

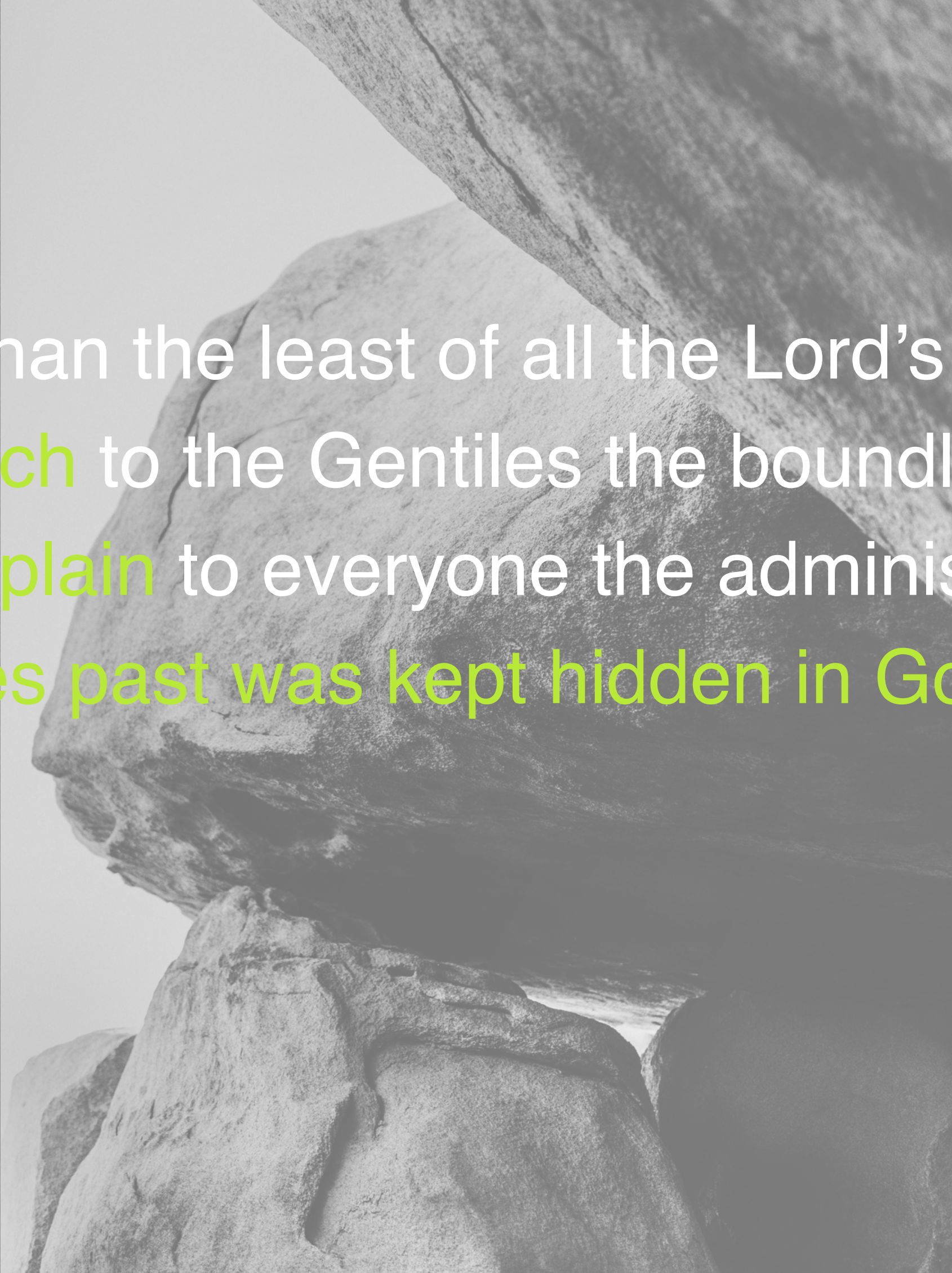
Now we live
with great
expectation.

