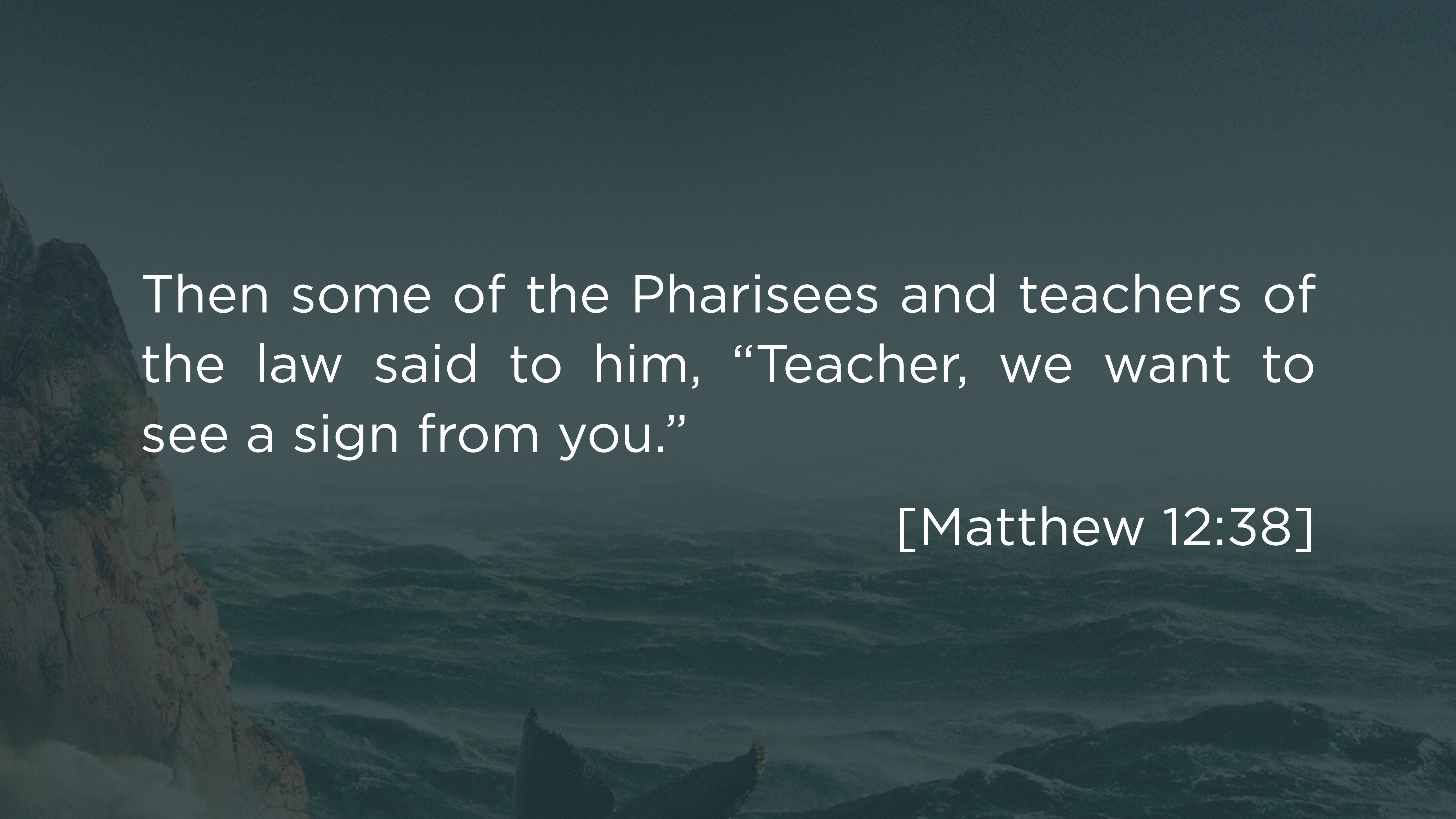




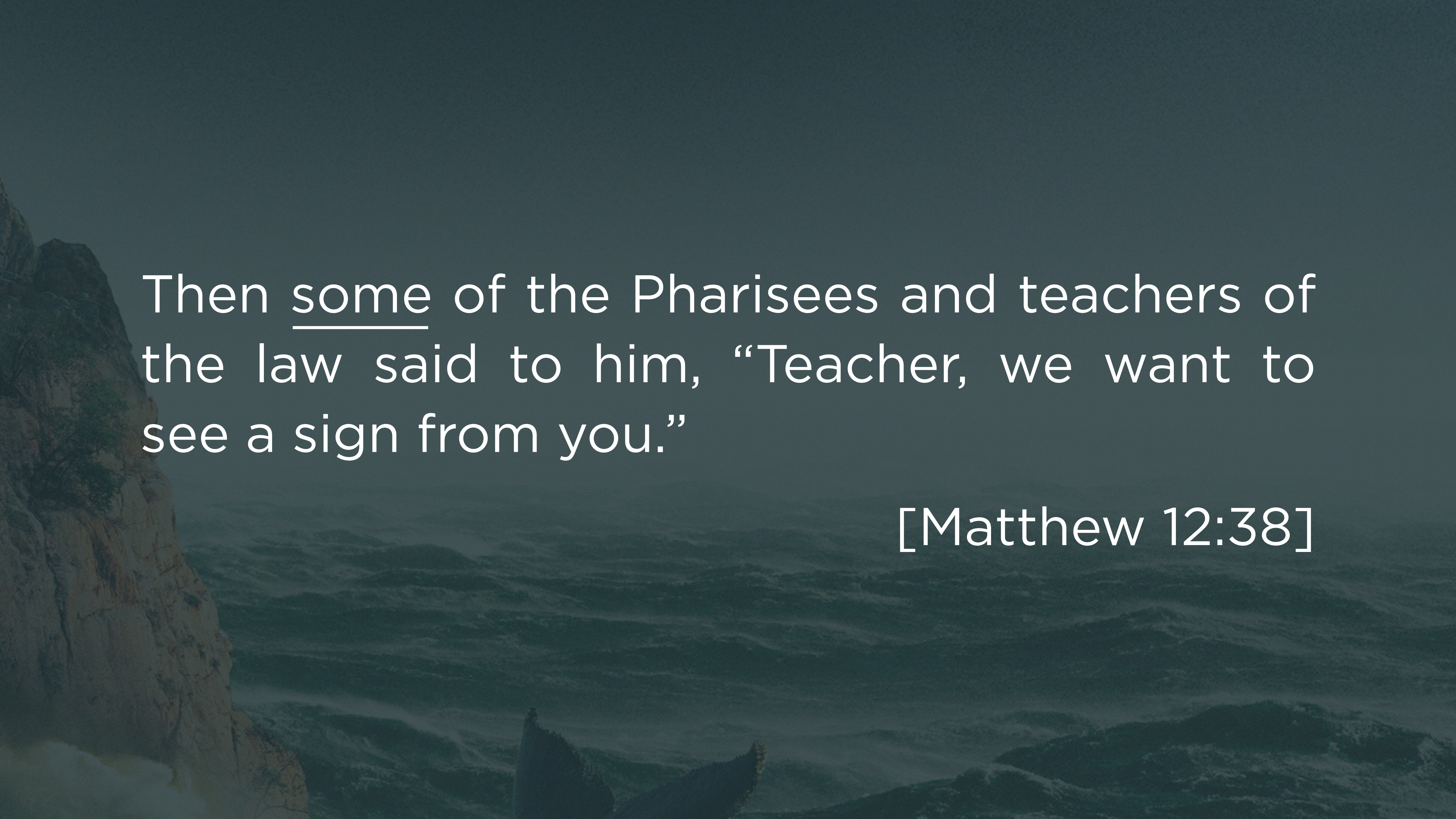
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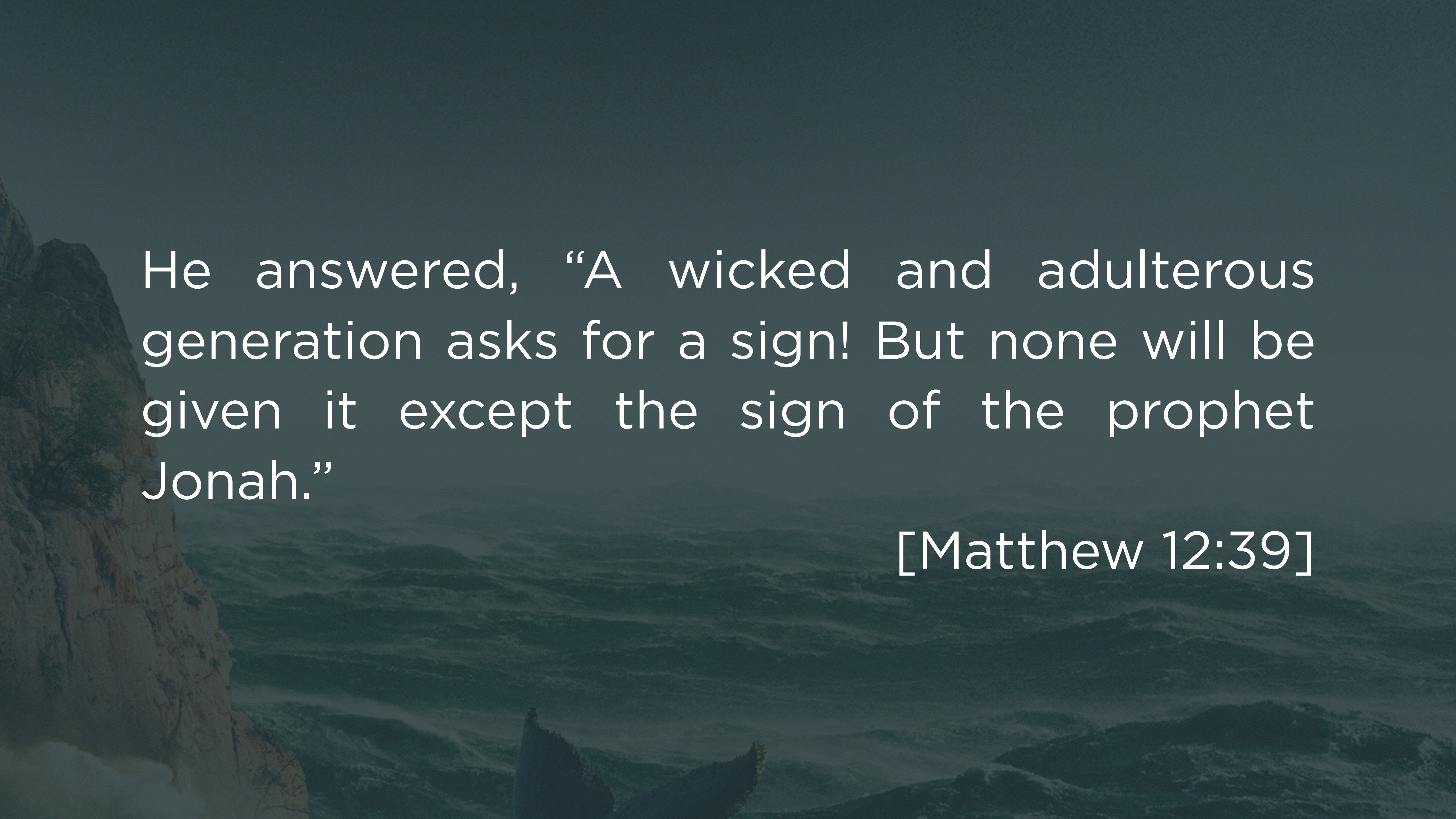
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