


Study Guide
Into the Light John 17:1-5

Big Idea: Jesus is the Manifest Glory of God

1. Take a moment to reread the John 17:1-5 as a group. Consider reading the text more than once using multiple translations.
2. Glory is both an attribute of God and a position of supremacy. What is God trying to get across to us with manifestations of His glory?
3. What are some strong biblical images of God's glory in the Old Testament? (eg. Lev 9:22-24; Ezek 1:26-28)
4. When God's glory showed up in the Old Testament what was the typical response? Why do you think they were responding this way? When was the last time you felt paralyzed, shocked or in awe of God?
5. What point is Matthew trying to get across in his account of Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17:2-6)
6. How does Jesus display his glory while on earth? List several.
7. The glory of Jesus builds to a point of crescendo when he dies and is resurrected. How does this idea bring deeper meaning to John 17 2-3?
8. When a star dies it emits light about 1 billion times brighter than the sun and sends shockwaves throughout the universe. Explain some of the shockwaves that resulted from the death and resurrection of Jesus.
9. Jesus displays the same glory he had before the creation of the world. We are the remnant of God's supernova event, meaning we can display the glory of Jesus. What is wonderful, exciting, and terrifying about that possibility?
10. God has made himself known to the world. He wants us to know him as he is. Pray specifically for each other that we would submit ourselves to "the Jesus who is" not to the "Jesus we want him to be."



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“After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed...” **John 17:1**

“Father the hour has come. **Glorify** your Son, that your Son may **glorify** you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you **glory** on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, **glorify** me in your presence with the **glory** I had with you before the world began.” **(John 17:1-5)**

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Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

“And the Lord said, “I will cause **all my goodness** to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” **Exodus 33:18-20**

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“Moses and Aaron then went into the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the **glory** of the Lord appeared to all the people. **Fire** came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed the **burnt** offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.” (**Leviticus 9:22-24**)

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“... and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. . . waist up he looked like **glowing metal**, as if **full of fire**, and that from there down he looked like **fire**; and **brilliant light** surrounded him. Like the appearance of a **rainbow** in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the **radiance** around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the **glory of the Lord**. When I saw it, I fell facedown...”

- Ezekiel 1:26-28

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“There he was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.** Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, **a bright cloud** covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love--- with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

“When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.” - **Matthew 17:2-6**

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“Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.” **John 17:1**

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Jesus' glory is too hot to handle

