

<sup>1</sup> 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. ...

## **JOHN 18: 1-11**

<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. <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." ...

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<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?"

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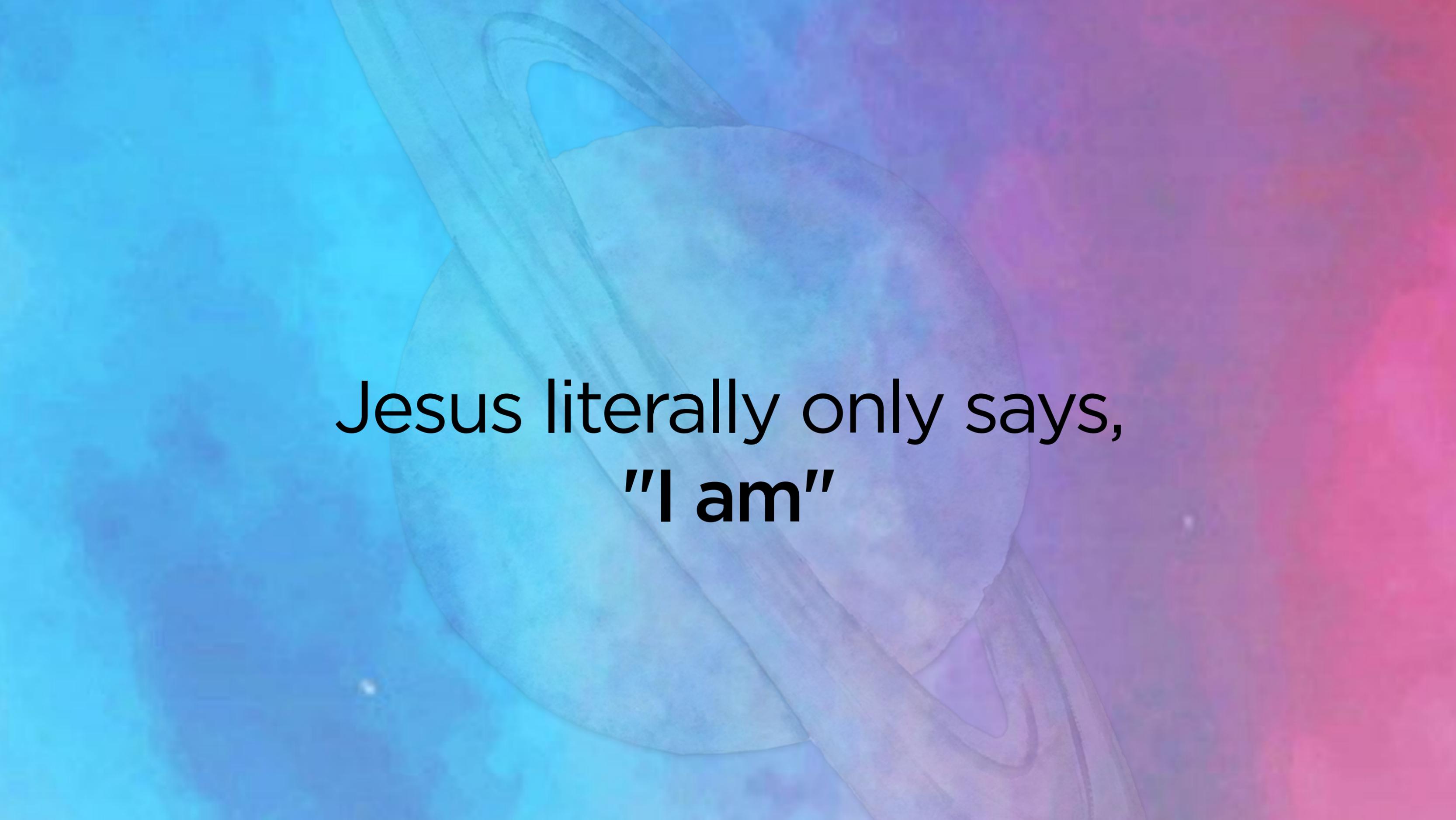
