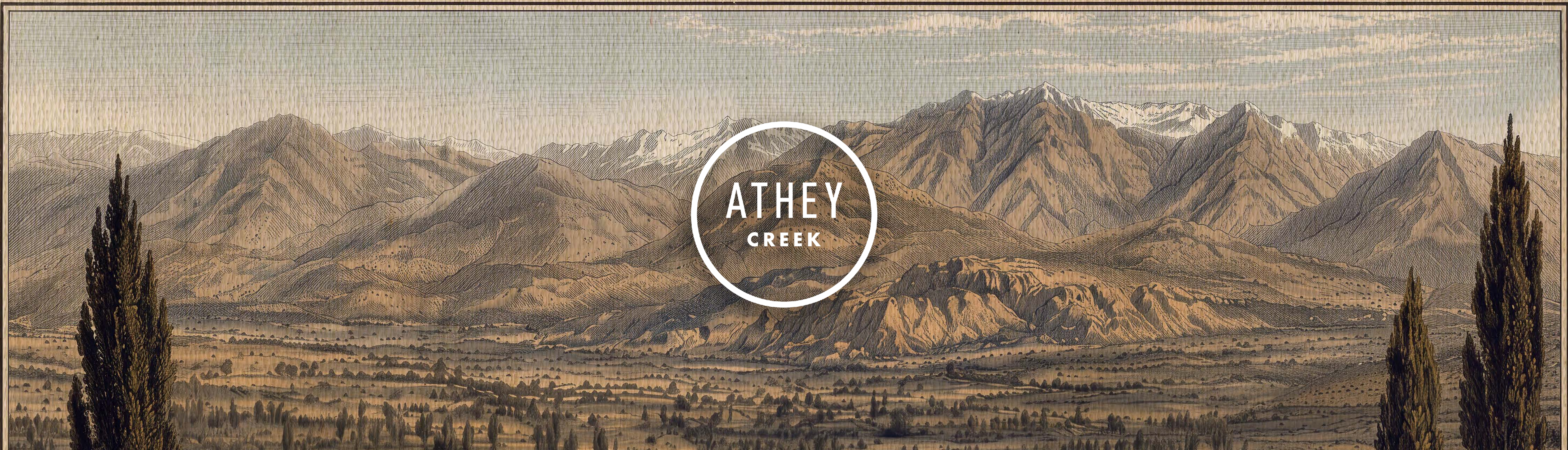




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An Epistle of Paul
COLOSSIANS





*"ALEXANDER, CAESAR,
CHARLEMAGNE, AND I HAVE
FOUNDED EMPIRES. BUT UPON
WHAT DID THESE CREATIONS
OF OUR GENIUS DEPEND? UPON
FORCE. JESUS ALONE FOUNDED
HIS EMPIRE UPON LOVE; AND
TO THIS VERY DAY MILLIONS
WOULD DIE FOR HIM."*

