




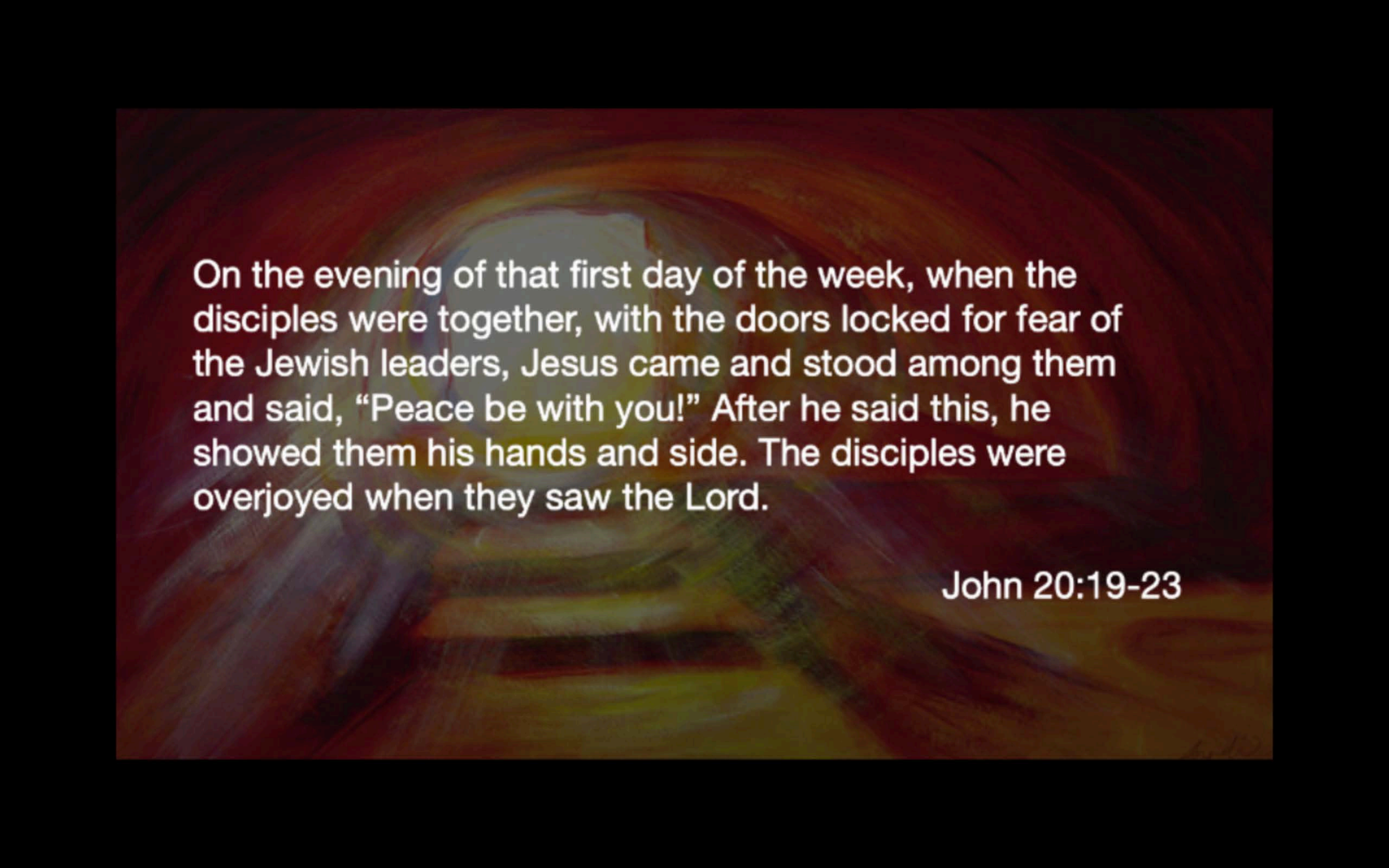
