

Be Discipled

A person wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans stands on a grassy hill, looking towards a blue wall. On the wall is a large, dark silhouette of a person with arms outstretched in a cross shape. The scene is outdoors with a clear sky.

Mark

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Disciple = Follower



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Disciple.

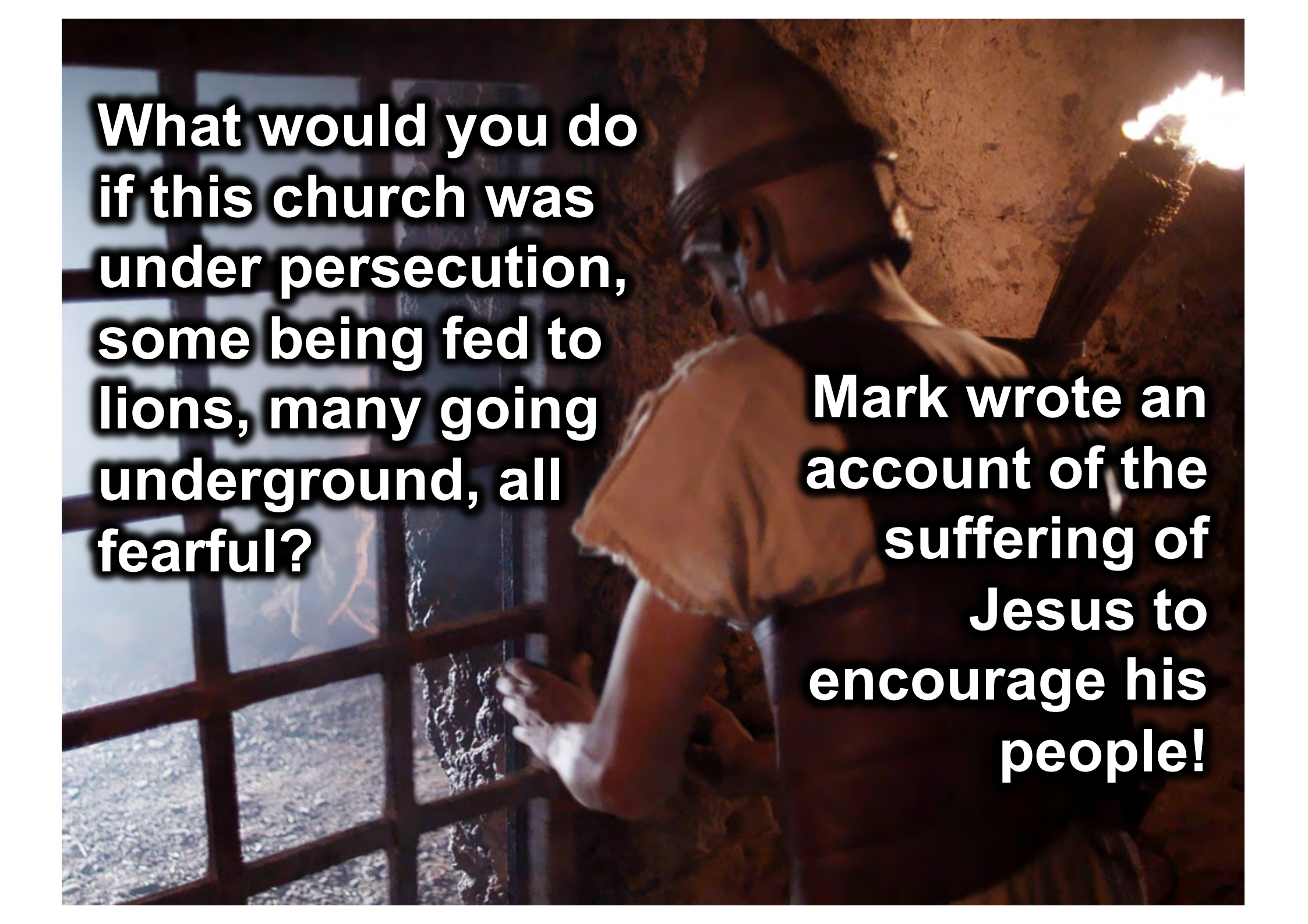


**What's your strategy to follow
Jesus?**



How can you be a true **disciple** of Jesus in a hostile world?



A person wearing a dark, hooded garment is seen from the side, looking out through a window with a metal grid. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source, possibly a torch, visible in the background on the right. The person's hand is resting on the metal bars of the window.

**What would you do
if this church was
under persecution,
some being fed to
lions, many going
underground, all
fearful?**

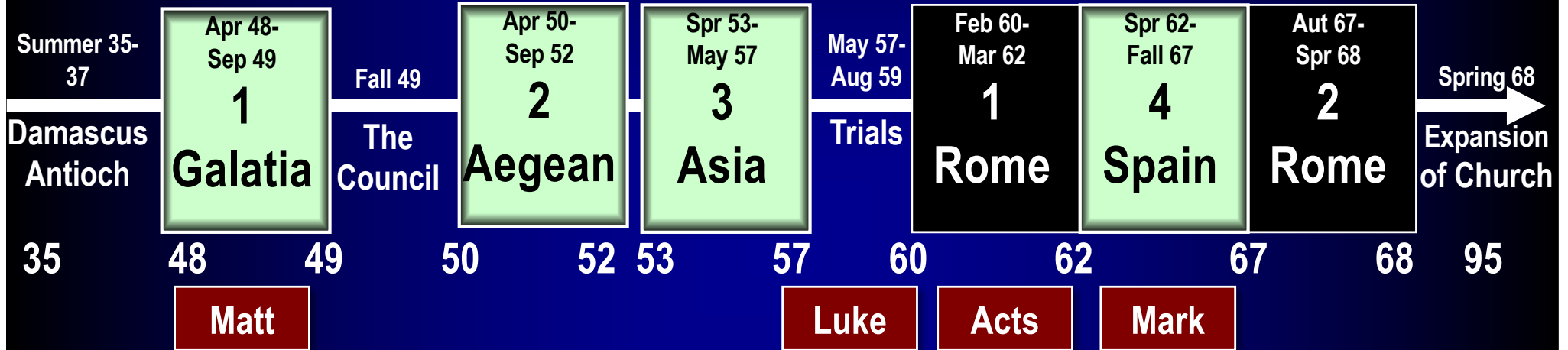
**Mark wrote an
account of the
suffering of
Jesus to
encourage his
people!**

NT Overview (History)

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"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



