

I AM the Light of the World



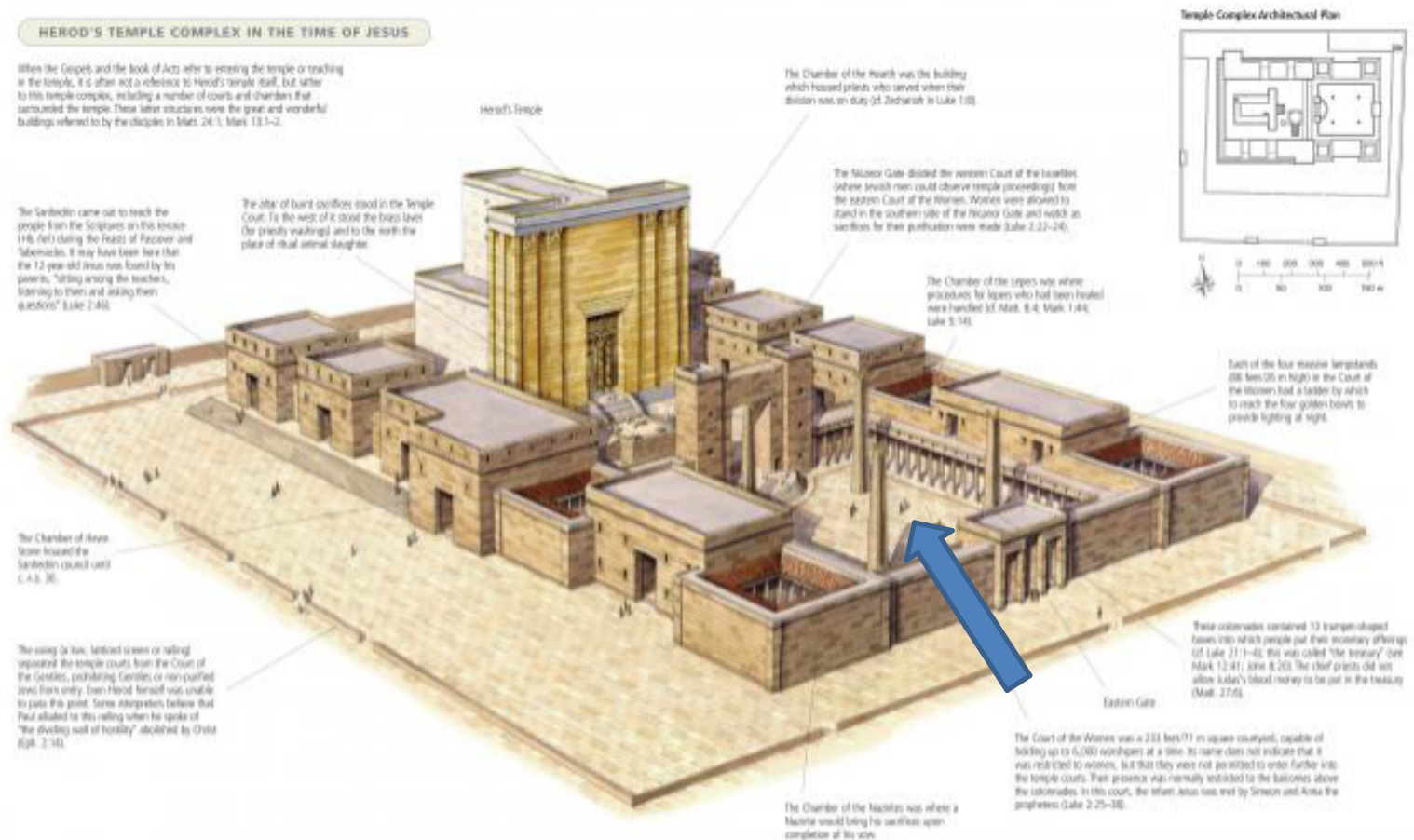
John 8:12-30

Total darkness is disorienting

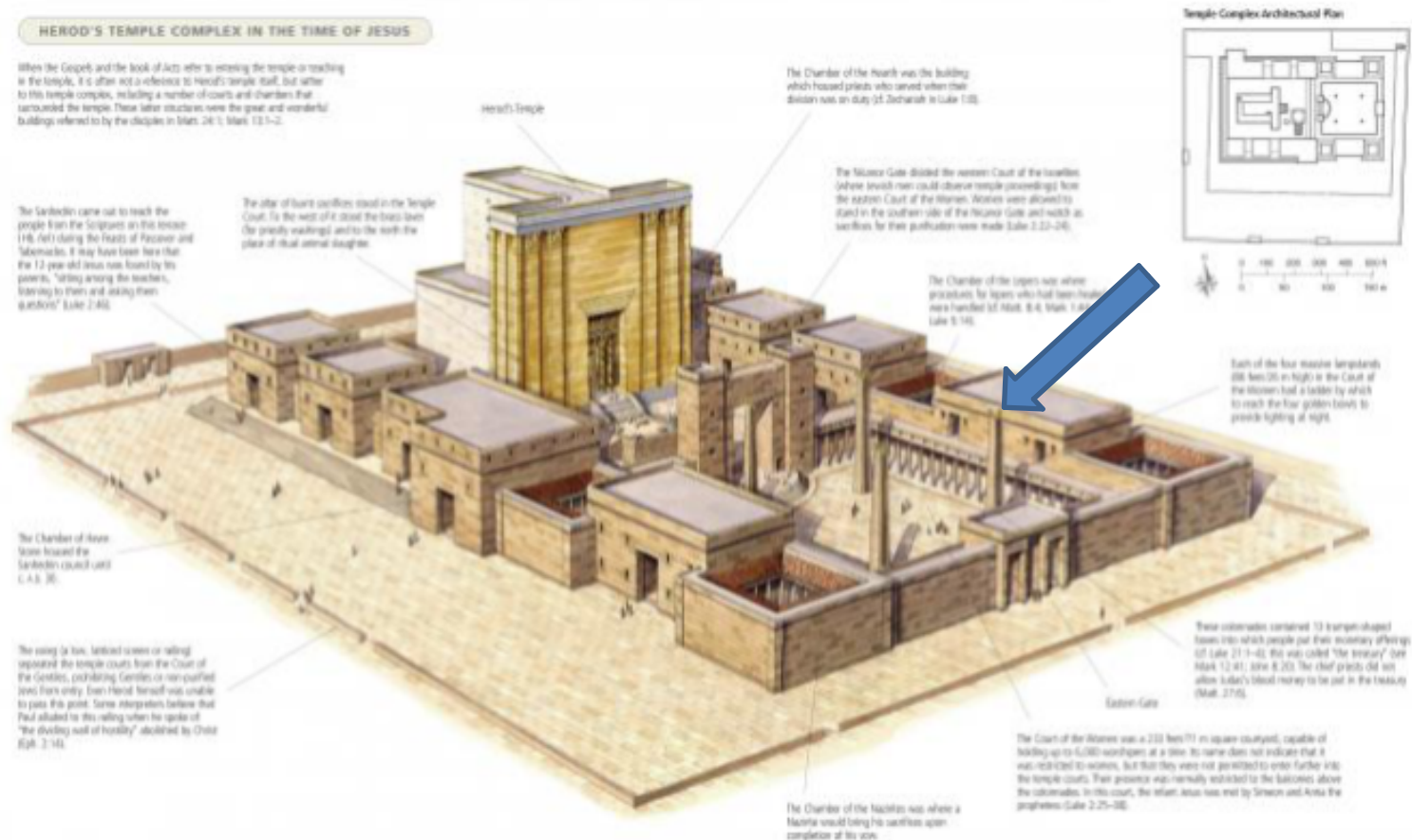
Total darkness is spiritually disorienting

The Setting (8:20)

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'I AM the light of the world'

