

<sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."  
<sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ...

**JOHN 20: 1-10, 19-31**

<sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.

<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

<sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes. ...

**JOHN 20: 1-10, 19-31**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ...

**JOHN 20: 1-10, 19-31**

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, ...

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Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side.

Do not disbelieve, but believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ...

**JOHN 20: 1-10, 19-31**

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> 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: 1-10, 19-31**



# FOR THE LOVE

THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

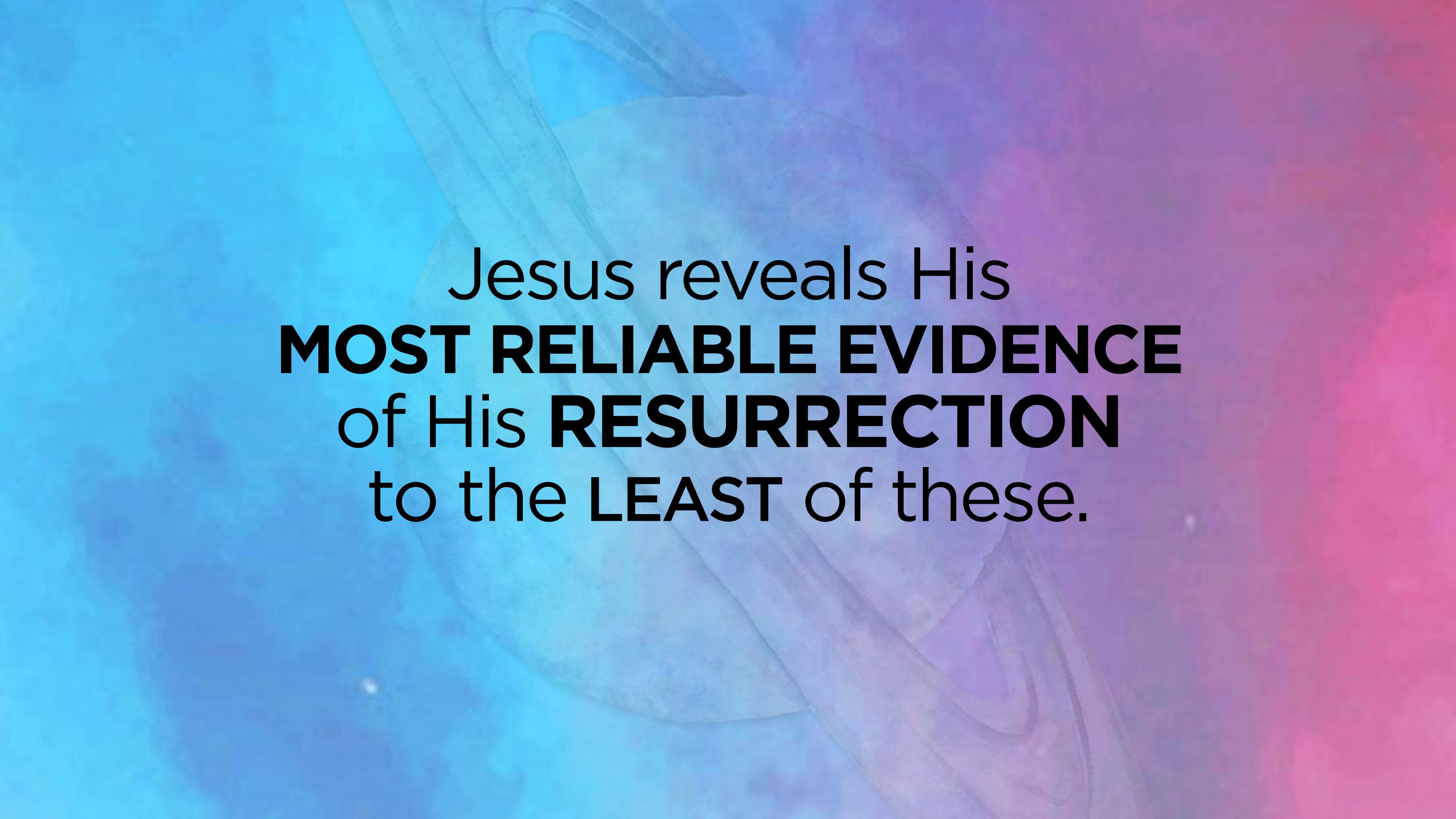


Did Jesus really rise  
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**JOHN 20: 31**



Jesus reveals His  
**MOST RELIABLE EVIDENCE**  
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to the **LEAST** of these.

