


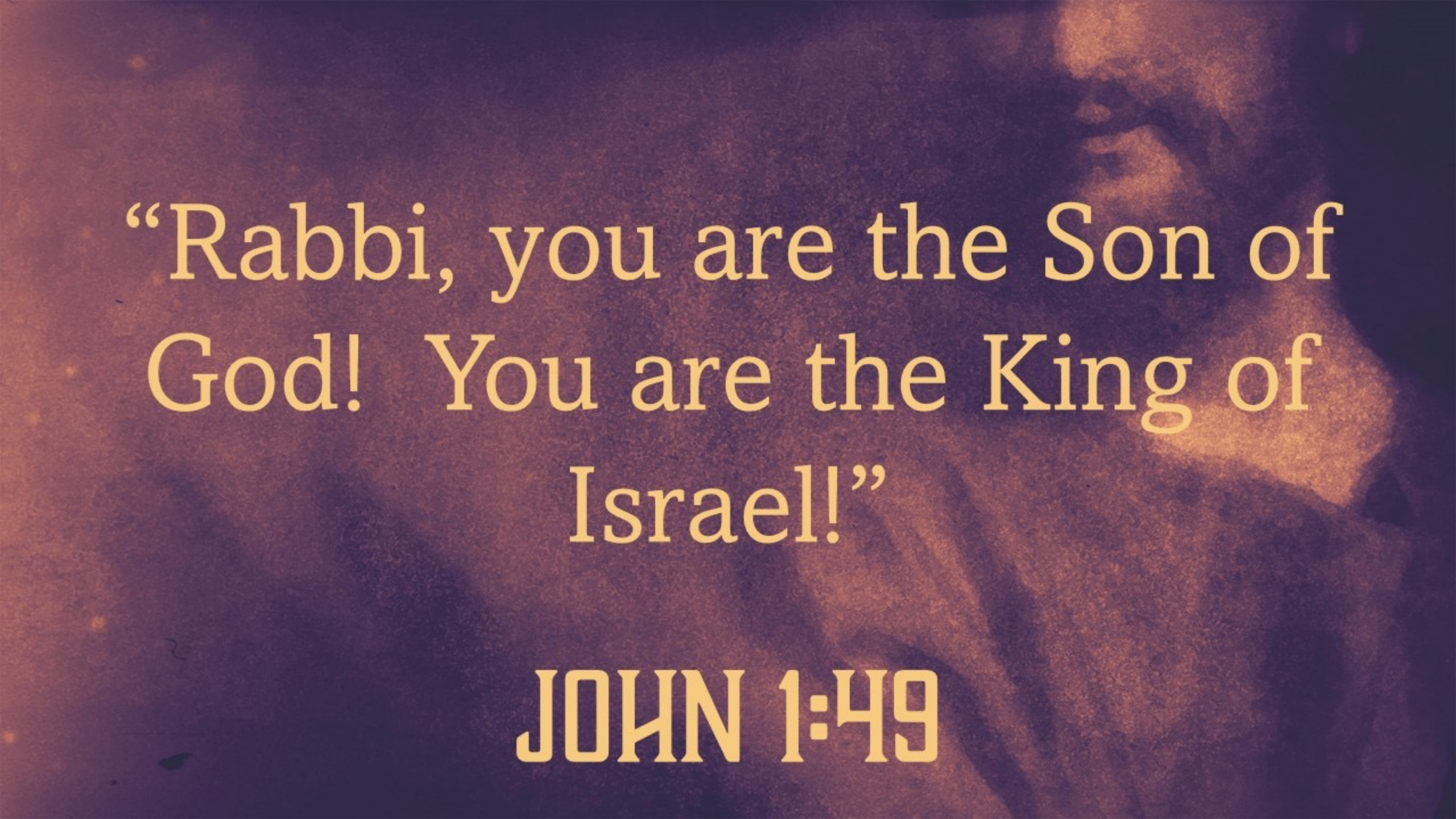


**WHO IS
JESUS OF NAZARETH?**




People had different
thoughts about
Jesus of Nazareth in
the first century.

**THE HEART OF
THE MESSAGE**



“Rabbi, you are the Son of
God! You are the King of
Israel!”