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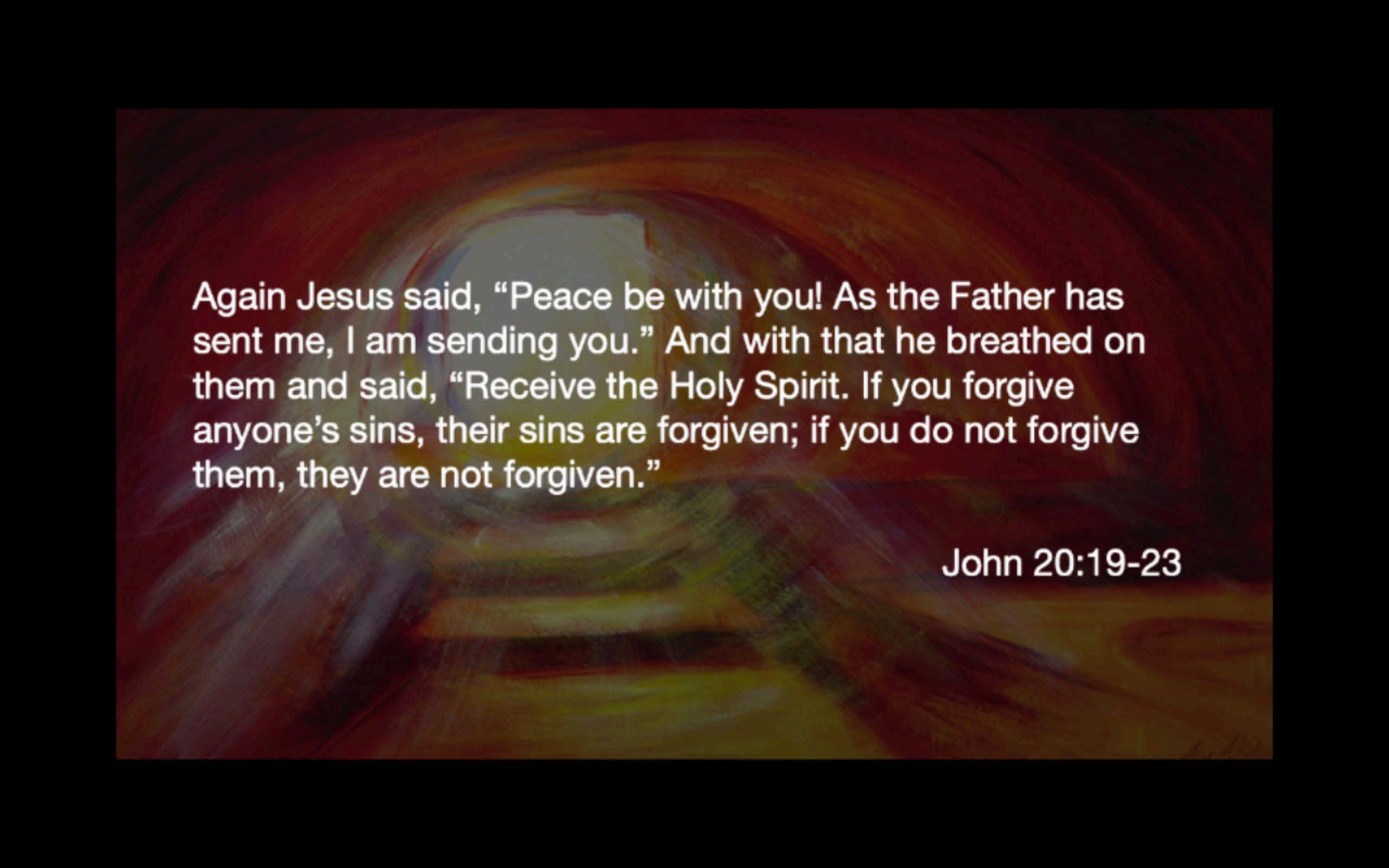


