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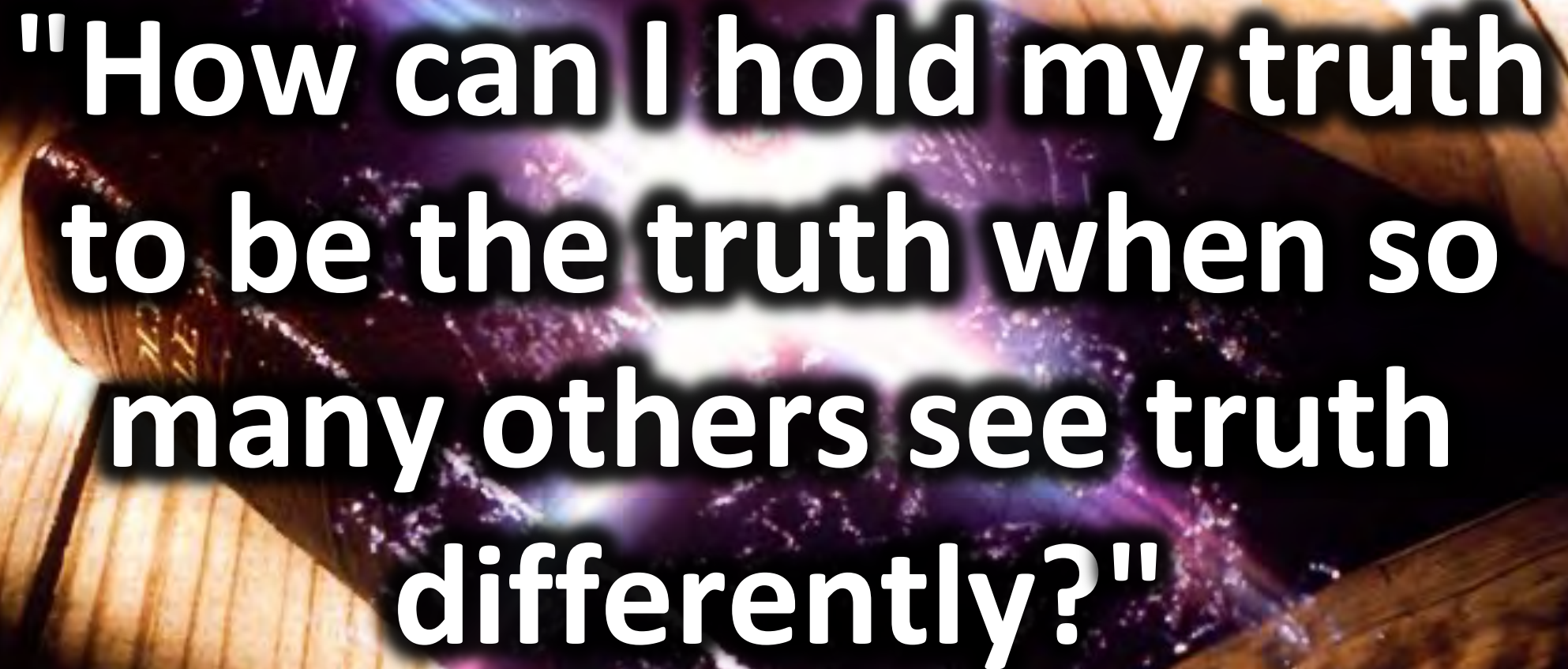
3 John

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***What is more
important to you?***

Ability or Integrity?





**"How can I hold my truth
to be the truth when so
many others see truth
differently?"**

**Reporter in *USA Weekend* Report on Religion
(1996)**



Truth is truth.

**Truth is still truth
even if no one
believes it.**

**A lie is still a lie
even if everyone
believes it.**



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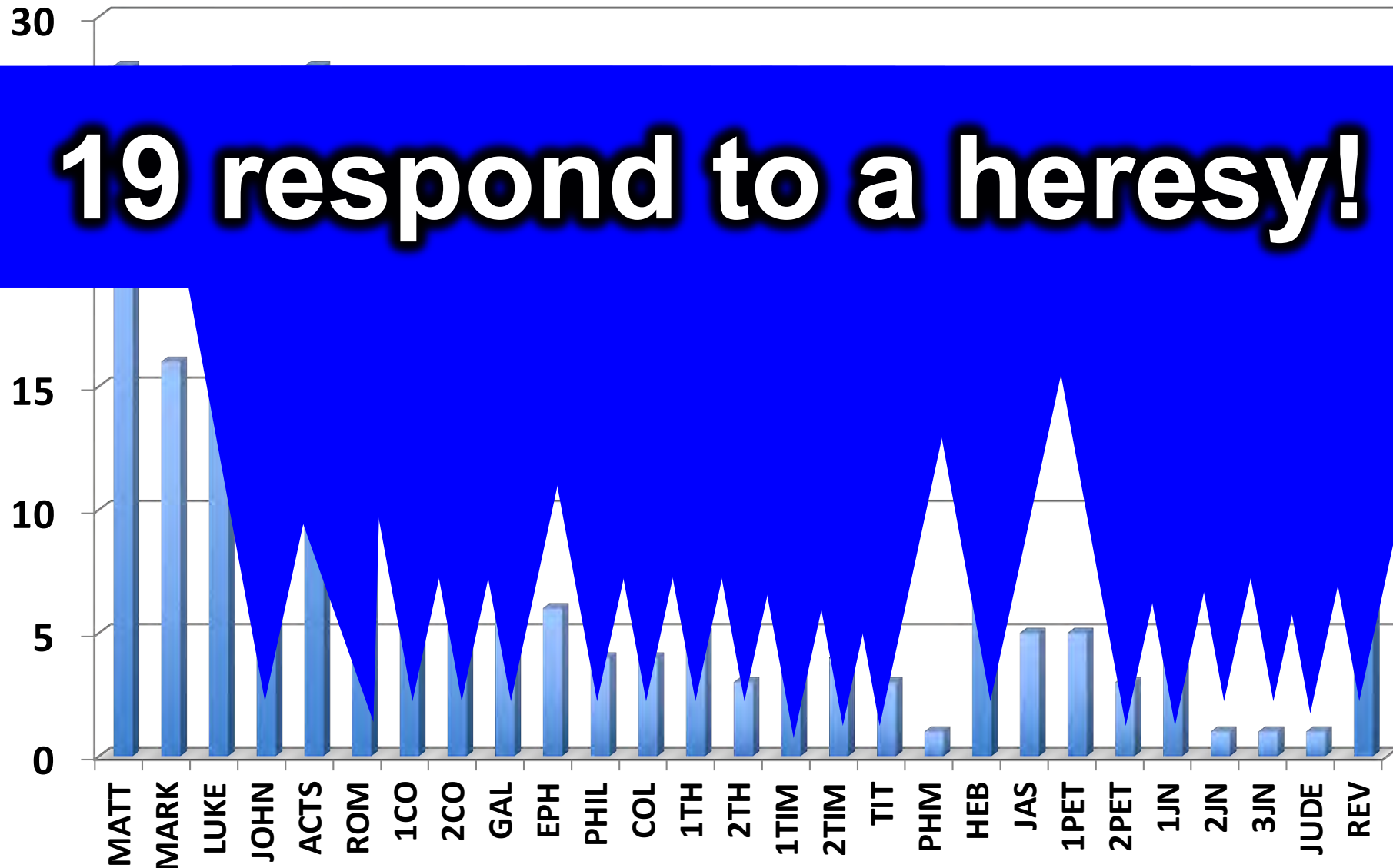
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27 NT Letters

19 respond to a heresy!



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**Do YOU need
to obey God's
truth?**

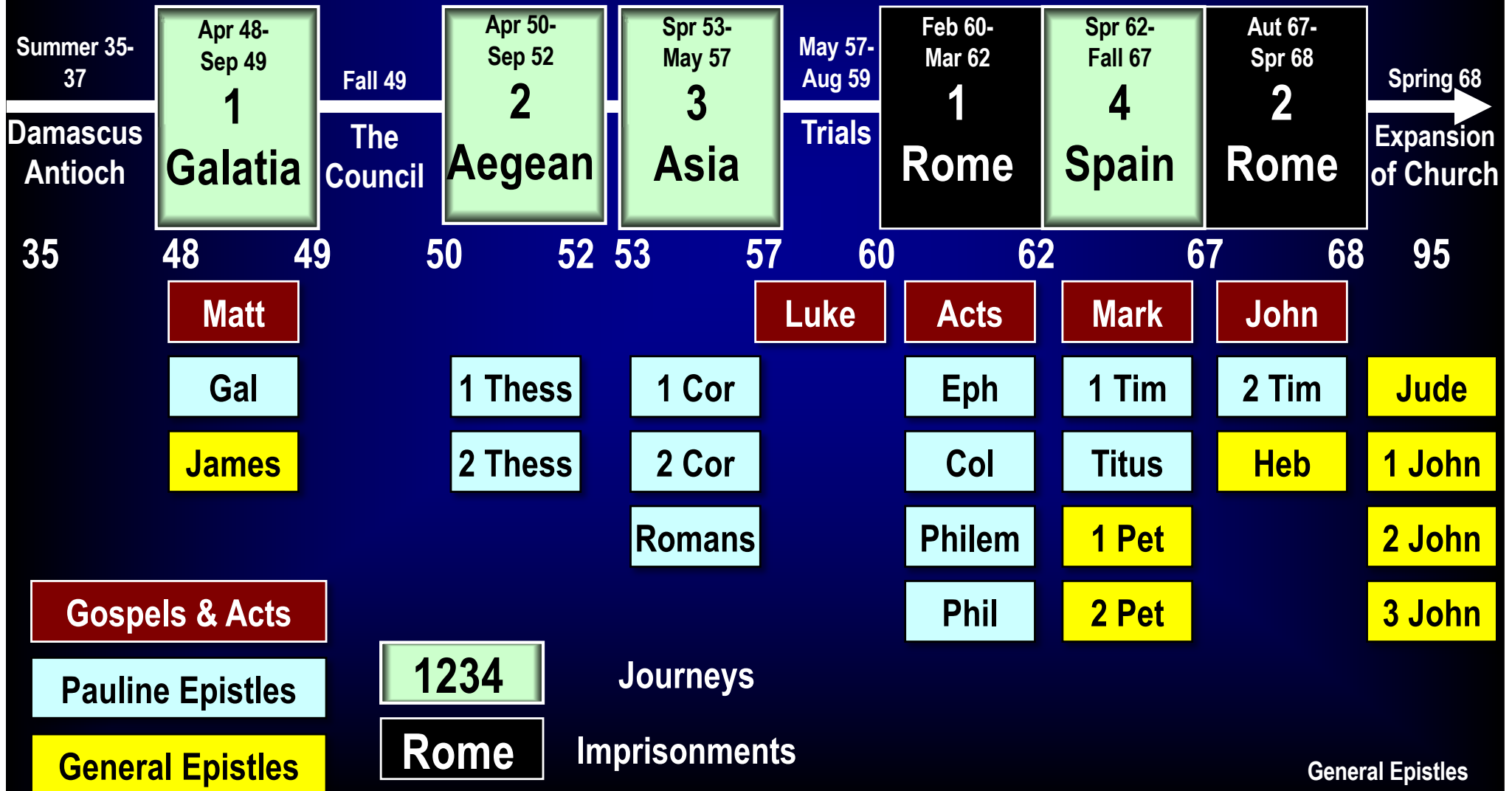
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New Testament Overview

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

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28





Occasion

Before the NT writings were completed & circulated among the early believers, the churches relied upon traveling missionaries for truth.

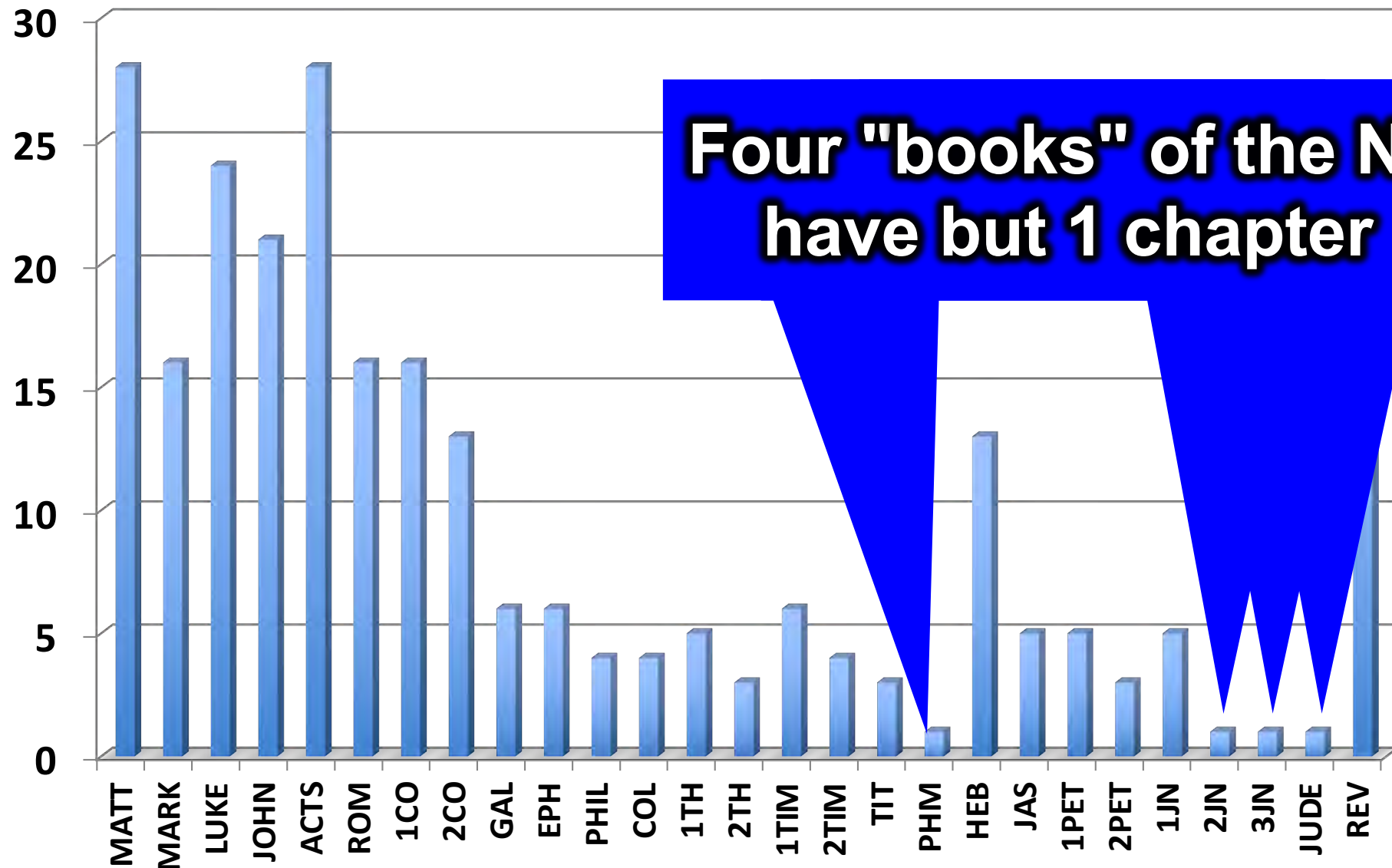
- **Since inns were unsafe and few, these missionaries stayed with Christians.**

A man named Gaius was faithfully extending hospitality to such men (vv. 5-8), despite opposition from a man in the church named Diotrephes (vv. 9-10).



