A Greater Than

Matthew 12:38-43

JONAH

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Heart Problems of God's People

Their Heart Was Not Like God’s Heart

1st Problem

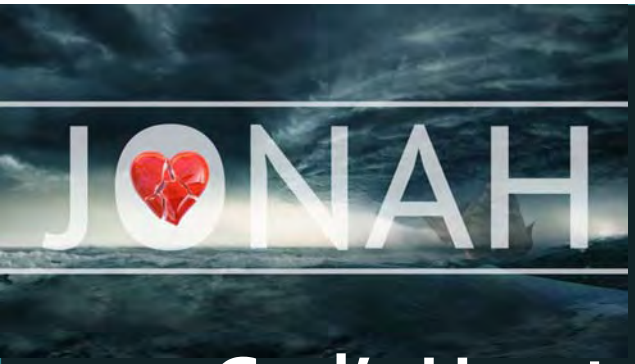
"I WILL NOT"

Chapters 1 & 2

2nd Problem

"I Do Not Like What You Do"

Chapters 3 & 4



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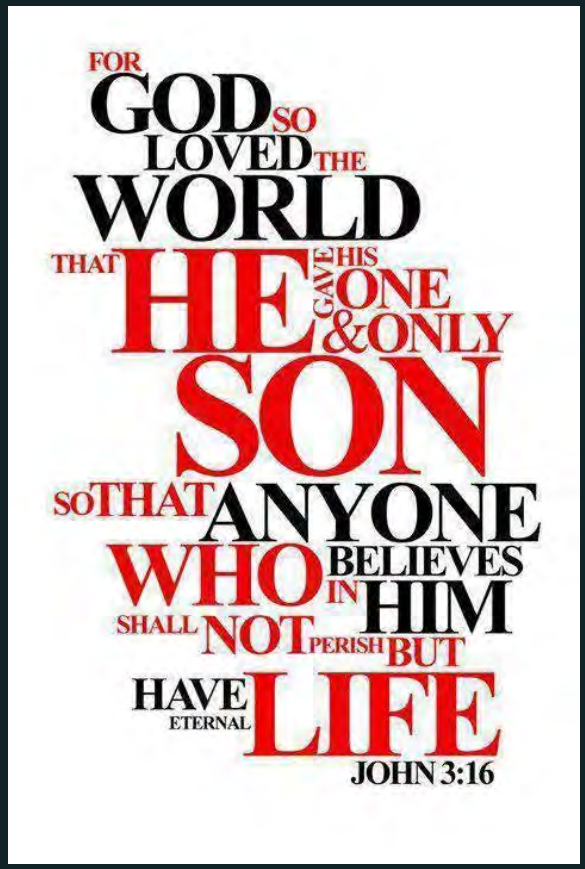