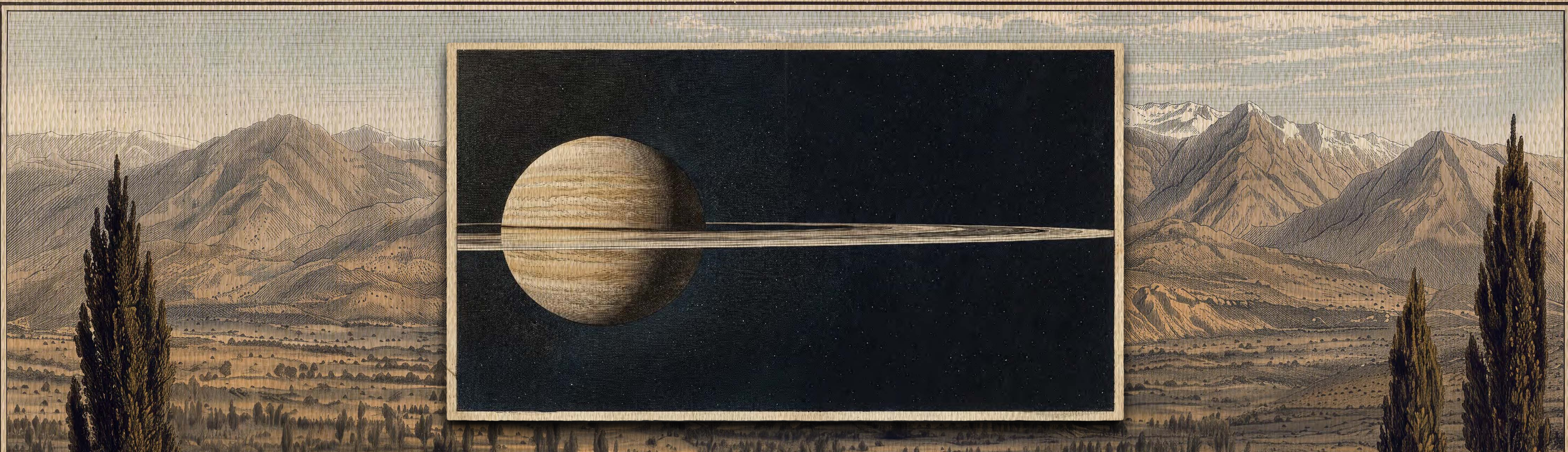
Napoleon Bonaparte

1769 - 1821

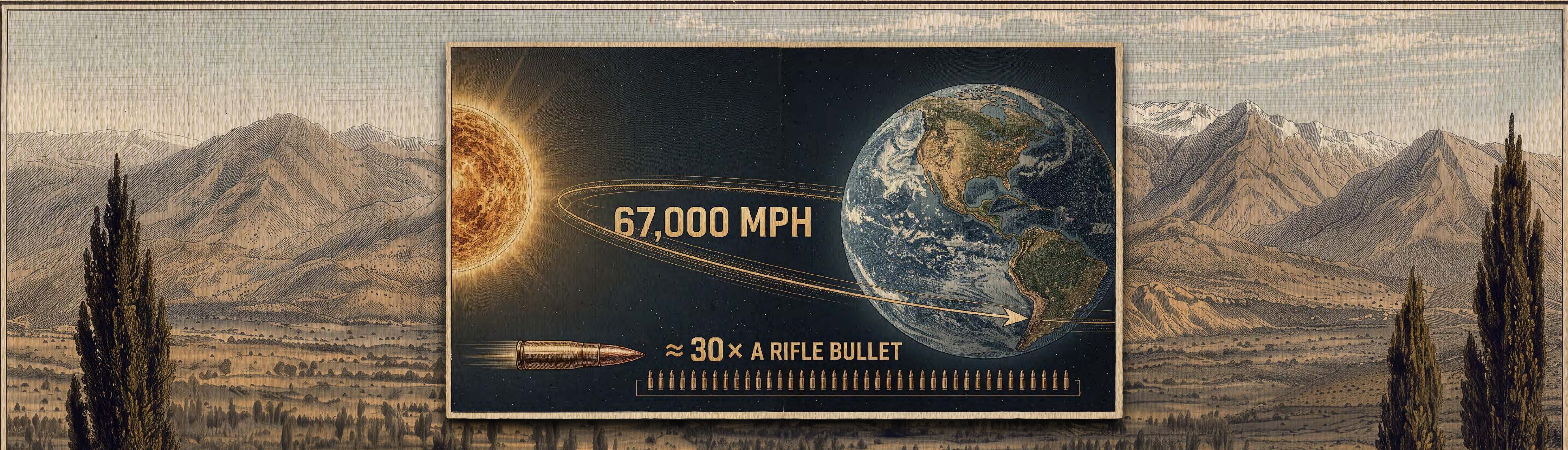
COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

