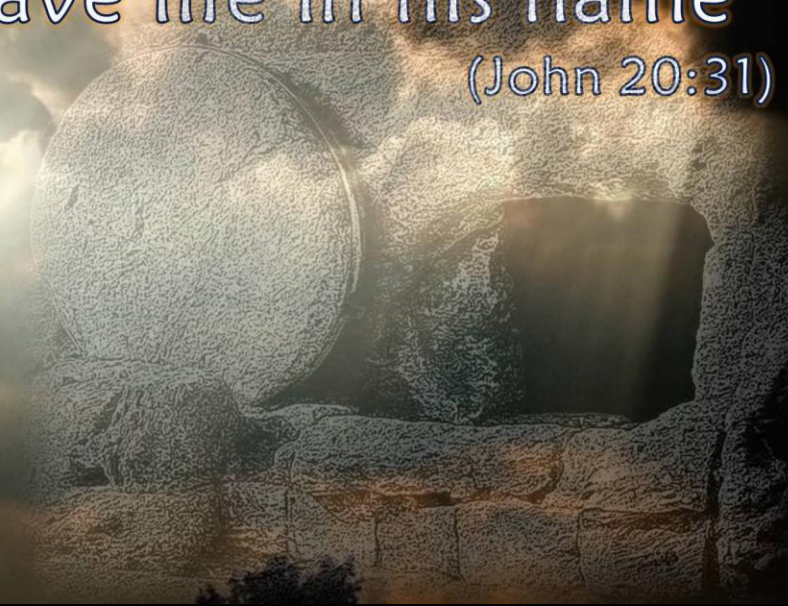
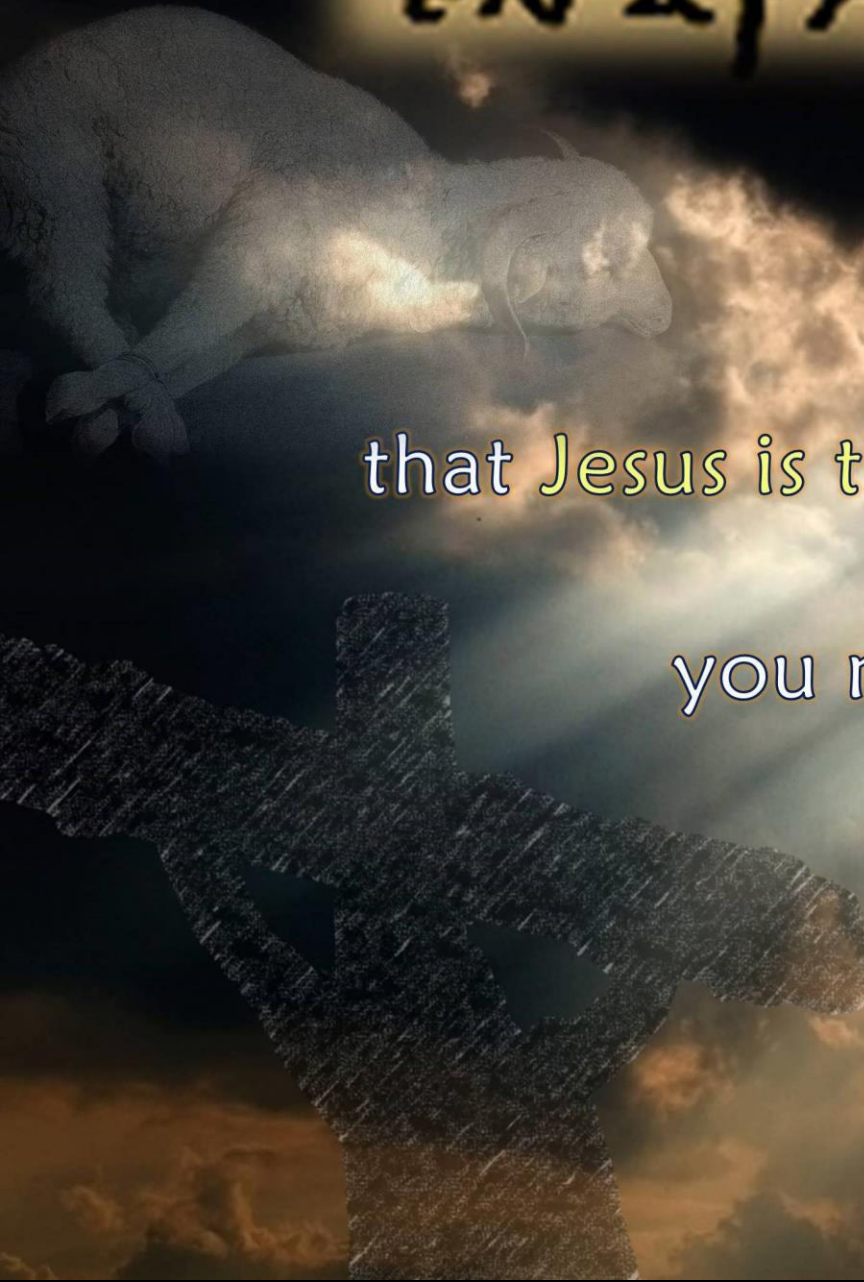


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(John 20:31)

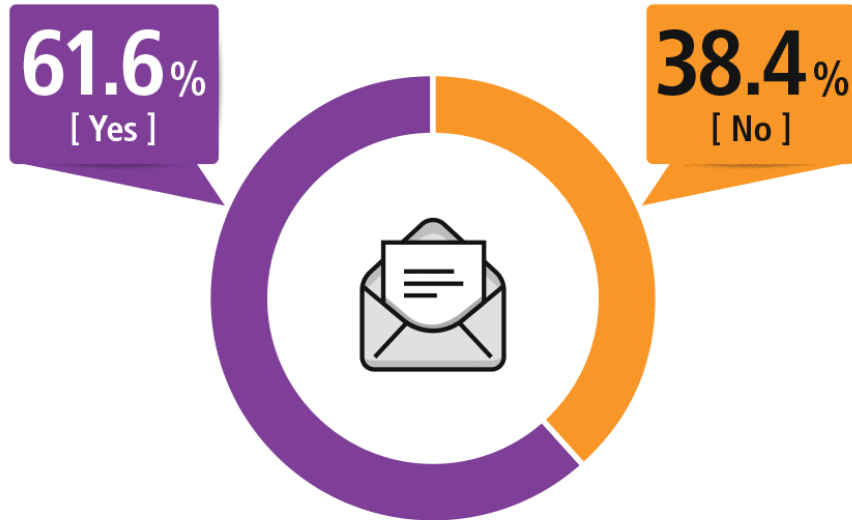


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