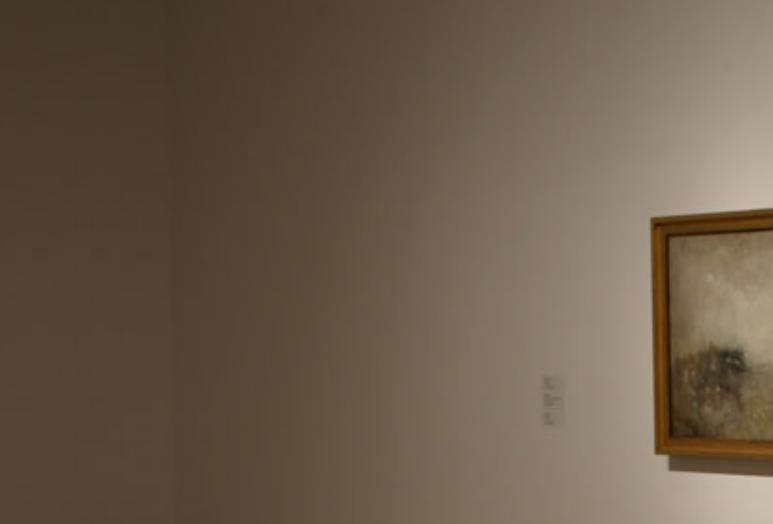






political, economic or spiritual crisis?





"The bosom of God is not a ghetto."

ghetto." — Nikos Kazantzakis



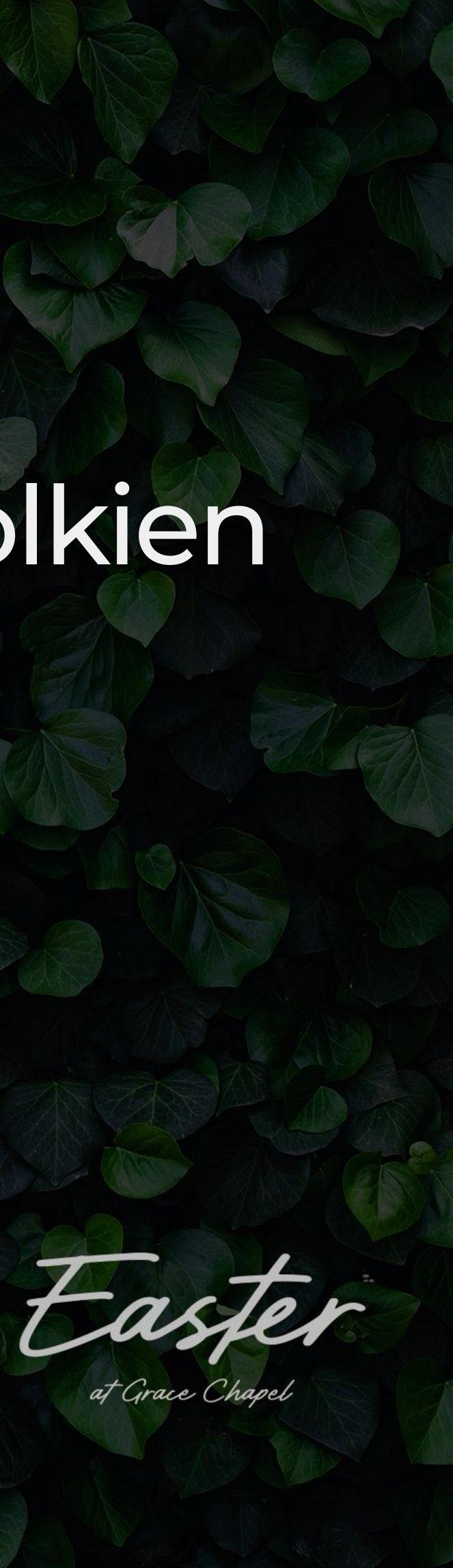
"We simply have less appetite for contemplating because we are convinced that there is nothing worth contemplating. Not very disguised in the contemporary mindset is the attitude that 'we've already had a look and we know what's there!"

- Ron Rolheiser



"Your inability to understand stems from a failure of imagination on your part!"

- J.R.R. Tolkien





Imagination and fantasy are two different things.