I
JESUS
CREATED IT ALL









67,000 MPH

≈ 30 × A RIFLE BULLET

1 SQUARE MILE
BILLIONS OF INSECTS

8+ BILLION PEOPLE

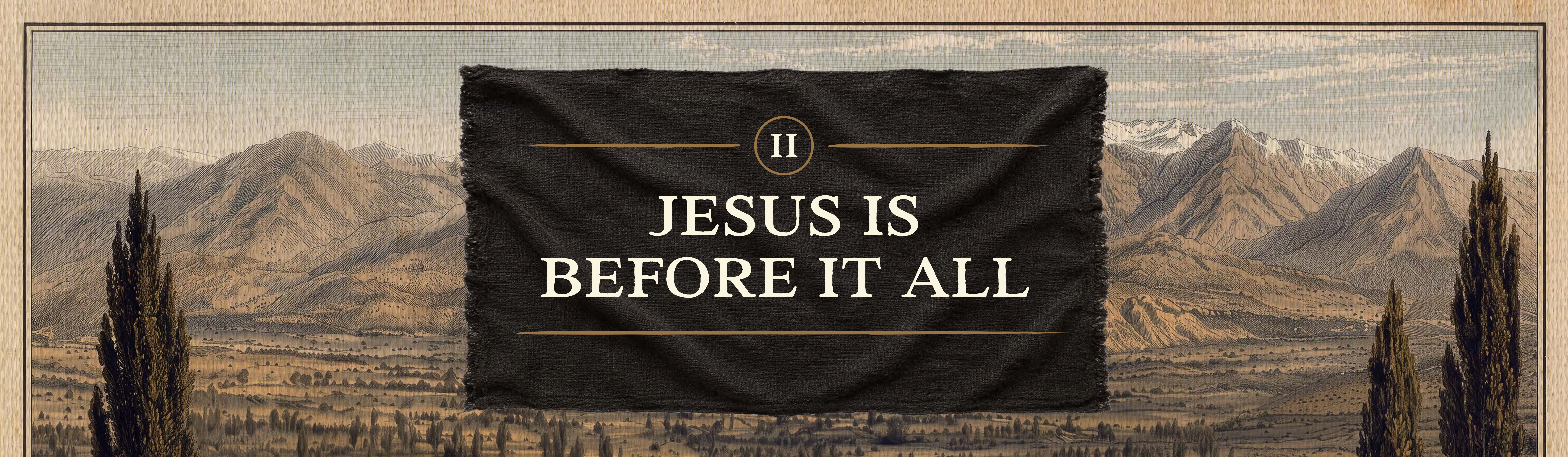






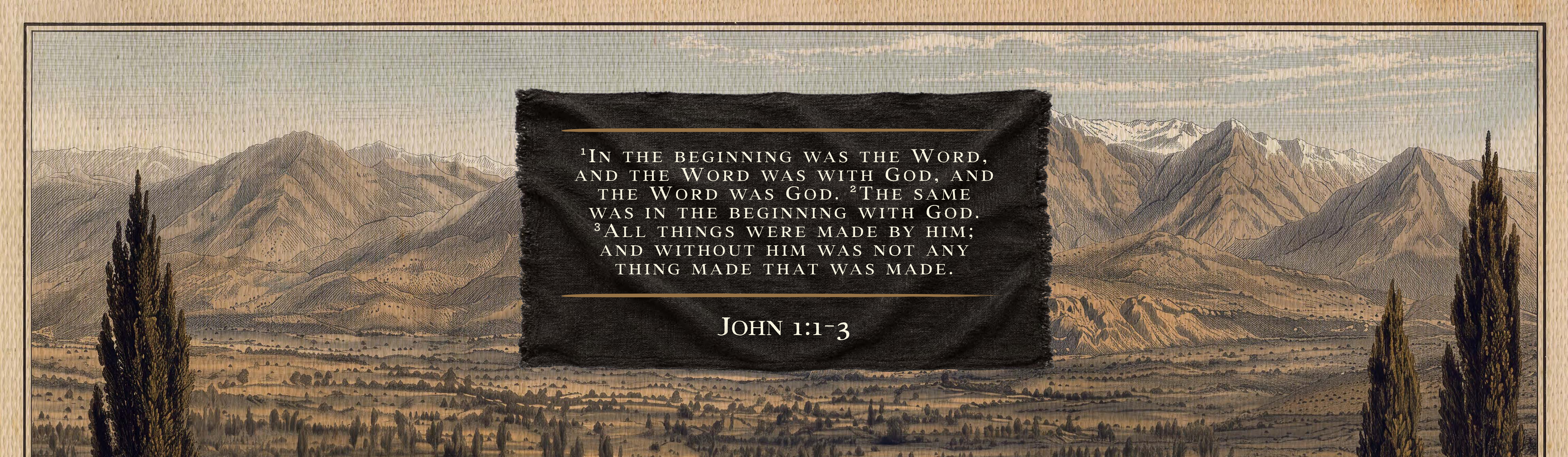
A.T. Robertson
1863-1934

*"THE PERMANENCE OF THE
UNIVERSE RESTS, THEN, ON
CHRIST FAR MORE THAN ON
GRAVITY. IT IS A CHRISTO-
CENTRIC UNIVERSE."*

The background is a detailed, sepia-toned illustration of a vast mountain range. The mountains are rendered with fine cross-hatching and shading to create a sense of depth and texture. In the foreground, there are rolling hills and valleys dotted with small trees and shrubs. Two tall, slender cypress-like trees stand prominently on the left and right sides of the frame. A large, dark, rectangular