John 8:12-19

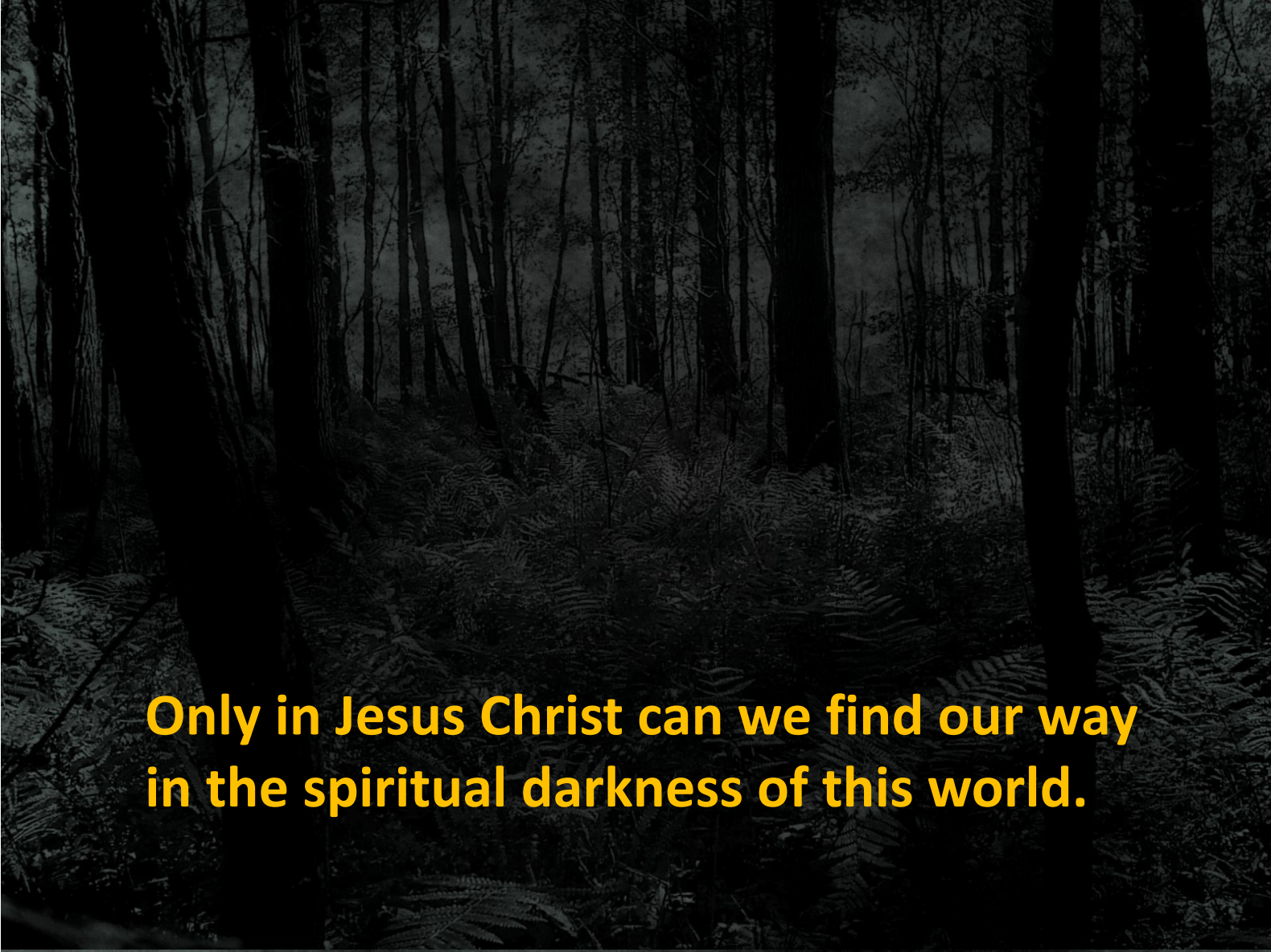


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**Only in Jesus Christ can we find our way
in the spiritual darkness of this world.**