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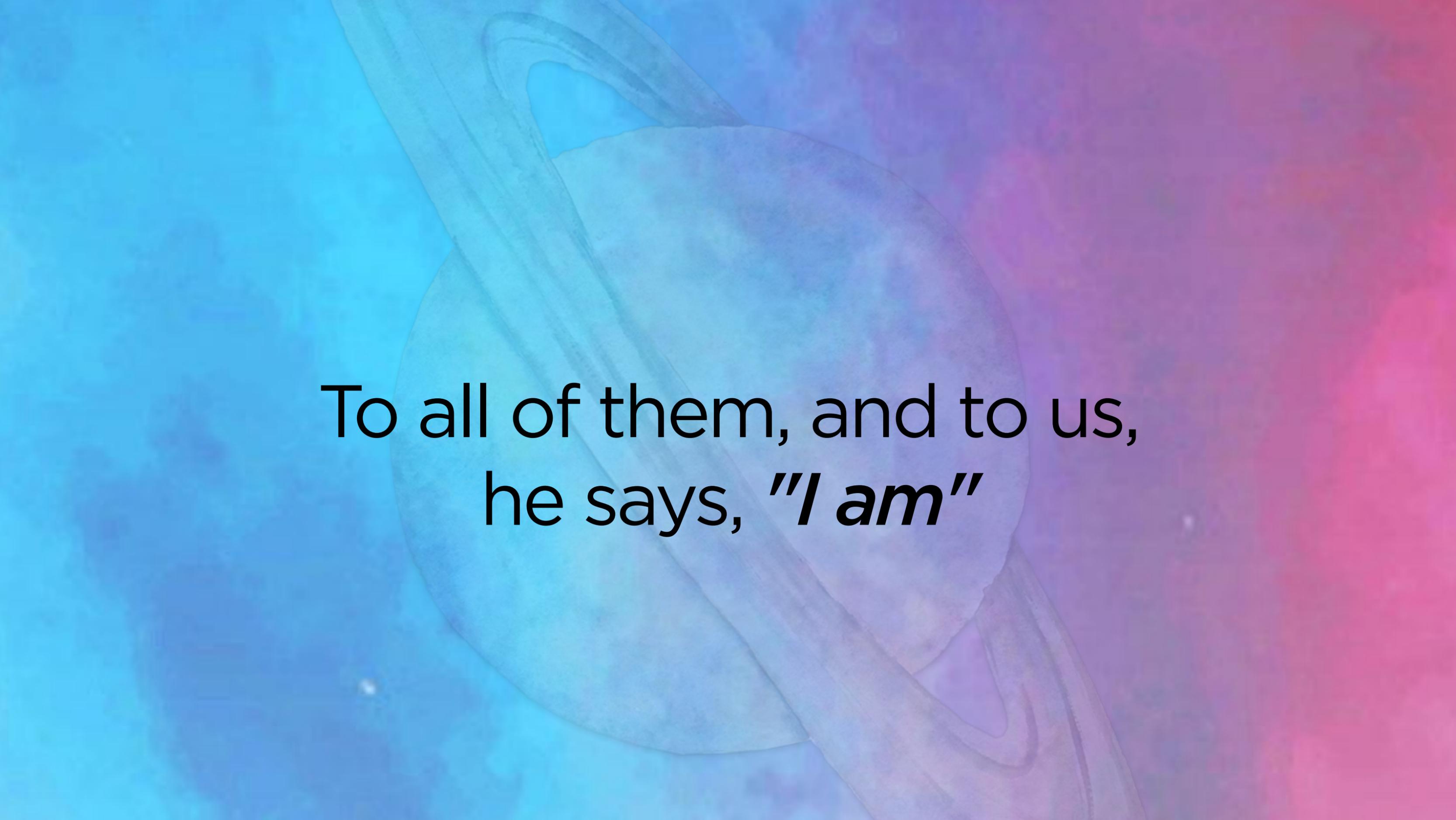
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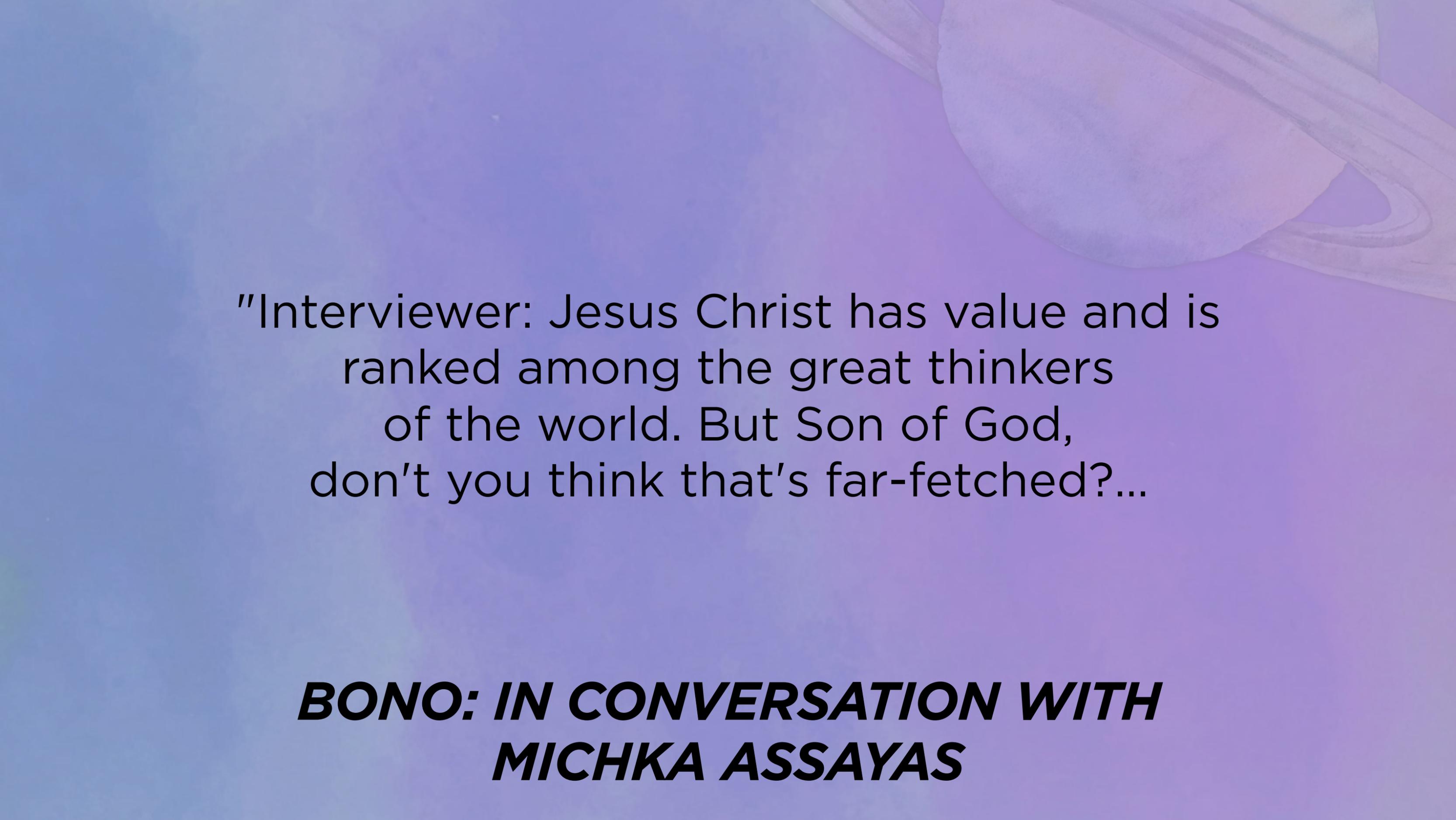


