John 12–21



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People both believed and rejected Christ's public revelation of himself as God (1:19–12:50).

John 12

John 12 Events

Unbelief Summary 12:37-50

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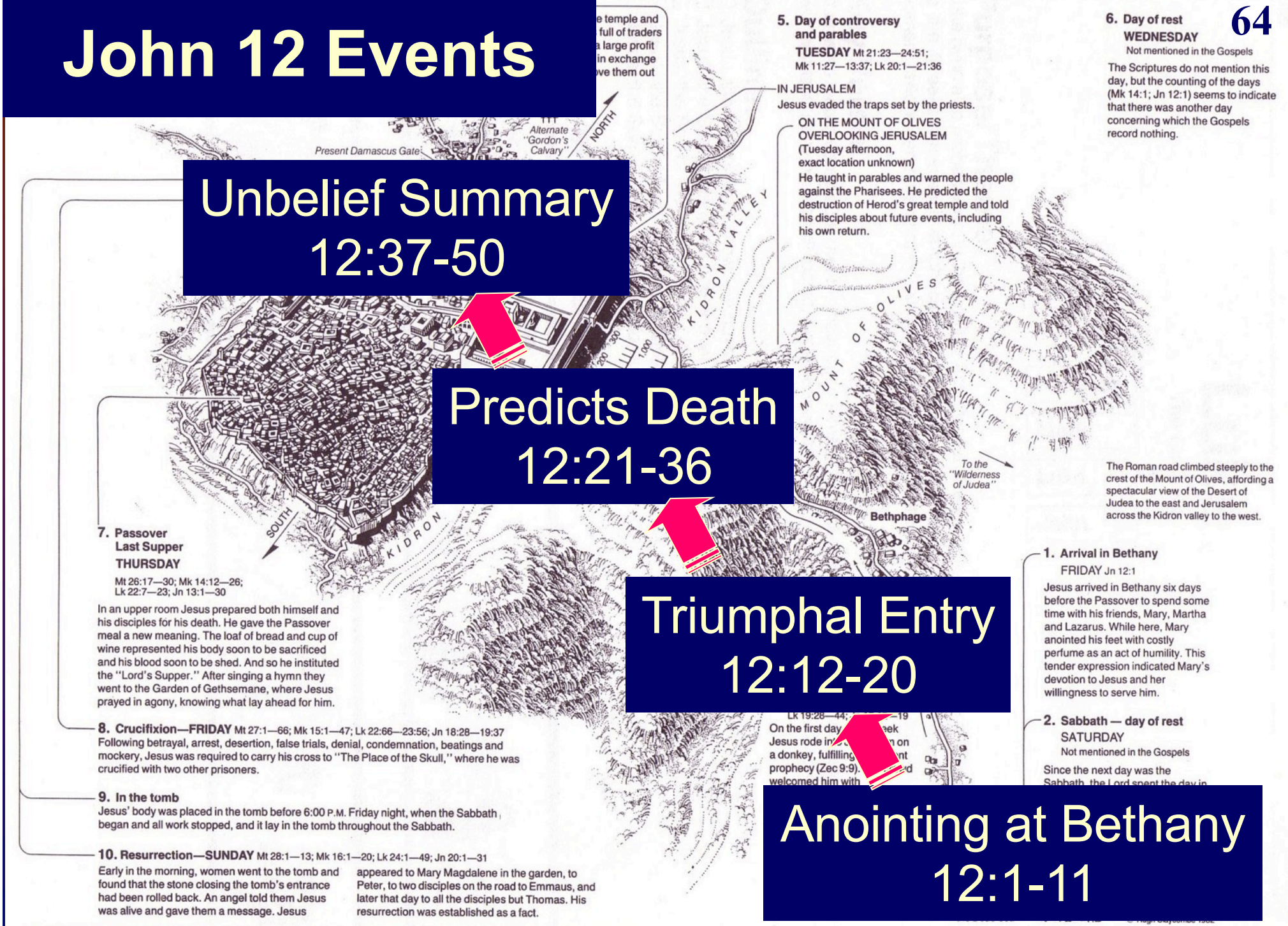

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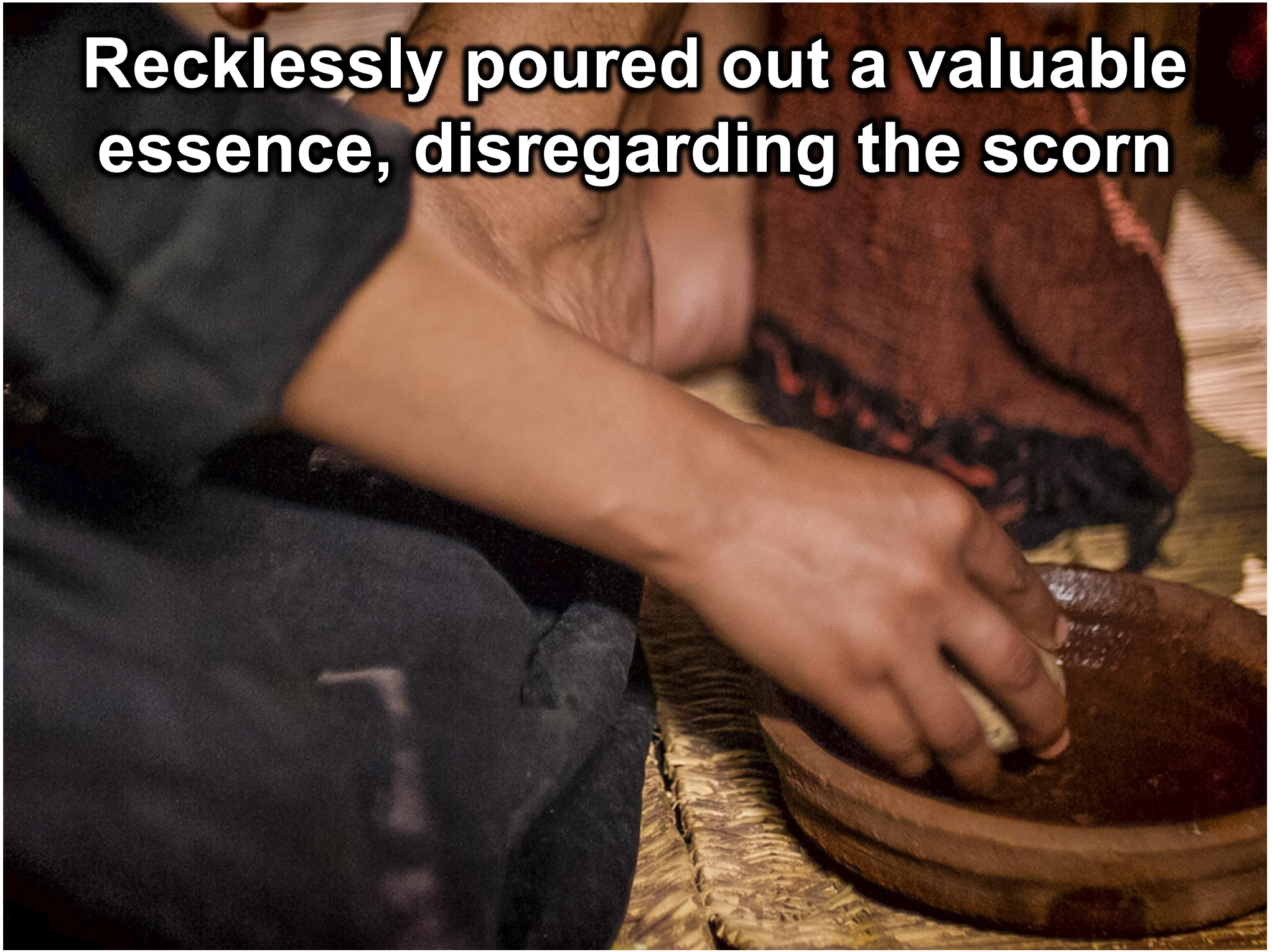
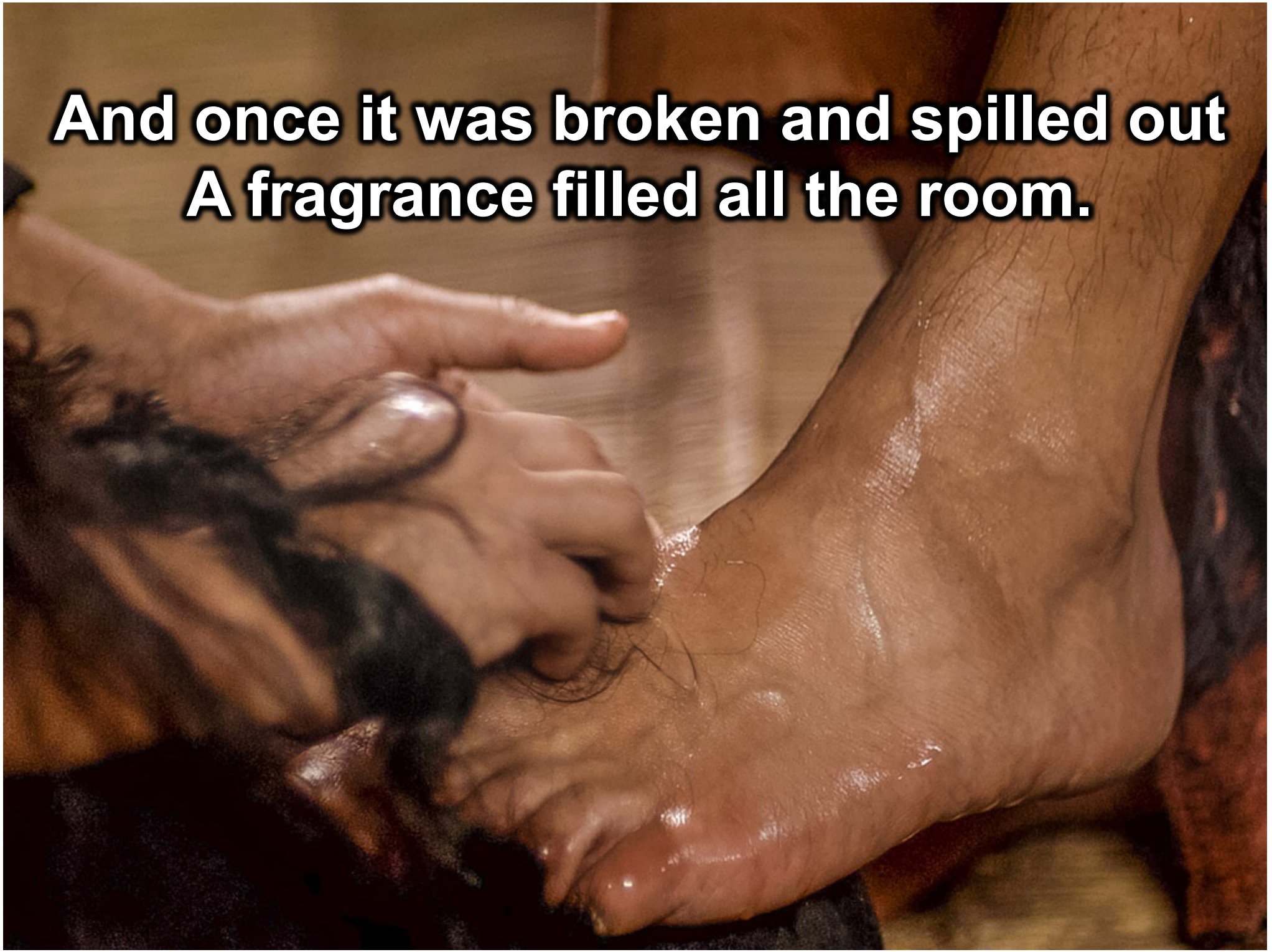
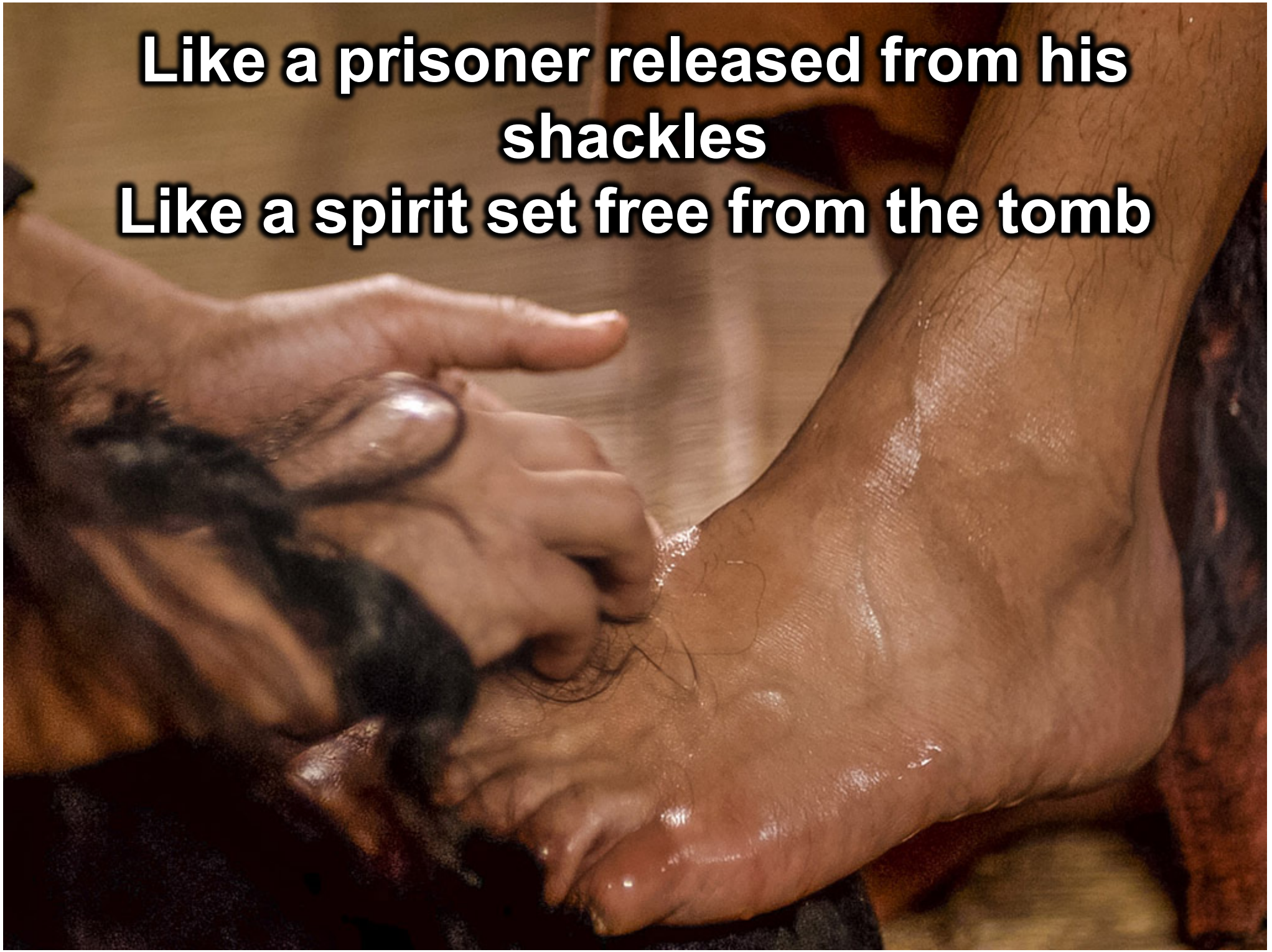
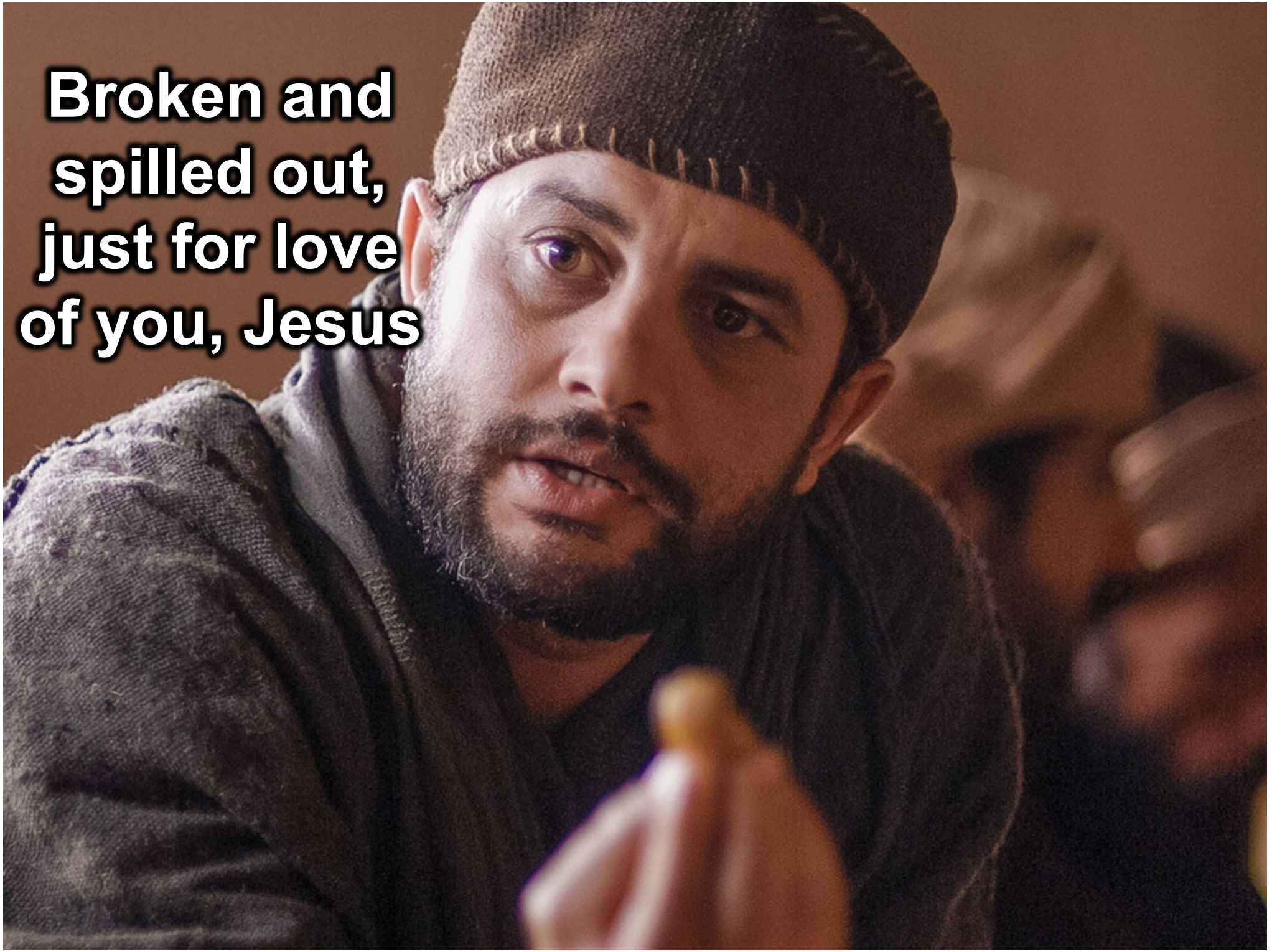
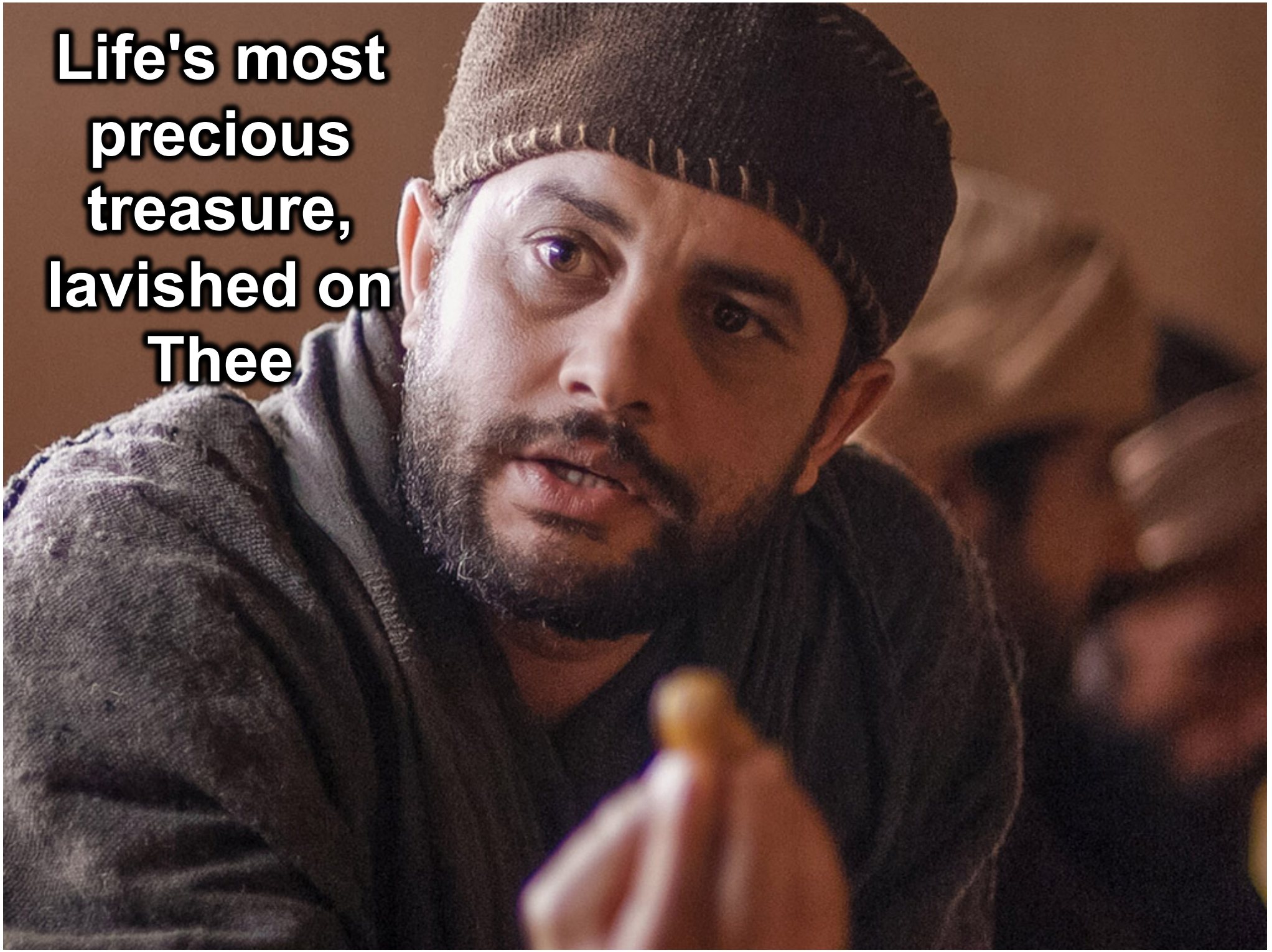
One day a plain village woman, driven by love for her Lord


Recklessly poured out a valuable
essence, disregarding the scorn


And once it was broken and spilled out
A fragrance filled all the room.


Like a prisoner released from his shackles
Like a spirit set free from the tomb


Broken and
spilled out,
just for love
of you, Jesus


Life's most
precious
treasure,
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Broken and
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Your feet


In sweet
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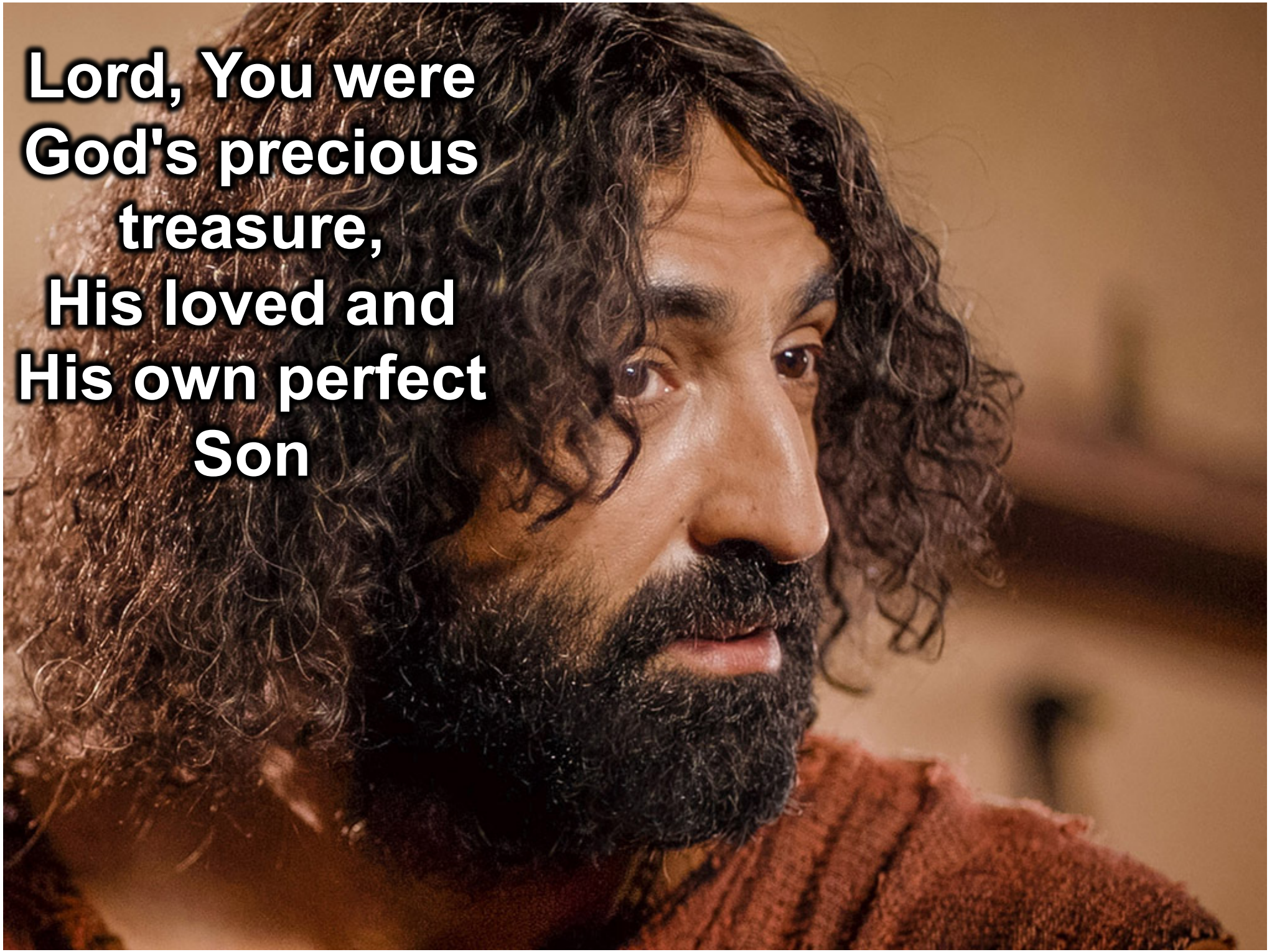
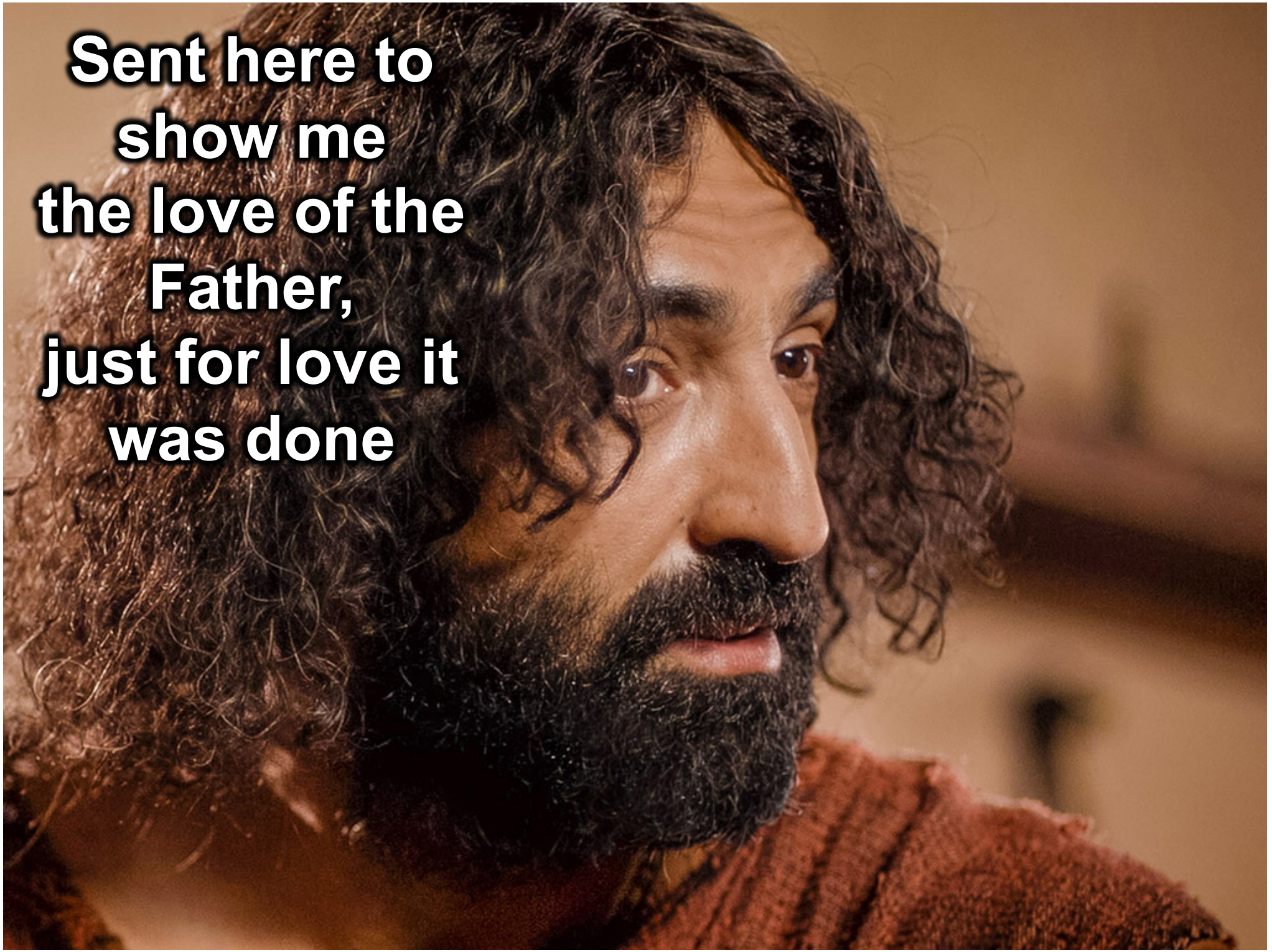
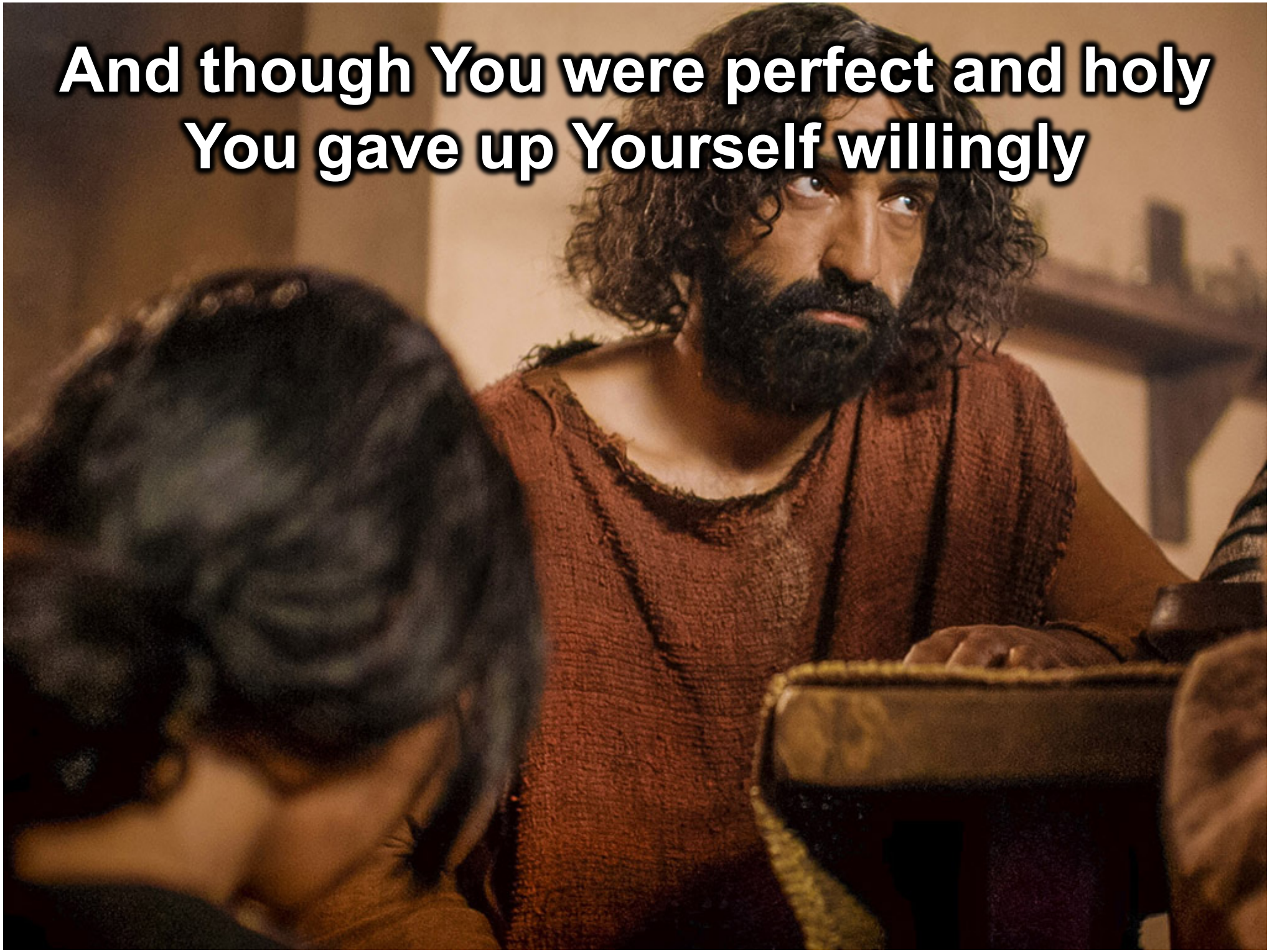
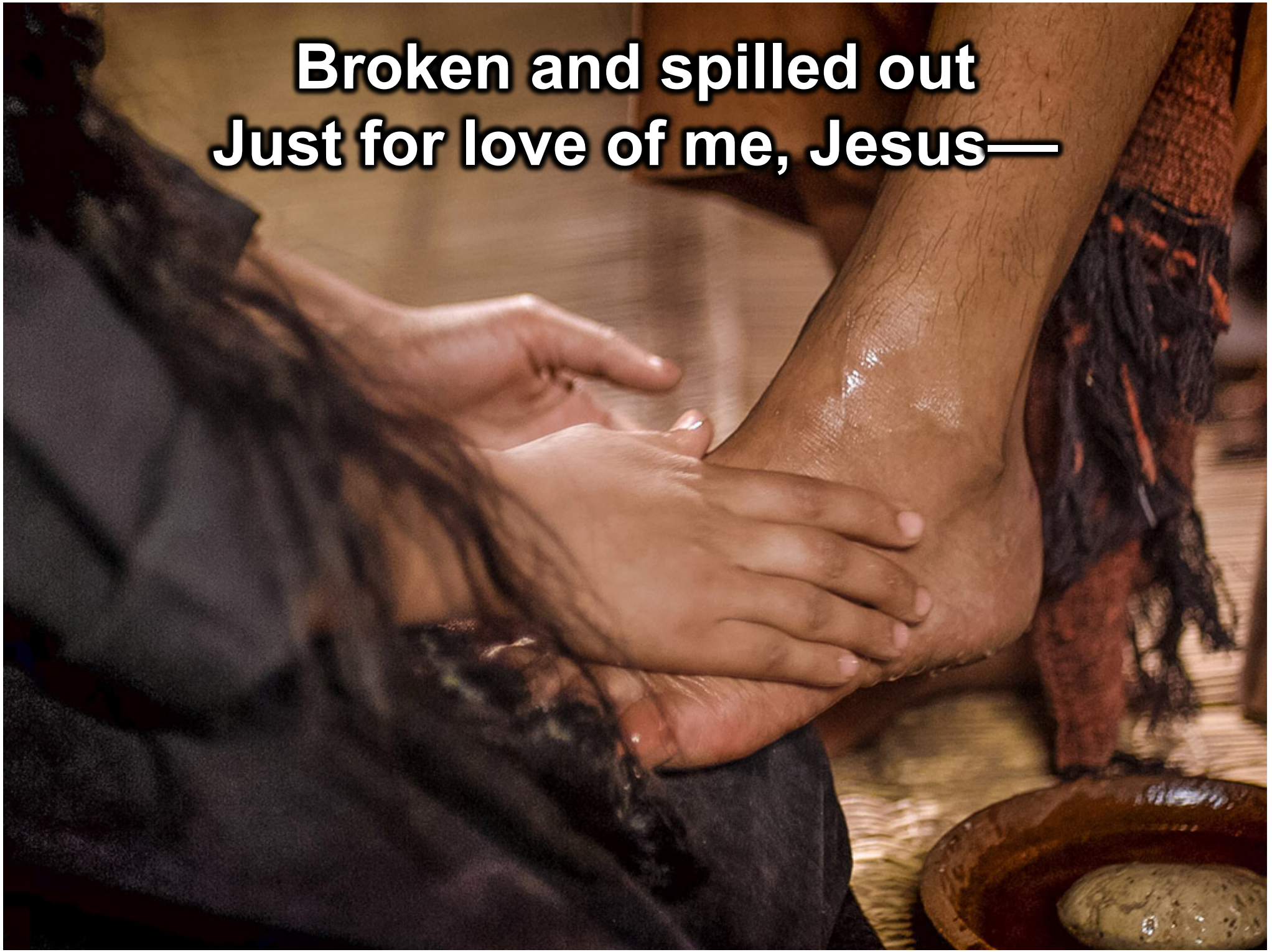

Lord, You were
God's precious
treasure,
His loved and
His own perfect
Son


Sent here to
show me
the love of the
Father,
just for love it
was done


And though You were perfect and holy
You gave up Yourself willingly


You spared no expense for my pardon
You were used up and wasted for me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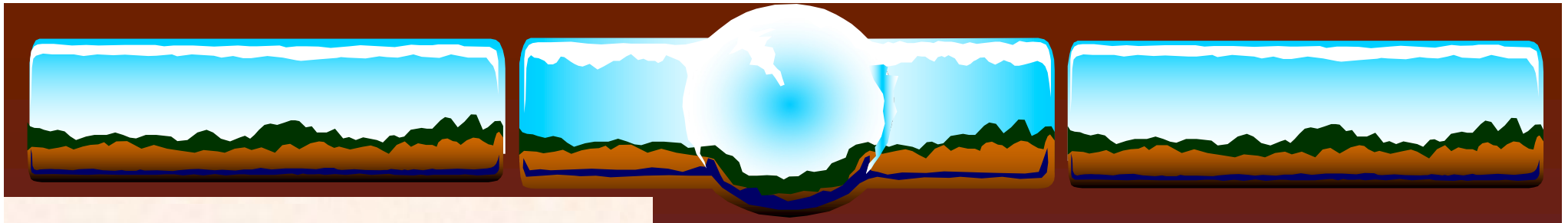

The **WOMAN**
with the
ALABASTER JAR



Mary Magdalen and the Holy Grail

As featured in The Da Vinci Code

MARGARET STARBIRD

Was Mary Magdalene the Woman with the Alabaster Jar?

No. In Luke she is not named but in the other gospels she is clearly Mary of Bethany

This was NOT like Luke 7:36-50 with Jesus and the Sinful Woman



Anointings of Jesus



Common to all four gospel accounts:

1. Unannounced visit by woman
2. Anointed Jesus' head and/or feet
3. Wiped his feet with her hair
4. Complaint of waste by disciples/Judas
5. Disciples rebuked by Jesus
6. In a home
7. Alabaster jar (except in John)
8. Home owned by man called Simon



The Two Anointings of Jesus



Luke 7:36-50	Matt. 26:6-13 Mark 14:3-9 John 12:1-11
Early in Ministry	During Passion Week
Weeping	No weeping noted
For worship, woman's sins forgiven (Luke 7:48)	For burial, woman needed no forgiveness
By unnamed harlot at home of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:40) in an unknown town	By Lazarus' sister Mary at home of Simon the Leper (Matt. 26:6; Mark 14:3) in Lazarus' hometown of Bethany (John 12:1)


