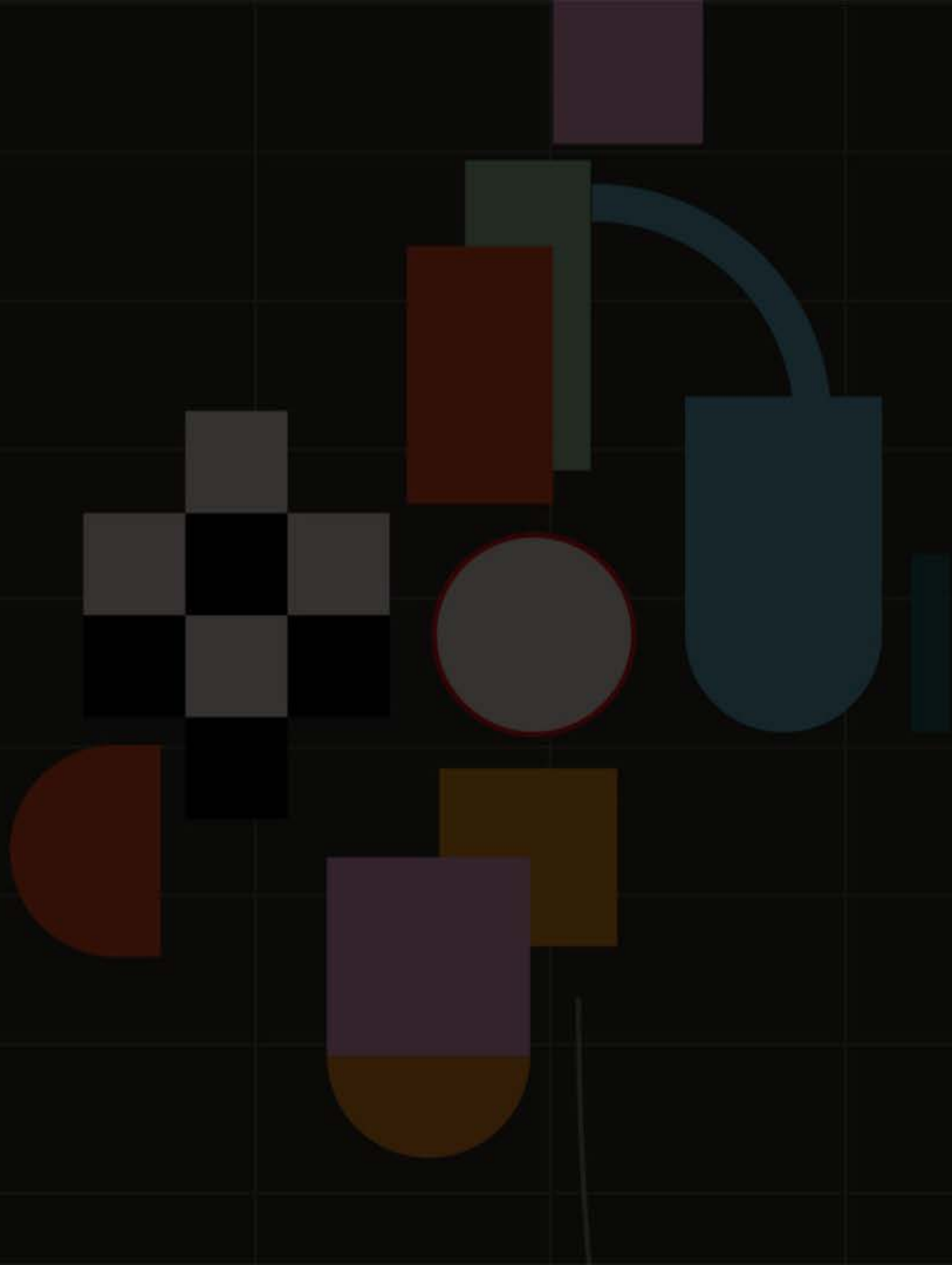




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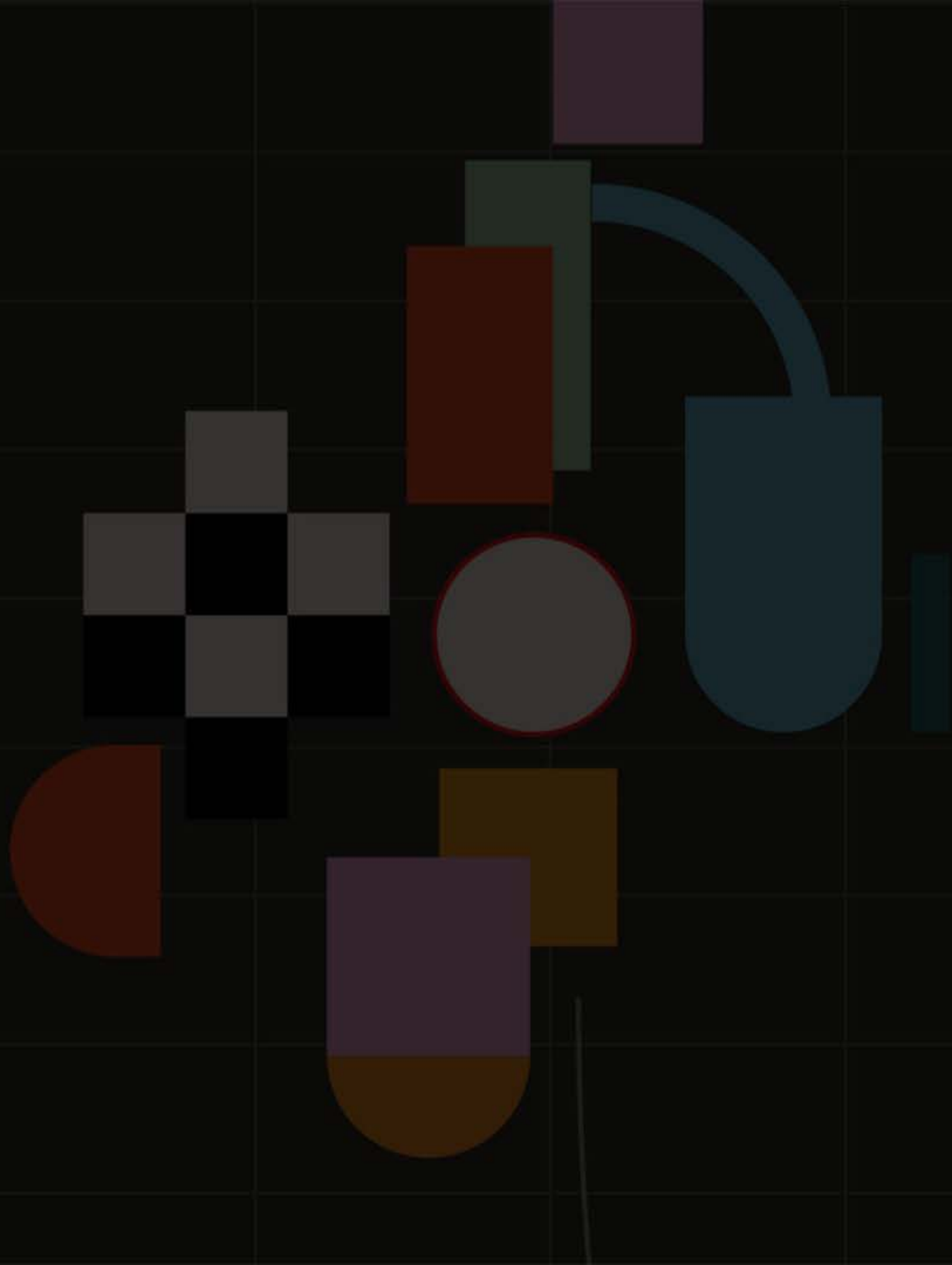
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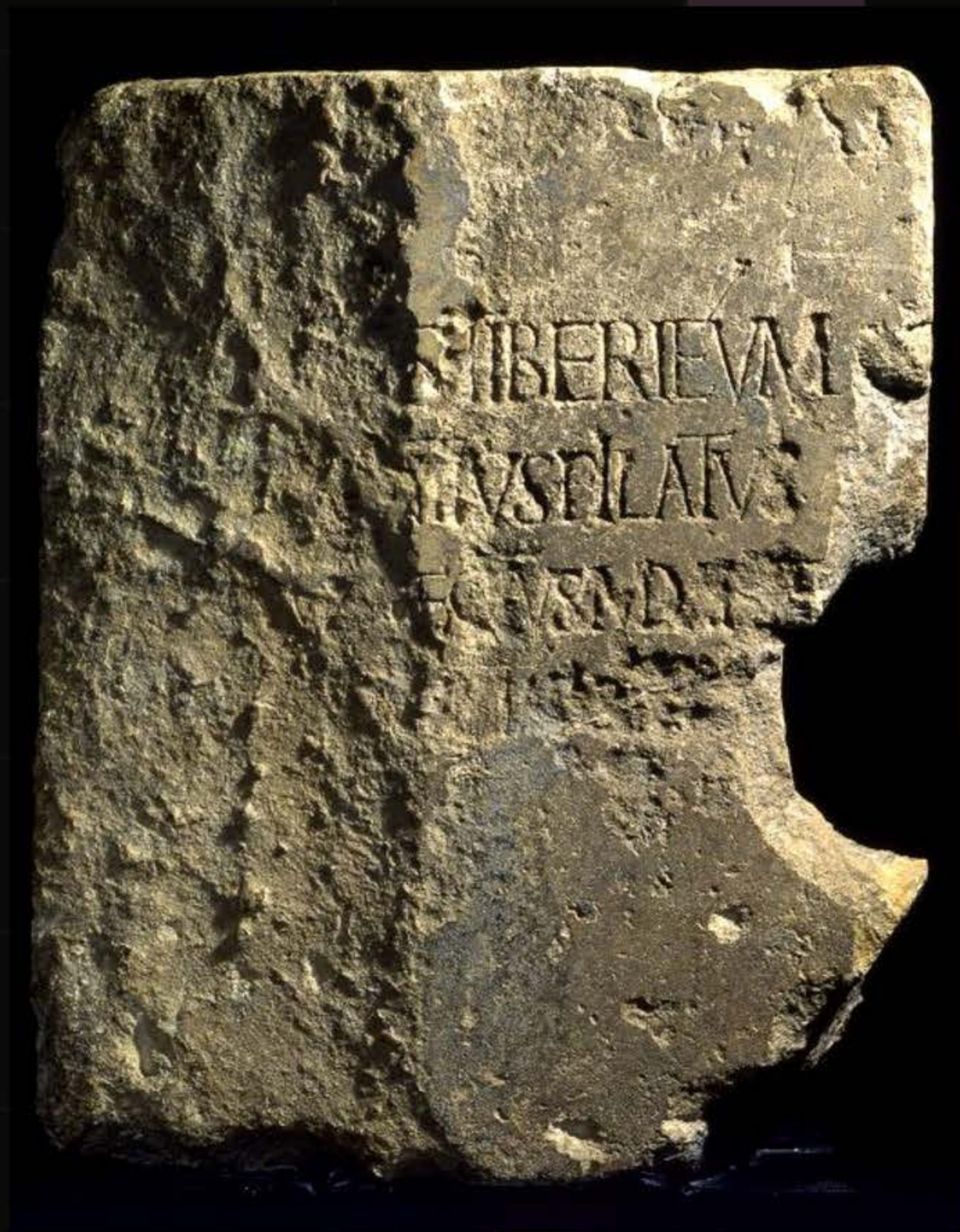