John 8:12 and 12:46

John 8:12

I AM the light
of the world

he who follows
Me

will not walk
in darkness

John 12:46

I have come as
light into the
World

so that everyone
who believes
in Me

will not remain
in darkness

**Genuine faith
results in a changed life!**

2 Peter 3:18

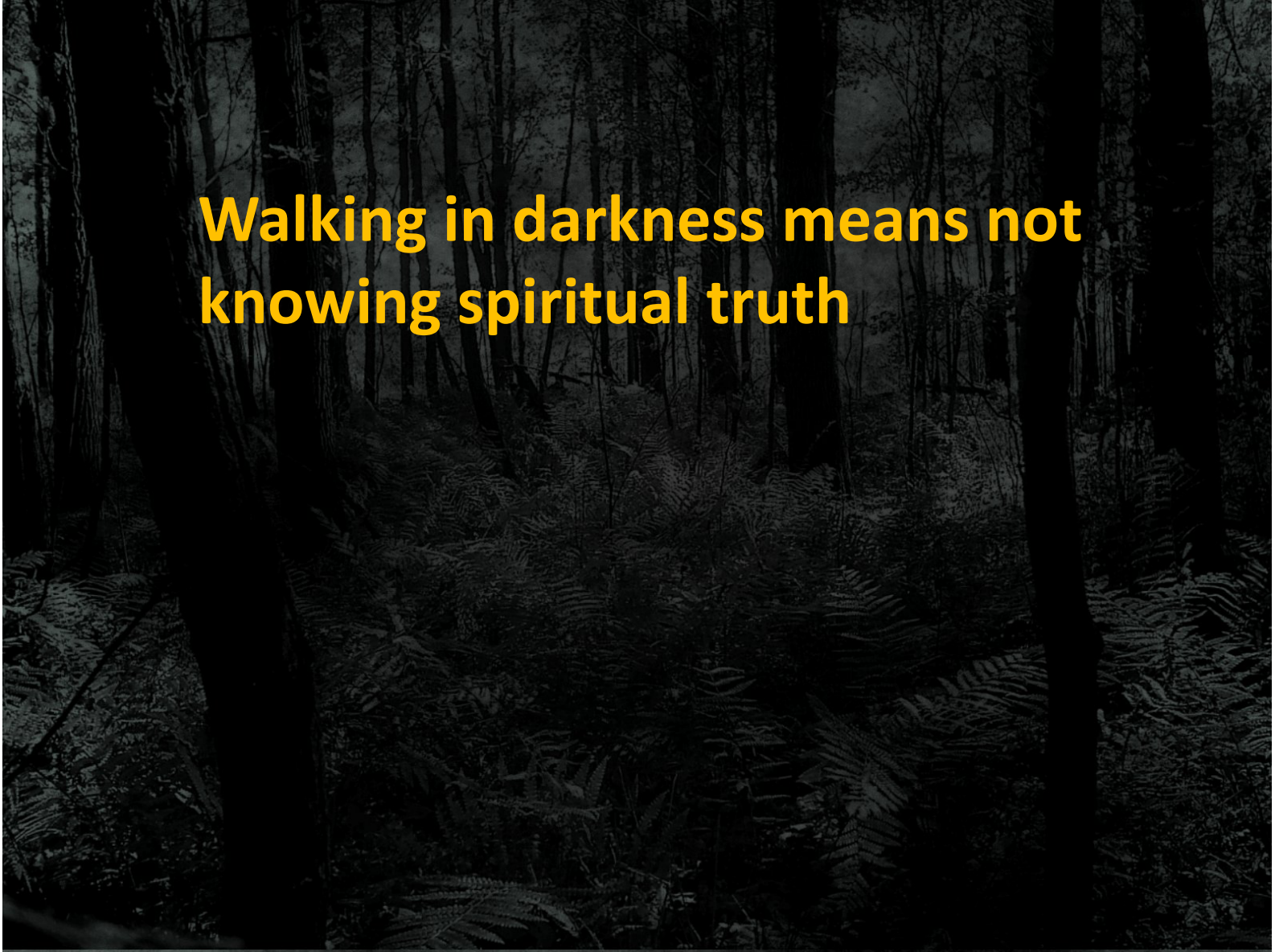
***Grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

