

Acts of the Apostles

chapters

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- 3 When Tomorrow Starts
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- 12 Praying

Peter—2nd Sermon on the Resurrection!

3:12 When Peter saw this,
 he said to them: "Fellow Israelites,
 why does this surprise you?"



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Resurrection
GRIEF'S
only hope

PETER was a *passionate* man . . .

Don't have as many TEARS in the New Testament as were *actually* shed

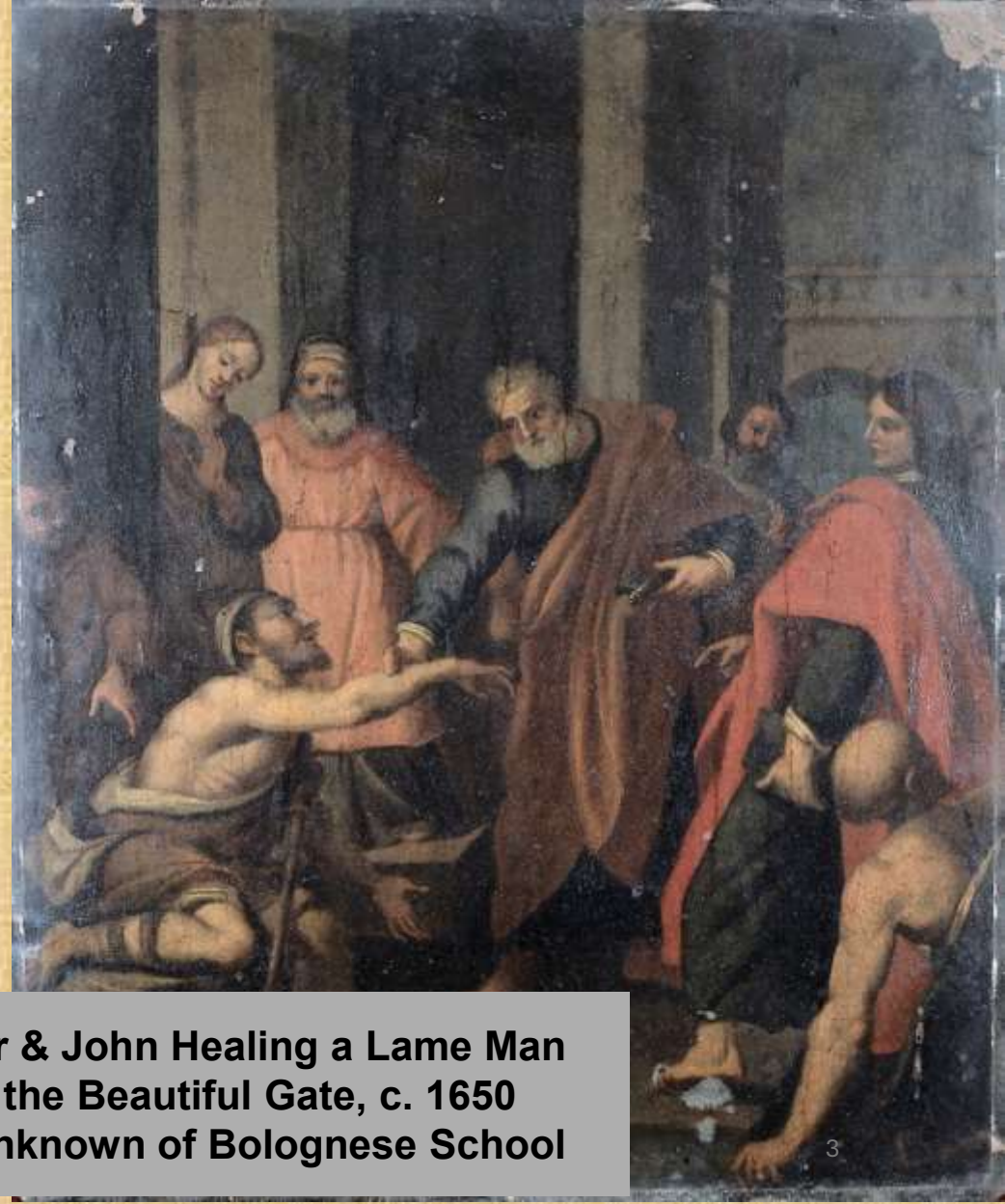
- ✓ When Jesus walked on the Sea of Galilee, PETER stepped *out of the boat*
- ✓ When EVIL came to the Garden, PETER nearly took a *guard's head off*
- ✓ After denying Jesus 3x, in Luke 22:62, PETER "went outside and *wept bitterly.*"