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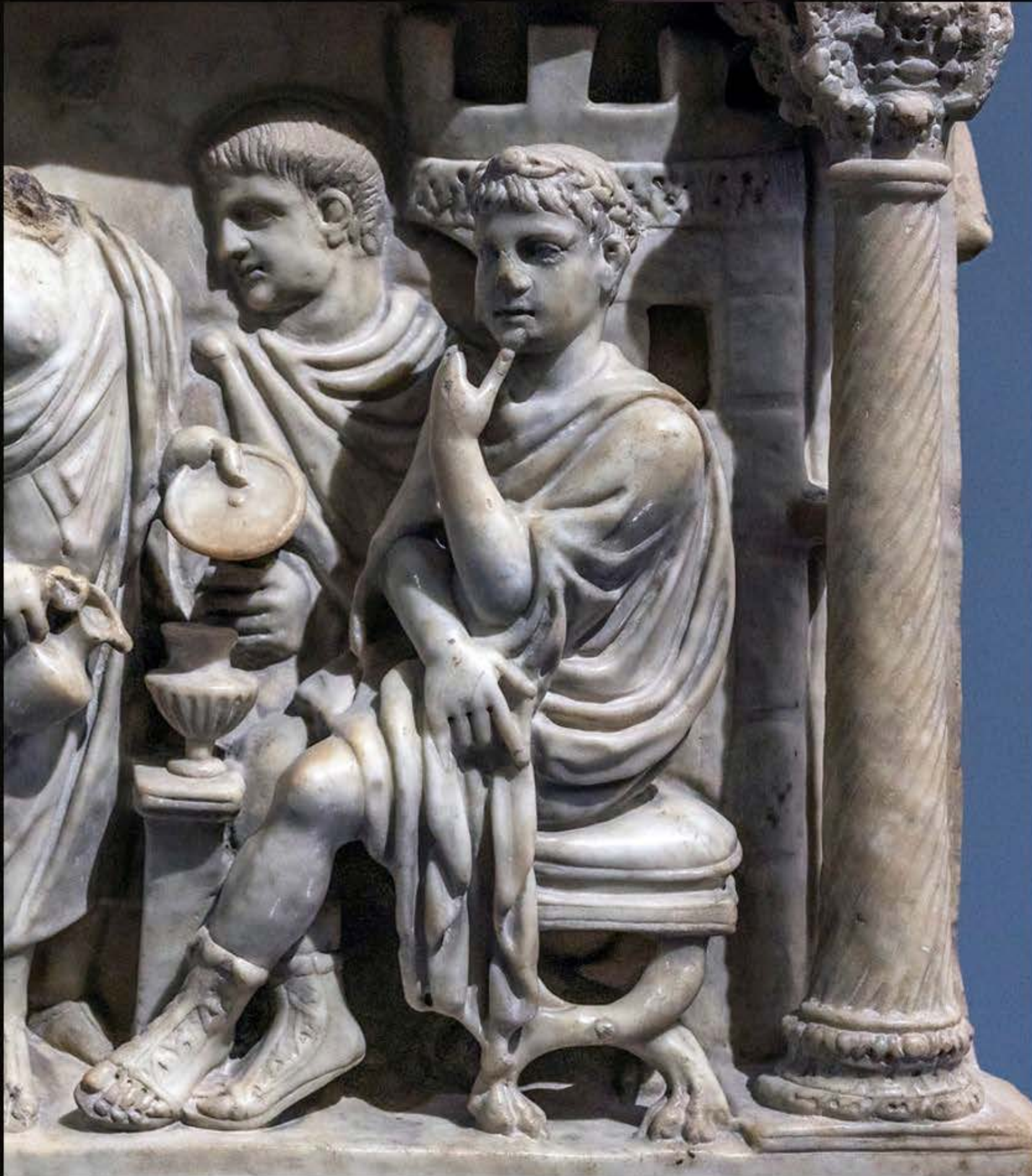
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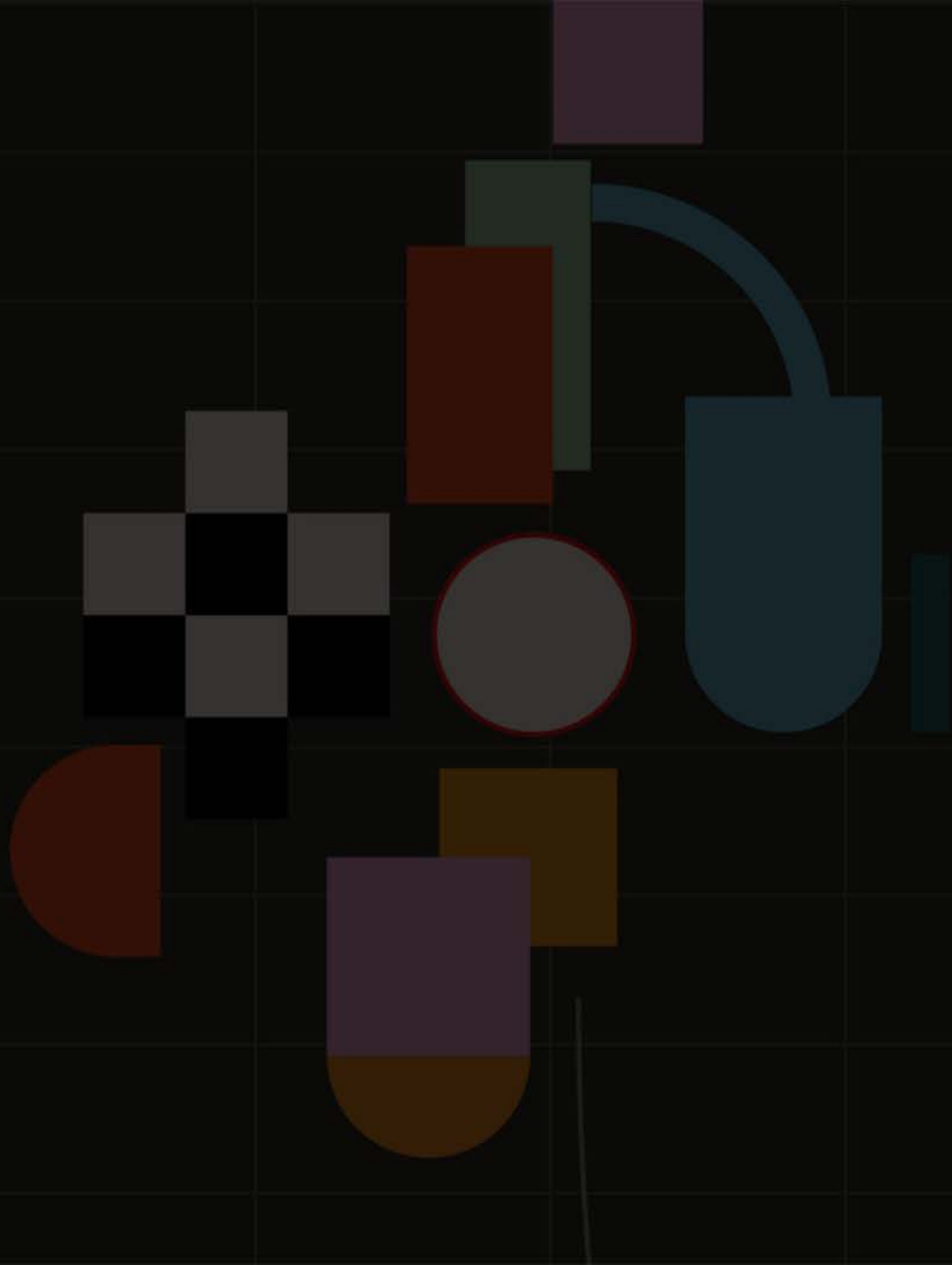
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*Sarcophagus of
