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Would our prayers be more effective if Jesus was here?

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Acts: 1:1-3 ESV

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

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Acts: 1:9-11 ESV

9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A person is sitting on a rocky cliff, looking out over a vast sea of clouds. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The person is in silhouette, wearing a dark jacket and shorts. The clouds are thick and white, filling the lower two-thirds of the image. The rocks are dark and jagged, with some sparse vegetation.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7 ESV

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

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John 13:36-38 ESV

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

36 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” **37** Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” **38** Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

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John 14:1-3 (NLT)

Jesus, the Way to the Father

14 “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. **2** There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.[a] If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?[b] **3** When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

A person is seen from the back, sitting on a dark, rocky outcrop. They are looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills or mountains covered in low-lying clouds. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

John 14:2-18 ESV

2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?[a] **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going.”[b] **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.[c] From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a rocky ledge. They are looking out over a vast, hazy landscape that appears to be a sea of clouds or a distant horizon. The sky is filled with soft, warm light from a setting or rising sun, creating a gradient of colors from yellow to blue. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

John 14:2-18 ESV

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

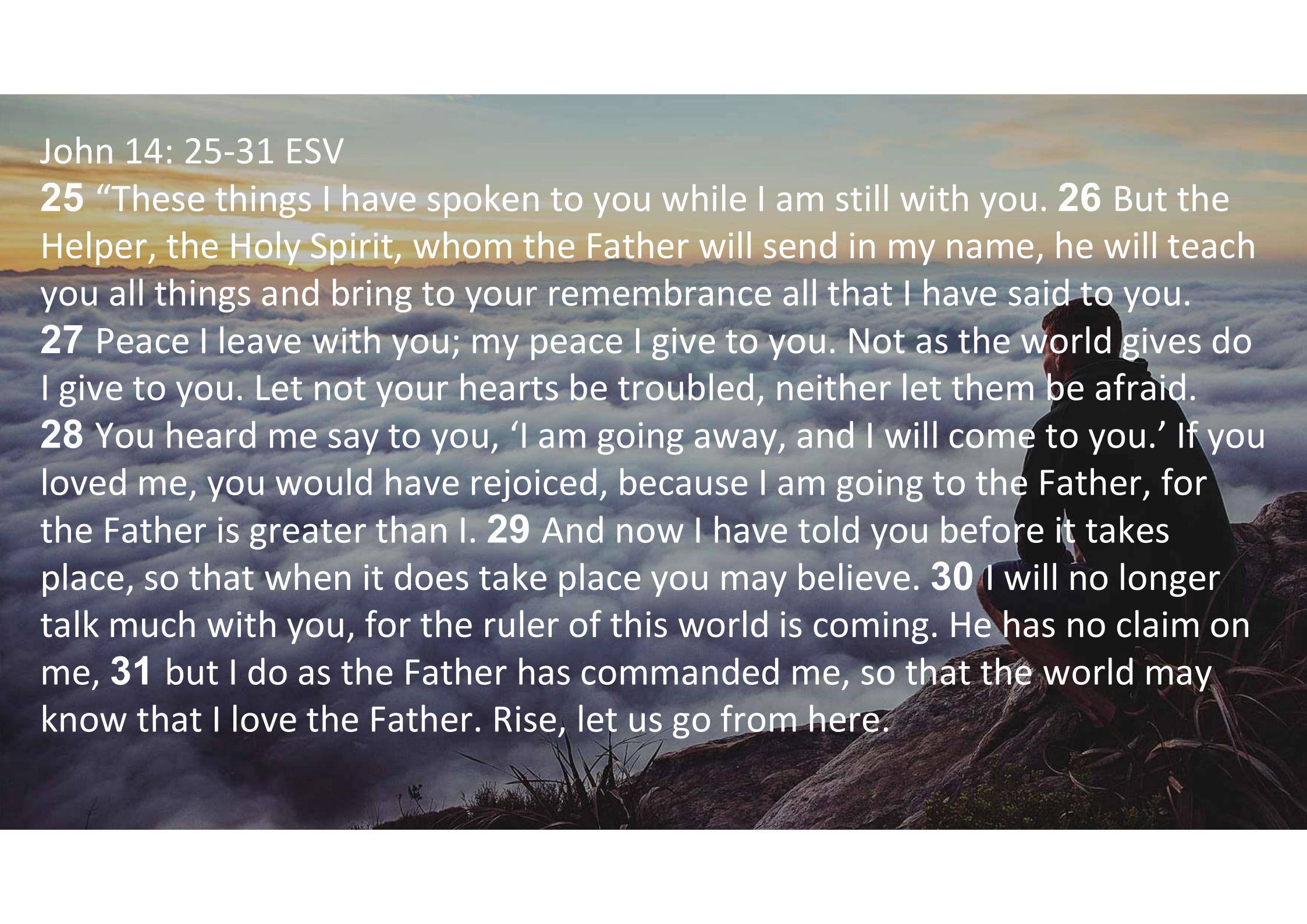
12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. **13** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask me[d] anything in my name, I will do it.

