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The Antichrist

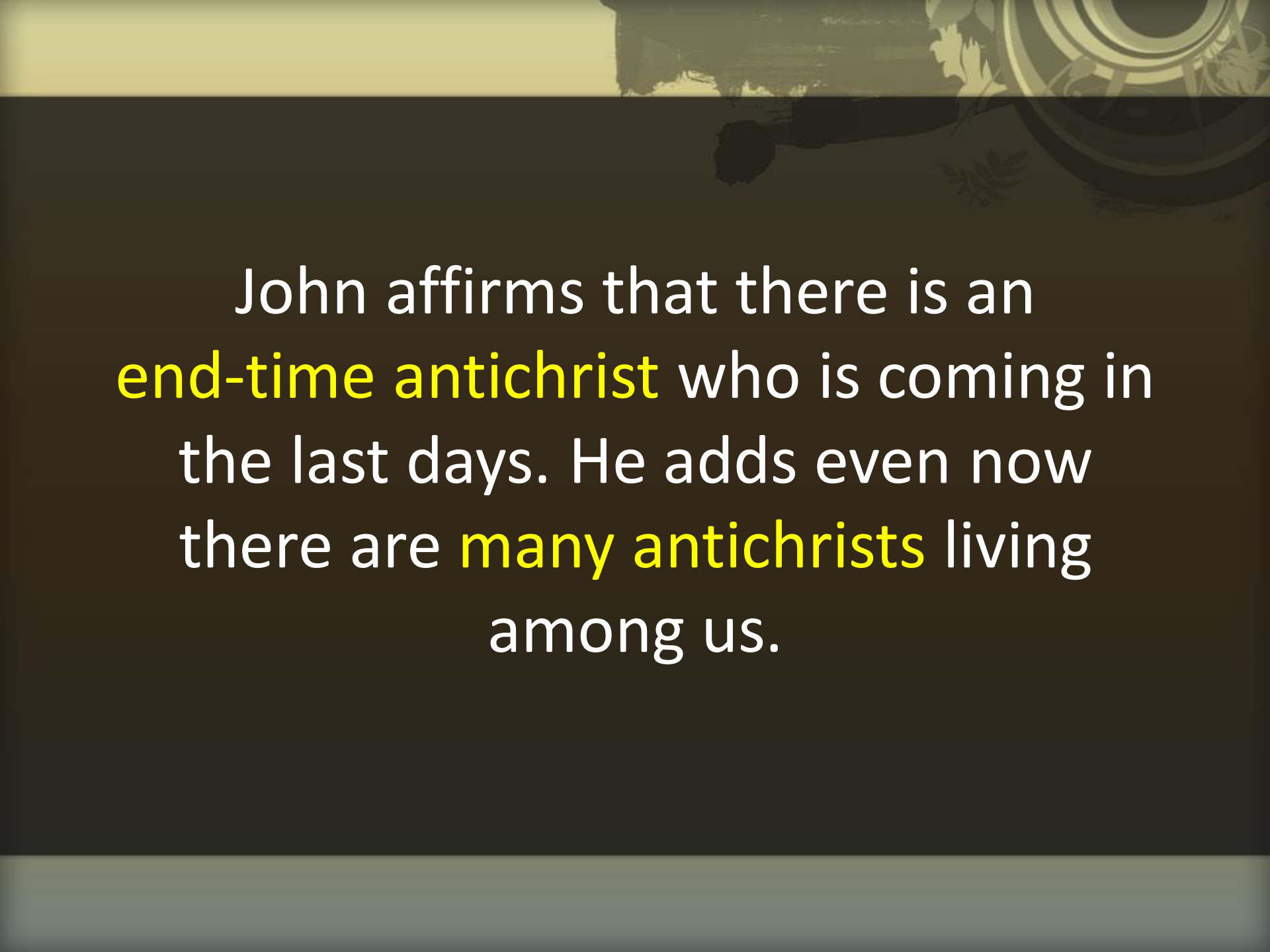
Introduction

The apostle John declares and warns
saying in 1 John 2:18.

I want you to pay special attention
to this verse.

1 John 2:18

“Dear children, it is the last hour;
and as you have heard that the
**antichrist is coming, even now many
antichrists have come**; this is how
we know it is the last hour.” (NIV)



John affirms that there is an **end-time antichrist** who is coming in the last days. He adds even now there are **many antichrists** living among us.

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Two part Bible study

Part 1

Today we will talk about
who are the many antichrists in the
world today.

A preparation for part 2

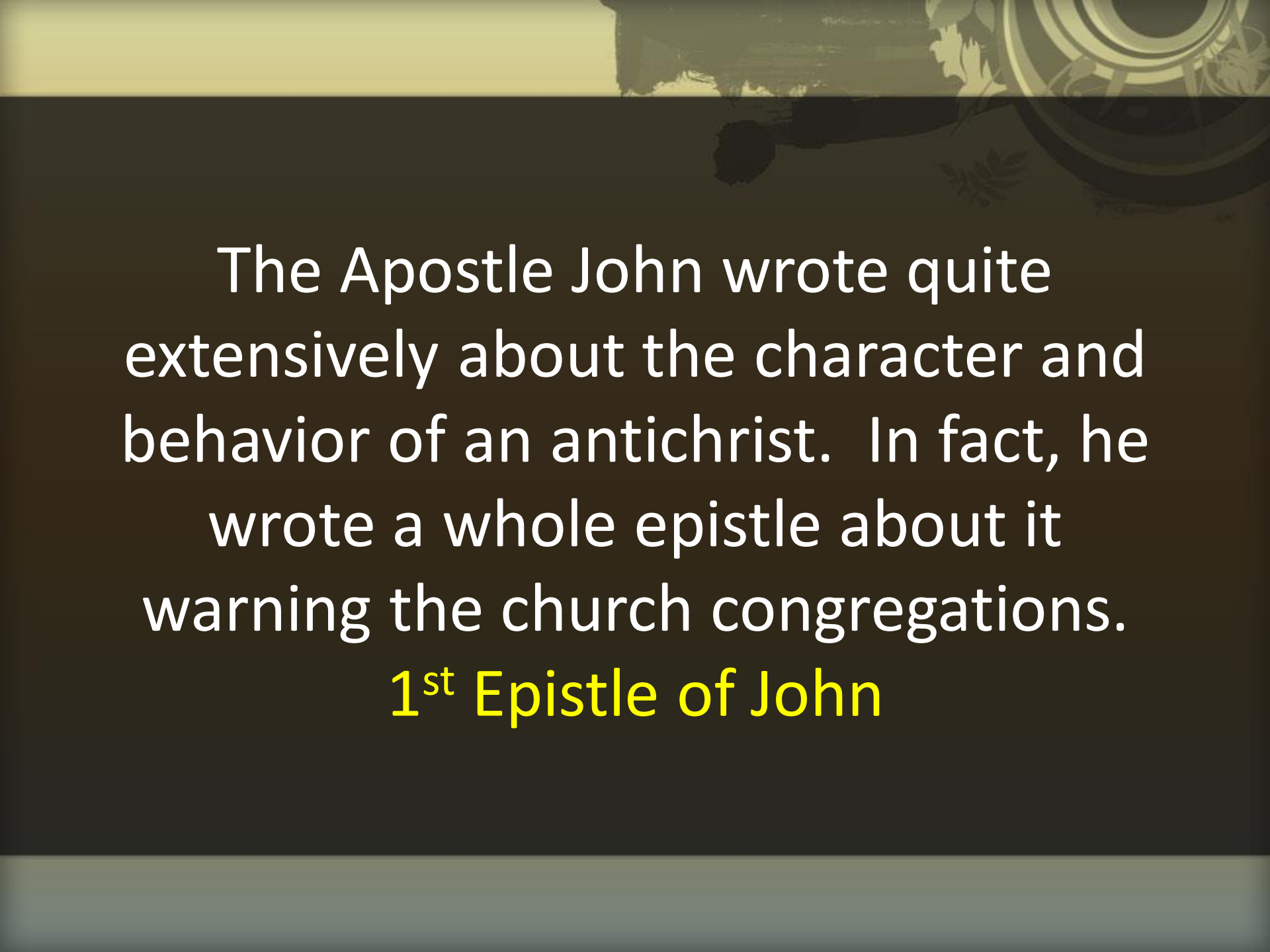
Part 2

We will present the
end-time antichrist
who is to come at the last hour.

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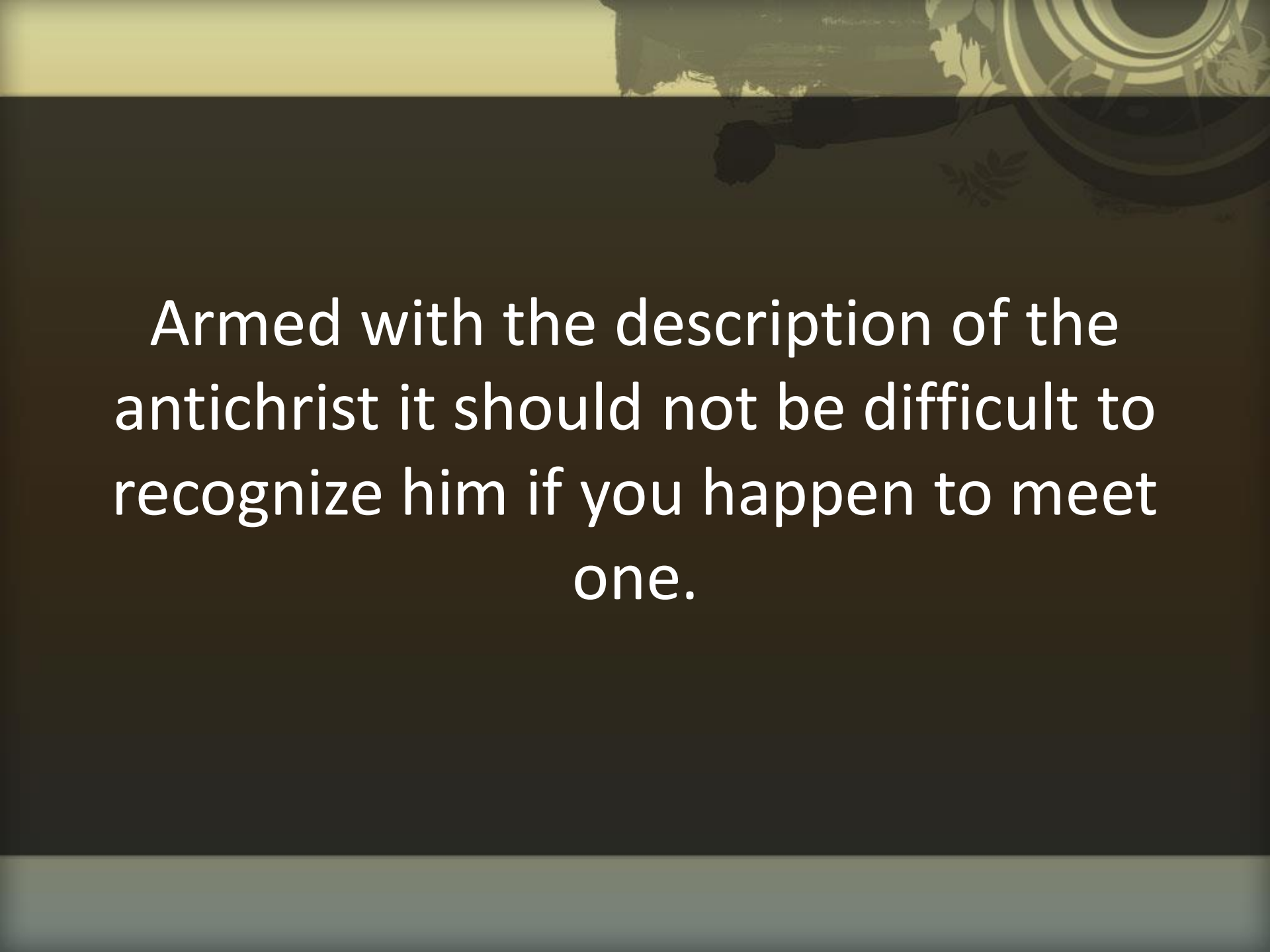


Who are the antichrists in the world
and
can you recognize them?



The Apostle John wrote quite extensively about the character and behavior of an antichrist. In fact, he wrote a whole epistle about it warning the church congregations.

1st Epistle of John



Armed with the description of the antichrist it should not be difficult to recognize him if you happen to meet one.




Hope

at the end of the Bible Study, you will be able to recognize and identify an antichrist should you meet one.



Who is an antichrist ?



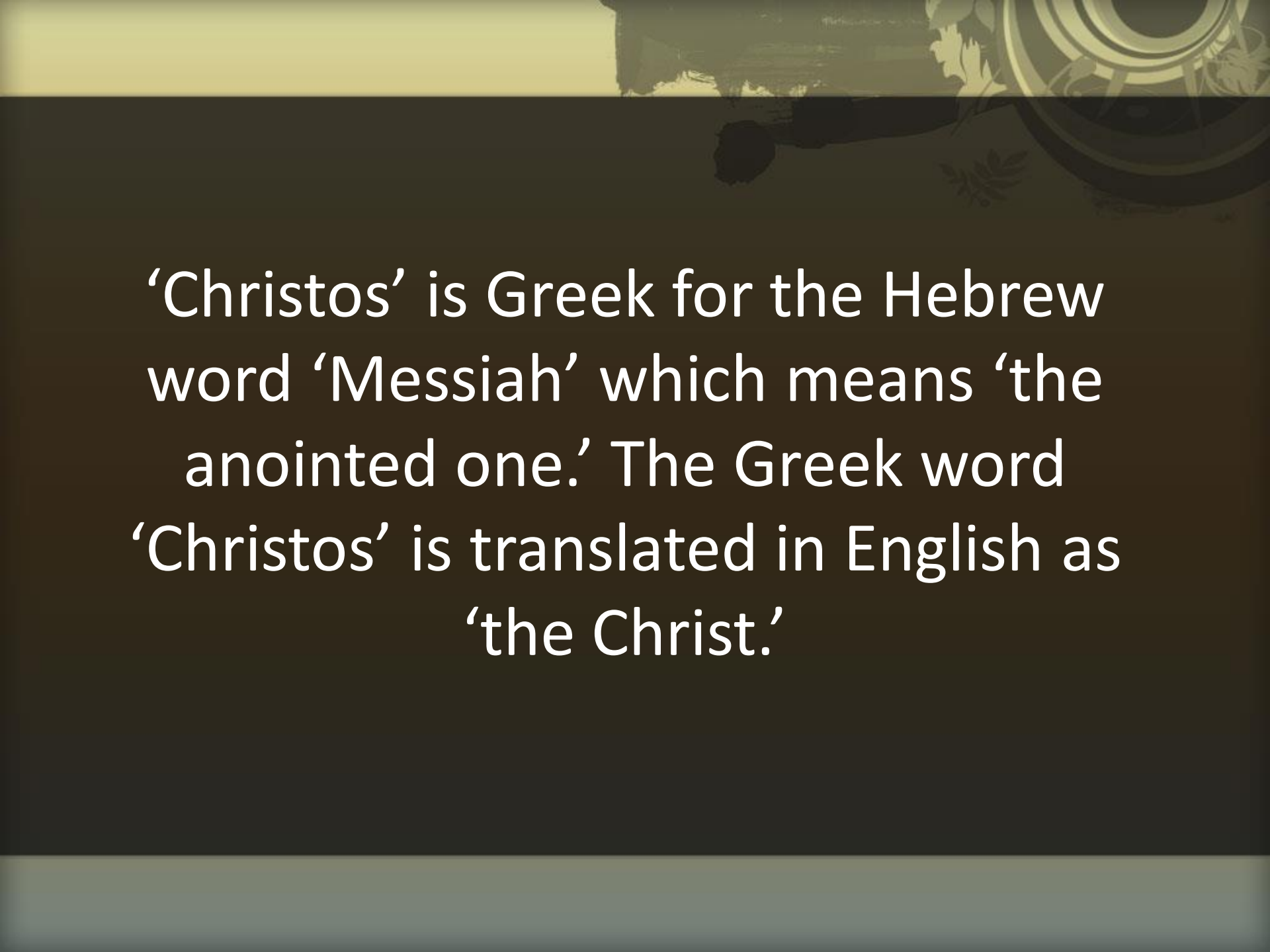
First, what is meant by
antichrist?

Word Meaning

The English word “antichrist” is translated from the original Greek word ‘anti-Christos.’

Word Meaning

The word “Anti Christos” is made up of two Greek root words; ‘anti and Christos.’ ‘Anti’ means “against,” “opposition to,” the “opposite of” or “in place of”.



‘Christos’ is Greek for the Hebrew word ‘Messiah’ which means ‘the anointed one.’ The Greek word ‘Christos’ is translated in English as ‘the Christ.’



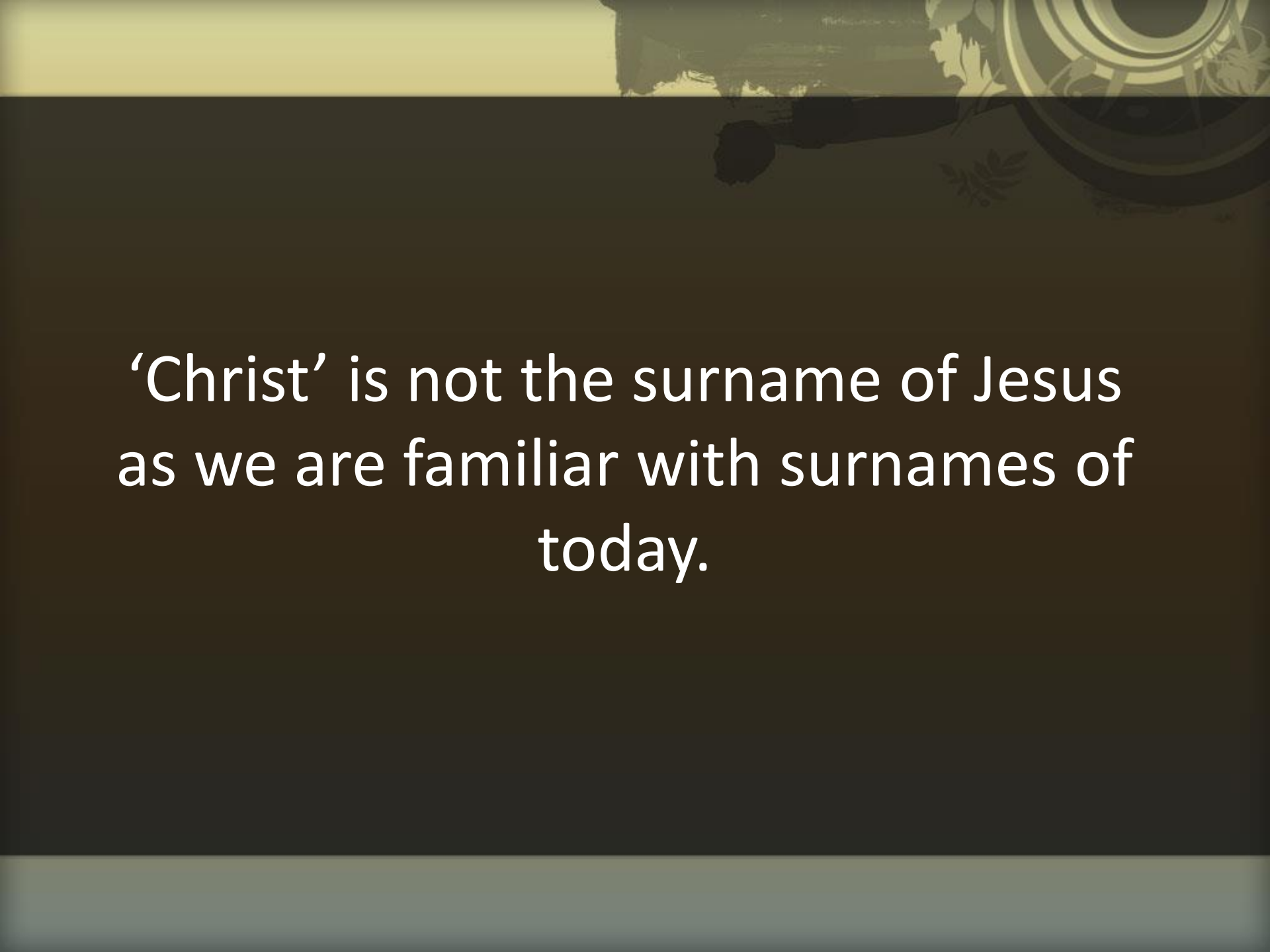
John 1:41

‘He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ).’

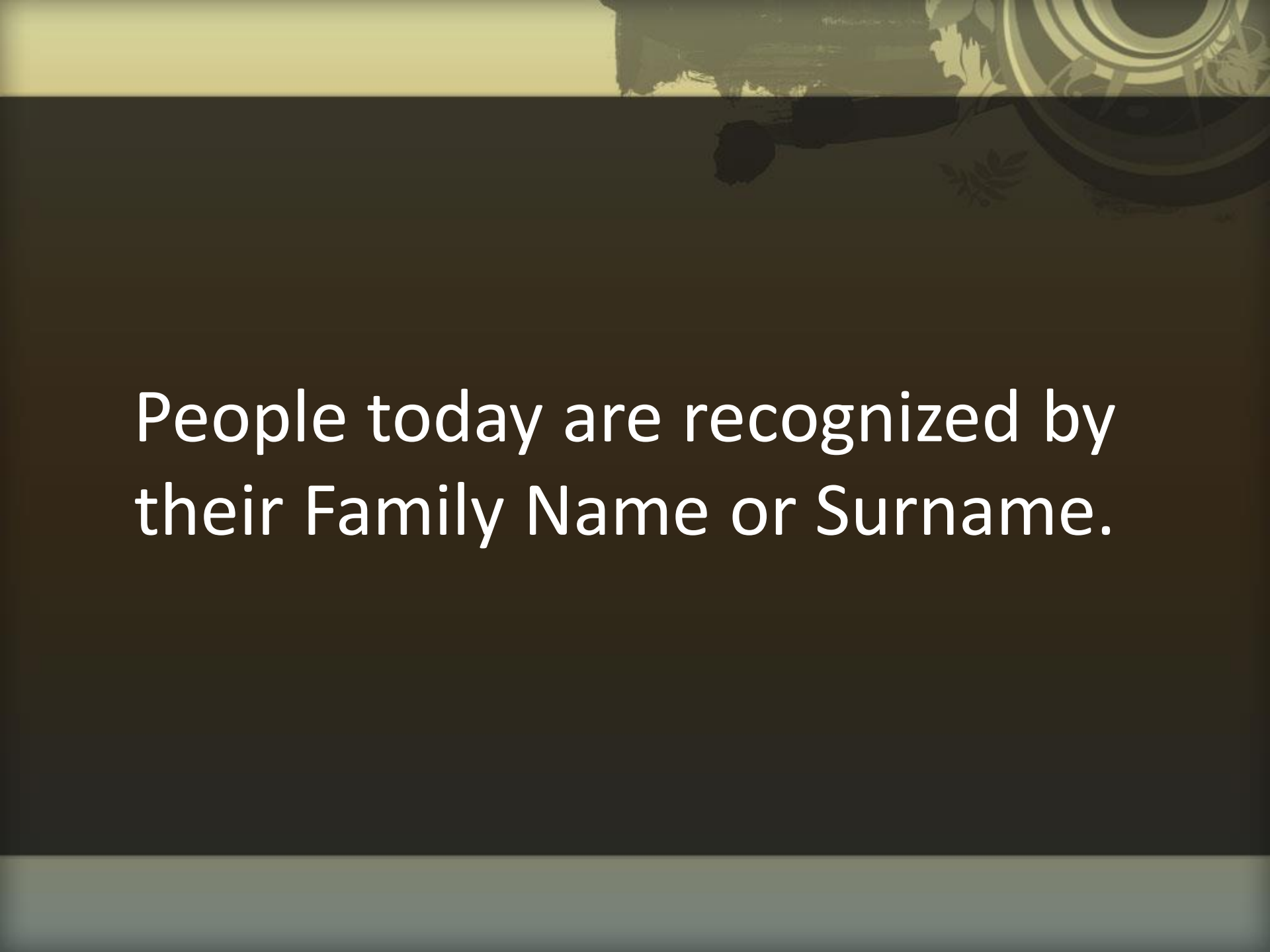
Christ is ‘Christos’ in the Greek and ‘Messiah’ in Hebrew.



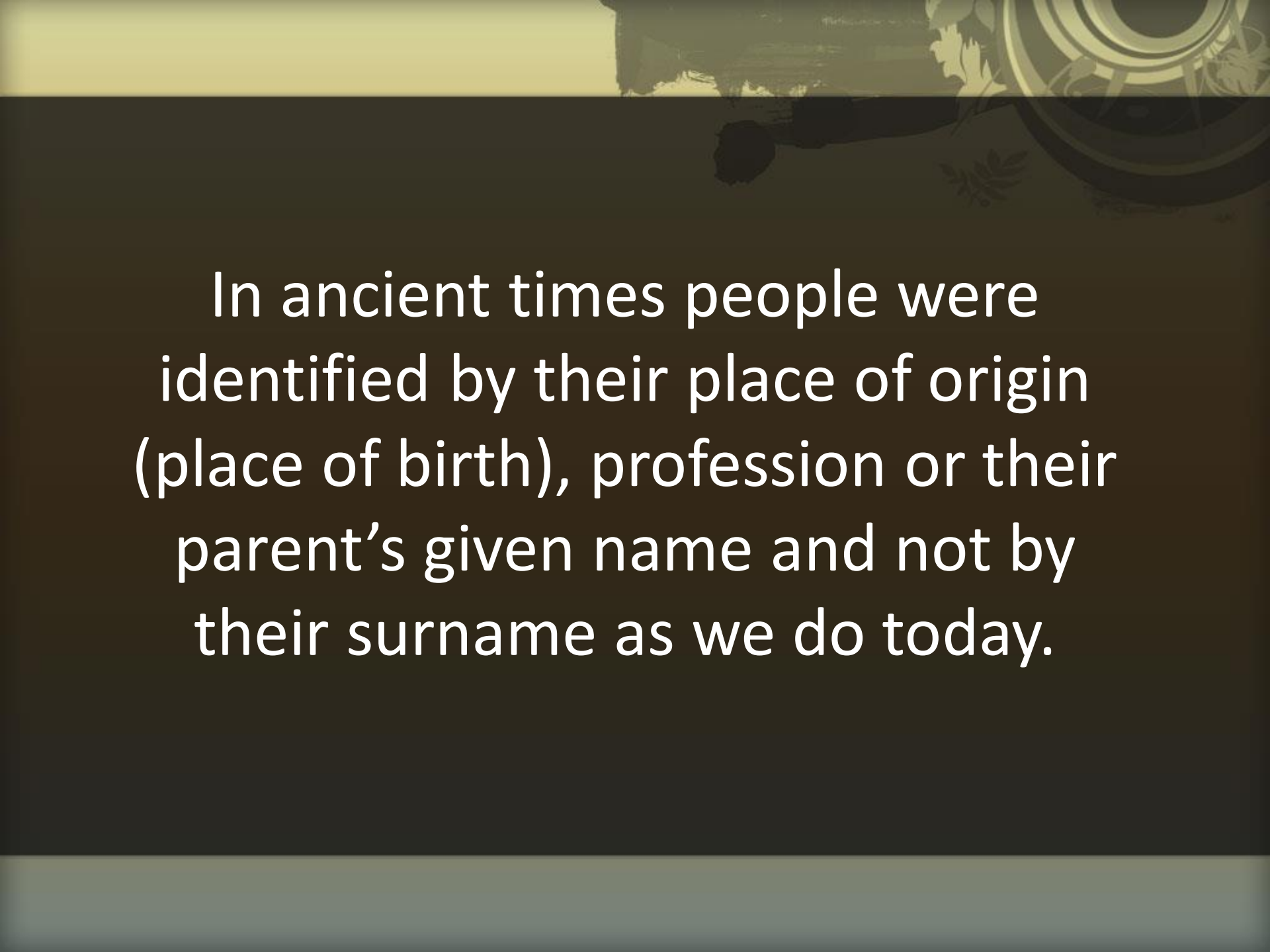
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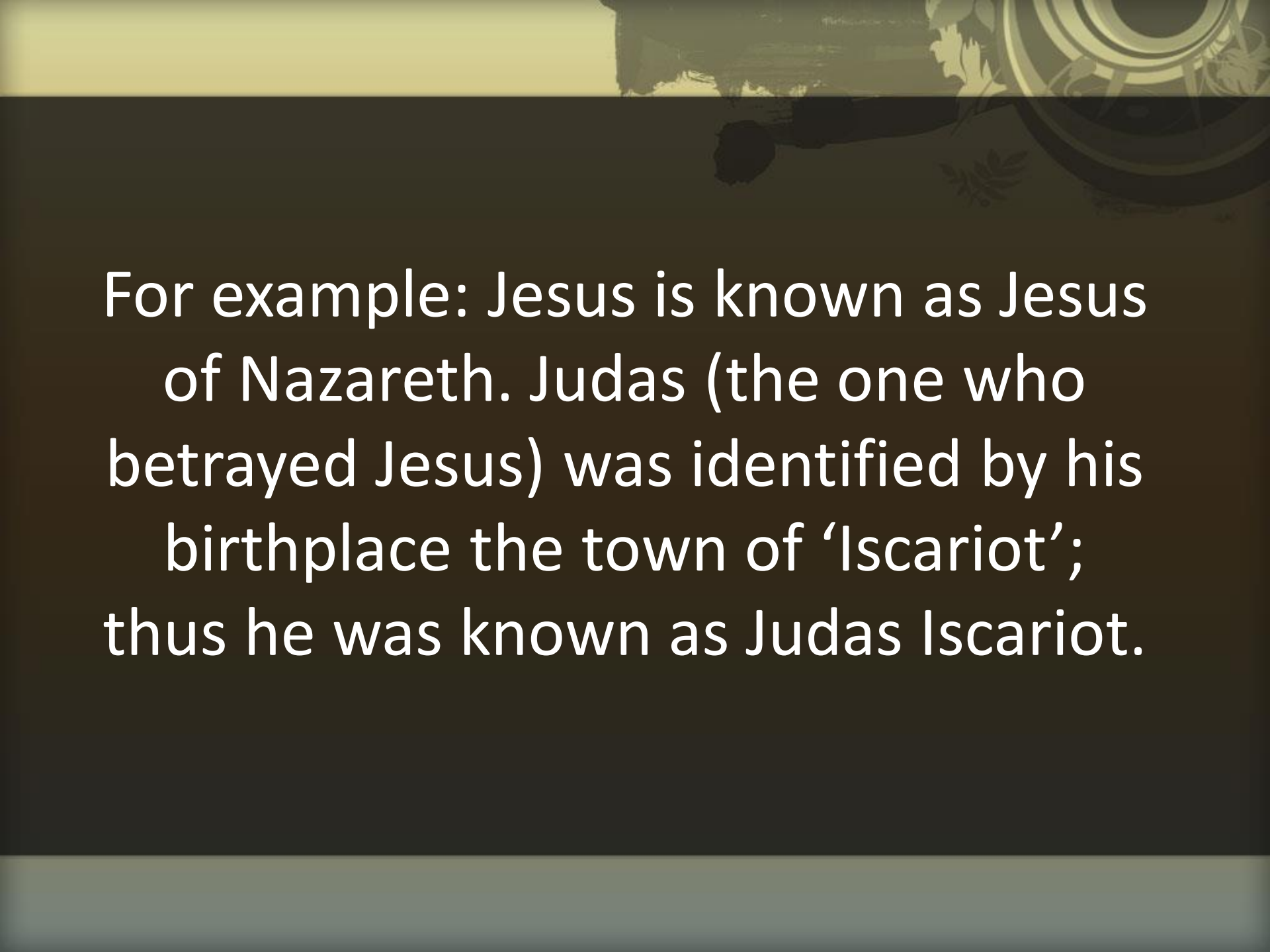
‘Christ’ is not the surname of Jesus
as we are familiar with surnames of
today.



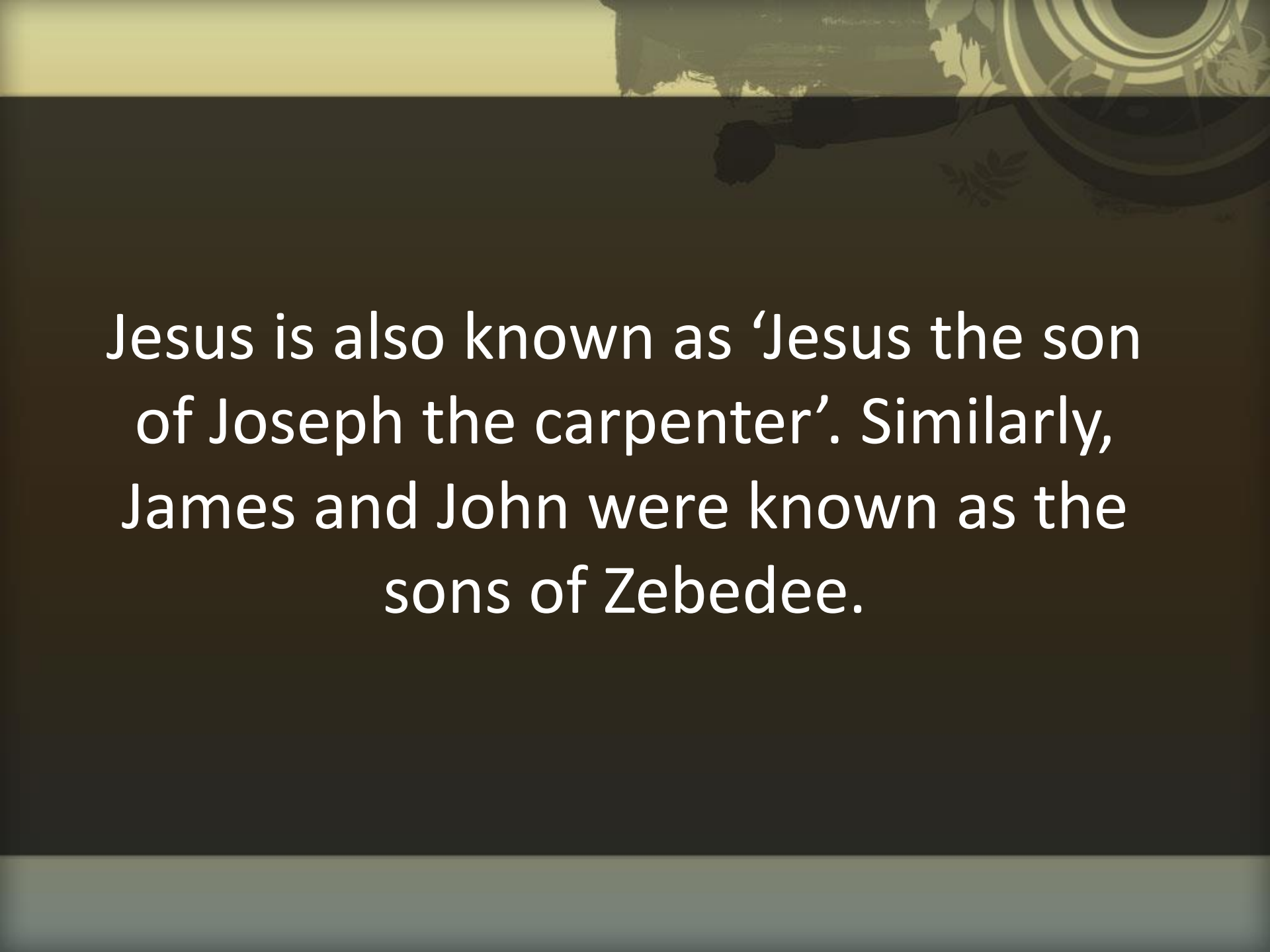
People today are recognized by
their Family Name or Surname.



