

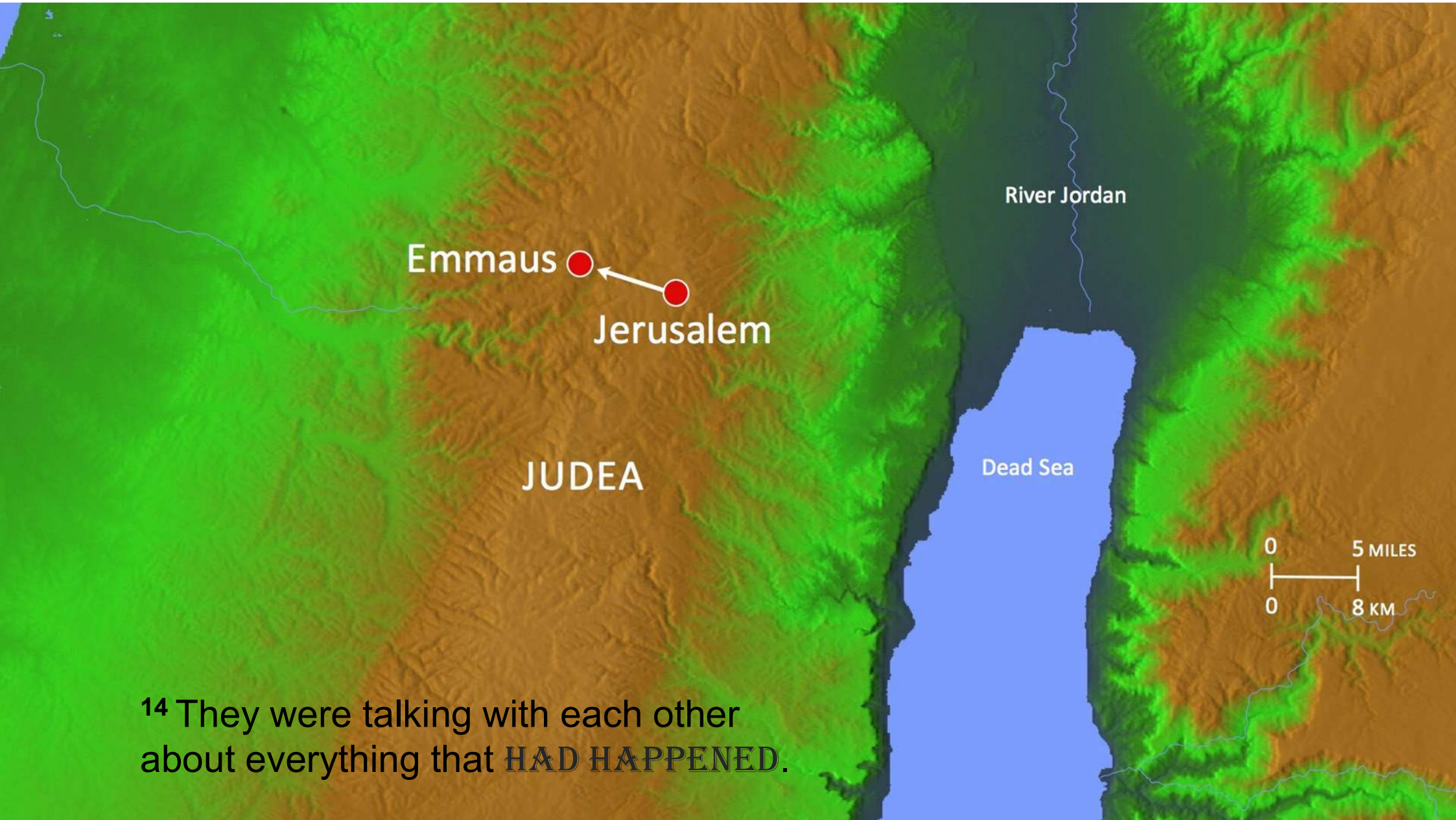


**THE SEVEN MILE WALK
TO HOPE**



Luke 24:13-34

¹³ Now **THAT SAME DAY** two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.



