



THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 21:18–25

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John 21:18–25

And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.” Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

John 21:18–25

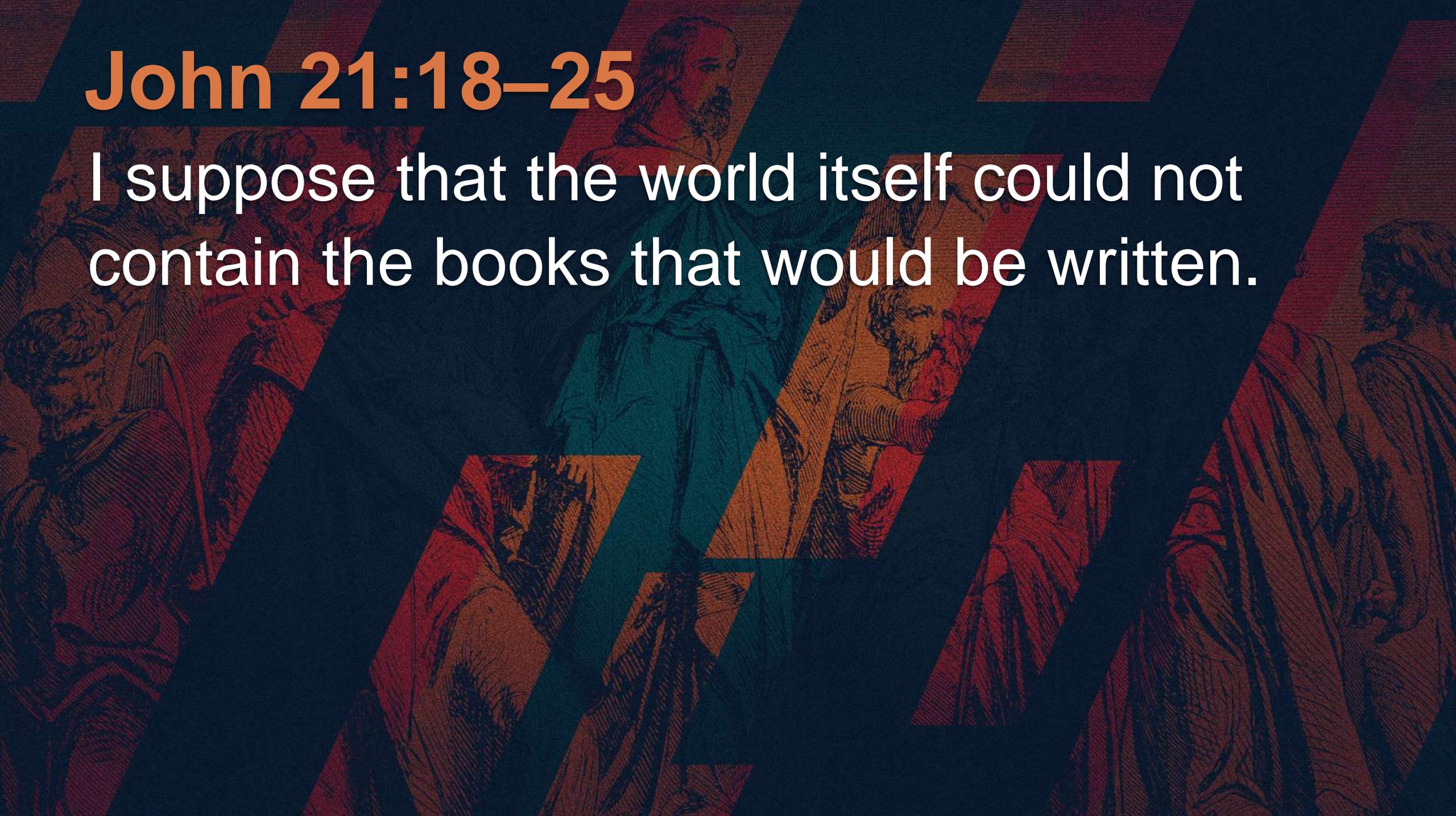
²² Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

John 21:18–25

²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written,

John 21:18–25

I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



The Beloved Disciple

No matter what and no matter who does
or who doesn't, you follow Jesus.



