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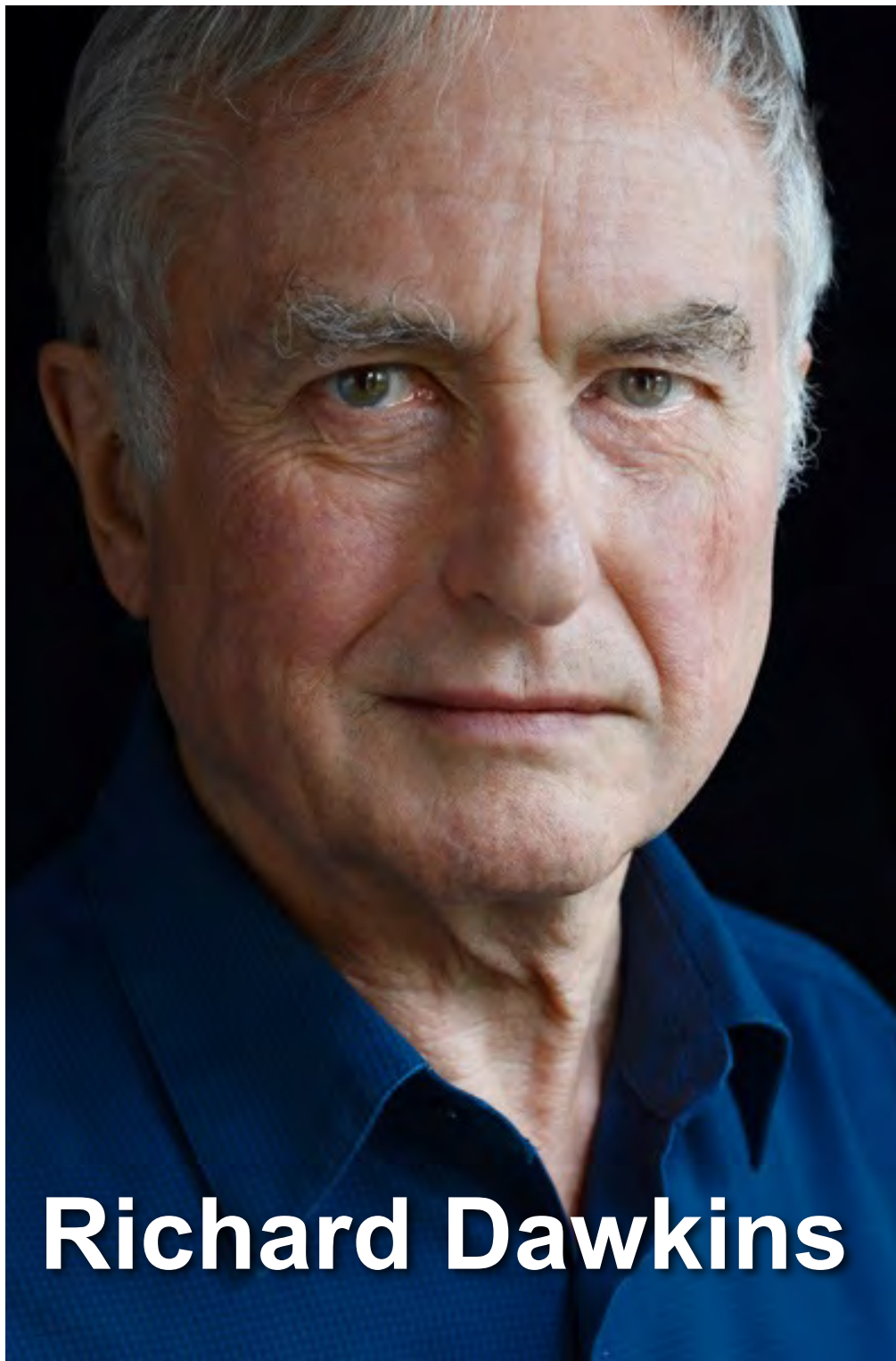


# *Luke*

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**Richard Dawkins**

**Millions  
believe...**

**Earth was  
seeded by aliens  
who began the  
evolutionary  
process.**

# *the* CHRIST of INDIA

*The Story of  
Original  
Christianity*



**Millions  
believe...**

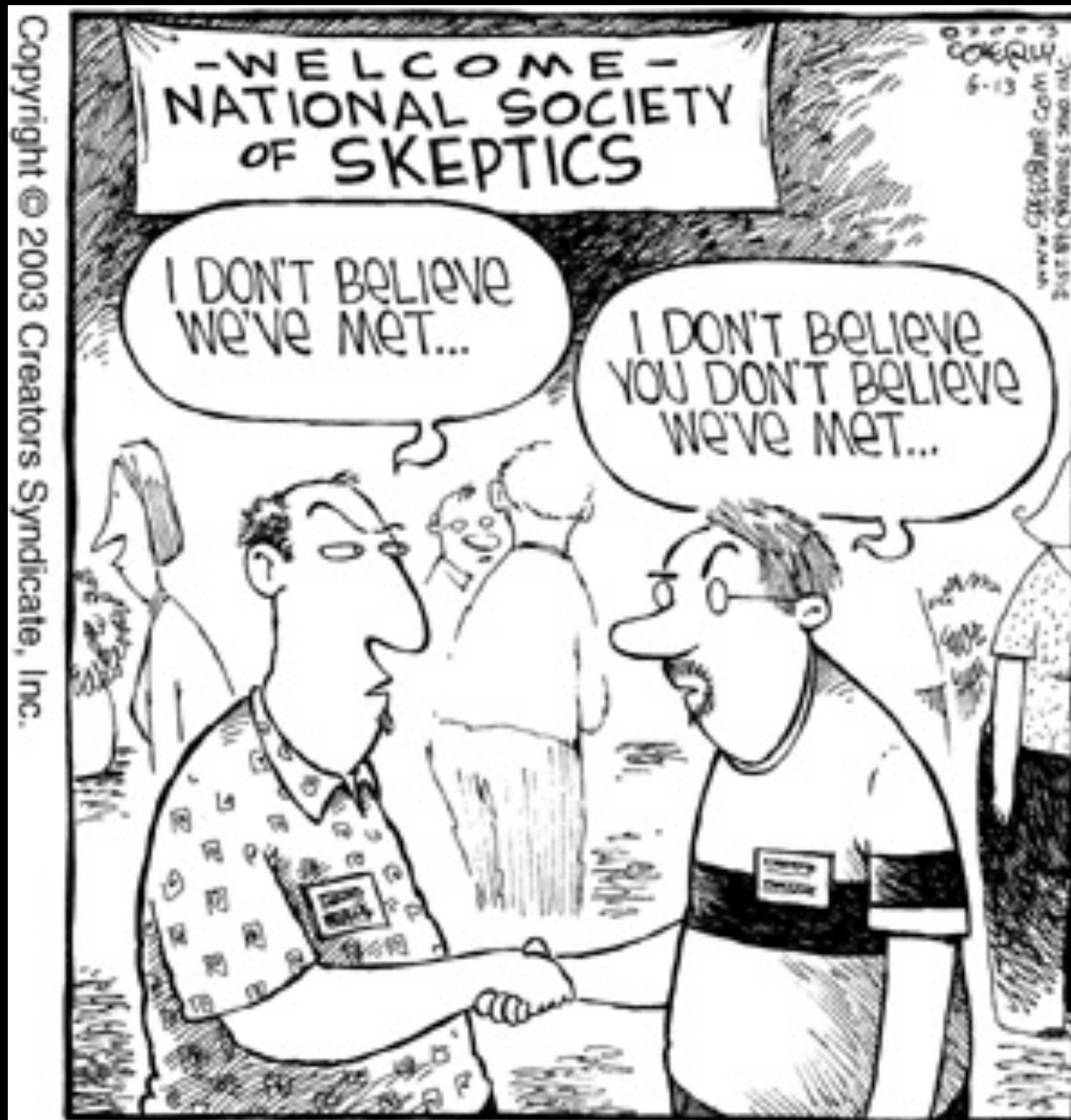


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# Be skeptical.



**Be skeptical.**





How can we be **confirmed**  
in our belief in Jesus?



