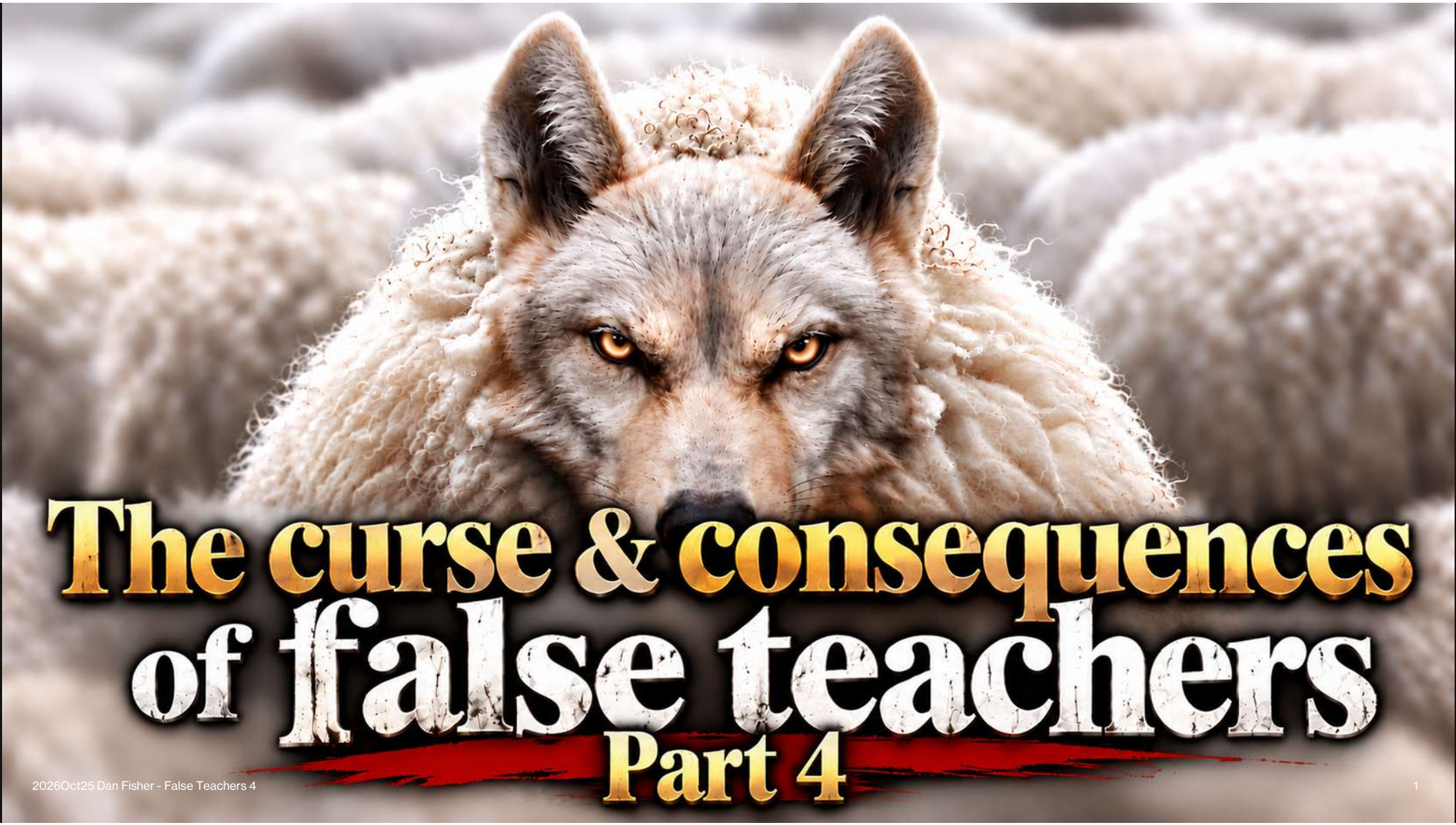
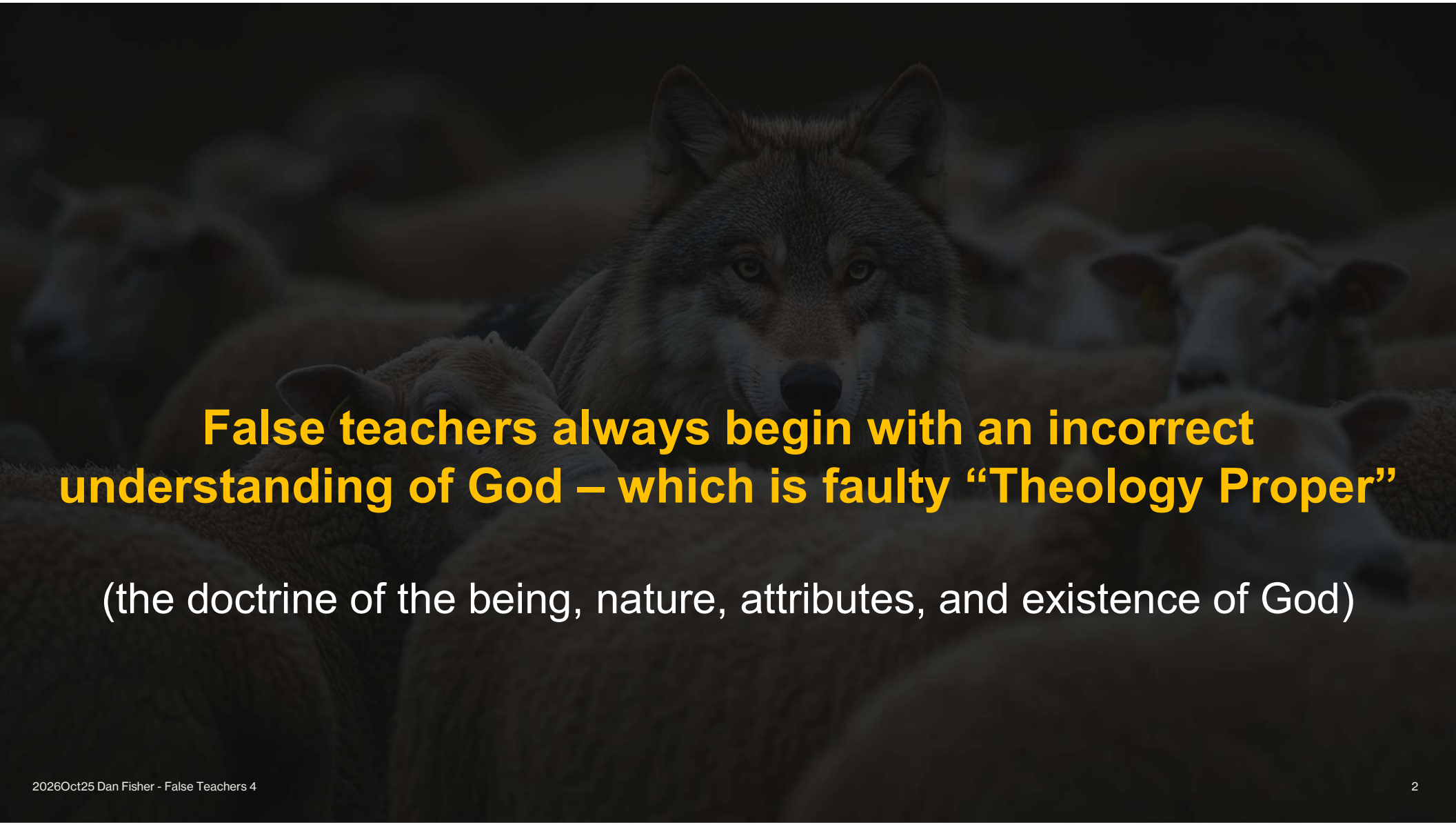