Philippians 1:6

I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

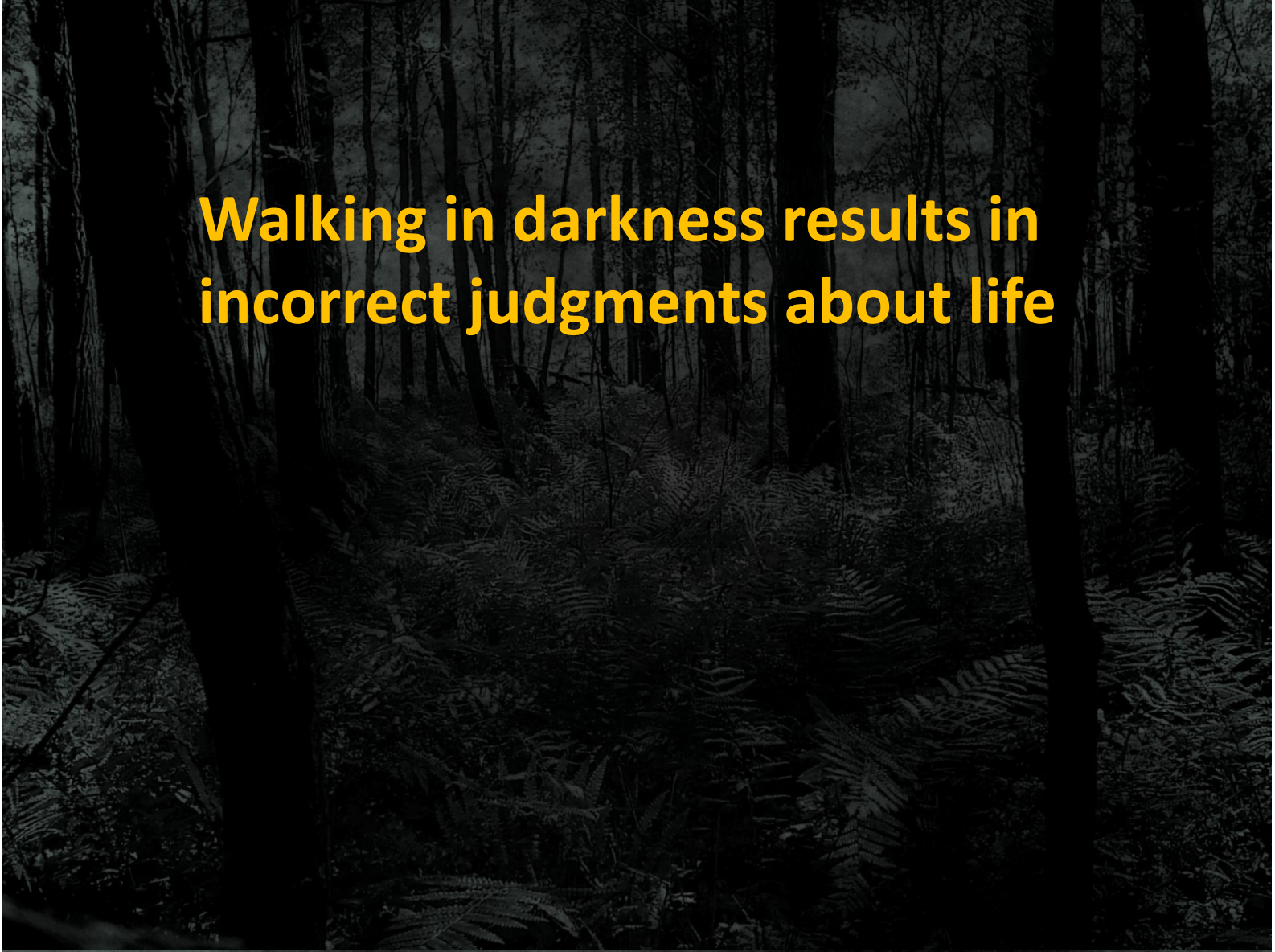
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**Walking in darkness means not
knowing spiritual truth**



