

# Casting Out Demons

*Matthew 8:28-34*

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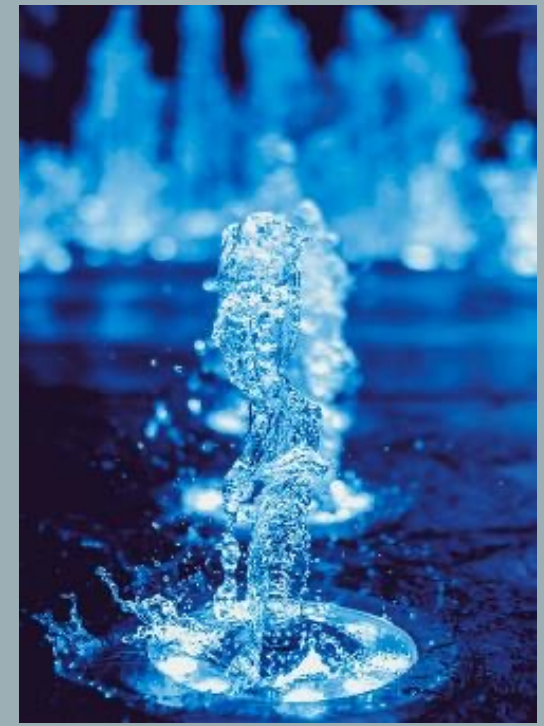
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**Matt 8:28-29 (ESV)**