- **John wrote to encourage Gaius to continue this practice of hospitality and support to missionaries.**

Chapters in NT Books



Verses in NT Emails

25

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Contrasts



In **2 John** the Apostle John warns against **supporting false** teachers

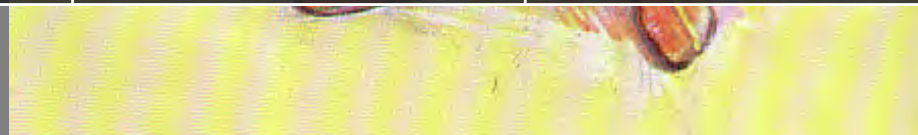
In **3 John** he gives the "flip-side": believers should **support true** missionary teachers.



Contrasts



	2 John	3 John
Recipient	a Woman	a Man
Names	Anonymous	Gaius, Diotrephes, Demetrius
Mood	Condemns	Commends
Missionaries	False	True
Hospitality/Support	Misplaced	Missing (Diotrephes) Maintained (Gaius)
Verses	13	15
Words (Greek text)	245	219



Salutation (1-4 NLT)

This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to Gaius, my dear friend, whom I love in the **truth**.

²Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.

³Some of the traveling teachers recently returned and made me very happy by telling me about your faithfulness and that you are living according to the **truth**.

⁴I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the **truth**.

*How can we **obey**
God's truth?*



3 ways...

Demetrius
is a
missionary
whom the
church
should
support
(12)



Diotrephes is a
carnal believer
opposing
hospitality
towards the
missionaries
practiced by
Gaius and
other believers
(9-11)

Gaius is a godly man who
wholeheartedly supports the
missionaries (1-8)



I. Help **others** get the truth out like Gaius (5-8)

"Dear friend, you are being faithful to God when you care for the traveling teachers who pass through, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶They have told the church here of your loving friendship."



"Please continue providing for such teachers in a manner that pleases God. ⁷For they are traveling for the Lord, and they accept nothing from people who are not believers."

Keys to the Postcard



✦ **Key Word: Missionaries**

✦ **Key Verse:**

"We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men [missionaries] so that we may work together for the truth"

(3 John 8 NIV)



A photograph of a man with a beard and a white cap, looking down at a young boy who is smiling. They are outdoors, and in the background, there are many colorful prayer flags. The text is overlaid on the image.

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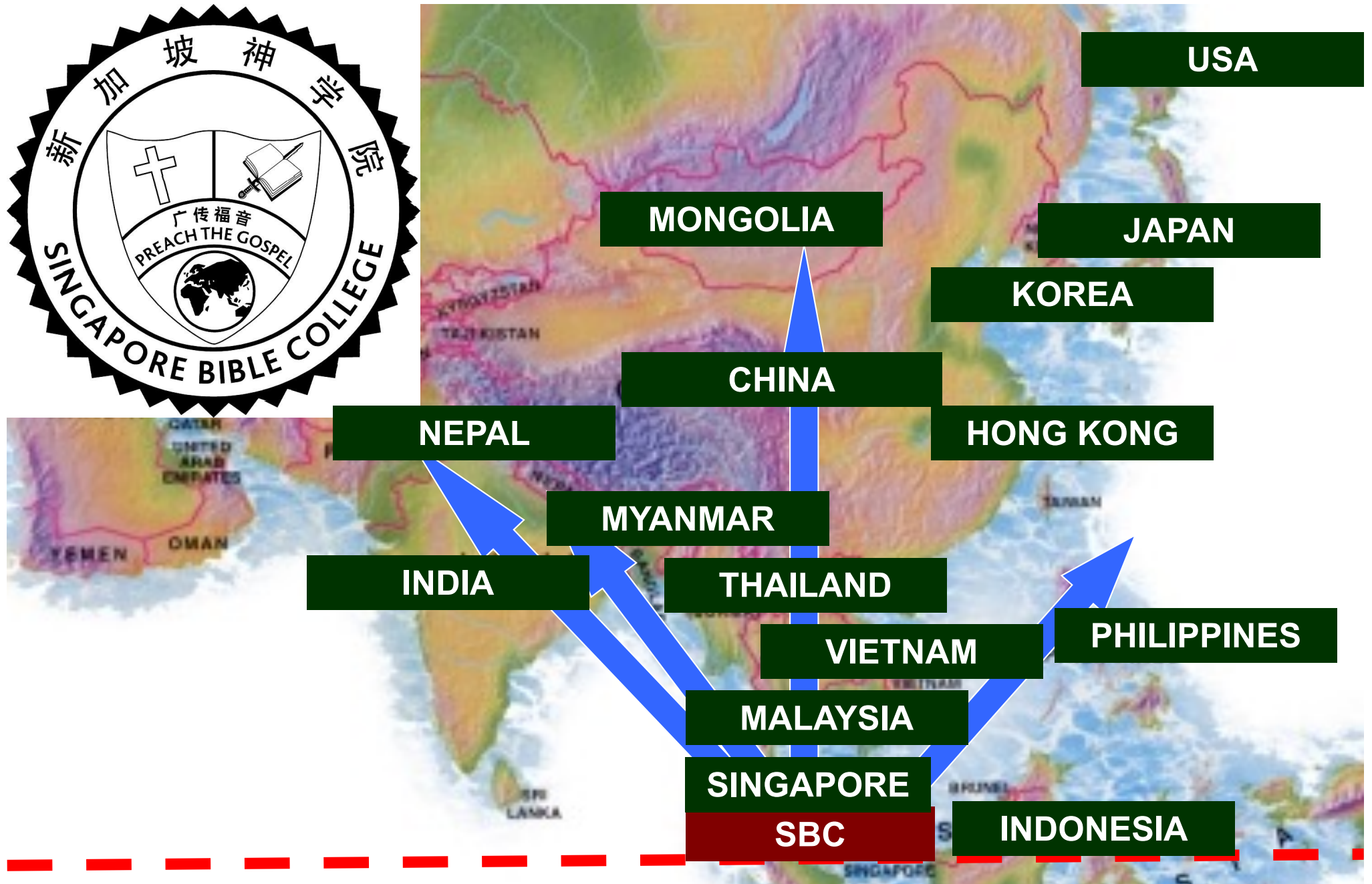
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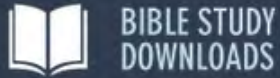


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II. Don't
hinder
missions
like
Diotrephes
(9-11)

I. Help **others** get the
truth out like Gaius (5-8)

**"I wrote to the church about this, but Diotrephes, who loves to be the leader, refuses to have anything to do with us.
10When I come, I will report some of the things he is doing and the evil accusations he is making against us. Not only does he refuse to welcome the traveling teachers, he also tells others not to help them. And when they do help, he puts them out of the church"
(vv. 9-10 NLT).**

Diotrephes

"nourished by Zeus"

- **Gossiped about John**
- **Refused missionaries**
- **Threw out supporters**



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Hindrances
Hindrances

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**Should we
name false
teachers by
name?**

John did.

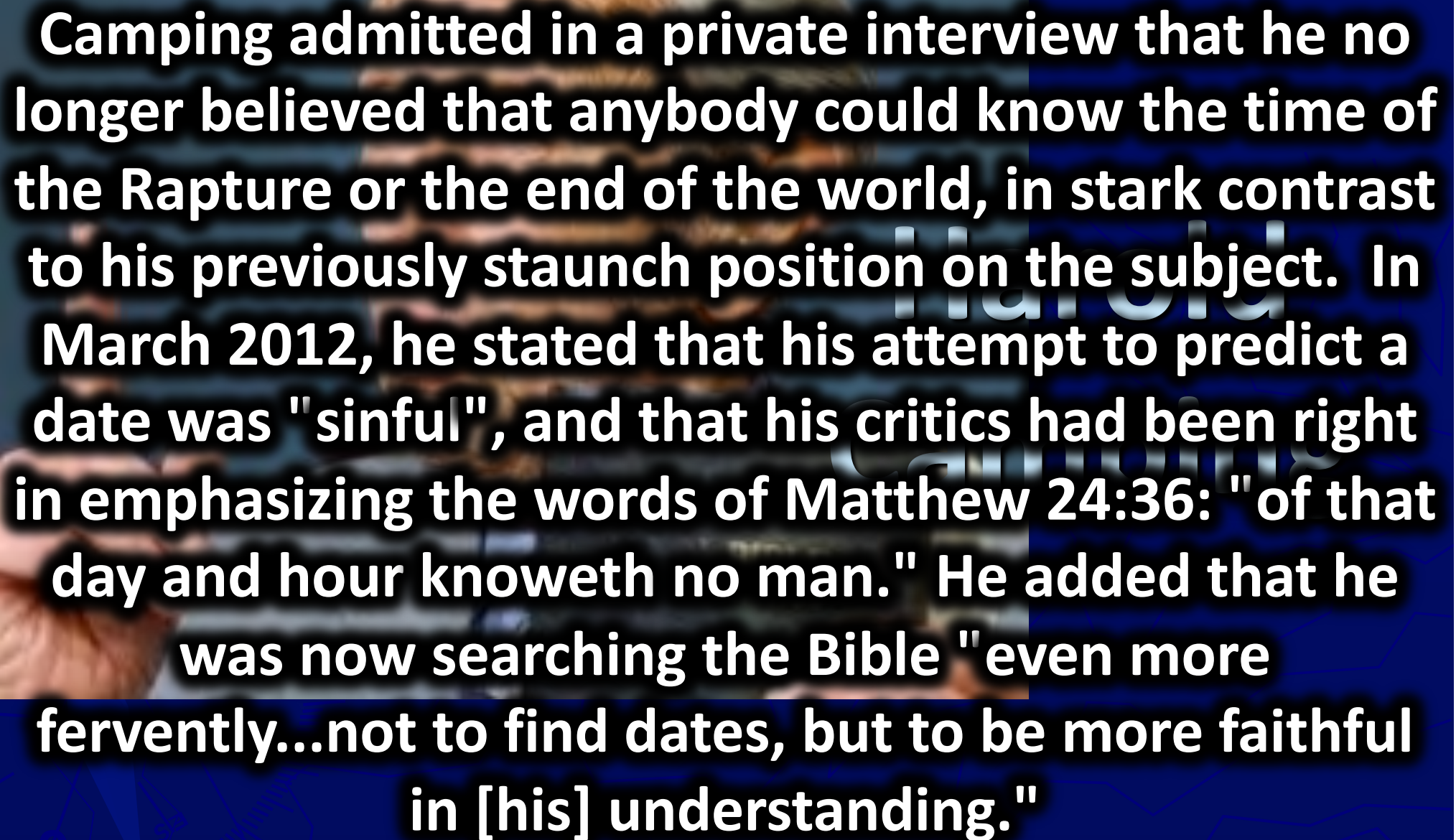


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Camping admitted in a private interview that he no longer believed that anybody could know the time of the Rapture or the end of the world, in stark contrast to his previously staunch position on the subject. In March 2012, he stated that his attempt to predict a date was "sinful", and that his critics had been right in emphasizing the words of Matthew 24:36: "of that day and hour knoweth no man." He added that he was now searching the Bible "even more fervently...not to find dates, but to be more faithful in [his] understanding."

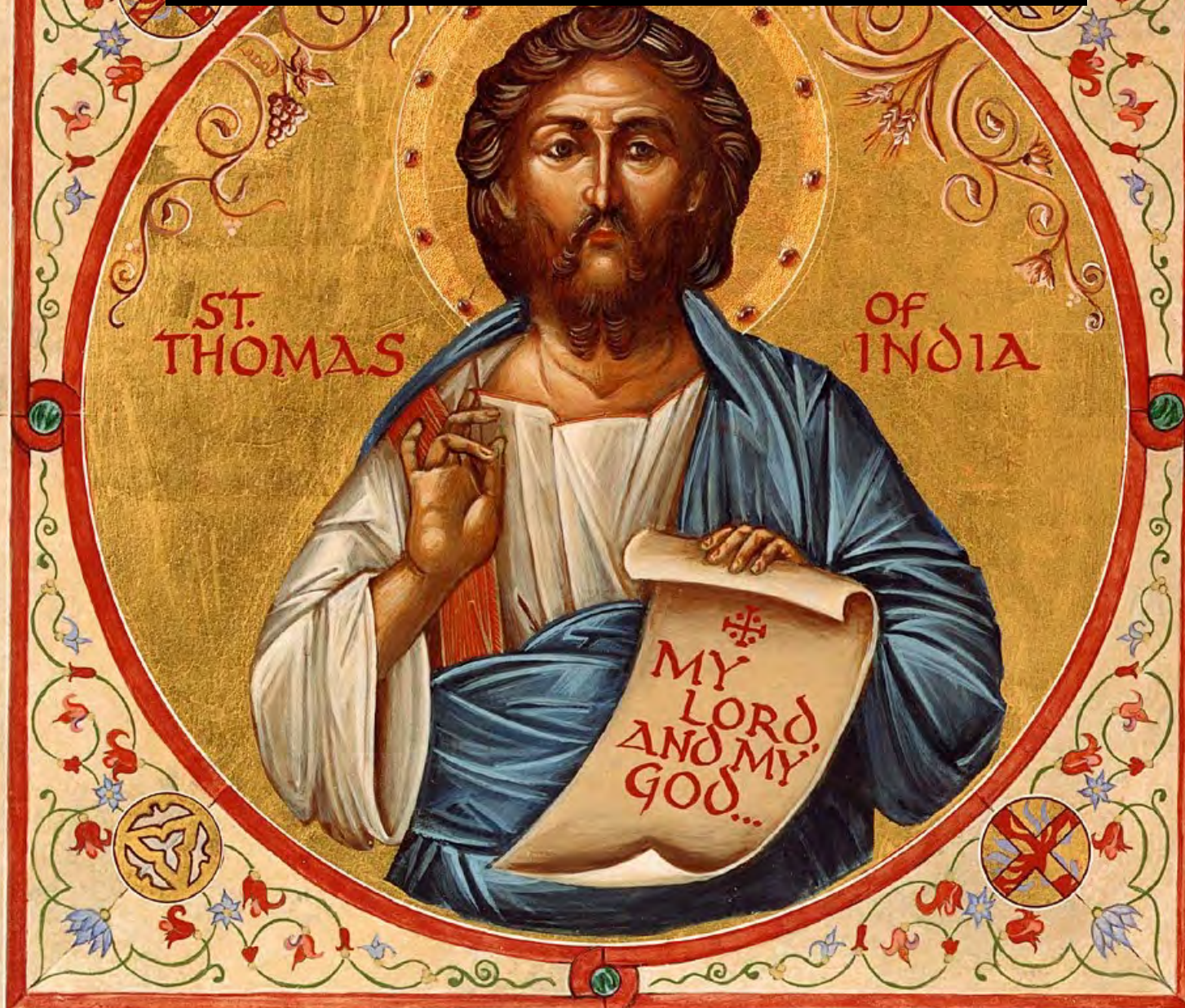
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One of the oldest and strongest traditions is that in AD 52 (between Paul's second and third missionary journeys) the apostle Thomas took the gospel to India and even China.