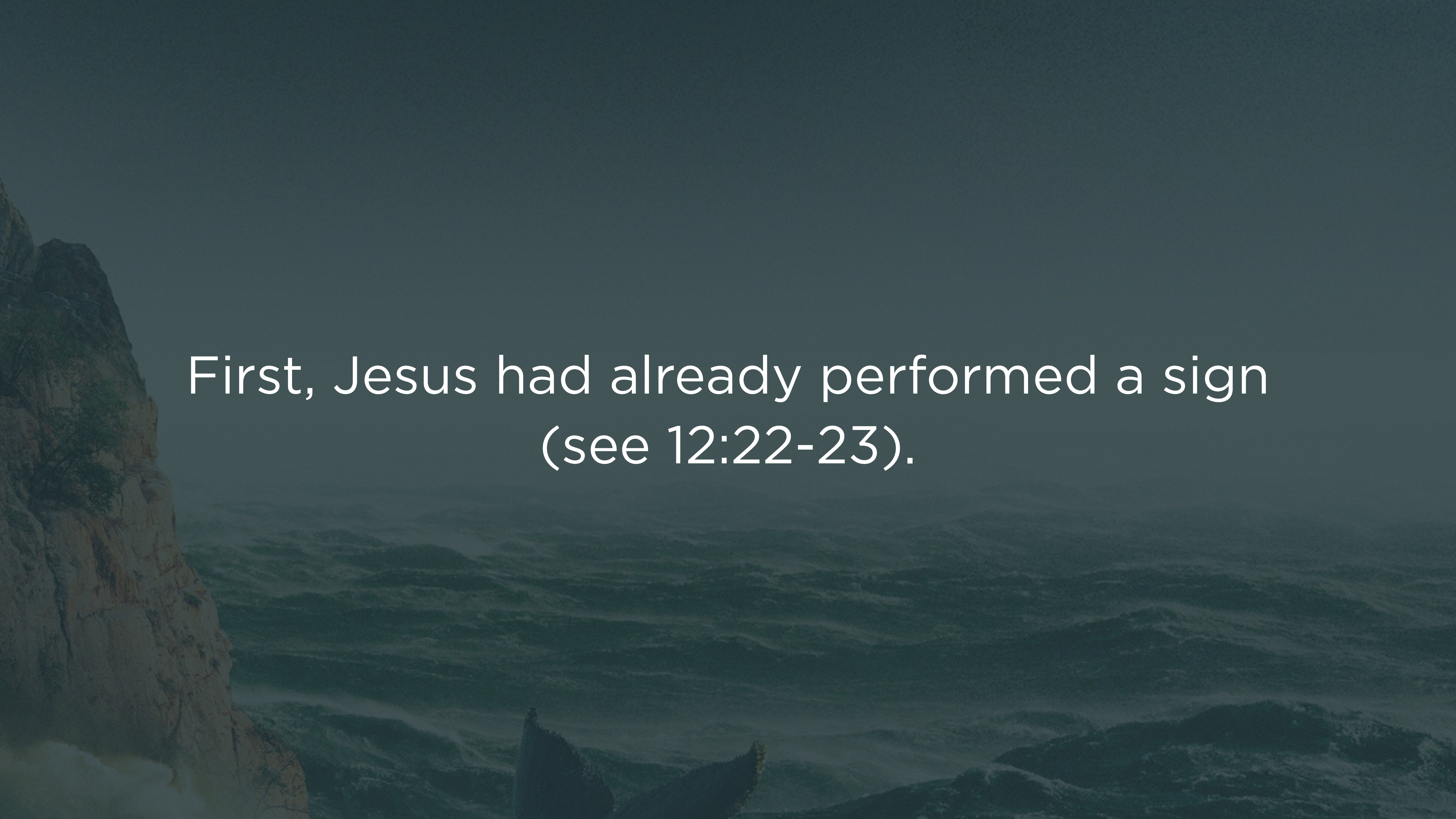
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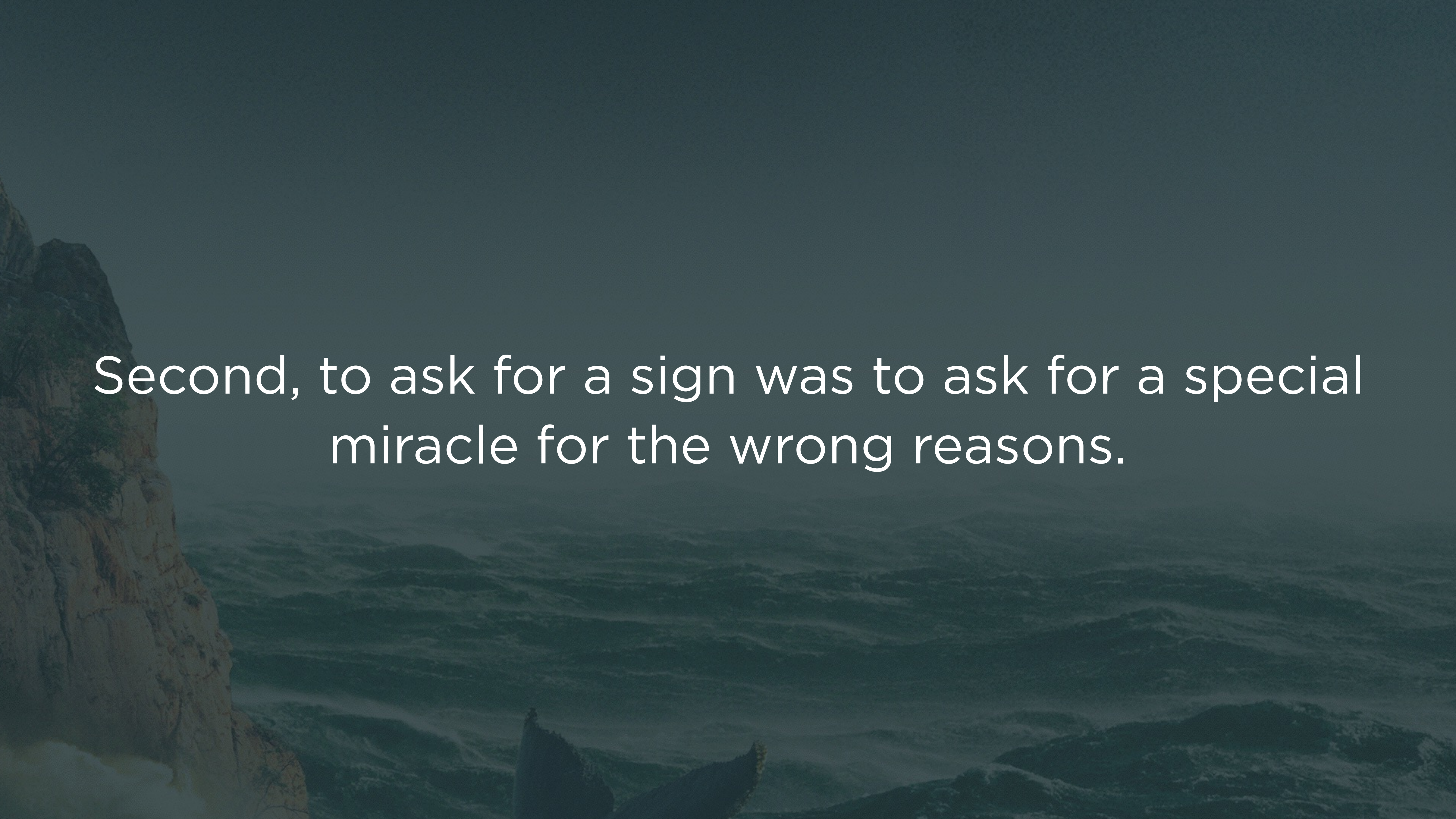
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He