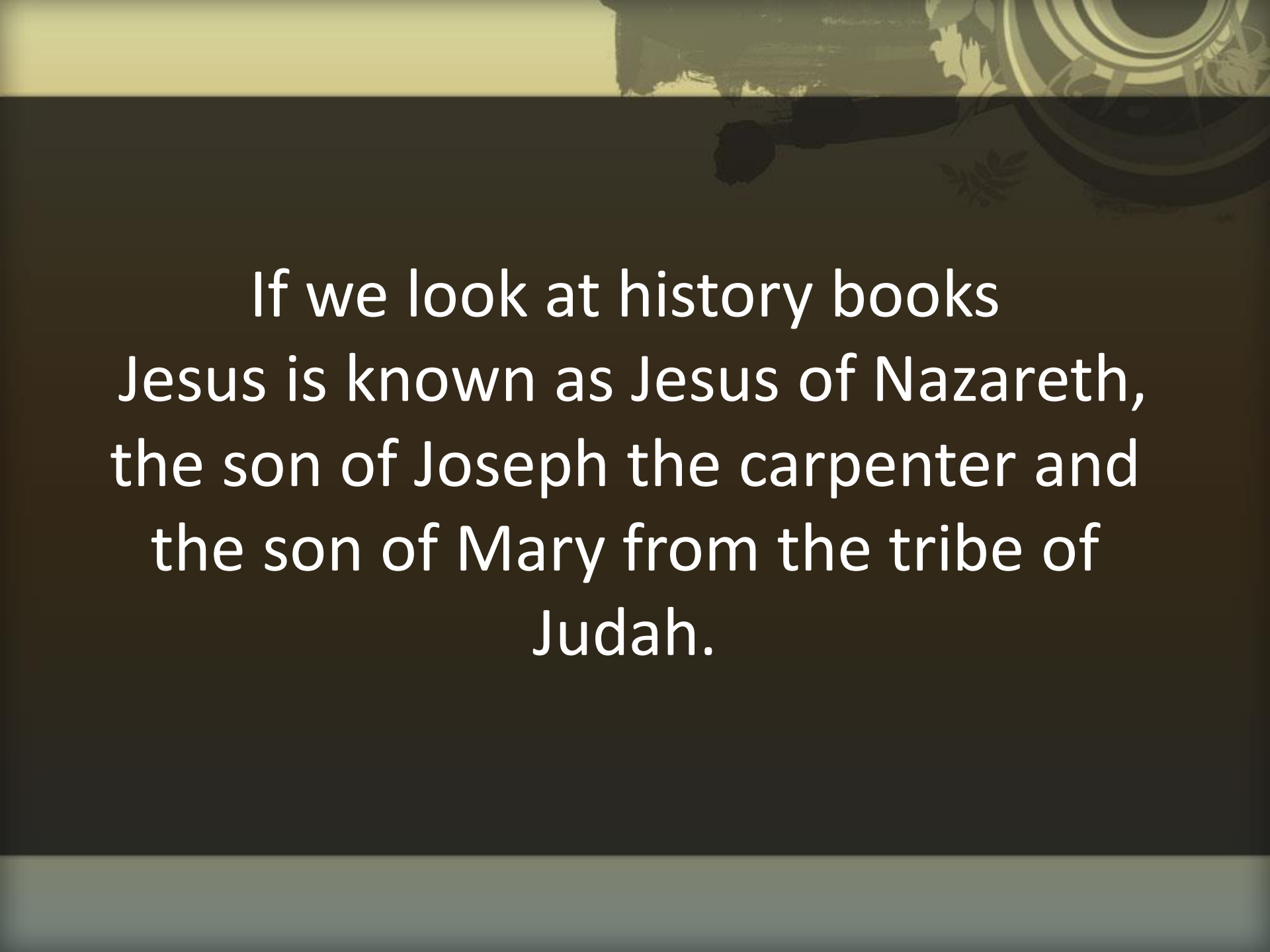
In ancient times people were identified by their place of origin (place of birth), profession or their parent's given name and not by their surname as we do today.



For example: Jesus is known as Jesus of Nazareth. Judas (the one who betrayed Jesus) was identified by his birthplace the town of 'Iscariot'; thus he was known as Judas Iscariot.




Jesus is also known as 'Jesus the son of Joseph the carpenter'. Similarly, James and John were known as the sons of Zebedee.



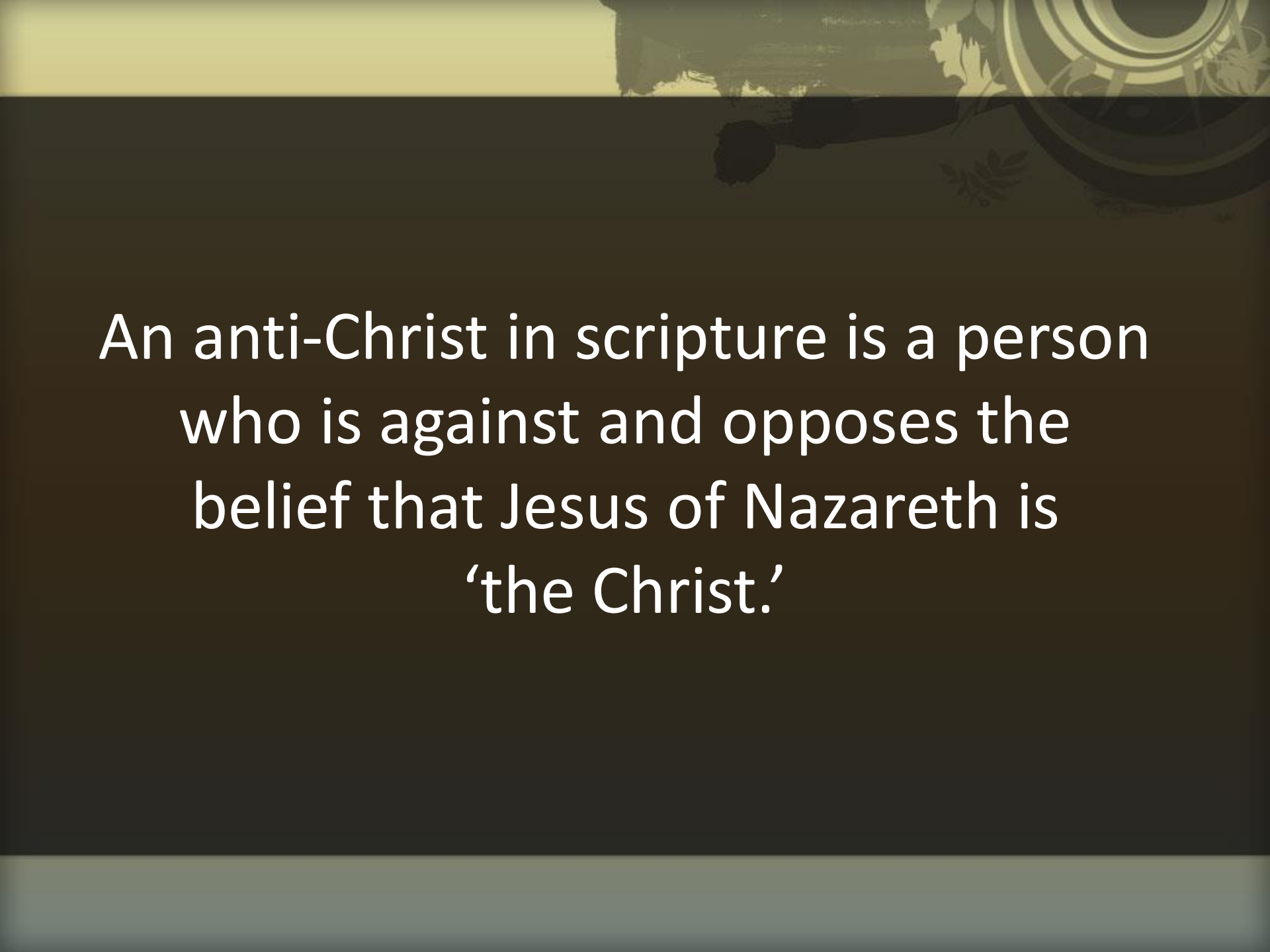
If we look at history books
Jesus is known as Jesus of Nazareth,
the son of Joseph the carpenter and
the son of Mary from the tribe of
Judah.



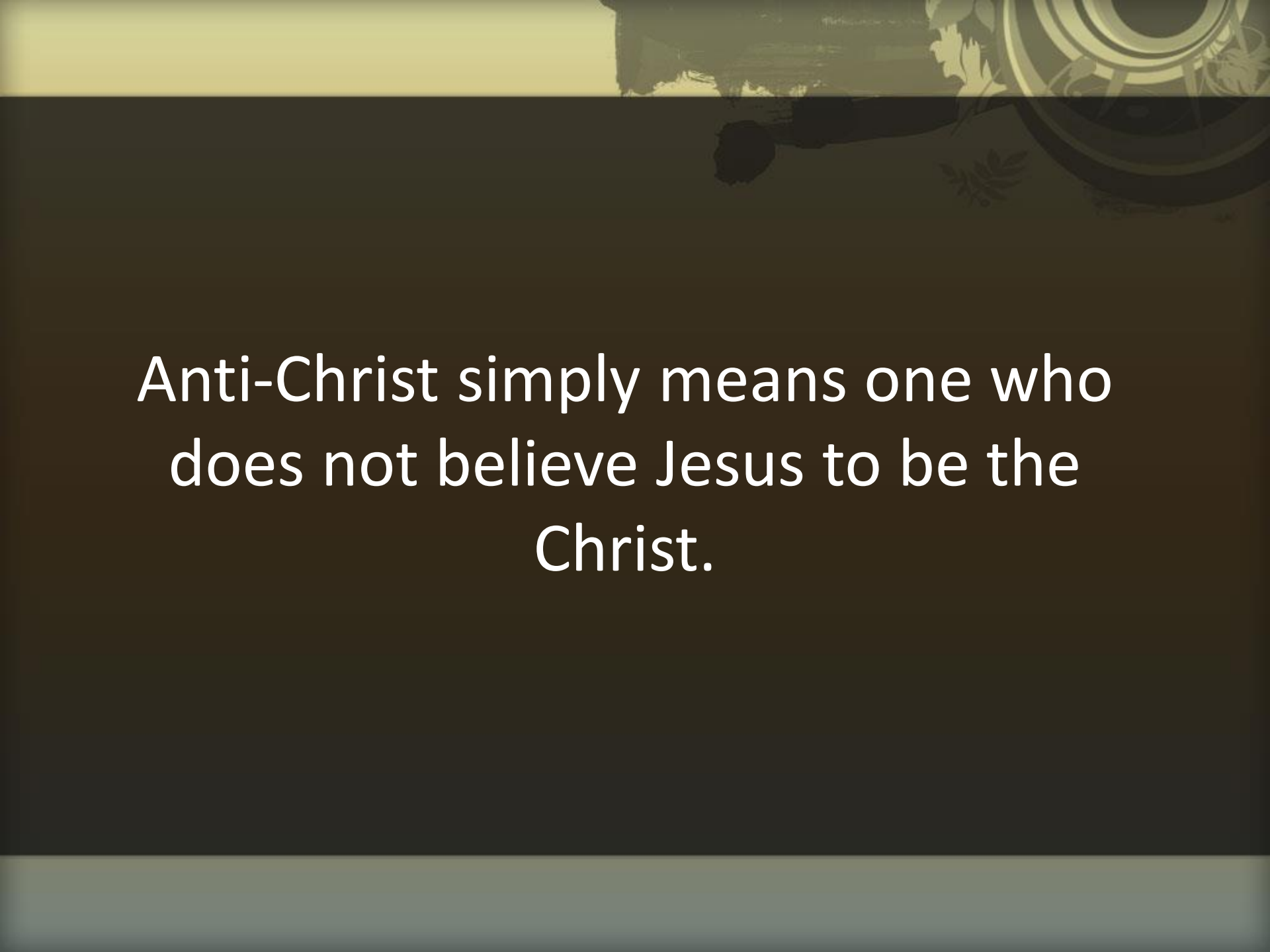
Who is Jesus Christ?



The word 'Christ' is a title;
a descriptive name, identifying
Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ.



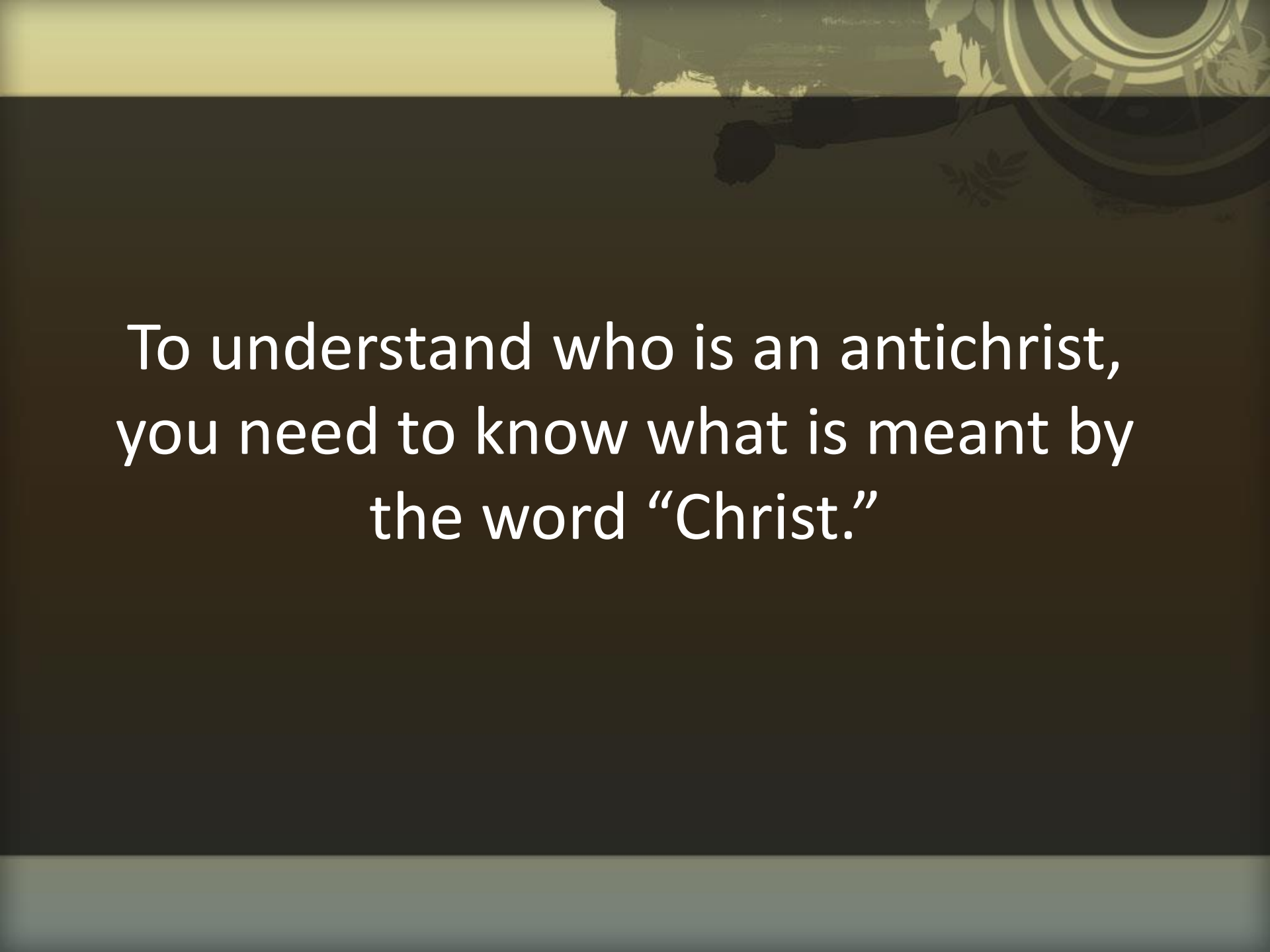
An anti-Christ in scripture is a person who is against and opposes the belief that Jesus of Nazareth is 'the Christ.'



Anti-Christ simply means one who
does not believe Jesus to be the
Christ.

Antichrist

Jesus \neq Christ



To understand who is an antichrist,
you need to know what is meant by
the word “Christ.”

The Christ



What does the word Christ refer to in scripture?

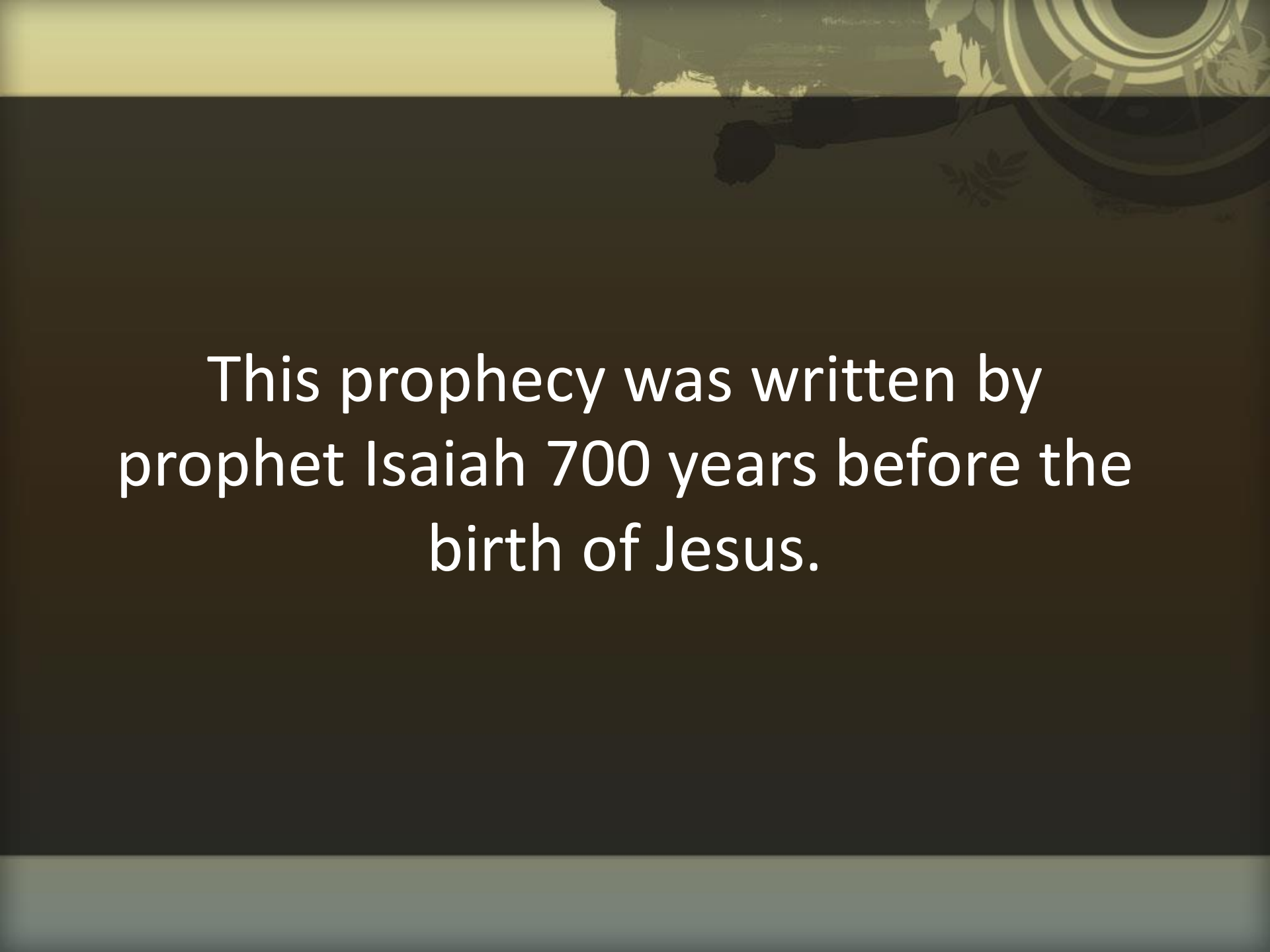
The Christ

Who is the Christ?

The Christ



To understand who is the “Christ” we must go to the prophecy about the coming of the Messiah – the Christ.

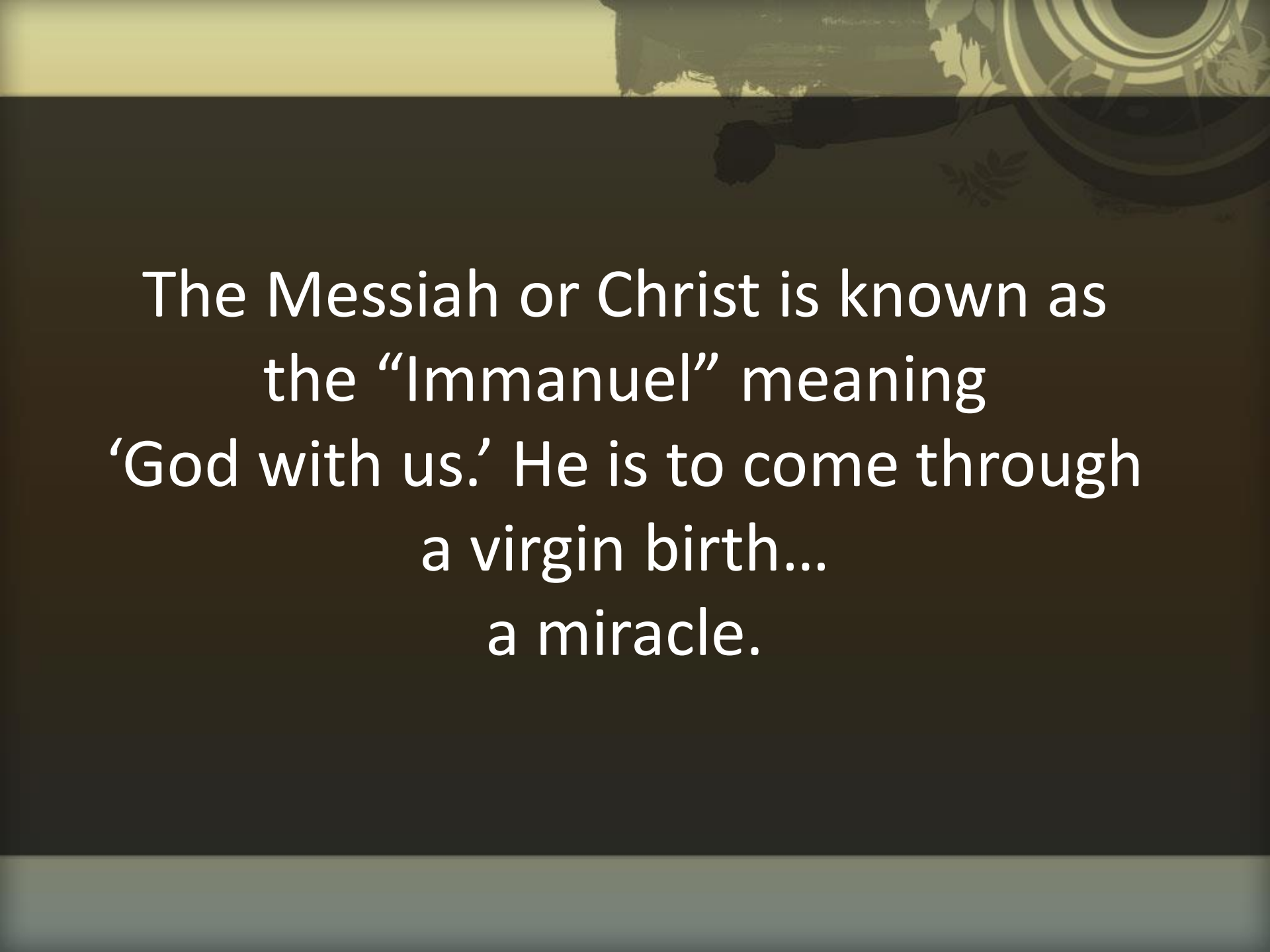


This prophecy was written by
prophet Isaiah 700 years before the
birth of Jesus.

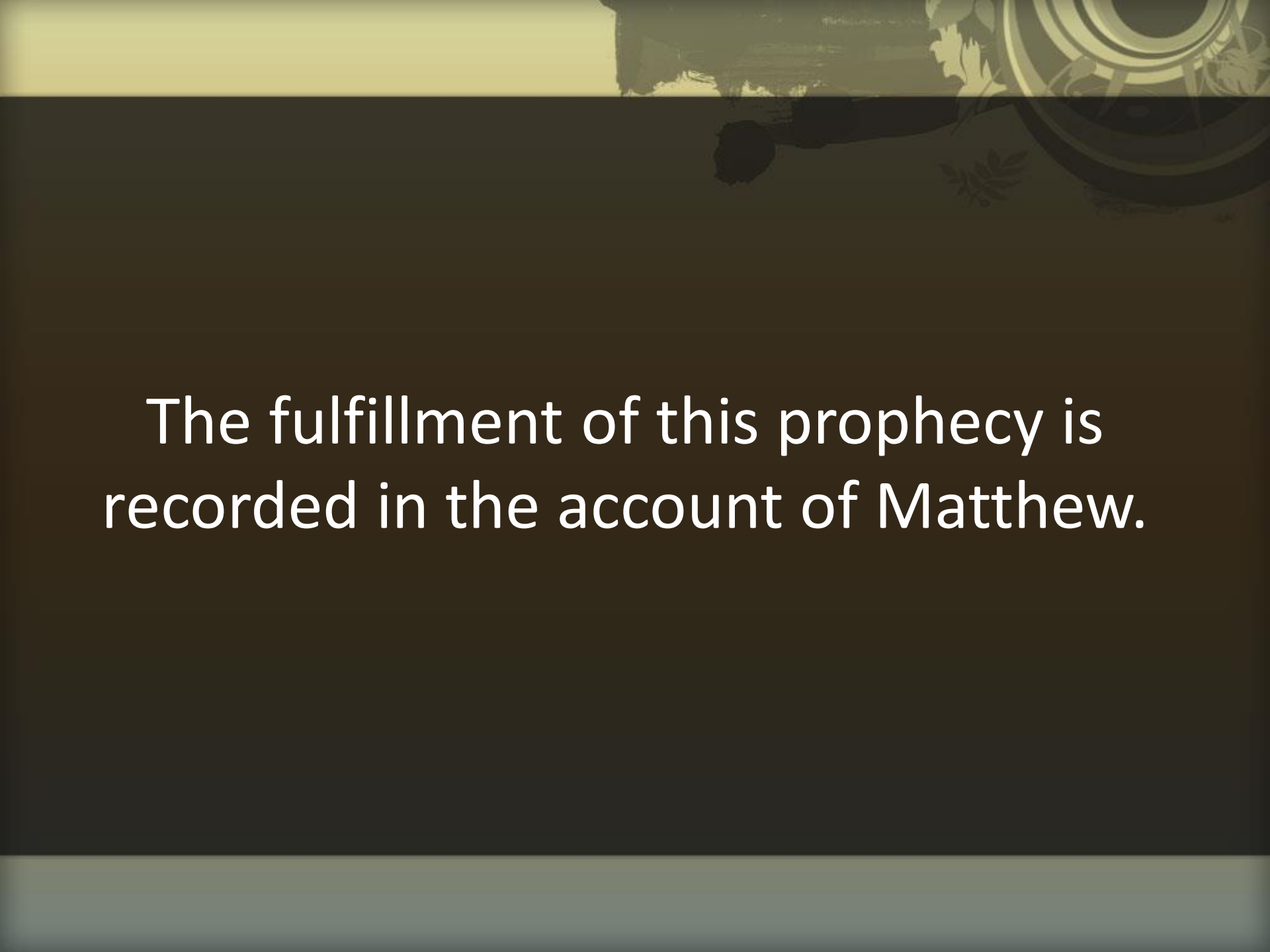


Isaiah 7:14

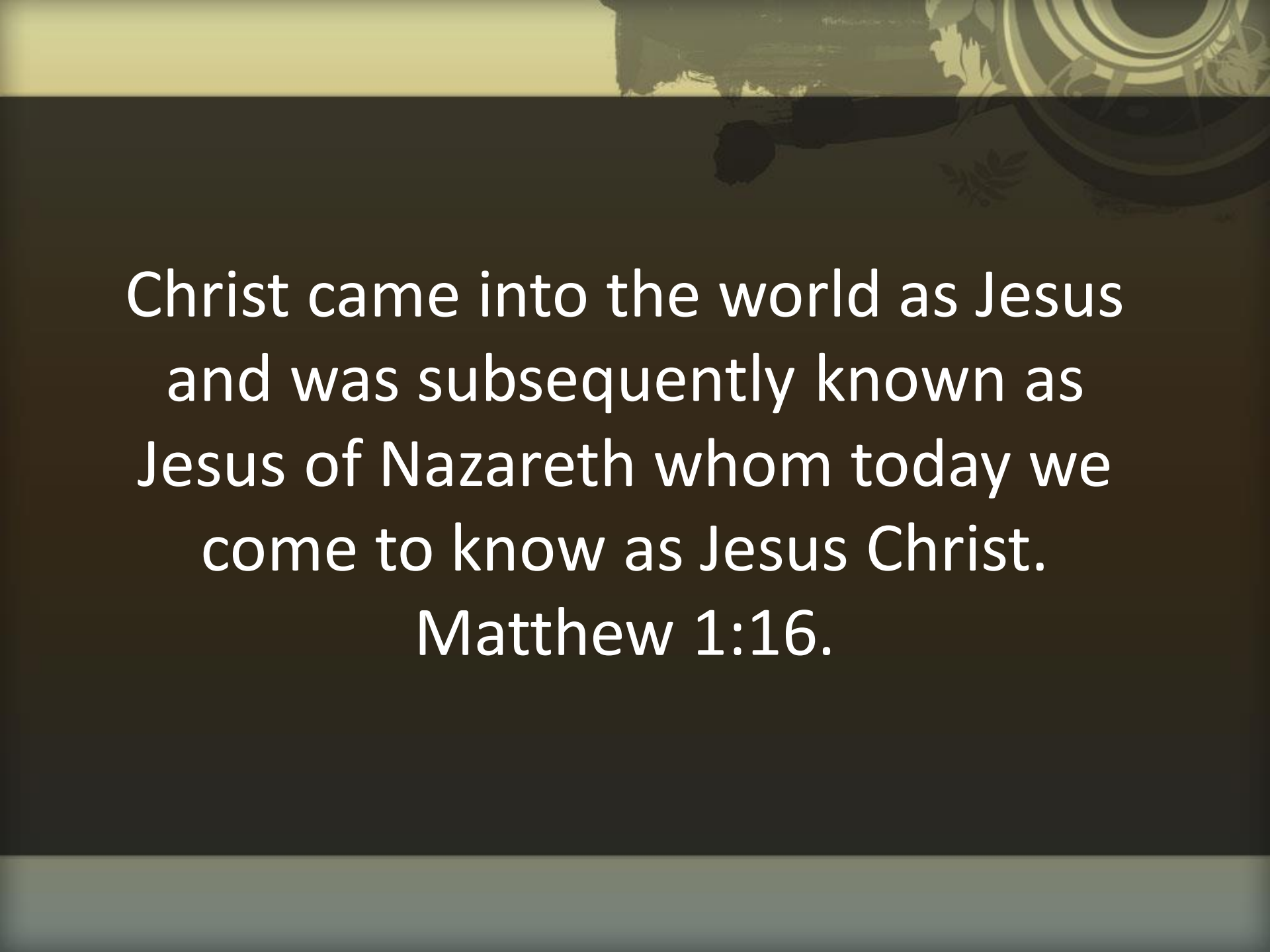
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.



The Messiah or Christ is known as
the “Immanuel” meaning
‘God with us.’ He is to come through
a virgin birth...
a miracle.



The fulfillment of this prophecy is recorded in the account of Matthew.



