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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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# BELIEVE

## “Five Loaves and Two Fish”

John 6:1-21

### The Book of John

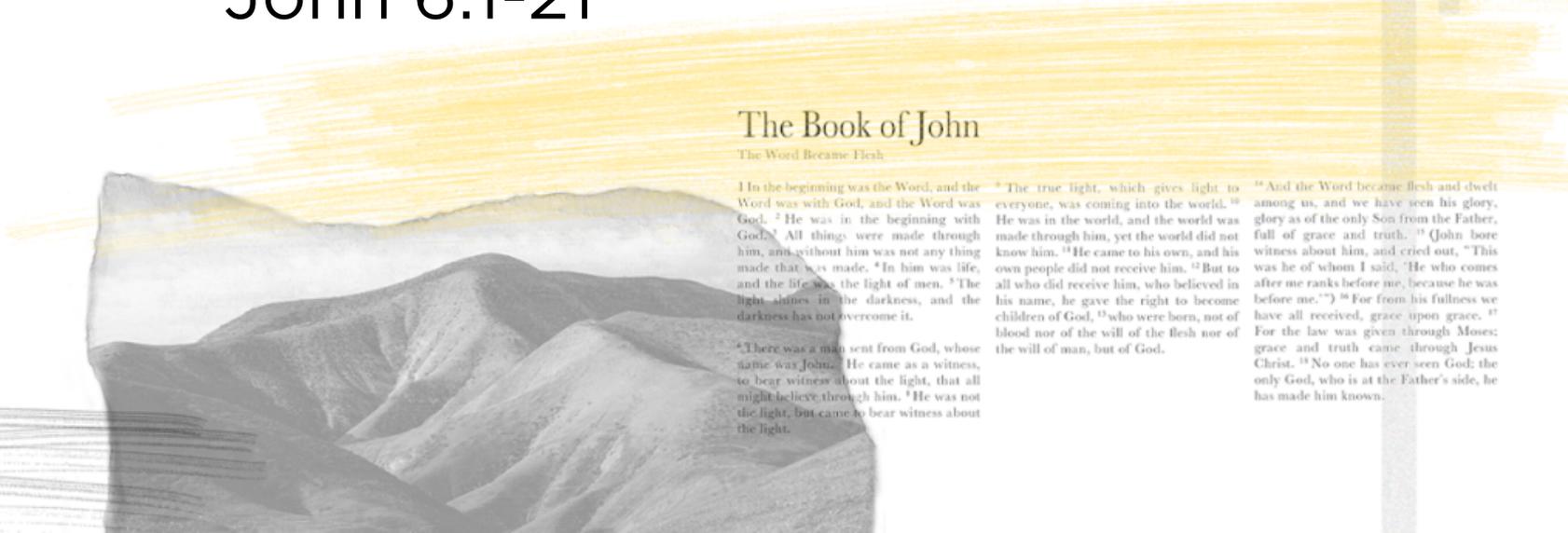
The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.