— April 2023

1 Peter 1:3 NLT —

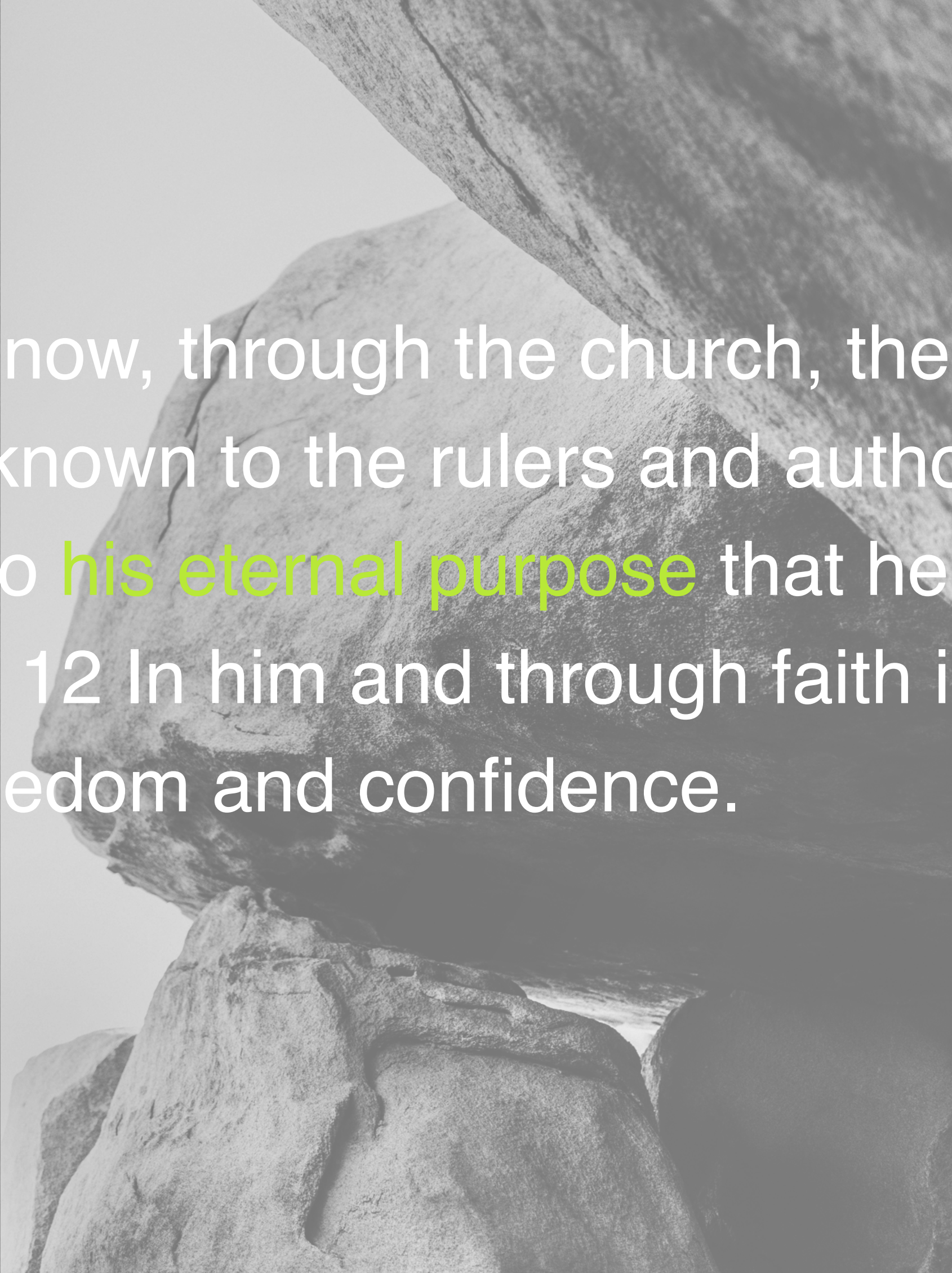
— Easter at Northlands





8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: **to preach** to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and **to make plain** to everyone the administration of this mystery, **which for ages past was kept hidden in God**, who created all things.

Ephesians 3:8-12



10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. 11 according to **his eternal purpose** that he **accomplished in Christ Jesus** our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3:8-12