JOHN 1:49

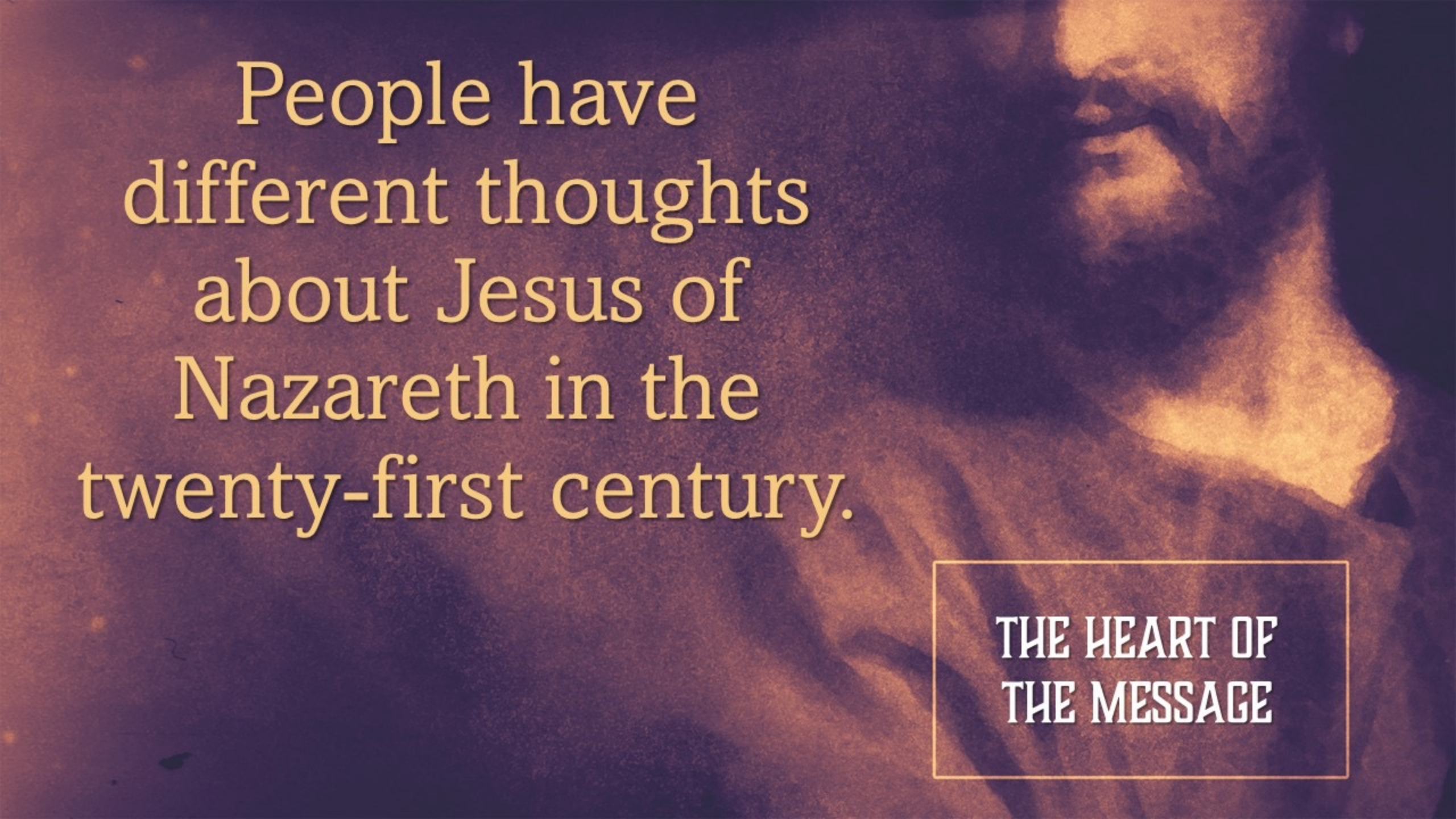


“My Lord and my God!”