Jesus literally only says,  
**"I am"**



To all of them, and to us,  
he says, *"I am"*

***PHILOSOPHICAL AND  
RELIGIOUS CRISIS***



"Interviewer: Jesus Christ has value and is ranked among the great thinkers of the world. But Son of God, don't you think that's far-fetched?..."

***BONO: IN CONVERSATION WITH  
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Bono: No, it's not. The secular response to the Christian story always goes like this: He was a great prophet, had a lot of good things to say along the lines of others, like Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius, but Jesus does not allow you to say that. Christ says, "No, Don't call me a teacher or a prophet, I'm saying I'm God incarnate." ...

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So we are left with this: Either Christ is who He says He is, or he is a complete nutcase on the level of Charles Manson. And I'm not joking here- the idea that the entire globe, one-half of the human race, has had its history completely changed by a nutcase - *for me, that's far-fetched.*"

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**JOHN 18: 6**

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**JOHN 18: 7-8**



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# MIRACLE ON THE RIVER KWAI

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**ERNEST GORDON**

'Unquestionably one of the most  
wonderful stories of World War II' *Scotsman*

"The word spread like wildfire through the whole camp: An innocent man had been willing to die to save everyone else. The incident had a huge effect. We began to treat each other like brothers. Another man was caught trading with the local people, the Thais, ...

**MIRACLE ON THE RIVER KWAI**  
**ERNEST GORDON**

for medicines for a dying comrade and was sentenced to death, but he submitted to it, reading from a little Bible and cheering up the chaplain, right before his execution. Death was still with us, no doubt about that, but we were being slowly freed from its destructive grip."

**MIRACLE ON THE RIVER KWAI**  
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*We create a whole new culture  
through Christ-centered, self-giving  
in the ways we handle power, sex,  
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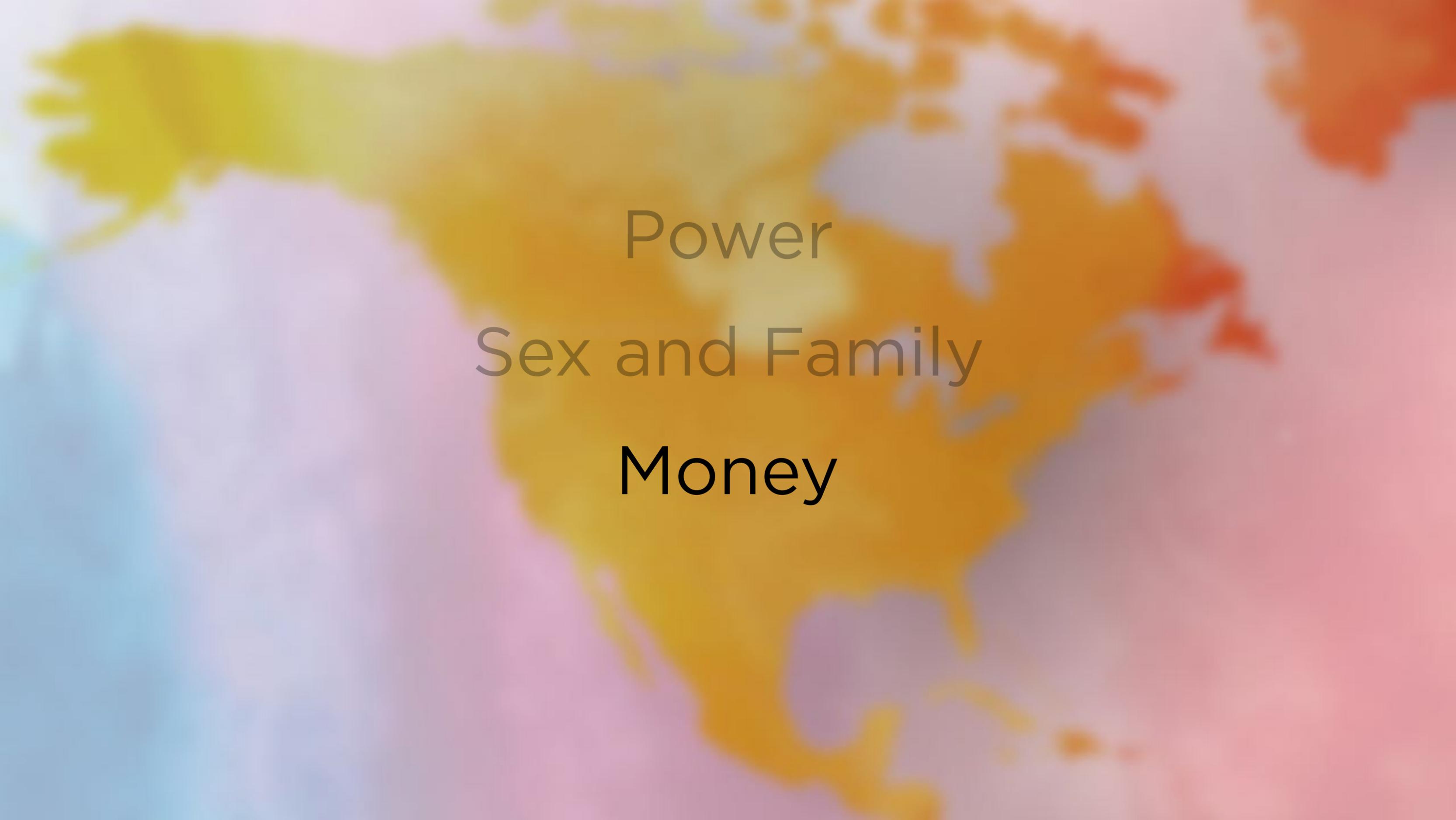
A world map with a color gradient from blue to red, centered on the Americas. The word "Power" is written in black text in the center of the map.