"We have healthy imaginations when we can stand before any reality and have a sense of what God is asking of us. A healthy imagination is the opposite of resignation, abdication, naive optimism or despair. It is the foundation of hope. Through it. we turn fate to destiny."

- Michael Higgins







Hope is living with Resurrection Imaginations.





Hopelessness is living with <u>Petrified</u> Imaginations.



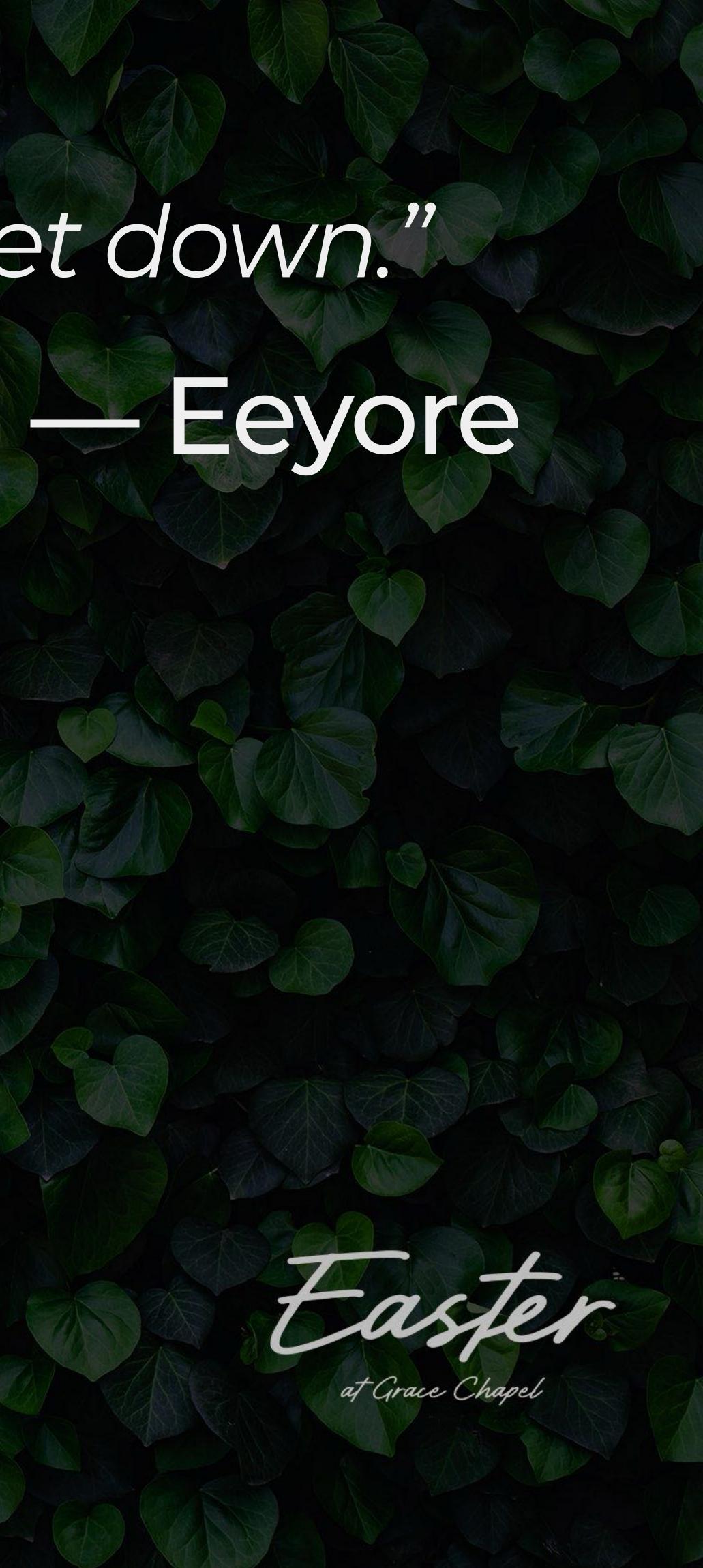
Petrified Imaginations lead to <u>Pessimistic Imaginations.</u>







