



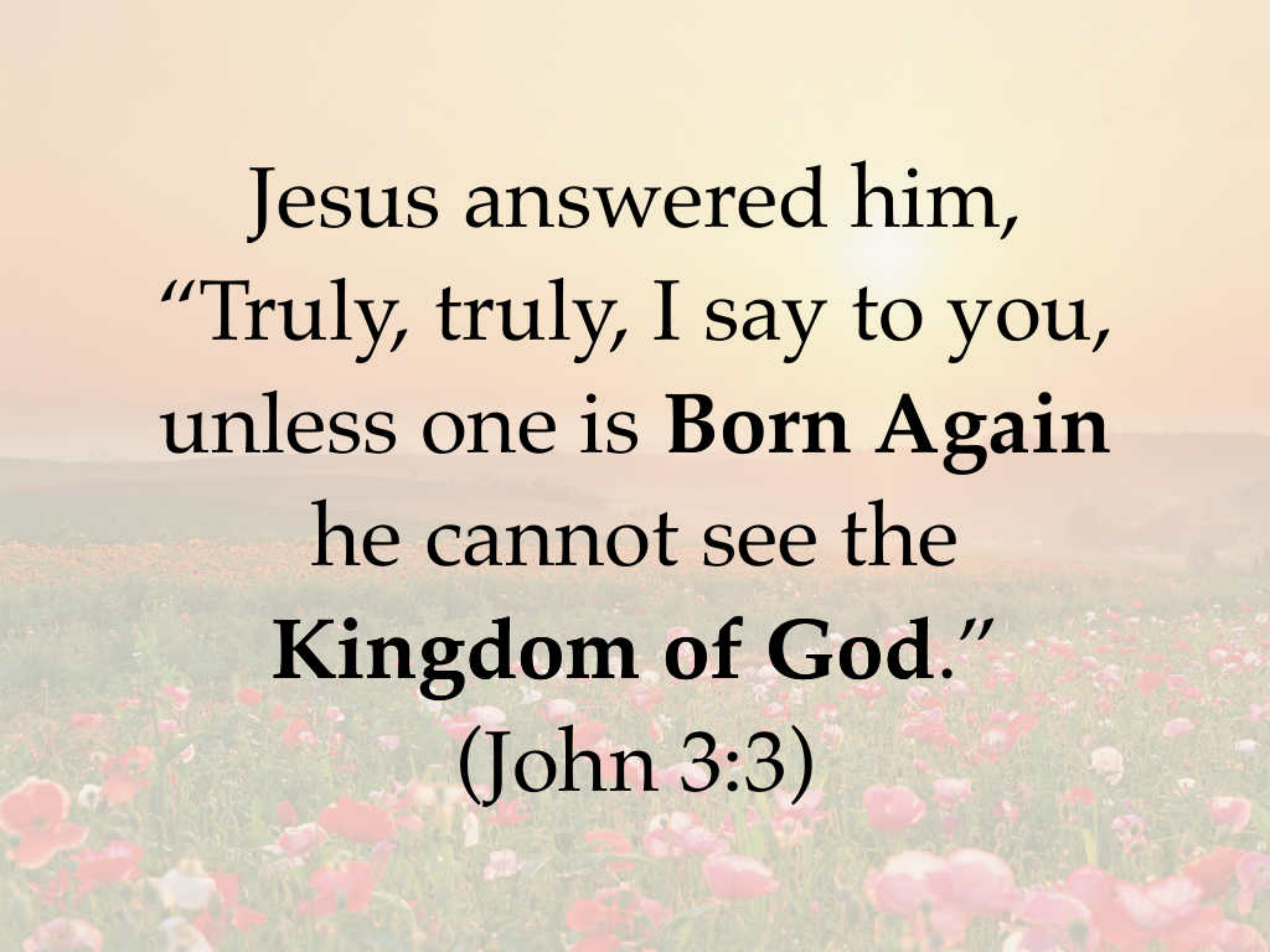
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A New Life

John 3:1-15



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The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of a vast field of pink and white flowers, likely ranunculus, stretching towards a distant horizon. The sky above is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