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”

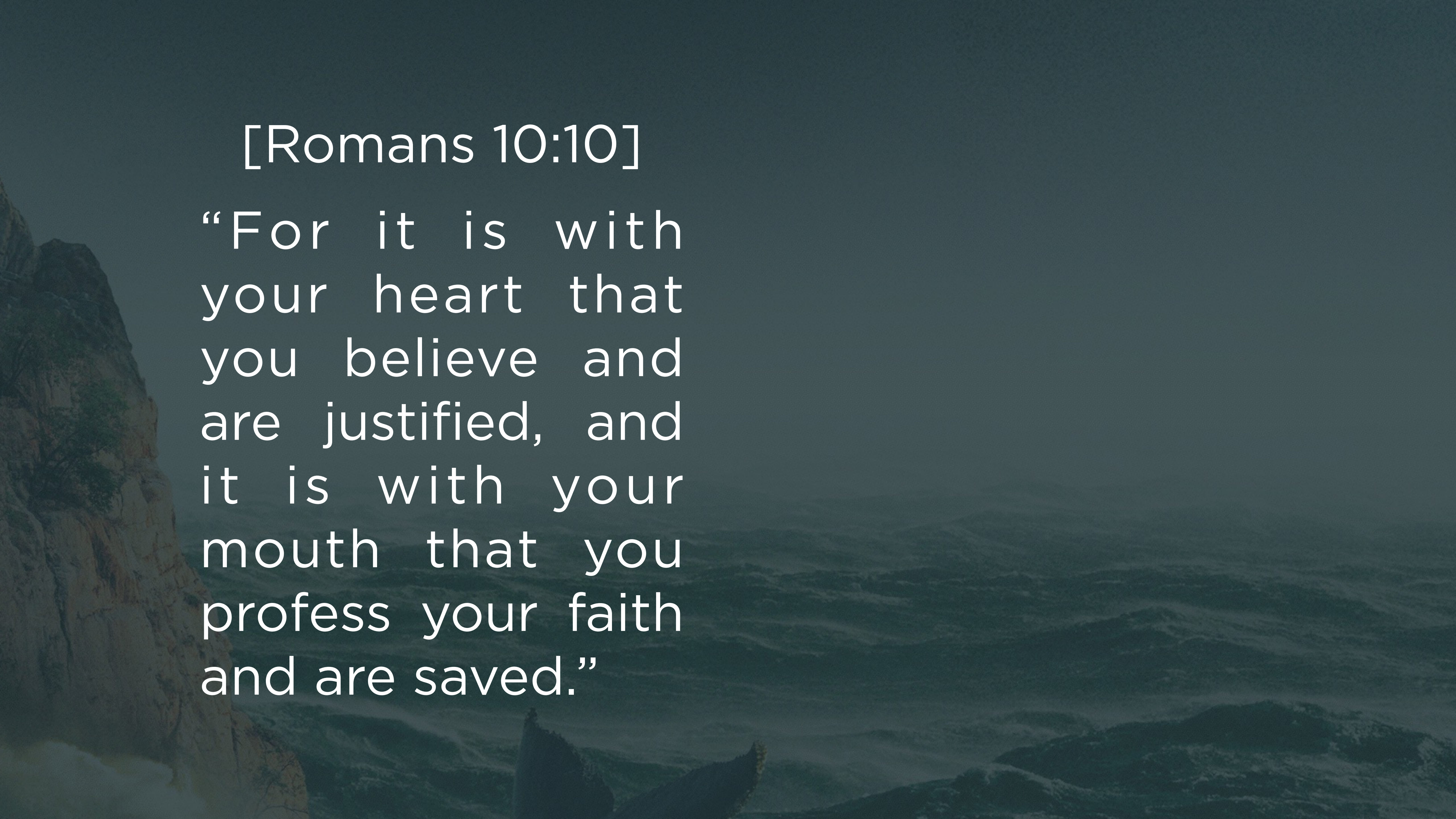
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First, Jesus had already performed a sign
(see 12:22-23).

