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CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE

And Why Would I?

Calvin and Hobbes

by WATERSON

HEY DAD,
REMEMBER
OUR CAR?

WHY SURE.



WAIT A MINUTE. WHAT DO
YOU MEAN, "REMEMBER"?



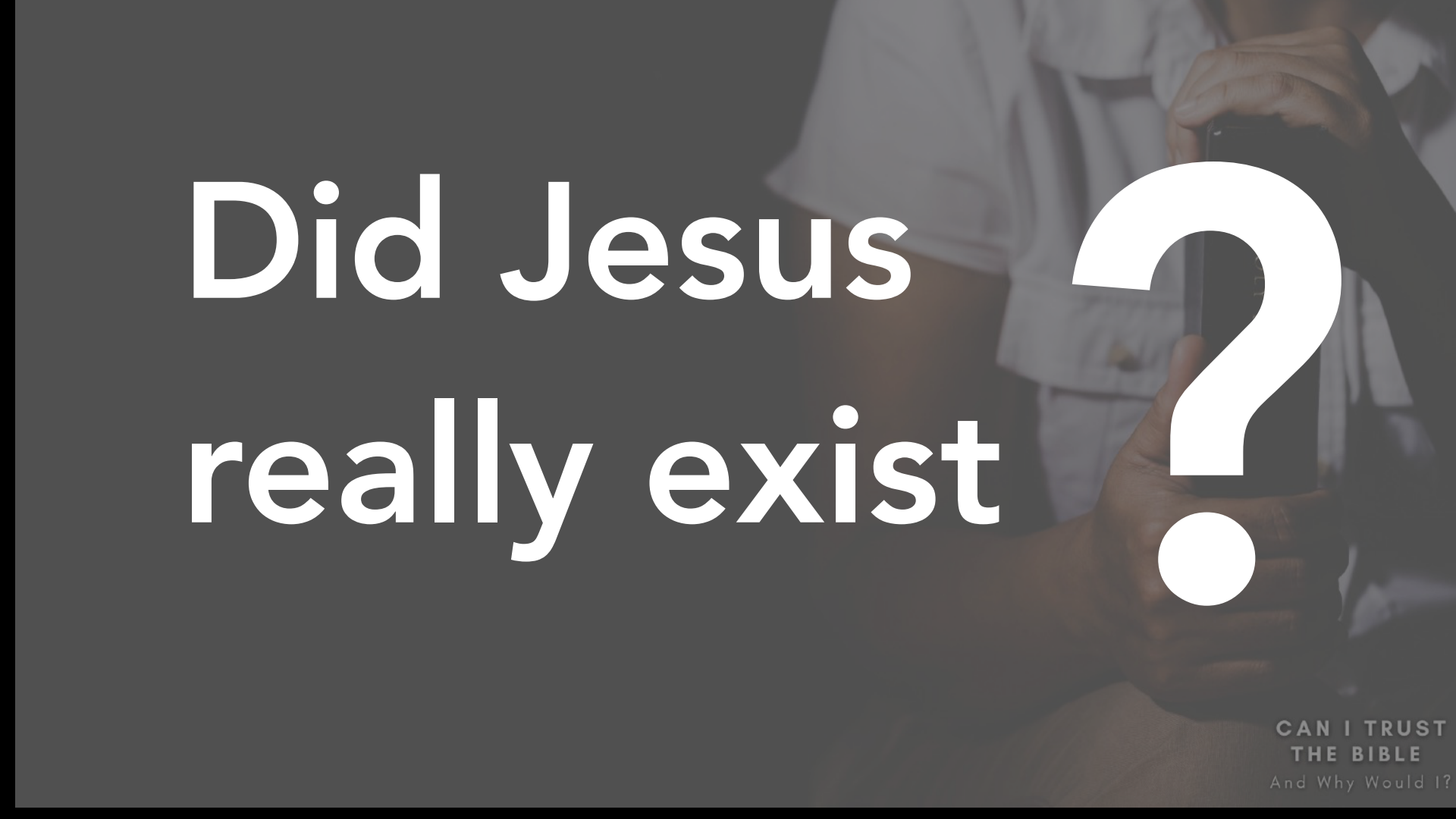
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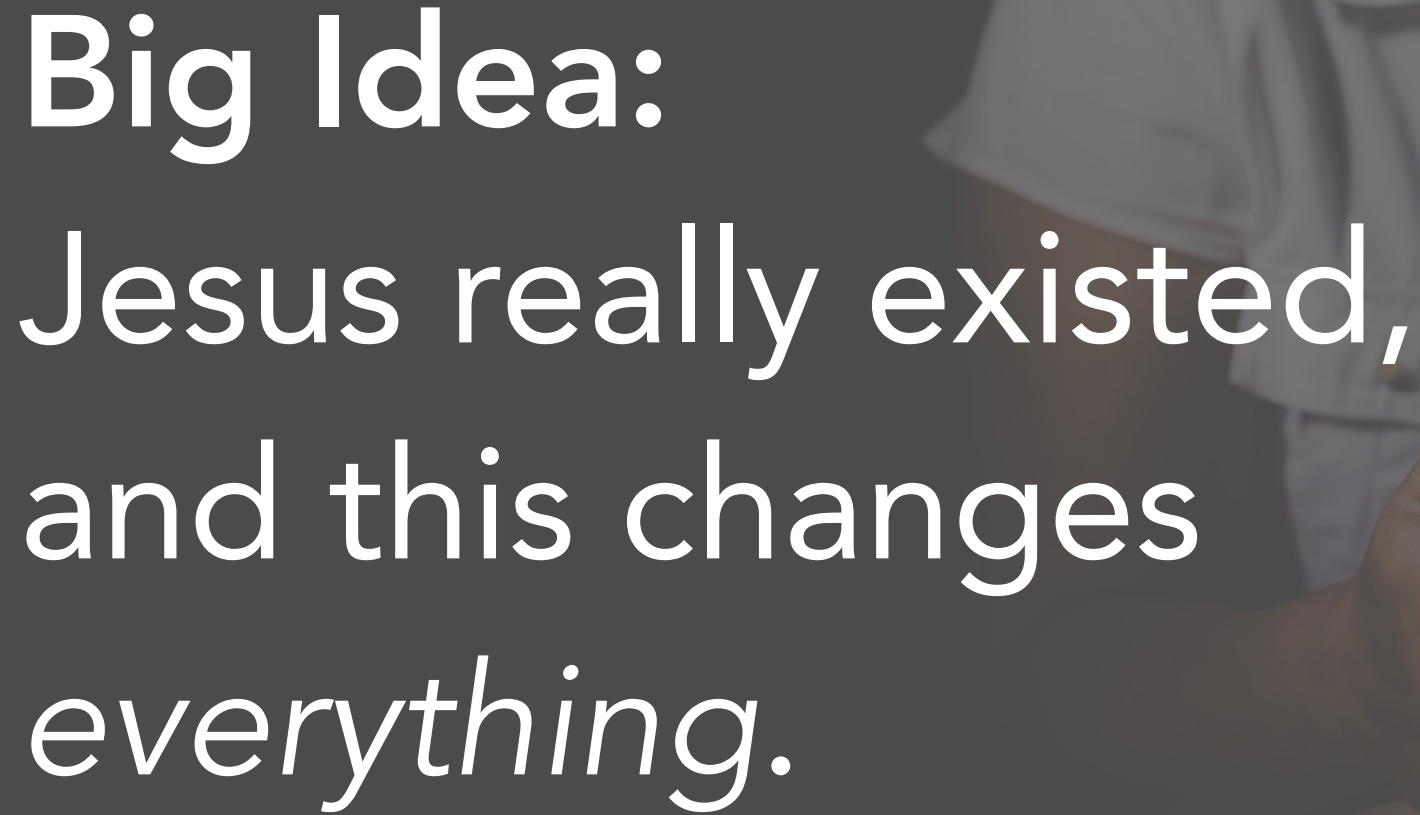
Based Upon the Book:

Why I Should Trust The Bible (by William D Mounce)

A person wearing a white shirt is holding a smartphone. A large, white question mark is superimposed over the right side of the image. The background is dark and slightly blurred.

Did Jesus
really exist

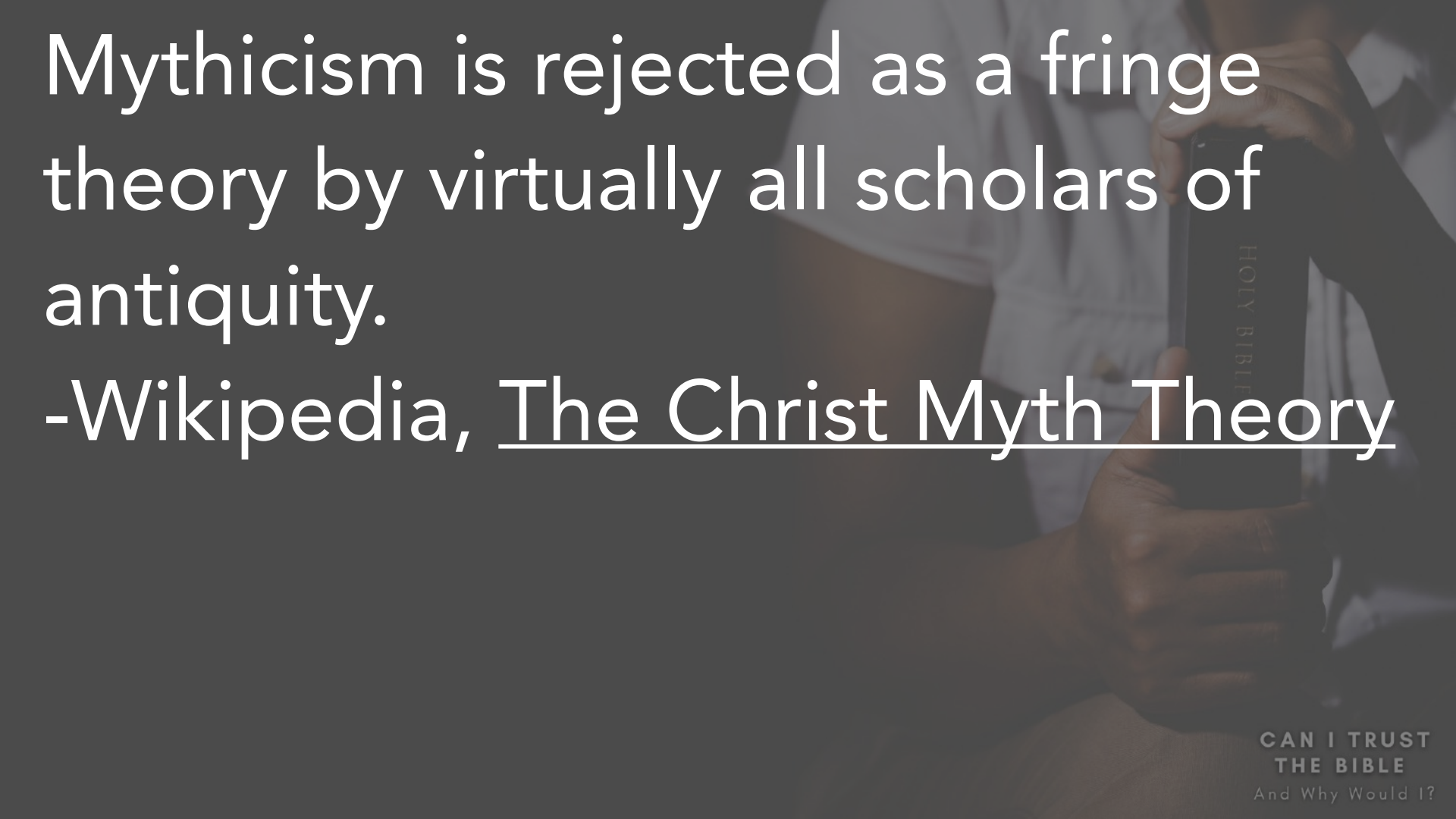
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Big Idea:
Jesus really existed,
and this changes
everything.

The Christ myth theory, also known as the Jesus myth theory, Jesus mythicism, or the Jesus ahistoricity theory, is the view that the story of Jesus is a work of mythology with no historical substantiality.

-Wikipedia, [The Christ Myth Theory](#)

A person's hands are shown holding a dark-colored Bible. The spine of the Bible is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold lettering. The background is a soft-focus image of a person wearing a white shirt and a dark tie, suggesting a formal or religious setting. The overall lighting is dim, with the Bible being the central focus.

Mythicisim is rejected as a fringe theory by virtually all scholars of antiquity.