In Acts 3, we feel PETER's hot heart still *freshly* serious, sour, sore in **GRIEF** from all the tortures of *his* Jesus



Saint Peter, circa 1612
by Rubens (1577–1640)

Healing & Raising Man BORN Lam



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Miracles start up again ...

Remarkable – and a platform for
again pushing the Resurrection

YET – notice Peter's focus on the
EVIL of Betrayal & Murder

We know the Holy Spirit empowers
Yet READ Peter's words in Acts 3

READ Closely ... with you heart

Hard to MISS how Peter **GRIEVED**

Injustice done to Jesus

GRIEF Empowers too



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Christian Geovanny Inga-Landi
25-year-old Ecuadorian illegal
Arrested for **RAPING** 13-year-old
girl in New York City Park

Duct-taped mouth of her & a boy
In broad daylight

He videoed the **RAPE**

I can scarcely image the **PAIN** the
girl & her parents are enduring

GRIEF will be lifelong



Woodville
First Baptist
Our Church



Early Church

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Summary</i>
June 2	1	<i>Stand by Me</i>	Gift of Holy Ghost Coming
June 9	2a	<i>You Light Up My Life</i>	Pentecost—Gift of Holy Spirit
June 16	2b	<i>He's ALIVE</i>	1st Sermon Resurrection - Unified, Devoted, Shared .
June 23	3	<i>When Tomorrow Starts</i>	Peter Heals Lame – 2nd Sermon Resurrection ←
June 30	4a	<i>Emboldened</i>	Peter Speaks to Rulers of Jerusalem
July 7	4b	<i>Accountable</i>	Ananias & Sapphira
July 14	5	<i>Worthy</i>	Peter Arrested, Gamaliel
July 21	6	<i>Serving</i>	Seven Chosen & Stephen
July 28	7-8	<i>Baptizing</i>	Angel, Phillip, Candace
Aug 4	9a	<i>Calling</i>	Paul Blinded, then SEES
Aug 11	9b	<i>Healing</i>	Peter Heals Aenaes & Raises Tabatha
Aug 18	10	<i>Including</i>	Peter's Vision—EAT
Aug 25	11-12	<i>Praying</i>	Peter Freed from Prison

Resurrection

GRIEF'S only hope



Chapter 3

1-10 Peter Heals Man BORN Lame: “Silver or gold have I none, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **WALK!**”

11-26 Peter’s 2nd Sermon on the Resurrection: When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

Peter tells **HOW** the Man Born Lame was healed ... *raised up*
Therein, see Peter’s lingering **GRIEF** over injustice to Jesus

See Peter’s **GRIEF** over his people’s betrayal of Jesus

See Peter’s **GRIEF** despite how all was **FORETOLD**

See then how Peter’s **GRIEF** was **OVERSHADOWED**

by his *seeing* the **Resurrection**



1-10 Peter Heals Man BORN Lame

1 ONE DAY Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer —at three in the afternoon.

2 Now a man who was lame from BIRTH was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was PUT every day to beg from those going into the temple courts – *[going to church]*

I feel the Man BORN Lame grieved too

A different kind of grief ... never knowing what it was like to walk upright

But the **GRIEF** of the loss of a loved one?



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NEWS FLASH

Earlier this week, Houston Mayor John Whitmire said Nungaray was at a convenience store and was talking to her 13-year-old boyfriend on the phone after sneaking out of her family's apartment. The boyfriend told investigators that he could hear Nungaray talking with two people.



Jocelyn Nungaray, 12, was found strangled to death in a Houston creek this week. (Fox Houston courtesy of the Nungaray family)

GRIEF will be lifelong

1-10 Peter Heals Man Born Lame

Peter & John lifted

Healed ...

Raised ...

a man **BORN** Lame

Ever felt **LAME** ... weak ...

Hurt to your

soul's depth ...