The curse & consequences
of false teachers
Part 4



False teachers always begin with an incorrect understanding of God – which is faulty "Theology Proper"

(the doctrine of the being, nature, attributes, and existence of God)

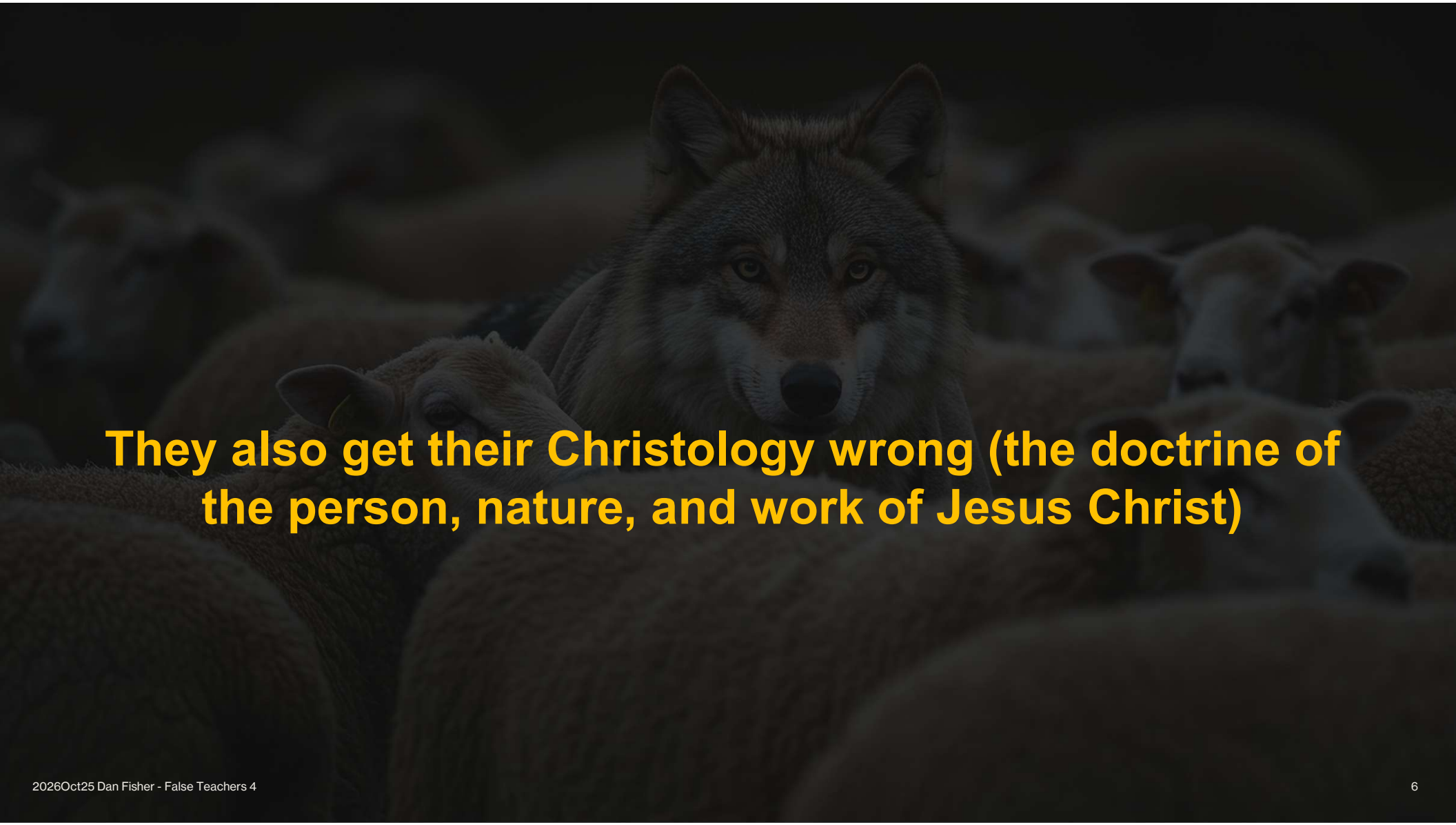

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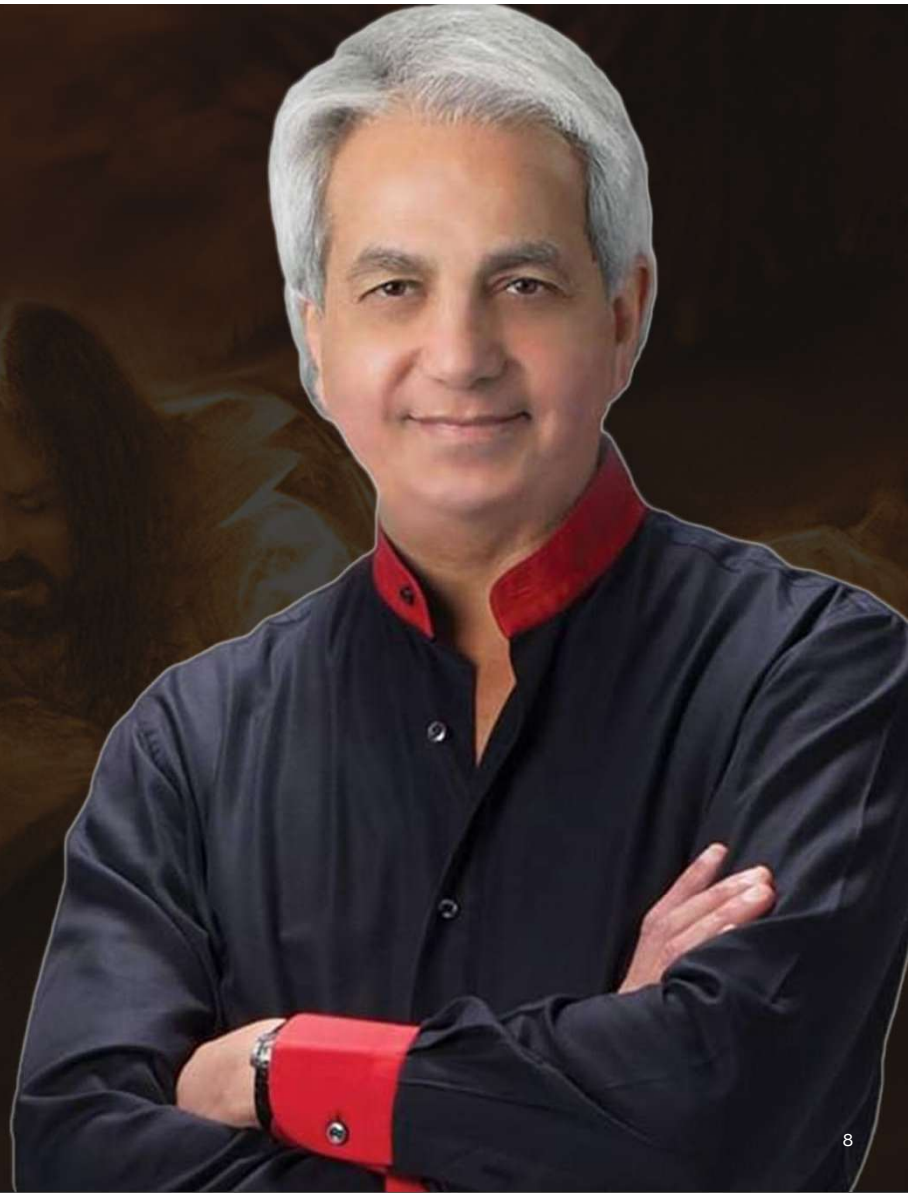
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Did Jesus go to hell after He died?