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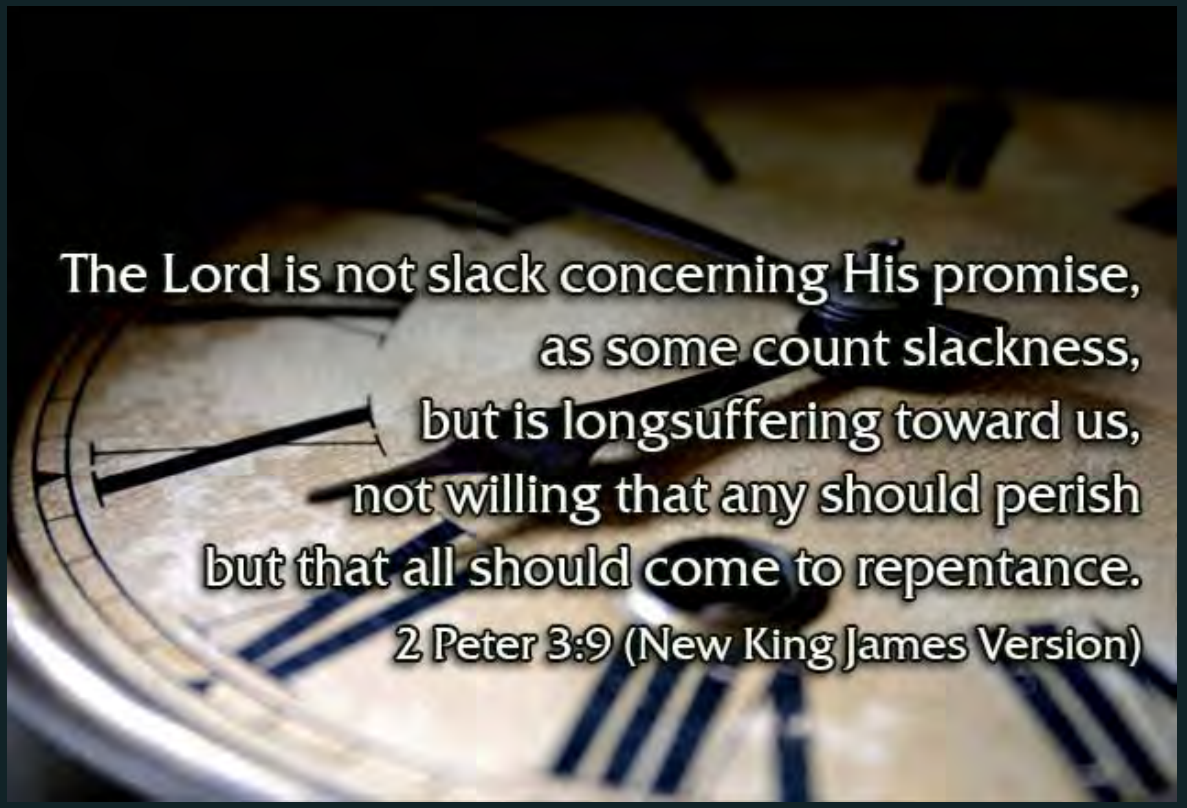

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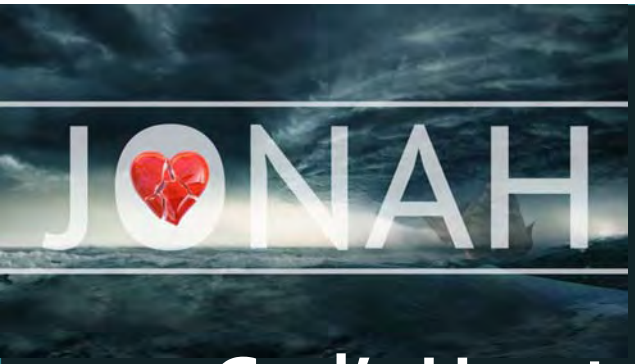

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God's Heart

- Great love for all peoples
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Jonah's Heart

- Major predigests
- Wanted to see enemies destroyed
- Did not like God showing mercy

The Next Chapter

JONAH

Matthew 12:38-43

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Greater than
1 Institution
2 Great People

Confrontation with Pharisees

Matthew 12

1. Condemnation of Sabbath activities

Matthew 12:1-8

"Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

Jesus Response

Matthew 12:6, 8

One Greater than the Temple is here

For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

For us today

Matthew 12:8

All the rituals, sacrifices, elements, priesthood, pointed to Jesus and were fulfilled in His life.

For us today

Matthew 12:8

Therefore <u>relationship</u> with the Lord

is more important than religious activity

Pharisees test Jesus

Matthew 12:9-14

Testing to see if heals man with withered hand

on the Sabbath

Confrontation with Pharisees

Matthew 12

1. Condemnation of Sabbath activities

2. Seek a sign to confirm His teachings

Matthew 12:38-42

"Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

Greater Than Solomon

Matthew 12:42

The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;
and indeed **a greater than Solomon *is* here**.

Greater Than Jonah

Matthew 12:39-40

…no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Greater Than Jonah

Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed **a greater than Jonah *is* here**.

A Greater Than

How is Jesus greater than Jonah?

Contrast between Jesus and Jonah - 1

Jonah

Rebelled

Jesus

Main Purpose:

To do the will of the Father.

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. John 6:38

Contrast between Jesus and Jonah - 2

Jonah

No compassion for the lost

Jesus

Compassion for all mankind

And in His name Gentiles will trust.

