A sunset over the ocean with a semi-transparent text box. The sky transitions from a pale yellow at the top to a deep orange and red near the horizon. The ocean is visible at the bottom, with a few small boats on the horizon line. The text is white and centered within the semi-transparent box.

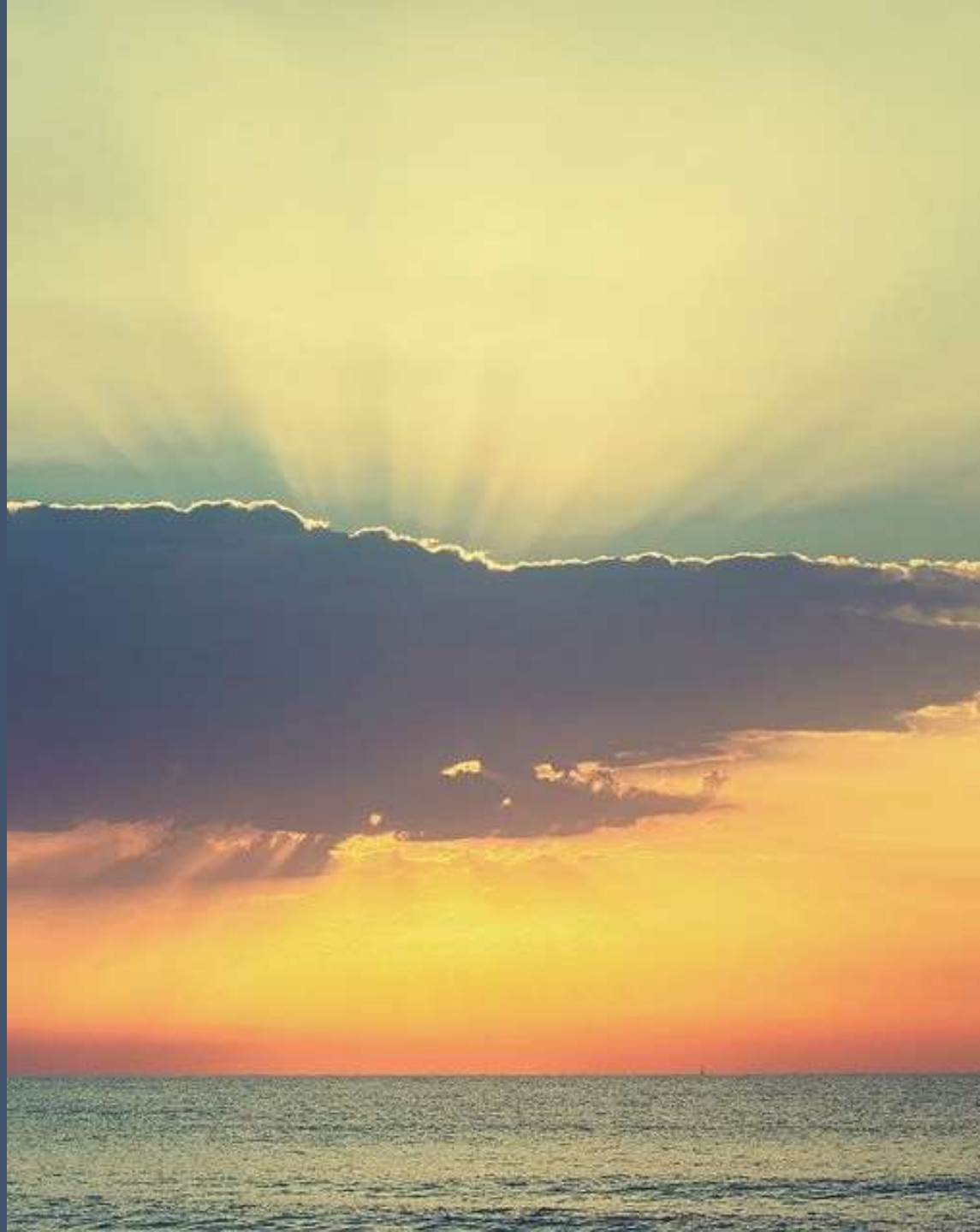
Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31 NASB

Introducing Jesus

John 1:1-18

- Compare
 - *Matthew 1:1*
 - *Mark 1:1*
 - *Luke 1-2*
- John wants us to begin this journey of faith by contemplating Jesus' nature



Who Is Jesus?

John 1:1-18

- **God**

- Pre-existing creation
(v. 1,2)
- Equal to God
(v. 1,18, 8:58)
- Distinct in personality
(v. 1,2)
- God's unique Son
(v. 14,18, 5:18)
- Creator
(v. 3,10)



Who Is Jesus?

John 1:1-18

- **The Word**

- Genesis 1:3...
- What did God *say* thru Jesus?
- A new creation
(v. 12-13, *James 1:18*,
1 Peter 1:23)
- “Became flesh and lived among us”
(v. 14)



Who Is Jesus?

John 1:1-18

- **The True Light**
 - Brings life
(v. 4)
 - Dispels darkness
(v. 5)
 - Radiates God's glory
(v. 14, 12:23)



God Became Man

Applications

- What is Christianity about?
- To grow deeper faith we need to contemplate the paradox of Jesus' nature



God incarnate, can it be?
Ponder now the mystery:
He, the Fount of Eternal Life
Must drink the cup of mortality.
Immanuel, God with us.

Shepherds wonder at the scene:
Swaddling clothes for Deity.
Heaven's throne now a bed of straw
Within these borrowed stable walls.
Immanuel, God with us.

God Creator, now created, Lord of all
in infancy. Hands that lighted the
evening stars Reach out for comfort in
Mary's arms. Immanuel, God with us.

Our God with us!

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