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- St. Peter's Basilica





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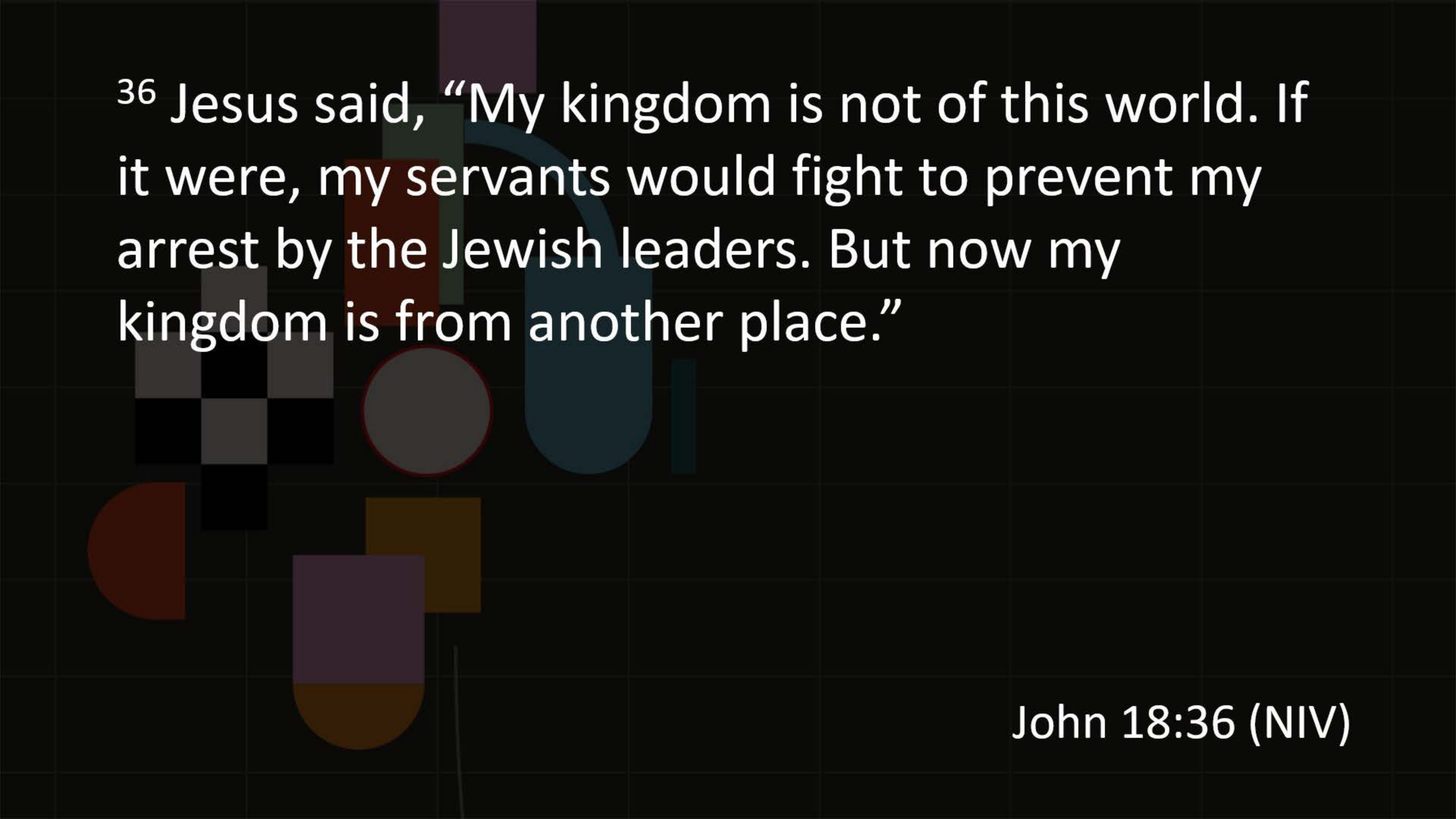
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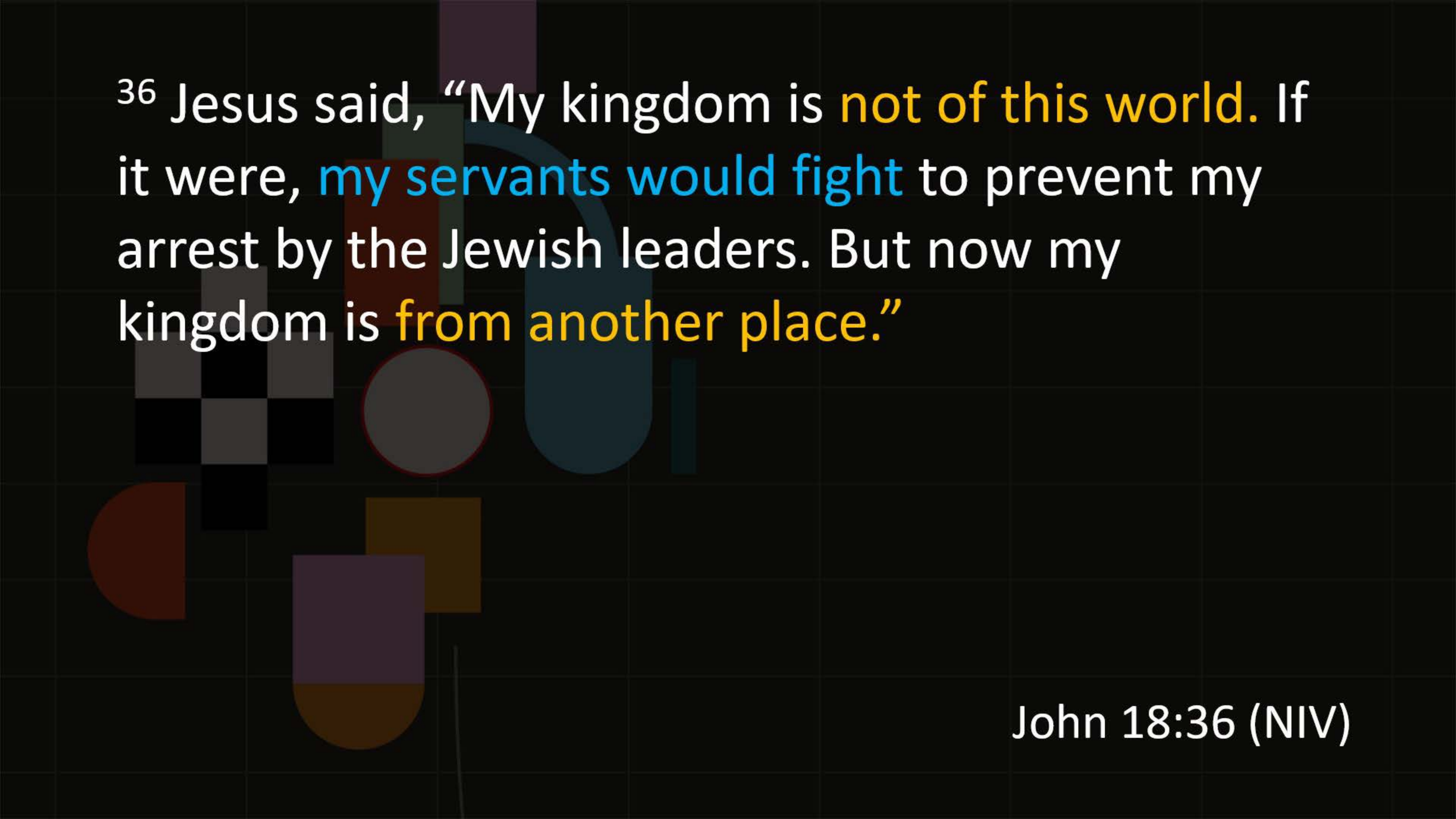