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1-10 Peter Heals Lame Man

4 Peter looked straight at him,
as did John. Then Peter said,
“Look at us!”

*Notice: “Look” – Lame man was NOT
looking at those from whom he begged*

5 So the man gave them his attention,
expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said,
“Silver or gold have I NONE,
but what I do have I give you.

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

WALK!



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Poem – given to me recently ...

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

by David Romano, 1993

In the book, *Proof of Heaven*

by Eben Alexander, MD (165–168)

Narrative by a person who died
consoling a loved one left behind

HOST of narrations – songs – videos
man to wife,
wife to man,
parent to child,
child to parent,
even dog to owner



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

by David M. Romano 1993, in *Proof of Heaven* by Eben Alexander, MD (pp. 165–168)



When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love, me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
The thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne.
He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past
But here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way,
There's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times You did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?"
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.



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7 Taking him by the right hand,
he helped him up, and instantly the
man's feet & ankles became strong.

8 He jumped to his feet & began to walk.

However the GHOST of invalid

GRIEF

Haunted the Man Born Blind ...

He was raised a New Man



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8 He jumped to his feet & began to walk.

Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking & jumping, and praising God.

9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God,

10 they recognized him ... they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Raised – to walk upright ... a New Man

Last week, Peter's 1st Sermon ...

Here too—his 4 years with innocent Jesus



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Peter will DRILL in
what they did ...

His **GRIEF**
still fresh

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11-26 Peter's 2nd Sermon on the Resurrection:

11 While the man HELD on to Peter and John,
ALL the people were astonished and
came running to them in the place called
Solomon's Colonnade.

The man HELD ONTO PETER & JOHN

We ALL need someone to HANG ONTO ...
from time to time

PEOPLE astonished ... yeah ...

Jesus had just ascended to HEAVEN ...

STILL people – PETER's people – had trouble believing

Peter then let's loose his 2nd Sermon while

Peter's **GRIEF** was still fresh in his heart



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Victor Martinez Hernandez arrested
this week in Oklahoma ...

Extradited to Maryland for the

RAPE & BEATING to **DEATH**

Rachel Morin, mother of 5

he left her naked on the trail

Boyfriend said she went for run on the
Ma & Pa Trail in Bel Air

Quiet & typically safe town about
28 miles northeast of Baltimore

I *cannot* image the pain

her parents are going through

GRIEF will be *lifelong*



Victor Antonio
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12 When Peter saw this, he said to them:
“Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you?

Why do **YOU** stare at us as if
by our own power or godliness
we had made this man walk?

THEN Peter nails them ... guilty as they were for
betraying *Peter's* Jesus

How DARE they STARE in denial of GOD's WORK



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11-26 Peter's 2nd Sermon on the Resurrection:

**13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
the God of our fathers,
has glorified his servant Jesus.**

YOU handed him over to be killed, and
YOU disowned him before Pilate,
though Pilate had decided to let him go.

You can feel the sorrow in Peter's heart ...

I think ... they FELT Peter's powerful HEART

Even with the Resurrection, Peter still missed ...

Jesus



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Peter's gettin' worked up

His **GRIEF**
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14 **YOU** disowned the Holy & Righteous One and
asked a **MURDERER** be released to **YOU**.

15 **YOU** killed the author of life,
but God raised him from the dead.

We are witnesses of this.

You can feel the sorrow fresh in Peter's **HEART**
GRAVITY of injustice **STILL** weighed **HEAVY**



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**16 By faith in the name of Jesus,
this man whom you see and know
was made strong.**

**It is Jesus' name & the faith that comes
through Jesus that has completely healed him,
as you can all see.**

To be clear, Peter asked them to SEE

THEN Peter reveals his understanding ...

