



The Despised and
Rejected Lamb

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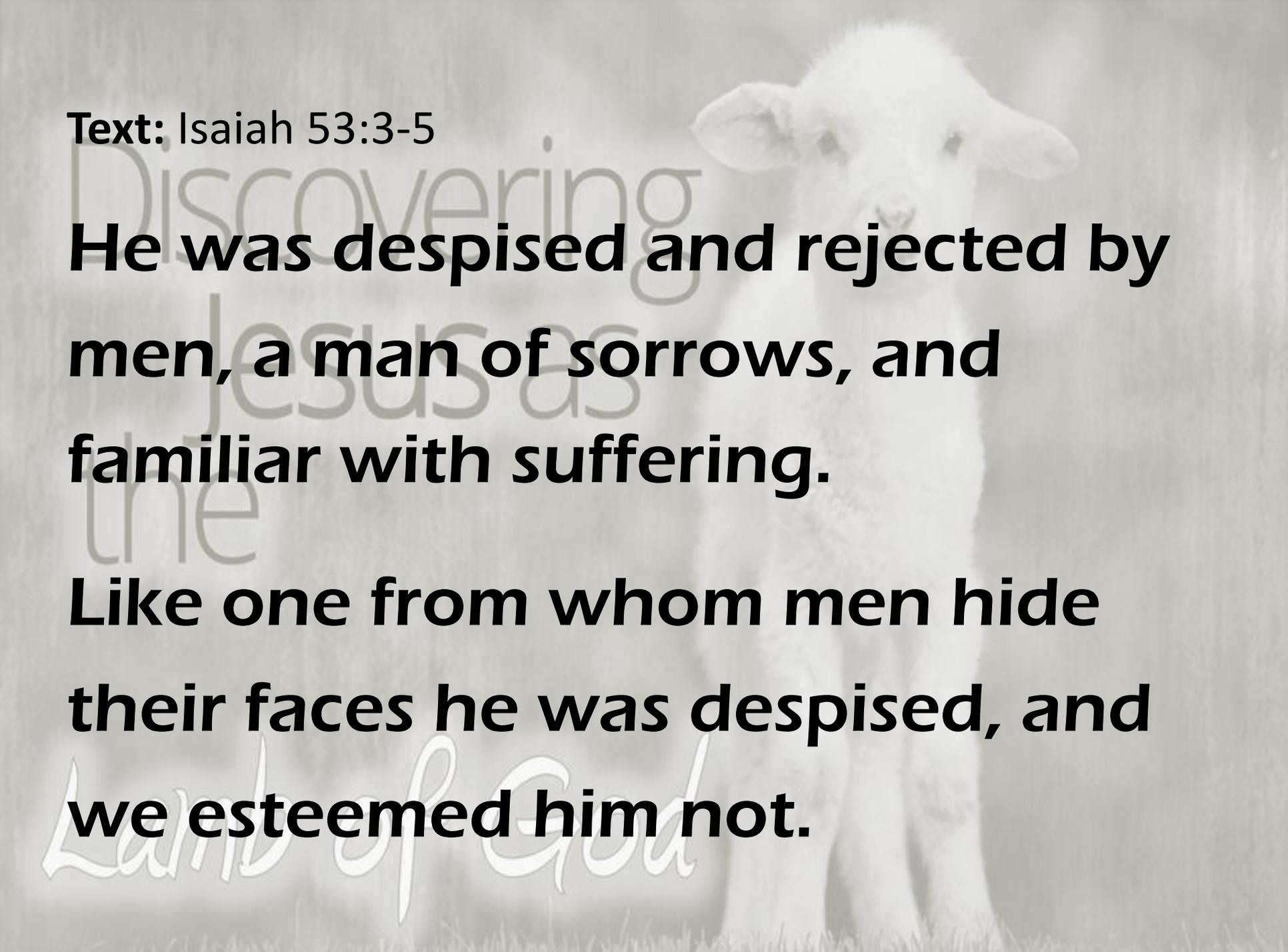
Discovering
Jesus as
the

Lamb of God

Introduction:

Jesus was perfect, loving, and had come to Earth on a rescue mission to save every one of us. So why was He so thoroughly rejected and abused?

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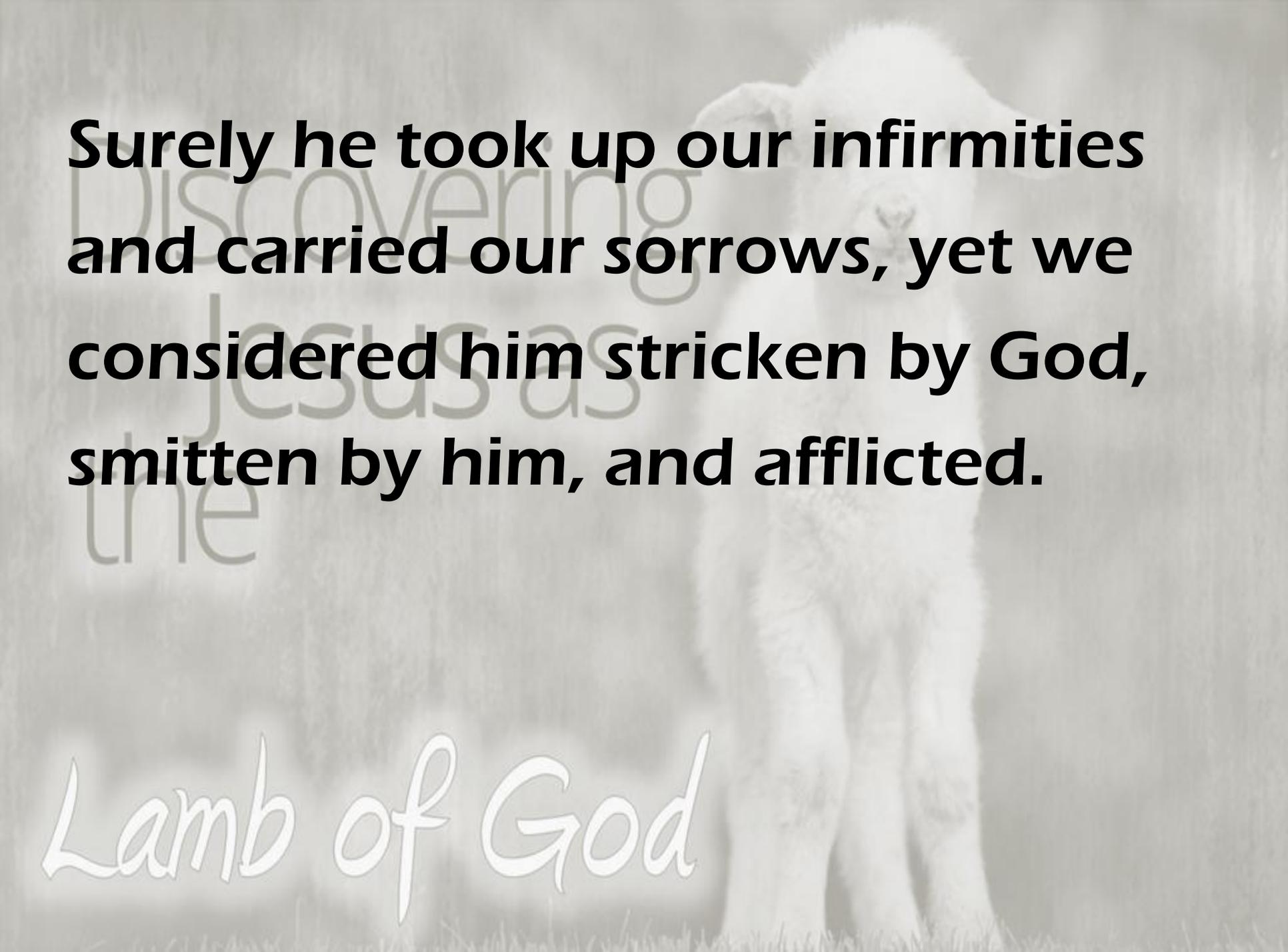


