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JOHN

You Must be Born from Above

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YE MUST BE
BORN AGAIN

“There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus.

“How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”



Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’”

The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”



“How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked.

Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things? I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven.



And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.





Henry Ossawa Tanner,
Nicodemus Visiting
Jesus,
oil on canvas, 1899.

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“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you...”

Ezekiel 36:25-27

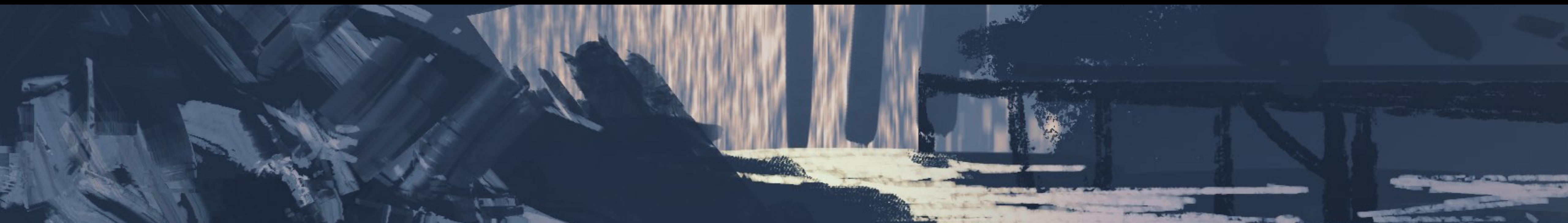


A person wearing a bright red coat stands on a balcony, looking out over a city at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The city buildings are silhouetted against the sky. The text 'New beginning' is overlaid in a light blue font.

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is for Everyone!

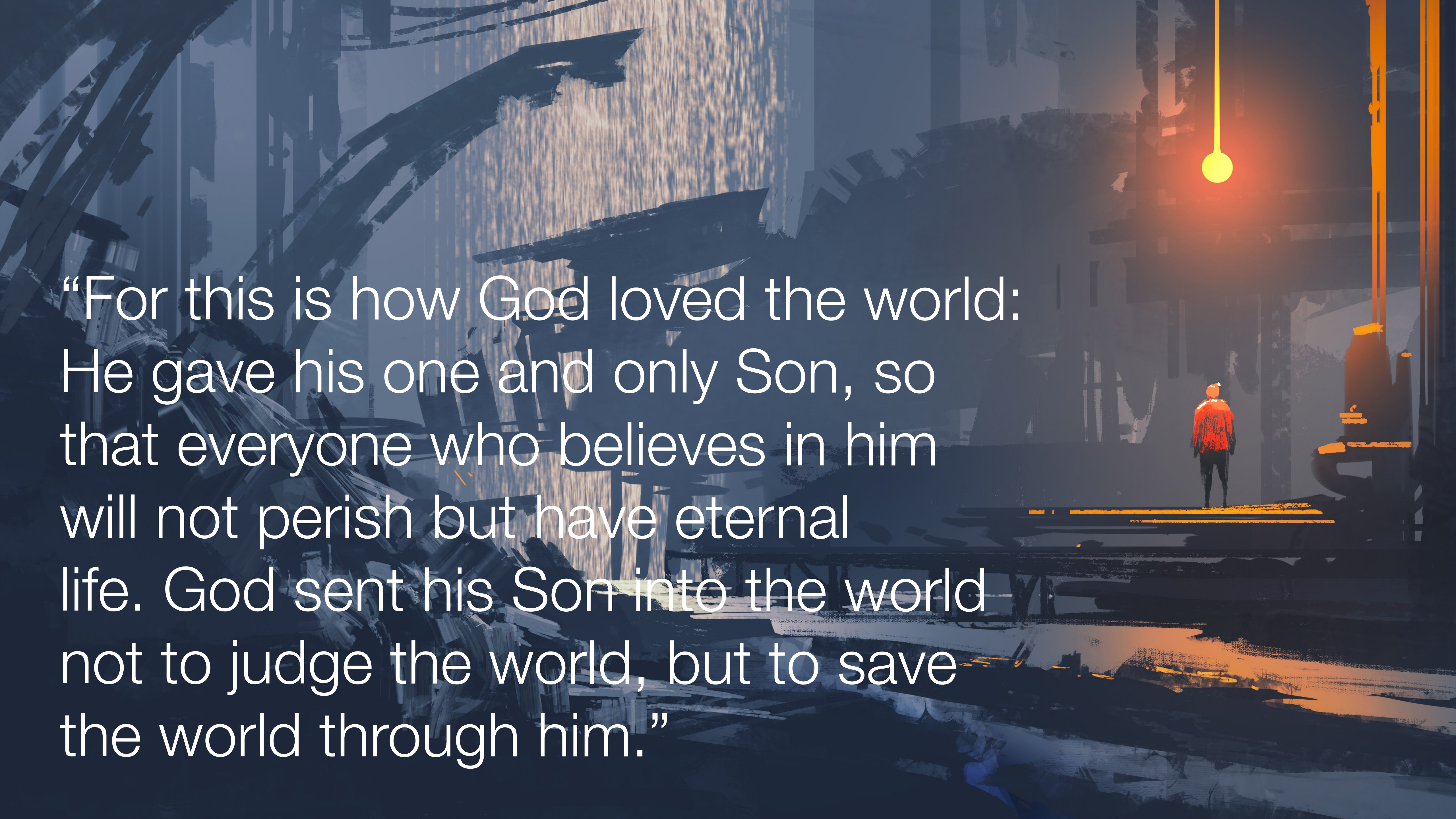




Spiritual birth
will involve struggle



Spiritual birth
is a mystery

A digital illustration of a person in a red coat standing in a dark, industrial environment. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright, glowing light source in the upper right corner, casting a warm orange glow. The person is standing on a platform, looking towards the light. The background features complex, dark structures and a large, glowing light fixture. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

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