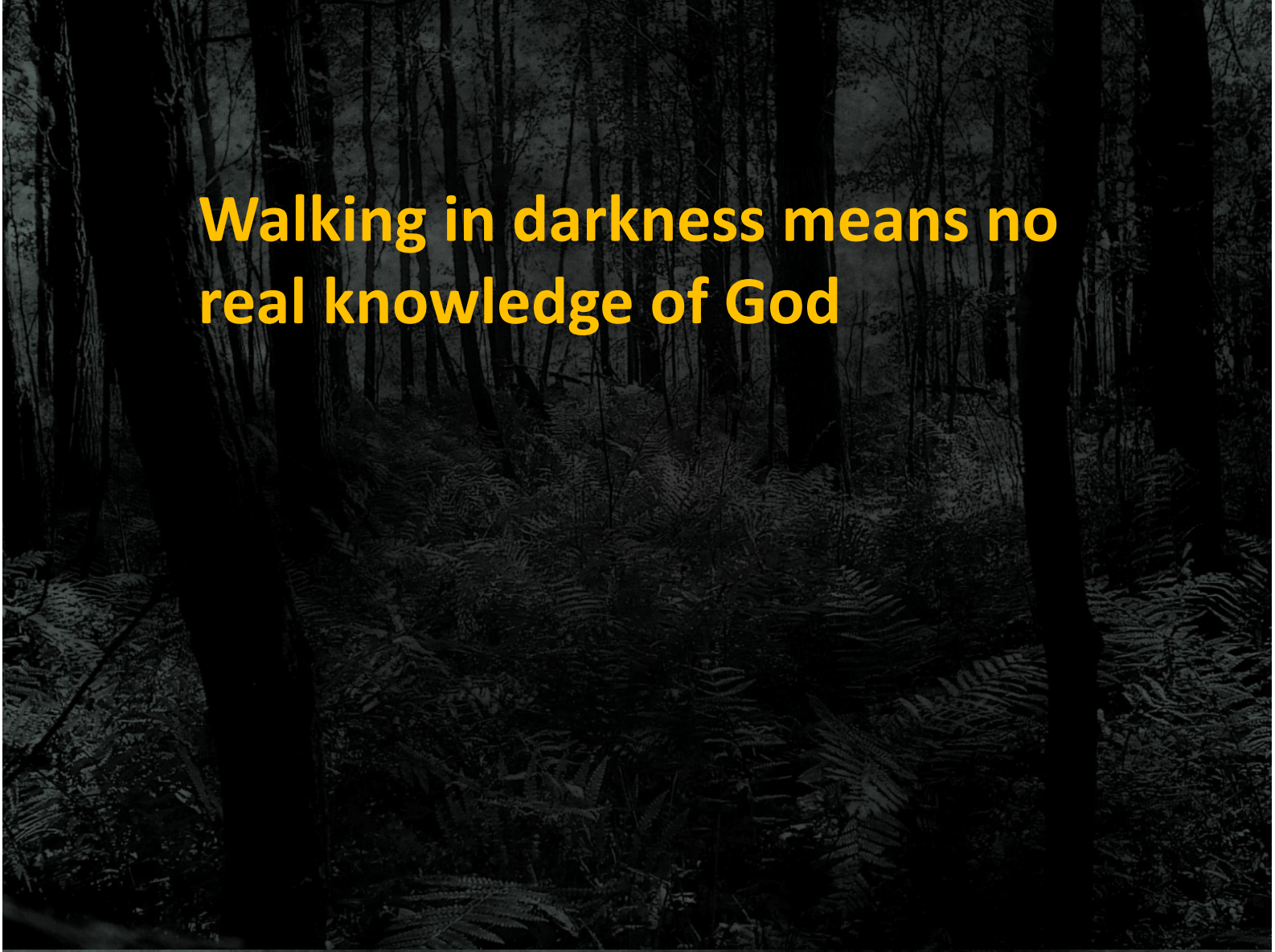
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**Walking in darkness results in
incorrect judgments about life**



John 8:12-19

**Walking in darkness means no
real knowledge of God**



John 8:12-19

- **Summary**: the truth is, Jesus Christ is the only source of spiritual light in this whole sin-darkened world, and knowing Him personally by faith is the only way to know God the Father.



