



LIFE IN CHRIST


a study through Romans 8



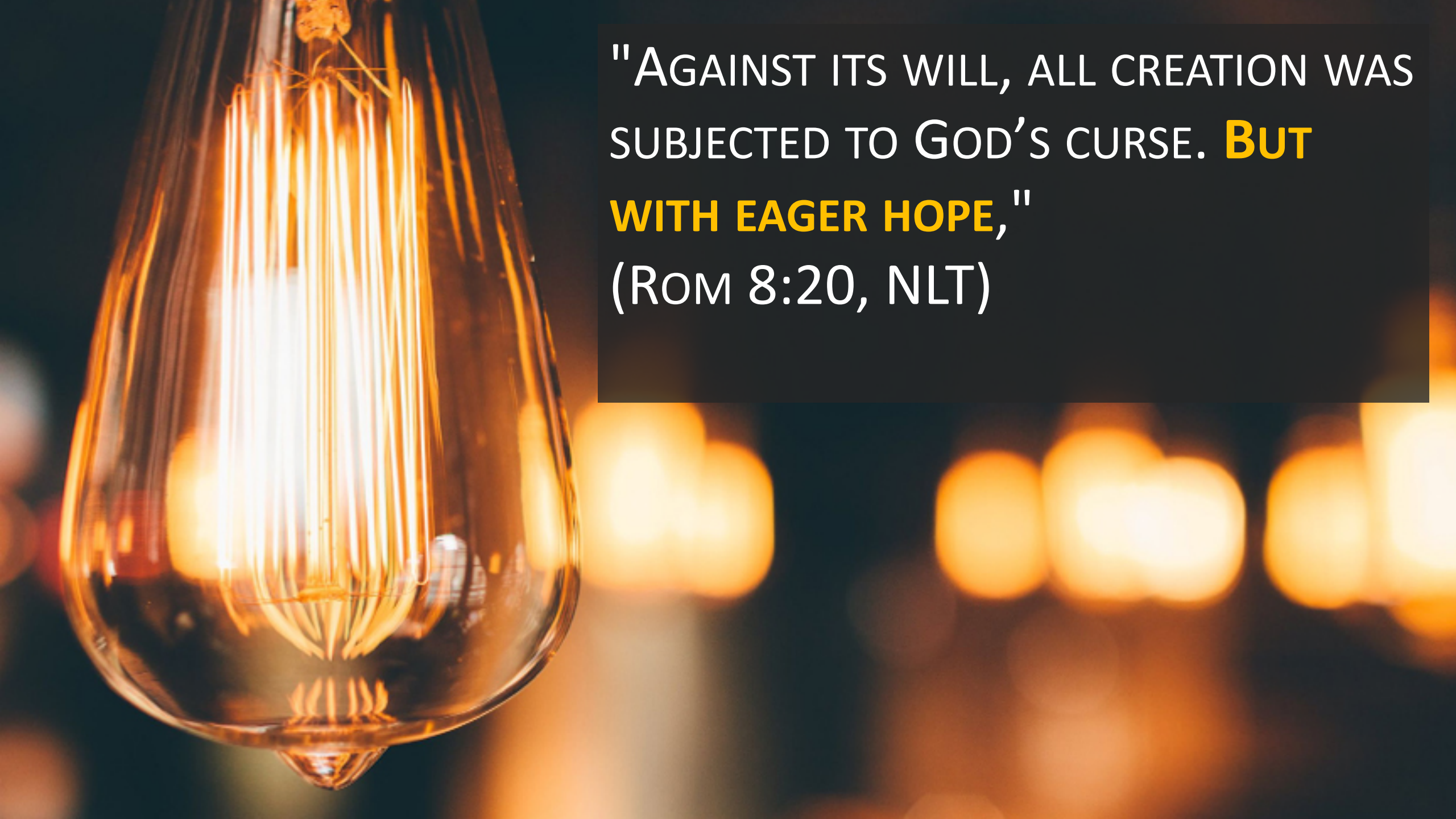
I came that you
may have life.