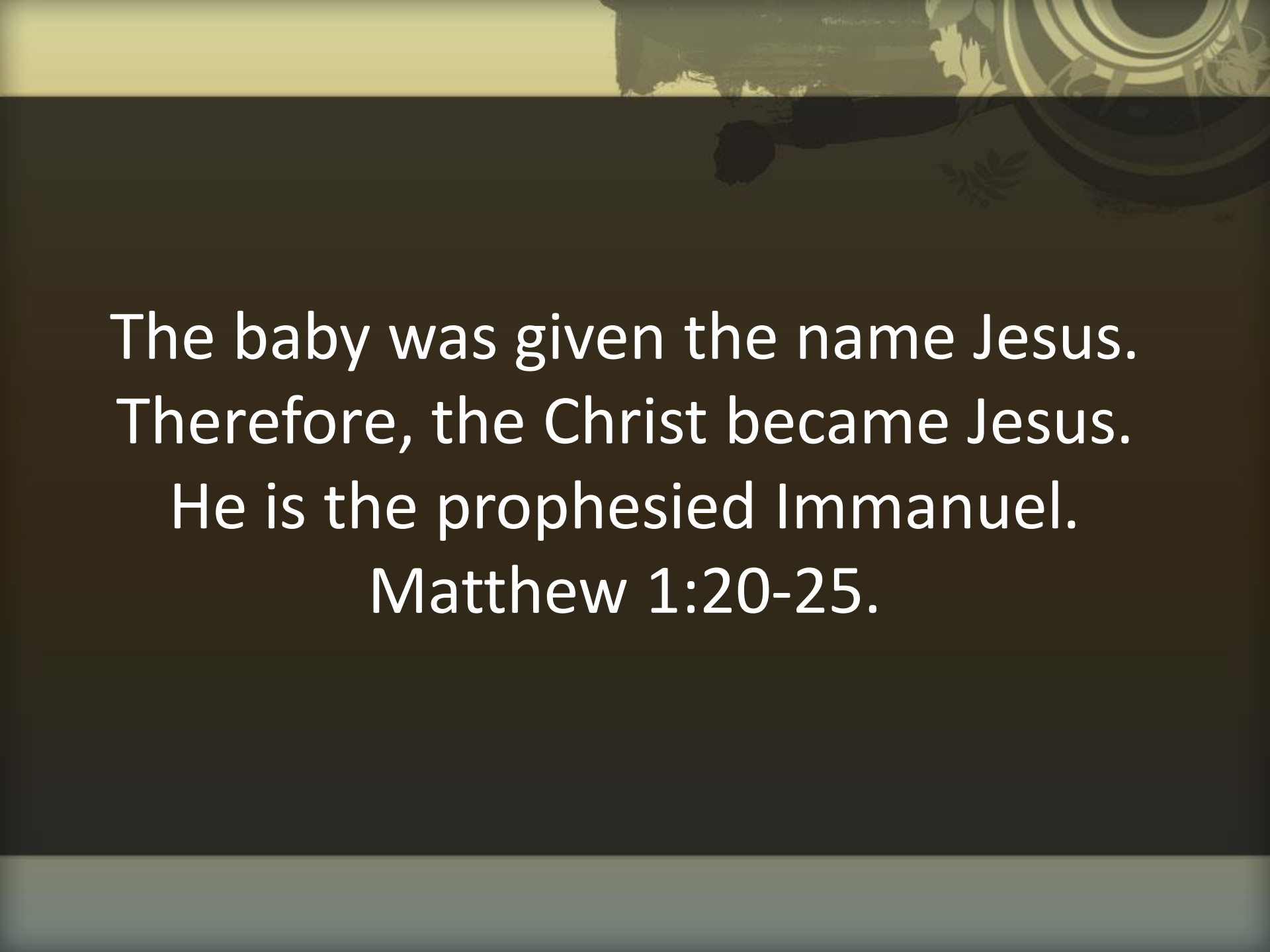
Christ came into the world as Jesus
and was subsequently known as
Jesus of Nazareth whom today we
come to know as Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:16.



Mat 1:16

Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born **Jesus**, who is called **Christ**.



The baby was given the name Jesus.
Therefore, the Christ became Jesus.
He is the prophesied Immanuel.
Matthew 1:20-25.



Mat 1:20

... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."



Mat 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you
are to give him the name **Jesus**,
because he will save his people from
their sins."



Mat 1:22

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:



Mat 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**"—which means, "**God with us.**"




Mat 1:24

When Joseph woke up, he did what
the angel of the Lord had
commanded him and took Mary
home as his wife.

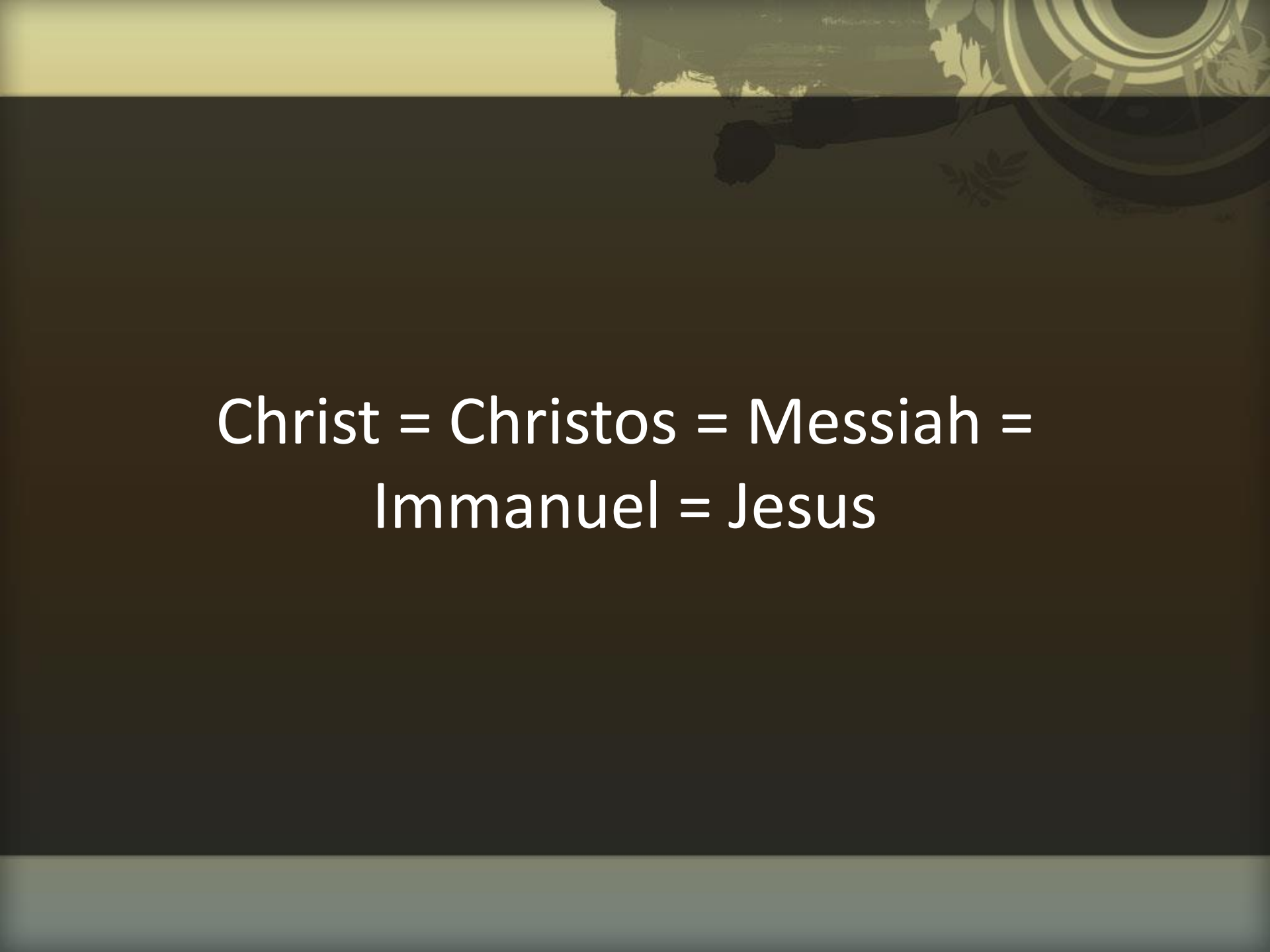


Mat 1:25

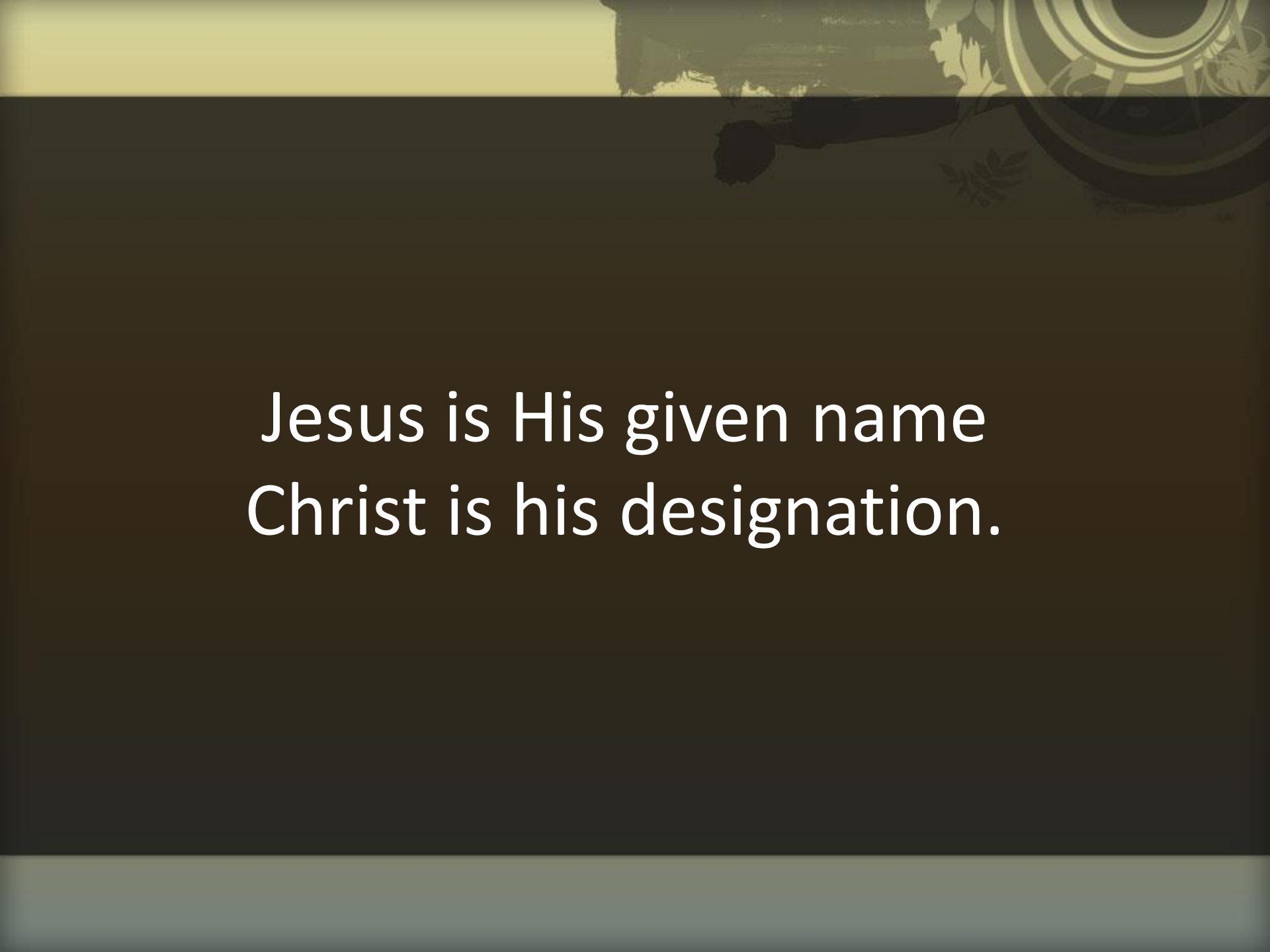
But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name **Jesus**.



Jesus is His name and He is the
Christ, the Messiah, the Immanuel.



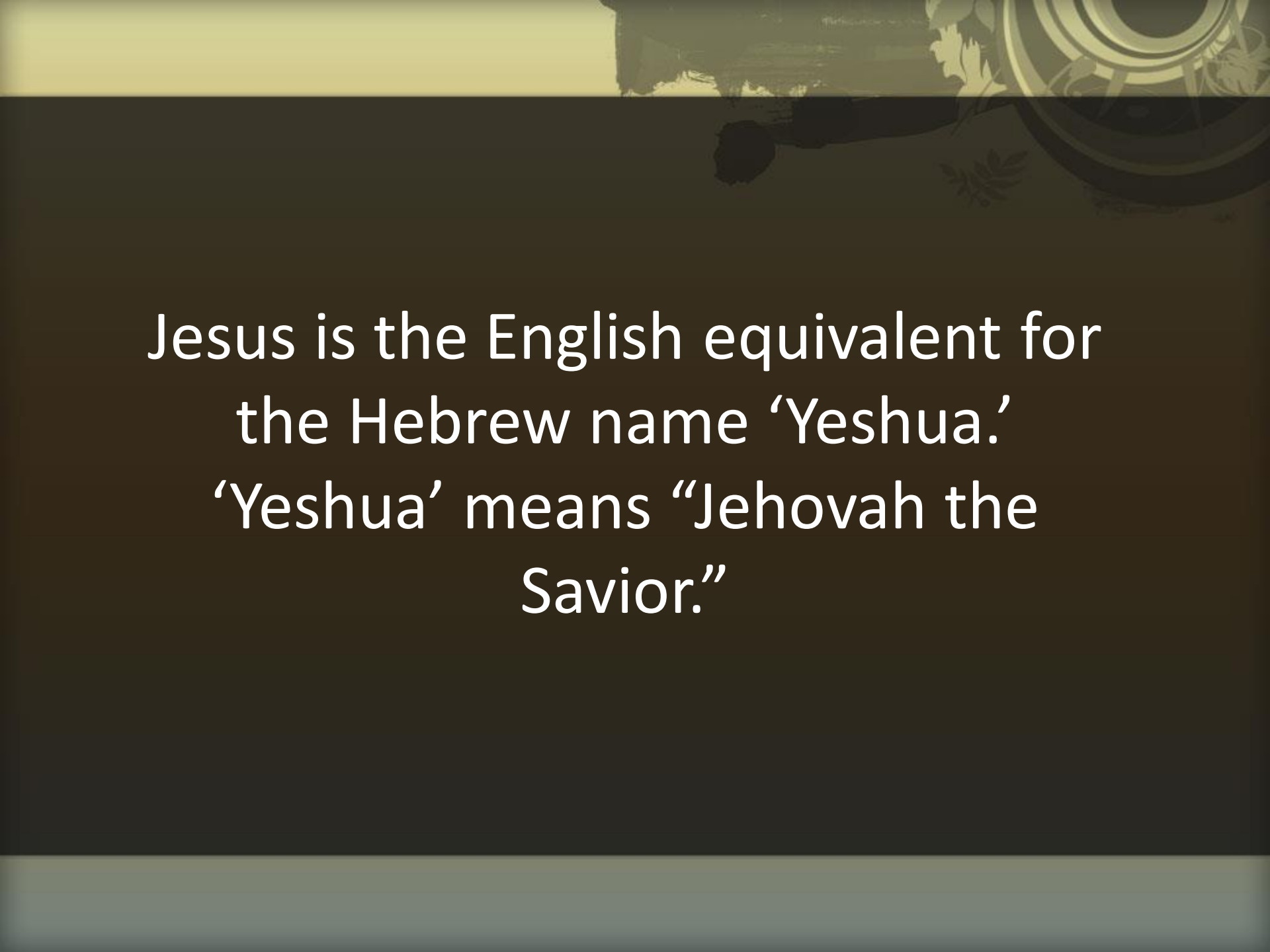
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Immanuel = Jesus



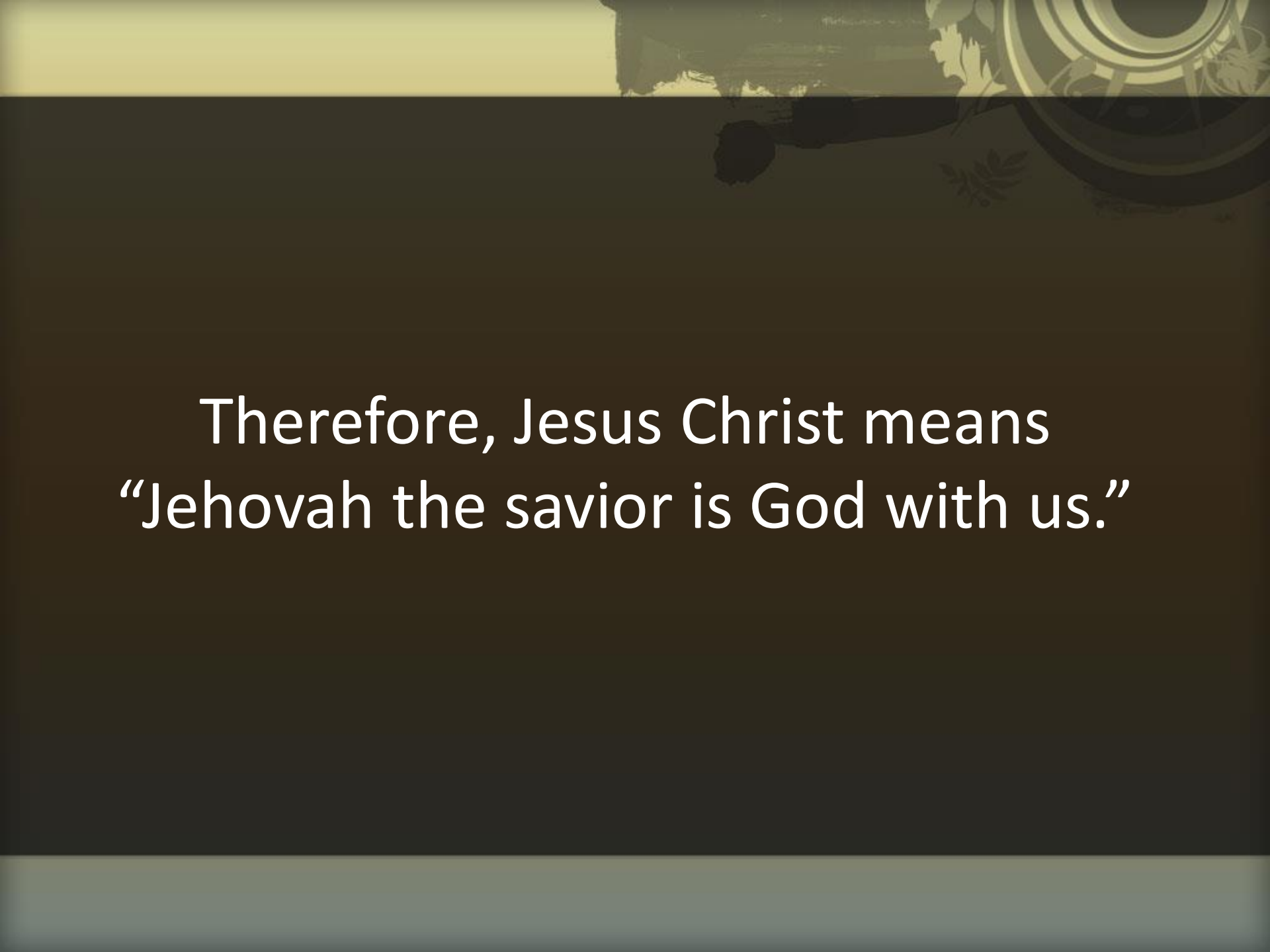
Jesus is His given name
Christ is his designation.



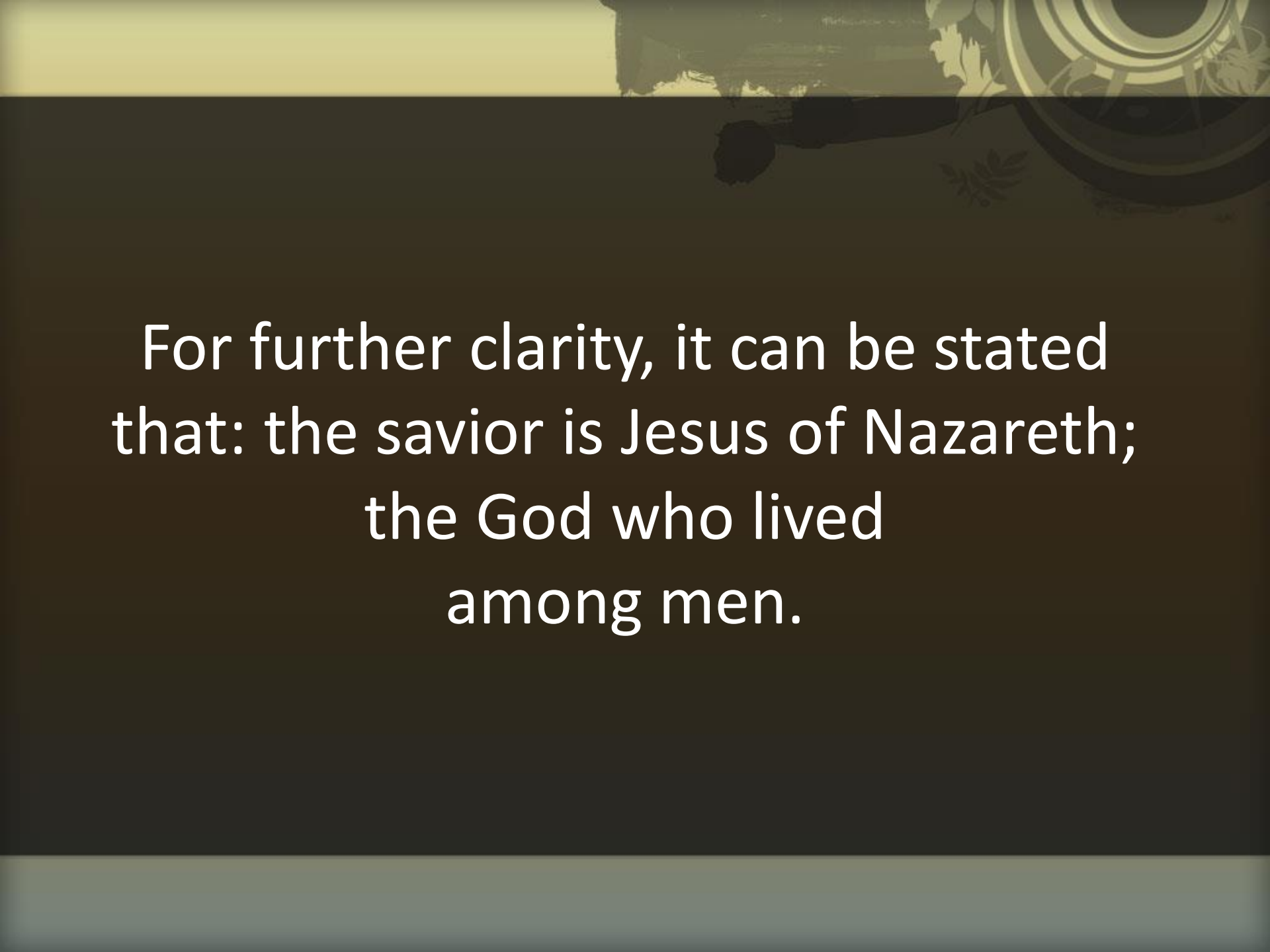
Jesus = Christ



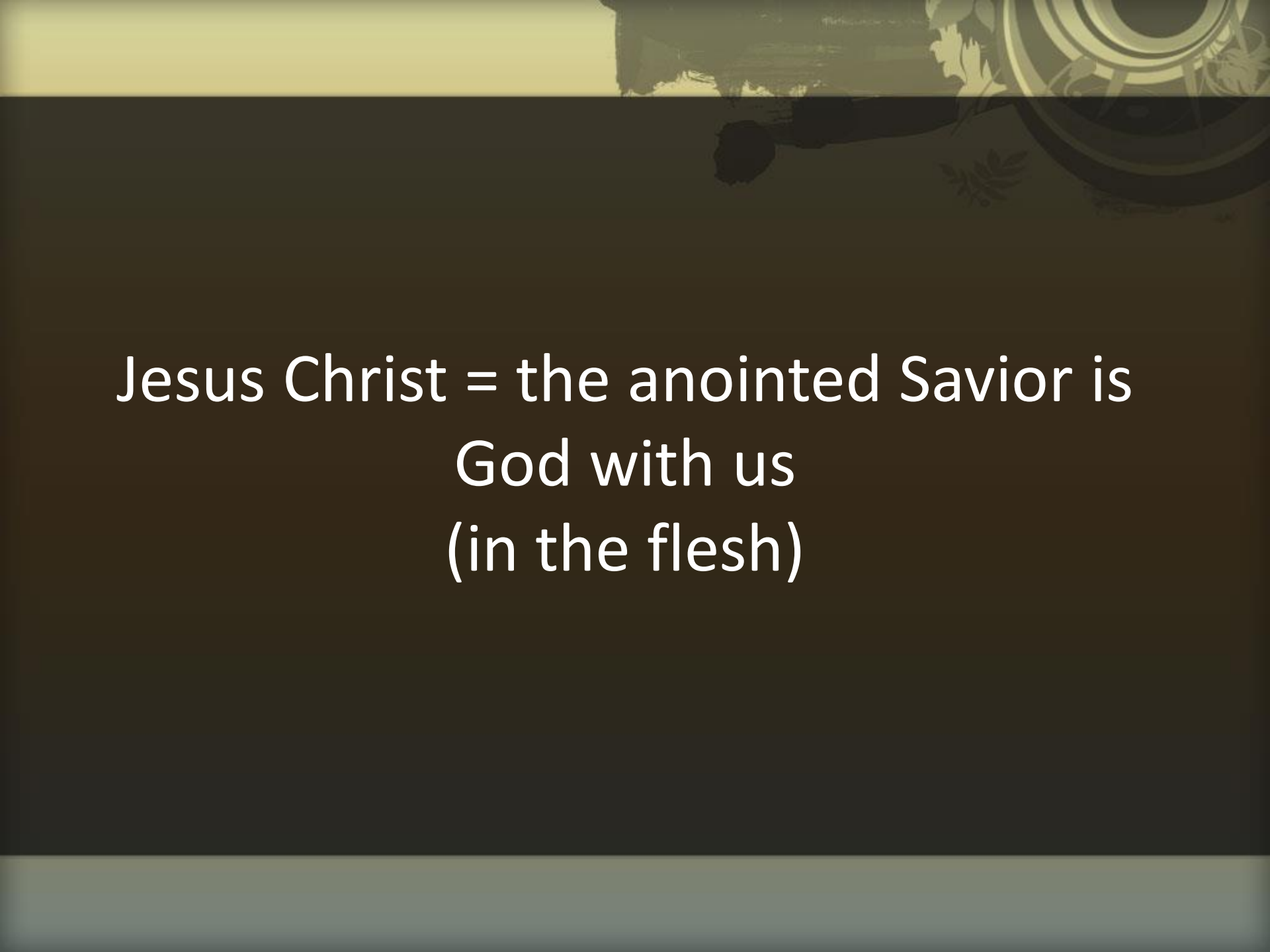
Jesus is the English equivalent for
the Hebrew name 'Yeshua.'
'Yeshua' means "Jehovah the
Savior."



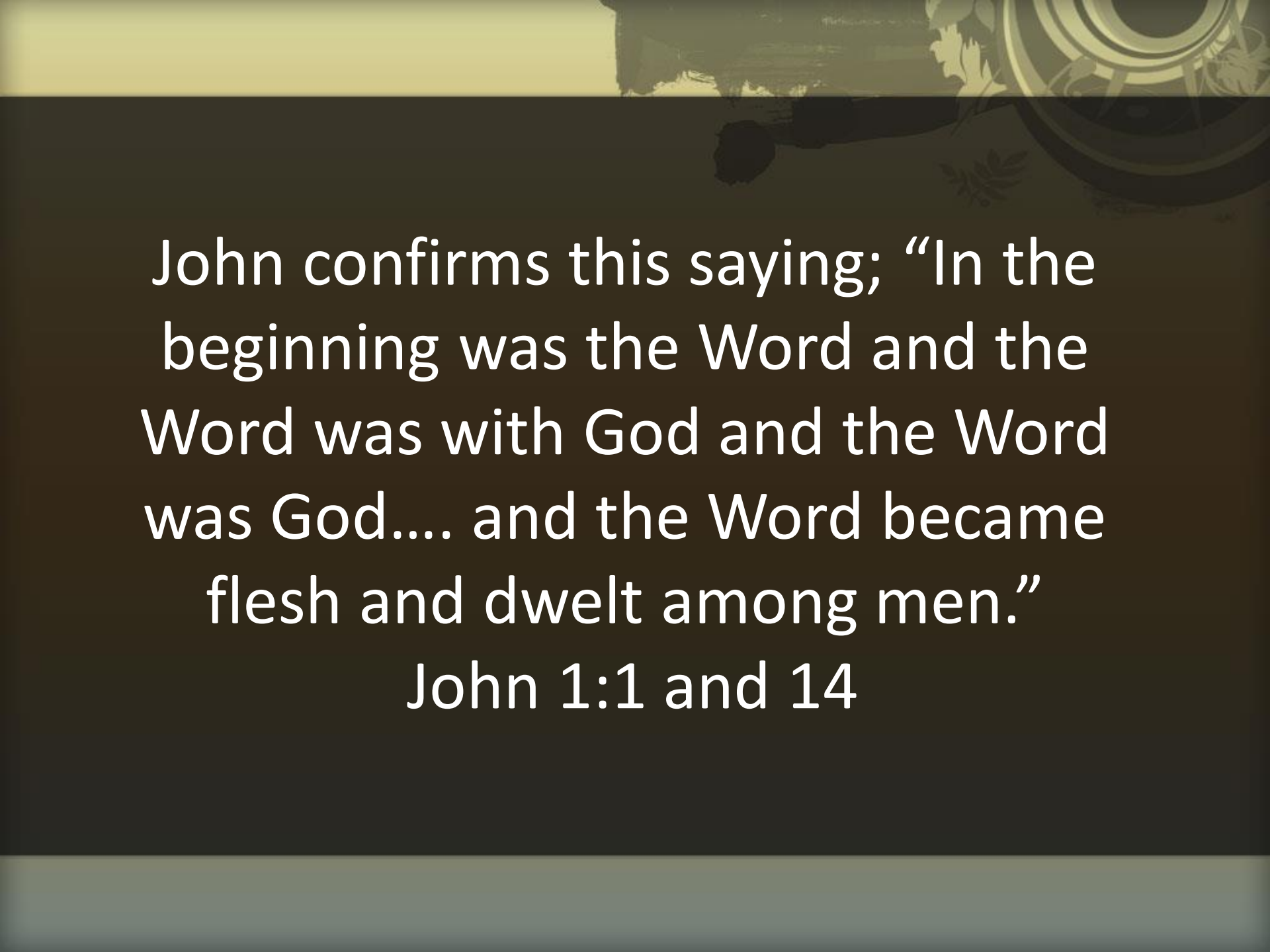
Therefore, Jesus Christ means
“Jehovah the savior is God with us.”



For further clarity, it can be stated
that: the savior is Jesus of Nazareth;
the God who lived
among men.



Jesus Christ = the anointed Savior is
God with us
(in the flesh)




John confirms this saying; “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among men.”

John 1:1 and 14

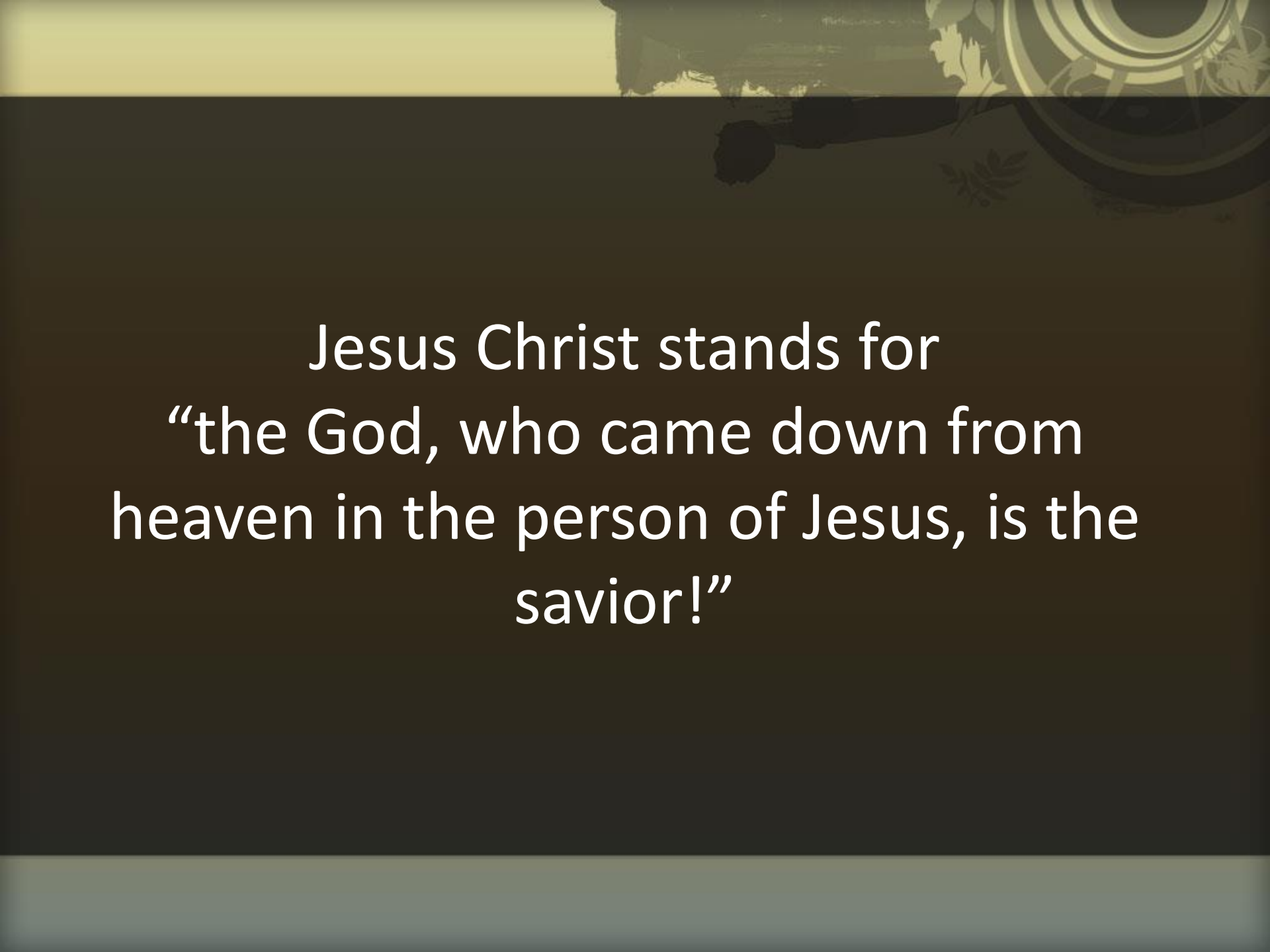
John 1:1 and 14

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



Now, you know what Christ meant
and who Jesus Christ really is.