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Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,[e] to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be[f] in you.

18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

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John 14: 25-31 ESV

25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

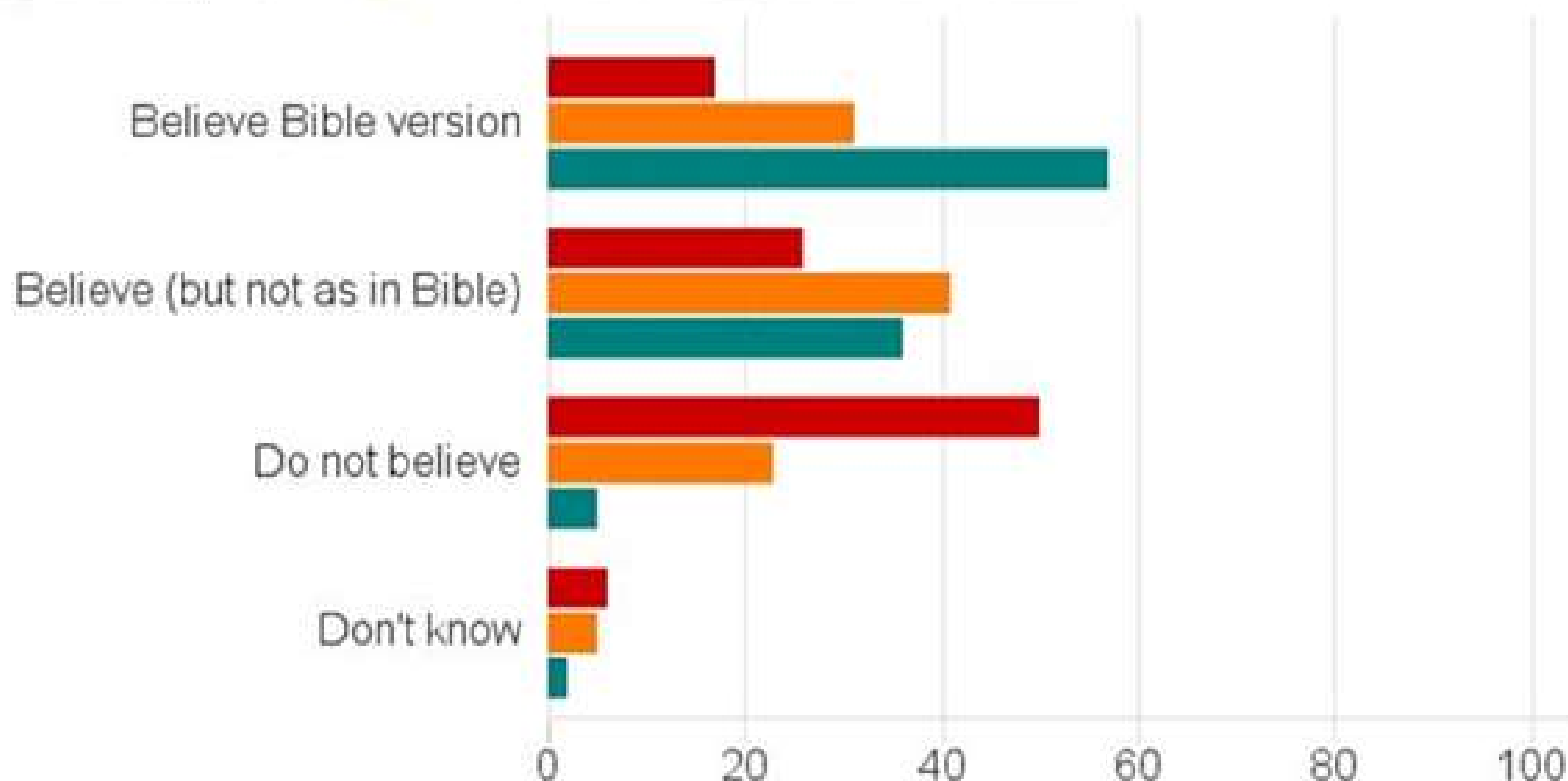
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. **29** And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. **30** I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, **31** but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ

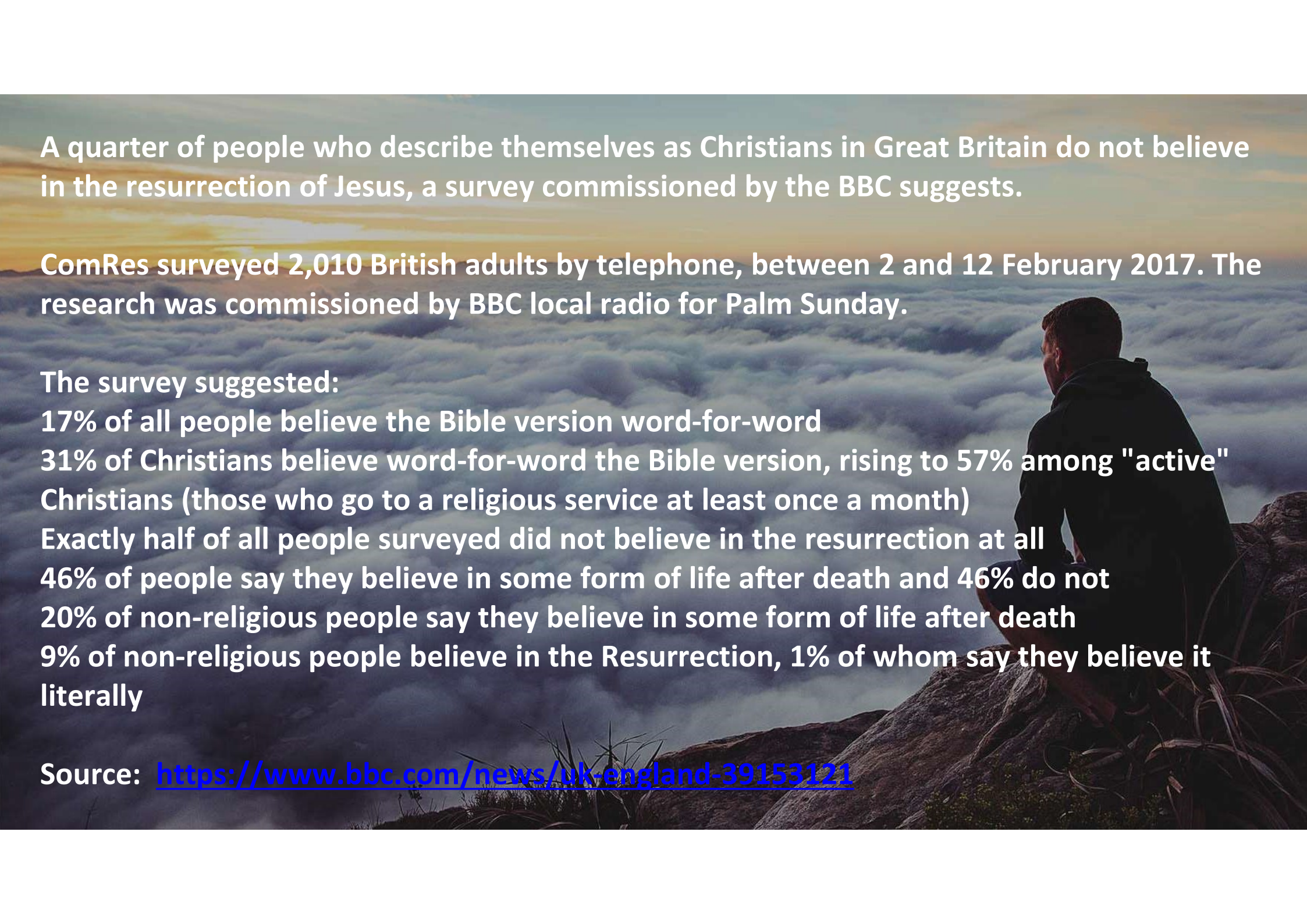
% of people asked about the Bible story of Christ rising from the dead

■ General public ■ All Christians ■ Active Christians



Source: ComRes survey of 2,010 British adults for BBC local radio

BBC

A man in a dark jacket is sitting on a rocky outcrop, looking out over a vast sea of clouds. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The clouds are thick and layered, creating a textured, almost ethereal landscape.

A quarter of people who describe themselves as Christians in Great Britain do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus, a survey commissioned by the BBC suggests.

ComRes surveyed 2,010 British adults by telephone, between 2 and 12 February 2017. The research was commissioned by BBC local radio for Palm Sunday.

The survey suggested:

17% of all people believe the Bible version word-for-word

31% of Christians believe word-for-word the Bible version, rising to 57% among "active" Christians (those who go to a religious service at least once a month)

Exactly half of all people surveyed did not believe in the resurrection at all

46% of people say they believe in some form of life after death and 46% do not

20% of non-religious people say they believe in some form of life after death

9% of non-religious people believe in the Resurrection, 1% of whom say they believe it literally

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-39153121>



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