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Second, to ask for a sign was to ask for a special miracle for the wrong reasons.



[Romans 10:10]

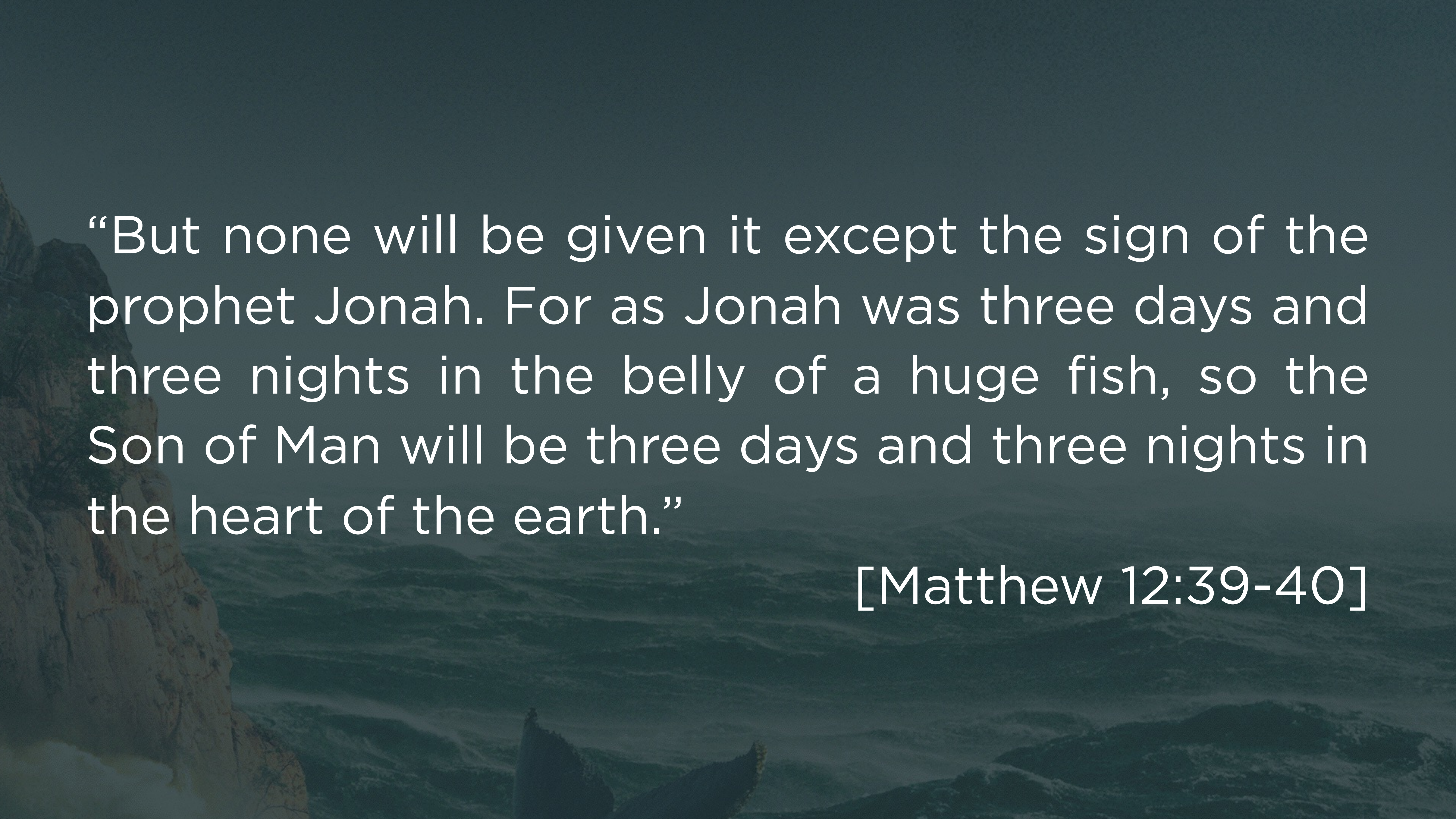
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