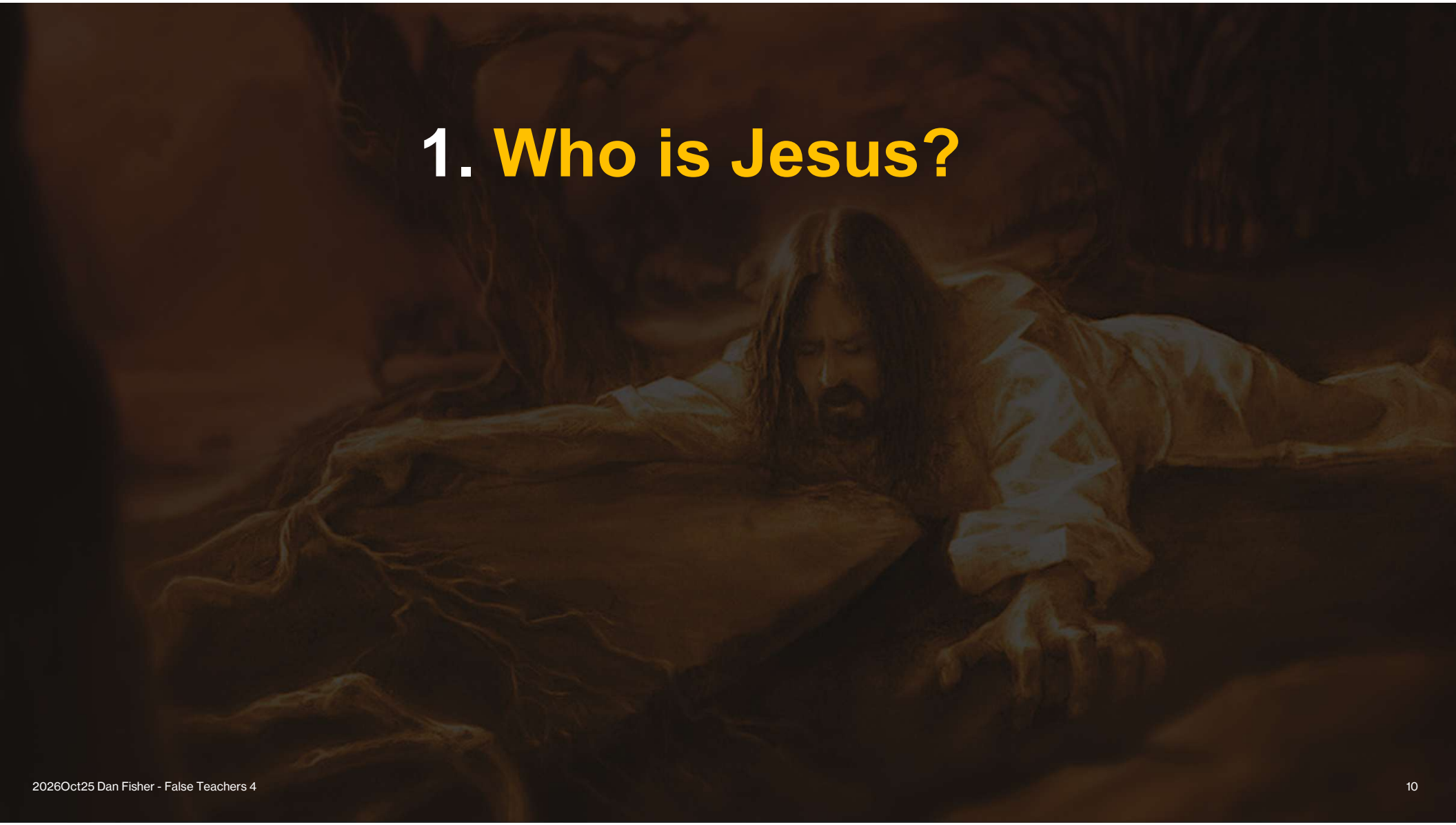


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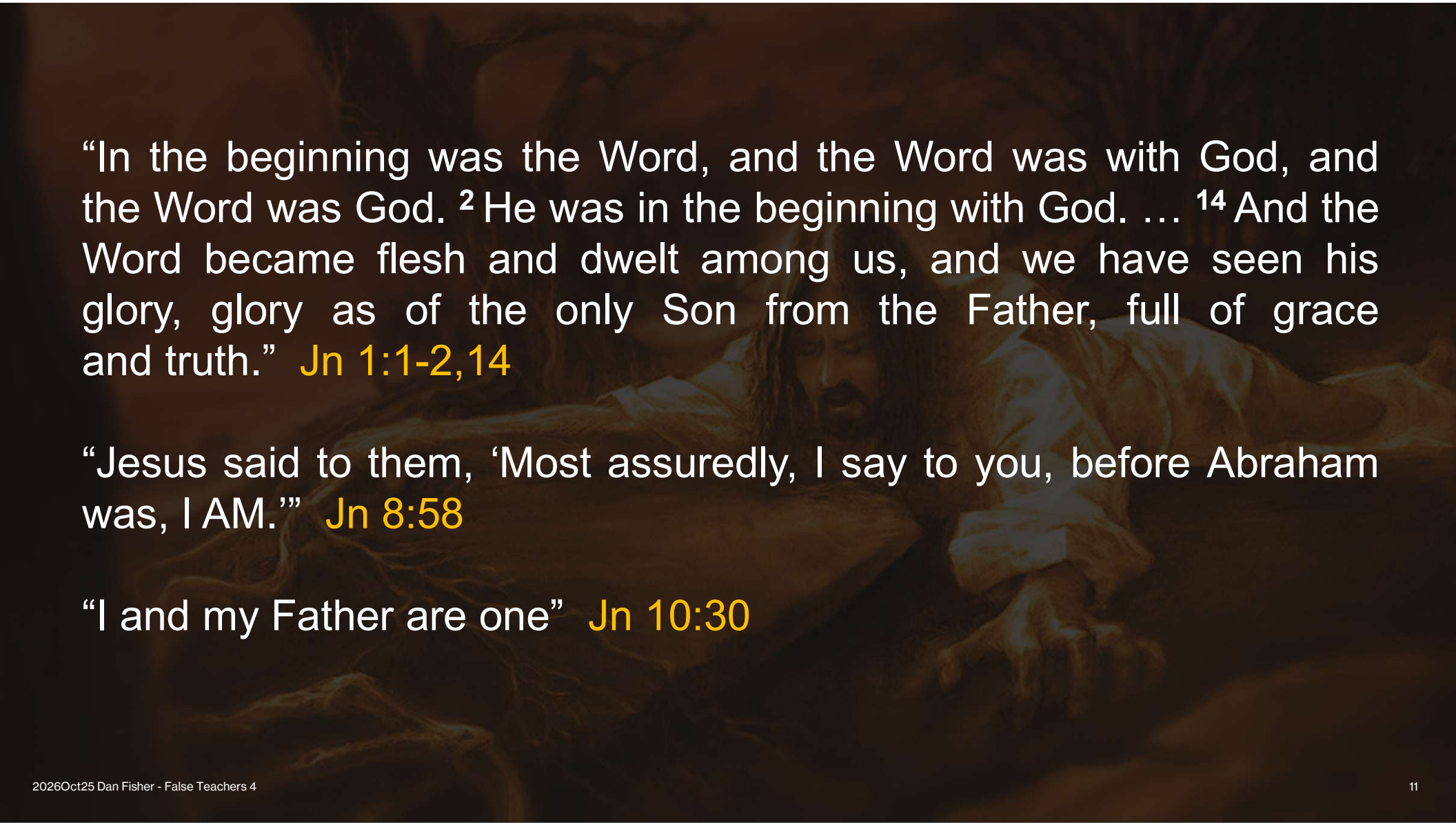
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1. Who is Jesus?