JOHN 20:28

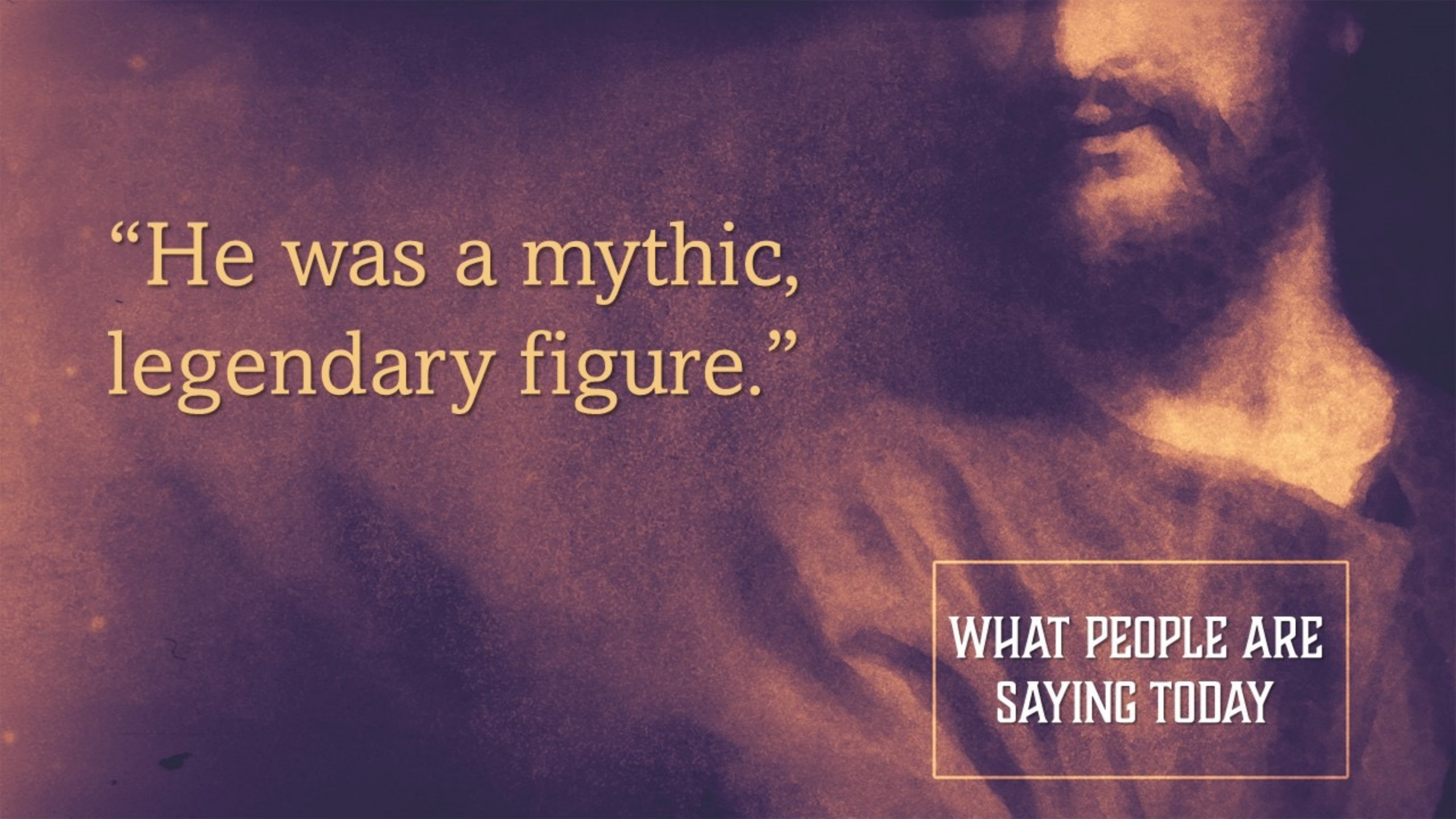
the Word (1:1, 14)
the light of men (1:4)
the true light (1:9)
the only God (1:18)
the Lamb of God (1:29, 36)
Son of Man (1:51)
a teacher from God (3:2)
the only Son of God (3:18)
a Jew (4:9)
a prophet (4:19; 9:17)
Messiah (4:25-26)
bread of life (6:35, 48, 51)
the son of Joseph (6:42)
the Holy One of God (6:69)
a good man (7:12)
a demon-possessed man (7:20)

the Prophet (7:40)
the Christ (7:41)
the light of the world (8:12)
a Samaritan (8:48)
a sinner (9:24)
Lord (9:38)
the door of the sheep (10:7)
the good shepherd (10:11, 14)
a man (10:33)
the resurrection (11:25)
the life (11:25; 14:6)
Teacher (12:13)
the way (14:6)
the truth (14:6)
the true vine (15:1)
King of the Jews (18:33, 39; 19:3, 19)