Gospels & Acts

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Journeys

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Imprisonments

Gospels & Acts

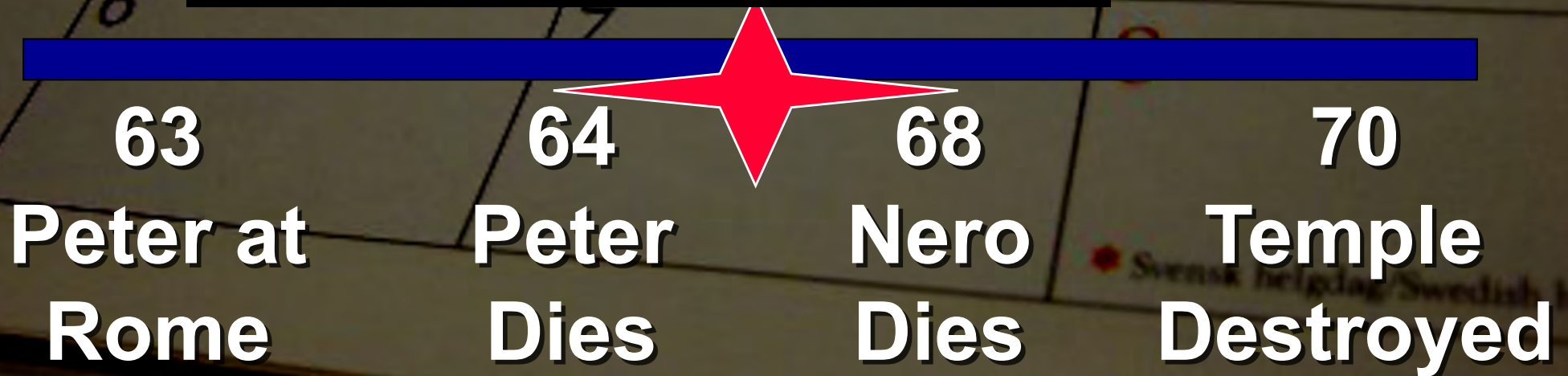
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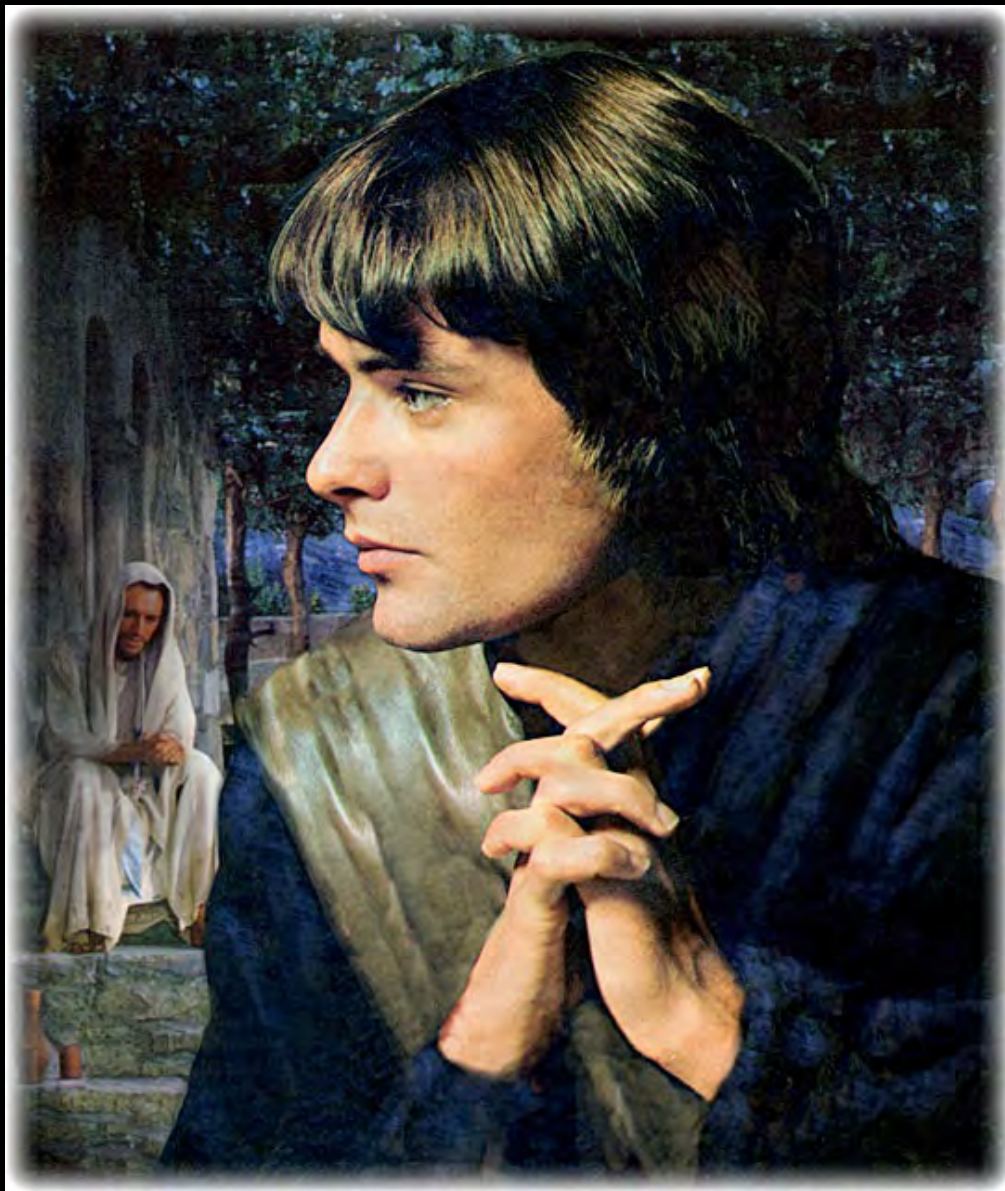
Peter did not come to Rome until about AD 63 – Mark's gospel cannot be dated before AD 63.

Mark does not mention the Fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 – Mark was probably penned between AD 64-68, during the reign of Nero.

Peter was martyred in AD 64, but tradition divides whether Mark composed before Peter's death or afterwards



Who was Mark?



- **Got an "F"** at wealthy home (Acts 12:12-18)
- **Got an "F"** at Jesus' Gethsemane arrest (Mark 14:51)
- **Got an "F"** on first mission trip with Paul (Acts 13:13)
- **Got an "F"** on team unity (Acts 15:36-41)
- **Got a "A" when wrote his gospel** under Peter at Rome
- **"Useful for ministry"** (2 Tim. 4:11)

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How to Be a Disciple in a Hostile World

**Not
to Do**

1:1-13

To Do

1:14–10:52

To Do

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Result

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**Don't
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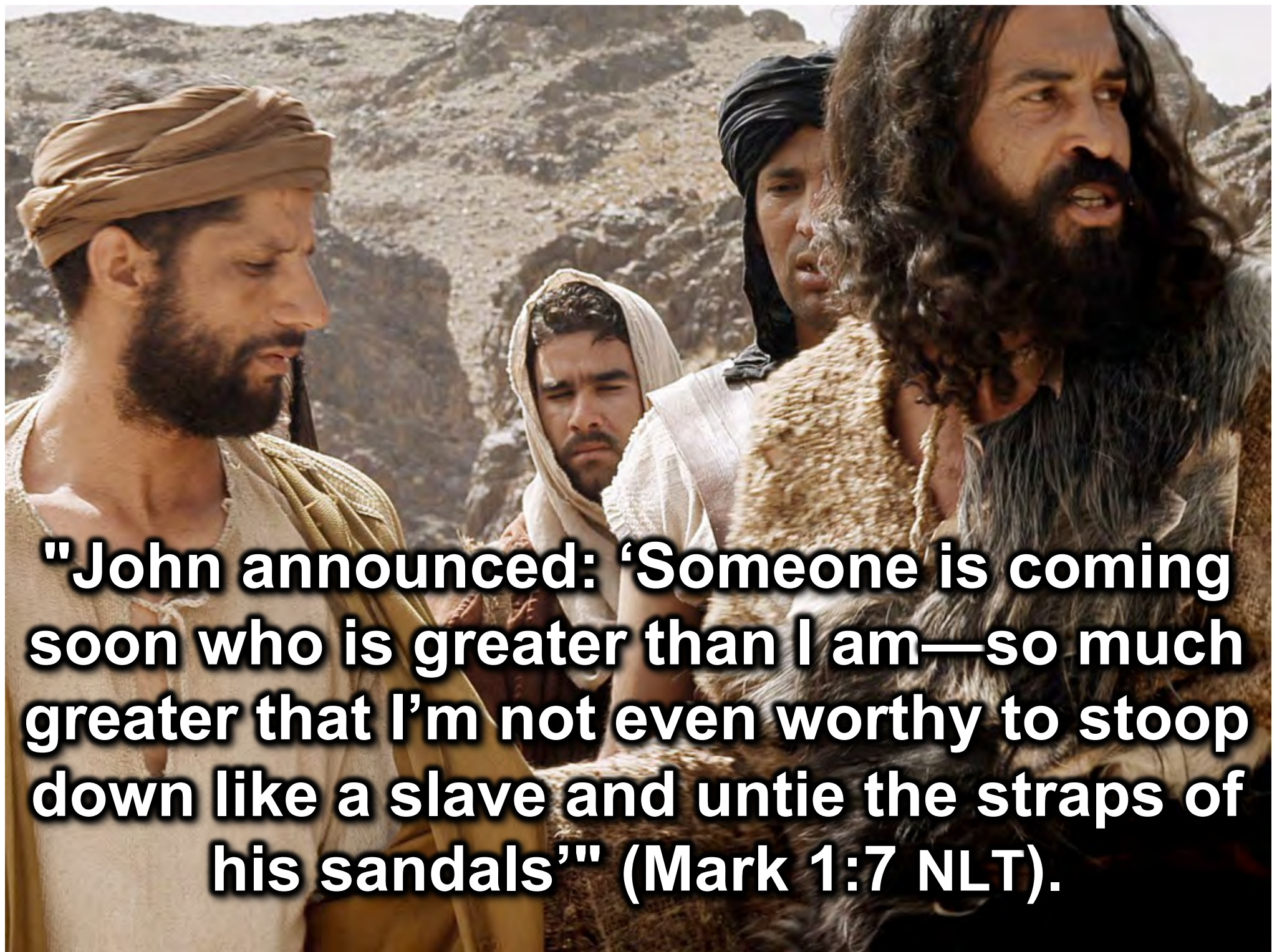
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Mark 1