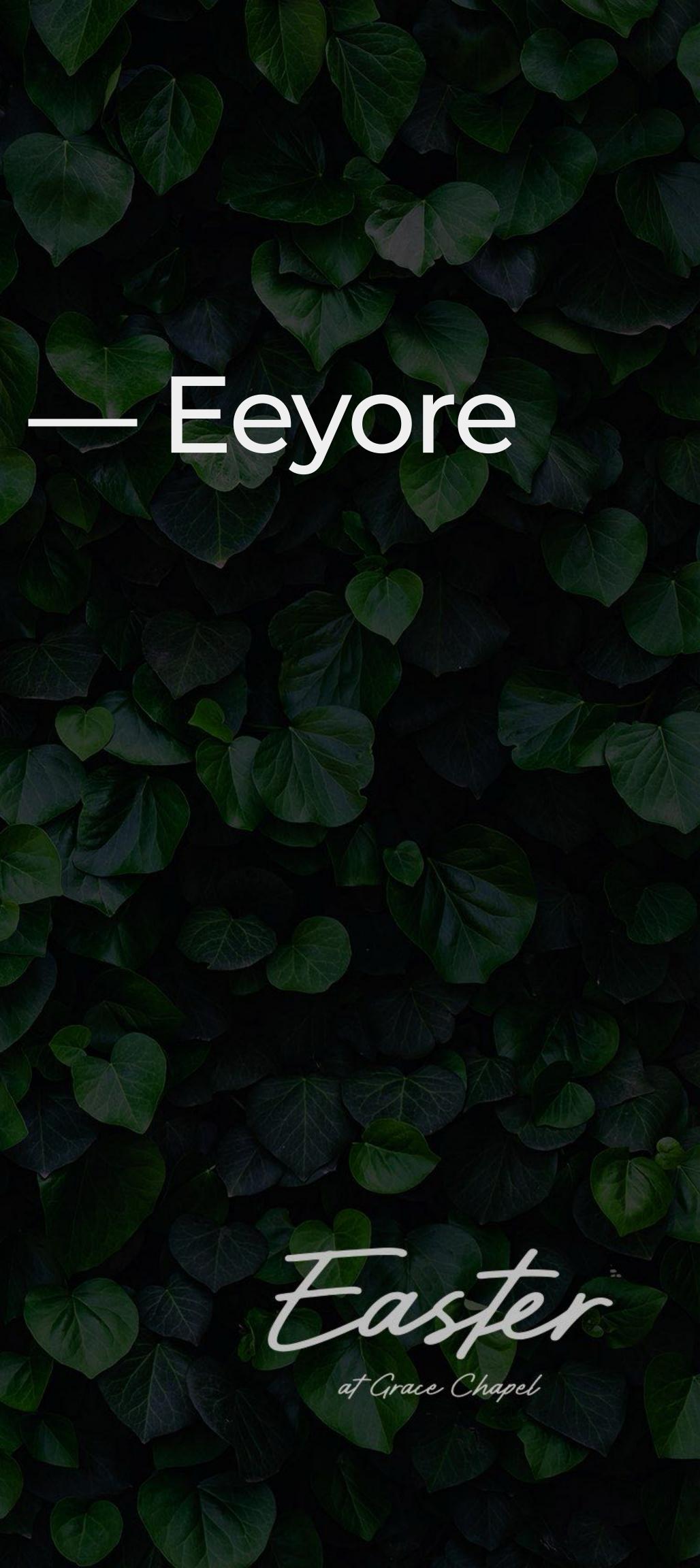
"I never get my hopes up, so I never get let down."



"Don't worry about me. Go and enjoy yourself. I'll stay here and be miserable."



"I was so upset, I forgot to be happy."





And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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"Many young people seem to live hours each day that are almost programmatically reduced to shallow, impulsive dependencies on visual stimulation and technological chatter. The search for meaning has shifted to a compulsive quest for perpetual distraction."

- Donald Haggerty



Since God is not satisfying, these other things will give you pleasure.



"Beholding the beauty that is Christ, contemplating him, is the 'river in the wasteland,' the source of life among the distractions."

