

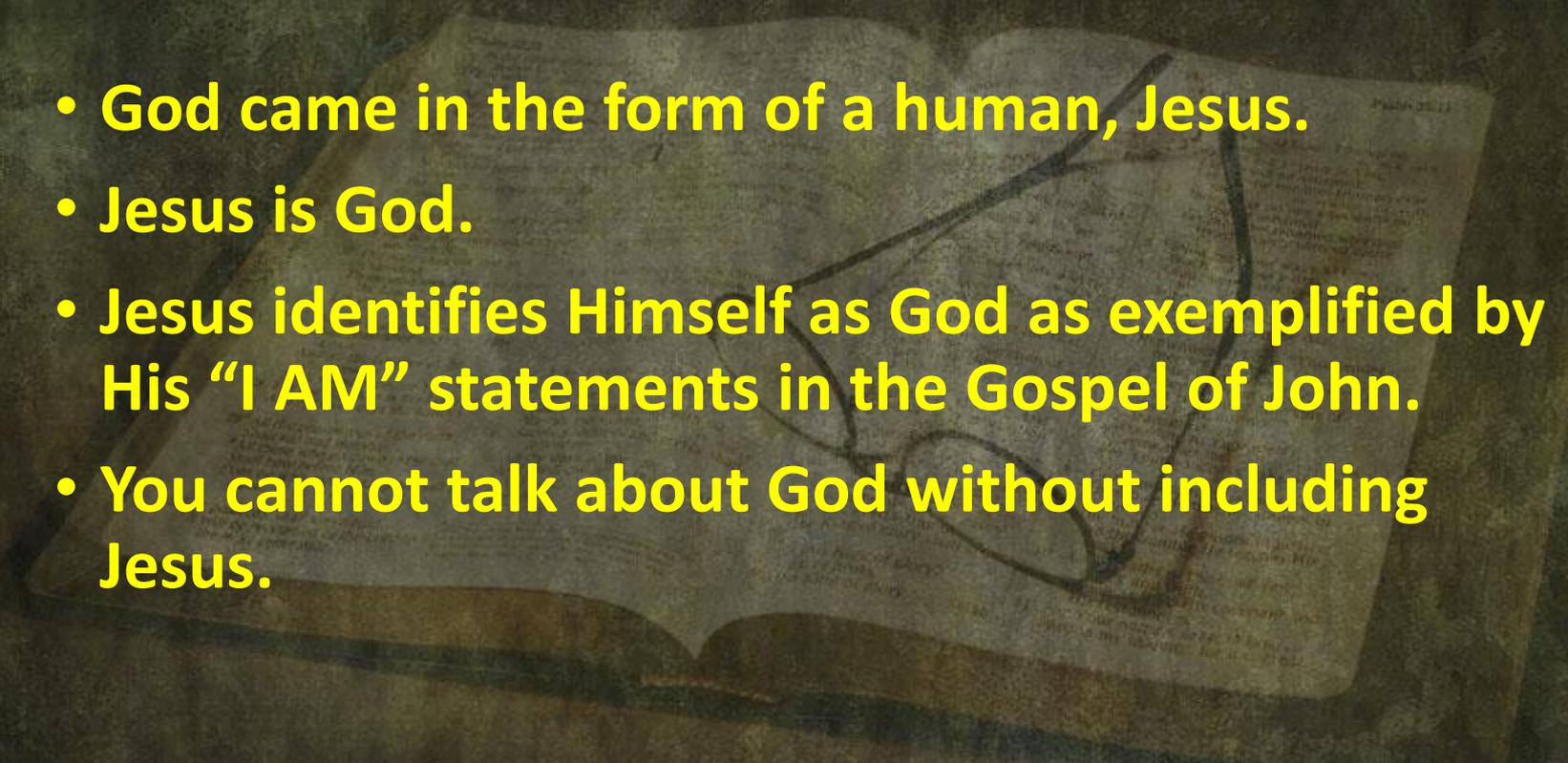
We Believe in God the Son, Jesus
Christ

Colossians 1:13-20

The Trinity

- Jesus is the part of the Godhead that we call the “Trinity.”
- We believe in the Triune God as He revealed Himself to us as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- The word “Trinity” does not appear anywhere in the Bible.
- God is one, and has revealed Himself in three forms or persons, Who all exist simultaneously and in unity.
- If you want to know what God is like, look no further than Jesus.

