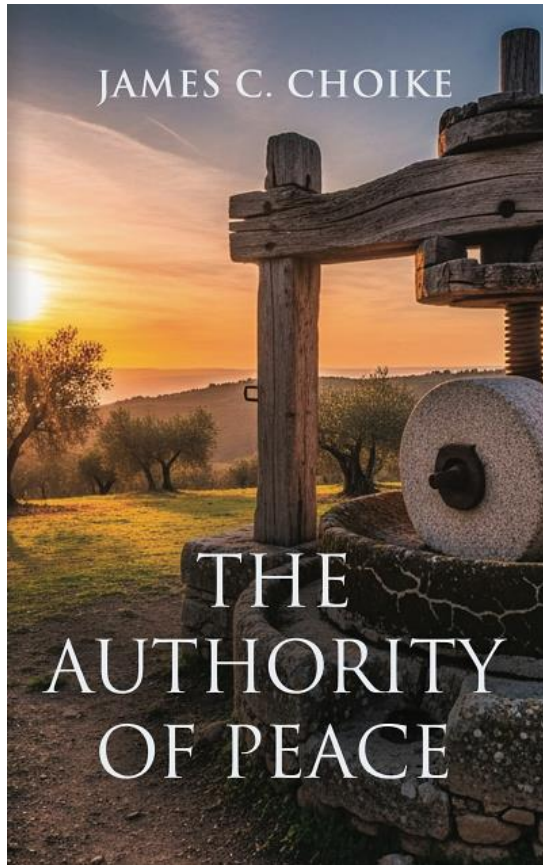




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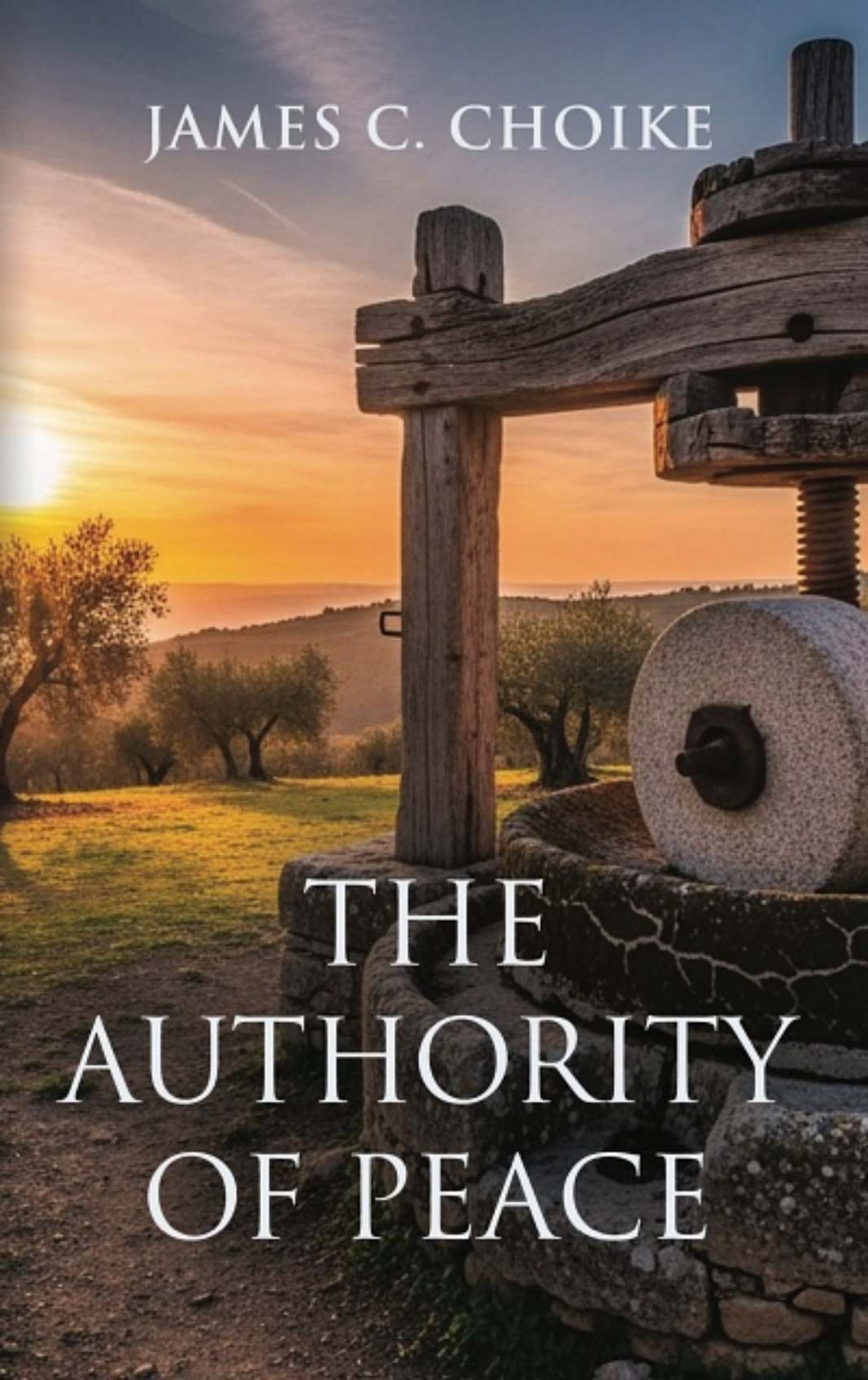
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Faith

Just exactly what do you think He was doing that night? A few hours earlier, He exclaimed, “One of you will betray Me!” Bewildered, Peter looks at John who has his head planted on the chest of Jesus, and motions- “Ask Him, who Lord, who will do such a thing?” Jesus responds, “It’s the one I give this piece of bread to after I’ve dipped it.”

