

WHAT IF?

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Based on a "truth" story.

A BRIGHT FLASH OF WHITE FADES TO:

INT. BURIAL CAVE - DAY (2,000 YEARS AGO)

JOHN, 20, breathless, rushes in. Sees an EMPTY slab...

He peels back a discarded linen to discover a vivid, SCORCHED IMAGE of Jesus in death. He stretches it out, amazed.

Weeping, he gathers the bloody crown's impression to kiss it.

Bearded PETER, 30s, fills the doorway, blocks the sunlight.

PETER

NO! You mustn't touch His blood!

John turns. Blood on his lips.

EXT. MOUNT OF OLIVES - DAY

Peter follows JESUS (33) toward the hilltop.

PETER

How will my death glorify God?

JESUS

By following Me.

Peter turns. Points to John trailing them up the hill.

PETER

But, Lord, what about him?

JESUS

Peter, if I desire My beloved to live until I return, what is that to you? You must follow Me.

Peter glares at John, then follows Jesus down the other side.

John's naive gaze falls upon a lonely, vast desert expanse.

JOHN (V.O.)

This is the disciple who witnessed all these things and who wrote them down.

EXT. BIG CITY OUTSKIRTS - HILLTOP - DAY (PRESENT)

In modern clothes, with a modern haircut, John overlooks a vast distant modern city with world-weary eyes.

SUPER: "What if...2,000 years later, John is still alive?"