-Joseph Ratzinger



"There is a dazzling beauty that does not bring human beings out of themselves into the ecstasy of starting off toward the heights but instead immures them completely within themselves. Such beauty does not awaken a longing for the ineffable, a willingness to sacrifice and lose oneself, but instead stirs up the desire, the will for power, possession and pleasure. Such false beauty would be luxury or lust, and it arises within persons so that it can take and possess its object."

-Joseph Ratzinger





From Seeing to Beholding to Be-helding.





Resurrection Power moves us from Awful to Awe-full.







Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."









but to save the world through him.

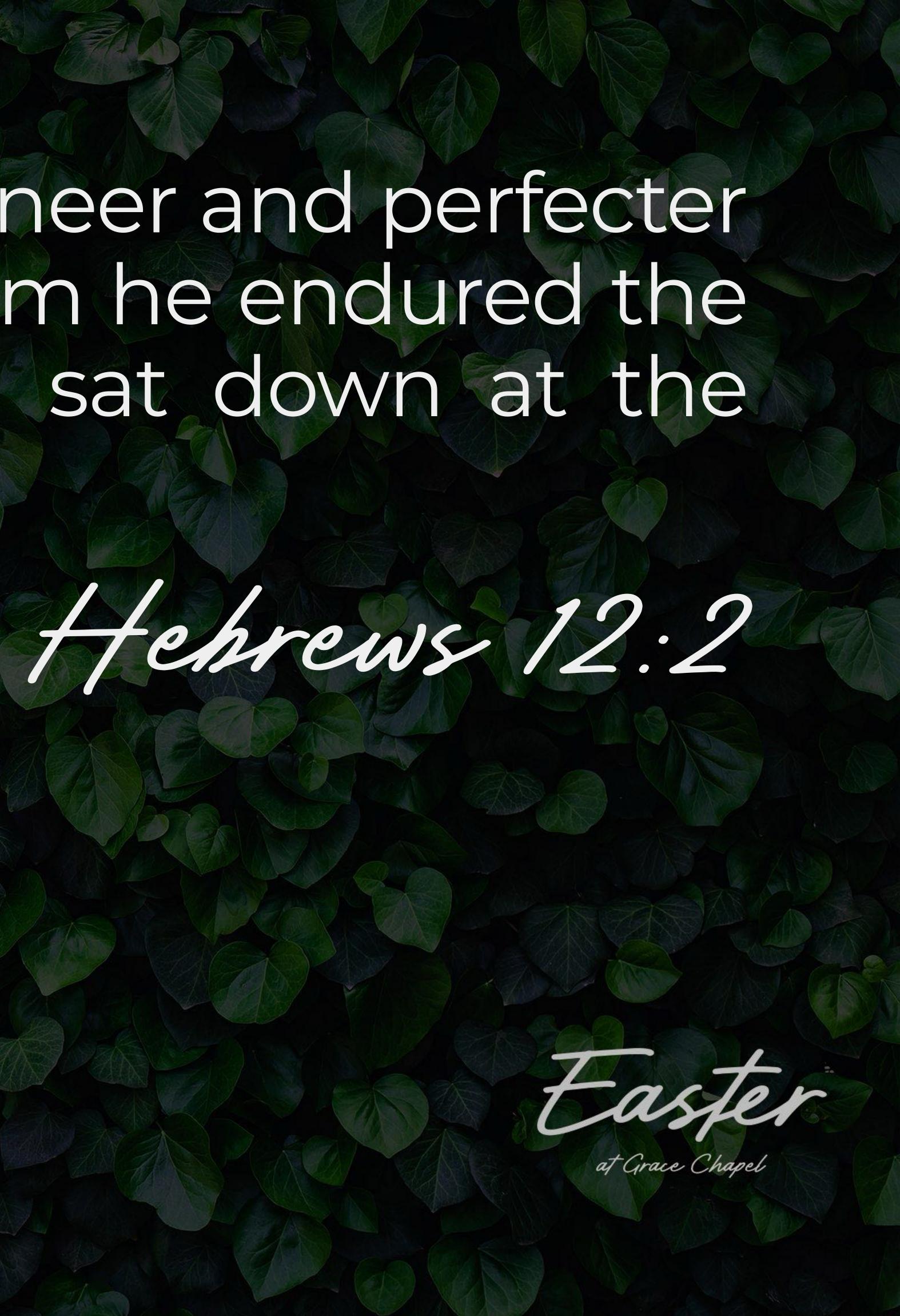
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

