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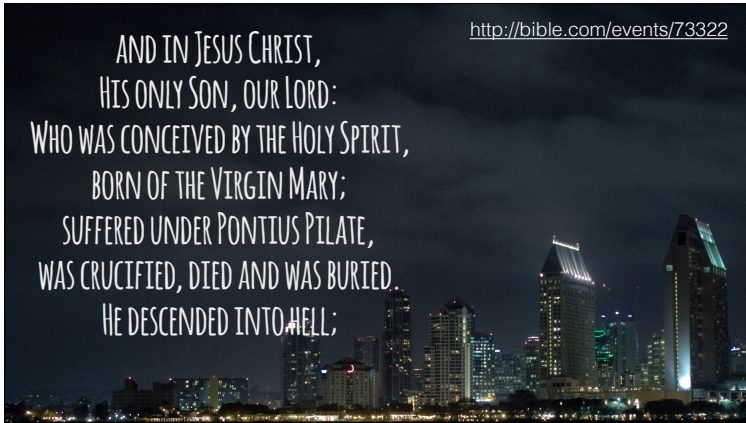
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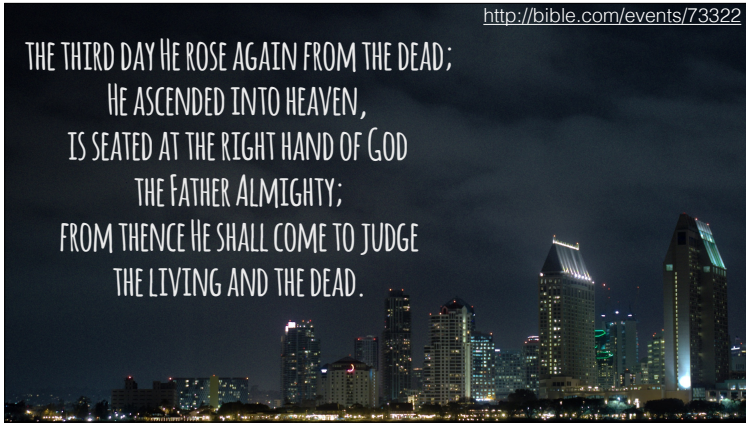
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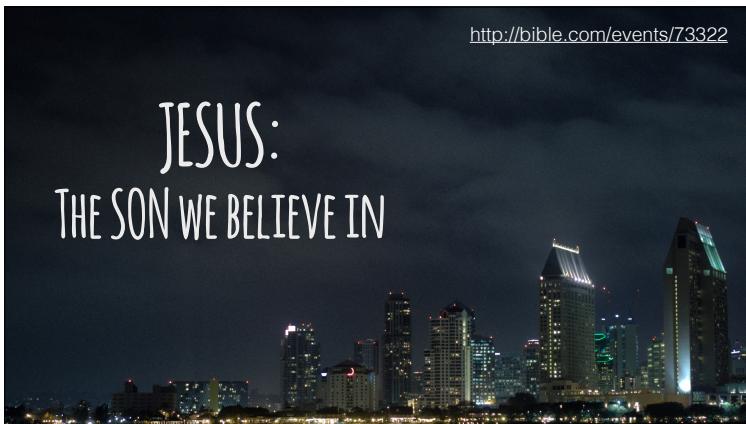
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MY PERSPECTIVE IS MY CONFESSION OF FAITH...

WHY DO I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE?

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JESUS: THE SON WE BELIEVE IN...

HIS CHARACTER IS DIFFERENT

HIS TEACHING IS DIFFERENT

HIS BEHAVIOR IS DIFFERENT

HIS ABILITIES ARE DIFFERENT

HIS CLAIMS ARE DIFFERENT

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HIS CHARACTER IS DIFFERENT

WHERE DO YOU FIND, IN THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THE PLANET, A CHARACTER WHICH HAS DOMINATED AND APPEALED TO EVERY GENERATION, REGARDLESS OF GENDER/RACE, AND HAS TRANSFORMED THEM FOR THE BETTER?

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HIS TEACHING IS DIFFERENT

WHERE DO YOU FIND ANYTHING IN THE TEACHING OF JESUS THAT DOES NOT STRIKE YOU AS THE TRUTH? WHERE CAN YOU FIND ANYTHING THAT STRIKES YOU AS ERROR? HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO ETHICAL ADVANCES SINCE JESUS?