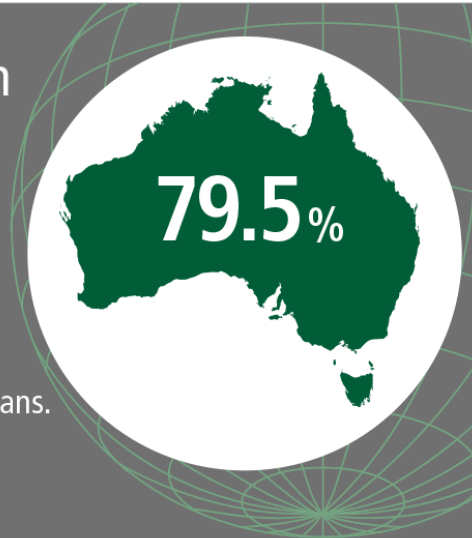
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For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (*John 3:17*)

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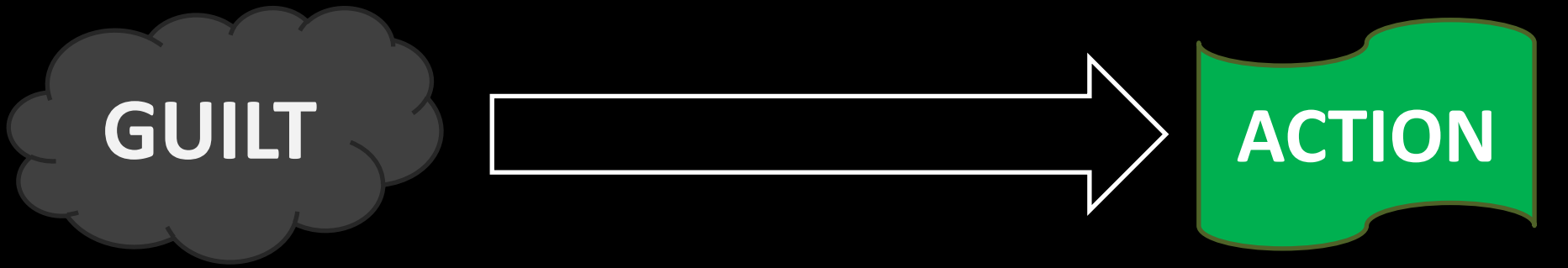