banner with a slightly distressed or torn edge is centered over the middle of the image. The banner has a subtle texture, possibly representing fabric or paper. The Roman numeral 'II' is enclosed in a thin circular border at the top center of the banner. Below it, the words 'JESUS IS' and 'BEFORE IT ALL' are written in a large, white, serif typeface, separated by a thin horizontal line.

II

JESUS IS
BEFORE IT ALL



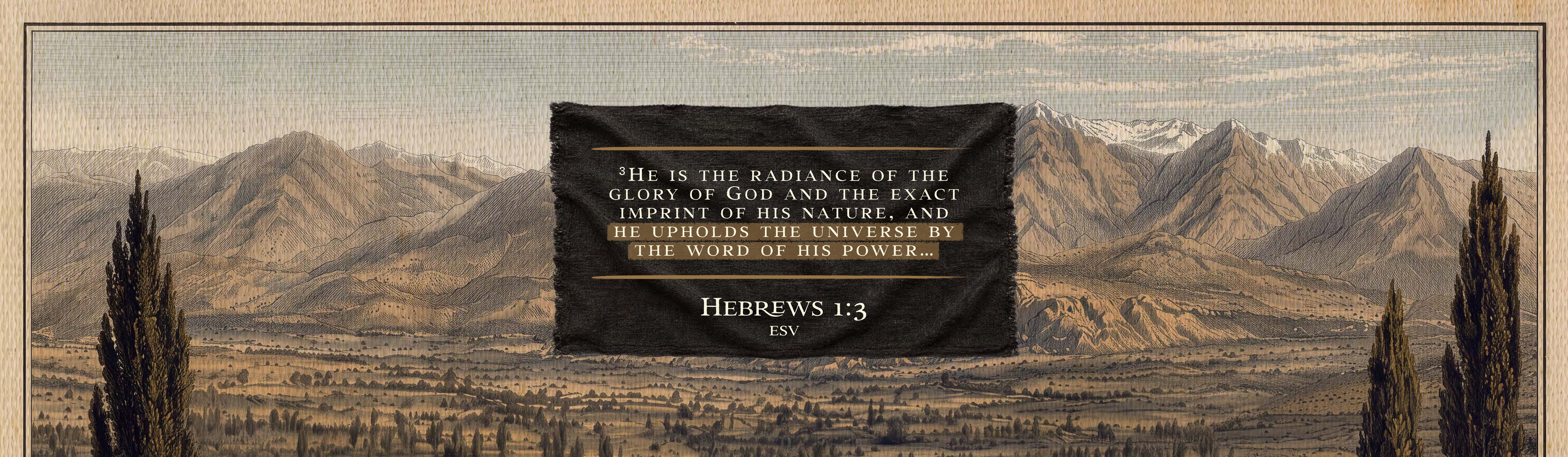
¹IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND
THE WORD WAS GOD. ²THE SAME
WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD.
³ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM;
AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANY
THING MADE THAT WAS MADE.