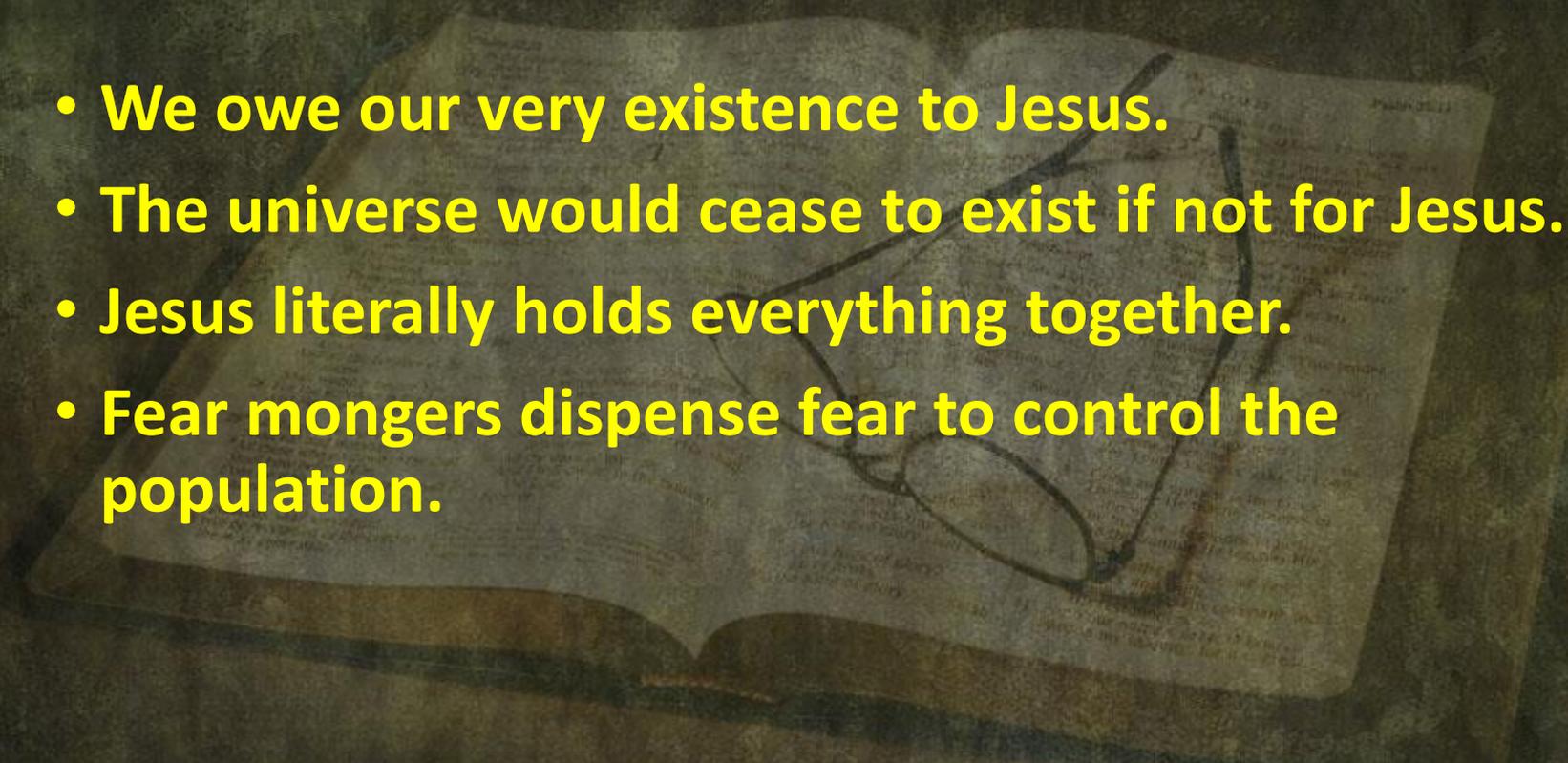
Jesus is God

- God came in the form of a human, Jesus.
 - Jesus is God.
 - Jesus identifies Himself as God as exemplified by His “I AM” statements in the Gospel of John.
 - You cannot talk about God without including Jesus.
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- An open book with a pair of glasses resting on it, set against a dark, textured background. The book is open to two pages, and the glasses are placed across the center. The background is dark and appears to be a rough, stone-like surface.

Jesus Is the Firstborn

- Jesus is the firstborn of all creation.
- Jesus is not a created being; He is eternal God.
- “Firstborn” in Biblical times meant rank and placement; Jesus is before everything.
- Jesus, Who is the very image of God, is the agent of all creation.
- All that there is or ever has been, was created by Jesus.

Jesus Holds Everything Together.

- We owe our very existence to Jesus.
 - The universe would cease to exist if not for Jesus.
 - Jesus literally holds everything together.
 - Fear mongers dispense fear to control the population.
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- An open book with a pair of glasses resting on it, symbolizing knowledge and wisdom. The book is open to two pages of text, and the glasses are positioned in the center, bridging the two pages. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a book cover or a wall.

Conclusion

- Jesus established the church.
- Jesus was the first to be raised, never to die again.
- All of what God is resides in Jesus.
- We are God's creation, made by and for Jesus.
- Jesus made us, and He is responsible for our rescue.
- The world wants to save itself; or worse, they do not believe they need saving.