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if he will come to save him." And
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his spirit.

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torn from top to bottom. And the earth
and the rocks were split. The tombs
also were opened. And many bodies of the
saints who had fallen asleep were raised,
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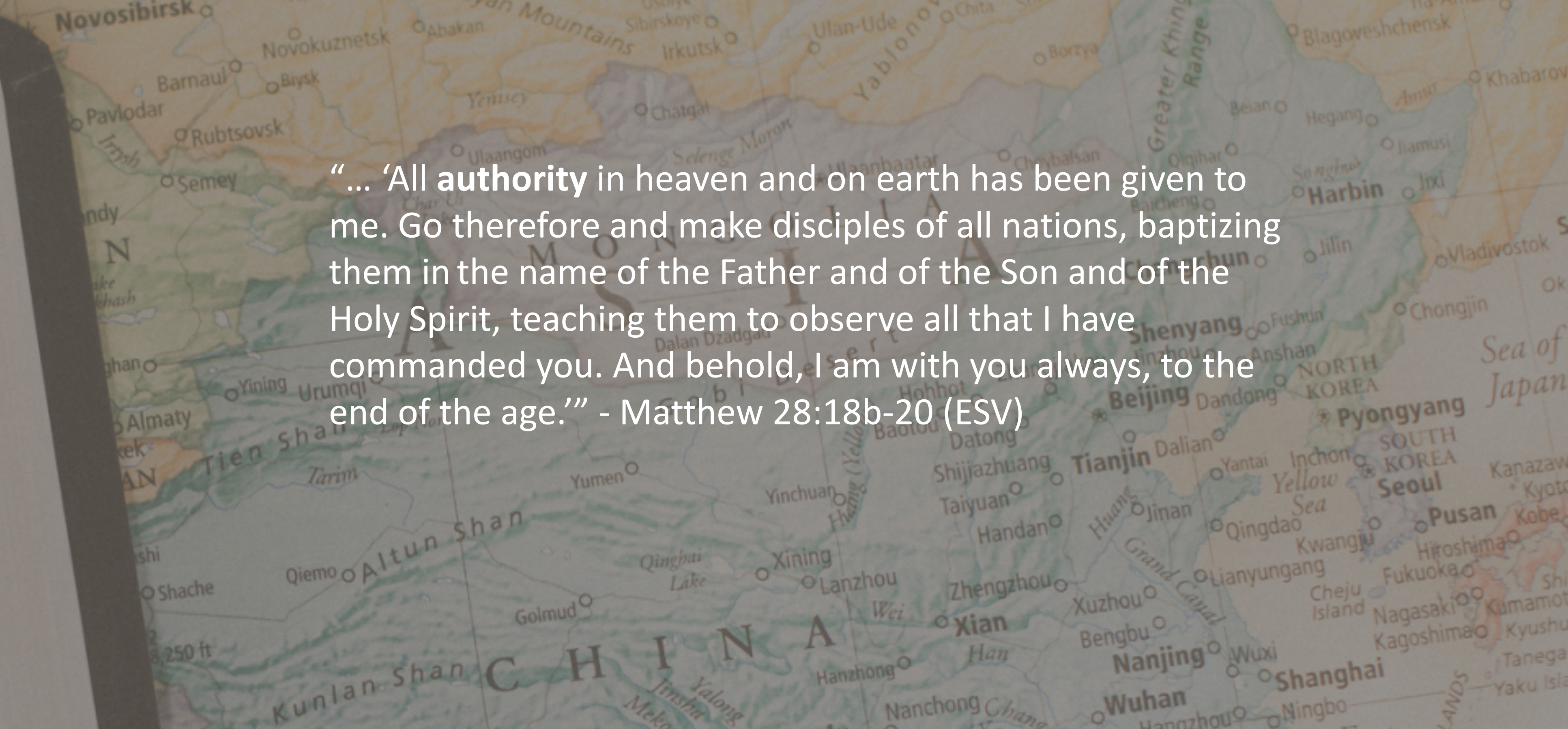


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“All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” - Matthew 11:17 (ESV)

“He [God] worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.” - Ephesians 1:20-21 (ESV)

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“But that you may know that the Son of Man has **authority** on earth to forgive sins’—he then said to the paralytic—‘Rise, pick up your bed and go home.’ And he rose and went home.” - Matthew 9:6-7 (ESV)