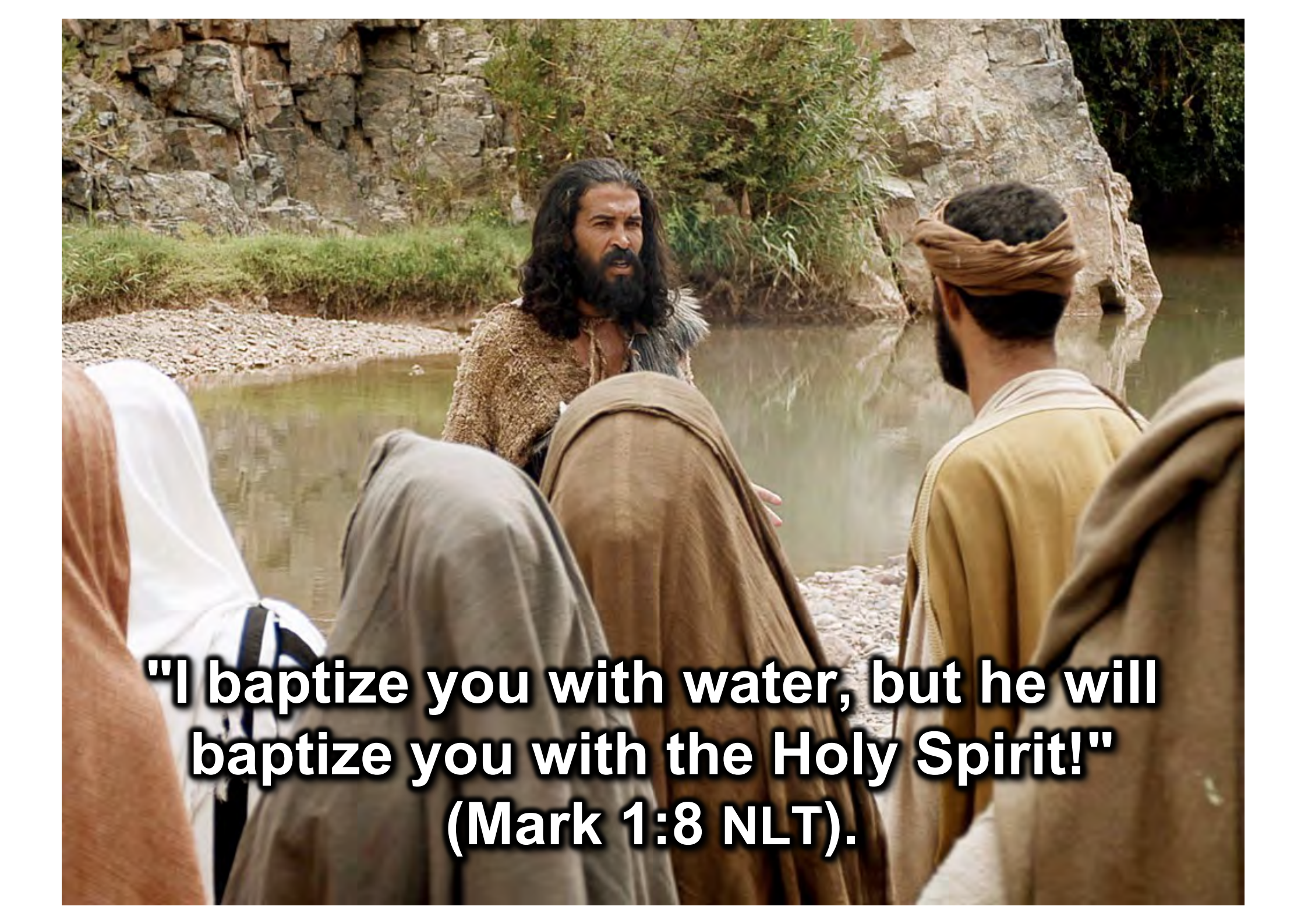
"This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1 NLT).







"John announced: 'Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals'" (Mark 1:7 NLT).



**"I baptize you with water, but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"
(Mark 1:8 NLT).**





**"And a voice from heaven said,
'You are my dearly loved Son, and you
bring me great joy'" (Mark 1:11 NLT).**



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**"The Spirit then
compelled Jesus to go
into the wilderness,
¹³where he was tempted
by Satan for forty days.
He was out among the
wild animals, and
angels took care of
him"
(Mark 1:12-13 NLT).**



**Jesus is the main attraction,
so we're not big on our own
authority here.**

	Authority	Servanthood
Themes	Christ's Leadership	Discipleship
Strategy	Gentiles lord it over others (10:42)	Disciples serve (10:43)
Motivation	"Save his life" (8:35a)	"Lose his life" (8:35b)
Priority	"First" (9:35a; 10:31a)	"Last" (9:35b; 10:31b)
Reputation	"Great" (10:43a)	"Servant" (10:43b)
Position	"First" (10:44a)	"Slave of all" (10:44b)
Authority Examples	Authority without Serving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious leaders • Rich man • Judas 	Authority & Served: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John the Baptist • Joseph of Arimathea
Servanthood Examples	Authority but Struggled to Serve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciples 	No Authority & Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bartimaeus • Woman who anointed Jesus
1 st Section (1:1–8:26)	Authority of Christ	
2 nd Section (8:27–10:52)	Authority-Servanthood Tension	
3 rd Section (11–16)		Servanthood of Christ

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The Paradox of Authority and Servanthood in Mark



Summary of Narry F. Santos, *Bibliotheca Sacra* 154 (Oct.-Dec. 1997): 452-60

Mark

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Worldly Leadership

**Followers serve the leader,
who is at the top**

Leader

Followers



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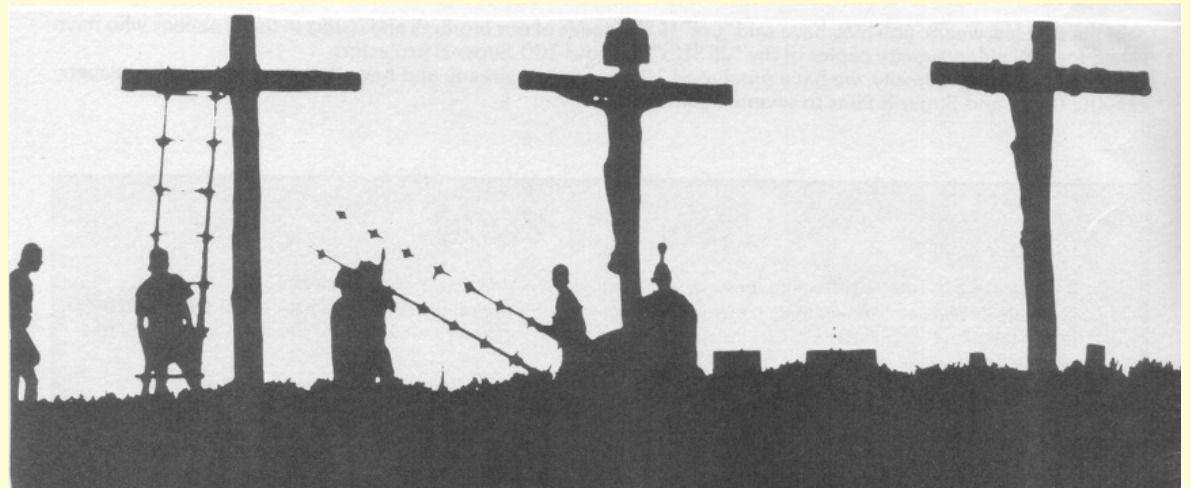
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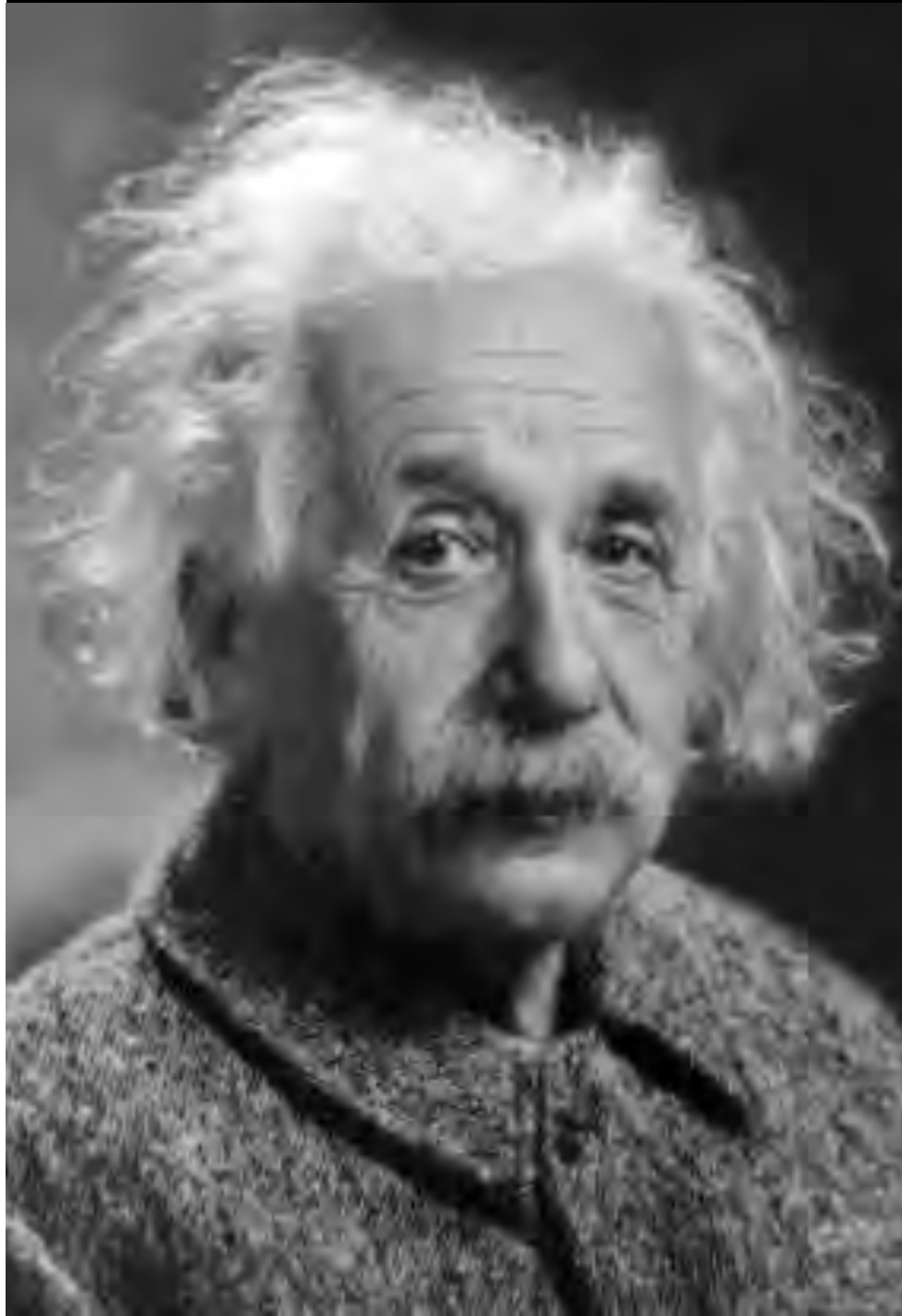
Biblical Leadership

