



WHY DID JESUS STAY SO LONG?

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COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 (NKJV) delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8 (NLT)

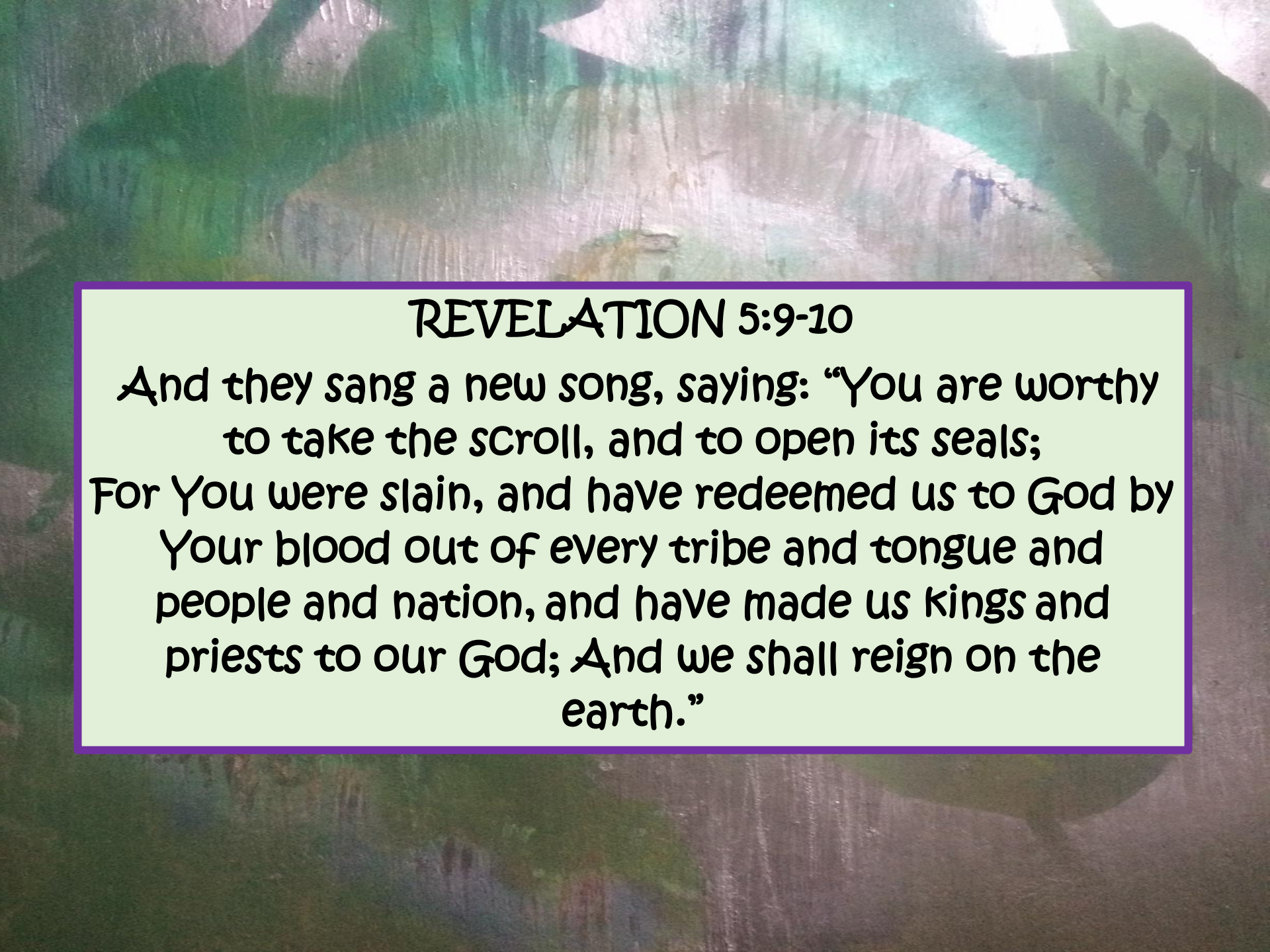
I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

ACTS 1:3 (NASBRE)

He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

MATTHEW 4:17 (NKJV)

Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.