Text: Isaiah 53:3-5

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

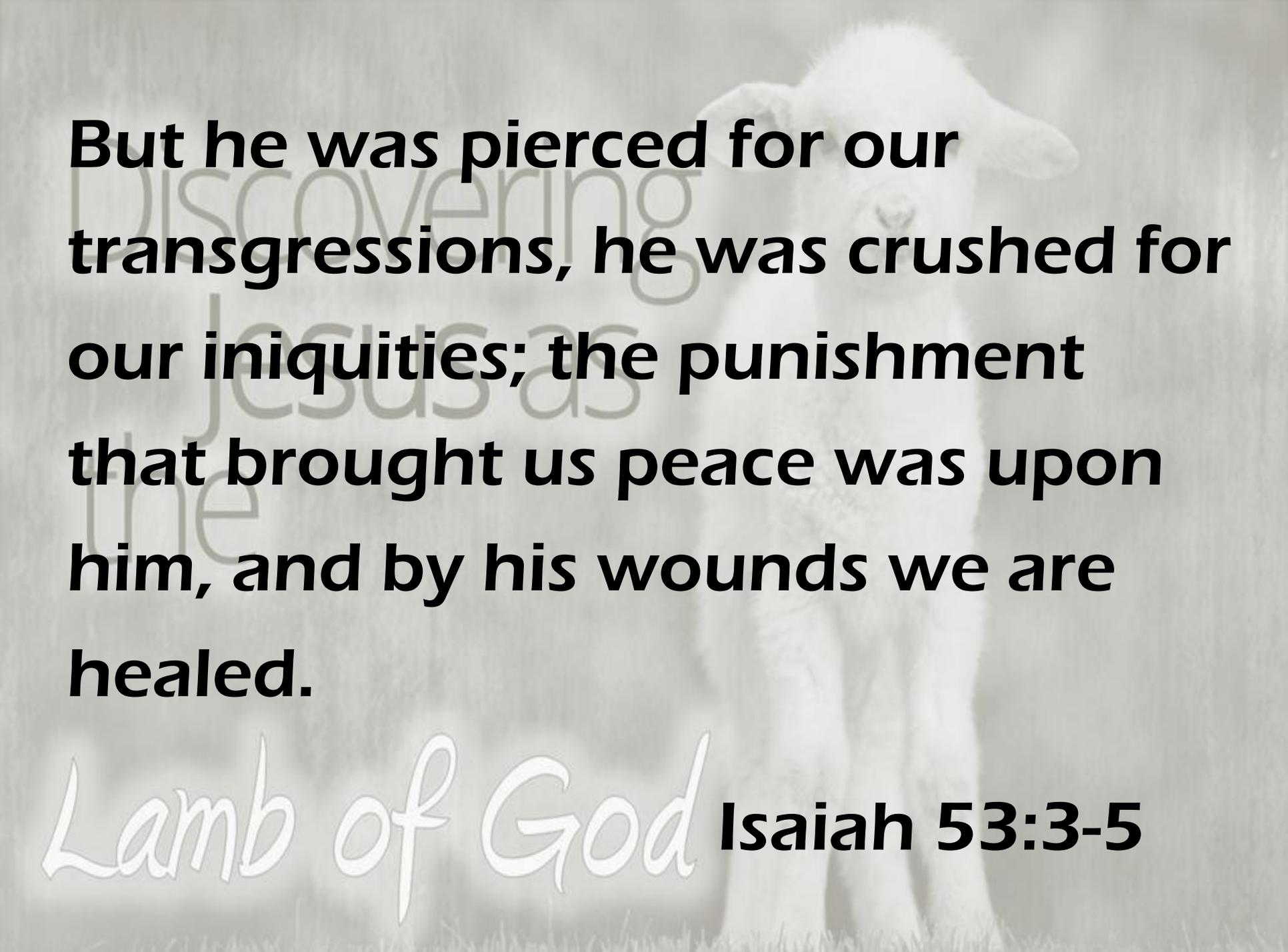
Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

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**Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows, yet we
considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.**

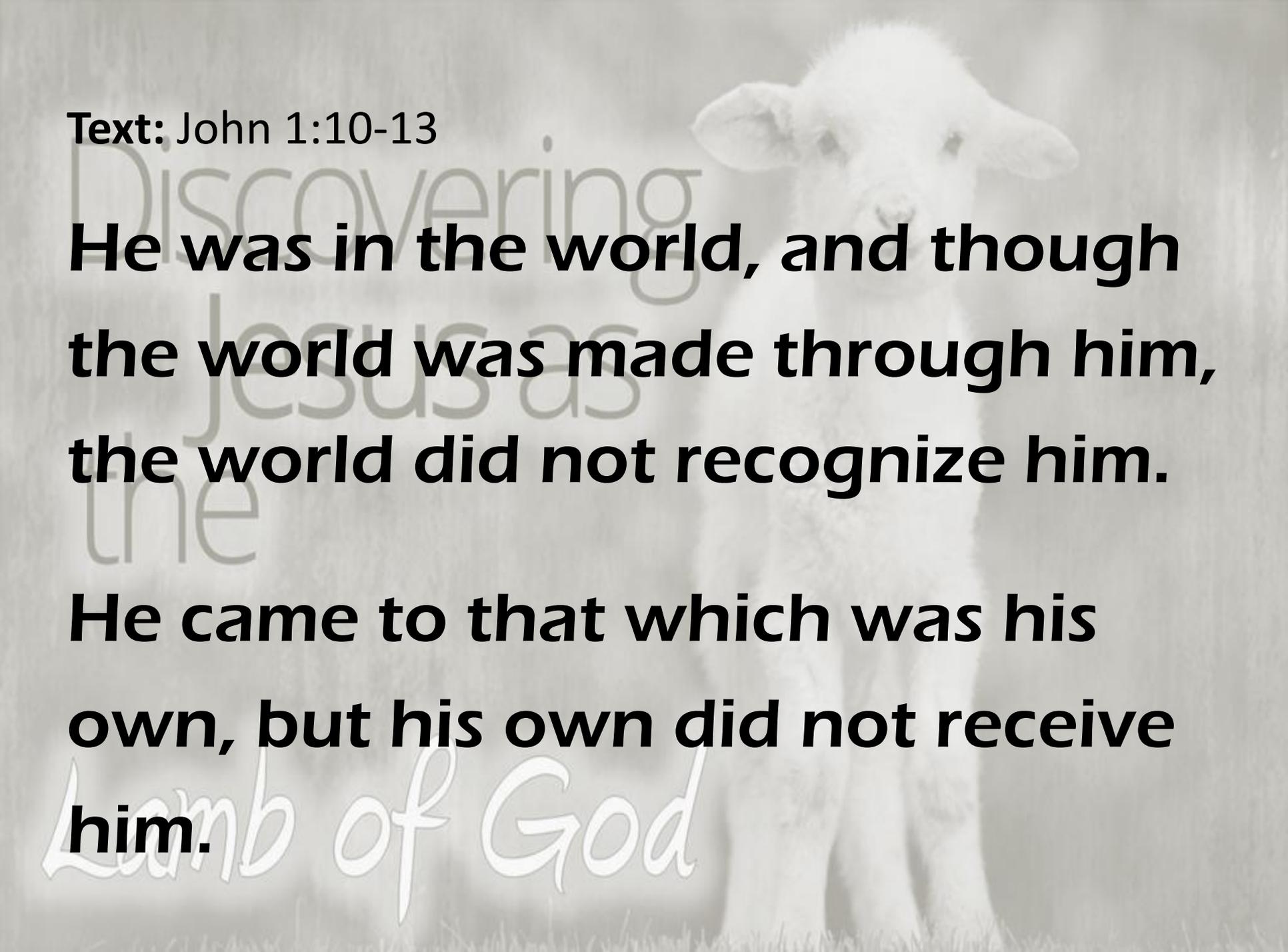
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**But he was pierced for our
transgressions, he was crushed for
our iniquities; the punishment
that brought us peace was upon
him, and by his wounds we are
healed.**