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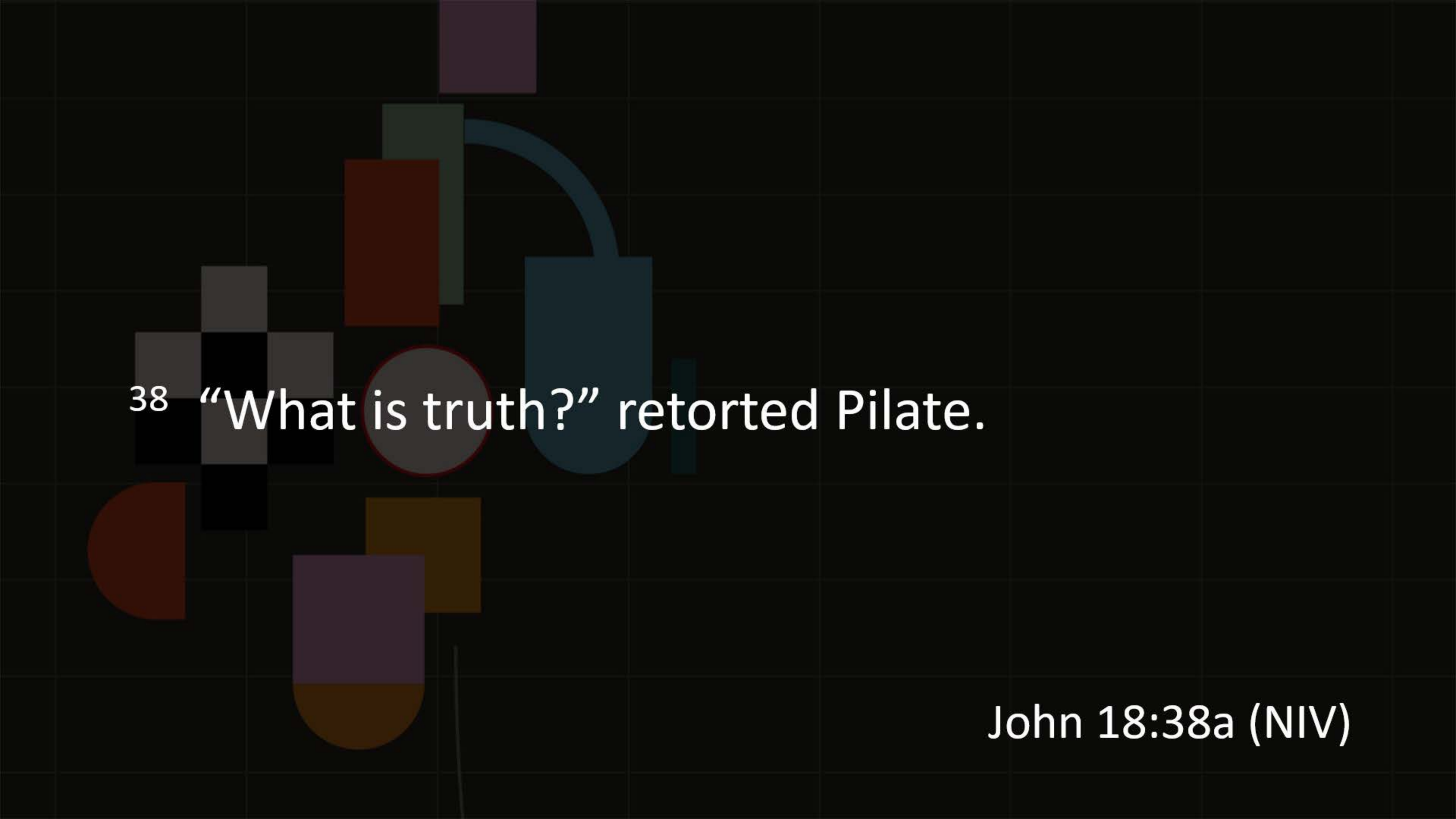
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John 18:38-40 (NIV)

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