-Wikipedia, [The Christ Myth Theory](#)

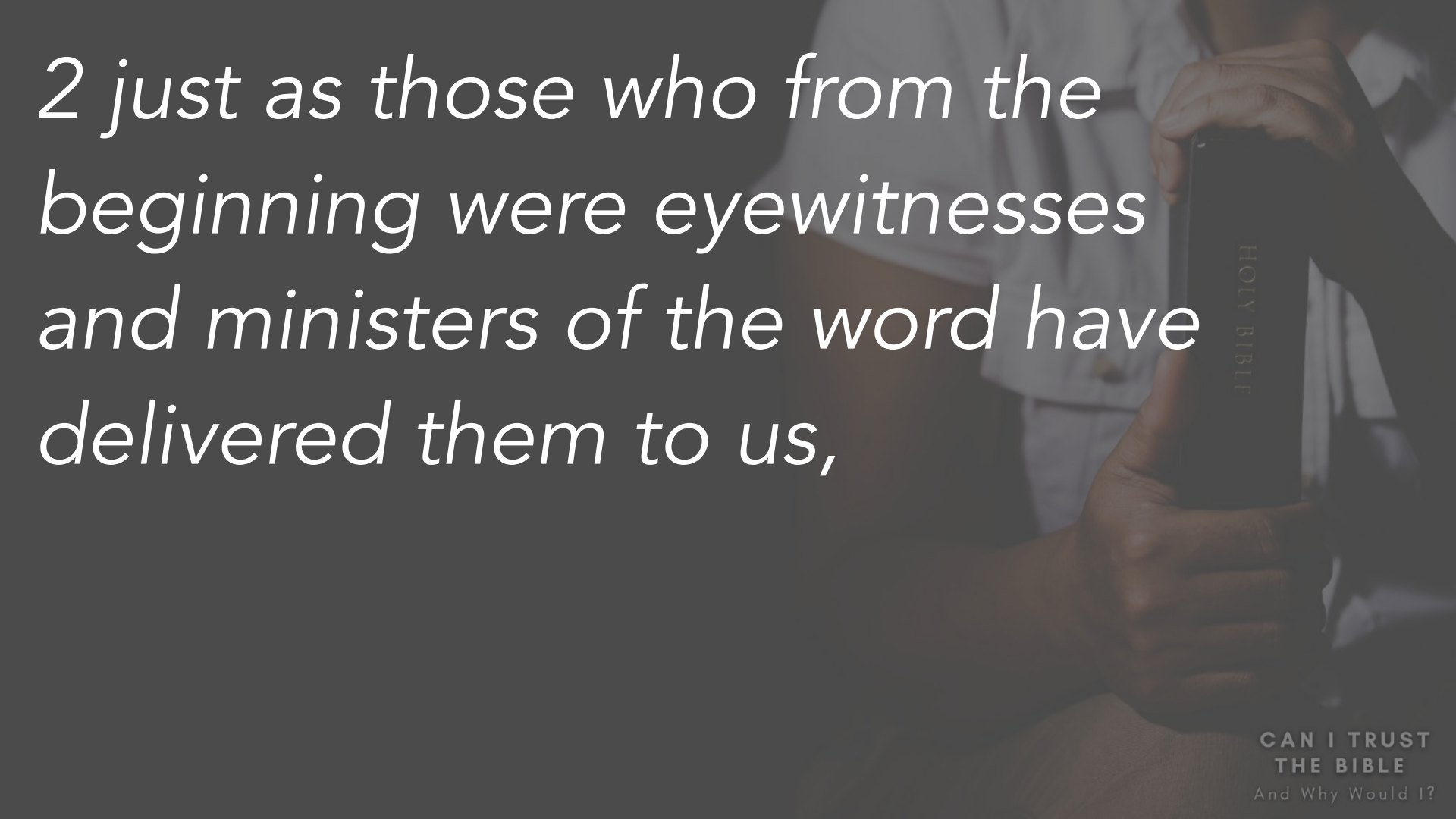


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• What are the facts?

Luke 1:1-4

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us,

A person wearing a white shirt is holding a black Bible. The spine of the Bible is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold or light-colored letters. The background is dark and slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the Bible.

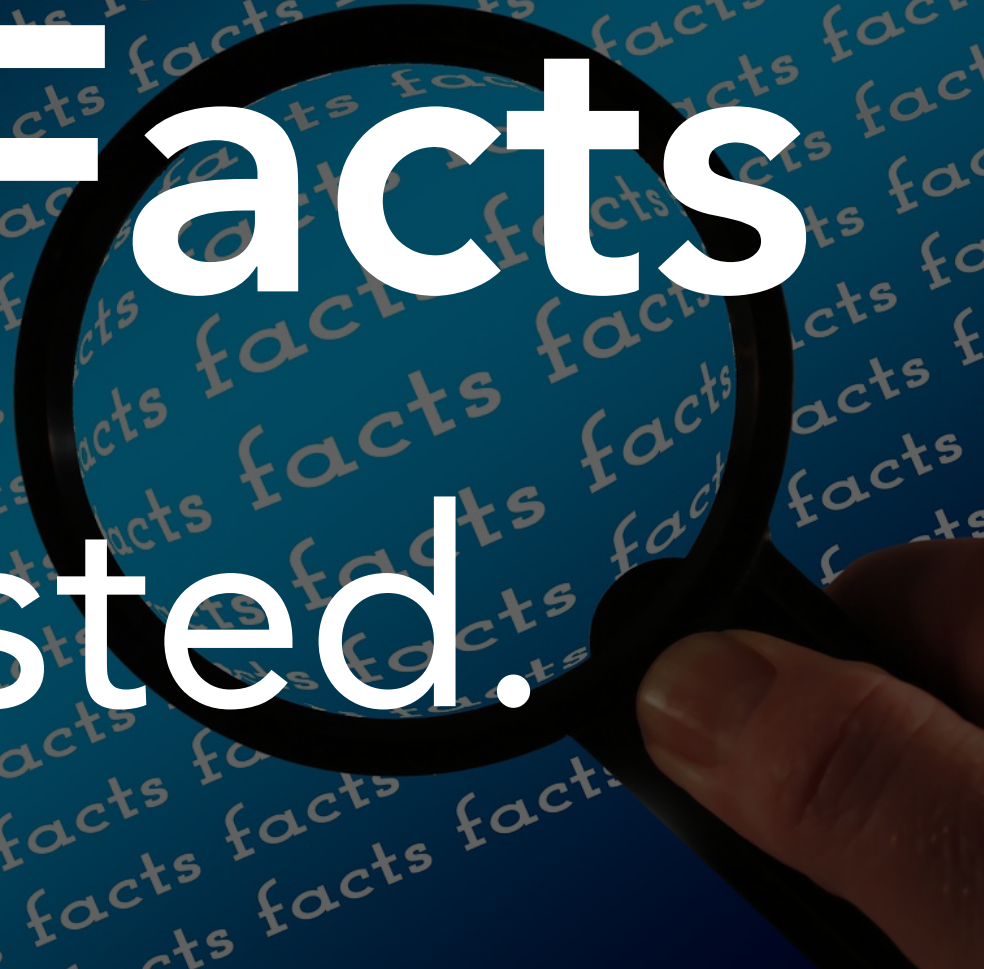
2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us,

