

The Gospel of John

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise over a large body of water, with sunbeams breaking through a cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the water and sky. The clouds are dark and heavy, with bright rays of light breaking through. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted hillside with some vegetation. In the distance, there are rolling hills and a small town or village.

2. The Word became flesh

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and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him,
and without Him was not any thing made
that was made.

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and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness,
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(John 1:1-5)

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Behold, I send My messenger,
and he will prepare the way
before Me. (Malachi 3:1)

There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.

He came as a witness,
to bear witness about the light,
that all might believe through him.

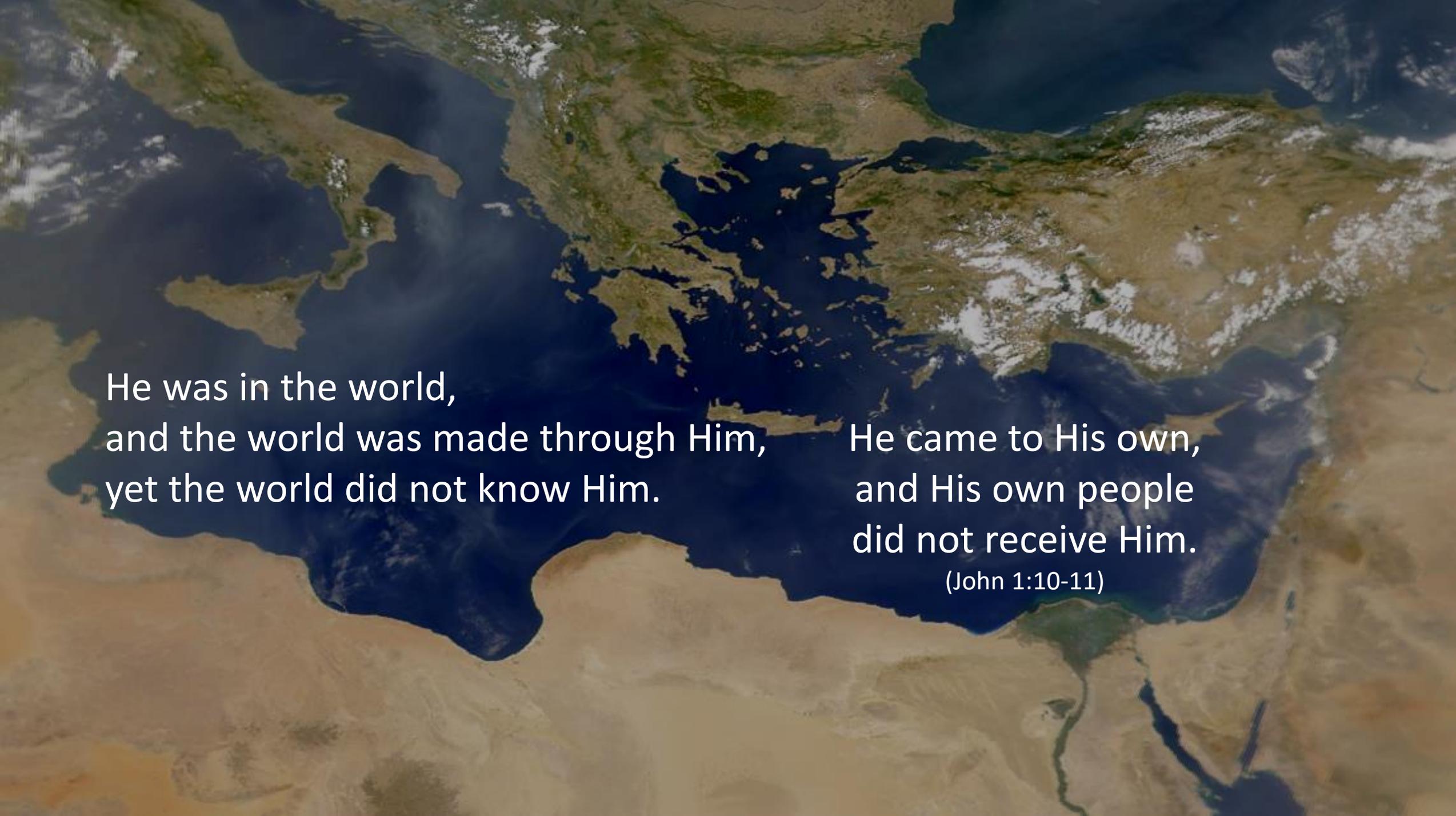
He was not the light,
but came to bear witness about the light.