John 8:21-24



**Unless you believe that I AM,
You shall die in your sins**

John 8:12-19

**Walking in darkness means
dying with sins unforgiven**

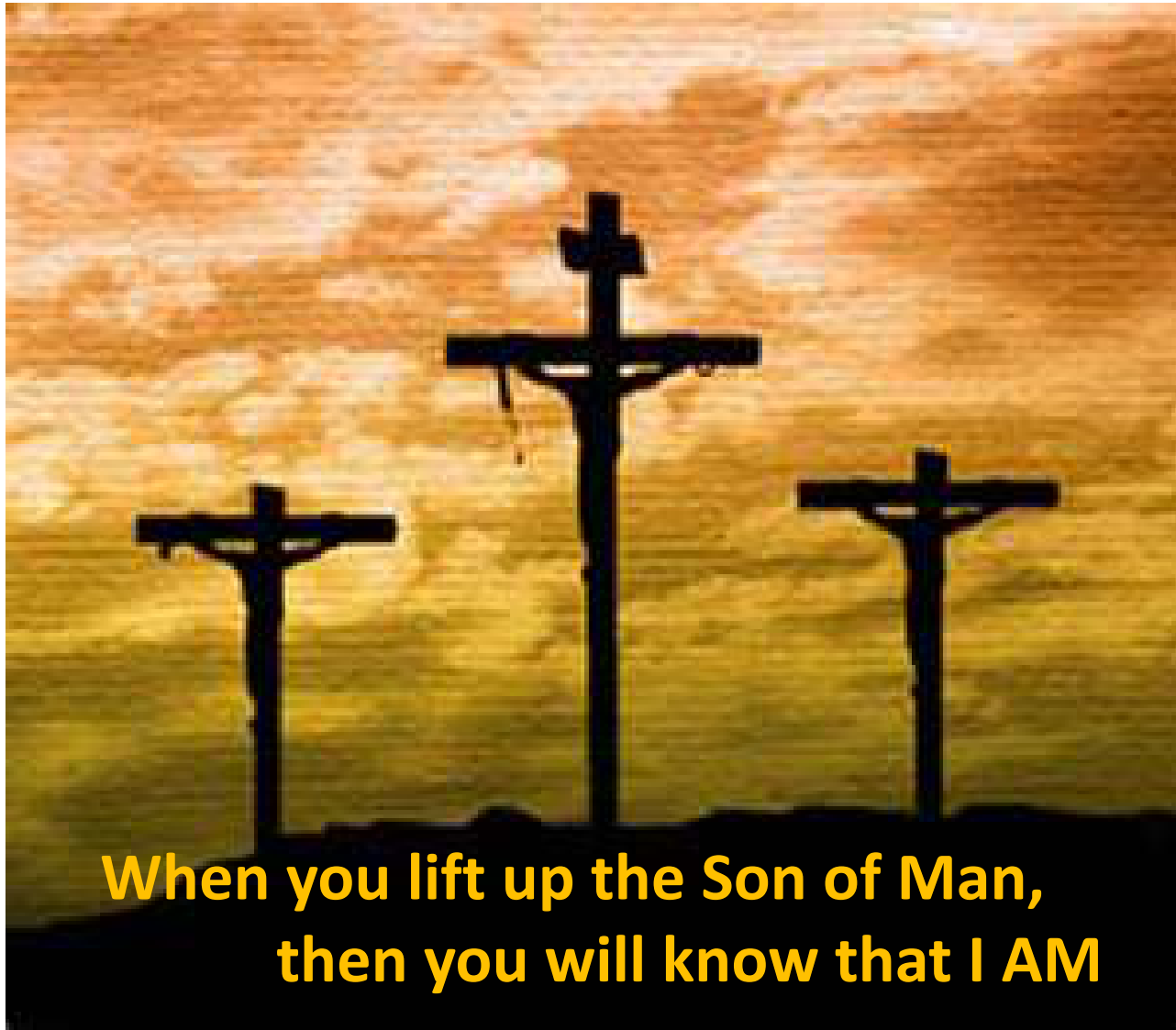


John 8:21-24

- **Summary:** as Jesus spoke to the Jews, He told them of His departure, of their earthly origin as opposed to His heavenly origin, and He called for faith in Himself (I AM) or they would die in their sins.