The leader serves the followers

Followers

Leader





"As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."

Albert Einstein

Saturday Evening Post, Oct 26, 1929

Theme

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**Deity Who Models
Suffering as Servant**

Mark

Mark Book Chart

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Deity Who Models Suffering As Servant

Service

Suffering

Key Verse

"For even the Son of Man
did not come to be served,
but to **serve**, and to **give his life**
as a ransom for many"
(Mark 10:45).

Coming

Opposition

Sacrifice

Resurrection

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1:14–10:52

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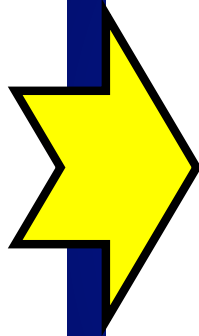
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How can you be a true **disciple** of Jesus in a hostile world?



How to Be a Disciple in a Hostile World

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**Serve
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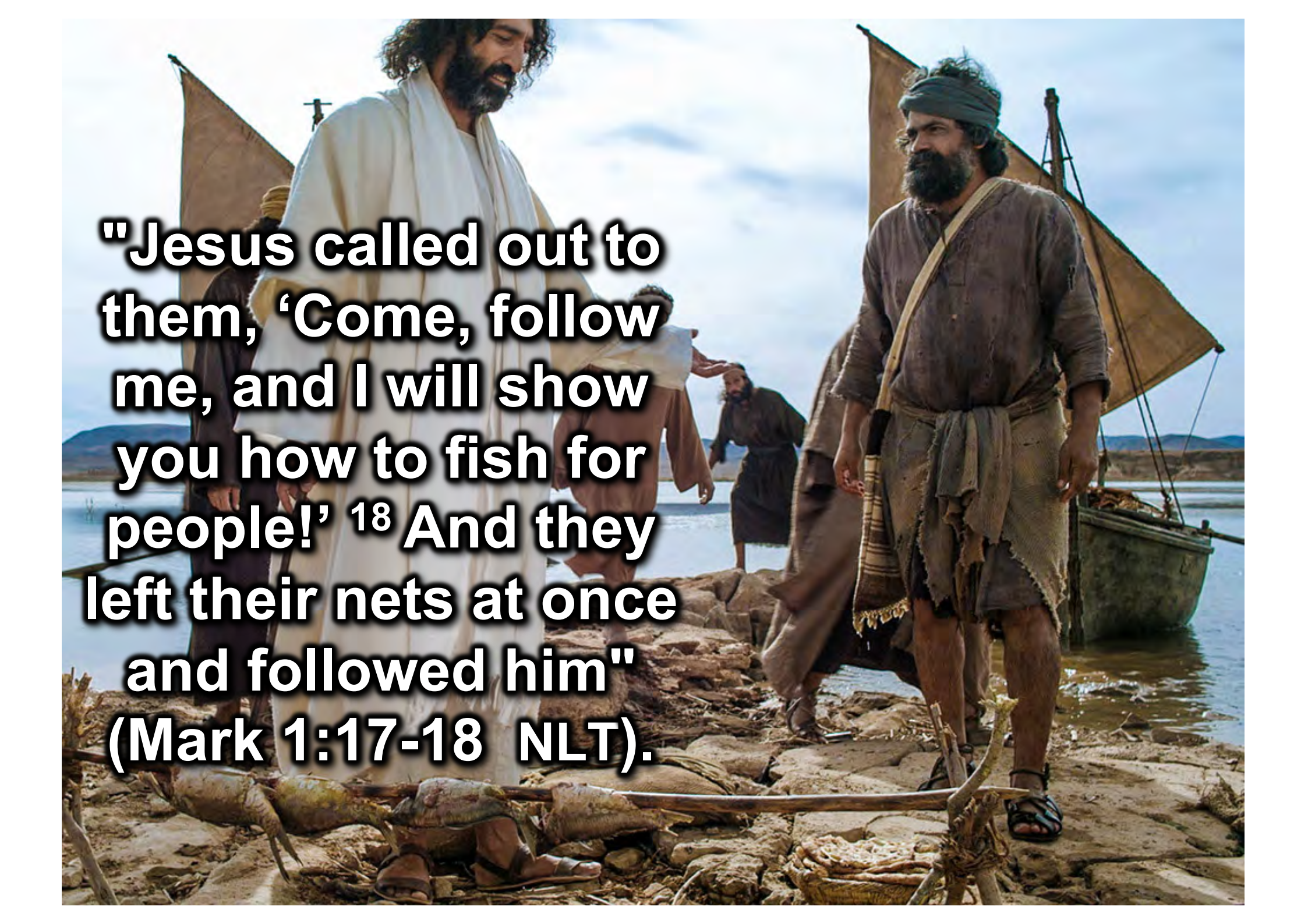
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"The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" (Mark 1:15 NLT).

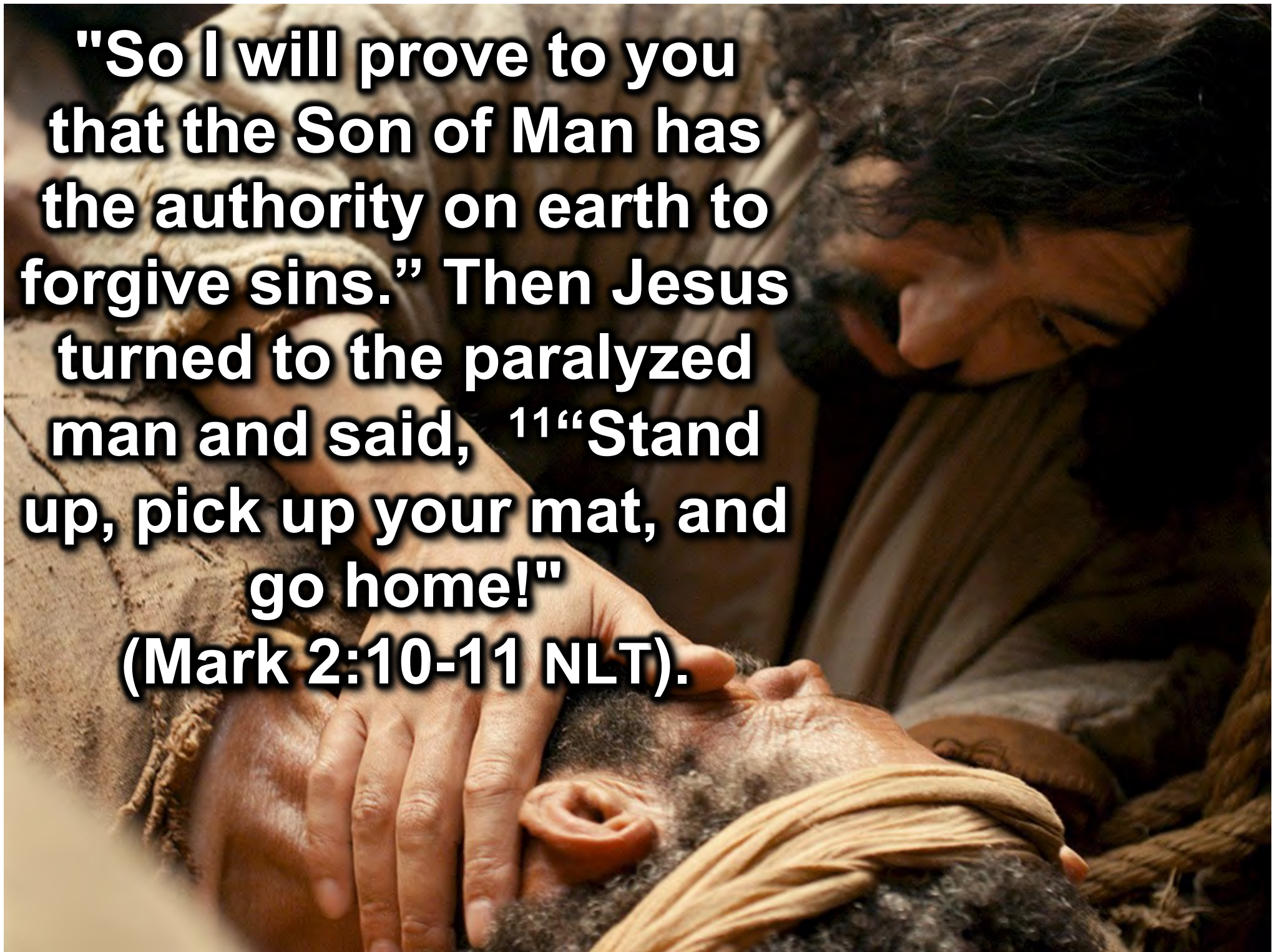
A cinematic scene depicting Jesus, with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, standing on a rocky shore. He is gesturing towards a group of men, including one in the foreground wearing a brown tunic and a headband. In the background, a small wooden boat with a sail is on the water. The scene is set against a backdrop of a calm sea and distant hills under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

"Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!' ¹⁸ And they left their nets at once and followed him" (Mark 1:17-18 NLT).

Mark 2



**"So I will prove to you
that the Son of Man has
the authority on earth to
forgive sins." Then Jesus
turned to the paralyzed
man and said, ¹¹"Stand
up, pick up your mat, and
go home!"
(Mark 2:10-11 NLT).**









Mark Book Chart

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Deity Who Models Suffering As Servant

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Suffering

Sayings and Signs

Galilee & Perean

Jerusalem

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Resurrection

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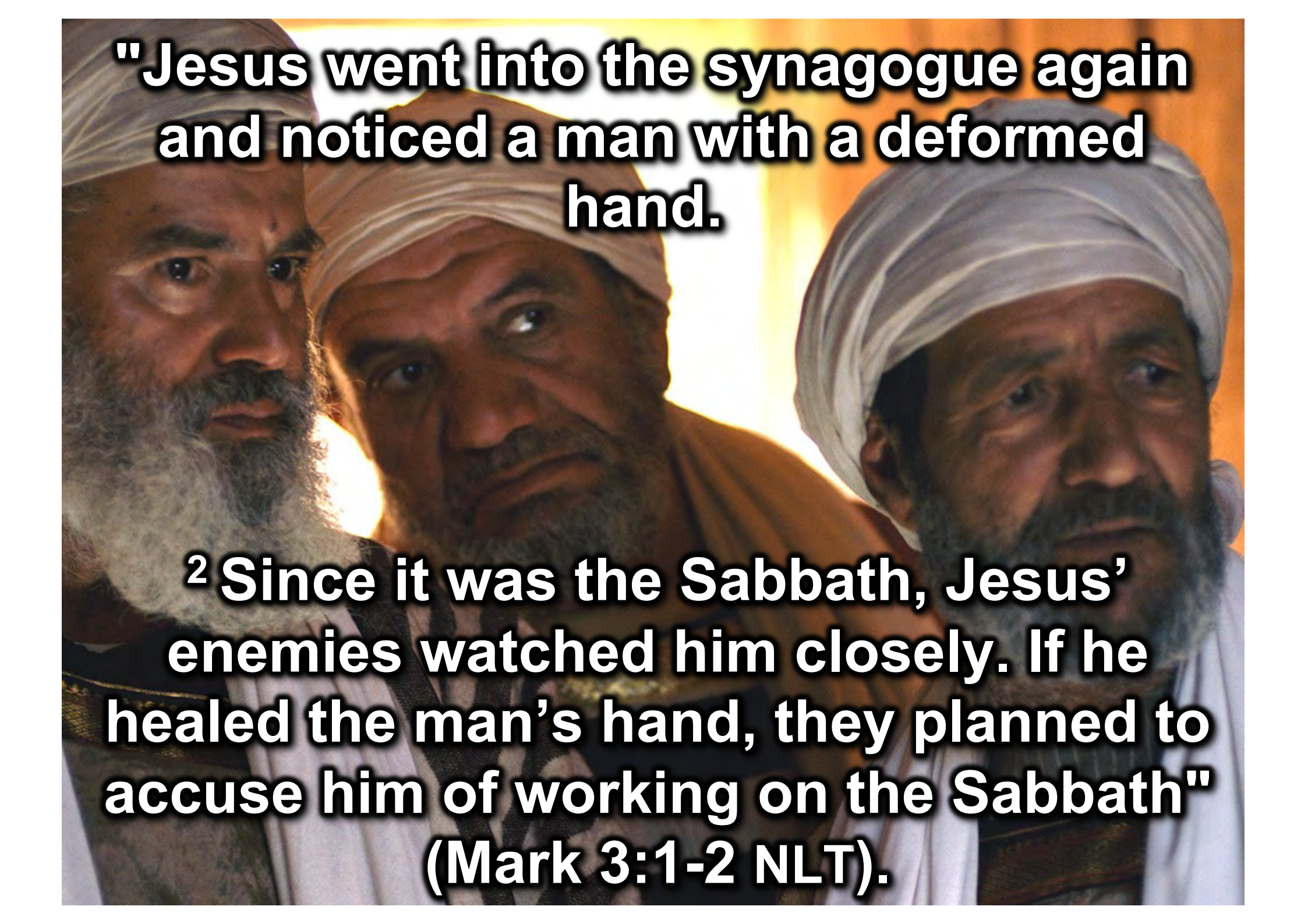
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Many opposed Jesus as
Servant—so we also will
be opposed (2:13–8:26).

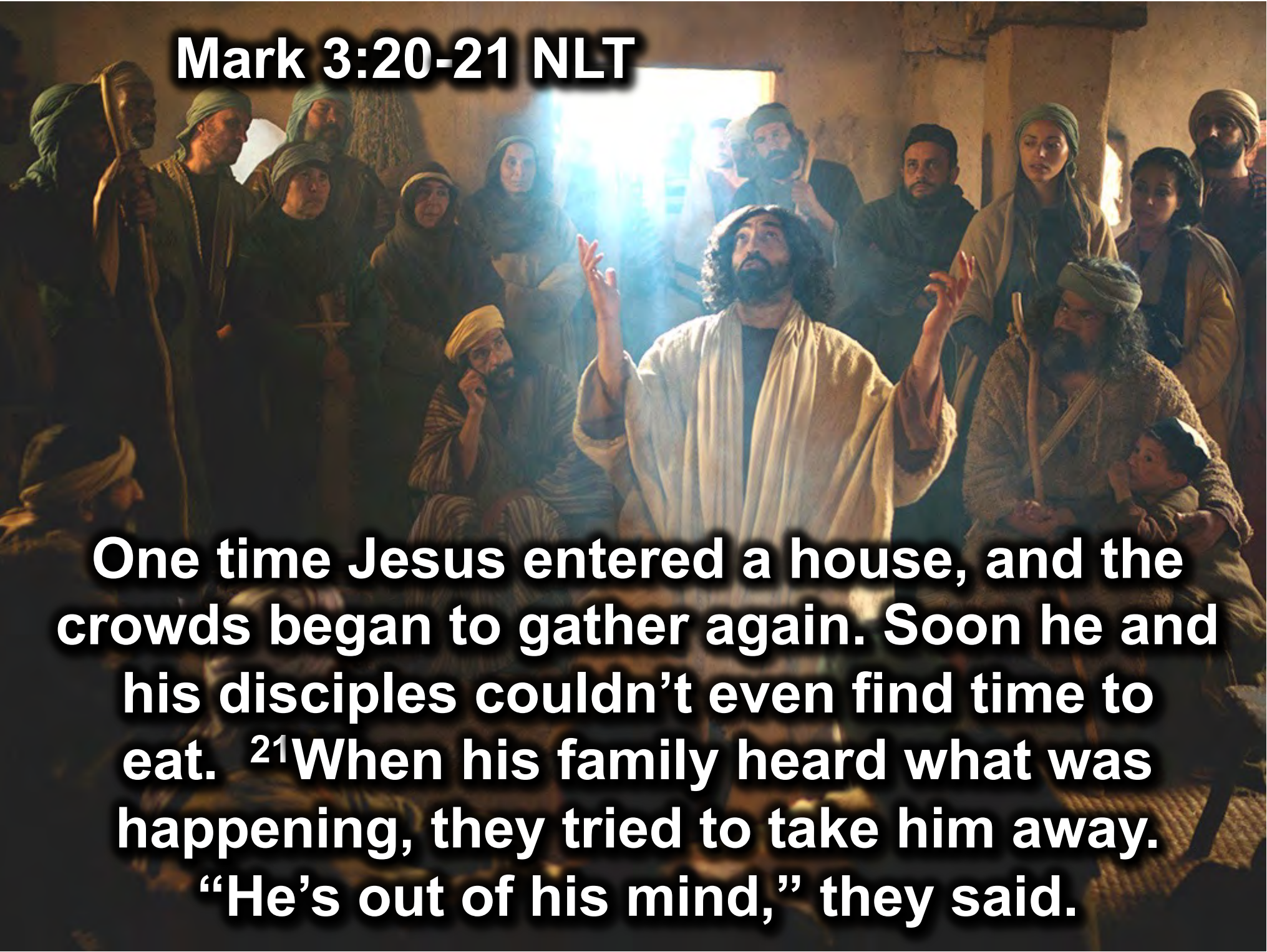
Mark 3

A close-up photograph of three men wearing white turbans and having grey beards. They are looking towards the right with serious expressions. The background is a warm, orange-yellow light, possibly from a window or a fire.

"Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand."

² Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath" (Mark 3:1-2 NLT).

Mark 3:20-21 NLT

A dramatic scene of Jesus surrounded by a crowd in a dimly lit room. Jesus, with long dark hair and a beard, wears a white robe and stands in the center with his hands raised. He is surrounded by a diverse group of people, including men, women, and a child, all dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire like head coverings and robes. The room has stone walls and a bright light source from a doorway in the background, creating a strong contrast and highlighting Jesus. The overall mood is one of intense focus and spiritual significance.

One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. ²¹When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

Mark 4

Sowers, Know Your Soil!

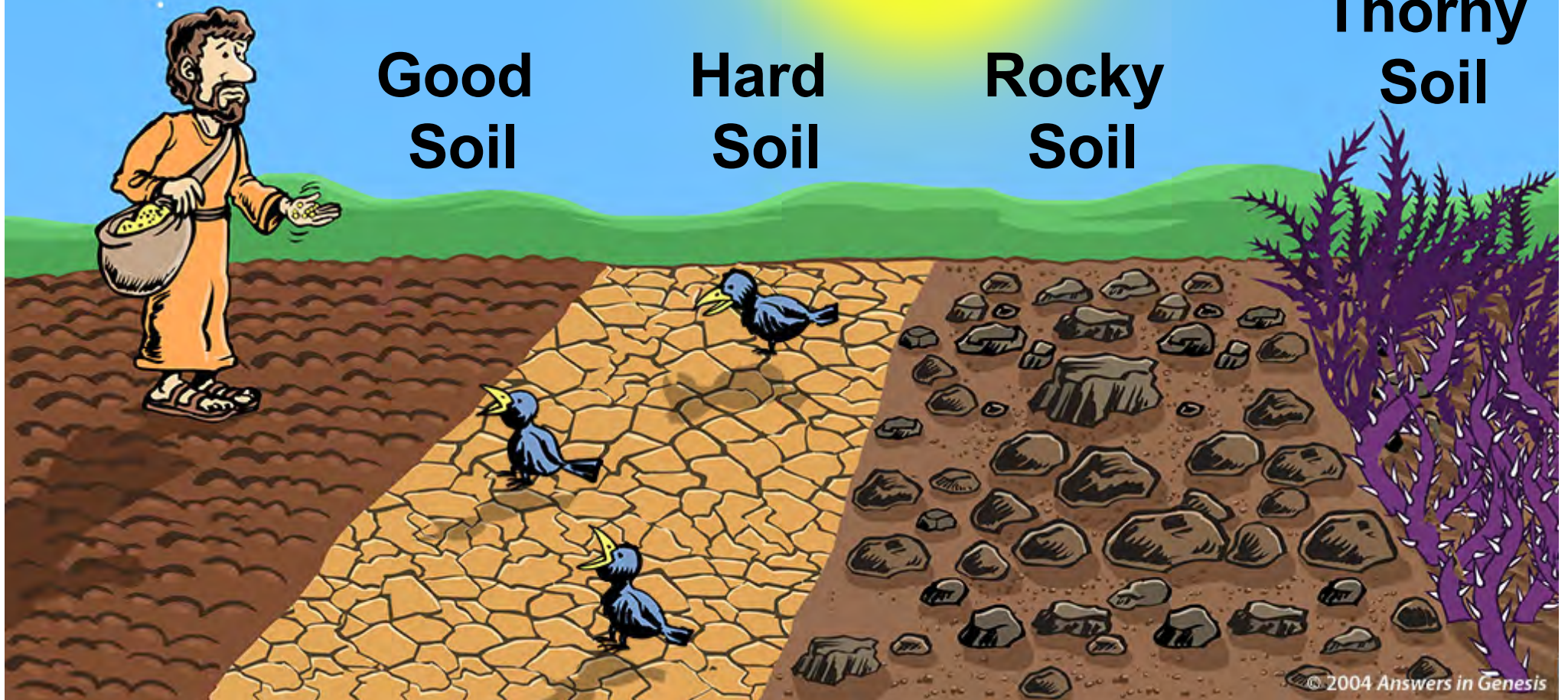
I know where these seeds won't grow!