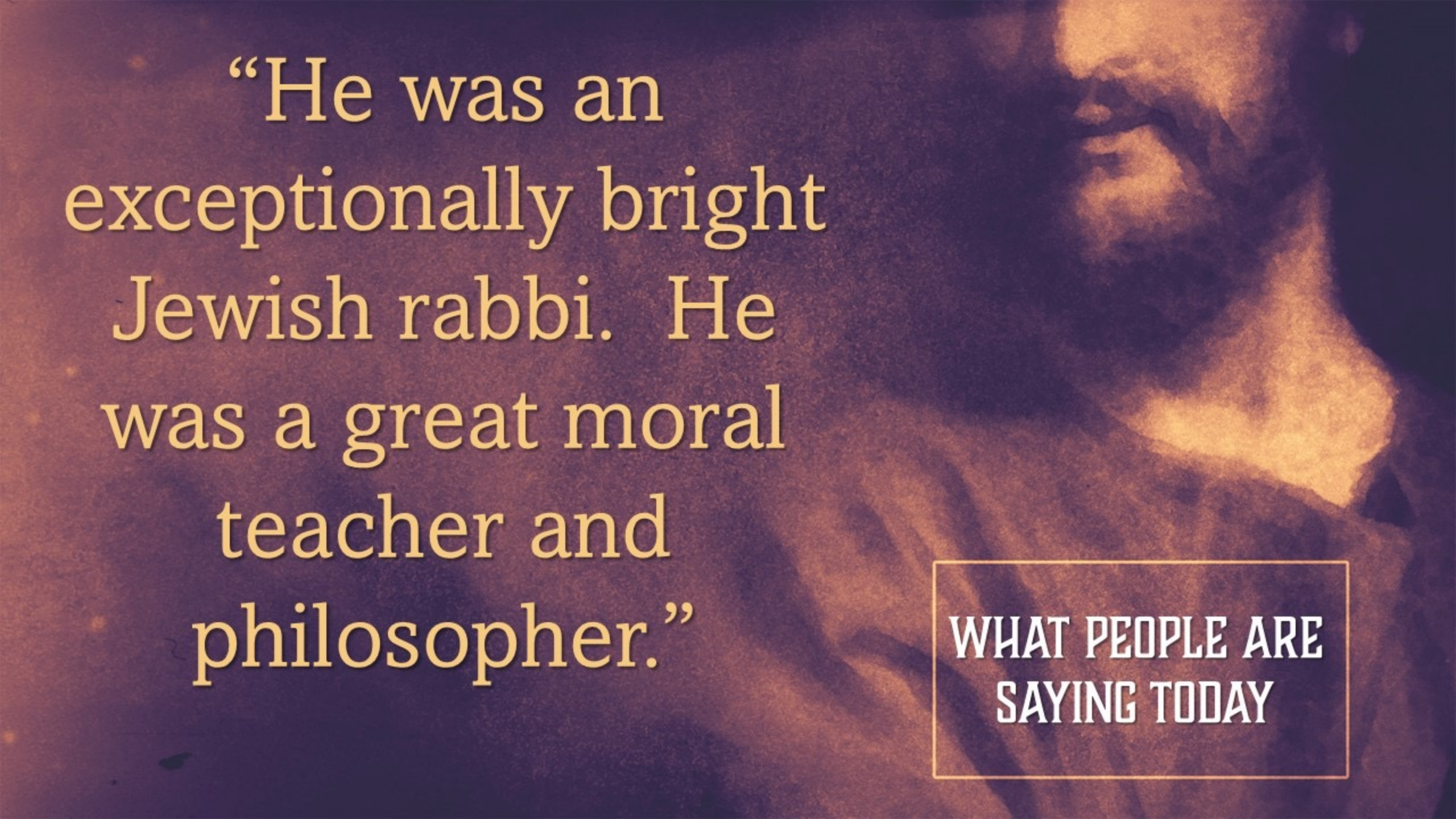
People have
different thoughts
about Jesus of
Nazareth in the
twenty-first century.

**THE HEART OF
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“He was a mythic,
legendary figure.”

**WHAT PEOPLE ARE
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“He was an exceptionally bright Jewish rabbi. He was a great moral teacher and philosopher.”