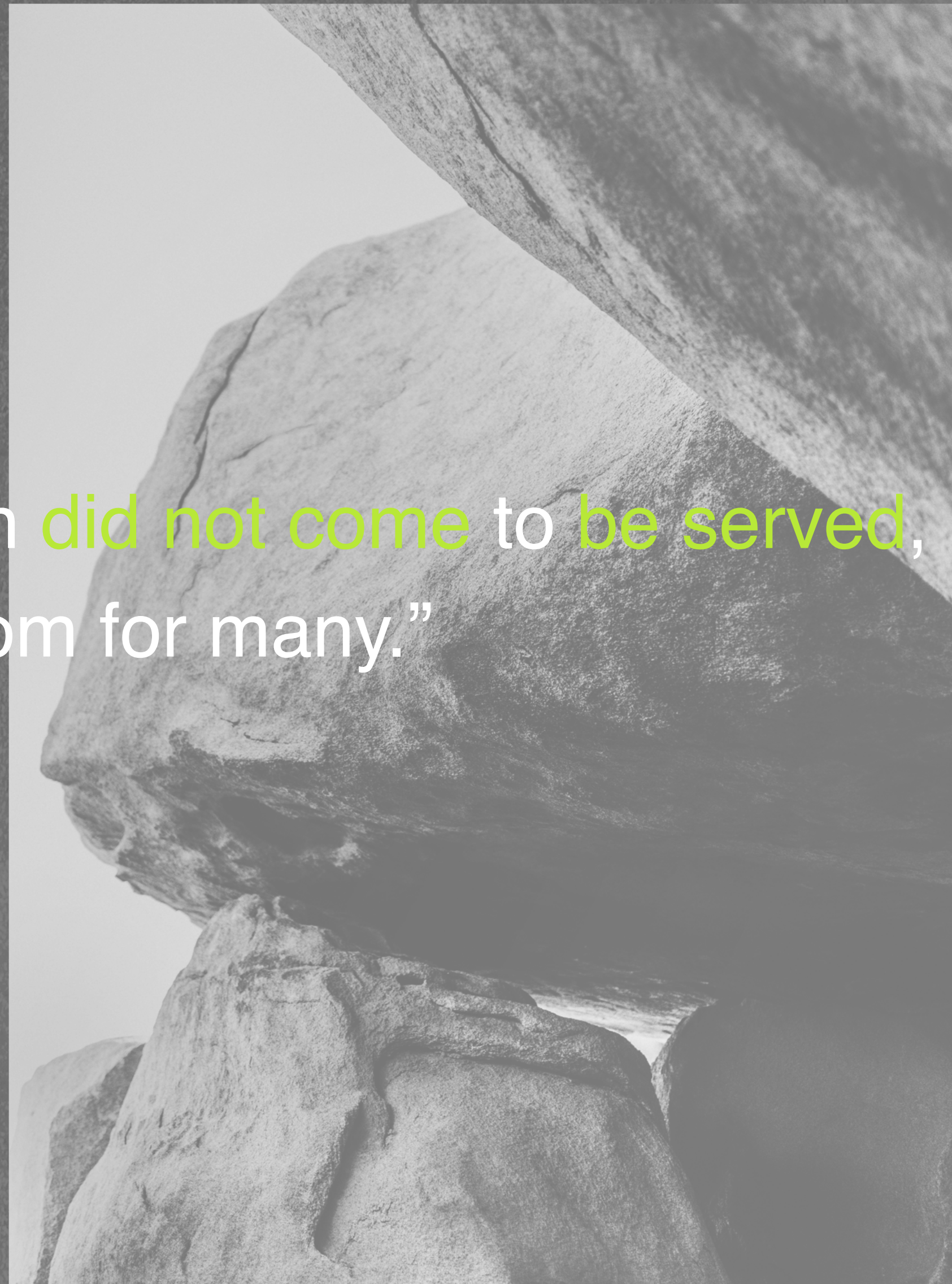
Jesus *knew*

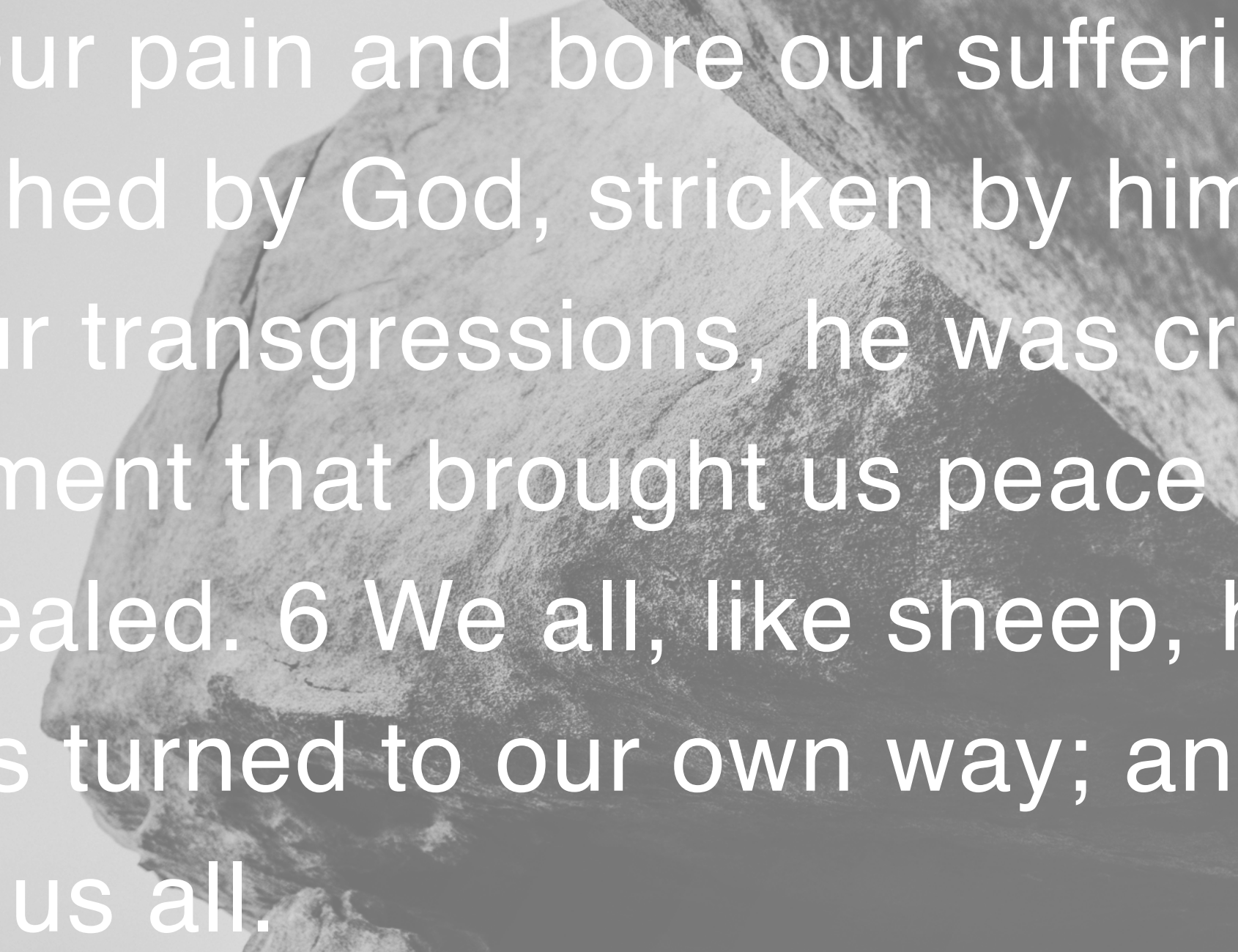
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He *had to* do.

just as the Son of Man **did not come to be served**, but **to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