REVELATION 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

LUKE 4:18-19 (LB)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the suffering and afflicted. He has sent me to comfort the broken hearted, to announce liberty to captives, and to open the eyes of the blind. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of God's favour to them has come.

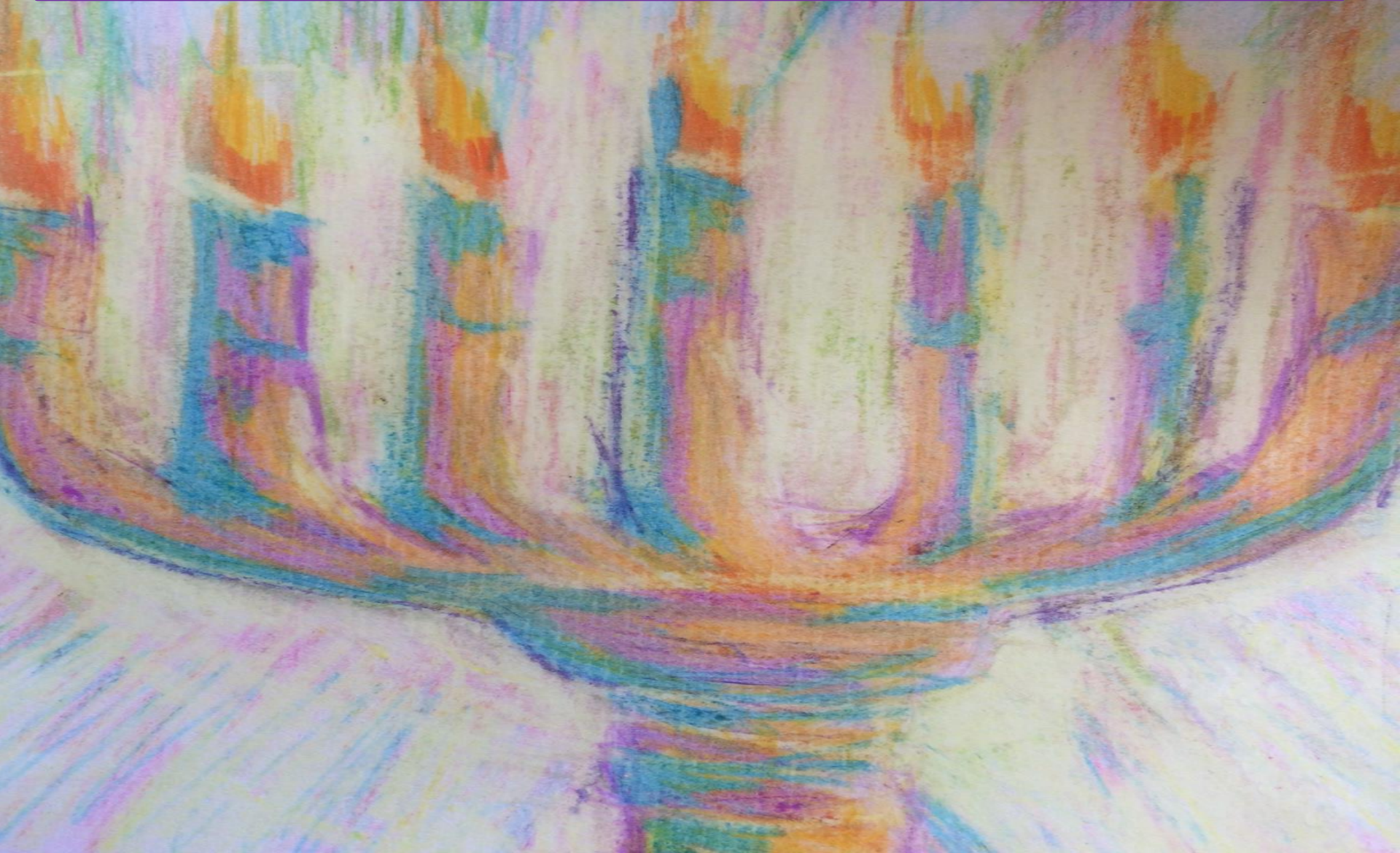




2 CORINTHIANS 5:21. (NKJV)

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1. JESUS' KINGDOM BRINGS LIGHT INTO DARKNESS



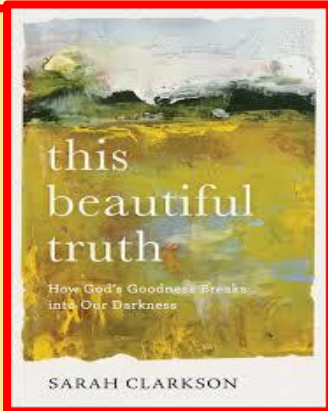
JOHN 20 :11-18



SARAH CLARKSON: This Beautiful Truth.