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. … 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” Jn 1:1-2,14

“Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’” Jn 8:58

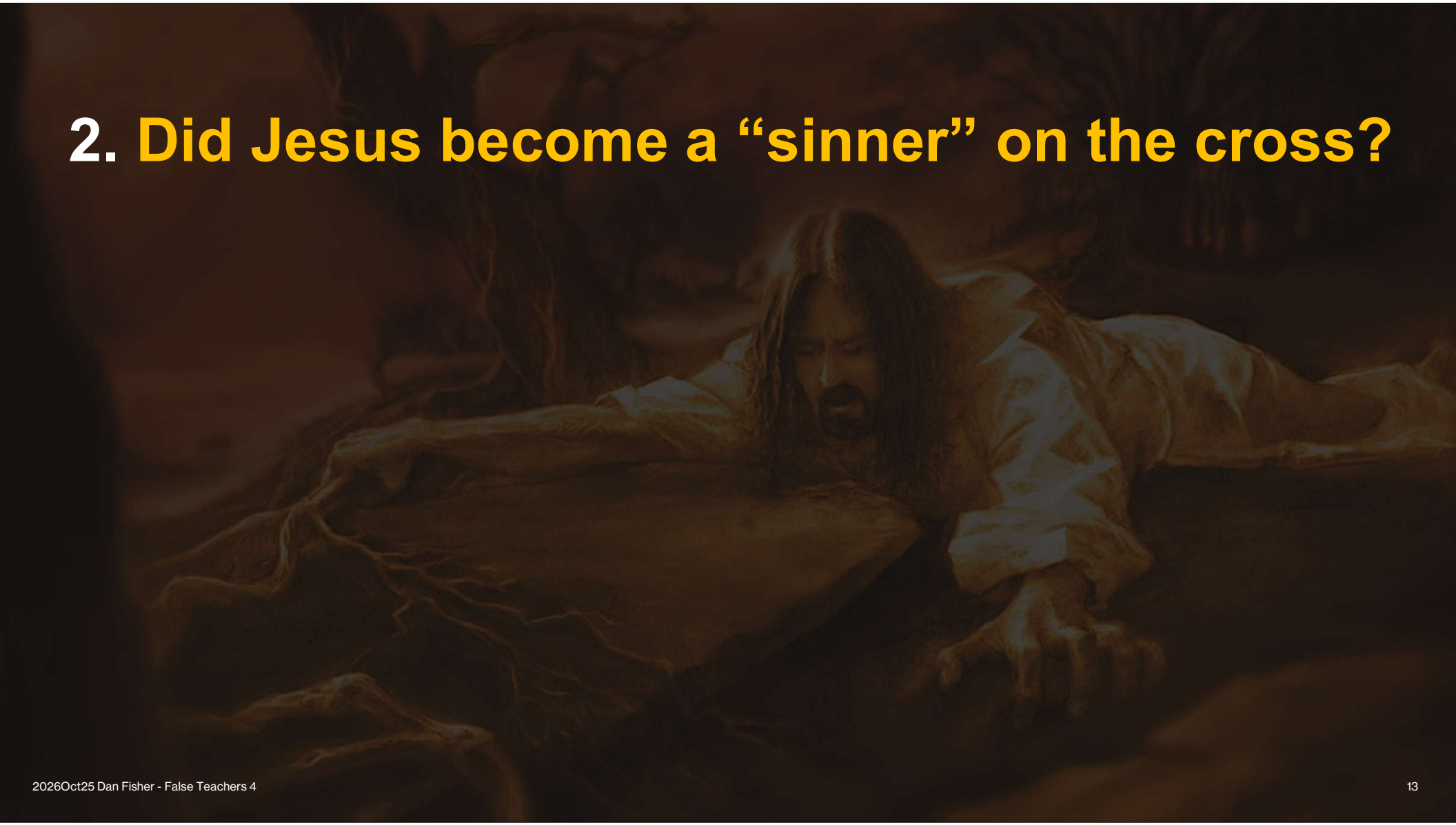
“I and my Father are one” Jn 10:30

“Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’ **9** Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Phillip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, Show us the Father? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?’” Jn 14:8-10

“And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” Jn 20:28

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;” Col 2:9

2. Did Jesus become a “sinner” on the cross?



- **Jesus was always & will always be holy, righteous, & sinless**

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Heb 4:15

“Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.” Heb 9:28

- **The purpose of Jesus going to the cross**

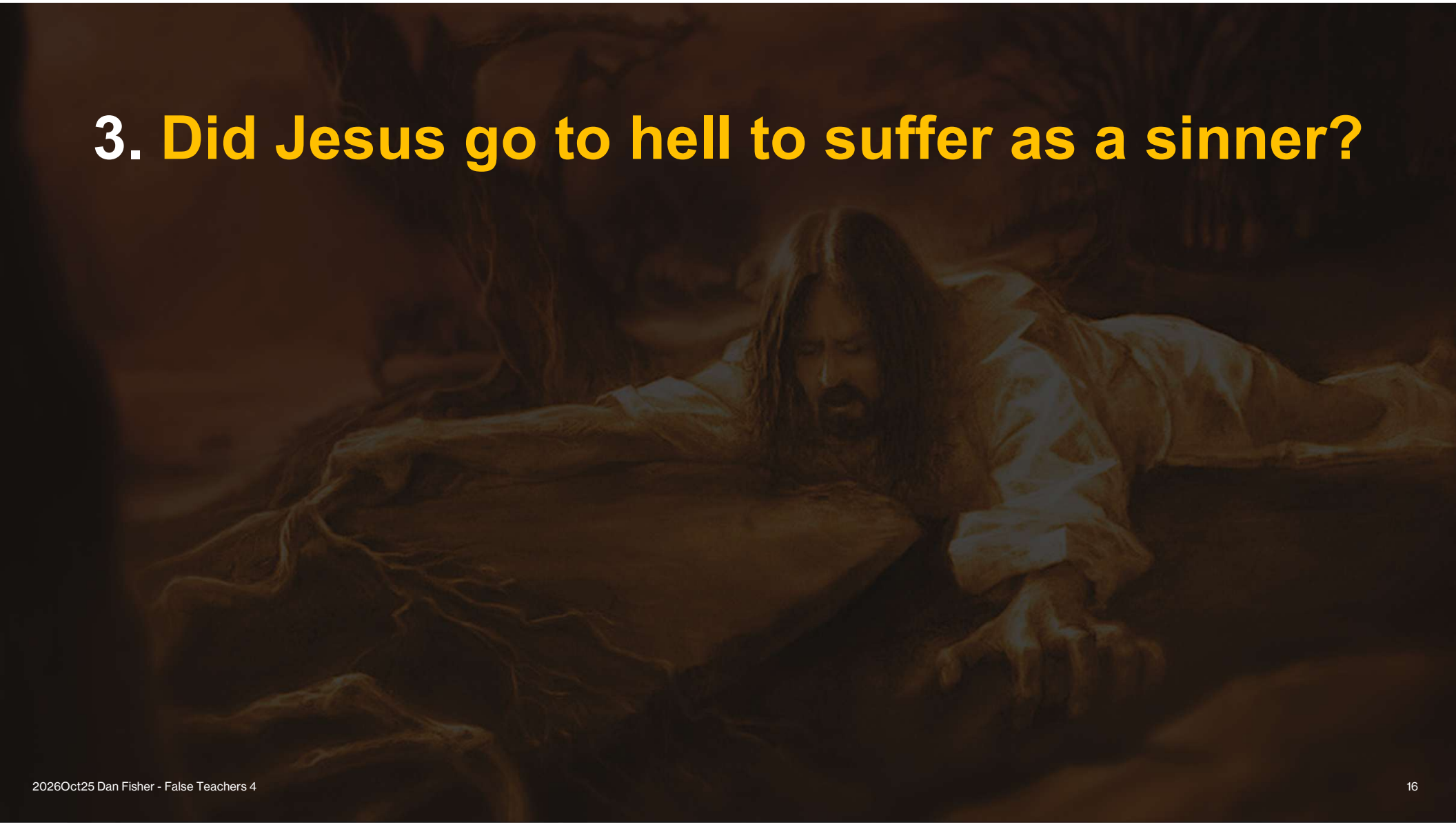
"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mk 10:45