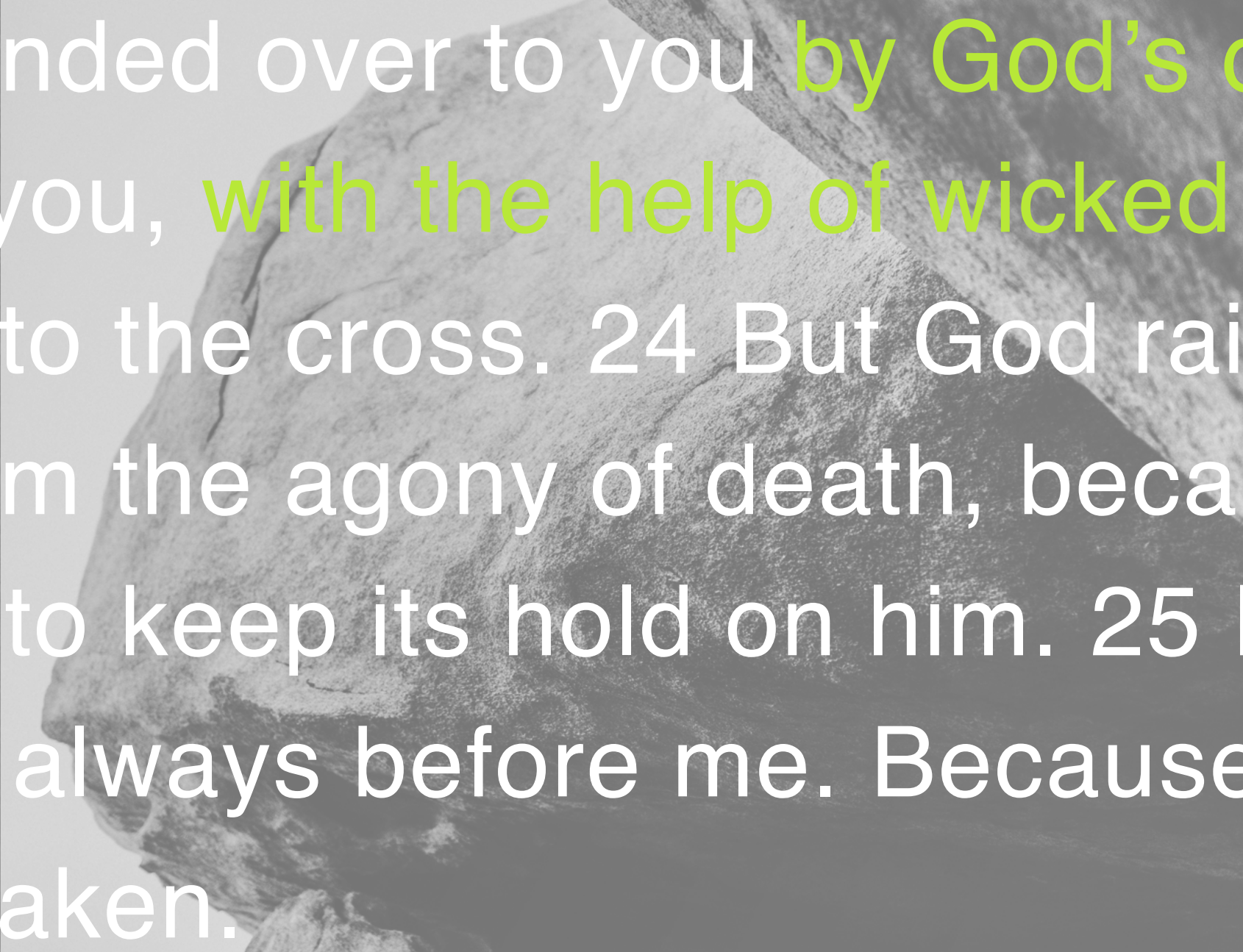
Matthew 20:28





4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

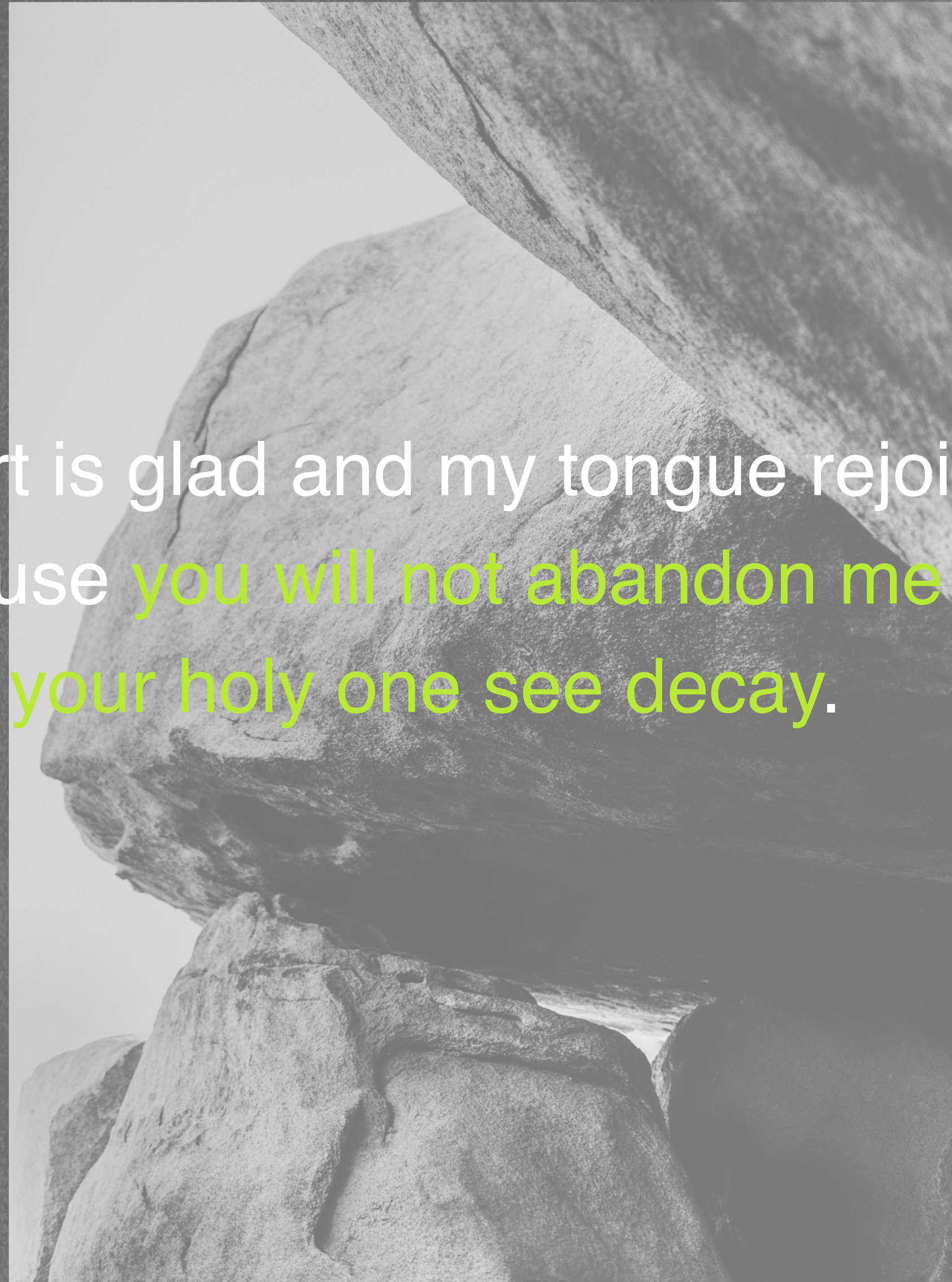


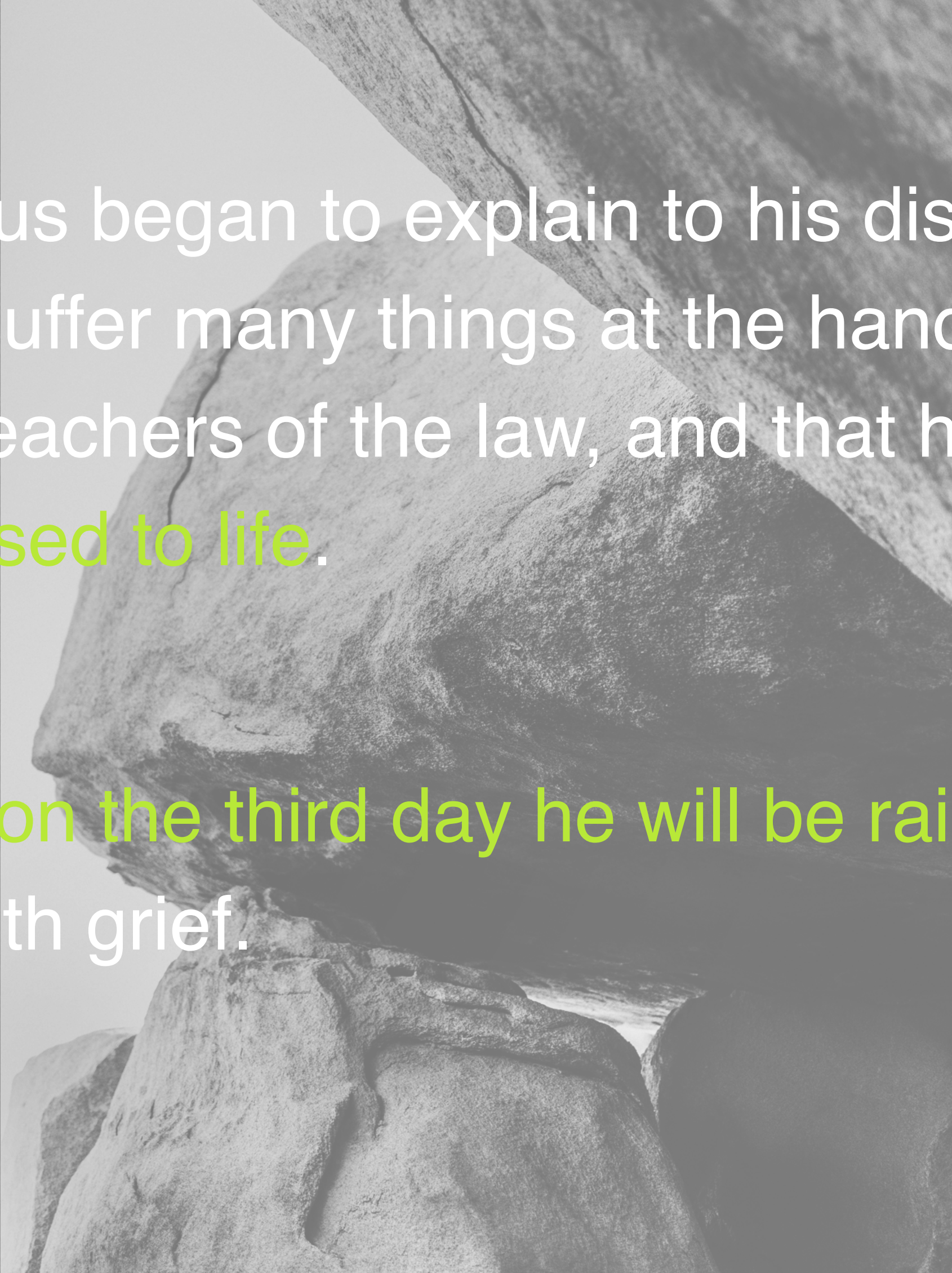
23 This man was handed over to you **by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge**; and you, **with the help of wicked men, put him to death** by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

Acts 2:23-27

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

Acts 2:23-27





From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and **on the third day be raised to life.**

Matthew 16:21

They will kill him, and **on the third day he will be raised to life.**” And the disciples were filled with grief.

