

PORTRAIT
OF THE
King



ATONEMENT

“A King’s Burial”

MATTHEW 27:57-66



- a. Any amount of time on a given day was counted as 1 day
- b. “A portion of a day and night is as the whole of it”
(Babylonian Talmud)
- c. Timeline:
 - DAY 1 – 6:00pm, Friday – going into the tomb
 - DAY 2 – all day Saturday
 - DAY 3 – early morning – resurrectionCf. Matthew 12:40; 27:63

**Was Jesus in the Tomb
for Three Days?**



22 And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,²³ his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23



KEY POINT:

Jesus' burial prompted **love** and **fear**.



- a. A respected member of the Sanhedrin (Mark 15:43)
- b. Did not agree to the plan to crucify Jesus (Luke 23:50-51)
- c. From Judea where Samuel was born (I Samuel 1:1)
- d. Accompanied by Nicodemus (John 19:39)
- e. Wasn't one of the original 12 disciples, but likely a curious follower
- f. Became a Christian?

**Who Was Joseph of
Arimathea?**



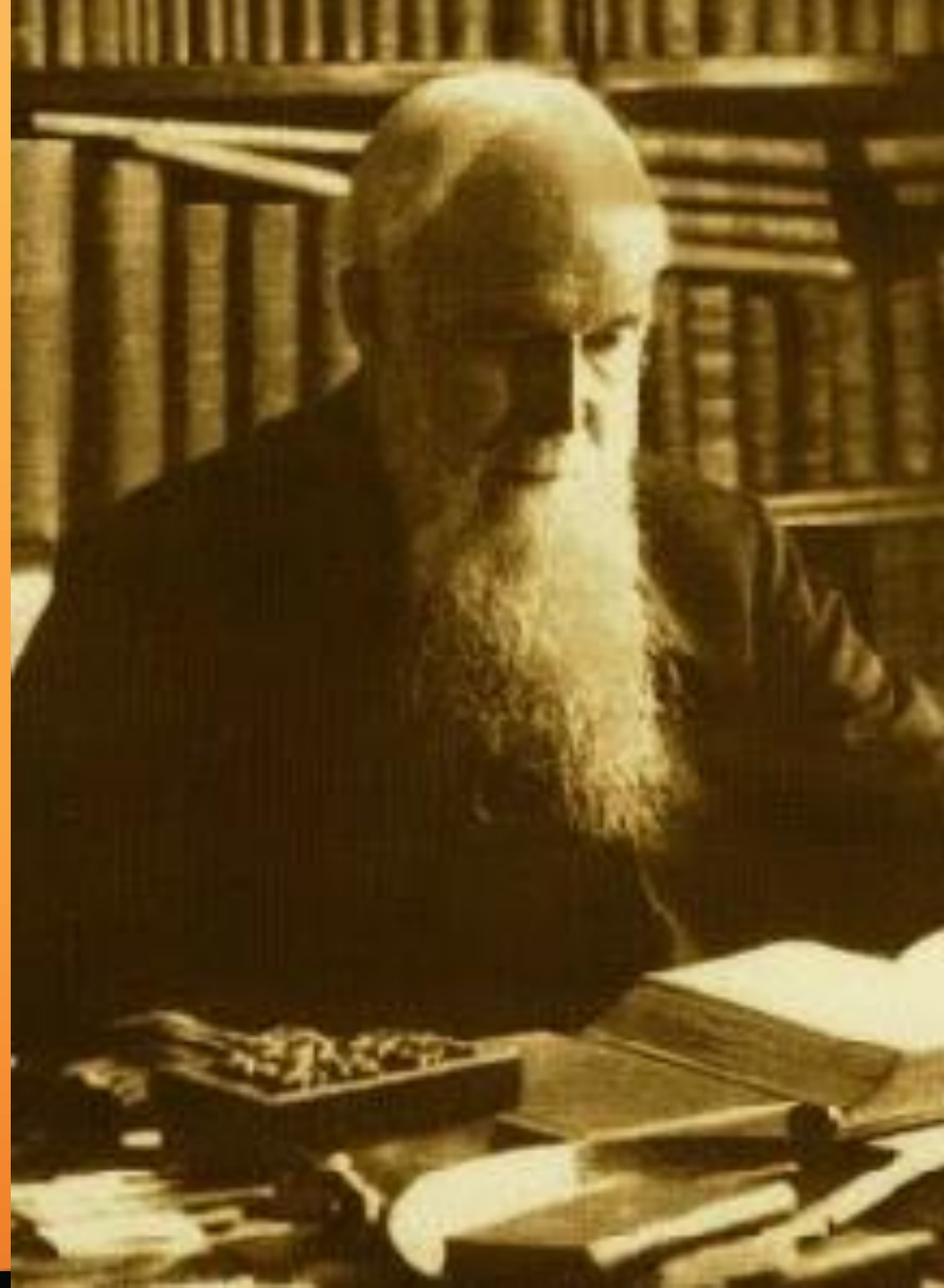
And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 53:9