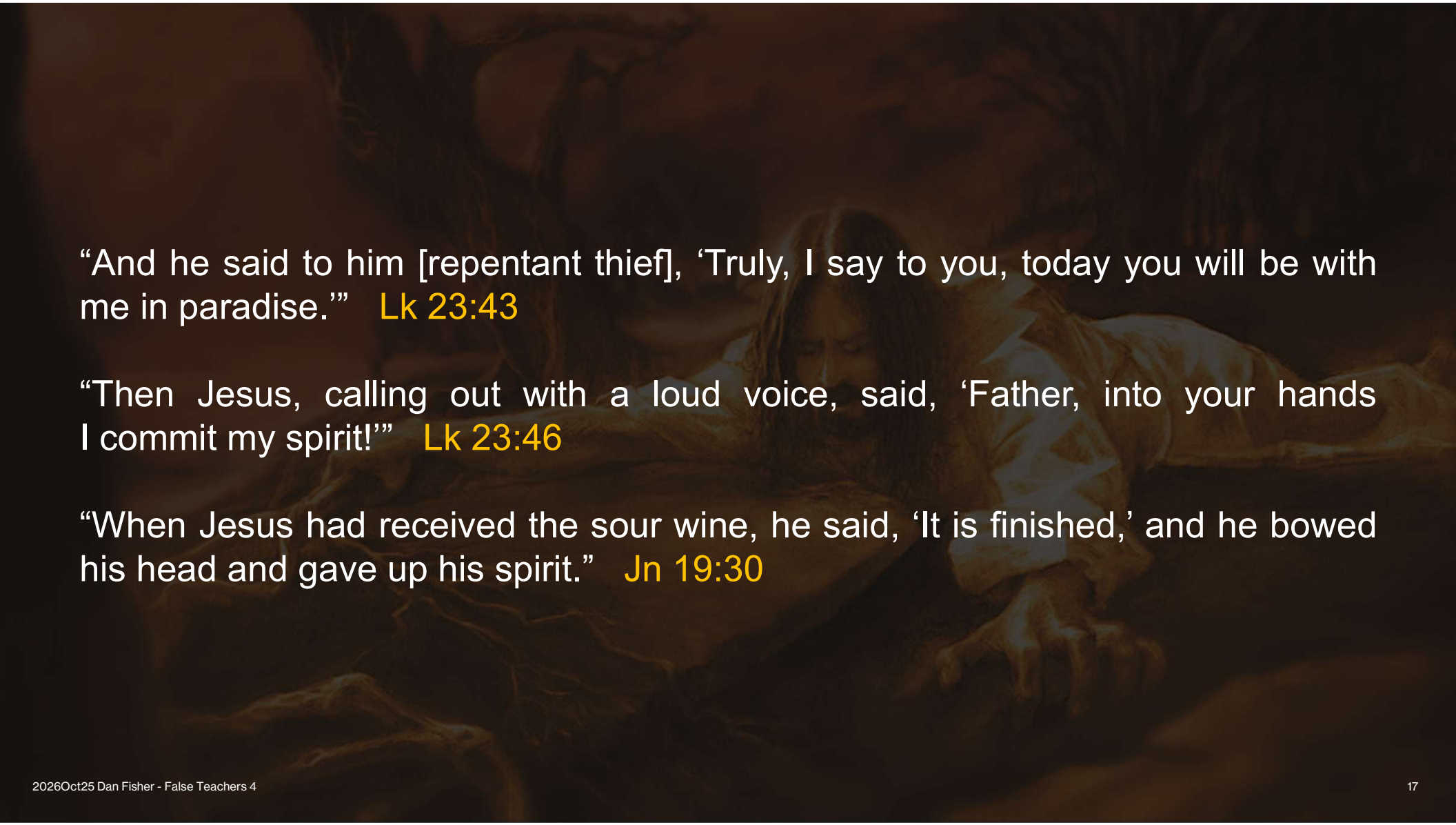
"For He [the Father] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God [the Father] in Him [Jesus]." 2 Cor 5:21

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil," Heb 2:14

"Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it." Col 2:15

3. Did Jesus go to hell to suffer as a sinner?





“And he said to him [repentant thief], ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’” Lk 23:43

“Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!’” Lk 23:46

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” Jn 19:30

- **Doesn't Scripture teach that Jesus descended to hell?**

"Therefore it says, 'When he ascended on high he led captivity captive, and He gave gifts to men.' **9** (In saying, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that He had also first descended into the lower regions [parts of the earth], the earth? **10** He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)" Eph 4:8-10 (Ps 68:18)

- **Doesn’t the Apostle’s Creed say that Jesus went to hell?**

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, …
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell.

“lower parts/regions of the earth” can mean: caves, graves, or enclosures on the earth

Ps 139:15 calls a woman’s womb the “lowest parts of the earth”

“But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.” Ps 63:9

“send them down … to the world below, to those who have gone down to the pit: … 23 whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit; and her company is all around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living. … 24 who went down uncircumcised into the world below, who spread their terror in the land of the living; and they bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.” Ezk 32:18,23-24

“lower parts/regions of the earth” can also mean: the place of the dead

“so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth” Phil 2:10

“Then Samuel said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?’”
1 Sam 28:15