Matthew 12:21

Contrast between Jesus and Jonah - 3

Jonah	Jesus
Message of doom	*Message of life*

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life.

John 6:40

Contrast between Jesus and Jonah - 3

Jonah

For Nineveh only in that day

Jesus

For the whole world for all of human history

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

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:17-18

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

John 3:19-20

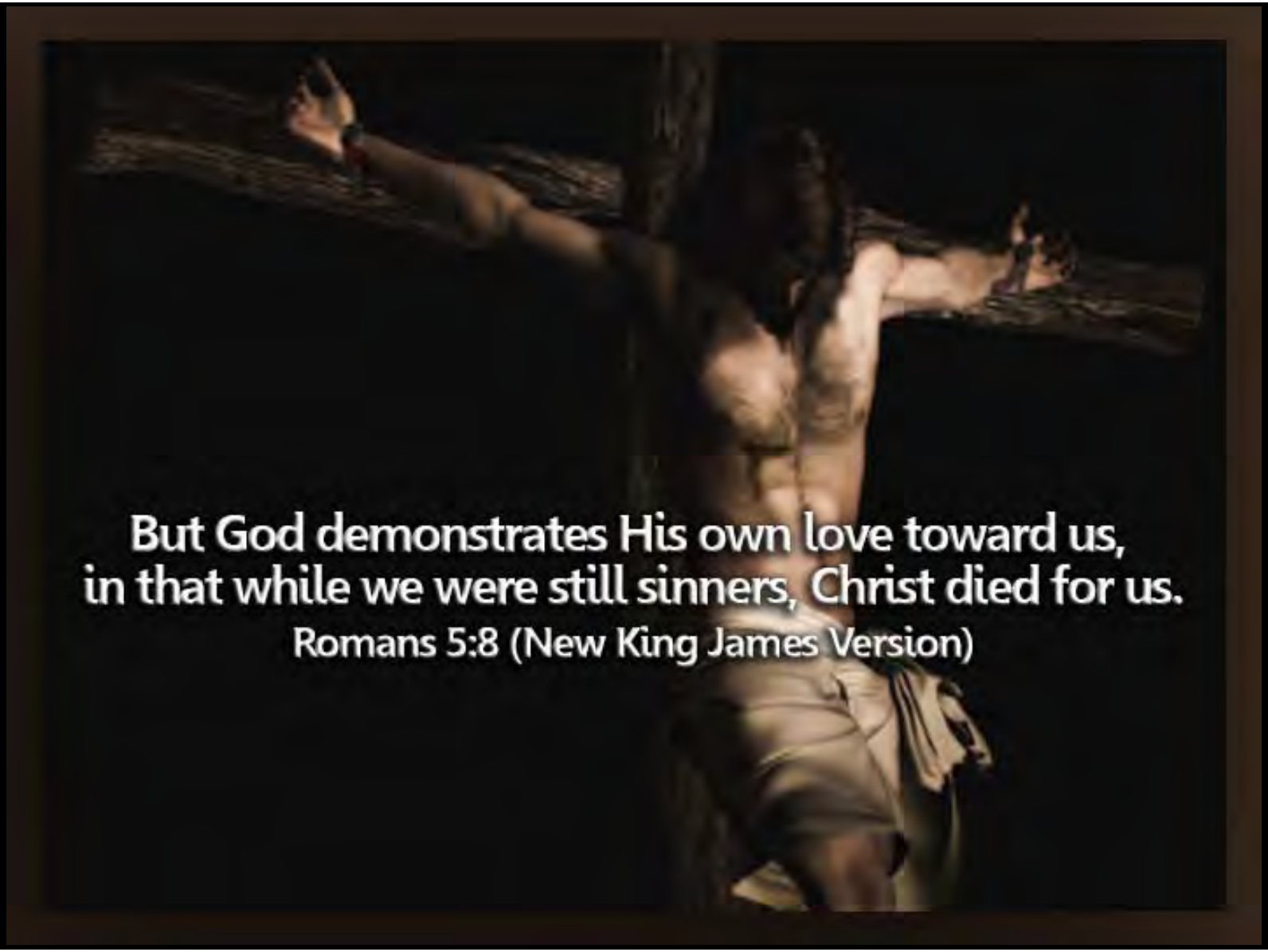
Contrast between Jesus and Jonah - 4

Jonah

Pouted over lack of judgment

Jesus

Took the penalty of judgment upon Himself


But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8 (New King James Version)