John 19:1-3 (NIV)

⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

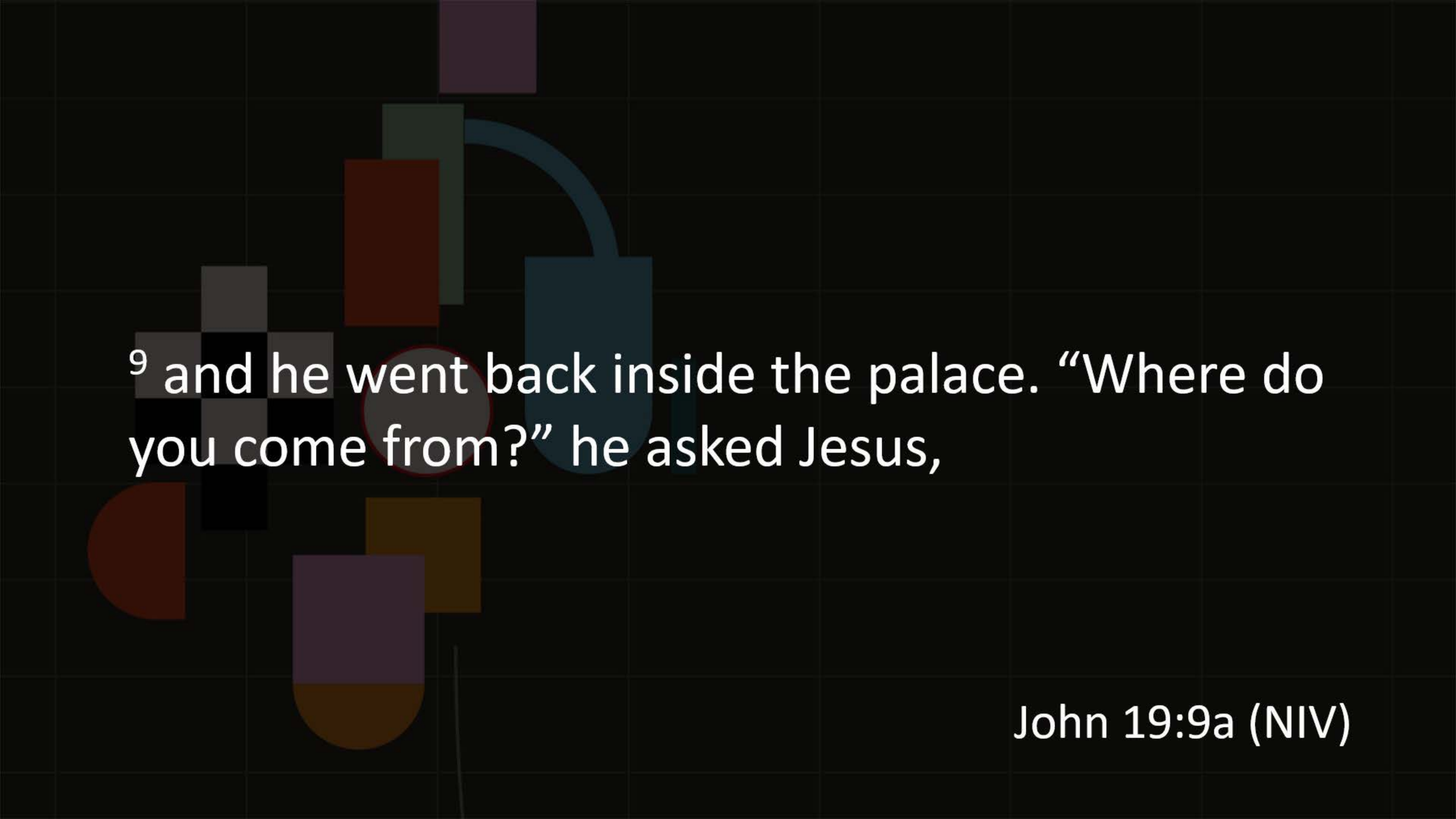
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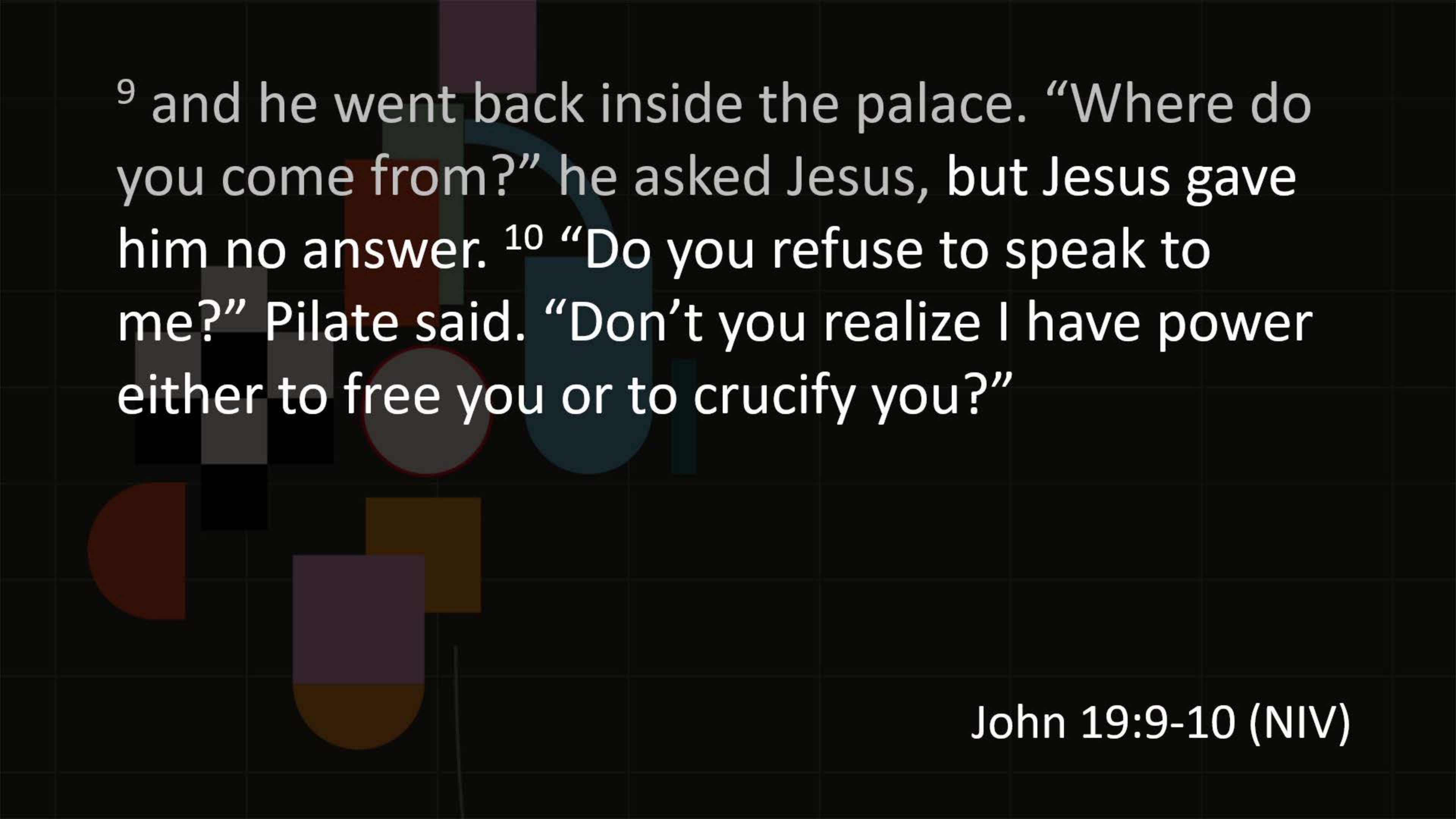