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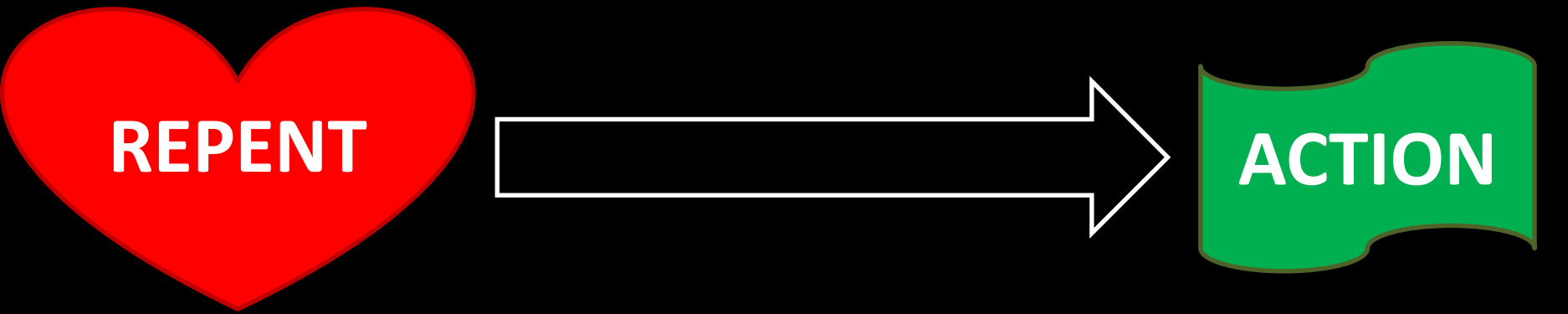
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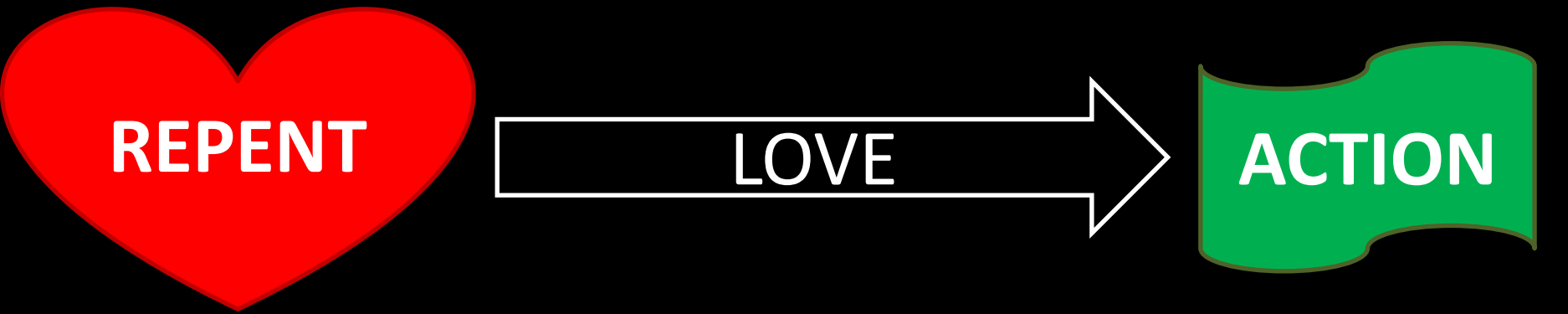
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