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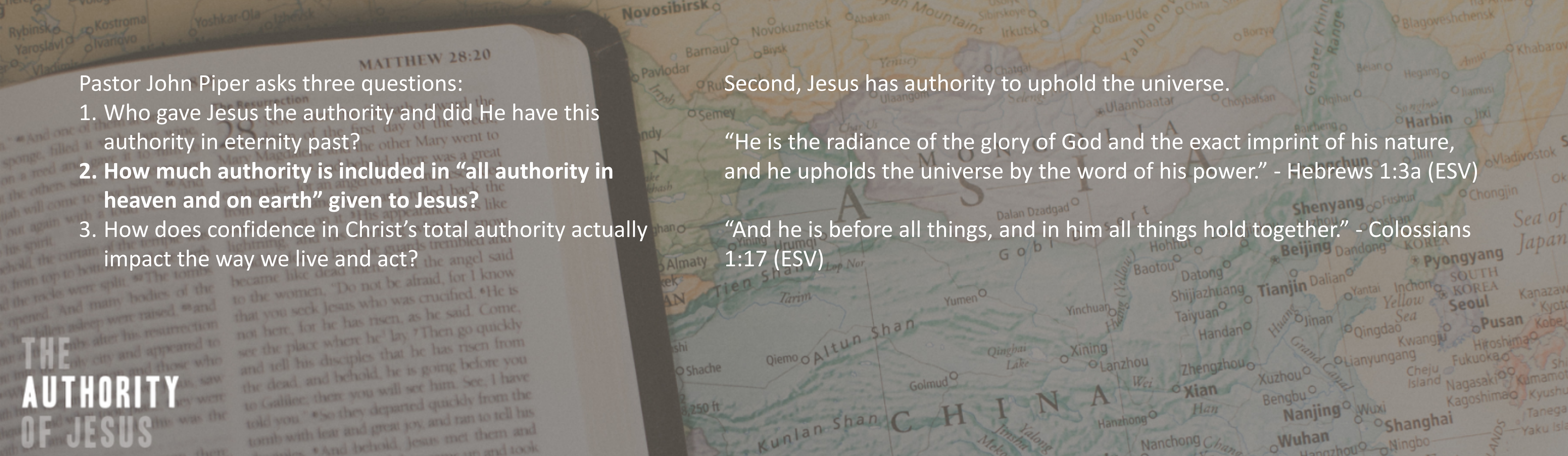
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Second, Jesus has authority to uphold the universe.

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.” - Hebrews 1:3a (ESV)

“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” - Colossians 1:17 (ESV)

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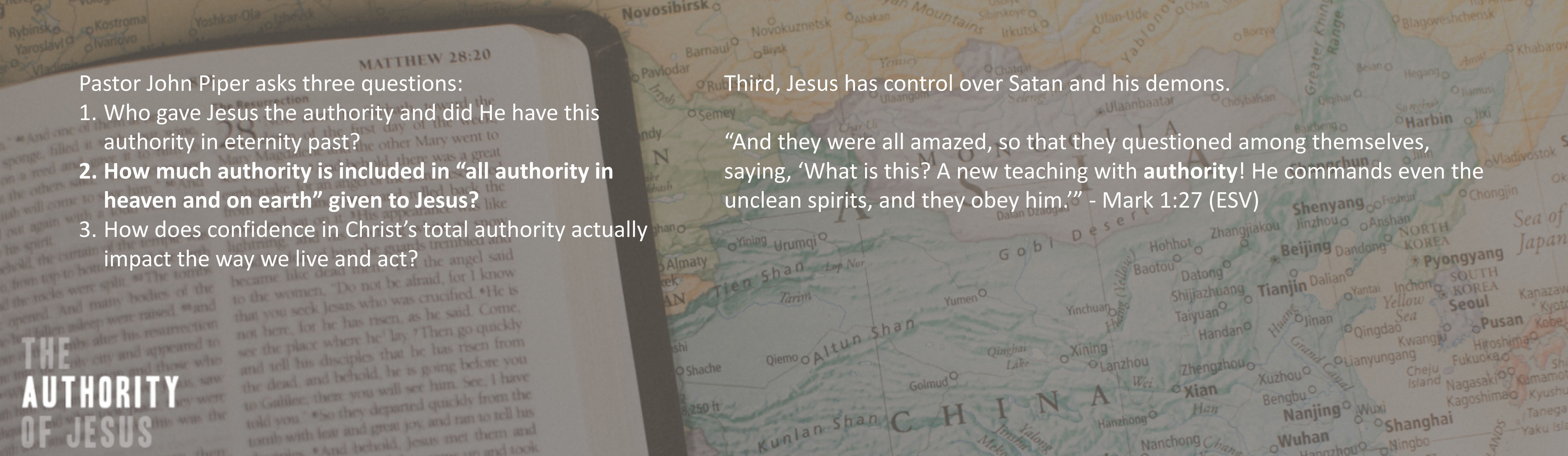
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Third, Jesus has control over Satan and his demons.