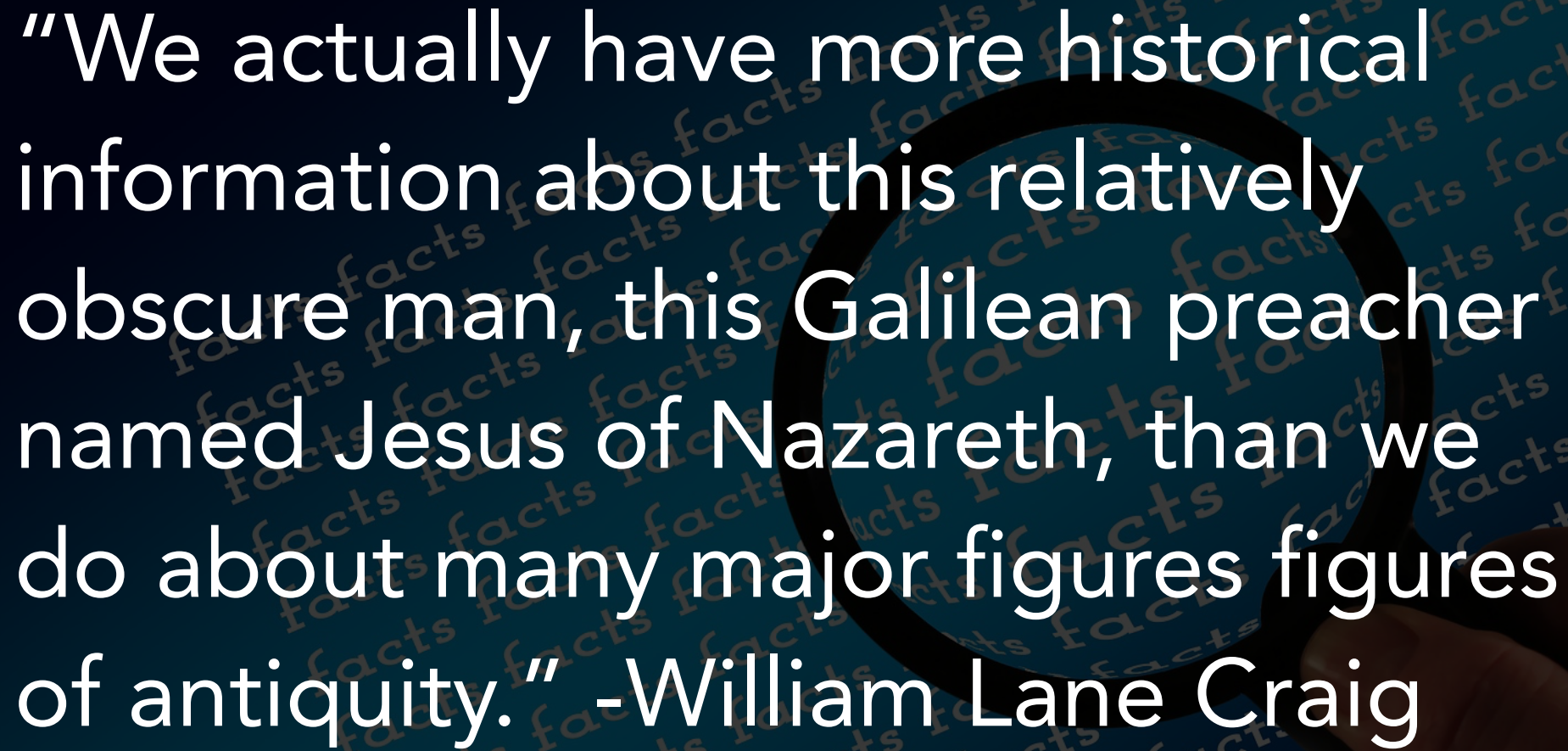
*3 it seemed good to me also,
having followed all things closely for
some time past, to write an orderly
account for you, most
excellent Theophilus,*

*4 that you may have certainty
concerning the things you have
been taught.*

The Facts

He existed.