John 20:19-23 (NIV)



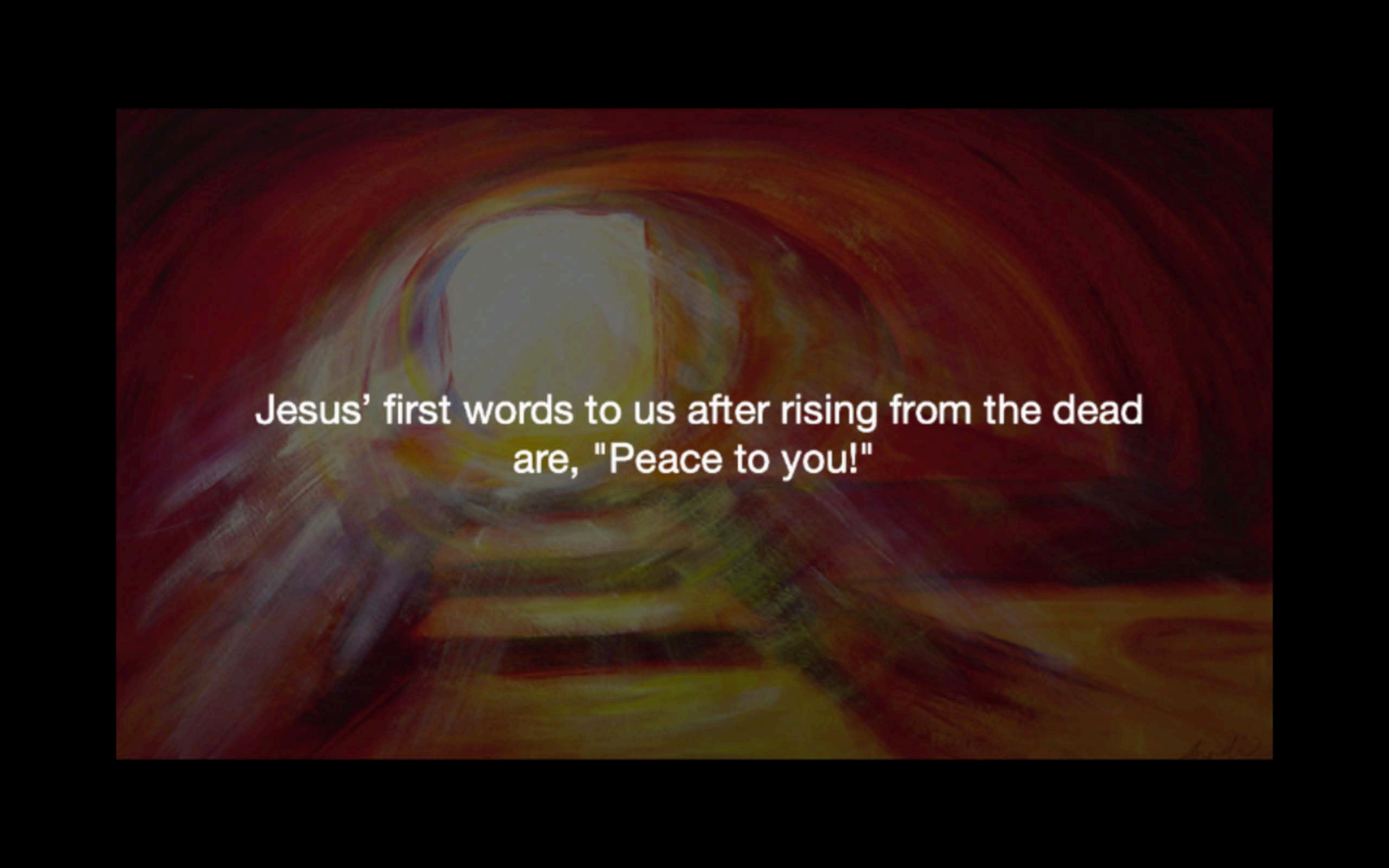
On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-23

A painting of a hand, likely representing the Holy Spirit, with a glowing, ethereal aura. The hand is rendered in shades of yellow and white, set against a dark, swirling background of reds and oranges. The overall style is expressive and somewhat abstract, with visible brushstrokes and a sense of movement.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."