Emmaus
Jerusalem

River Jordan

Dead Sea

JUDEA

0 5 MILES
0 8 KM

14 They were talking with each other about everything that **HAD HAPPENED.**

¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, **JESUS HIMSELF** came up and walked along with them;

¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

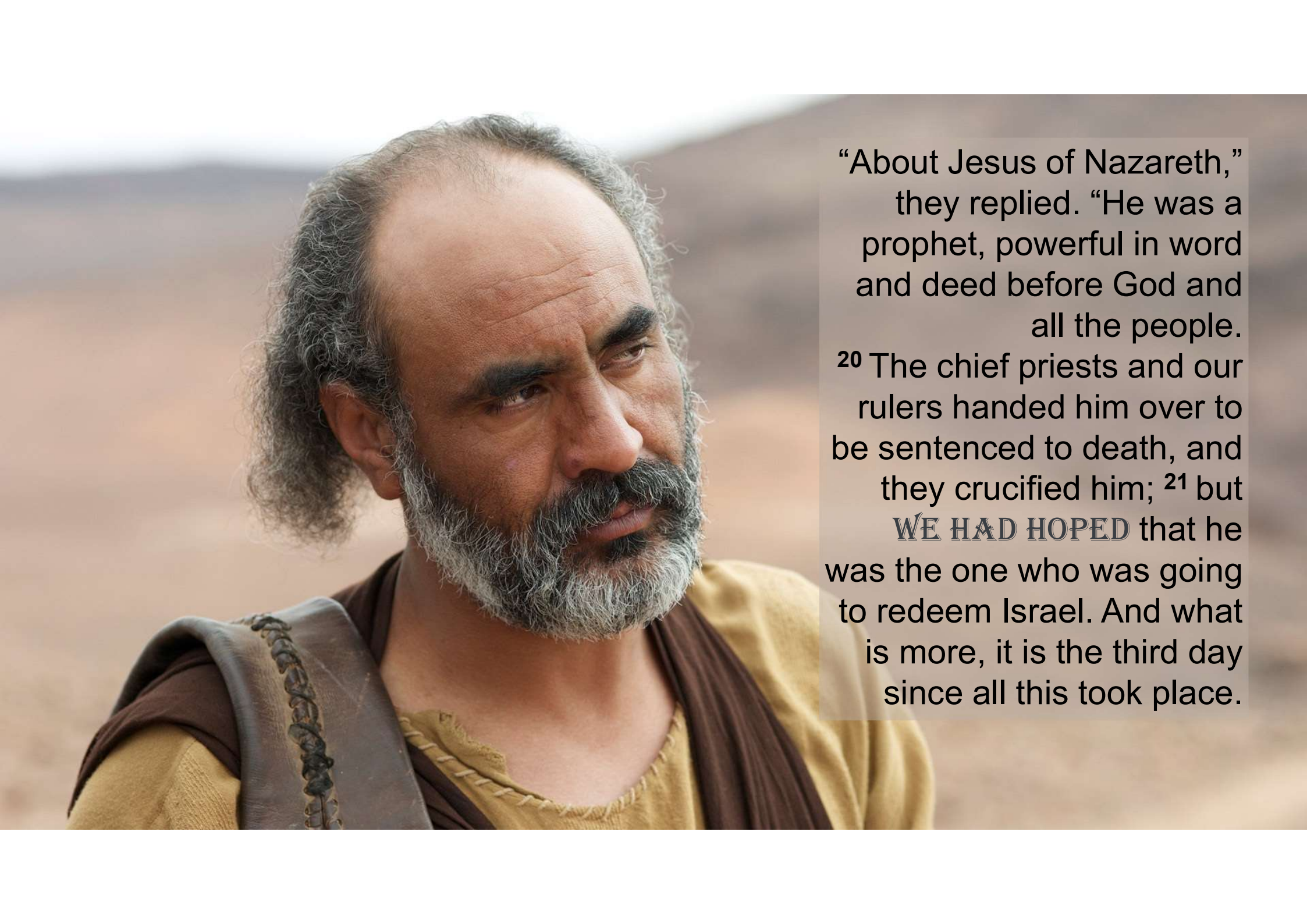




They stood still, their
FACES DOWNCAST.

¹⁸ One of them, named
Cleopas, asked him,
“Are you the only
stranger in Jerusalem
who does not know the
things that have
happened there in
these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?”
Jesus asked.




“About Jesus of Nazareth,”
they replied. “He was a
prophet, powerful in word
and deed before God and
all the people.