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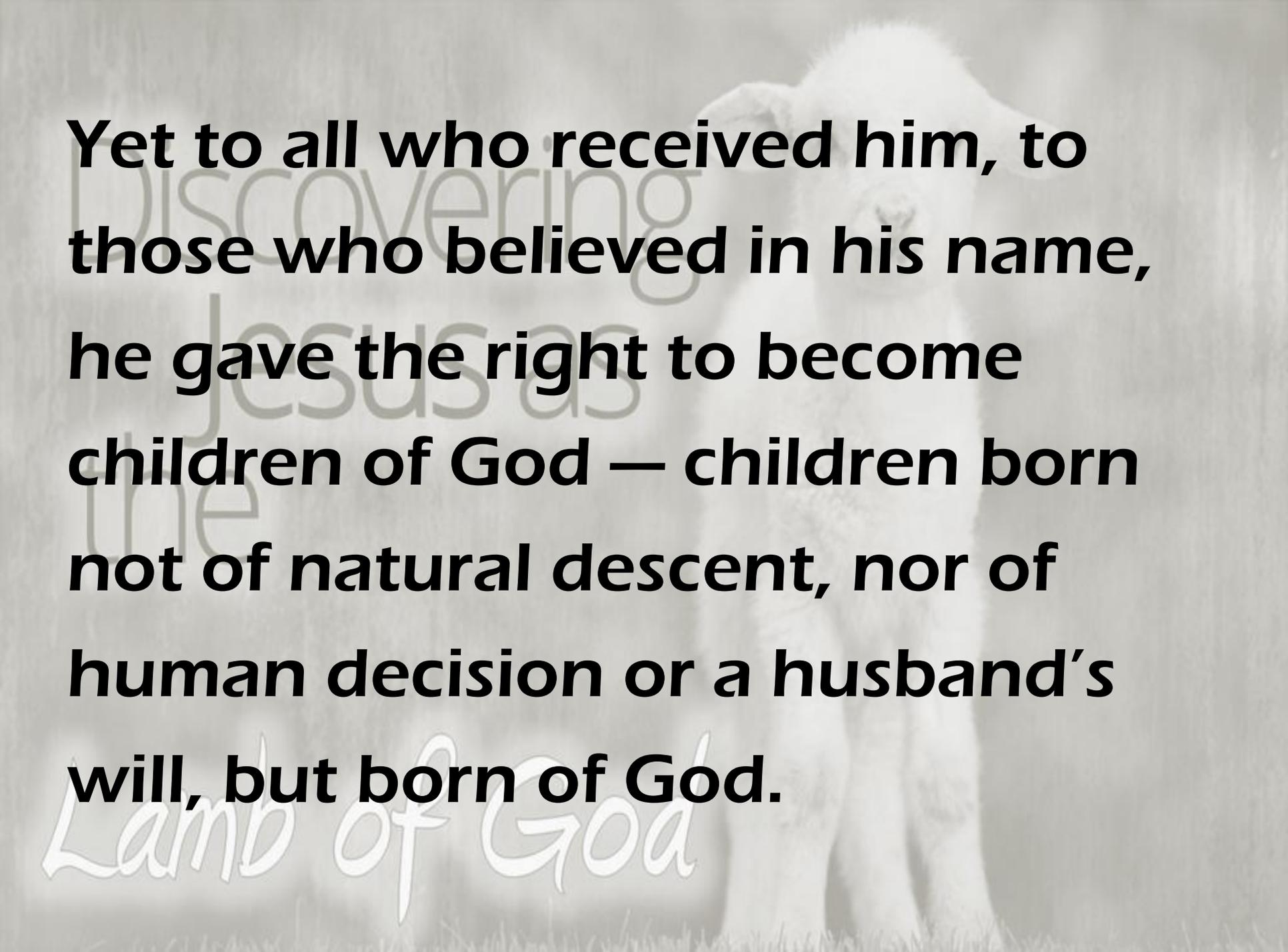


Text: John 1:10-13

**He was in the world, and though
the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.**

**He came to that which was his
own, but his own did not receive
him.**

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Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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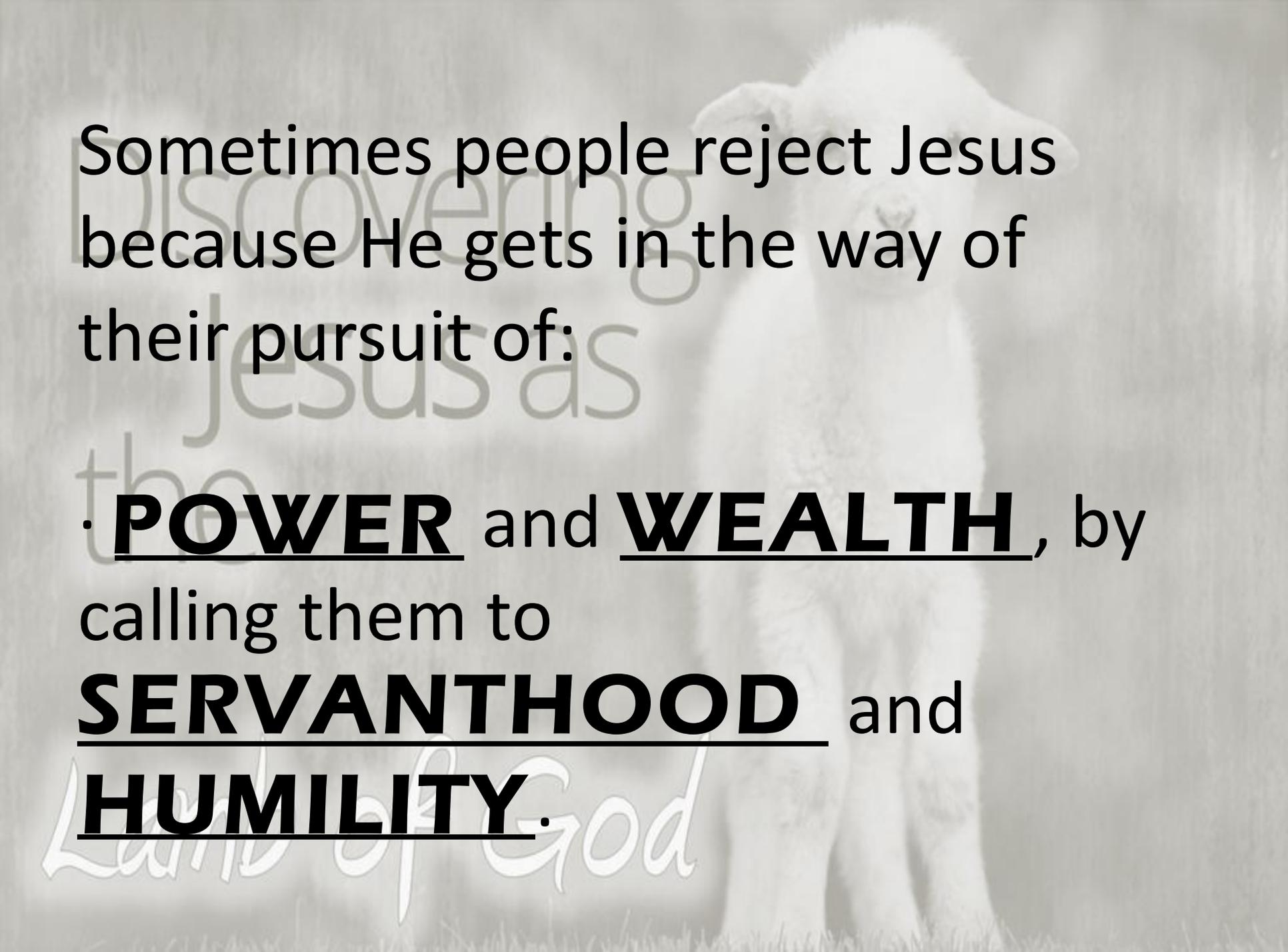




