

A group of people, including men and women, are standing in a shallow body of water. They are wearing dark-colored t-shirts and shorts. The water is a light greenish-blue color. The background shows a vast expanse of water under a clear, bright sky. The word "BAPTISM" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. The text is slightly transparent, allowing the people and water behind it to be visible.

BAPTISM

BAPTISM WEEKEND

Why get baptised?

RAISED TO NEW LIFE



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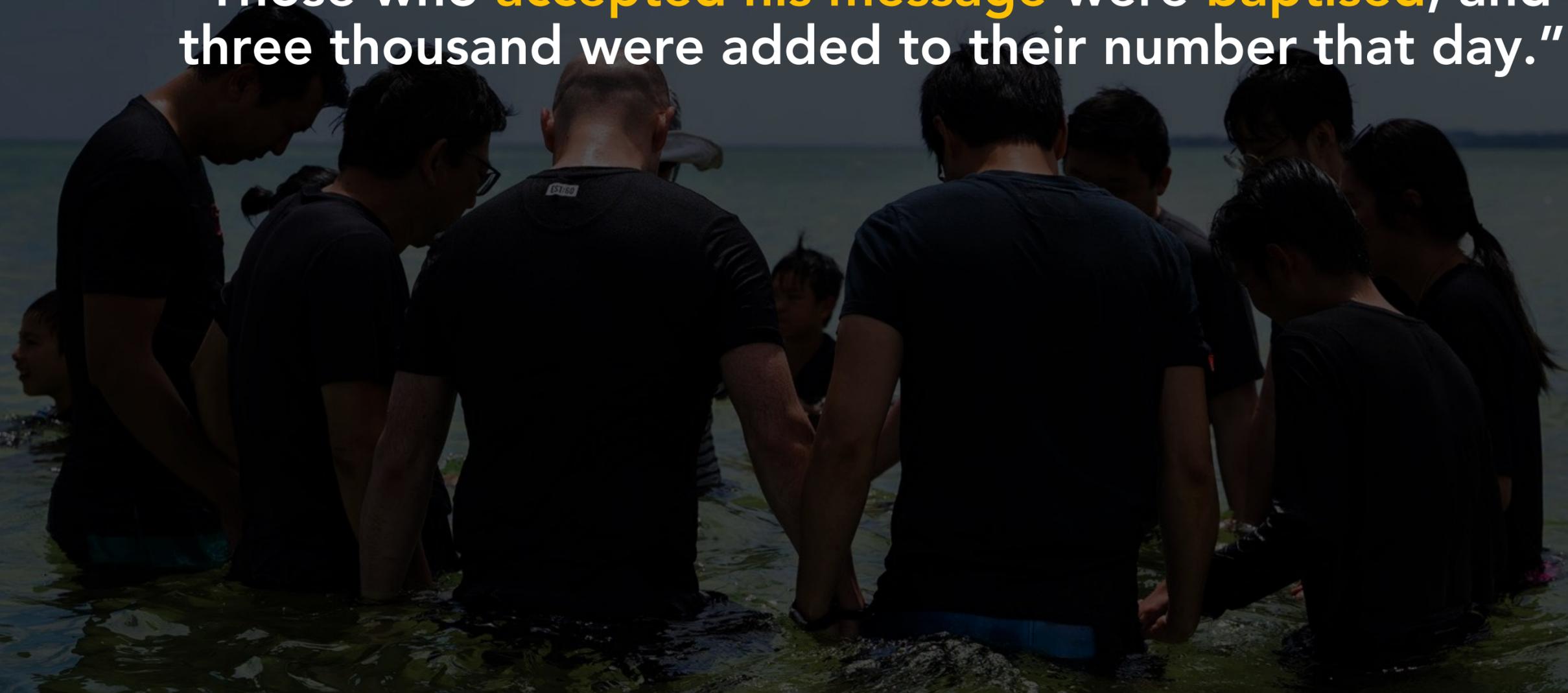
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Matthew 28:19

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptising** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

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Acts 8:12

“But **when they believed** Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptised**, both men and women.”