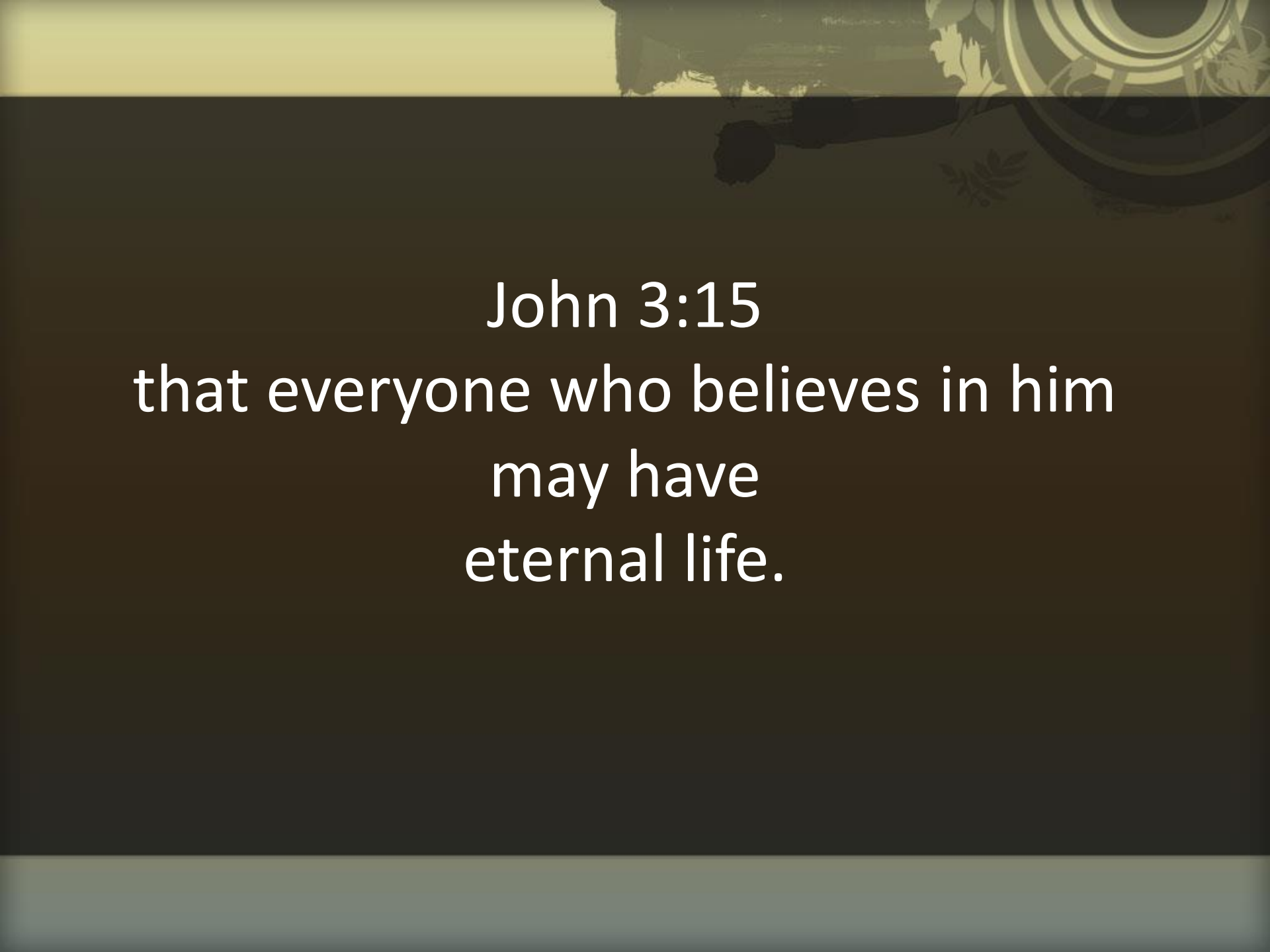
Jesus Christ stands for
“the God, who came down from
heaven in the person of Jesus, is the
savior!”

The Creator

Talking to Nicodemus Jesus in John 3:13-19 Jesus categorically claims to be divine. He states He was from heaven and was sent by the Father.

John 3:13 No one has ever gone into heaven **except the one who came from heaven**—the Son of Man.

John 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,



John 3:15
that everyone who believes in him
may have
eternal life.



John 3:16

"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.



John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into
the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world
through him.

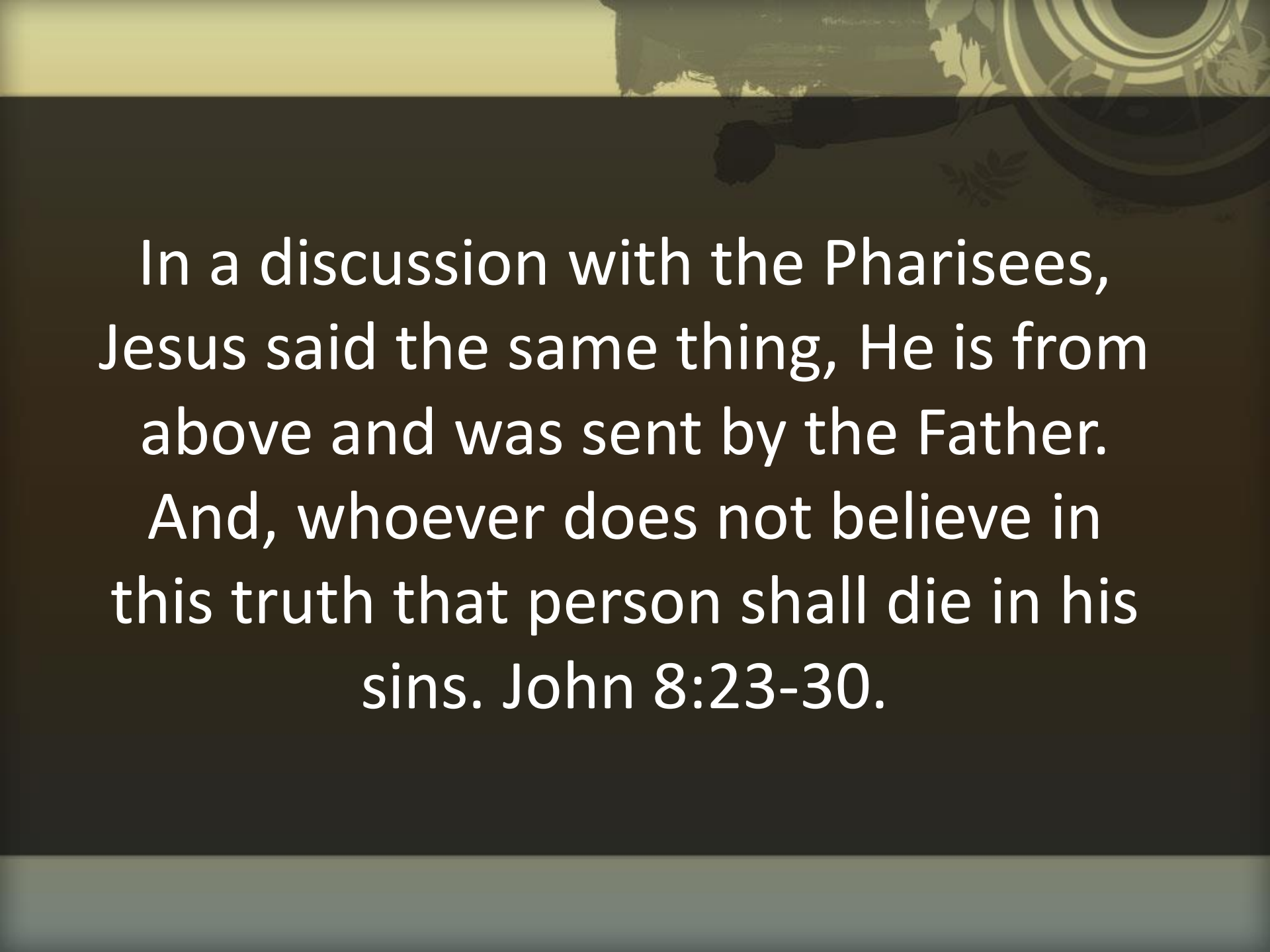
John 3:18

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of **God's one and only Son.**



John 3:19

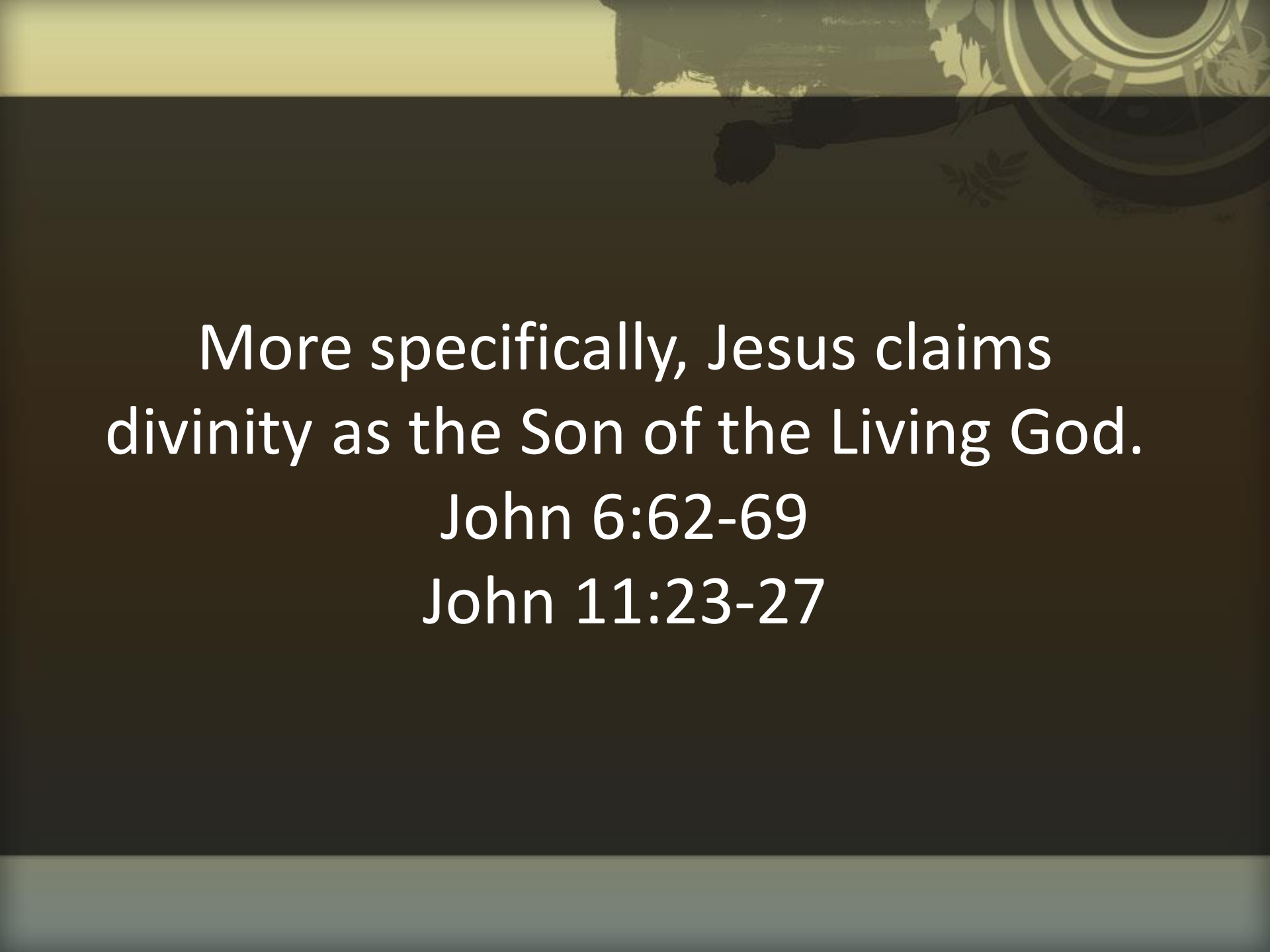
This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.



In a discussion with the Pharisees,
Jesus said the same thing, He is from
above and was sent by the Father.
And, whoever does not believe in
this truth that person shall die in his
sins. John 8:23-30.

John 8:23-24

23. But he continued, “You are from below; **I am from above**. You are of this world; **I am not of this world**. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.”



More specifically, Jesus claims
divinity as the Son of the Living God.

John 6:62-69

John 11:23-27



John 6:63

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.



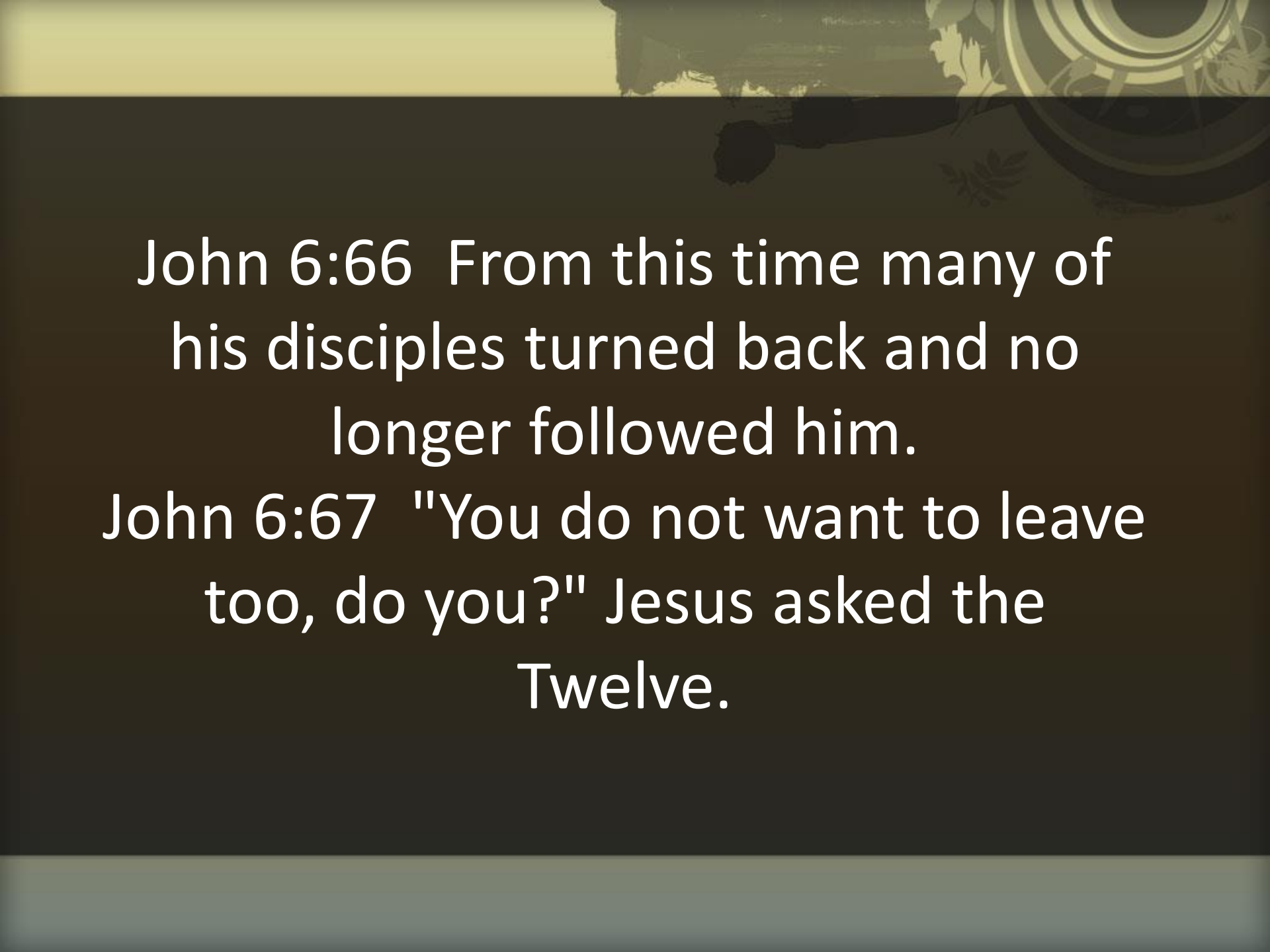
John 6:64

Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.



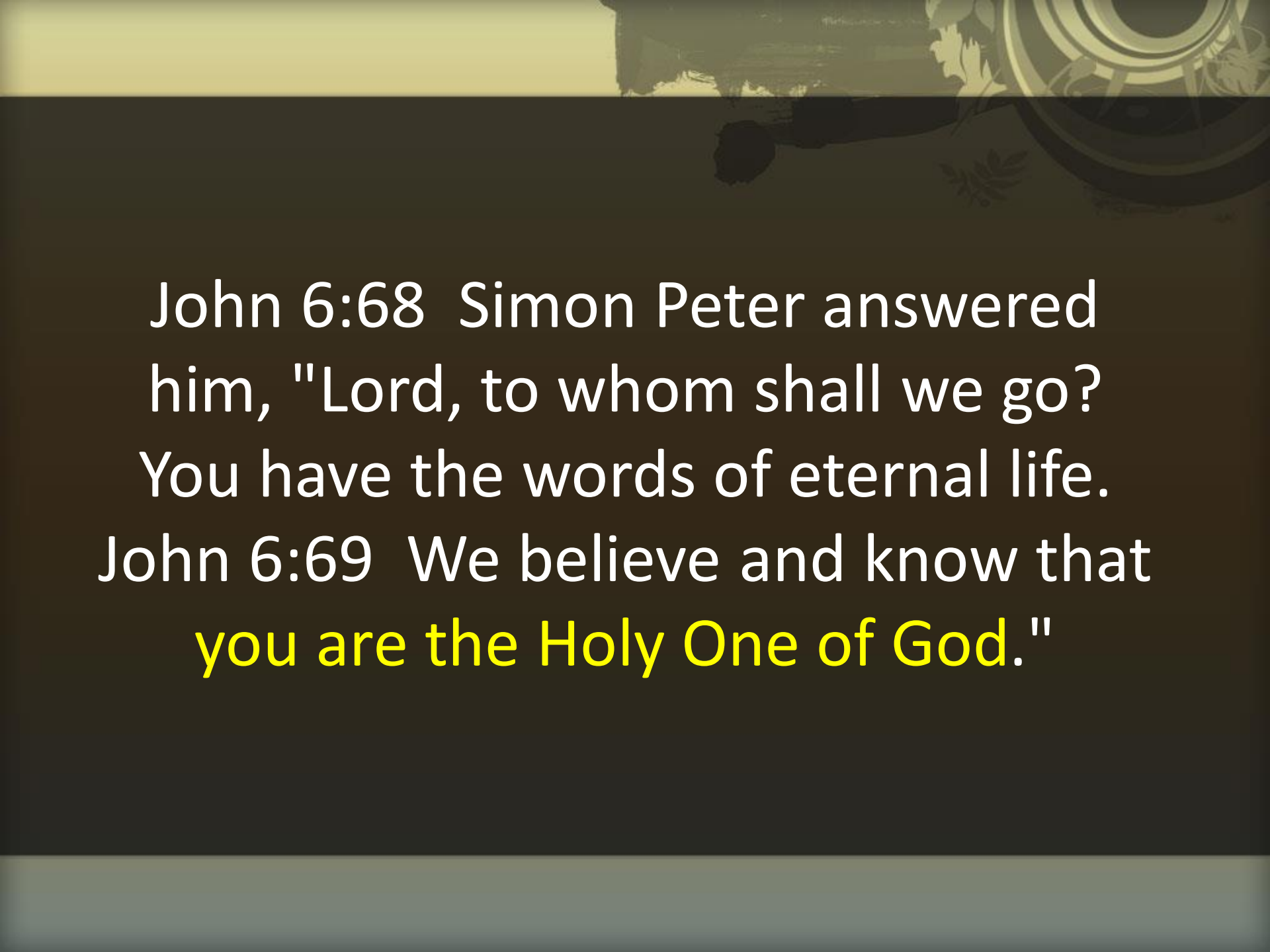
John 6:65

He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."



John 6:66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

John 6:67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.



John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:69 We believe and know that **you are the Holy One of God."**



John 11:22-23

But I know that even now God will
give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will
rise again."

John 11:24-25

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;




John 11:26-27

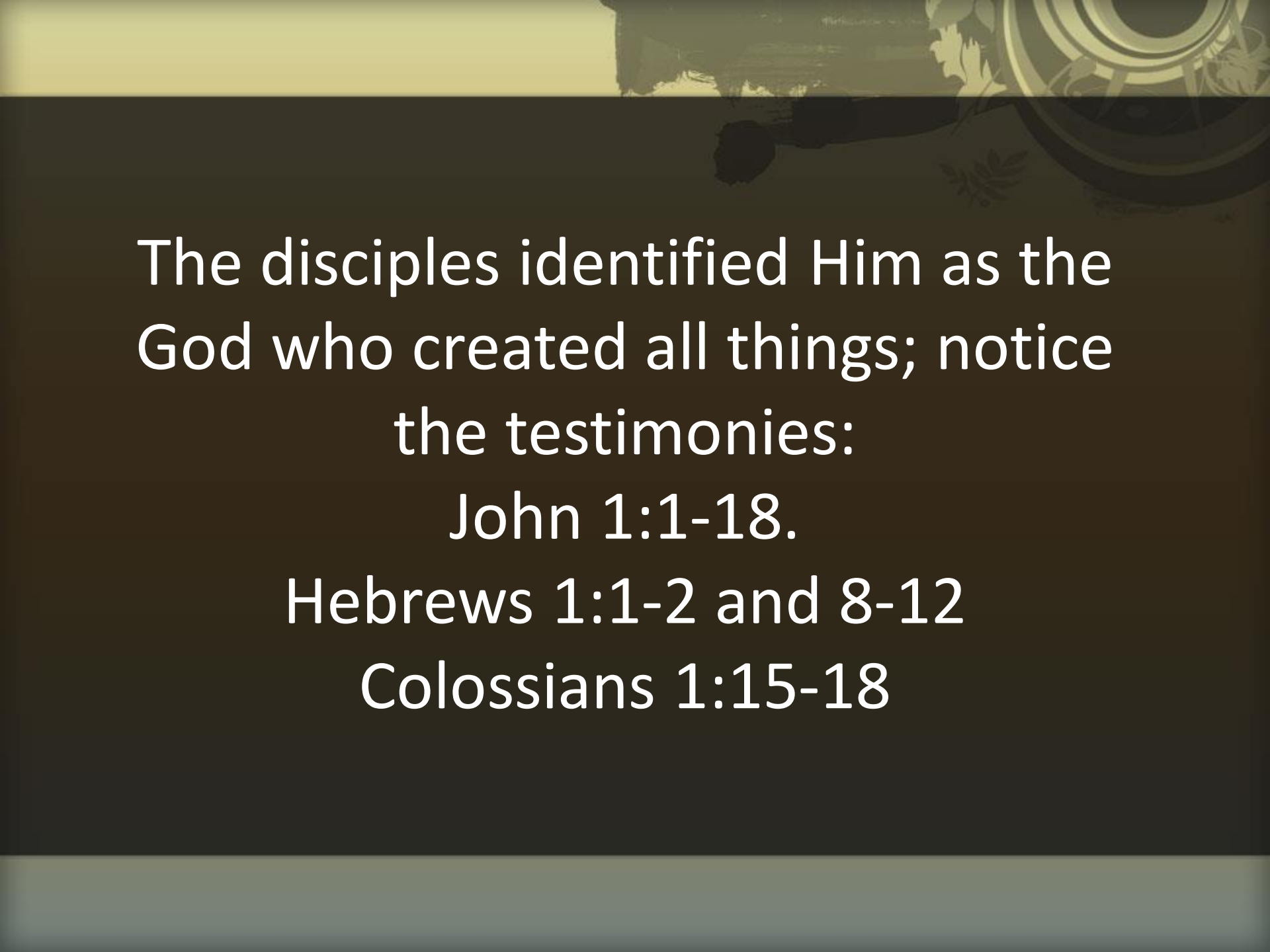
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the **Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.**"



The Christ is the Son of God who
came down from heaven.



Who is this Son of God that we have
come to know as Jesus Christ?



The disciples identified Him as the
God who created all things; notice
the testimonies:

John 1:1-18.

Hebrews 1:1-2 and 8-12

Colossians 1:15-18



John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. He was with God in
the beginning.

John 1:3-5

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.



John 1:6-7

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.



John 1:8-7

He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.



John 1:10-11

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

John 1:12-13

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.



John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, **the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father,** full of grace and truth.

John 1:15-16

John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:17-18

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, **who is at the Father's side**, has made him known.



Hebrews 1:1

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,



Hebrews 1:2

but in these last days he has spoken
to us by his Son, whom he
appointed heir of all things, and
**through whom he made
the universe.**

Heb 1:8-9

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Hebrews 1:10-11

He also says, "In the beginning, **O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.** They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.



Hebrews 1:12

You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

Colossians 1:15-16

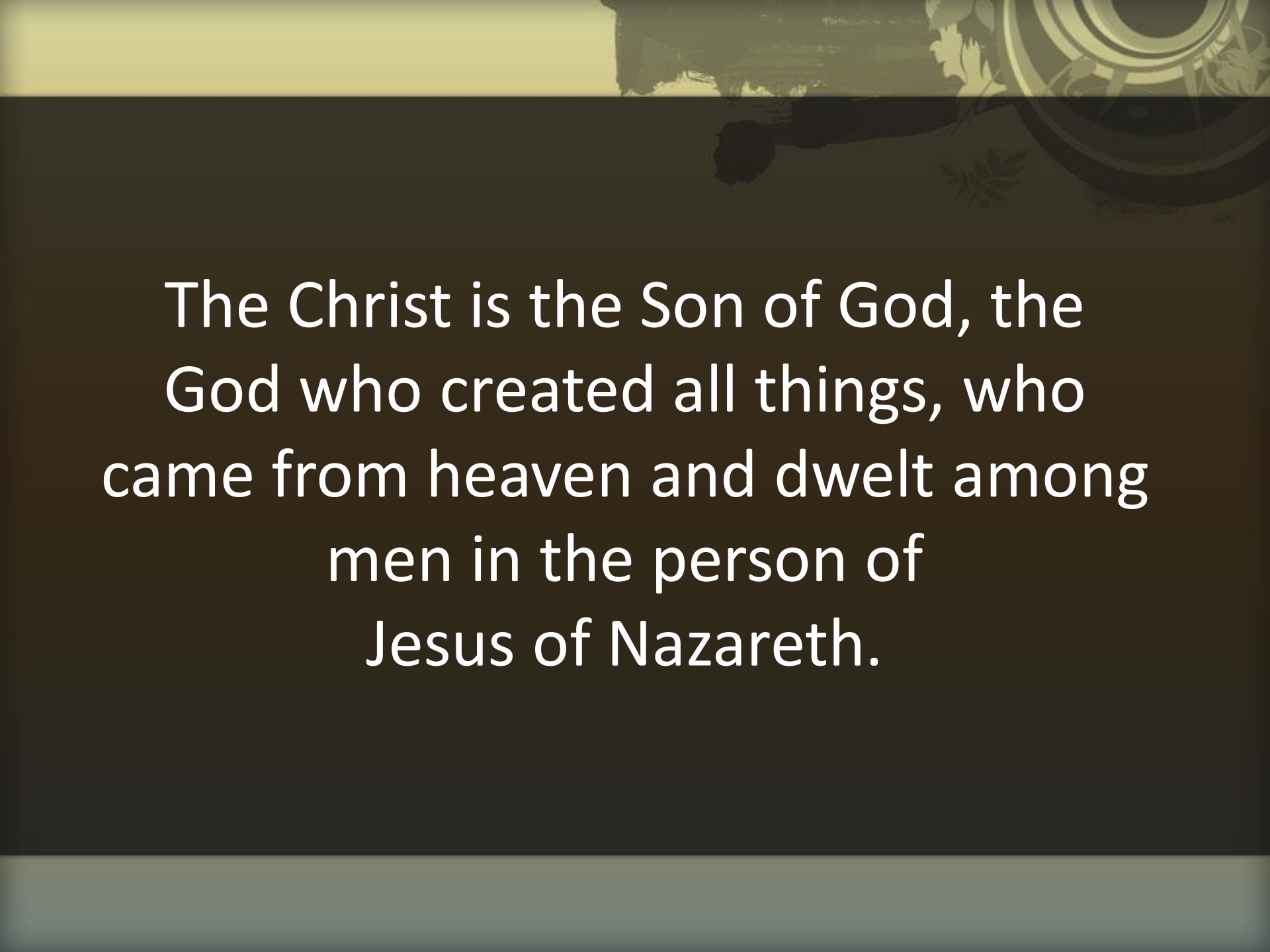
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by **him all things were created**: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Colossians 1:17-18

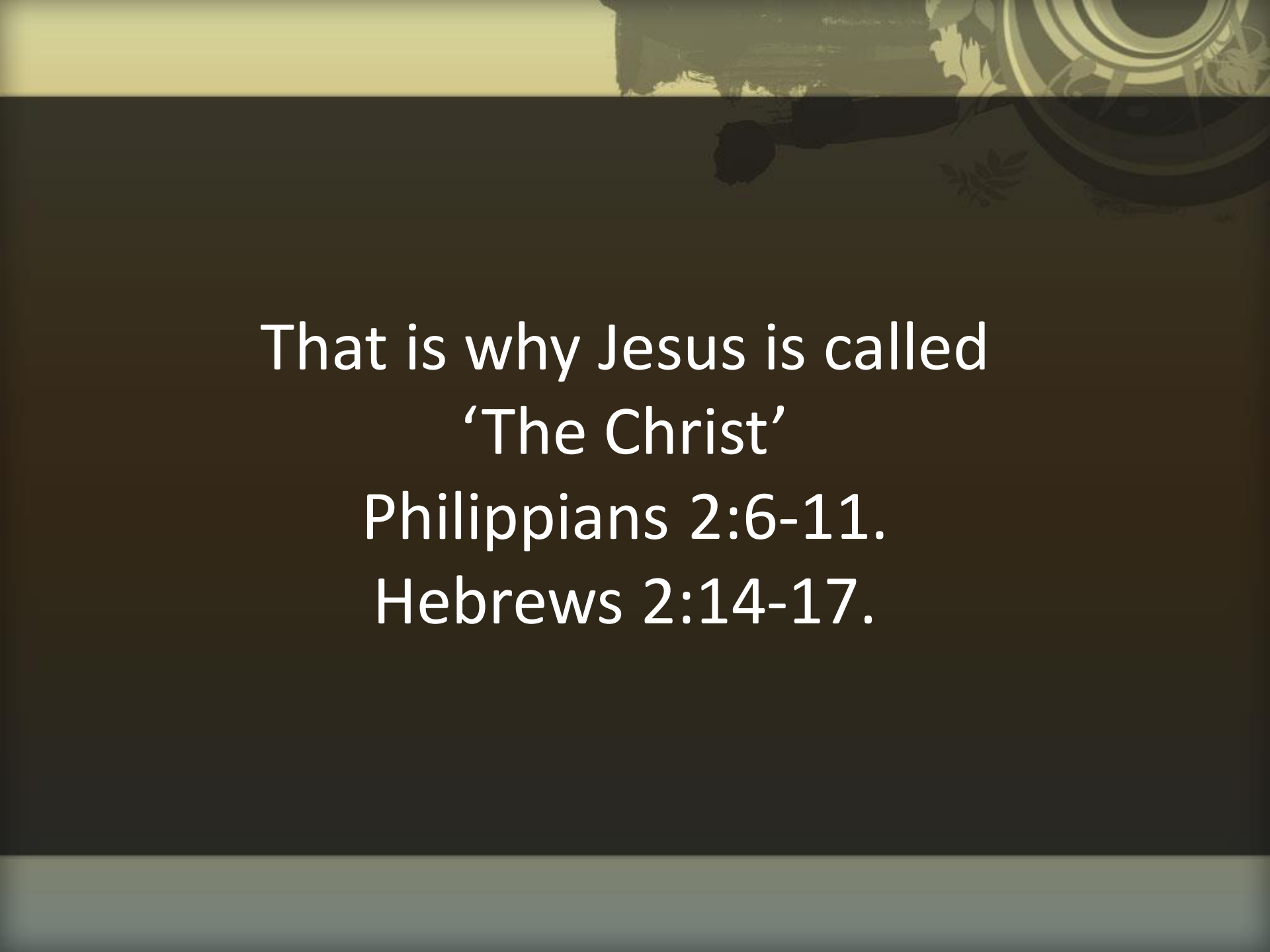
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.



Who is the Christ?



The Christ is the Son of God, the
God who created all things, who
came from heaven and dwelt among
men in the person of
Jesus of Nazareth.



That is why Jesus is called
'The Christ'

Philippians 2:6-11.

Hebrews 2:14-17.