Good Soil

Hard Soil

Rocky Soil

Thorny Soil





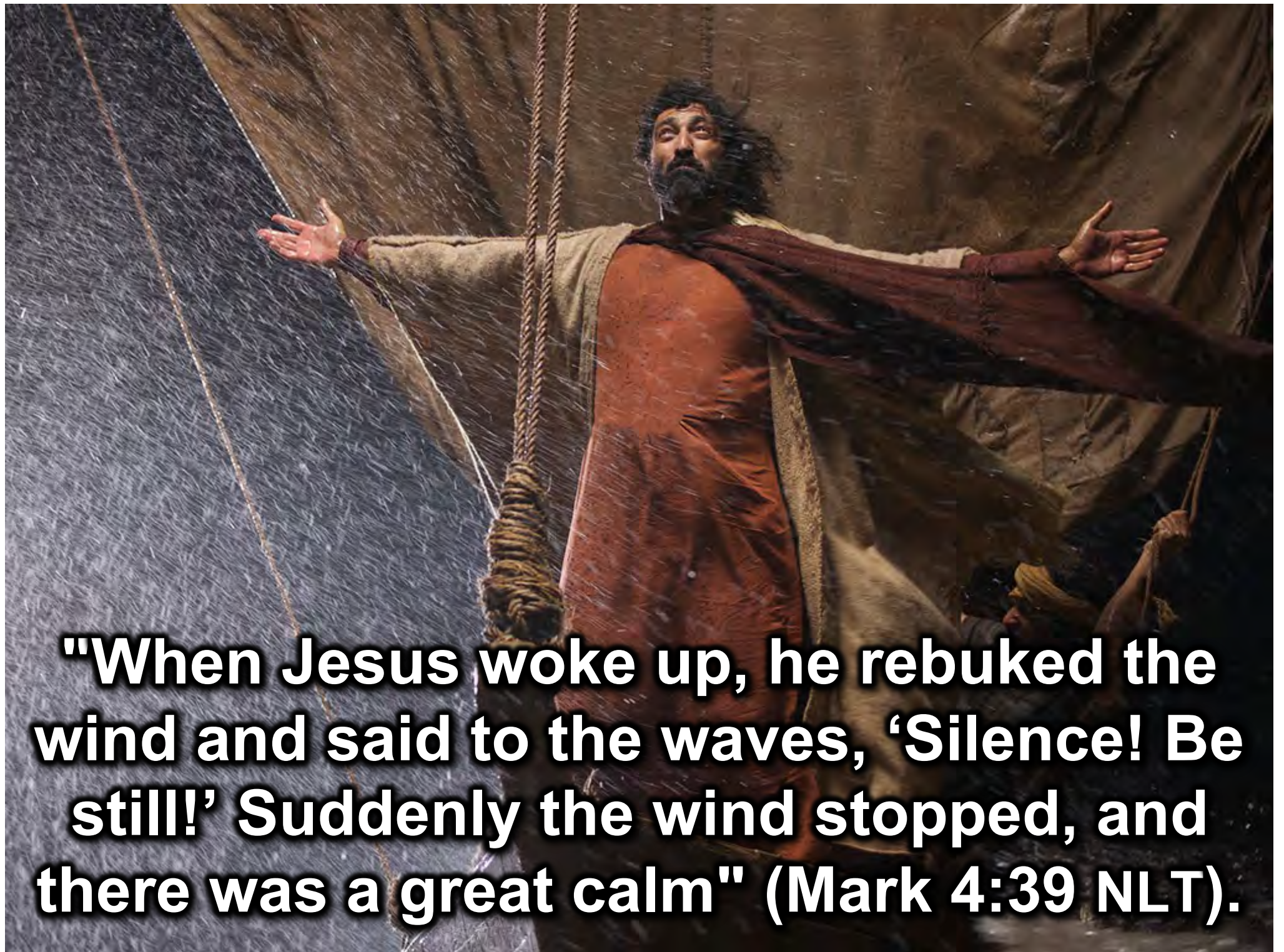
Matthew 8:23-27

Mark 4:35-41

Luke 8:22-25

JESUS CALMS A STORM

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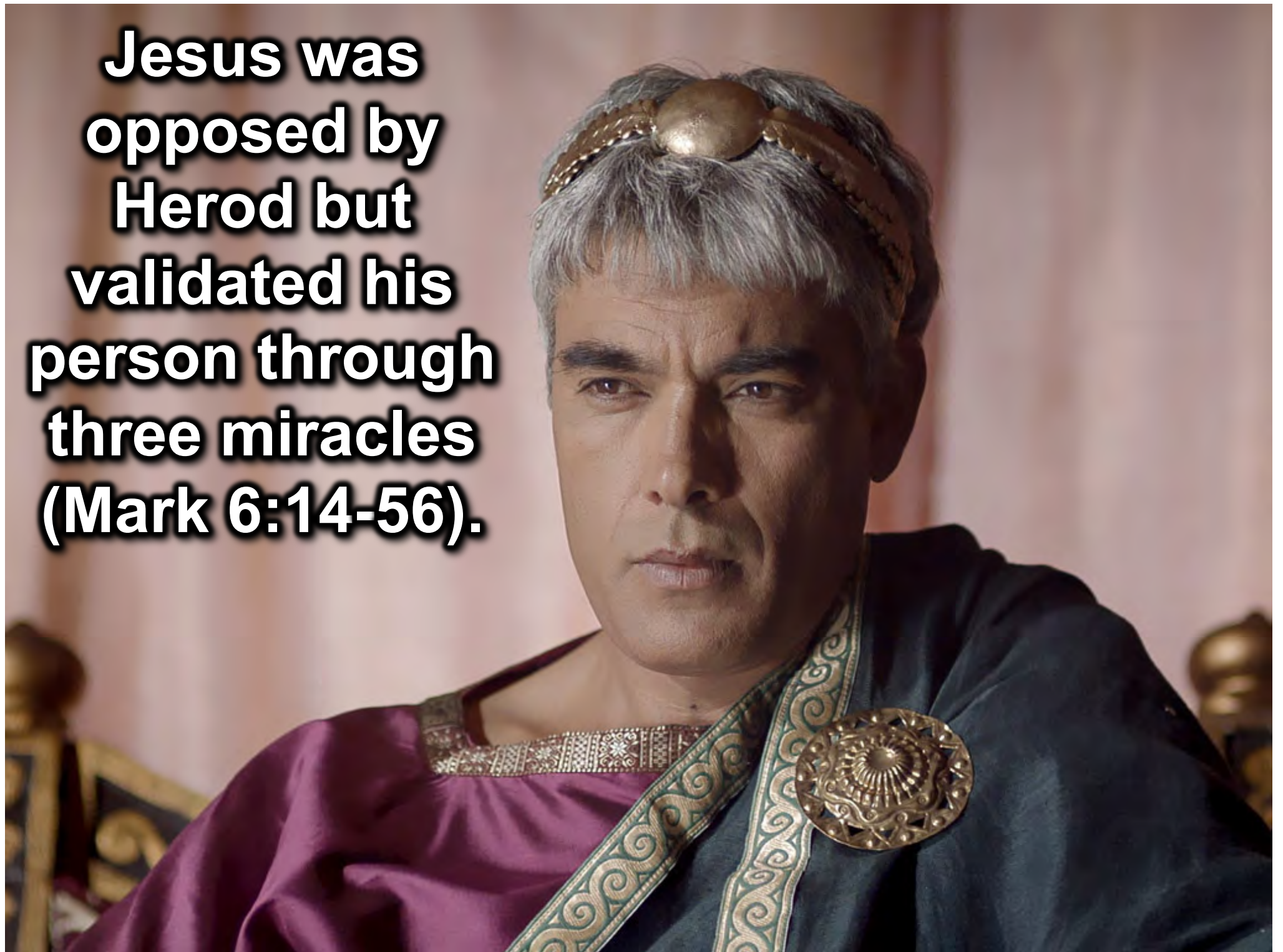


"When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Silence! Be still!' Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39 NLT).



Mark 6

**Jesus was
opposed by
Herod but
validated his
person through
three miracles
(Mark 6:14-56).**





JESUS FEEDS 5000

Matthew 14:13-22

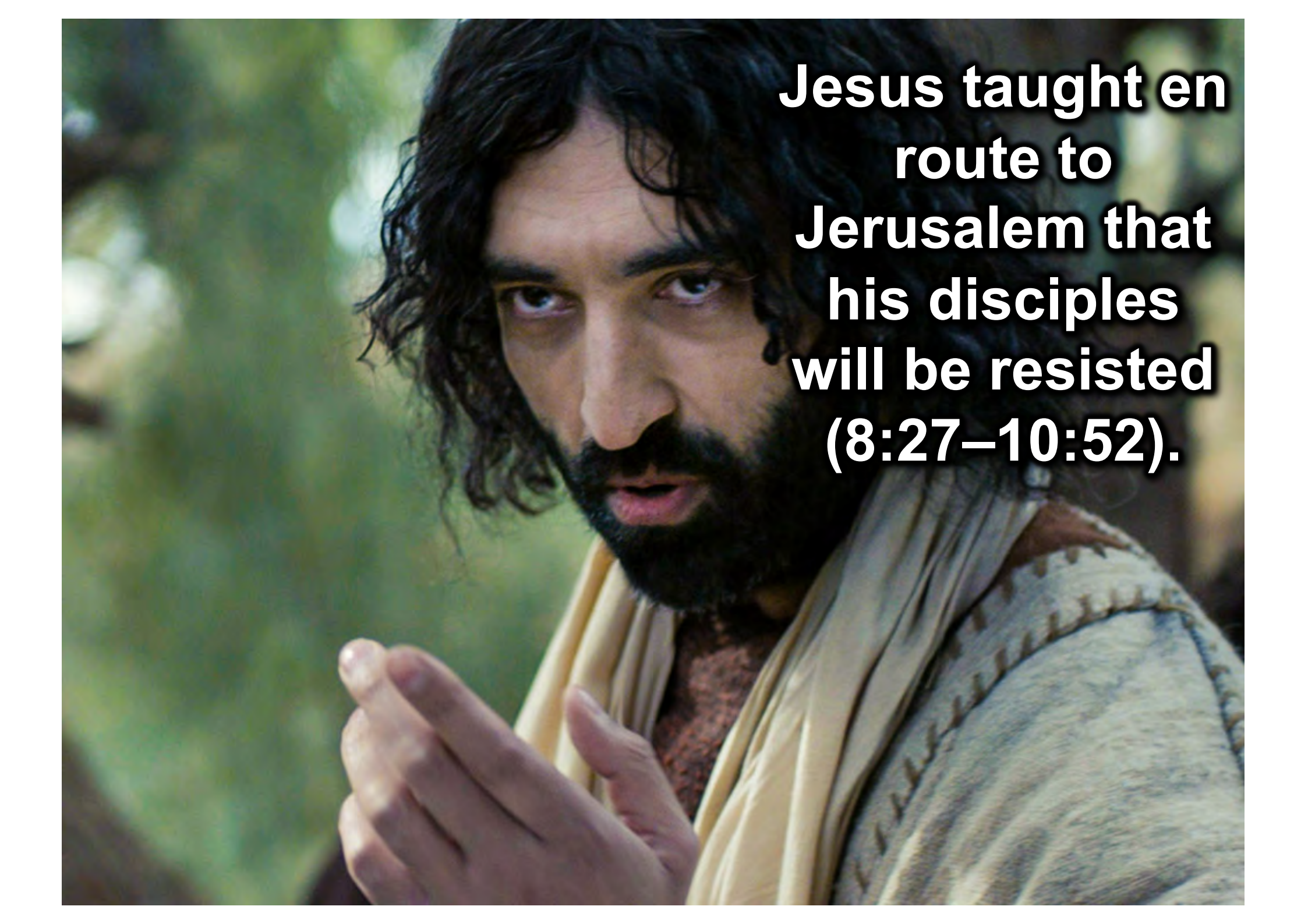
Mark 6:31-46

Luke 9:10-17

John 6:1-13



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**Jesus taught en
route to
Jerusalem that
his disciples
will be resisted
(8:27–10:52).**

**Do you resist the flow to serve
Jesus more than anyone?**



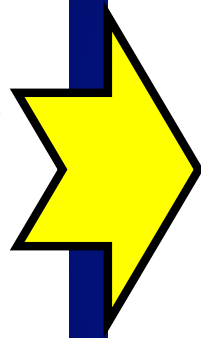
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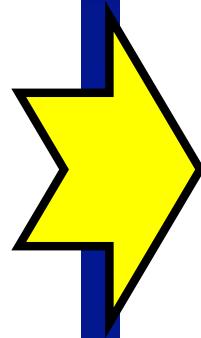
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Mark 11