Palm
SUNDAY




Palms to Cross


Matthew 21:1-11
Mark 11:1-11
Luke 19:28-44
John 12:12-19
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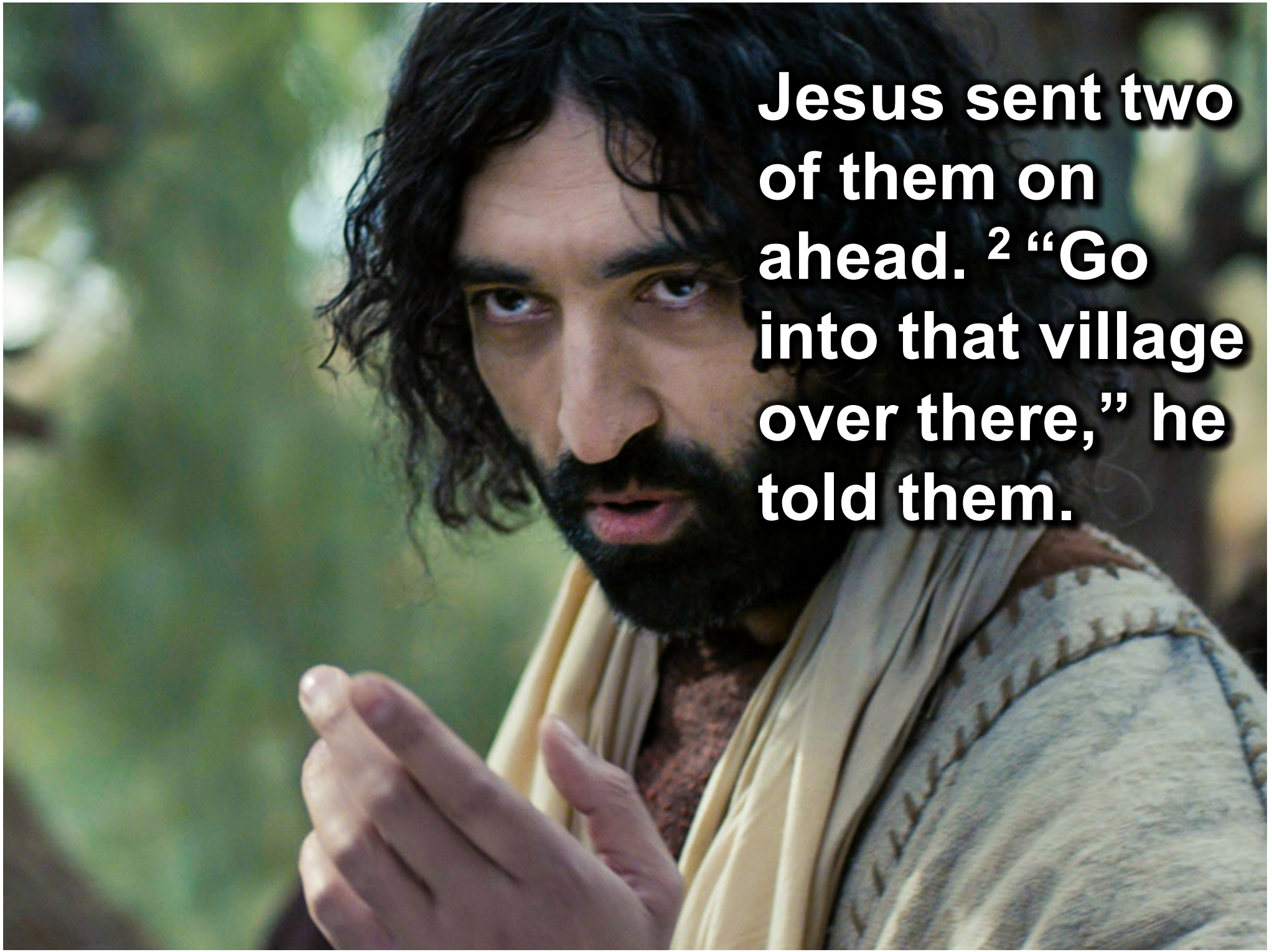
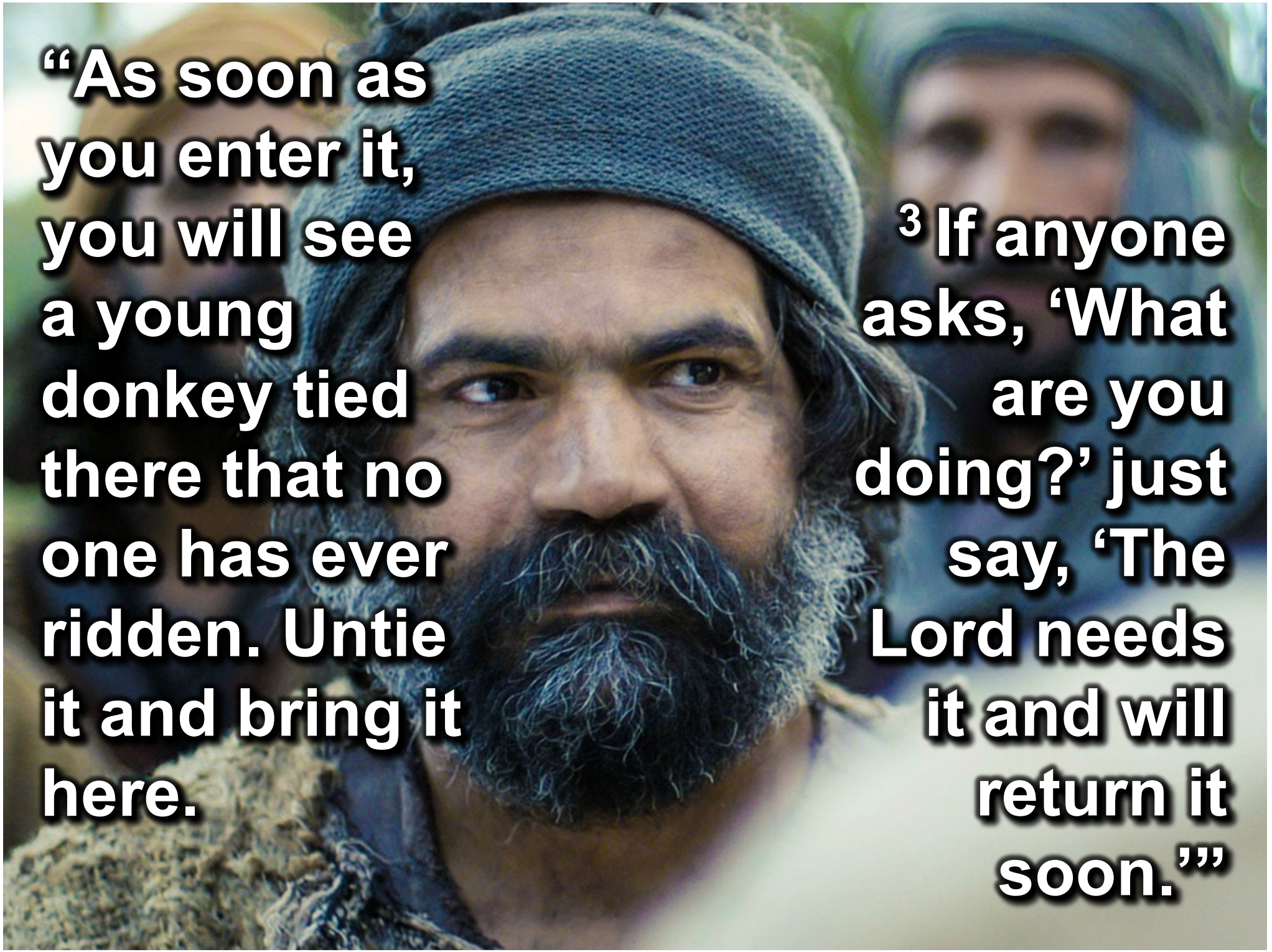
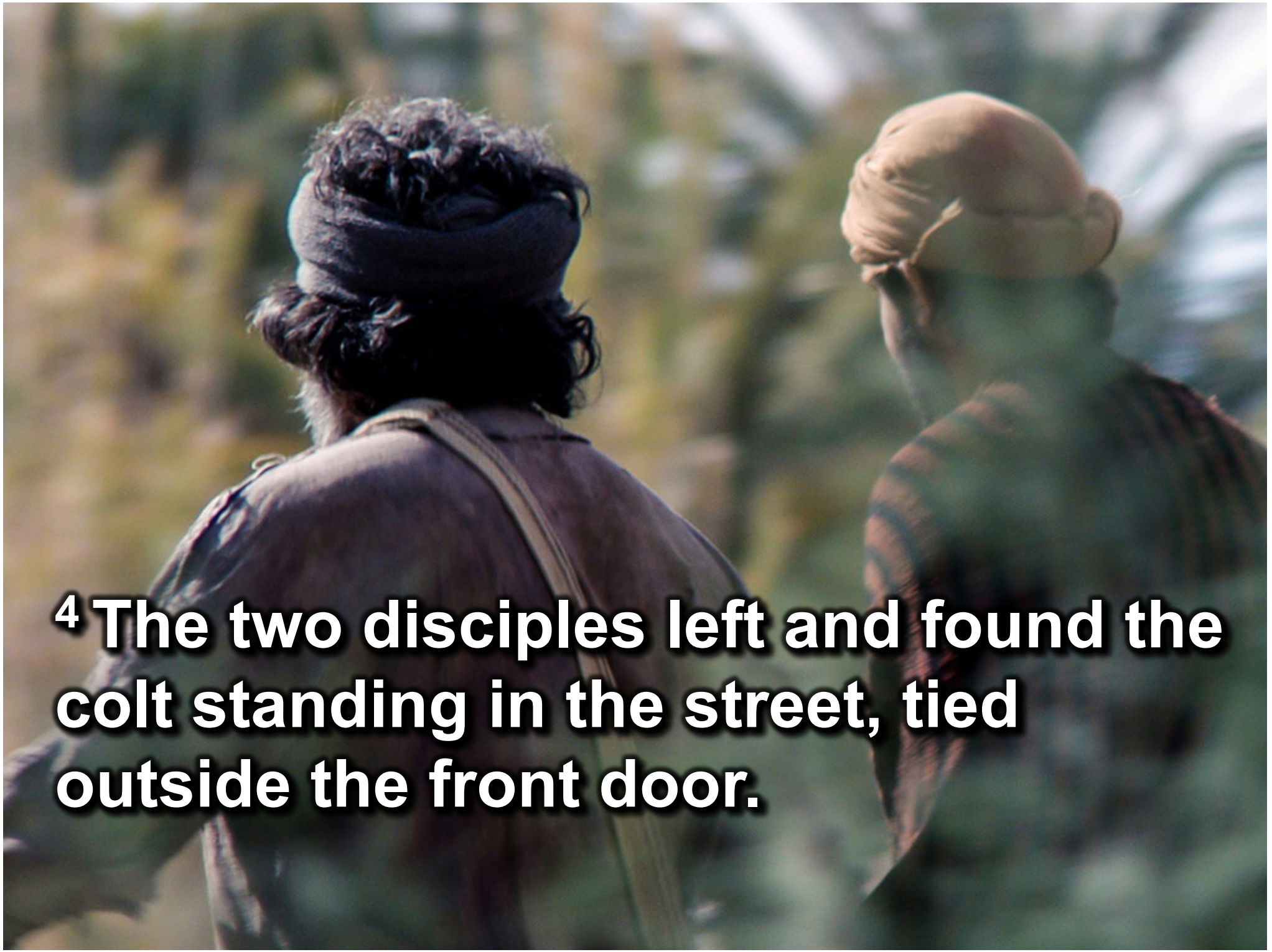
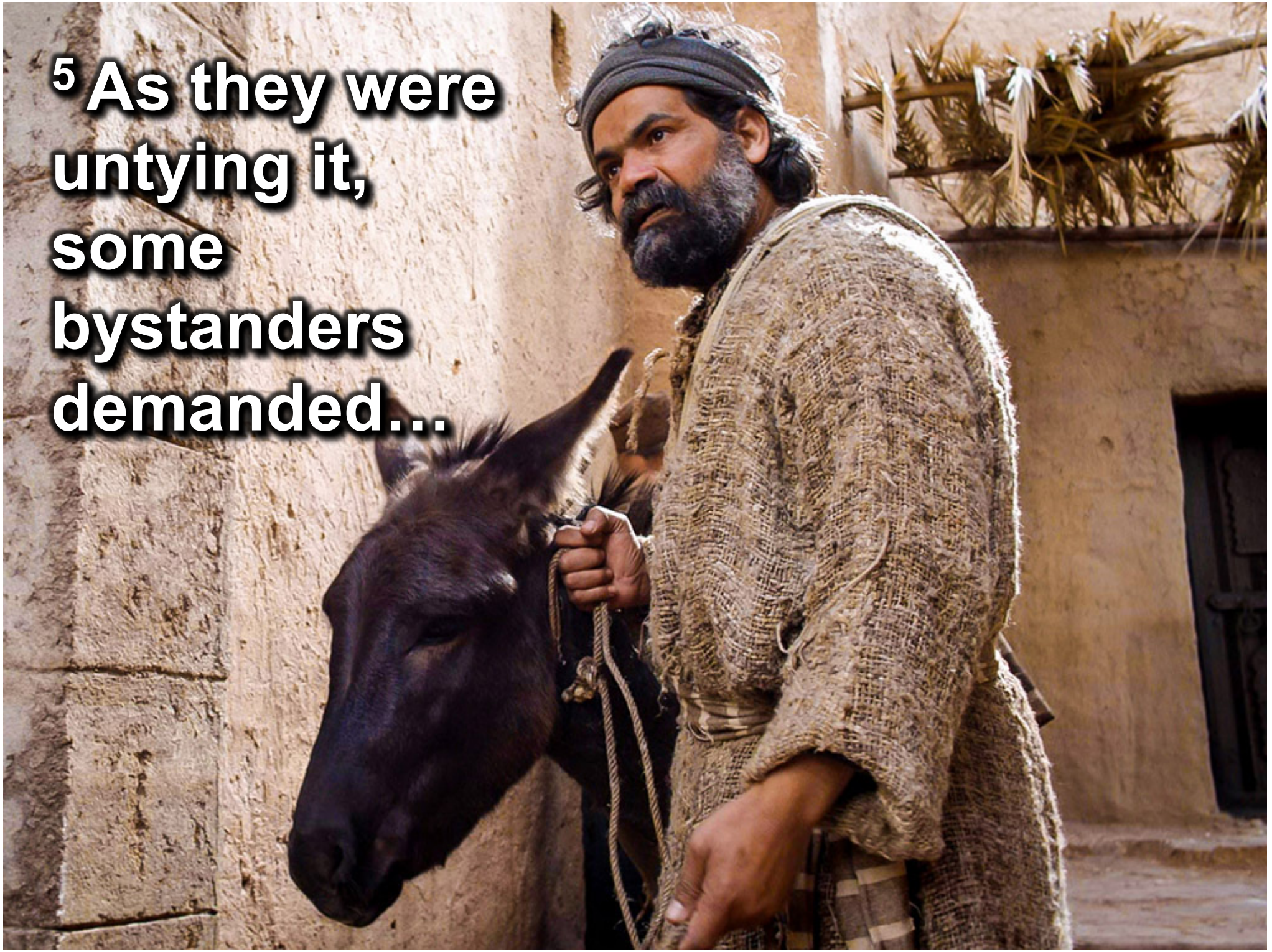
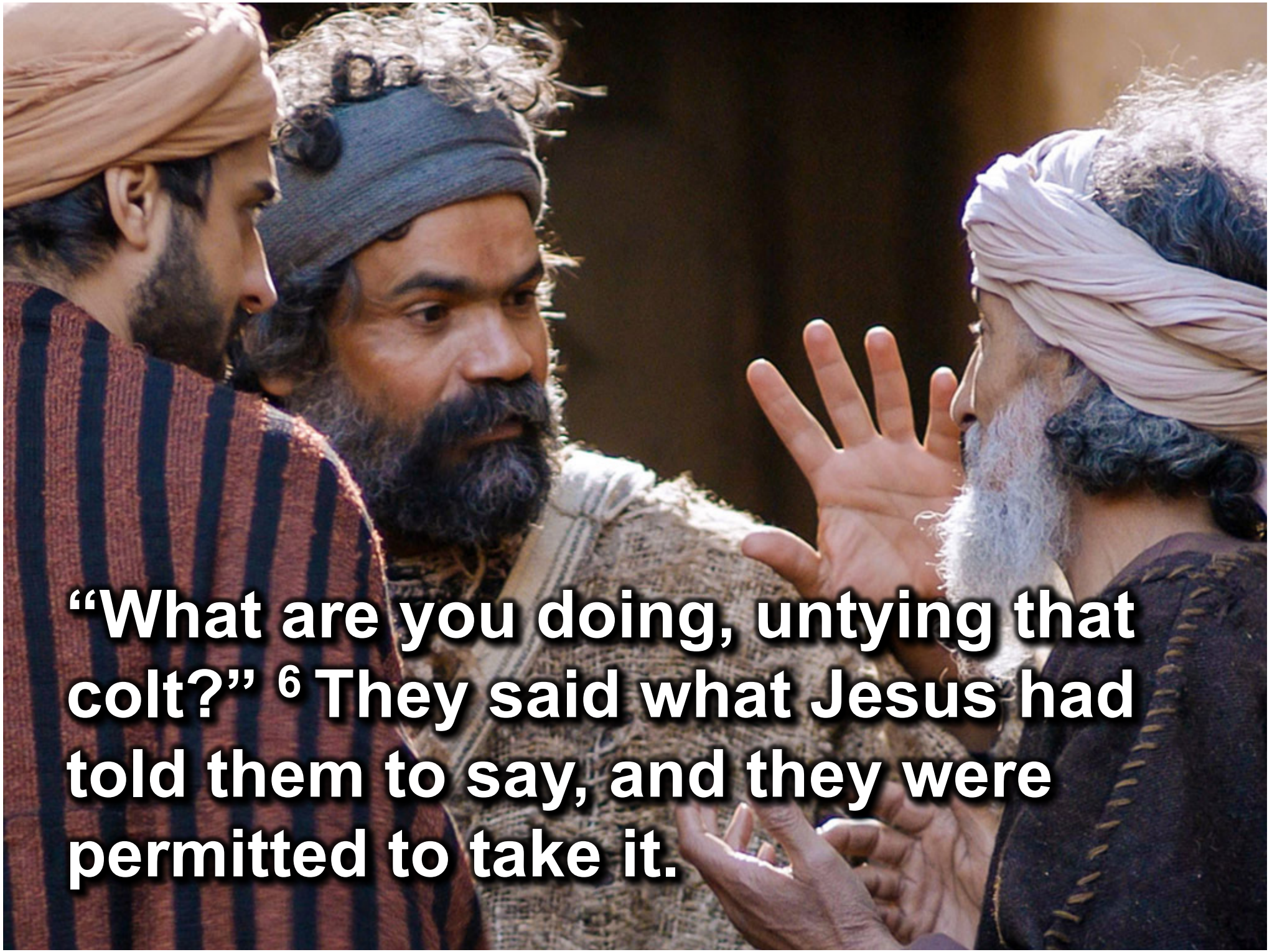
Mark 11:1-11
As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives.


Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 “Go into that village over there,” he told them.


“As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.
3 If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it and will return it soon.’”

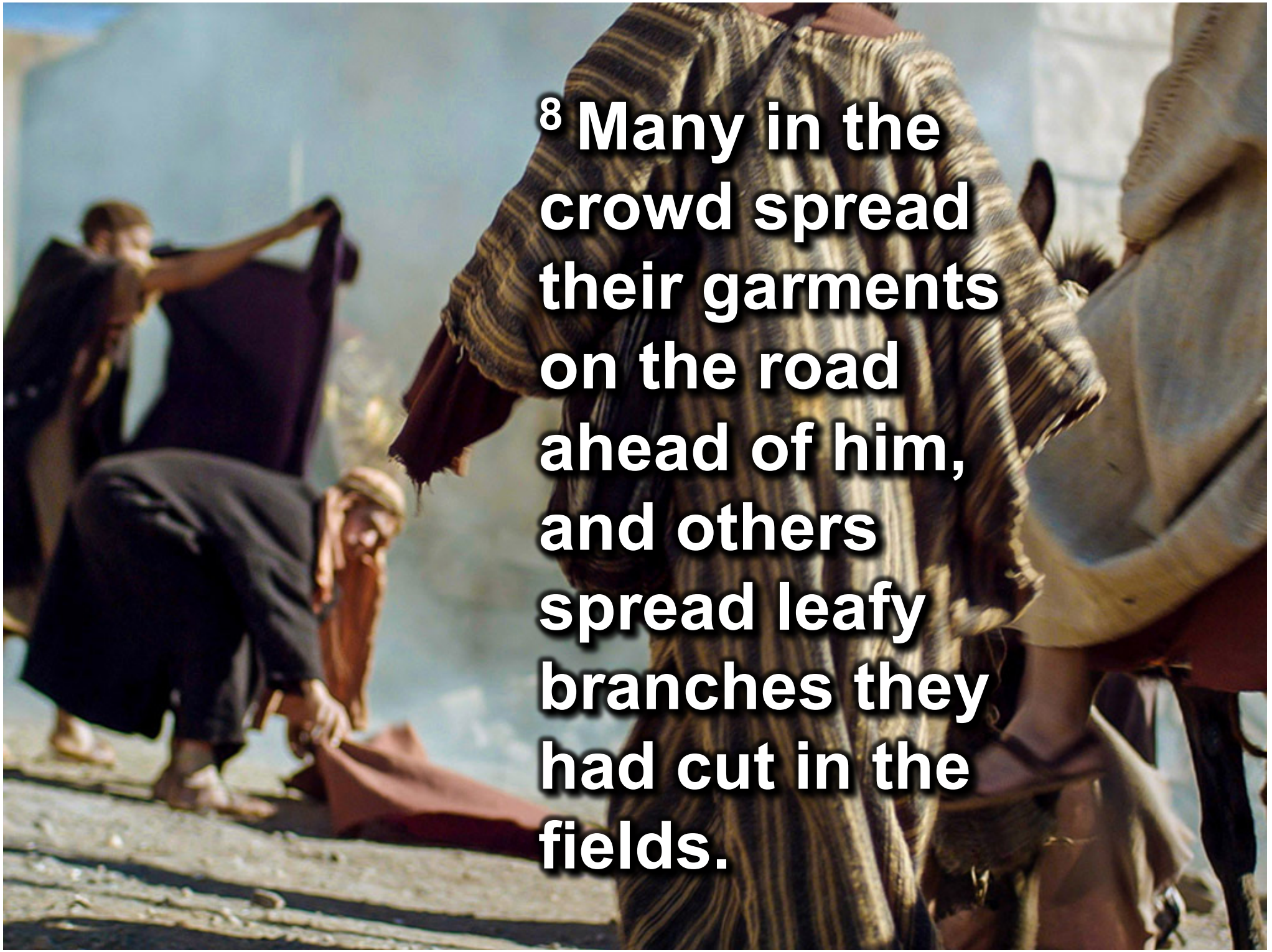

4 The two disciples left and found the
colt standing in the street, tied
outside the front door.

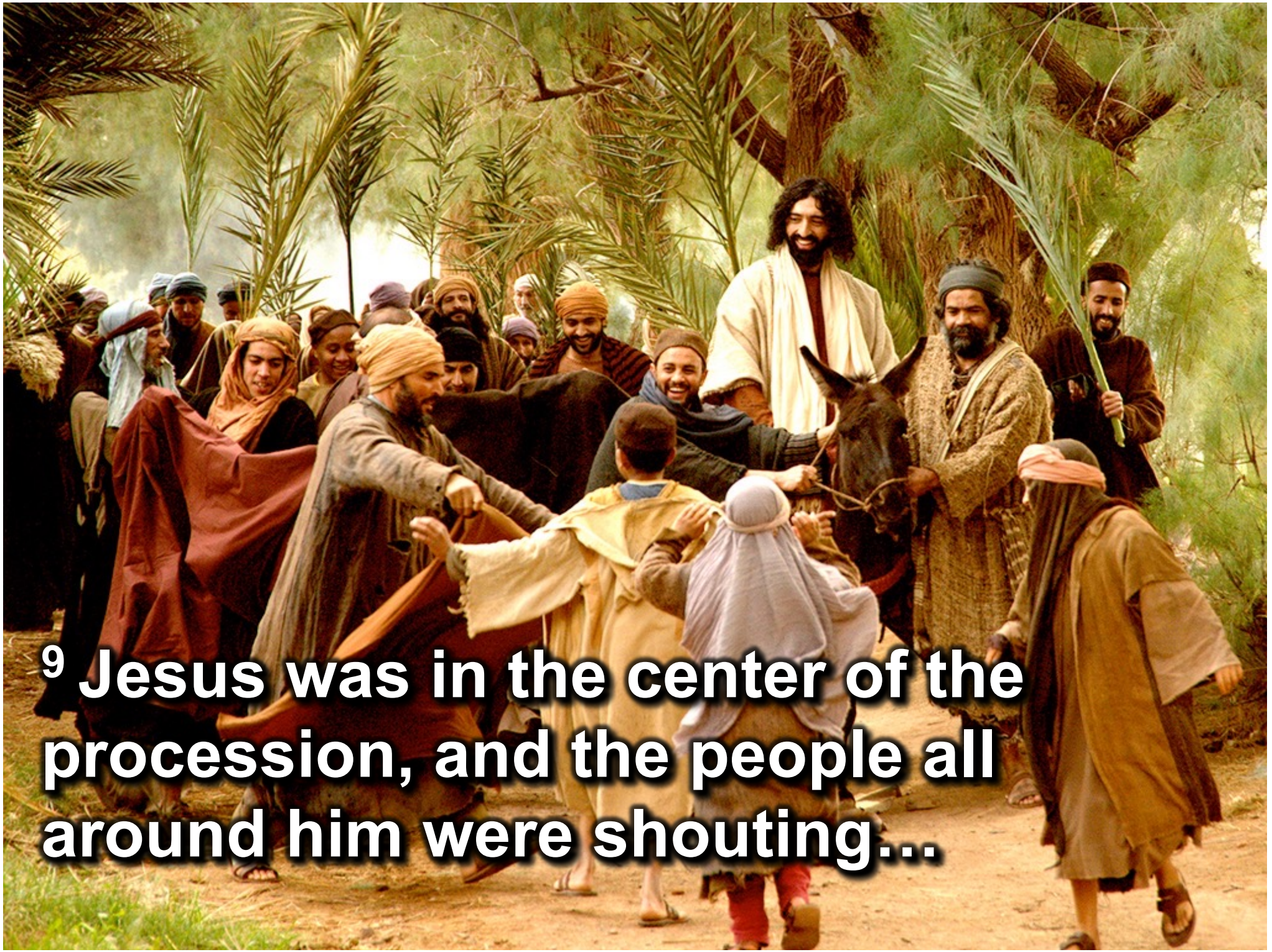

5 As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded…

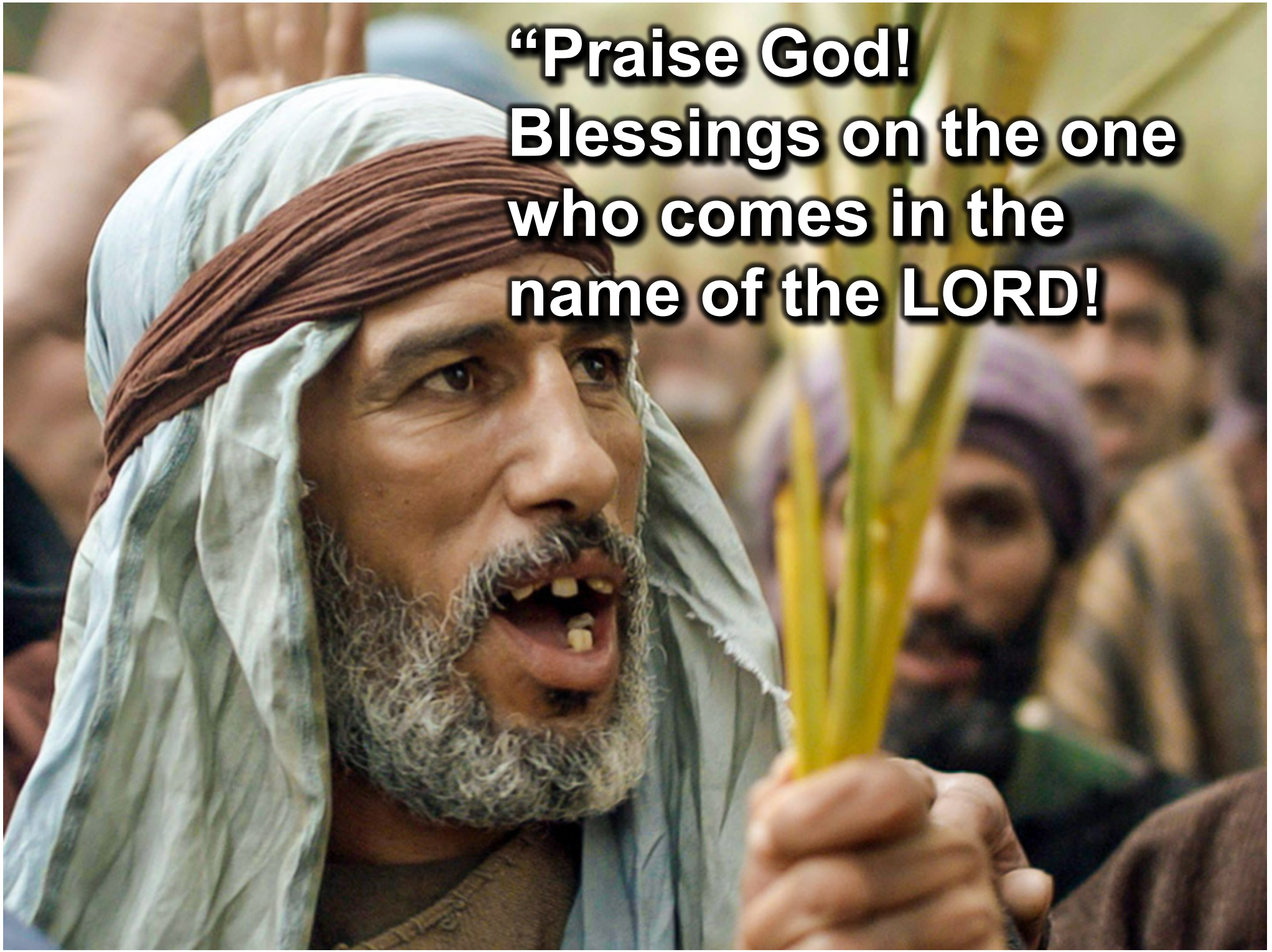

“What are you doing, untying that colt?” 6 They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it.


7 Then they brought the colt
to Jesus...


…and threw their garments over it,
and he sat on it.


8 Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields.


9 Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting…


“Praise God!
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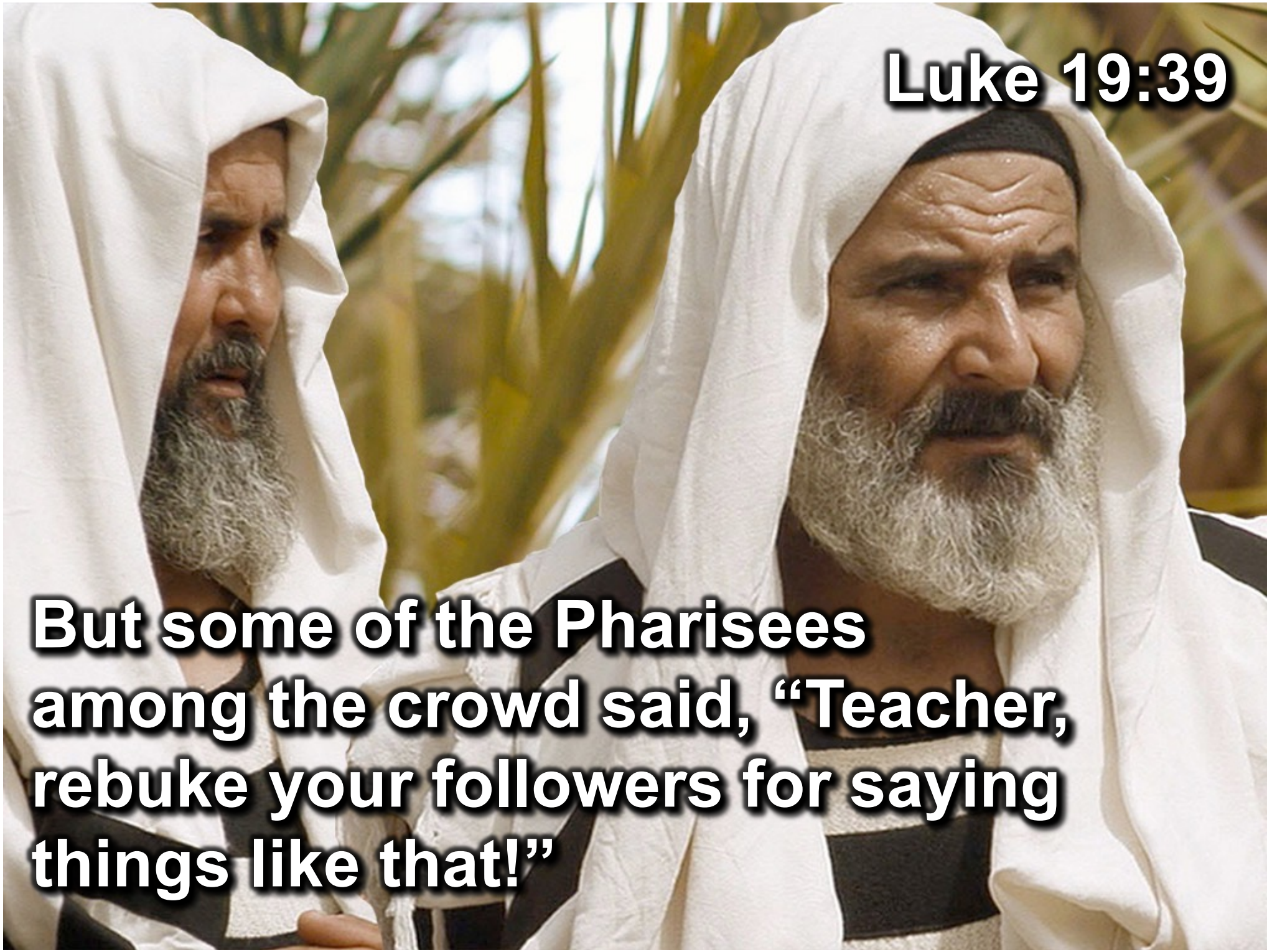
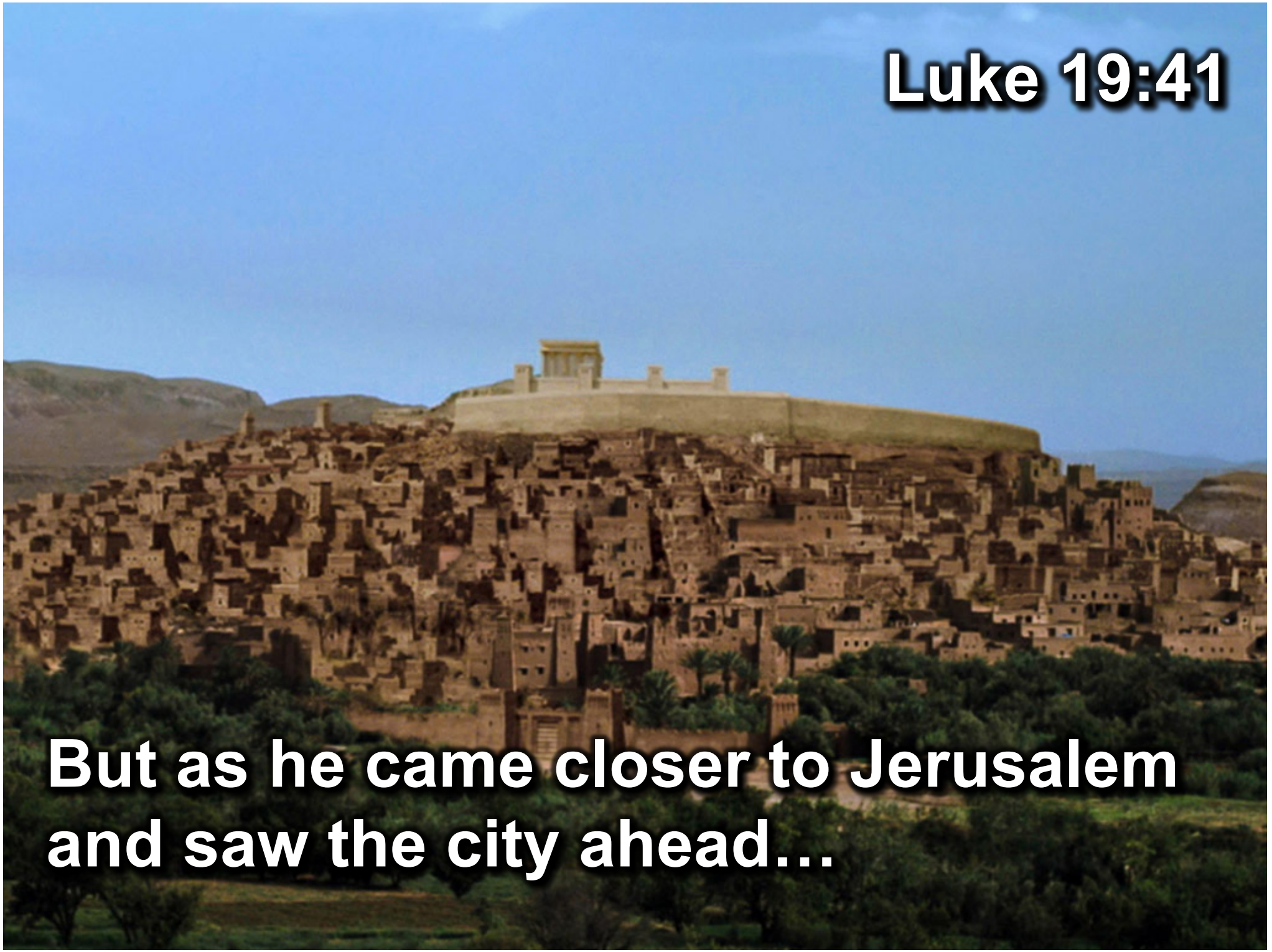
name of the LORD!

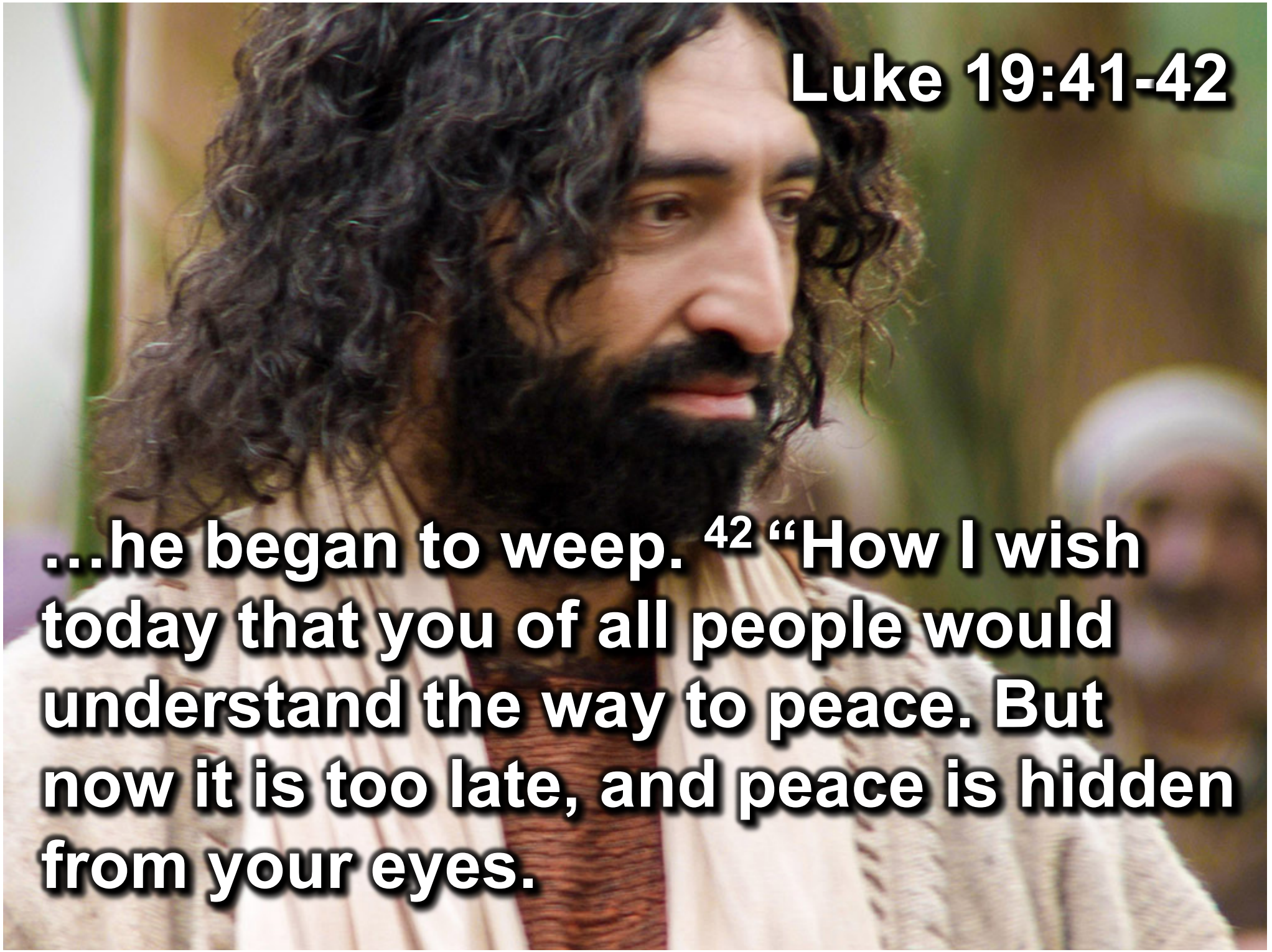

10 Blessings on the
coming Kingdom of
our ancestor David!

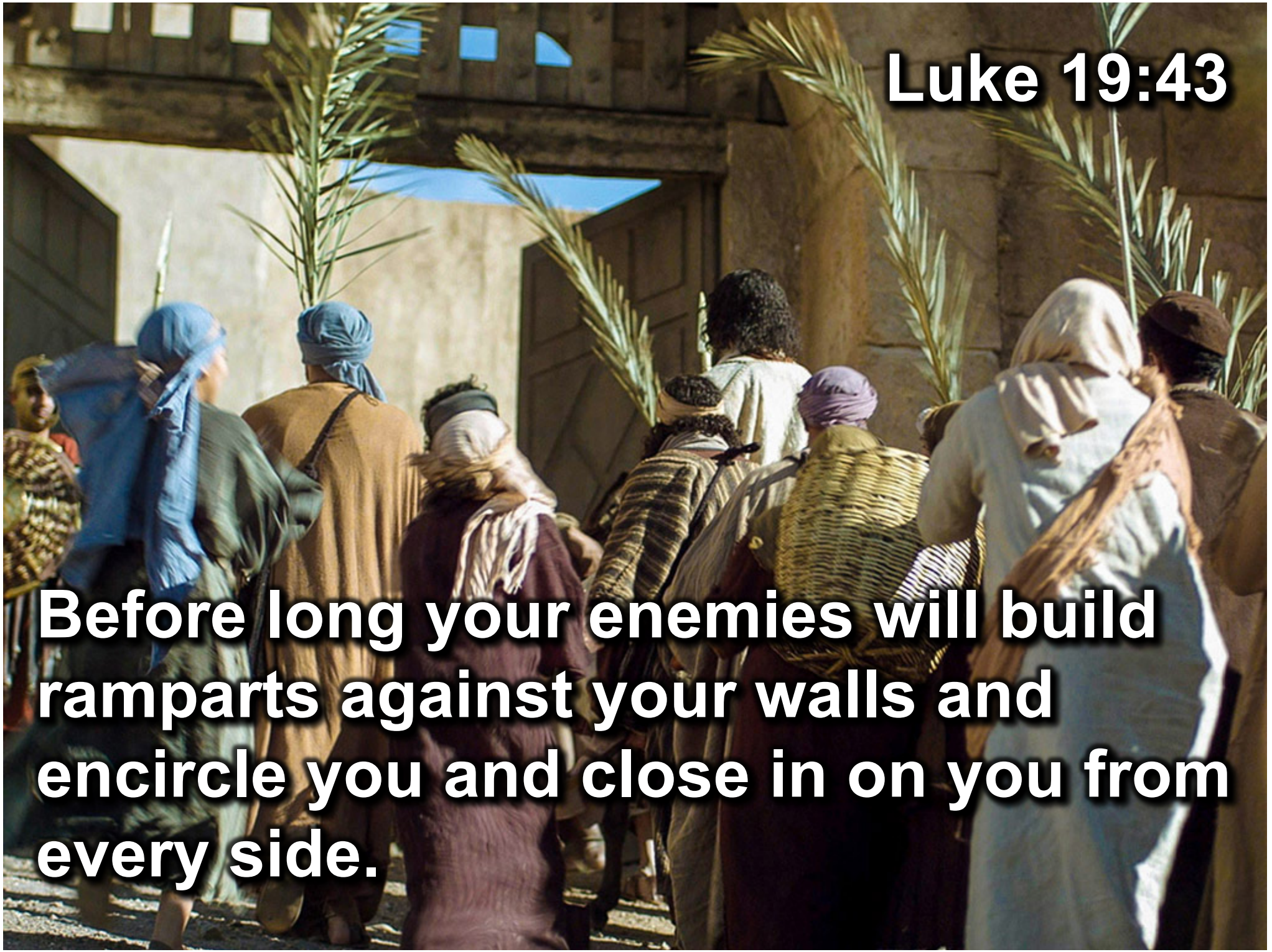

"Praise God in
highest heaven!"


Luke 19:39
But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”


Luke 19:40
He replied, “If they kept quiet,
the stones along the road
would burst into cheers!”


Luke 19:41
But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead…


Luke 19:41-42
…he began to weep. 42 “How I wish
today that you of all people would
understand the way to peace. But
now it is too late, and peace is hidden
from your eyes.


Luke 19:43
Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side.


Luke 19:44
They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”



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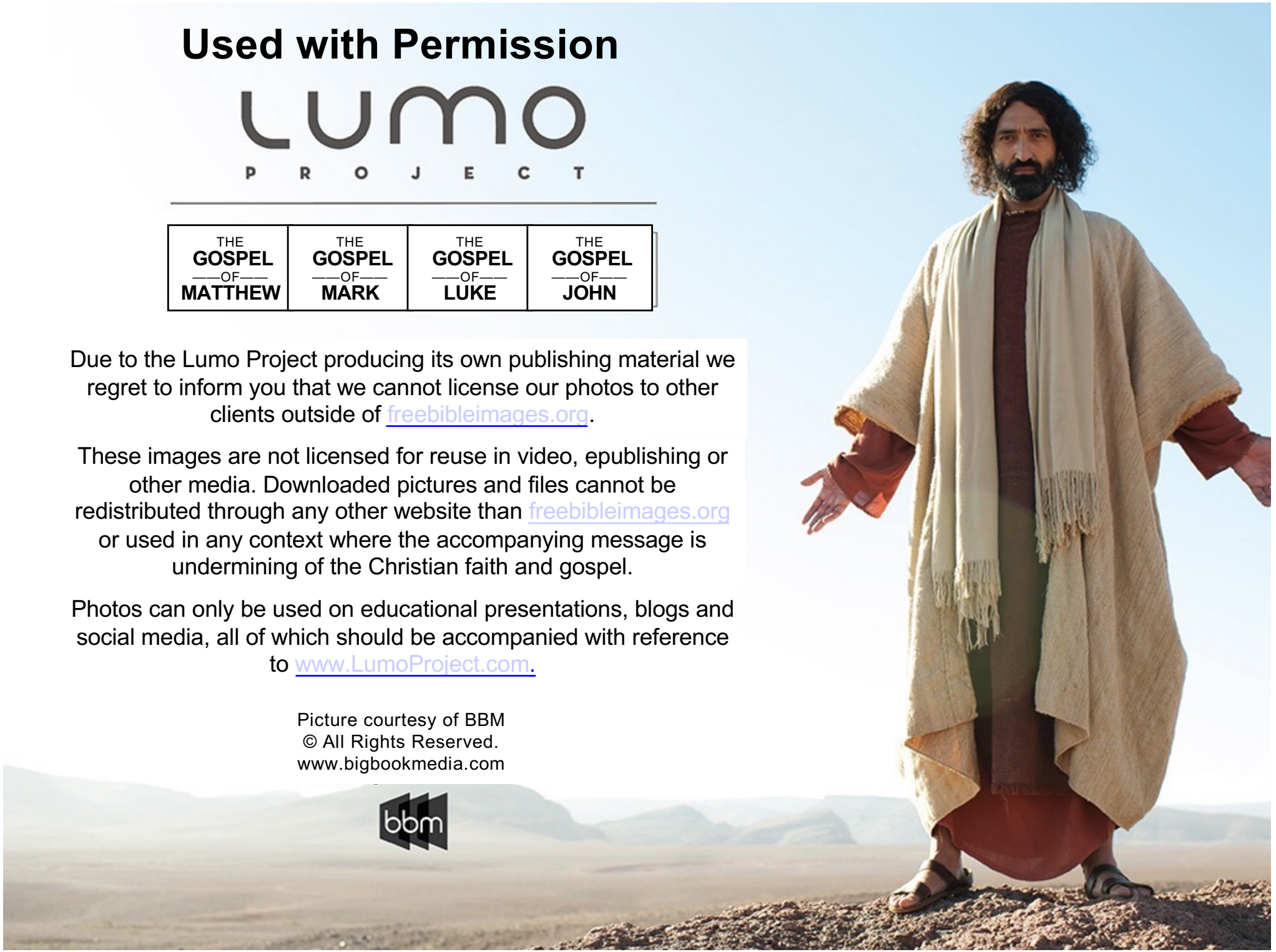

"But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him. [38]This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted…" (John 12:37-38a NLT).

"LORD, who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?" (John 12:37-38b; cf. Isaiah 53:1 NLT).

"But the people couldn't believe, for as Isaiah also said…"
(John 12:39 NLT).

"The Lord has
blinded their eyes
and hardened their
hearts—
so that their eyes
cannot see,
and their hearts
cannot understand,
and they cannot
turn to me
and have me heal
them" (John 12:40;
cf. Isaiah 6:10 NLT).


TRIUMPHANT ENTRY
MATTHEW 21:9



Triumphal Entry



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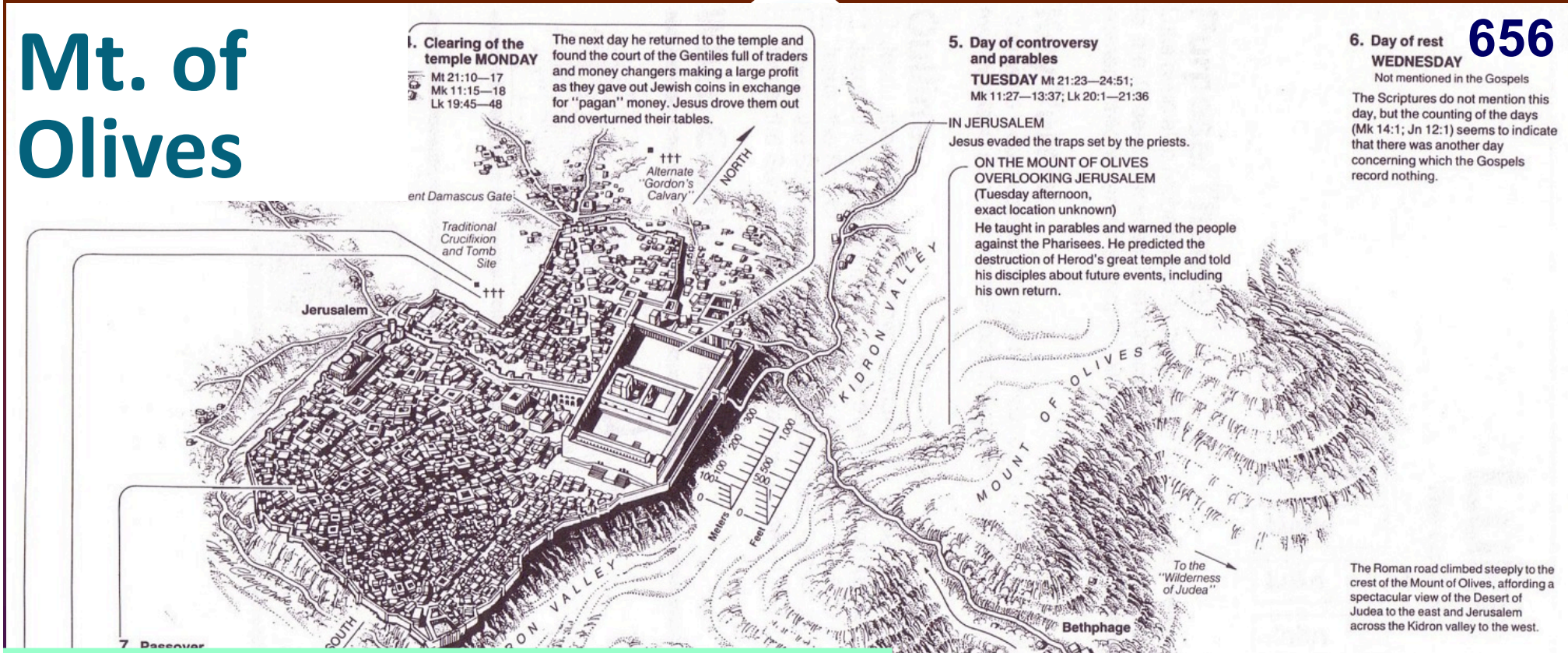
Matthew 21:9



Triumphal Entry

Mt. of Olives



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The Spirit Leaves & Returns

Mt. of Olives





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5. Day of controversy and parables

TUESDAY Mt 21:23—24:51; Mk 11:27—13:37; Lk 20:1—21:36

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Bethphage

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Alternate "Gordon's Calvary"

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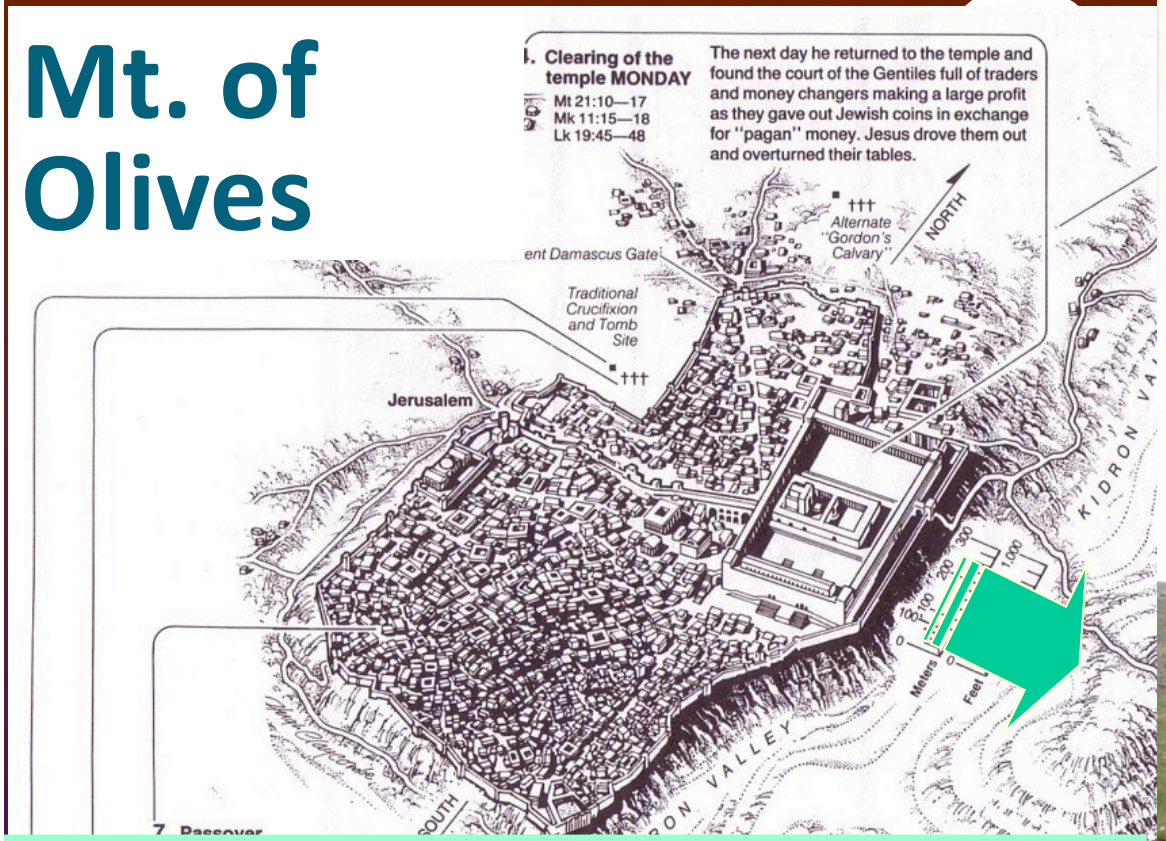





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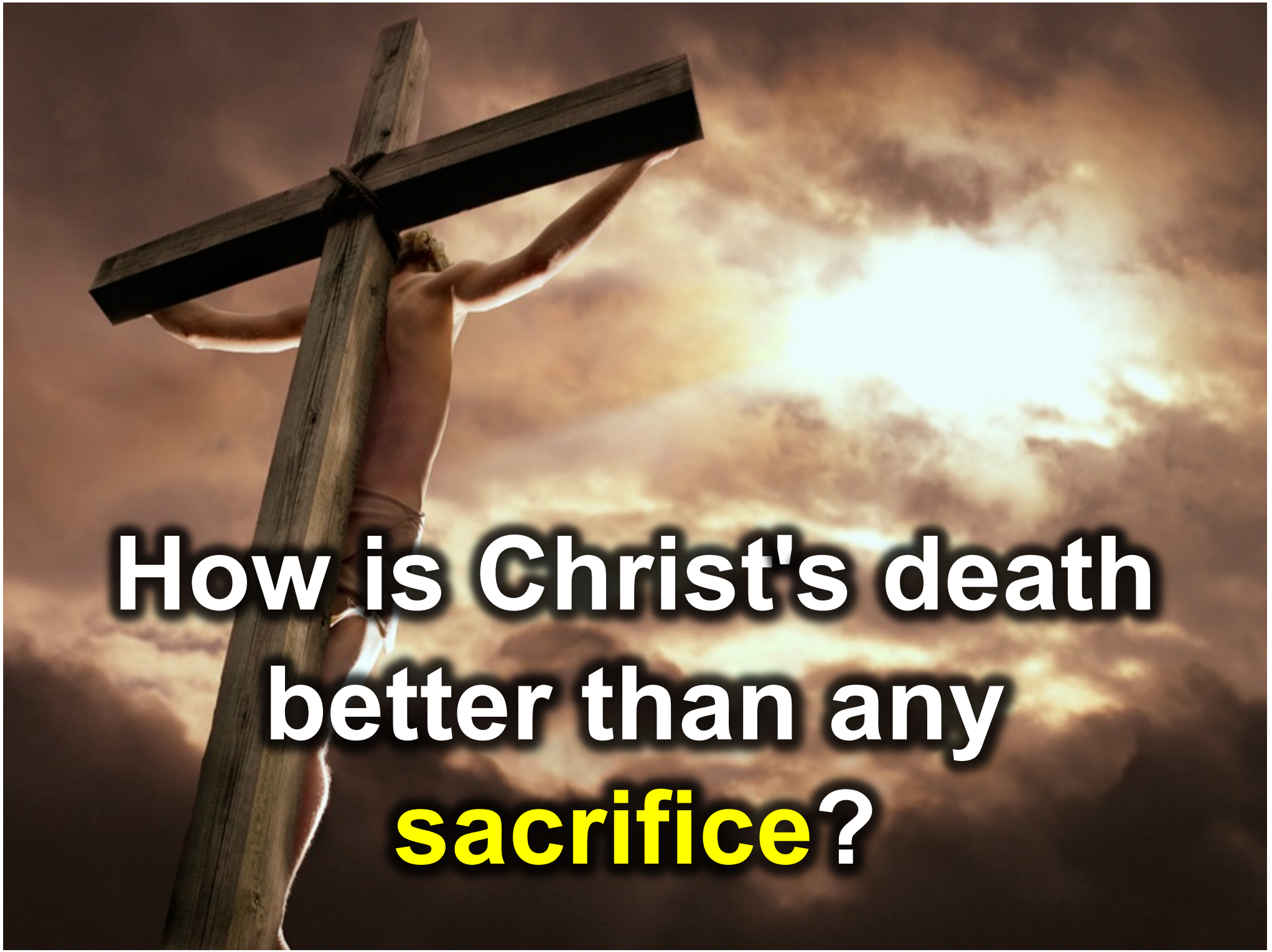
Palms to Palms


What's so good about
Good Friday?