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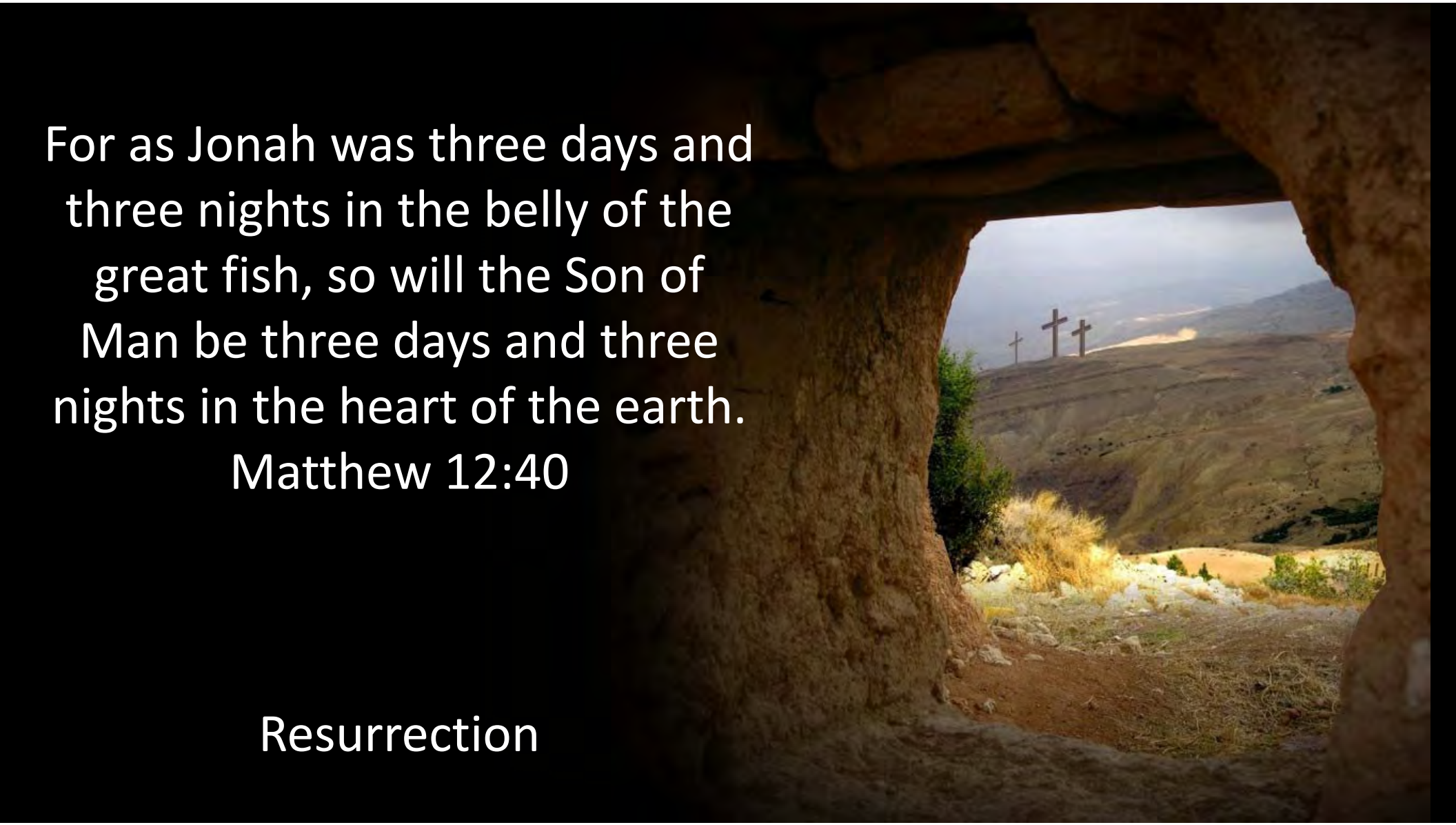
Matthew 12:40