Judas gets up from the table and walks out but not before he hears, “What you do, do quickly.” Do you think Jesus was telling that to Judas, or Satan?

It’s now getting late, possibly past midnight as Jesus leads his disciples to His favorite garden spot. He takes Peter, James, and John with Himself a small distance from the rest of the disciples, then He goes by Himself about a stone’s throw away so He can pray: “Father, if it’s possible- take this cup from me. If not, I will drink it.”

Wait a second man. This is possibly the first spiritual “crack” we see from The Lord, but He doesn’t cave. Though His human body is under *intense* spiritual pressure, He walks back to check on His disciples who are supposed to be keeping watch, but are sound asleep. (Peterson says the disciples were “drugged by grief”) Jesus goes back to His spot, but now He’s praying so hard that He’s sweating blood?? WHAT’S GOING ON HERE?? What’s this “cup thing” He’s talking about?

Judas knew the garden spot and arrives with a horde of sword brandishing thugs. Peter chops off the ear of somebody

named Malchus, and he gets yelled at by Jesus for doing it. Jesus picks up the guy's ear and places it against his head and heals it, then gets roughed up on the way- as He's escorted to the high priest's house.

Hanging on that cross, (which by the way- was traditionally the most disgusting insult you could convey to an audience as you kill a man) He shouts to His Father God, "WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME??" See- God pulled His Spirit out of Jesus and let Him hang there. **This surprised The Lord.** He did not expect *that*. Jesus shortly afterwards yells, "It is finished!" A Centurion nearby witnesses the *power* of the words coming out of the mouth of Jesus as they tear the fabric of the atmosphere and is convinced on the spot that Jesus was the Son of God.

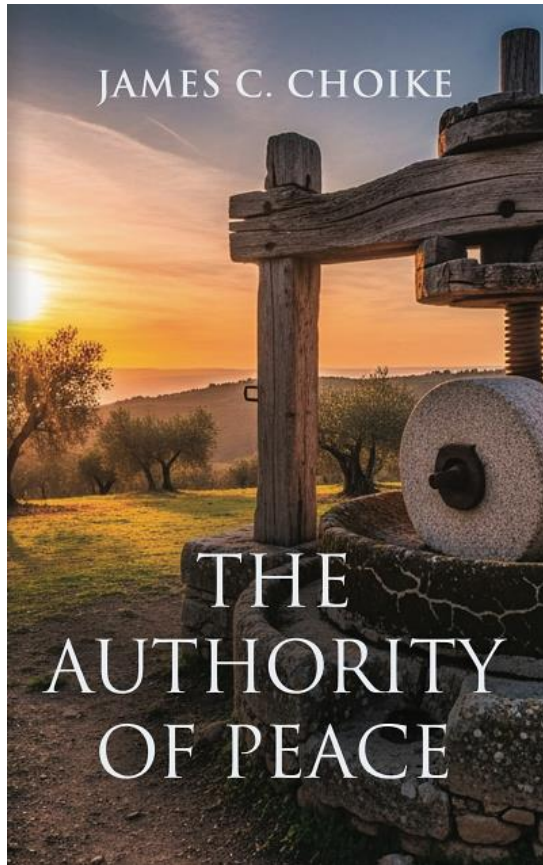
The Son of Man allows men to kill Him so He could fulfill the desire of His Father which was to have relations with mankind restored. The sacrificial death of His Son was the only possible way that was going to happen, BUT, when Jesus screamed, "**Why have You forsaken me?!?!**" then dies, do you realize what happened? By pulling His Spirit out of Jesus at the last minute, God the Father forces Jesus to die in ***the faith*** that His sacrifice would be accepted. Less than a nanosecond after He expired on the cross, His sacrifice was *accepted*. Three days later, an empty tomb with a large stone rolled away from its entrance *confirmed* it to the world.

One more thing just so you comprehend John 3:16 a little better. When you see the words, "God is love," please don't

trivialize them. Now understand this: Jesus could have called 12 legions of angels, but He didn't take the easy way out. Three and-a-half years earlier, Satan suspected something like this was going to happen, that's why it was one of his temptations offered to Jesus. Remember-, Satan told Jesus, "Just bow down, and I'll give You all the kingdoms of the world." In other words, let's stop all that *cross* non-sense...

Nope. In the greatest act recorded in the history of history, Jesus dies- *not knowing He will return to heaven*. Not only that. God The Father *gave and risked* His only Son in *His own act of faith* because **He so loved the world**.

Good news, people: Jesus is alive.



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