Philippians 2:6-7

Who, **being in very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, **being made in human likeness.**

Philippians 2:8-9

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,



Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood,
he too shared in their humanity so that
by his death he might destroy him who
holds the power of death—that is, the
devil—
and free those who all their lives were
held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:16-17

For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

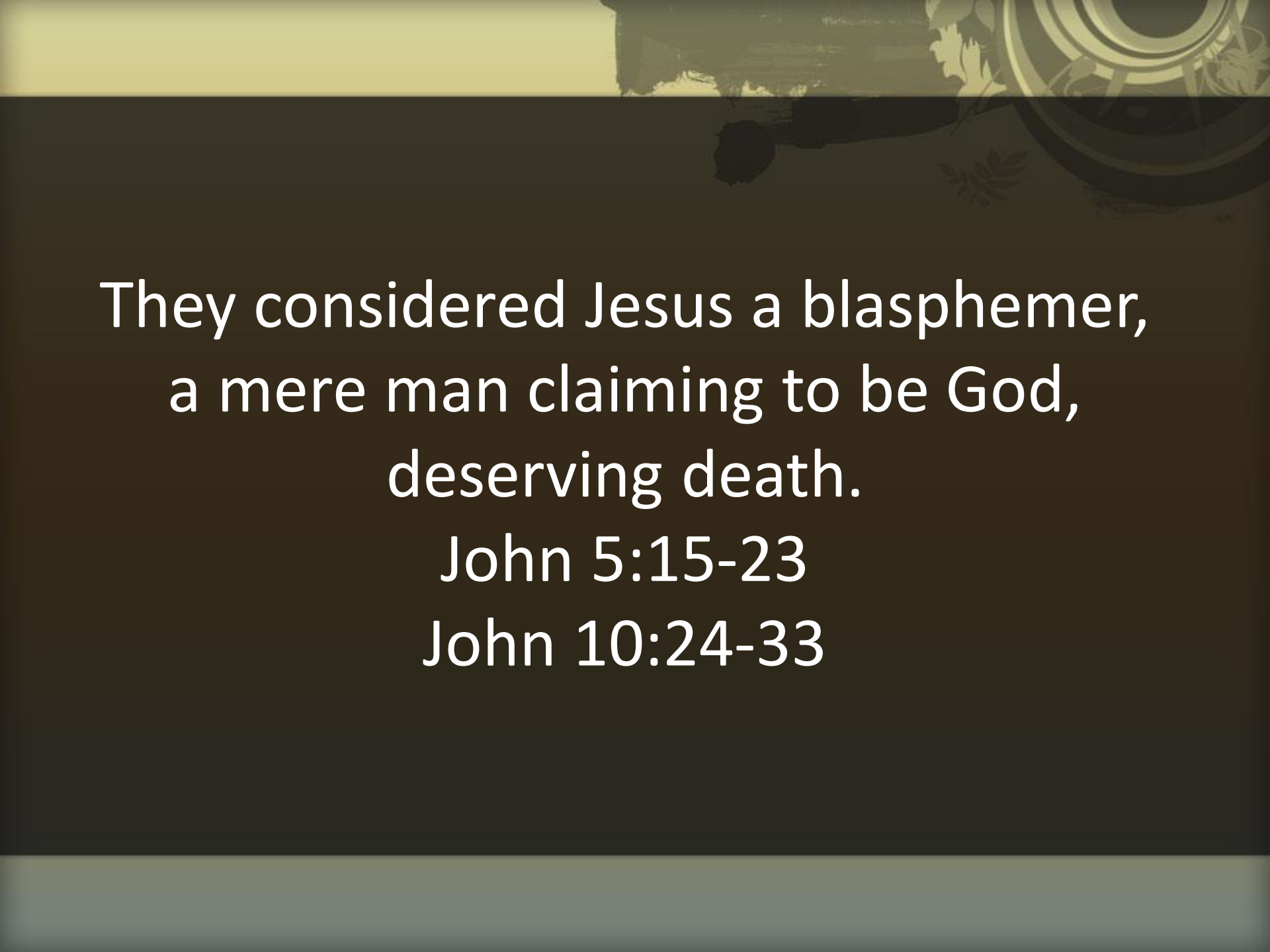
The Rejection

The Jews understood perfectly the claim of Jesus as the Christ. They knew Jesus' claim of divinity as the very Son of God who came from heaven.

The Rejection



The Jews refuse to accept Jesus as the Christ and demanded His death.



They considered Jesus a blasphemer,
a mere man claiming to be God,
deserving death.

John 5:15-23

John 10:24-33



John 5:15-16

The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him.

John 5:17-18

Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, **making himself equal with God.**



John 5:19

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."



John 5:20

For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

John 5:21-22

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the **Son gives life** (a direct claim to deity) to whom he is pleased to give it.

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,



John 5:23

that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.



John 10:24-26

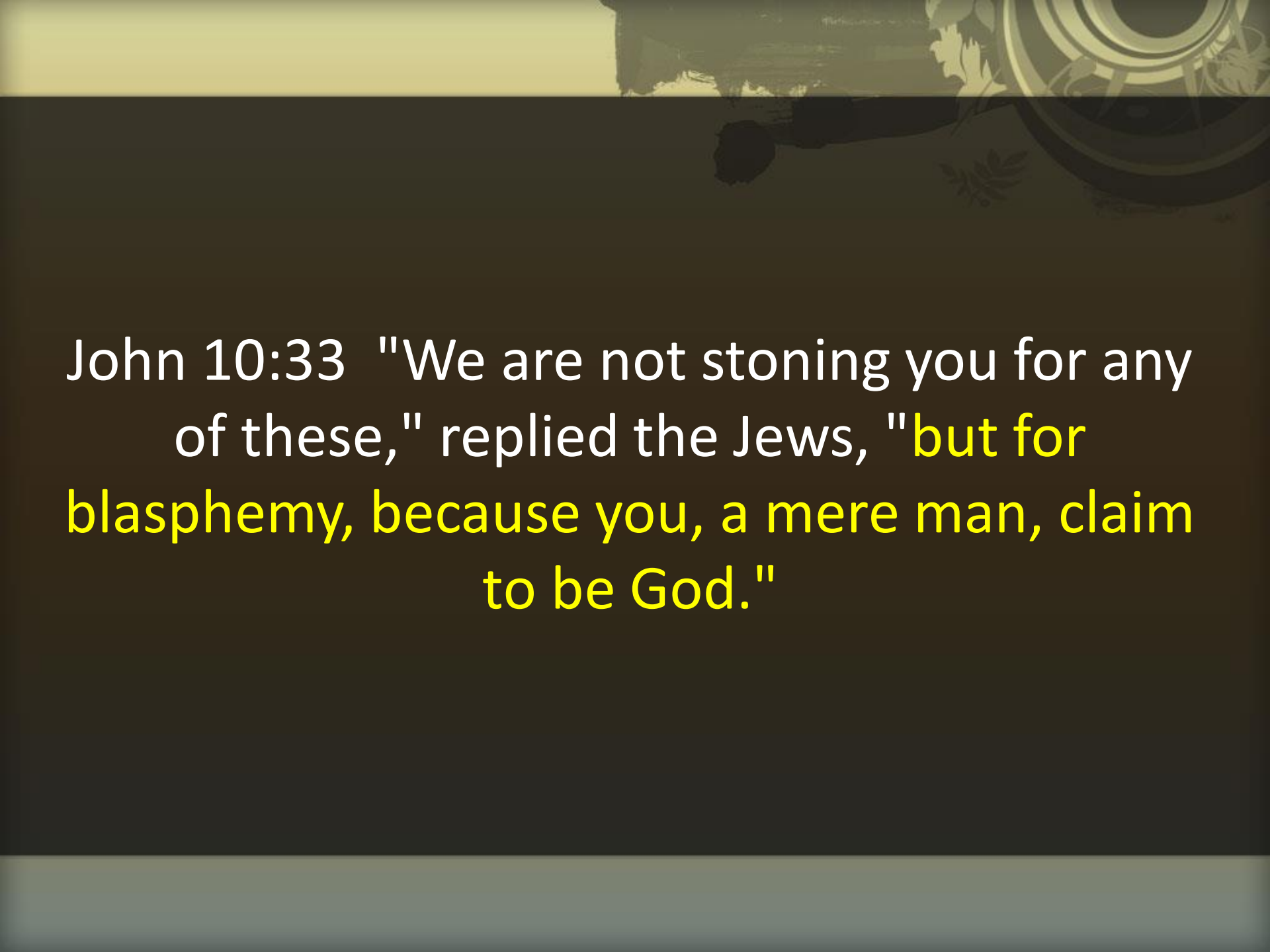
The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep."

John 10:27-29

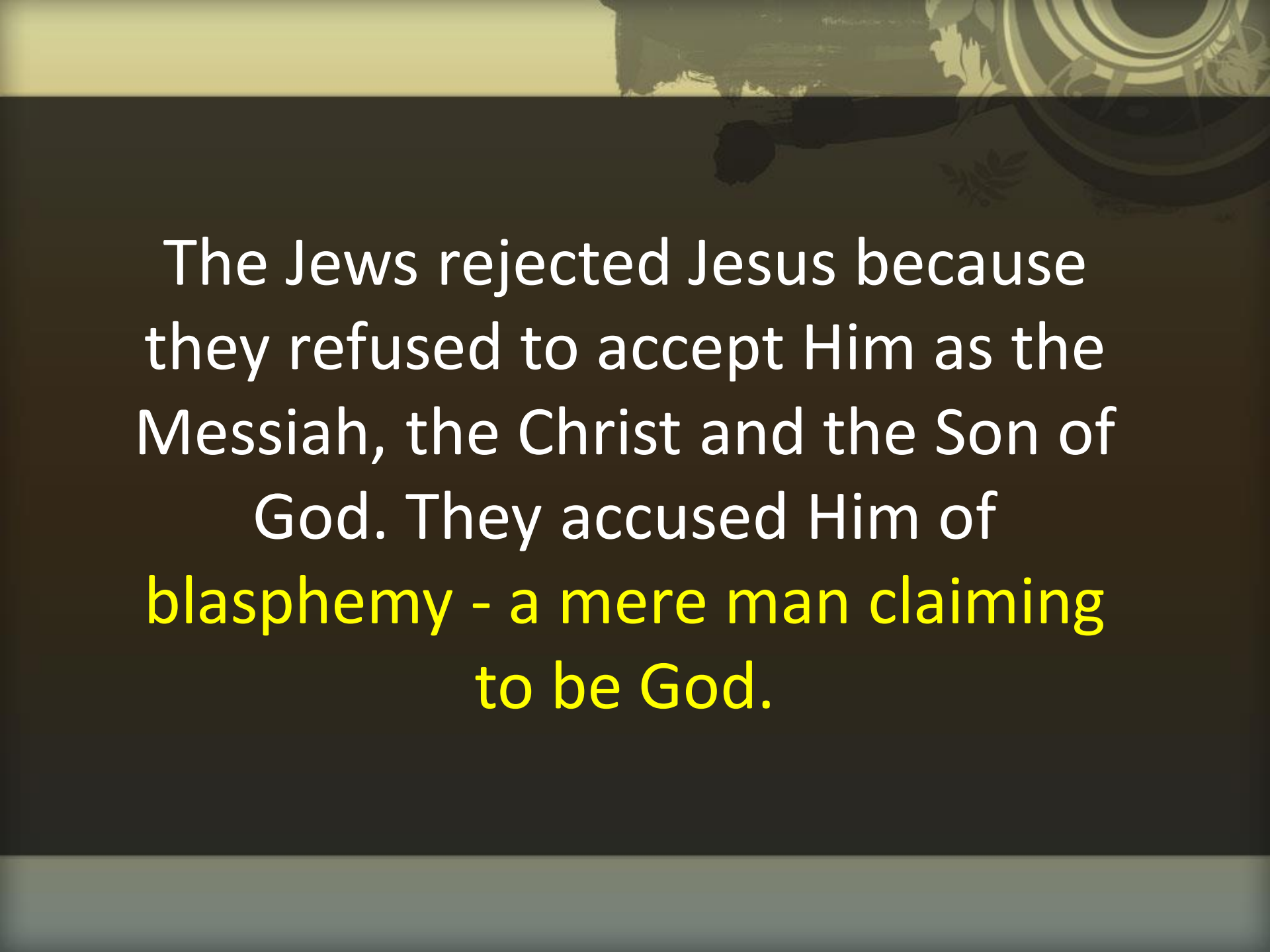
My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **I give them eternal life** (this is a claim to deity), and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

John 10:30-32

“I and the Father are one.” (another direct claim to deity) Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"



John 10:33 "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "**but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.**"

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The Jews rejected Jesus because they refused to accept Him as the Messiah, the Christ and the Son of God. They accused Him of **blasphemy - a mere man claiming to be God.**

Mark 14:60

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"



Mar 14:61

But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him,
"Are you the Christ, the Son of the
Blessed One?"




Mar 14:62-63

"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked.

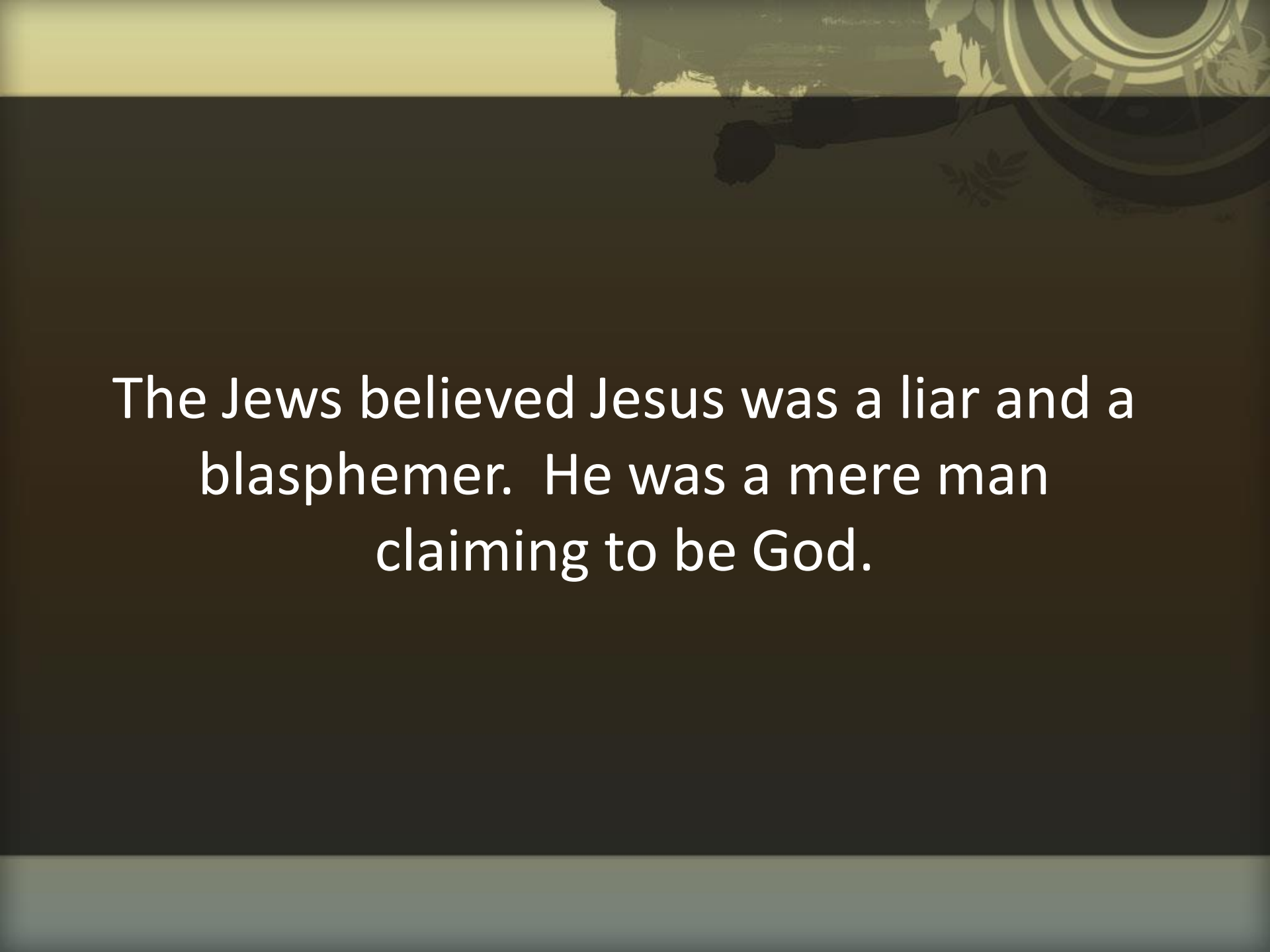


Mark 14:64

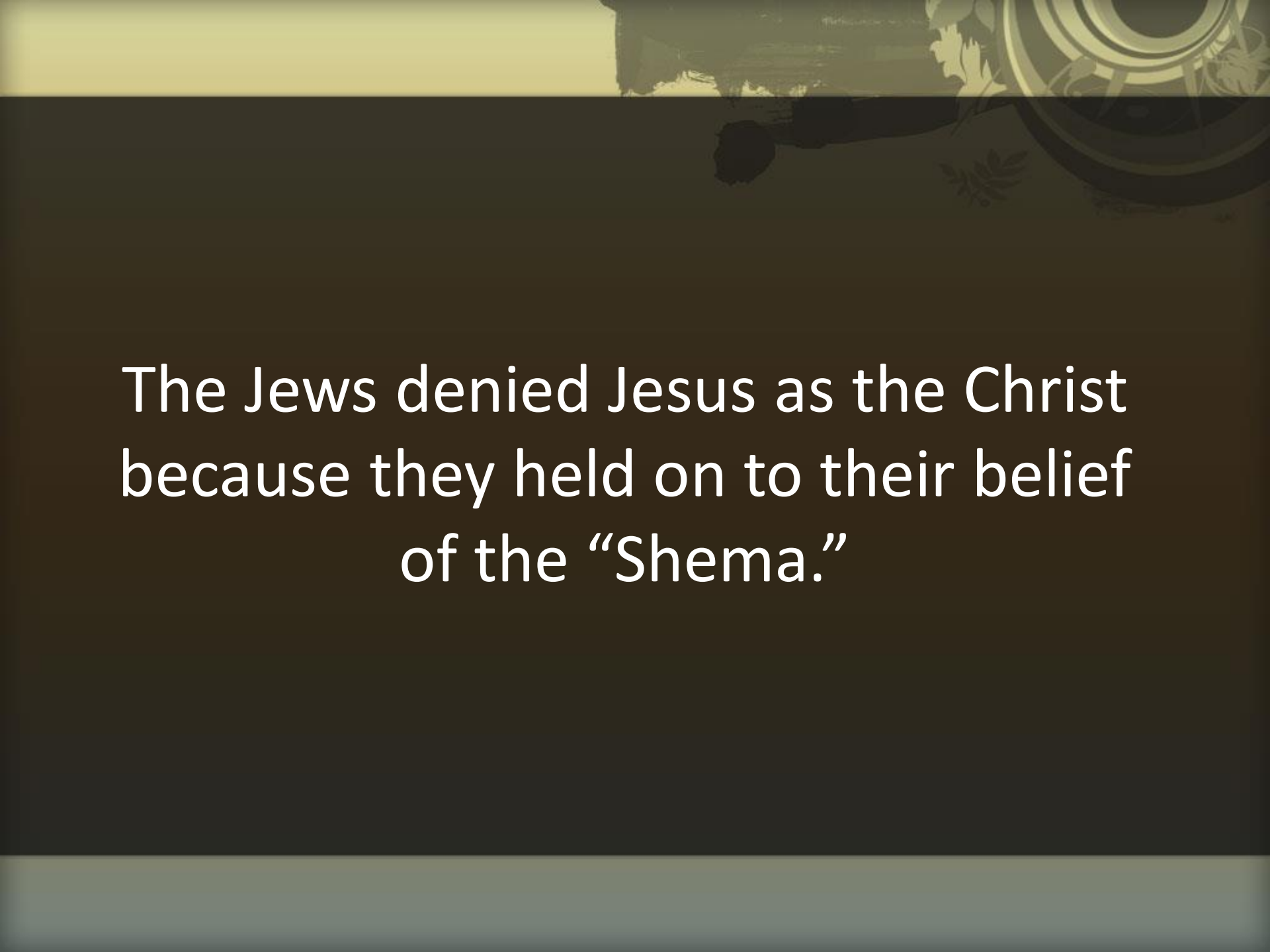
"You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death.



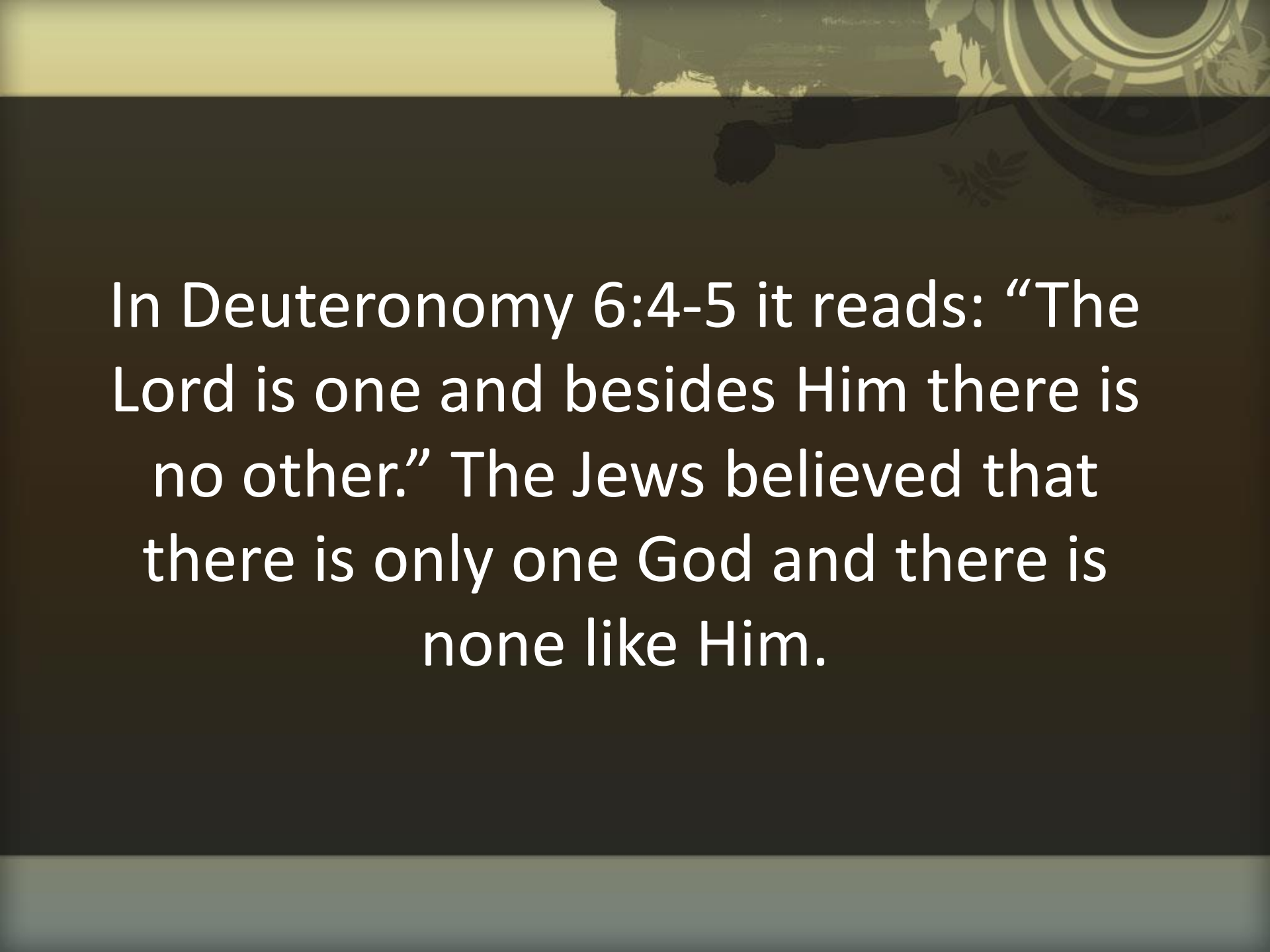
What do you think?
Was Jesus a blasphemer and a liar or
was He really God?



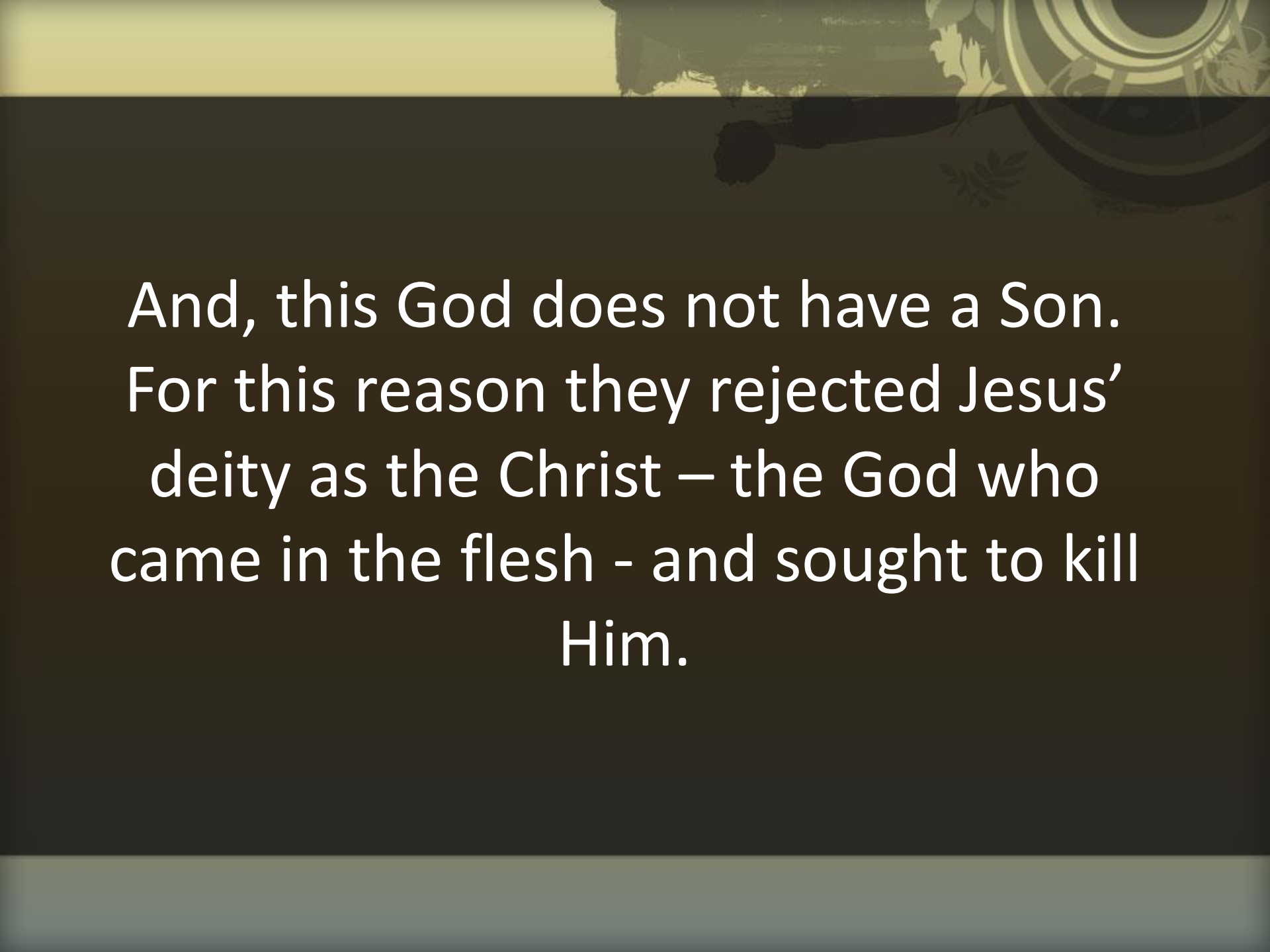
The Jews believed Jesus was a liar and a blasphemer. He was a mere man claiming to be God.




The Jews denied Jesus as the Christ
because they held on to their belief
of the “Shema.”



In Deuteronomy 6:4-5 it reads: “The Lord is one and besides Him there is no other.” The Jews believed that there is only one God and there is none like Him.

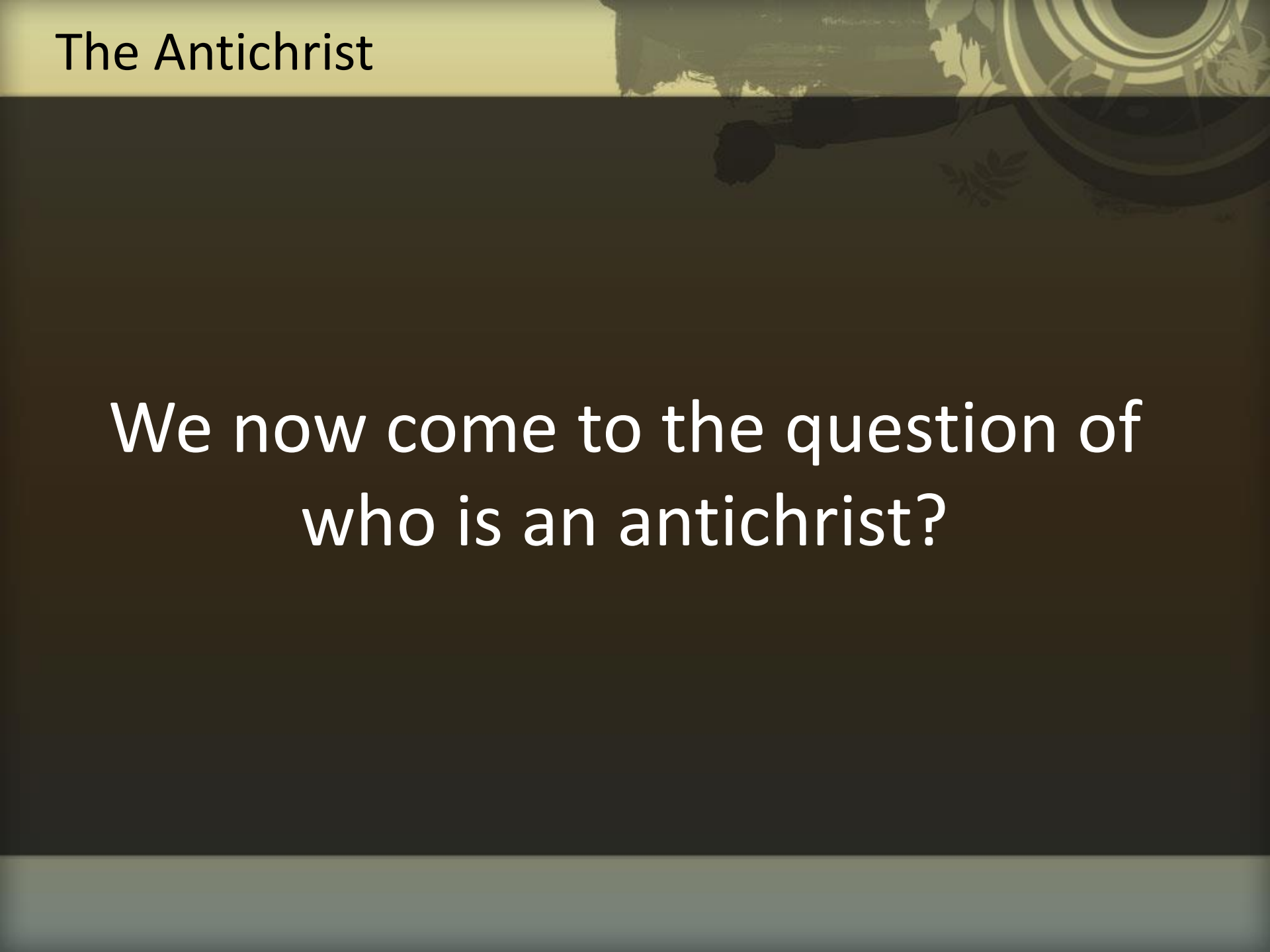


And, this God does not have a Son.
For this reason they rejected Jesus'
deity as the Christ – the God who
came in the flesh - and sought to kill
Him.



They succeeded to crucify the Lord of glory simply because they refused to believe that Jesus is the Christ.


The Antichrist



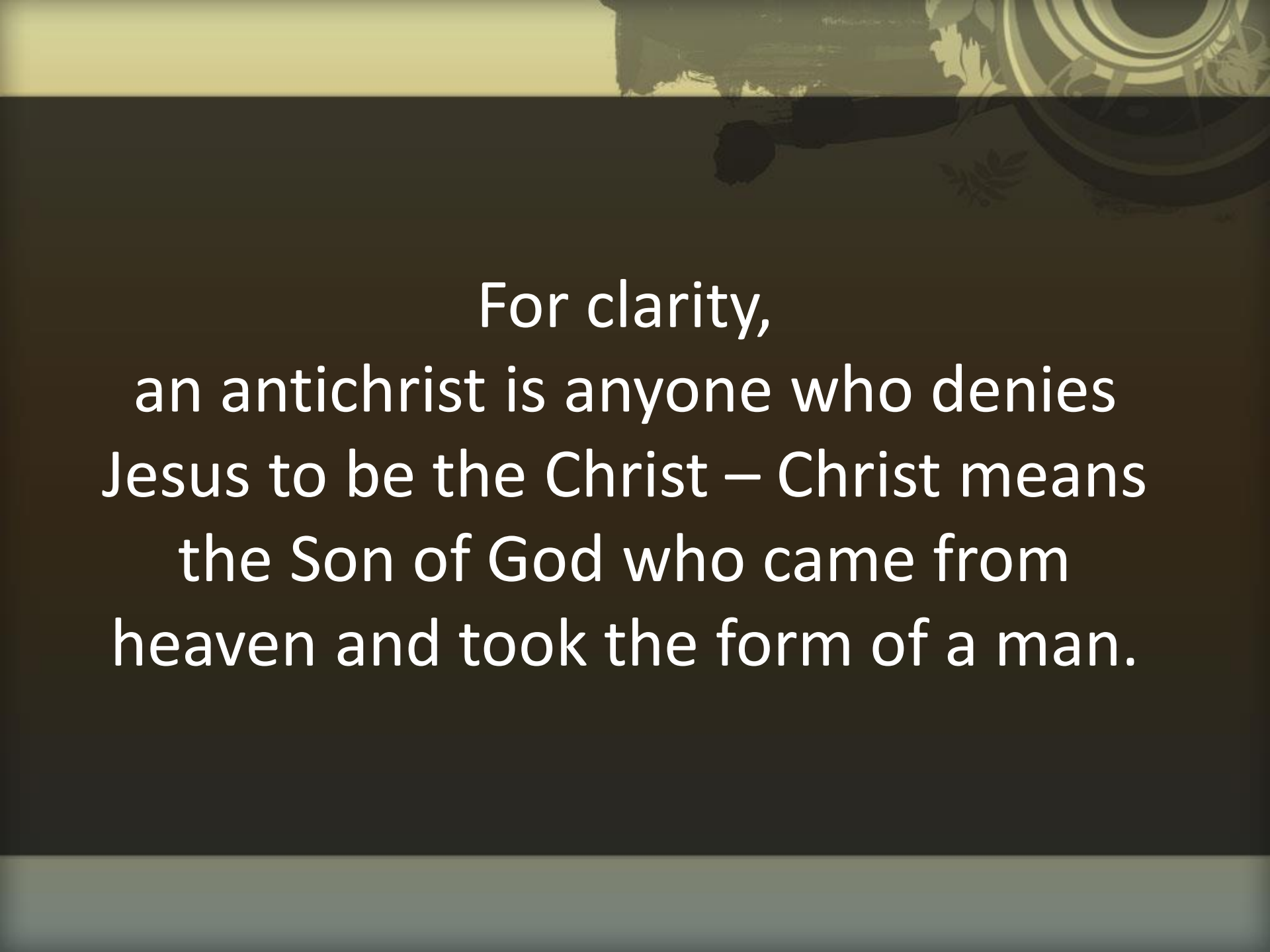
We now come to the question of
who is an antichrist?