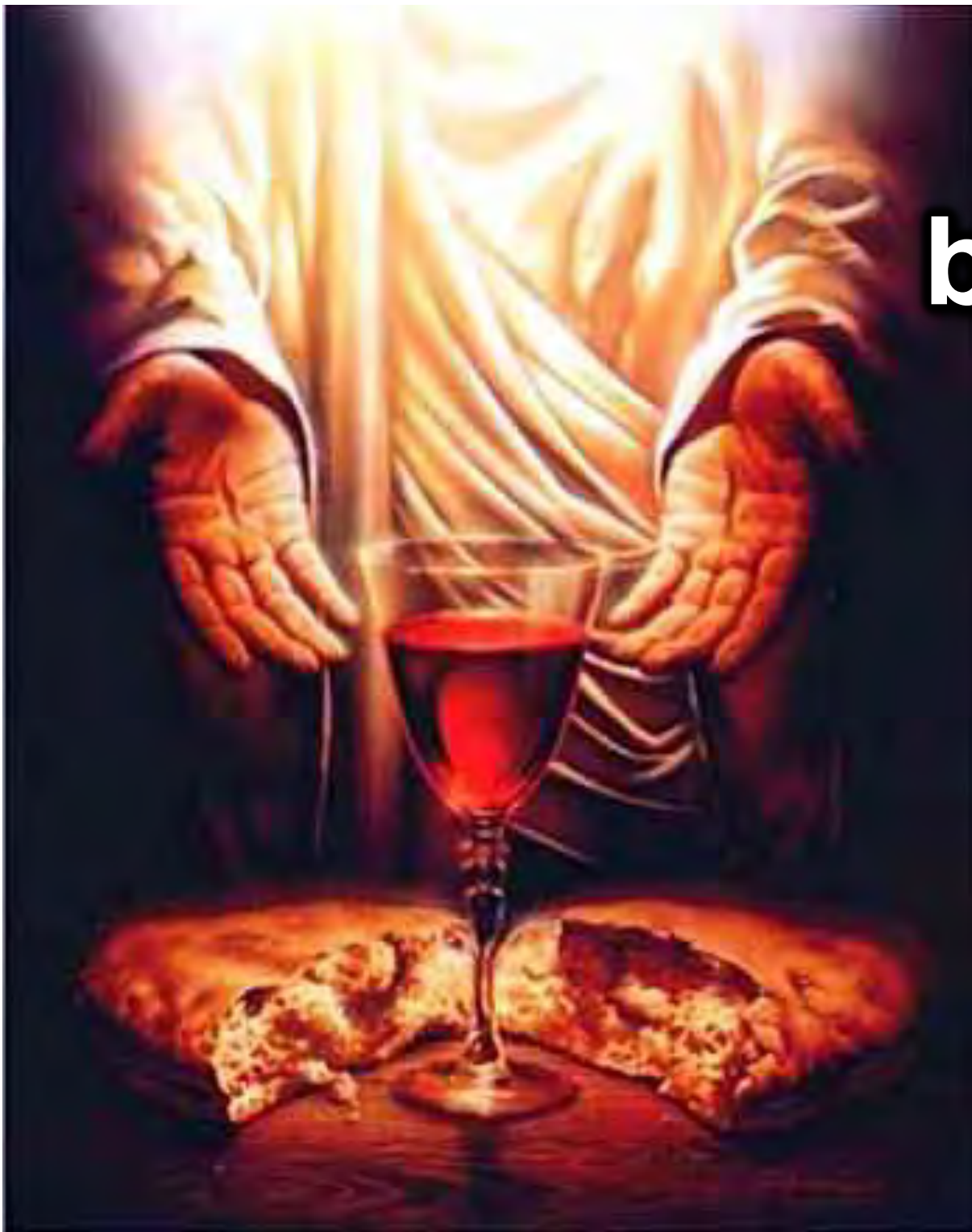






**Millions  
believed...**

**The early church  
practiced incest**



**Millions  
believed...**

**Early  
Christians  
were  
cannibals**

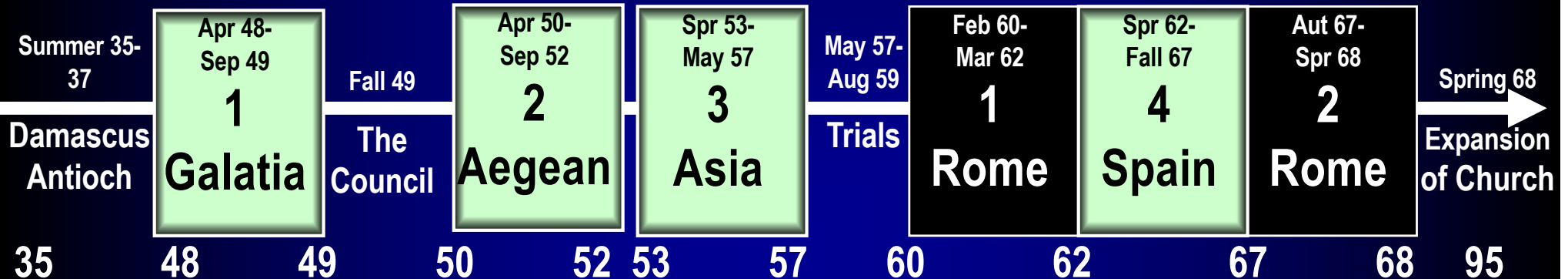


# NT Overview (Chronological)

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39-41

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

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



Gospels & Acts

Pauline Epistles

General Epistles

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Journeys

Rome

Imprisonments

Chronological

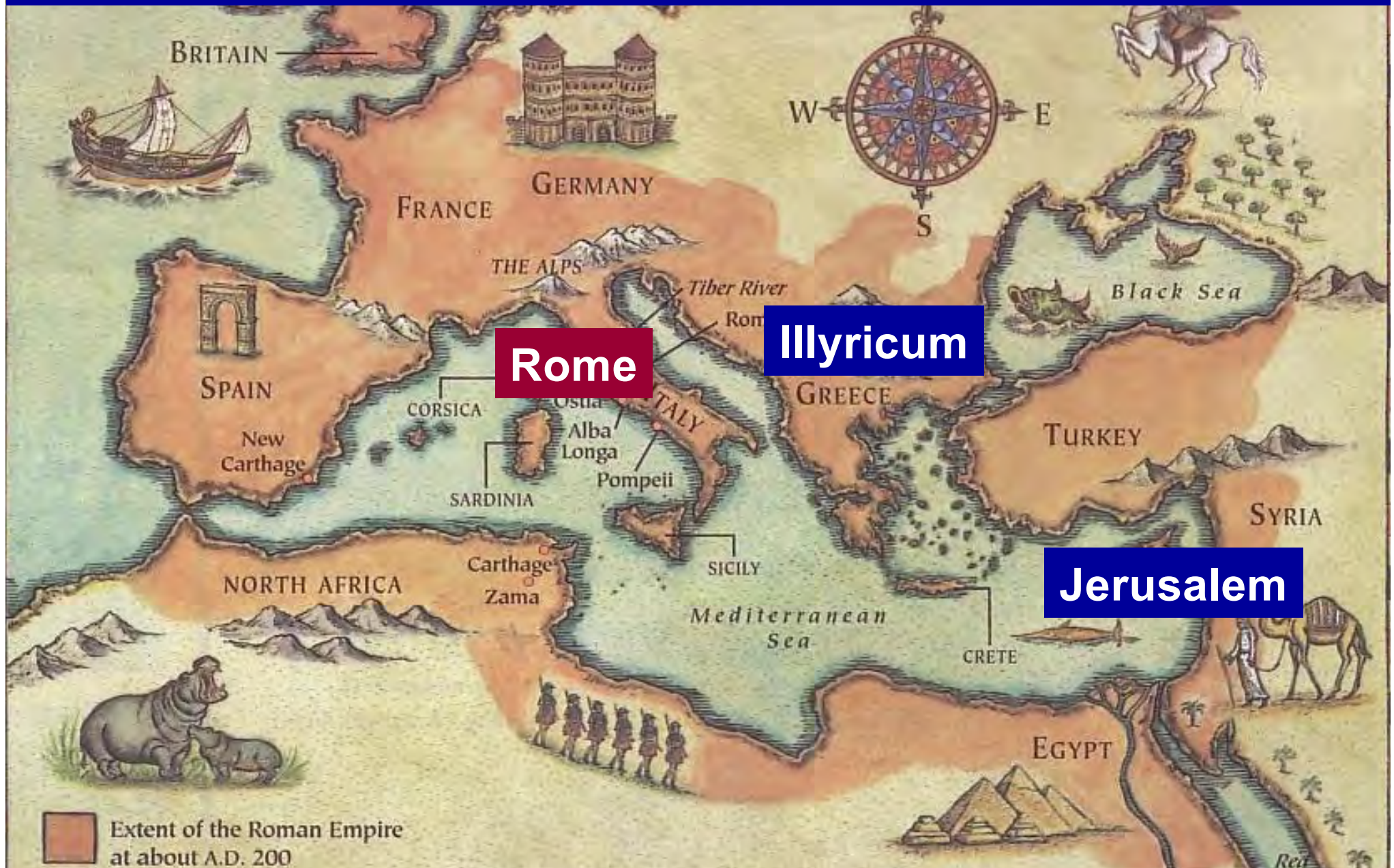
A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with their hands clasped together, set against a warm, orange-hued sunset sky. The person is positioned in the center-right of the frame, with their back to the viewer. The sky is filled with soft, horizontal clouds, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

**Paul wrote the Romans...**

**“I have fully presented the Good News of Christ from **Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum**” (*Romans 15:19*).**