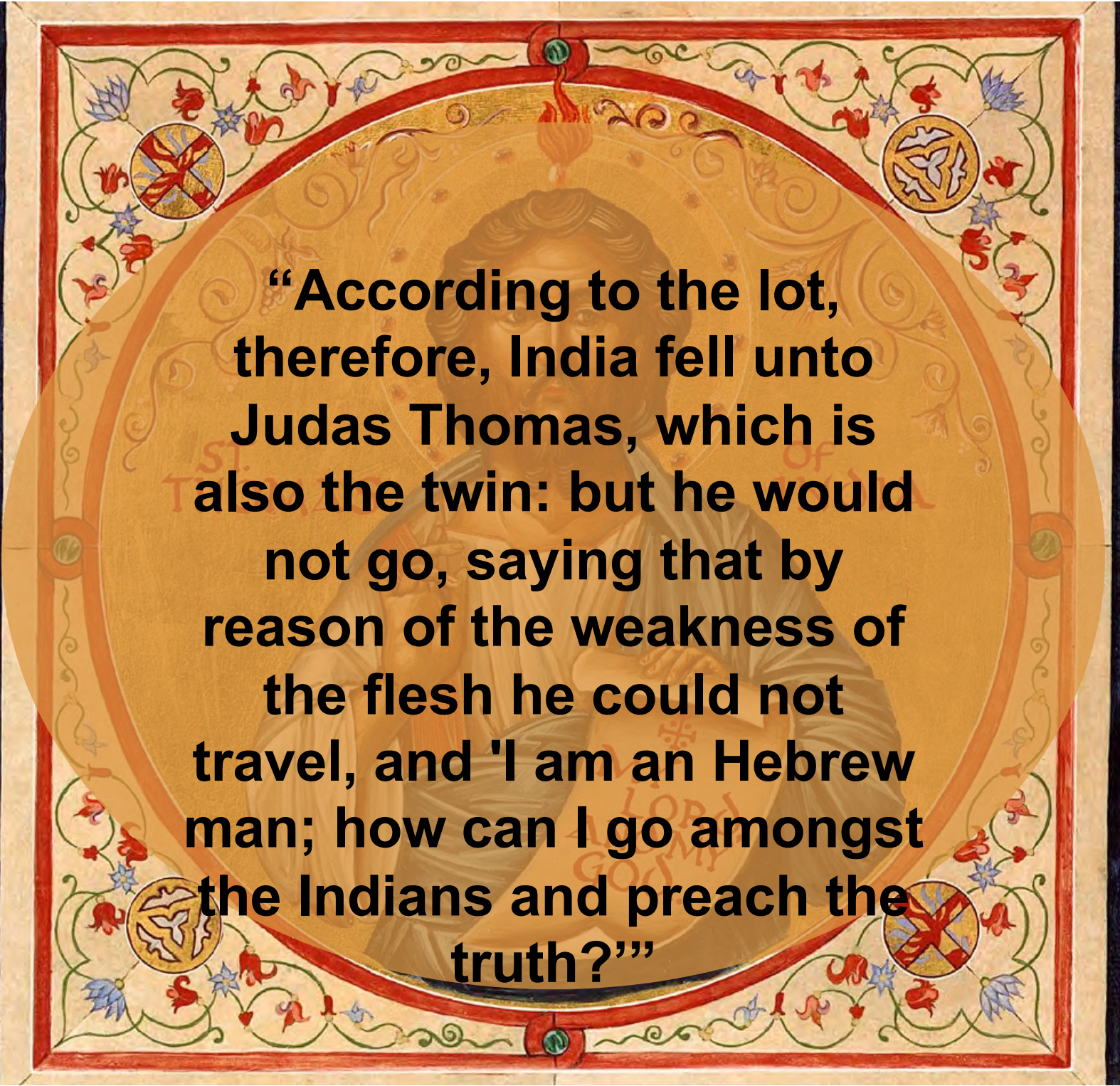
St Thomas Basilica, Madras, India

ACTS OF THOMAS

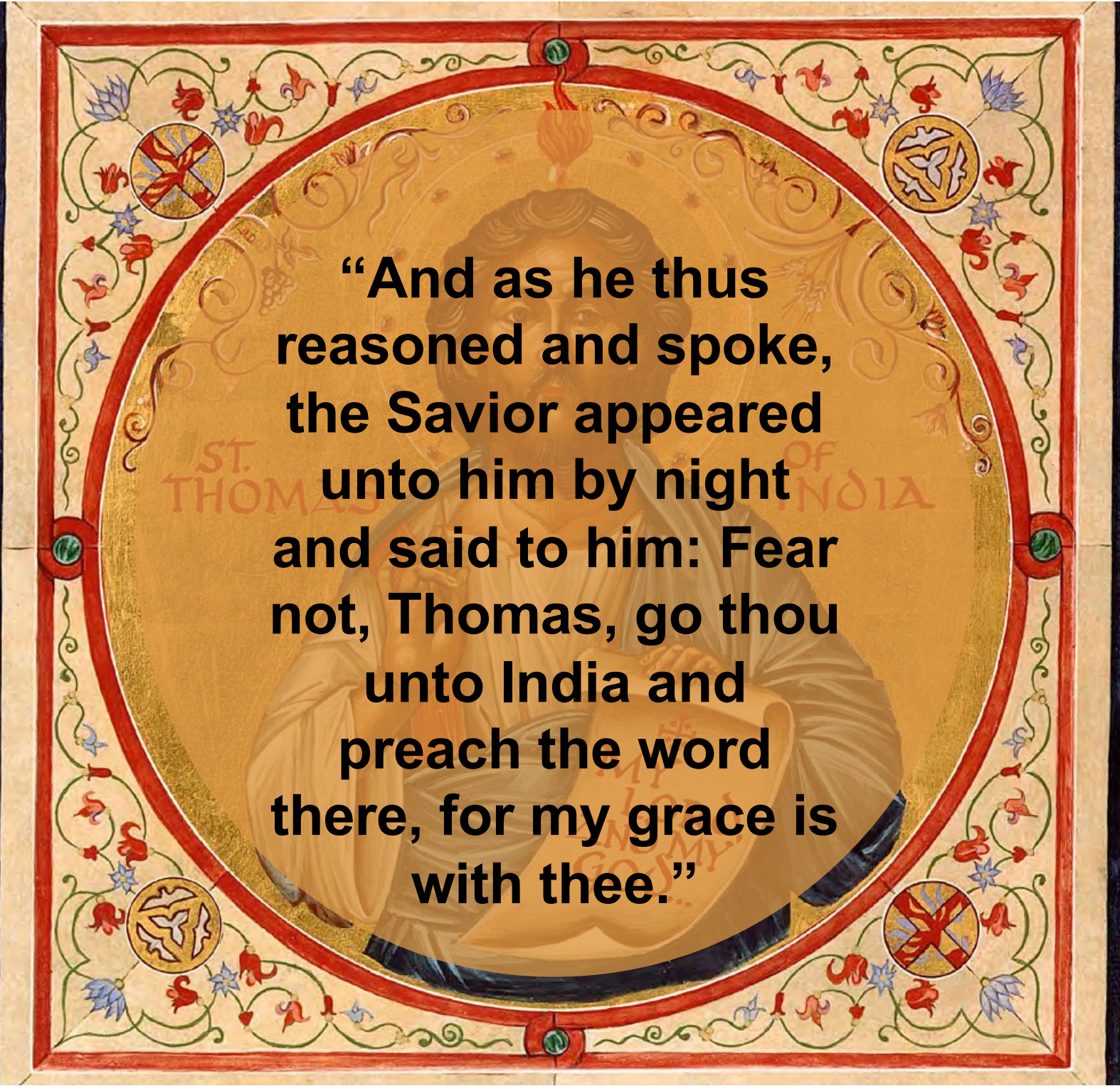




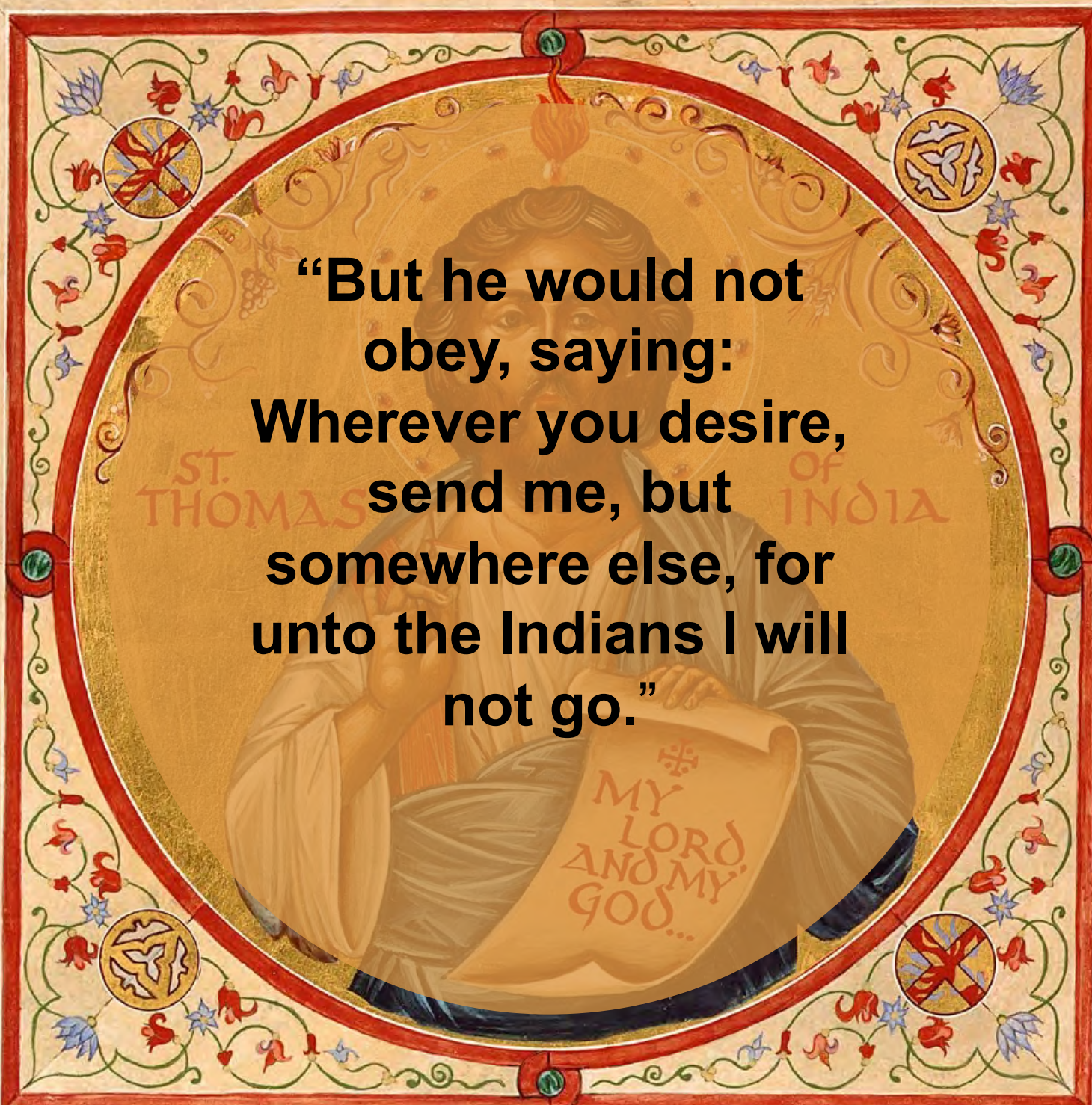
**“1. At that season all
we the apostles were
at Jerusalem ... and
we divided the
regions of the world,
that every one of us
should go unto the
region that fell to him
and unto the nation
whereunto the Lord
sent him.”**



**“According to the lot,
therefore, India fell unto
Judas Thomas, which is
also the twin: but he would
not go, saying that by
reason of the weakness of
the flesh he could not
travel, and 'I am an Hebrew
man; how can I go amongst
the Indians and preach the
truth?’”**

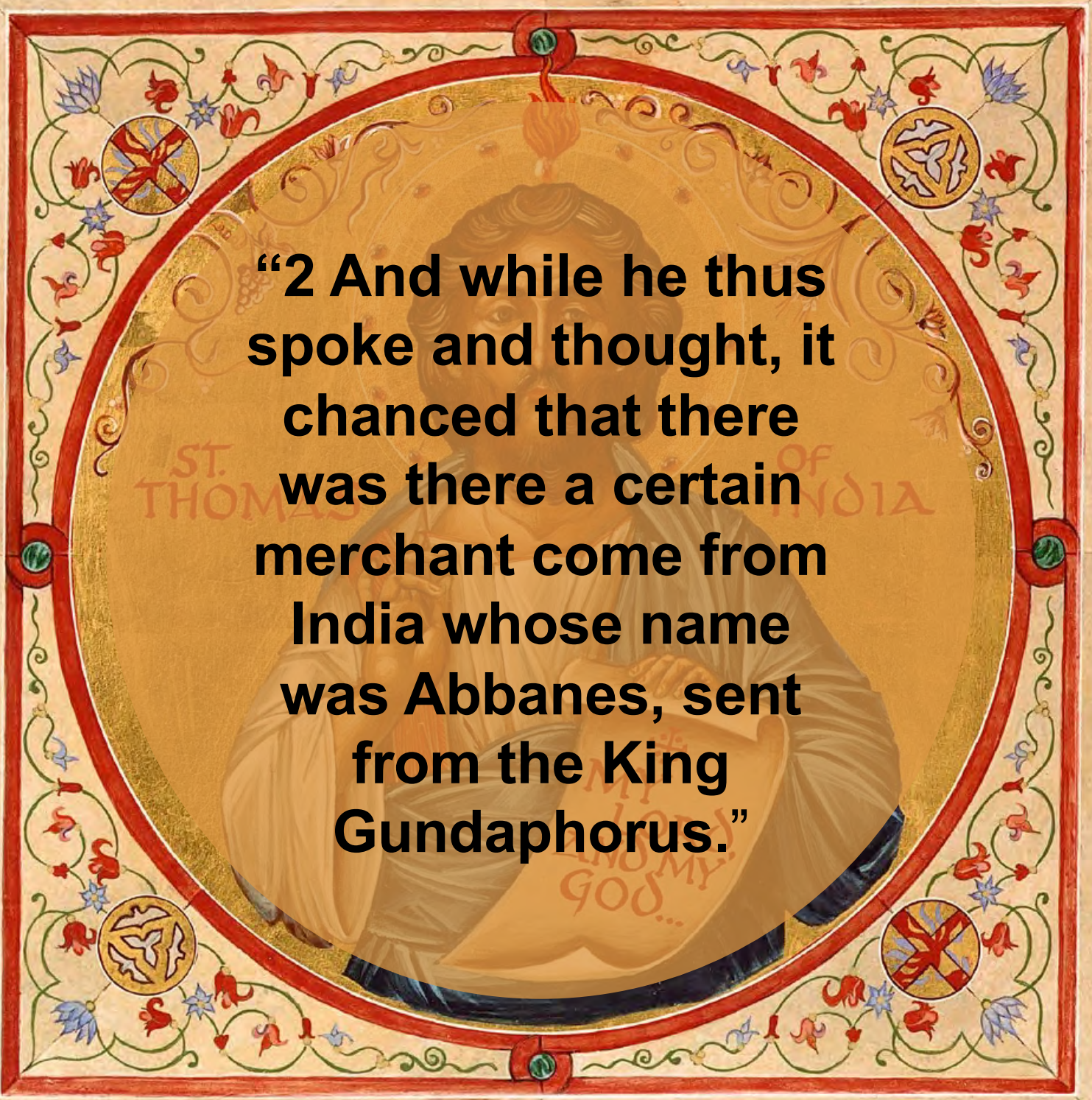


**“And as he thus
reasoned and spoke,
the Savior appeared
unto him by night
and said to him: Fear
not, Thomas, go thou
unto India and
preach the word
there, for my grace is
with thee.”**