John 3:16-17

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fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

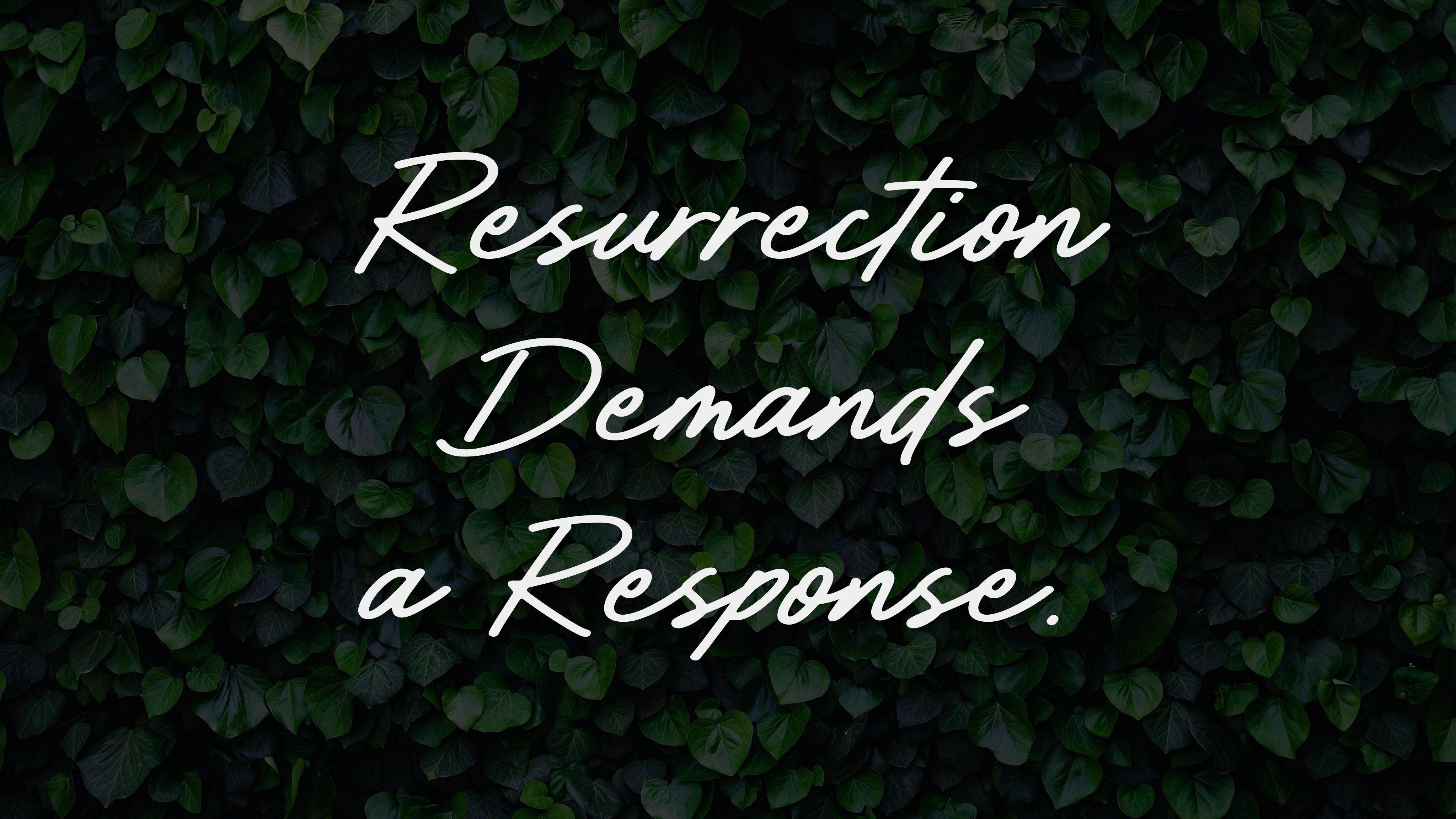




Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of **refreshing** may come from the Lord







"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

-C.S. Lewis



If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.





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