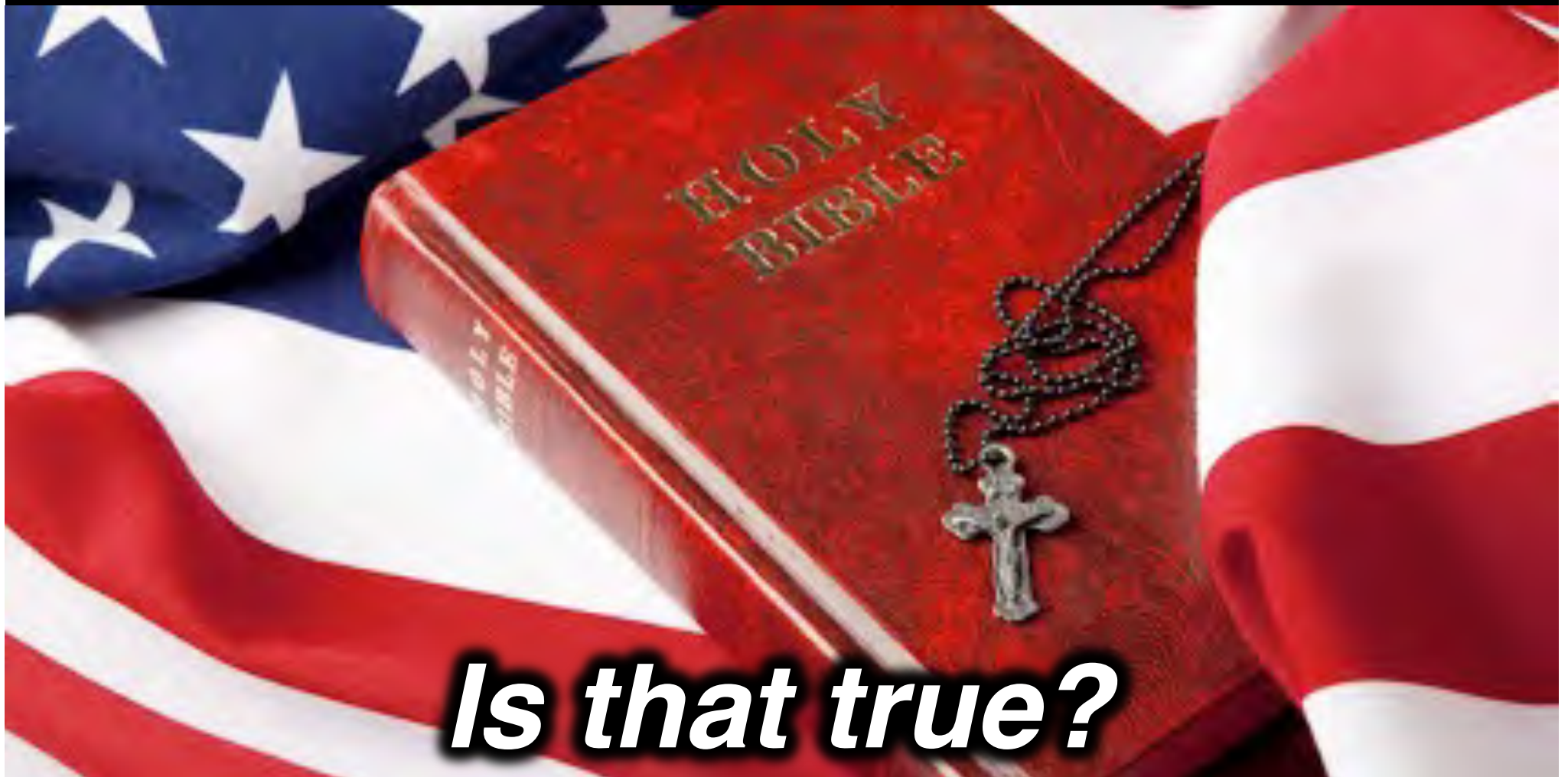


# Paul's Ministry Westwards





**“Christianity is a  
Western Religion”**



***Is that true?***

## The Question of Luke's Readers:

Can this easterner (Jesus) be the Savior  
of a westerner like me (a Gentile)?

Why do people think  
Christianity is a  
*western* religion?

Jesus was not an **American!**



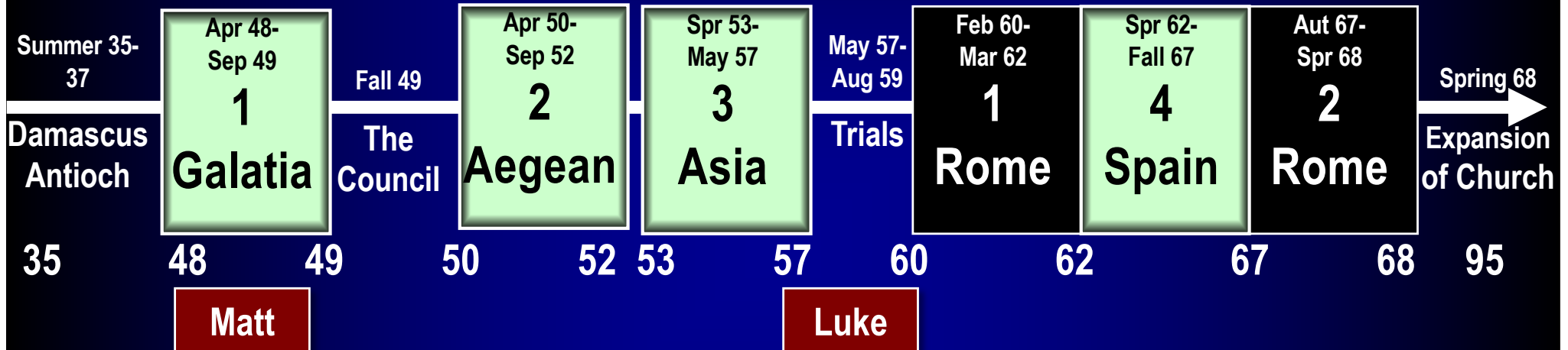


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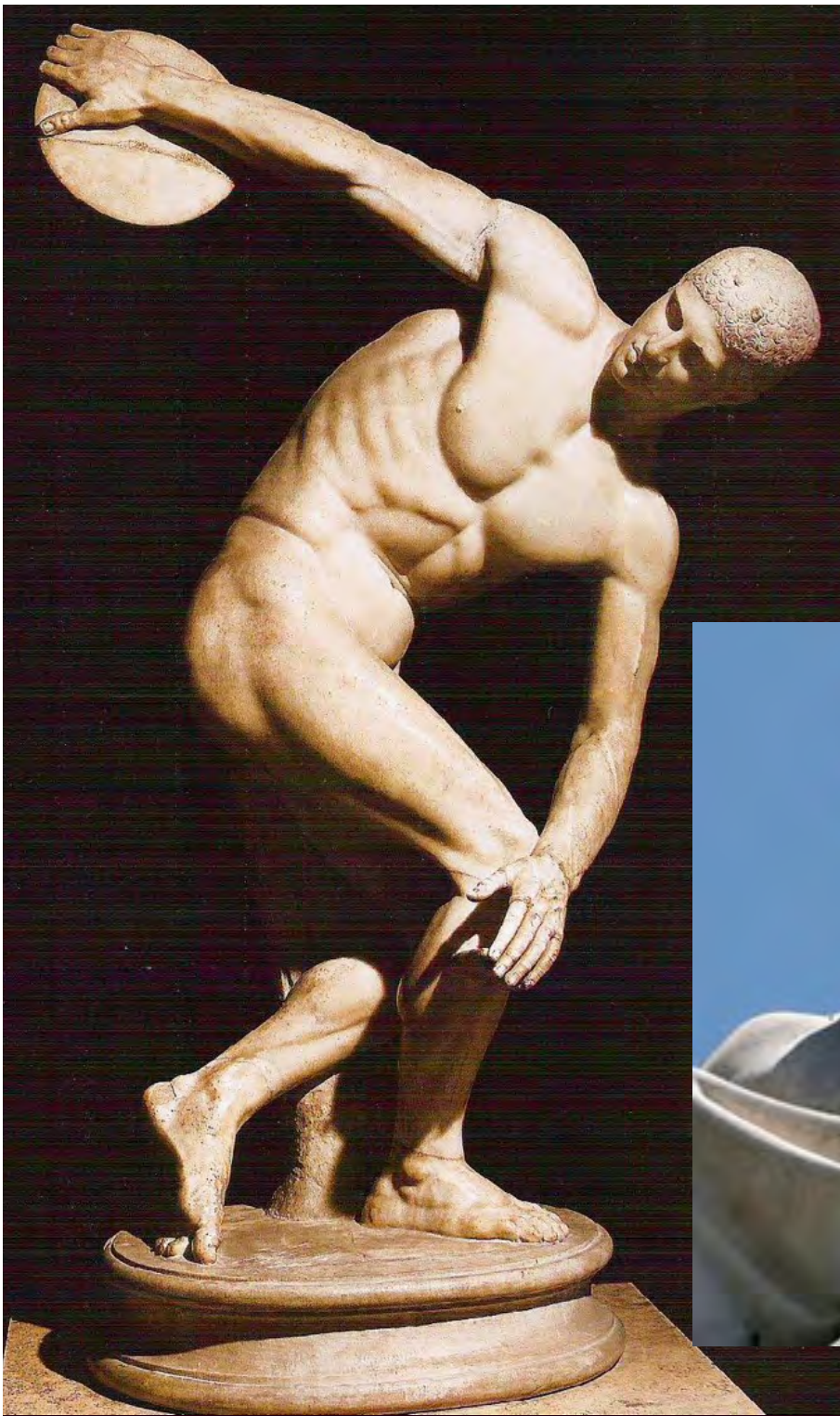
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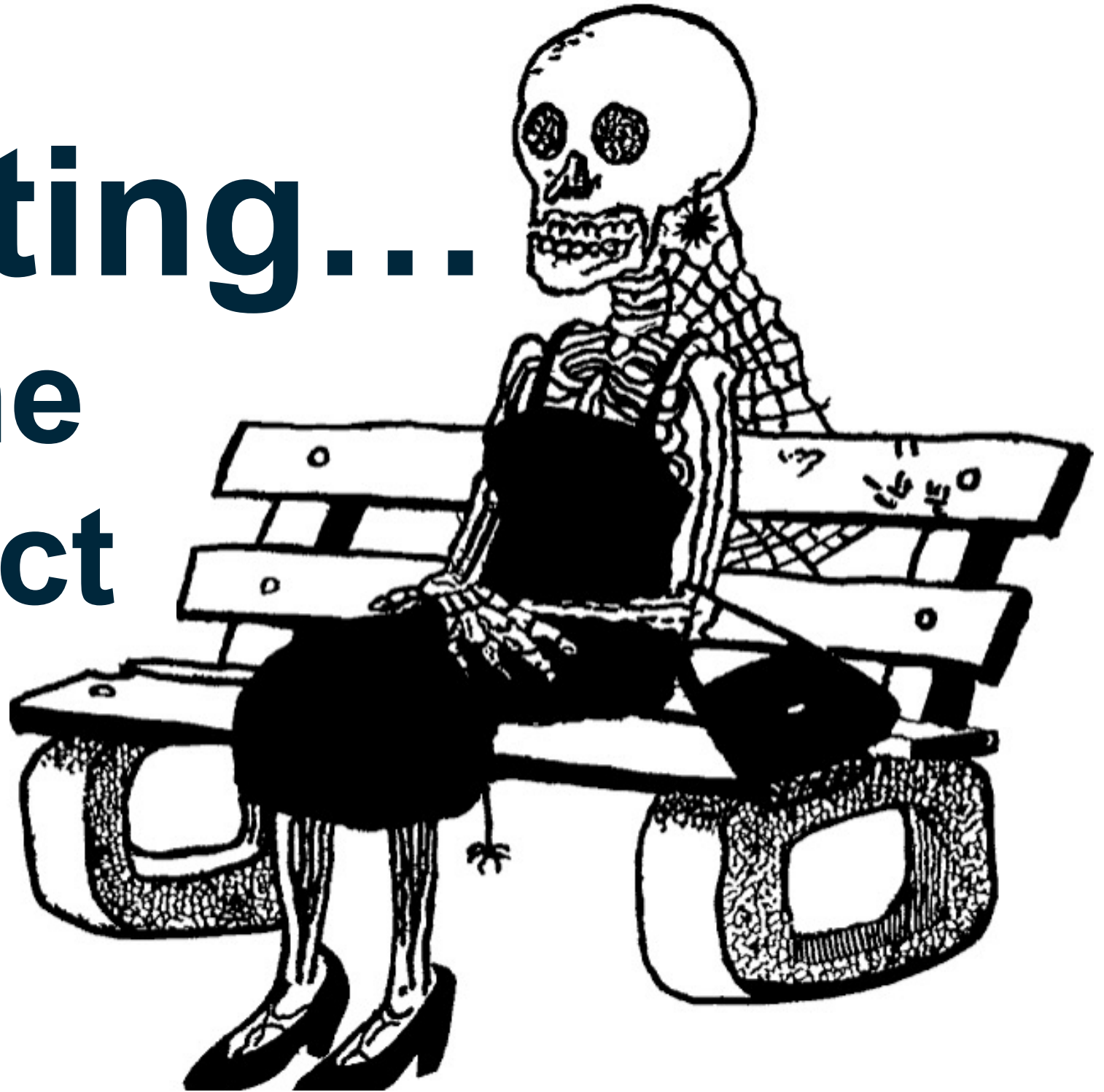
## Date