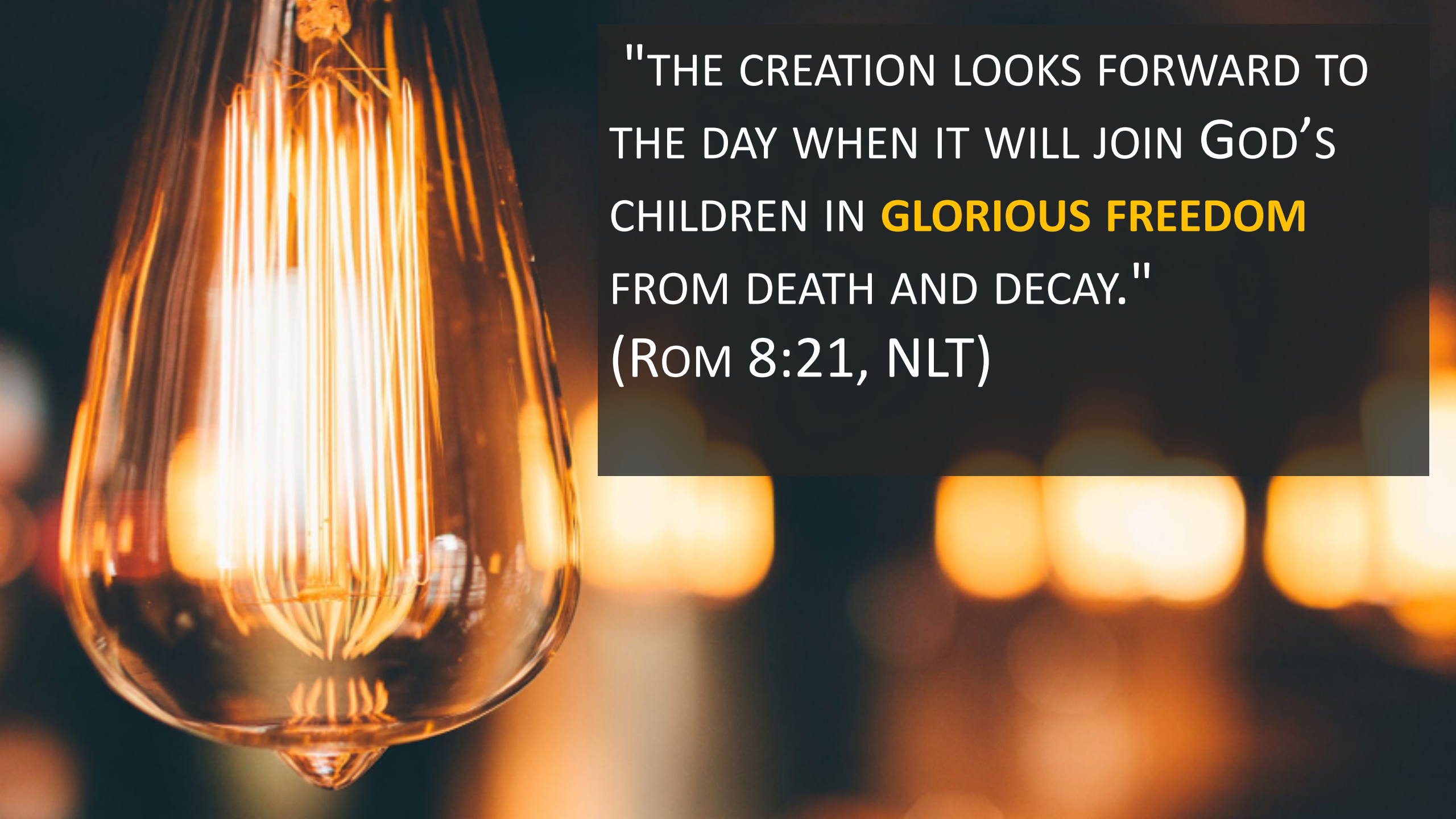
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"FOR THE CREATION **WAITS IN EAGER EXPECTATION** FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD TO BE REVEALED."
(ROM 8:19, NIV)