John 21:18–19

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John 21:19b

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The Beloved Disciple

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

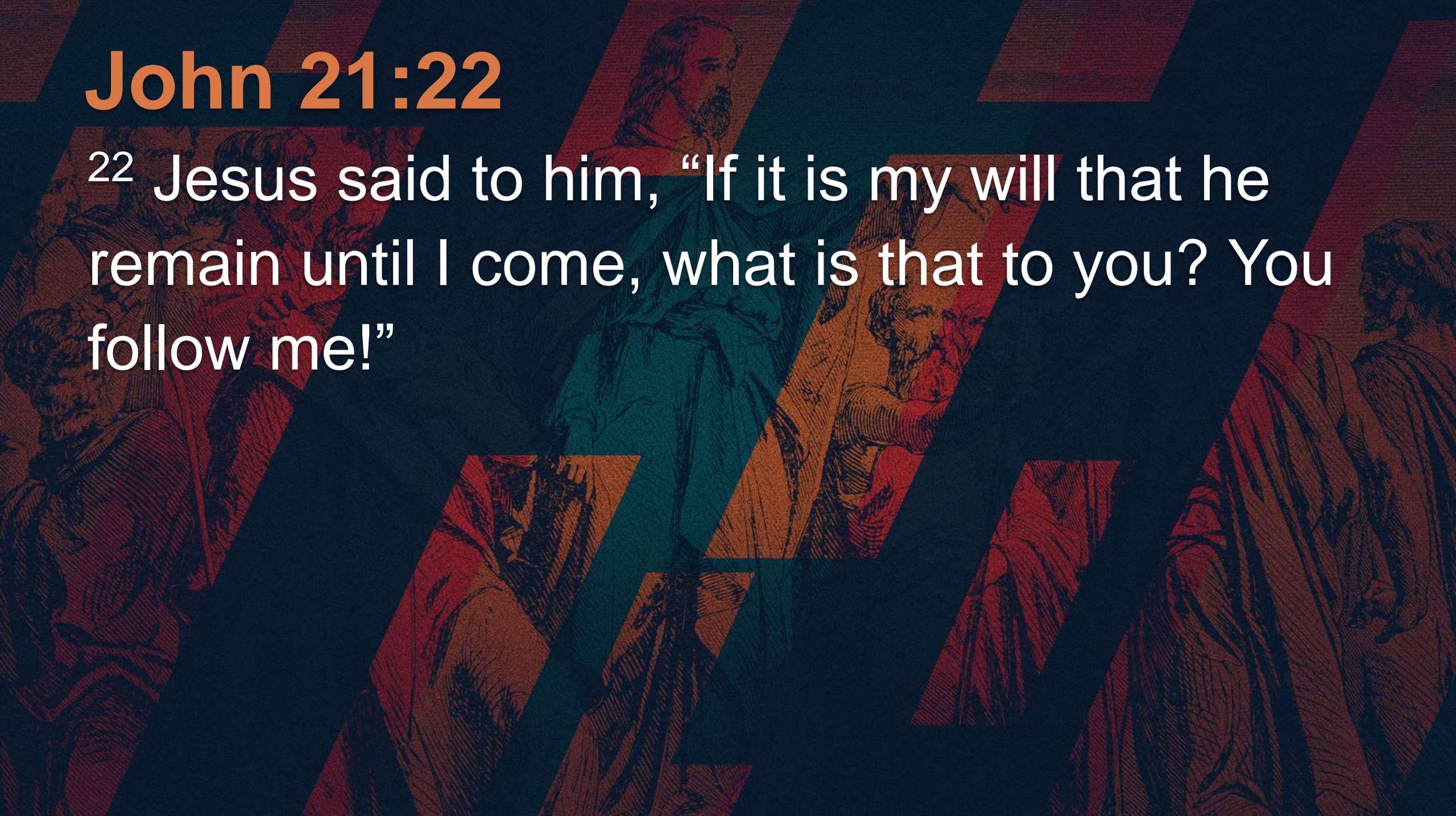
It means to believe in and to trust in Jesus to the degree that you obediently pursue Jesus, the life that He gives, and the mission that He is accomplishing.