John 20:19-23



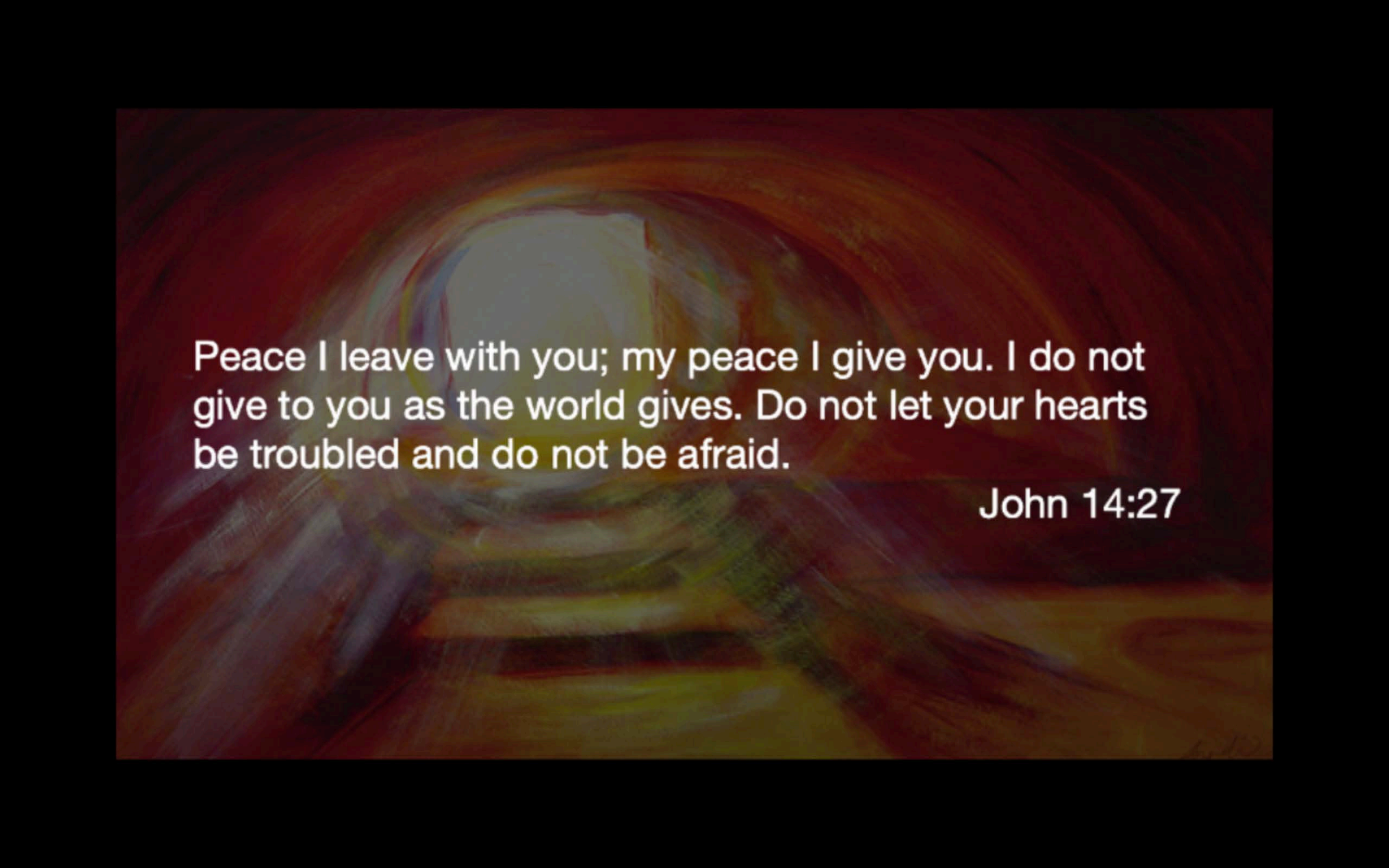
Jesus' first words to us after rising from the dead
are, "Peace to you!"





