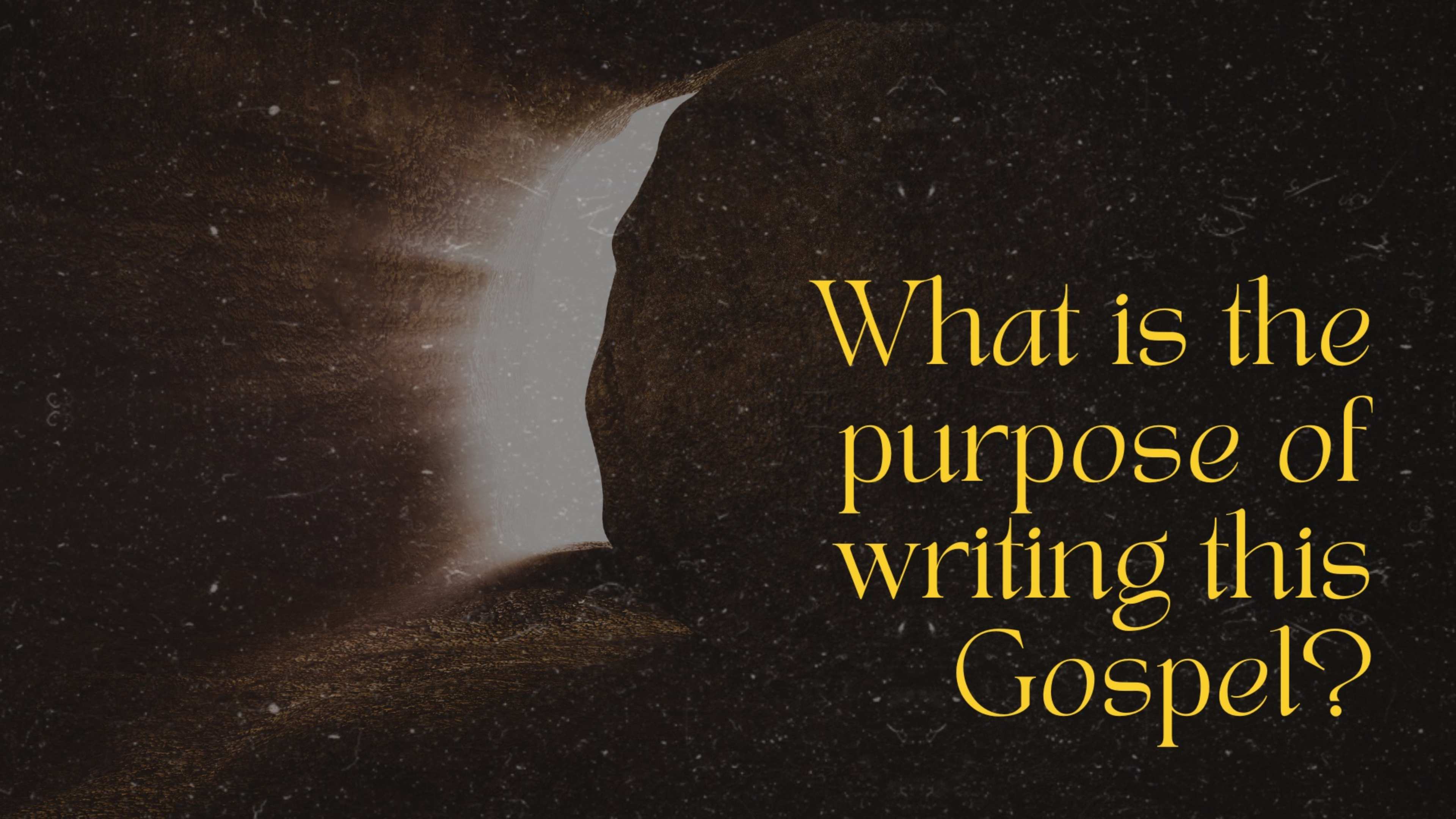




# That You May Believe

John 20:30-31

The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric, with a bright, glowing light source on the left. The light creates a strong silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, facing right. The overall mood is dramatic and contemplative.

What is the  
purpose of  
writing this  
Gospel?

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John 20:30

*What he wrote  
is true.*

# WORD

Sign: σημεῖον (sēmeion)

- a distinguishing mark whereby something is known
- a miracle

# DEFINITION



# JOHN 2:11

<sup>11</sup> This, the **first of his signs**, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

## JOHN 4:46-54

<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see **signs** and wonders you will not believe.” <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering.



## JOHN 4:46-54

<sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the **second sign** that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.



## JOHN 12:36-37

<sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”  
When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>  
Though he had done so **many signs** before them, they still did not believe in him,

# THE BIBLE IS

“The **complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority** by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.”