A group of people, including men, women, and children, are standing in a line in shallow water. They are holding hands and looking down, suggesting a baptism ceremony. The water is calm, and the background is a bright, overcast sky. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

2. Baptism symbolises
our **rebirth** in Christ

Colossians 2:11-12 NLT

11 When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. 12 For you **were buried with Christ when you were baptized.** And with him you were **raised to new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.



“You are **physically experiencing** something that has happened to you **spiritually**”



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Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

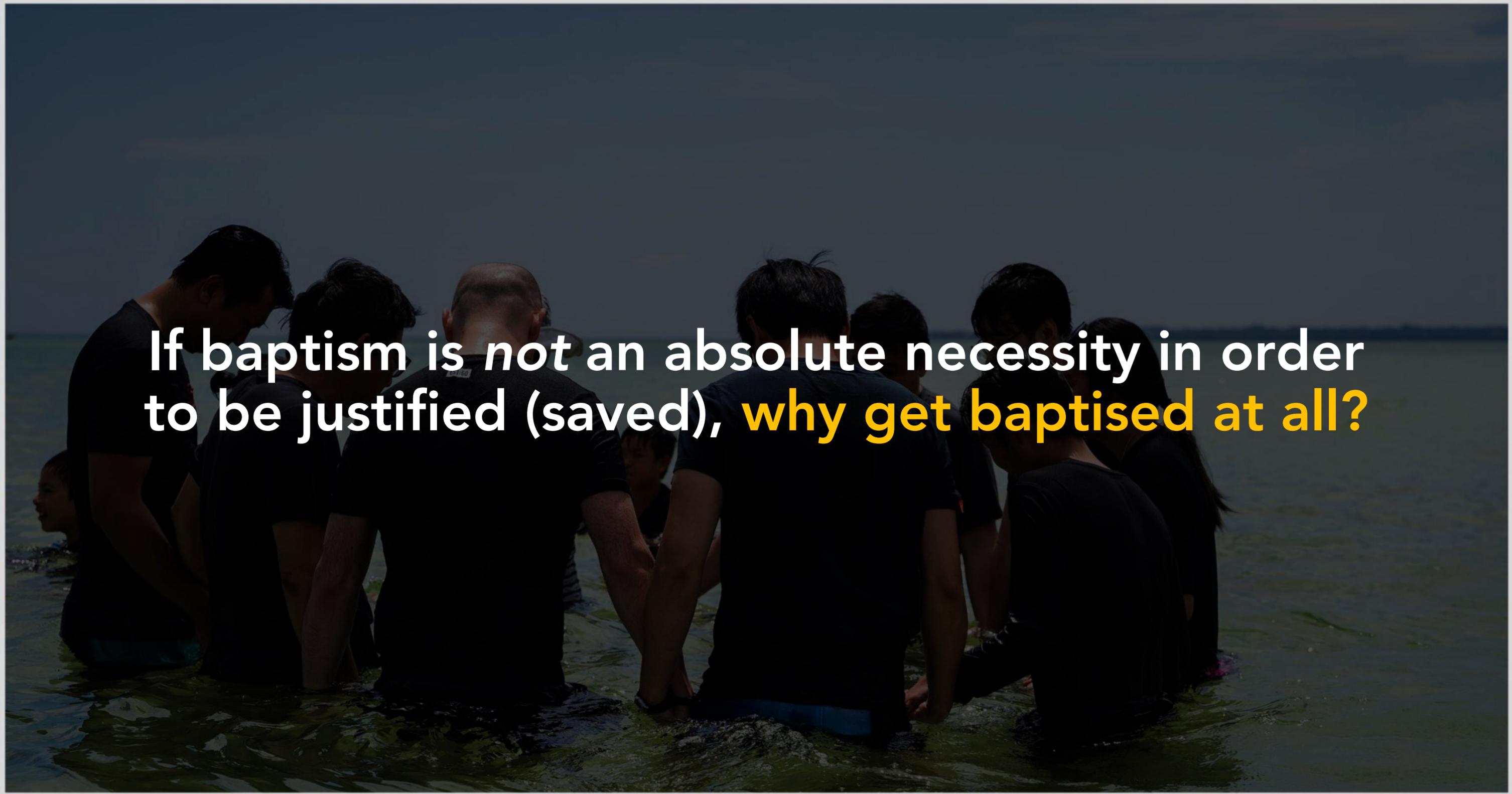
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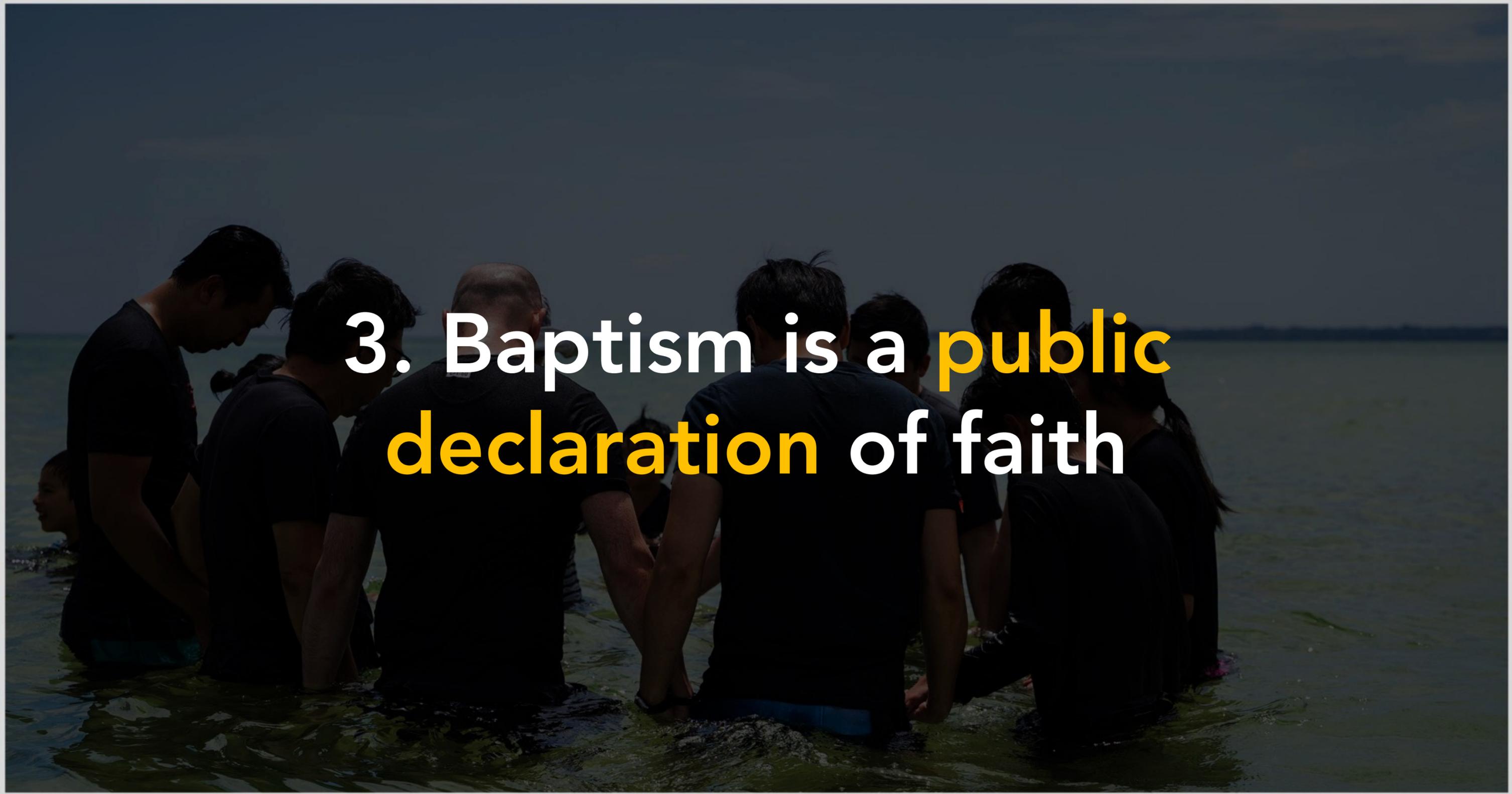
A group of people, mostly men, are standing in a line in shallow water, likely participating in a baptism ceremony. They are wearing dark clothing and have their hands clasped in front of them. The background is a calm body of water under a clear sky.