The Book of Acts ends with Paul's two year imprisonment, ending in AD 62, and Luke was written before Acts. The best estimate is probably that Luke wrote his account during Paul's two-year imprisonment at Caesarea (Jun 57-Aug 59).

Greeks idealized  
the "Perfect Man"

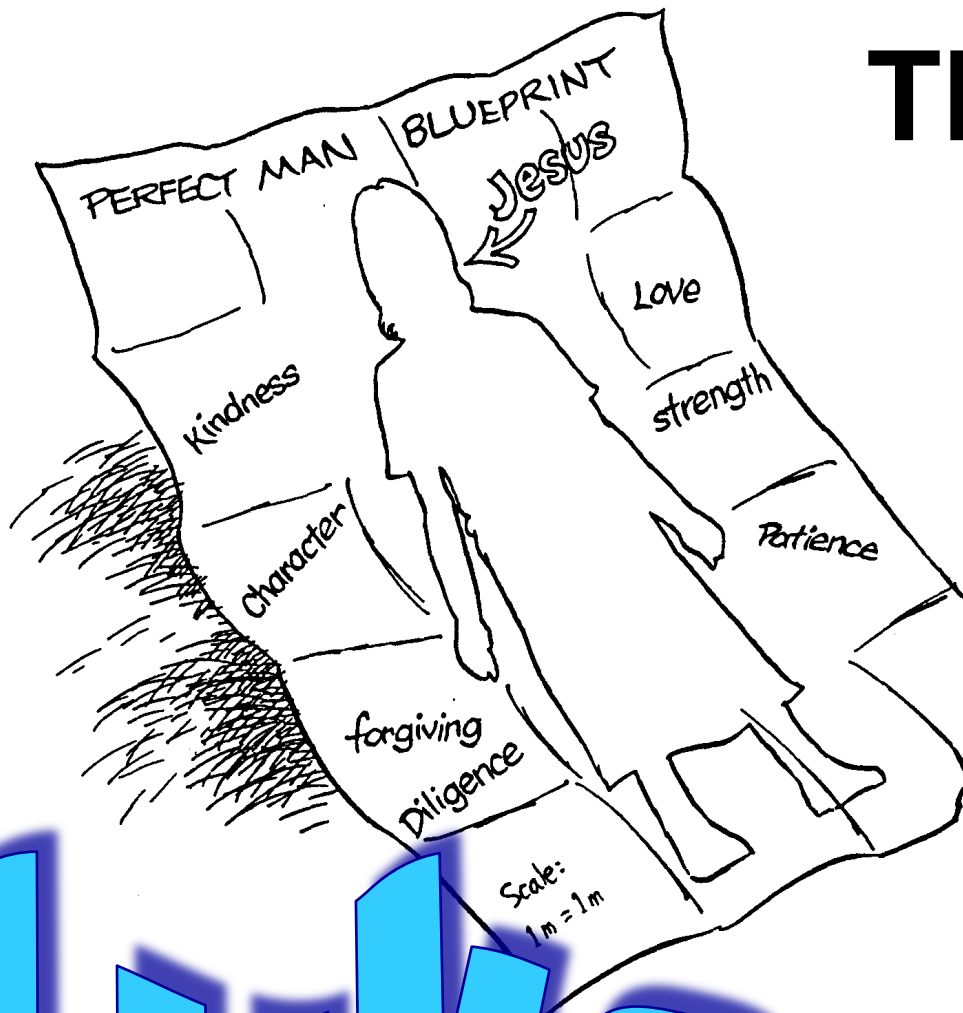


**Waiting...**  
**for the**  
**perfect**  
**man.**





**The perfect man  
is Jesus!**



**Luke**

# Who was Luke?

**Medical doctor**

**Traveling companion of Paul**

**Articulate historian & writer**



# **Who was Theophilus?**

**“One who loves God”  
Believer in Jesus  
Probably a Wealthy Benefactor**



Rome?



# LUKE

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Asia Minor?



**Origin: Caesarea, Israel**  
**Destination: Theophilus**



Caesarea



Alexandria?



**Where did the writer  
and readers live?**

How can we be **confirmed**  
in our belief in Jesus?