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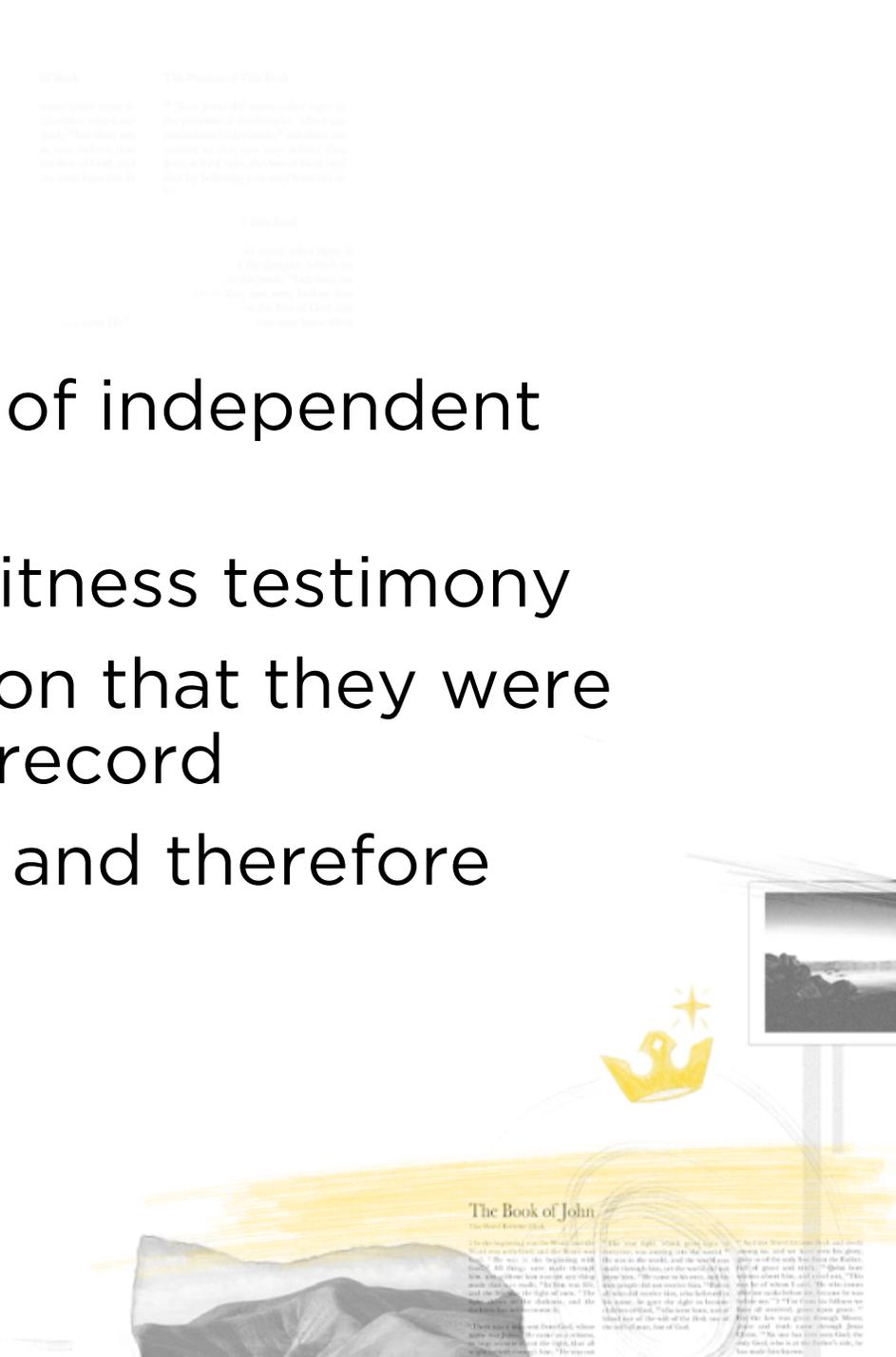
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2. These accounts give signs of eyewitness testimony
3. These accounts give every indication that they were written soon after the events they record
  - John was being circulated in the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century
  - The writer of John was very familiar with the city of Jerusalem, which was destroyed in 70 AD
  - The synoptics were likely written even earlier, and the epistles earlier still



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4. These accounts record very public and therefore disprovable events



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# John 6:1-4

1. John describes the setting for a Greek audience
2. Jesus goes up on a mountain, which is common for him, but probably symbolic



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# John 6:5-11



1. John highlights personal interactions, in this case he specifically mentions Philip and Andrew
2. Andrew offers a meager inventory of their assets
3. Jesus multiplies those assets, enlisting his disciples to carry out the process

***God often takes us through the same process.***

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# John 6:14-15

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1. John is sure to point out how the people viewed him, specifically that he was the expected "Prophet" (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)
2. Jesus, however, was to claim his kingship in a much different way than they expected



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# John 6:16-21



1. Jesus still seeks time with his Father
2. The disciples had been struggling on the water for nine hours
3. Jesus' words ("It is I") again recall God's communication to the people of Israel
4. His message was to not be afraid, as it often is
5. From Matthew and Mark, we understand that as soon as Jesus stepped into the boat, the wind ceased

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