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HIS TEACHING IS DIFFERENT

WHY HAS THERE BEEN NO NEW TEACHING REGARDING HOW PEOPLE SHOULD BEHAVE TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER IN THE CENTURIES SINCE?

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HIS BEHAVIOR IS DIFFERENT

HOW IS IT THAT WE CONSIDER HIS BEHAVIOR WITHOUT EQUAL, HIS CHARACTER BEYOND REPROACH, AND YET THERE IS NEVER AN ADMISSION OF WRONG, OF WEAKNESS, OF IMPERFECTION?

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HIS BEHAVIOR IS DIFFERENT

HOW DO WE ACCOUNT FOR A PERSONALITY DEVOID OF FLAW AND YET NEVER ONCE DO WE BEHOLD PRIDE, ARROGANCE, OR CONDESCENSION? WHAT OTHER HUMAN BEING HAS EVER BEHAVED LIKE JESUS?

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HIS ABILITIES ARE DIFFERENT

HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THE PHENOMENA OF JESUS WITHOUT THE MIRACLES? IF JESUS IS WHO HIS TEACHING CLAIMS HIMSELF TO BE, DO MIRACLES REALLY PUSH THE LIMITS OF CREDULITY?

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HIS CLAIMS ARE DIFFERENT

WHAT ARE WE TO MAKE OF THE CLAIMS OF JESUS? IN LIGHT OF HIS CHARACTER, HIS TEACHING, HIS BEHAVIOR, AND HIS CLAIMS, WHAT ARE WE REALLY GOING TO SAY?

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JESUS: THE SON WE BELIEVE IN...

DOES IT REALLY DO JUSTICE TO SAY THAT HE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A FINE TEACHER IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT HIS LIFE WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN — OR ANYONE ELSE'S FOR THAT MATTER?

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JESUS: THE SON WE BELIEVE IN...

LET US SUPPOSE THAT THIS EVERYDAY WORLD WAS AT SOME POINT INVADED BY THESE MARVELOUS...

C. S. LEWIS

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MARK 14. 53 THEY TOOK JESUS TO THE HIGH PRIEST'S HOME WHERE THE LEADING PRIESTS, THE ELDERS, AND THE TEACHERS OF RELIGIOUS LAW HAD GATHERED. 54 MEANWHILE, PETER FOLLOWED HIM AT A DISTANCE AND WENT RIGHT INTO THE HIGH PRIEST'S COURTYARD. THERE HE SAT WITH THE GUARDS, WARMING HIMSELF BY THE FIRE.

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MARK 14. 55 INSIDE, THE LEADING PRIESTS AND THE ENTIRE HIGH COUNCIL WERE TRYING TO FIND EVIDENCE AGAINST JESUS, SO THEY COULD PUT HIM TO DEATH. BUT THEY COULDN'T FIND ANY. 56 MANY FALSE WITNESSES SPOKE AGAINST HIM, BUT THEY CONTRADICTED EACH OTHER. 57 FINALLY, SOME MEN STOOD UP AND GAVE THIS FALSE TESTIMONY:

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58 "WE HEARD HIM SAY, 'I WILL DESTROY THIS TEMPLE MADE WITH HUMAN HANDS, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL BUILD ANOTHER, MADE WITHOUT HUMAN HANDS.'" 59 BUT EVEN THEN THEY DIDN'T GET THEIR STORIES STRAIGHT!

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60 THEN THE HIGH PRIEST STOOD UP BEFORE THE OTHERS AND ASKED JESUS, "WELL, AREN'T YOU GOING TO ANSWER THESE CHARGES? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?" 61 BUT JESUS WAS SILENT AND MADE NO REPLY. THEN THE HIGH PRIEST ASKED HIM, "ARE YOU THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE BLESSED ONE?"