²⁰ The chief priests and our
rulers handed him over to
be sentenced to death, and
they crucified him; ²¹ but
WE HAD HOPED that he
was the one who was going
to redeem Israel. And what
is more, it is the third day
since all this took place.

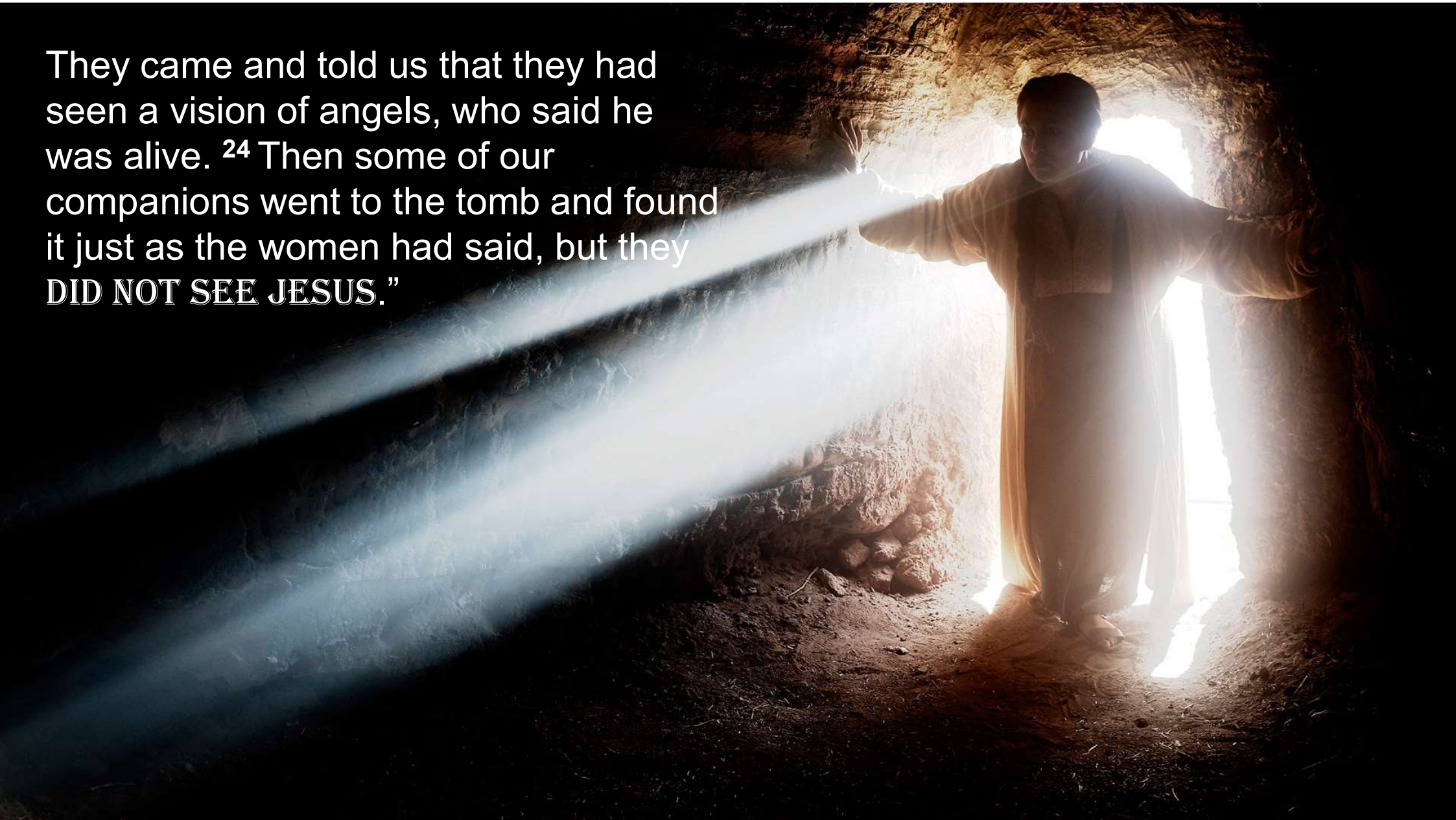
²² In addition, some of our women **AMAZED US.**