“This was actually more than necessary but may be another allusion to Jesus’ kingship since you would overuse the spices on members of royalty. It could also be that Jesus’ body required more ointments and spices because of the awful scourging He endured.”

J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on Matthew*



**The
“garden
tomb” in
Israel**





“The simple faith of the Christian who believes in the Resurrection is nothing compared to the credulity of the sceptic who will accept the wildest and most improbable romances rather than admit the plain witness of historical certainties. The difficulties of belief may be great; the absurdities of unbelief are greater.”

George Hanson,
The Resurrection and the Life



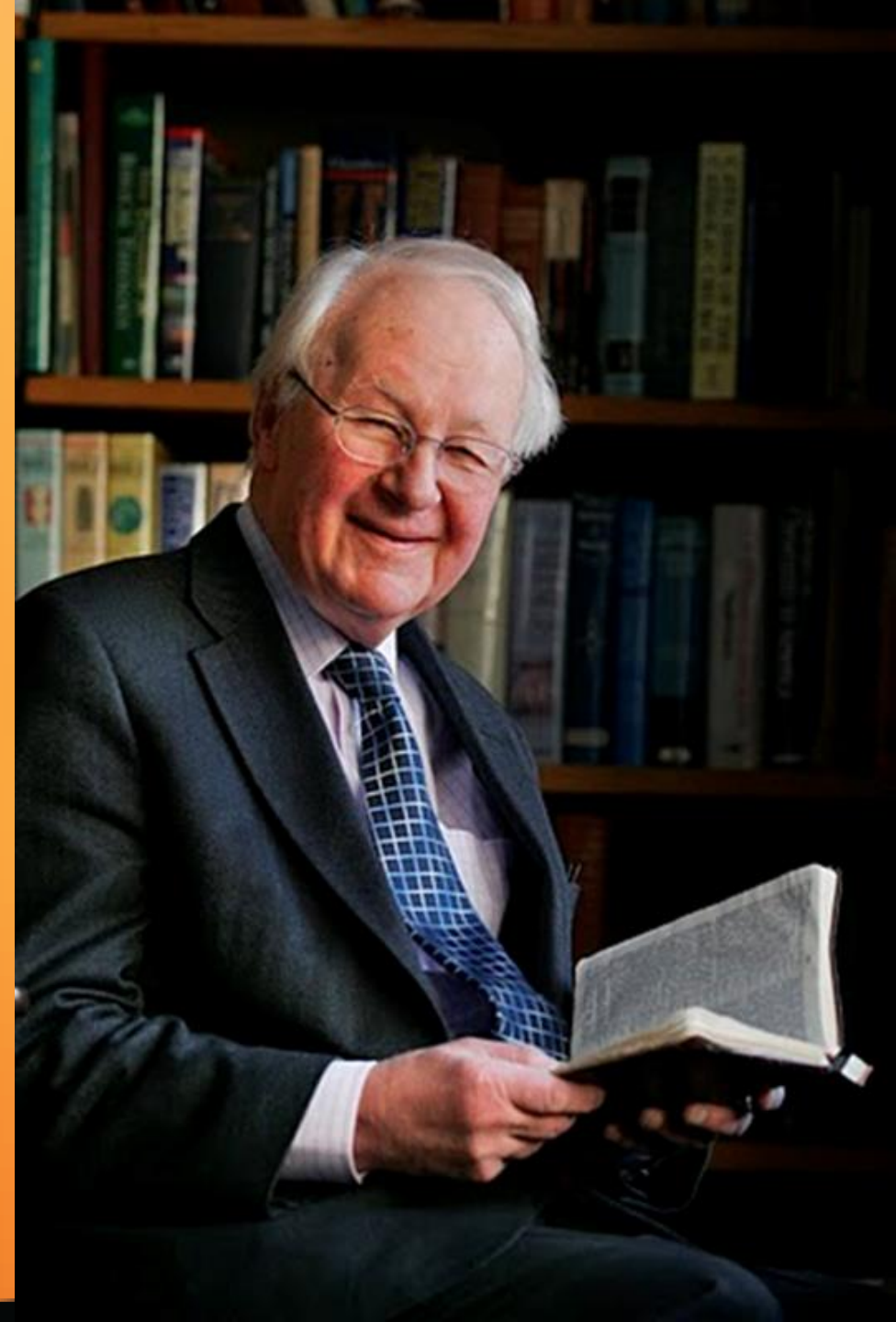
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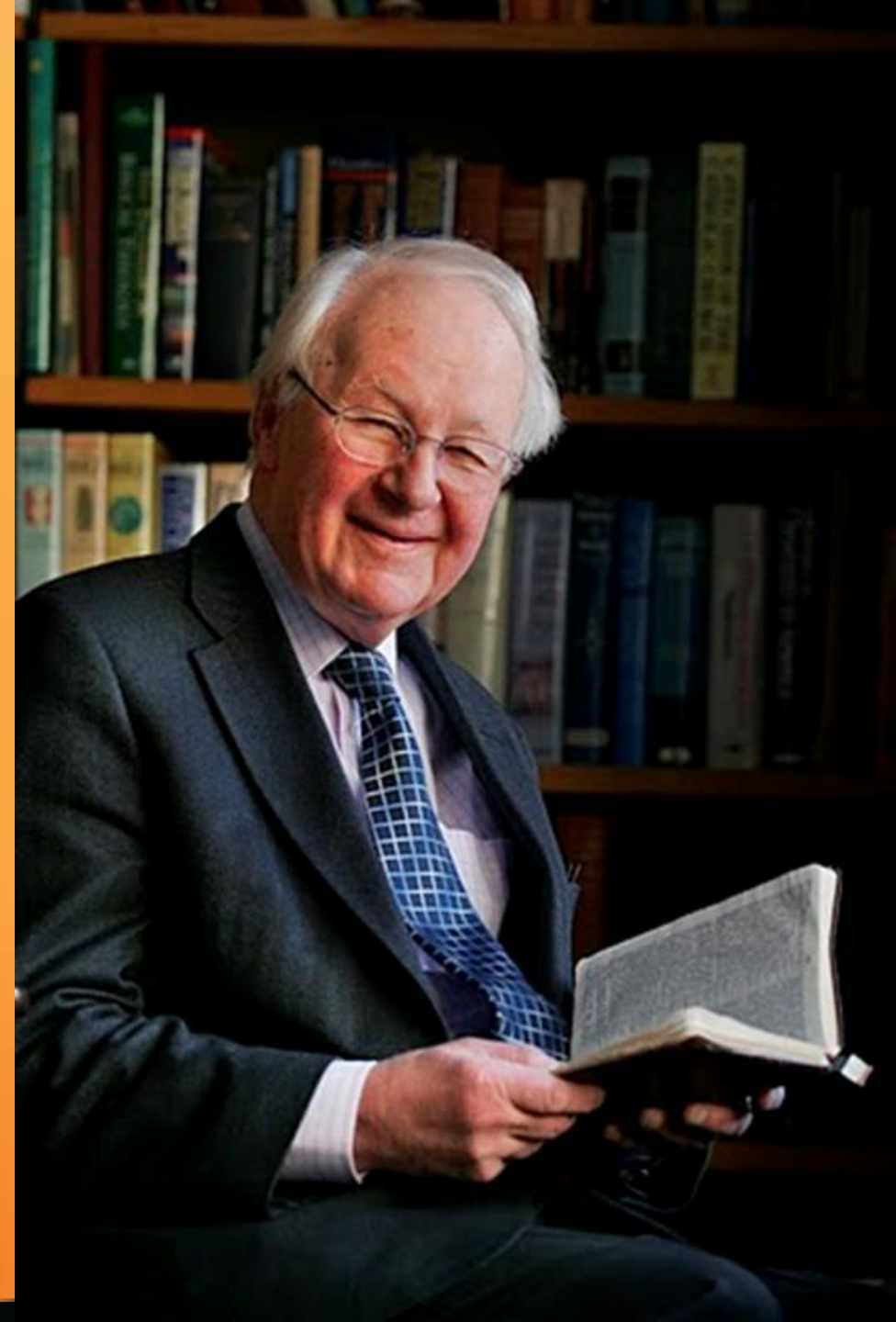
“He despised nobody and
disowned nobody.
On the contrary, he went out