How is Christ's death
better than any
sacrifice?

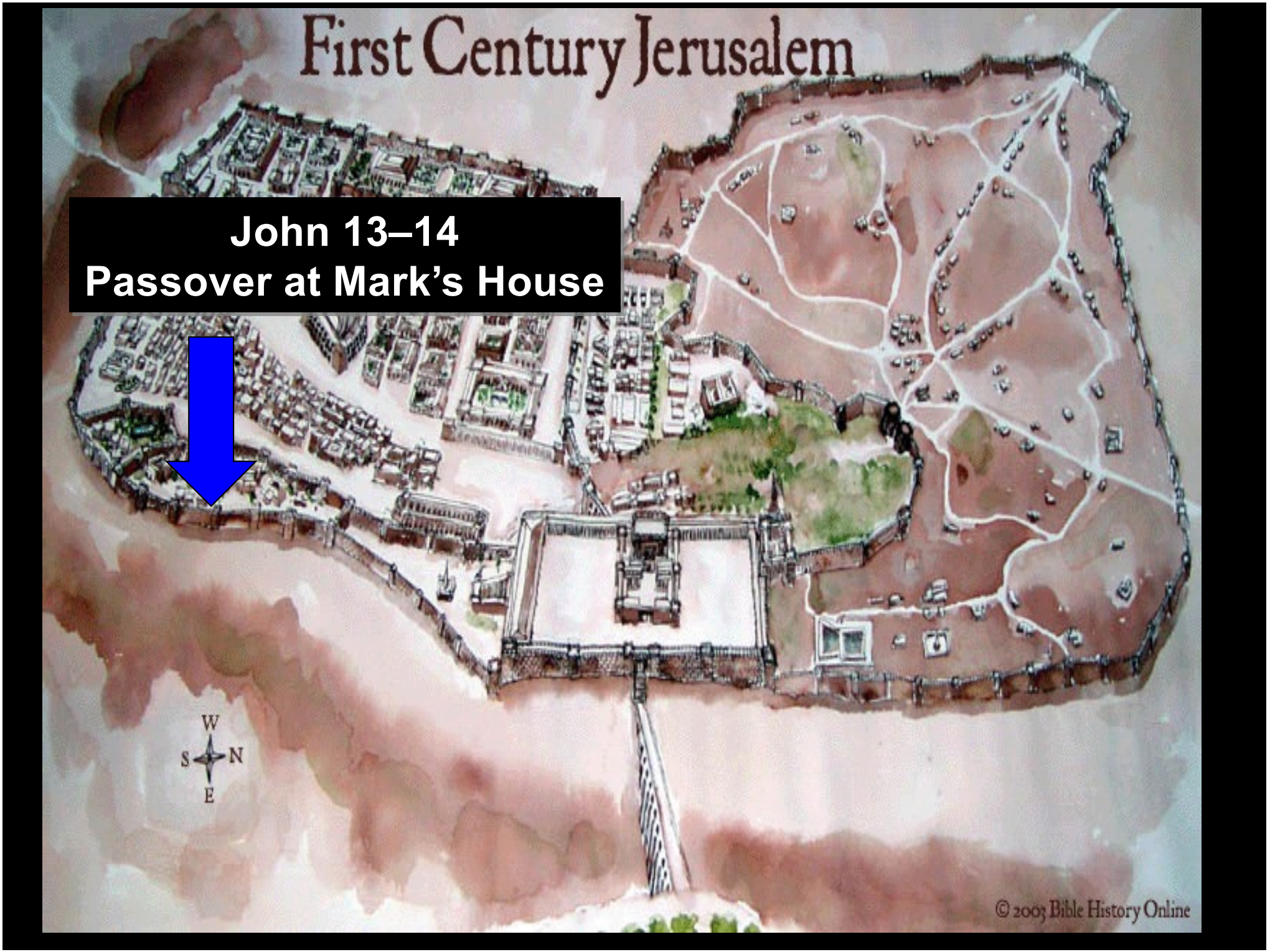
The Four Cups (Exod. 6:6-7)



"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

John 13

Jesus prepared his disciples to depend on the Holy Spirit (John 13–17).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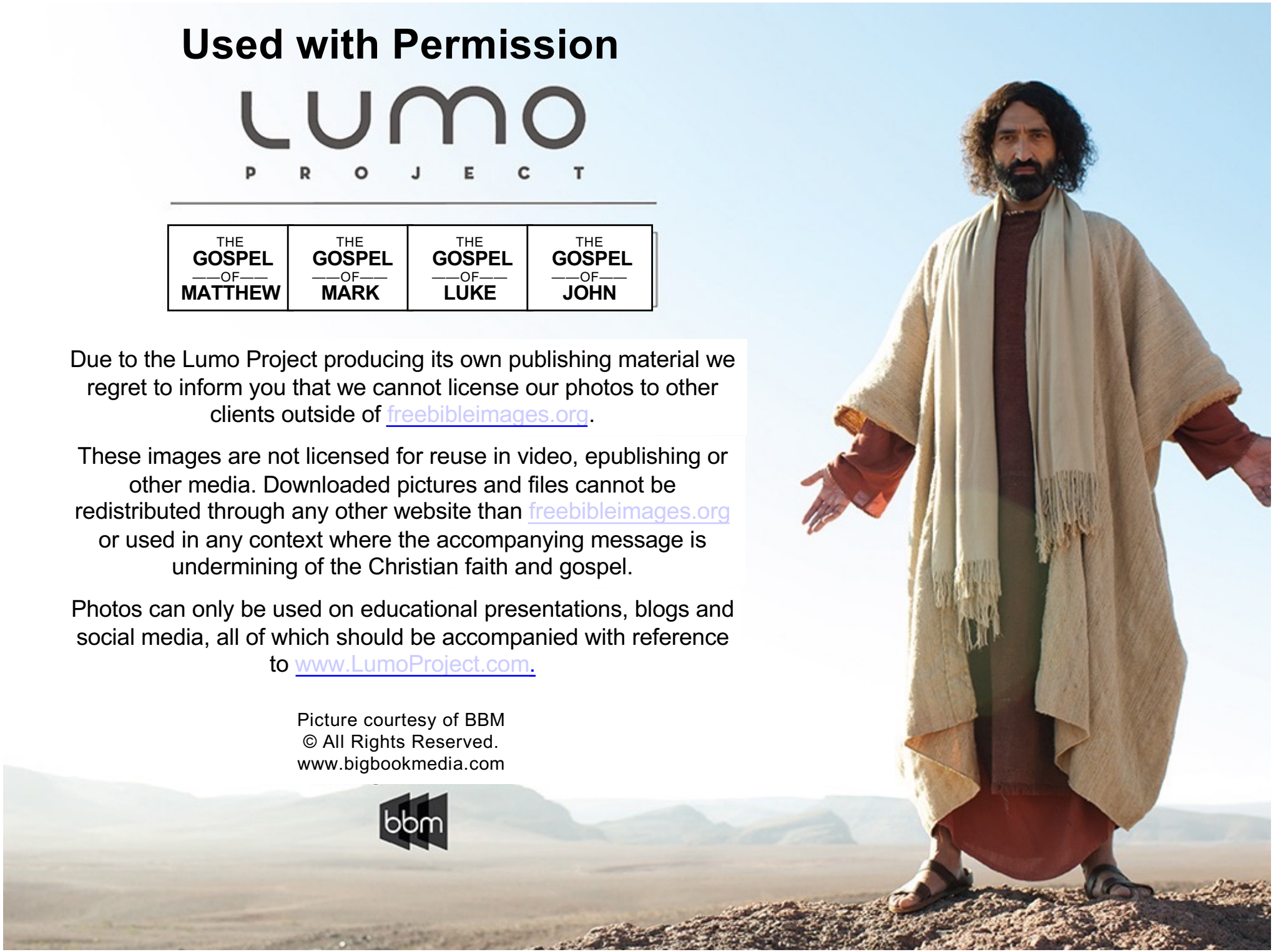


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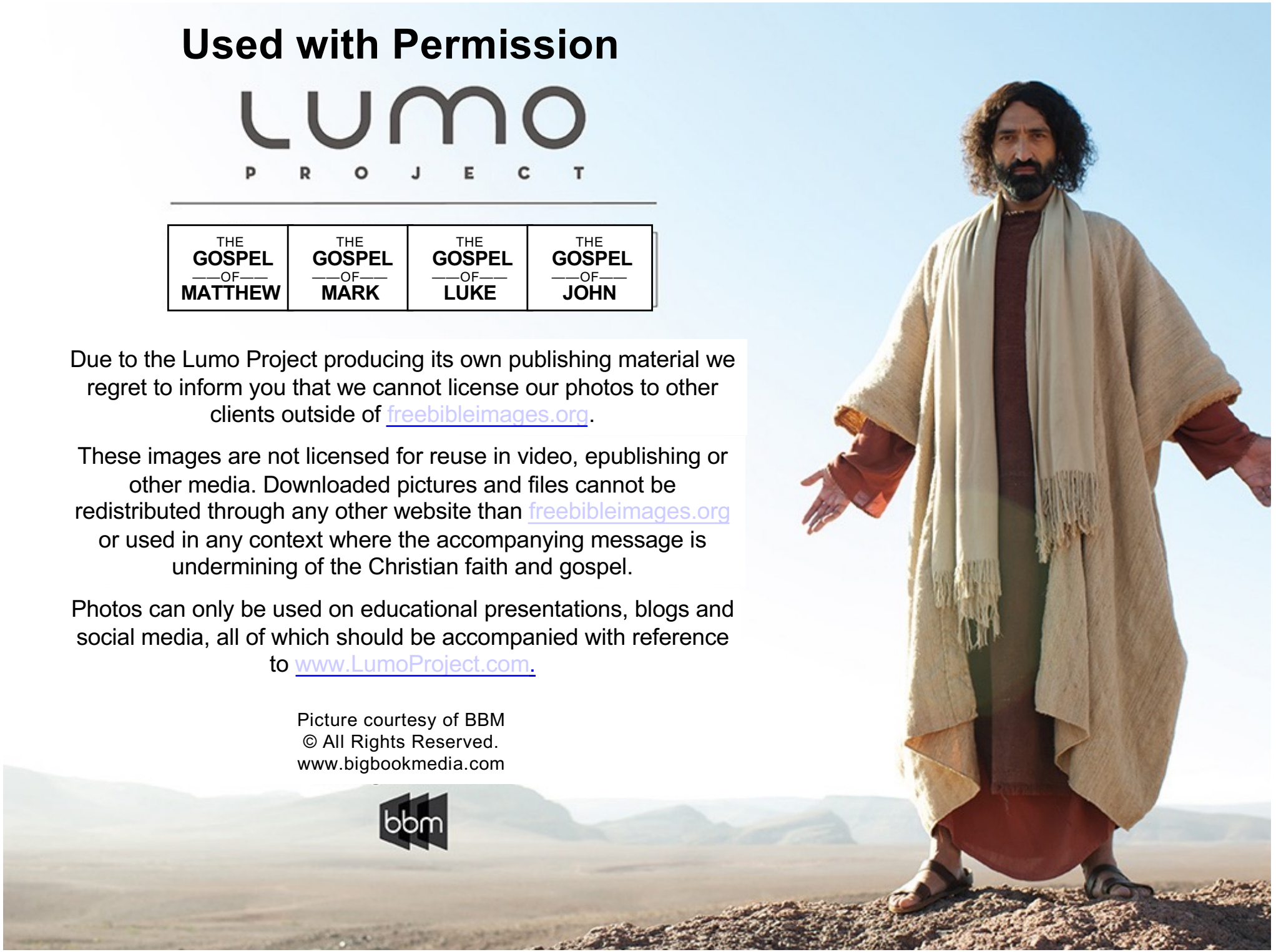

Washing of Hands



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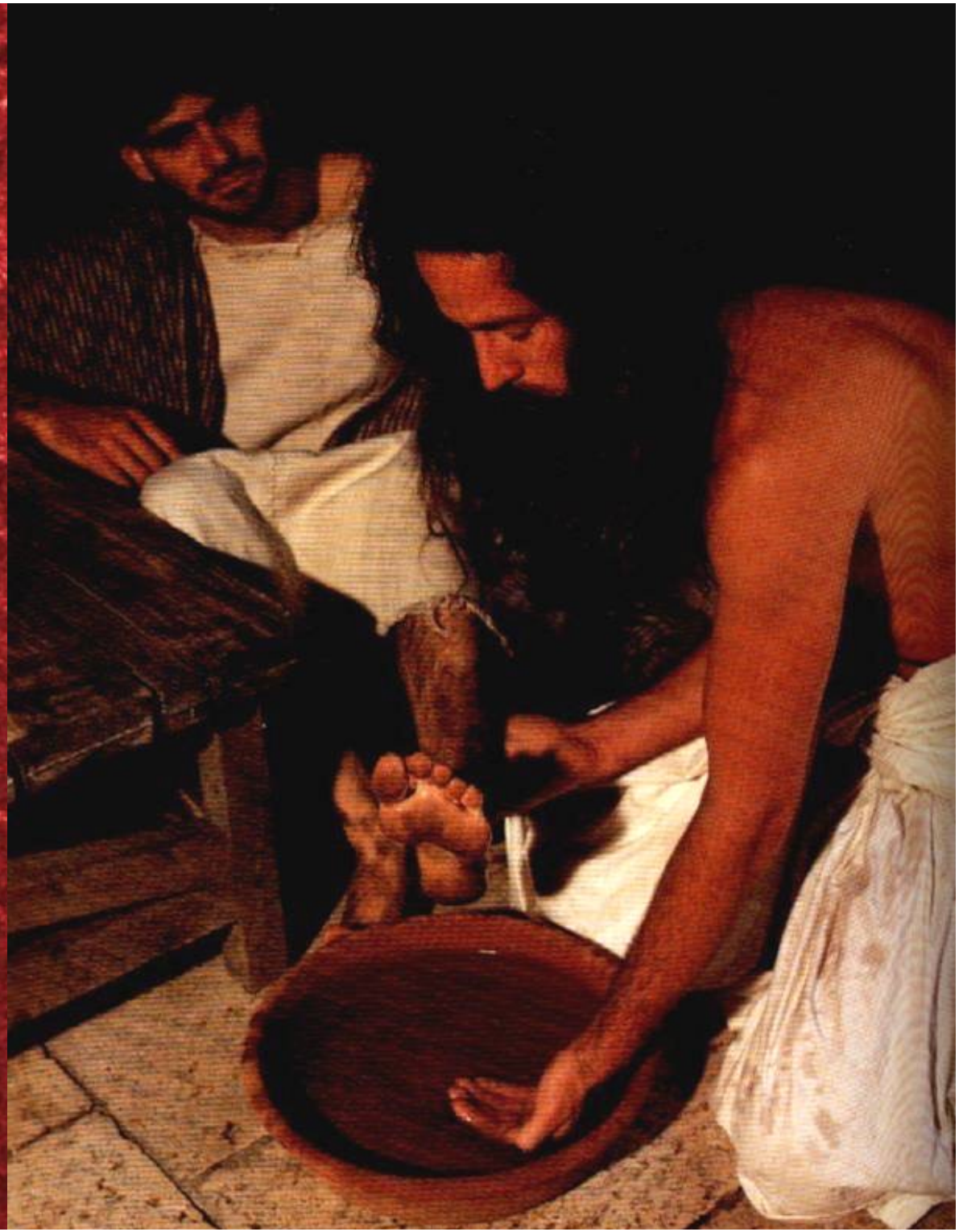
Feet instead of hands

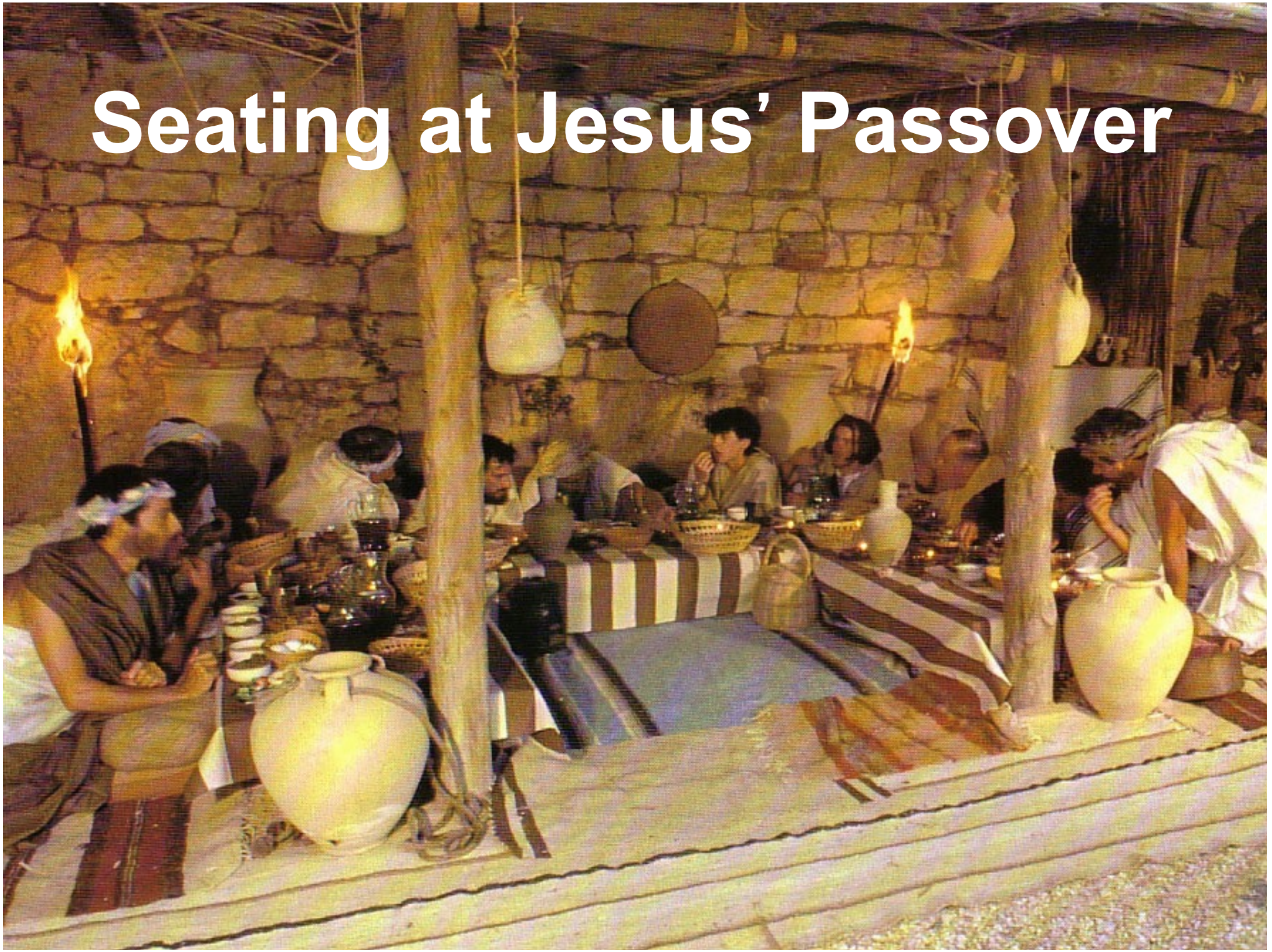


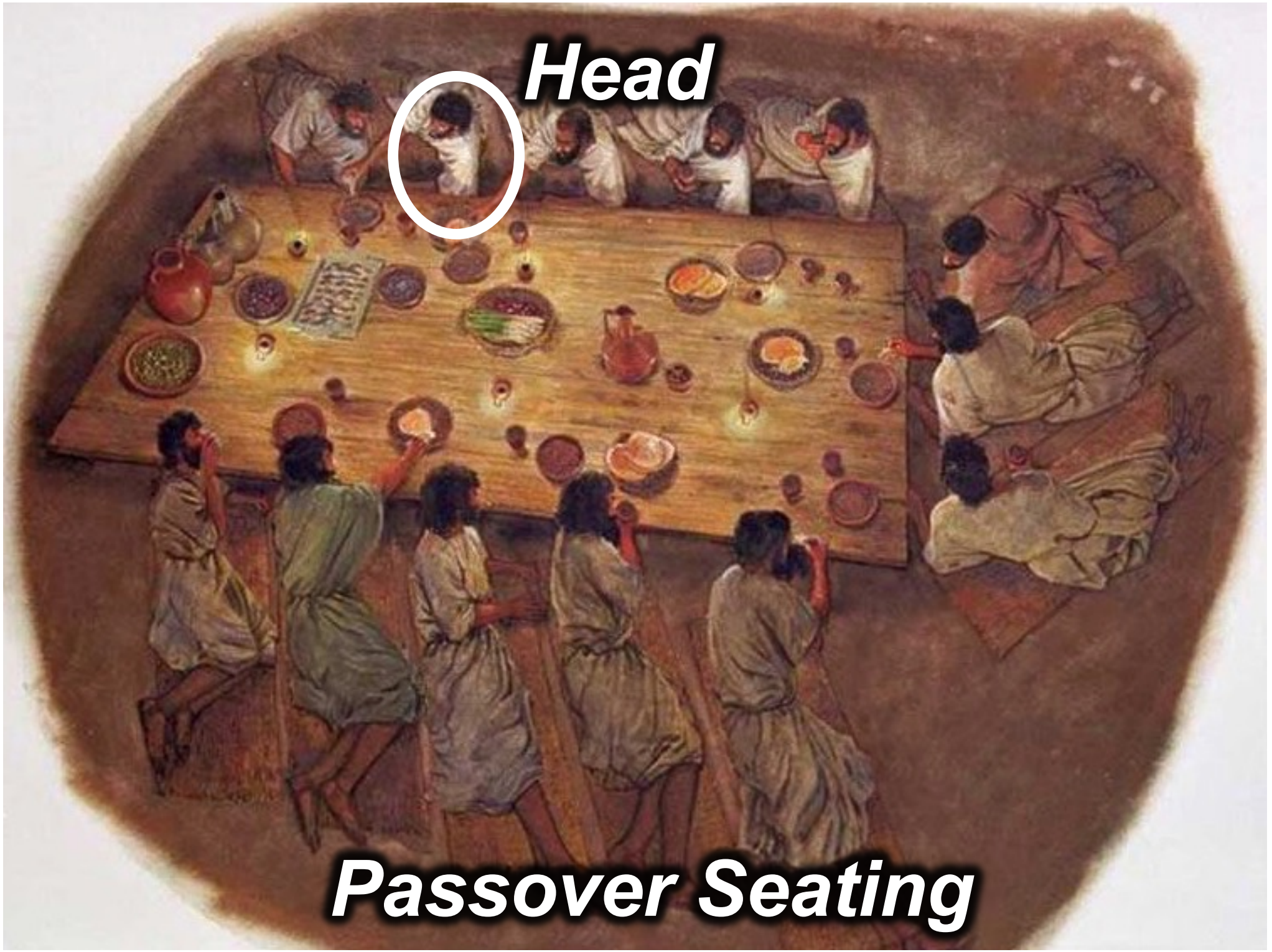


″U″ Shaped Table



Seating at Jesus' Passover

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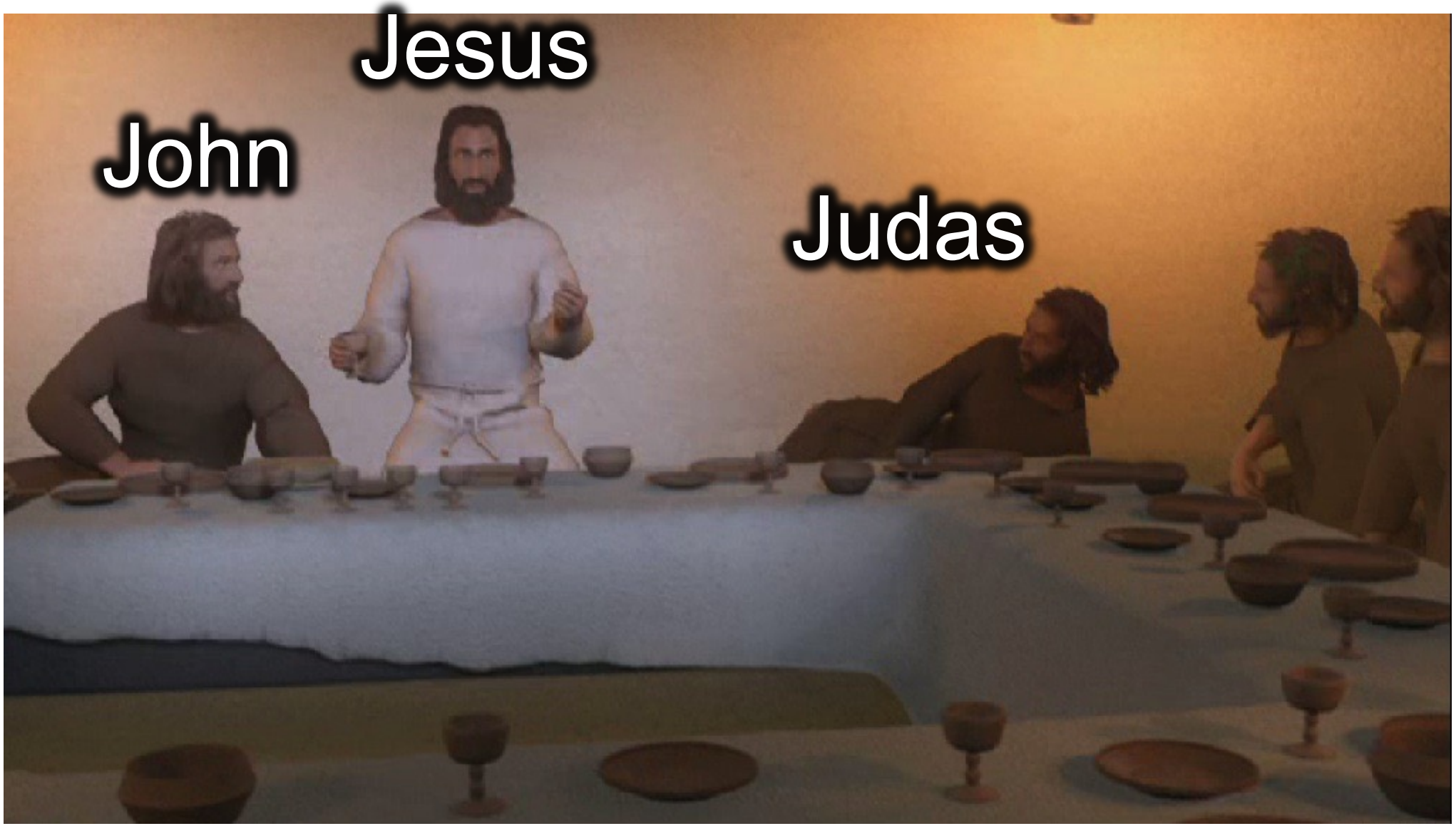
Passover Seating

The Head of the Table



Dirty Saints

John 13:1-17

Why get dirty for others?

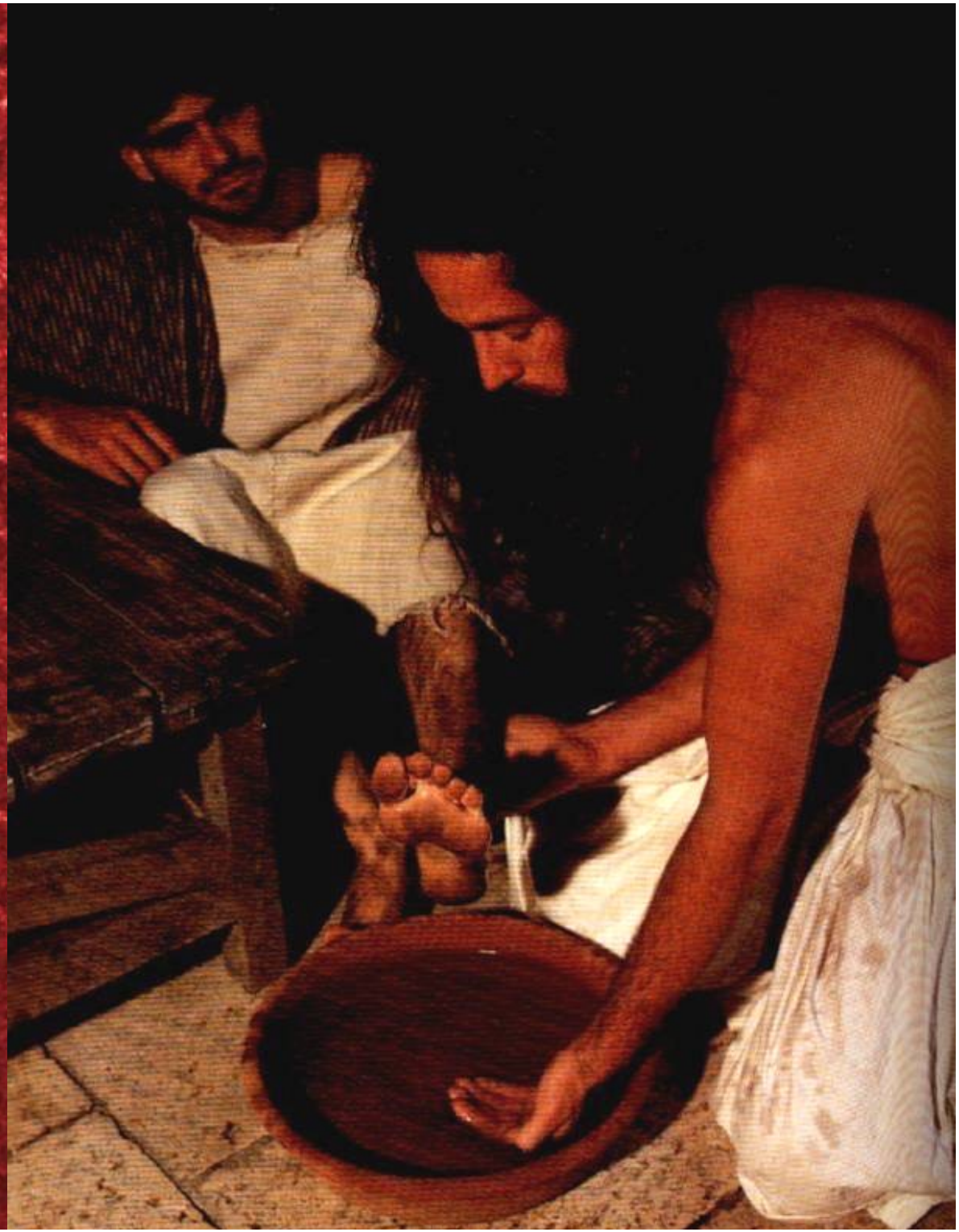
3 reasons




I. Getting dirty shows your
love.

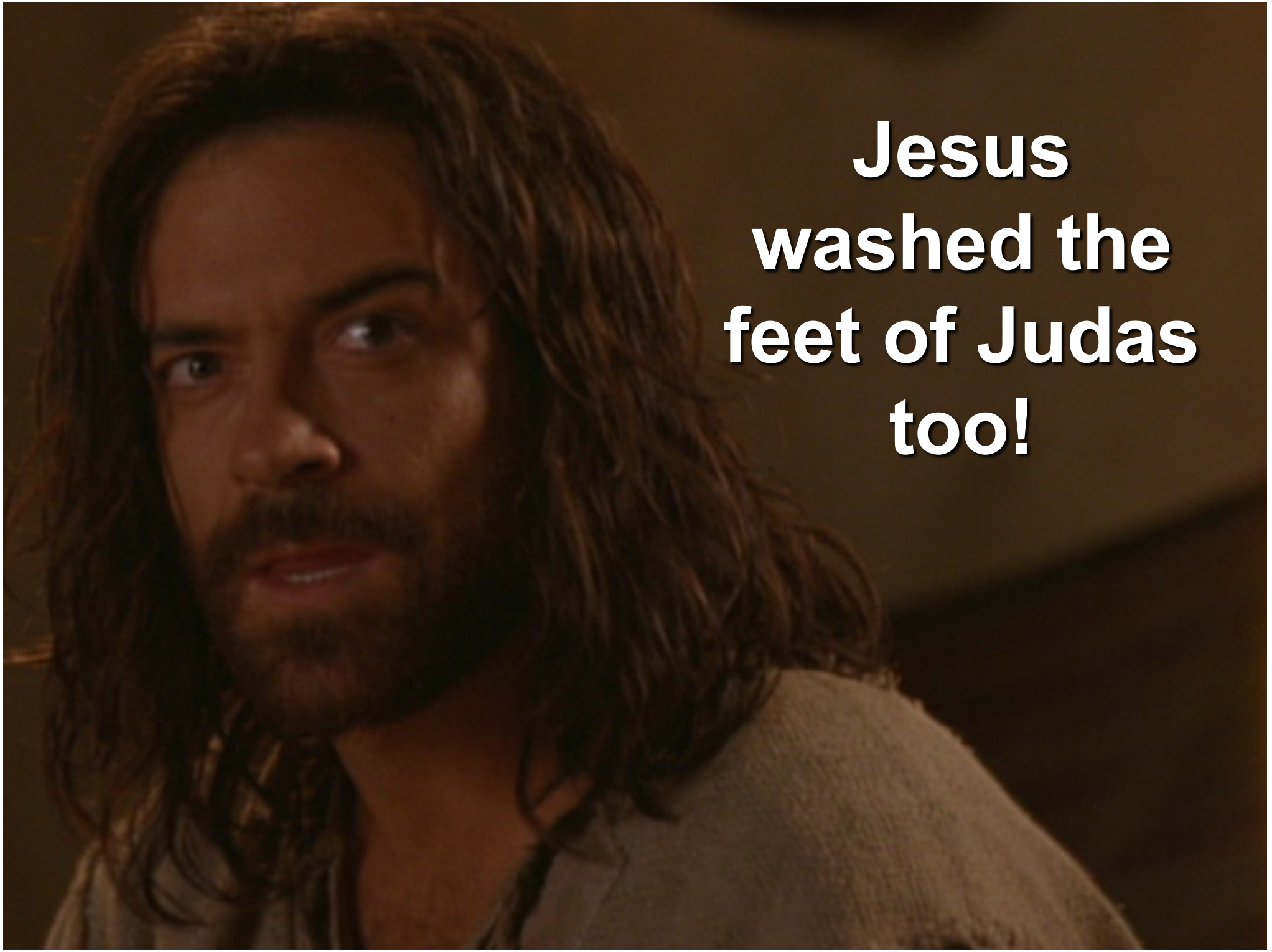
Love Exemplified

"... He showed them the full extent of his love" (1).




II. Getting dirty shows your humility.


Jesus showed humility


Jesus
washed the
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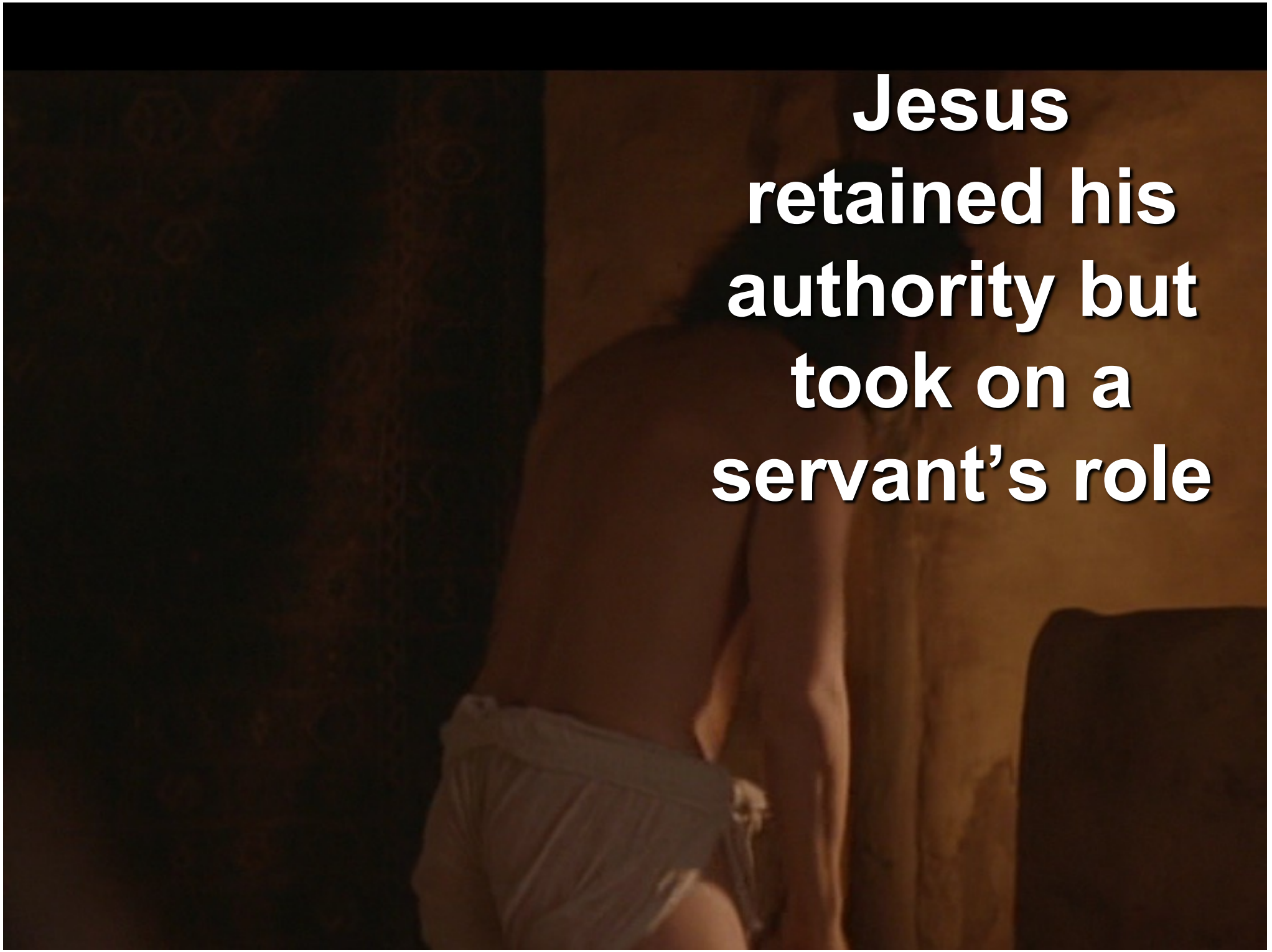
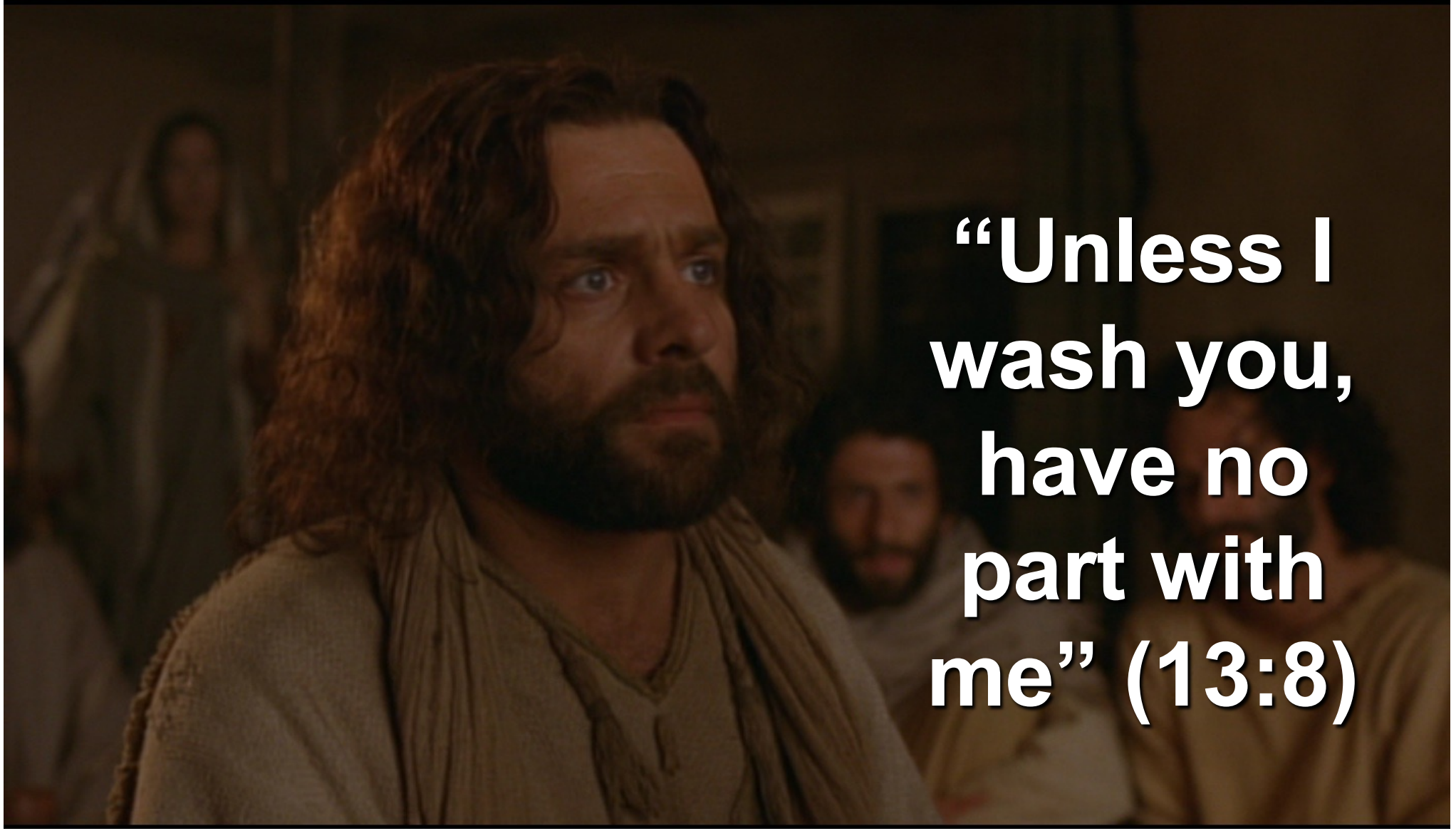
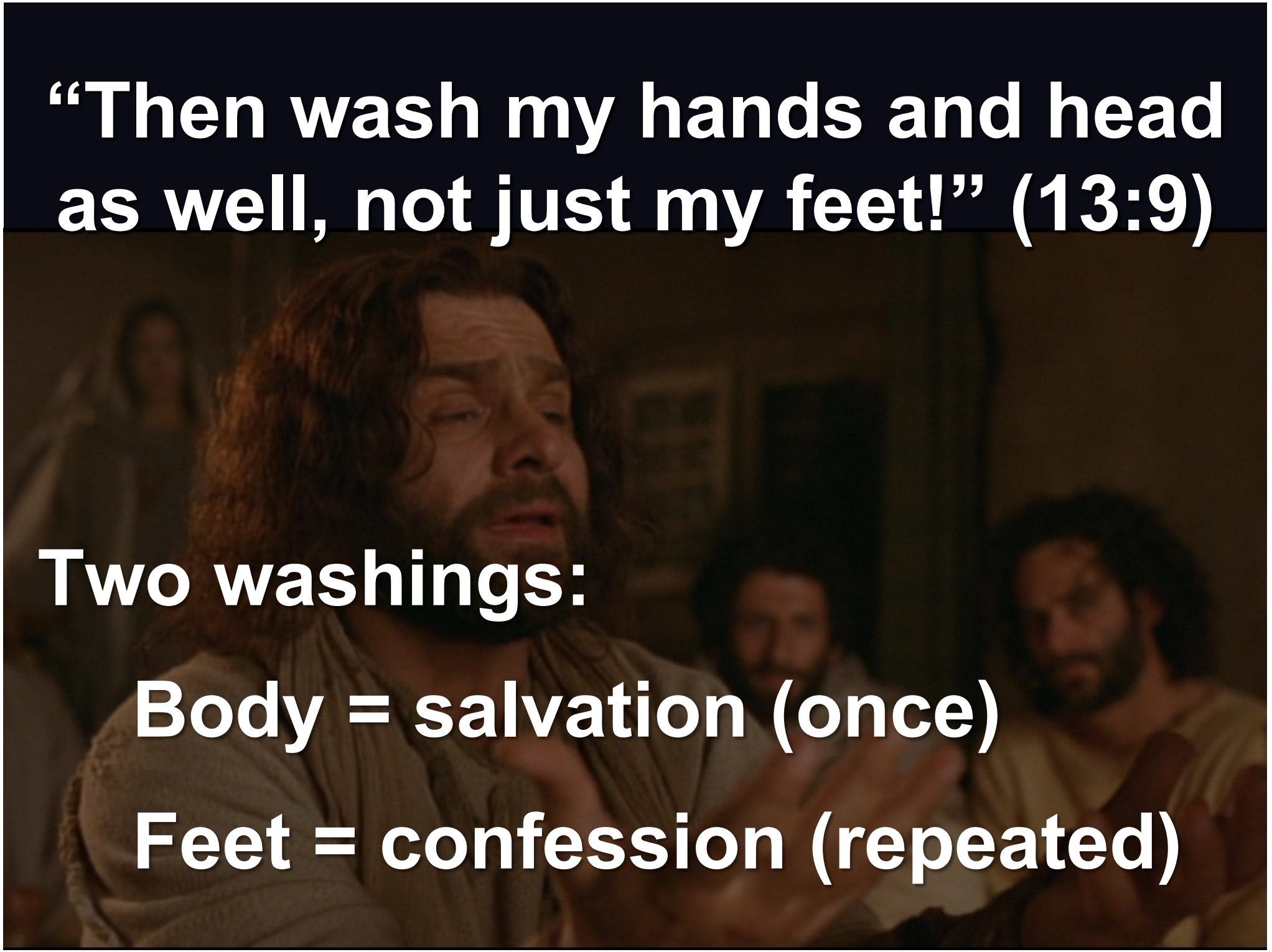