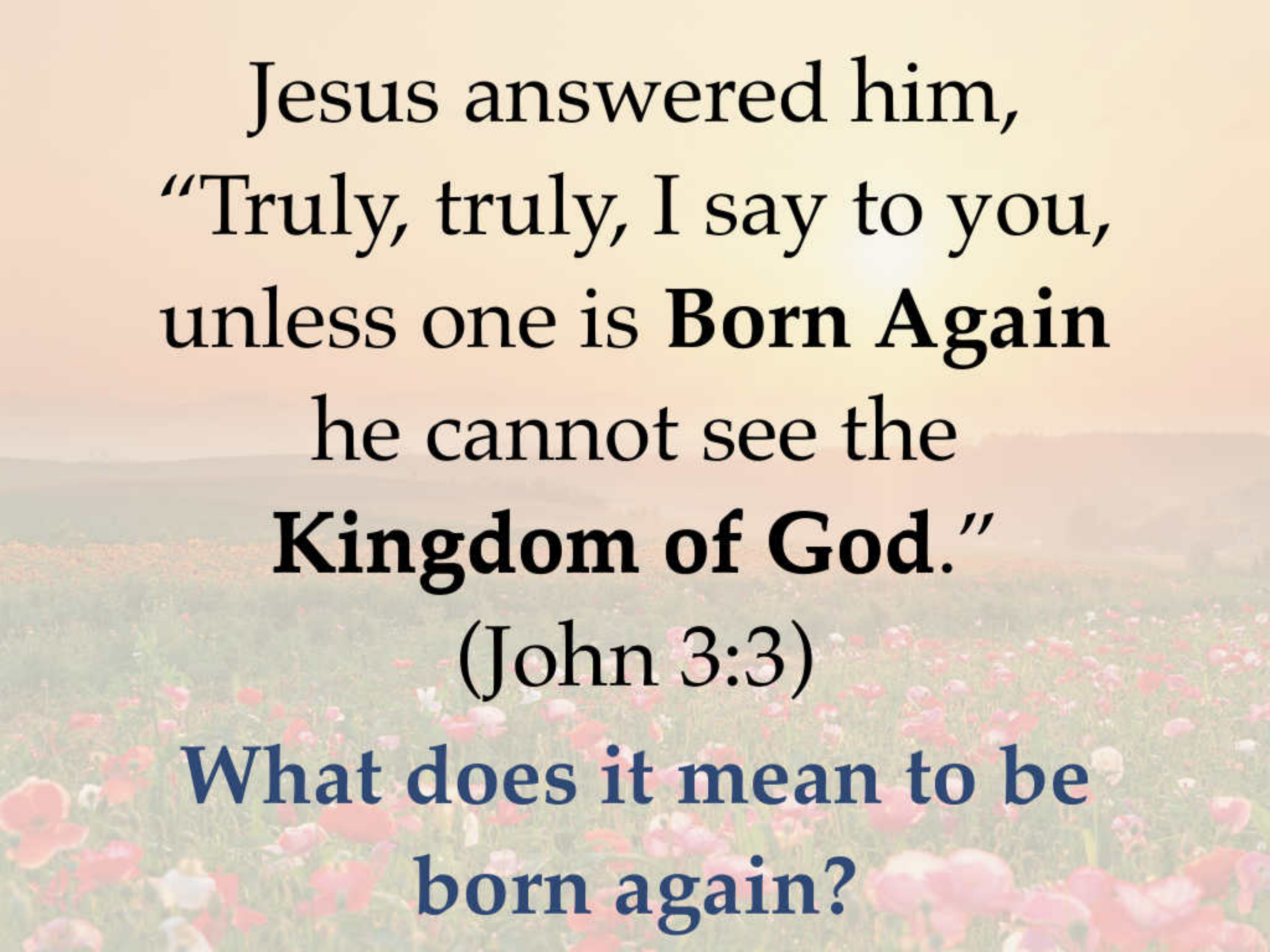
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The Full Manifestation of ...

Salvation, Heaven, Relationship with
God...

AND Love, Joy, Happiness, Peace,
Freedom, Fellowship, Friendship,
Contentment, Purpose, Wholeness,
Well Being, Righteousness, Holiness,
Eternal and Abundant Life



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Being Born Again is a transformation of the heart, soul and mind - where indifference or hostility towards God is turned to a love of God and a desire for holiness and righteousness.

“The first class is of those who live simply for their own sake and pleasure, regarding Man and Nature as so much raw material to be cut up into whatever shape may serve them.”

“In the second class are those who acknowledge some other claim upon them—the will of God, the categorical imperative, or the good of society—and honestly try to pursue their own interests no further than this claim will allow. They try to surrender to the higher claim as much as it demands, like men paying a tax, but hope, like other taxpayers, that what is left over will be enough for them to live on. Their life is divided, like a soldier’s or a schoolboy’s life, into time “on parade” and “off parade,” “in school” and “out of school.”