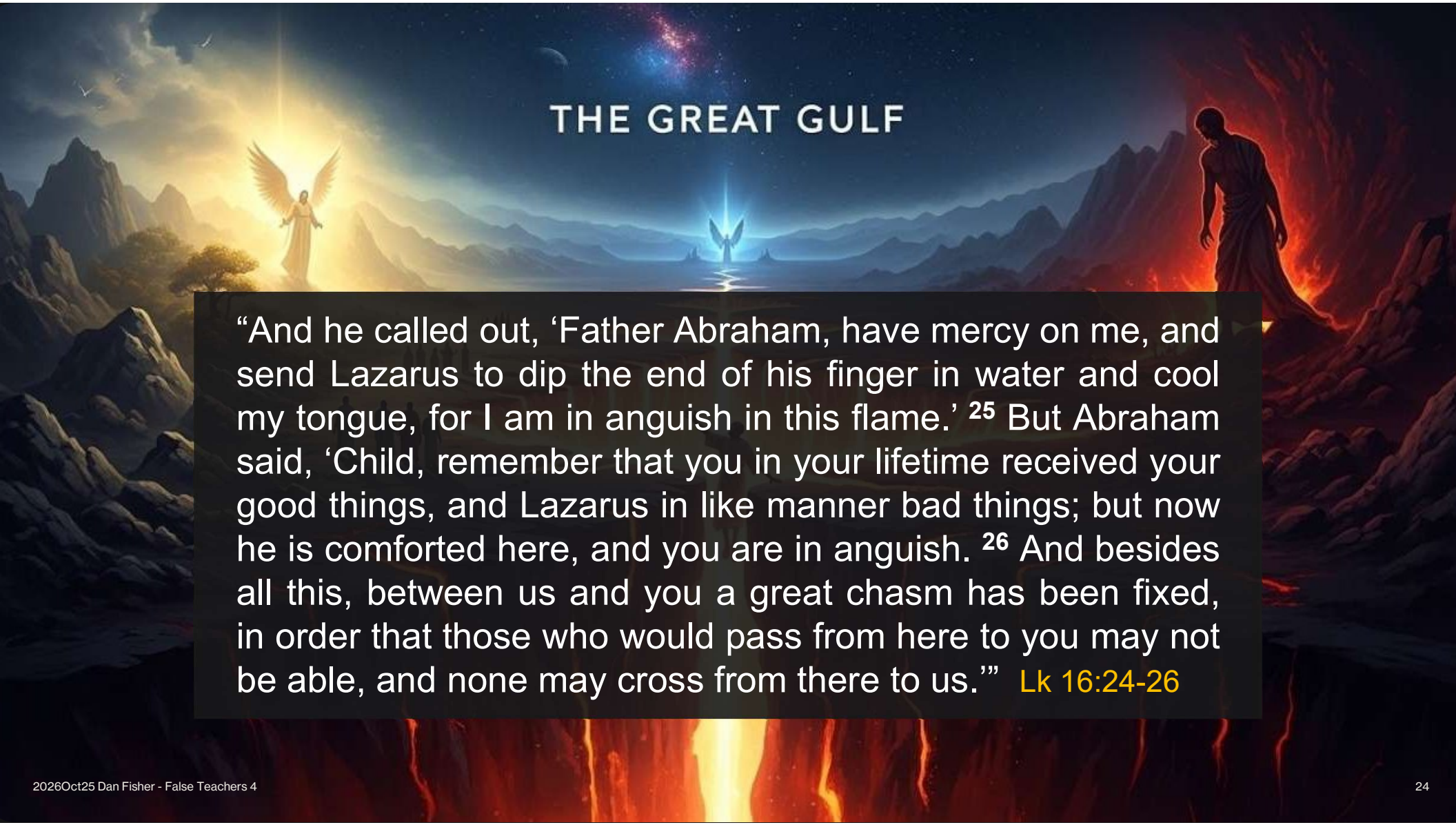
“He [Jesus] had to descend to the earth, … even to ‘the lower parts of the earth.’ This unusual phrase must refer to the great pit in the center of the earth confining the souls of the dead – the place called Hades. One of Christ’s purposes on earth was ‘to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound’ (Is 61:1). That is exactly what He did when He died on the cross for the sins of these very captives, then, in the Spirit, descended into Hades to set them free.



He returned with the very ‘keys of Hell and of death’ (Rev 1:18), alive forevermore. The souls of those who had died in faith came with Him, finally ascending with Him into ‘Paradise,’ in ‘the third heaven’ to wait with Him for His future return.” Henry Morris

“When Christ Ascended,” Henry M. Morris, PH.D., Jul 01, 2000, https://www.icr.org/article/17824



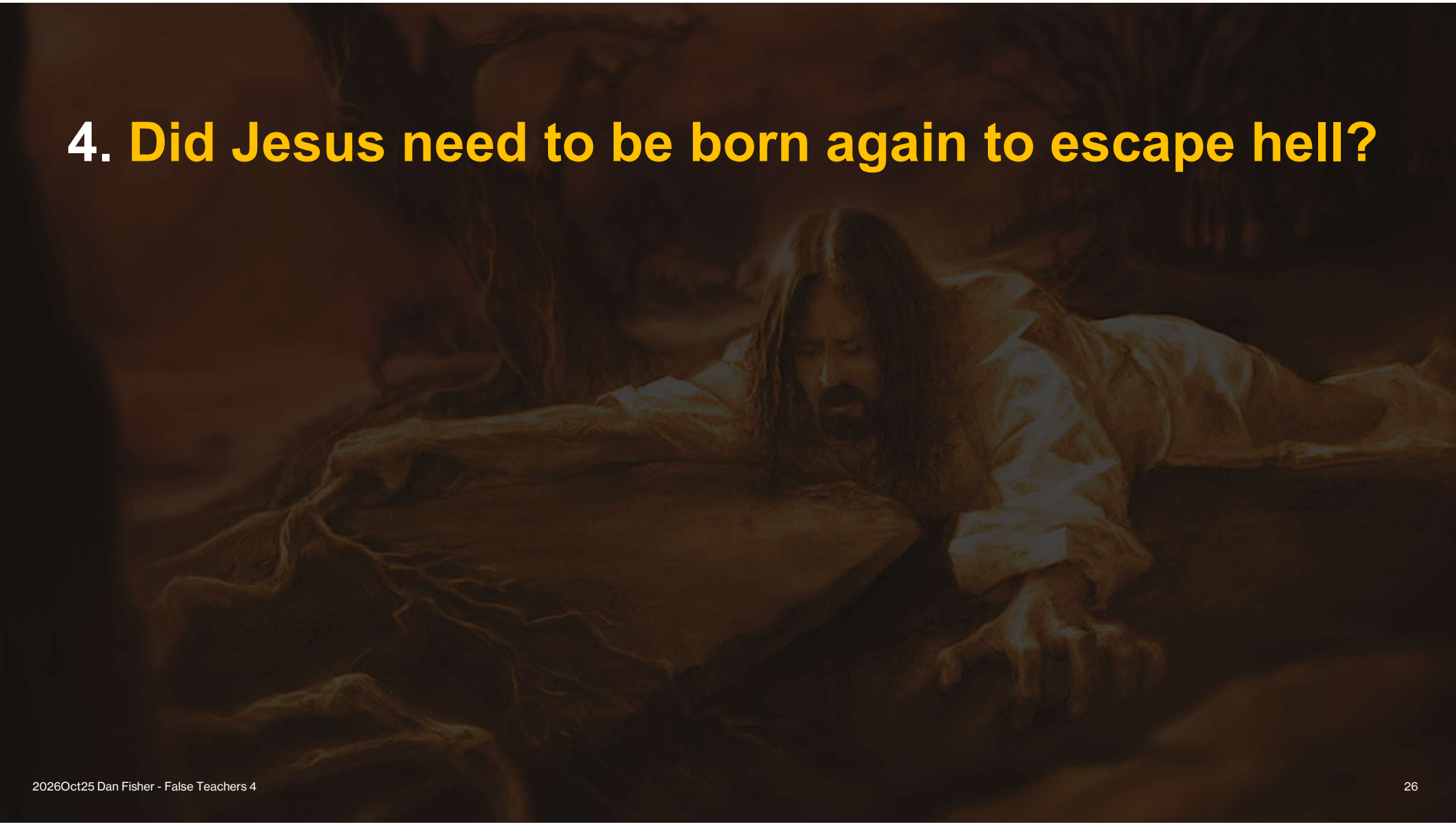


“And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’” Lk 16:24-26



“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, **19** in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, **20** because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.” 1 Pet 3:18-20

4. Did Jesus need to be born again to escape hell?



- Doesn't Scripture teach that Jesus was the first begotten of the dead?
- Doesn't that mean He was "spiritually dead" and separated from God?