Jesus
retained his
authority but
took on a
servant's role

“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” (13:6)



“Unless I wash you, have no part with me” (13:8)


“Then wash my hands and head as well, not just my feet!” (13:9)
Two washings:
Body = salvation (once)
Feet = confession (repeated)

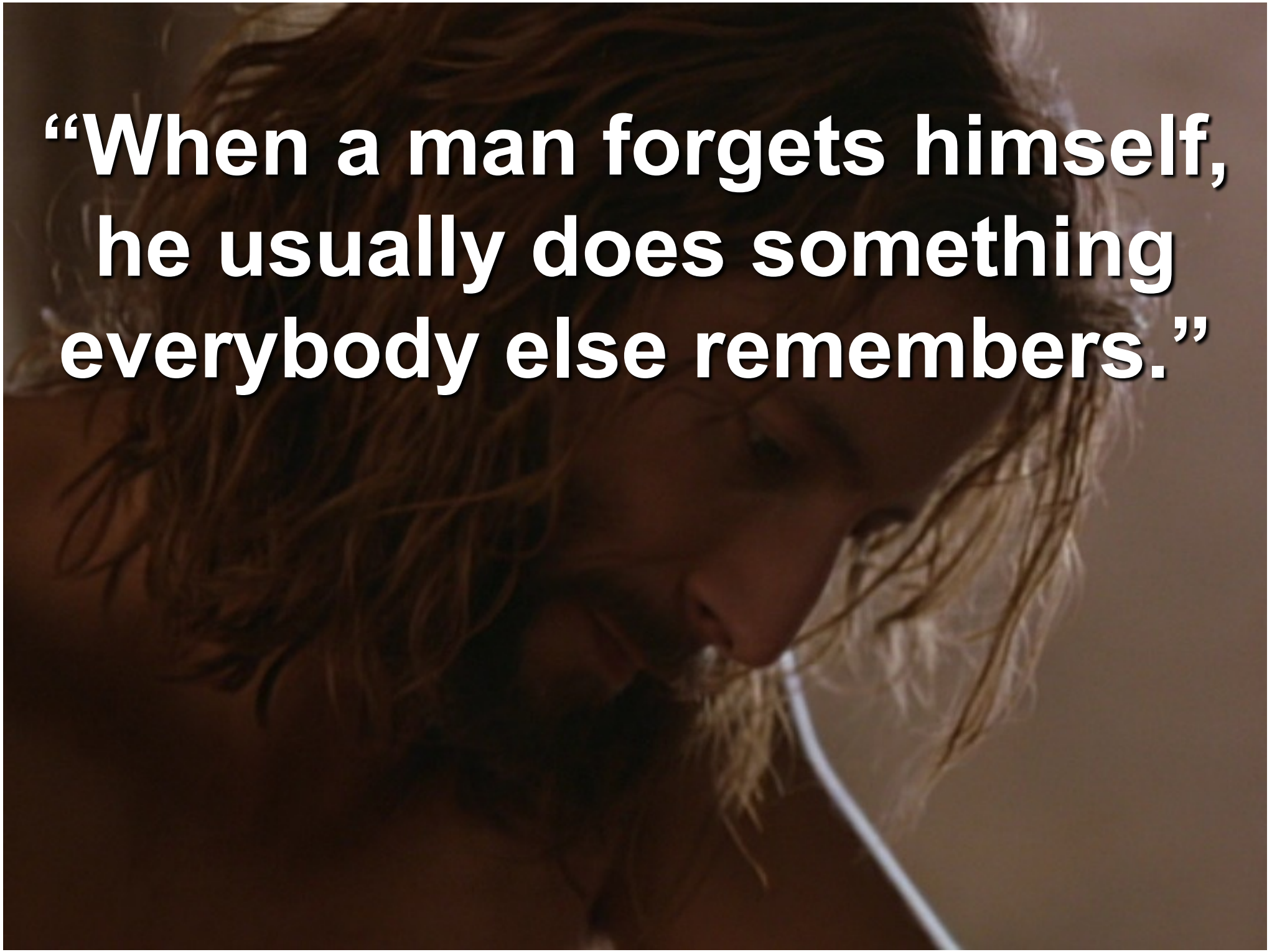
Humble service curbs pride



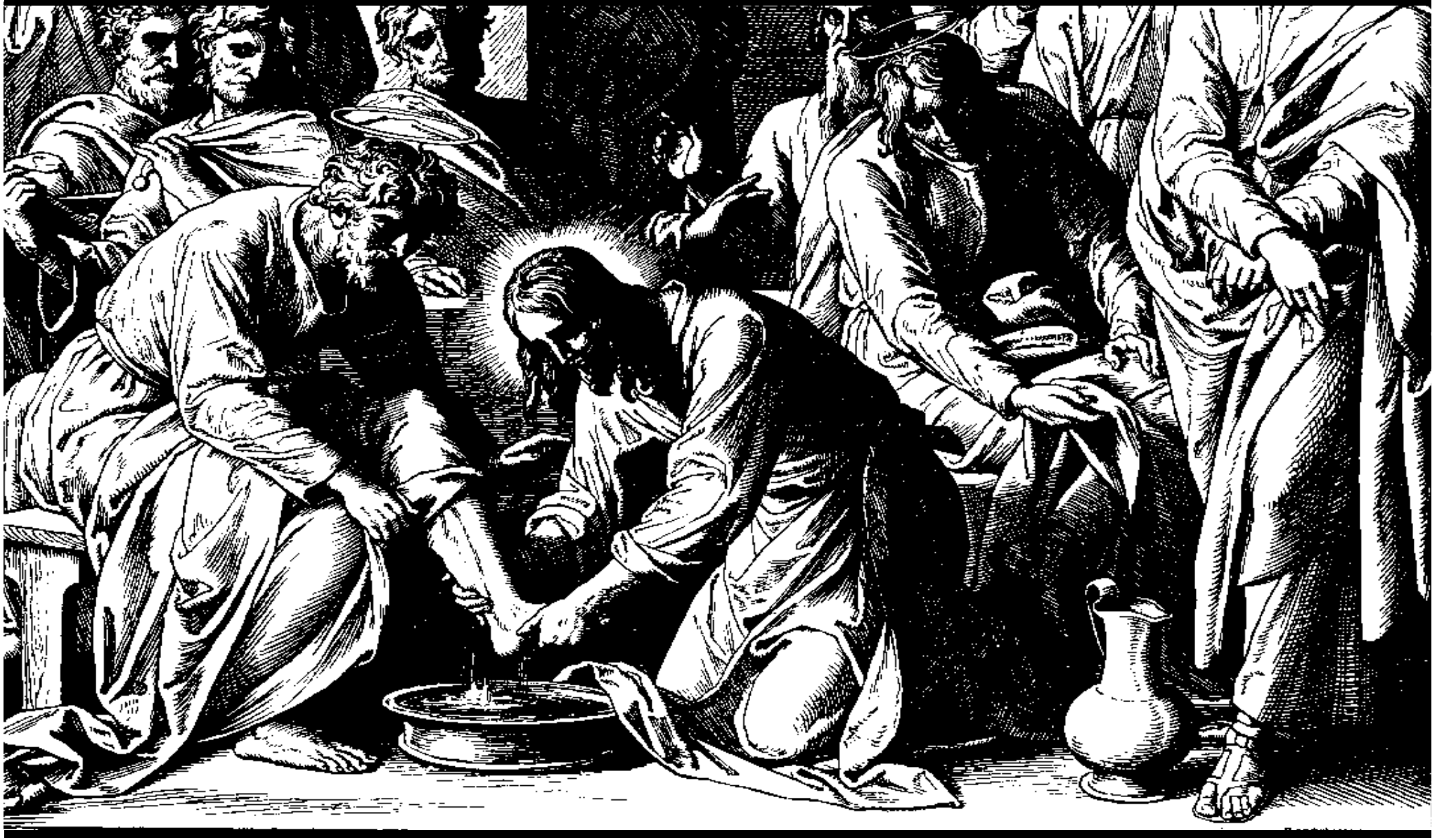
1. Voluntary

2. No complaining

3. Unconventional


“When a man forgets himself, he usually does something everybody else remembers.”

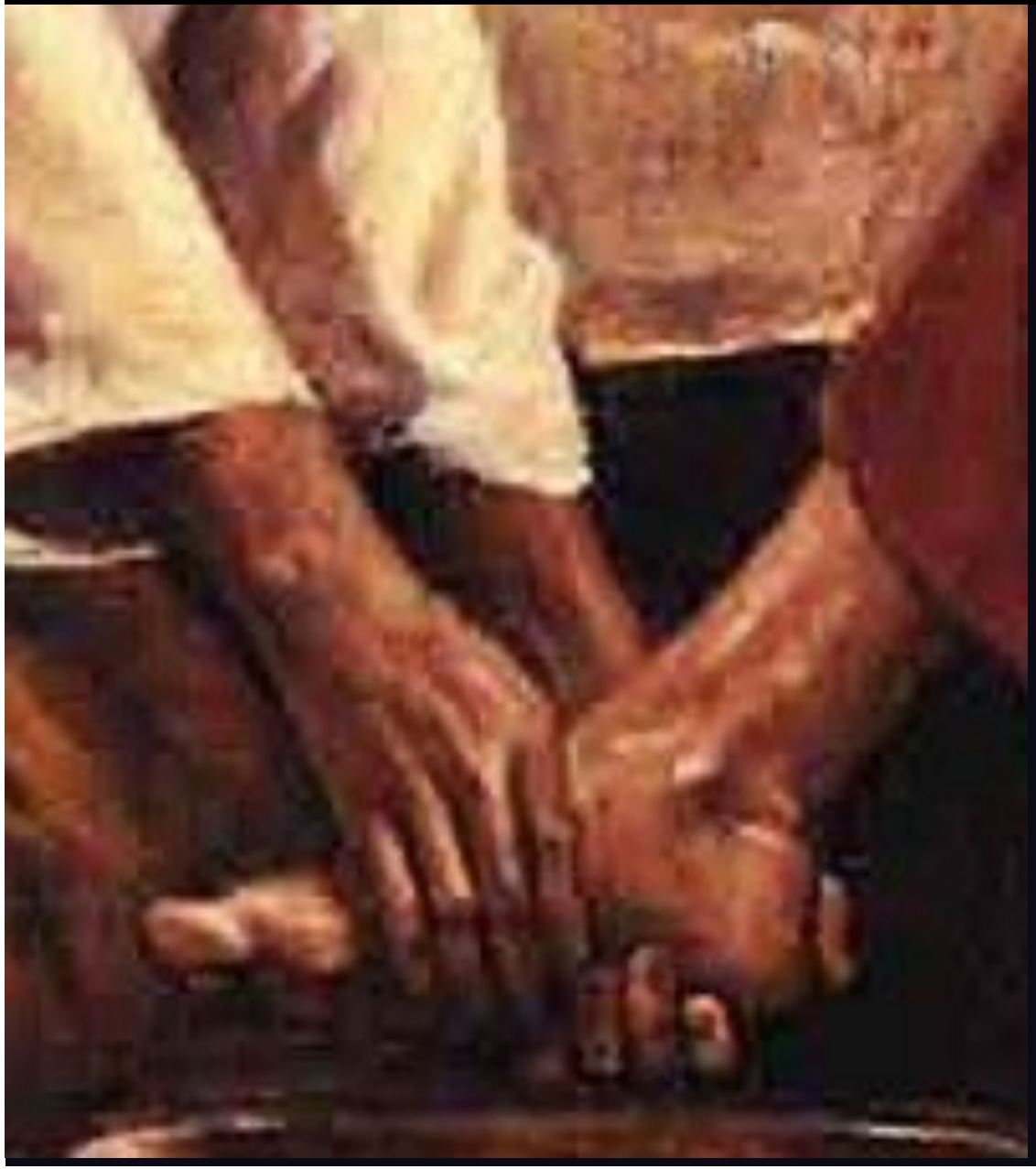
III. Getting dirty shows you imitate Christ.



“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you” (John 13:15)



Main Idea



When you love people like Jesus, you don't mind dirt.

Why Get Dirty?

1. To show love

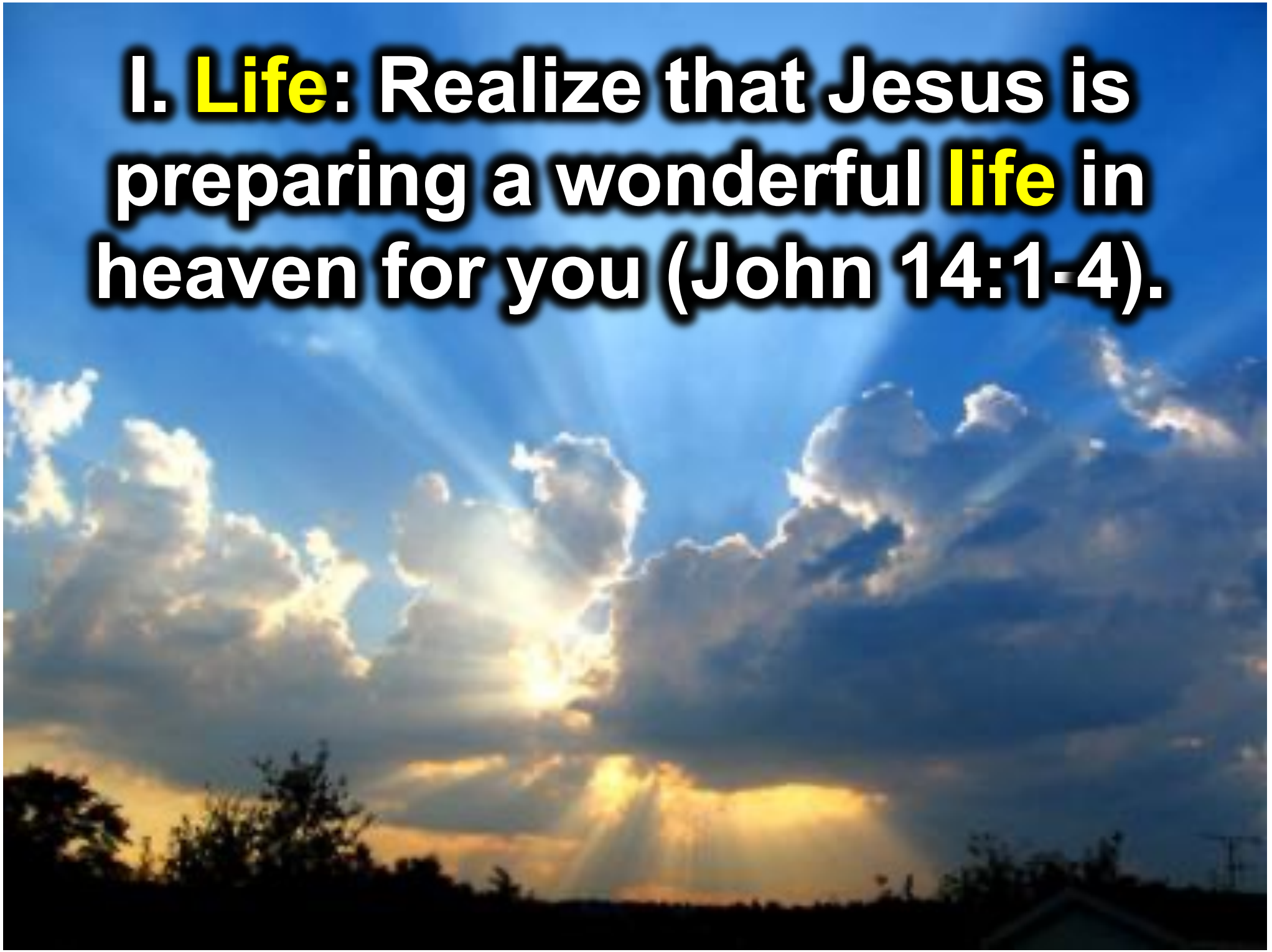
2. To show humility

3. To imitate Jesus

John 14

3 ways to replace confusion with comfort

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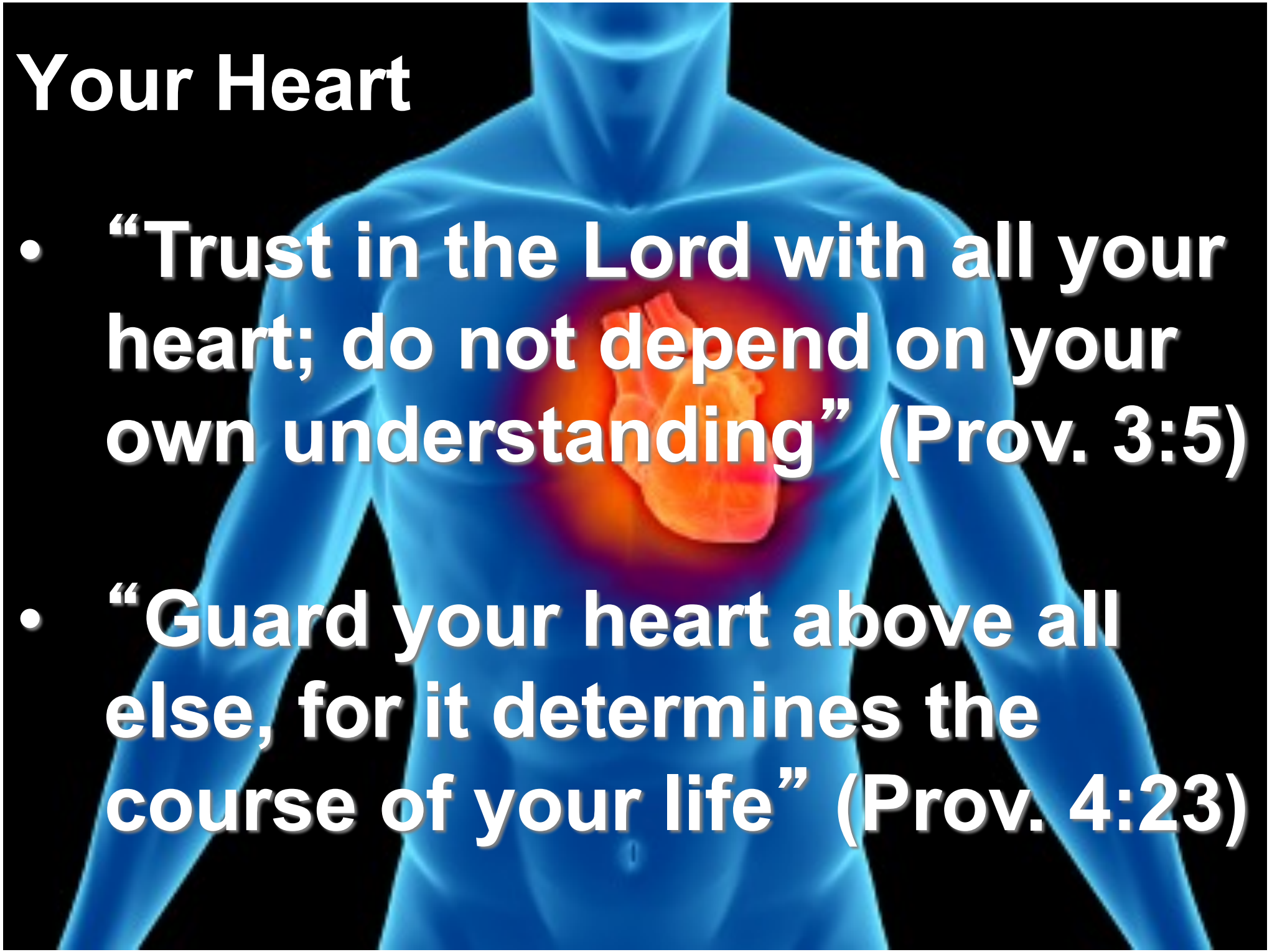
Your Heart
• "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5)
• "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life" (Prov. 4:23)

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“In my Father’s house are many mansions....” (KJV)



In my Father's house are many rooms;
if it were not so, I would have told you.
I am going there to prepare a place for you.

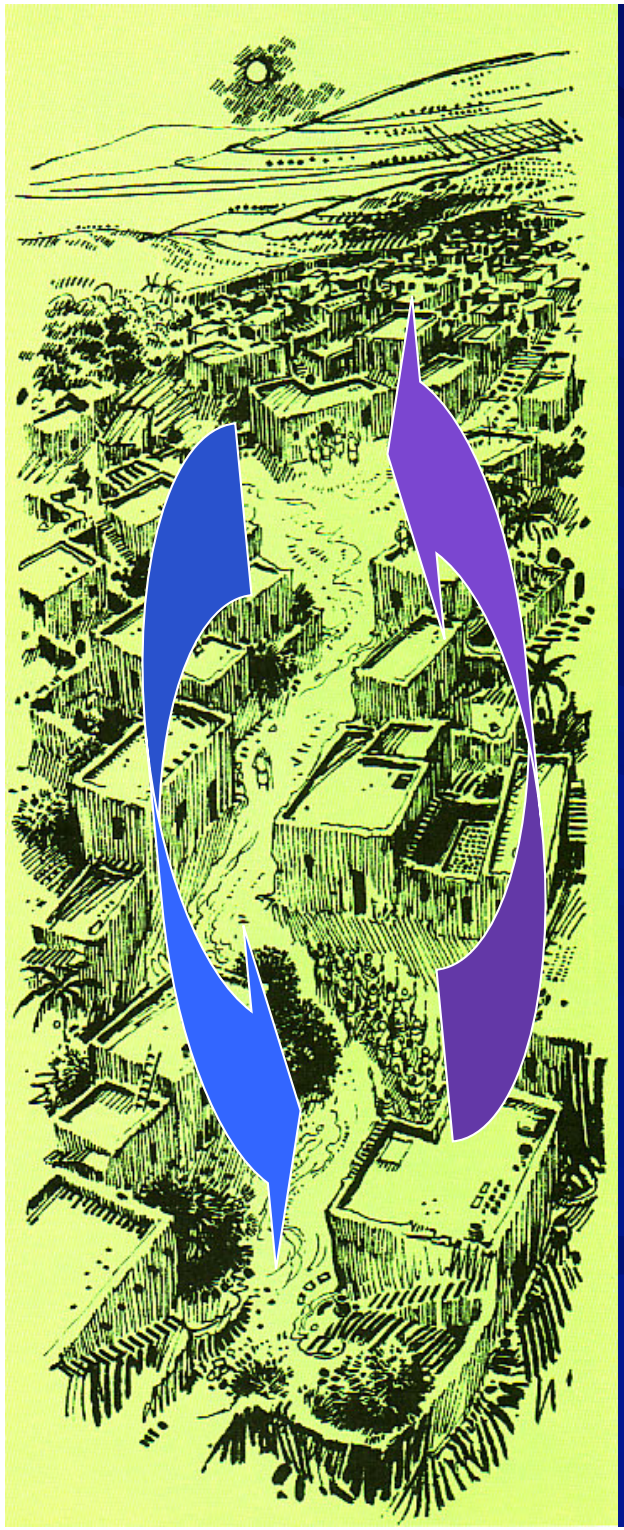


John 14:2 NIV



Marriage Backgrounds in Jewish Literature

- Marriage depicts Christ's love for the church (Eph. 5)

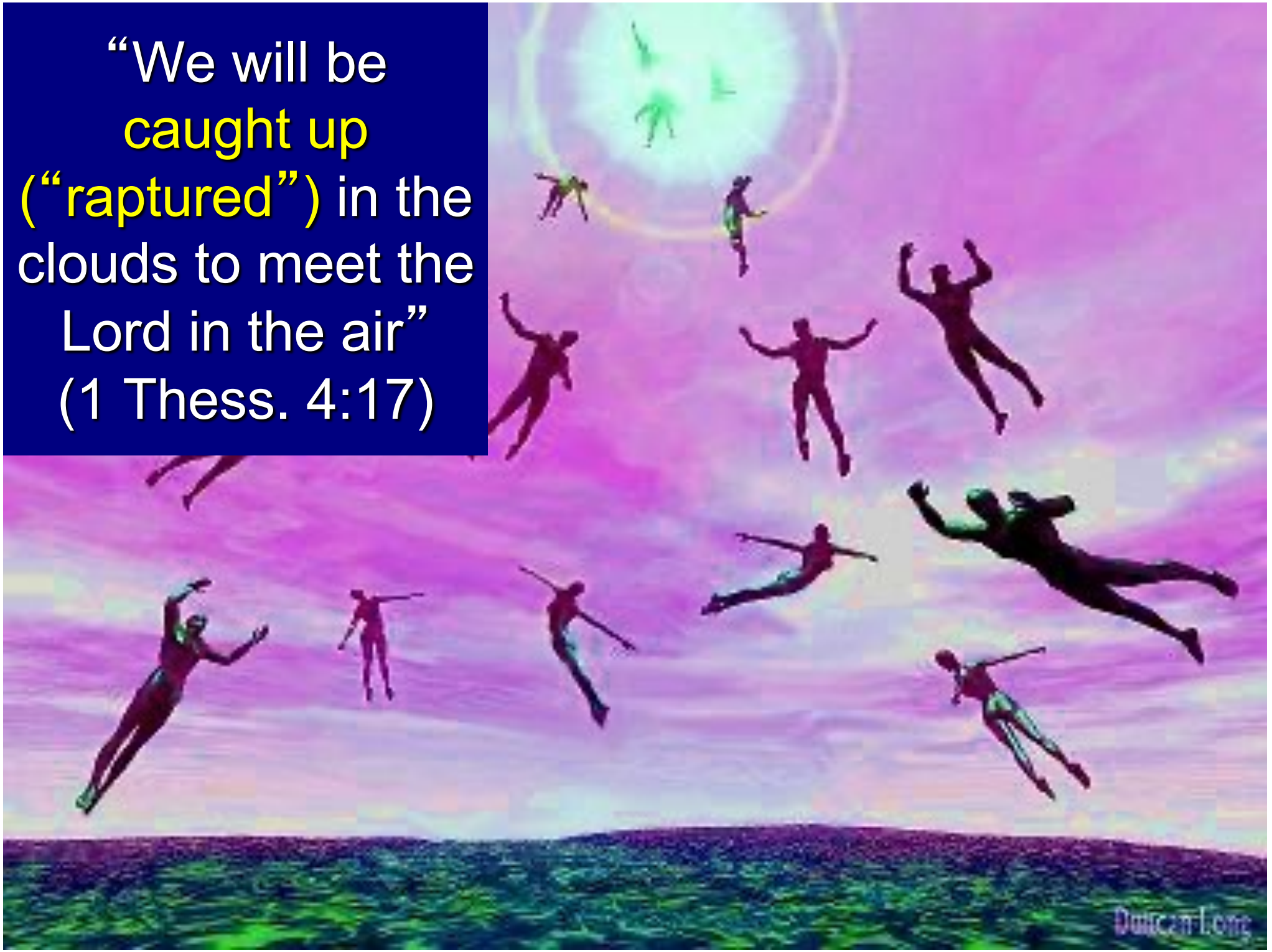


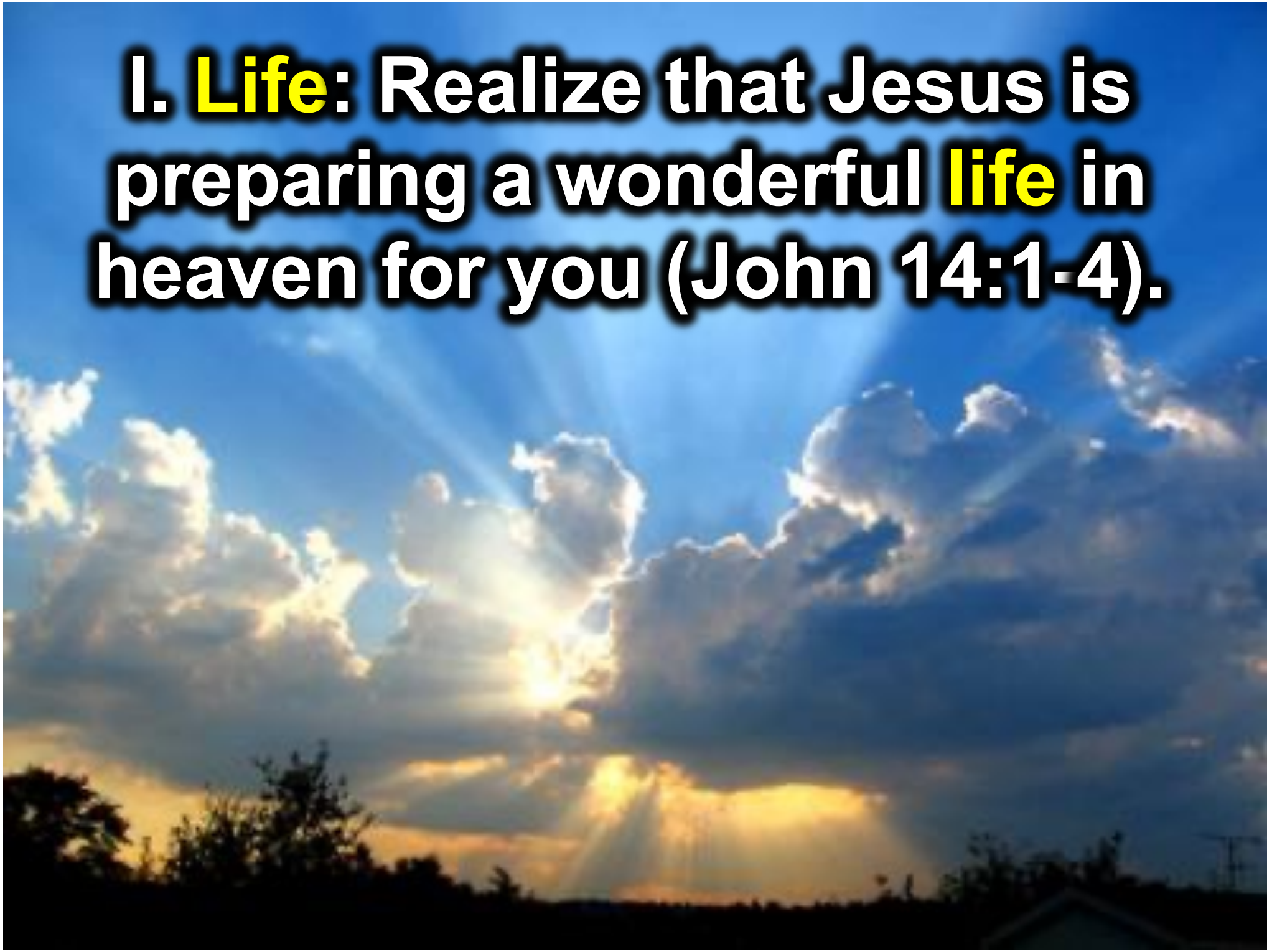
The First Century Wedding Procession

Groom's House (in Father's House)

- **The procession parallels Christ's return for His Bride, the Church**

Bride's House


"We will be caught up ("raptured") in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air"
(1 Thess. 4:17)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"I am the way
the truth and the life
No one comes to the Father
except through me"
Jesus

John 14:6

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“Therefore, I now know that when Jesus said, ‘I am the way, the truth...no one comes to the Father but by me,’ he was not saying, as Christian history has mistakenly thought, ‘There is no other way to God but by me.’ He was simply saying instead, ‘The way I live is the way to know God—it's also the way to live happily in this world. If you want to know God, follow my way...emulate how I live, how I think, the way I treat myself, others, and the world.’"

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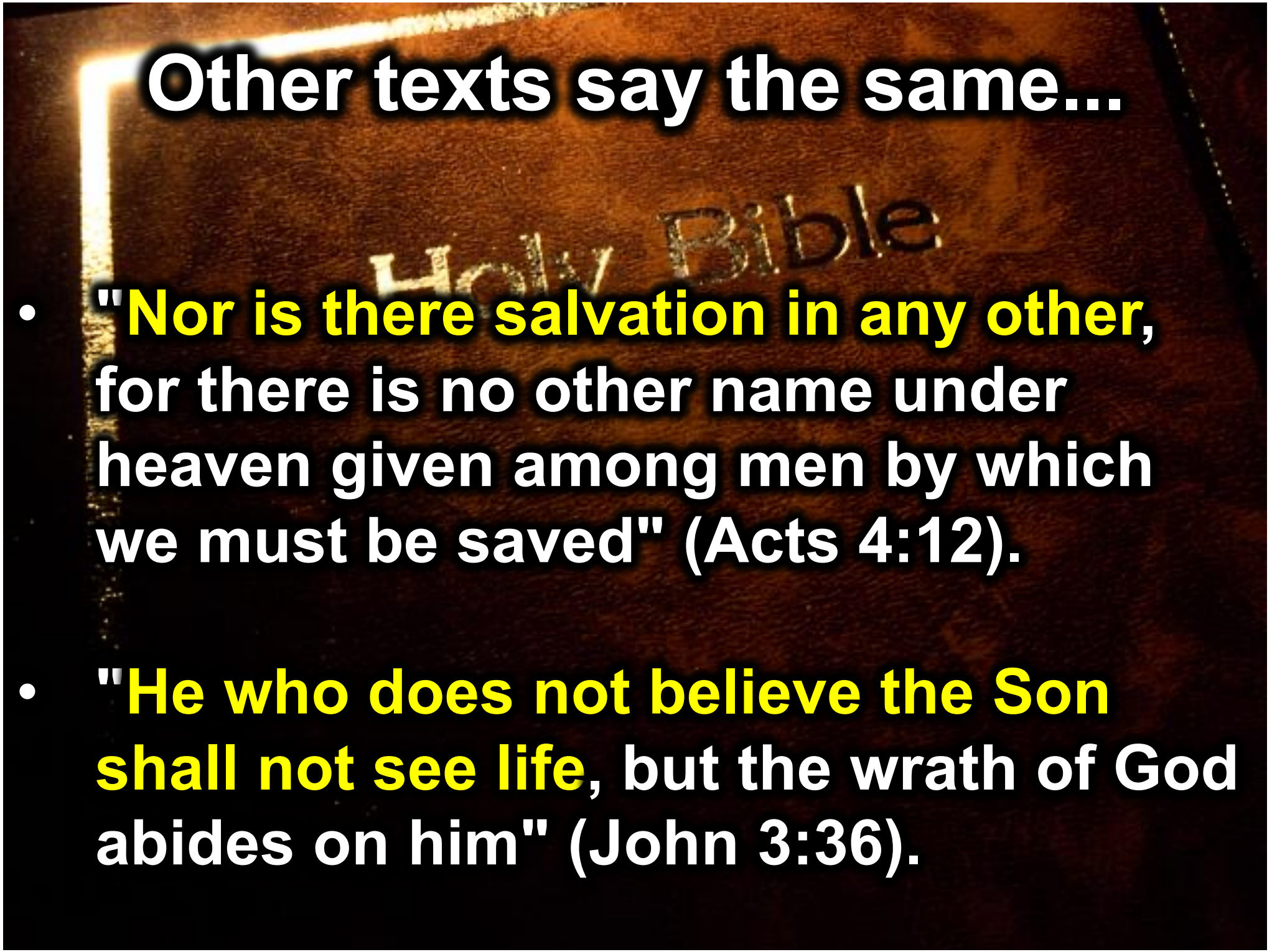
Other texts say the same...

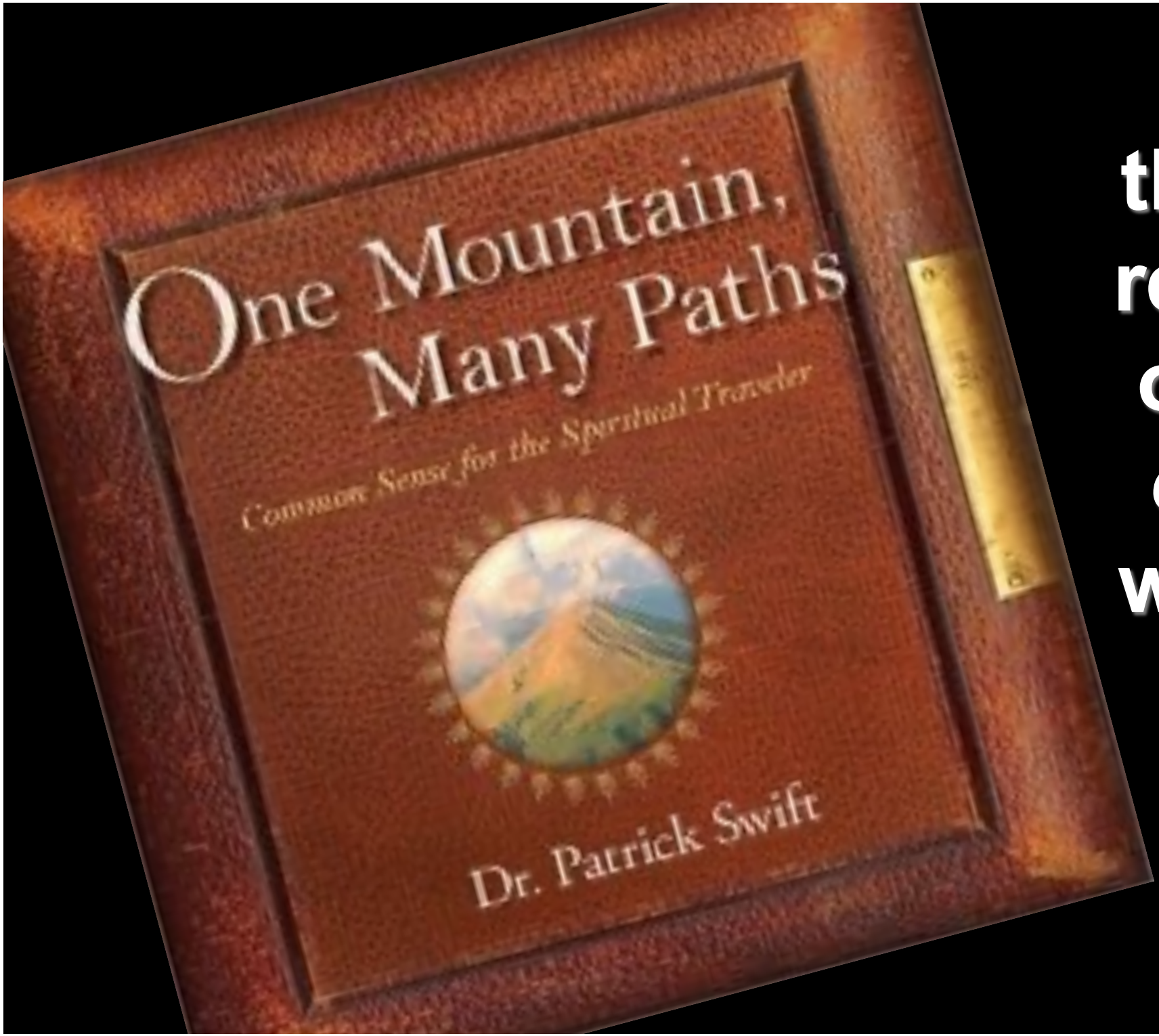


- "**Nor is there salvation in any other**, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
- "**He who does not believe the Son shall not see life**, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36).

Other texts say the same...

- "For there is one God and **one Mediator between God and men**, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

- "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; **he who does not have the Son of God does not have life**" (1 John 5:11-12)



Is there really only *one* way?


JESUS
THE WAY
THE TRUTH
THE LIFE
JOHN 14:6

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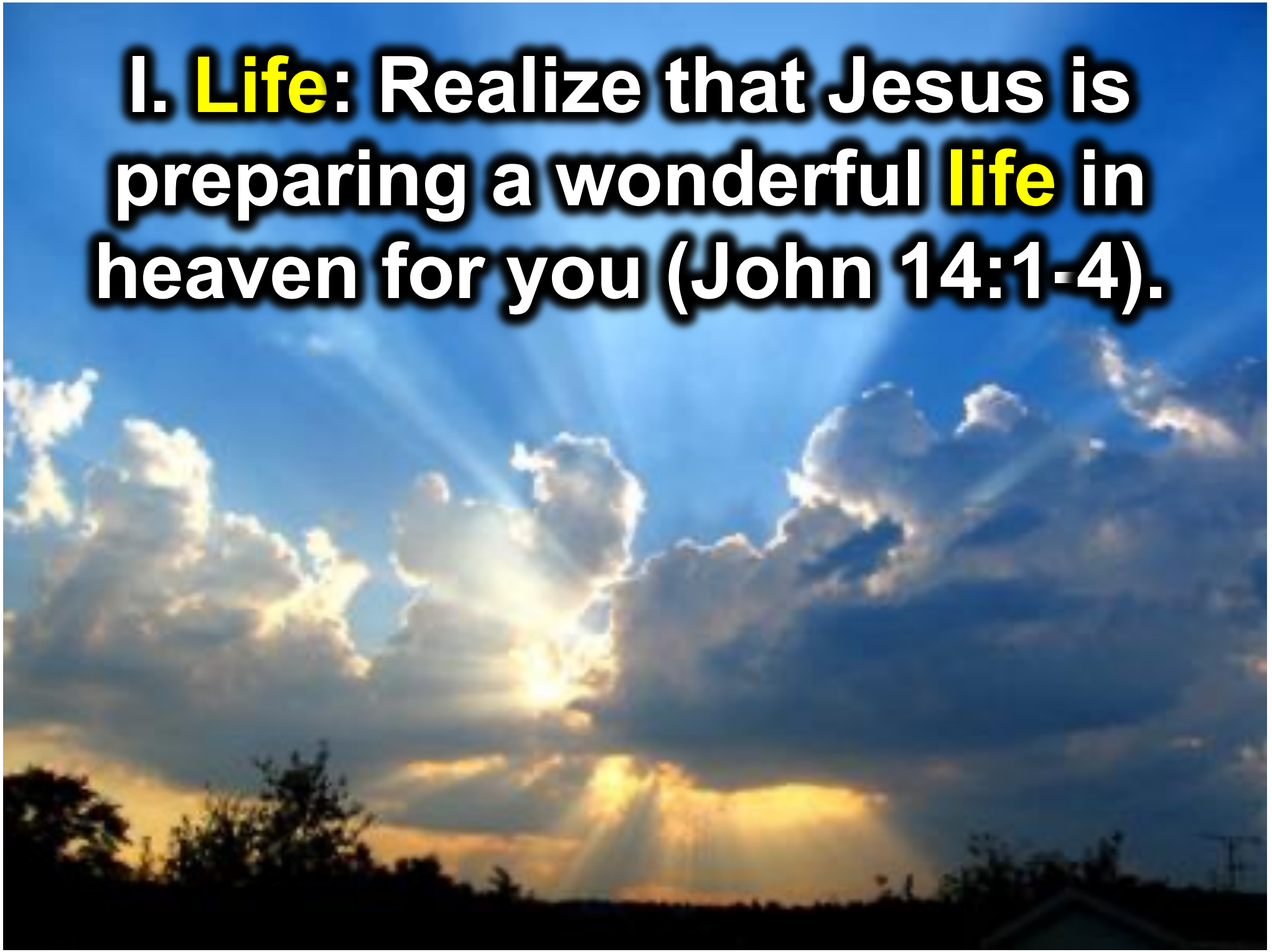
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The Holy Spirit!

How could the disciples cope once Jesus left them to return to heaven?

III. Truth: Submit to the Spirit's *teaching* (14:15-31).




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(John 14:15-31)
• Counsels & teaches (15-21)


The Spirit
Advocate

John 14:15-17

15 "If you love me, you will obey what I
command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another Counselor to be with
you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth. The world
cannot accept him, because it neither sees
him nor knows him. But you know him, for
he lives with you and will be in you."

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The Paraclete (John 14:16)

Advocate = Counselor = Comforter

Greek = "one who comes alongside"

Greek options for "another":

***Heteros* = "another of a different kind"**

***Allos* = "another of the same kind"**

The Spirit will come alongside us in the same way as Jesus Himself!

"...those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all... The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you"
(Romans 8:9, 11)




Spirit Ministries
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• Enables obedience & grants peace (22-31)


John 14:27
NIV
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let
your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.


Comfort
Confusion

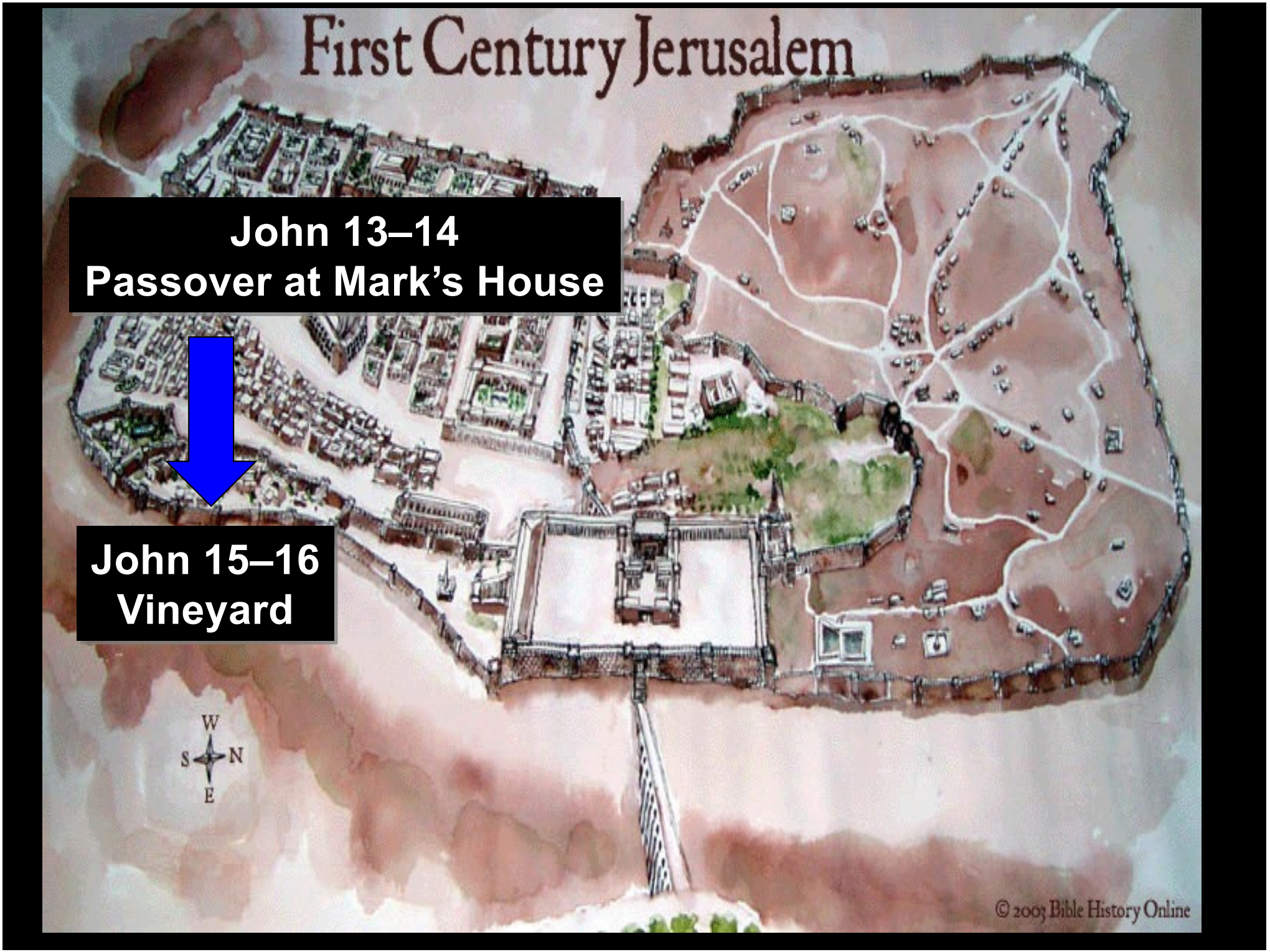
Main Idea

How can you replace your confusion with Christ's comfort?

Trust the one way, one truth, and one life!