JOHN 1:1-3



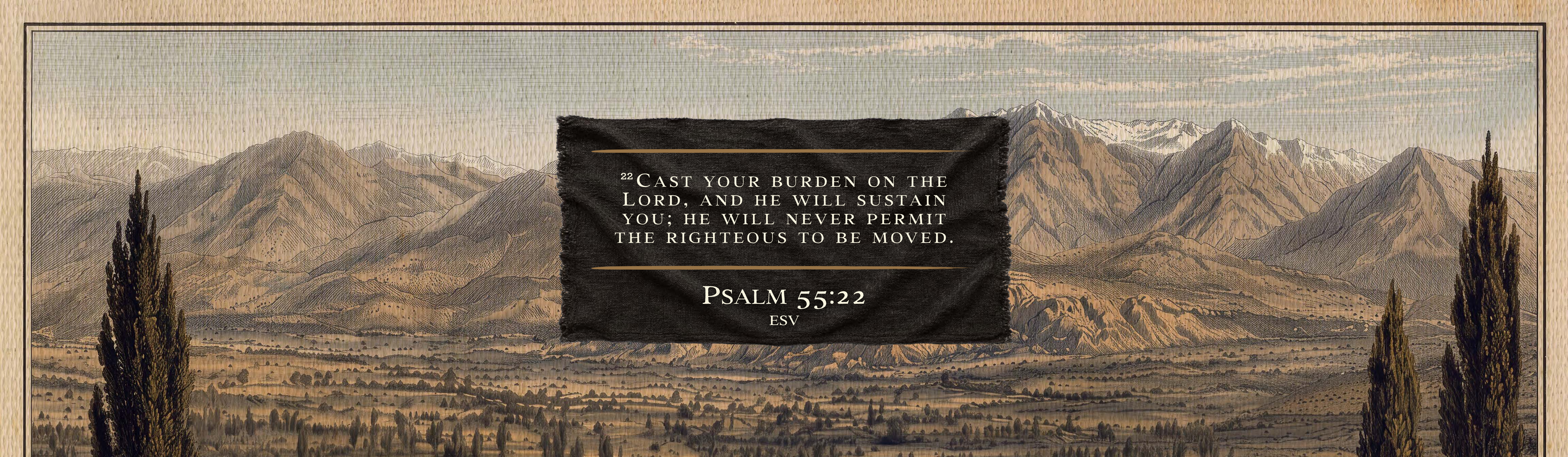
III

JESUS HOLDS
IT ALL TOGETHER



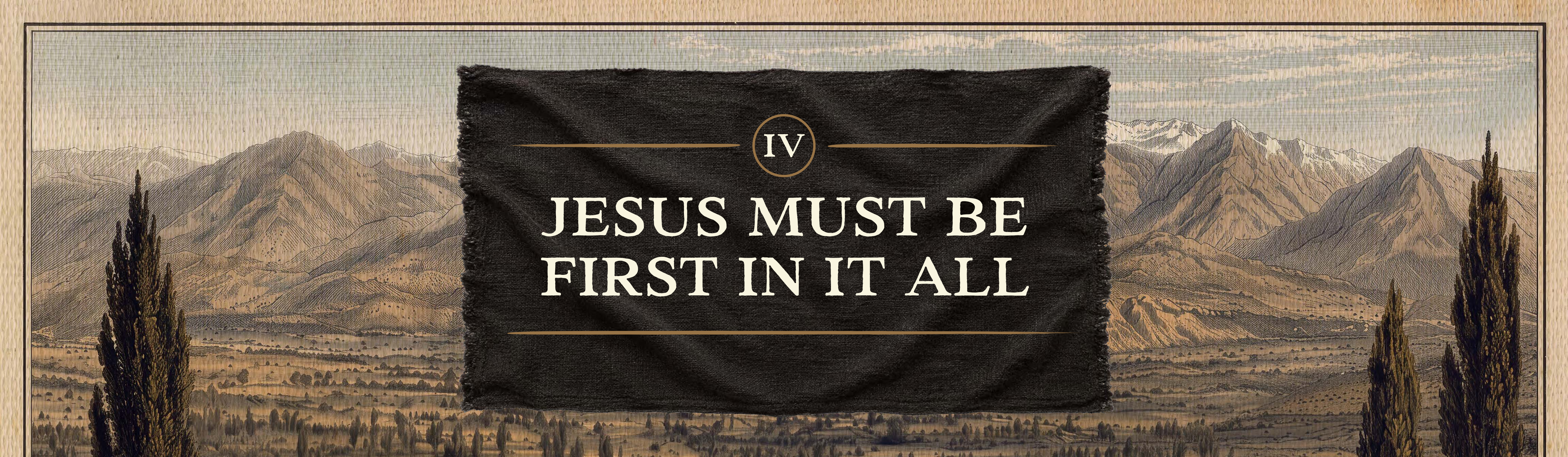
³HE IS THE RADIANCE OF THE
GLORY OF GOD AND THE EXACT
IMPRINT OF HIS NATURE, AND
HE UPHOLDS THE UNIVERSE BY