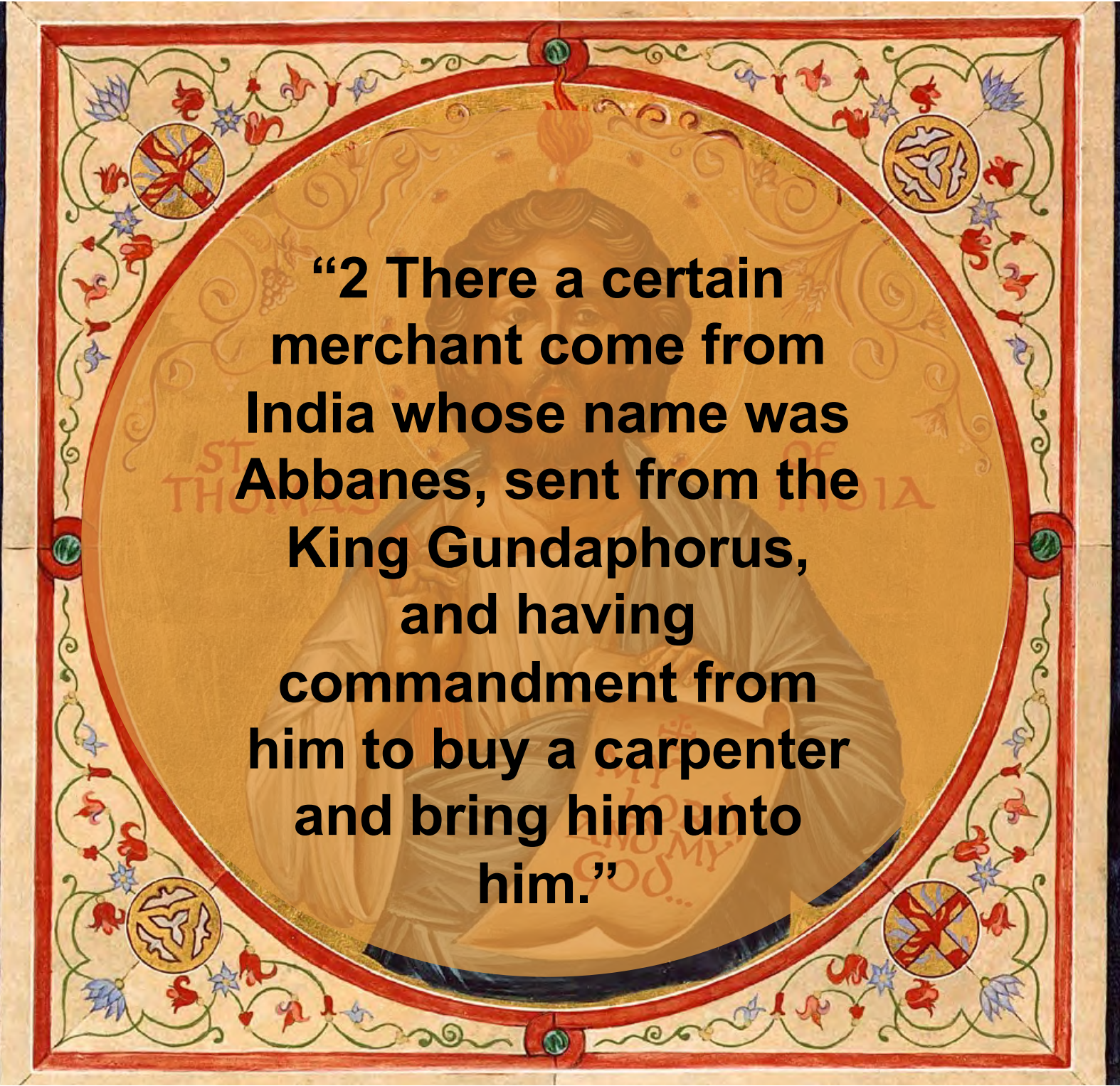
**“But he would not
obey, saying:
Wherever you desire,
send me, but
somewhere else, for
unto the Indians I will
not go.”**

MY
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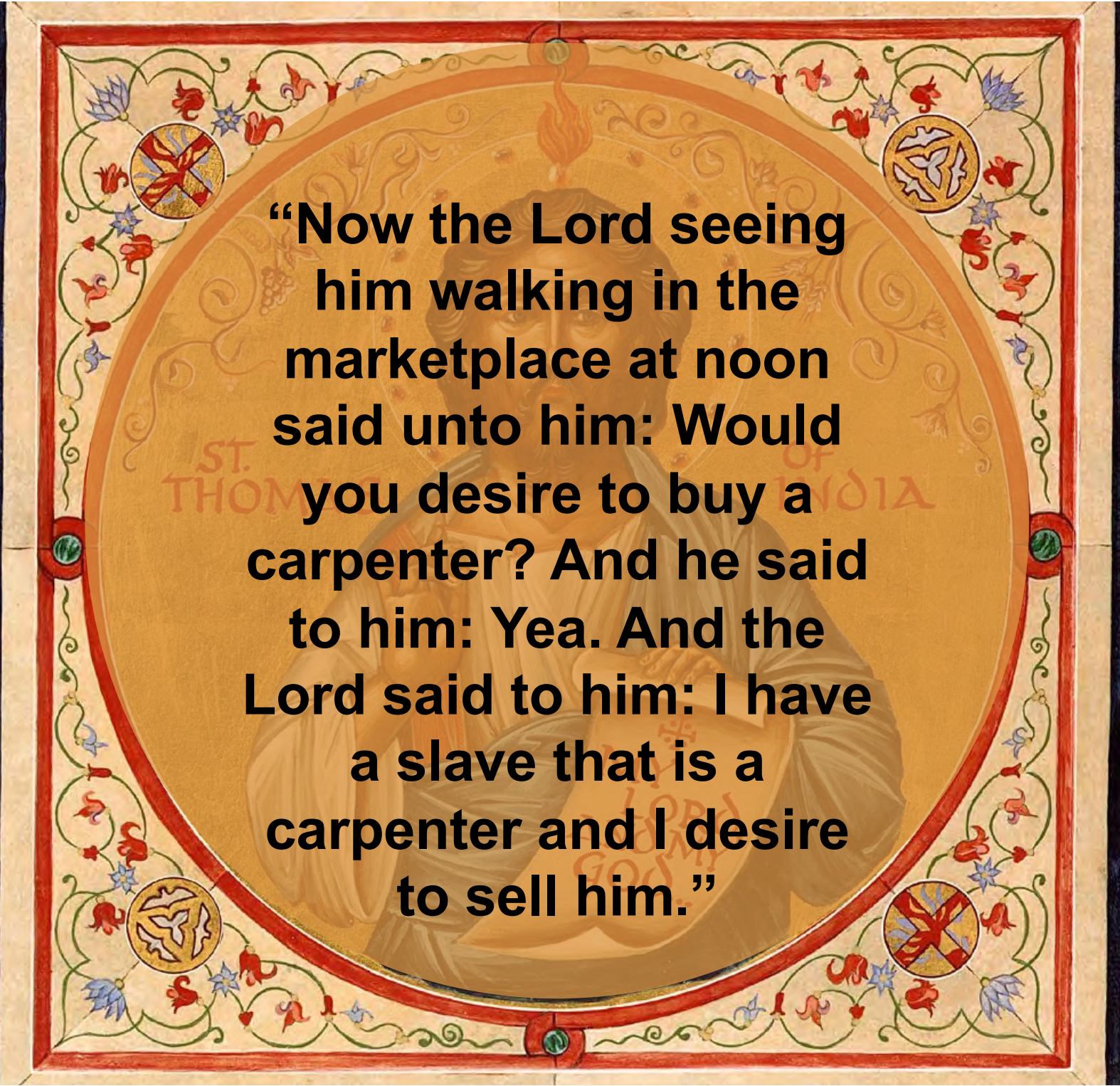


“2 And while he thus spoke and thought, it chanced that there was there a certain merchant come from India whose name was Abbanes, sent from the King Gundaphorus.”