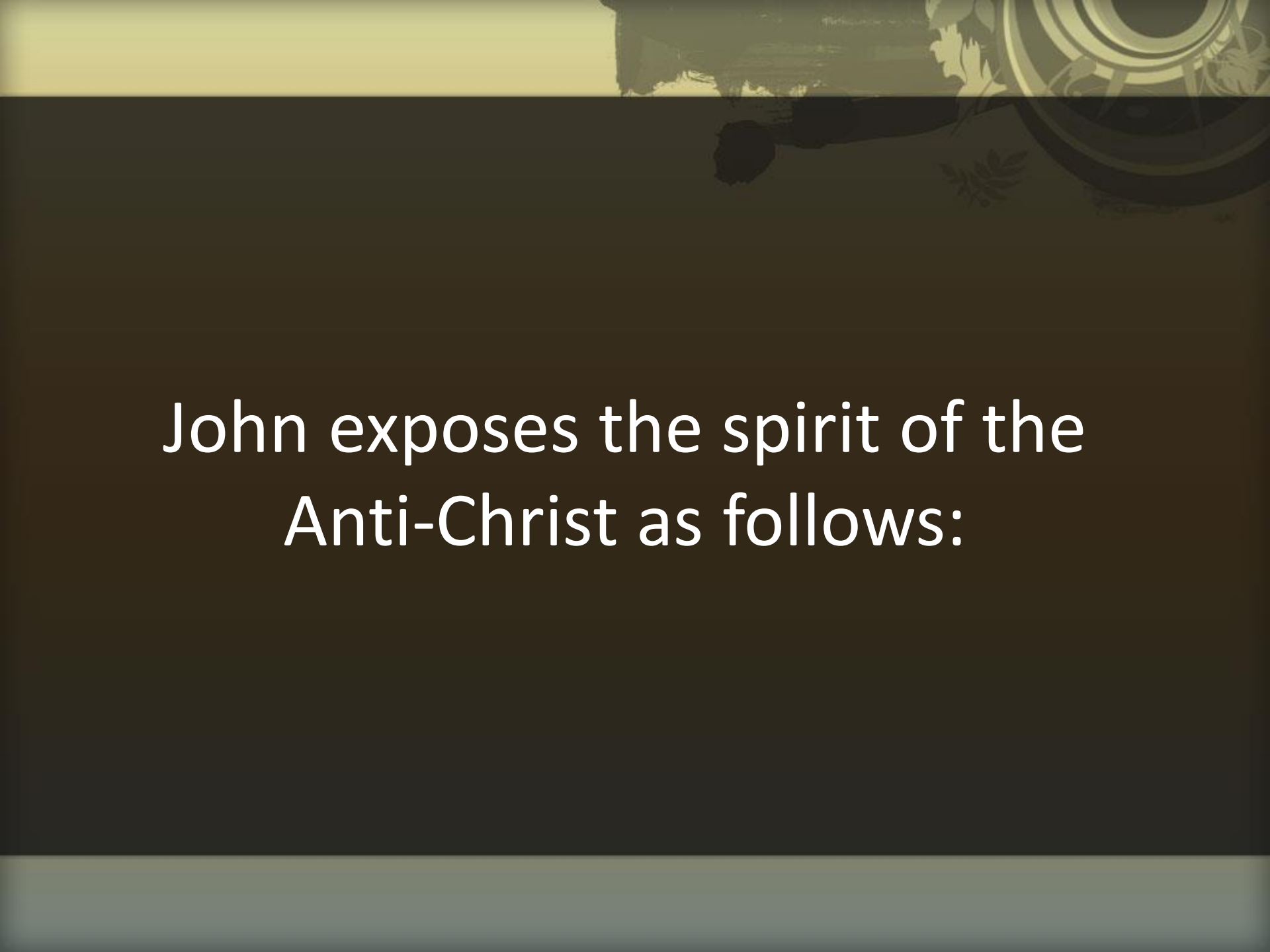
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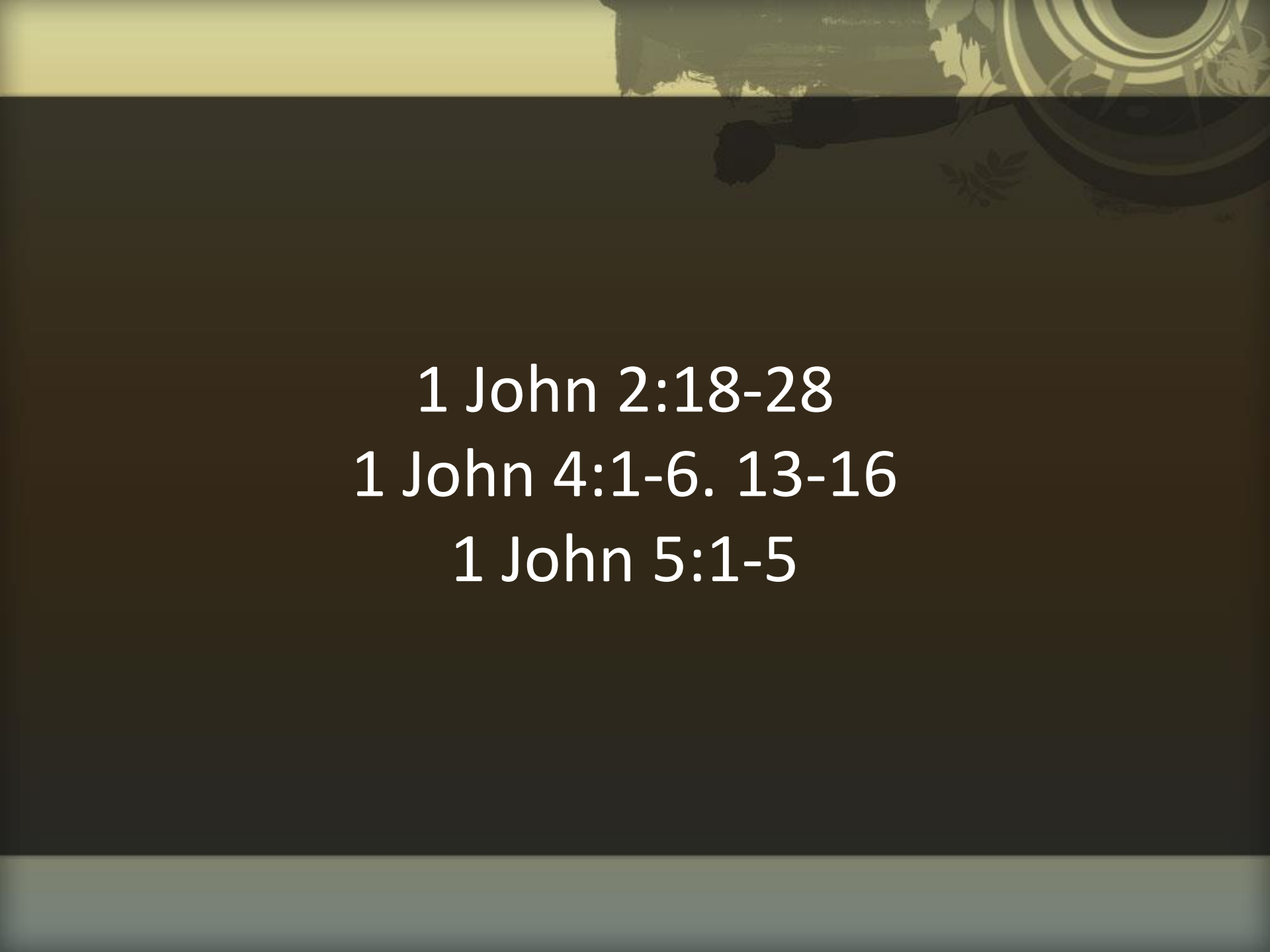
Anyone who denies Jesus' deity or Jesus
as the Christ is an antichrist.



For clarity,
an antichrist is anyone who denies
Jesus to be the Christ – Christ means
the Son of God who came from
heaven and took the form of a man.



John exposes the spirit of the
Anti-Christ as follows:



1 John 2:18-28
1 John 4:1-6. 13-16
1 John 5:1-5

1 John 2:18

Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us (means they claim to be Christians). For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

1 John 2:20-21

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

1 John 2:22-23

Who is the liar? It is the man who **denies that Jesus is the Christ**. Such a man is the **antichrist**—he denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1Jn 2:24-26

See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us—even eternal life. I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.

1 John 2:27

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.



1 John 2:28

And now, dear children, continue in him,
so that when he appears we may be
confident and unashamed before him at
his coming.



1 John 4:1

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits to see whether they
are from God, because many false
prophets have gone out into the world.



1 John 4:2

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,**

1 John 4:3

but every spirit that **does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God**. This is the spirit of the **antichrist**, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

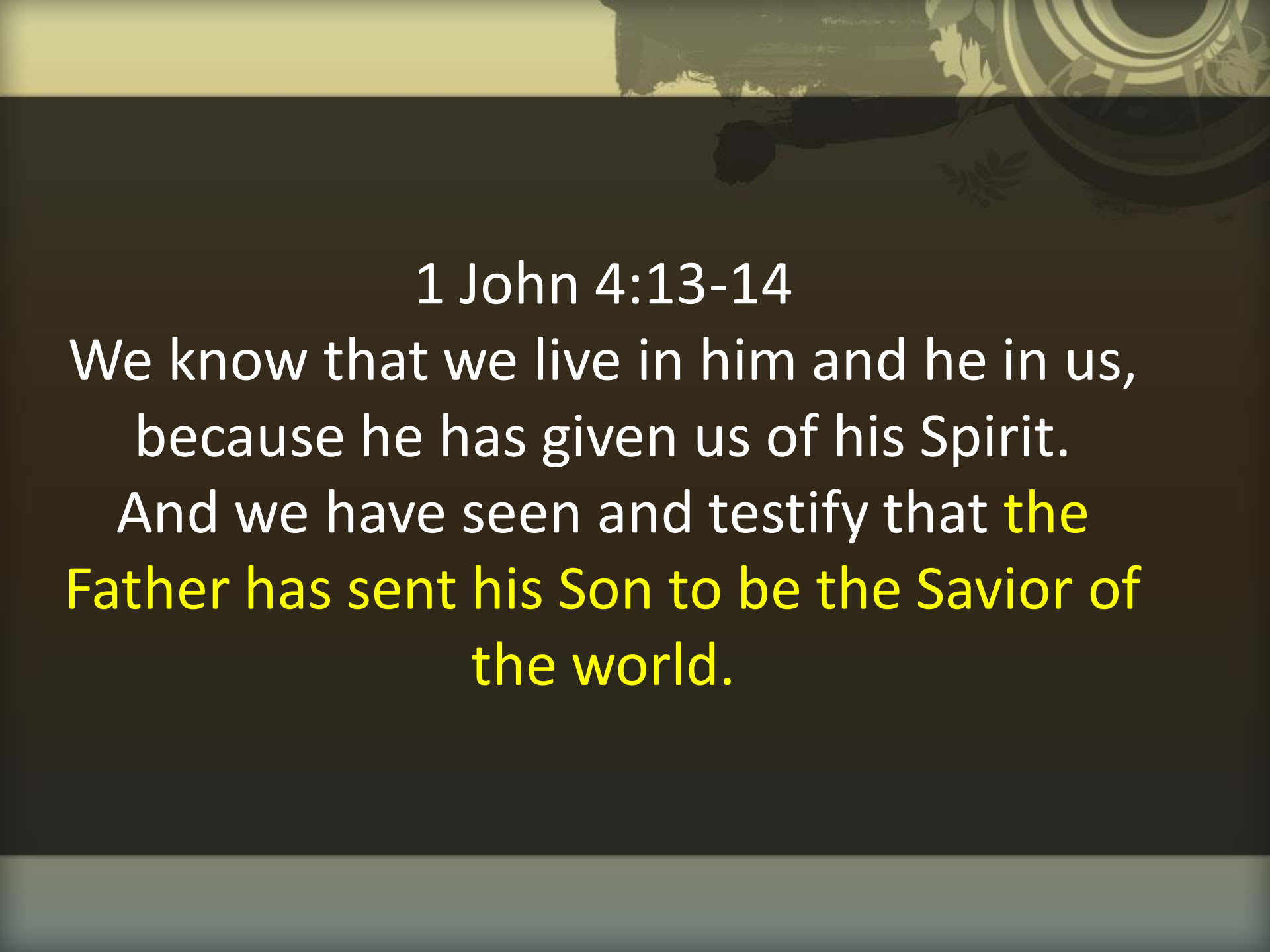


1 John 4:4

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:5-6

They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.



1 John 4:13-14

We know that we live in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and testify that **the
Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of
the world.**

1 John 4:15-16

If anyone acknowledges that **Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

1 John 5:1-2

Everyone who believes that **Jesus is the Christ is born of God**, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

1 John 5:3-4

This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.



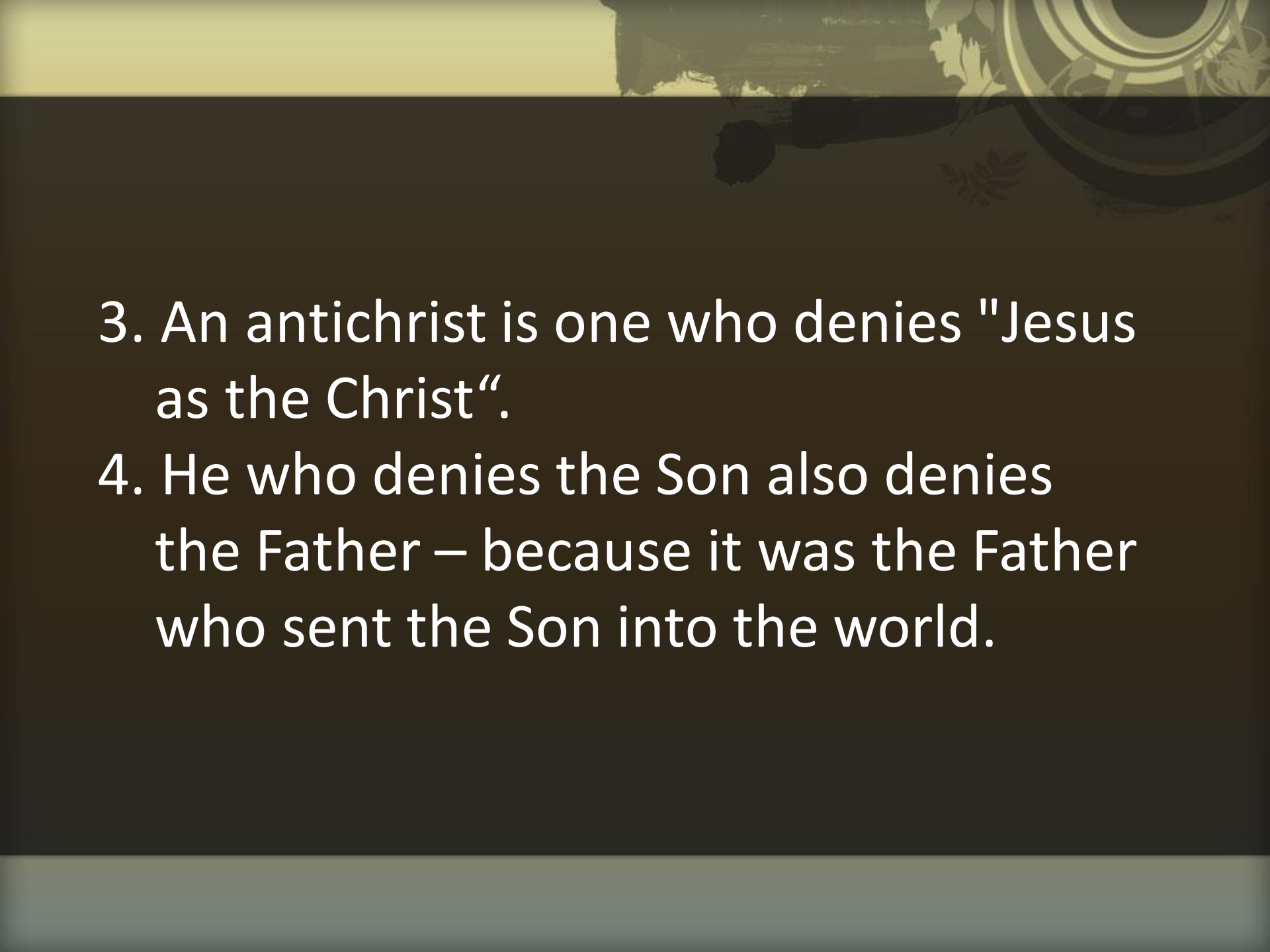
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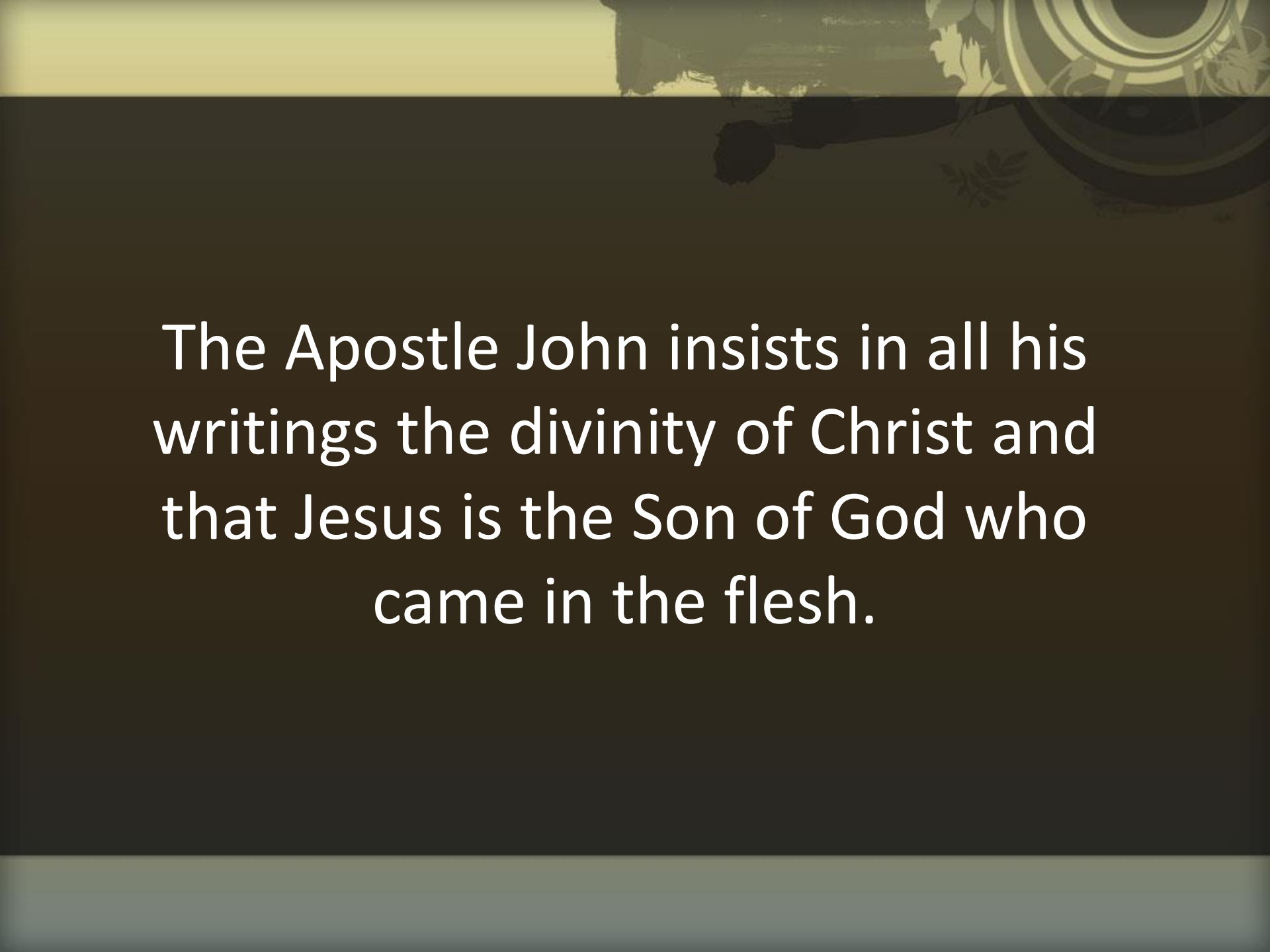
Who is it that overcomes the world?
Only **he who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God.**



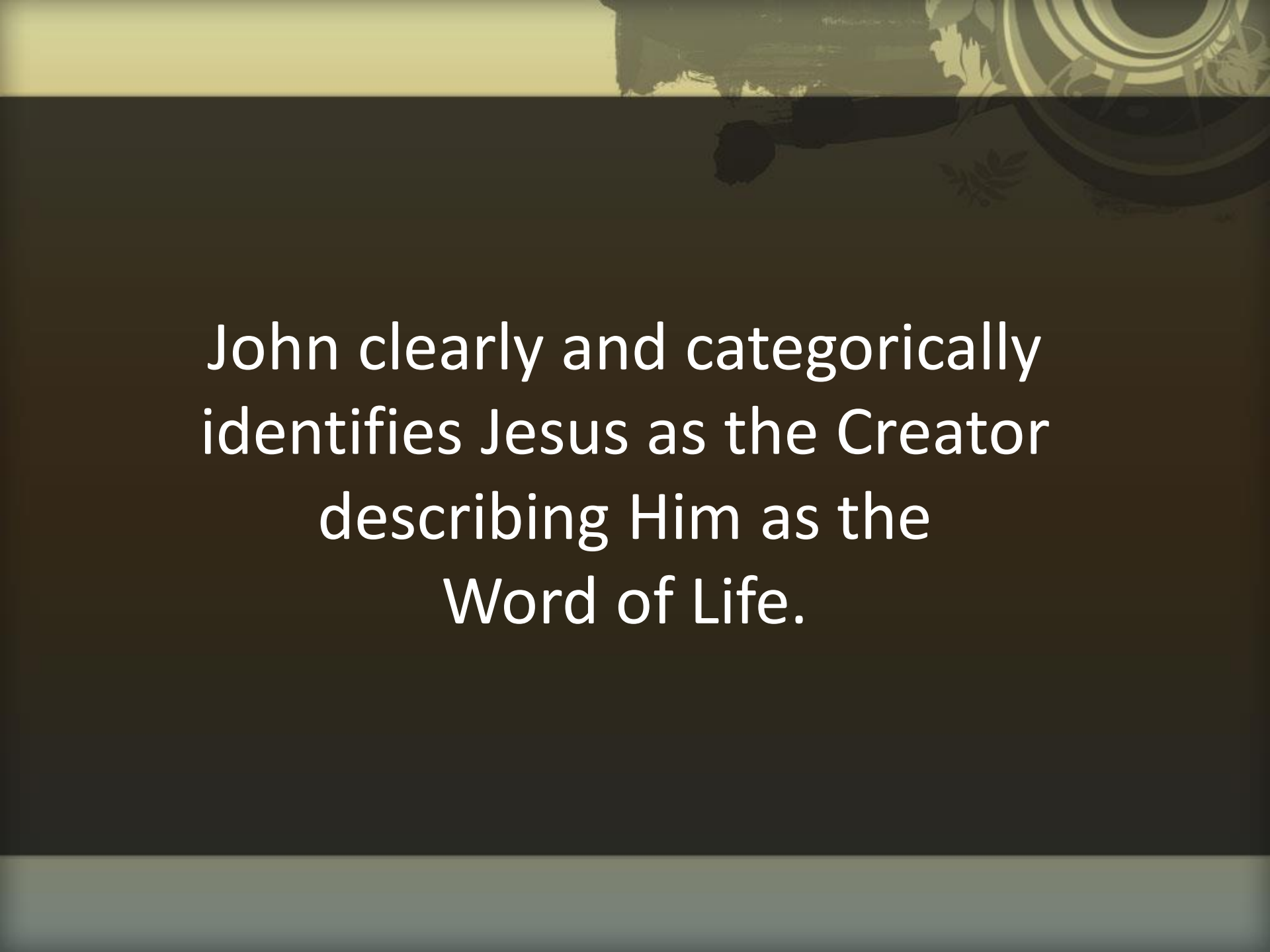
John declares that:

1. He warns that there is one Antichrist that is coming at the end times.
2. Many antichrists are present in the world today, as there were in the time of the Apostles. They belong to the same spirit as that of the Antichrist in denying the deity of Jesus as the Christ.

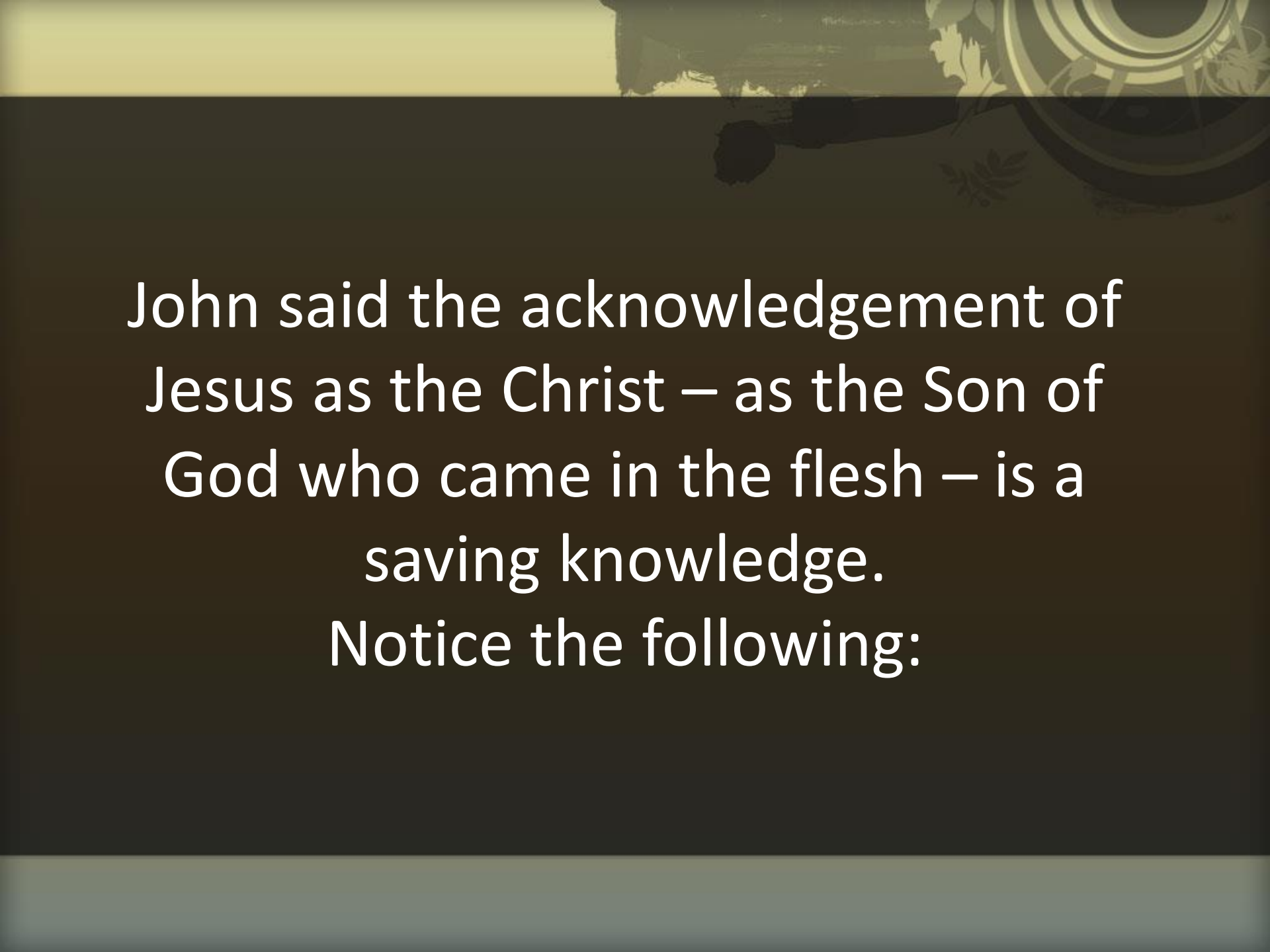
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3. An antichrist is one who denies "Jesus as the Christ".
 4. He who denies the Son also denies the Father – because it was the Father who sent the Son into the world.

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The Apostle John insists in all his writings the divinity of Christ and that Jesus is the Son of God who came in the flesh.

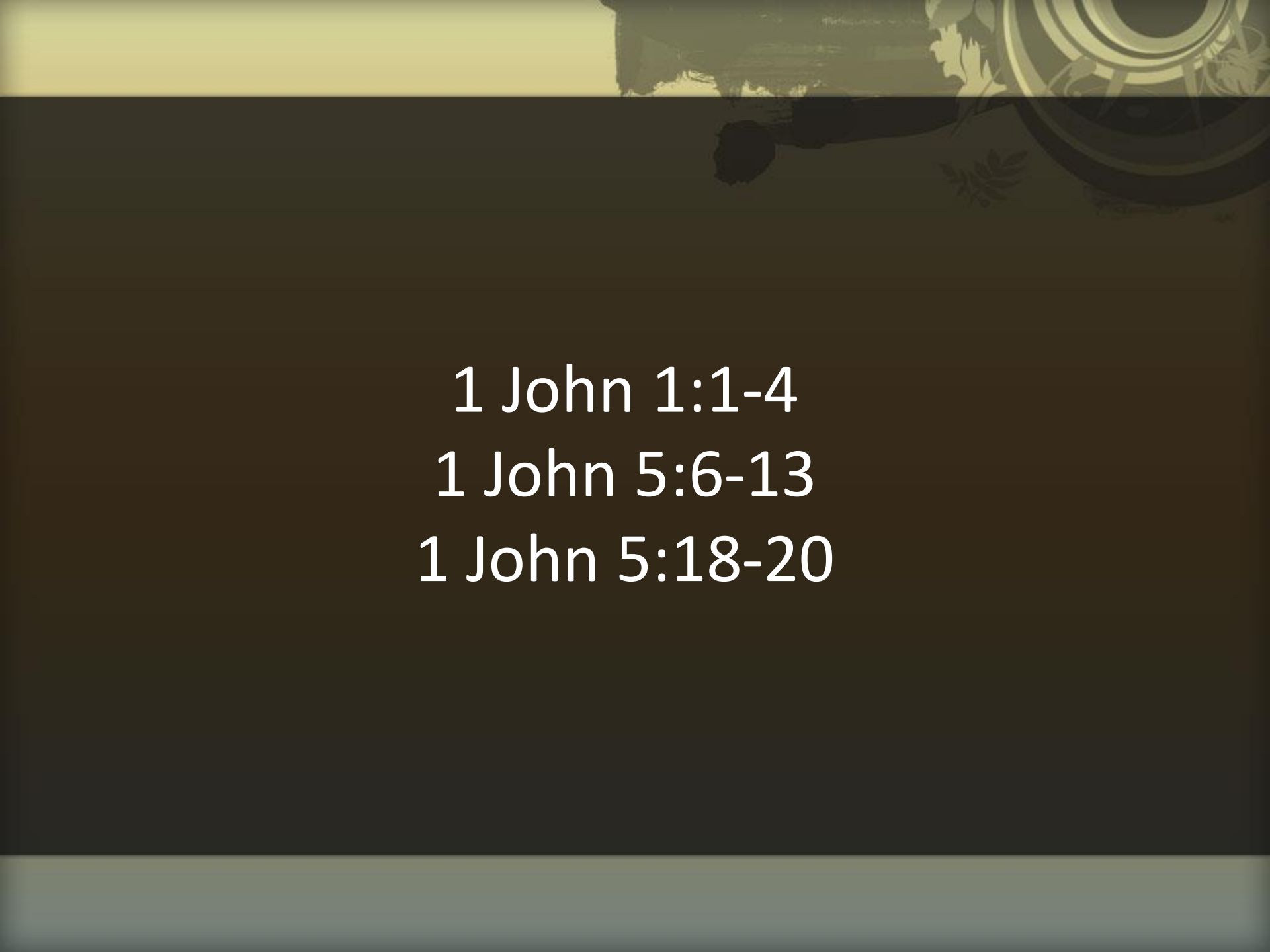


John clearly and categorically
identifies Jesus as the Creator
describing Him as the
Word of Life.