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A blurred world map with a color gradient from yellow to red. The map is centered on the Americas, with North America in yellow and South America in orange. The rest of the world is in shades of red and pink. The text "Power" is centered over the map.

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Sex and Family

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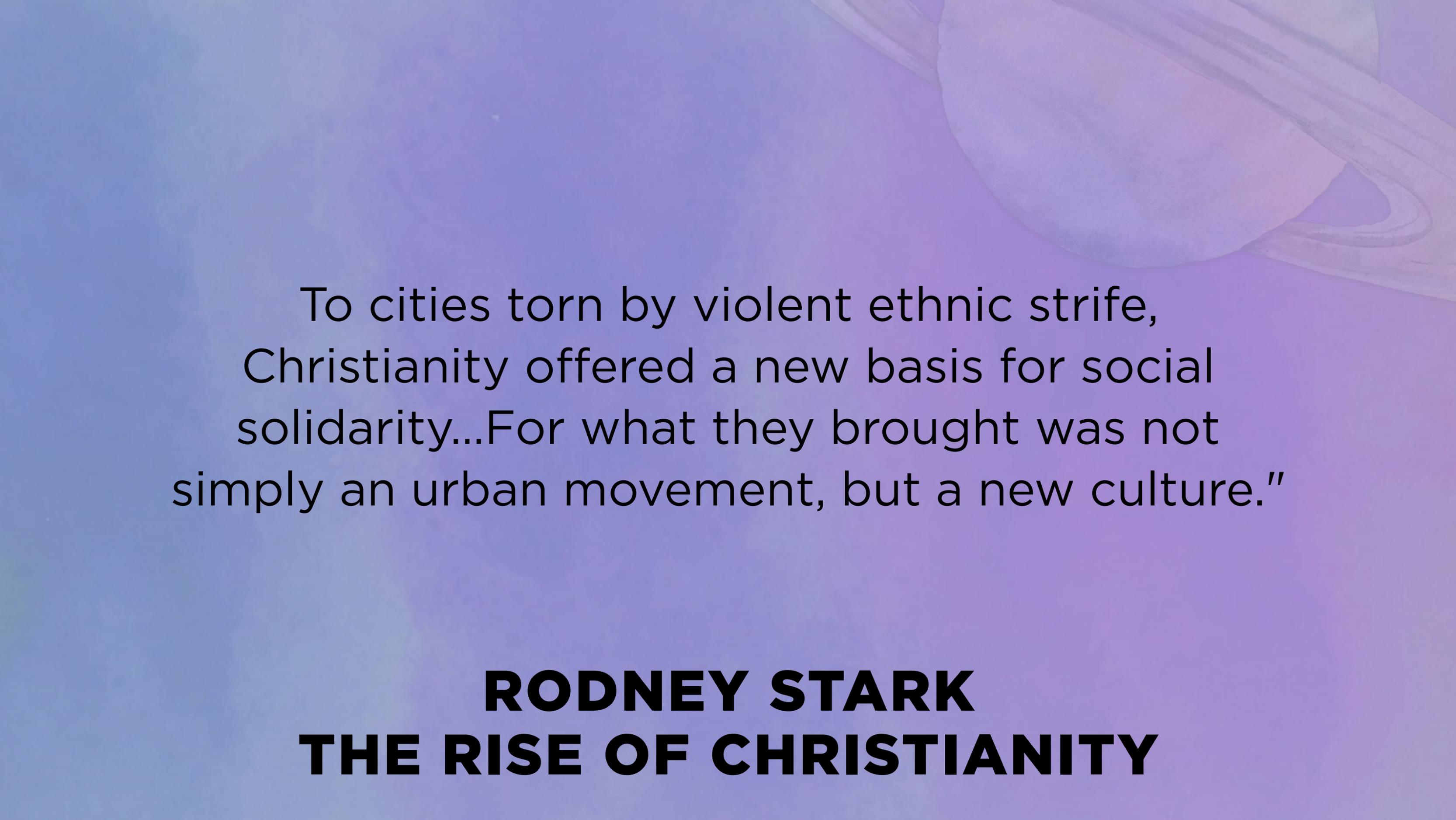