Sometimes people reject Jesus
because He gets in the way of
their pursuit of:

- Personal **FREEDOM**, by
calling them to **CARING** and
COMMUNITY.

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Sometimes people reject Jesus
because He gets in the way of
their pursuit of:

• **POWER** and **WEALTH**, by
calling them to
SERVANTHOOD and
HUMILITY.



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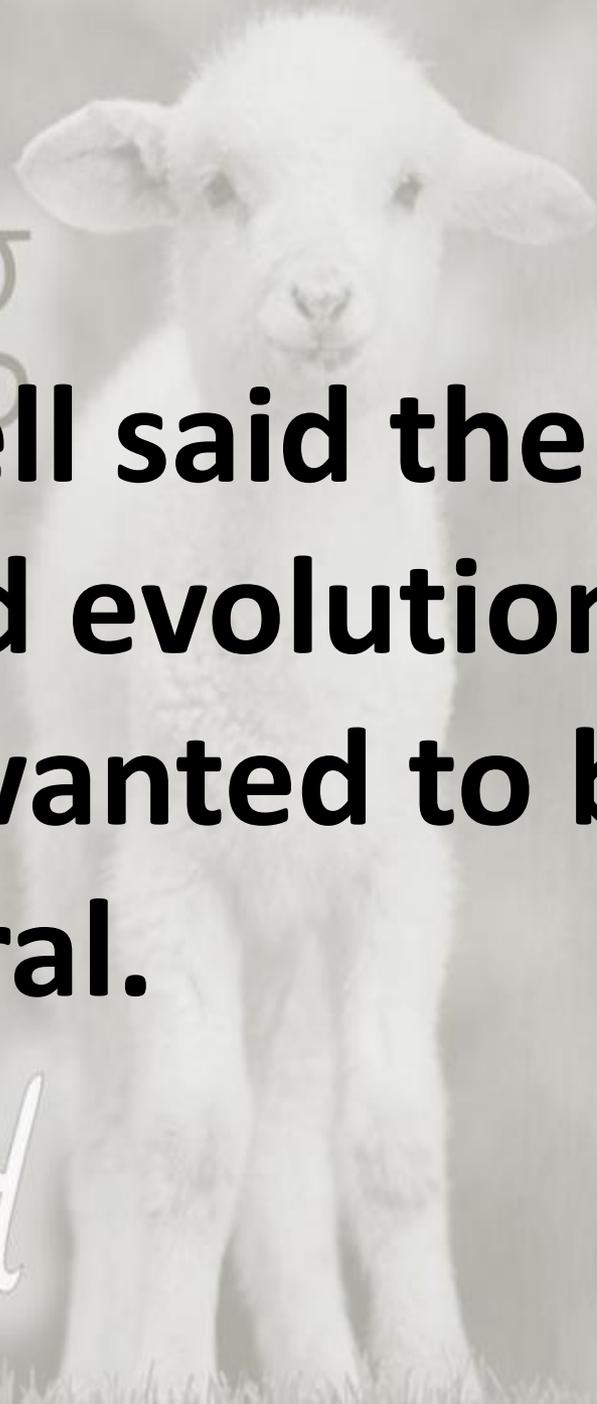
- Destructive **PLEASURE**, by
calling them to loving
COMMITMENT.

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Discovering

**Bertrand Russell said the
West embraced evolution
because they wanted to be
sexually immoral.**

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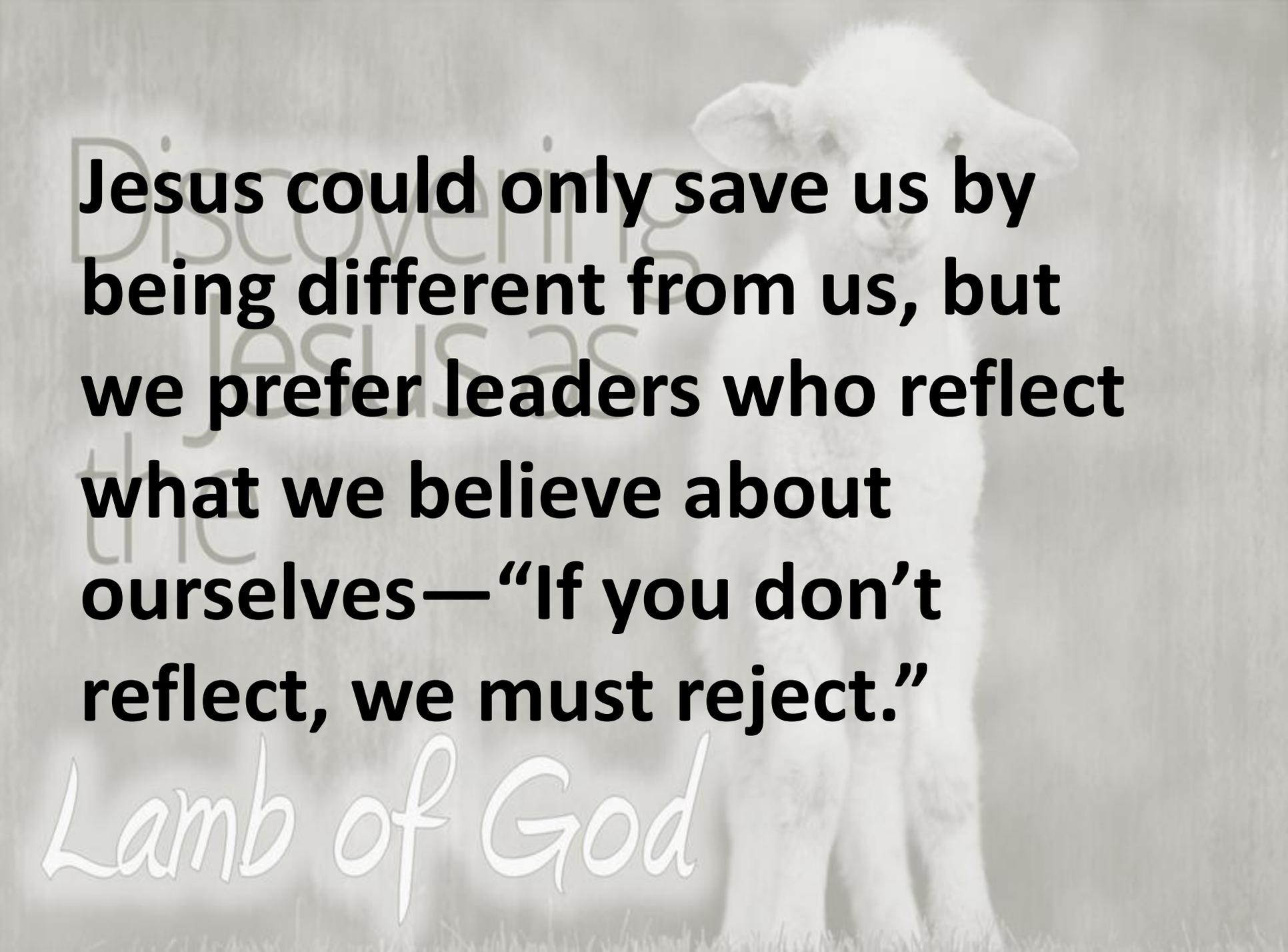