One Life (1-4)	One Way (5-14)	One Truth (15-31)

John 15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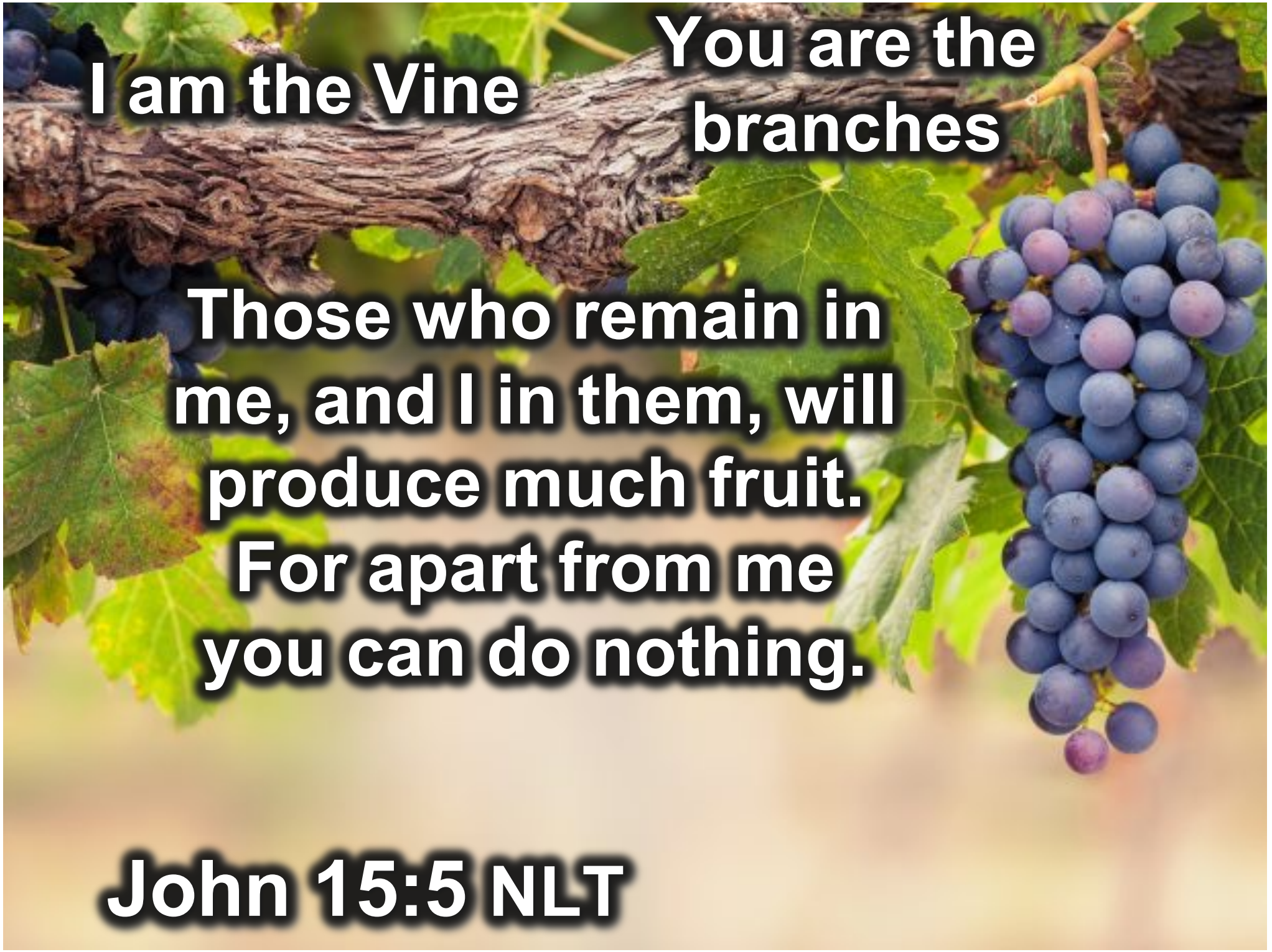
The Branch Metaphor in John 15…


I am the Vine
You are the branches
Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5 NLT



What is the "fruit"?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The pruning metaphor is not easy to understand...
...he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

John 15:2



"He cuts off (lifts up)
every branch in me
that bears no fruit

while every branch that does
bear fruit he prunes so that
it will be even more fruitful."

But what is the branch thrown away and *burned* in verse 6?



A Closer Look at John 15:1-6

Issues	Arminian	Calvinist	Partakers	Derickson
"The Father αἴρω" (2a)	"cuts off" = loses salvation	"cuts off" = disciplines	"lifts up" = cares for	"lifts up" = cares for
"*branch…* that does not bear fruit" (2b)	*Christian* who stops believing	*Unbeliever* who never believed	*Christian* who stops believing	*Christian* who stops believing
"*in me*" (2c)	Adjective that modifies the noun: *"branch in me"*	Adverb that modifies the verb: *"does not bear fruit in me"*	Adjective that modifies the noun: *"branch in me"*	Adjective that modifies the noun: *"branch in me"*

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"The Father *prunes*" (2d)	Discipline of believers in contrast to judgment of former believers in v. 2a	Discipline of believers in contrast to judgment of professing believers in v. 2a	Discipline of believers in same sense as loving care of believers in v. 2a	Discipline of believers in same sense as loving care of believers in v. 2a
"You are already *clean*" (3)	Saved	Refers only to disciples' salvation?	Saved	Saved
"thrown away & *burned*" (6)	*Judgment* by loss of salvation	*Judgment* by never having salvation	*Discipline* by death and loss of rewards	*Loving care* to gain fruitful-

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A Suggested John 15 Sermon

Subject: How can you be most effective for Christ?

I. Depend on Christ (15:1-11)
II. Love other believers (15:12-17)
III. Accept hate from the world (15:18–16:4)


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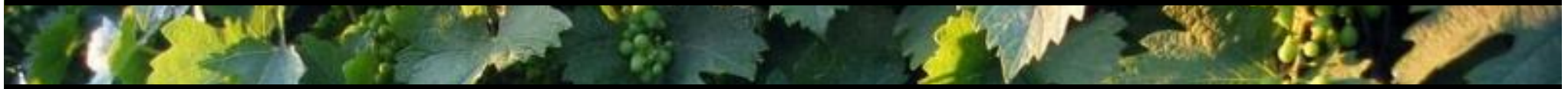


Christians who **lose their salvation**



Professing "Christians" who are actually **unbelievers**



Christians who are lifted up & encouraged
but later **disciplined by death**

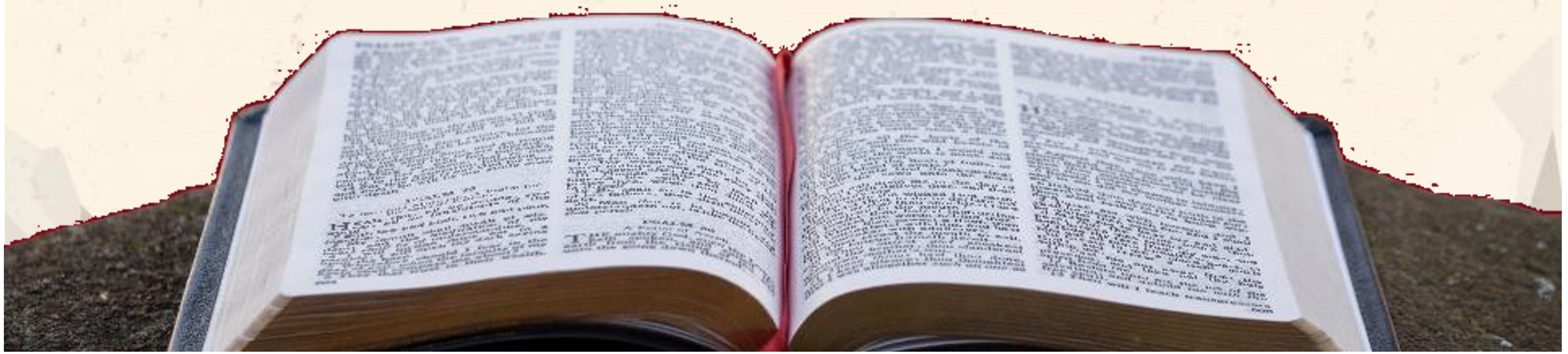


Christians cared for by God until judgment came
on those **not used by God**

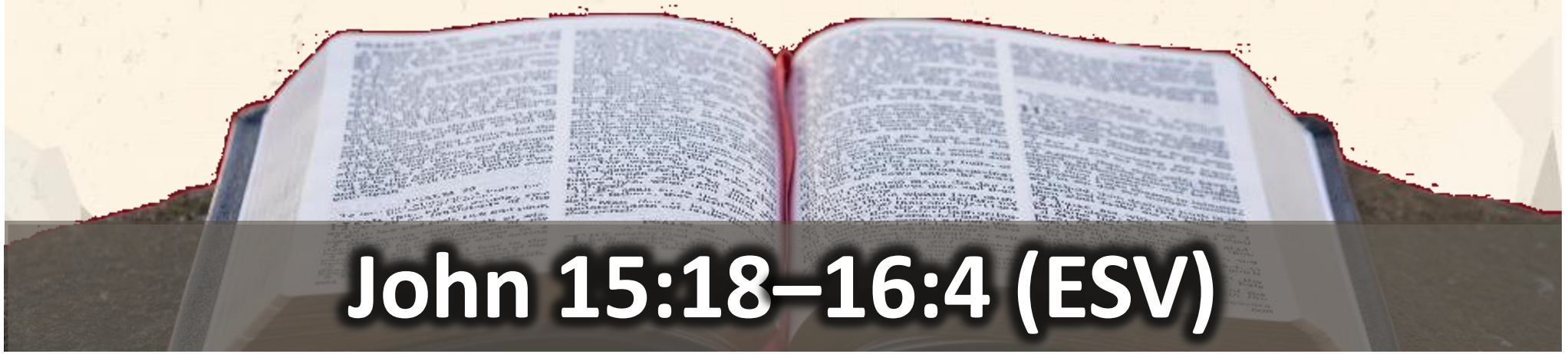


Righteous Suffering

John 15:18–16:4 (ESV)



John 15 [18] “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. [19] If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. [20] Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

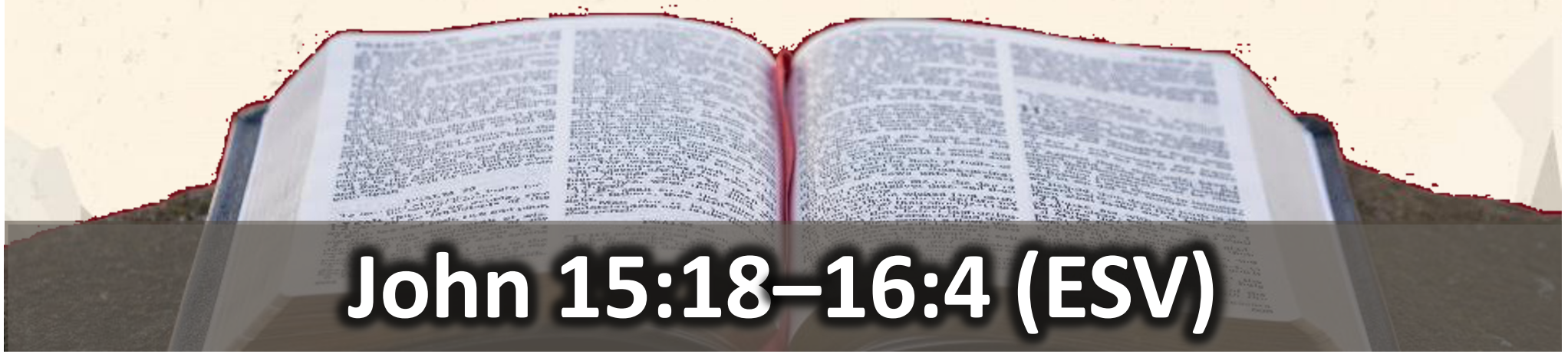


John 15:18–16:4 (ESV)

[21] But all these things they will do to you on
account of my name, because they do not know
him who sent me. [22] If I had not come and spoken
to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but
now they have no excuse for their sin. [23] Whoever
hates me hates my Father also. [24] If I had not done
among them the works that no one else did, they
would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen
and hated both me and my Father. [25] But the word
that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They
hated me without a cause.'

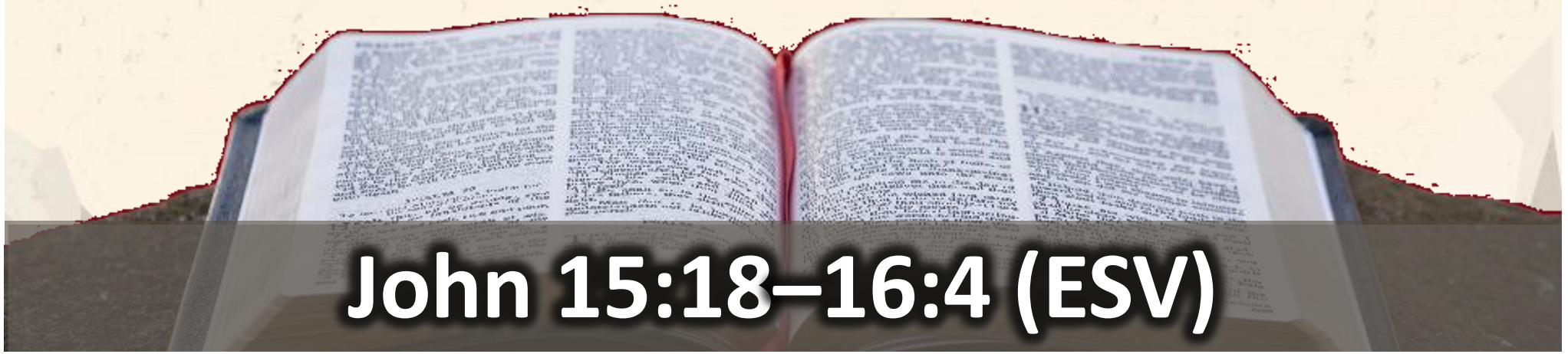
John 15:18–16:4 (ESV)

[26] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. [27] And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”



John 15:18–16:4 (ESV)

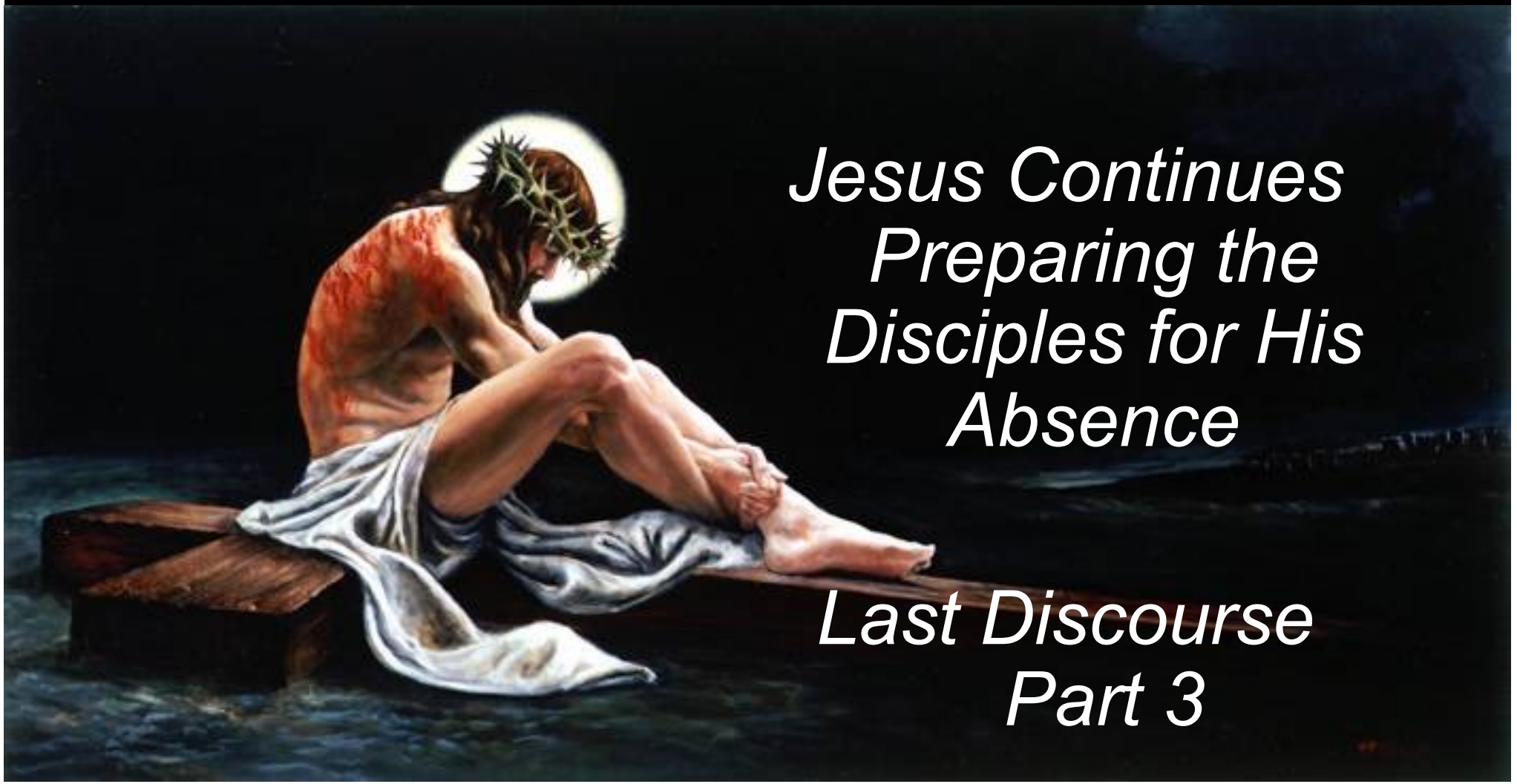
John 16 [1] “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. [2] They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. [3] And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. [4] But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”



John 15:18–16:4 (ESV)

John 16

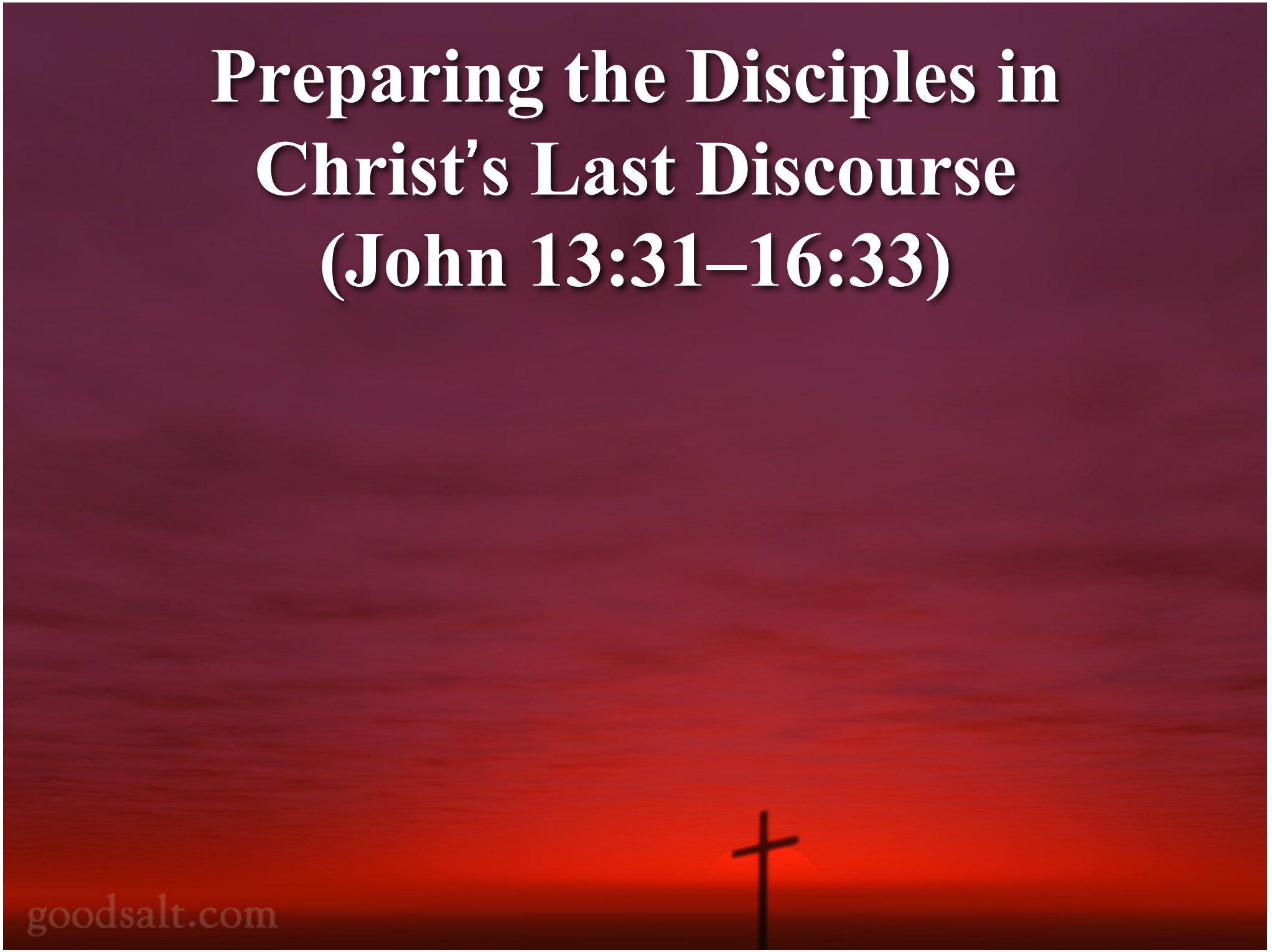
John 16:5-33



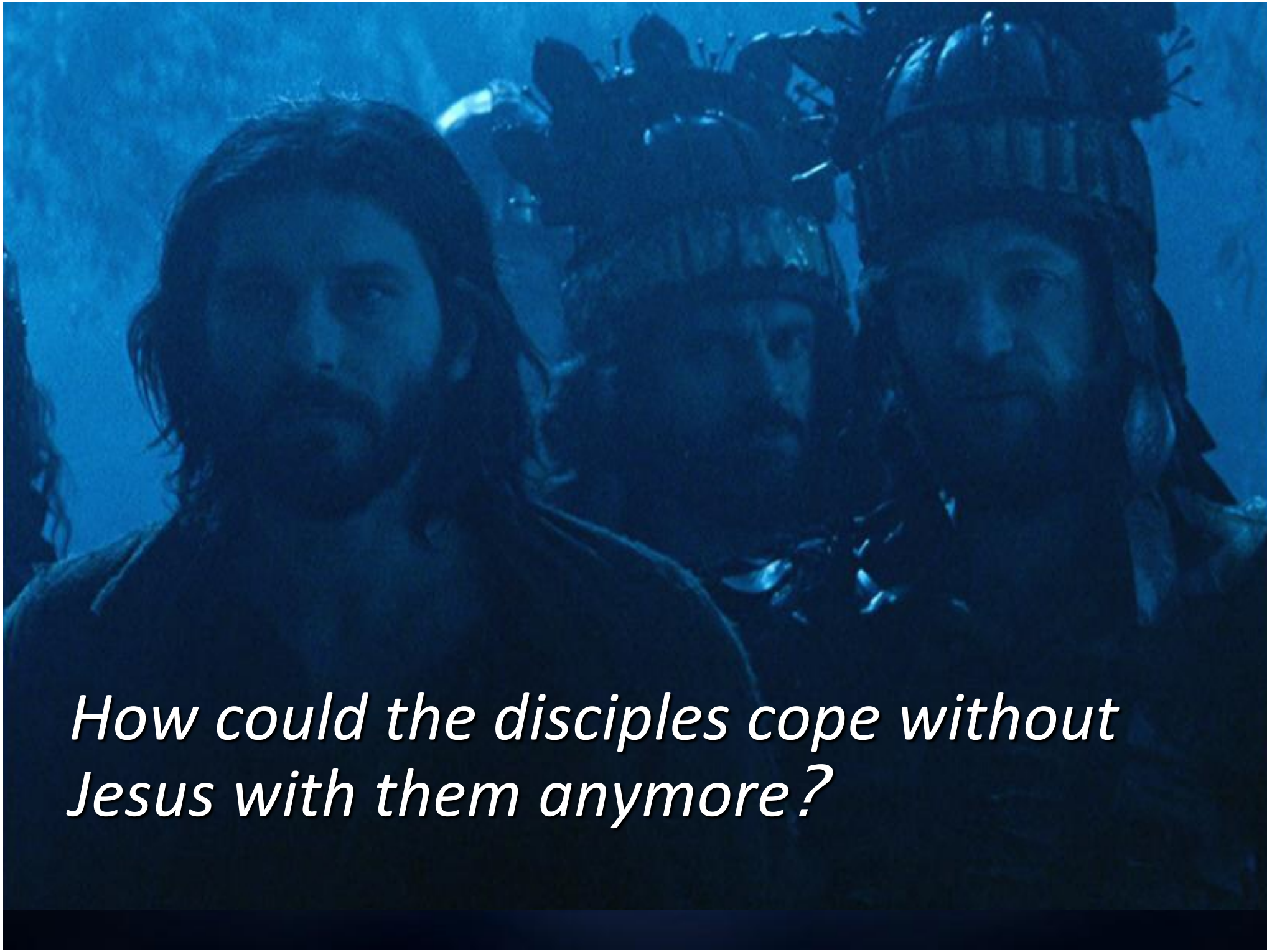
Jesus Continues Preparing the Disciples for His Absence

Last Discourse Part 3

Preparing the Disciples in Christ's Last Discourse (John 13:31–16:33)



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The Holy Spirit!
How could the disciples cope without Jesus with them anymore?



Key Ministries of the Spirit (16:5-15)

To Unbelievers 8-11

Conviction

How does the Spirit convict unbelievers (16:8-11)?

- Conviction summary (8)
- Guilt in regard to sin (9)
- Guilt in regard to righteousness (10)
- Guilt in regard to judgment (11)





Key Ministries of the Spirit (16:5-15)

To Unbelievers 8-11	To Believers 12-15
Conviction	Teaching

The Spirit Speaks Through the Word



"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth…" (John 16:14)

How does the Spirit teach believers God's Word (16:12-15)?

THE WORD OF GOD



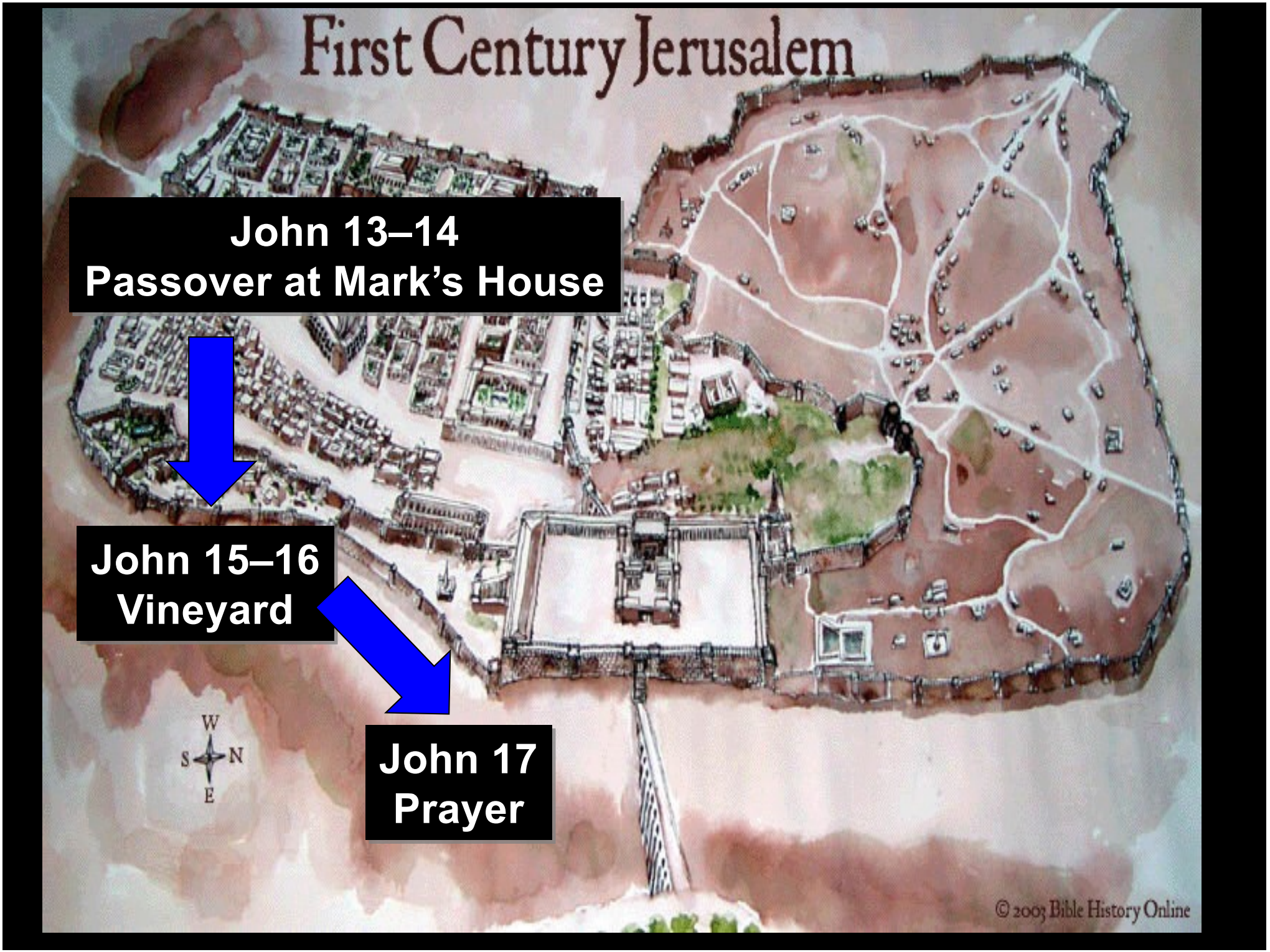
How can you be more open to the Spirit's teaching ministry in your life?

John 17

Overview of John's Gospel

Deity Made Man for Eternal Life

Deity of the Son of God	Revelation of the Son of God		Preparation of the Son's Disciples	Passion & Resurrection of the Son of God	Adequacy of the Son of God
1:1-18	1:19–12:50		13–17	18–20	21
Prologue	Public		Private	Public	Private
Incarnation	2 Signs Received 1:19–4:54	5 Signs Rejected 5–12	Upper Room Discourse (no signs)	Ultimate Sign	Last Sign
Eternity Past	Fall AD 29-Monday, 30 March 33		Thursday, 2 April 33	Friday, 3 April 33-Sunday, 5 April 33	May, AD 33
Ephesus (AD 65-69)					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Christ's Prayer in John 17

"There is no voice which has ever been heard, either in heaven or in earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime, than the prayer offered up by the Son to God Himself."

—Philip Melanchthon

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Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



For Disciples

For All Believers

A Pattern for Prayer

First pray that
you are in
God's will

Then pray for those in your
closest sphere of influence

Finally pray for those **outside** your influence

1. His Prayer for Himself

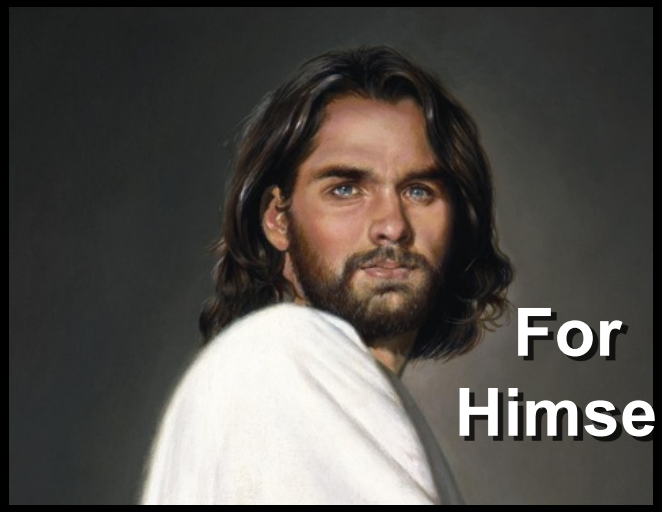
John 17:1-5

Jesus prays for the reunion of His soul and body after death (resurrection) and that He would be brought out of spiritual death (glorification), revealing His complete subjection to God in His approaching death and His absolute confidence in God for the resurrection to follow

A Pattern for Prayer

I. Pray that you will glorify God by fulfilling his calling for you.

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



“The time has come. Glorify your Son…” (17:1)

“You granted him authority… [to] give eternal life” (17:2)

*“I have brought you **glory** by **completing the work** you gave me to do” (17:4)*

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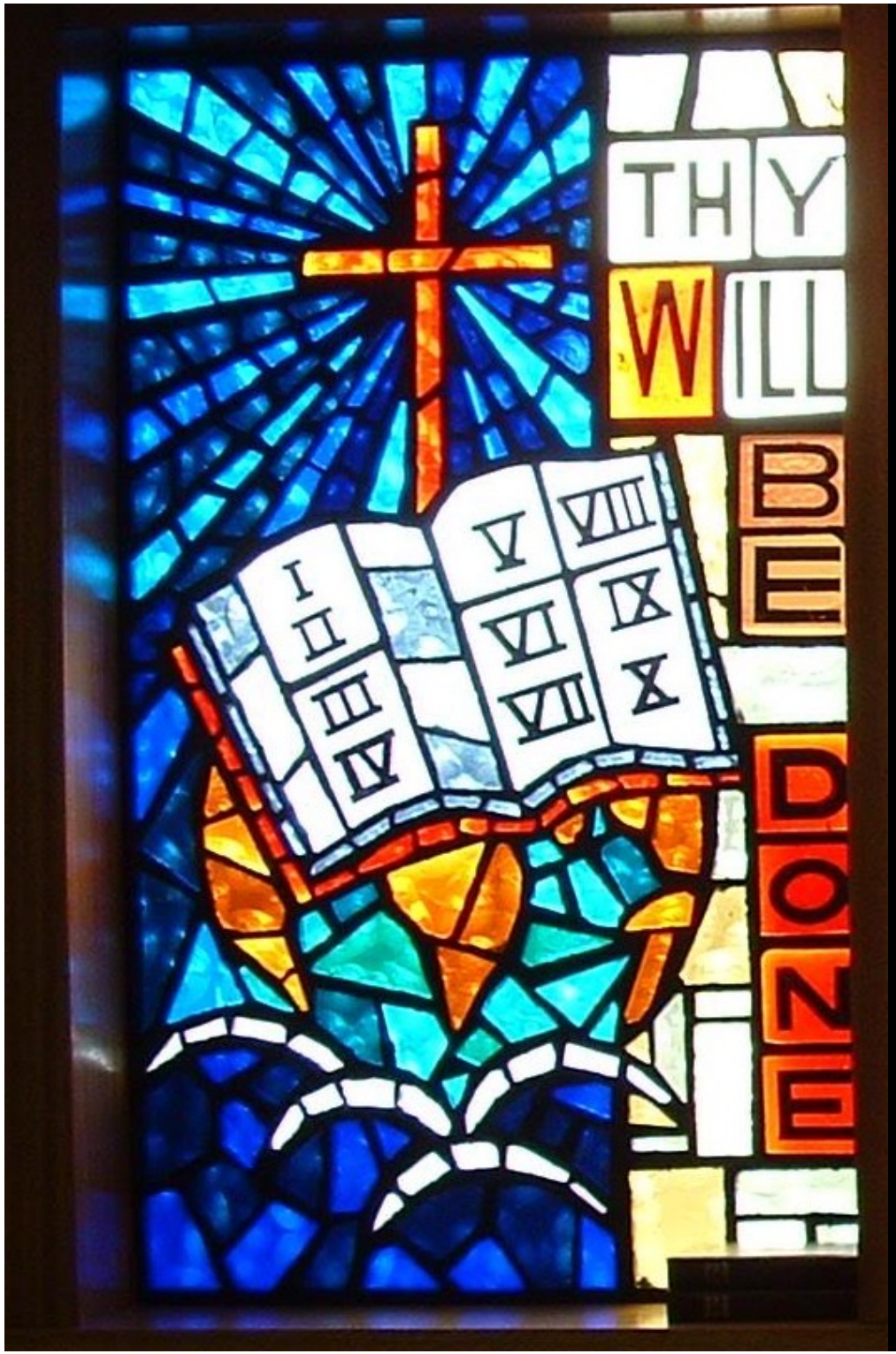
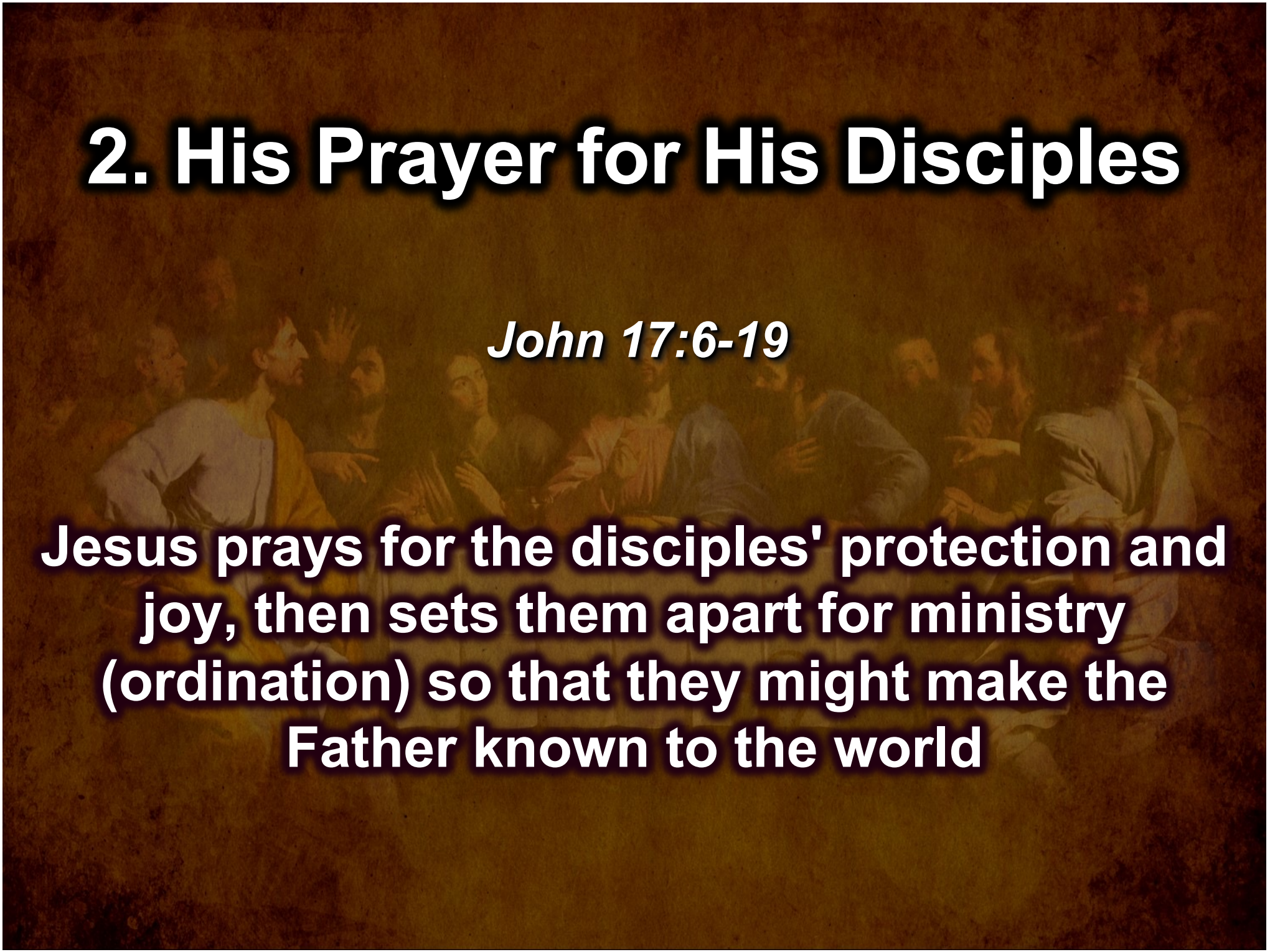
Hallowed Be Your Name



Your Kingdom Come



Your Will Be Done


2. His Prayer for His Disciples
John 17:6-19
Jesus prays for the disciples' protection and joy, then sets them apart for ministry (ordination) so that they might make the Father known to the world

A Pattern for Prayer

I. Pray that you will glorify God by fulfilling his calling for you.

II. Pray for those you influence to be protected and holy.

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer

1. Protect them (6-16)
2. Sanctify them (17-19)



Widening Circle of Your Prayers

1. Protect them
2. Sanctify them




Light represents good
over darkness (= evil)



Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

Hebrews 5:14 NLT


Light dispels darkness
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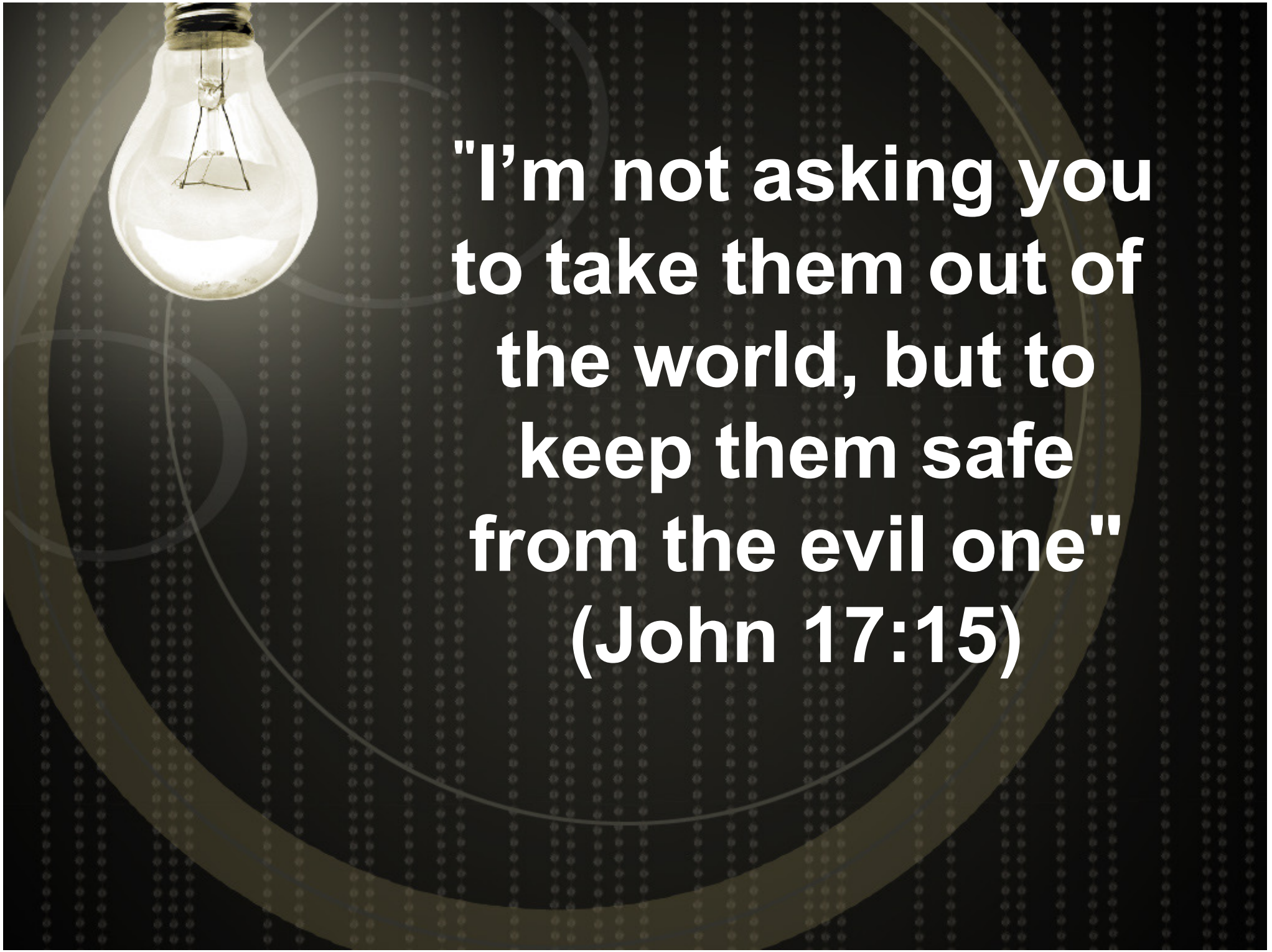
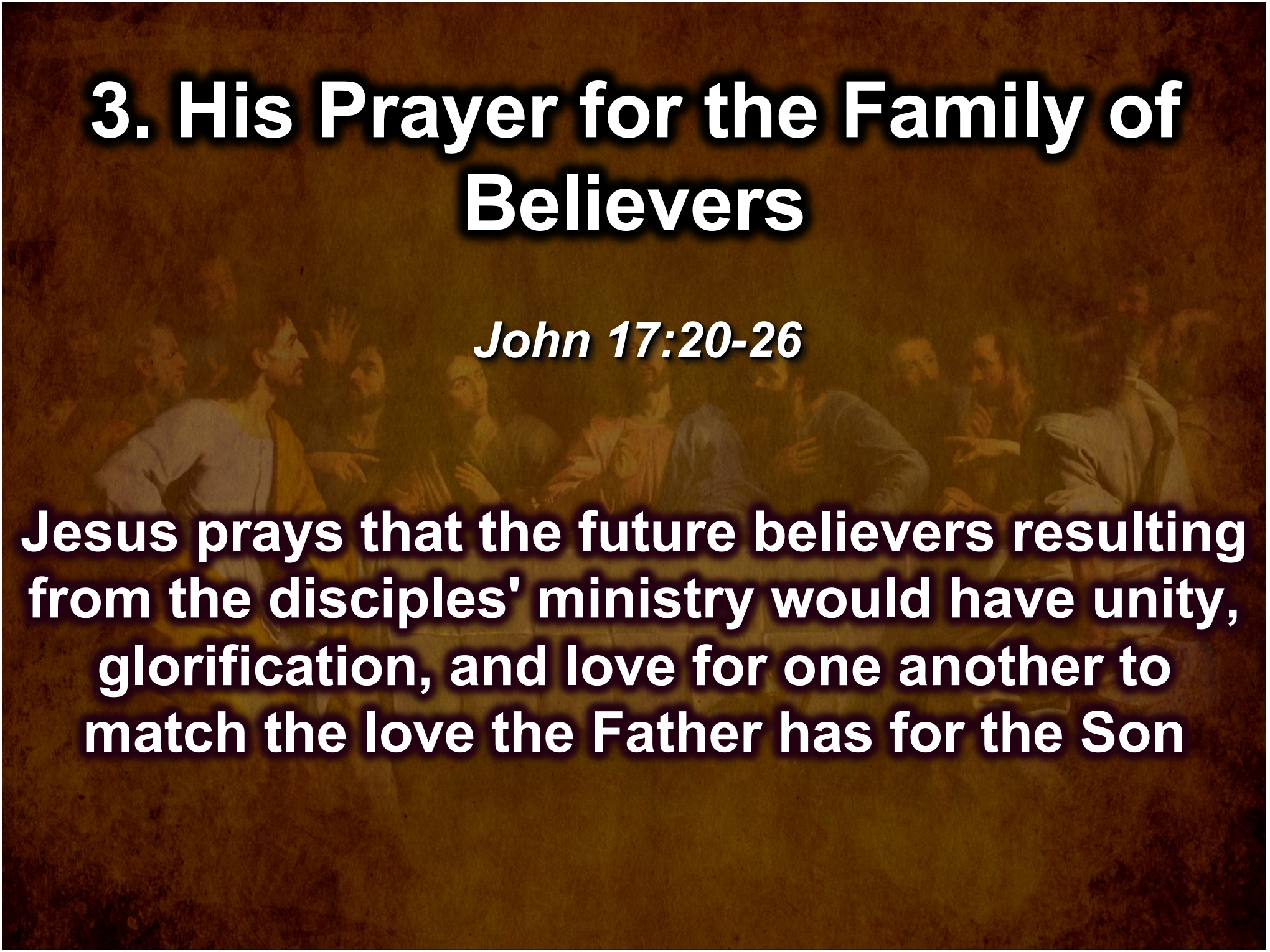

"I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one"
(John 17:15)


3. His Prayer for the Family of Believers
John 17:20-26
Jesus prays that the future believers resulting from the disciples' ministry would have unity, glorification, and love for one another to match the love the Father has for the Son

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



For Disciples

For All Believers


What was most important to Jesus as he anticipated the cross?

Jesus prayed for our unity (John 17)



What is Unity?