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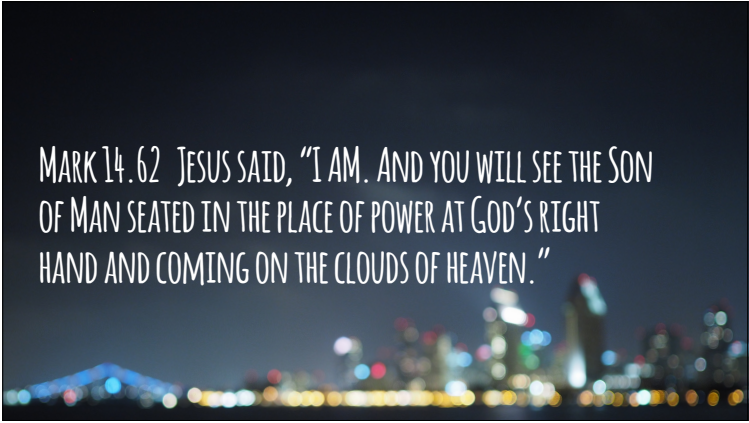
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MARK 14. 62 JESUS SAID, "I AM. AND YOU WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN SEATED IN THE PLACE OF POWER AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND AND COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

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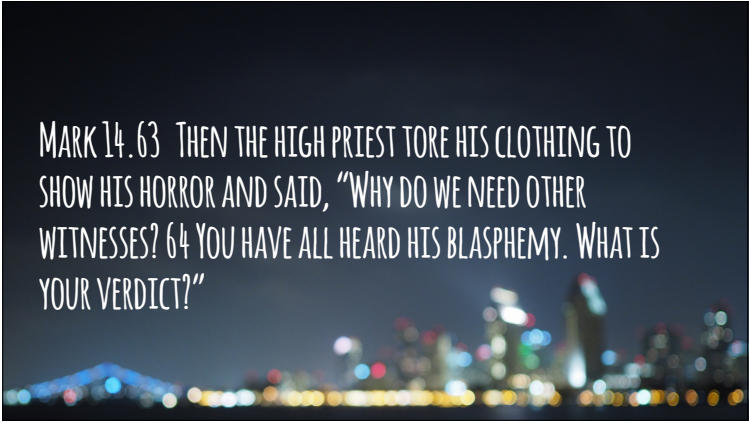
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MARK 14. 63 THEN THE HIGH PRIEST TORE HIS CLOTHING TO SHOW HIS HORROR AND SAID, "WHY DO WE NEED OTHER WITNESSES? 64 YOU HAVE ALL HEARD HIS BLASPHEMY. WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT?"

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WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT?"

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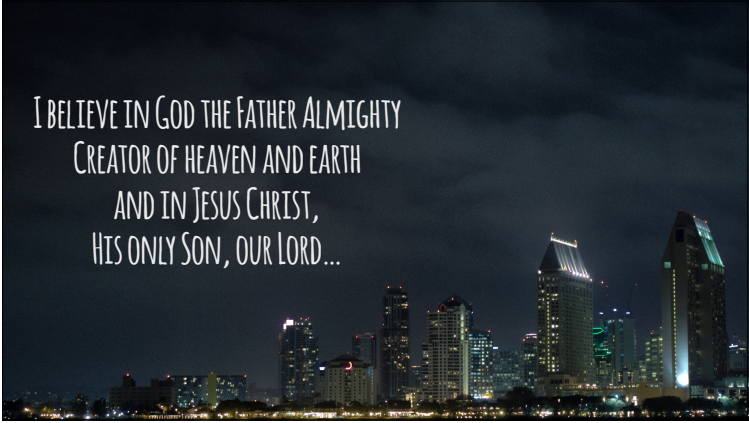
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I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY  
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH  
AND IN JESUS CHRIST,  
HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD...

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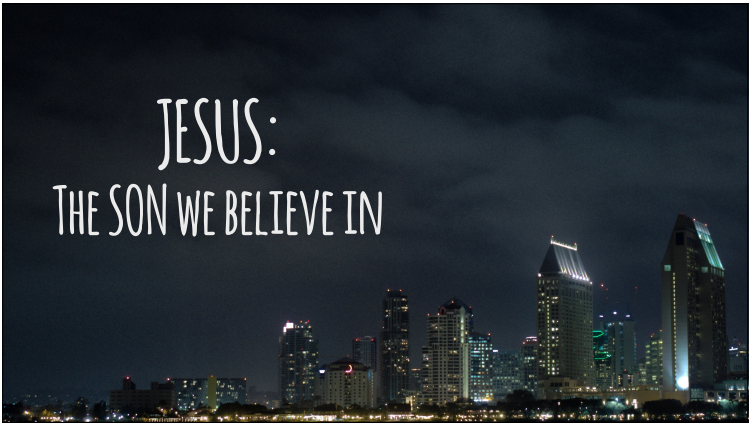
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