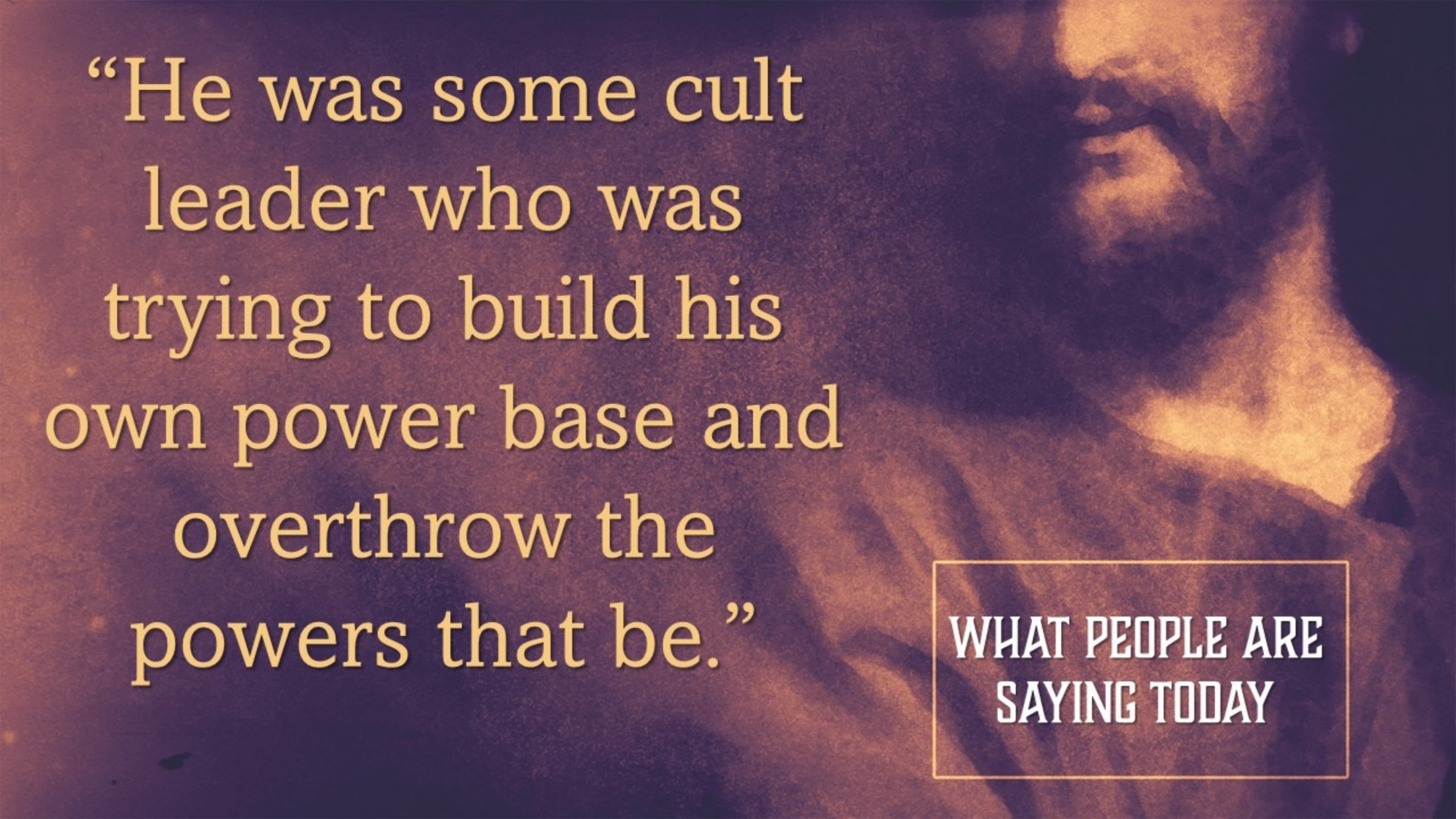
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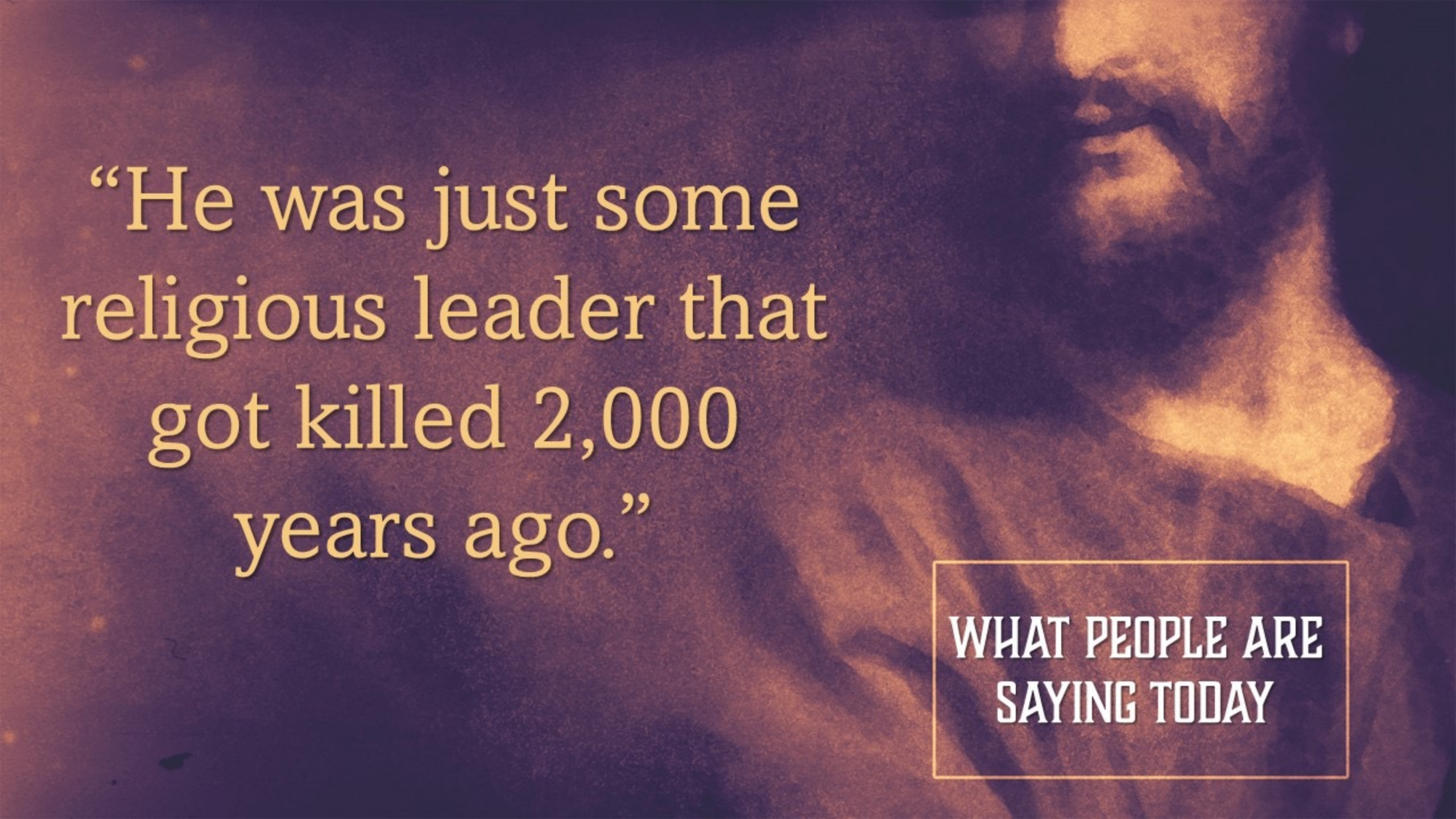
“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about [Jesus]: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