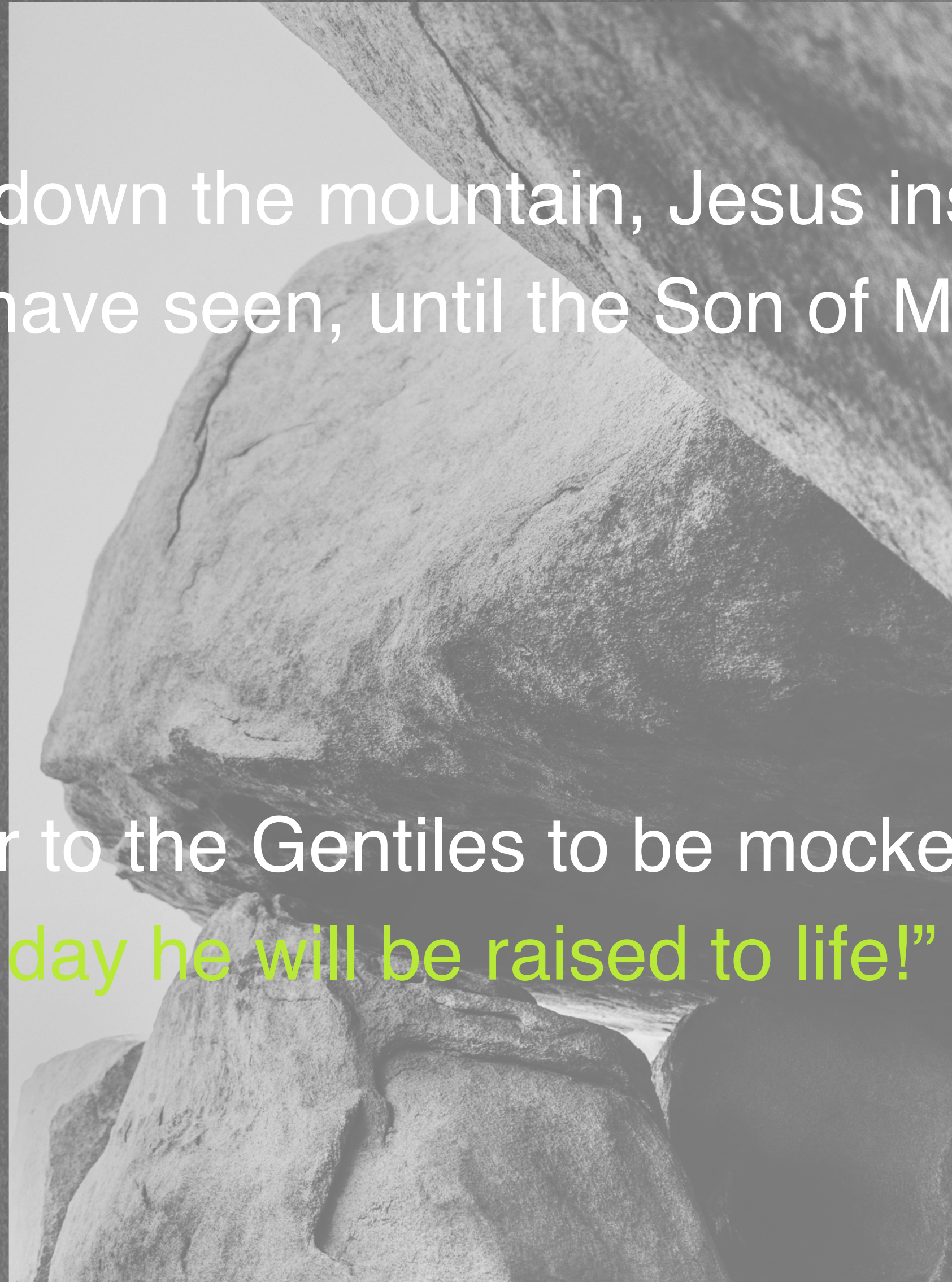
Matthew 17:23

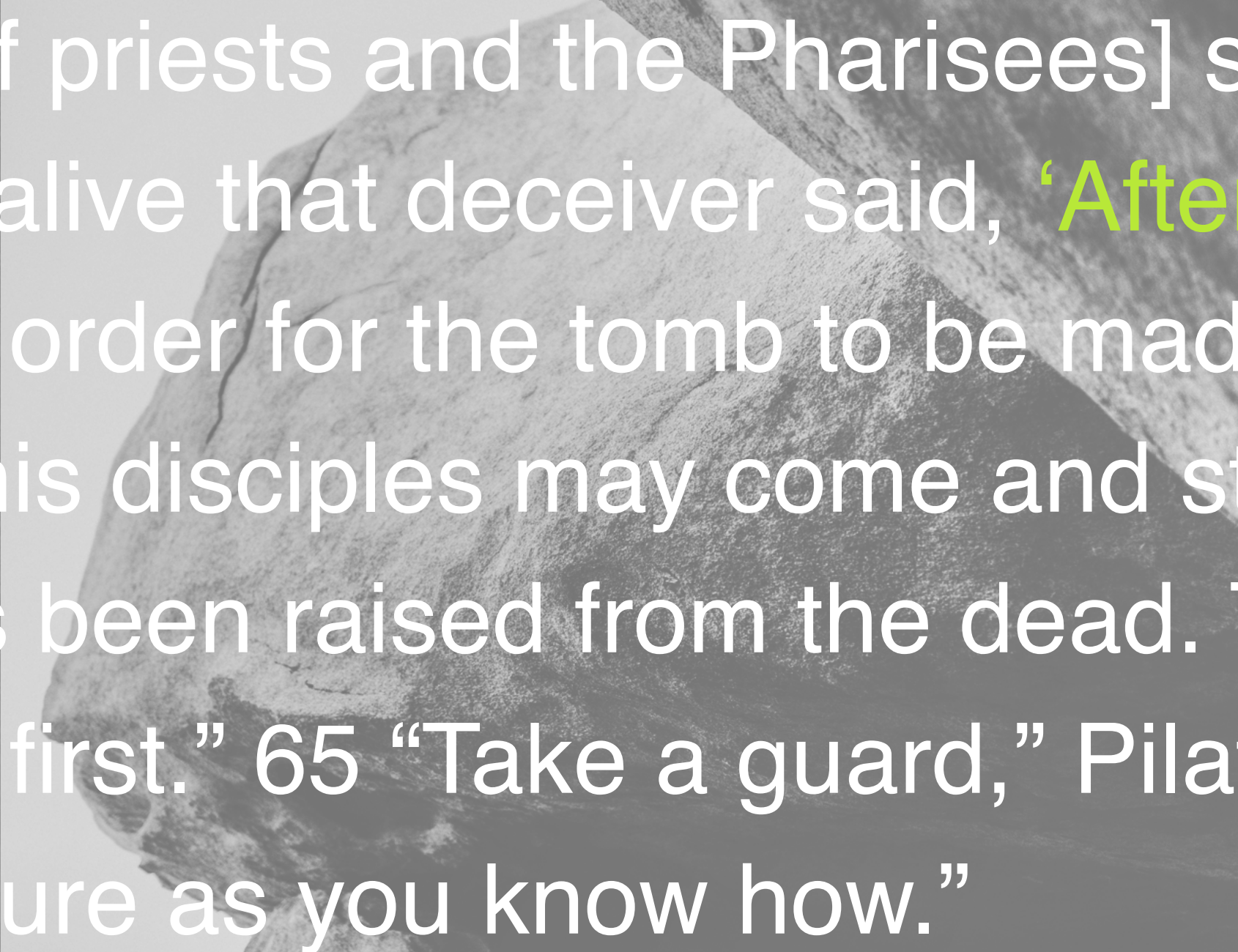
As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been **raised from the dead.**”