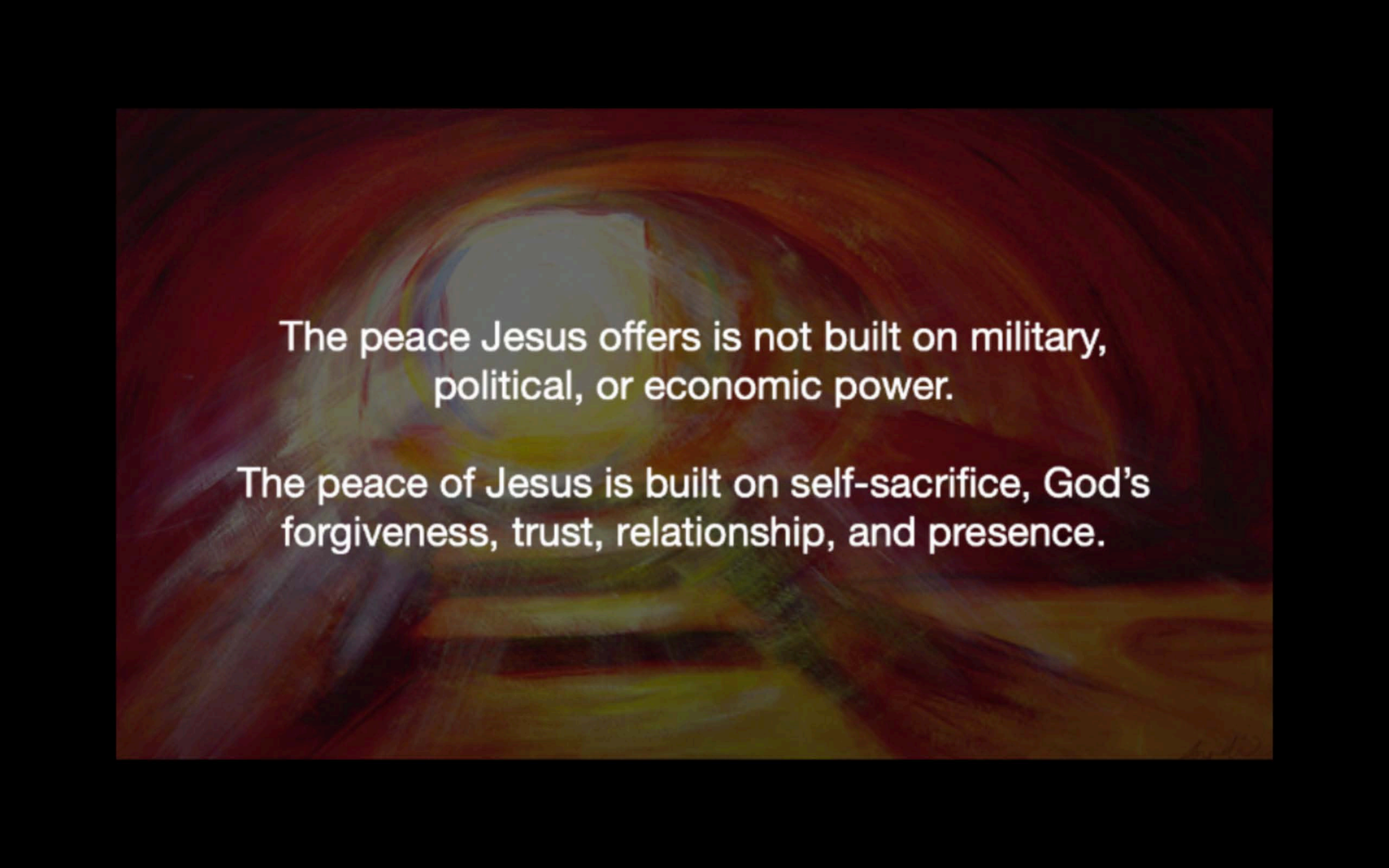
An abstract painting featuring a central white circle surrounded by swirling, textured brushstrokes in shades of red, orange, yellow, and brown. The overall composition is circular and evokes a sense of movement and depth.

John 14:27 (NIV)




Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27



The peace Jesus offers is not built on military,
political, or economic power.