THE WORD OF HIS POWER...

HEBREWS 1:3
ESV



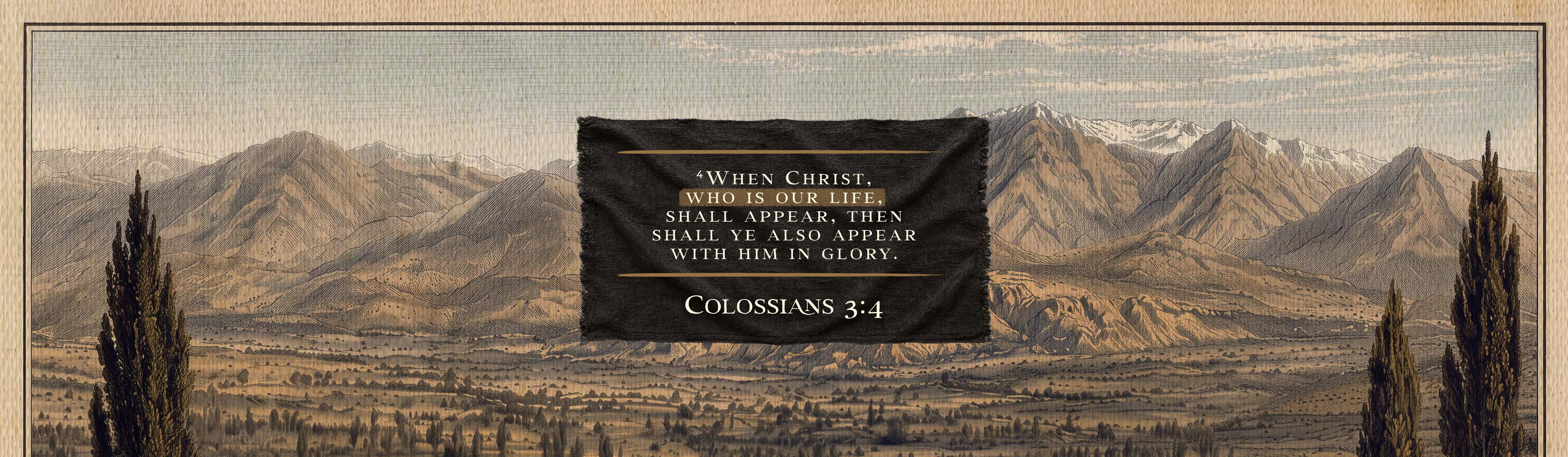
²² CAST YOUR BURDEN ON THE
LORD, AND HE WILL SUSTAIN
YOU; HE WILL NEVER PERMIT
THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE MOVED.