Mere Christianity, pg. 56



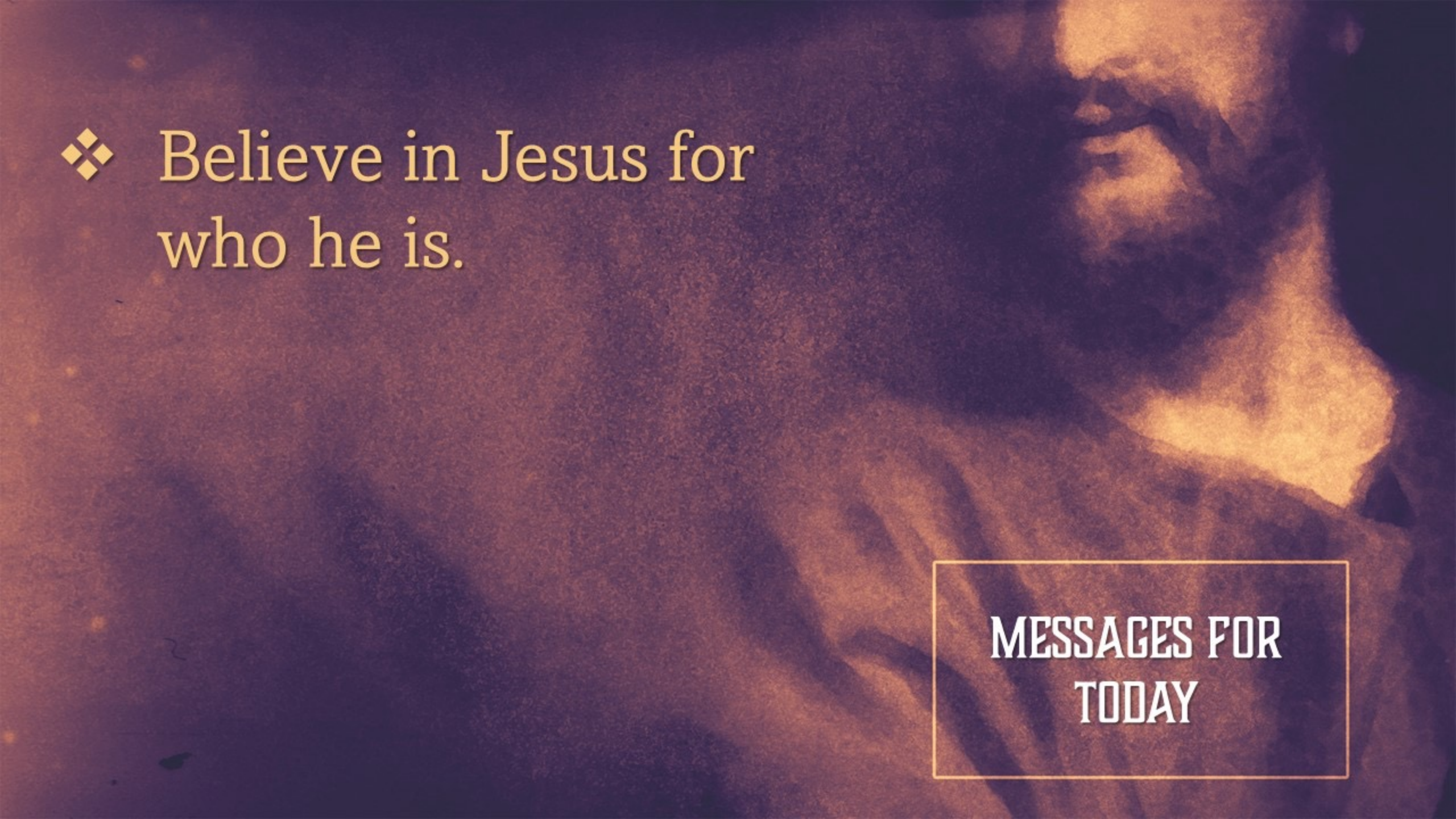
“He was some cult leader who was trying to build his own power base and overthrow the powers that be.”