“And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’” - Mark 1:27 (ESV)

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Fifth, we see Jesus’ authority over all disease.

“He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” - Acts 10:38b (ESV)

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Sixth, the extent of Jesus’ authority is seen in his triumph over death, his death, and ultimately, over our death.

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

‘O death, where is your victory?’

O death, where is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Corinthians 15:54c-57 (ESV)

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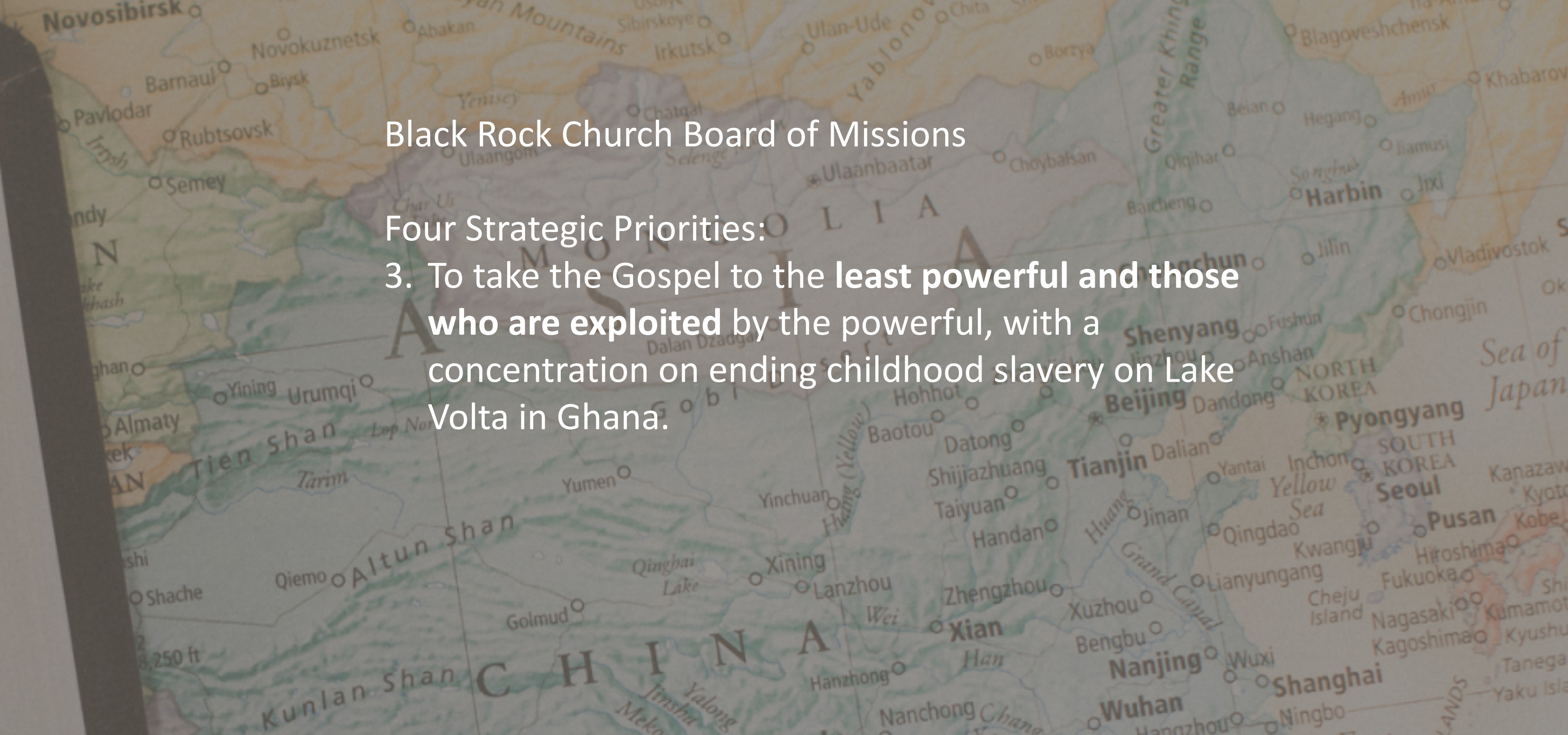
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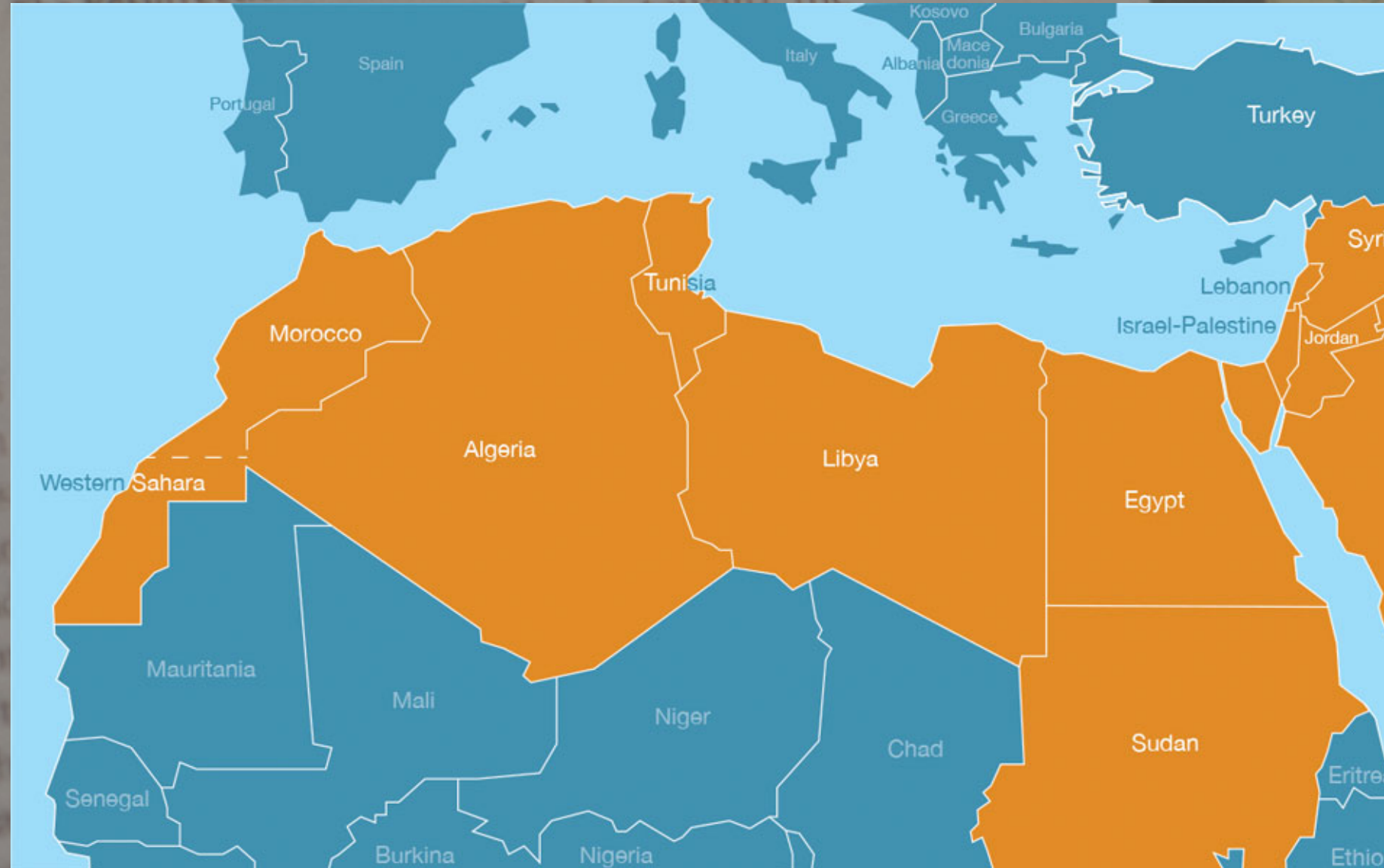
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Country	Population	Population in Least Reached Groups	% Christ Followers
Algeria	40,999,000	40,968,000	0.87%
Egypt	95,126,000	14,982,000	3.37%
Libya	6,352,000	5,723,000	0.11%
Mauritania	4,245,000	4,230,000	0.10%
Morocco	35,120,000	35,108,000	0.04%
Sudan	42,044,000	23,217,000	0.39%
Tunisia	11,468,000	11,381,000	0.03%
Western Sahara	591,000	591,000	0.01%
	235,945,000	136,200,000	1.59%

Source: Joshua Project

Central Asia



Country	Population	Population in Least Reached Groups	% Christ-followers
Afghanistan	34,053,000	34,035,000	0.03%
Kazakhstan	17,981,000	12,510,000	0.60%
Kyrgyzstan	6,058,000	5,513,000	0.42%
Pakistan	195,796,000	194,333,000	0.61%
Tajikistan	8,816,000	8,718,000	0.09%
Turkmenistan	5,452,000	5,104,000	0.10%
Uzbekistan	30,631,000	28,565,000	0.22%
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