PSALM 55:22
ESV



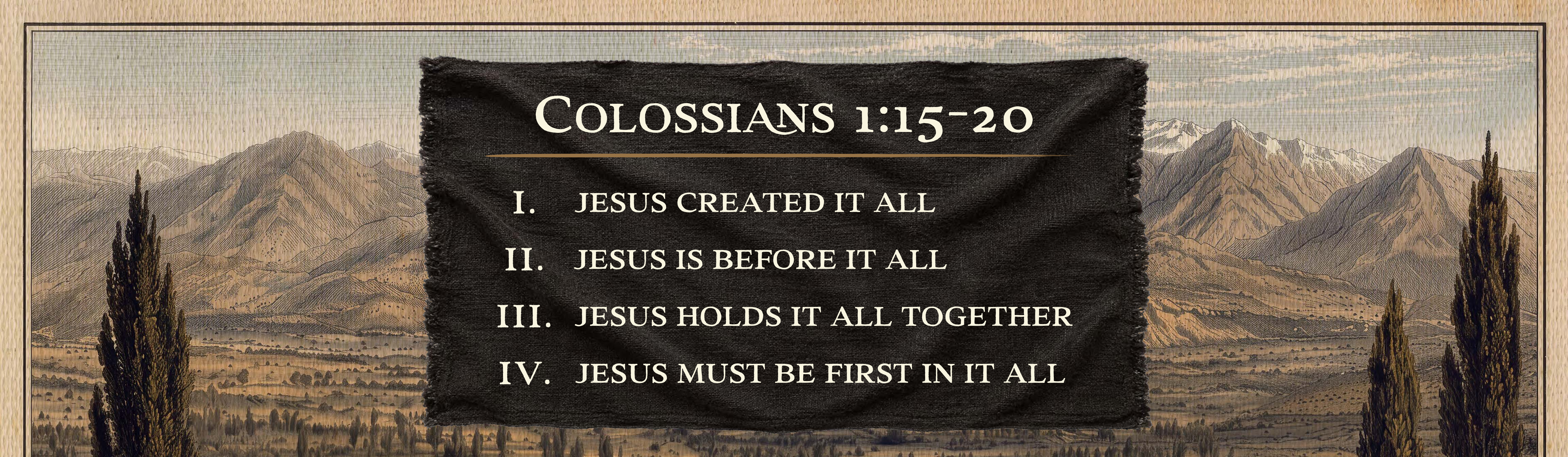
IV

JESUS MUST BE
FIRST IN IT ALL



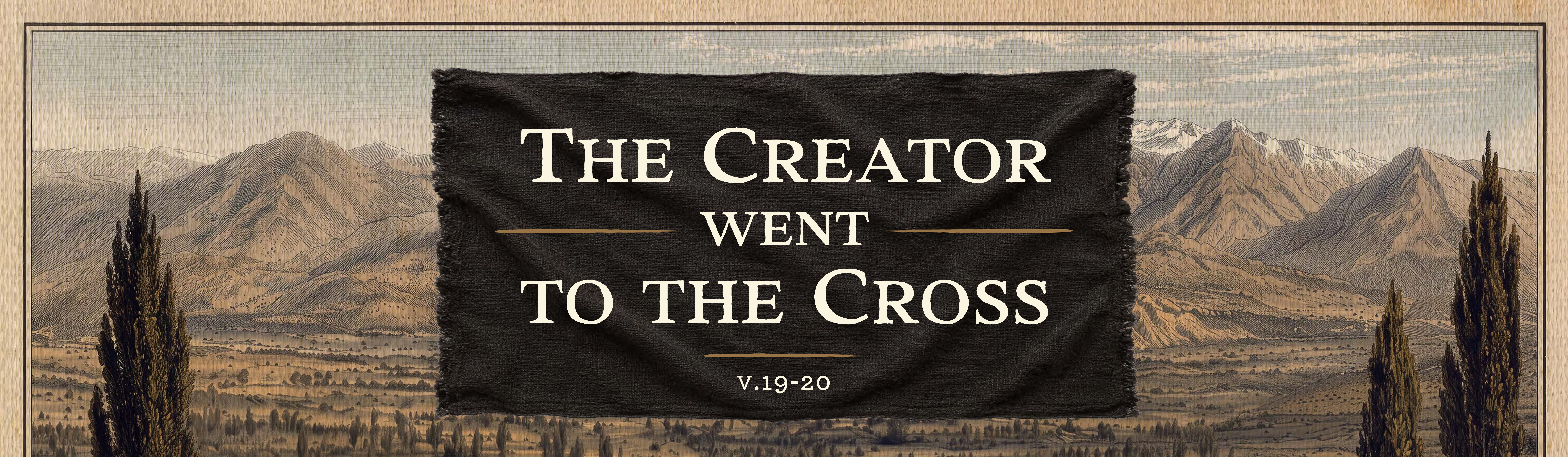
⁴WHEN CHRIST,
WHO IS OUR LIFE,
SHALL APPEAR, THEN
SHALL YE ALSO APPEAR
WITH HIM IN GLORY.