“But the third class is of those who can say like St Paul that for them “to live is Christ.”

These people have got rid of the tiresome business of adjusting the rival claims of Self and God by the simple expedient of rejecting the claims of Self altogether. The old egoistic will has been turned round, reconditioned, and made into a new thing. The will of Christ no longer limits theirs; it is theirs. All their time, in belonging to Him, belongs also to them, for they are His.

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**Jesus came to make dead
people come alive – by the
means of a power of above.**

How is one born again?

John 3:5

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

"25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you,

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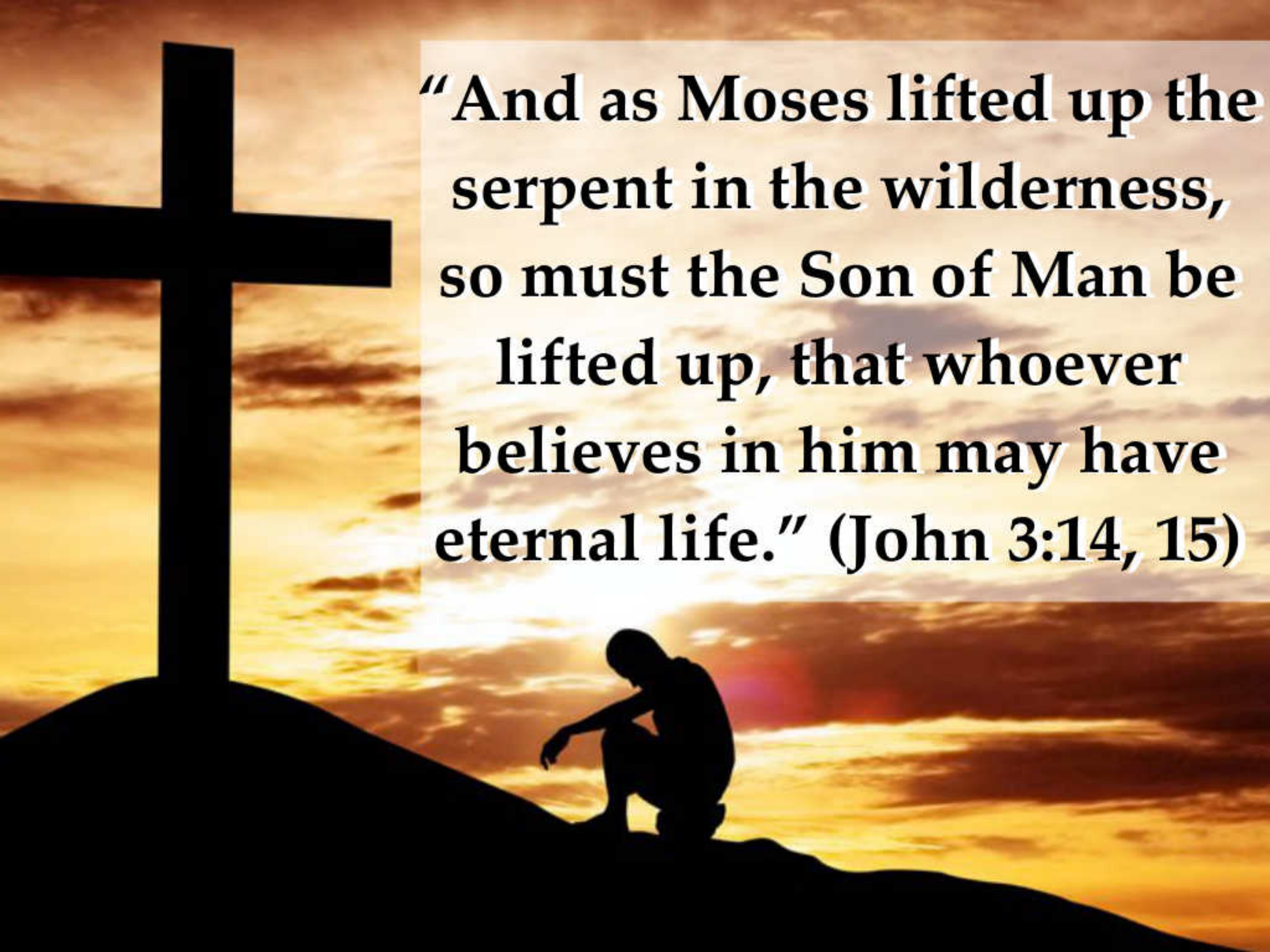
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“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:14, 15)