(John 1:6-8)



The true light,
which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world.
(John 1:9)

I am the light
of the world
(John 8:12)

An aerial photograph of the Mediterranean Sea, showing the surrounding landmasses of Europe, Asia, and Africa. The sea is a deep blue, and the land is a mix of green, brown, and tan, with some white clouds visible. The text is overlaid on the sea.

He was in the world,
and the world was made through Him,
yet the world did not know Him.

He came to His own,
and His own people
did not receive Him.

(John 1:10-11)

Trusted in,
or relied on

But to all who did receive Him,
who **believed** in His name,
He gave the right to become **children of God**,
who were **born**,
not of blood

Not race or family

Children of God are born...

Not by human choice

nor of the will of the flesh
nor of the will of man,
but of God.

Not by human effort

A new birth by God's Spirit

(John 1:12-13)

He was despised
and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief...

(Isaiah 53:3)

Turn to Me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!

For I am God,
and there is no other.

(Isaiah 45:22)

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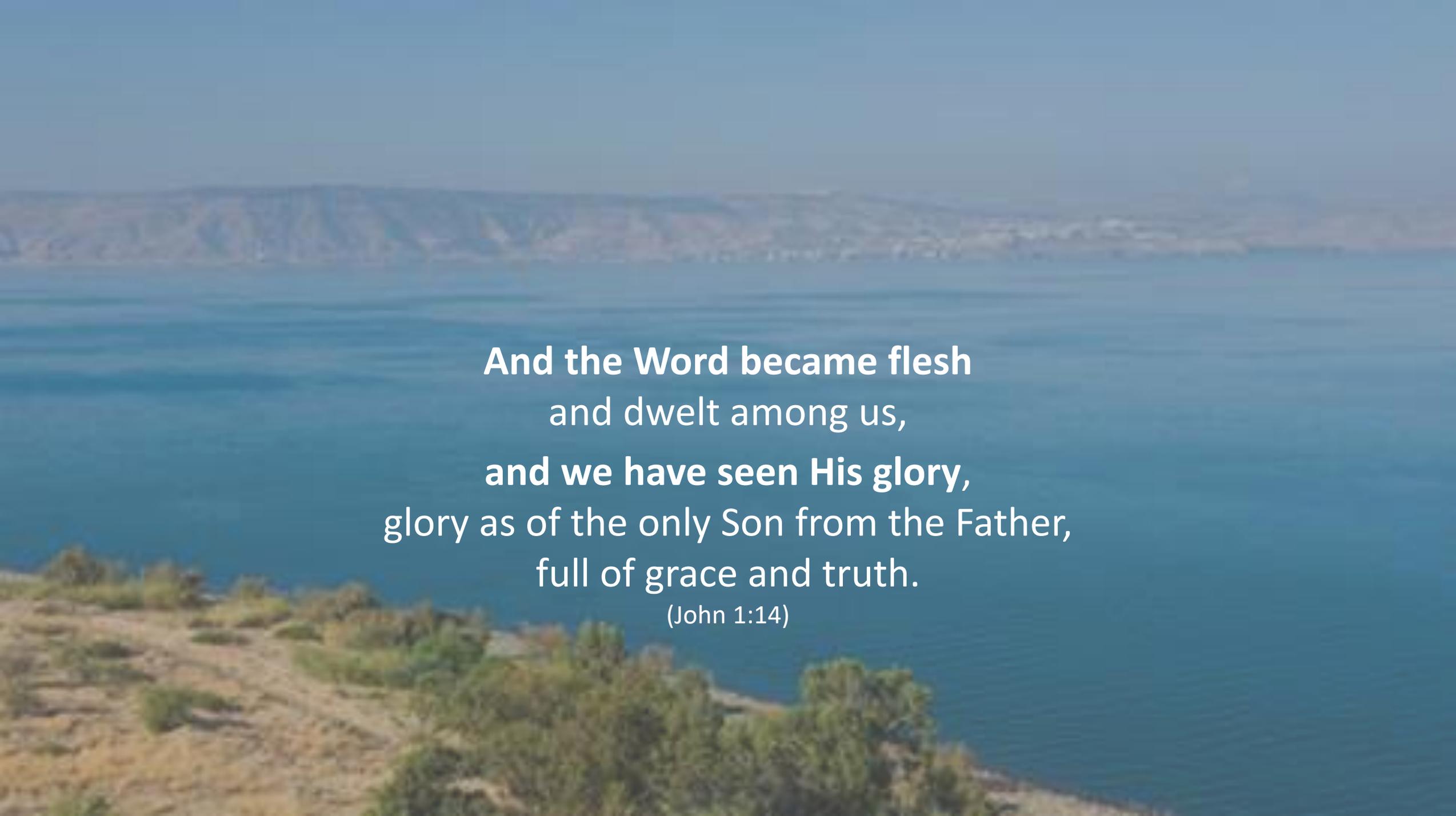
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A dimly lit nativity scene. Mary is seated on the left, holding the infant Jesus wrapped in white swaddling clothes. Joseph is seated on the right, looking towards the baby. They are in a manger filled with straw, with a stone wall in the background.