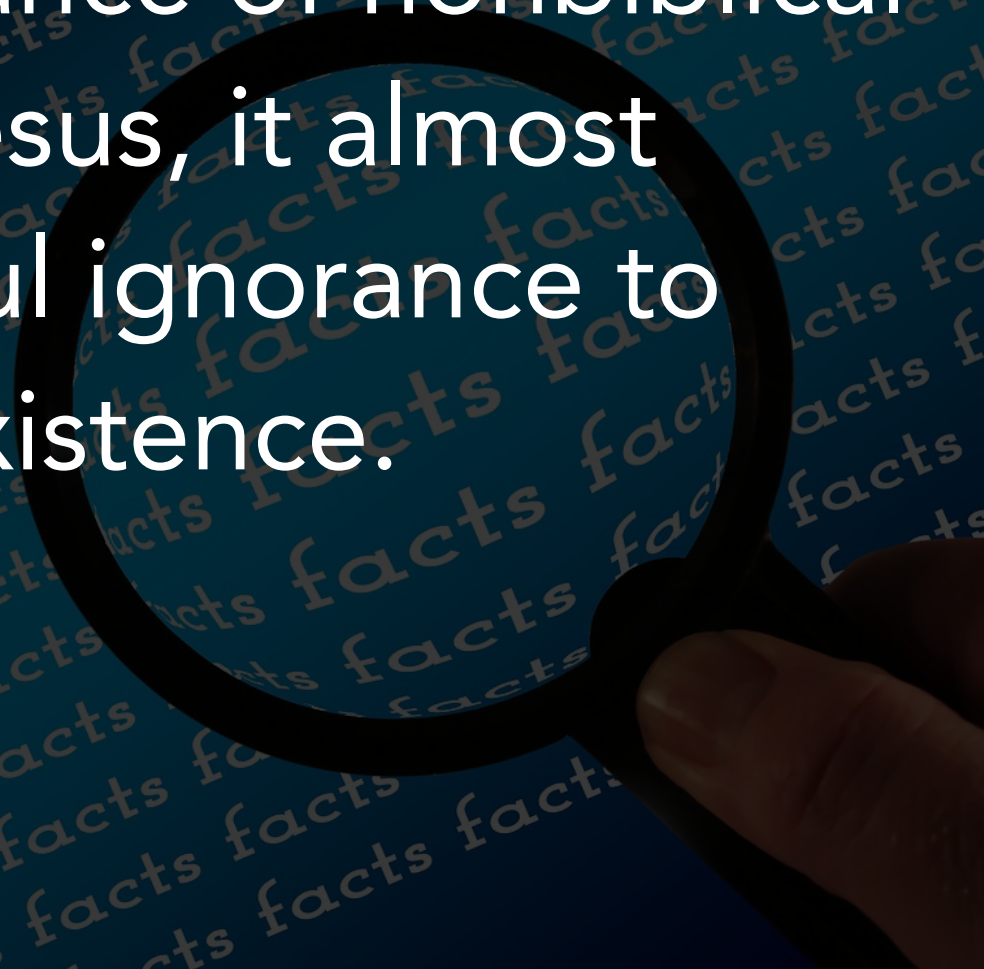


A hand holding a magnifying glass over a globe, with a background of repeating 'facts' text.

“We actually have more historical information about this relatively obscure man, this Galilean preacher named Jesus of Nazareth, than we do about many major figures figures of antiquity.” -William Lane Craig

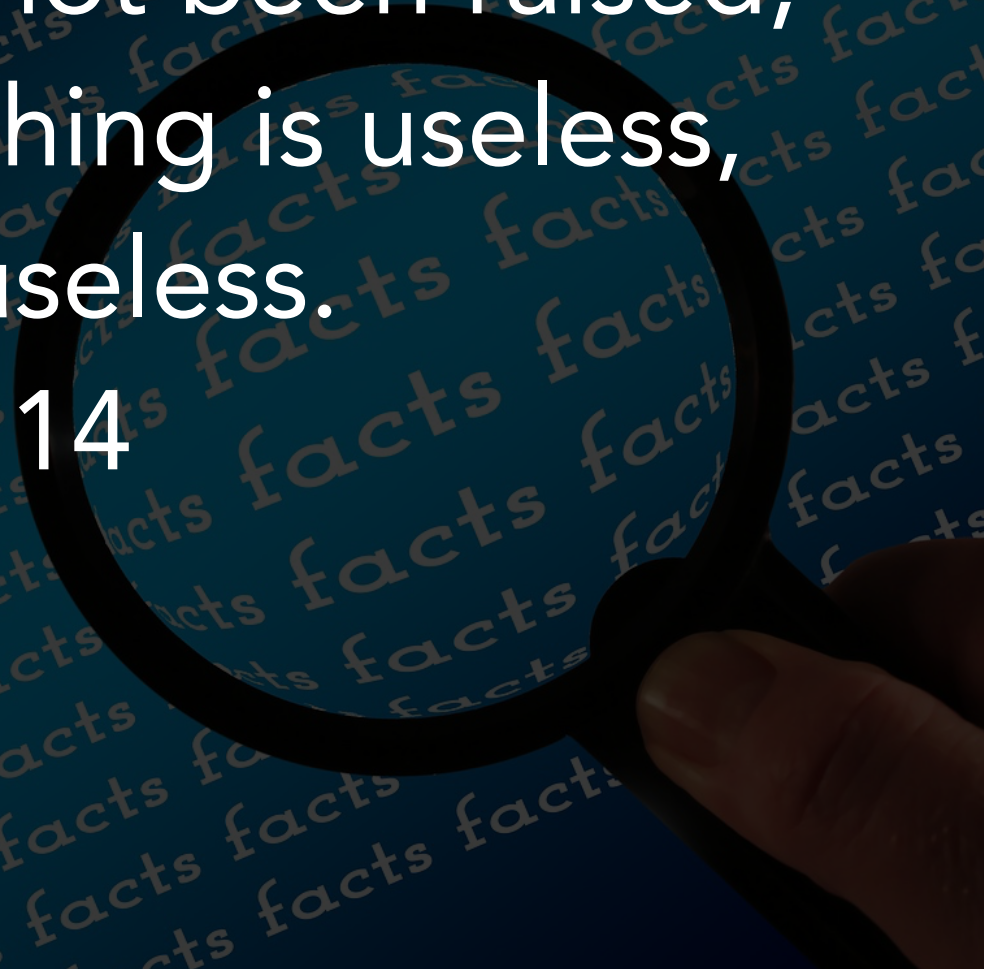
Given the abundance of nonbiblical information on Jesus, it almost seems to be willful ignorance to deny his actual existence.