NOT fully angry anymore ... Peter SEES



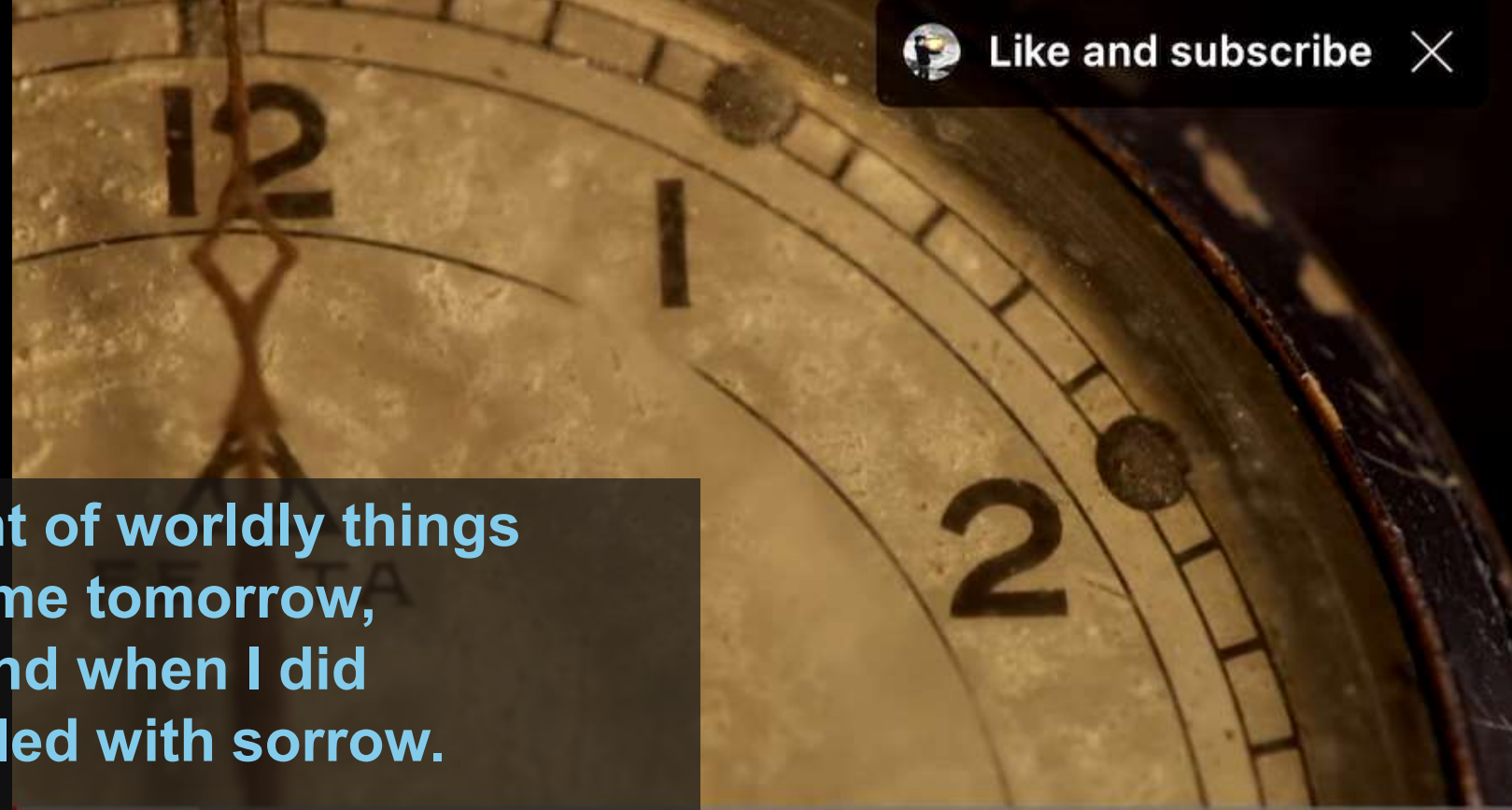
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Peter SEES ... his grief is EASED by the

Resurrection

- 17 “Now, fellow Israelites,
I know that you acted in ignorance,
as did your leaders.
- 18 But this is how God fulfilled what
God had foretold through all the prophets,
saying that his Messiah would suffer.
- 19 Repent, then, and turn to God,
so that your sins may be wiped out,
times of refreshing may come from the Lord,



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Resurrection

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- 20 and that he may send the Messiah,
who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.
- 21 Heaven must receive him until **THE TIME**
comes for God to restore everything, as **HE**
promised long ago through his holy prophets.
- 22 For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up ...
you must listen to everything he tells you.