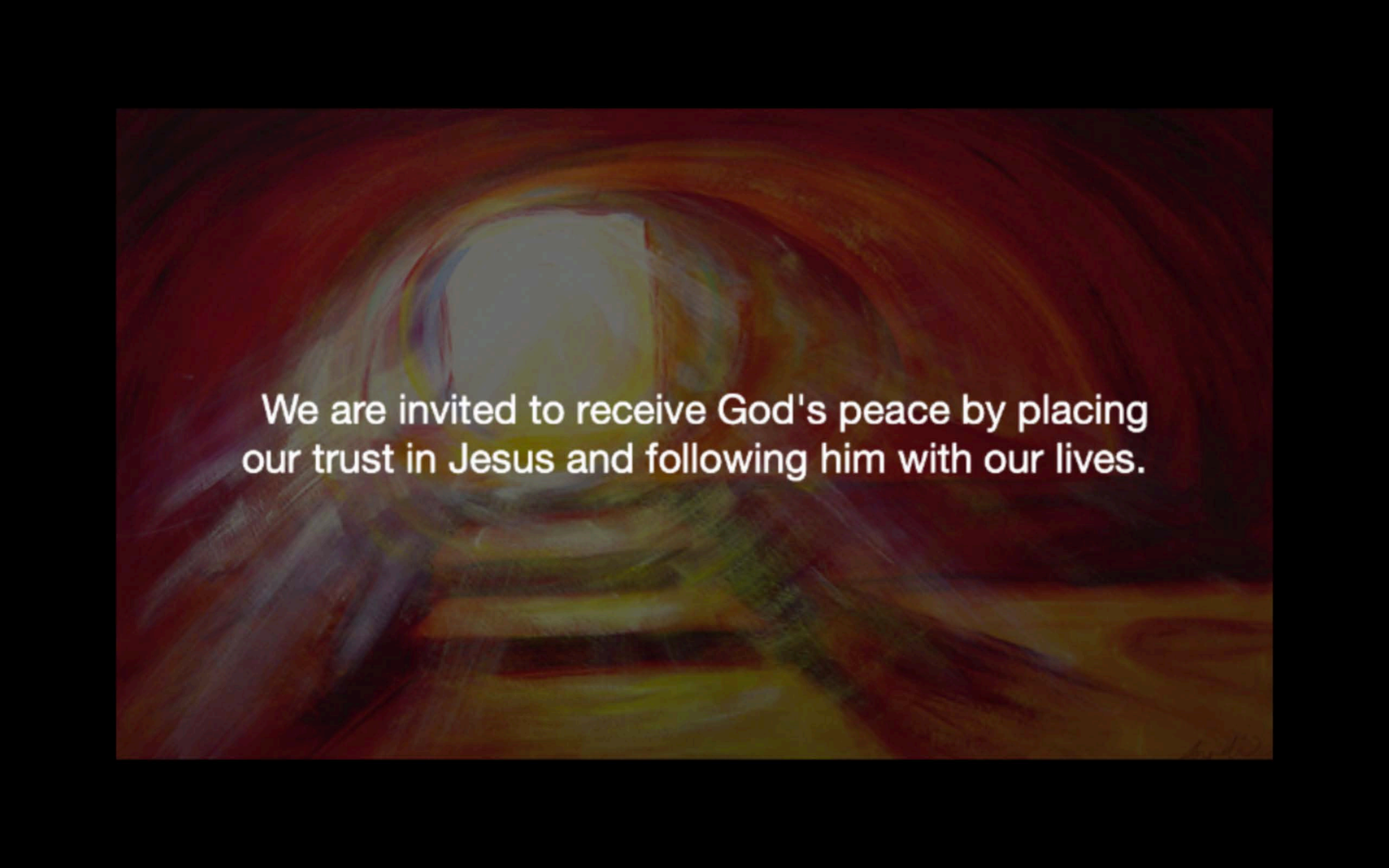
The peace of Jesus is built on self-sacrifice, God's
forgiveness, trust, relationship, and presence.




The Peace of Rome (Pax Romana)

The peace of Rome was built on...