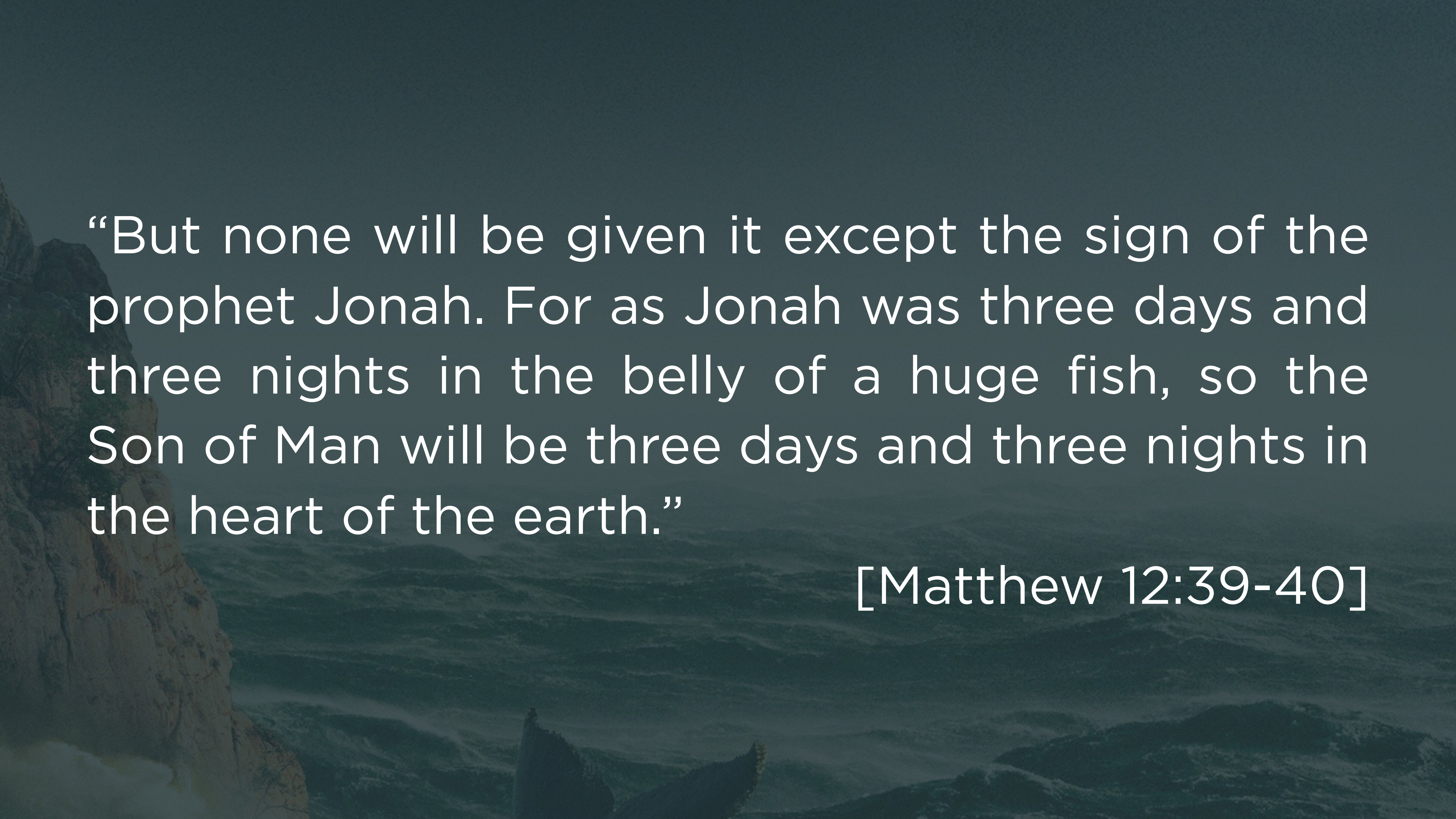
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“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”



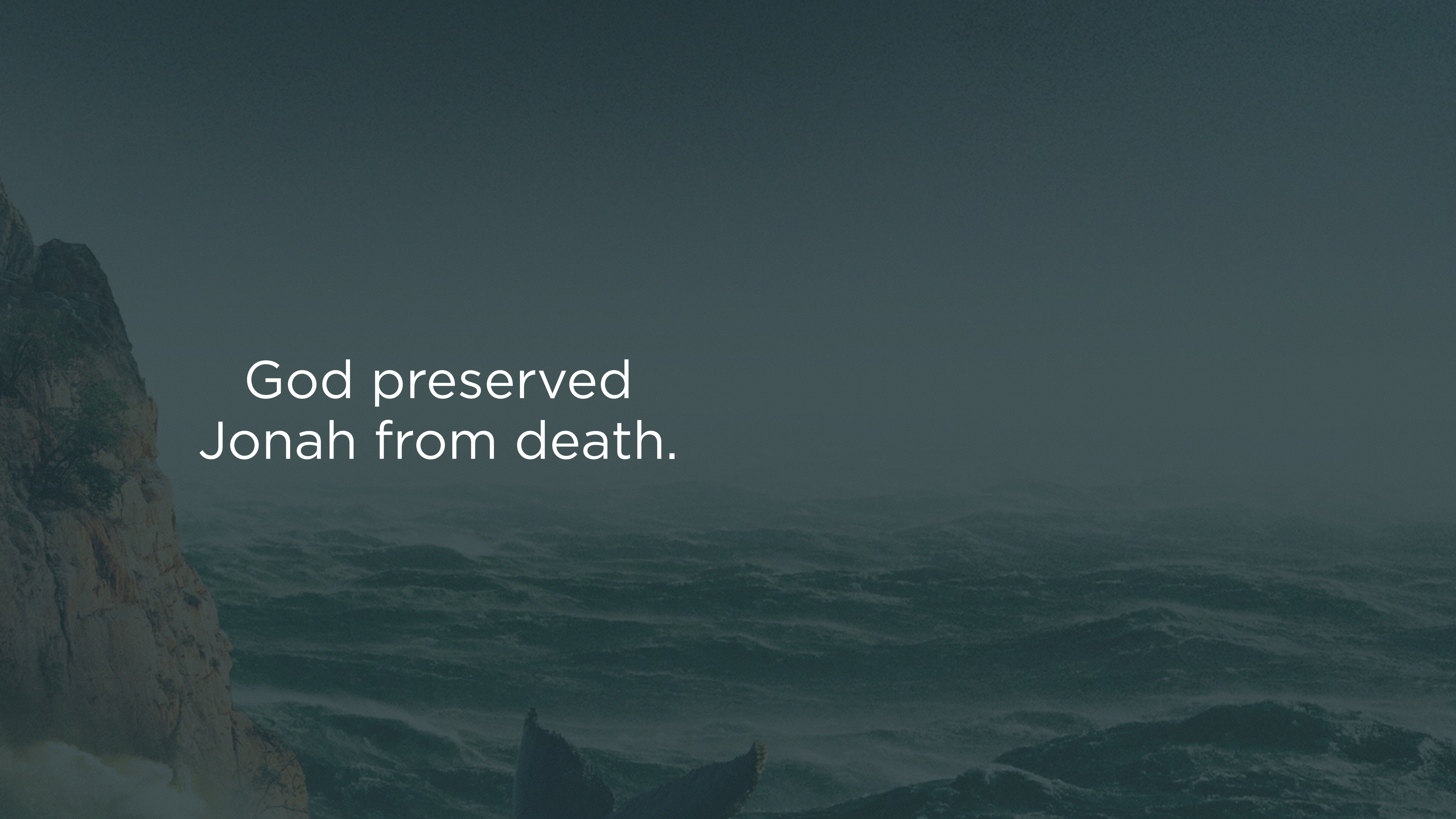