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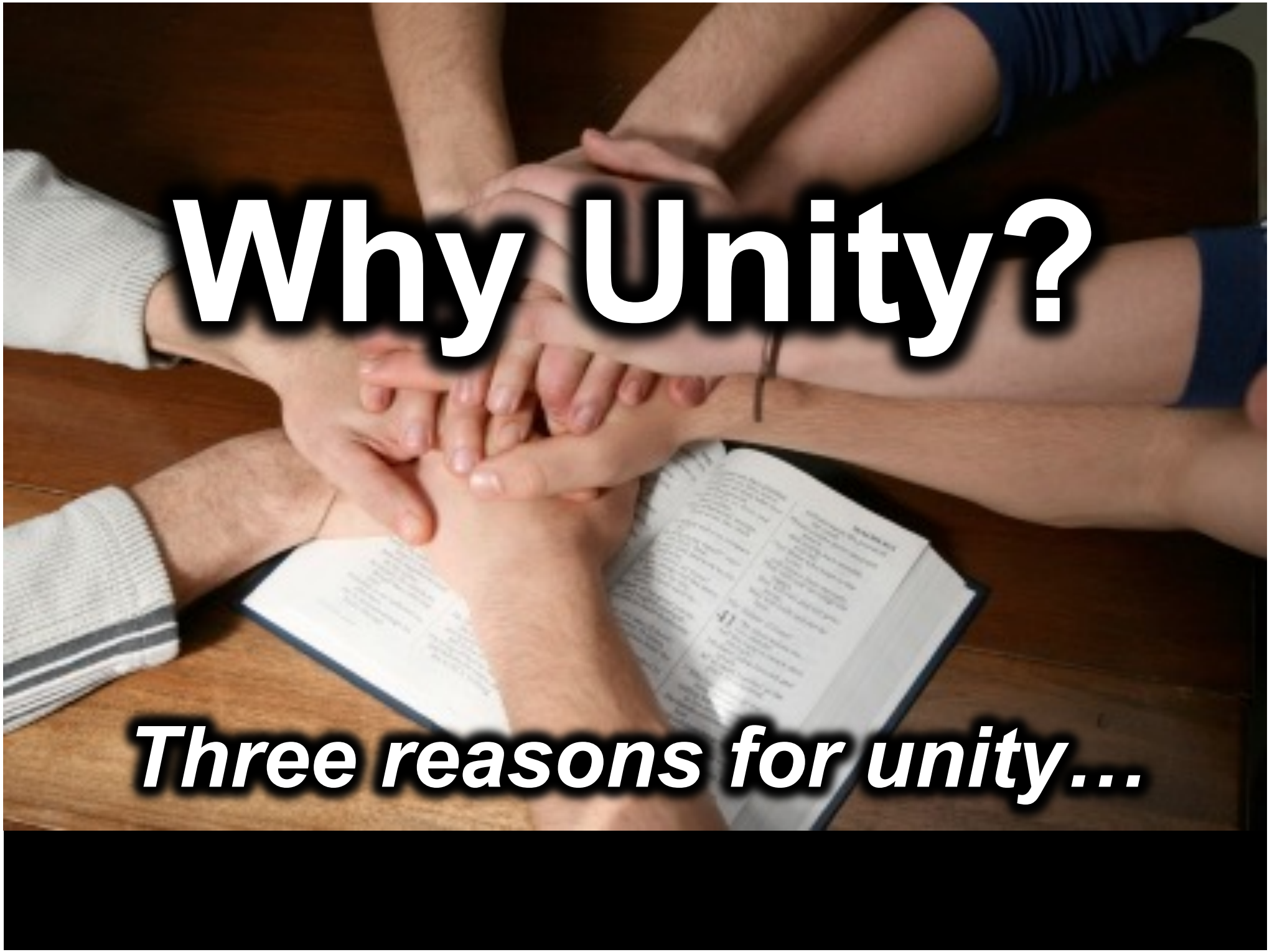
Why Unity?
Three reasons for unity…


Unity
I. Unity grows the church (20-23).



"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message" (17:20 NIV)



"that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you"
(17:21a NIV)

The Trinity



H. Wayne House, *Charts of Christian Theology and Doctrine*, p. 45

Orthodox Faith



"that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so **that the world may believe** that you have sent me. [22]I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: [23]I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity **to let the world know** that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (21b-23 NIV).

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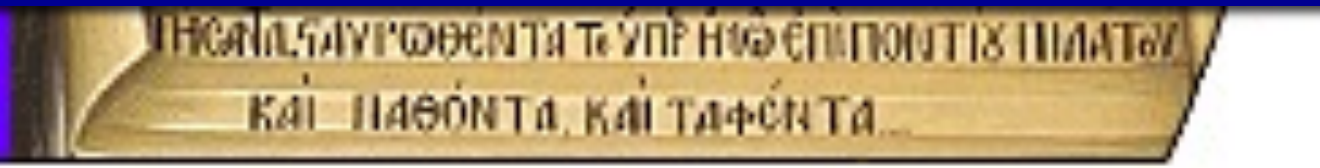


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- 99% of Hindus are Indian
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- Only Christians effectively cross racial lines though Malays are still unreached


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Three reasons for unity


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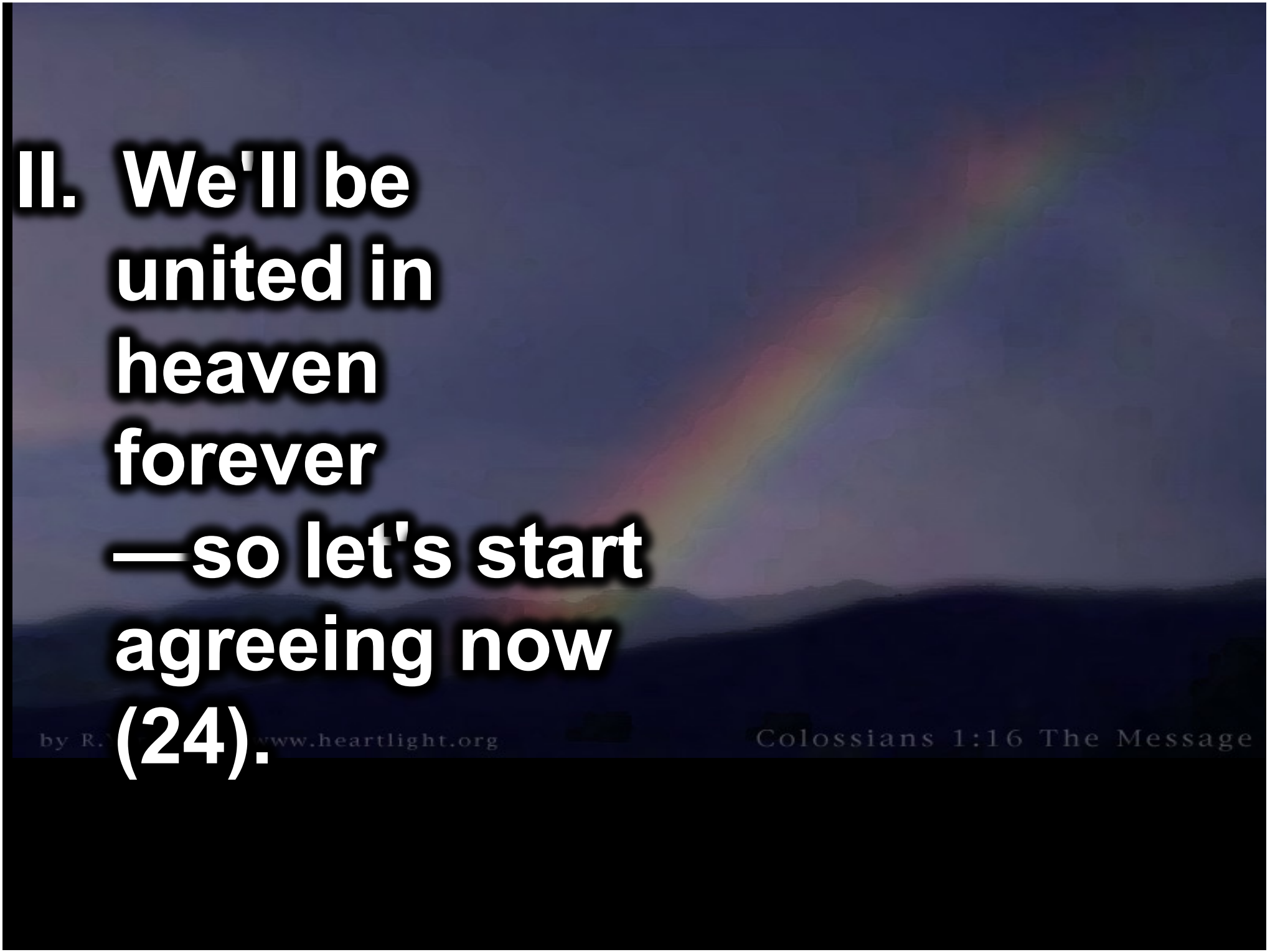
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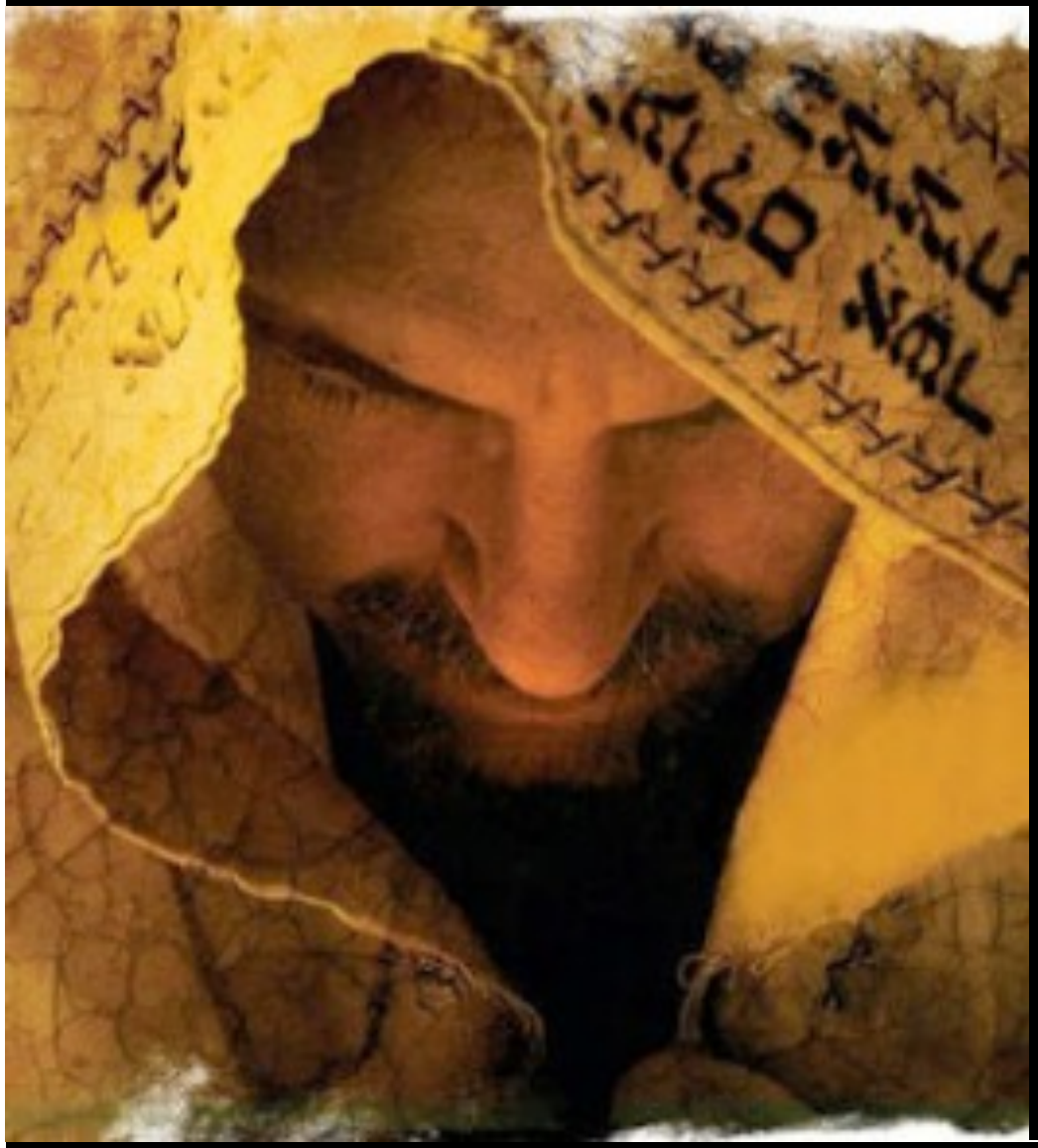
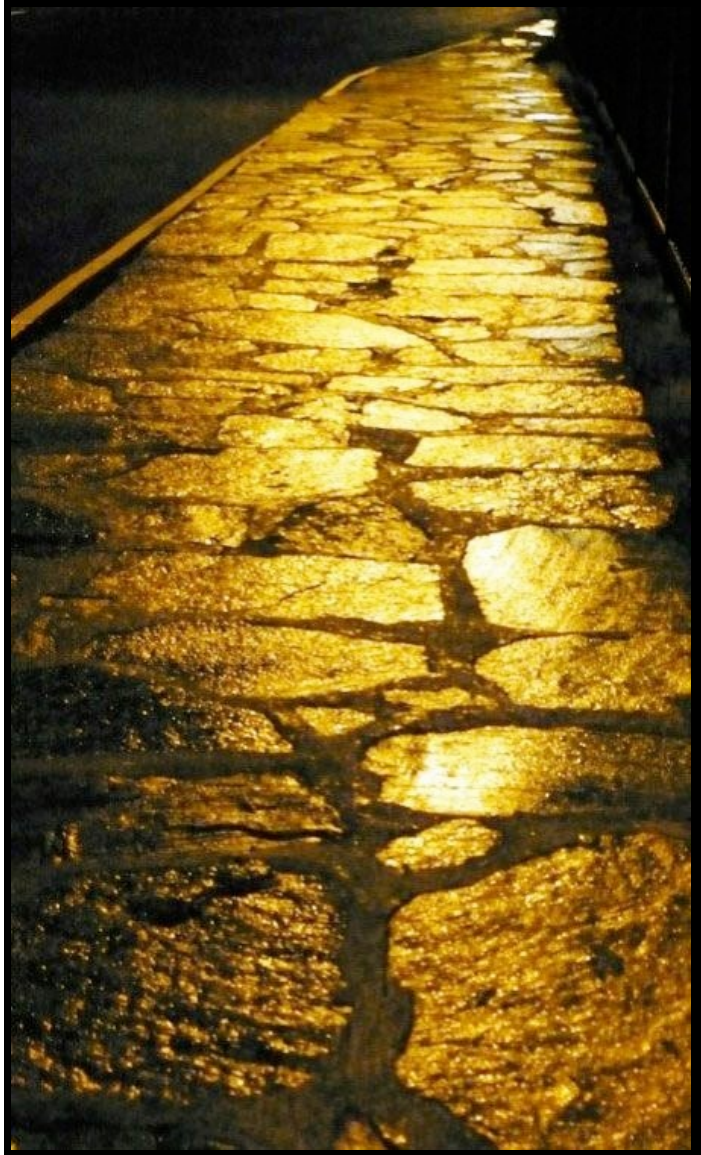


"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world" (17:24 NIV).



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Church Unity
When should we not work together?

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

“Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 15What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? 16And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.”

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

"As God said:

'I will live in them
and walk among them.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

[17]Therefore, come out from among
unbelievers, and separate yourselves
from them, says the Lord'

(2 Cor. 6:16-17)

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

"Don't touch their filthy things,
and I will welcome you. 18And I will be
your Father, and you will be my sons
and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

1Because we have these promises, dear
friends, let us cleanse ourselves from
everything that can defile our body or
spirit. And let us work toward complete
holiness because we fear God"

(2 Cor. 6:17–7:1)

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

"The direct commands to *separate* from other people are always commands to separate *from unbelievers*, not from Christians with whom one disagrees… The are no direct New Testament commands to separate from Christians with whom one has doctrinal differences (unless those differences involve such serious heresies that the Christian faith itself is denied)."



Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 877

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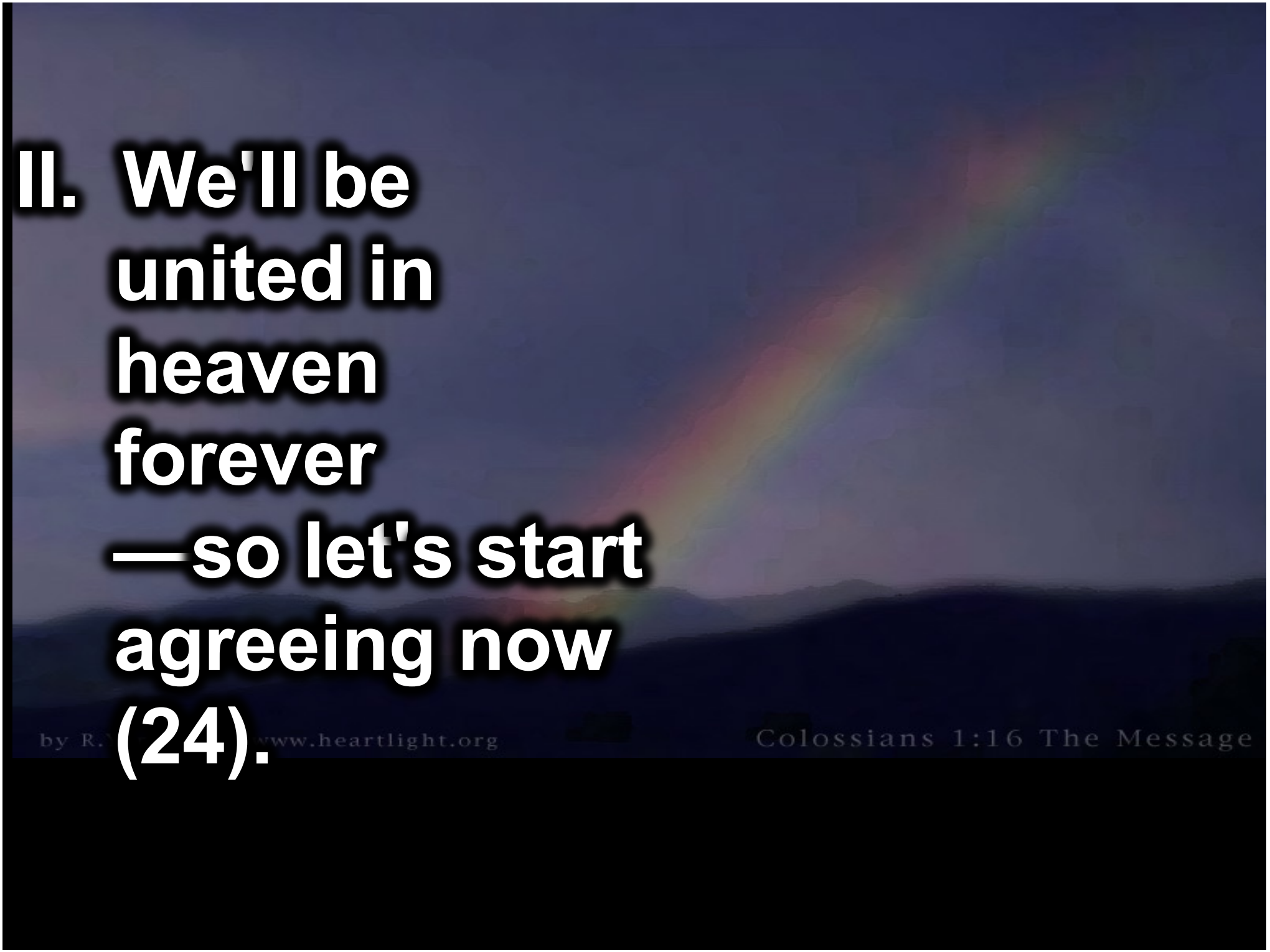
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III. Unity shows love that attracts unbelievers (25-26).



"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. [26]I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them" (17:25-26 NIV).



Two Boys





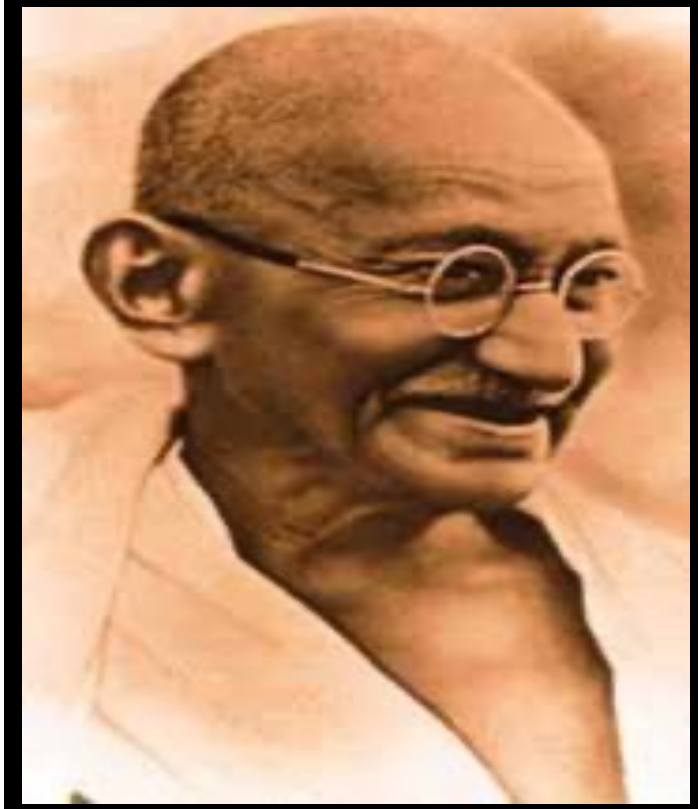

Unity
Why is unity important?

Main Idea

Christian unity is evangelistic!



Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)



"I would become a Christian —if it weren't for Christians."



"In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials, liberty;
In all things, charity."

—Philip Melanchthon



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John 17:20-23.

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John 17:20-23.

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are one— 23 I in them and you
in me—so that they may be
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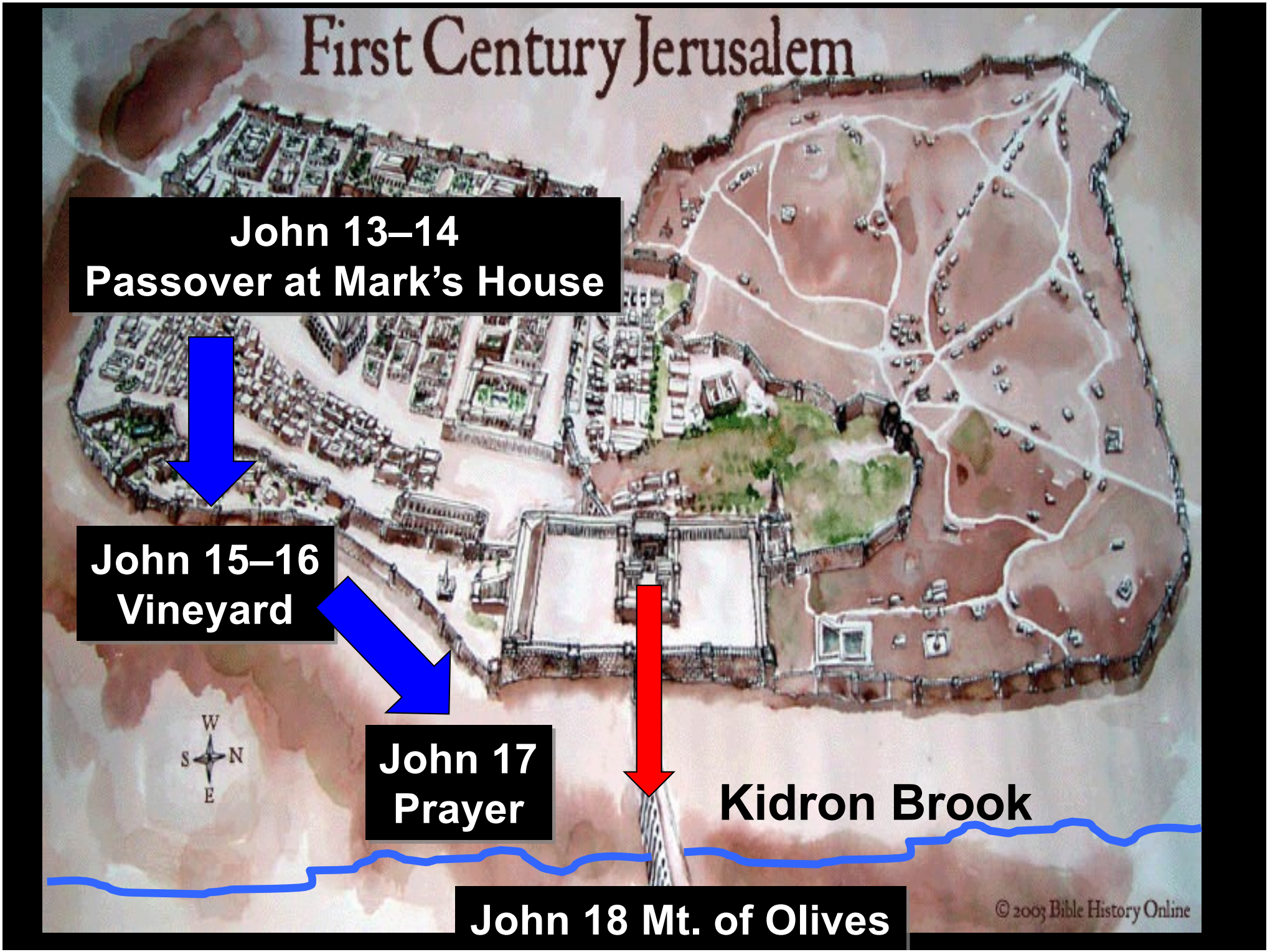
and have loved them even as you
have loved me.

John 18

II. Eternal life comes by **believing** that Jesus died and rose for you (John 18–21).



God's plan was for Jesus to die and rise back to life for you (John 18–20).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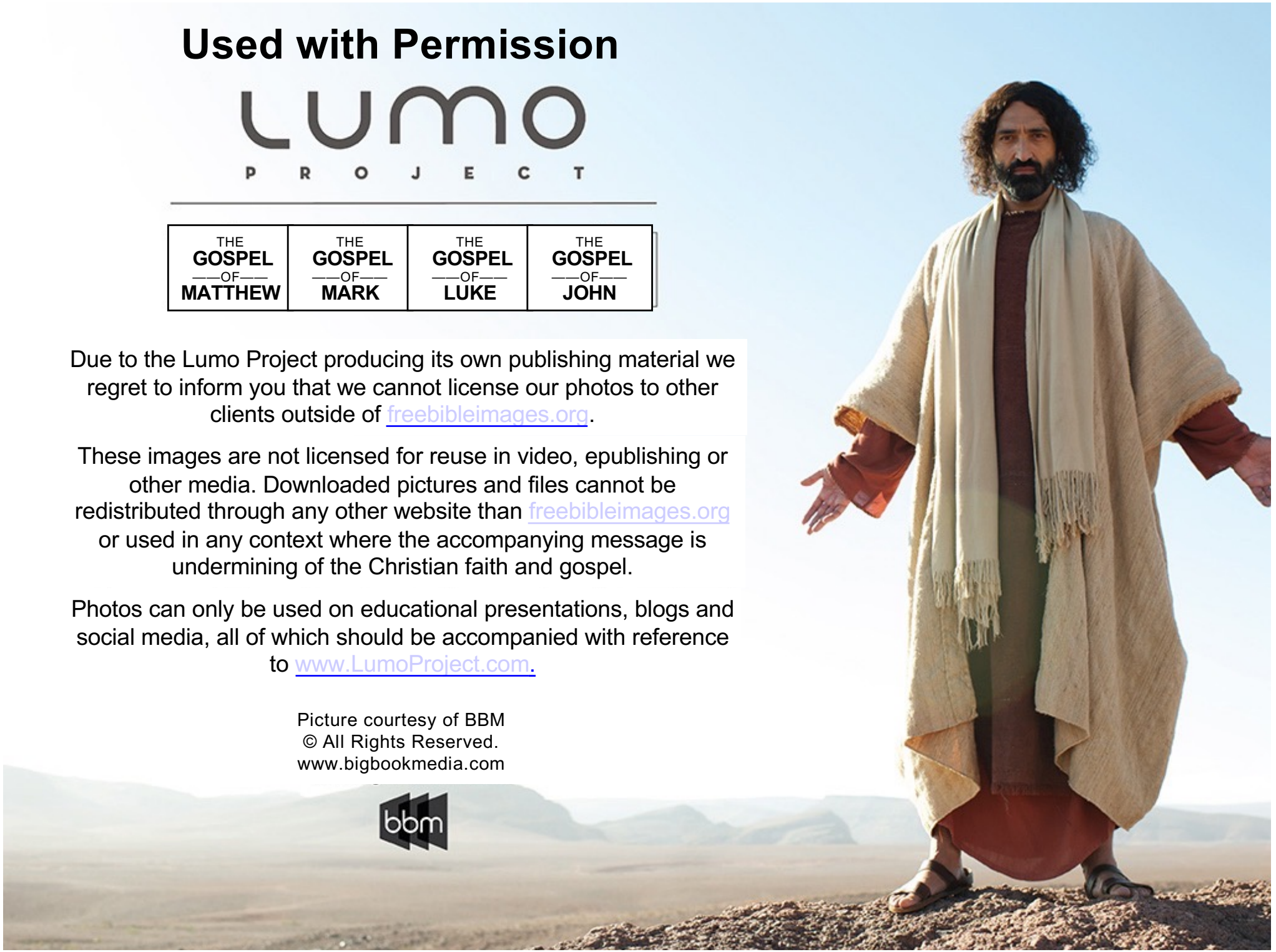

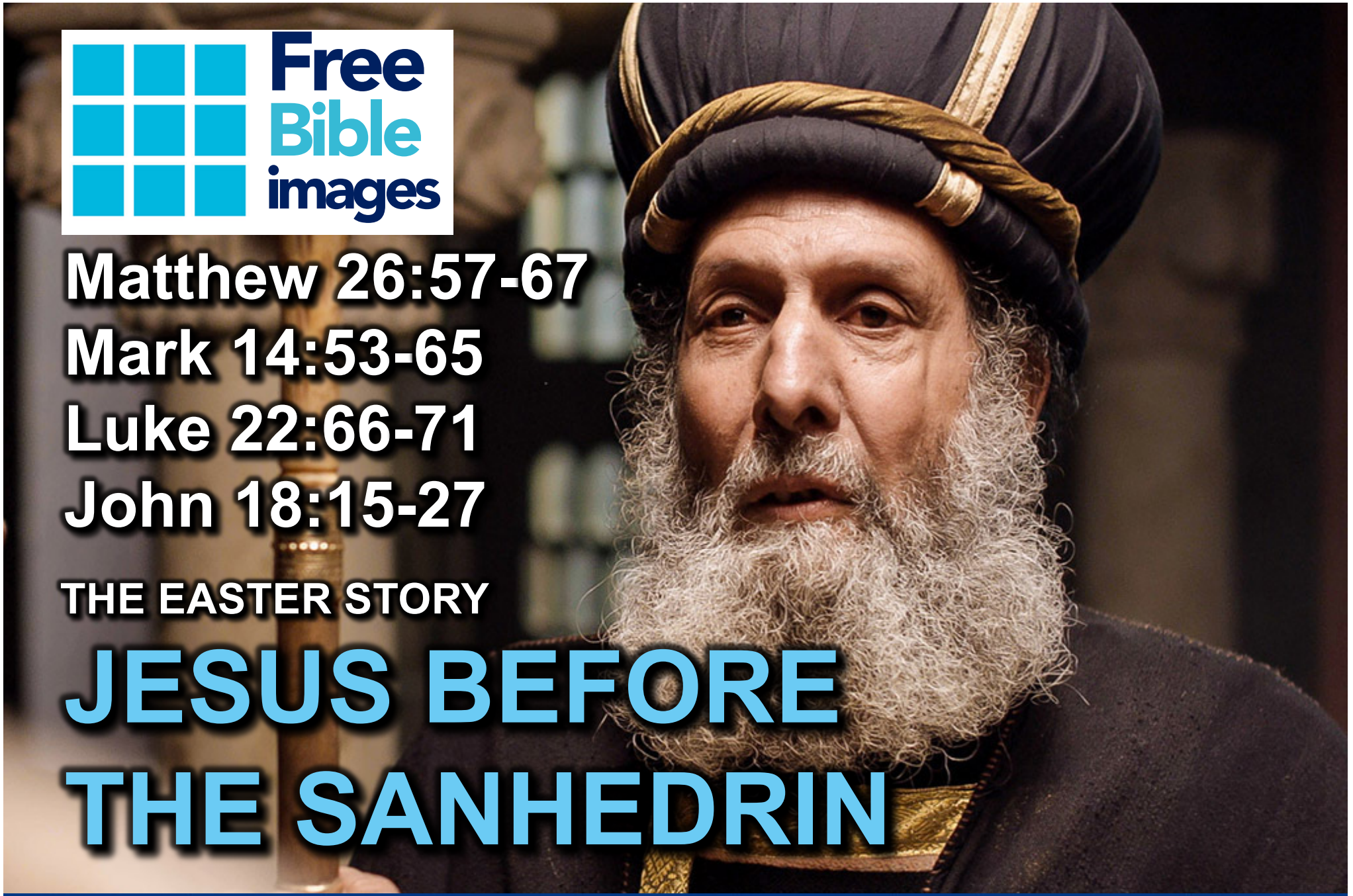
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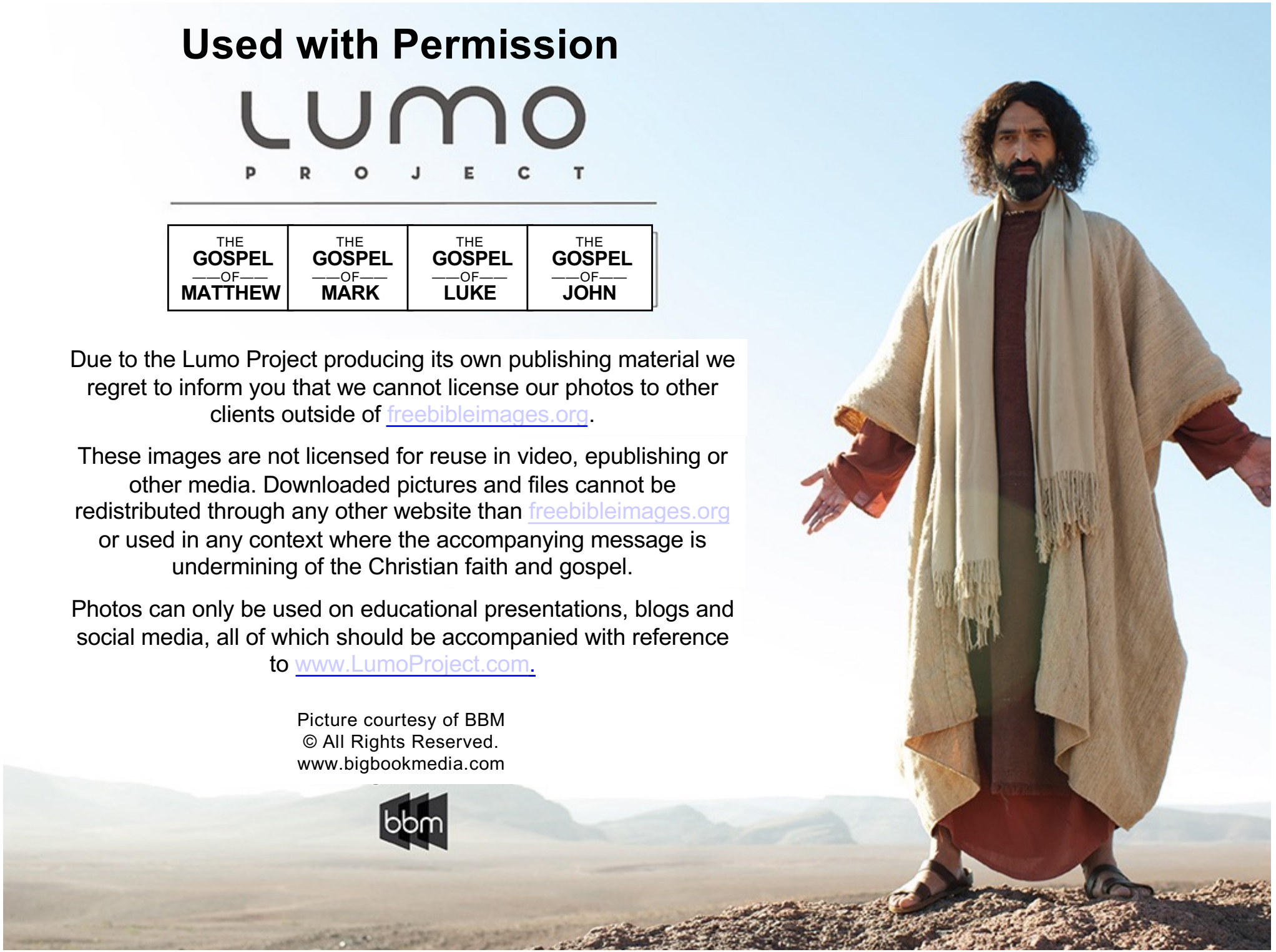


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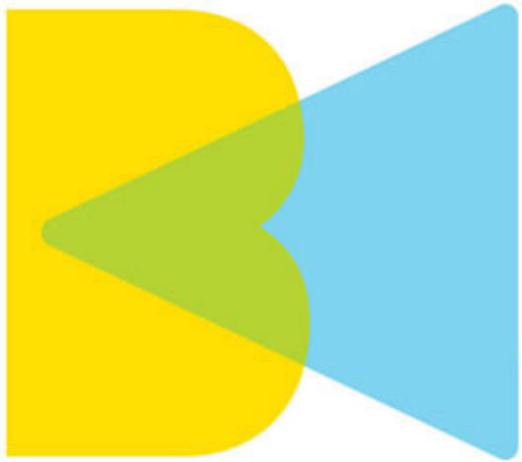

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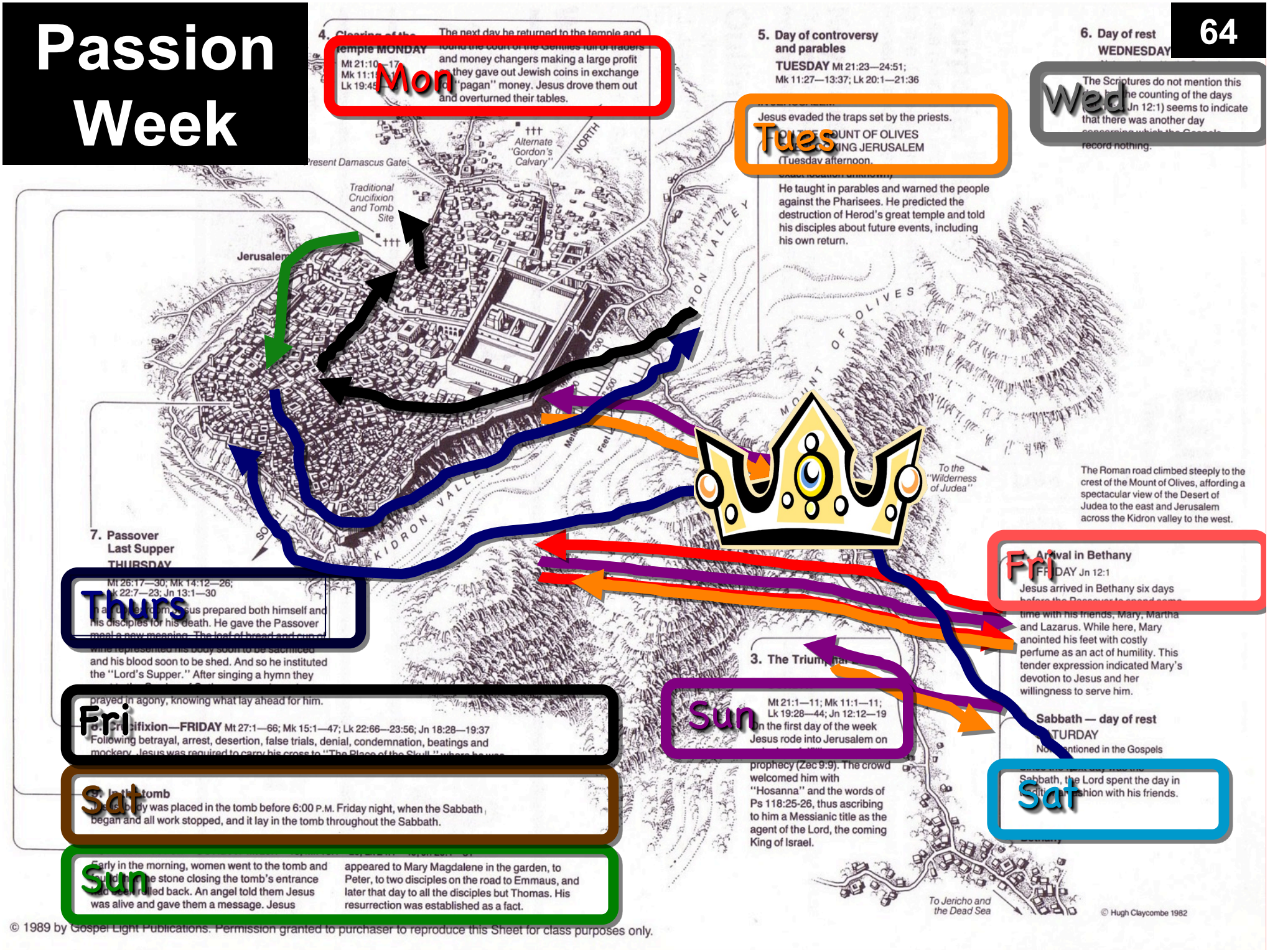

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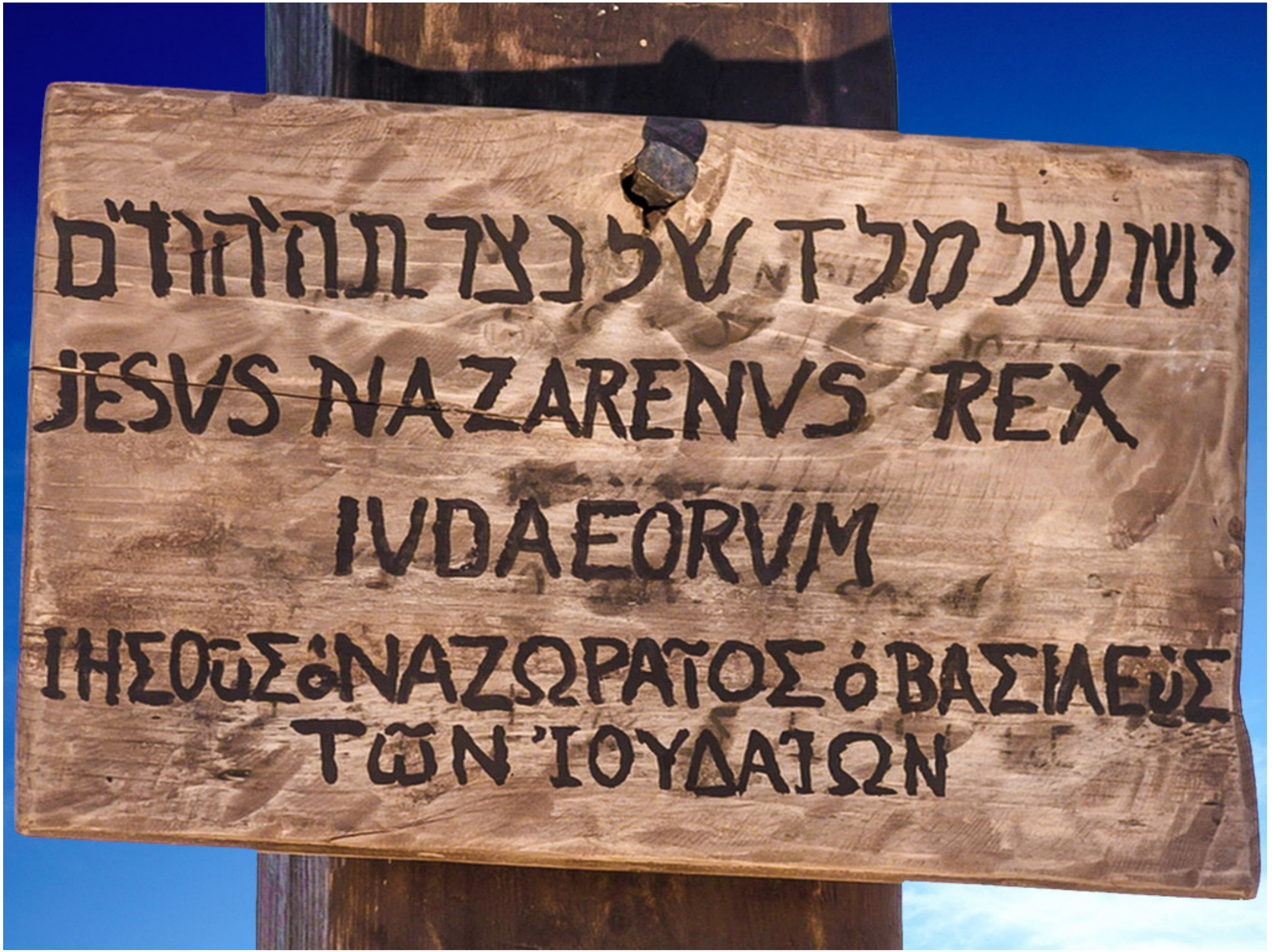
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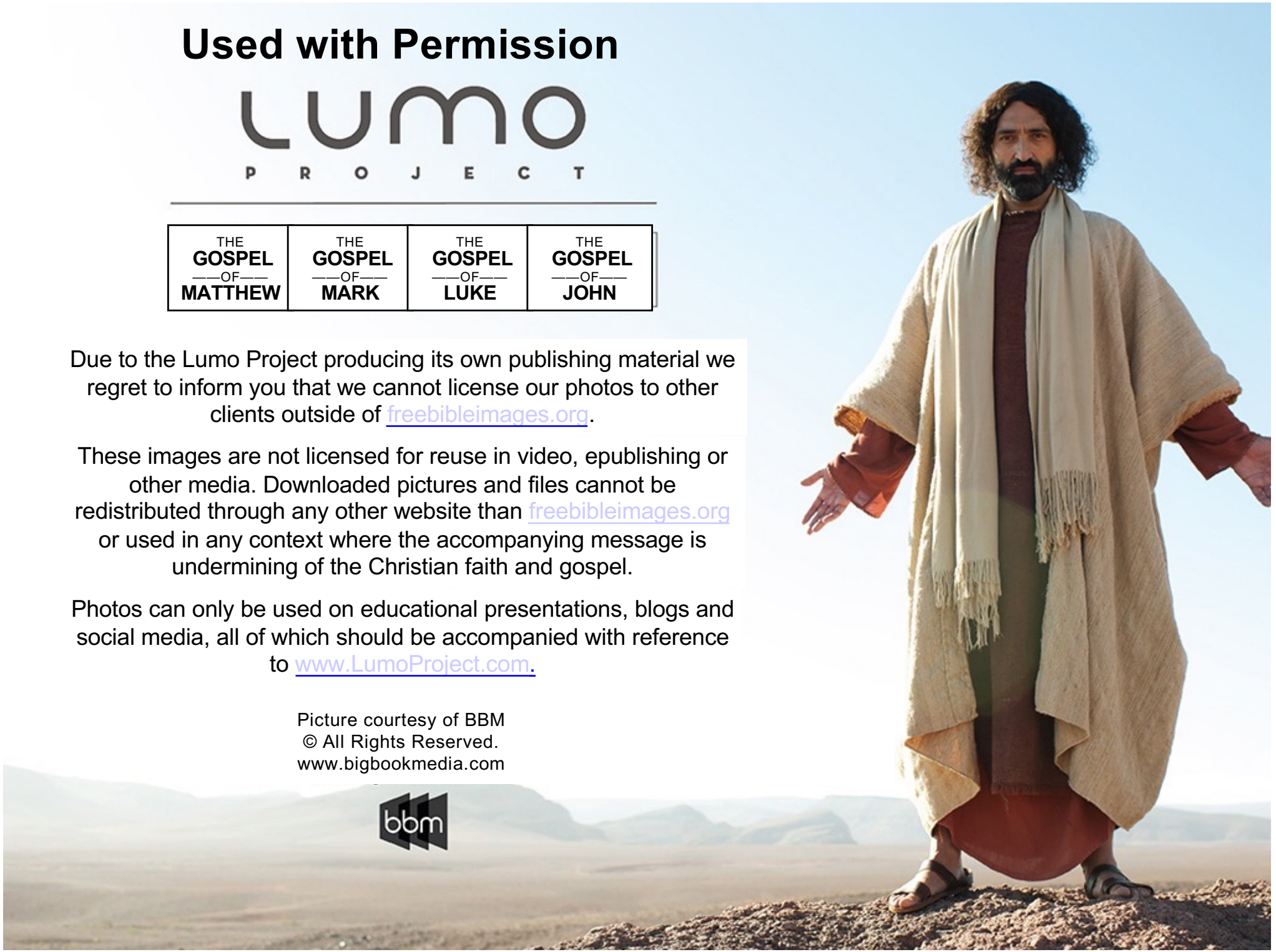