The eternal Son
took a human nature

And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,

He “tabernacled” among us.
In the world temporarily
but forever a man!



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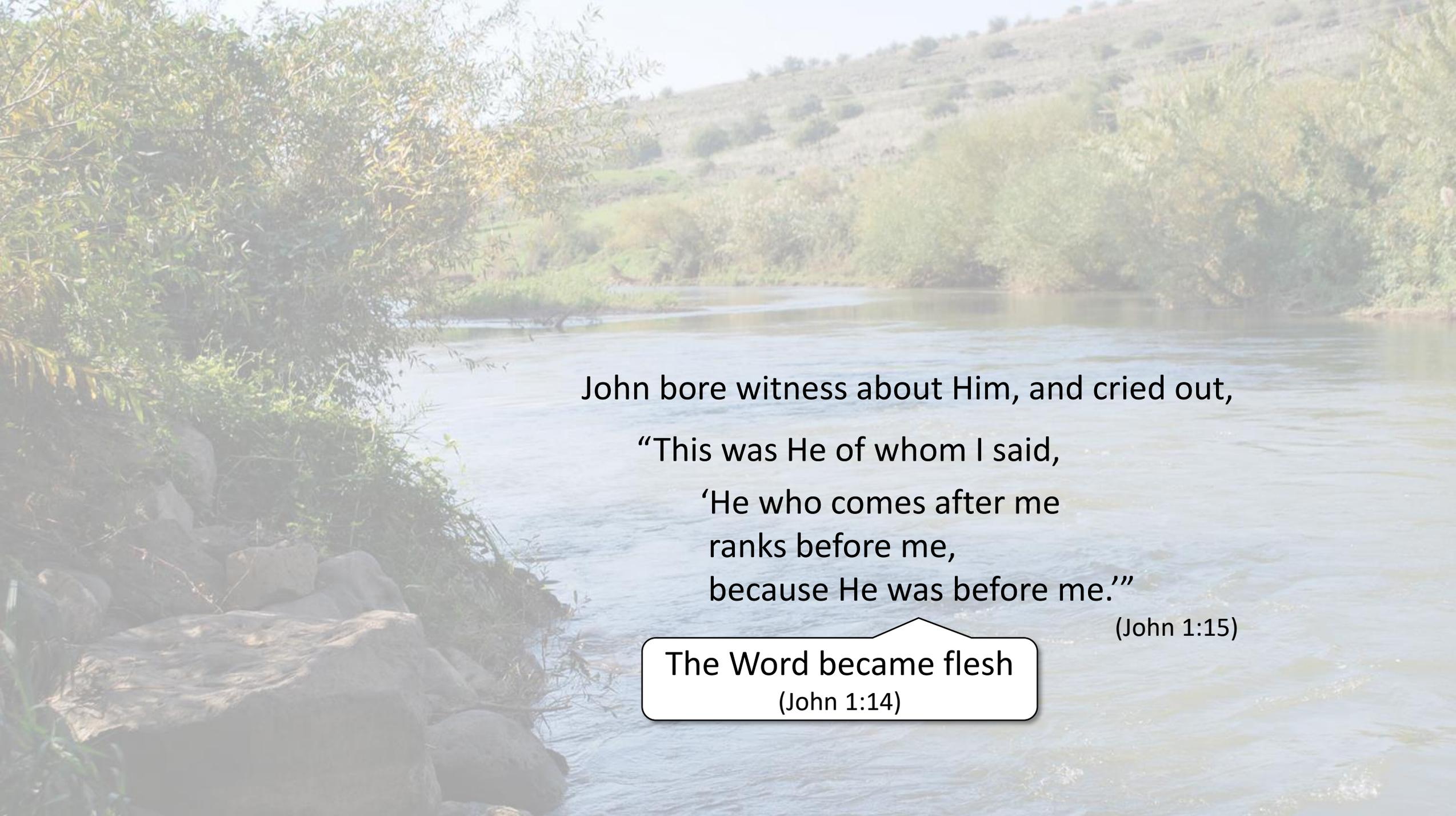
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The one and only,
the unique One

Grace

That **undeserved favour** that has been shown **to the guilty** through the Lord Jesus' life, teaching, miracles and, supremely, through His death and resurrection

Truth

The prophets spoke and wrote of the Coming One, and the Old Testament contains pictures of what was to come, but the Lord Jesus fulfills all these – **the ultimate reality**.