COLOSSIANS 3:4



COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

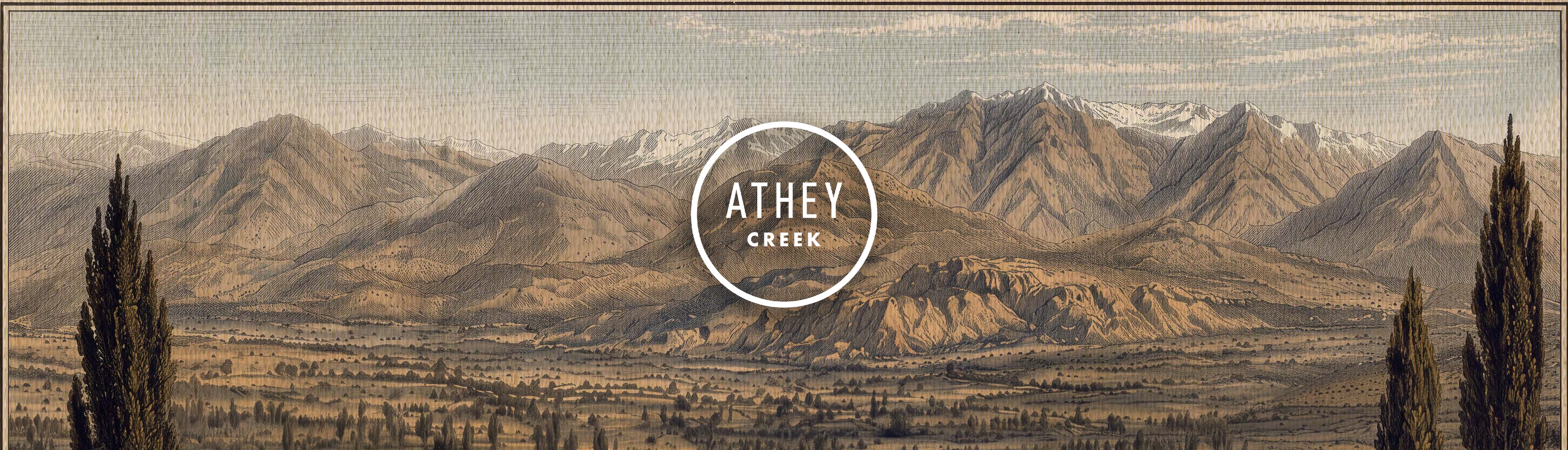
- I. JESUS CREATED IT ALL
- II. JESUS IS BEFORE IT ALL
- III. JESUS HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER
- IV. JESUS MUST BE FIRST IN IT ALL



THE CREATOR WENT TO THE CROSS

V.19-20

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