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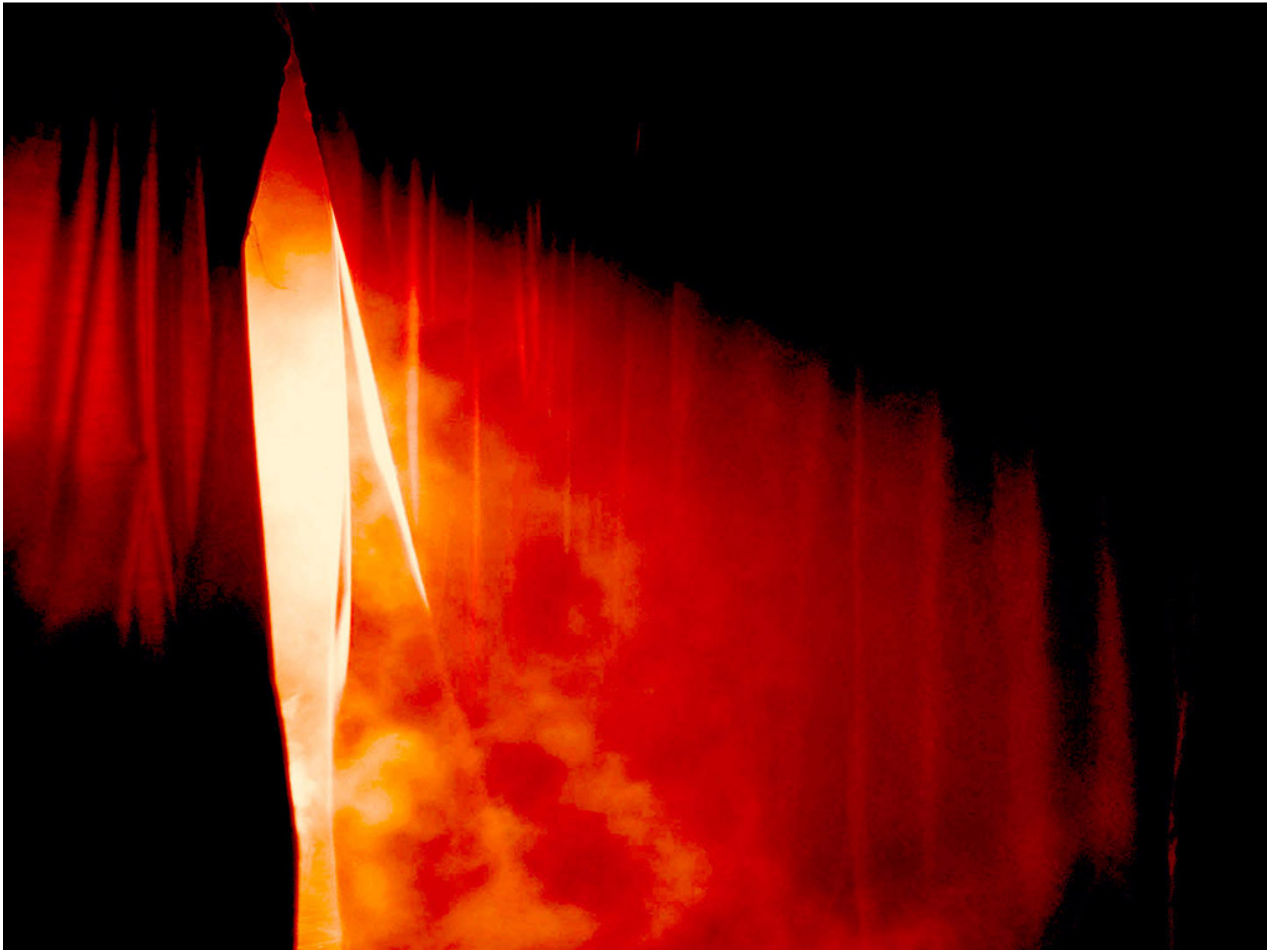













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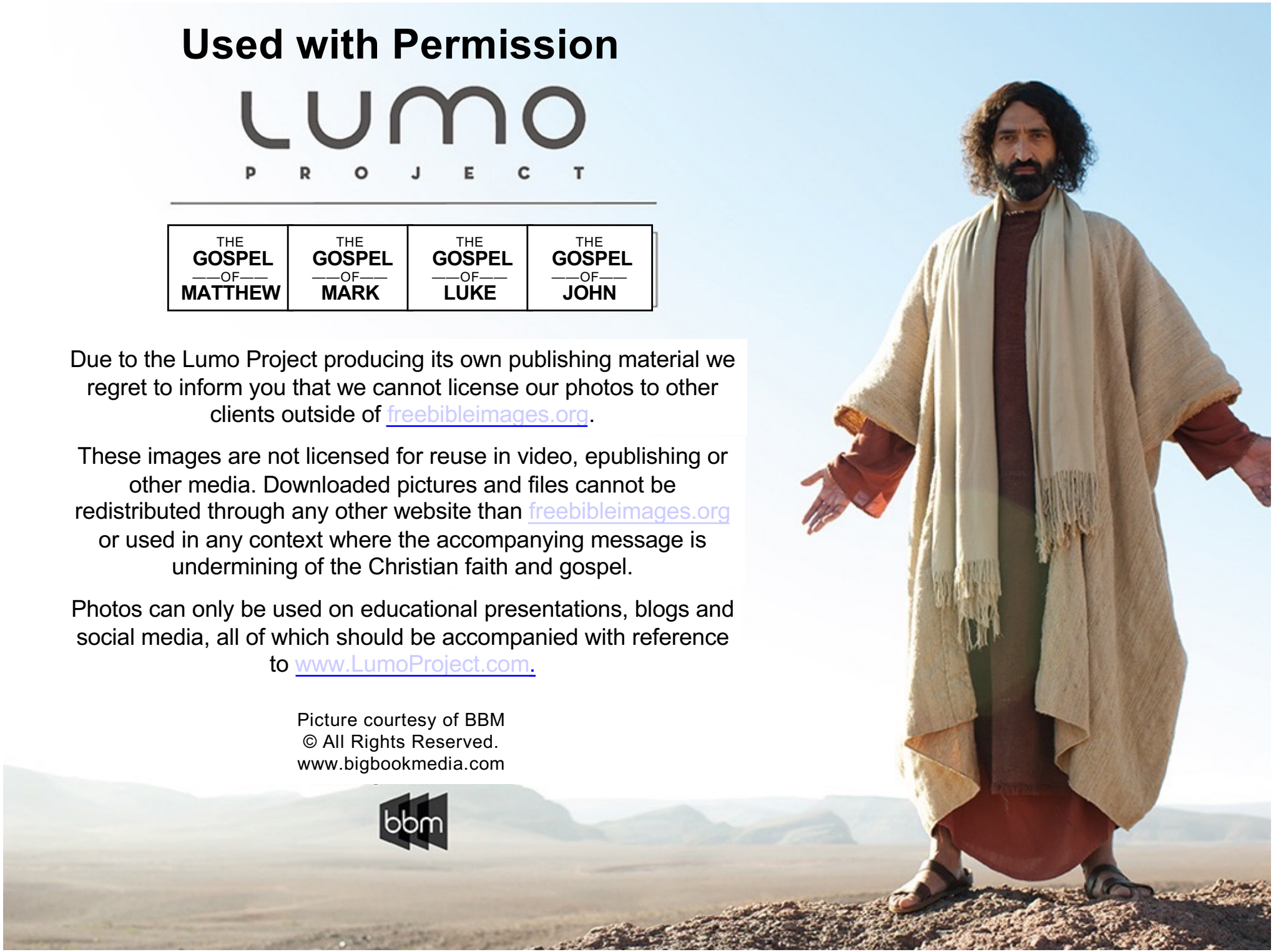


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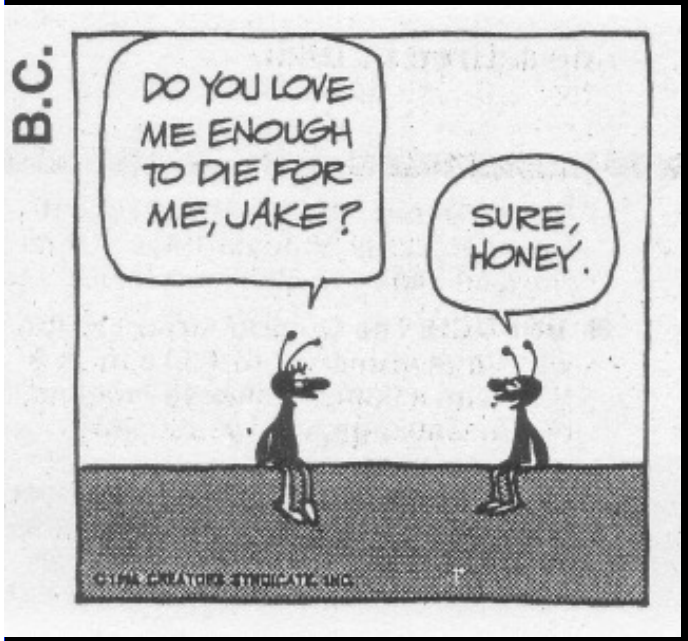
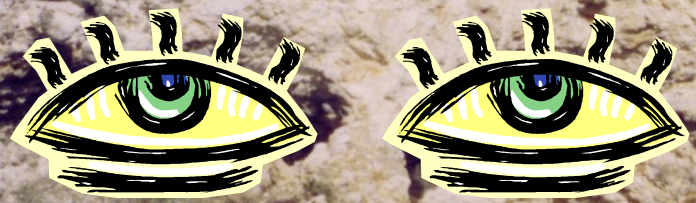


Christ's Atoning Death

Gordon's Calvary



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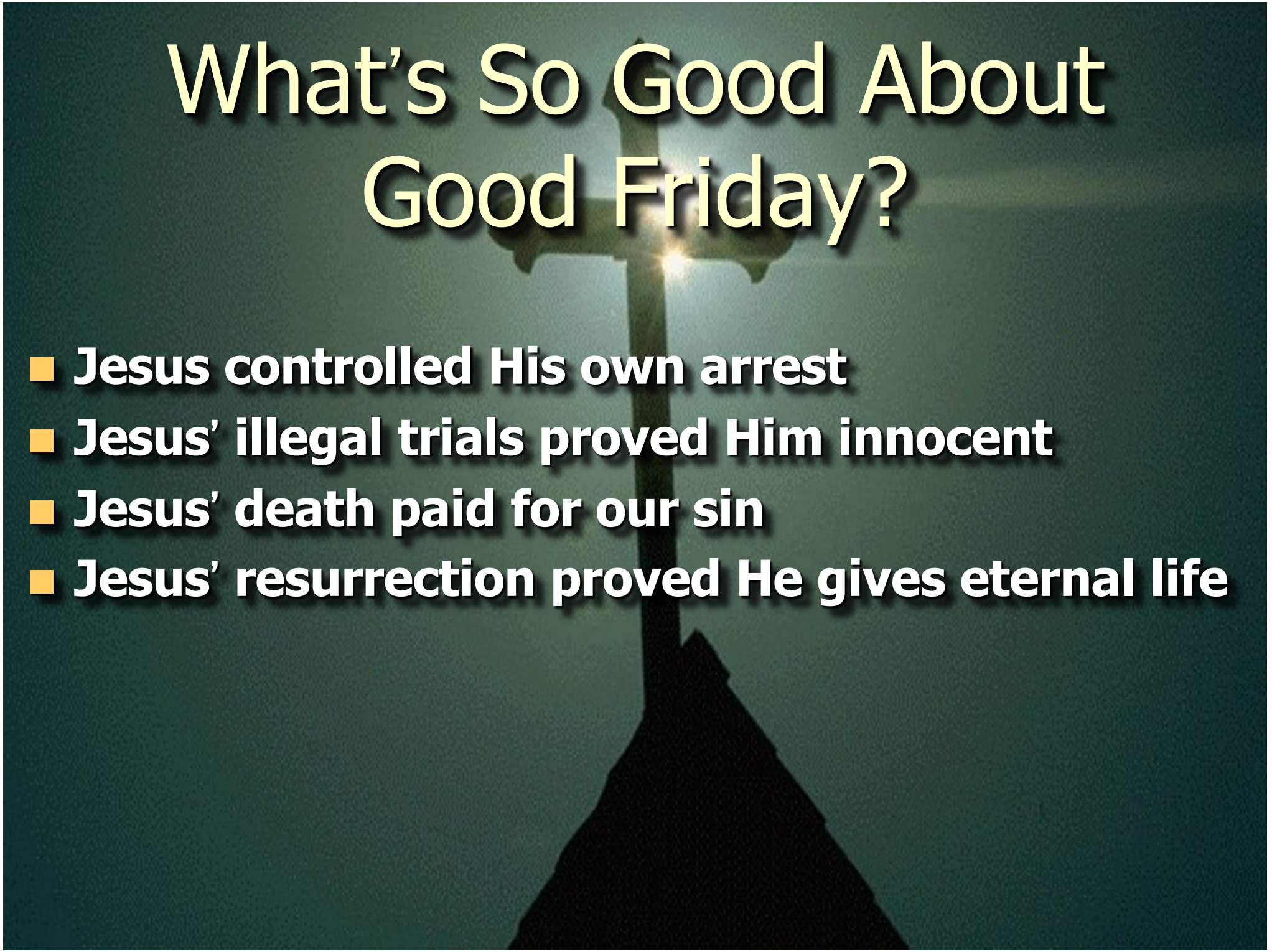
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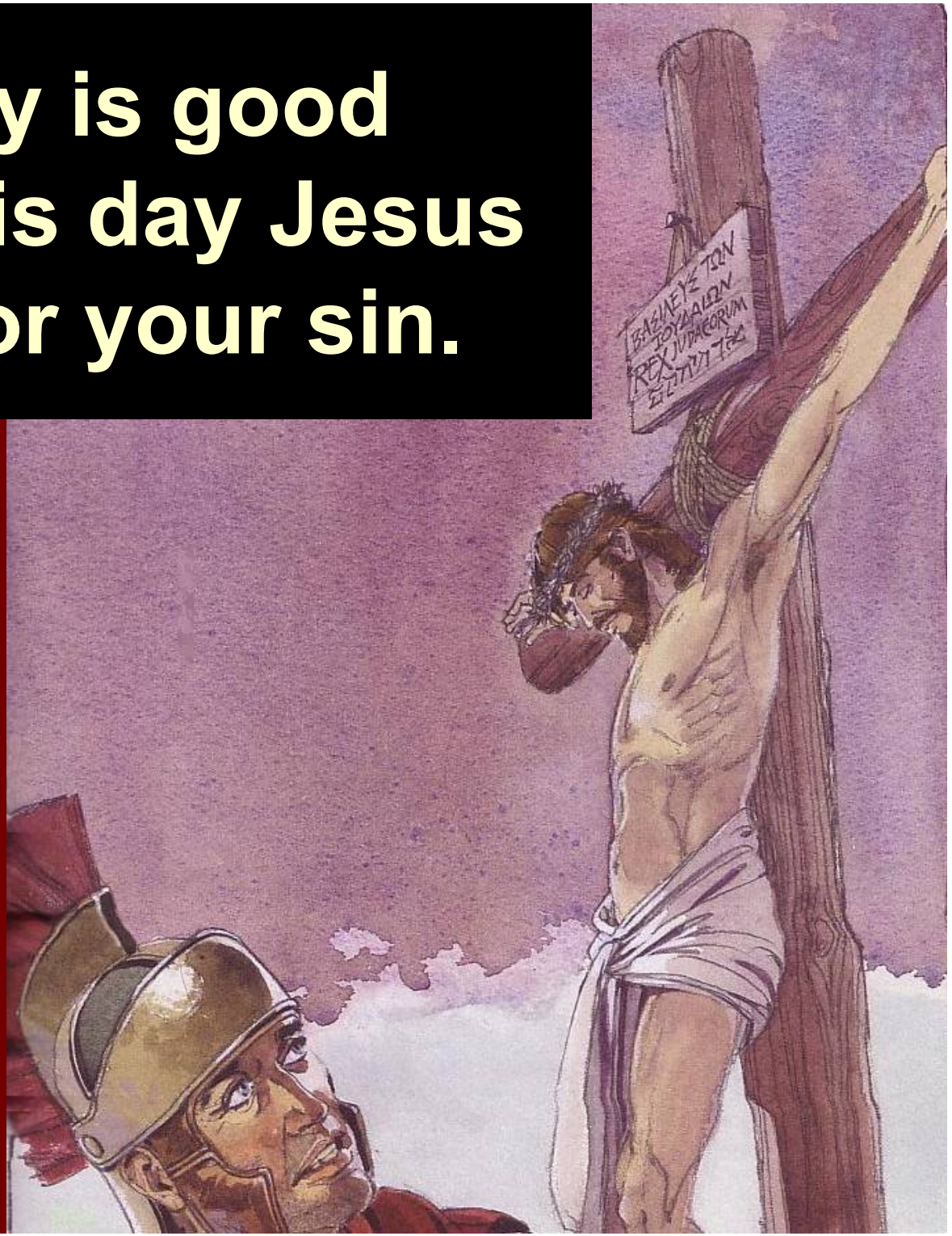
Jesus controlled His own arrest
Jesus' illegal trials proved Him innocent
Jesus' death paid for our sin
Jesus' resurrection proved He gives eternal life

Good Friday is good because on this day Jesus Christ paid for your sin.



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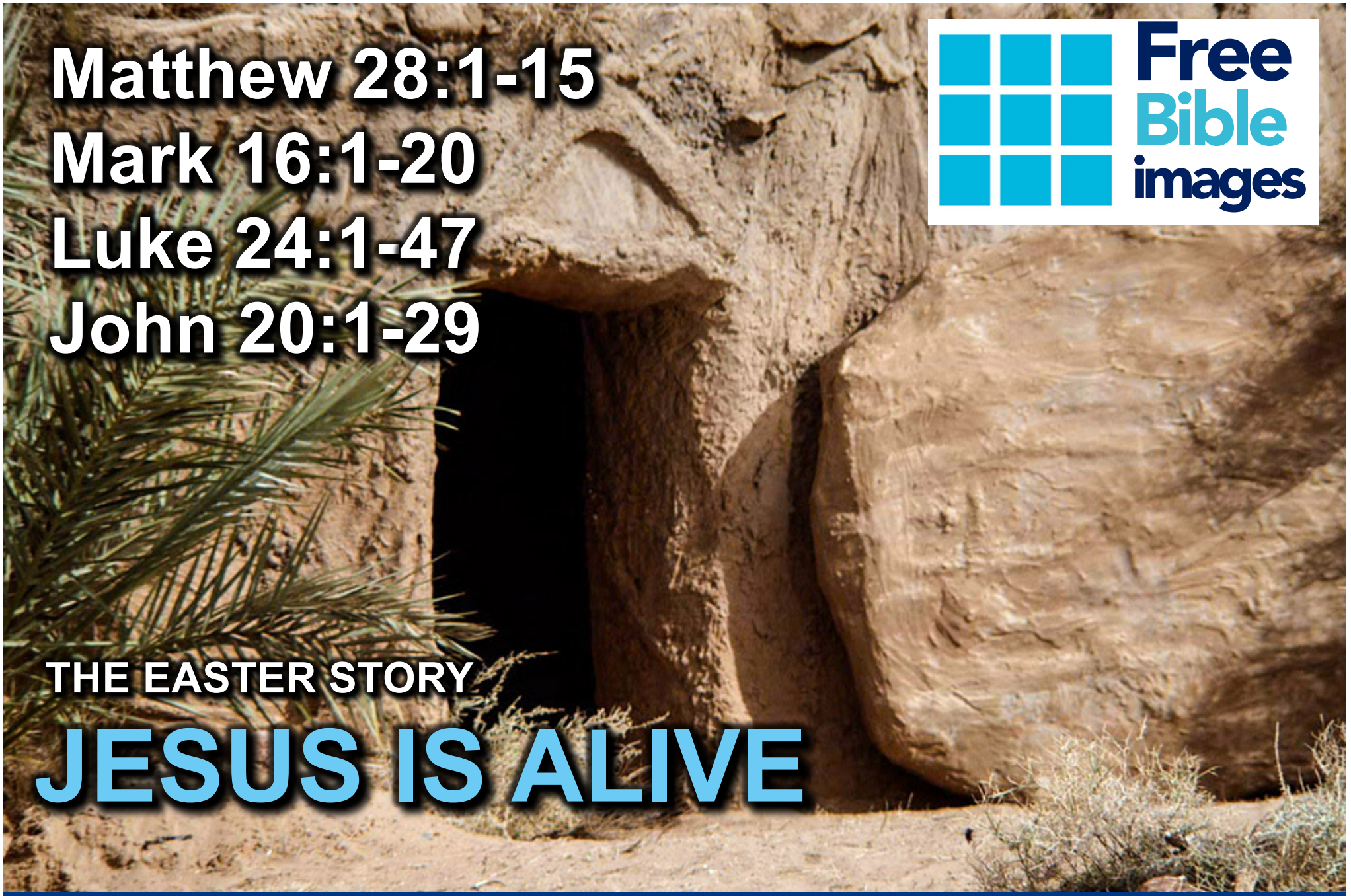
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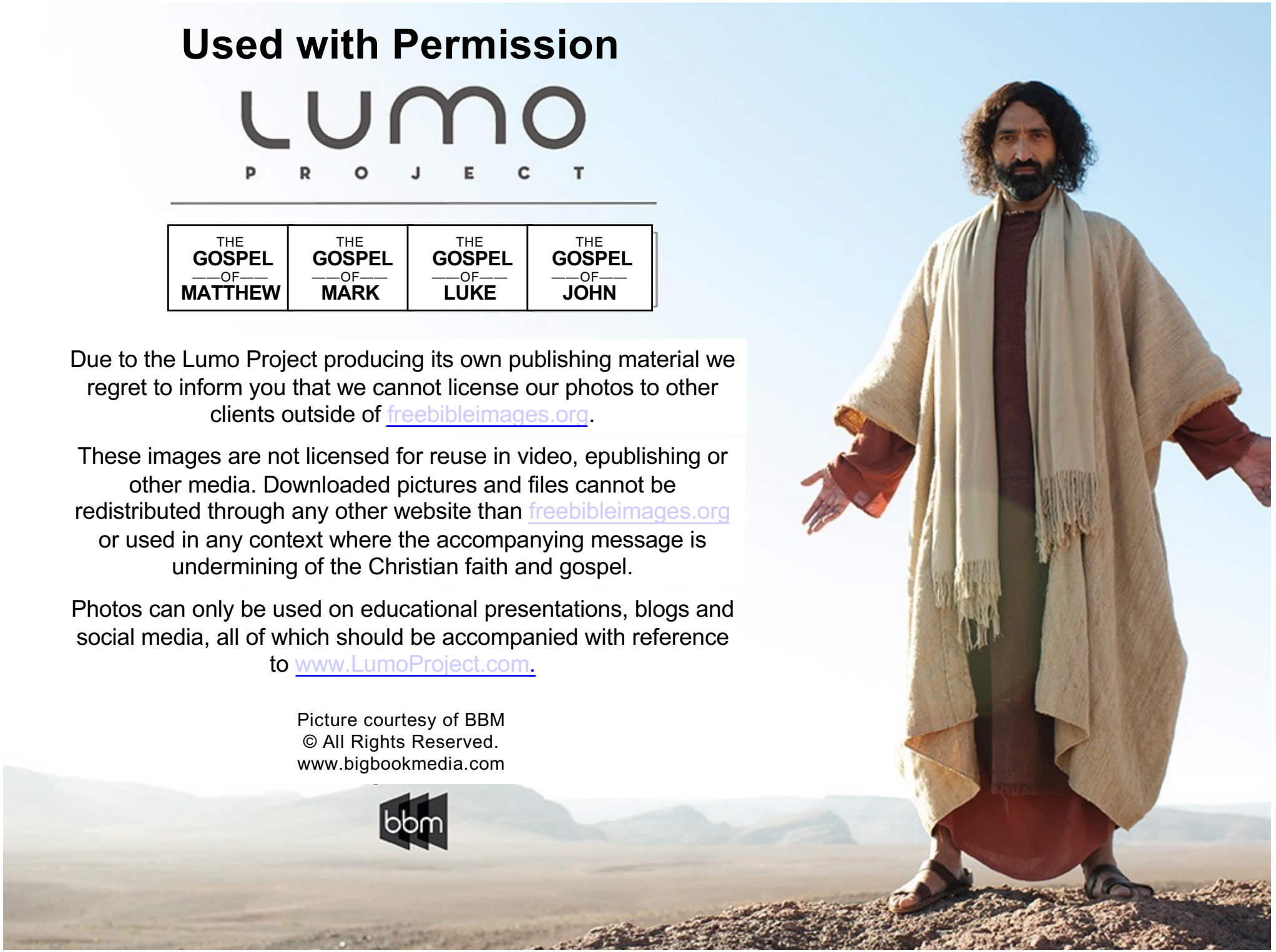

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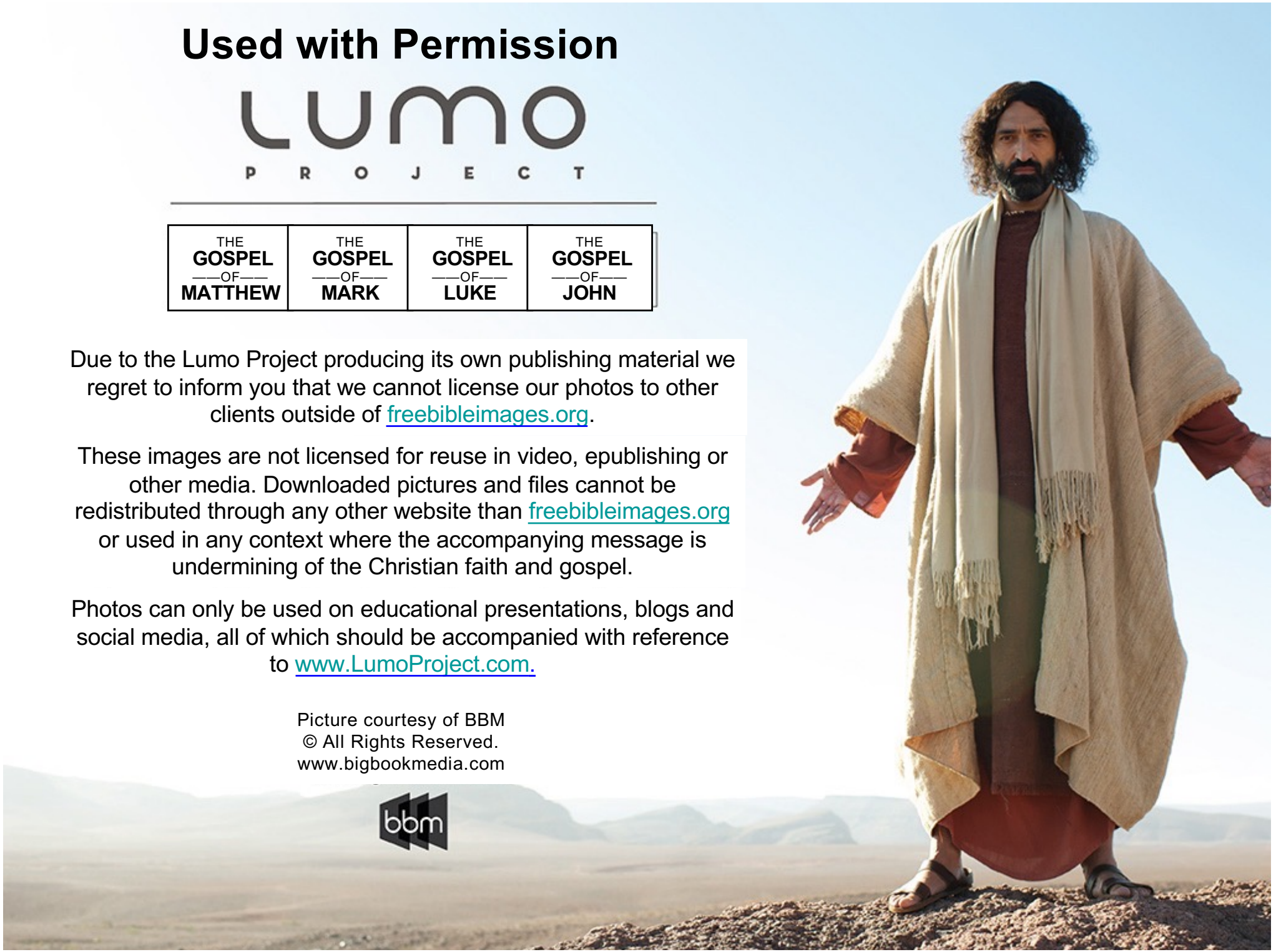


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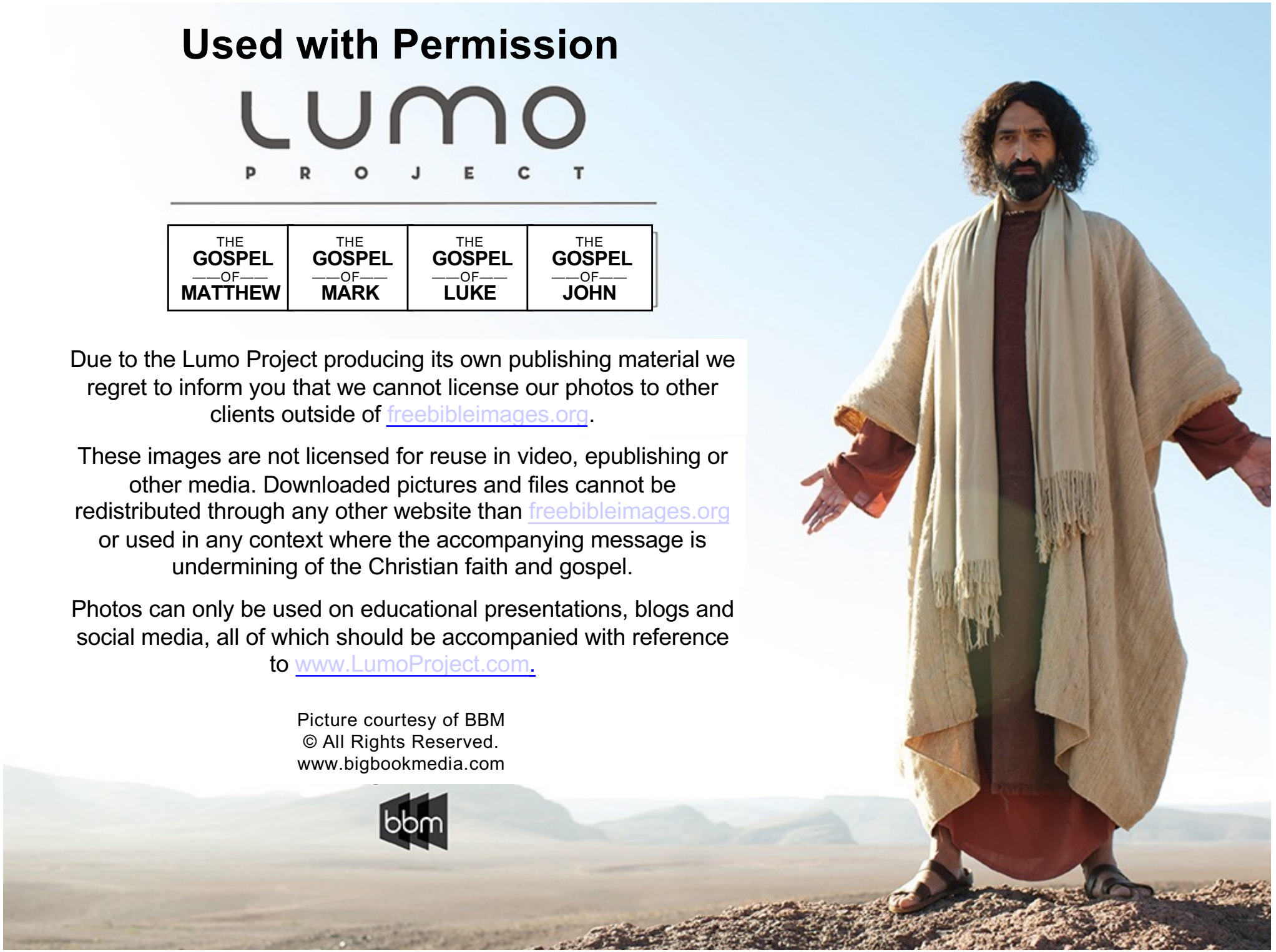
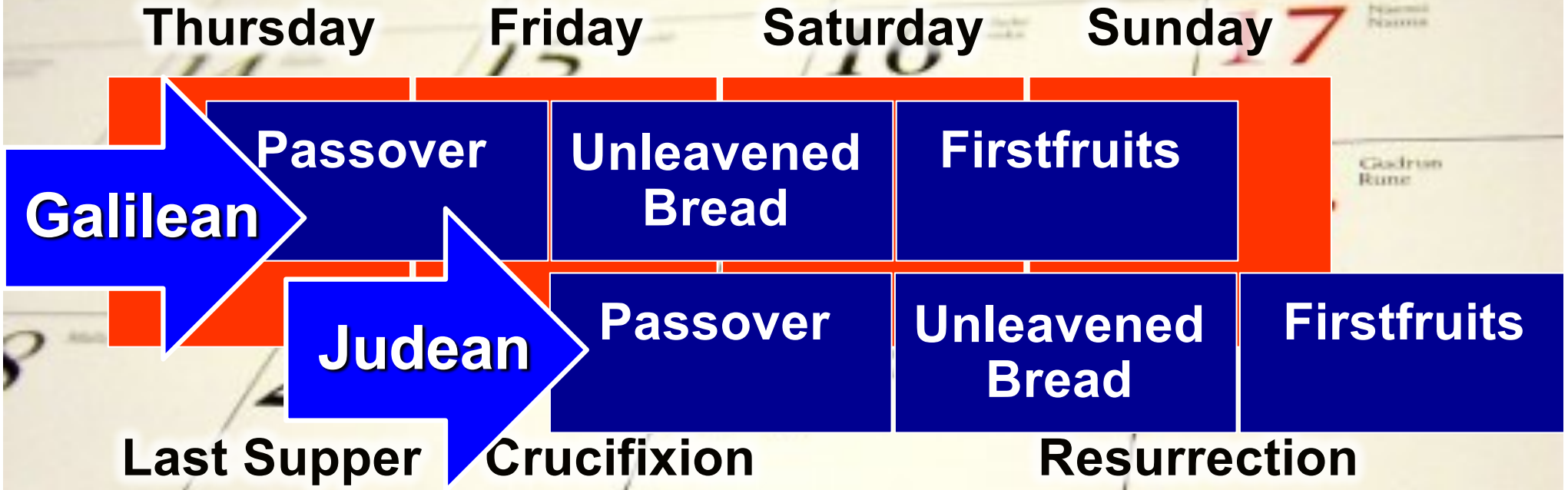
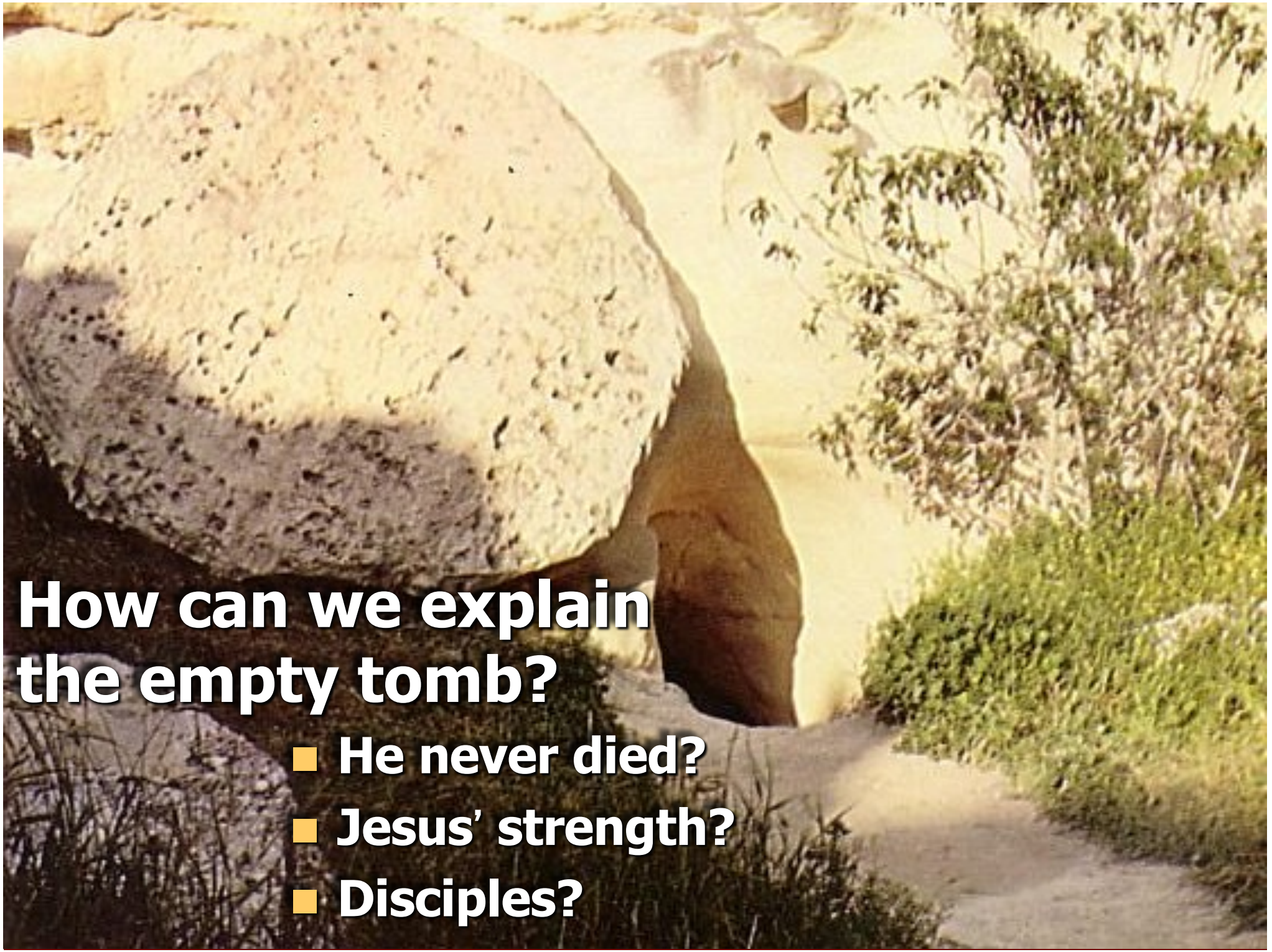


A Prophetic Weekend



"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep" (1 Cor 15:20 NAU).

Christ is the only one ever resurrected, but as such, he is also the first among many who will join a resurrected body.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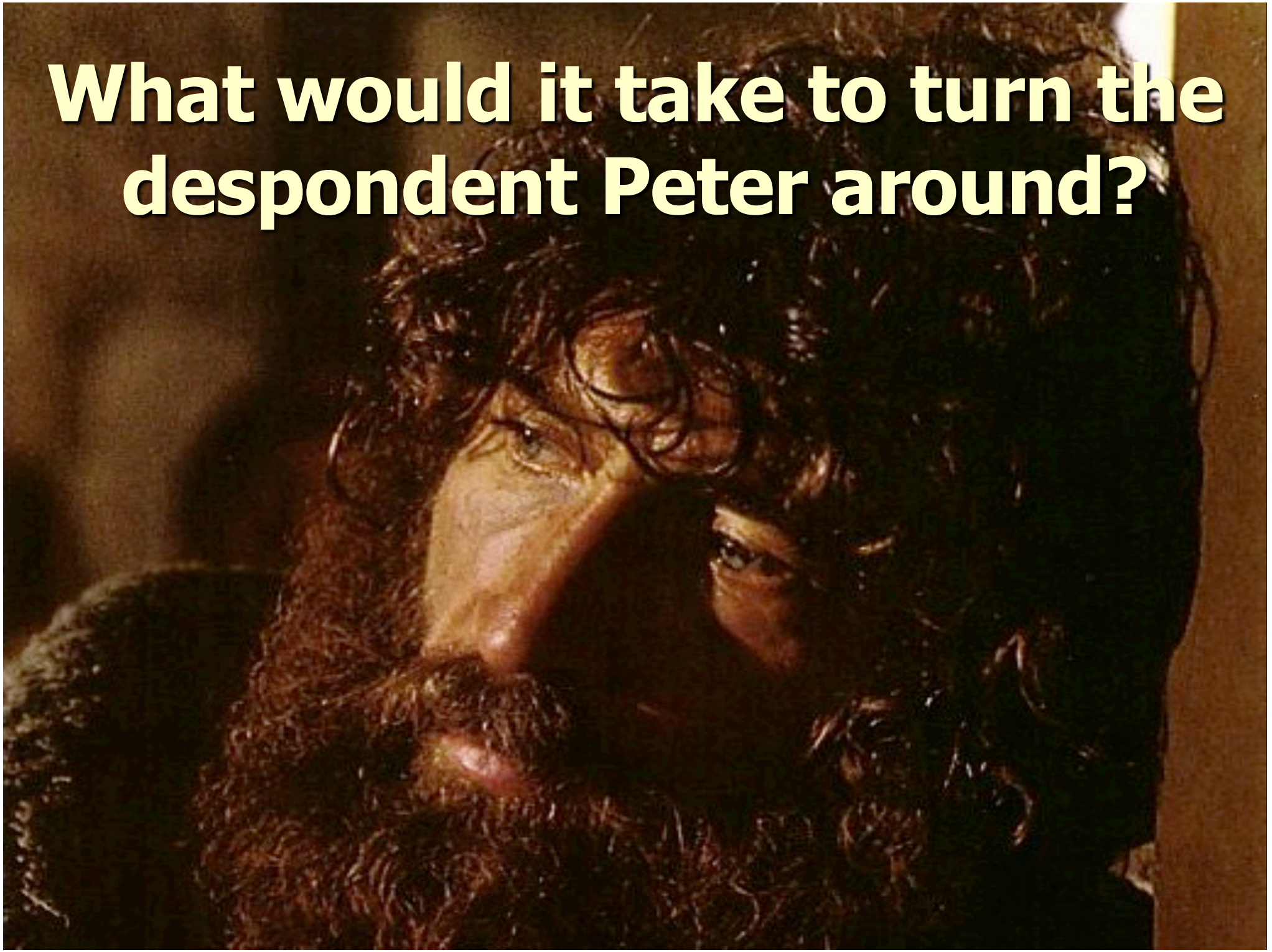
He never died?
Jesus' strength?
Disciples?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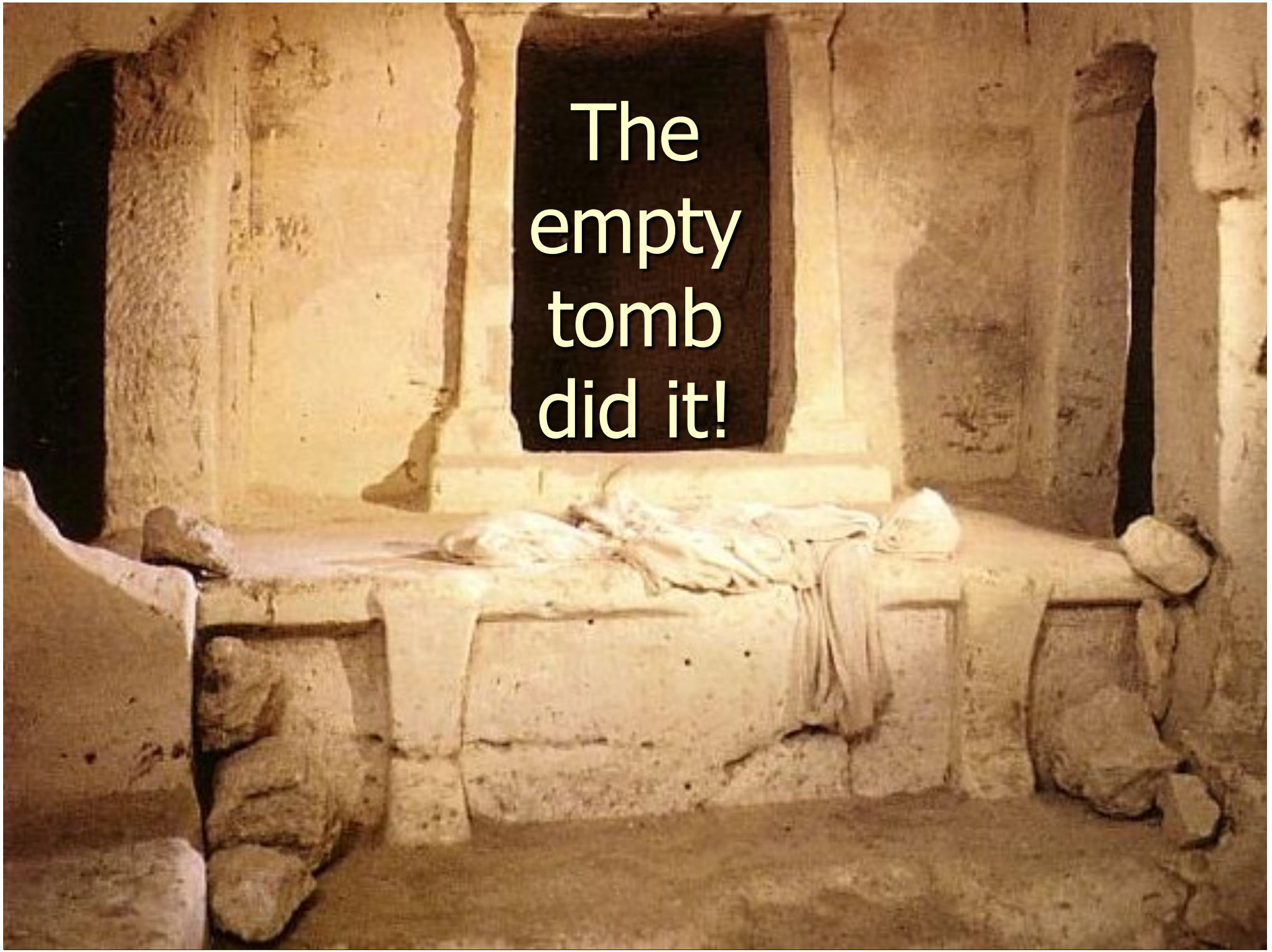
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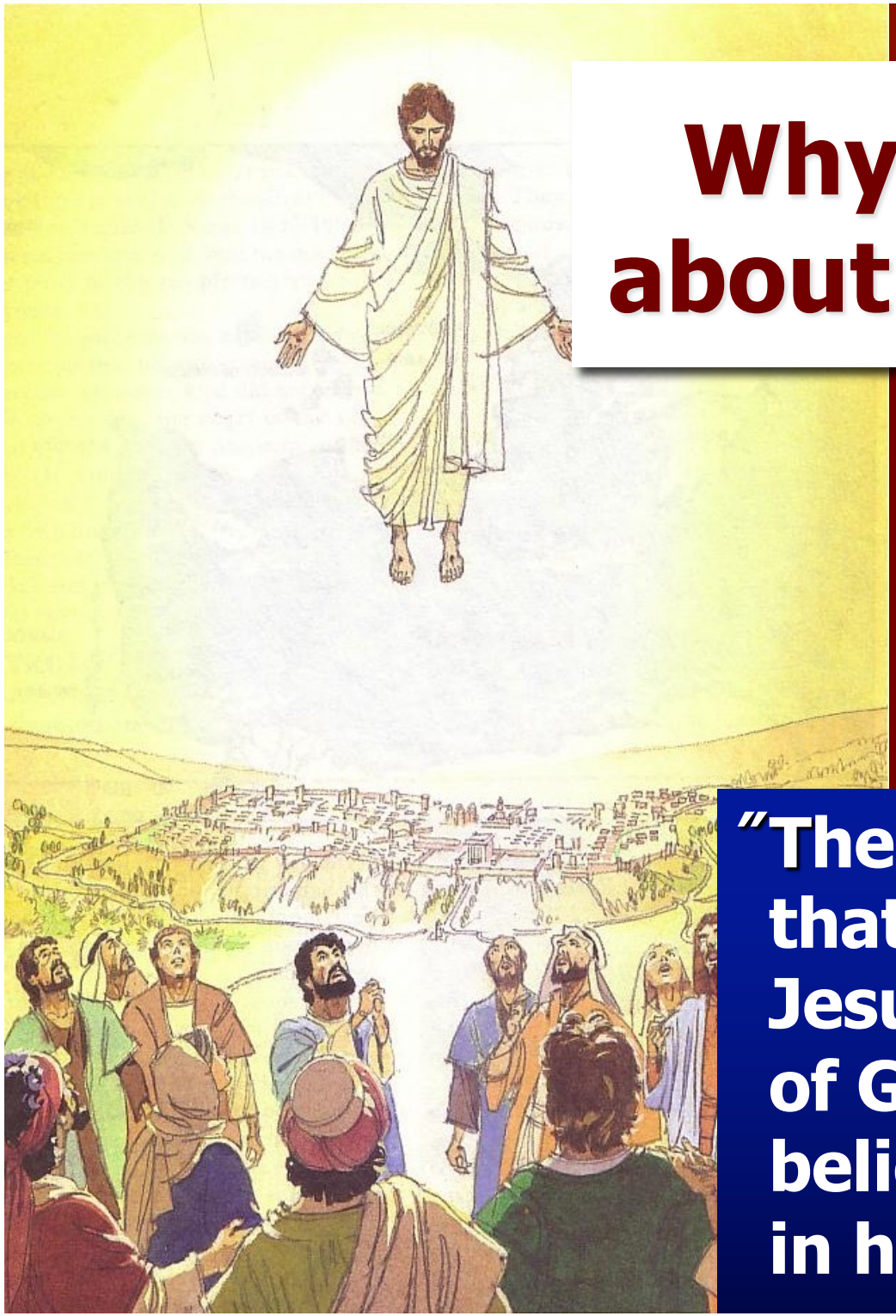
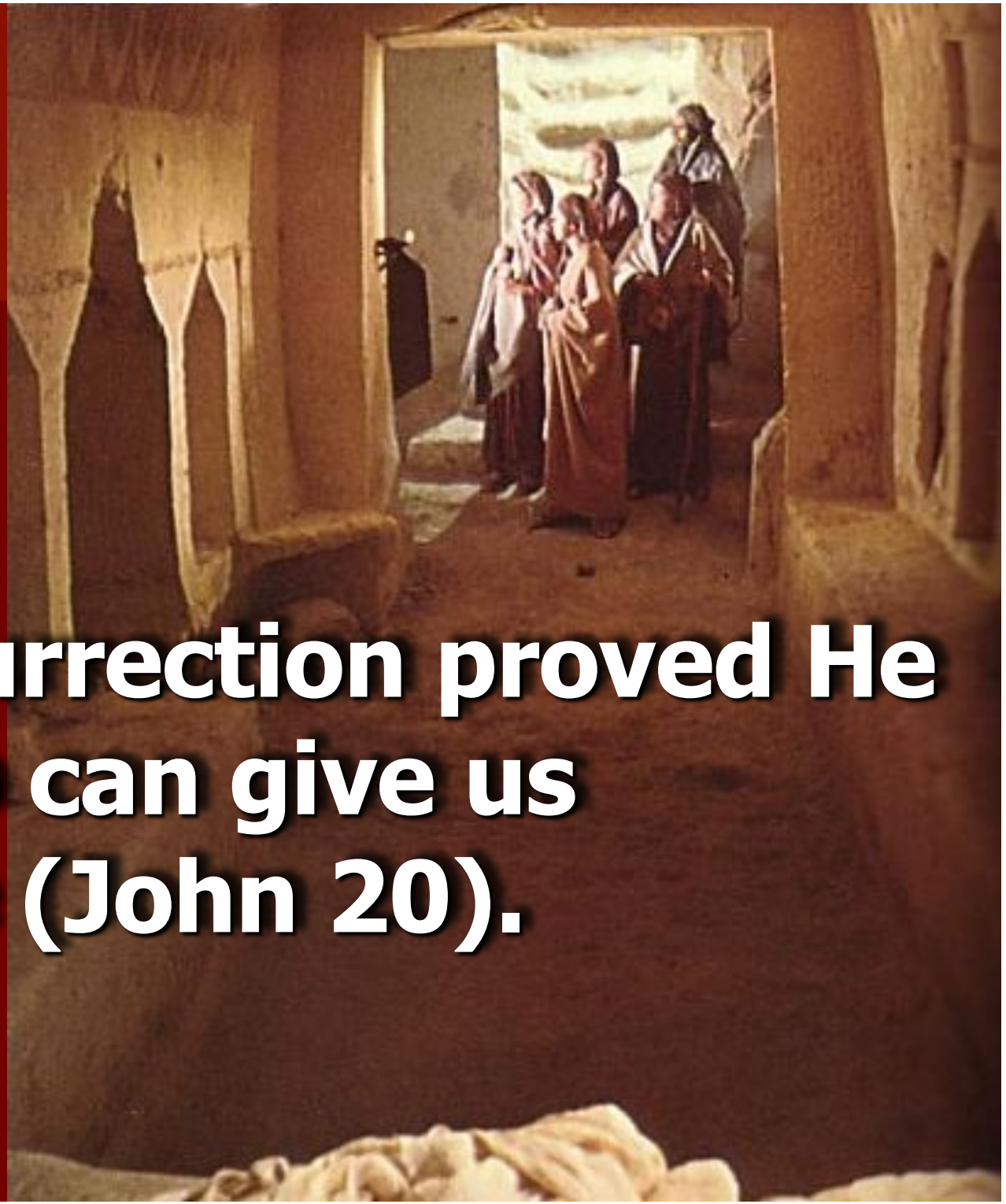


Why did John write about Jesus' miracles?