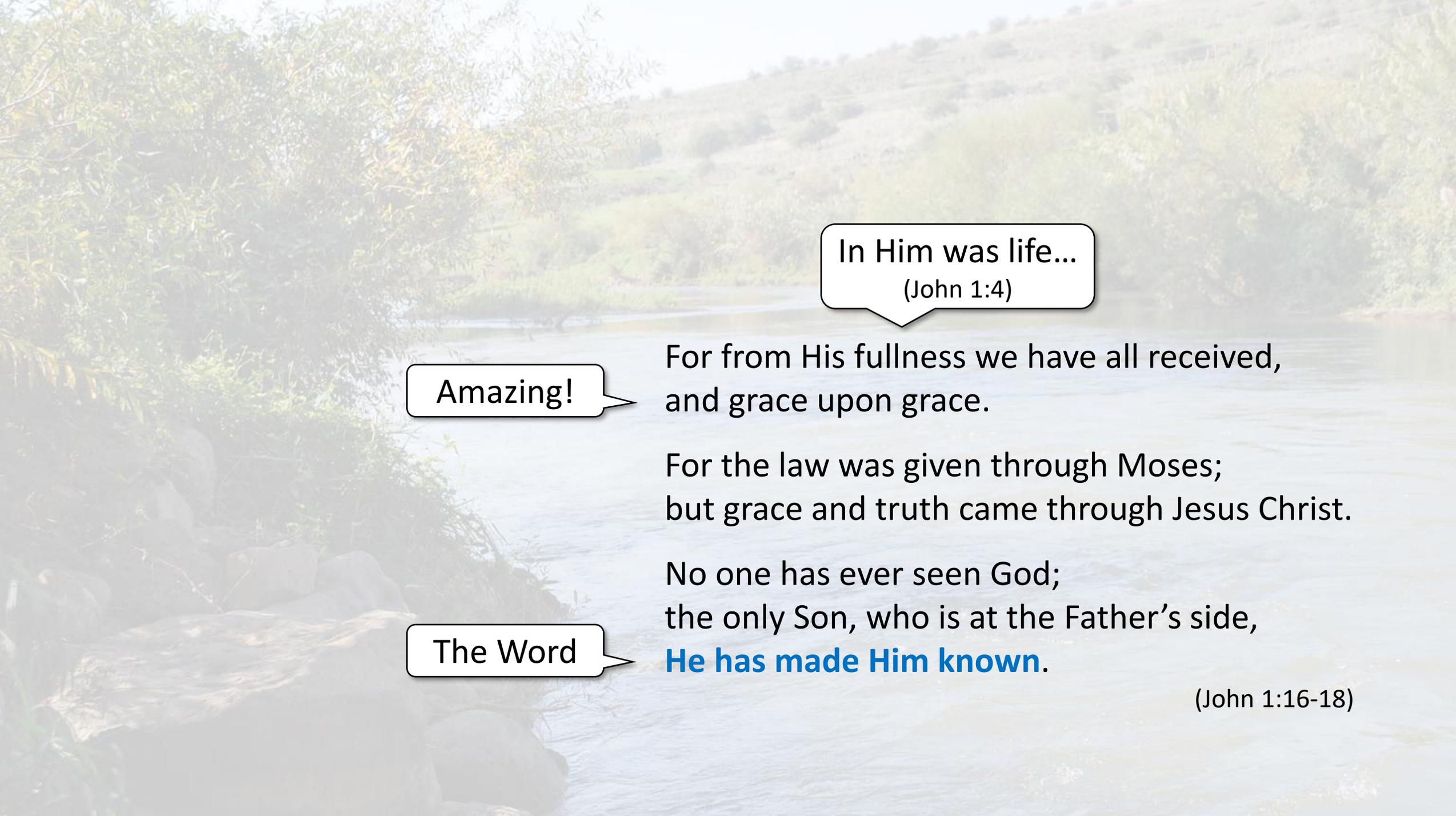


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ranks before me,
because He was before me.’”

(John 1:15)

The Word became flesh

(John 1:14)



In Him was life...

(John 1:4)

Amazing!

For from His fullness we have all received,
and grace upon grace.

For the law was given through Moses;
but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Word

No one has ever seen God;
the only Son, who is at the Father's side,
He has made Him known.

(John 1:16-18)

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Law

The Law set forth:

- **The demand** placed on us for the righteousness of God
- Numerous **pictures**, shadows, of the true way of salvation by faith in a holy sacrifice.