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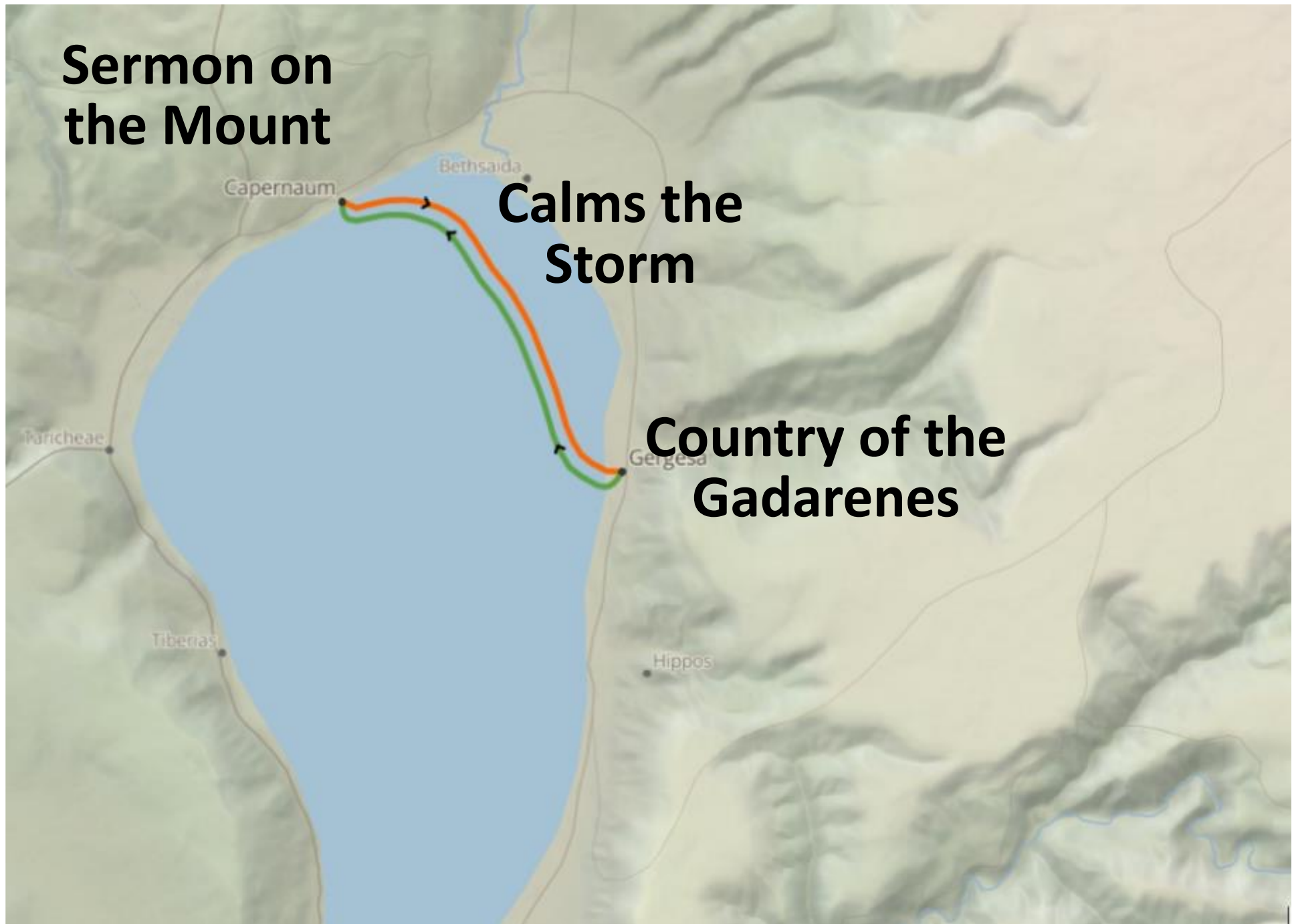
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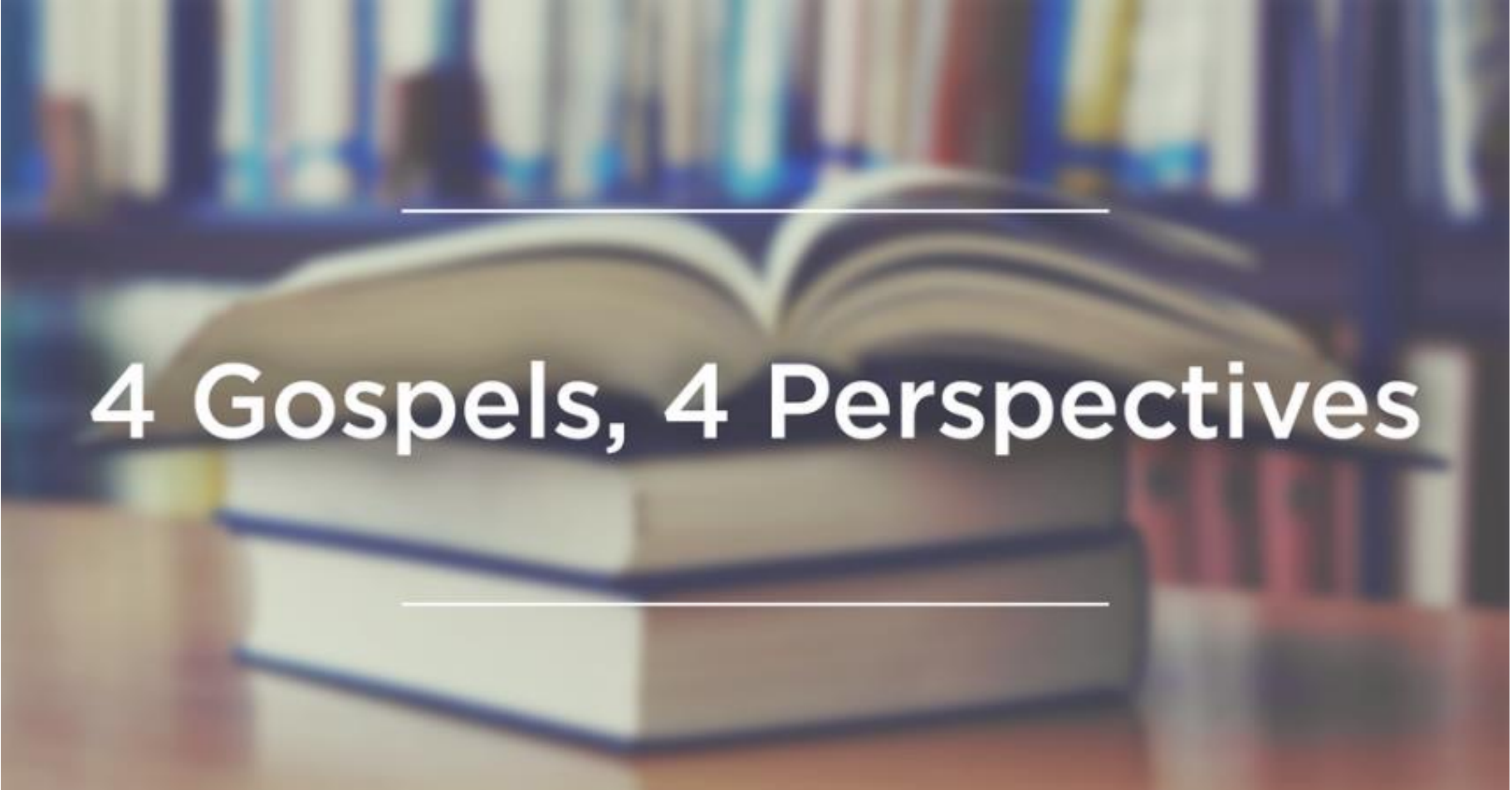