"AGAINST ITS WILL, ALL CREATION WAS
SUBJECTED TO GOD'S CURSE. **BUT**
WITH EAGER HOPE,"
(ROM 8:20, NLT)



"THE CREATION LOOKS FORWARD TO
THE DAY WHEN IT WILL JOIN GOD'S
CHILDREN IN **GLORIOUS FREEDOM**
FROM DEATH AND DECAY."
(ROM 8:21, NLT)

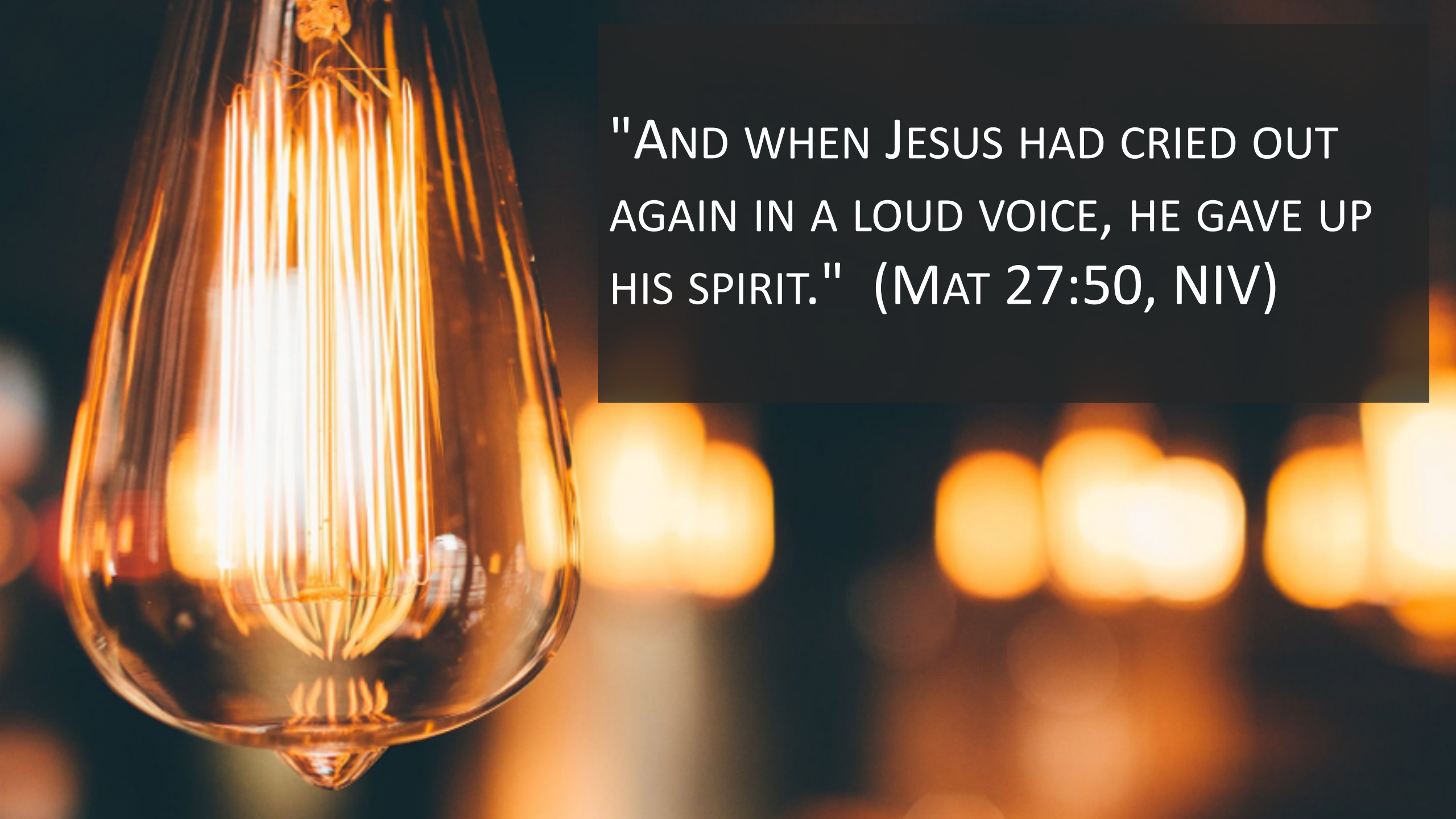


"FOR WE KNOW THAT ALL CREATION HAS BEEN GROANING AS IN **THE PAINS OF CHILDBIRTH** RIGHT UP TO THE PRESENT TIME." (ROM 8:22, NLT)