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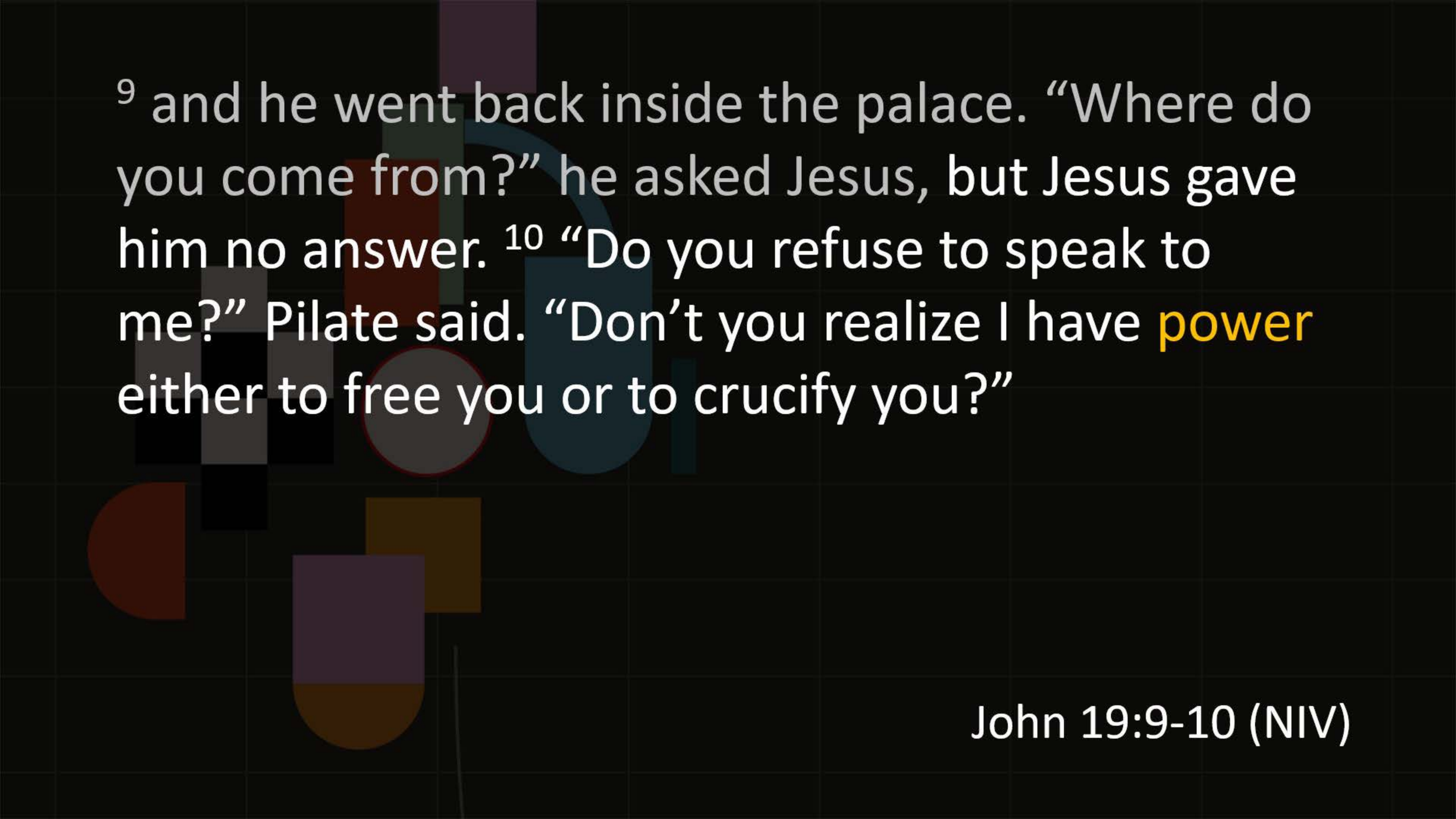
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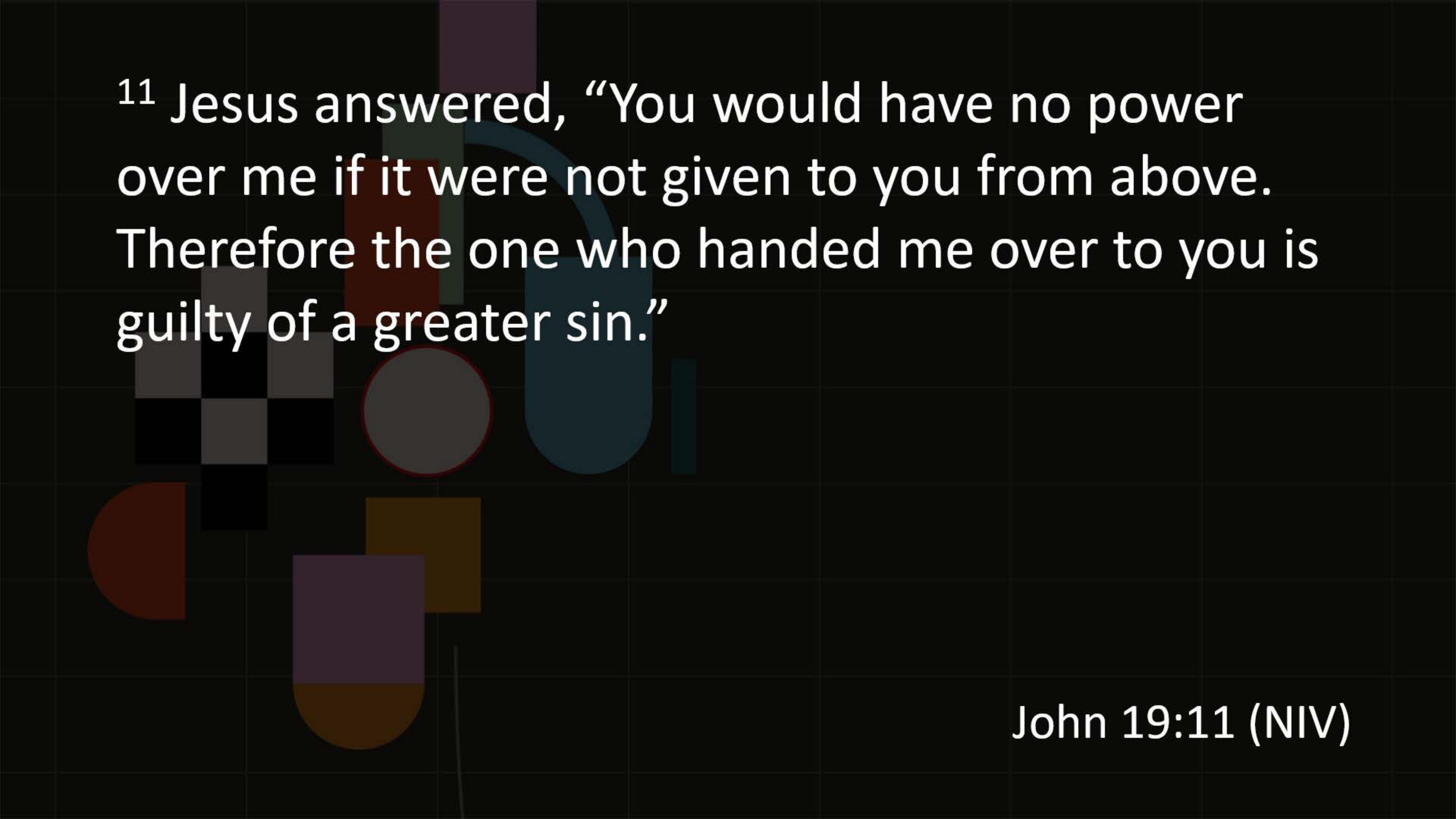
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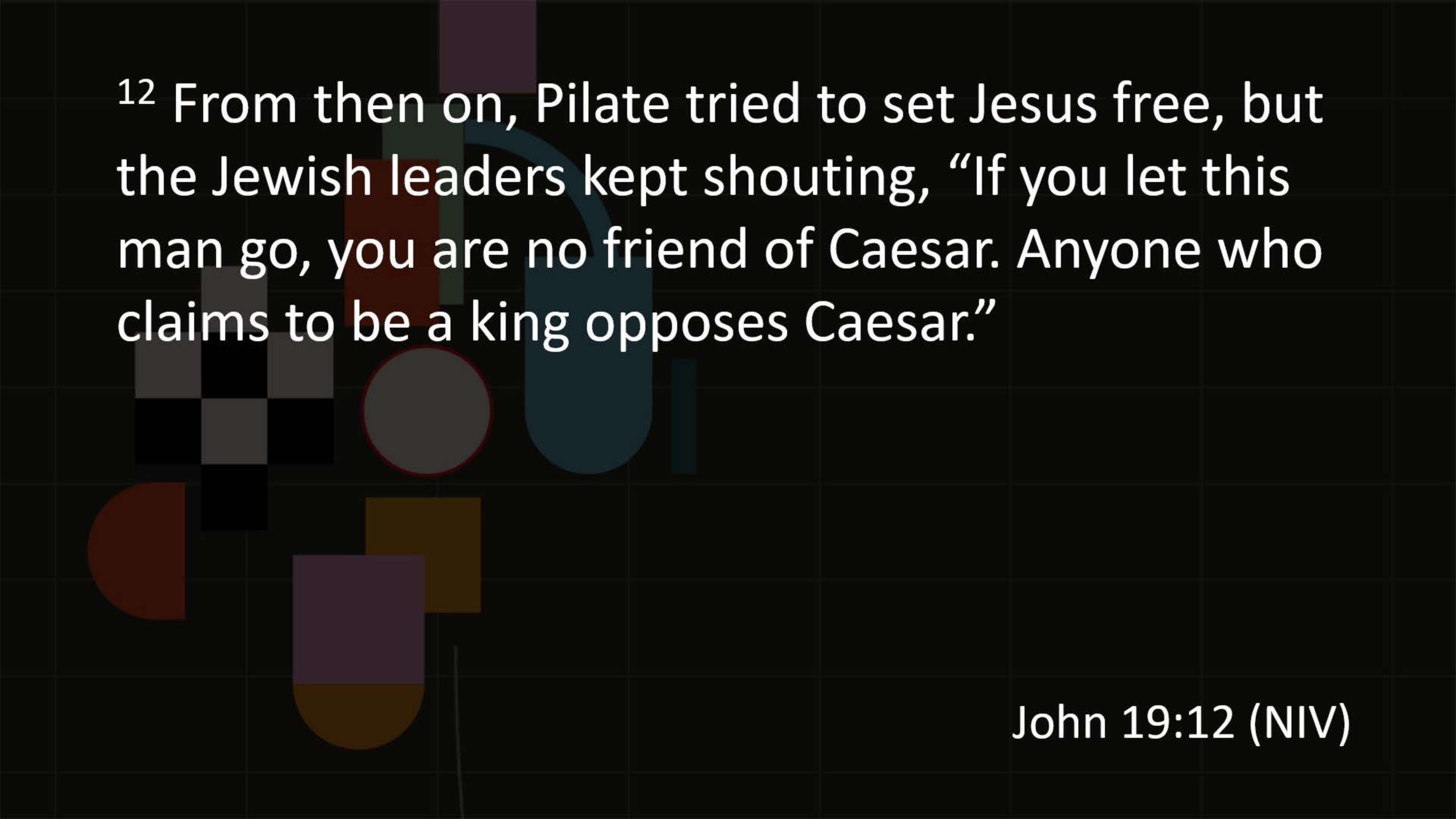