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. … **18** He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent." Col 1:15,18

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Rom 8:29

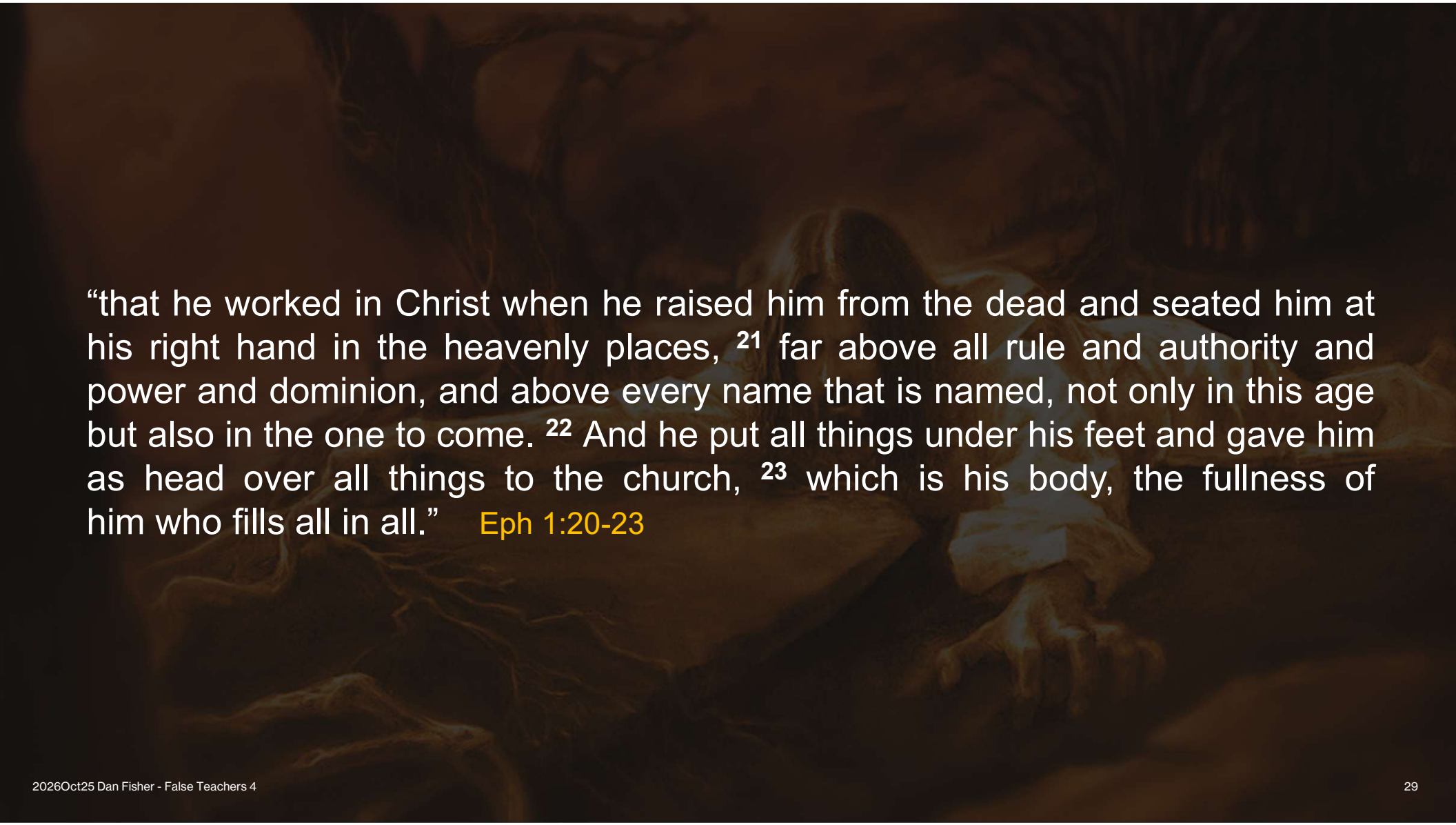
"from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth." Rev 1:5

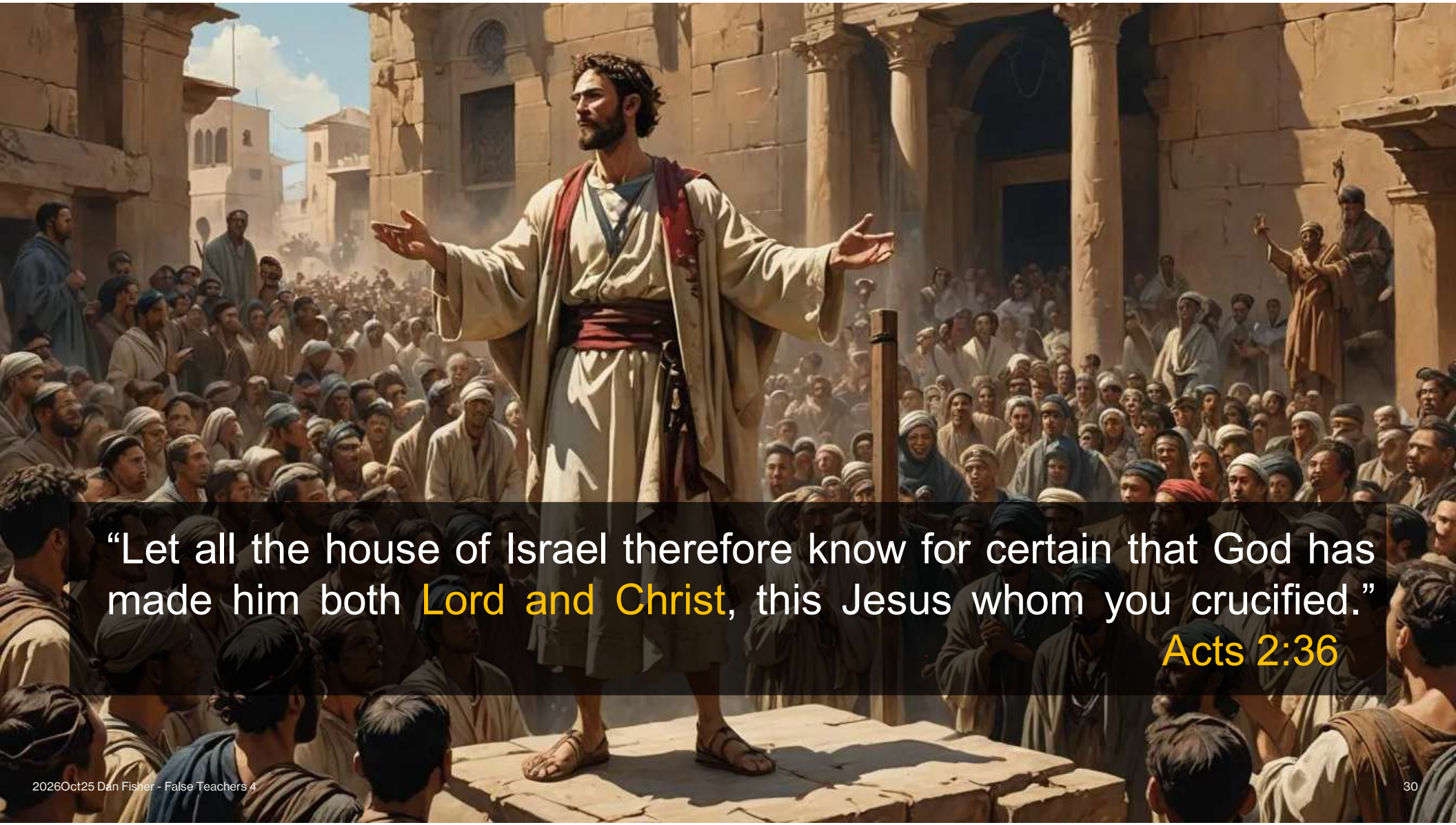
“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’” Mt 3:16-17