-William Mounce

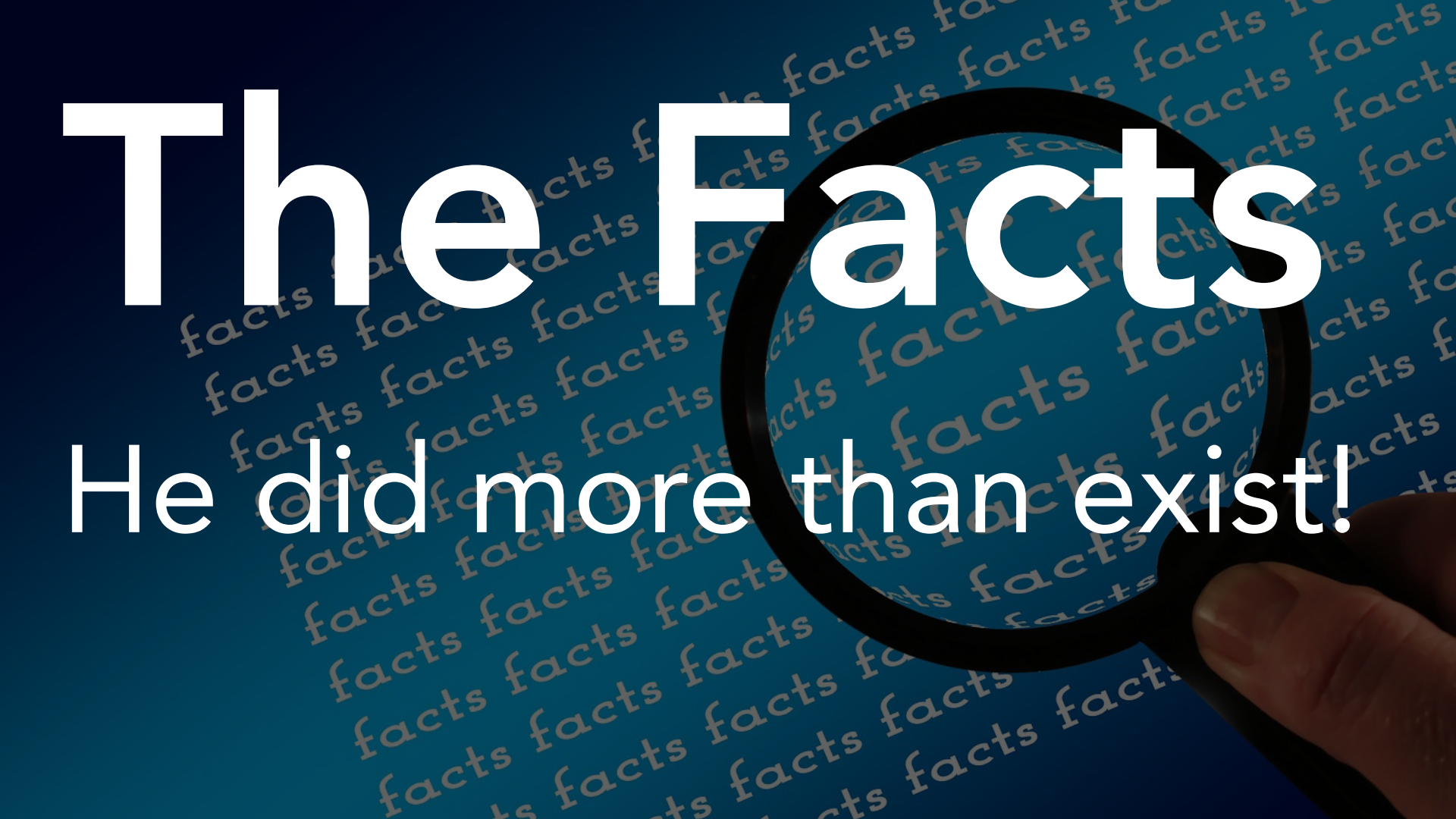


And if Christ has not been raised,
then all our preaching is useless,
and your faith is useless.

-1 Corinthians 15:14

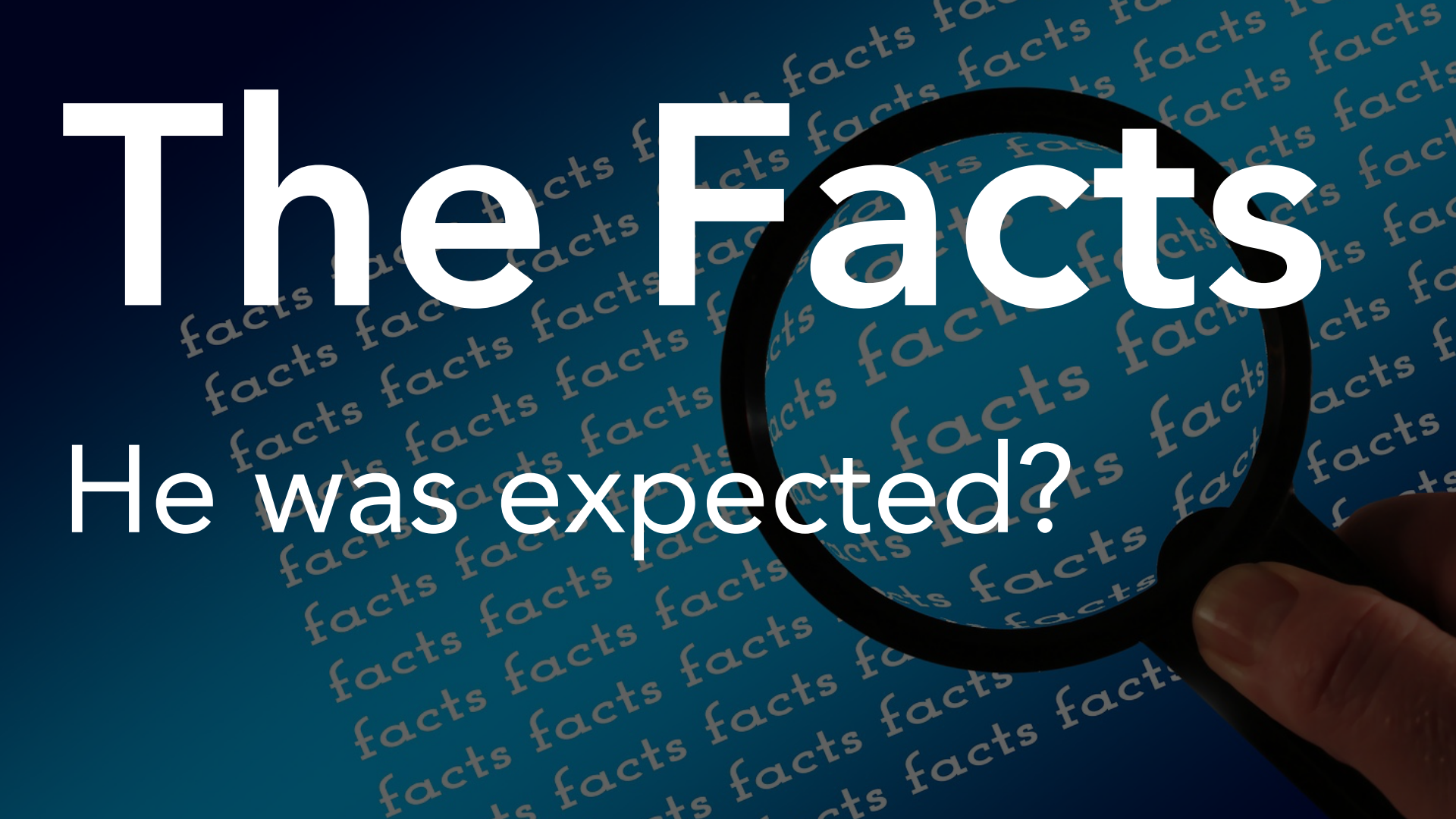


The Facts

A hand holding a magnifying glass over a blue globe with the word 'facts' repeated on it. The background is a dark blue gradient with the word 'facts' repeated in a lighter blue, slightly tilted font.

He did more than exist!

The Facts

The background of the image is a dark blue gradient. Overlaid on this background is a repeating pattern of the word "facts" in a light blue, sans-serif font, tilted at an angle. In the lower right quadrant, a hand is visible holding a black magnifying glass. The lens of the magnifying glass is focused on the word "facts" in the background pattern, making it appear larger and more prominent.

He was expected?

A person wearing a white short-sleeved shirt is holding a dark-colored Bible. The Bible is held with both hands, and the spine of the Bible is visible, showing the word 'HOMER' in gold lettering. The background is dark and out of focus.