of his way to honor those
whom the world dishonored,
and to accept those whom the
world rejected. He spoke
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John Stott,
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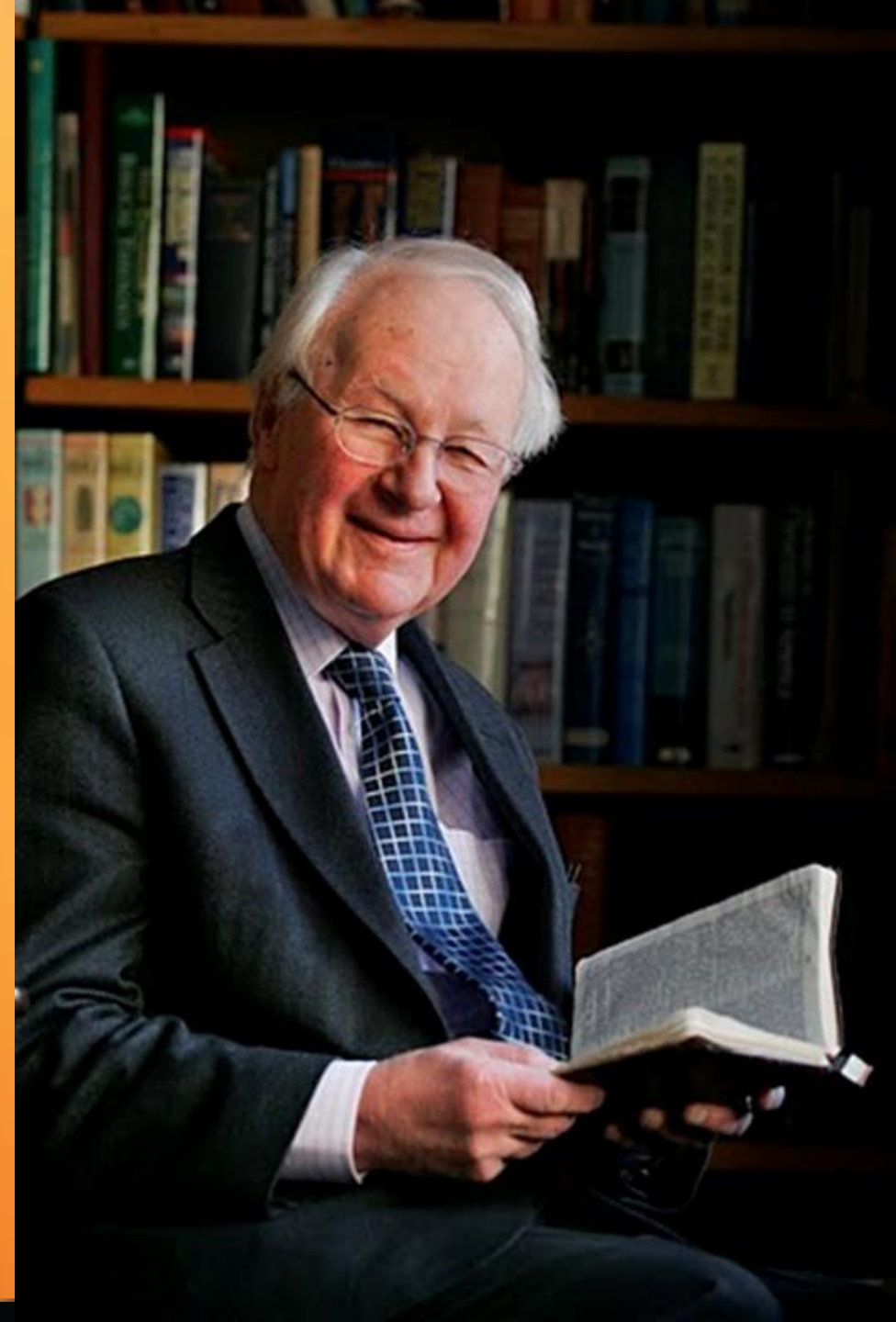
... public. He invited little children to come to him. He spoke words of hope to Samaritans and Gentiles. He allowed leprosy sufferers to approach him and a prostitute to anoint and kiss his feet. He made friends with...