# Luke 1

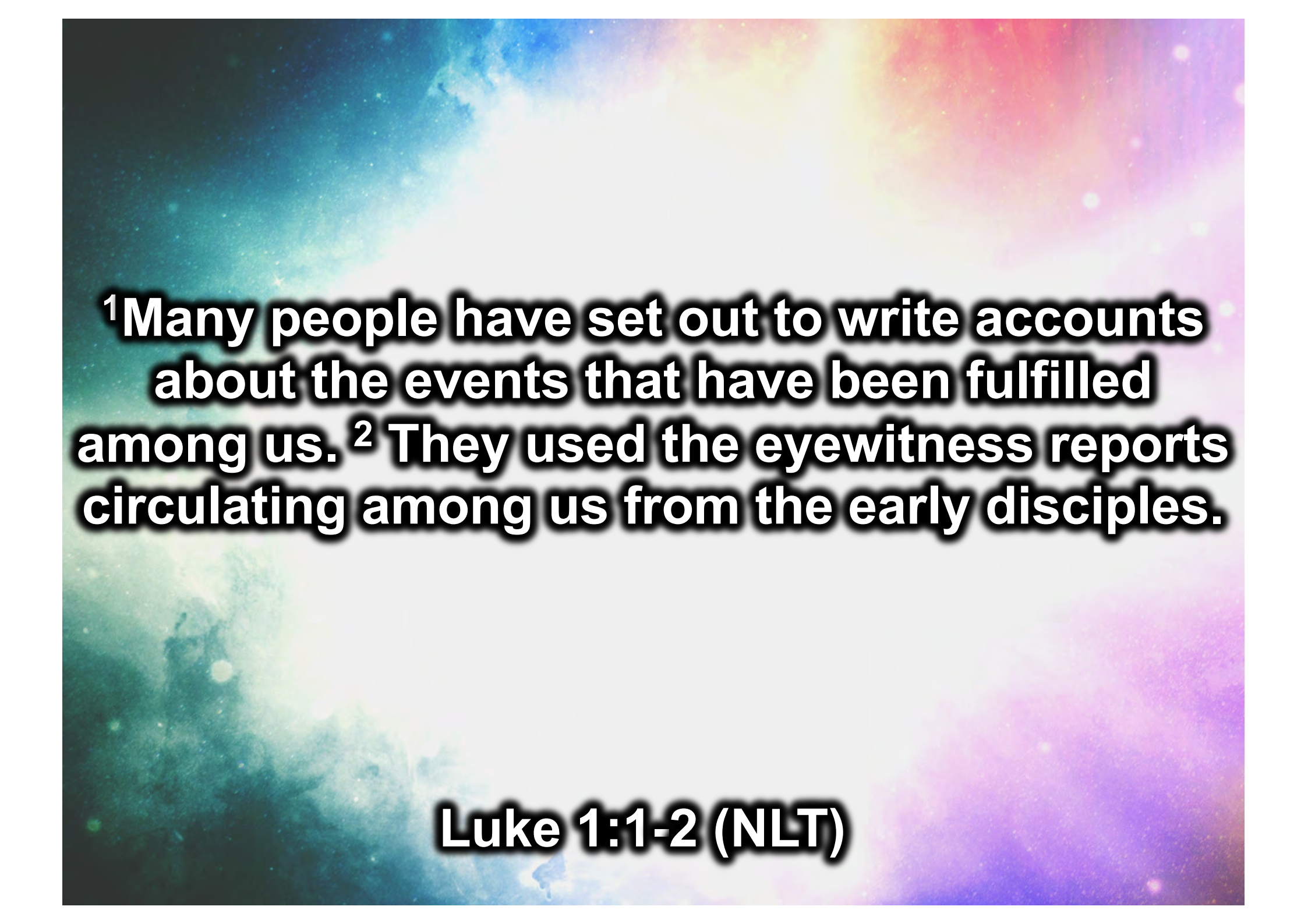


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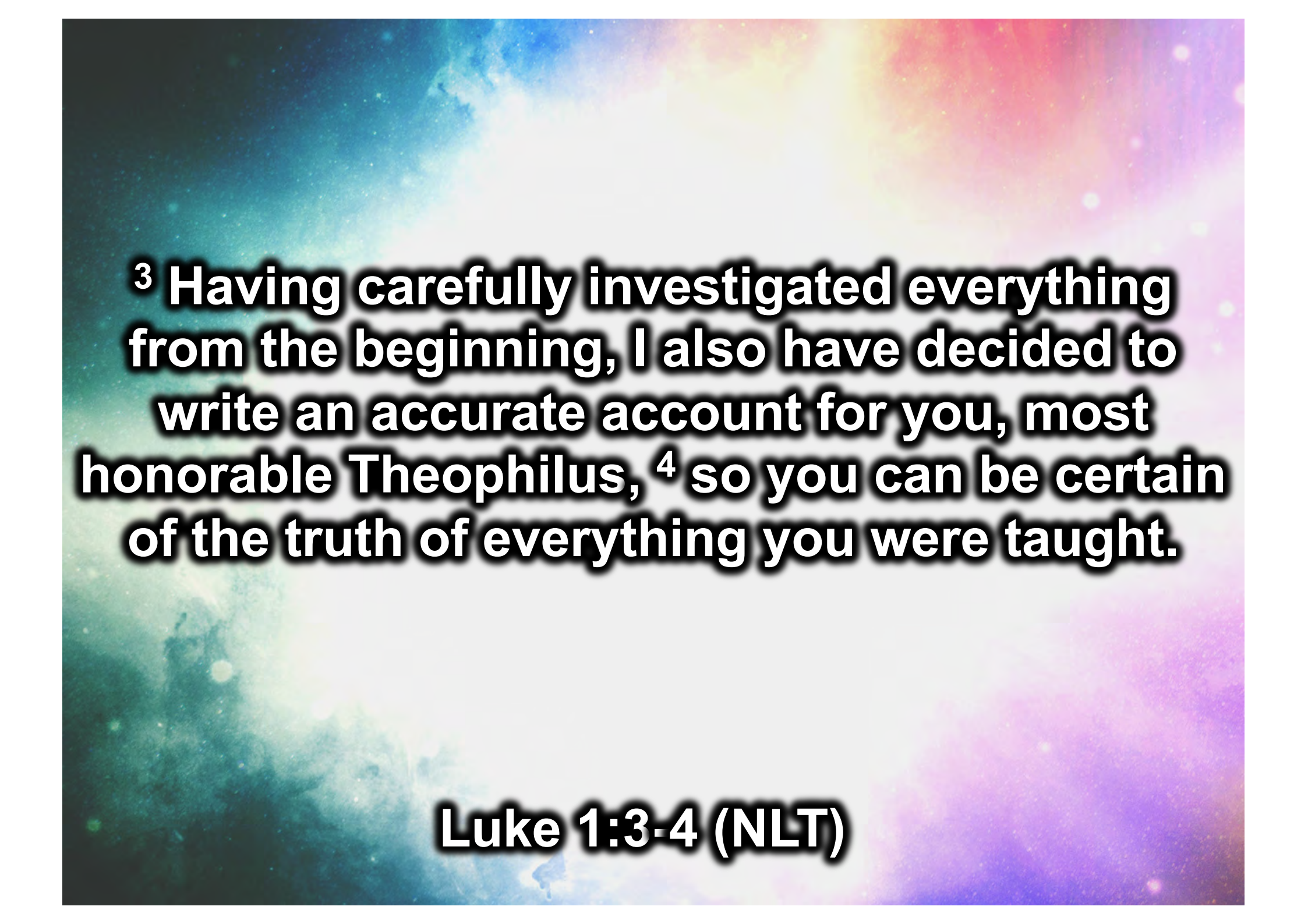


Sources about Christ's life are **reliable** (1:1-4).



**<sup>1</sup>Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. <sup>2</sup> They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples.**

**Luke 1:1-2 (NLT)**



**<sup>3</sup> Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.**

**Luke 1:3-4 (NLT)**



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**universal** Saviour (1:5–4:13).

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**Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-80**

**ZECHARIAH IS  
PROMISED A SON**



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# AN ANGEL VISITS MARY



Luke 1:26-38

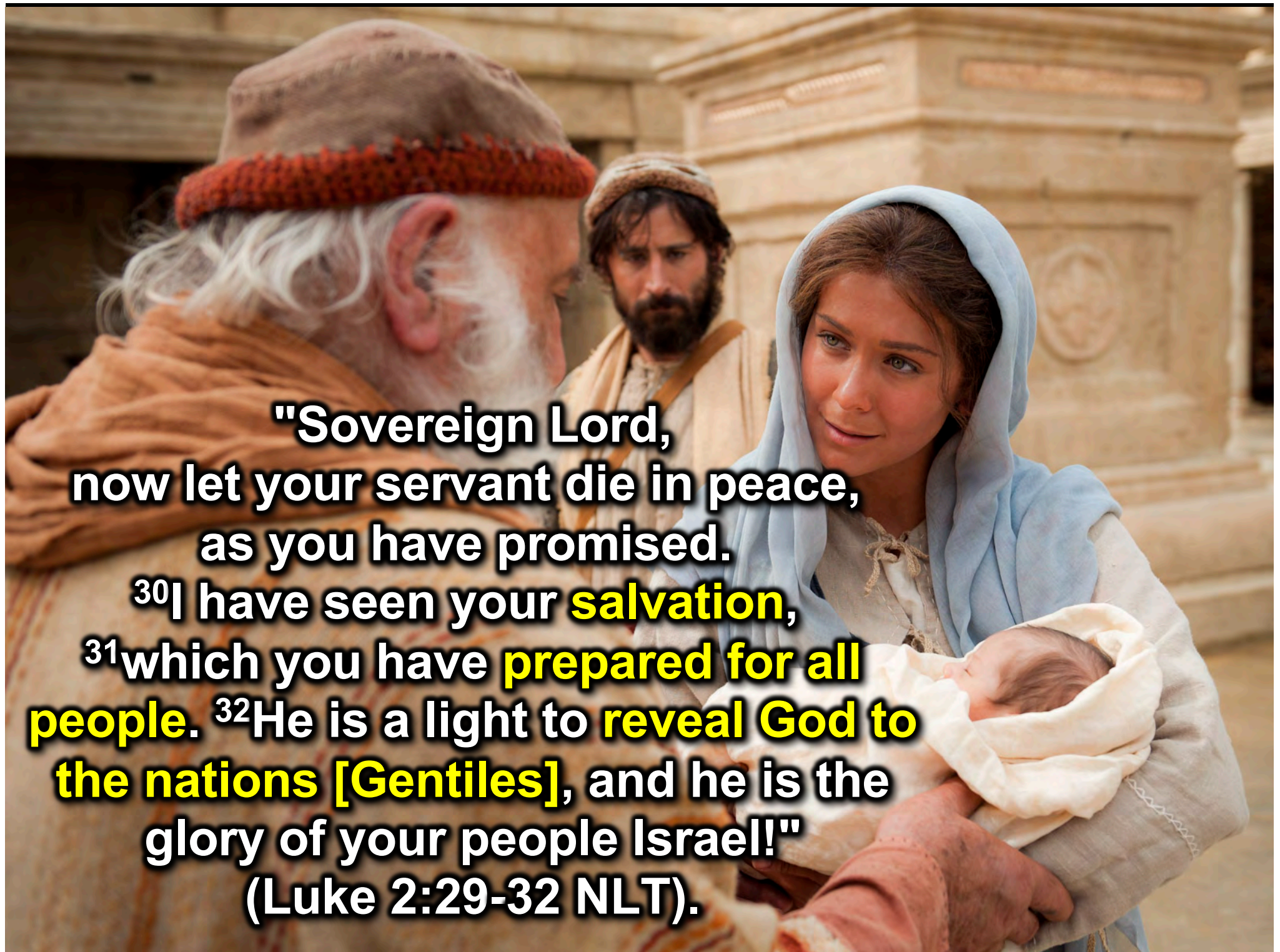
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**"HE WILL REIGN OVER THE THRONE OF  
JACOB FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM  
THERE WILL BE NO END"  
(LUKE 1:33)**