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**JOHN 20: 6-8**

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Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him.

**JOHN 19:1**

<sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

**JOHN 19: 32-33**

But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

**JOHN 19: 34**

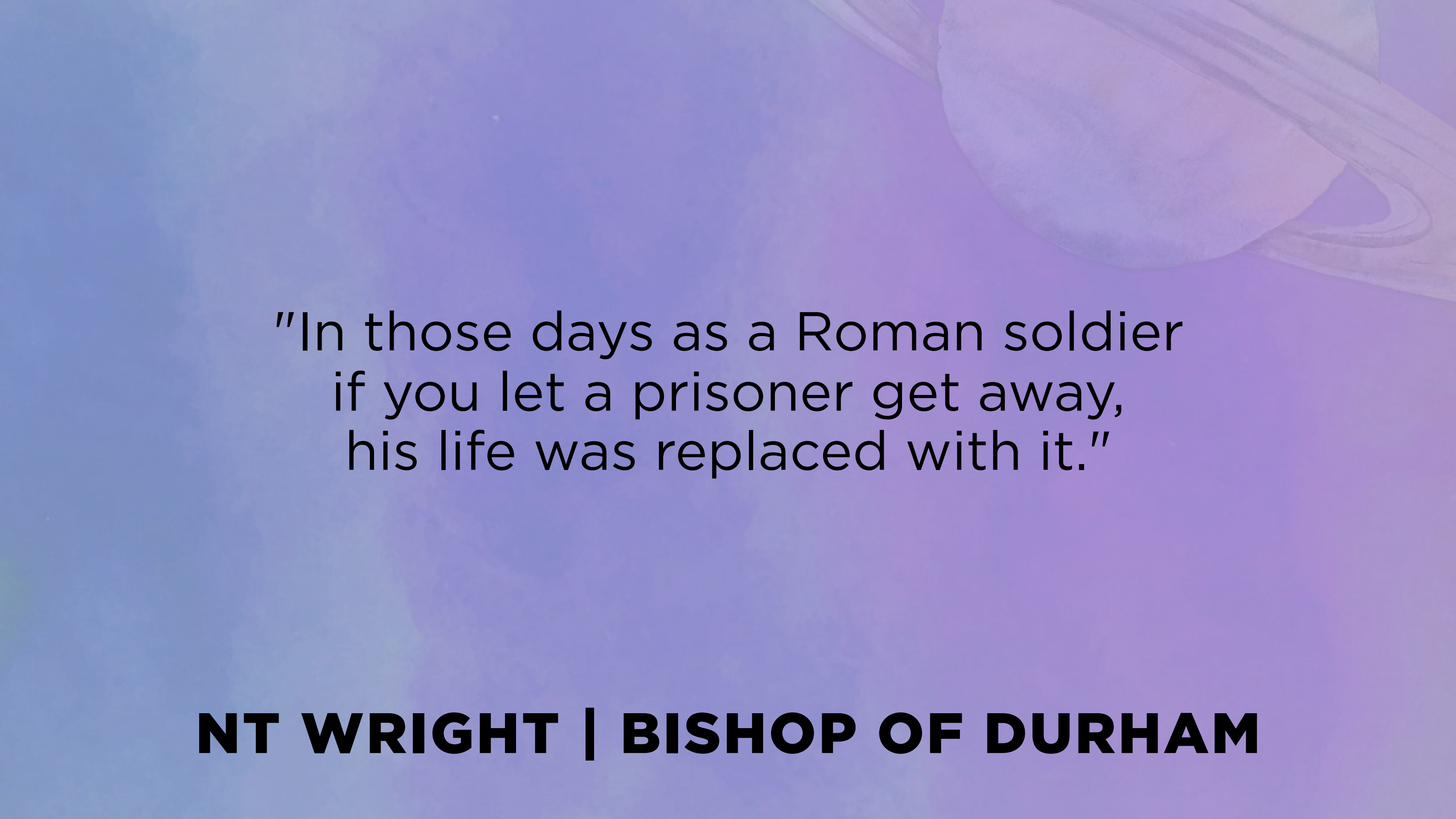
<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

**JOHN 19: 38-40**

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"In those days as a Roman soldier  
if you let a prisoner get away,  
his life was replaced with it."