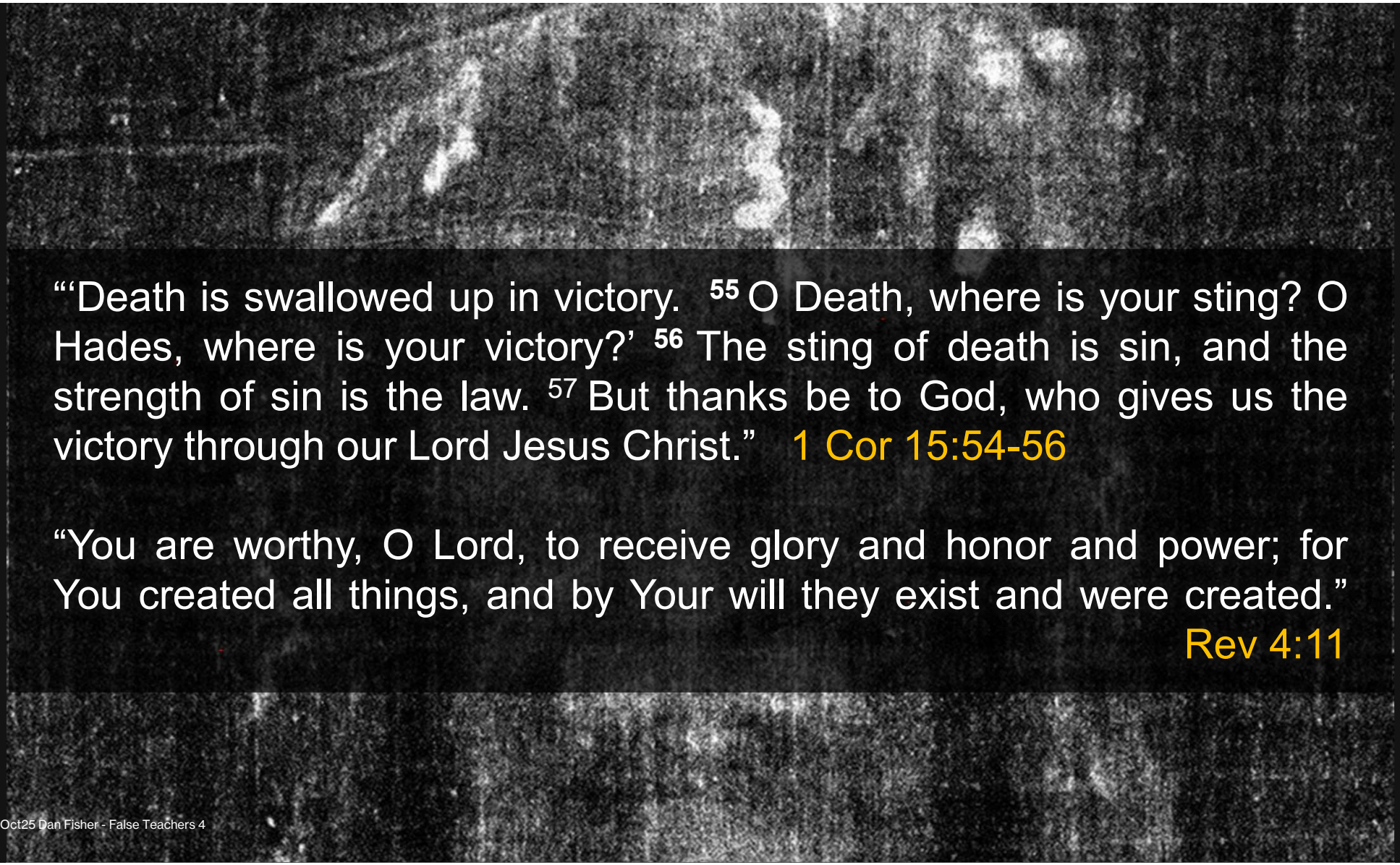
“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”
Mt 27:46

“Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!’” Lk 23:46

“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it [the cross].” Col 2:15

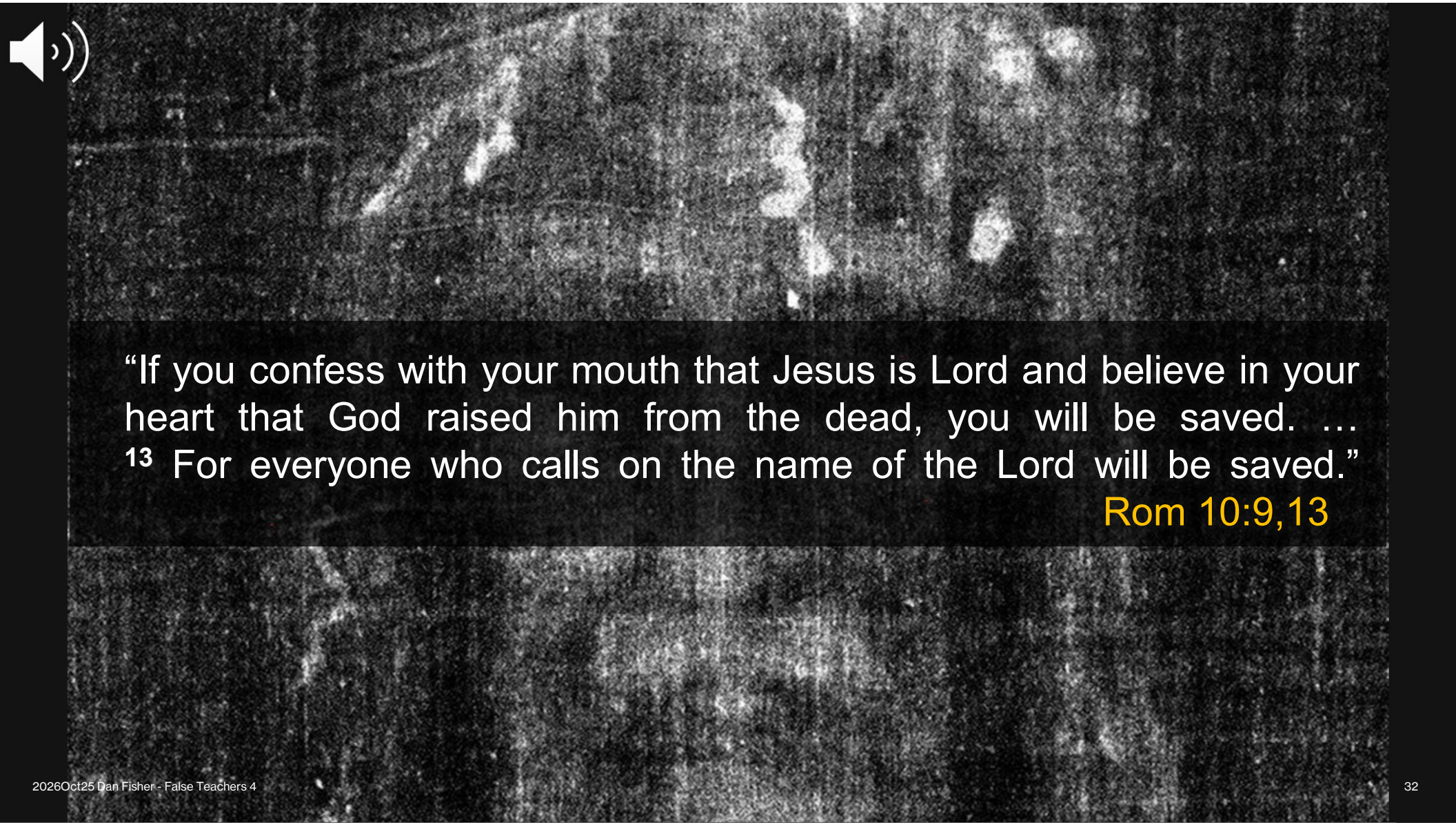

“that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” Eph 1:20-23


“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
Acts 2:36



“‘Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor 15:54-56

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.” Rev 4:11


“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. …
13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
Rom 10:9,13