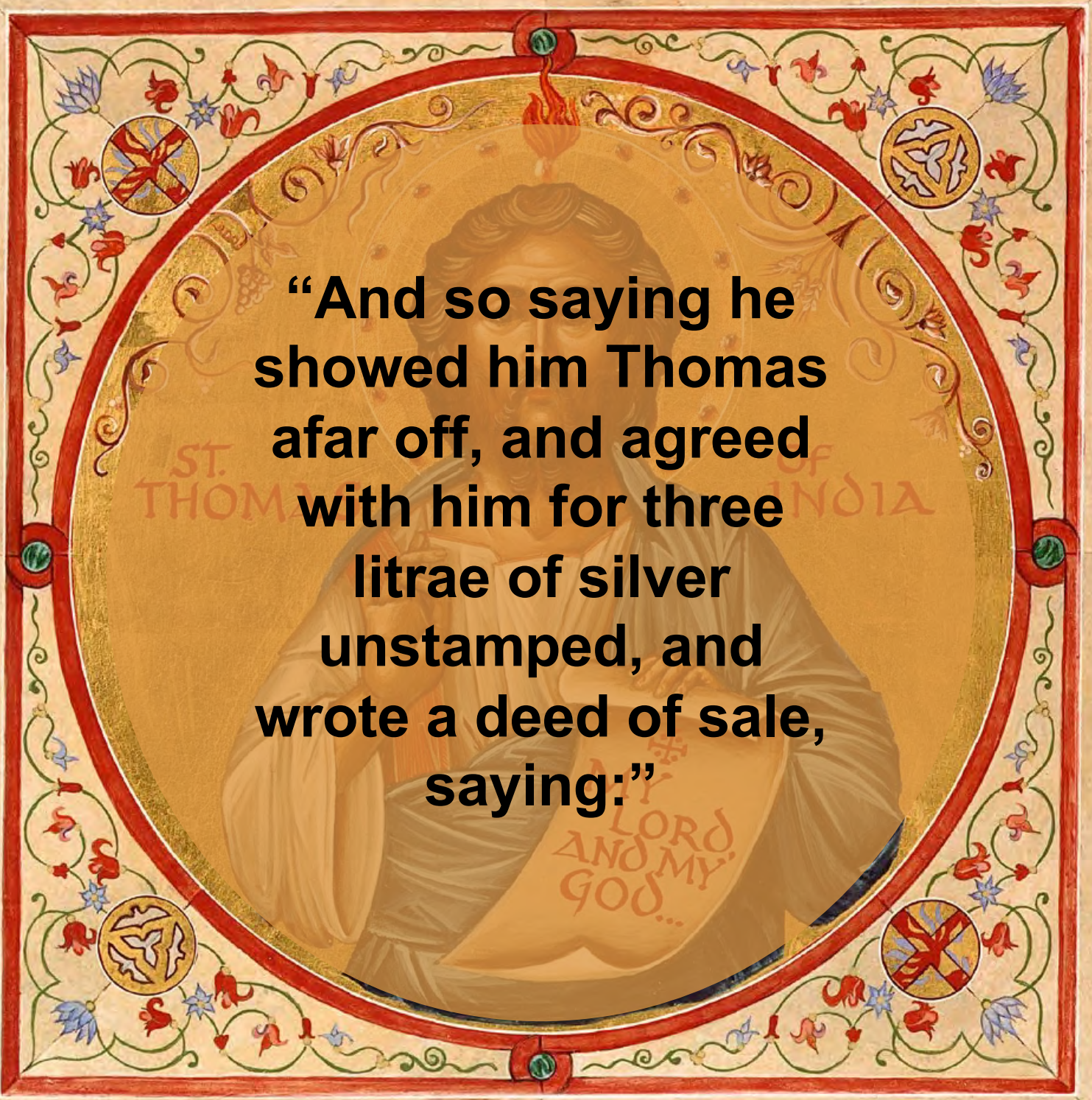




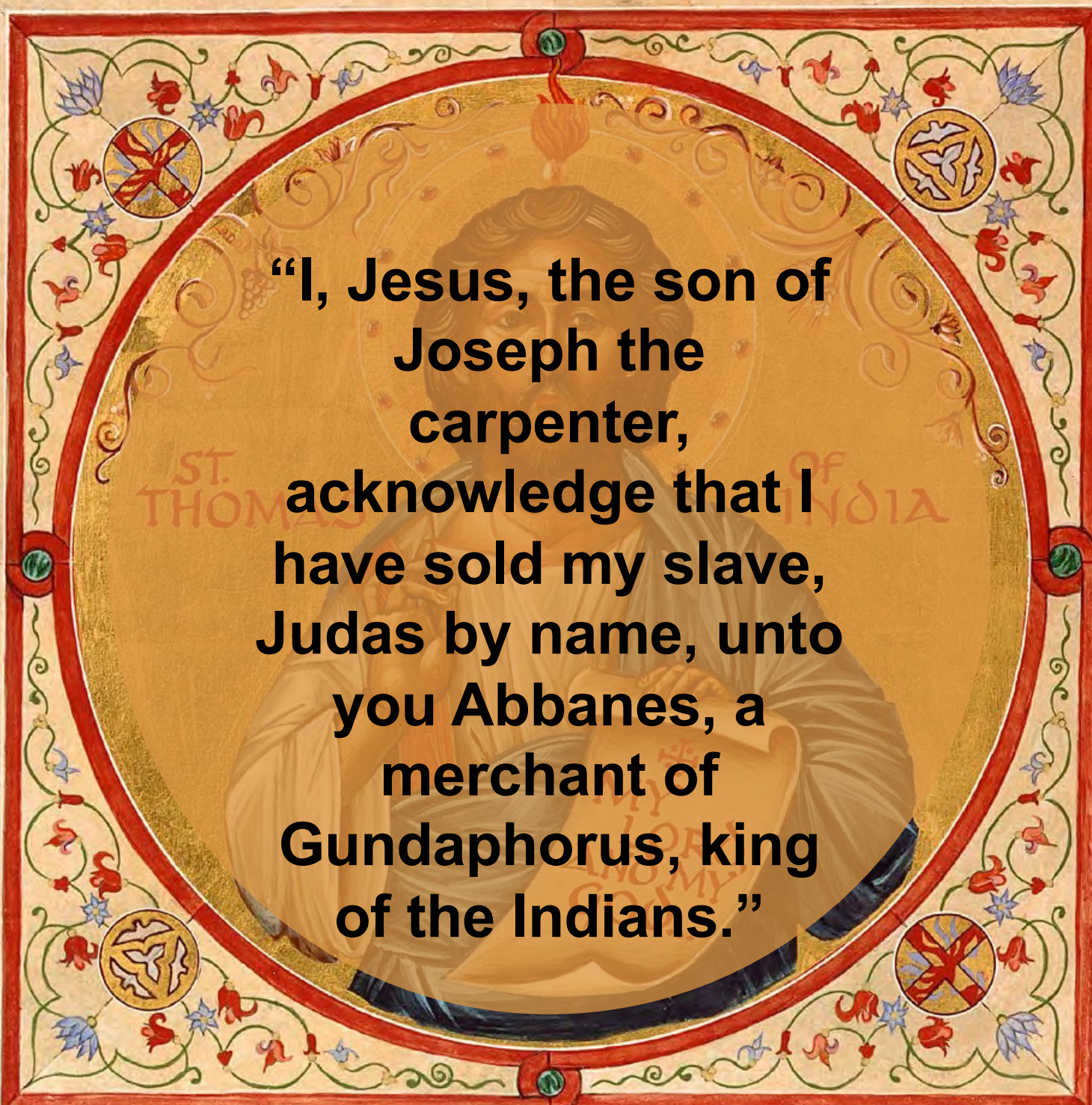
**“2 There a certain
merchant come from
India whose name was
Abbanes, sent from the
King Gundaphorus,
and having
commandment from
him to buy a carpenter
and bring him unto
him.”**



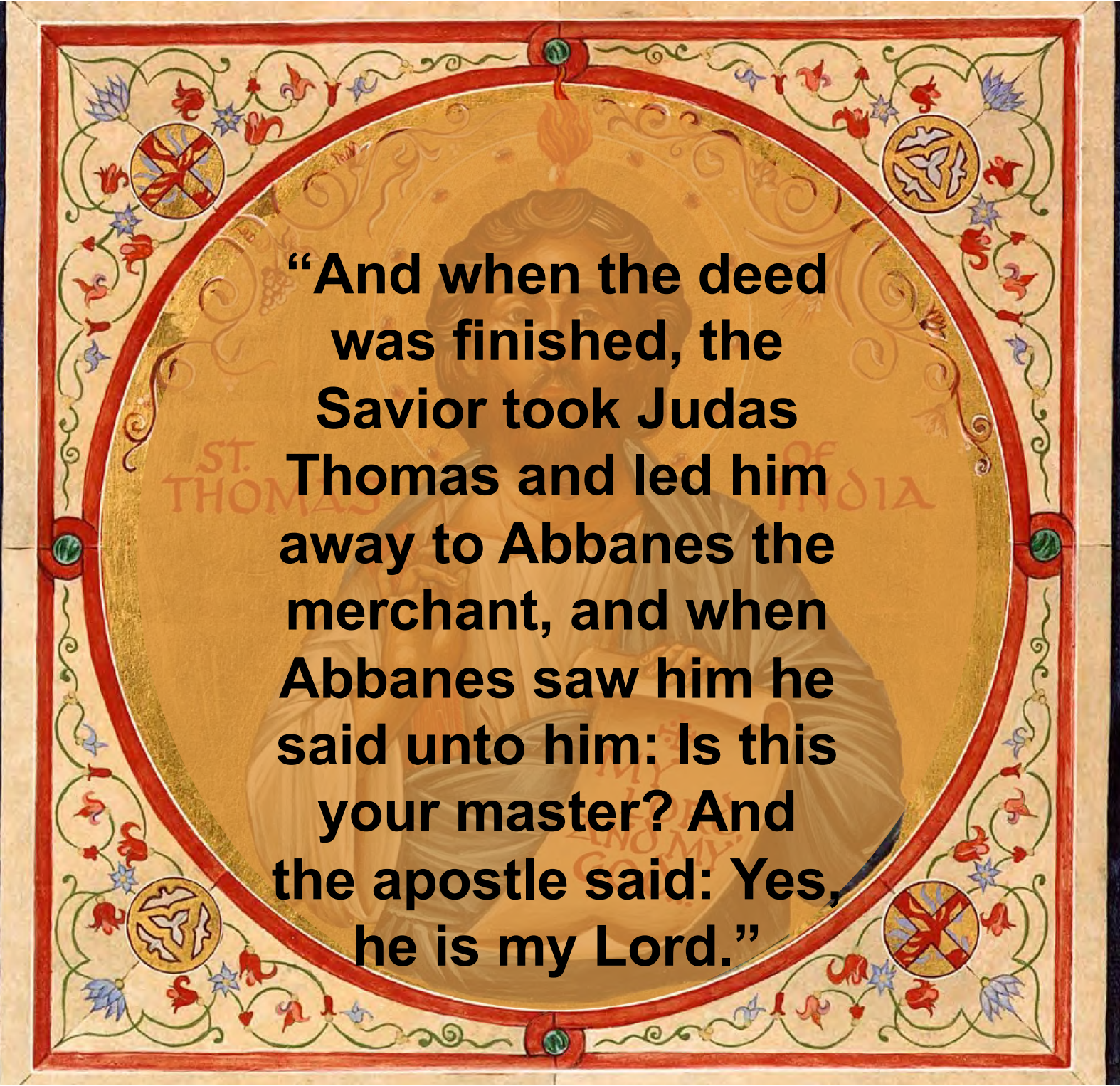
**“Now the Lord seeing
him walking in the
marketplace at noon
said unto him: Would
you desire to buy a
carpenter? And he said
to him: Yea. And the
Lord said to him: I have
a slave that is a
carpenter and I desire
to sell him.”**



**“And so saying he
showed him Thomas
afar off, and agreed
with him for three
litrae of silver
unstamped, and
wrote a deed of sale,
saying:”**



**“I, Jesus, the son of
Joseph the
carpenter,
acknowledge that I
have sold my slave,
Judas by name, unto
you Abbanes, a
merchant of
Gundaphorus, king
of the Indians.”**

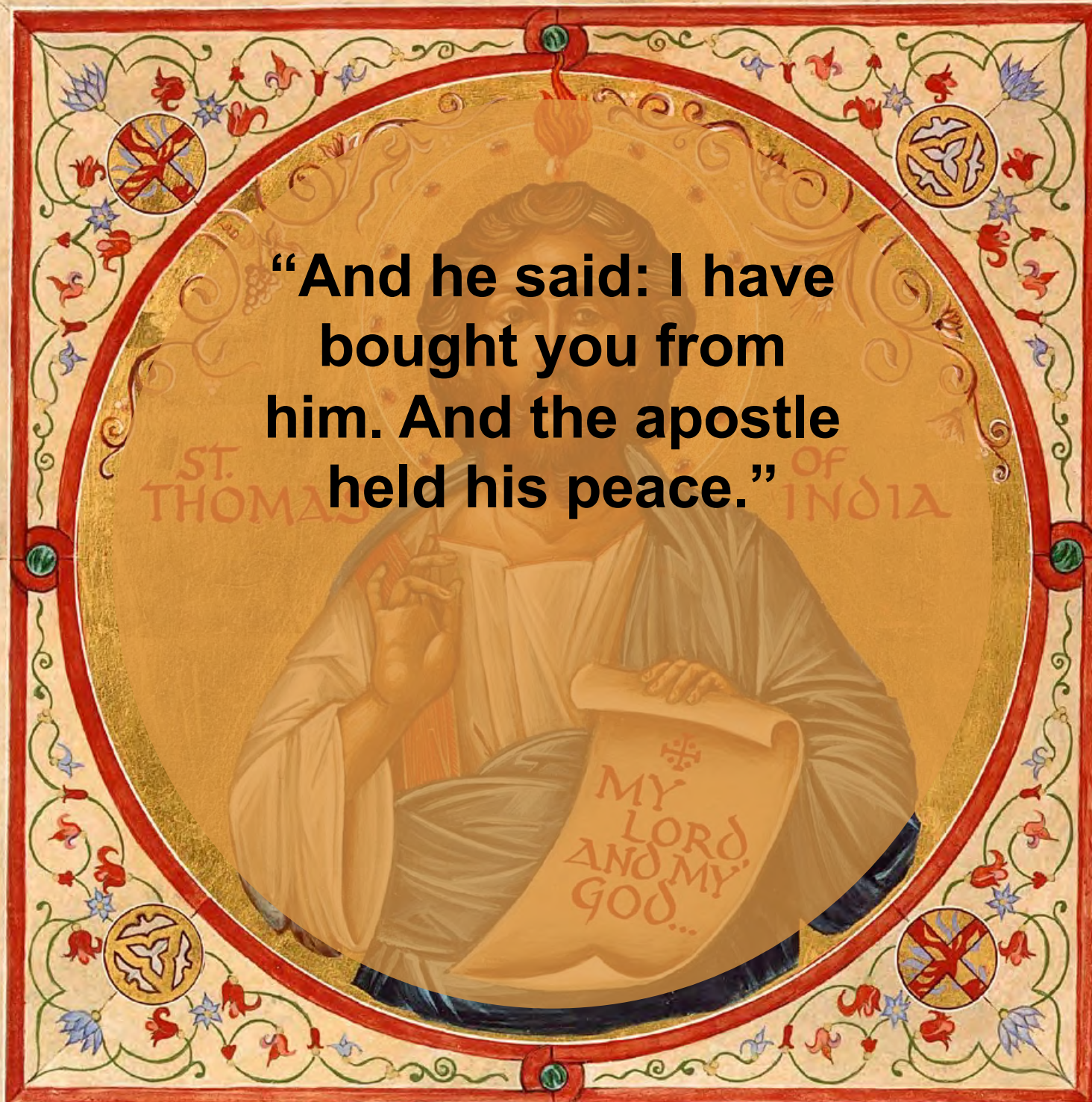


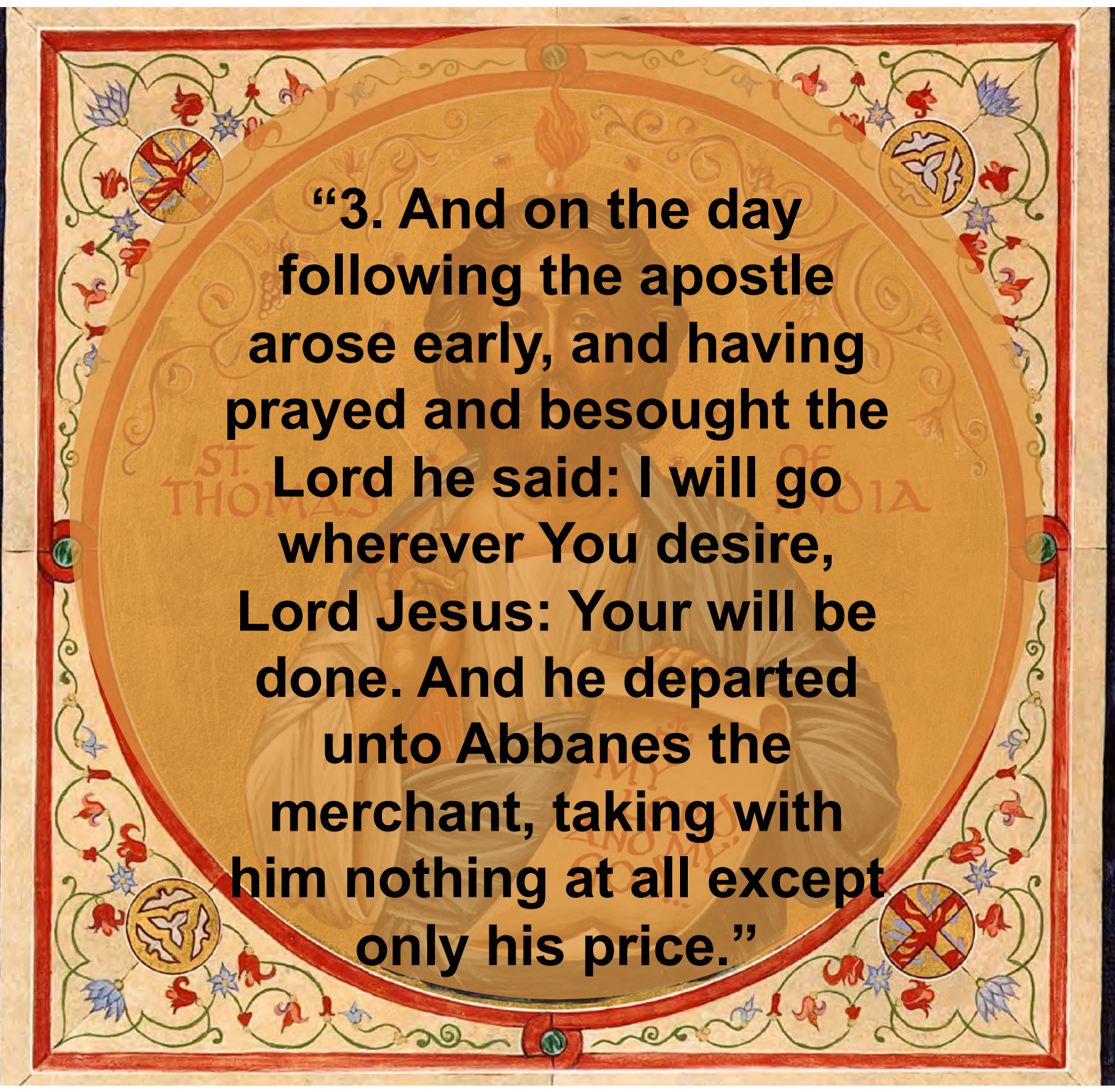
**“And when the deed
was finished, the
Savior took Judas
Thomas and led him
away to Abbanes the
merchant, and when
Abbanes saw him he
said unto him: Is this
your master? And
the apostle said: Yes,
he is my Lord.”**