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<sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

**MATTHEW 28: 2-4**

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**JOHN 20: 2**

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**JOHN 20: 6-7**



Simon Peter

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<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>13</sup> She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

**JOHN 20: 11, 13**

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"  
(which means Teacher).

**JOHN 20: 15-16**





Simon Peter

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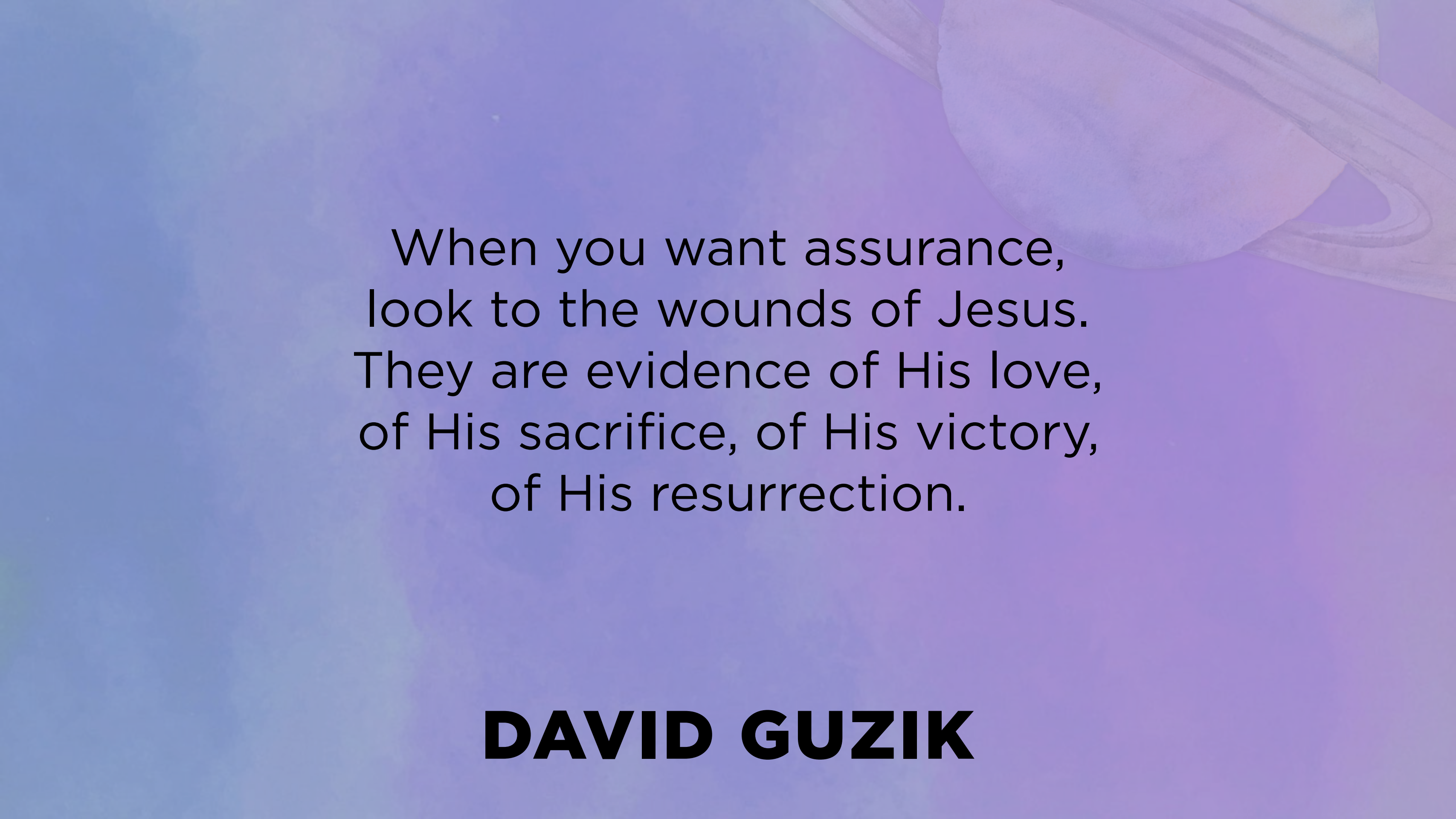
**JOHN 20: 25-28**

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**JOHN 20: 25-28**

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**JOHN 20: 27-28**



When you want assurance,  
look to the wounds of Jesus.  
They are evidence of His love,  
of His sacrifice, of His victory,  
of His resurrection.

**DAVID GUZIK**



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