# Luke 2



**"Sovereign Lord,  
now let your servant die in peace,  
as you have promised.**

**<sup>30</sup>I have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared for all  
people. <sup>32</sup>He is a light to reveal God to  
the nations [Gentiles], and he is the  
glory of your people Israel!"  
(Luke 2:29-32 NLT).**



## ***Dating the Birth of Christ***

**Date of Birth: ca. December 5 BC/January 4 BC**

**Jesus was born between these two dates:**

**Census of  
Quirinius/Cyrenius  
(Luke 2:1-5)**

**6 BC**

**Death of  
Herod the Great  
(Matt. 2:1; Luke 1:5)**

**29 March-11 April  
4 BC**

# Luke 3

**Luke  
3:1-2**

## **John the Baptist**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius **Caesar**, Pontius **Pilate** being governor of Judea, and **Herod** being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother **Philip** tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and **Lysanias** tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of **Annas** and **Caiaphas**, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness;



**Luke  
3:3-4**

## **John the Baptist**

**and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.**

**As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."**

# JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Matthew 3:1-16**

**Mark 1:1-11**

**Luke 3:1-22**

**John 1:1-34**



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# Chronology of Jesus in Luke

4 BC	1 BC	AD 1	14	29	30	33	35
Jesus Born	-1 year-	Tiberius Crowned	15th Yr. Tiberius	Jesus Died	Paul Believed		

**"In the 15th year of Tiberius...  
John preached" (Luke 3:1, 3)**

—  
John &  
Jesus

←————→  
**32-33 years**

**"Now Jesus himself was about  
30 years old when he began  
his ministry" (Luke 3:23)**

# THE LINE OF DAVID: The Royal Genealogy of Jesus Christ\*

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# Luke 4

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to offer salvation to Gentiles (4:14–21:38).

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Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37  
**JESUS DELIVERS A  
POSSESSED MAN**

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# Luke 5



**Mark 2:2-12; Luke 5:17-26**

**JESUS FORGIVES AND  
HEALS A PARALYZED MAN**

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# Luke 8



The background of the image is a photograph of a man dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including a dark robe and a head covering. He is standing in a field of dry, rocky soil, scattering seeds from a small brown bag. The air is filled with many seeds in motion. In the background, there are several green trees and a clear sky.

Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:1-15  
**PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

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**Matthew 8:23-27**

**Mark 4:35-41**

**Luke 8:22-25**

# **JESUS CALMS A STORM**

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# Luke 9



# **JESUS FEEDS 5000**

**Matthew 14:13-22**

**Mark 6:31-46**

**Luke 9:10-17**

**John 6:1-13**



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# Luke 10

# *God's Compassion*



*Luke 10:25-37*

# Luke 15



A woman with a distressed expression, wearing a blue headscarf and a striped garment, is shown in a close-up shot. Her hands are raised, and she appears to be in a state of emotional turmoil. The background is a blurred, warm-toned setting, possibly a desert or a rustic interior.

# THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN

Luke 15:8-10

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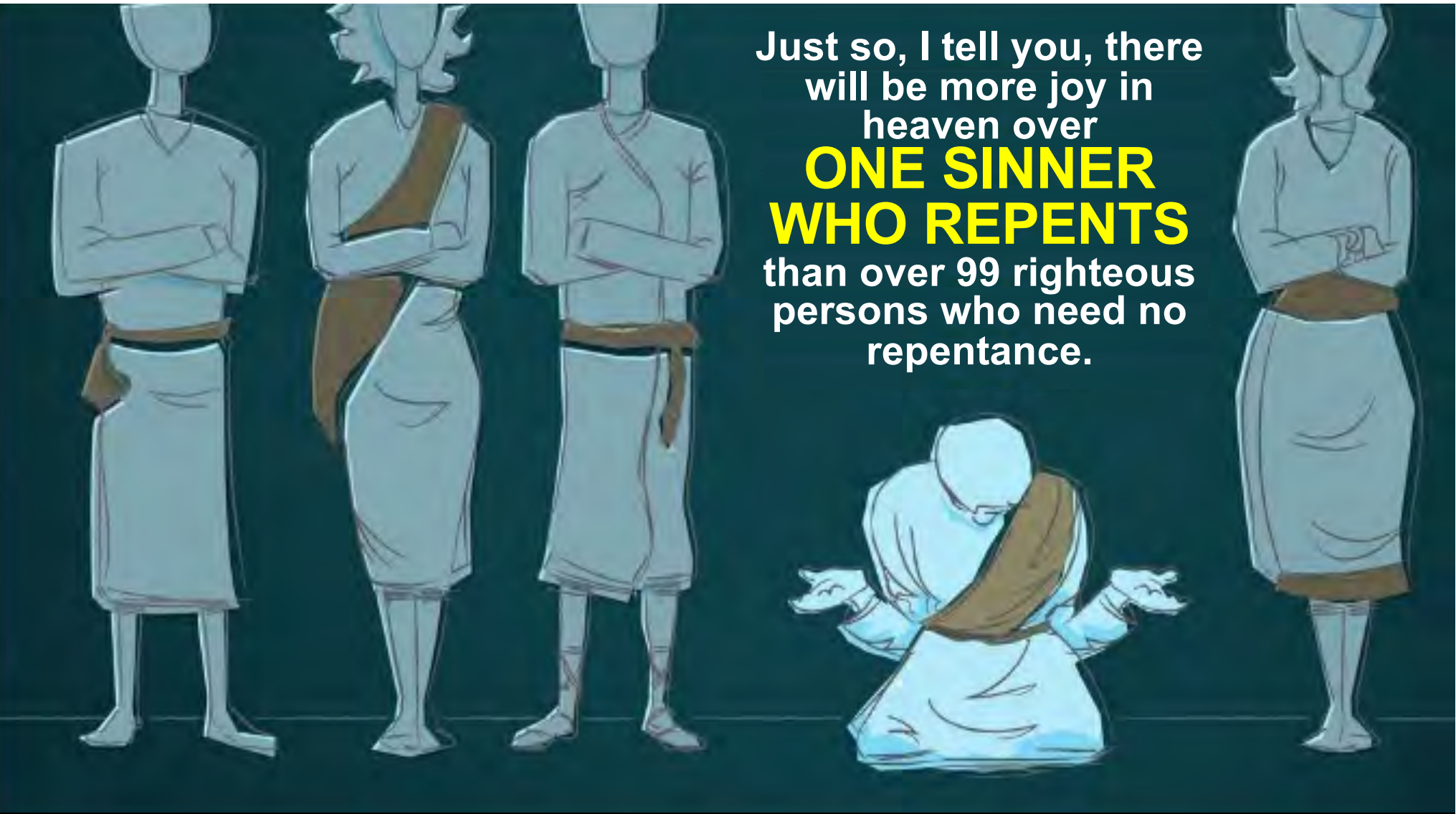












Just so, I tell you, there  
will be more joy in  
heaven over

**ONE SINNER  
WHO REPENTS**

than over 99 righteous  
persons who need no  
repentance.