Matthew 21:1-11

Mark 11:1-11

Luke 19:28-44

John 12:12-19

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Mark 14

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THE LAST SUPPER

Matthew 26:17-35

Mark 14:12-31

Luke 22:7-38

John 13:18-38

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Matthew 26:57-67

Mark 14:53-65

Luke 22:66-71

John 18:15-27

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JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

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Mark 15







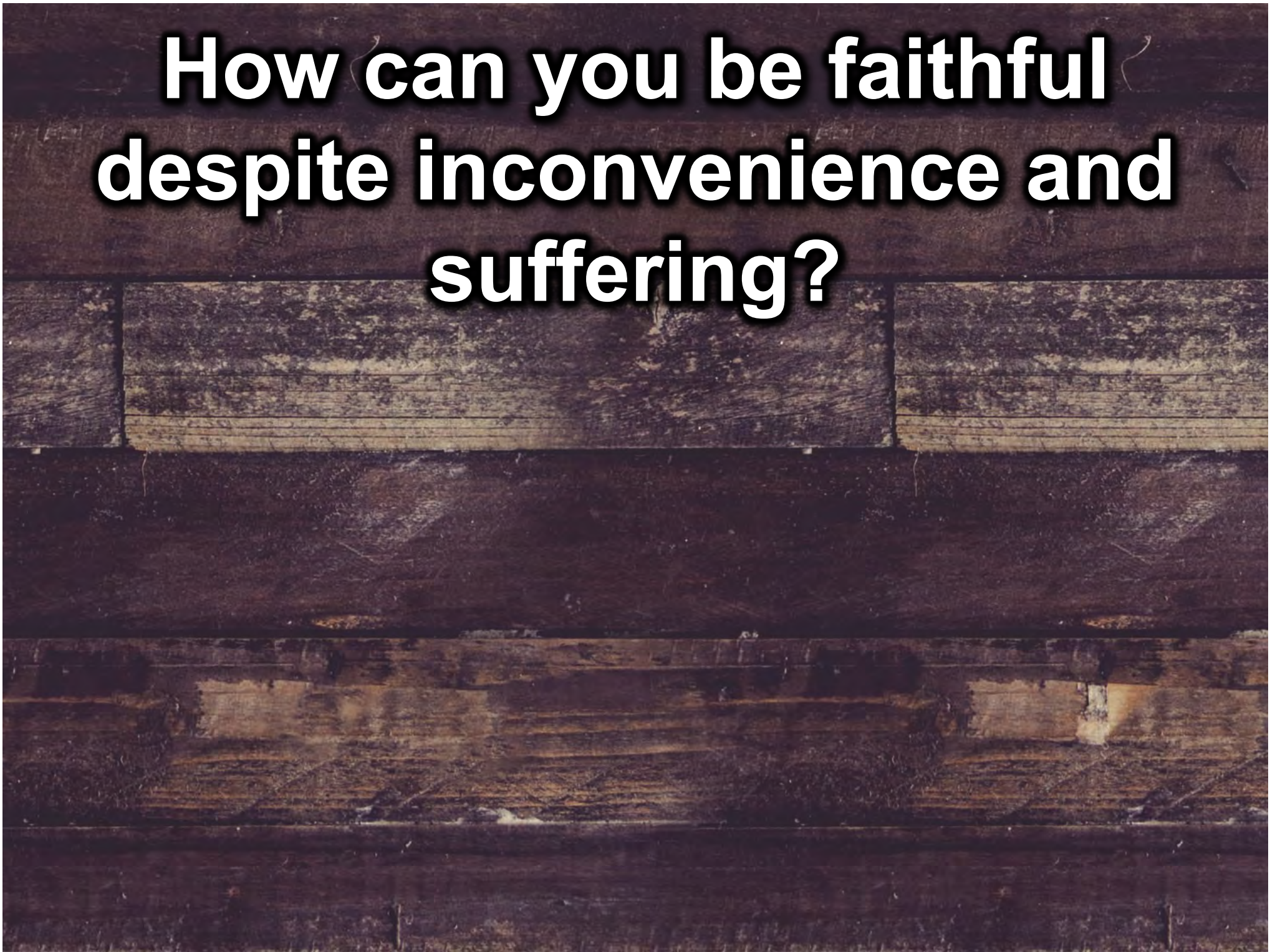








**How can you be faithful
despite inconvenience and
suffering?**



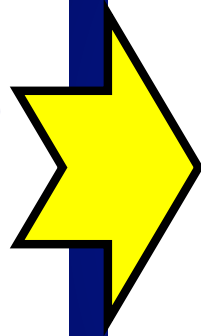
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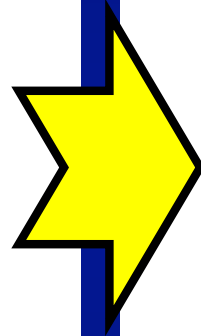
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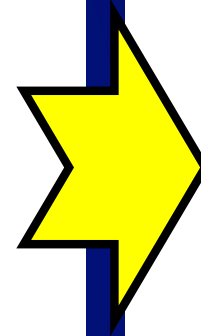
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**Suffer
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**You
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Live in light of your eternal future!



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Main Idea

**Serve and suffer
like Jesus.**



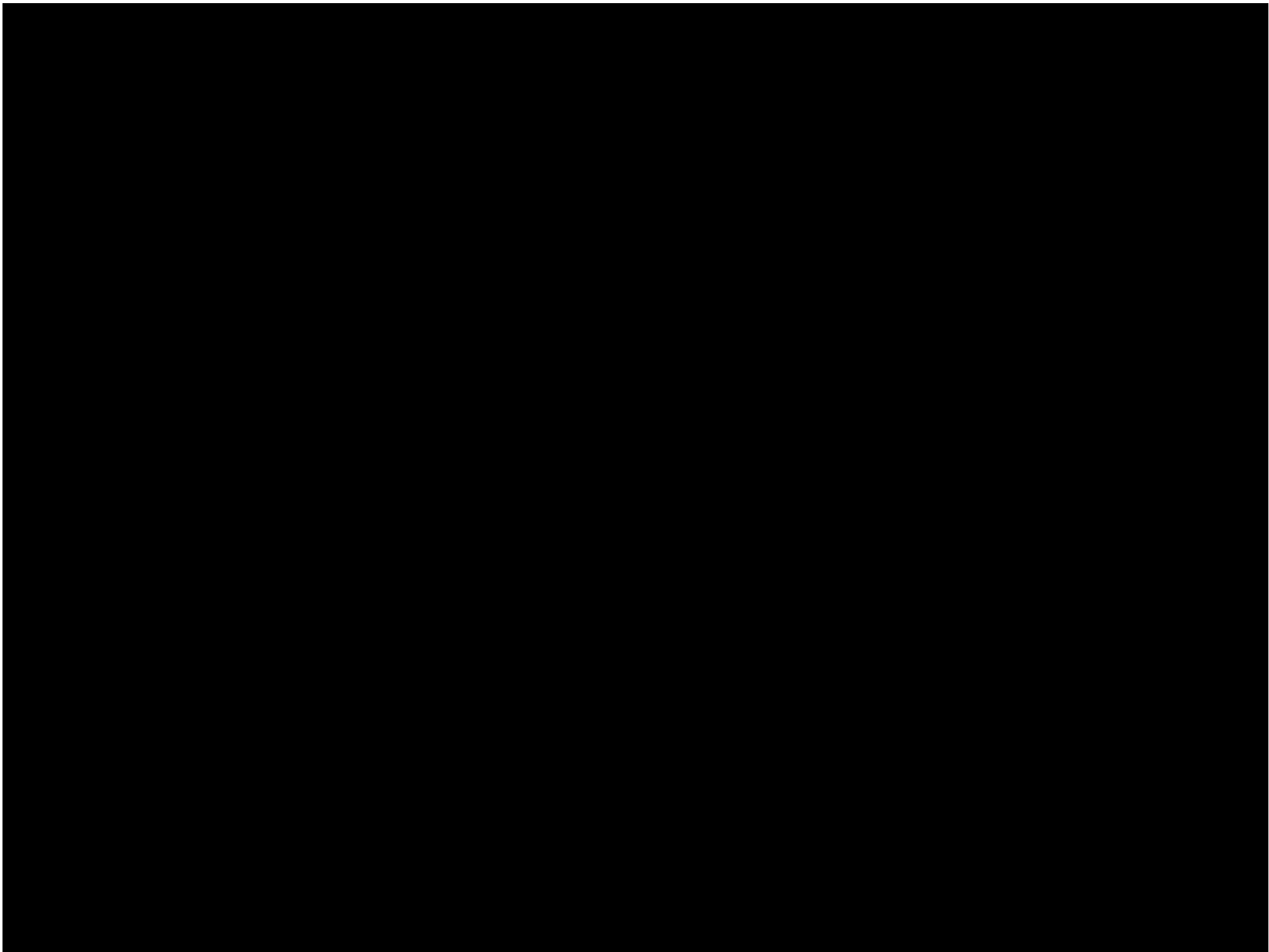
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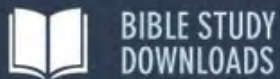


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