If baptism is *not* an absolute necessity in order to be justified (saved), **why get baptised at all?**





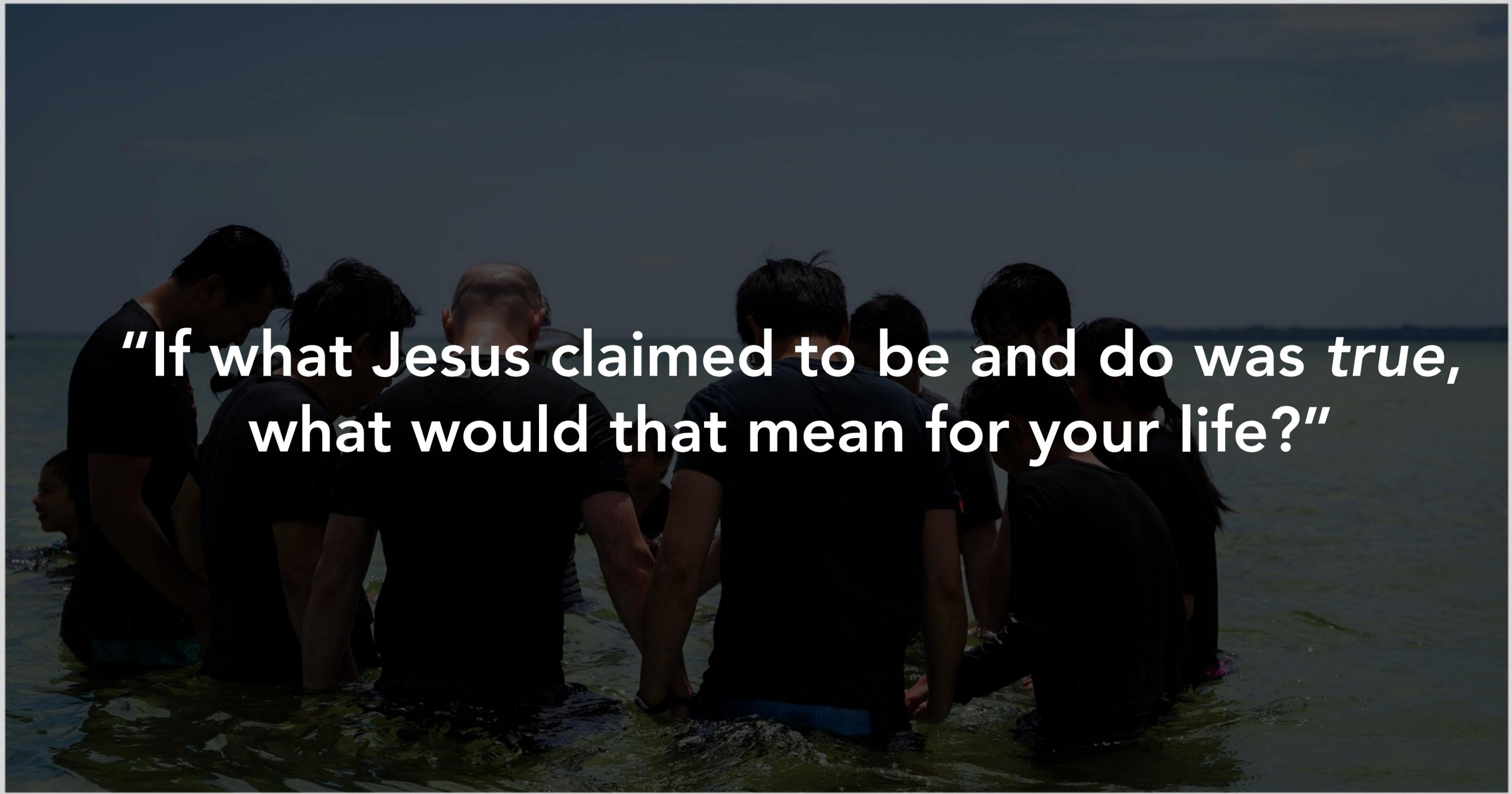


A group of people, including men, women, and children, are standing in a line in a body of water. They are all wearing dark-colored clothing. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an overcast day or dusk. The water is calm, and the background shows a distant shoreline under a grey sky. The text '3. Baptism is a public declaration of faith' is overlaid on the center of the image.