(How God's goodness Breaks into our darkness.)

Broken like the beautiful world he made and the hearts of those made in his image Crushed like my own hope and mind. Shattered like the countless thousands gripped by war. God's body: broken in and with the world that was meant to be his pure wondrous gift. But at the cross, broken as gift. We humans wrestle with God but God wrestles with death itself. He takes every evil act and scream of pain into the great strength of His heart and instead of crushing it all and us with it, allows His own priceless self to be crushed. He wrestles and writhes and dies-the one human who can win the fight against evil-and in his holy defeat we finally overcome. God does not stand aside from our suffering, directing it to his ends. He enters it and by the sacrifice of himself transforms it into the space where we may know his deepest love. The body of Christ the last broken thing, the one that in a mystery draws every broken heart into a love so mighty that death itself turns backwards within us to life



JOHN 8:12 (NKJV)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

MATTHEW 5:14 (NKJV)

"You are the light of the world."

2. JESUS' KINGDOM REDEEMS MISTAKES AND RESTORES.

MATTHEW 26:33 (NLT)

Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you."



JOHN 21:1-17

1. EROS (SEXUAL PASSION.)



The first kind of love was Eros, named after the Greek god of fertility, and it represented the idea of sexual passion and desire. But the Greeks didn't always think of it as something positive, as we tend to do today. In fact, eros was viewed as a dangerous, fiery, and irrational form of love that could take hold of you and possess you—an attitude shared by many later spiritual thinkers, such as the Christian writer C.S. Lewis. Eros involved a loss of control that frightened the Greeks. Which is odd, because losing control is precisely what many people now seek in a relationship. Don't we all hope to fall "madly" in love?

2. PHILIA (DEEP FRIENDSHIP)



The second variety of love was *philia* or friendship, which the Greeks valued far more than the base sexuality of *eros*. *Philia* concerned the deep comradely friendship that developed between brothers in arms who had fought side by side on the battlefield. It was about showing loyalty to your friends, sacrificing for them, as well as sharing your emotions with them. We can all ask ourselves how much of this comradely *philia* we have in our lives. It's an important question in an age when we attempt to amass "friends" on Facebook or "followers" on Twitter—achievements that would have hardly impressed the Greeks.

3. STORGE

This love embodied the love between parents and their children.



4. AGAPE, OR LOVE FOR EVERYONE



The most radical, was *agape* or selfless love. This was a love that you extended to all people, whether family members or distant strangers. *Agape* was later translated into Latin as *caritas*, which is the origin of our word "charity." C.S. Lewis referred to it as "gift love," the highest form of Christian love.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love (agape) me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love (philia) you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

He then said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love (agape) me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love (philia) you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love (philia) me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love (philia) you.” [Jesus] said to him, “Feed my sheep.

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Great faith is a product of great fights.
Great testimonies are the outcome of great
tests.

Great triumphs can only come after great trials.



3. JESUS' KINGDOM BRINGS REVELATION
AND REALITY.



LUKE 24 :13 The same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked, they were talking about everything that had happened.

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We are swimming in information and starving for wisdom.

The background is a complex, abstract painting. It features a dense, textured surface with a mix of colors including deep reds, purples, blues, and greens. There are faint, circular patterns and a central vertical element that looks like a stylized tree or a column. The overall effect is one of depth and vibrancy.

4. OUR DOUBTS ARE NO PROBLEM IN
JESUS' KINGDOM.

JOHN 11:14-16 (NLT) Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. And for your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there, for now you will really believe. Come, let’s go see him.” Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go, too—and die with Jesus.”

