
STEP INTO
REVELATION
WEEK FIVE: THE TRUMPETS OF WARNING

REVELATION 8:1

1 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

ISAIAH 41:1

1 Be silent before me, you islands! Let the nations renew their strength!
Let them come forward and speak; let us meet together at the place of judgment.

HABAKKUK 2:20

20 The Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth be silent before him.

ZEPHANIAH 1:7

7 Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near.
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.


The Day of the Lord is a day when God comes in judgment.

REVELATION 8:3–5

3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar.
He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's
people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. 4 The smoke of the
incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God
from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with
fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals
of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

REVELATION 6:10

10 “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

REVELATION 8:5

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Trumpets announced the arrival of a king, summoned God's people to assemble, warned of approaching danger, and called a nation to prepare.


Where have we seen this before?

EXODUS 15:25

25 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece
of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

REVELATION 8:11

11 A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

DEUTERONOMY 28:49

49 The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand.

HOSEA 8:1

1 “Put the trumpet to your lips! An eagle is over the house of the Lord because the people have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law.


Even the powers of darkness cannot move beyond
the boundaries God establishes.

REVELATION 9:11

11 They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

PROVERBS 30:27

27 locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks;


See Day 255 in Step Into Scripture.


Why would God use evil powers to accomplish His purposes?


See Day 232 in Step Into Scripture.


God even uses evil motives to accomplish the redemption of the world.

LUKE 21:20-21

20 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city.

"The miseries of Jerusalem grew worse and worse every day... the multitude of dead bodies lying in heaps was a horrible sight."

— **JOSEPHUS, THE JEWISH WAR 6.1.1**

"It is horrible to speak of it, and incredible when heard... I have innumerable witnesses to it."

— **JOSEPHUS, THE JEWISH WAR 6.3.3 (6.199–200)**

"Those who were distressed by the famine were very desirous to die; and those already dead were esteemed happy, because they had not lived long enough either to hear or to see such miseries."

— **JOSEPHUS, THE JEWISH WAR 6.3.4 (6.213)**

FOR FURTHER READING:

Josephus, The Jewish War 6.201–213 (Mary of Bethezub and the famine)

Josephus, The Jewish War 5 – 6 (The Roman siege of Jerusalem)

LUKE 21:23

23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.

REVELATION 9:20–21

20 The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

A heavenly figure stands over the waters, raises his hands toward heaven, swears by the One who lives forever, and tells Daniel that there will be a delay before these things are finished (Daniel 12:5–7).

A heavenly figure stands with one foot on the sea and one on the land. He raises his right hand toward heaven and swears by the One who lives forever—and this time the announcement is that there will be no more delay and that the mystery of God is about to be accomplished (Revelation 10:5–7).

DANIEL 12:9

9 “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end”

EZEKIEL 3:1-6

1 And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of
Israel.” 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. 3 Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat
this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my
mouth. 4 He then said to me: “Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them. 5
You are not being sent to a people of obscure speech and strange language, but to the people of Israel— 6
not to many peoples of obscure speech and strange language, whose words you cannot understand.

REVELATION 10:9-10

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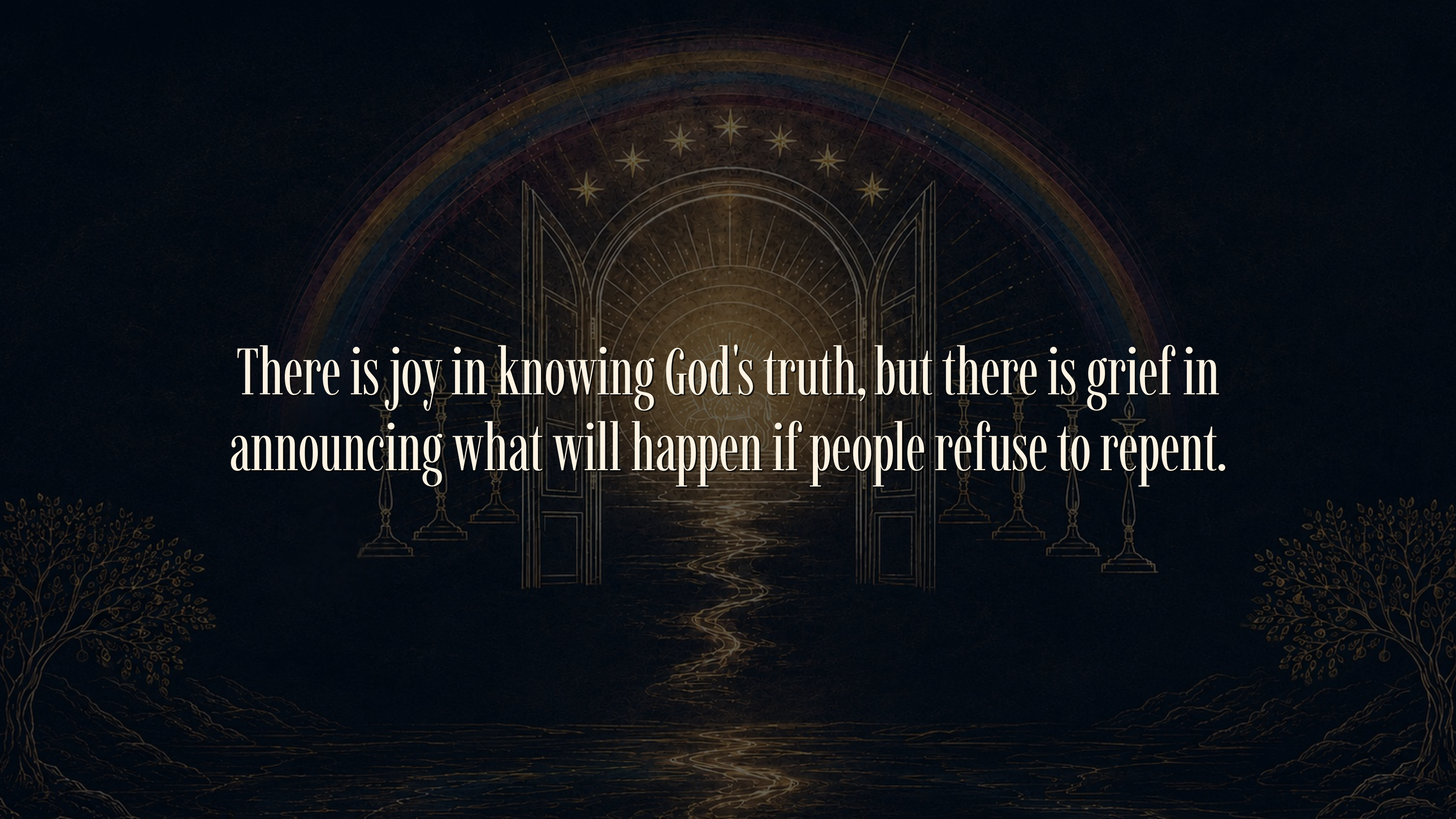
turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’” 10 I took the little scroll from the
angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned
sour. 11 Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”