**Luke 15:7**





# THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS (Prodigal Son)

Luke 15:11-32



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# Luke 19



# Triumphal Entry





The crowds that went ahead of him  
and those that followed shouted,

*“Hosanna to the Son of David!”*

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*“Hosanna in the highest!”*

MATTHEW 21:9

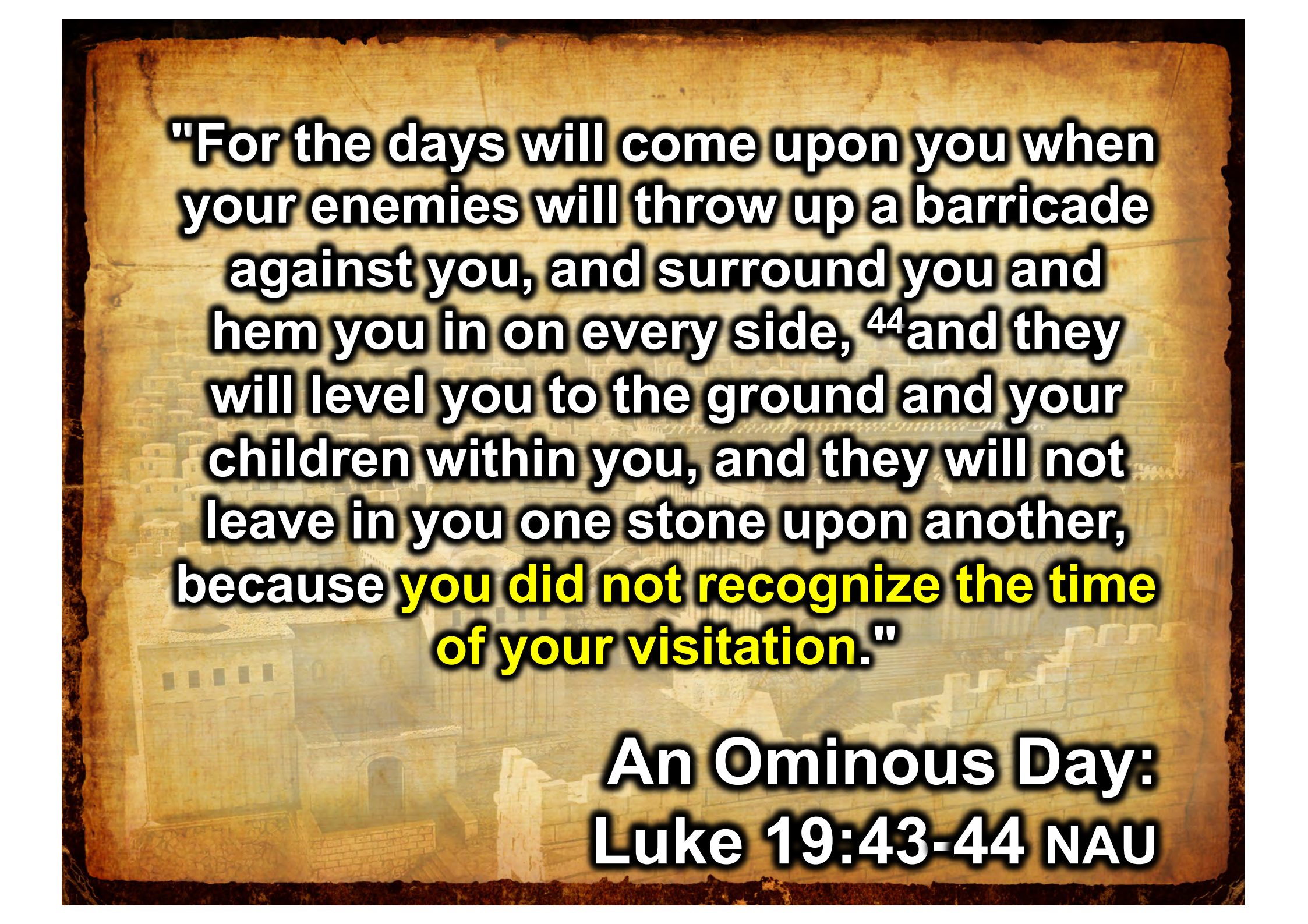




**"When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, 'If you had known in **this day**, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.'"**

**An Ominous Day:  
Luke 19:41-42 NAU**





**"For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, <sup>44</sup>and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because **you did not recognize the time of your visitation.**"**

**An Ominous Day:  
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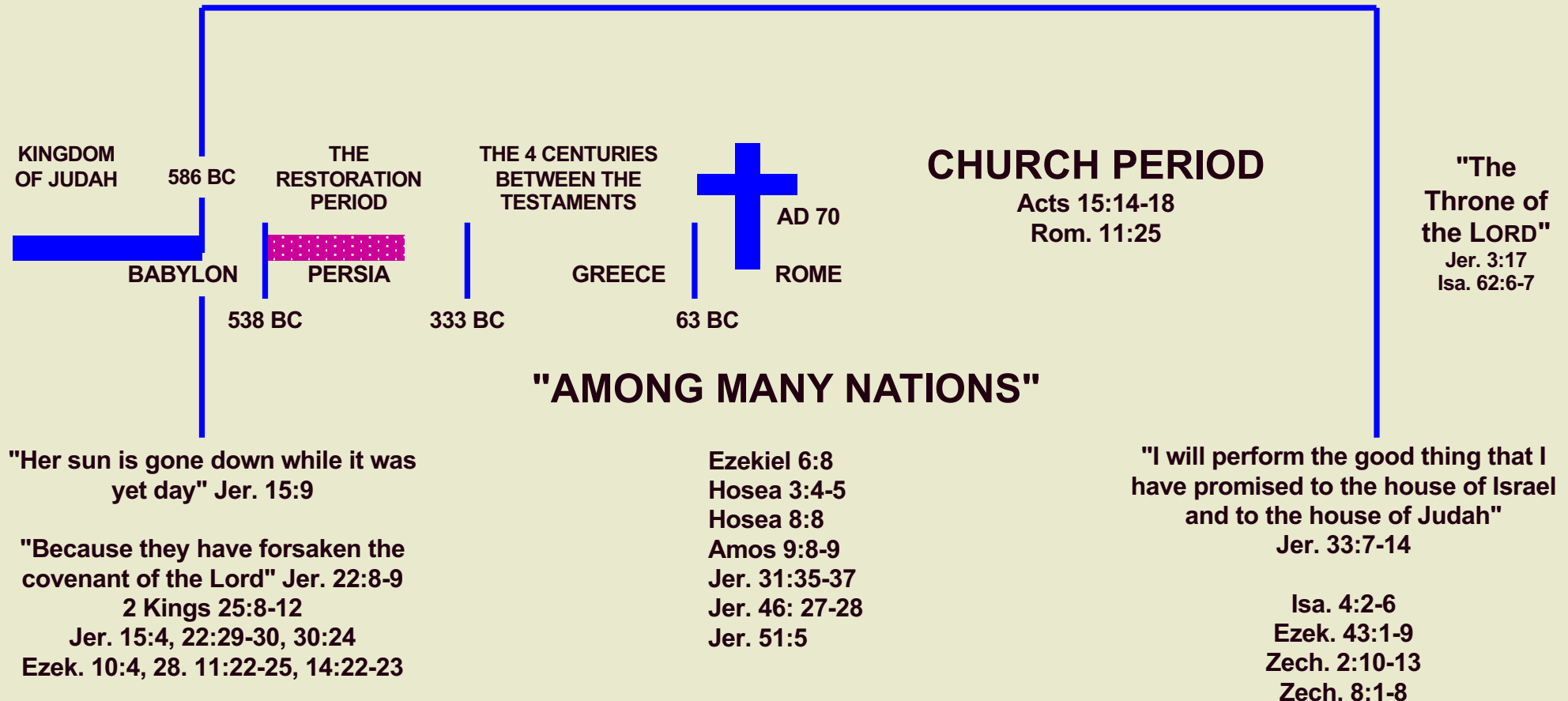
# Luke 21



# Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

## "TIMES OF THE GENTILES"

Luke 21:24



**"Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Jesus in Luke 21:24 NIV)**

# Luke 22



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# PESACH

*The Passover Meal*







*... This is my body*  
**GIVEN FOR YOU**  
*do this in*  
**REMEMBRANCE**  
*of me.*

**LUKE 22:19**





***The cup (not baptism) is  
the new covenant sign***

***... This cup is the  
NEW COVENANT  
in my blood, which is  
POURED OUT  
for you.***

**LUKE 22:20**





**Matthew 26:36-56**  
**Mark 14:32-52**  
**Luke 22:39-53**  
**John 18:1-12**

**THE EASTER STORY**

# **JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE**

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**Matthew 26:69-75**

**Mark 14:66-72**

**Luke 22:54-62**

**John 18:15-27**

**THE EASTER STORY**

**PETER DENIES JESUS**

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**Matthew 26:57-67**

**Mark 14:53-65**

**Luke 22:66-71**

**John 18:15-27**

**THE EASTER STORY**

# **JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN**

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# Luke 23



**Matthew 27:27-37**

**Mark 15:16-25**

**Luke 23:26-34**

**John 19:16-27**

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**JESUS IS CRUCIFIED**

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ΤΩΝ ΙΟΥΔΑΙΩΝ



# Luke 24

How to be  
**confirmed...**



...in our belief  
in Jesus

We can proclaim a **risen** Saviour to the world (Luke 24).

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Sources about Christ's life are **reliable** (1:1–4).