JOHN 14:1-6 (NLT) Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.” “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

JOHN 20:24-29 (NKJV)

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

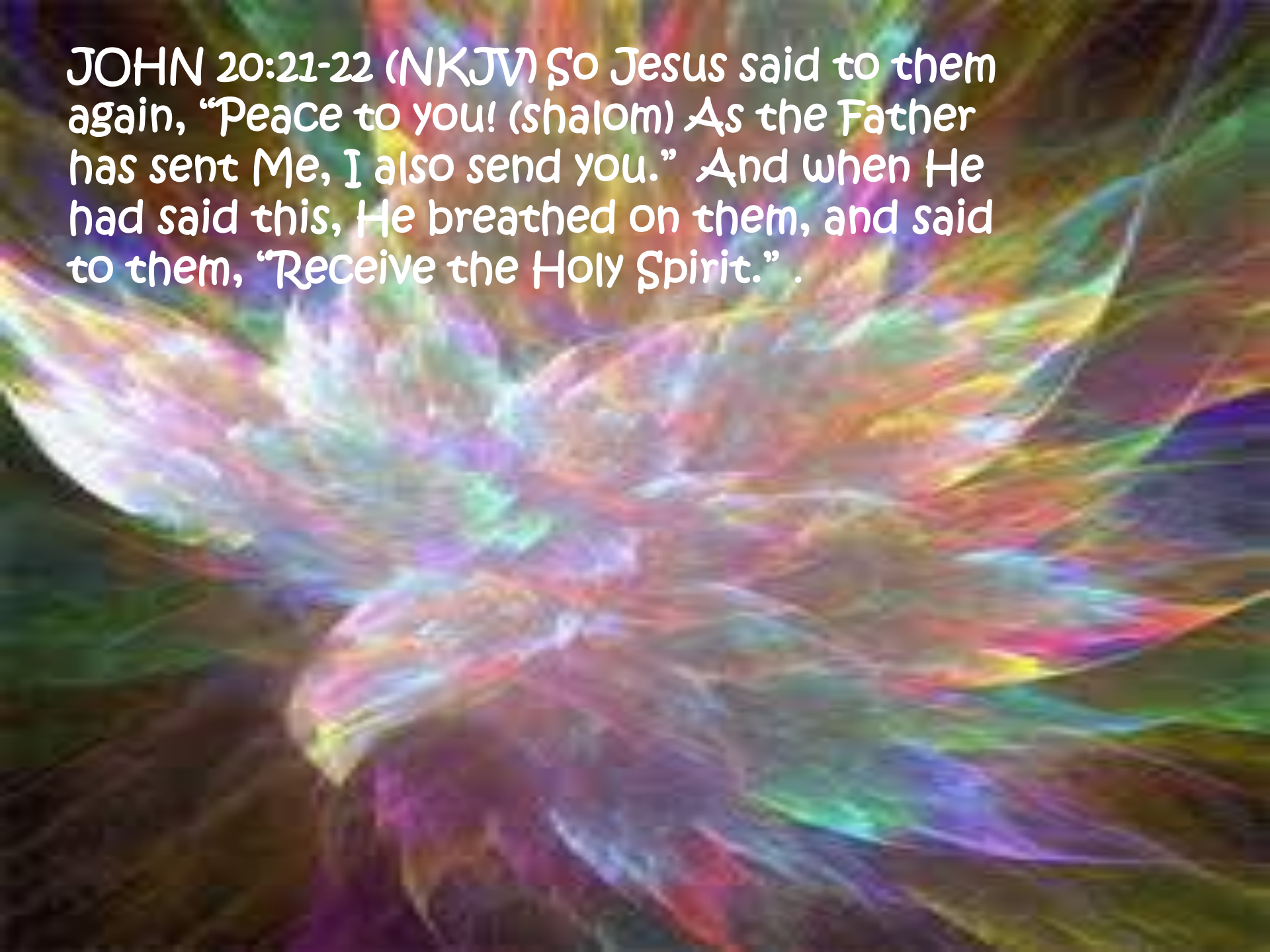
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MORE!




A dramatic sky with a bright sunburst at the top center, casting rays of light. A rainbow is visible in the lower part of the sky. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and purples.

5. JESUS KINGDOM BRINGS PEACE AND POWER.

JOHN 20:21-22 (NKJV) So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! (shalom) As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."





ACTS 1:8 (NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

ISAIAH 40: 1-2 (NKJV)

**Arise, shine; For your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the
earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.**