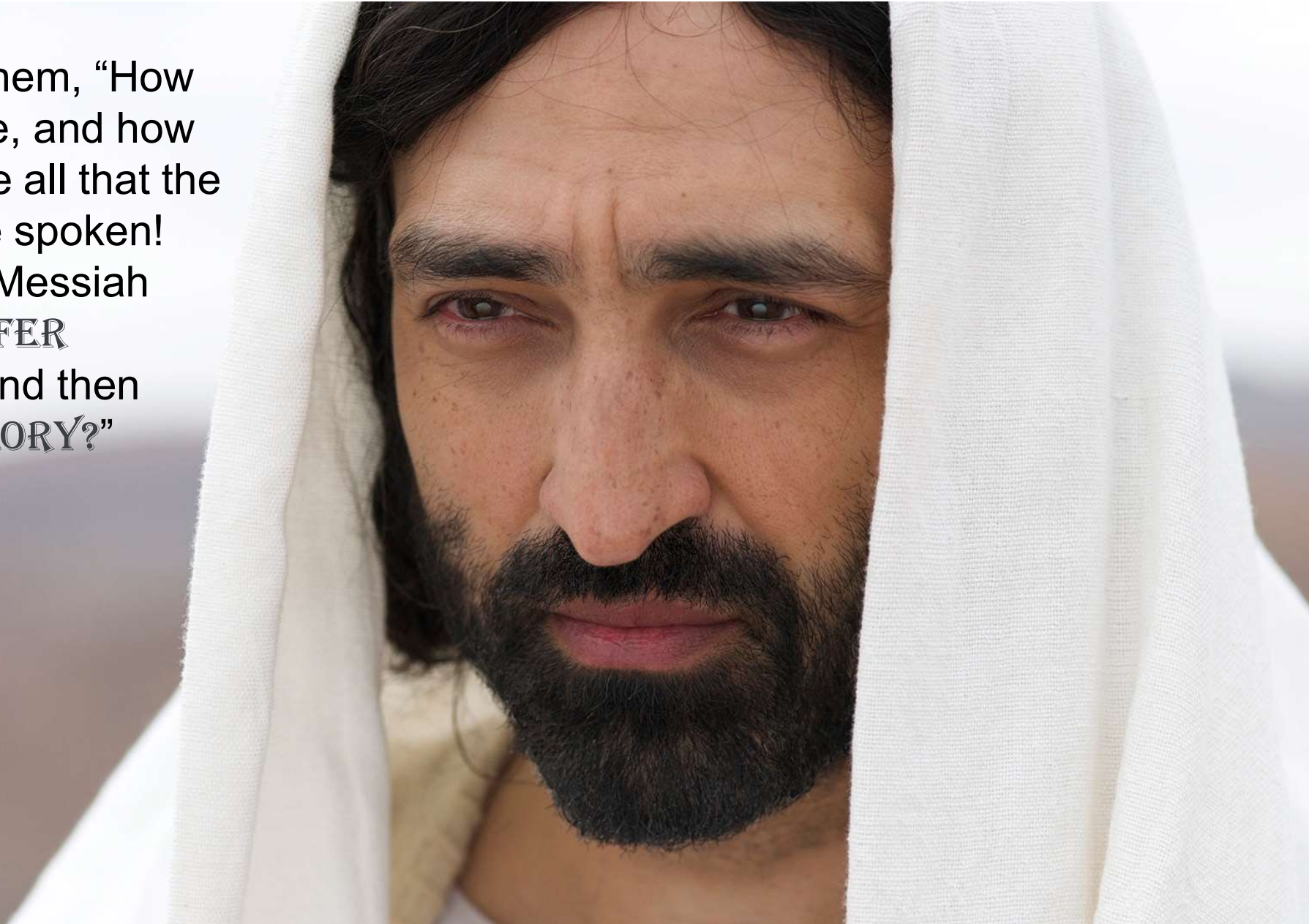
A close-up photograph of a woman in the foreground, wearing a bright yellow garment that she is pulling up to cover her mouth and nose. She has a look of intense distress or grief, with her eyes closed and a furrowed brow. Her dark hair is pulled back. In the background, another woman is partially visible, looking towards the left with a concerned expression. The setting appears to be outdoors in a bright, possibly dusty or sandy environment. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid in the upper right corner of the image.

They went to the tomb early this morning²³ but didn't find his body.