"AND WE BELIEVERS ALSO GROAN, EVEN THOUGH **WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US AS A FORETASTE OF FUTURE GLORY**, FOR WE LONG FOR OUR BODIES TO BE RELEASED FROM SIN AND SUFFERING. WE, TOO, WAIT WITH EAGER HOPE FOR THE DAY WHEN GOD WILL GIVE US OUR **FULL RIGHTS AS HIS ADOPTED CHILDREN**, INCLUDING THE NEW BODIES HE HAS PROMISED US." (ROM 8:23, NLT)

THE **RATIO** BETWEEN NOW AND THEN,
HERE AND THERE ...

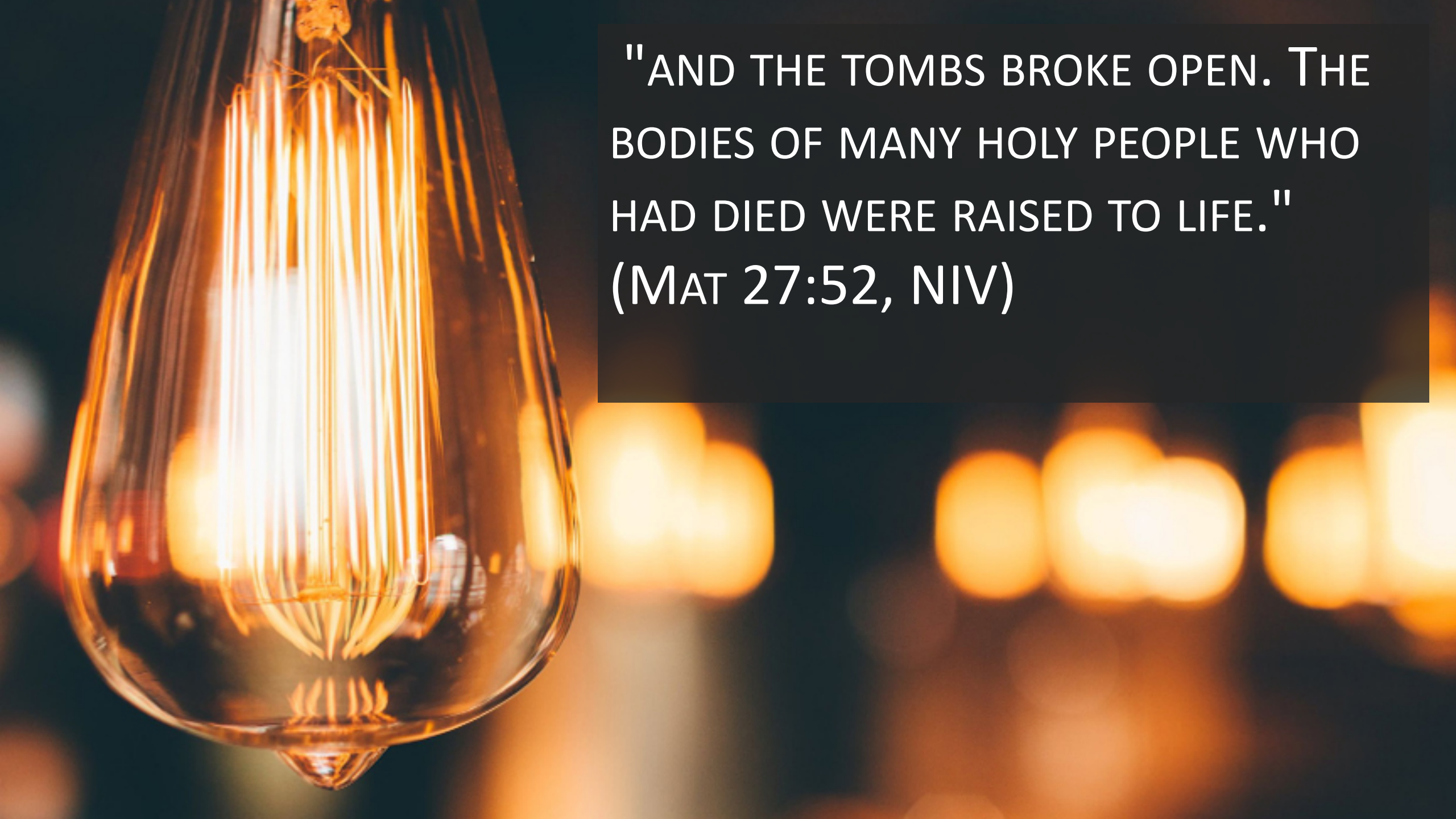
A glowing, teardrop-shaped light fixture with a filament bulb, set against a dark background with bokeh lights. The light fixture is the central focus, with its warm glow illuminating the surrounding area. The background is filled with soft, out-of-focus light spots, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is warm and contemplative.