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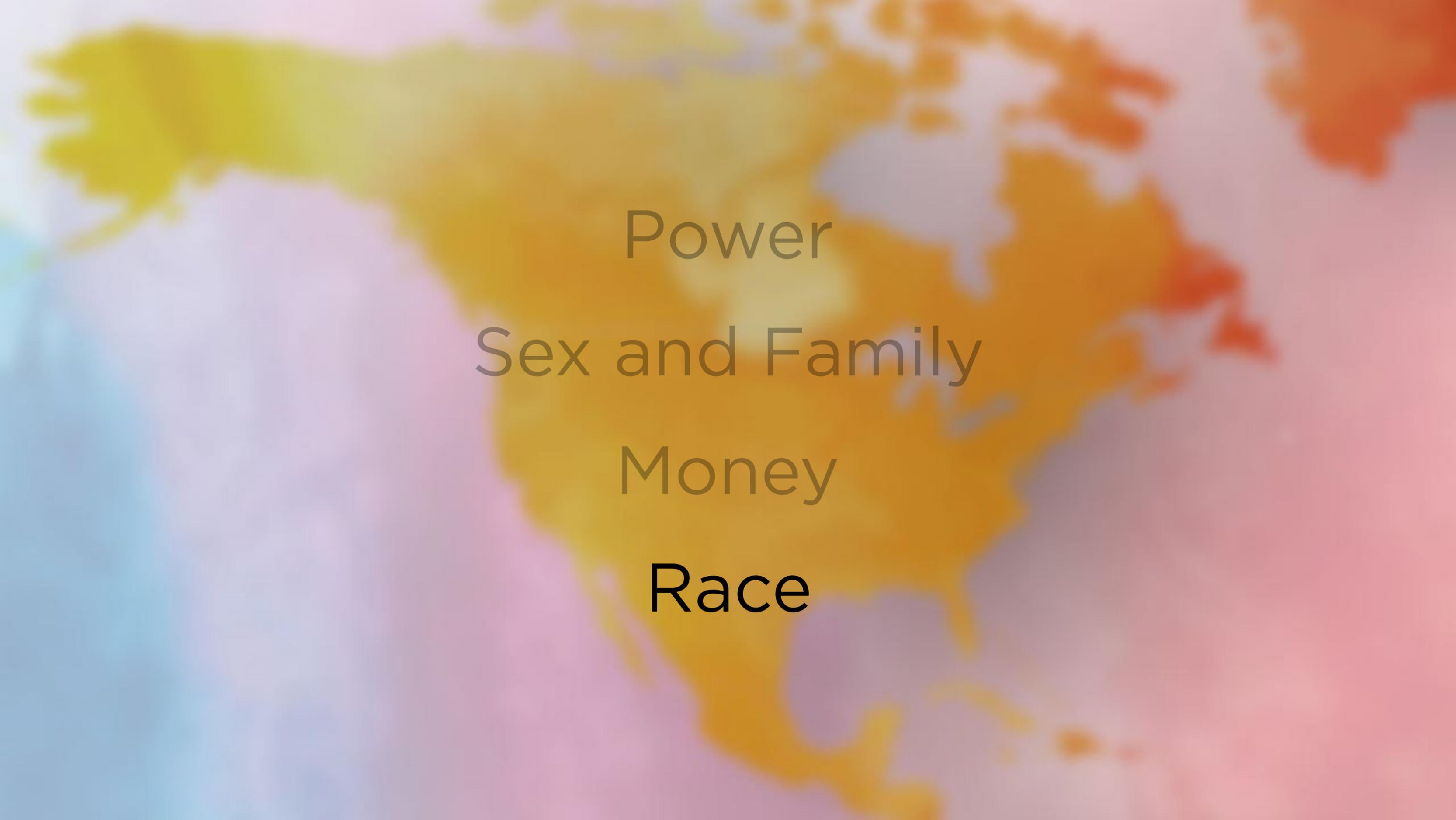
"To cities filled with the homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. To cities filled with newcomers and strangers, Christianity offered an immediate basis for attachment. To cities filled with orphans and widows, Christianity provided a new and expanded sense of family. ...