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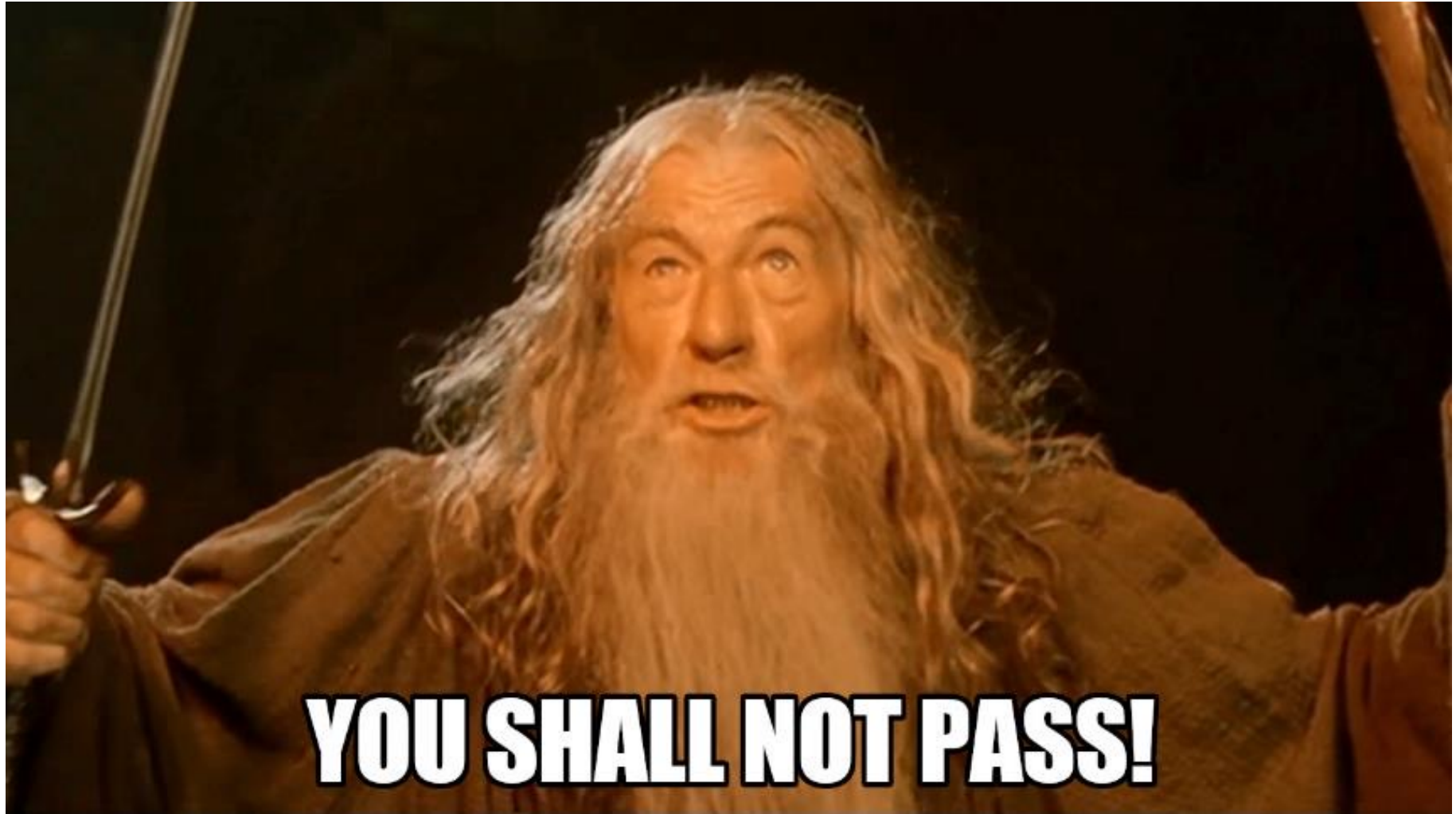


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**YOU SHALL NOT PASS!**

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- Power
  - Pleasure
  - Fame
  - Fortune

**Promises of the world**




**Deceit of the world**

## Unanswered questions

- **Why were the men possessed?**
- **Did the men want to be free?**

**The story is not  
about the men**



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## Demons recognize spiritual truth

- Demons recognize Jesus as the Son of God (Disciples did not)
- Demons recognize that God is in control
- Demons recognize the penalty for sin



**Matt 8:28-29 (ESV)**

# Time for a Demonstration





Jesus

VS




2 men

+




Legion of  
demons

Mark 5:9 &  
Luke 8:30



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# Power of Jesus' word

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## Answered question

- **Why did the demons want to go into the herd of pigs?**

**The demons are bent on destruction**




**Jesus demonstrates authority  
over an evil spiritual realm  
bent on destruction**

**Matt 8:30-32 (ESV)**


# Spreading the News





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Curiosity?