Resurrection



Jonah was God's message to Nineveh

Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

Jonah 3:4

The Resurrected Jesus is God's message to us today

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

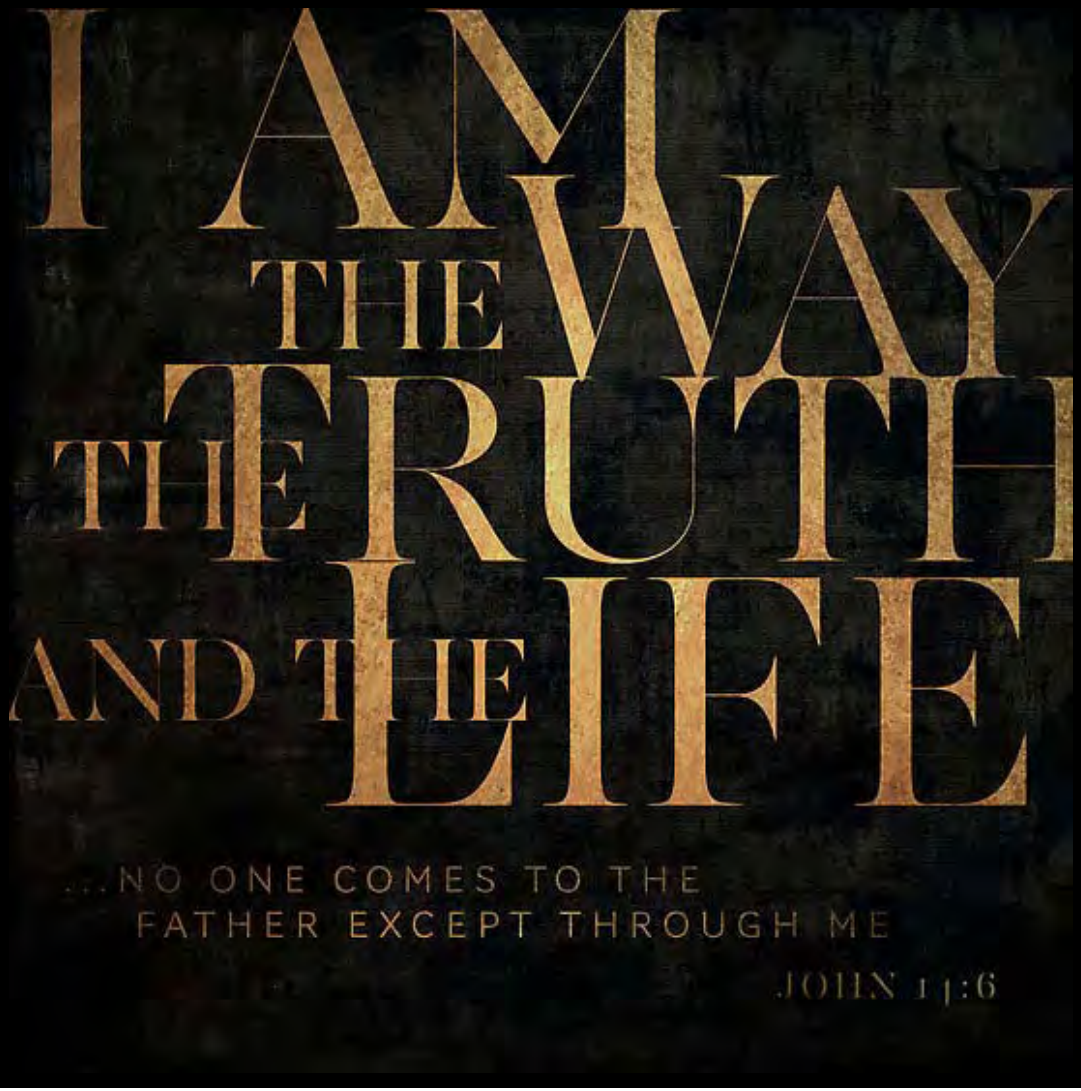
What is your reaction when confronted with Jesus?