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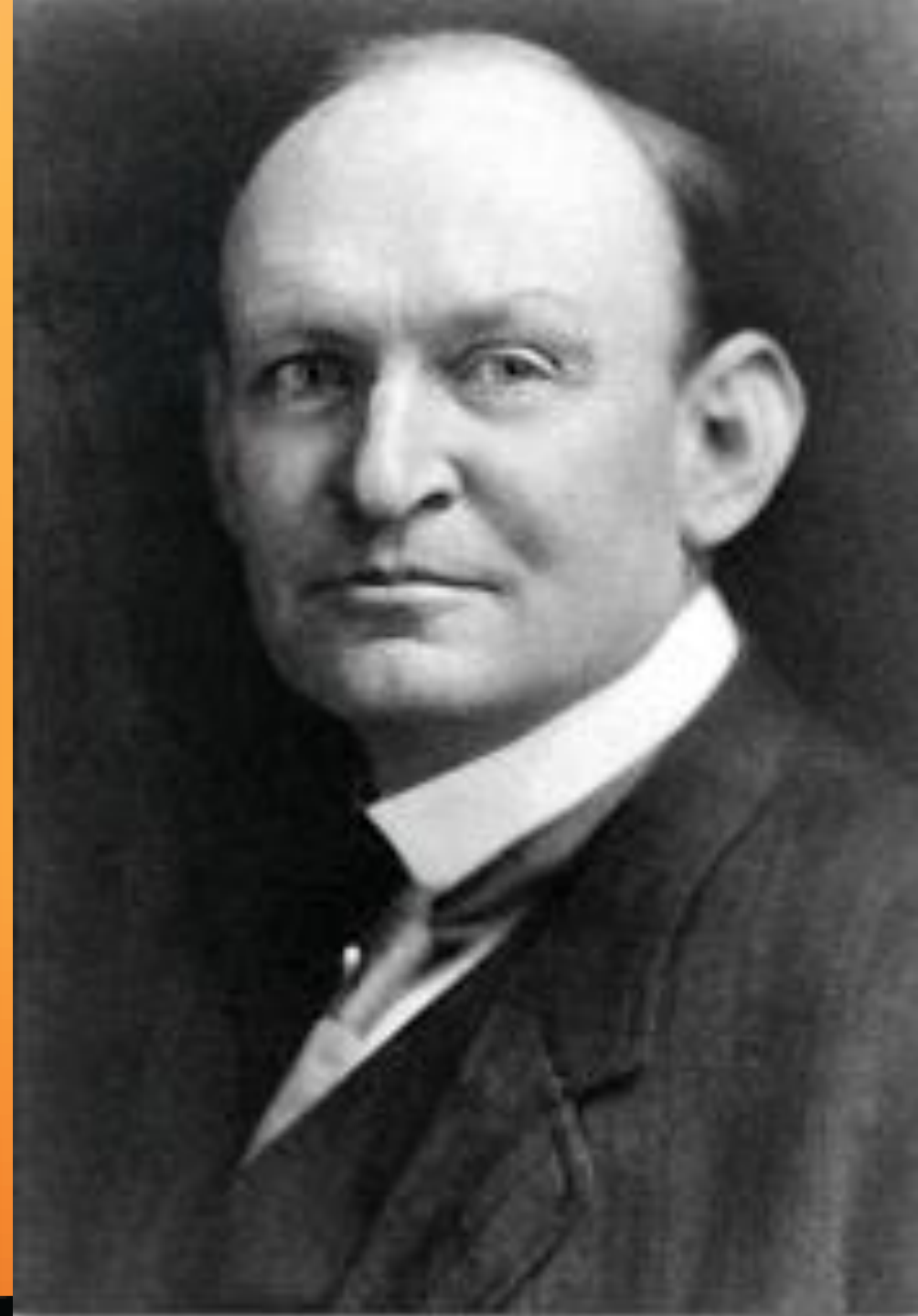
“... the outcasts of society and ministered to the poor and hungry. In all this diversified ministry his compassionate respect for human beings shone forth. He acknowledged their value and loved them, and by loving them he further increased their value.”