John said the acknowledgement of
Jesus as the Christ – as the Son of
God who came in the flesh – is a
saving knowledge.

Notice the following:



1 John 1:1-4
1 John 5:6-13
1 John 5:18-20

1 John 1:1

That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard, which we have
seen with our eyes, which we have
looked at and our hands have touched—
this we proclaim concerning the Word of
life.

1 John 1:2

The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, **which was with the Father and has appeared to us.**

1 John 1:3-4

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

1John 5:6

This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.



1 John 5:9

We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.

1 John 5:10

Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. **Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar**, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.



1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe
in the name of the Son of God so that
you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:16

If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that.



1 John 5:17-18

All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.



1 John 5:19

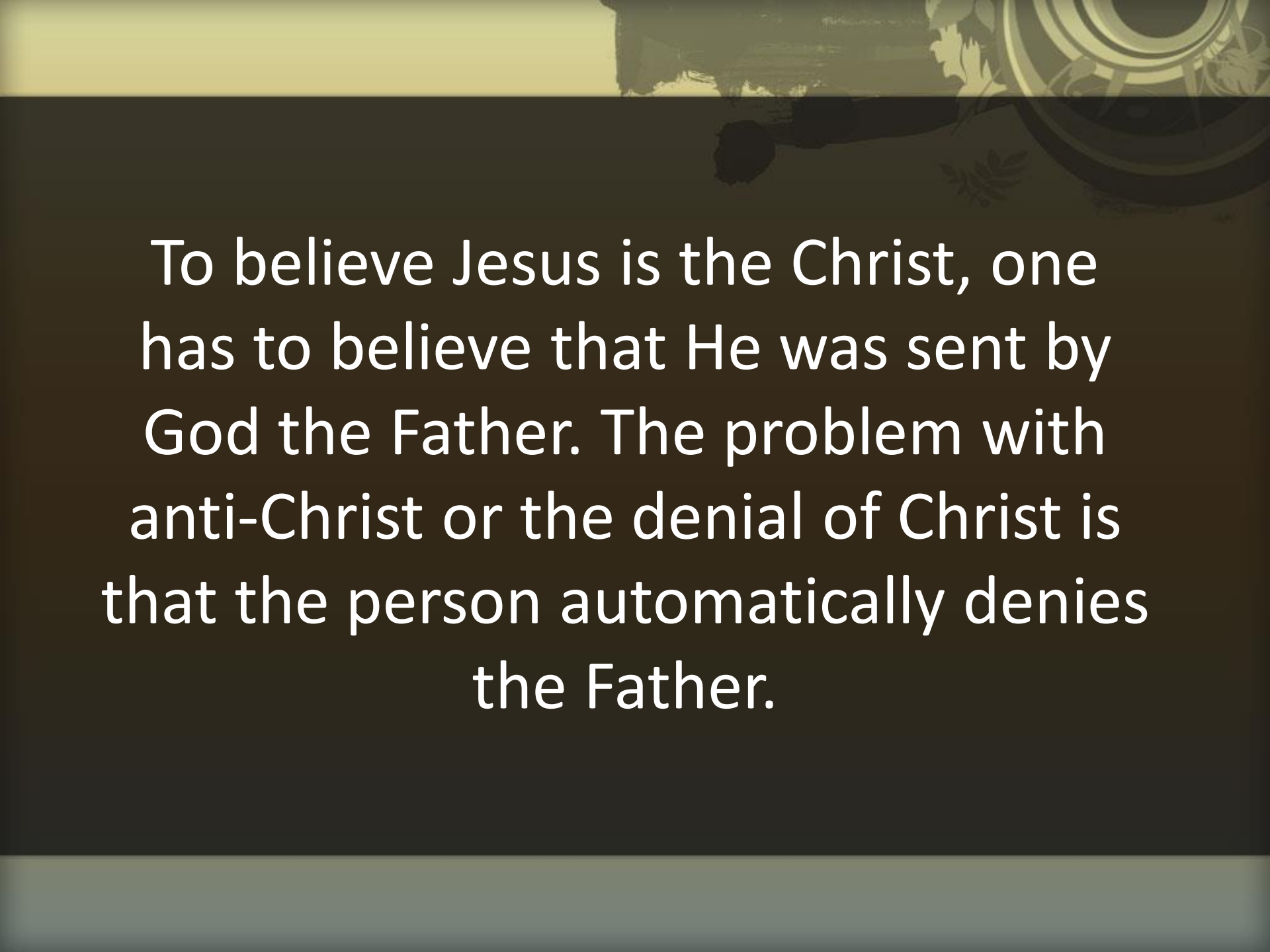
We know that we are children of God,
and that the whole world is under the
control of the evil one.

1 John 5:20

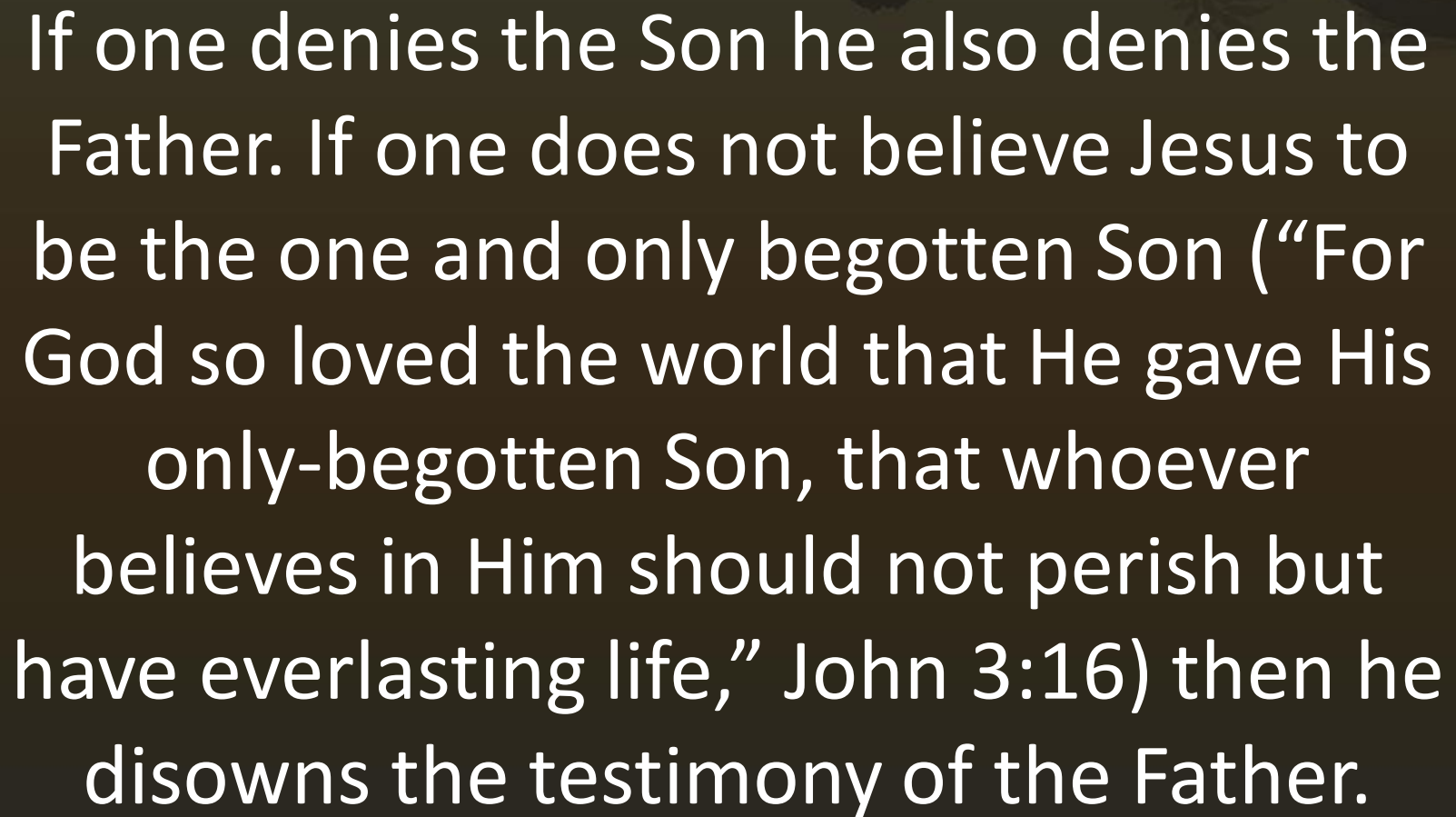
We know also that the **Son of God has come** and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Denying the Father

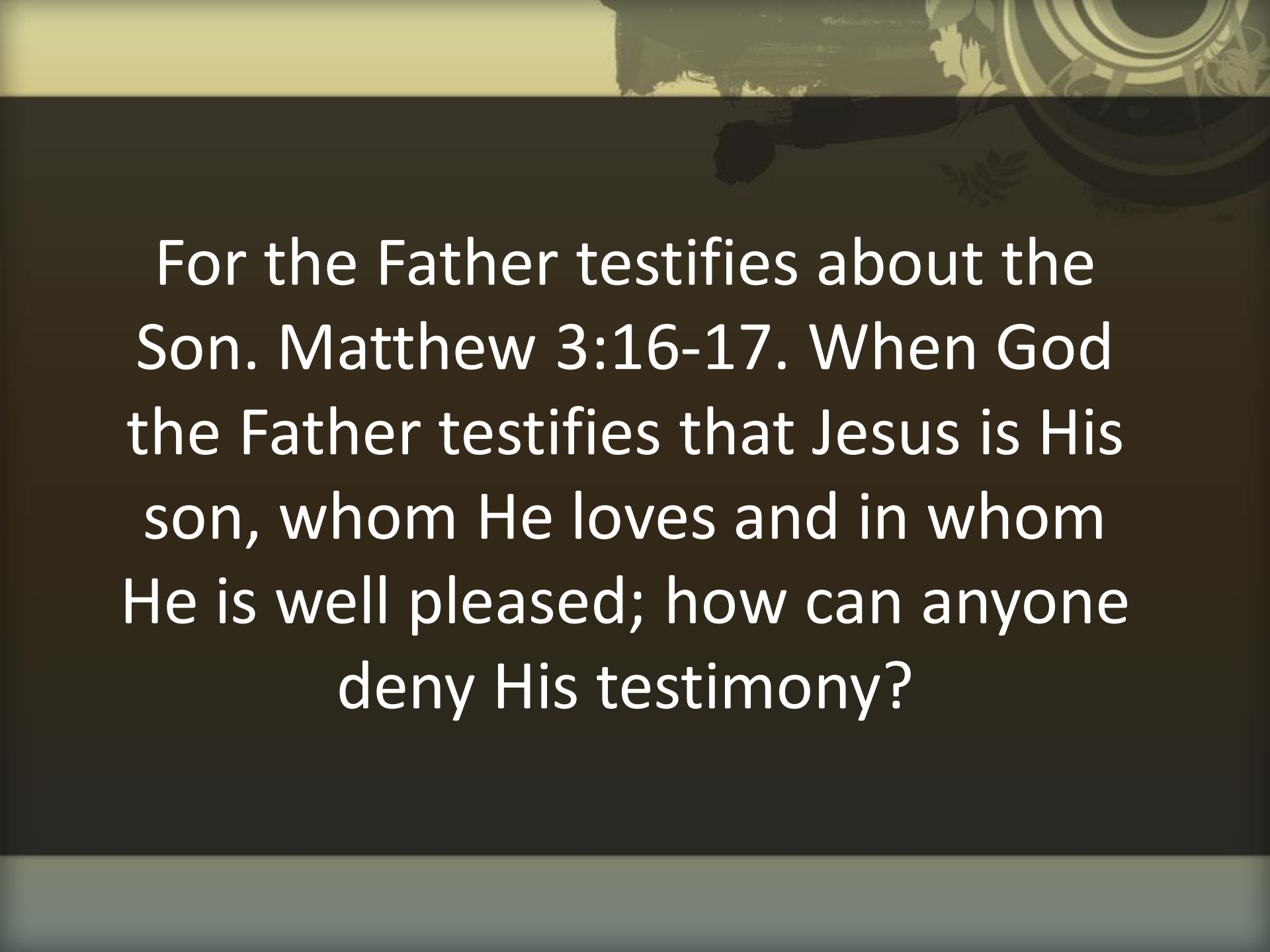
The true church believes Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of the Living God!
Anything other than this belief has
the spirit of the antichrist according
to Apostle John.



To believe Jesus is the Christ, one has to believe that He was sent by God the Father. The problem with anti-Christ or the denial of Christ is that the person automatically denies the Father.




If one denies the Son he also denies the Father. If one does not believe Jesus to be the one and only begotten Son (“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life,” John 3:16) then he disowns the testimony of the Father.



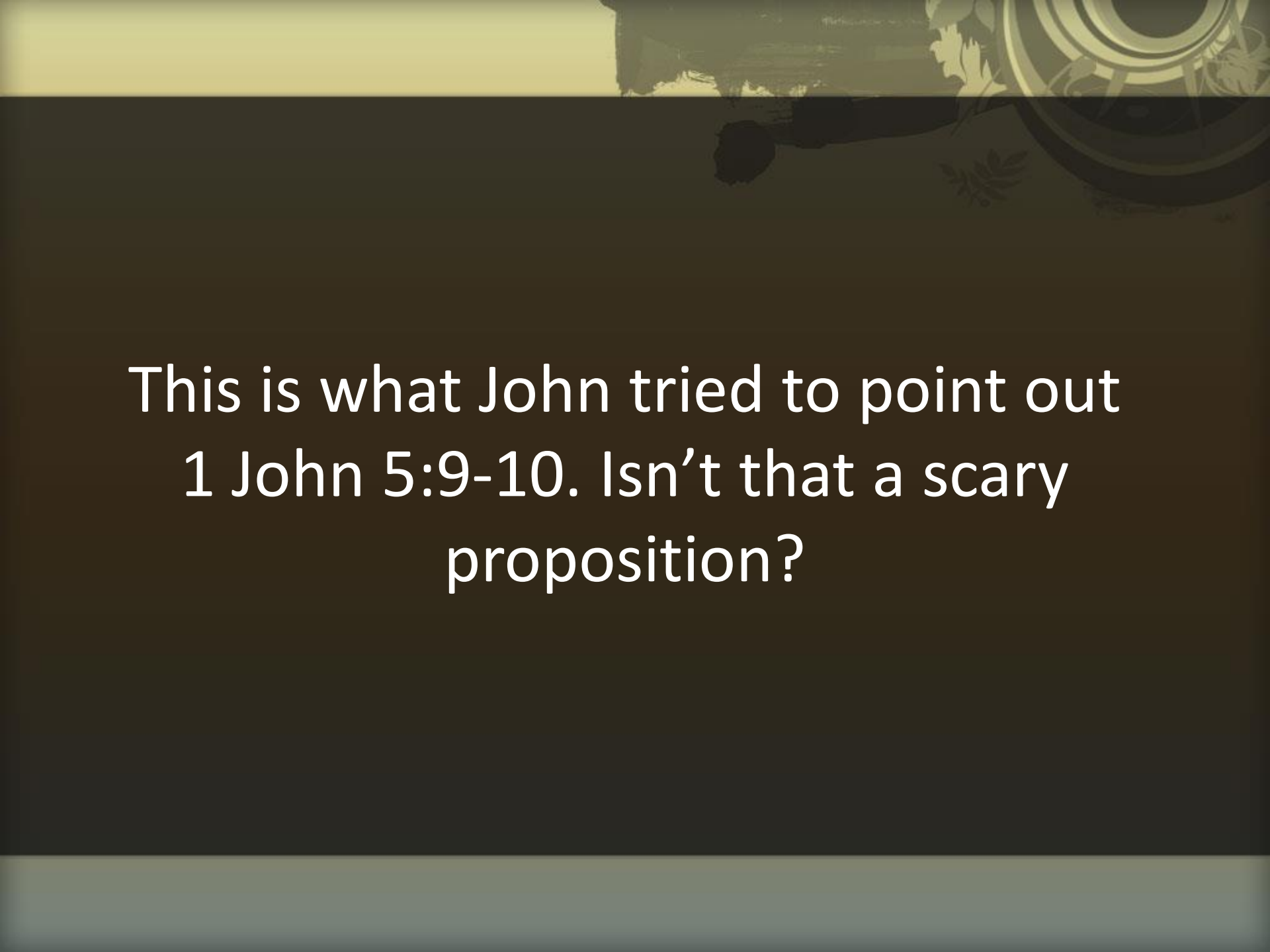
For the Father testifies about the Son. Matthew 3:16-17. When God the Father testifies that Jesus is His son, whom He loves and in whom He is well pleased; how can anyone deny His testimony?

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



When we refuse to acknowledge
Jesus as the Son of the Living God
are we not calling God the Father a
liar?



This is what John tried to point out
1 John 5:9-10. Isn't that a scary
proposition?

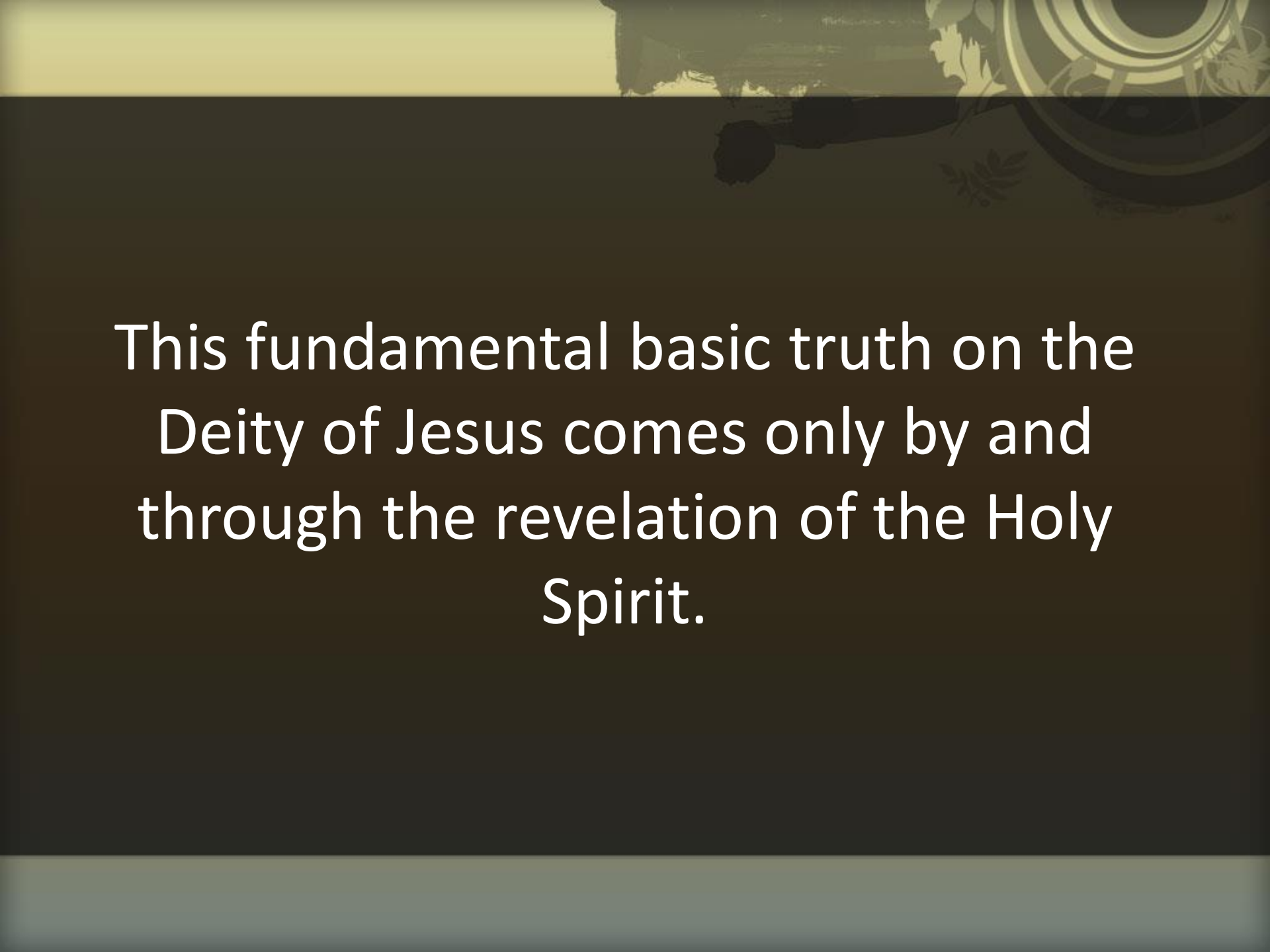


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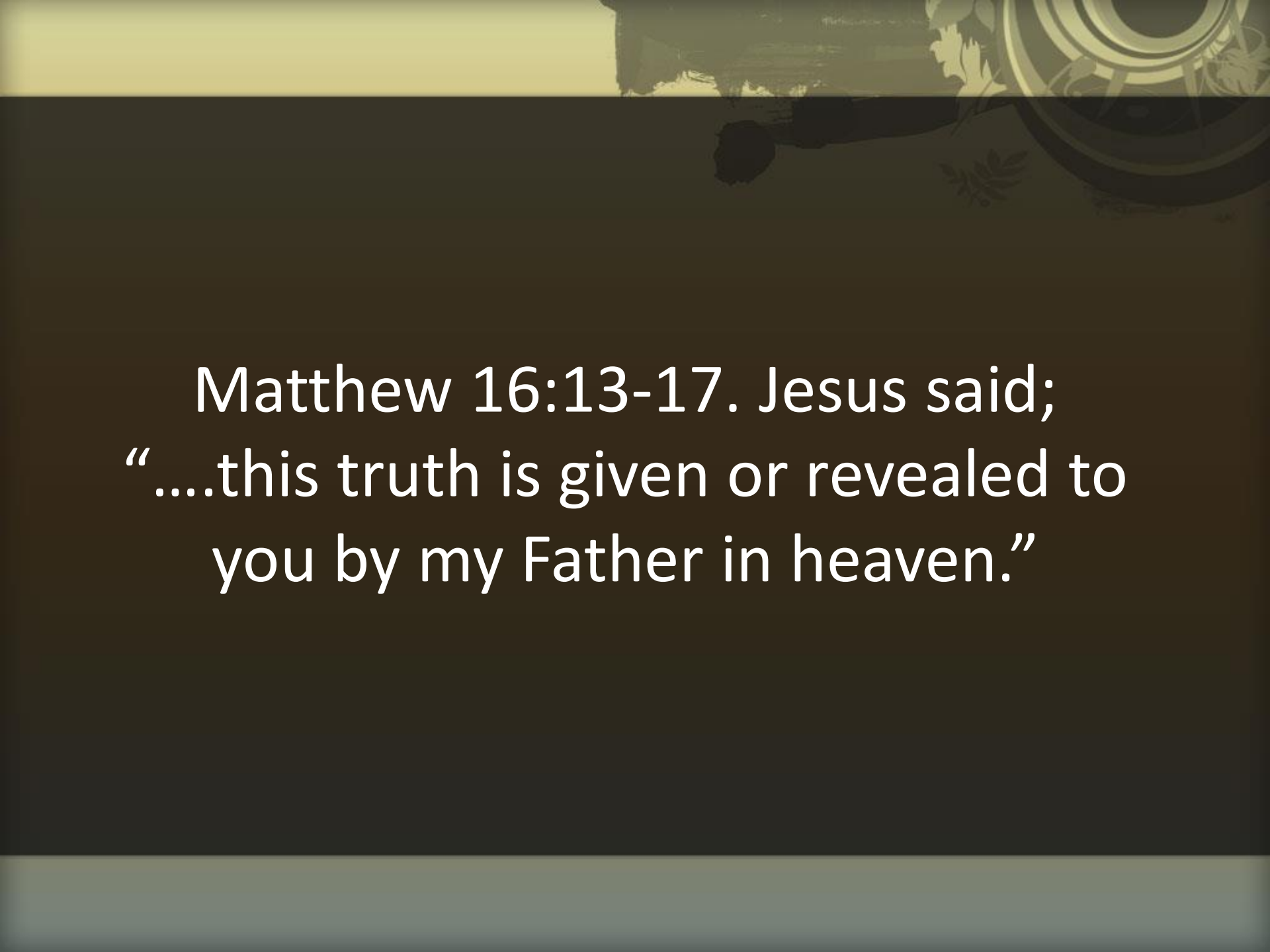
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This fundamental basic truth on the
Deity of Jesus comes only by and
through the revelation of the Holy
Spirit.



Matthew 16:13-17. Jesus said;
“...this truth is given or revealed to
you by my Father in heaven.”



Matthew 16:13

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say the
Son of Man is?"



Matthew 16:14

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."



Matthew 16:15-16

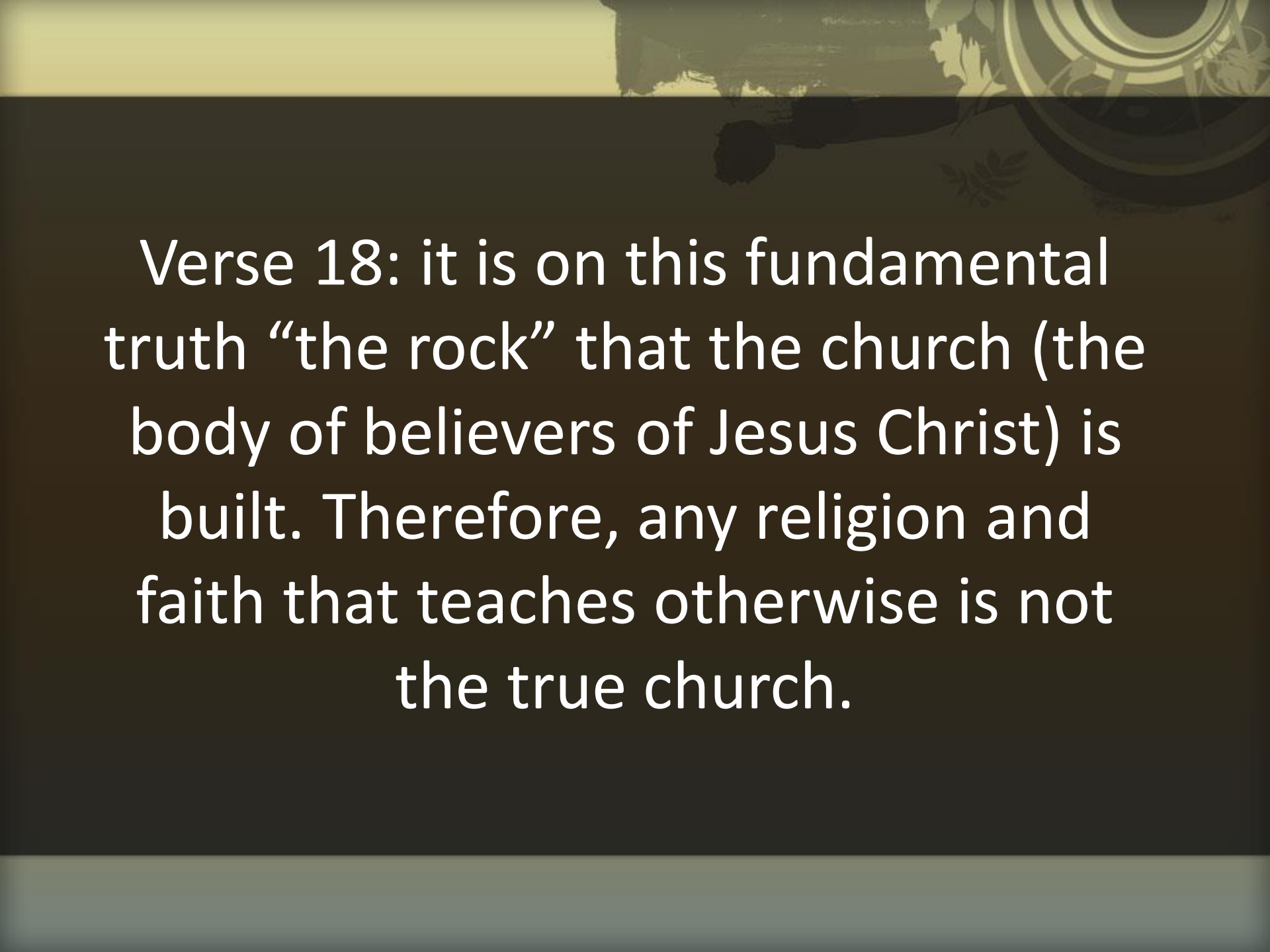
"But what about you?" he asked.

"Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

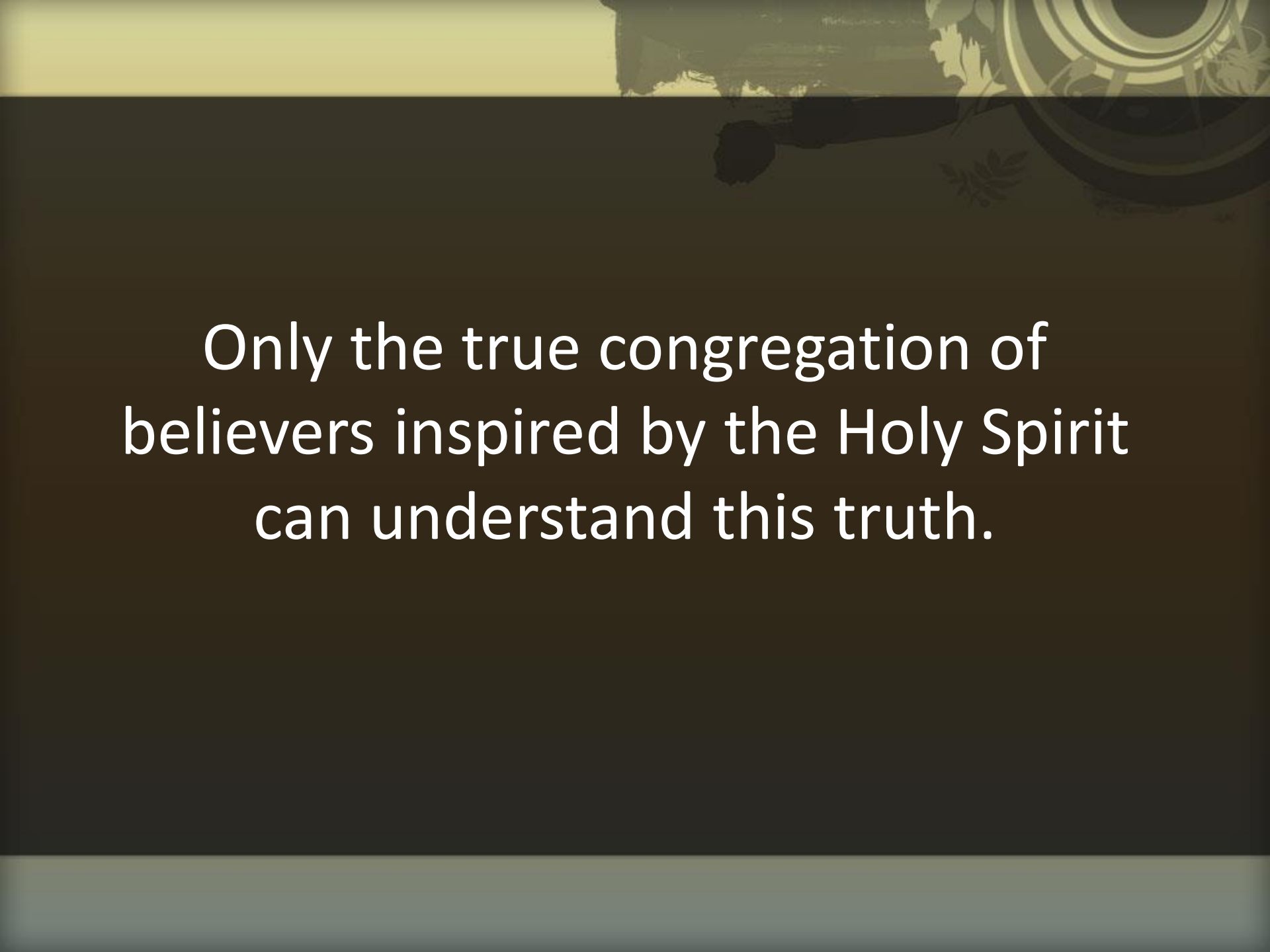


Matthew 16:17

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this **was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.**



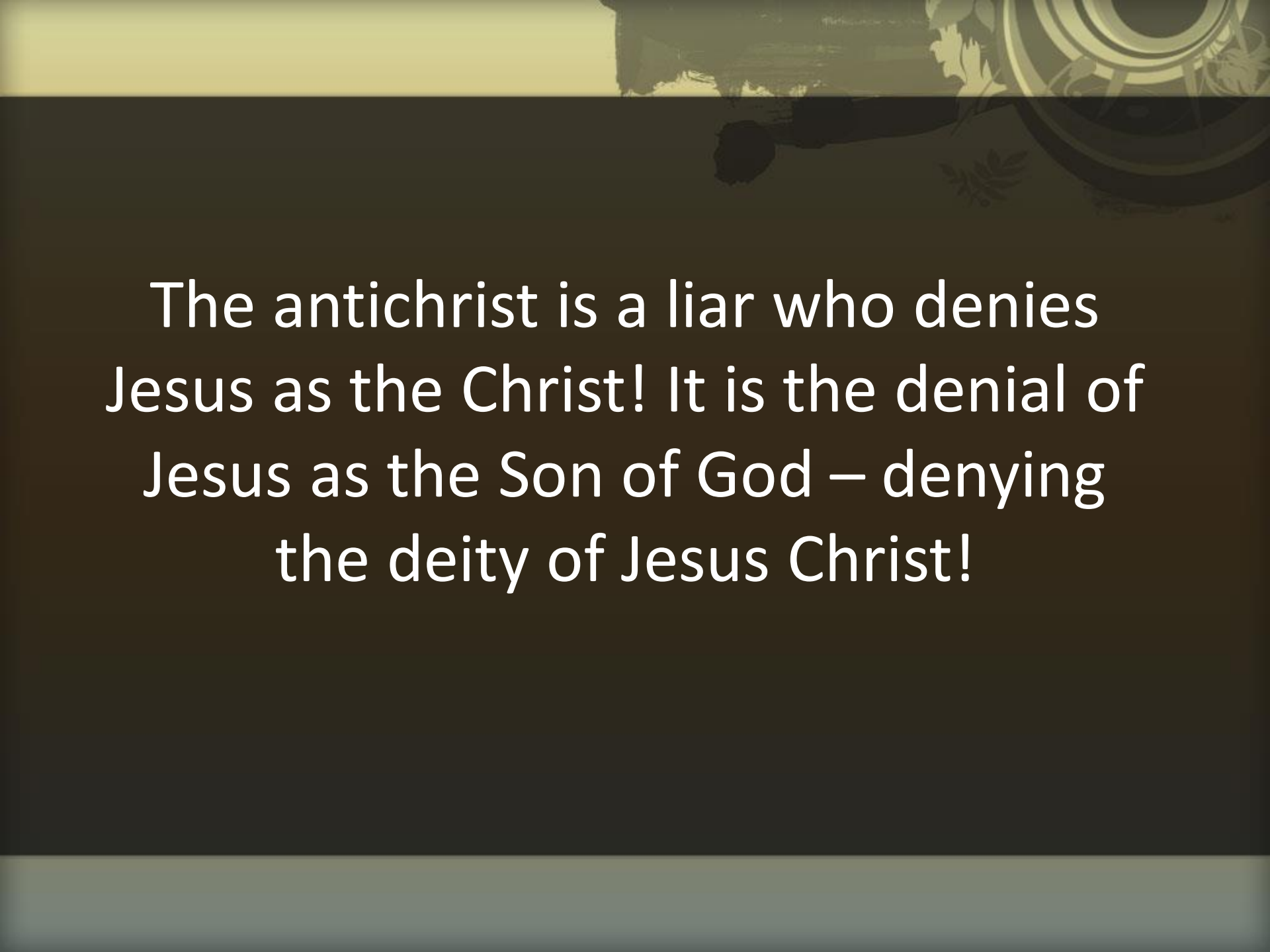
Verse 18: it is on this fundamental truth “the rock” that the church (the body of believers of Jesus Christ) is built. Therefore, any religion and faith that teaches otherwise is not the true church.