Rejection and Hostility

As the Pharisees

Humble acceptance of God's truth and warning

Your Choice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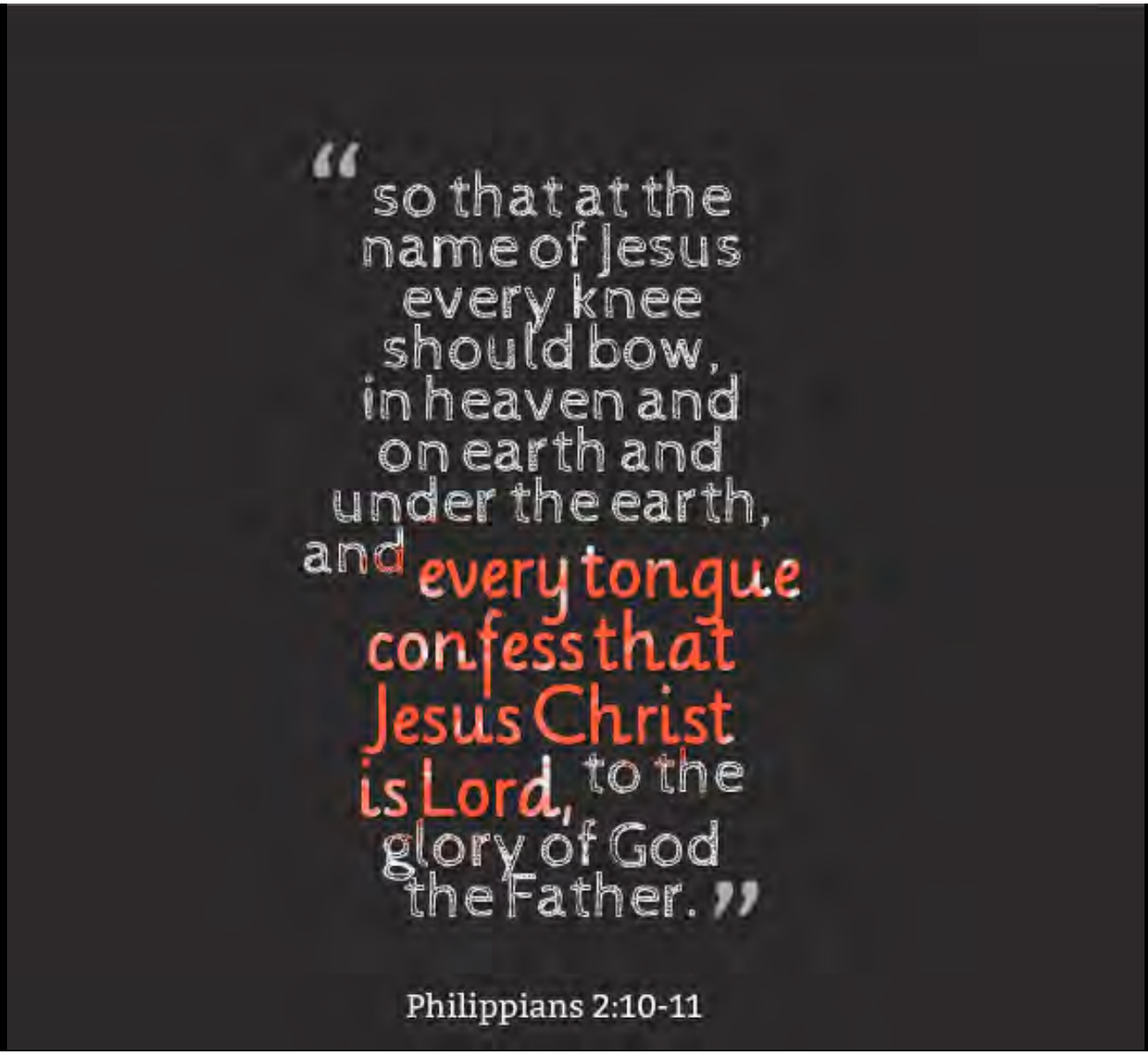
JOHN 14:6