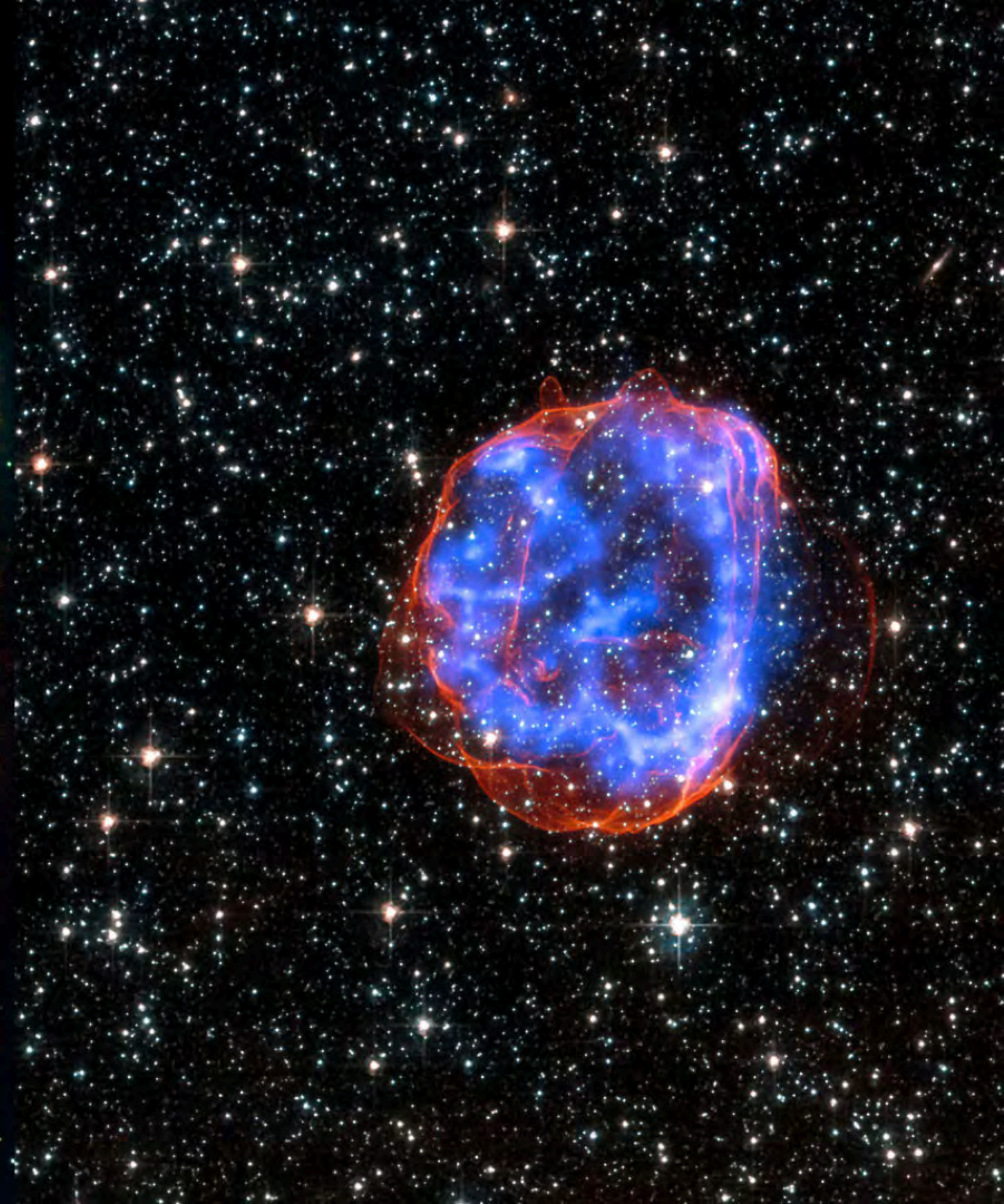
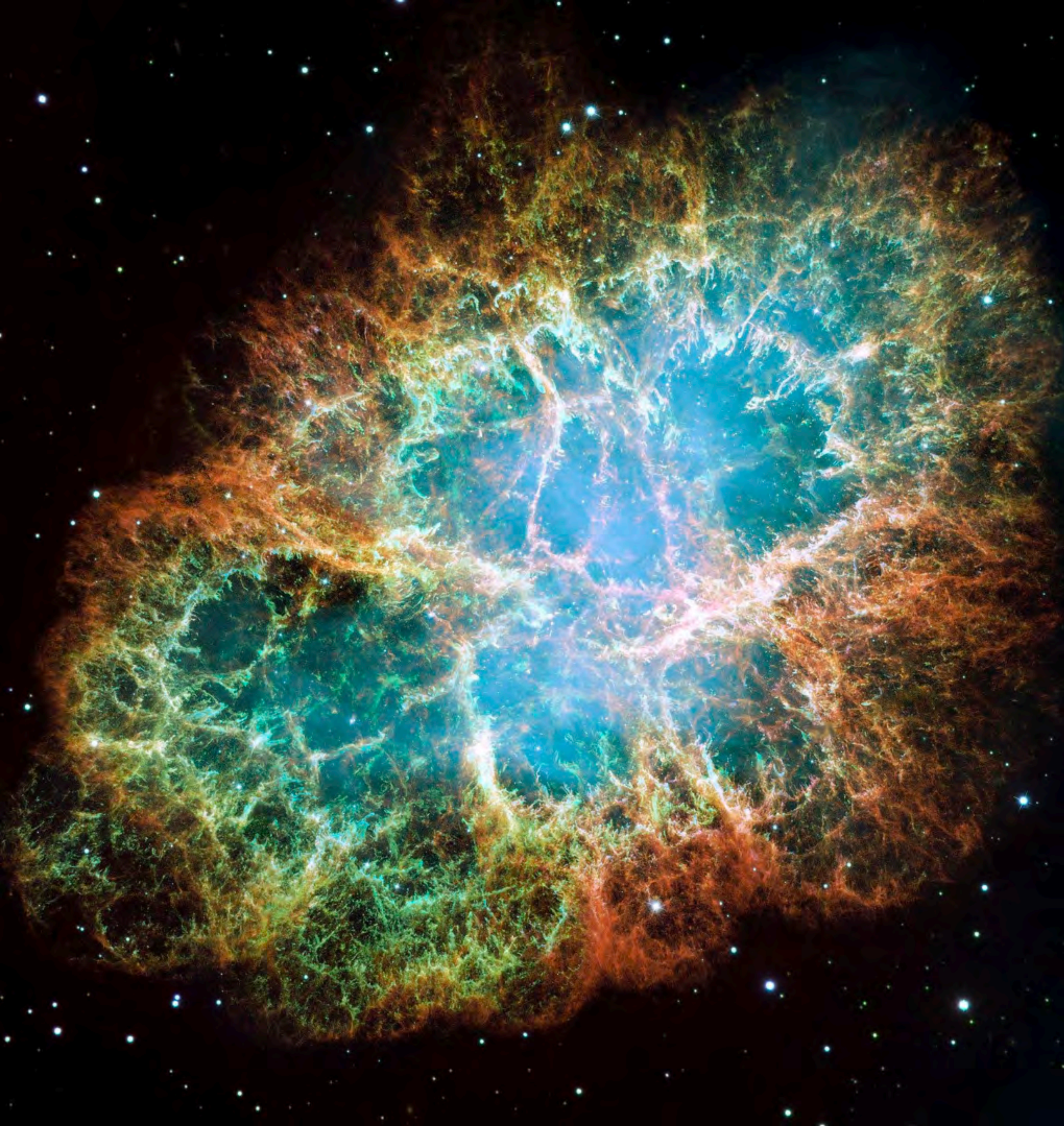
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Jesus' glory is shocking