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Peter's urgency

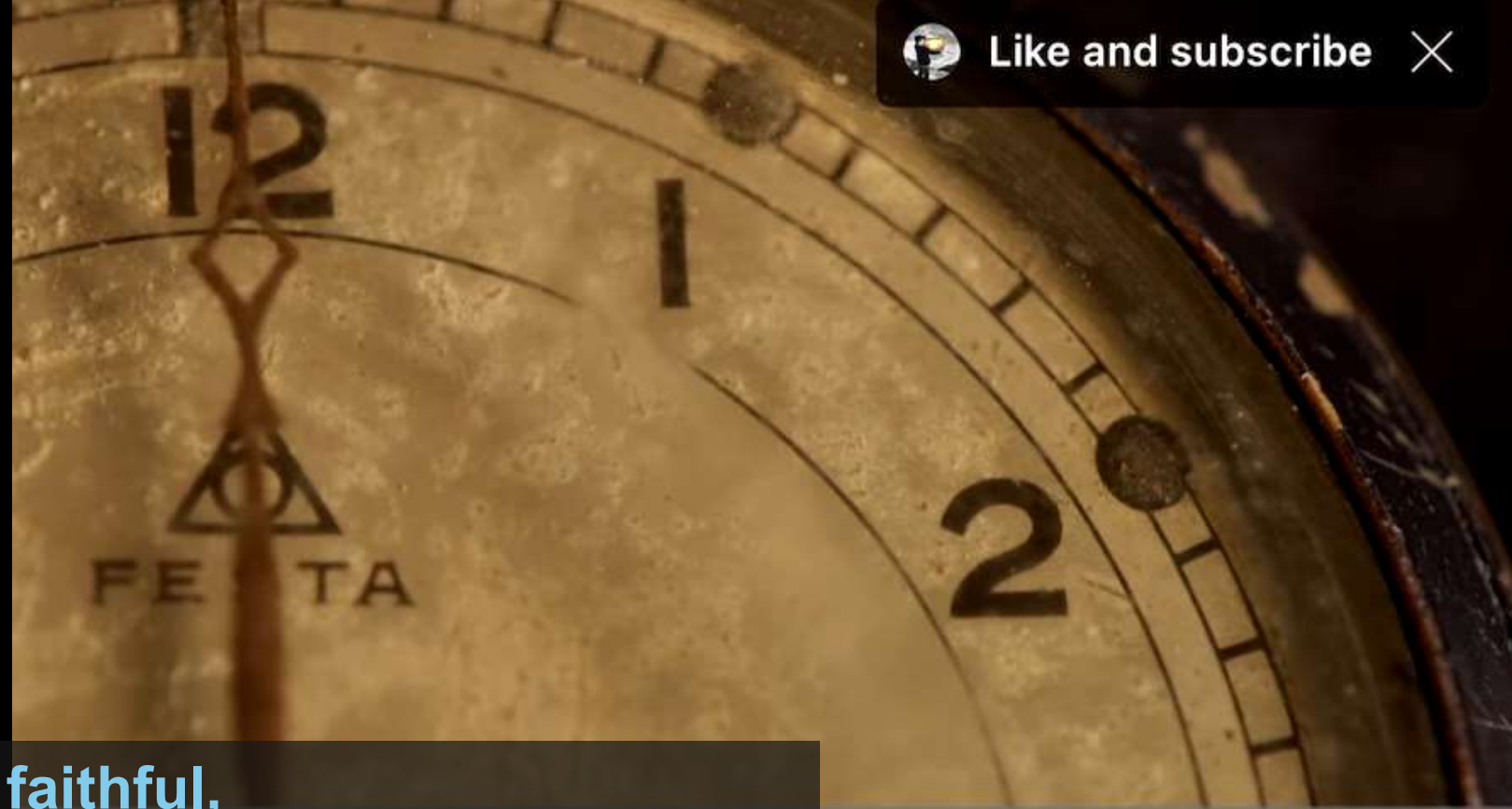
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Resurrection

23 Anyone who does not listen to him
will be completely CUT OFF from their people.'

24 "Indeed, beginning with Samuel,
ALL the prophets who have spoken
have foretold these days.

25 And **YOU** are heirs of the prophets....
He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring
ALL peoples on earth will be blessed.'

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