Matthew 17:9

and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. **On the third day he will be raised to life!**”

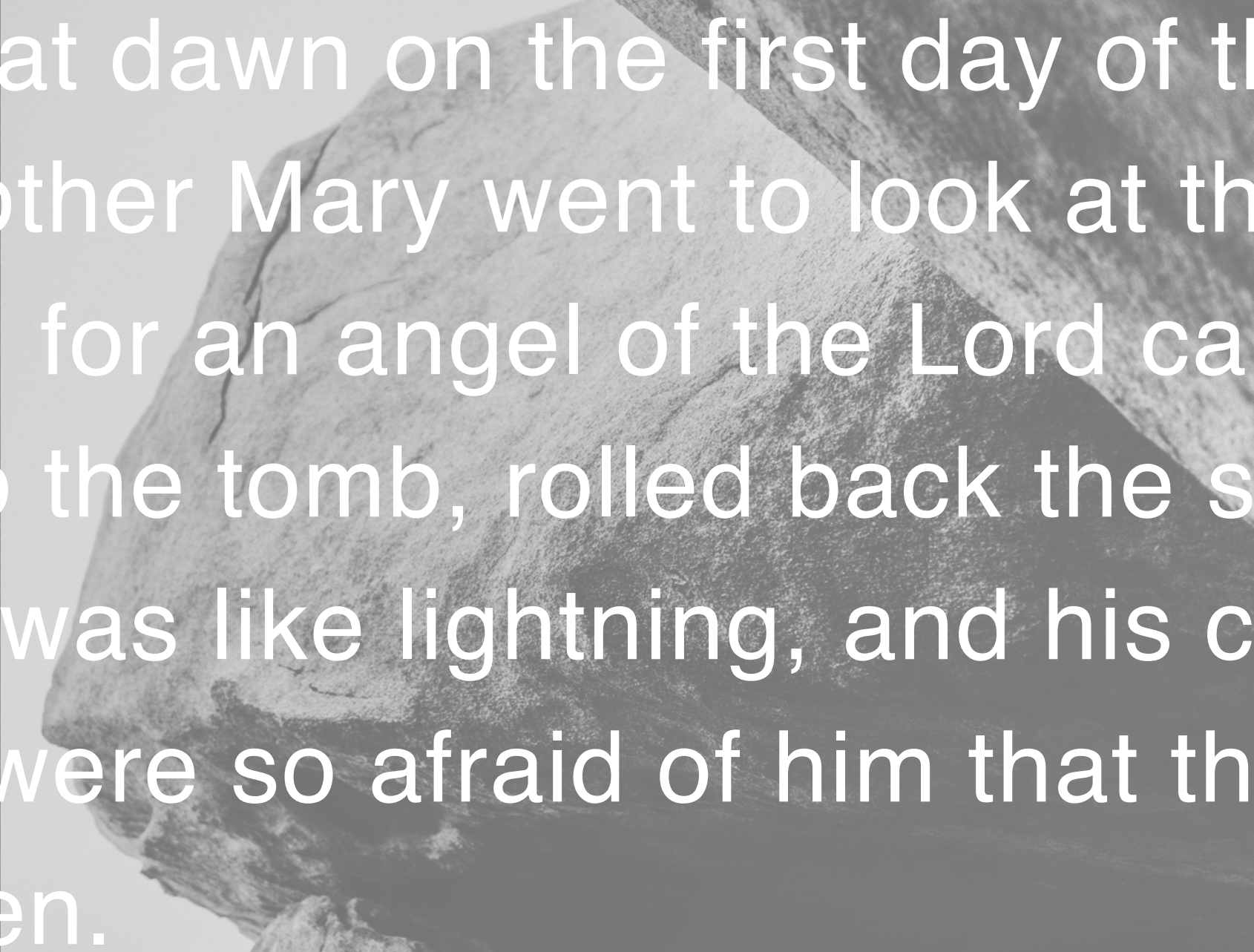
Matthew 20:19





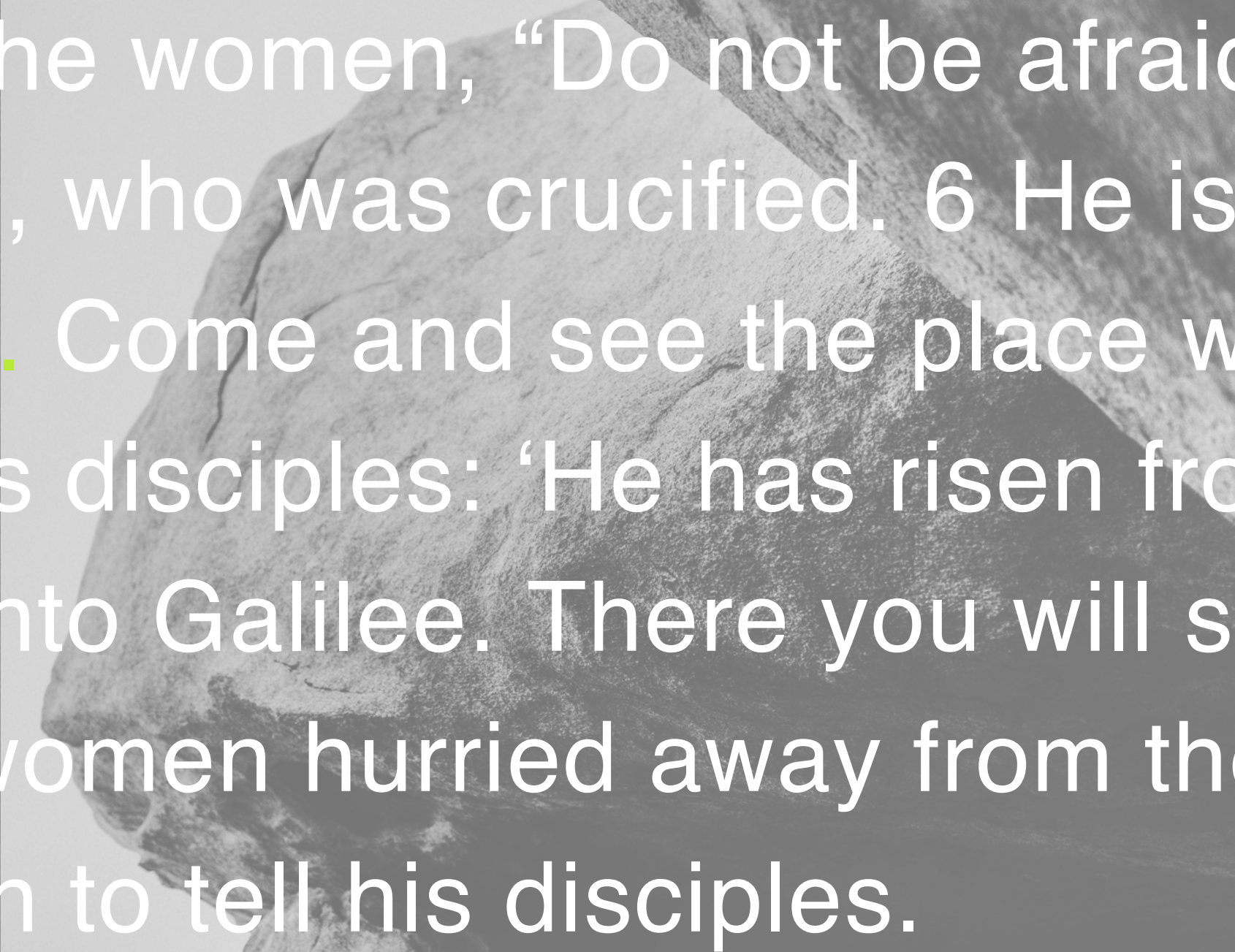
63 “Sir,” they [the chief priests and the Pharisees] said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘**After three days I will rise again.**’ 64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.” 65 “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.”