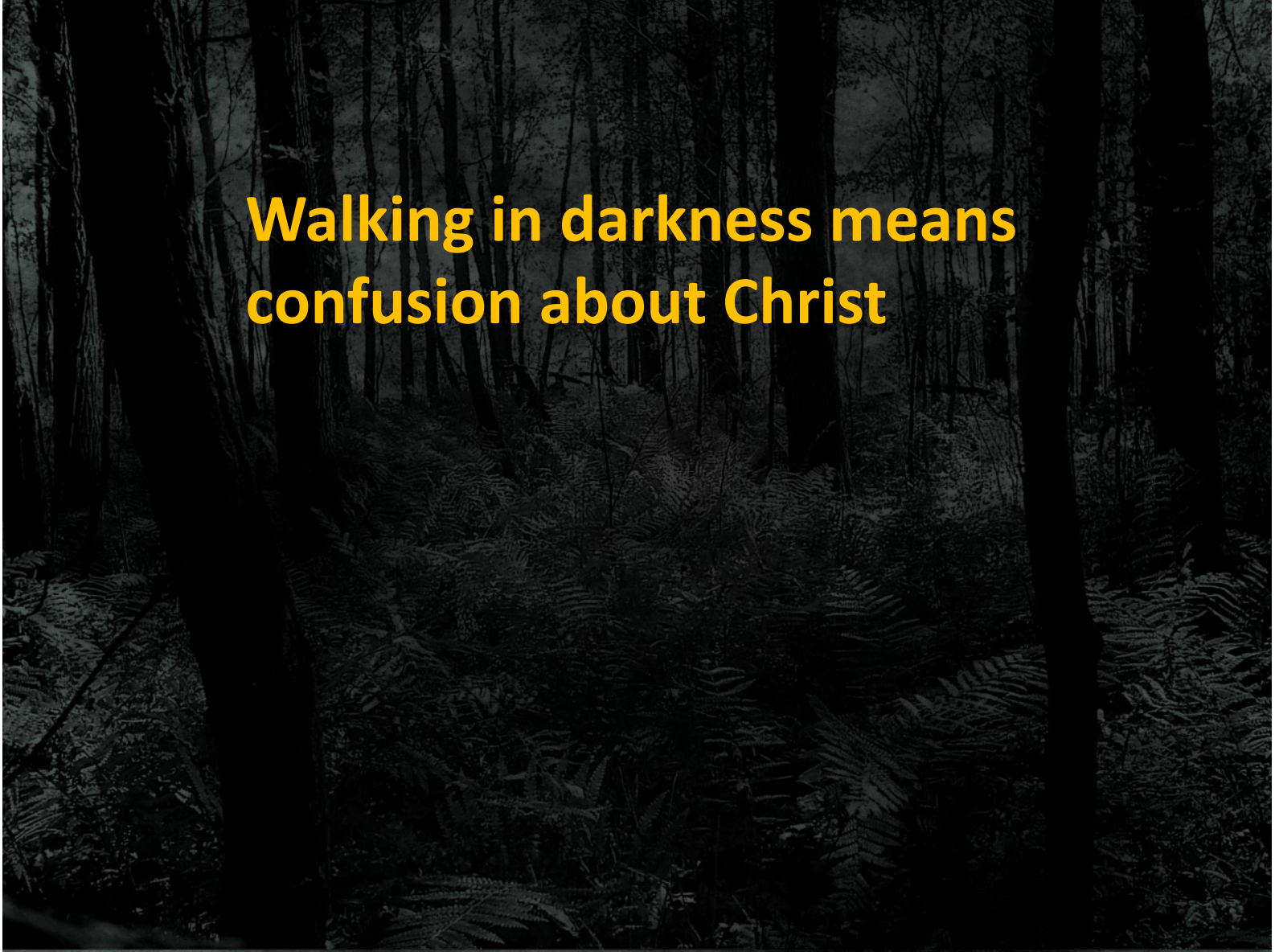
John 8:25-30



**When you lift up the Son of Man,
then you will know that I AM**

John 8:25-30

**Walking in darkness means
confusion about Christ**



Who is Jesus Christ?



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John 8:25-30

- **Summary:** in answer to the Jews' question about His identity, Jesus reminded them He was speaking the Father's truth to the world. When the Jews lift up the Son of Man on the cross they will know that He is I AM. As He spoke, many believed in Him.

“One of the functions of the cross is to reveal who Jesus is” (DA Carson).



Conclusion

- **Jesus:**

- ❖ **I AM** the light of the world

- ❖ Unless you believe that **I AM**, you will die in your sins

- ❖ When you lift up the Son of Man (on the cross), then you will know that **I AM**

Conclusion

- **Jews:**
 - ❖ **You are testifying about yourself**
 - ❖ **Surely he will not kill himself, will he?**
 - ❖ **Who are you?**

In their spiritual darkness the Jews could not see that Jesus is the I AM of the Old Testament come as a man to reveal His Father and to redeem fallen man as they themselves lifted Him up on the cross, providing a way for them and us not to die in our sins.

Conclusion

- **The Jews were the perfect example of those who do not follow the Light of the World, but instead continue to walk in darkness.**
- **Darkness is disorienting.**
- **The leaders of the Jews prove that!**

The Message of the Cross:

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

--2 Corinthians 5:21