"AND WHEN JESUS HAD CRIED OUT AGAIN IN A LOUD VOICE, HE GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT." (MAT 27:50, NIV)

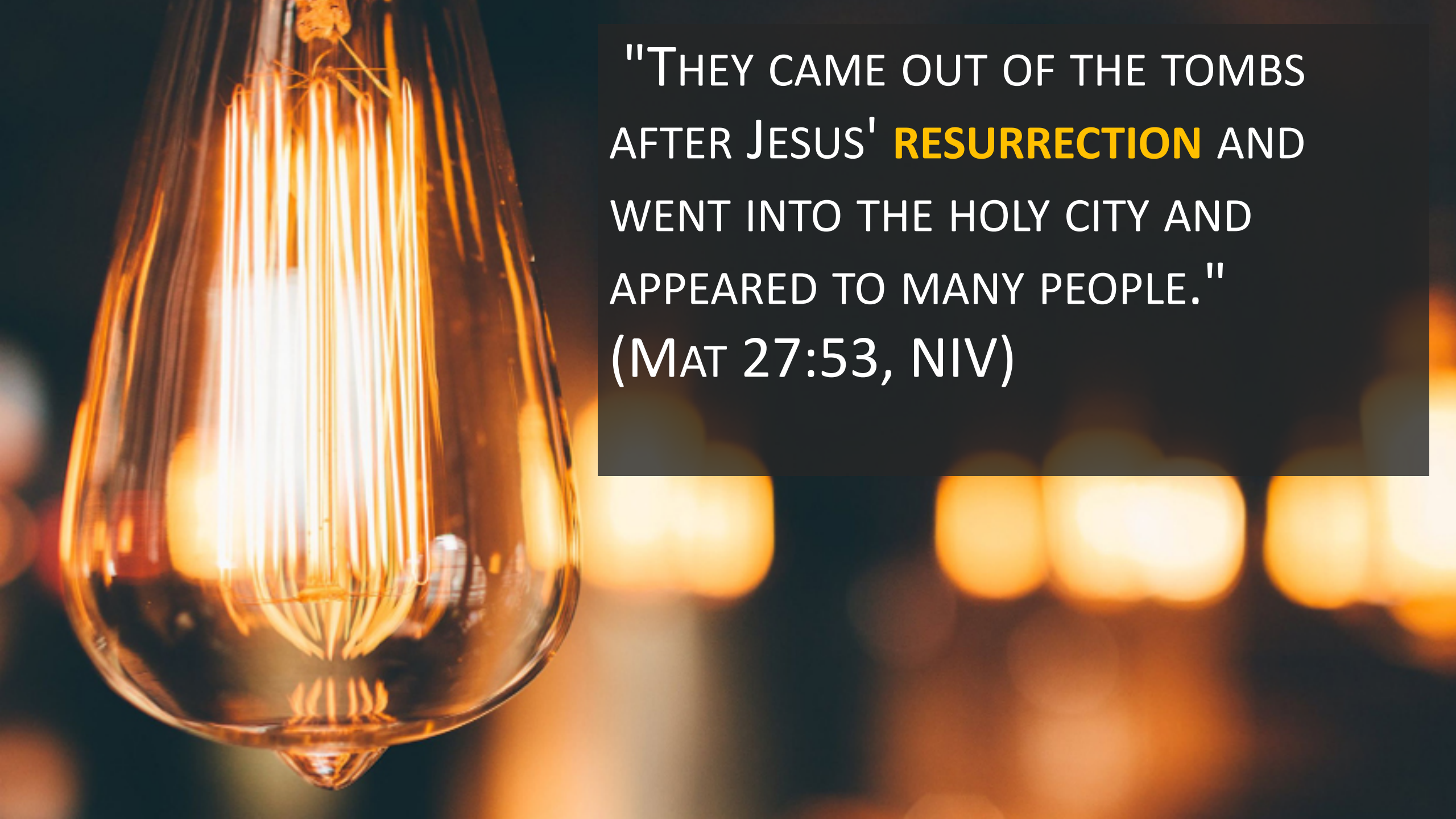
A glowing, teardrop-shaped light fixture with a filament bulb, set against a dark background with bokeh lights. The light fixture is the central focus, with its warm, golden glow illuminating the surrounding space. The background is filled with soft, out-of-focus light spots, creating a dreamy and atmospheric setting. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