They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they **DID NOT SEE JESUS.**”

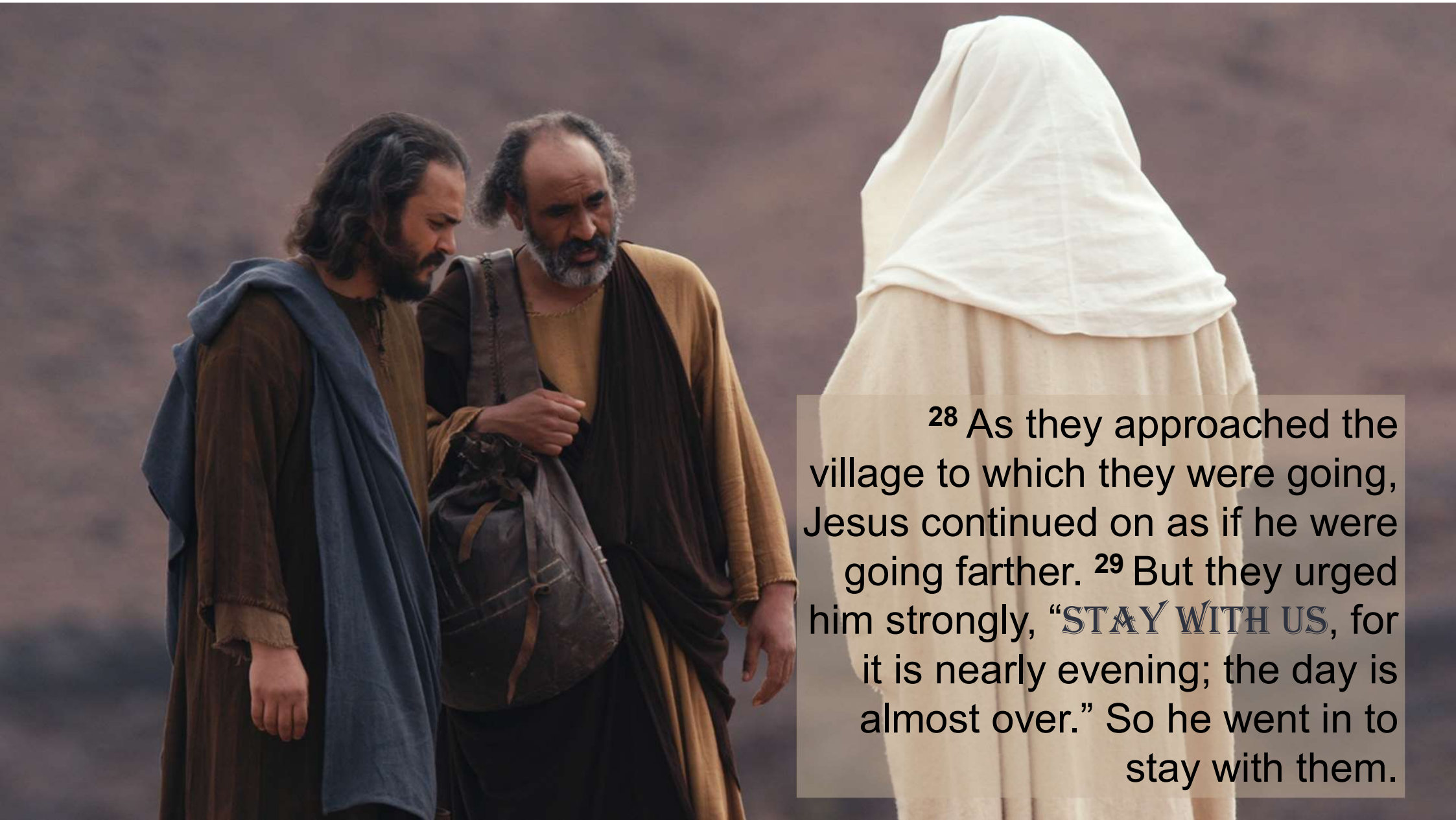


25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!
26 Did not the Messiah **HAVE TO SUFFER** these things and then **ENTER HIS GLORY?**”





²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said **IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES** concerning himself.