John 21:19–21

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John 21:22

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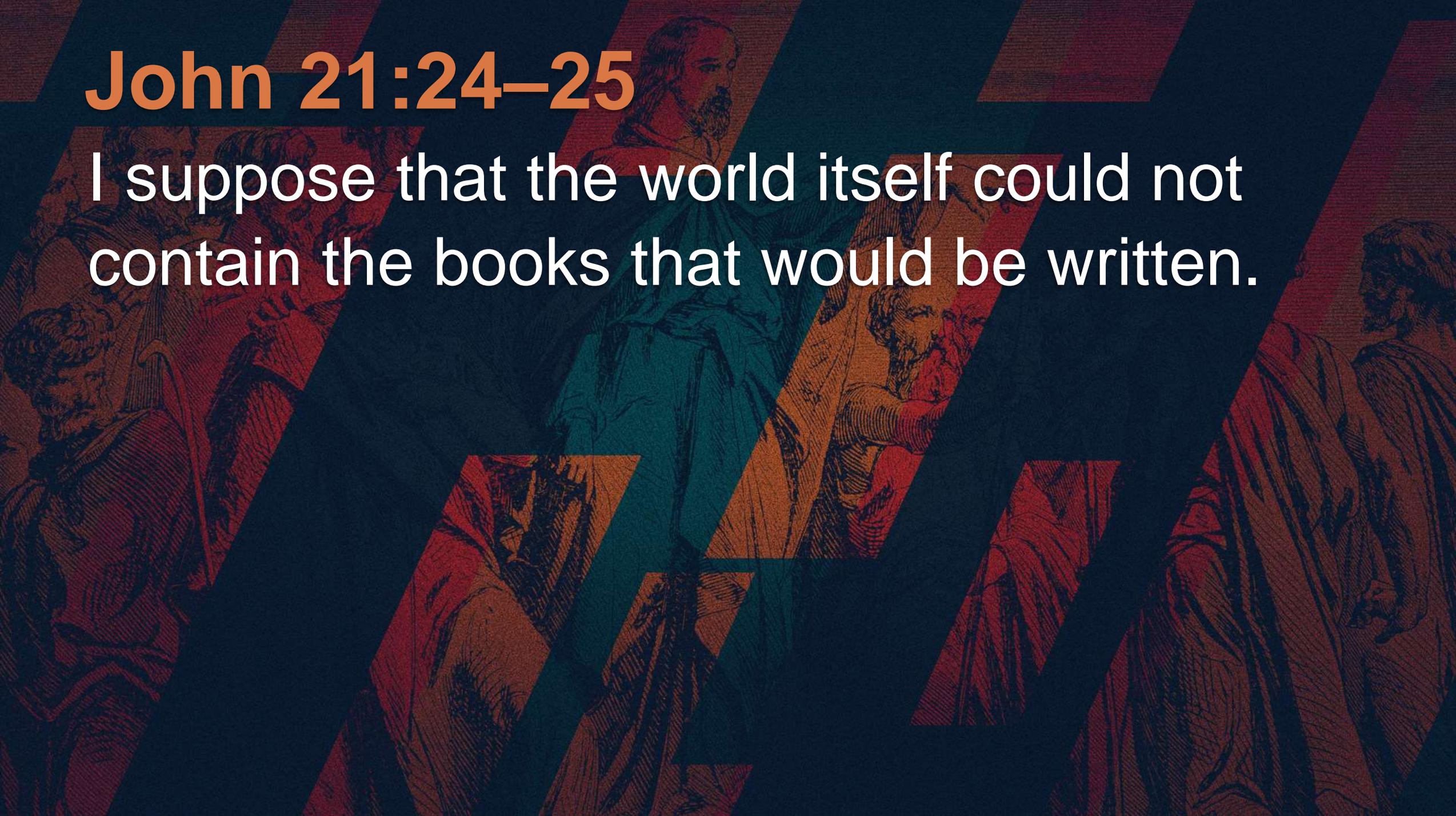
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John 21:24–25

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John 20:31

but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.