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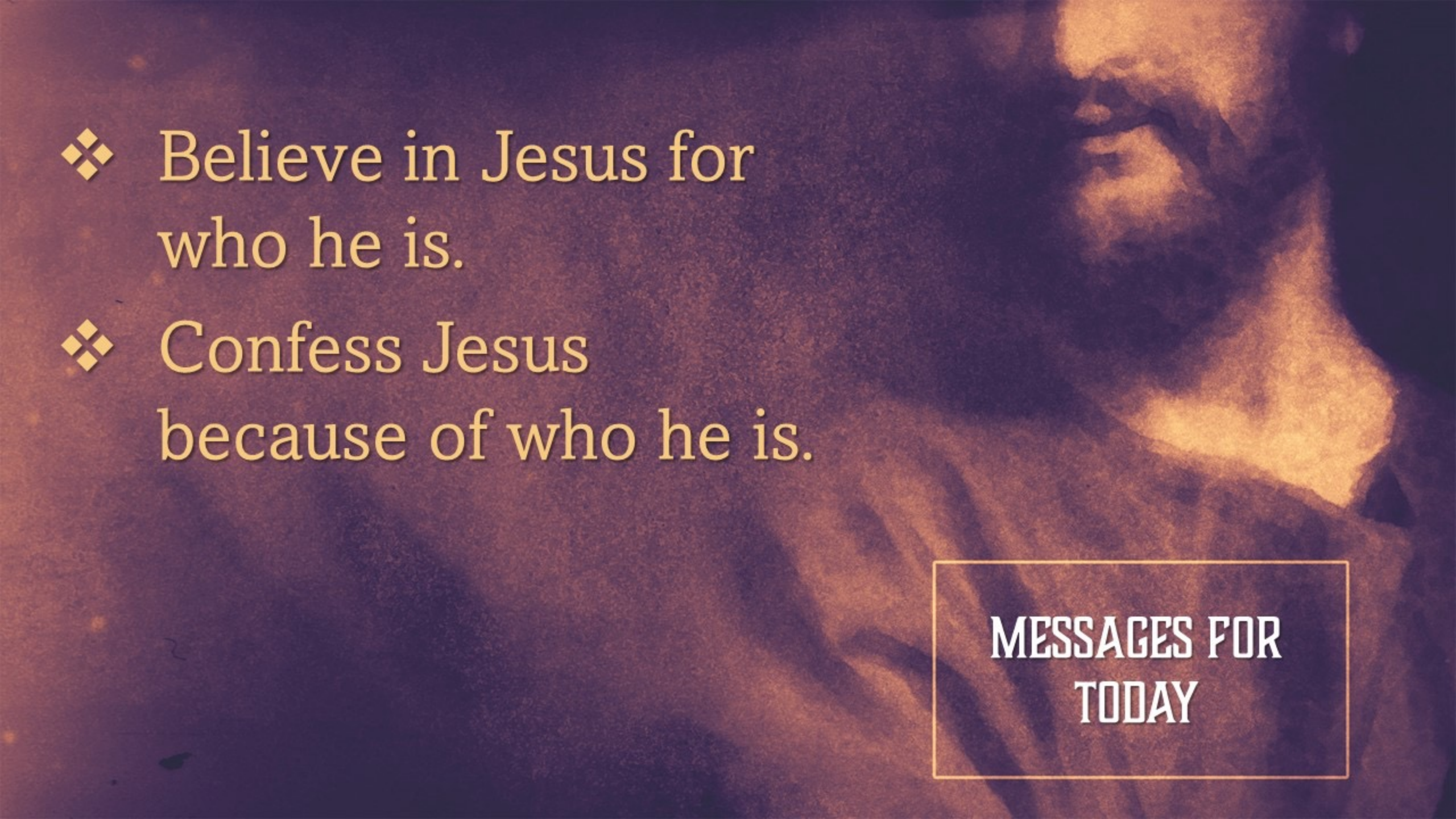
“He was just some
religious leader that
got killed 2,000
years ago.”