2. When is it faith?

Hebrews 11:6-7

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

- Faith is a head thing
- Faith is a heart thing
- Faith is a hands thing

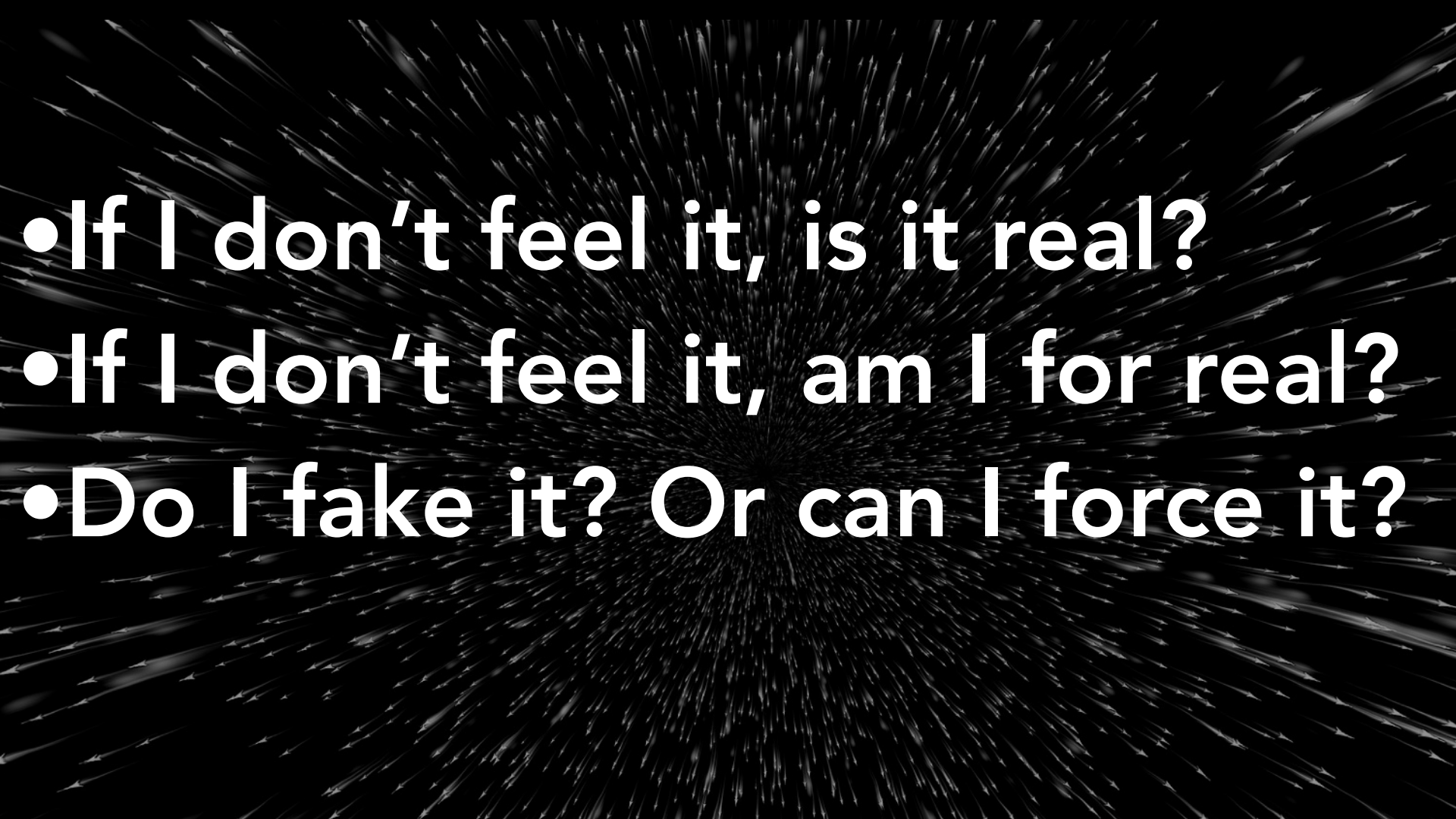
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3.

Where are the
feelings?

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

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- If I don't feel it, is it real?
 - If I don't feel it, am I for real?
 - Do I fake it? Or can I force it?

Facts Follow Feelings?



Feelings Follow Facts?



***What or Who
Defines Reality?***

an·thro·po·cen·tric

*regarding humankind as the central
or most important element of
existence*



the·o·cen·tric

having God as a central focus.