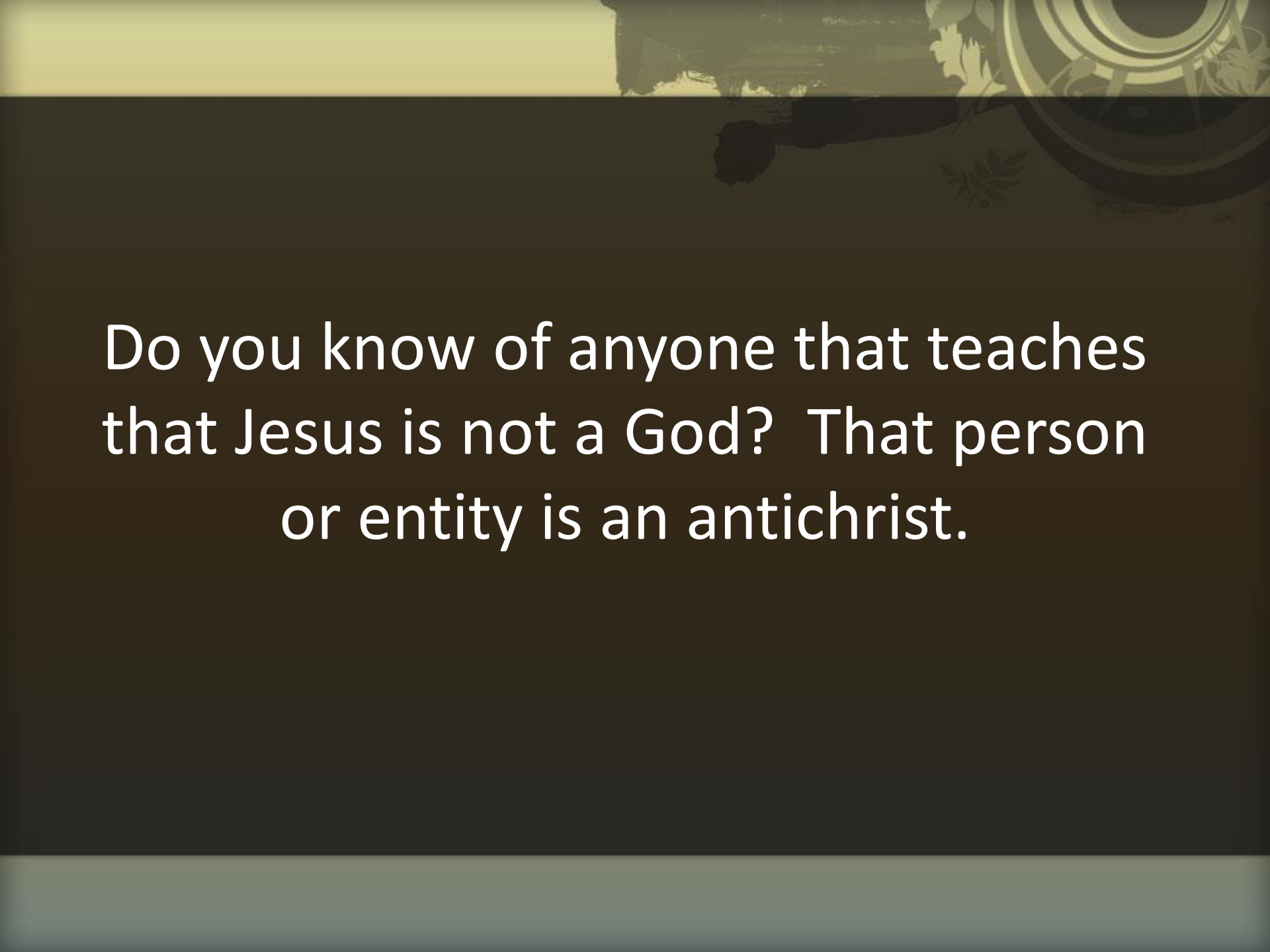
Only the true congregation of
believers inspired by the Holy Spirit
can understand this truth.



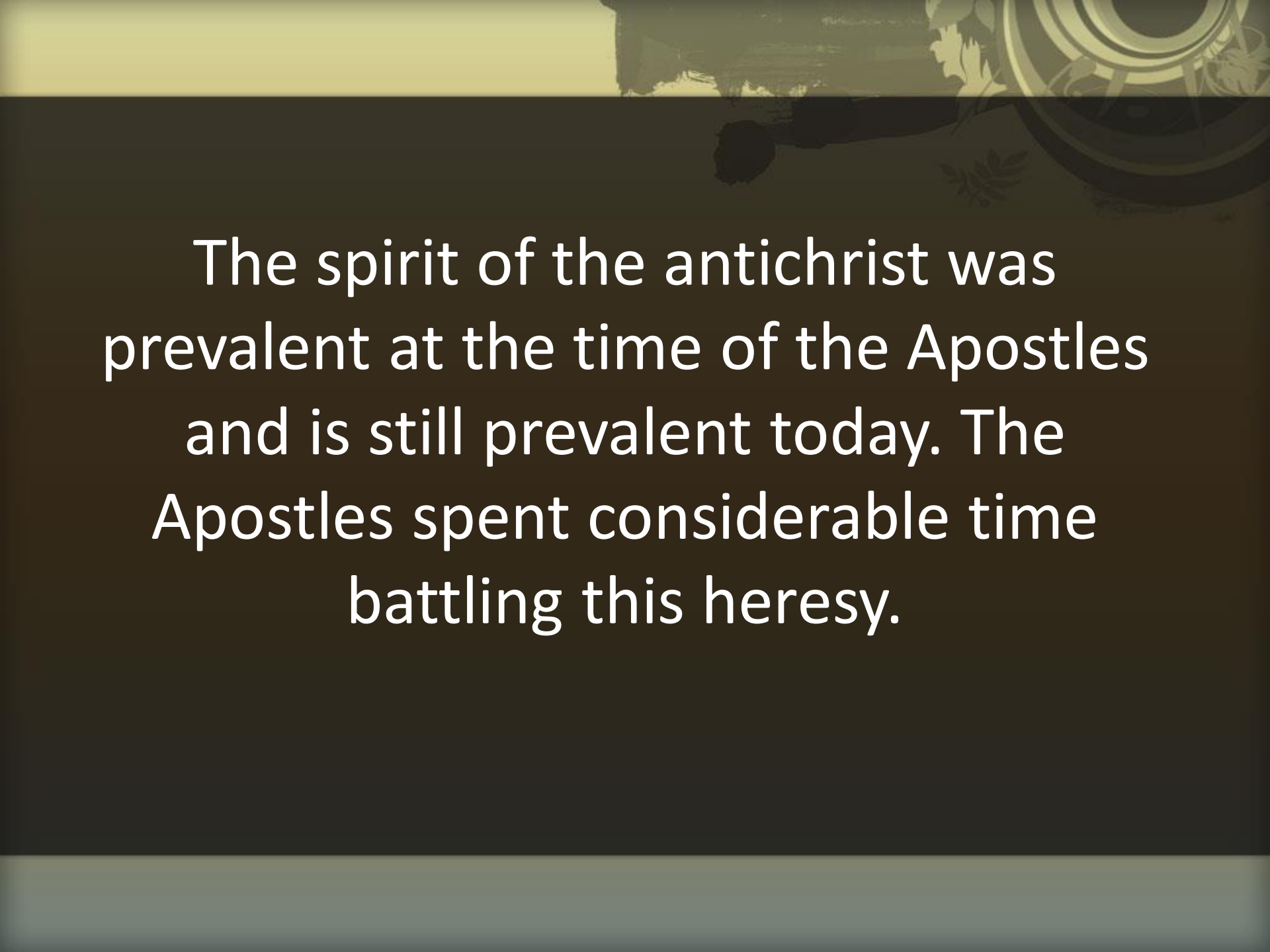
So, who is an antichrist?




The antichrist is a liar who denies
Jesus as the Christ! It is the denial of
Jesus as the Son of God – denying
the deity of Jesus Christ!



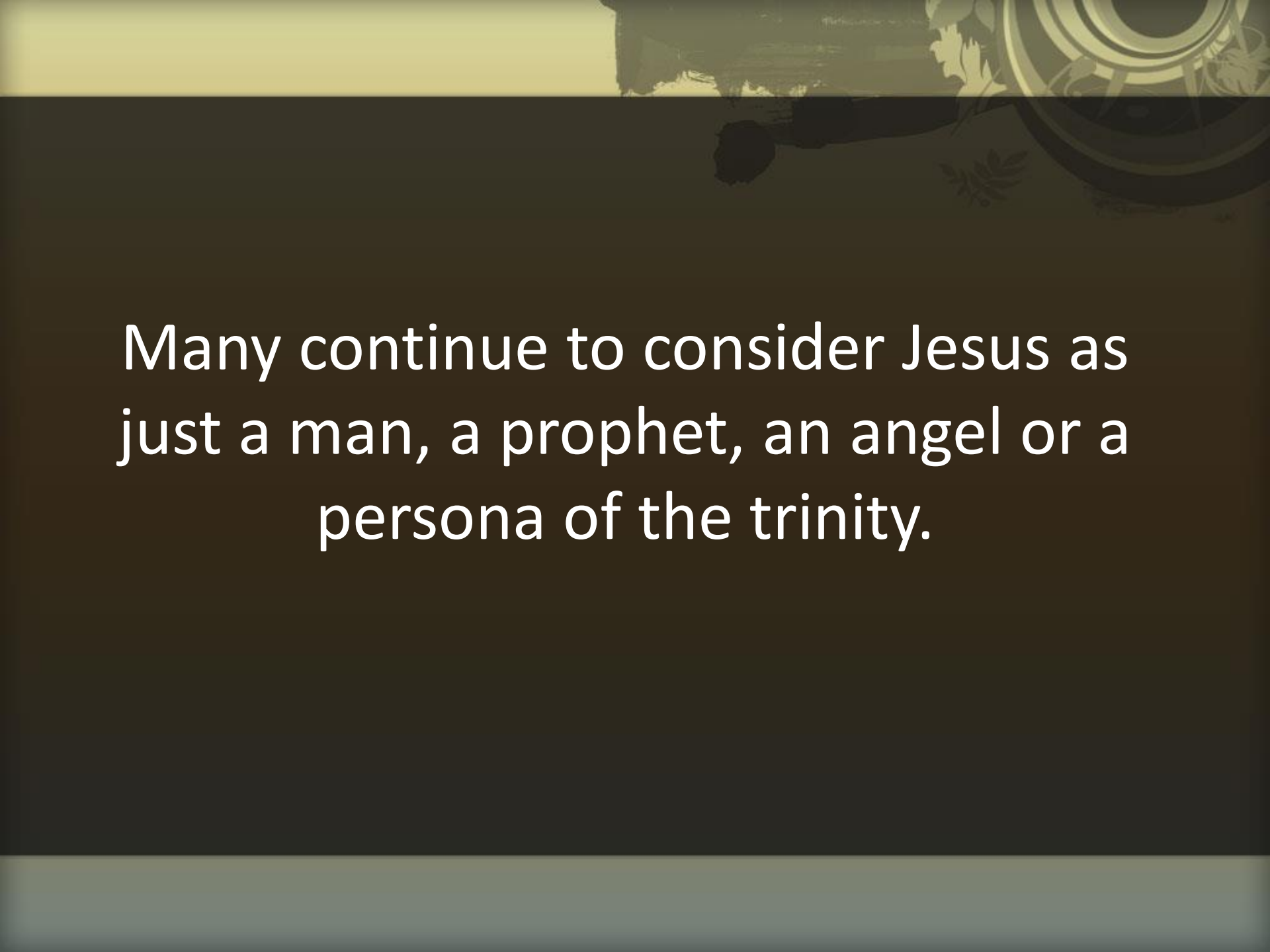
Do you know of anyone that teaches that Jesus is not a God? That person or entity is an antichrist.



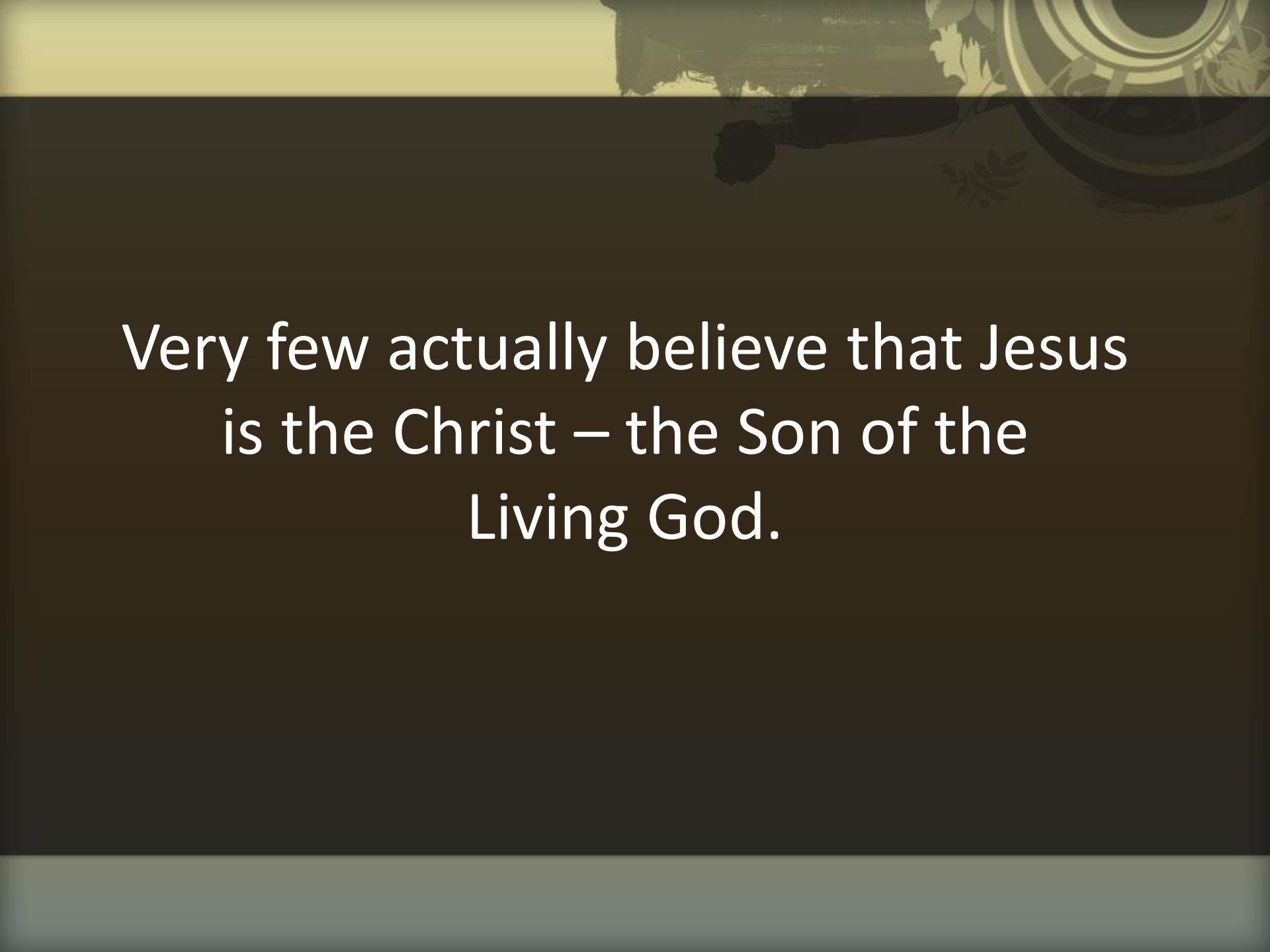
The spirit of the antichrist was prevalent at the time of the Apostles and is still prevalent today. The Apostles spent considerable time battling this heresy.



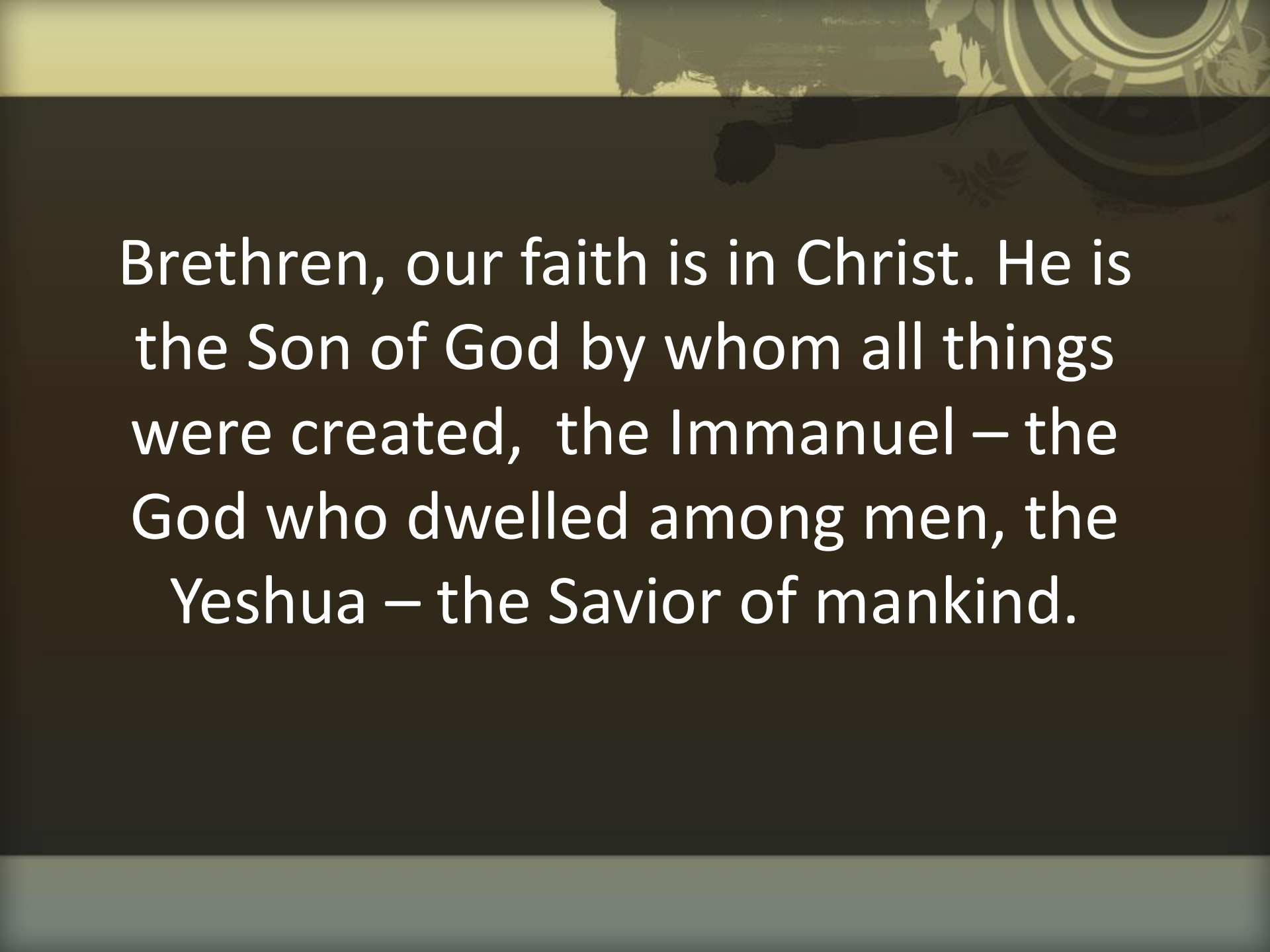
Even today, the vast majority
continues to reject the Deity of
Christ




Many continue to consider Jesus as just a man, a prophet, an angel or a persona of the trinity.



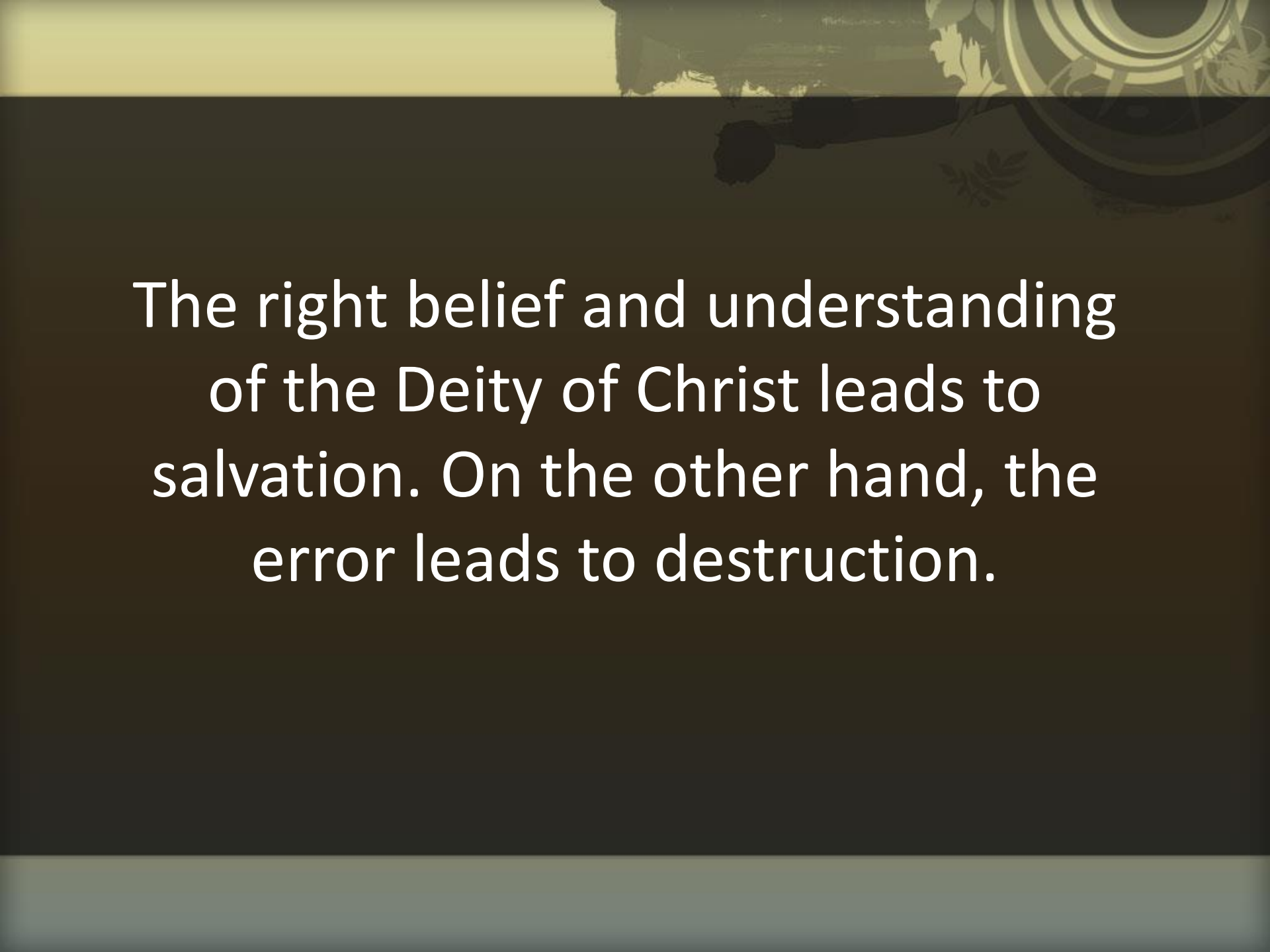
Very few actually believe that Jesus
is the Christ – the Son of the
Living God.



Brethren, our faith is in Christ. He is the Son of God by whom all things were created, the Immanuel – the God who dwelled among men, the Yeshua – the Savior of mankind.



Our hope is in God the Father who
sent His Son into the world to save
the world.



The right belief and understanding
of the Deity of Christ leads to
salvation. On the other hand, the
error leads to destruction.

2 John 7-8

I say this because many deceivers, **who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh**, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

8 Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.

2 John 9-11

9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and **does not bring this teaching,** do not take them into your house or welcome them. 11 Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.



Finally, John 20:26-30.

John 20:26-30

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."



John 20:26-30

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:26-30

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that **you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

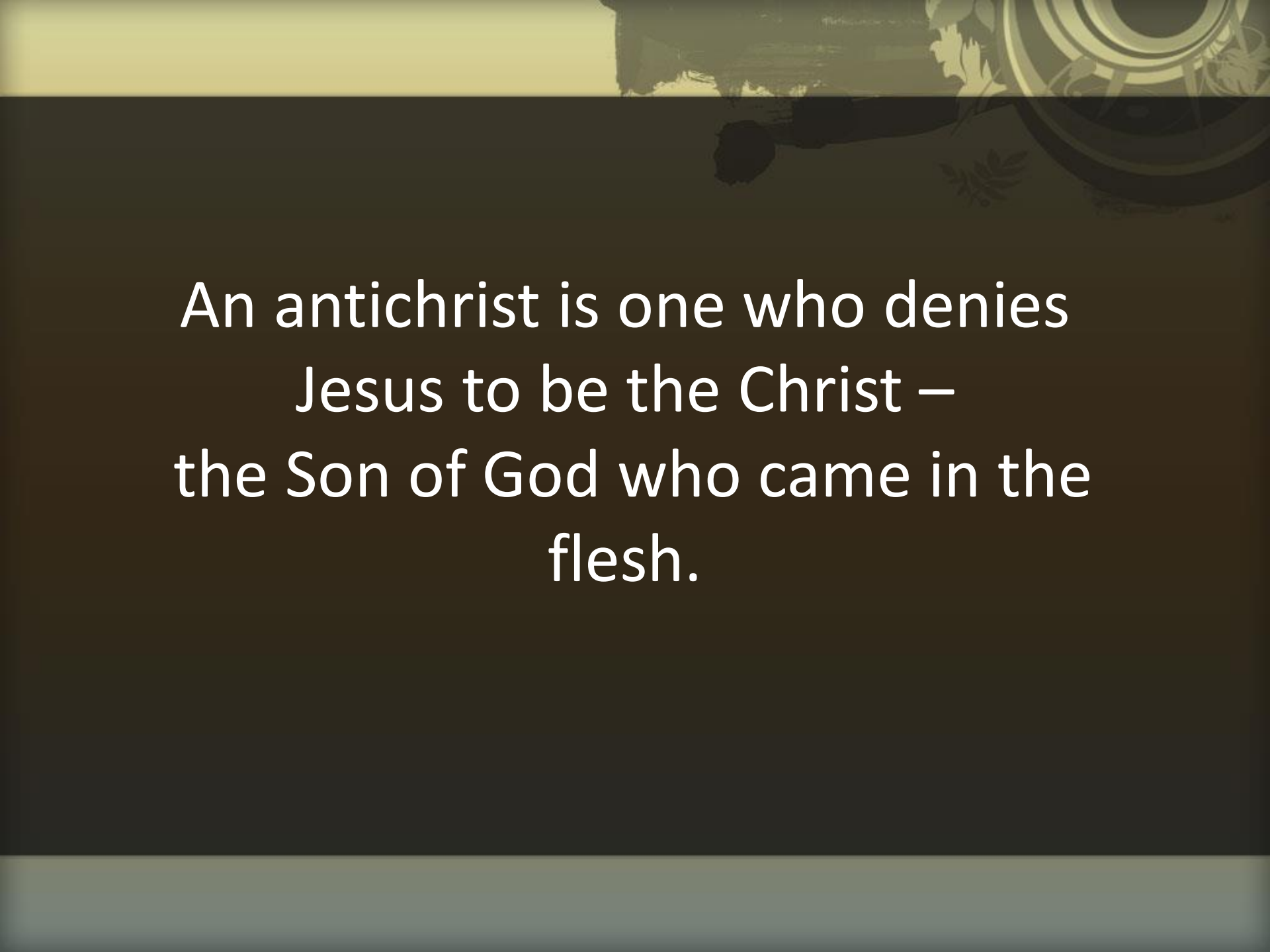


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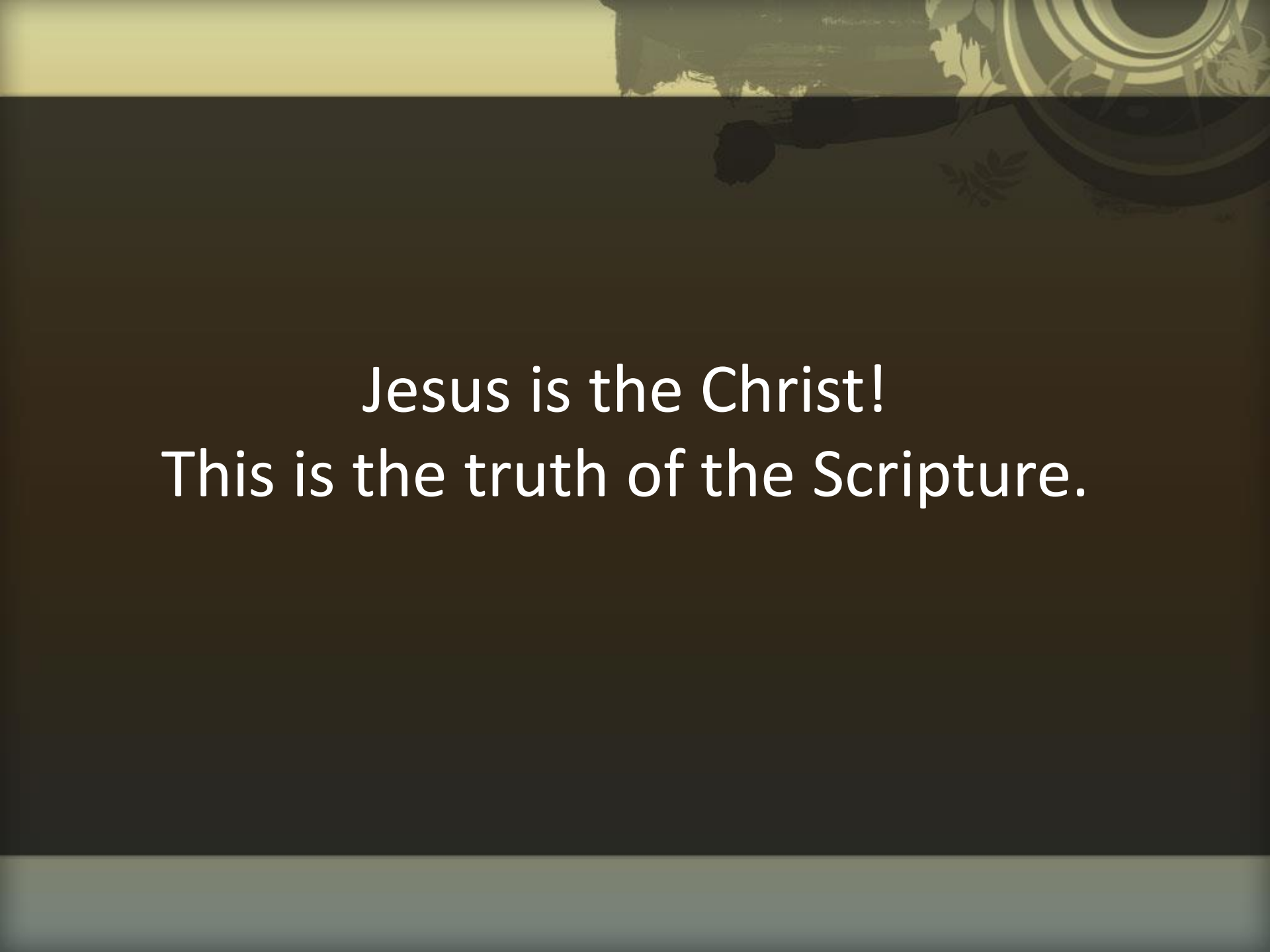
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the Son of God who came in the
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Jesus is the Christ!
This is the truth of the Scripture.