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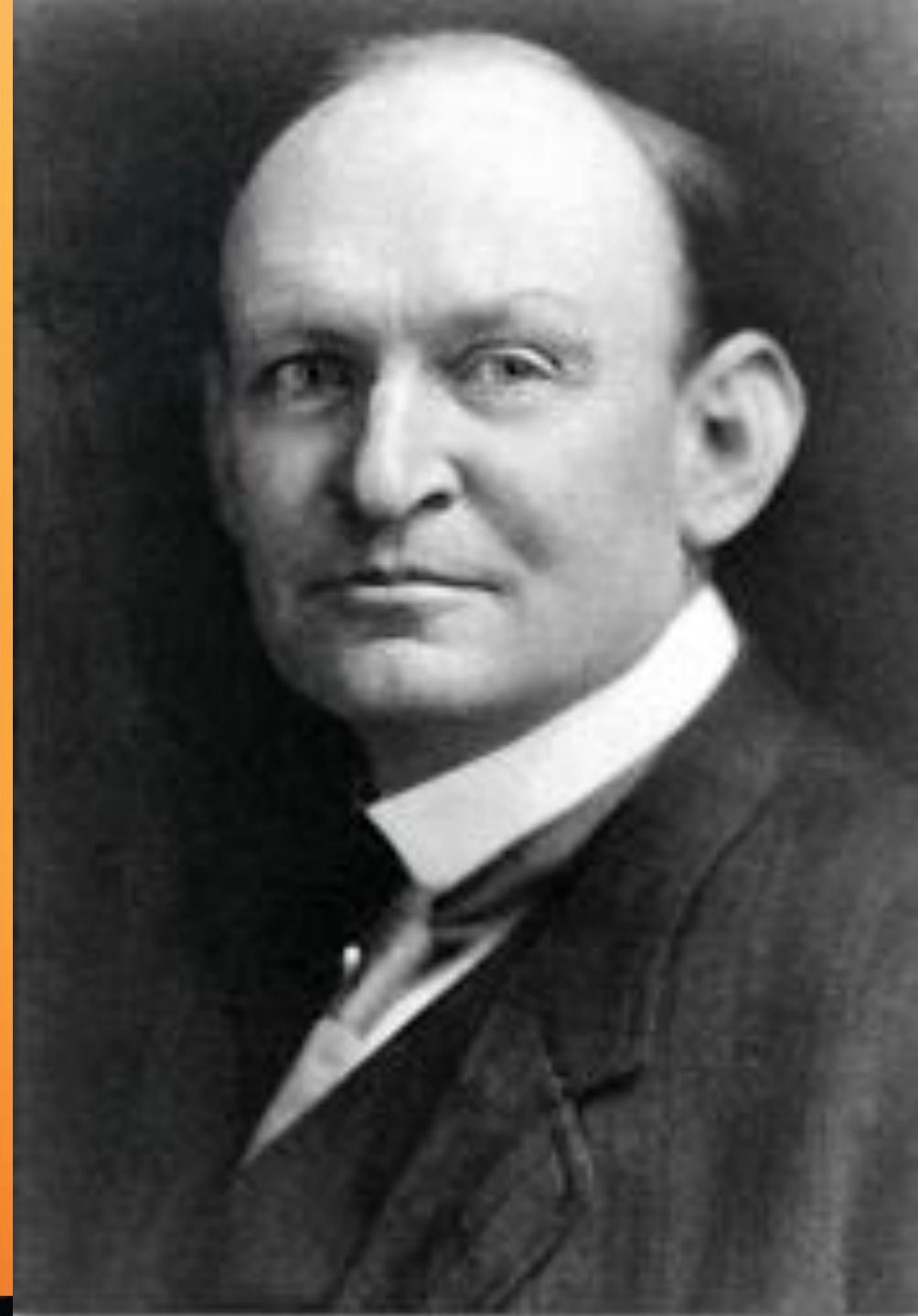
“Probably by a cord stretched across the stone and sealed at each end as in Daniel 6:17 [“And a stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his nobles, so that...