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“I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.” **John 17:4**





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“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!”

- Philippians 2:5-8

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“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- Philipians 2:9-11

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“For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” - **John 17:2-3**

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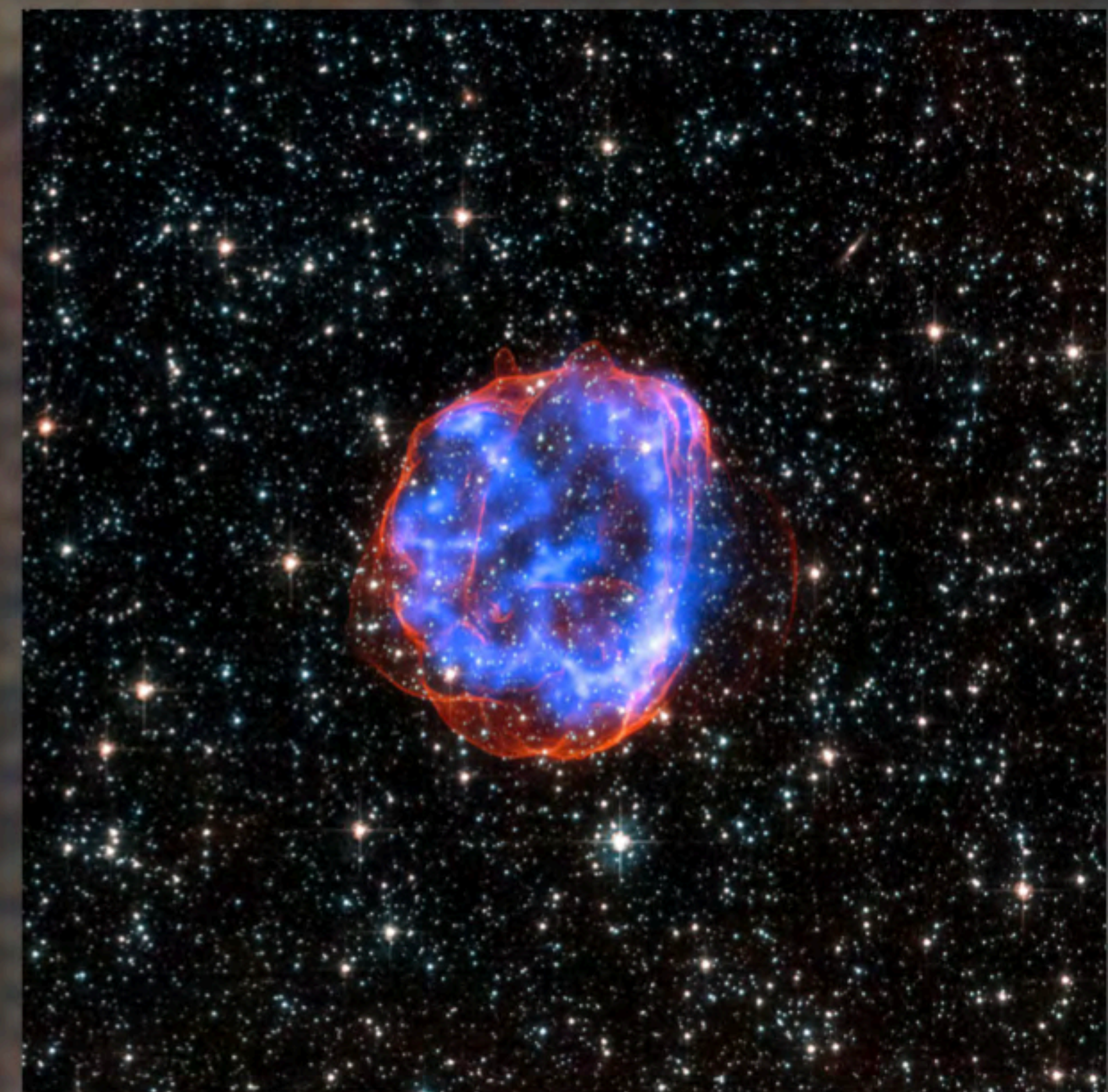
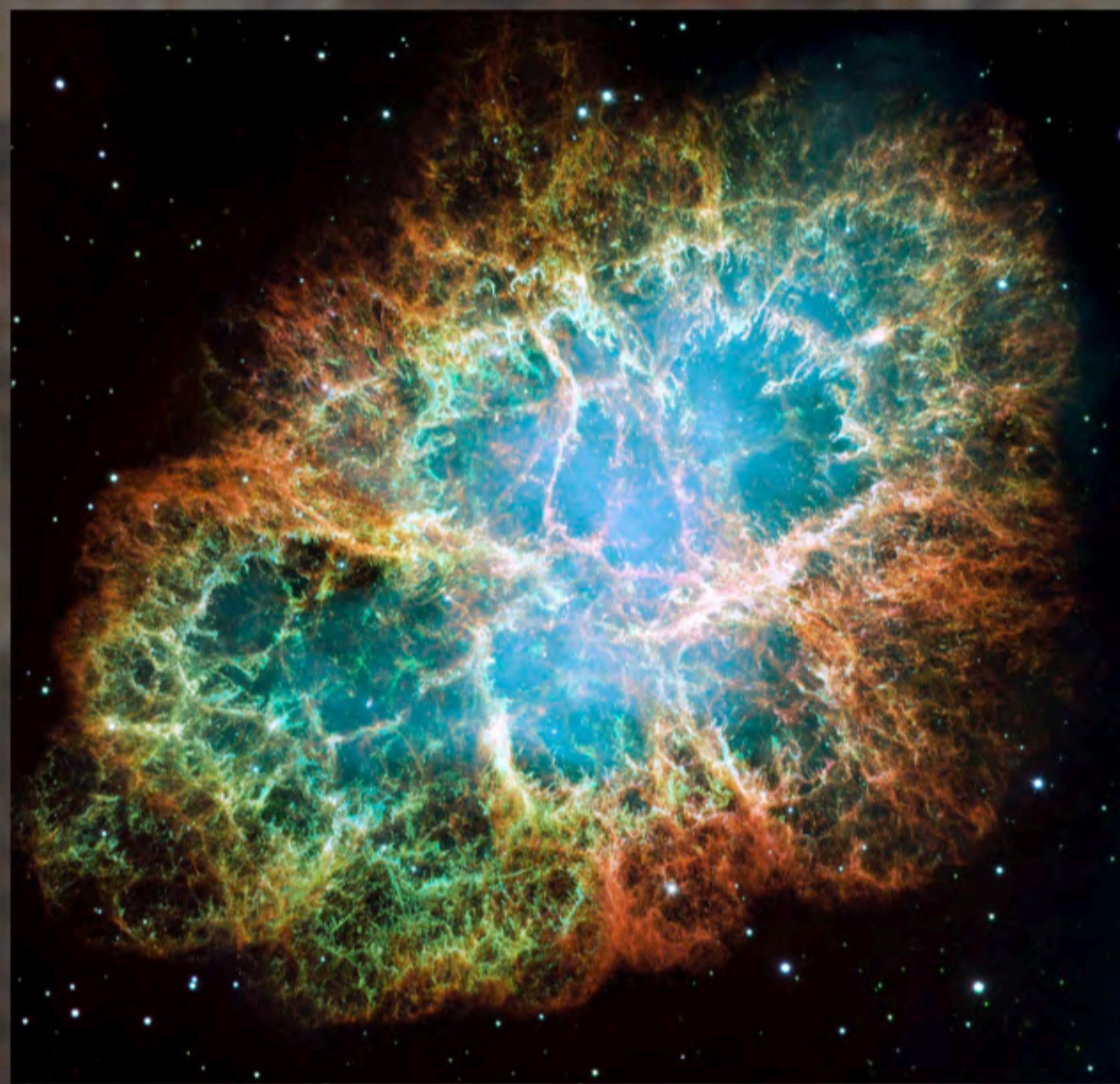
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Jesus glory is twofold


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**We are the supernova remnant.
Jesus followers reflect His glory on earth.**



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