“so 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.”
Philippians 2:10-11

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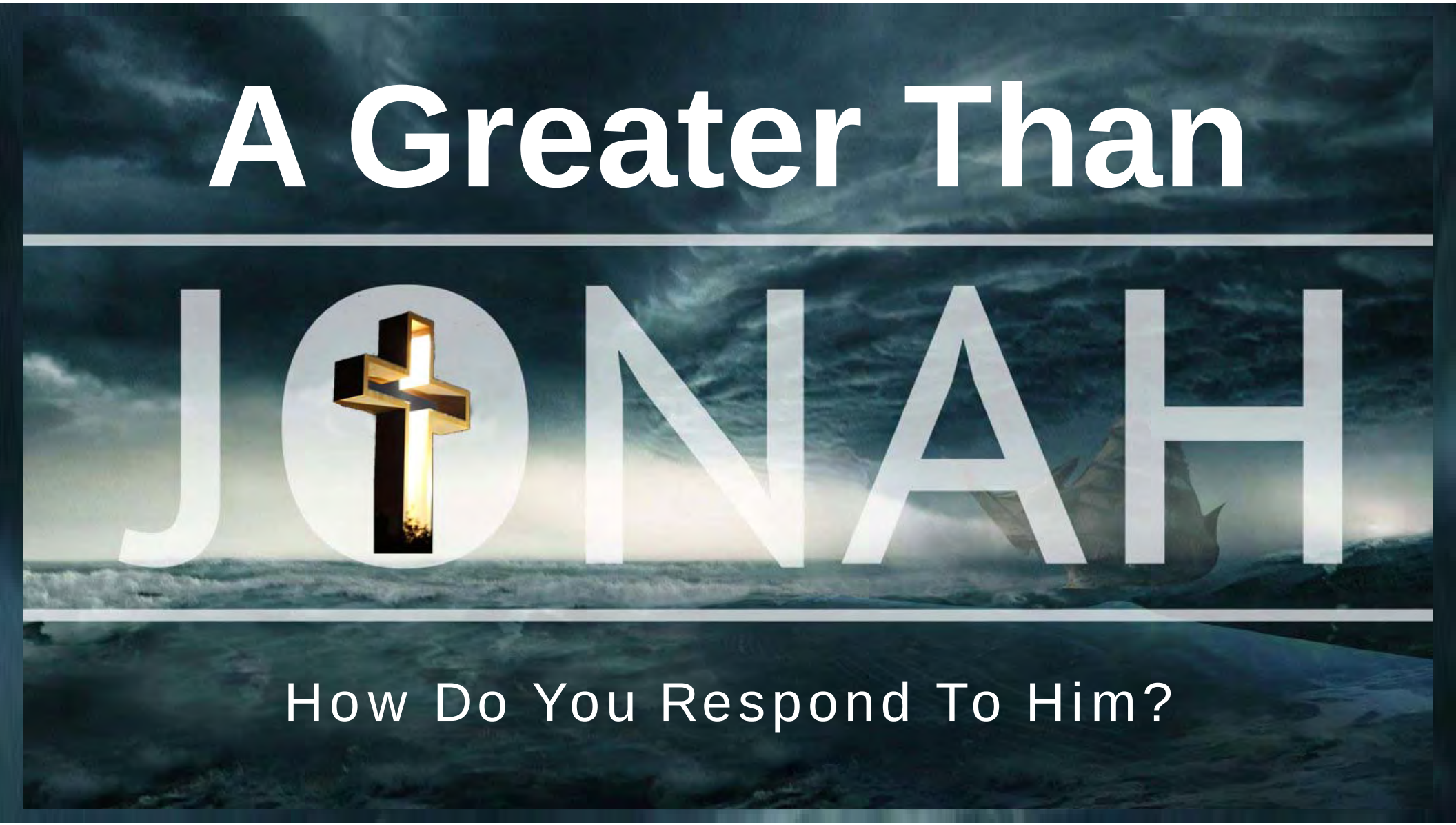

How Do You Respond To Him?