Matthew 27:63-65

A large, heavy stone is being rolled away from a tomb entrance. The stone is positioned at an angle, partially covering the opening. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a cave interior.

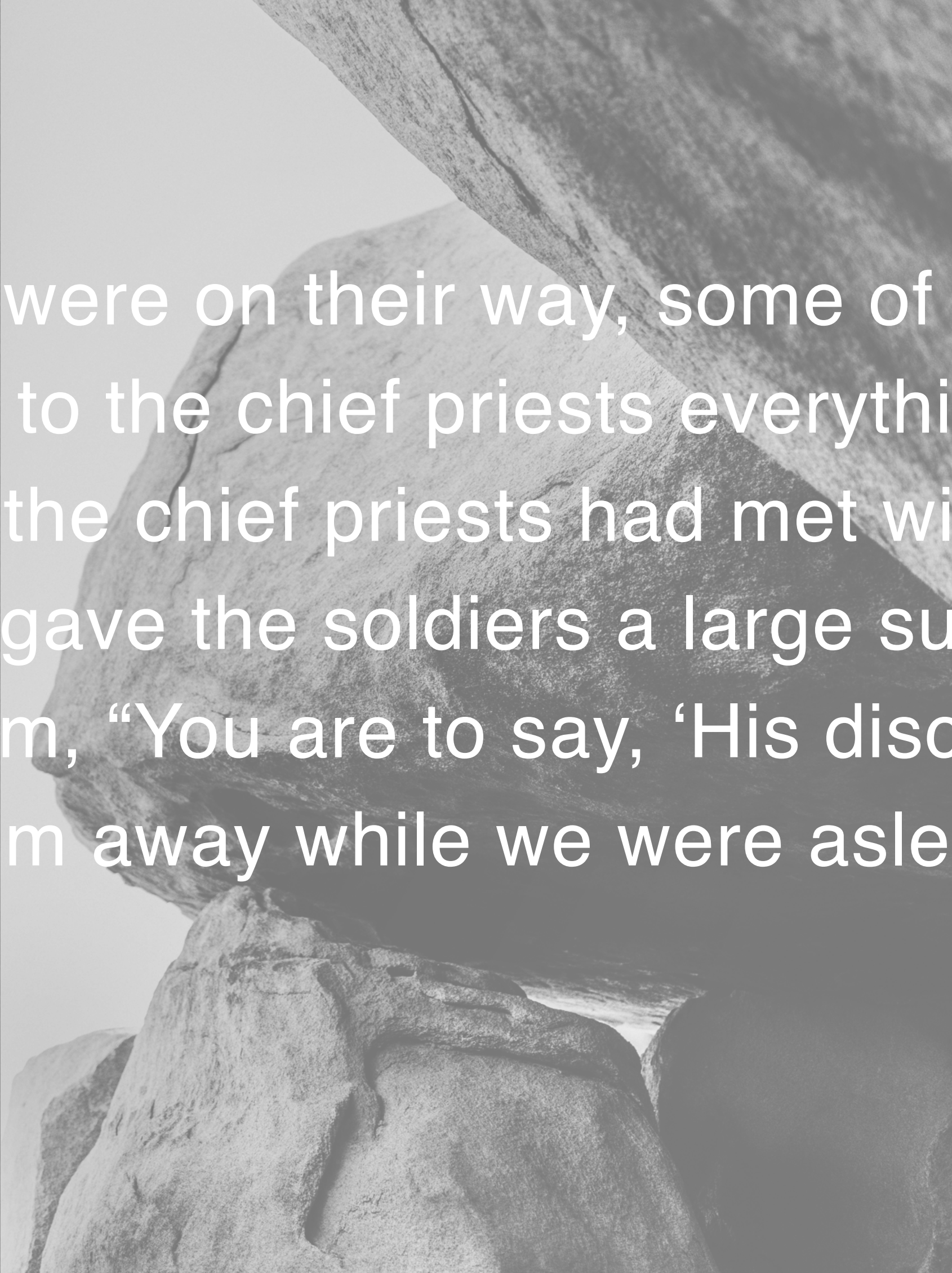
1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:1-7



5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, **just as he said**. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