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¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

John 19:11 (NIV)

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¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

John 19:12 (NIV)

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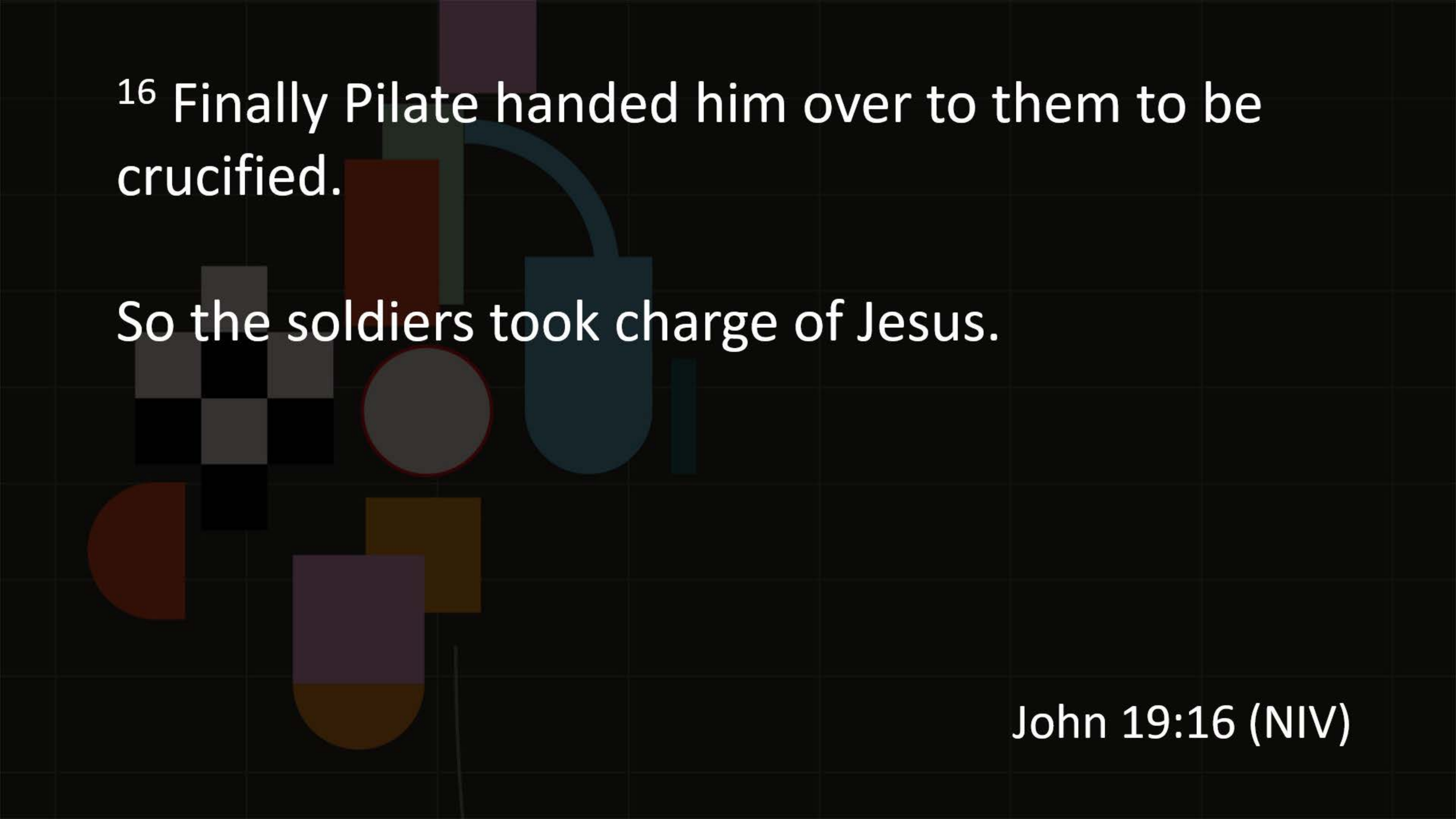
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So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

John 19:16 (NIV)