**“And he said: I have
bought you from
him. And the apostle
held his peace.”**

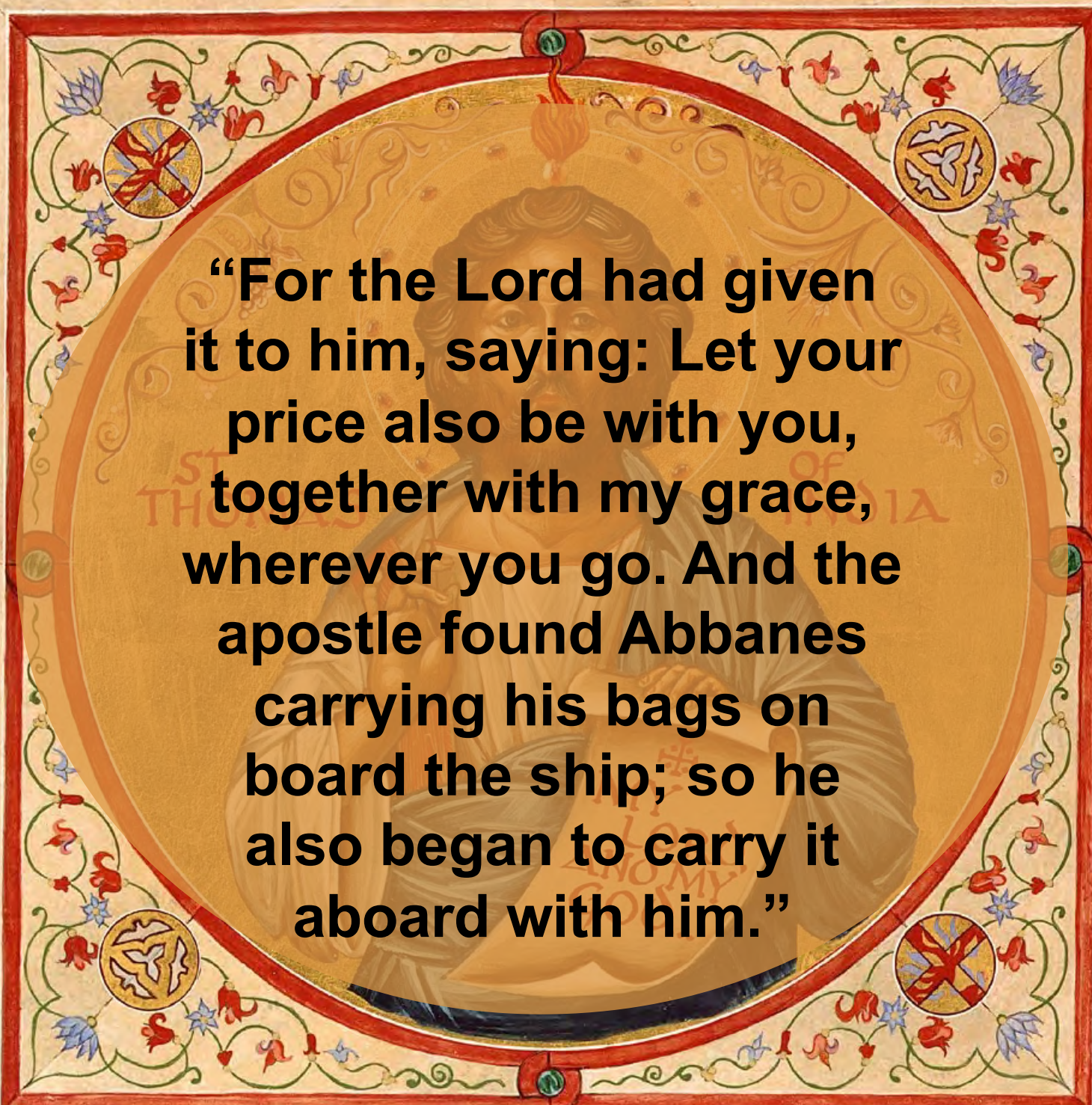
ST. THOMAS OF INDIA

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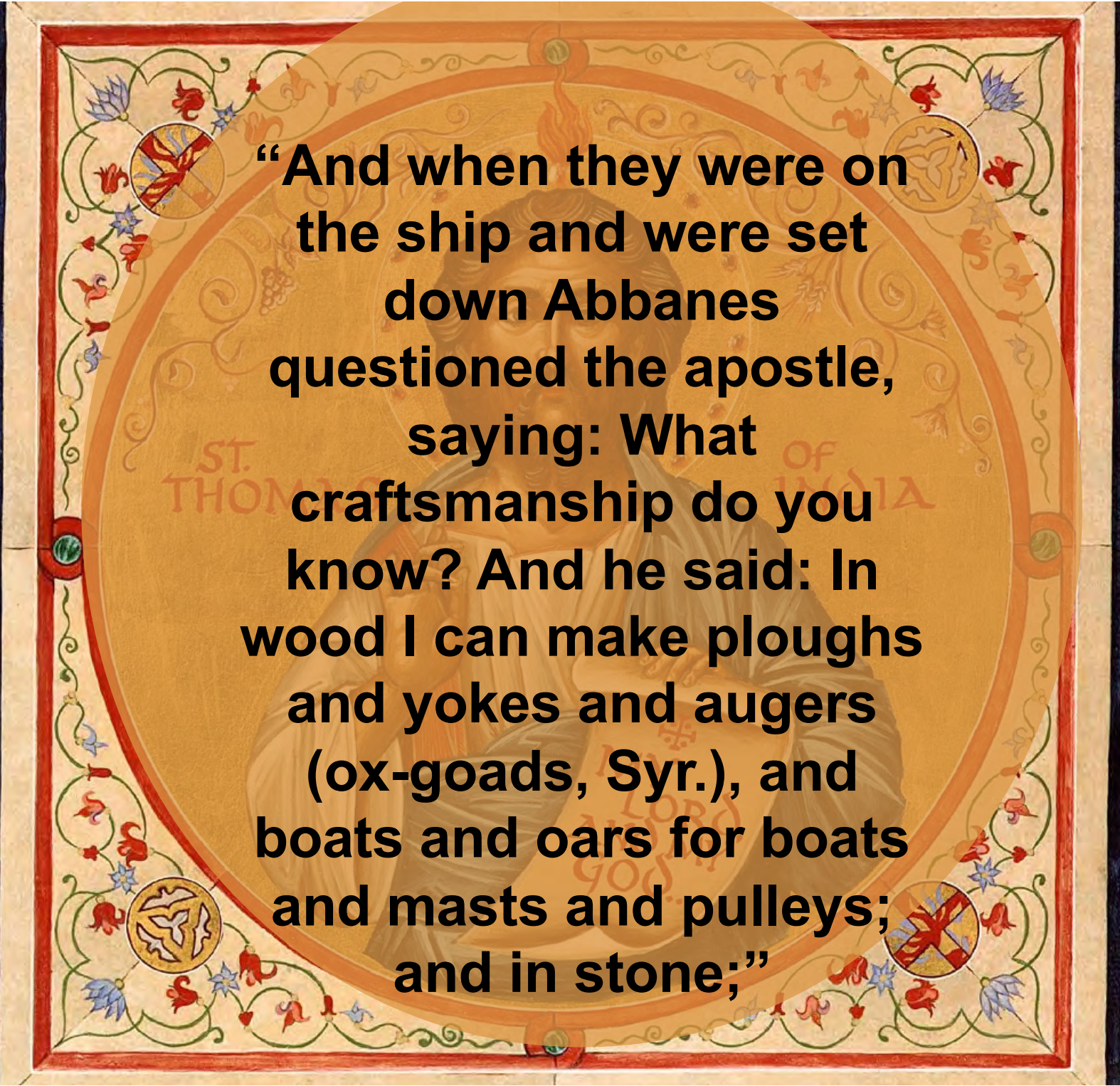




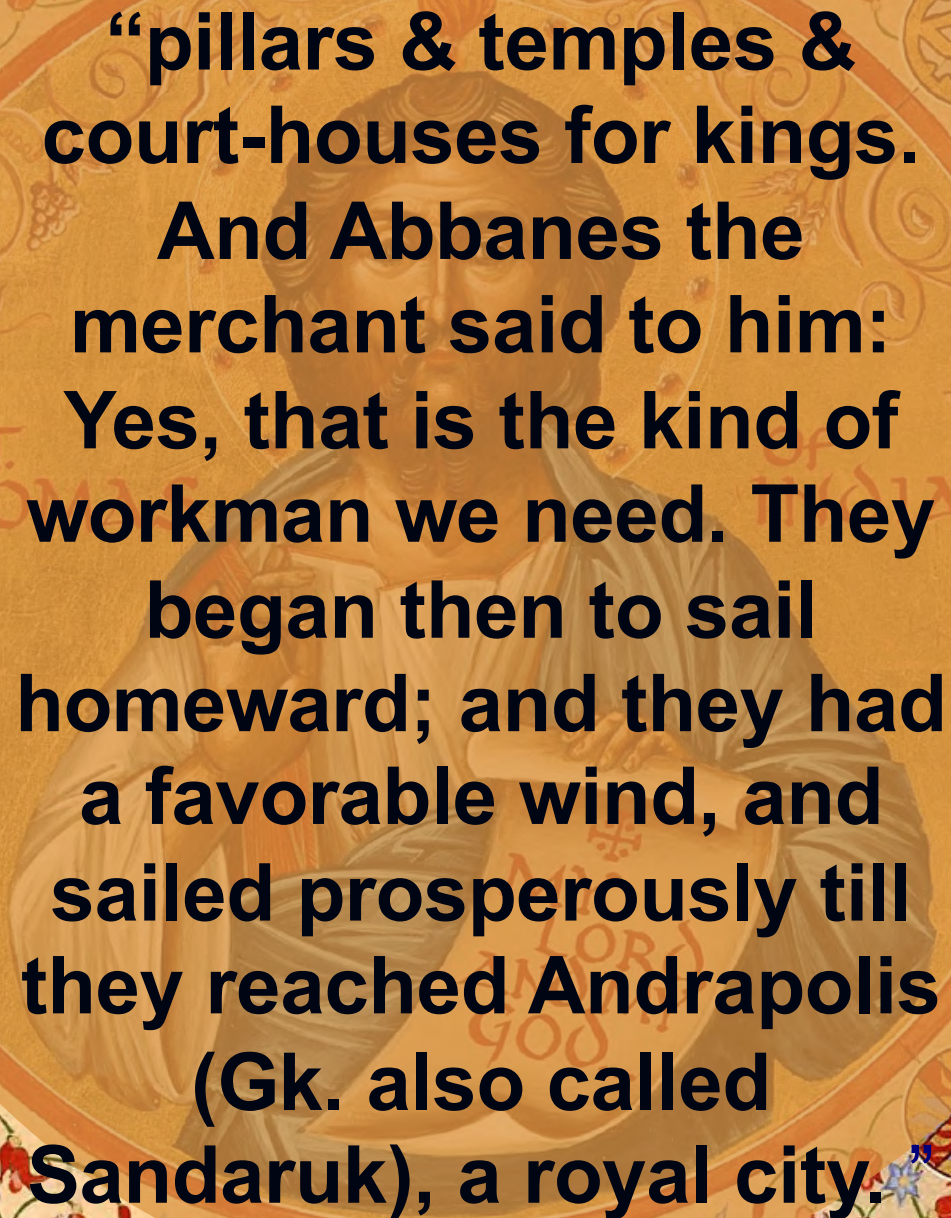
**“3. And on the day
following the apostle
arose early, and having
prayed and besought the
Lord he said: I will go
wherever You desire,
Lord Jesus: Your will be
done. And he departed
unto Abbanes the
merchant, taking with
him nothing at all except
only his price.”**



**“For the Lord had given
it to him, saying: Let your
price also be with you,
together with my grace,
wherever you go. And the
apostle found Abbanes
carrying his bags on
board the ship; so he
also began to carry it
aboard with him.”**



**“And when they were on
the ship and were set
down Abbanes
questioned the apostle,
saying: What
craftsmanship do you
know? And he said: In
wood I can make ploughs
and yokes and augers
(ox-goats, Syr.), and
boats and oars for boats
and masts and pulleys;
and in stone;”**



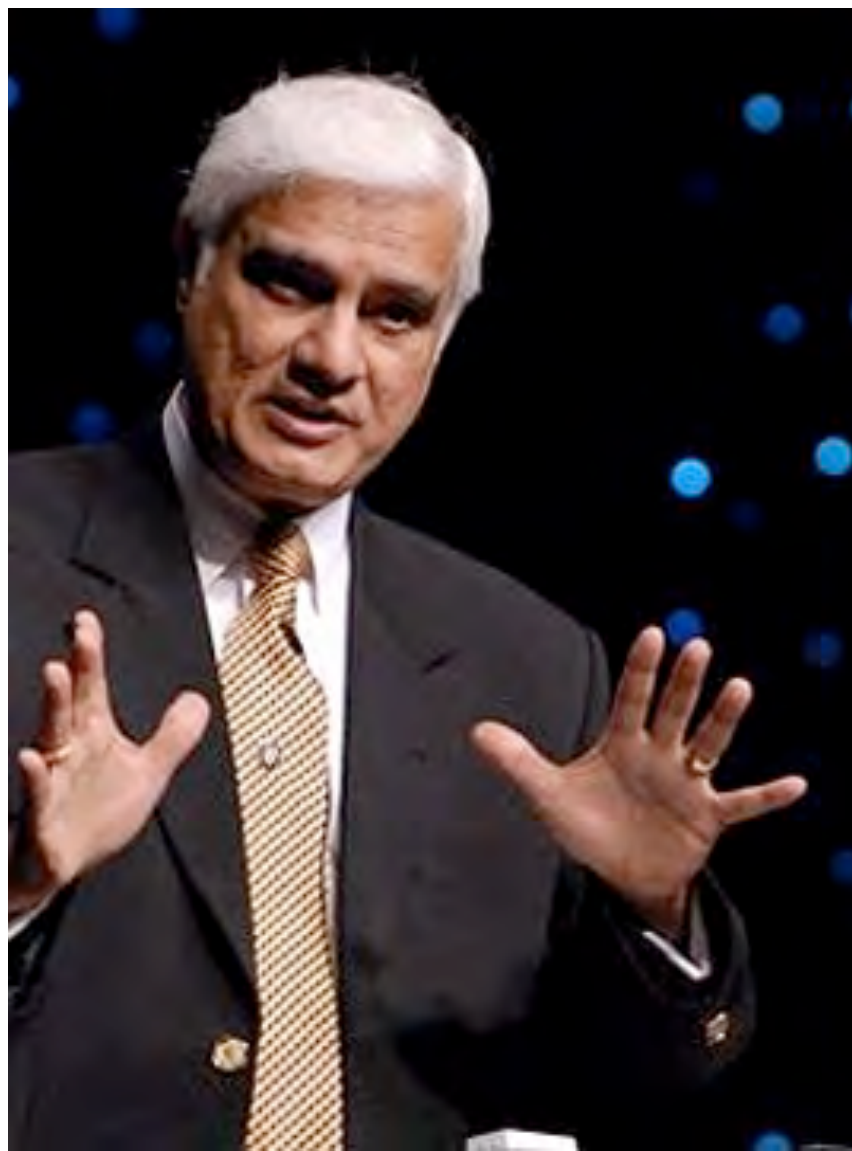
**“pillars & temples &
court-houses for kings.
And Abbanes the
merchant said to him:
Yes, that is the kind of
workman we need. They
began then to sail
homeward; and they had
a favorable wind, and
sailed prosperously till
they reached Andrapolis
(Gk. also called
Sandaruk), a royal city.”**