Grace and Truth

In the Lord Jesus:

- **His righteousness** becomes ours by grace through faith
- That which was pictured is **fulfilled** – He is the truth and the Saviour of the world.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD
is upon Me, because
the LORD has anointed Me
to bring good news
to the poor...

(Isaiah 61:1)

...they shall all know Me,
from the least of them to
the greatest, declares
the LORD. For I will forgive
their iniquity....

(Jeremiah 31:34)

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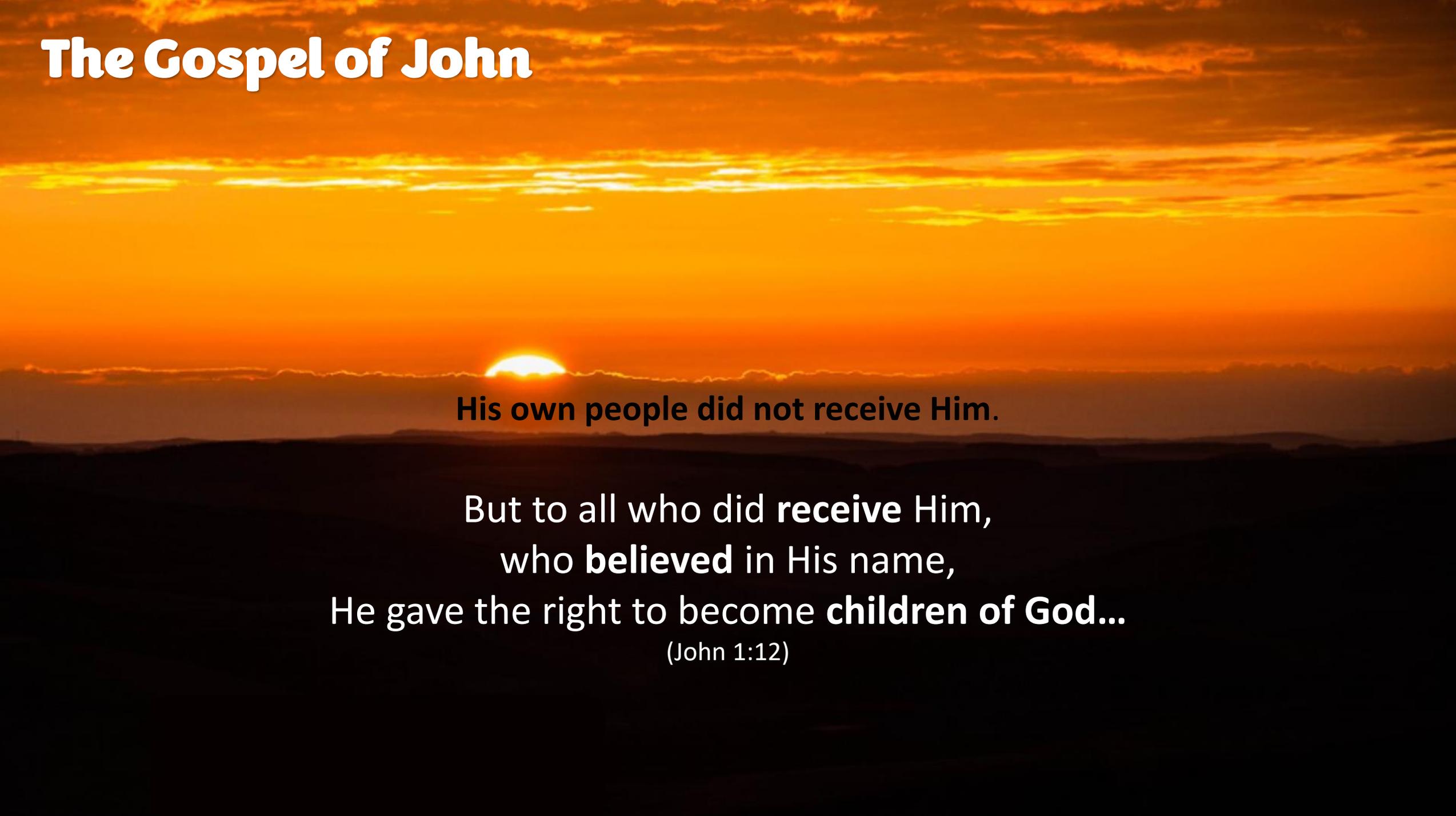
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A sunset scene with a bright sun partially hidden behind a thin layer of clouds. The sky is filled with horizontal bands of orange and yellow light. The foreground is dark, showing the silhouette of a landscape.

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