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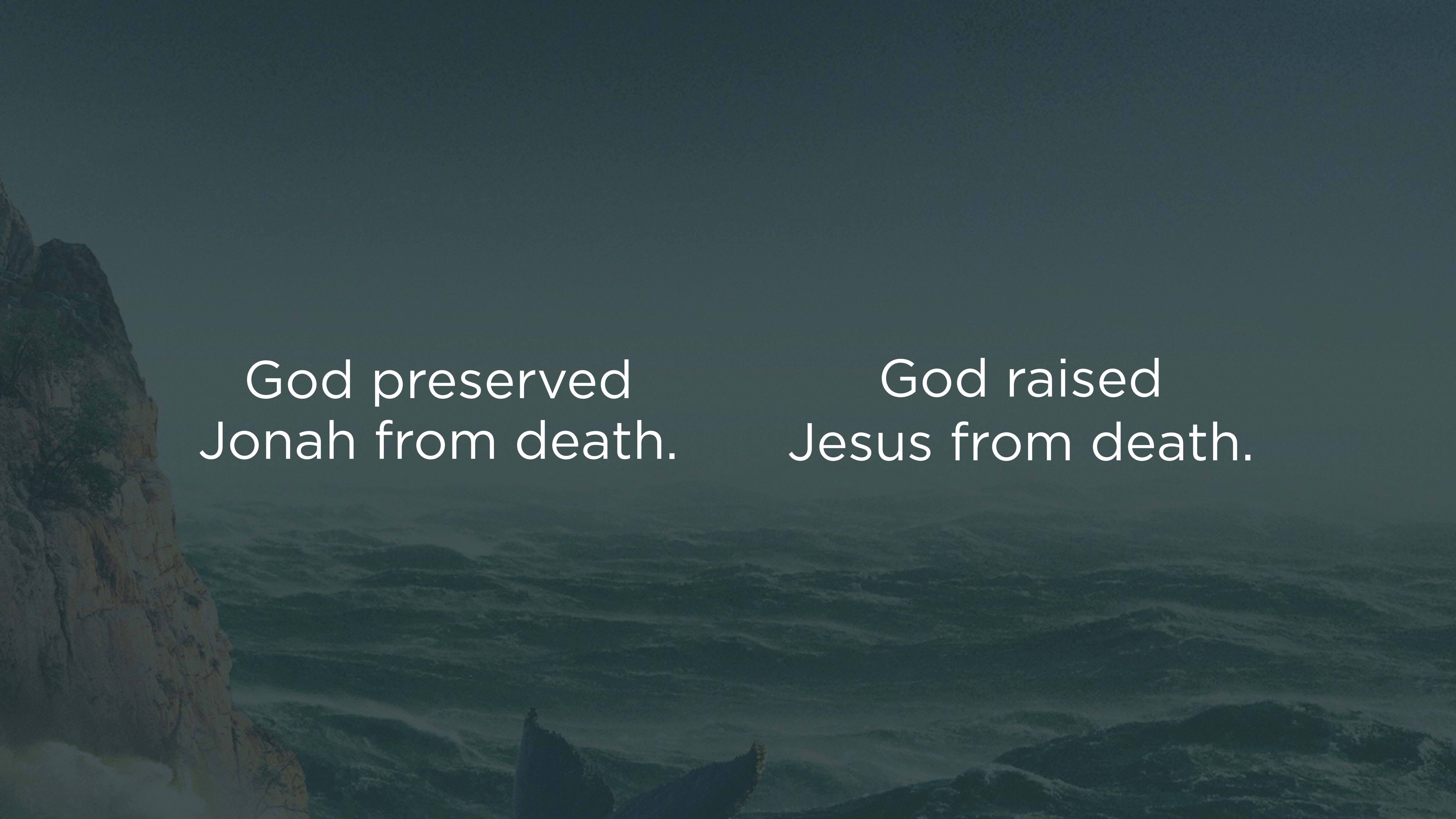


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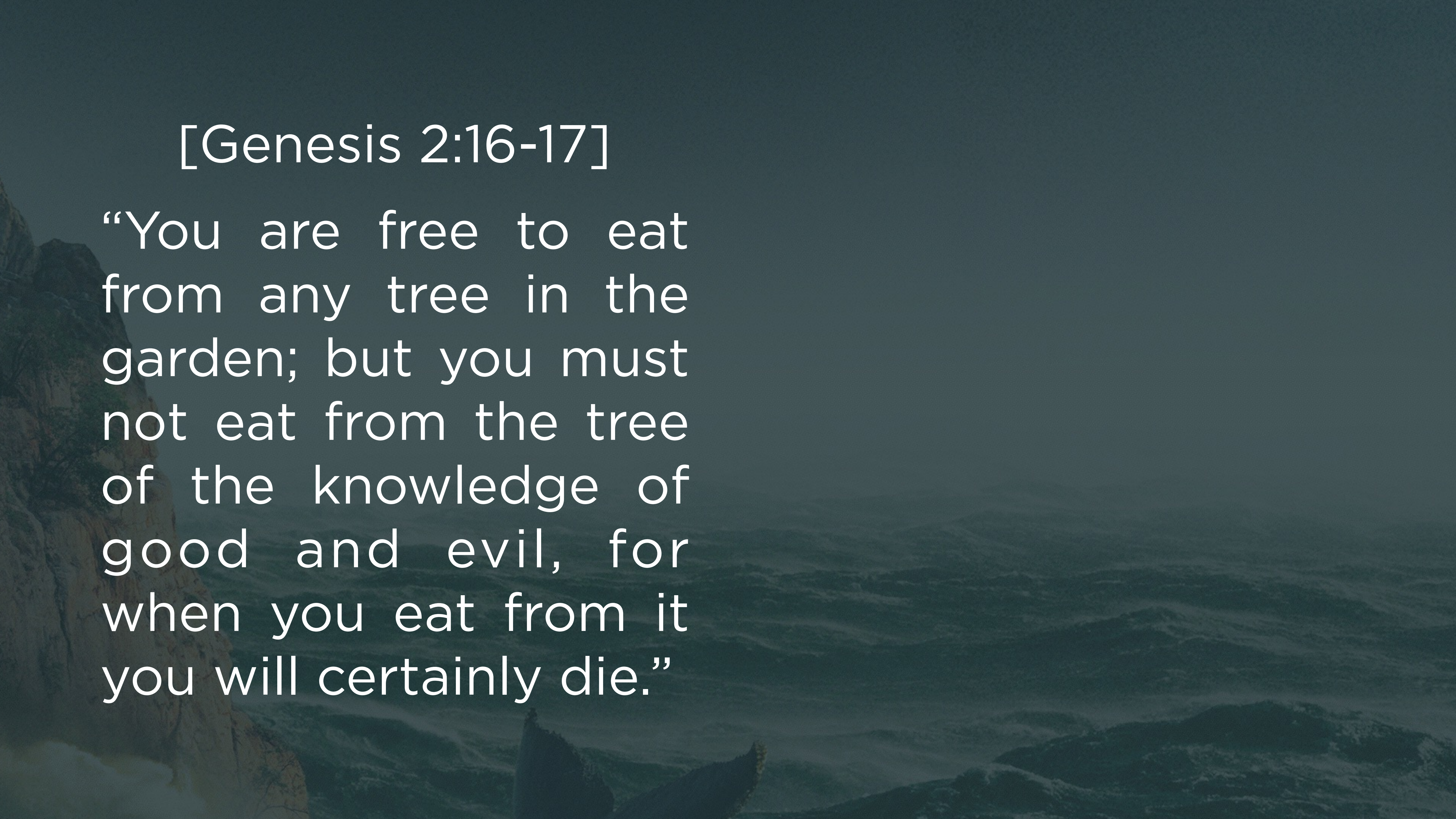
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God preserved
Jonah from death.

A dramatic seascape with a rocky cliff on the left and a stormy sea under a dark sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

God preserved
Jonah from death.

God raised
Jesus from death.



[Genesis 2:16-17]

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[Romans 6:23]

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”





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