**Matthew 28:1-15**

**Mark 16:1-20**

**Luke 24:1-47**

**John 20:1-29**



**THE EASTER STORY**

**JESUS IS ALIVE**

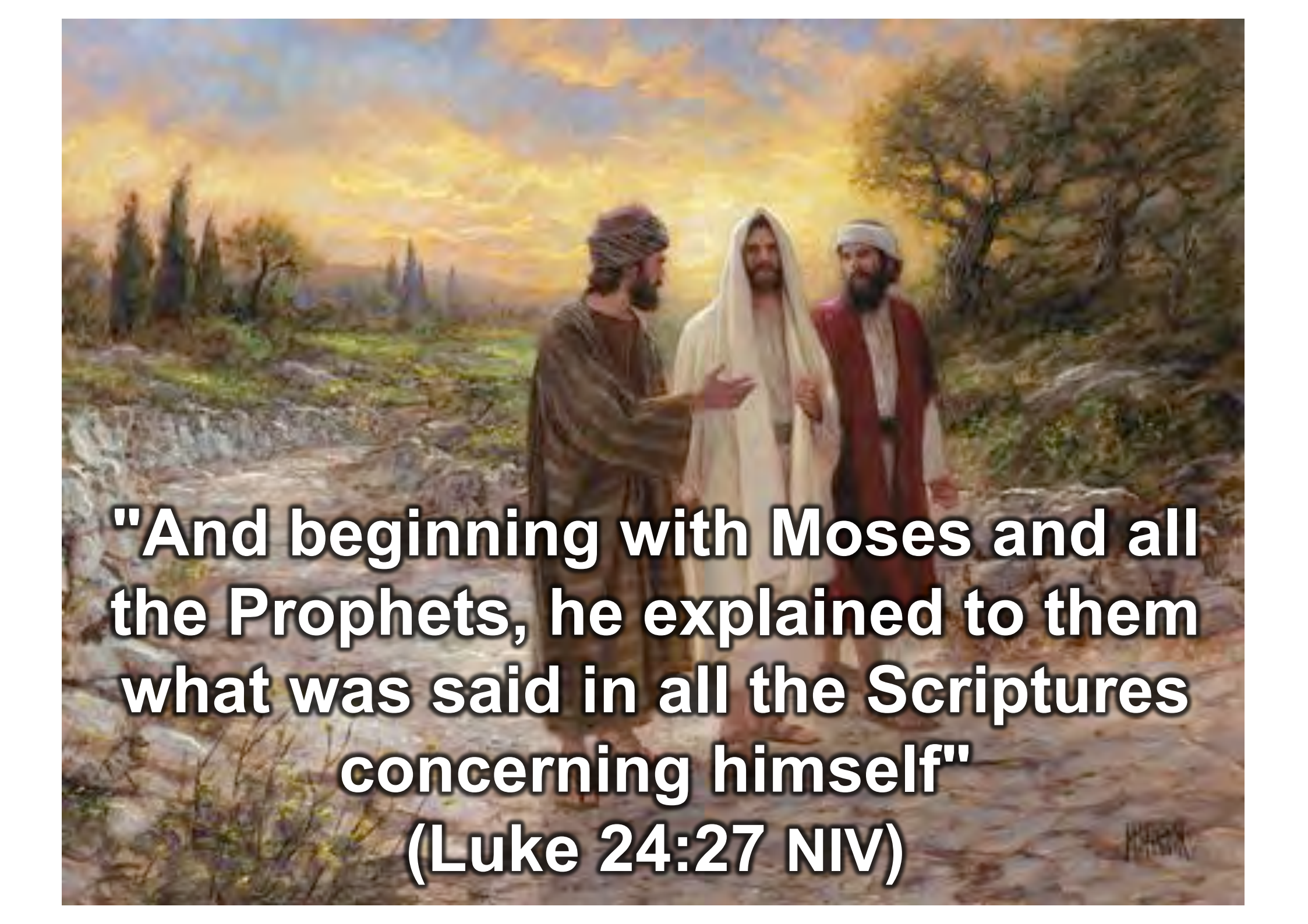
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A painting depicting the Resurrection. Jesus, wearing a white shroud, stands in the center, flanked by two men in traditional robes. They are in a landscape with trees and a bright, hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

**"And beginning with Moses and all  
the Prophets, he explained to them  
what was said in all the Scriptures  
concerning himself"  
(Luke 24:27 NIV)**





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in Jesus

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No one killed Jesus

Jesus is Jewish but also the  
**Universal** Saviour (Main Idea).

(4:14–21:38).

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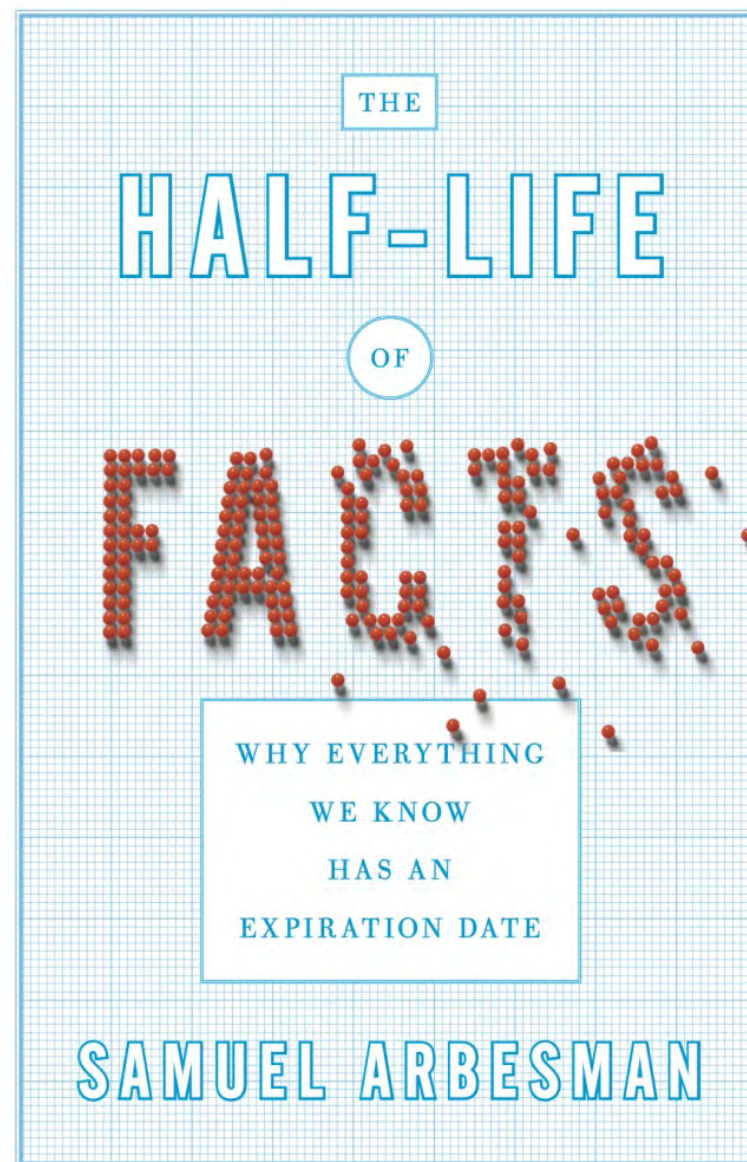


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Jesus is the **Universal** Saviour—  
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that he is **your** Saviour?

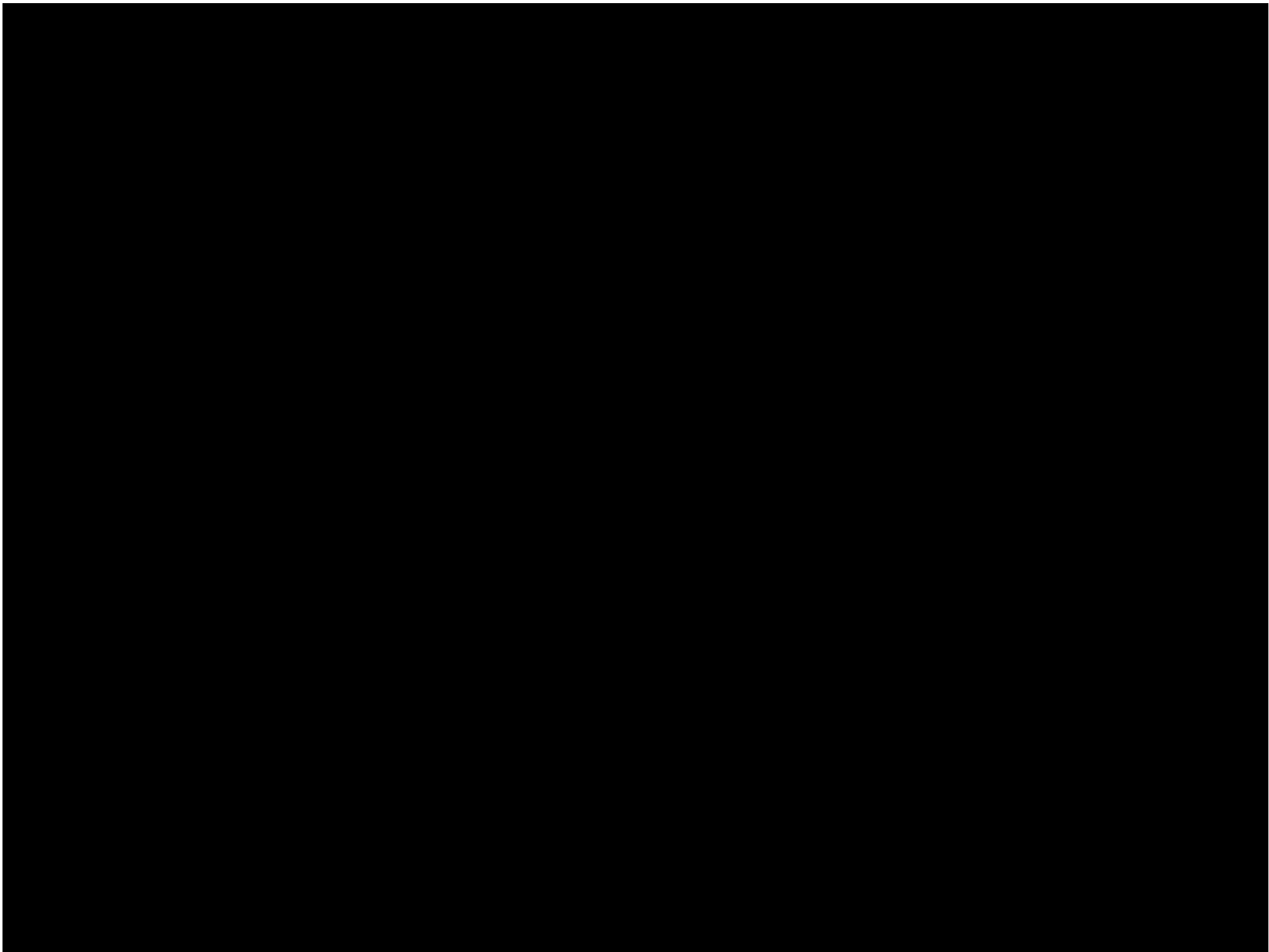
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**“The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures  
forever” (Isaiah 40:8).**

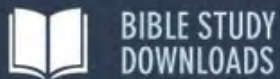
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**“For I tell you truly, until heaven and  
earth pass away, not a single jot, not a  
stroke of a pen, will disappear from the  
Law until everything is accomplished”  
(Matthew 5:18).**






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