Transasia trade routes (First Century AD)

In the first century one ship was going from Egypt to India every three days









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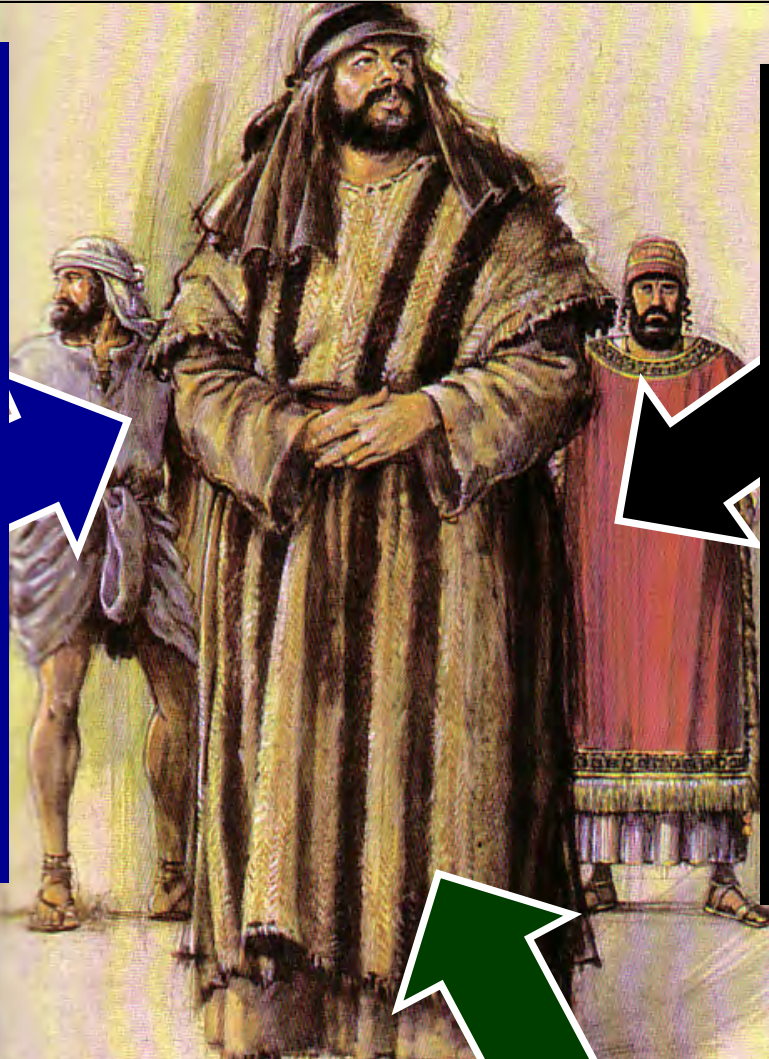
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"Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God" (v. 11 NLT).

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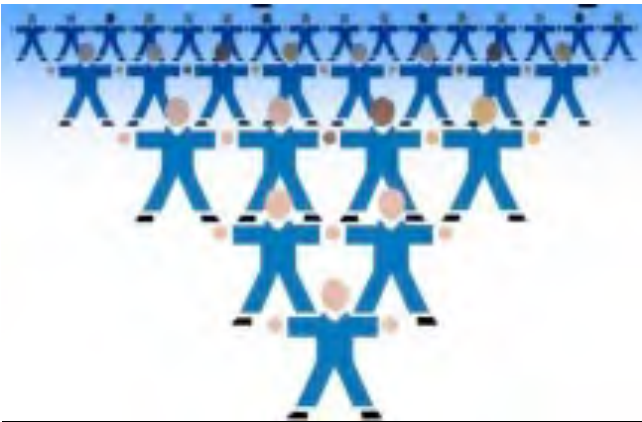
Demetrius

¹²Everyone speaks highly of Demetrius, as does the **truth** itself. We ourselves can say the same for him, and you know we speak the **truth**.

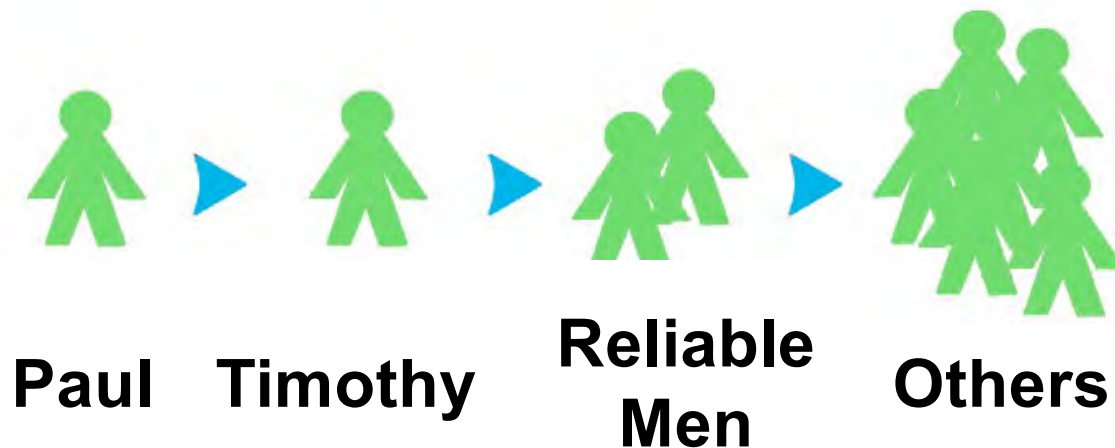


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Discipleship



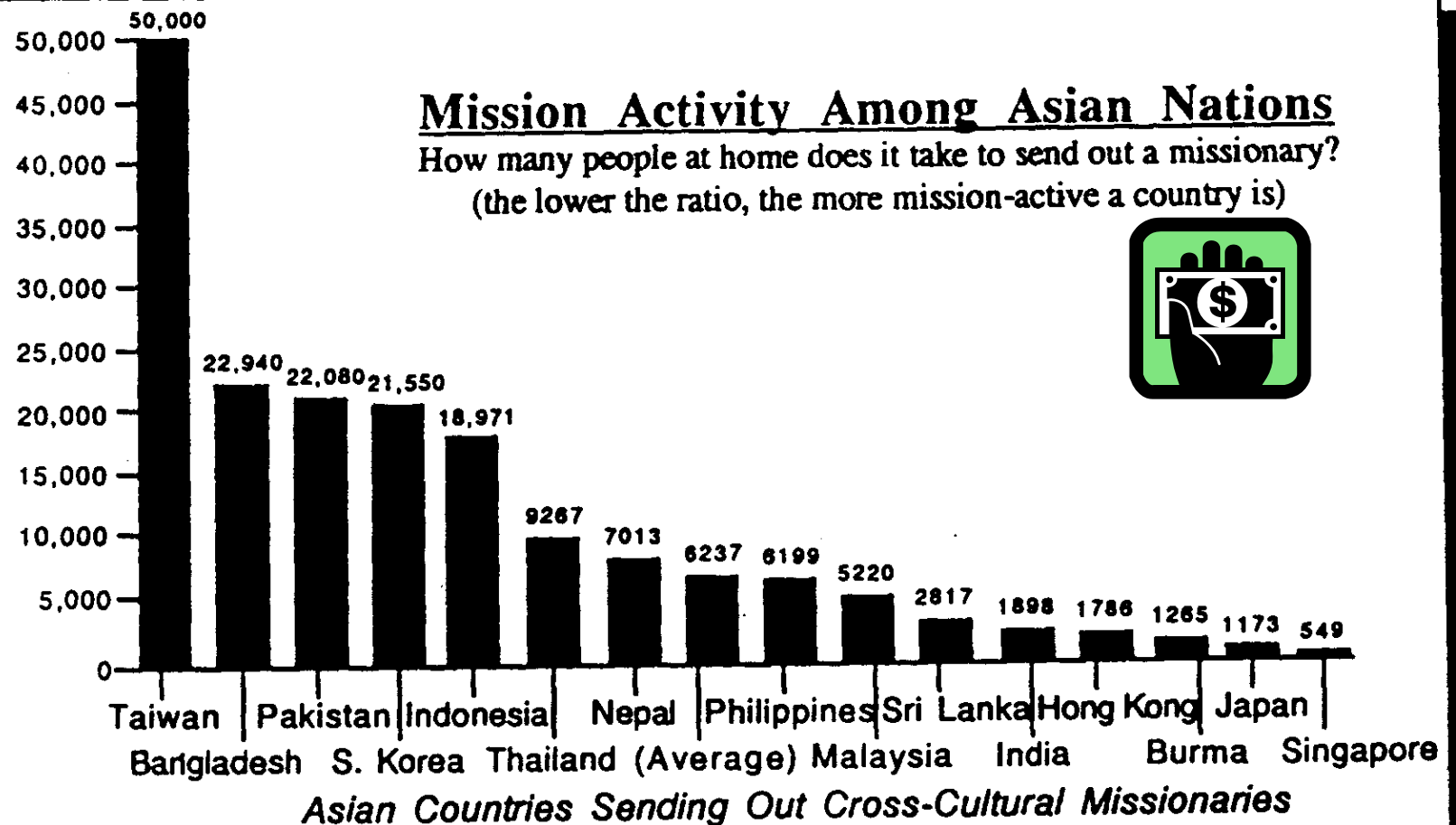
"You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others" (2 Tim. 2:2 NLT).



Missions in Singapore 1990 = 549 Believers per Missionary



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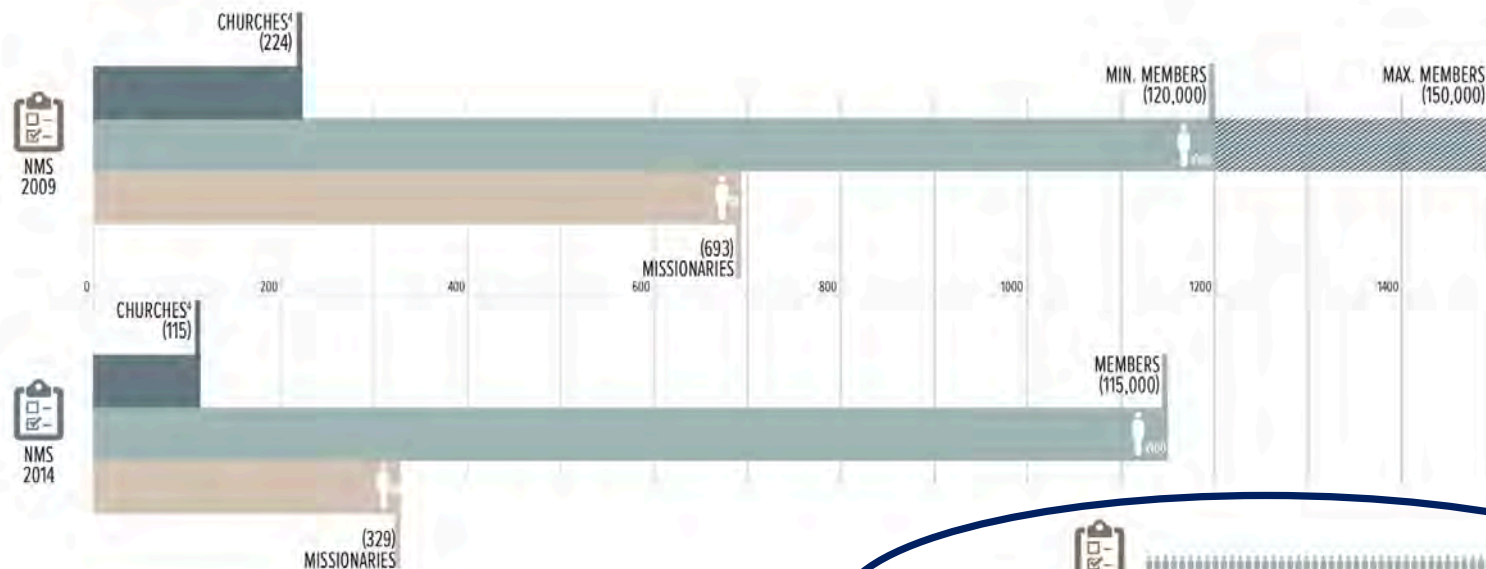


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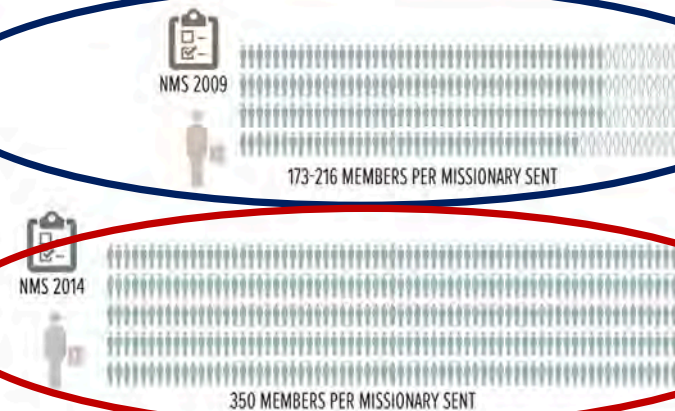
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Missions in Singapore 2009 = 200 Believers per Missionary

clearly gone down (See Infographic below)³.



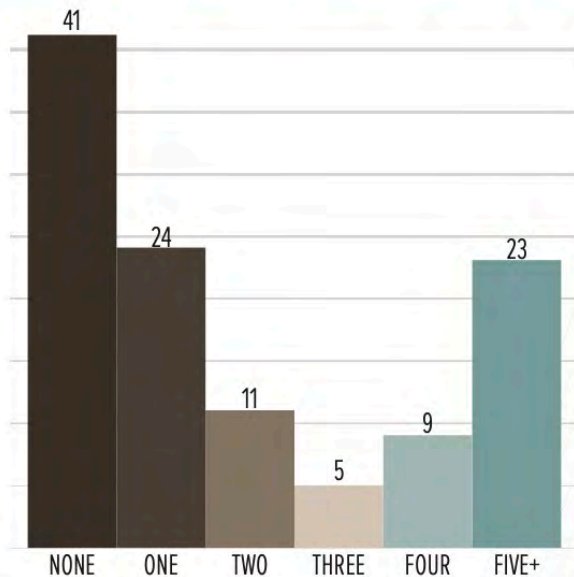
Second, if we only considered the 76 churches that participated in both NMS 2009 and NMS 2014, the number of missionaries sent by them went down from 324 to 265. Fewer missionaries were sent by the majority of these churches, some of whom were known for having a history of involvement in missions.



Missions in Singapore 2014 = 350 Believers per Missionary

About one third of churches haven't sent out even one career missionary

Number of Career Missionaries sent per church



41 (35.7%) of the churches reported not sending out any career missionary. This may represent a decrease from NMS 2009 where 41.5% of the churches did not send out any career missionary.