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because He's just so

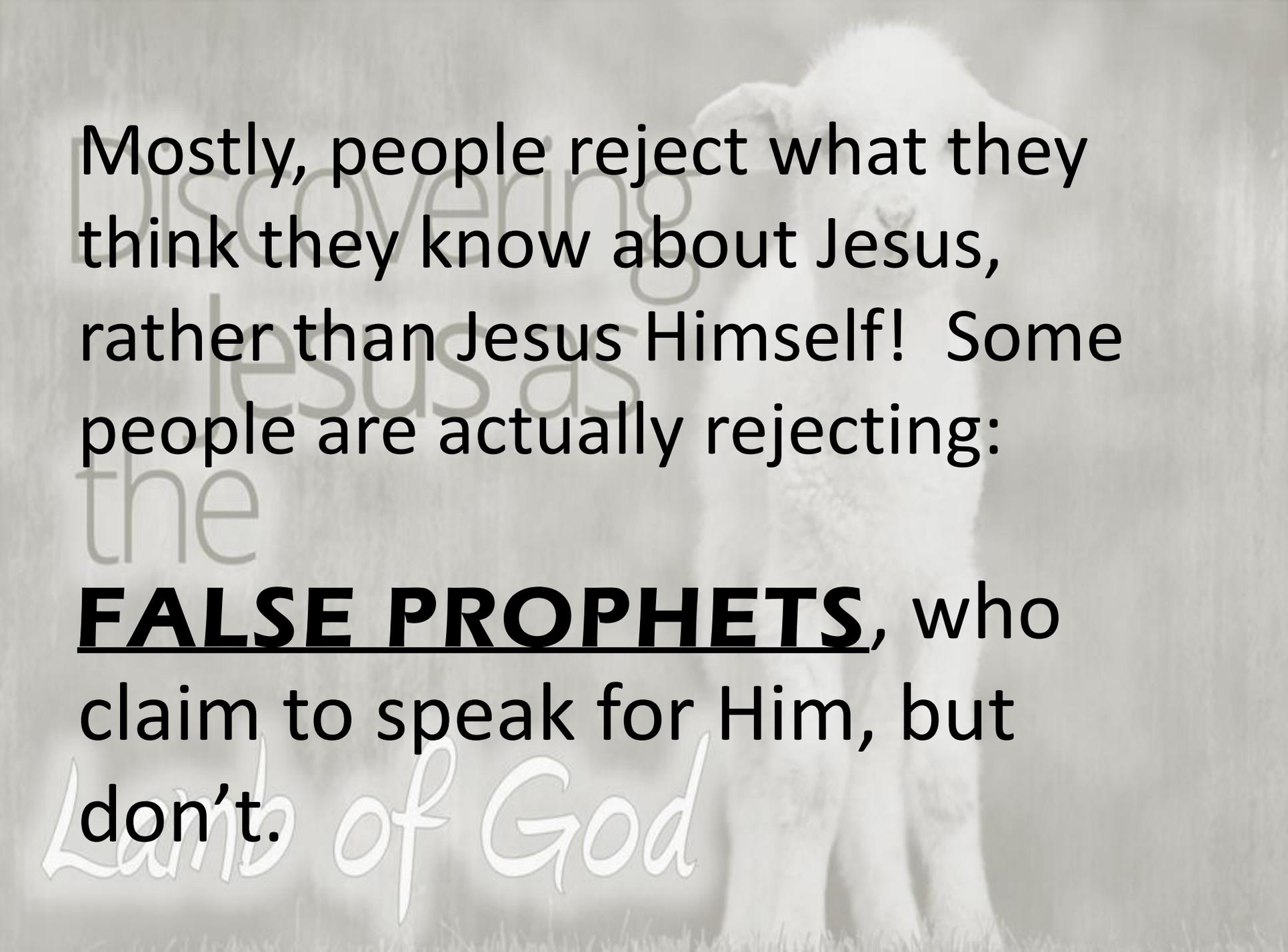
DIFFERENT from us!

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**Jesus could only save us by
being different from us, but
we prefer leaders who reflect
what we believe about
ourselves—“If you don’t
reflect, we must reject.”**