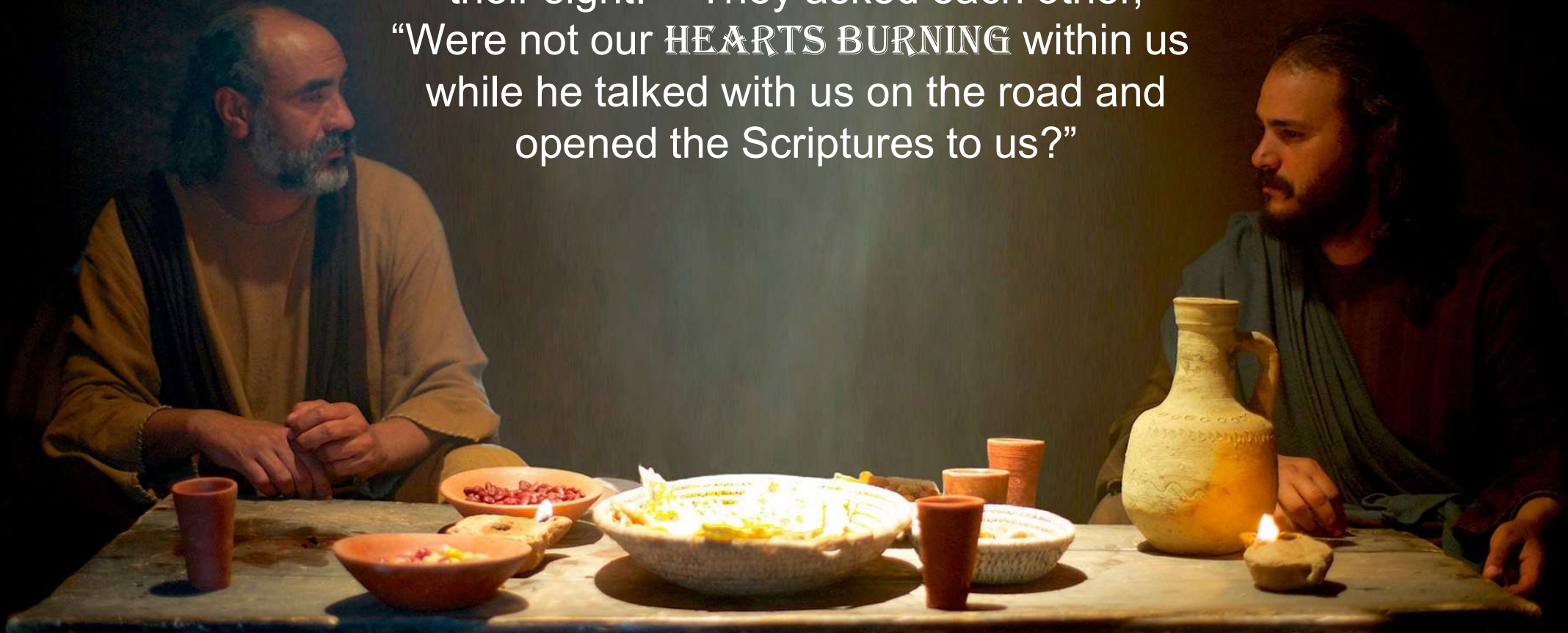


²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “**STAY WITH US**, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, HE TOOK BREAD,
GAVE THANKS, BROKE IT and began to give it to them.



³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our **HEARTS BURNING** within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”





³³ They got up and **RETURNED AT ONCE** to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.



Hope lost



Found by Jesus



The familiar Presence



Return to encourage

Cleopas and a fellow-disciple left Jerusalem

Disillusioned / Disappointed / Surprised / Caught off guard / Hurt / Shamed

3 years, left all, followed him, was amazed – John’s baptism: voice, water-wine, storms, bread multiplied, sick, possessed, dead raised, blind saw, lame walked... discovering that this is the Messiah, (Peter voiced it first, but all knew)

Jerusalem - Triumphant Entry, Passover, trial and brutal public execution, buried

“WE HAD HOPED...” – “the Christ, the Son of the Most High God” weeks before
But now Jesus is just “a prophet” – suffering challenges your God-image, your faith

(1) Pour out your heart

(2) You can be sure that you are found /accompanied by Jesus

(3) Have a companion

(4) Scriptures bring understanding, renewed perspective

(5) The familiarity of Christ presence bring revelation

(6) Return to encourage others, continue in the fellowship

(7) You can be certain “yes, Christ also appeared to us also”