**RODNEY STARK**  
**THE RISE OF CHRISTIANITY**



To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis for social solidarity...For what they brought was not simply an urban movement, but a new culture."

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**JOHN 18: 10-11**

"Shall I not drink the cup  
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**JOHN 18: 11**

A watercolor illustration of a hand holding a cup, rendered in soft, blended colors. The background features a gradient from light blue on the left to light pink on the right. The cup and hand are depicted with delicate, painterly strokes, creating a sense of depth and texture. The overall mood is gentle and evocative.

*The cup of the Father.*

"Our tender modern hearts don't like the narrative about God requiring the sacrifice of his own Son.

"Why couldn't God solve the problem of sin without so much pain? Why require his Son to die?" is a common question.

They might as well be asking what love really is. ...

**CARRIE STEPHENS**  
**"THE SECRET ABOUT LOVE"**

Here in the west, we are such a comfortable people.

We will go to great lengths to avoid pain and suffering. Our affluence and advanced technology make it easy for us to avoid a great deal of hard things in life. Most of our problems are completely fixable in a few hours or days. Surely, surely, a God as powerful who is as the Bible teaches he is would find a way to avoid a sacrifice like the one he made. ...

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But we've forgotten what love really is. We think love is a well-versed Facebook post about the quality of human being our spouse is. We think love is buying organic milk for our kids, or love is creating a beautiful dinner for our friends and dropping it off on a Wednesday night. Love means being with people who make us happy, offer us some kind of meaning in life, or deepen our connection with who we are and why that's significant.

Most of all, we think love feels good. ...

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We're right, in part. But those kinds of things aren't the fullest measure of love. The fullest measure of love is whether or not you would sacrifice yourself so that someone else could be saved from a horrible end. Love is taking less so they can have more. Love is letting another person's happiness matter more than your own. Love is submitting to a path you might not have chosen, except it's the only one that we can be on together. ...

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God loved us sacrificially because he knew that would be the only way we would learn to love the way we were meant to love.

Perfect people don't exist, but perfect love does."

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