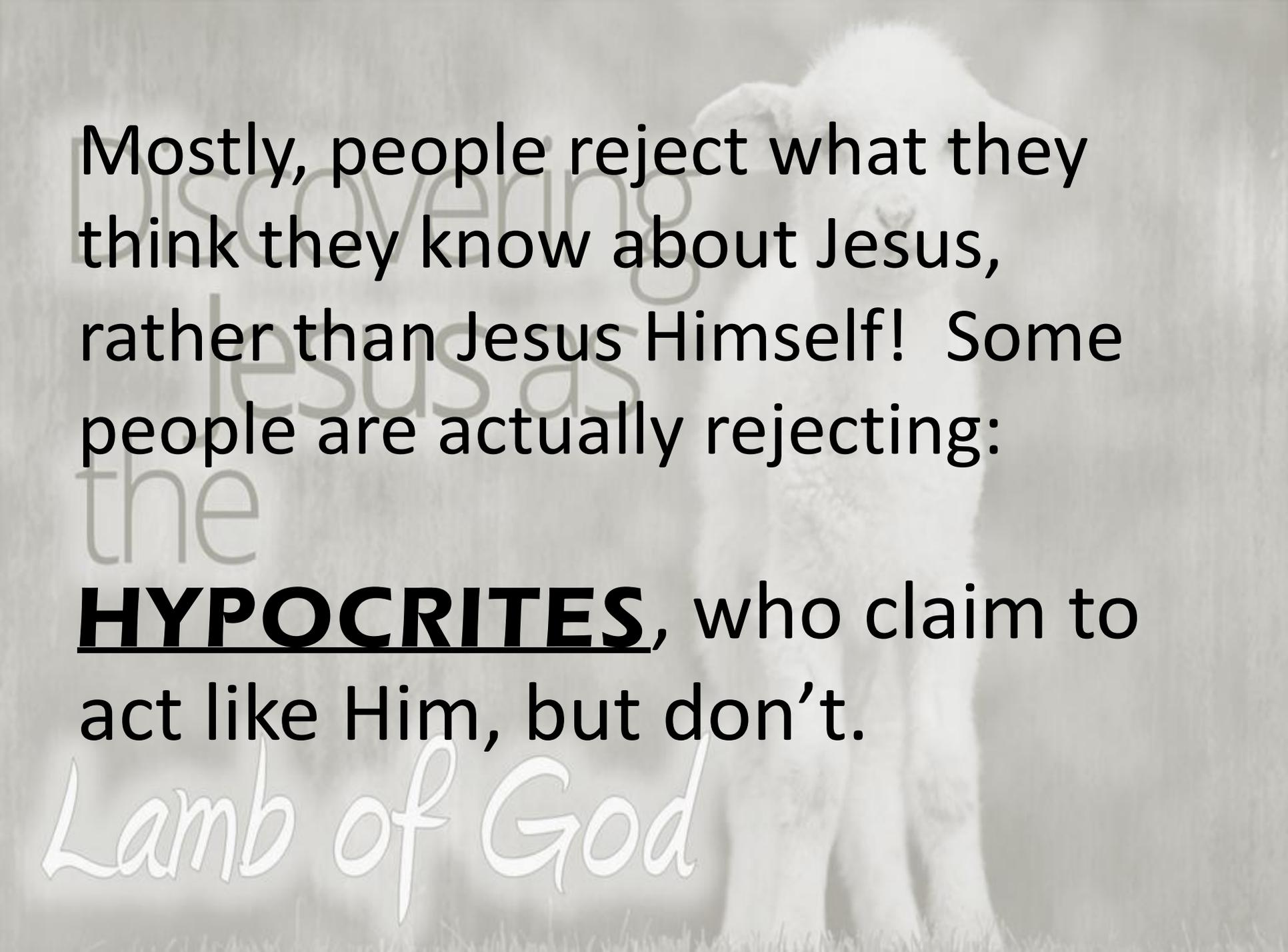
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FALSE PROPHETS, who claim to speak for Him, but don't.

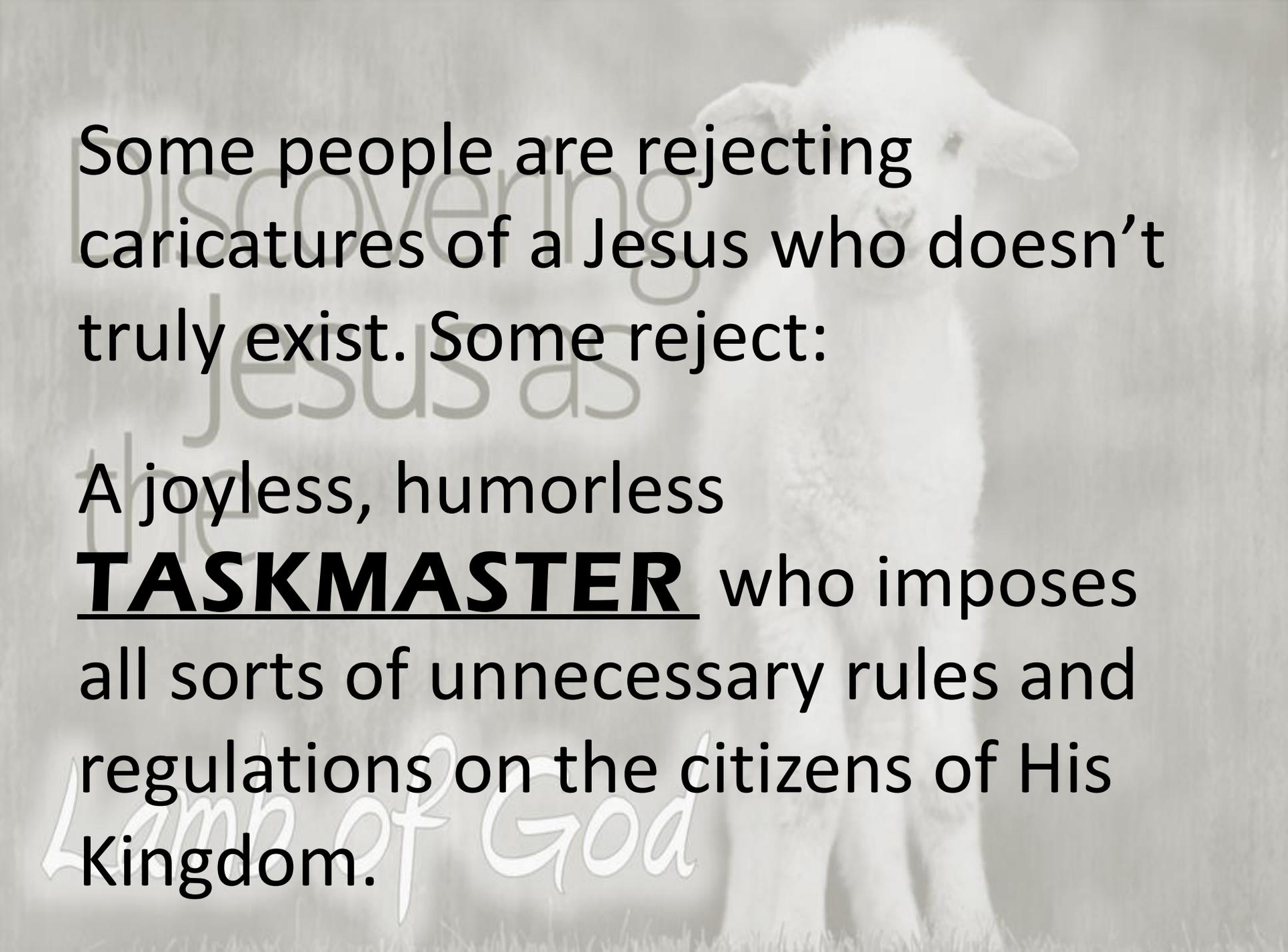
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HYPOCRITES, who claim to act like Him, but don't.