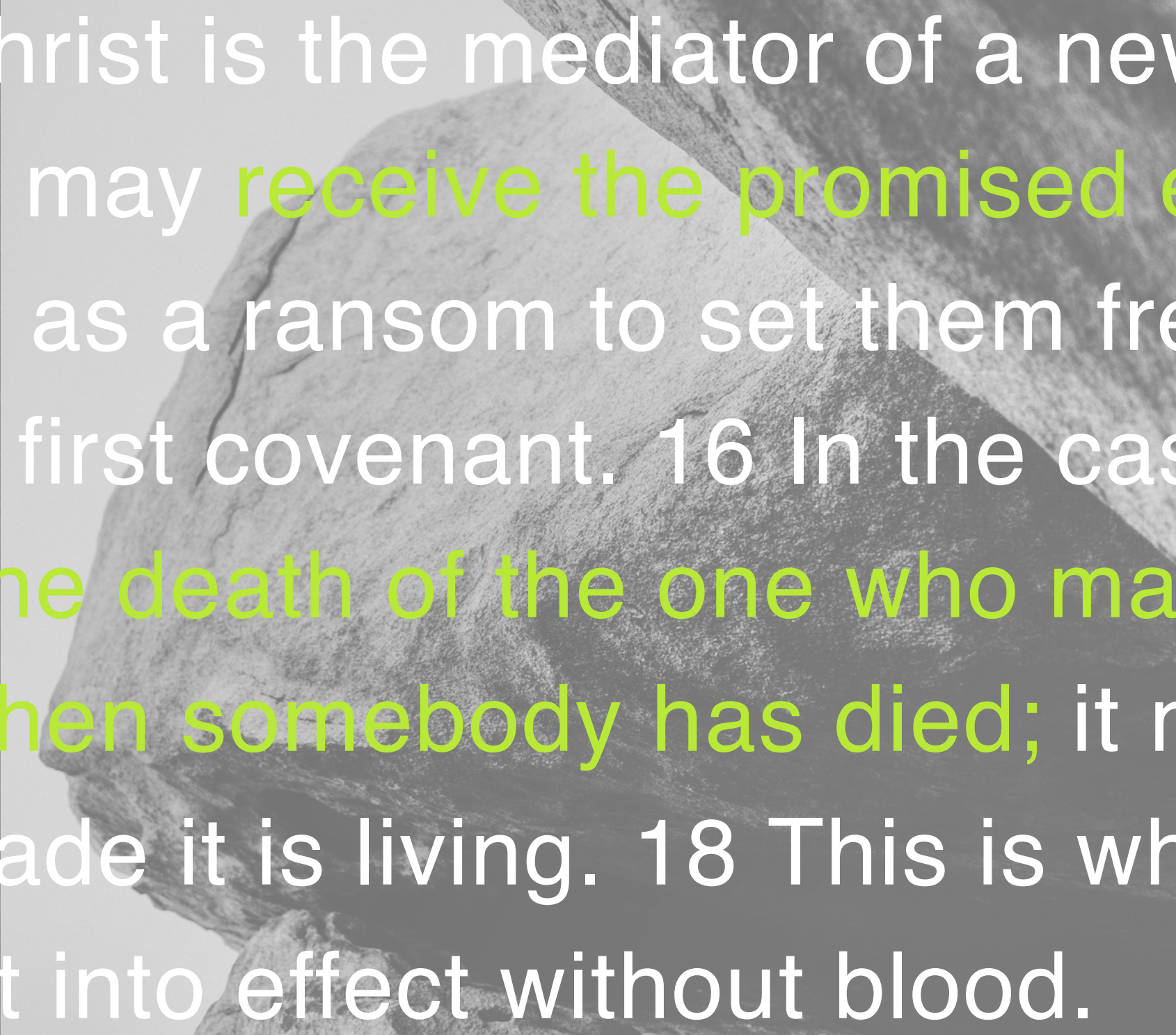
Matthew 28:1-8



11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”

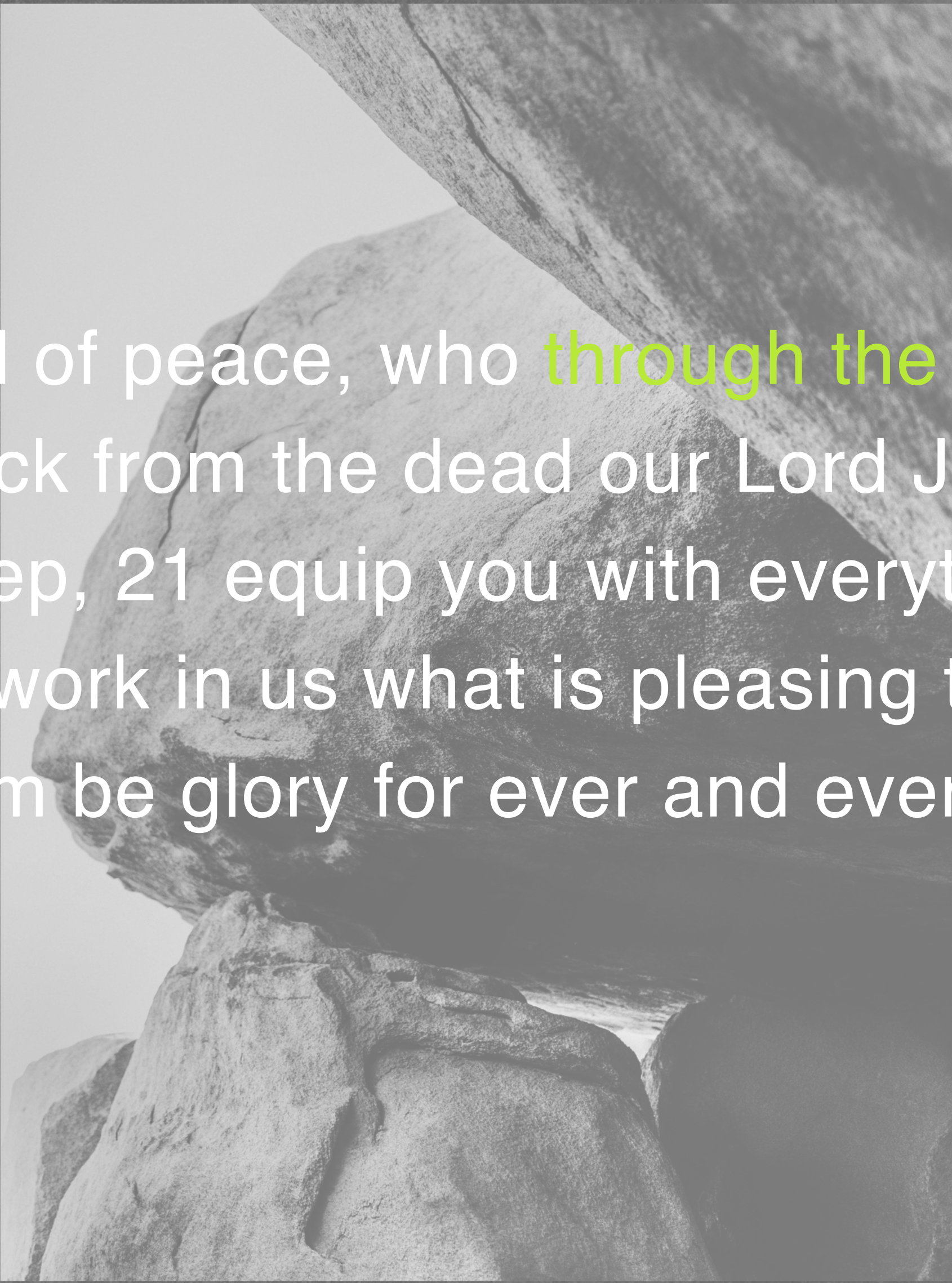
Matthew 28:11-13

We *live in* the
time of
released
inheritance.



15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may **receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died** as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. 16 In the case of a will, **it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it**, 17 because **a will is in force only when somebody has died**; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. 18 This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.

Hebrews 9:15-18



20 Now may the God of peace, who **through the blood of the eternal covenant** brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21