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**Despite credible witnesses to a miracle, the people of the city deny Jesus' authority**





## Not everyone denied Jesus' authority

**Luke 8:39-39** (ESV) . . . begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Believers  
must  
demonstrate  
their faith

- Demons recognize the authority of Jesus

**James 1:19** (NLT) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

Believers  
must  
stand firm in  
their faith

- Demons recognize the authority of Jesus
- Jesus demonstrates authority over an evil spiritual realm bent on destruction

**1 Peter 5:8** (NLT): Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Believers  
accept Jesus  
as the  
authority in  
their lives

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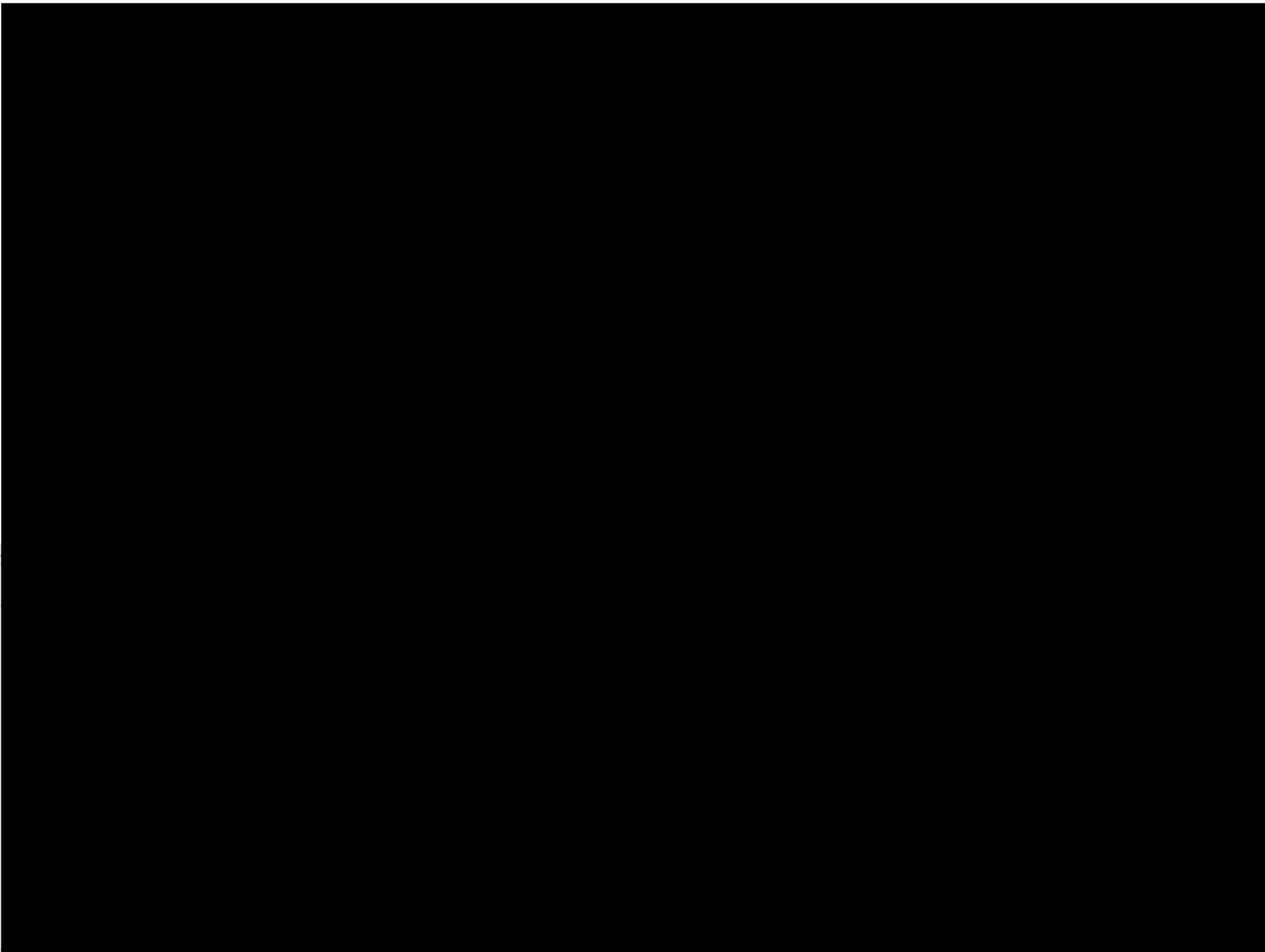
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**How can believers demonstrate  
they accept Jesus as the  
authority in their lives?**

**By declaring how much God  
has done for us!**



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