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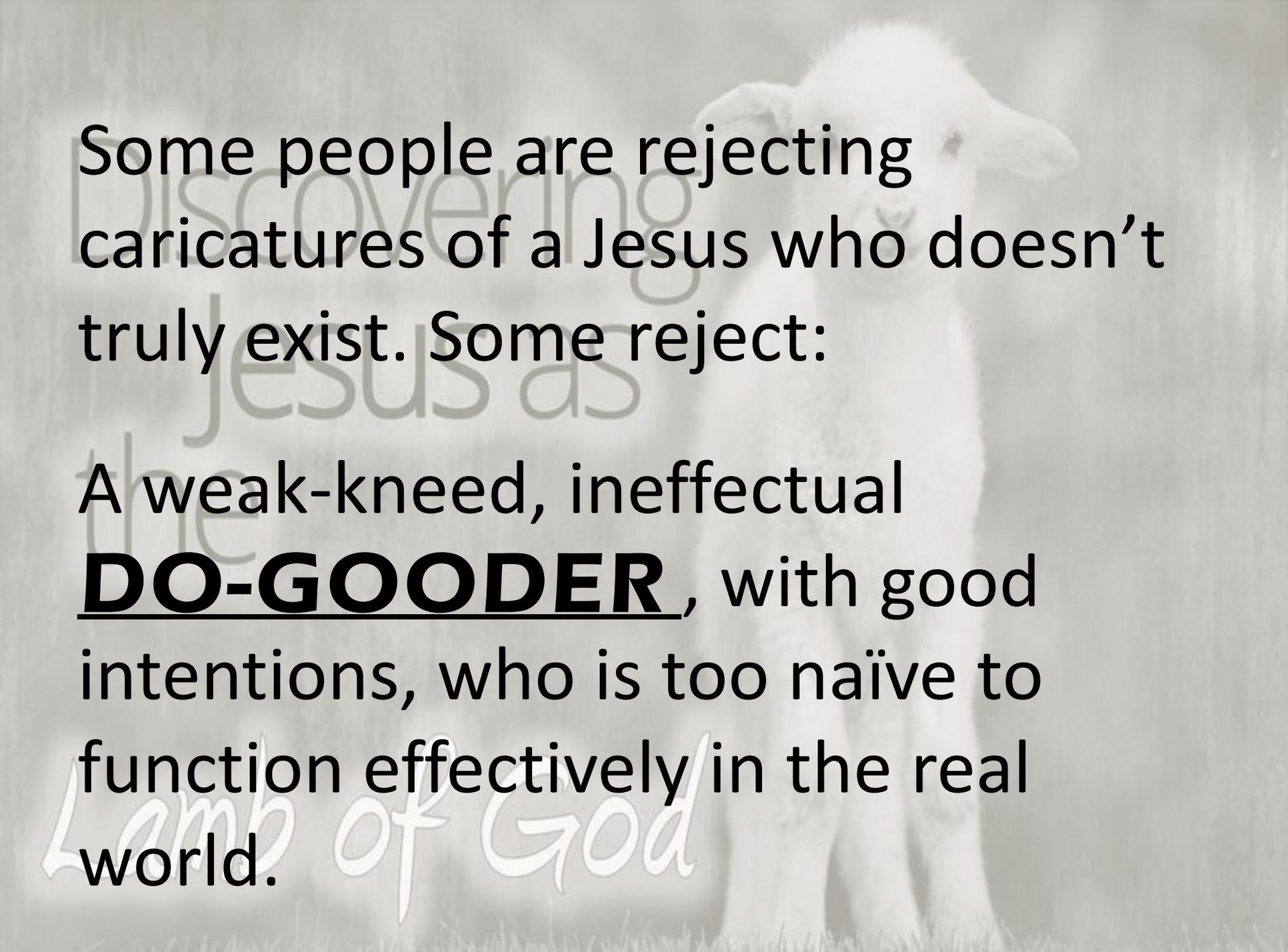
A joyless, humorless

TASKMASTER who imposes

all sorts of unnecessary rules and

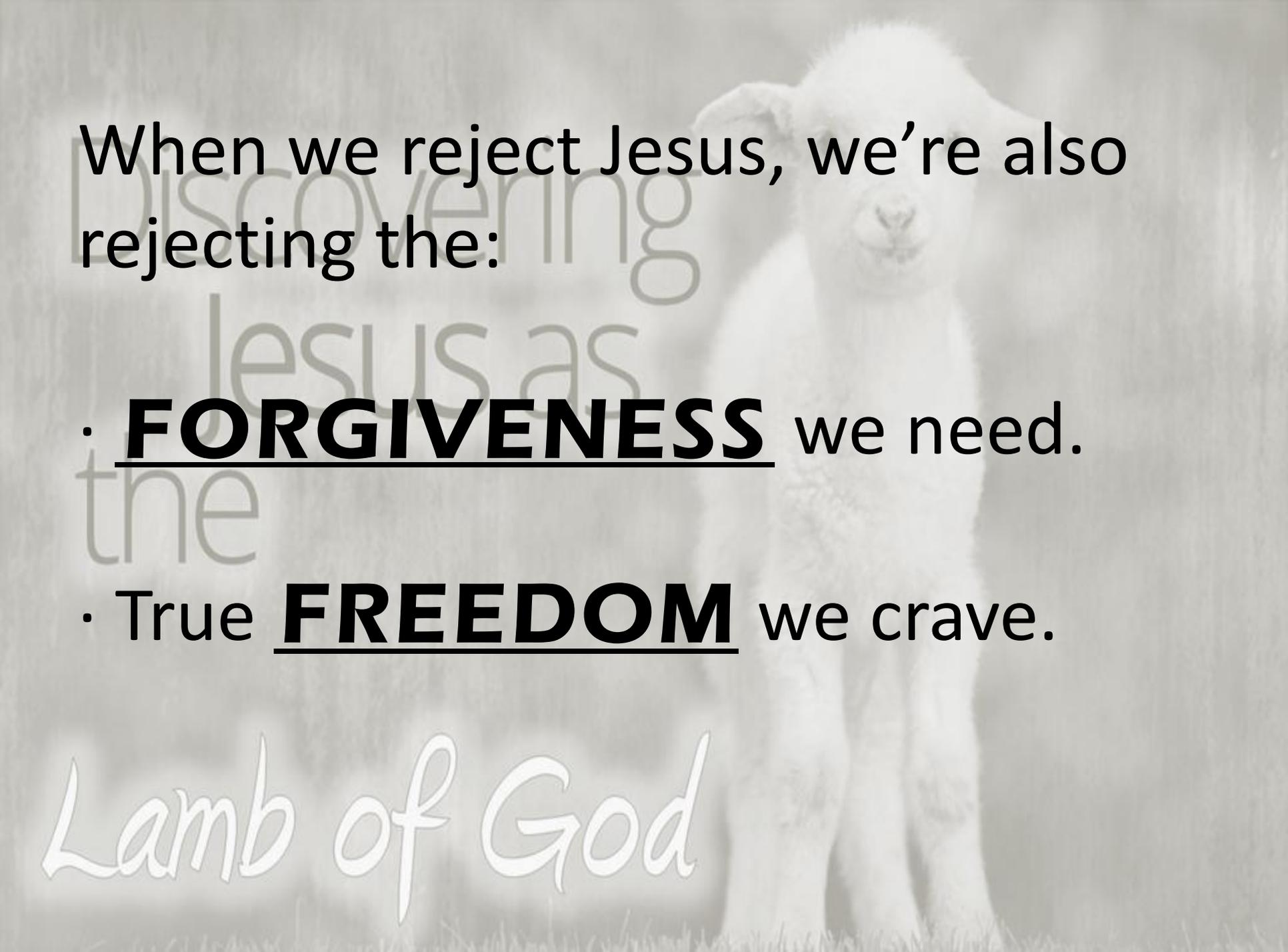
regulations on the citizens of His

Kingdom.



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A weak-kneed, ineffectual **DO-GOODER**, with good intentions, who is too naïve to function effectively in the real world.