3. Baptism is a **public**
declaration of faith

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2. Baptism symbolises our **rebirth** in Christ
3. Baptism is a public declaration of faith



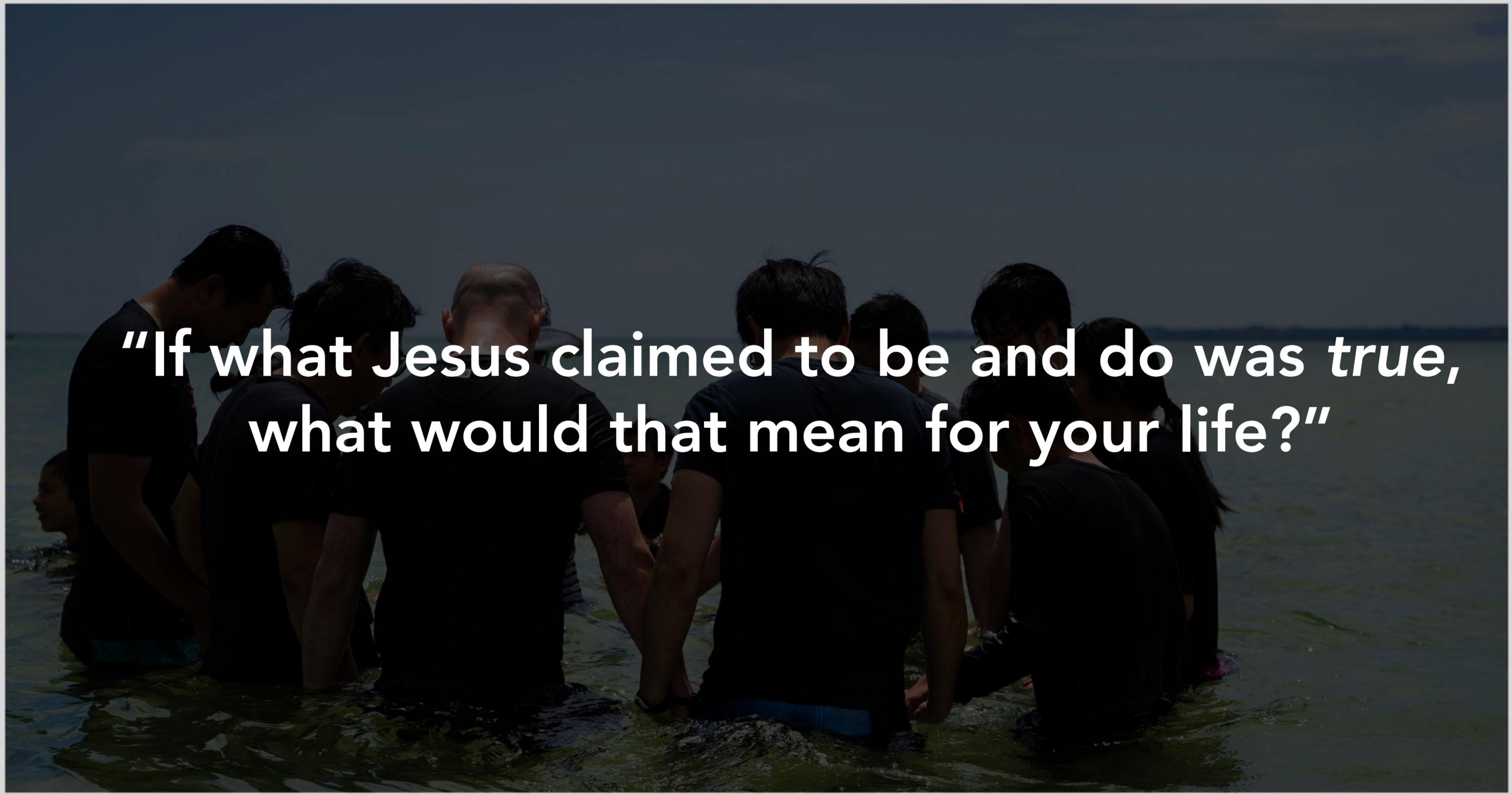
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"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say.

A man who was merely a man, and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.

He would either be a lunatic...or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. **He has not left that open to us.** He did not intend to."



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