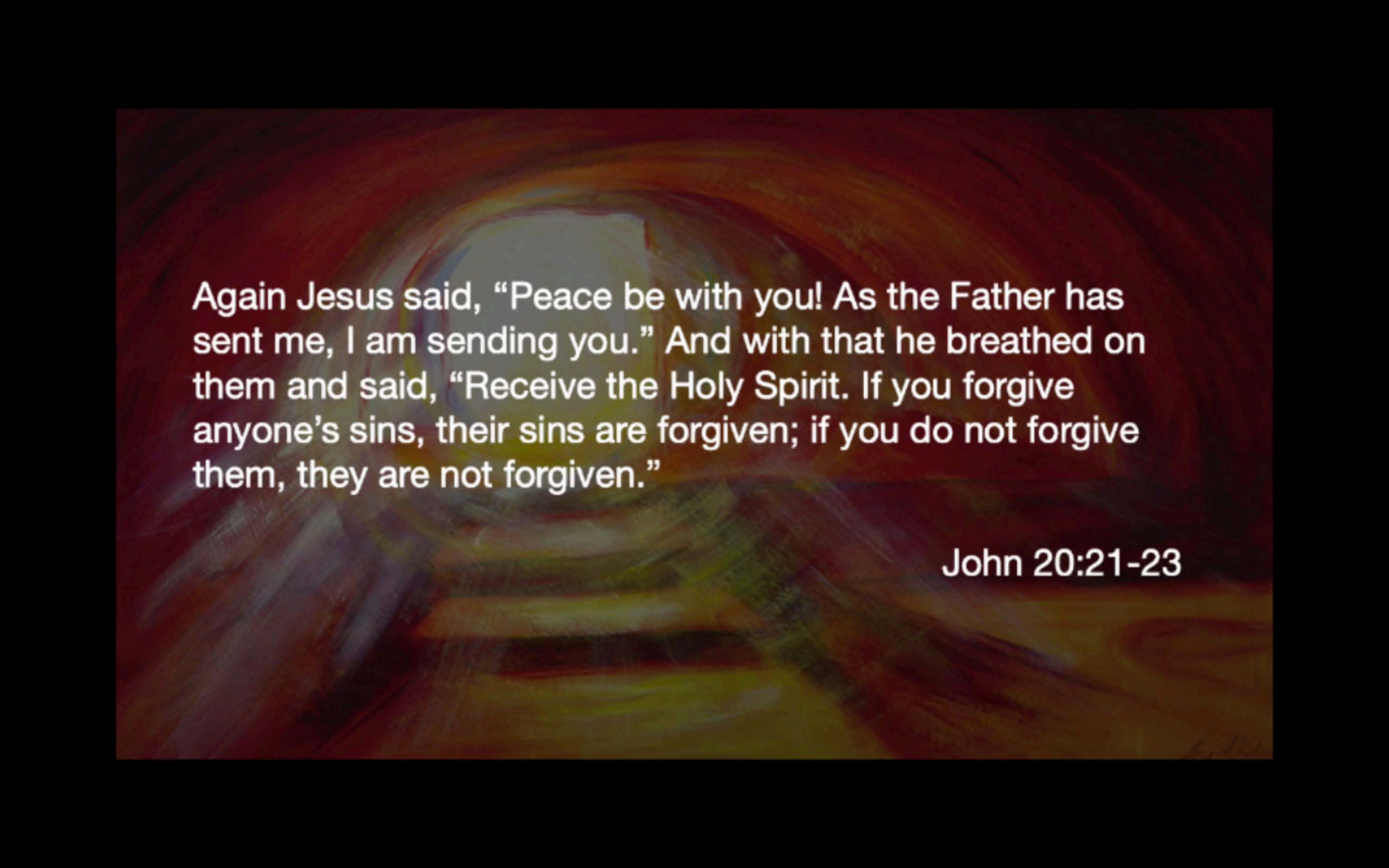
- military power
- political protection
- economic power
- legal authority
- cultural influence
- religious authority



We are invited to receive God's peace by placing our trust in Jesus and following him with our lives.

An abstract painting with a central white circle surrounded by swirling colors of red, orange, yellow, and blue. The background is dark and textured with brushstrokes.

John 20:21-23 (NIV)

A painting of a hand, likely representing the Holy Spirit, with a glowing aura. The hand is rendered in shades of yellow and green, set against a dark, swirling background of reds and browns. The overall style is expressive and somewhat abstract, with visible brushstrokes and a sense of movement.

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John 20:21-23