PSALMS 119:103

103 "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"


There is joy in knowing God's truth, but there is grief in announcing what will happen if people refuse to repent.

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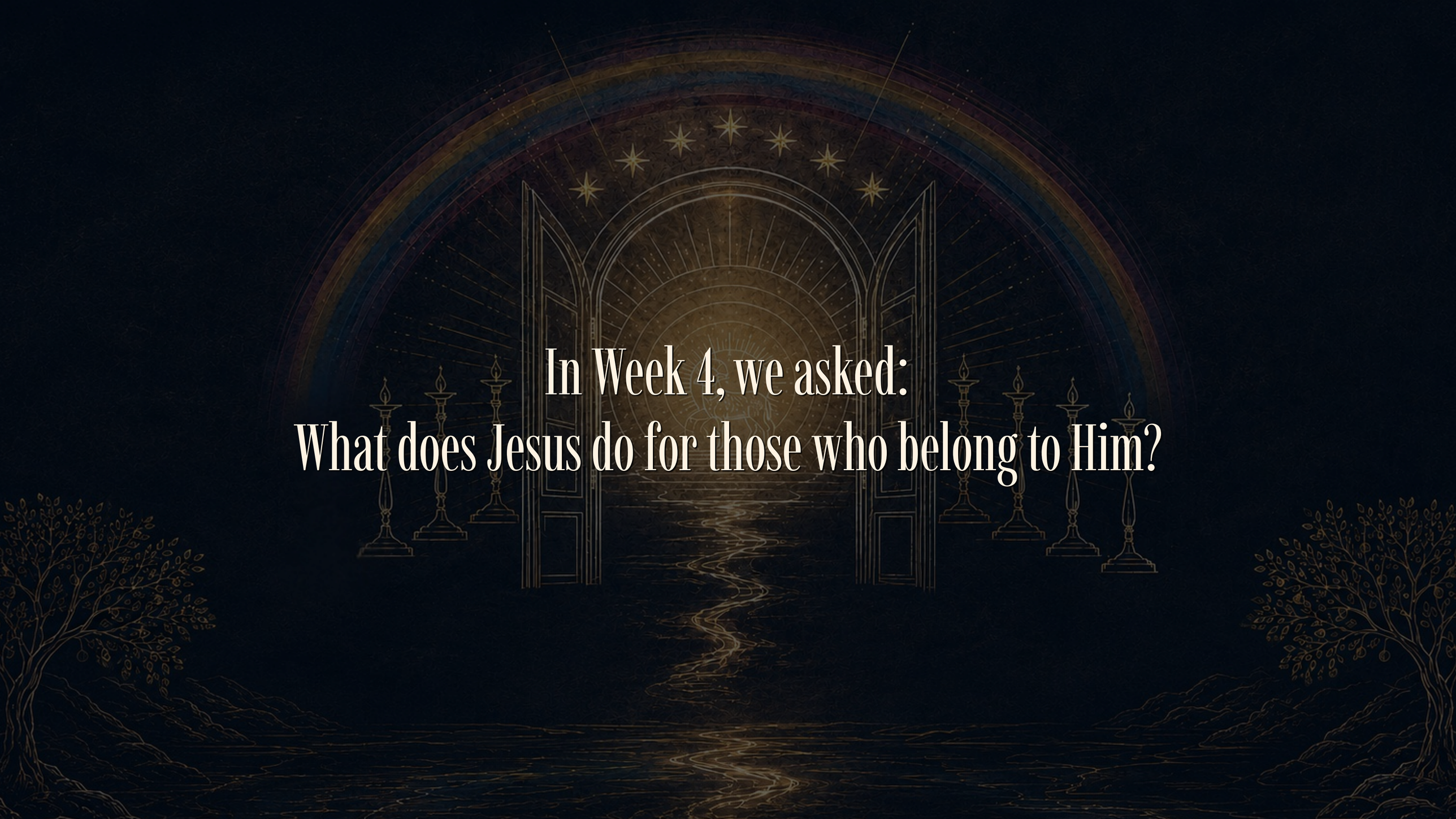
Who is Jesus?


In Week 2, we asked:
What is Jesus doing?


In Week 3, we asked:
Why is Jesus worthy?


In Week 4, we asked:
What does Jesus do for those who belong to Him?


Why does Jesus warn before He judges?

2 PETER 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand
slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to
perish, but everyone to come to repentance.