**WHAT PEOPLE ARE
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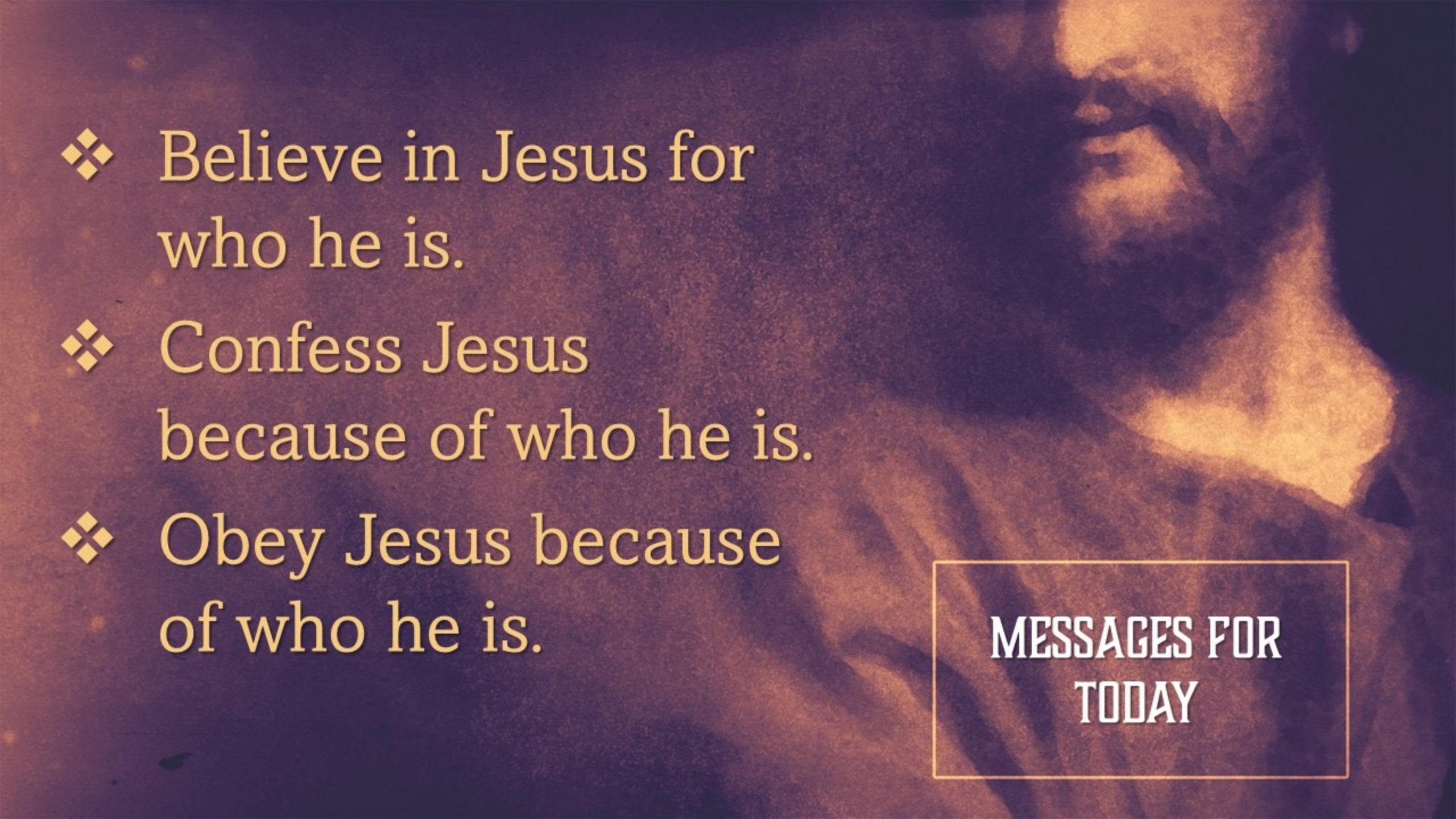


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**MESSAGES FOR
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- ❖ Believe in Jesus for who he is.
 - ❖ Confess Jesus because of who he is.
 - ❖ Obey Jesus because of who he is.

**MESSAGES FOR
TODAY**

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Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος ὁ Βασιλεὺς
τῶν Ἰουδαίων