"AT THAT MOMENT THE CURTAIN OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. THE EARTH SHOOK, THE ROCKS SPLIT" (MAT 27:51, NIV)

**THE WEIGHT OF SIN NOT ONLY
CRUSHED THE BODY OF JESUS BUT
ALSO THE CRUSHED THE CRUST OF THE
EARTH...**

A glowing, teardrop-shaped light fixture with a filament bulb, set against a dark background with bokeh lights. The light fixture is the central focus, with its filament glowing brightly. The background is dark with several out-of-focus, warm-toned light sources creating a bokeh effect.

"AND THE TOMBS BROKE OPEN. THE
BODIES OF MANY HOLY PEOPLE WHO
HAD DIED WERE RAISED TO LIFE."
(MAT 27:52, NIV)




"THEY CAME OUT OF THE TOMBS
AFTER JESUS' **RESURRECTION** AND
WENT INTO THE HOLY CITY AND
APPEARED TO MANY PEOPLE."
(MAT 27:53, NIV)


**THE FIRST FACT STATED IN THE FIRST
ACCOUNT OF THE GOSPELS ABOUT THE
PURE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION
IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE
DEAD...A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT IS
TO COME!**



"ALL PRAISE TO GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. IT IS BY HIS GREAT MERCY THAT WE HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN, BECAUSE GOD RAISED JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD. **Now WE LIVE WITH GREAT EXPECTATION,**" (1PE 1:3, NLT)



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E'AGER

Excited by ardent **desire** in the pursuit of any object; ardent **to pursue, perform or obtain**; inflamed by desire; ardently **wishing or longing.**

EXPECTATION

Prospect of **good to come.**

**ALL OF CREATION IS PROGRAMMED
WITH ANTICIPATION AND EXPECTATION
TO SEE , NOT WHO WE ARE TODAY, BUT
WHO WE WILL BE AT THE
SECOND COMING OF JESUS**



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WE HAVE TO SETTLE IT: OUR ULTIMATE PRIZE , FULL VICTORY AND DAILY AIM SHOULD NOT BE FREE AND ABUNDANT LIFE ON EARTH ALONE , BUT A FOREVER AND EVER ,GLORIOUS **ETERNAL LIFE WITH JESUS** IN HEAVEN. THAT IS WHAT THE WHOLE CREATION IS PROGRAMMED FOR AND THAT IS THE **ONLY LASTING HOPE**