A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament*



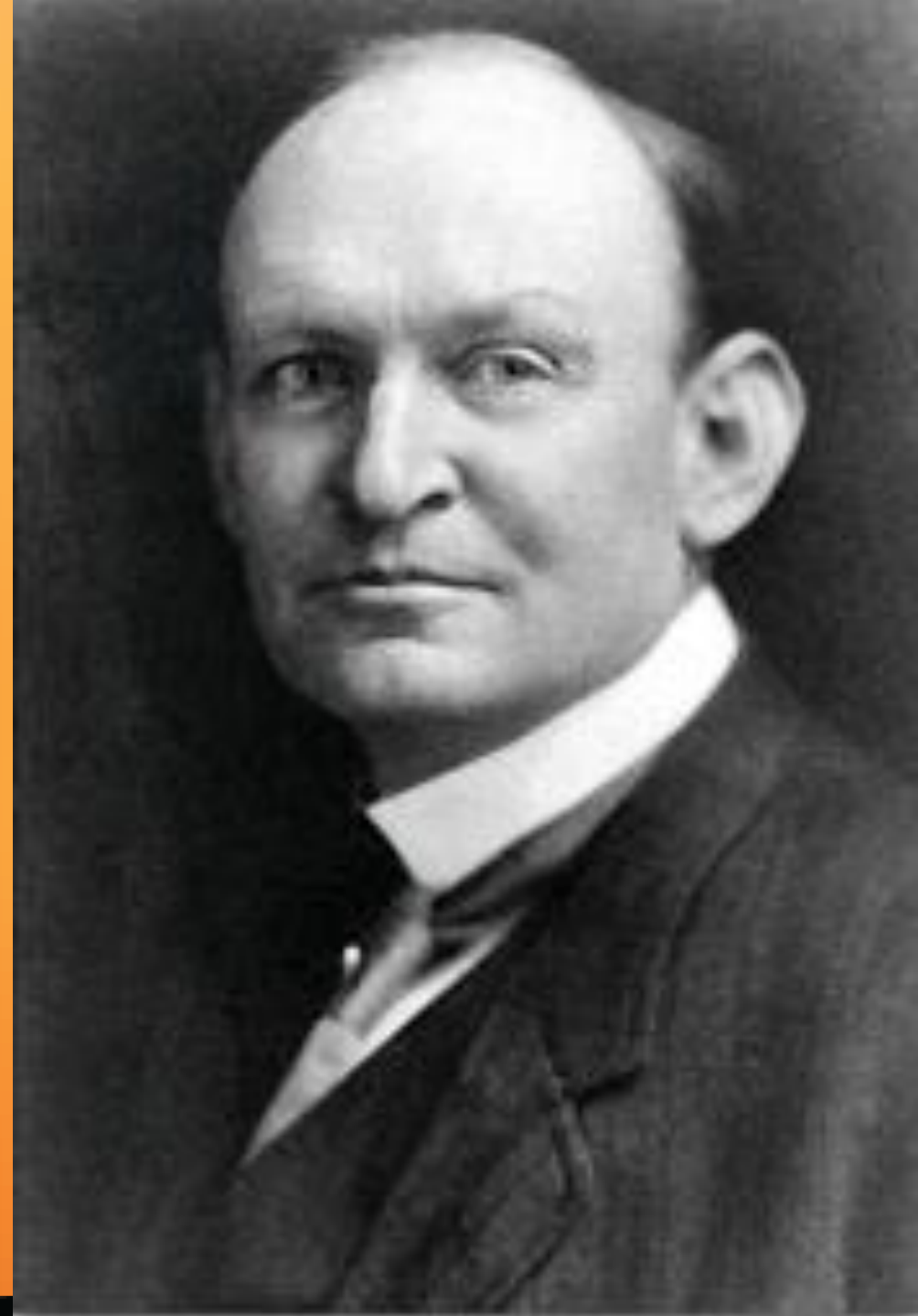
“...nothing might be changed in regard to Daniel”]. The sealing was done in the presence of the Roman guards who were left in charge to protect this stamp of Roman authority and power. They did their best to prevent theft and the resurrection,...

A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament*



“...but they overreached themselves and provided additional witness to the face of the empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus.”

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“Quietly Jesus rested in his tomb.
Presently he would arise.
In vain are all the foolish
proceedings of his enemies.”

**R.C.H. Lenski,
Matthew Commentary**



“In the garden of Eden death and the grave first received their power, and now in a garden they are conquered, disarmed, and triumphed over. In a garden Christ began his passion, and from a garden he would rise, and begin his exaltation.”

Matthew Henry