FIGURE 2: NUMBER OF CAREER MISSIONARIES SENT PER CHURCH.

Our church is one of the 9 that has sent out four missionaries.

Our Church's Vision



Love the Nations

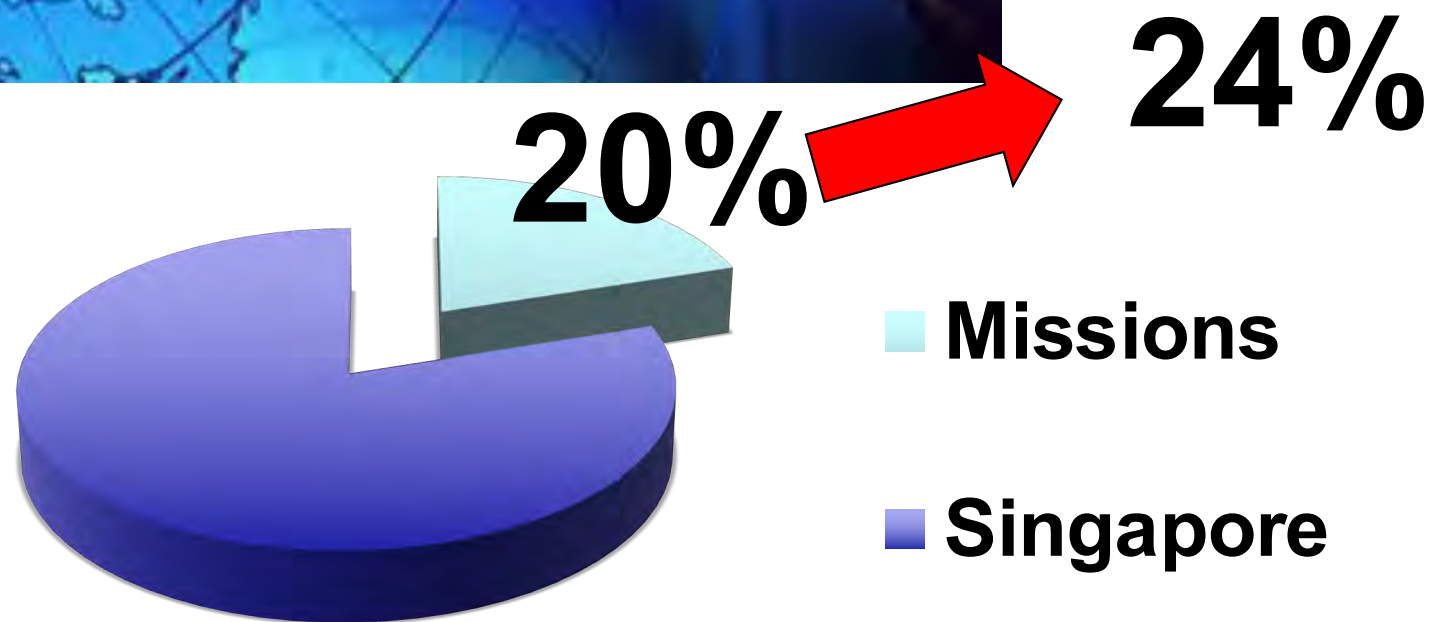
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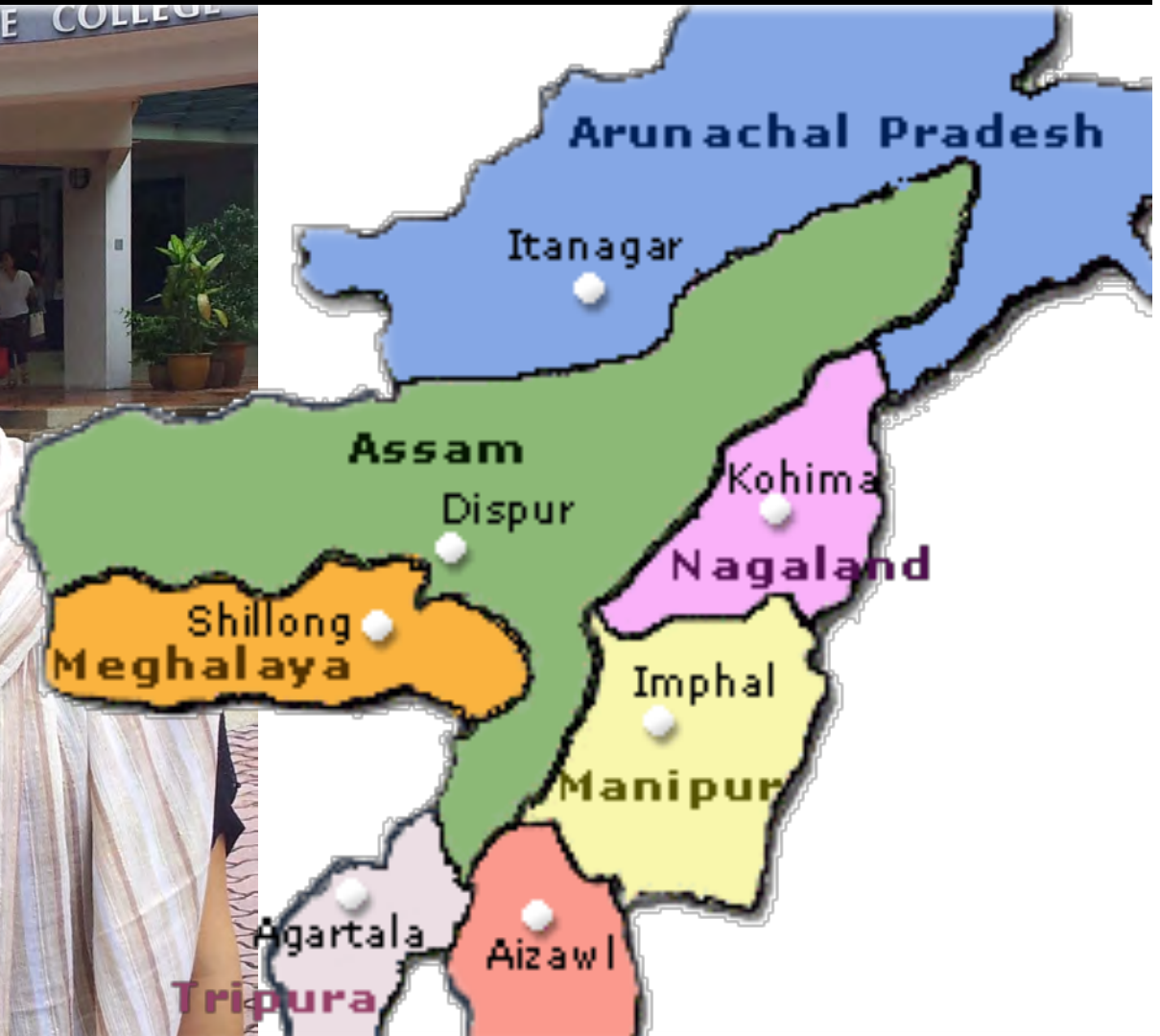


The Coreas in Bangkok



\$1500 quarterly through March

Athan & Chanchan in India/USA



\$1500 quarterly through 2020

Family in Central Asia



\$1200 annually

Jonathan Stone in Myanmar



\$900 quarterly

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Former Young Adult Coordinator(s)



Noah (Chiru Tribe, Manipur)



Noah (Chiru Tribe, Manipur)



Balance relationships with tasks (13-15).

"I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to write it with pen and ink. ¹⁴For I hope to see you soon, and then we will talk face to face. ¹⁵Peace be with you. Your friends here send you their greetings. Please give my personal greetings to each of our friends there" (vv. 13-15 NLT).

How can we obey

God's truth?

Truth

**Live out God's truth by
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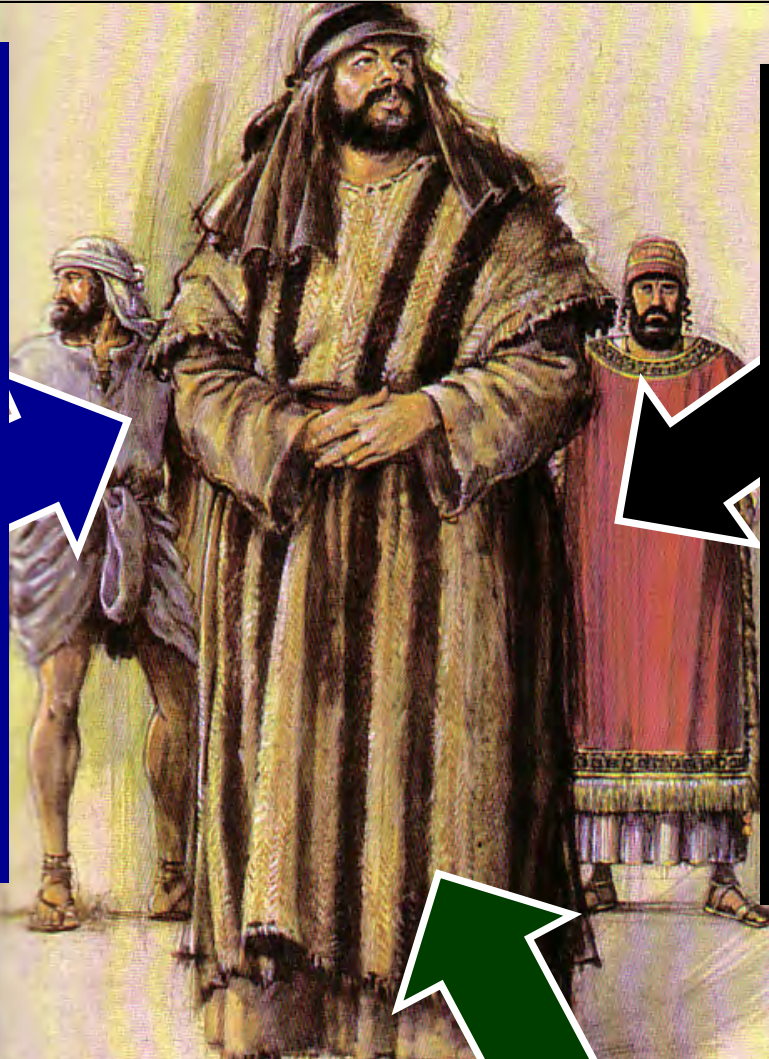
MAIN IDEA OF 3 JOHN

Summary Statement

John encourages Gaius to continue ***supporting missionaries*** such as Demetrius despite opposition from Diotrephes to help the church to see its ***responsibility to finance God's work.***



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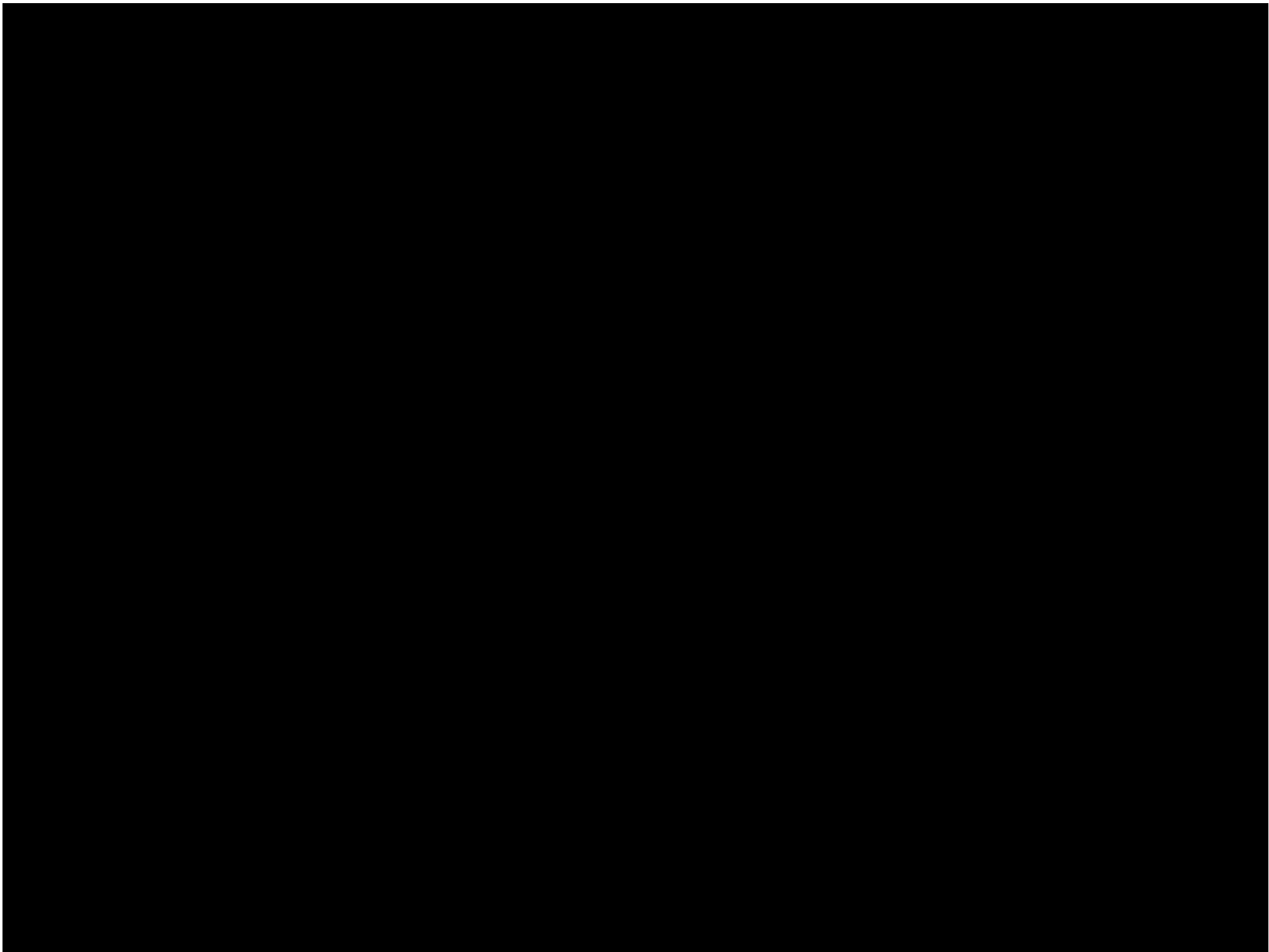
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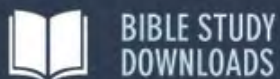


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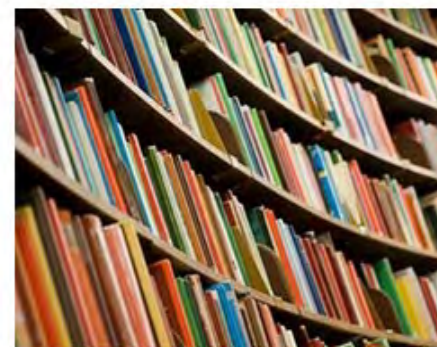
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