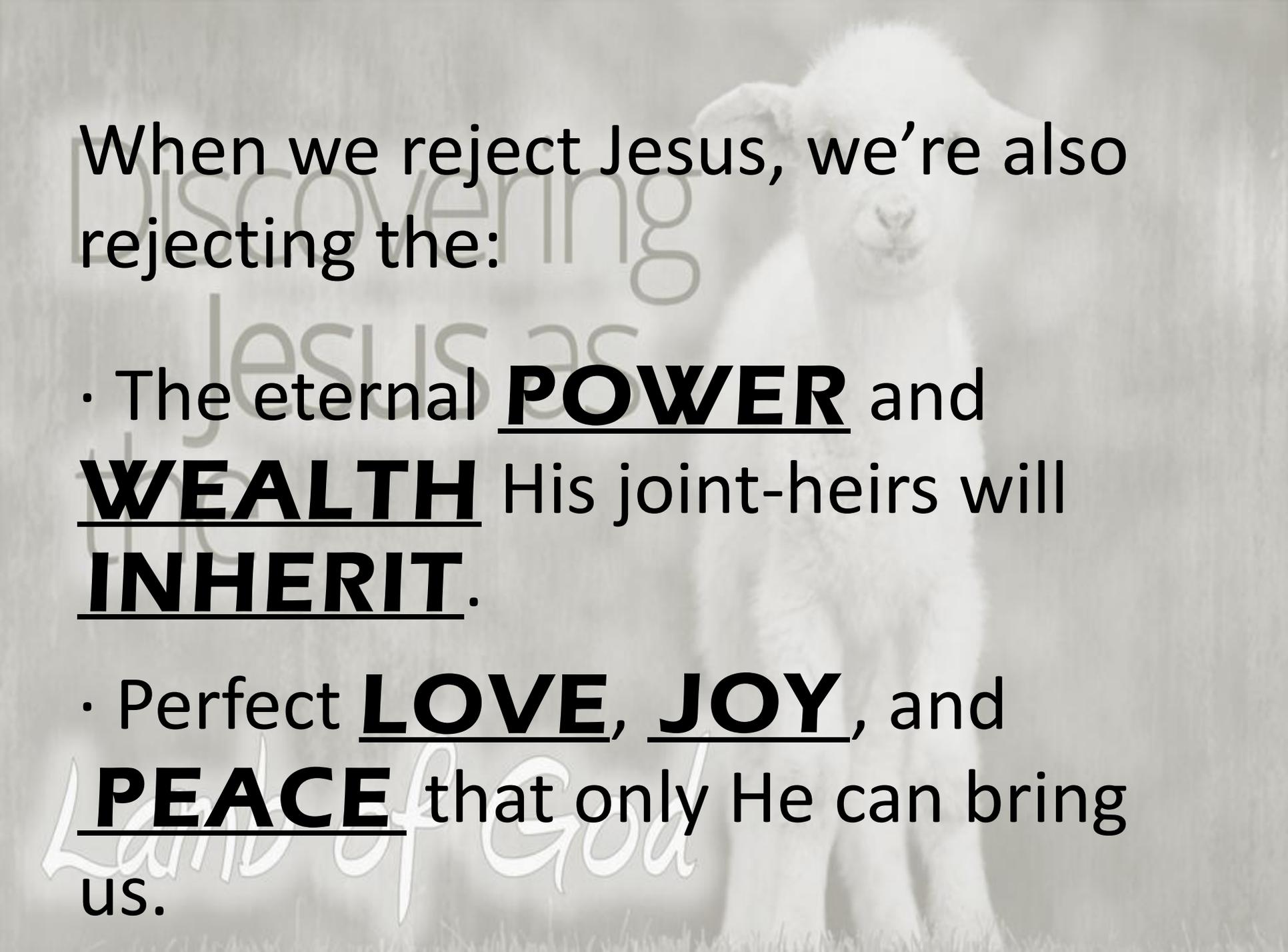


When we reject Jesus, we're also
rejecting the:

• **FORGIVENESS** we need.

• True **FREEDOM** we crave.

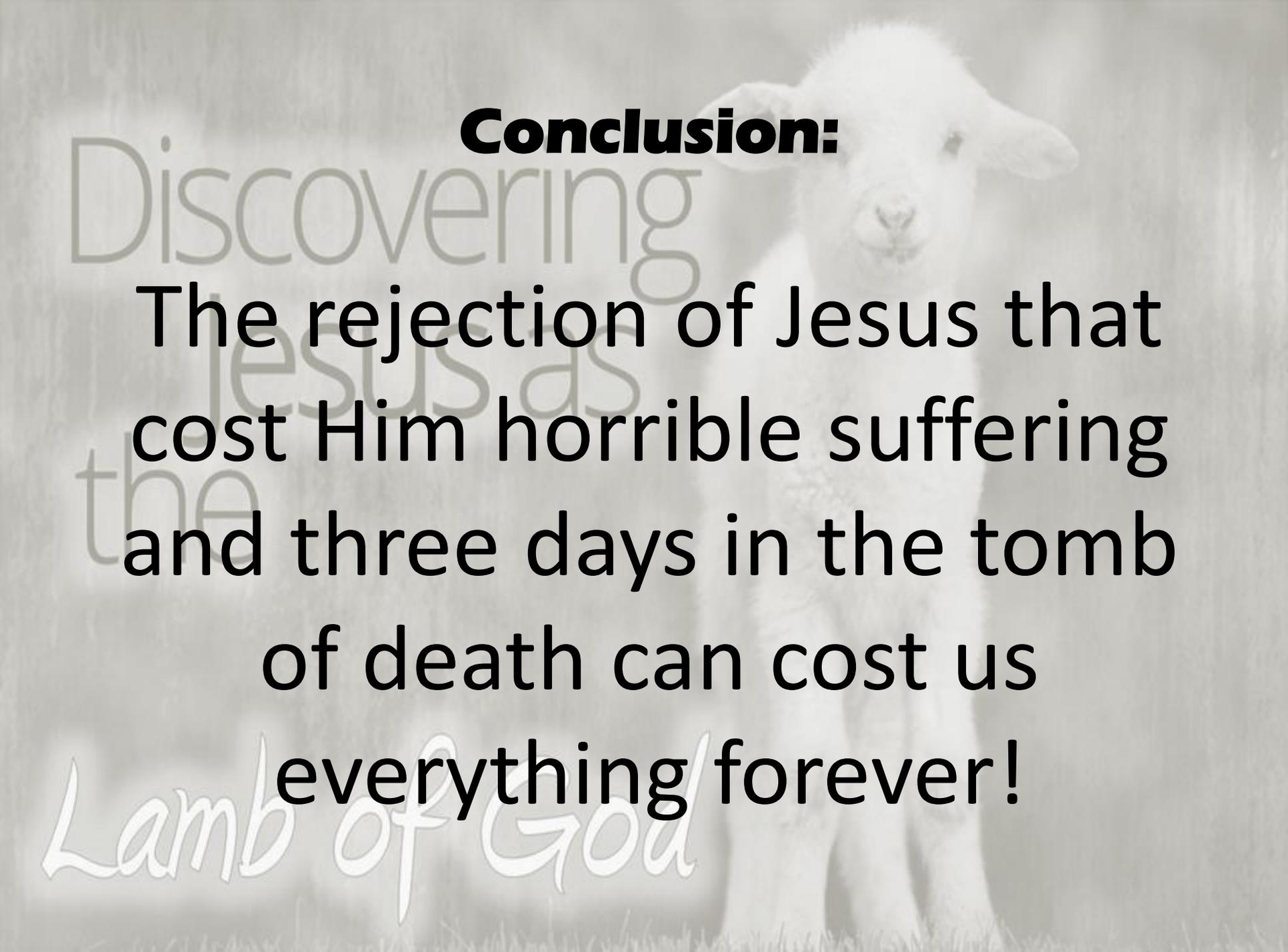
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When we reject Jesus, we're also rejecting the:

• The eternal **POWER** and **WEALTH** His joint-heirs will **INHERIT.**

• Perfect **LOVE, JOY,** and **PEACE** that only He can bring us.



Conclusion:

The rejection of Jesus that
cost Him horrible suffering
and three days in the tomb
of death can cost us
everything forever!

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