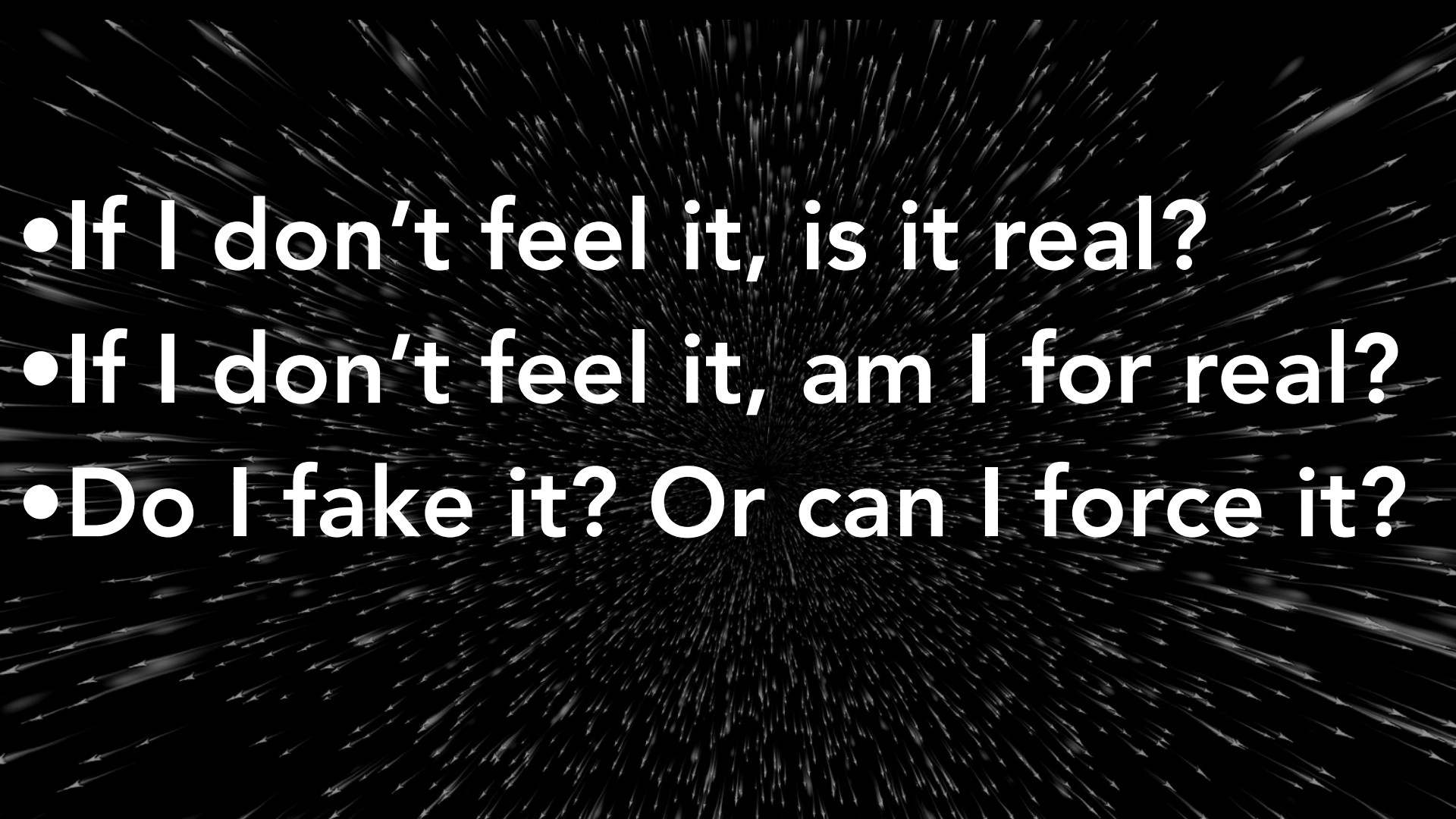
an·thro·po·cen·tric

*There is a path before each person
that seems right, but it ends in
death. -Proverbs 14:12*

the·o·cen·tric

Whoever has the Son has life

-1 John 5:12

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Two possible errors about feelings:

1. To not care at all that I don't feel close to God.

2. To care so much about my feelings that I trust them over God's Word.



• How do I grow in my affections for God?

A disciple of Jesus is someone who follows Jesus in an ever deepening relationship of love with God and others and helps others do the same.



30 Faith

BE ONE THAT MAKES ONE THAT
MAKES ONE.



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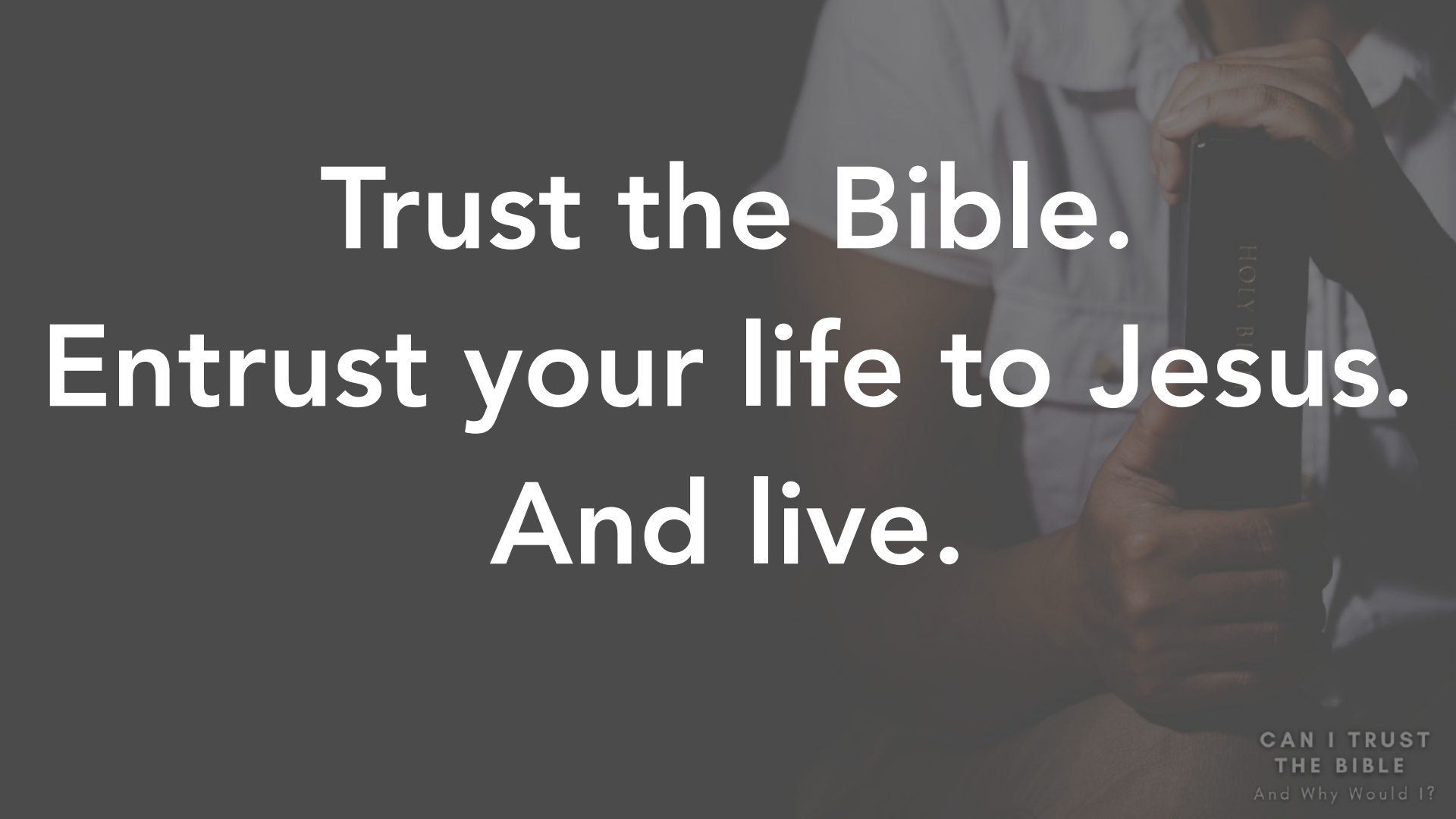
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Closing Scripture

these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

-John 20:31

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. They are holding a dark-colored Bible with both hands. The Bible has the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically on its cover. The background is a dark, slightly blurred image of the person's torso and hands. Overlaid on this image is large, white, sans-serif text.

**Trust the Bible.
Entrust your life to Jesus.
And live.**

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