-From the EFCA Statement of Faith, Article 2

# MEANING

1. The Gospel accounts are true, accurate accounts of what happened.
2. It is right for us to think about why they include what they include, and why they leave out what they leave out.

# APPLICATION

1. We should consider how the Gospel accounts are written.

2. What is included is sufficient for what we need for salvation.

The purpose of this book  
was for those who read  
it to respond with belief.

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<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 20:28–29

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Do you believe?

# LIFE IN HIS NAME

- He's just been raised from the dead (John 20:1-18)
- He had raised Lazarus (John 12:1)
- Before that he said to Martha, *"I am the resurrection and the **life**. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he **live**, and everyone who **lives** and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11:25-26)

## JOHN 3:16-21

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal **life**. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.



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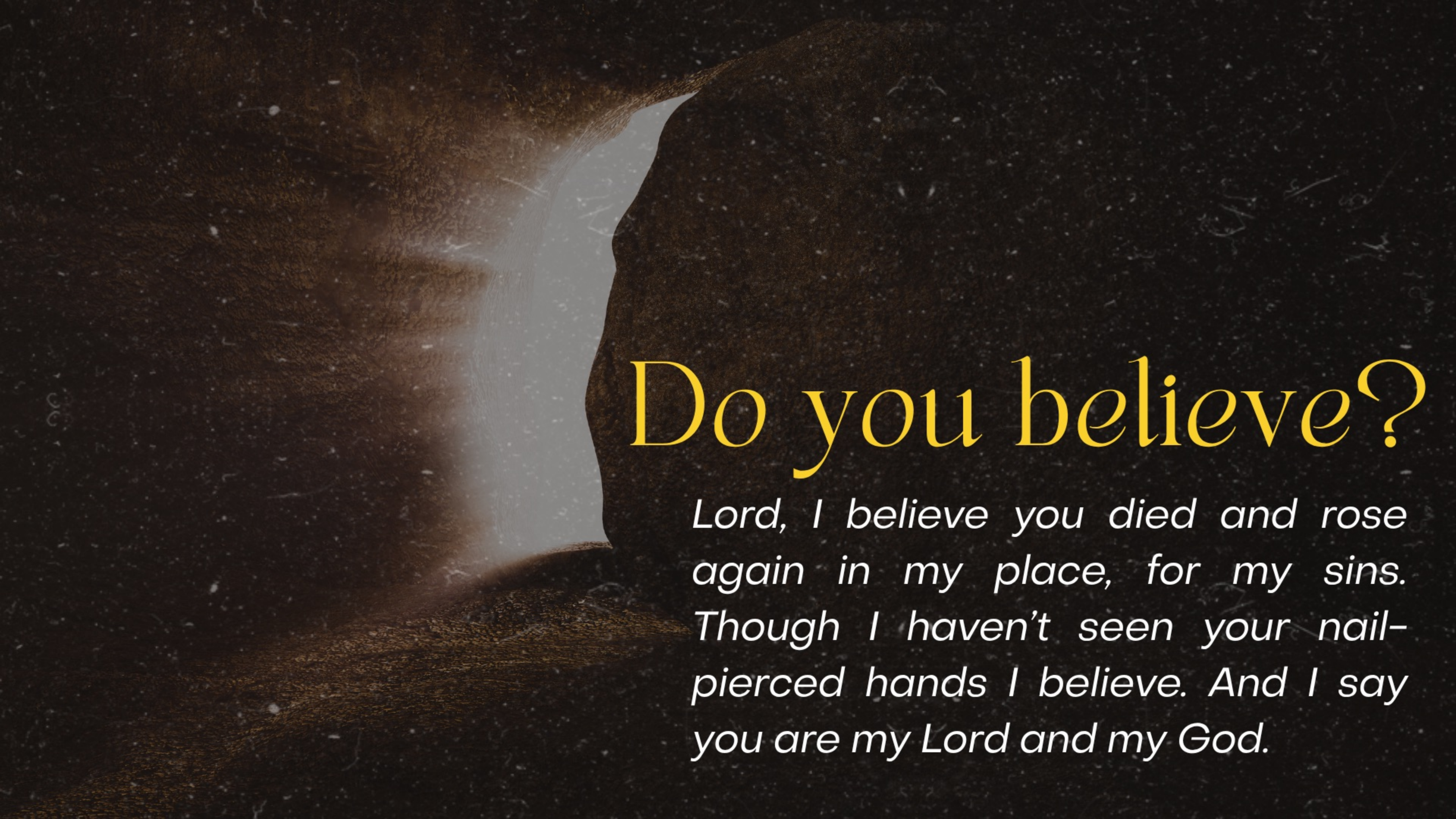
<sup>120</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

# John 20:31

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# APPLICATION

1. Believe.



# Do you believe?

*Lord, I believe you died and rose again in my place, for my sins. Though I haven't seen your nail-pierced hands I believe. And I say you are my Lord and my God.*

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