- So you can have eternal life by believing in Him!

"These [signs] are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).



Jesus' resurrection proved He is God who can give us eternal life (John 20).

Distinguishing Terms

	Eternal Security	Assurance of Salvation
Basic Meaning	Being saved from the penalty of sin forever (once saved, always saved)	Knowing that we are saved from the penalty of sin forever
Definition	"The work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be lost" (Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 328)	"The realization of the truth of eternal security or perseverance" (Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 328)

Distinguishing Terms

	Eternal Security	Assurance of Salvation
Spirit's Ministry	Sealing (Eph 1:13-14)	Assuring (Rom 8:15-17)
Believer's…	Position as child of God (Rom 8:16b)	Practice or confidence (Rom 8:16a)
Recipients	All Christians possess	Some Christians doubt
Permanence	Can't be lost (John 6:39-40; 10:27-29; Rom 8:30, 38-39; Heb 7:25)	Can be lost (for this reason John wrote 1 John 5:11-13)
Songs	"I Know Whom I Have Believed" "In Christ Alone" "The Solid Rock"	"Blessed Assurance" "Now I Belong to Jesus"

Textual Variants of John 20:31

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Present Subjunctive

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John 21

Jesus taught his adequacy for all who believe (John 21).


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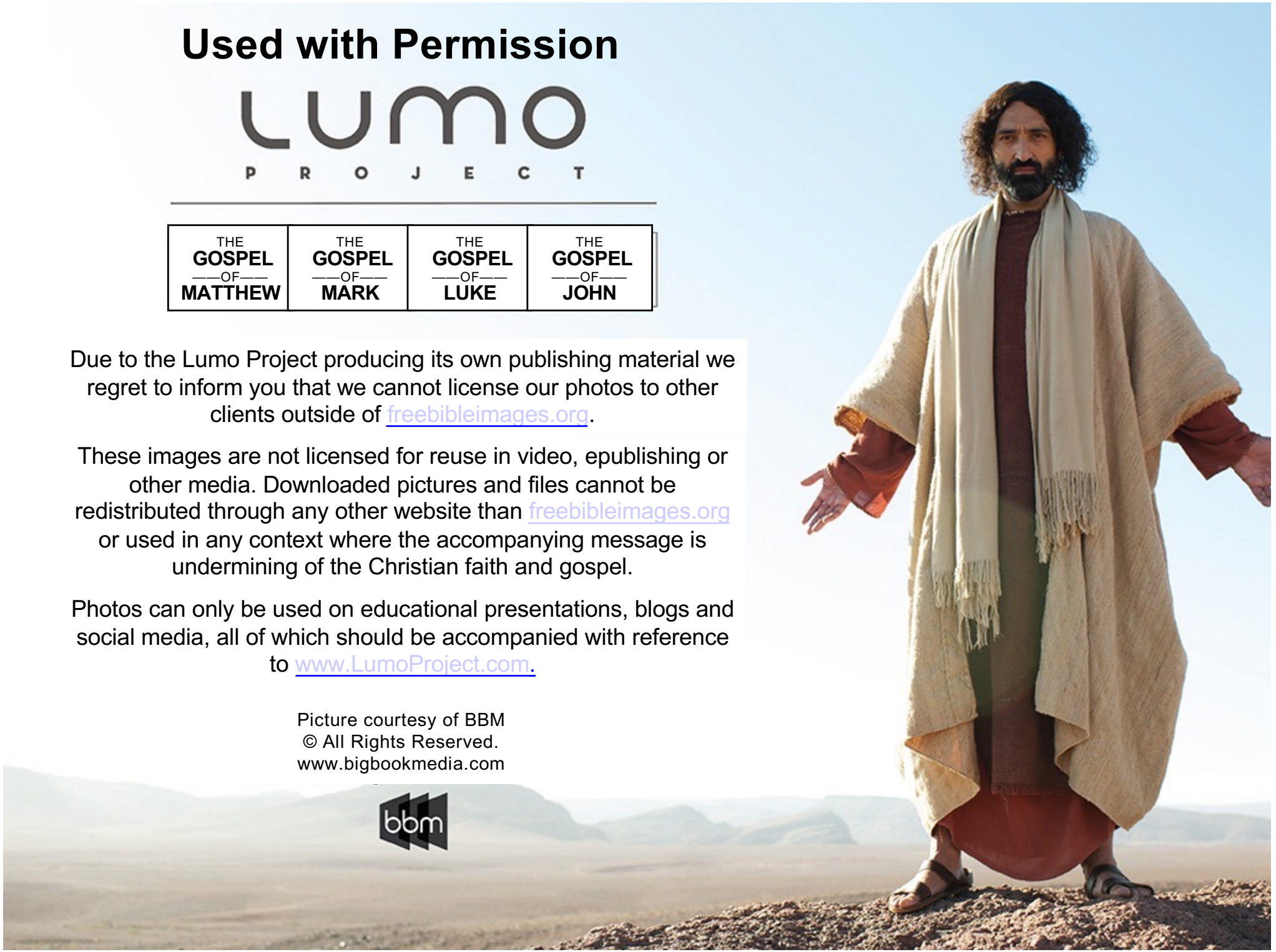


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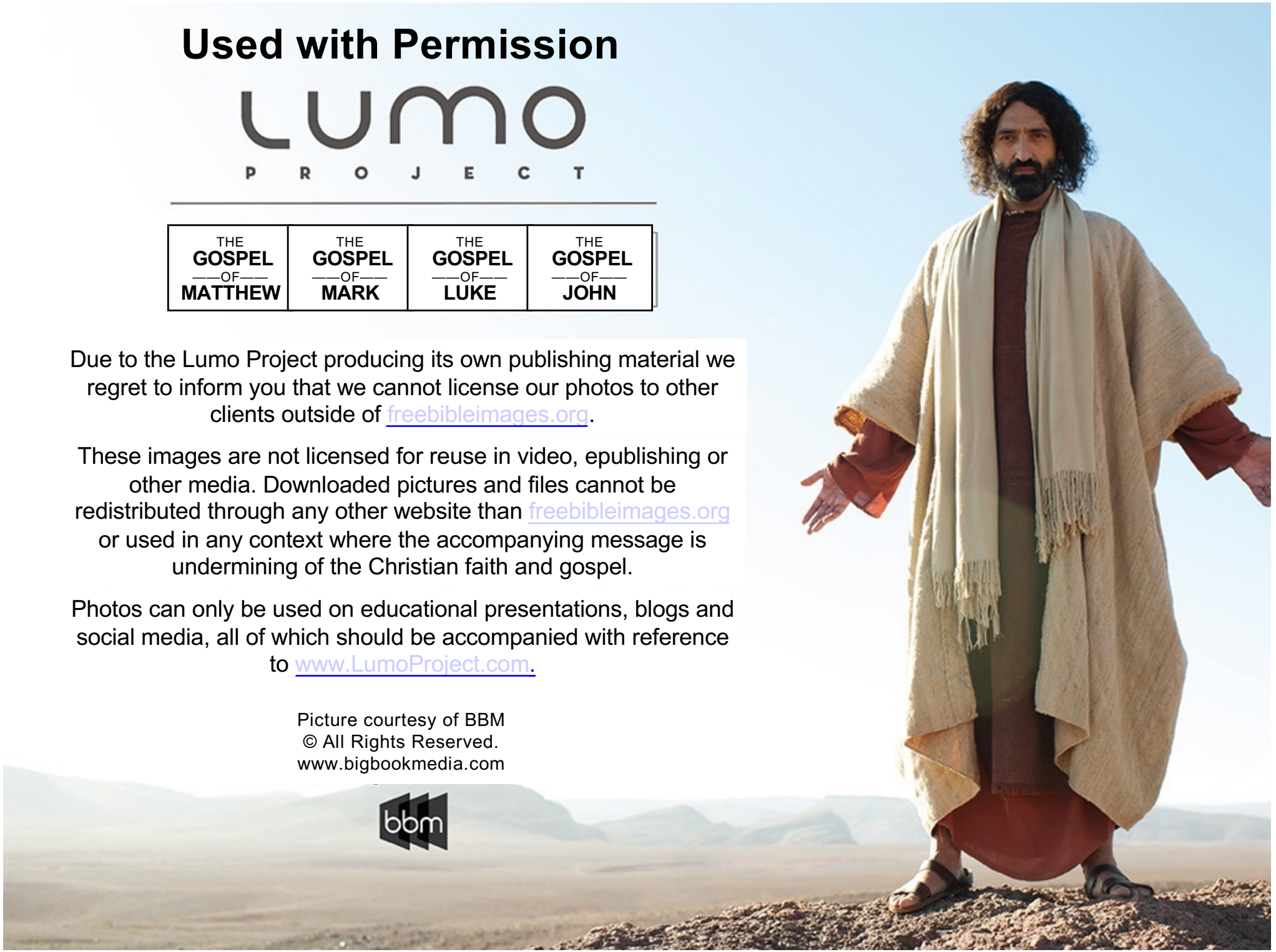
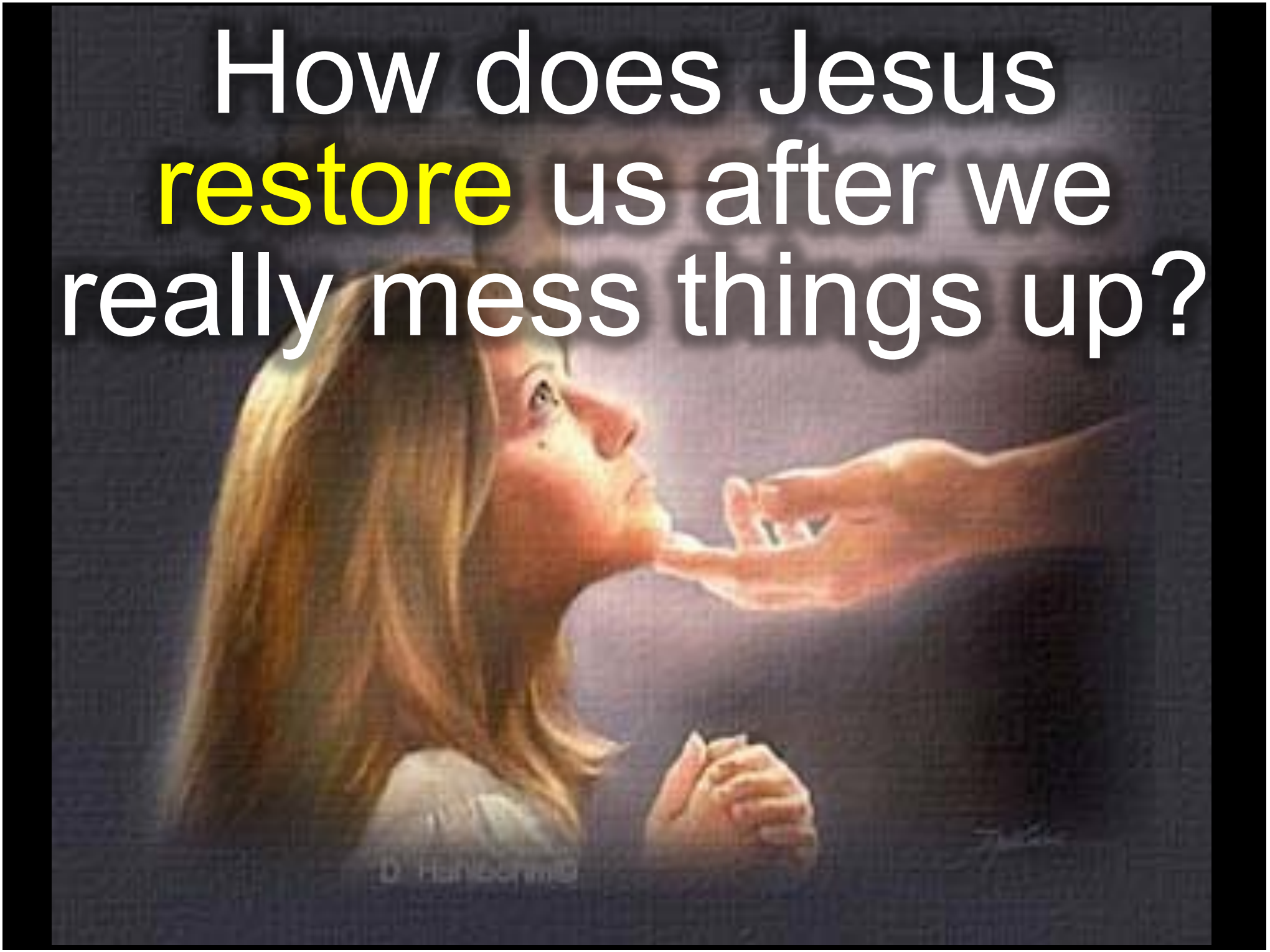



How does Jesus
restore us after we
really mess things up?

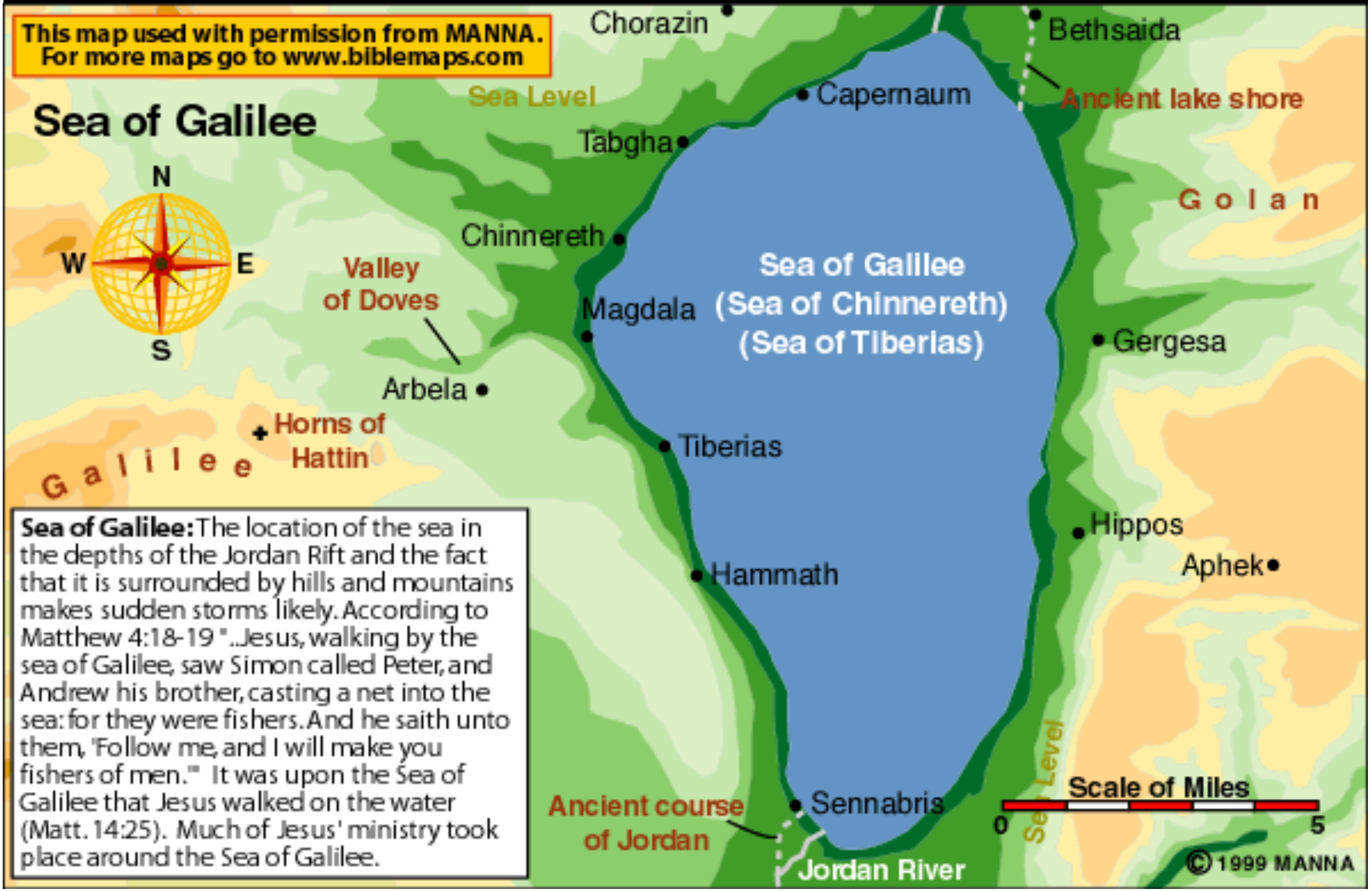
A Regretful Peter



A Resurrected Savior



The Sea of Tiberias (John 21)



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3 ways that Christ restores us after failure

- Miraculous catch
- Peter's Reinstatement
- John's Death

- Conclusion


I. Admit you need
Christ even where
you feel competent
(21:1-14).



“Have you caught anything?”

“No.”

“Cast your net on the right side.”

“Whoa!”





John: “It's the Lord!”

Peter: “Jump!”



What's the point of this miracle?

Fish Déjà Vu

Is John alluding to the earlier account?

Luke 5:1-11	John 21:1-14
Calling	Reinstatement
Jesus in boat	Jesus on shore
“Follow me”	“Feed my lambs”
Evangelize	Shepherd

Jesus' Message Repeated: “You need me to be truly competent!”

Do you admit that you need Christ even in your area of competence?





“Have you
sold
anything?”

"No, Lord"

What's your area of competence?




I. Admit you need
Christ even where
you feel competent
(21:1-14).


II. Show your love
for Christ by loving
people (21:15-17).

What are "*these*"?

- "Do you love me more than ***you love fishing***?"
- "Do you love me more than ***you love these disciples***?"
- "Do you love me more than the rest of ***these disciples love me***?"

"Do you love me more than these?"

Three Questions



Do you *agape* me?

I *phileo* you.

Do you *agape* me?

I *phileo* you.

Do you *phileo* me?

I *phileo* you.

Three Reinstatements

Do you *agape* me?

Feed my lambs

Do you *agape* me?

Take care of my sheep

Do you *phileo* me?

Feed my sheep




"Feed my sheep."

Teaching Responsibility



After breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

Don’t feed sheep junk food!



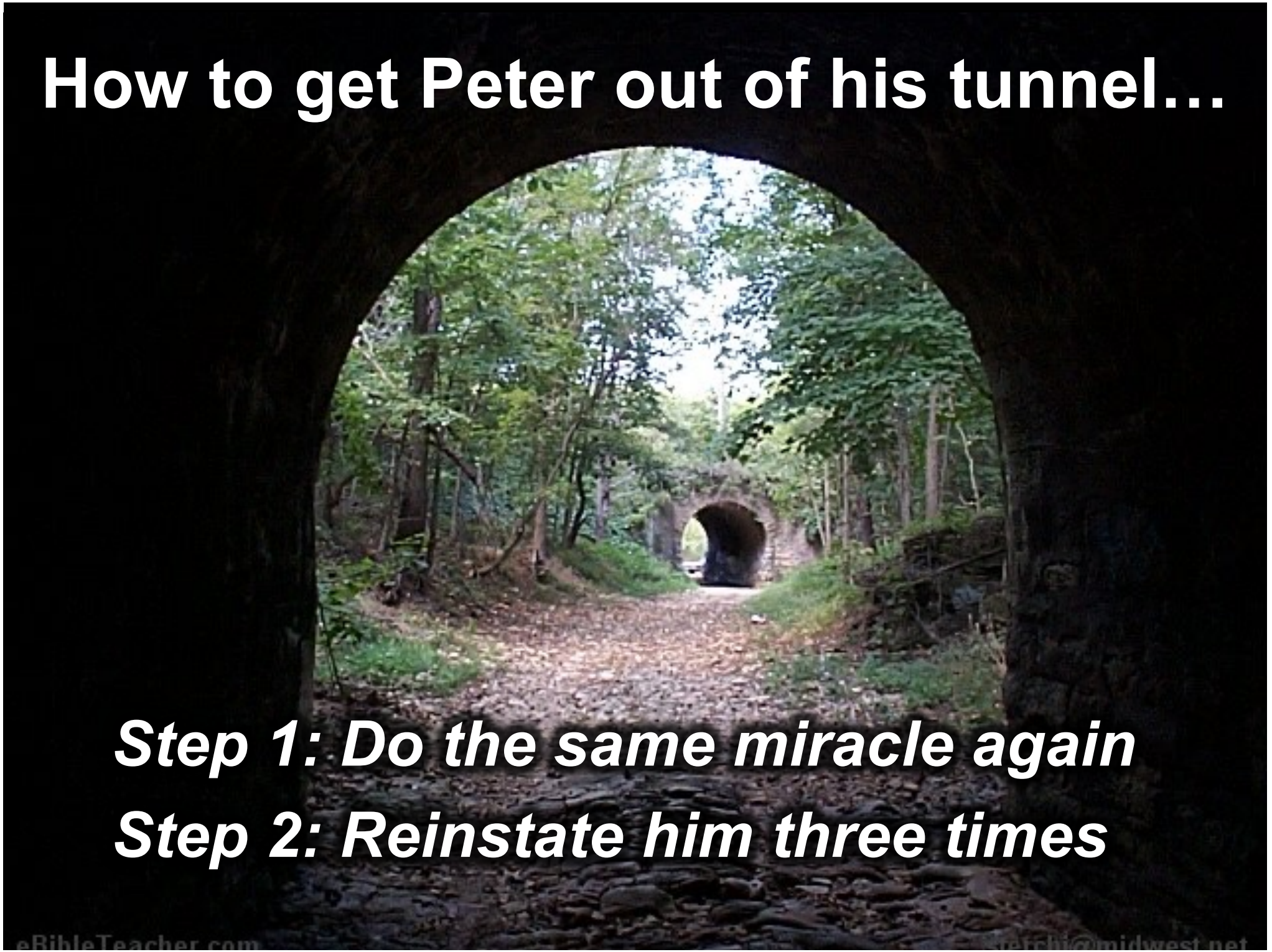
Don’t abuse sheep!



"Feed my sheep."



How to get Peter out of his tunnel…



Step 1: Do the same miracle again

Step 2: Reinstate him three times

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Do *You* Agape Others?

Do you *agape* others? I *phileo* them.

Do you *agape* others? I *phileo* them.

Do you *agape* others? I *phileo* them.

Loving people is loving Christ



Categories of Gifts
(1 Peter 4:11)

Speaking	Serving
Teaching	Administering
Evangelism	Faith
Pastor-Teacher	Giving
Encouraging	Service
	Mercy


I. Admit you need
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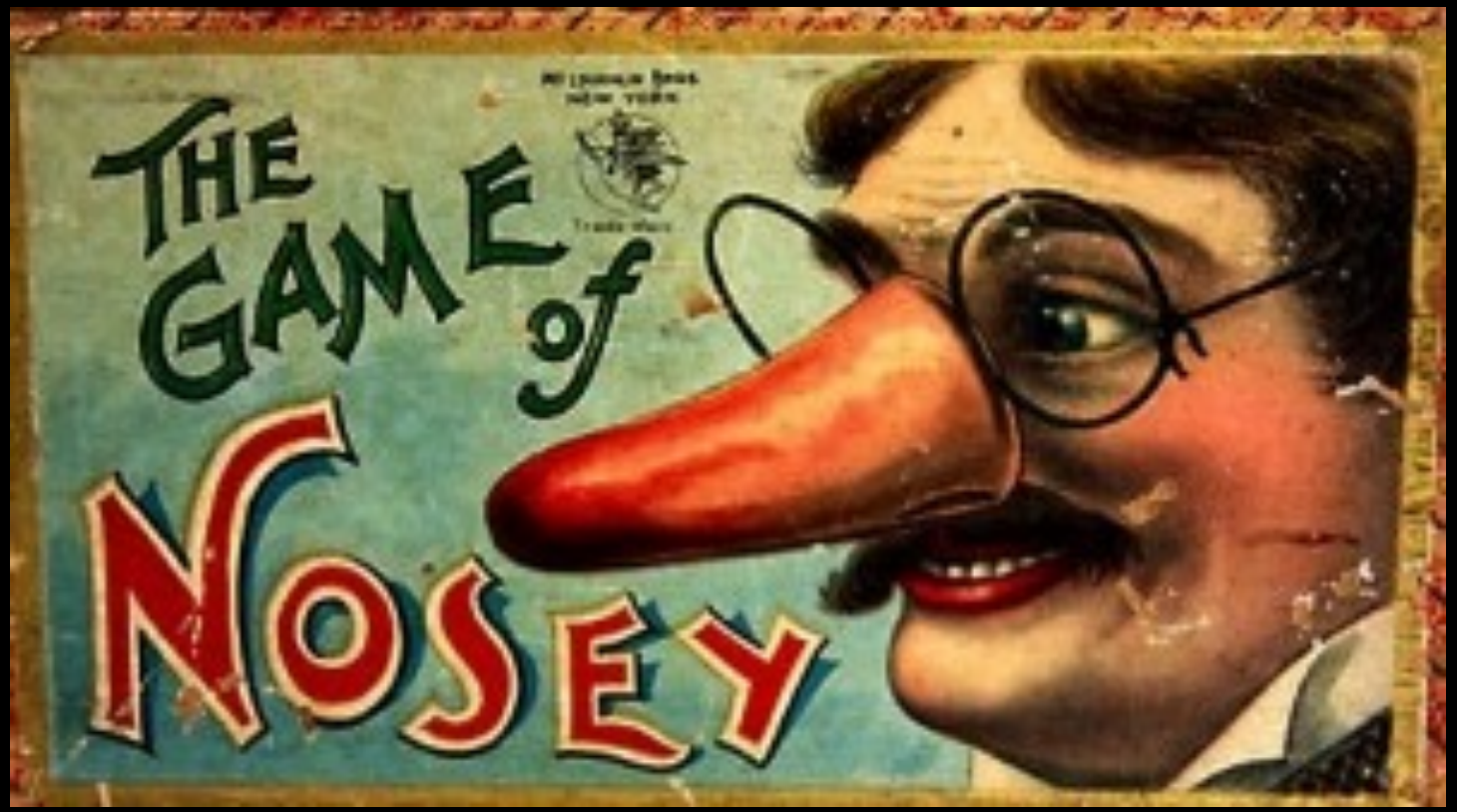
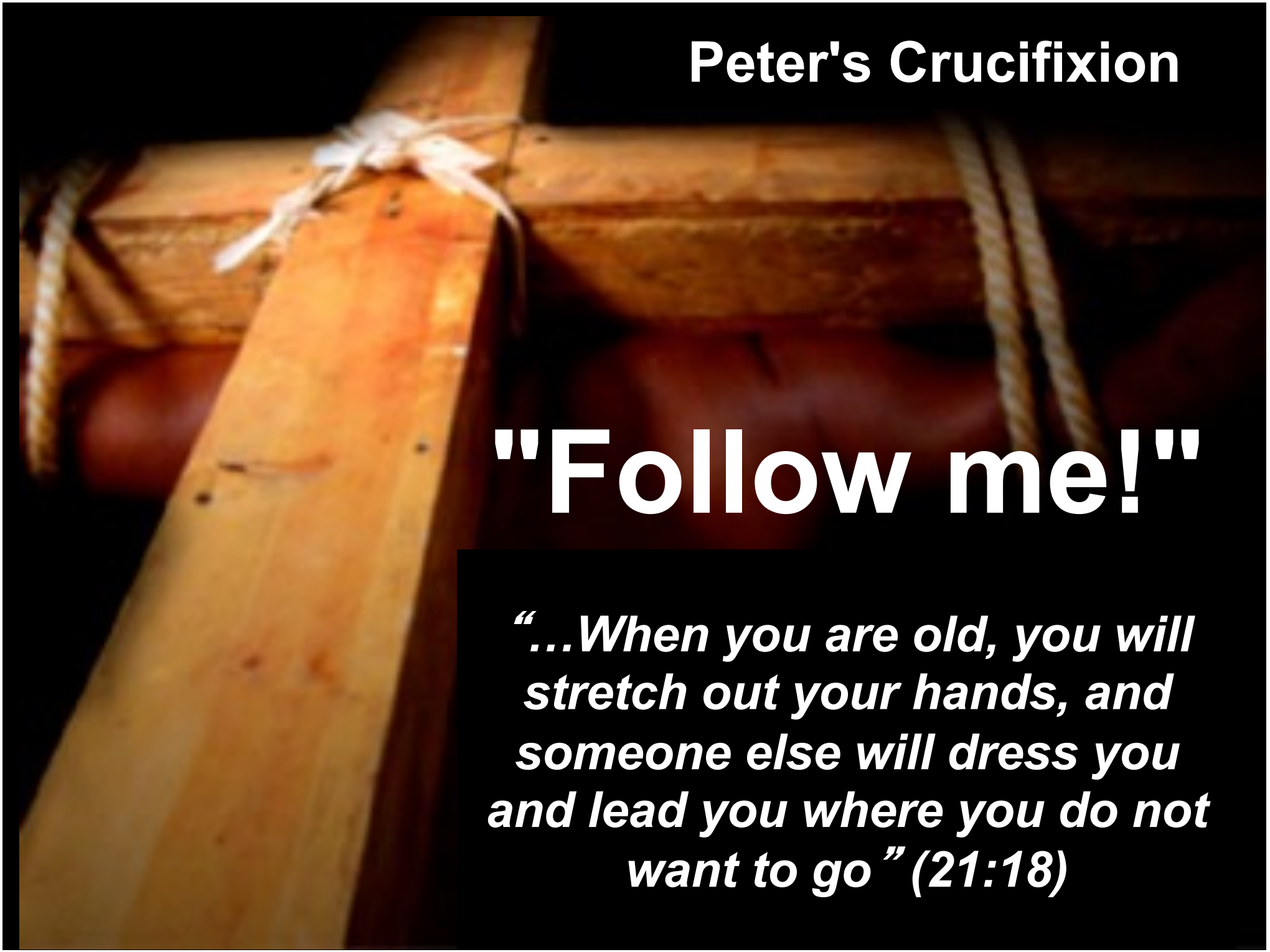
III. Don't worry about Christ's plan for others (21:18-23).




Peter's Crucifixion
"Follow me!"
"…When you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (21:18)

Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?" (John 21:21).



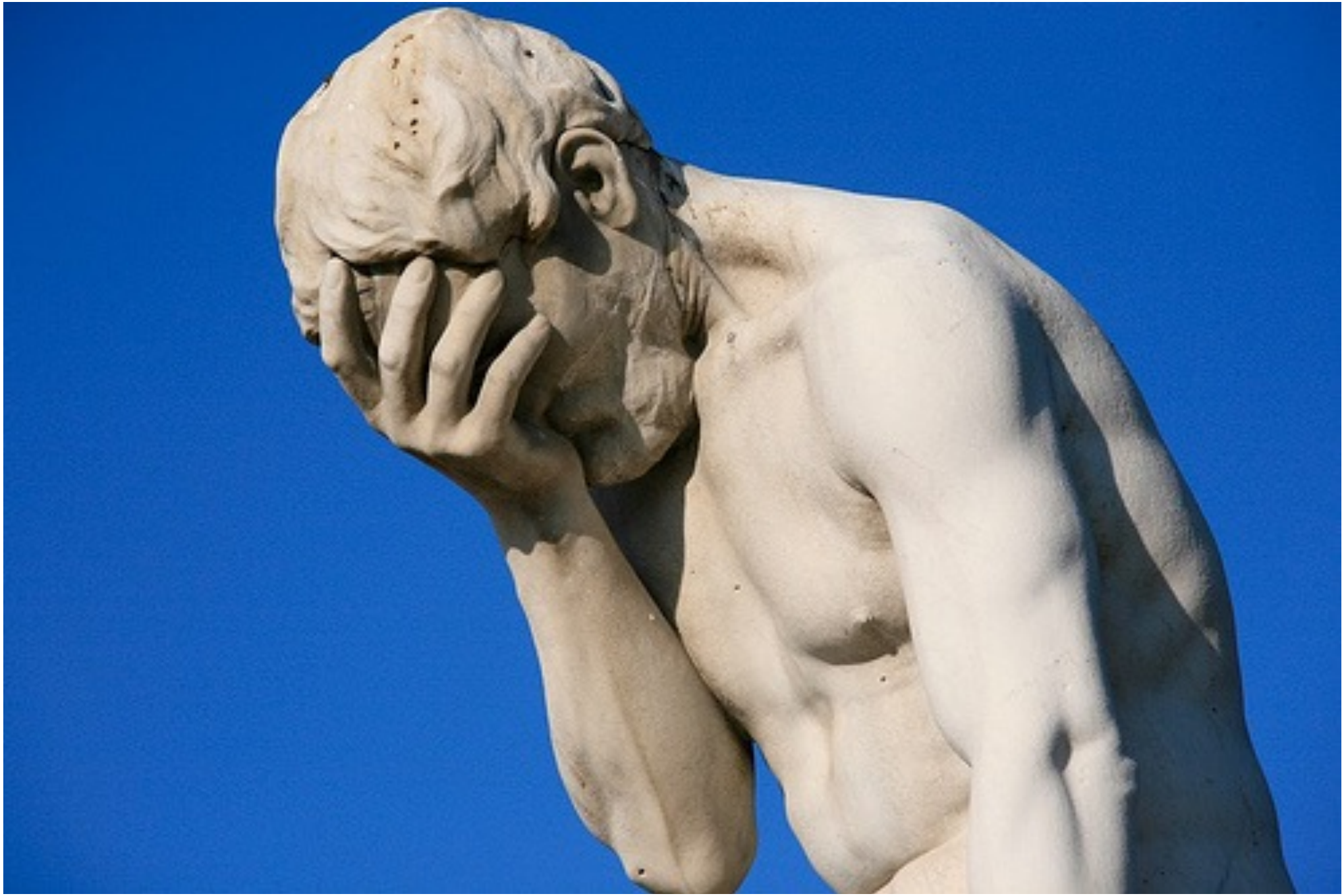
Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me" (John 21:22).

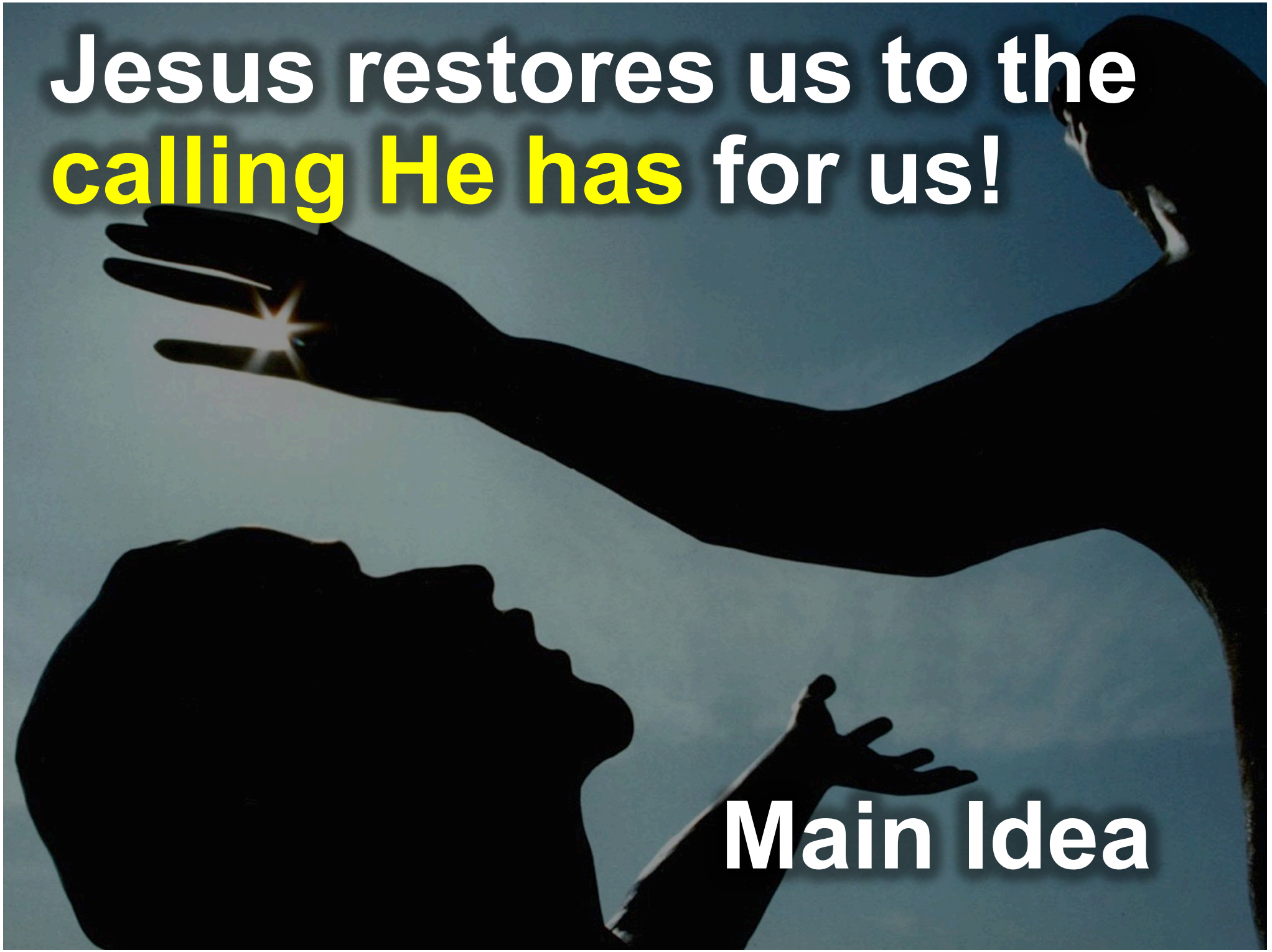


Jesus also commands us not to question his calling for others



How does Jesus restore us?




Jesus restores us to the
calling He has for us!
Main Idea

How do you find the calling He has for you?

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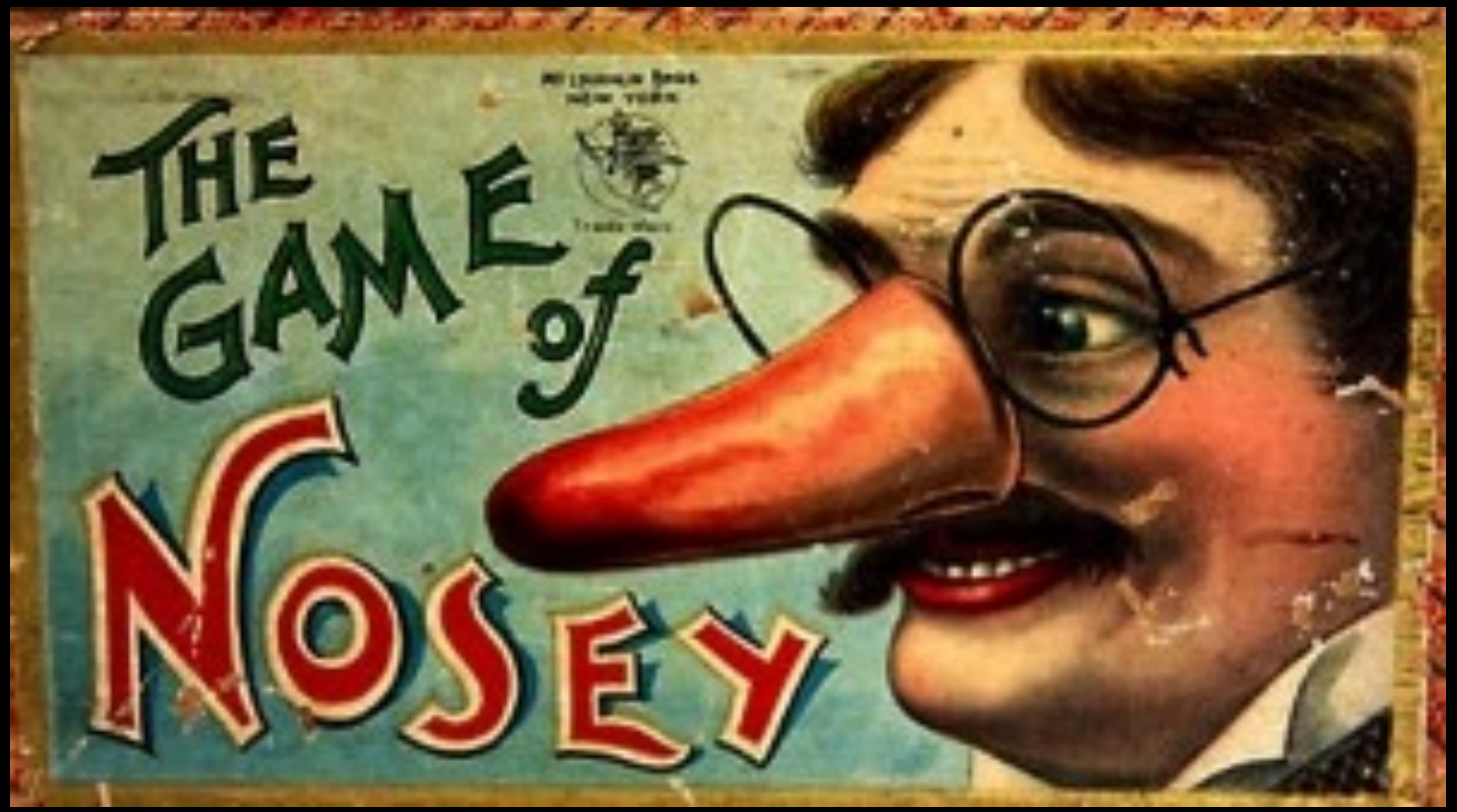
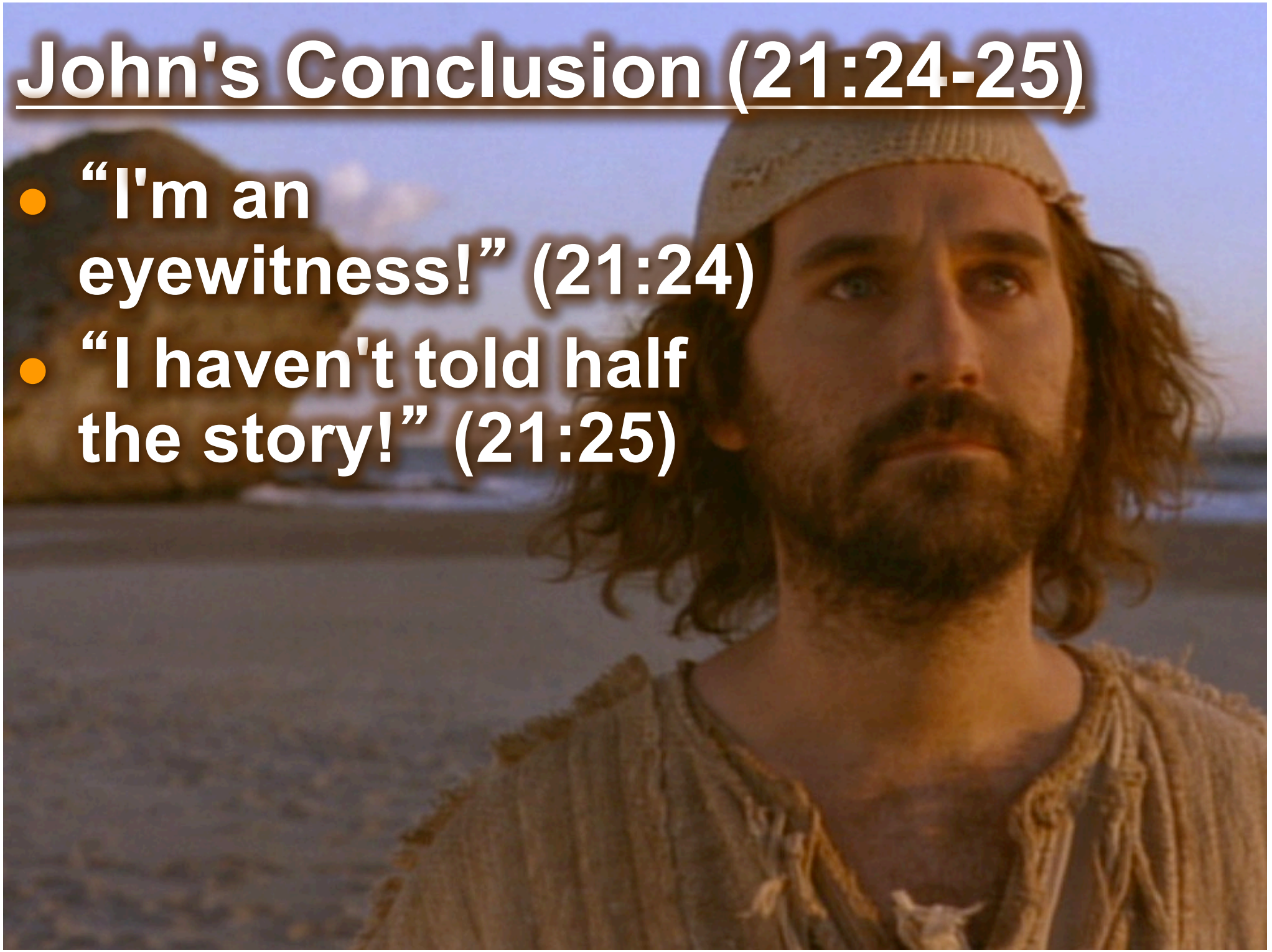
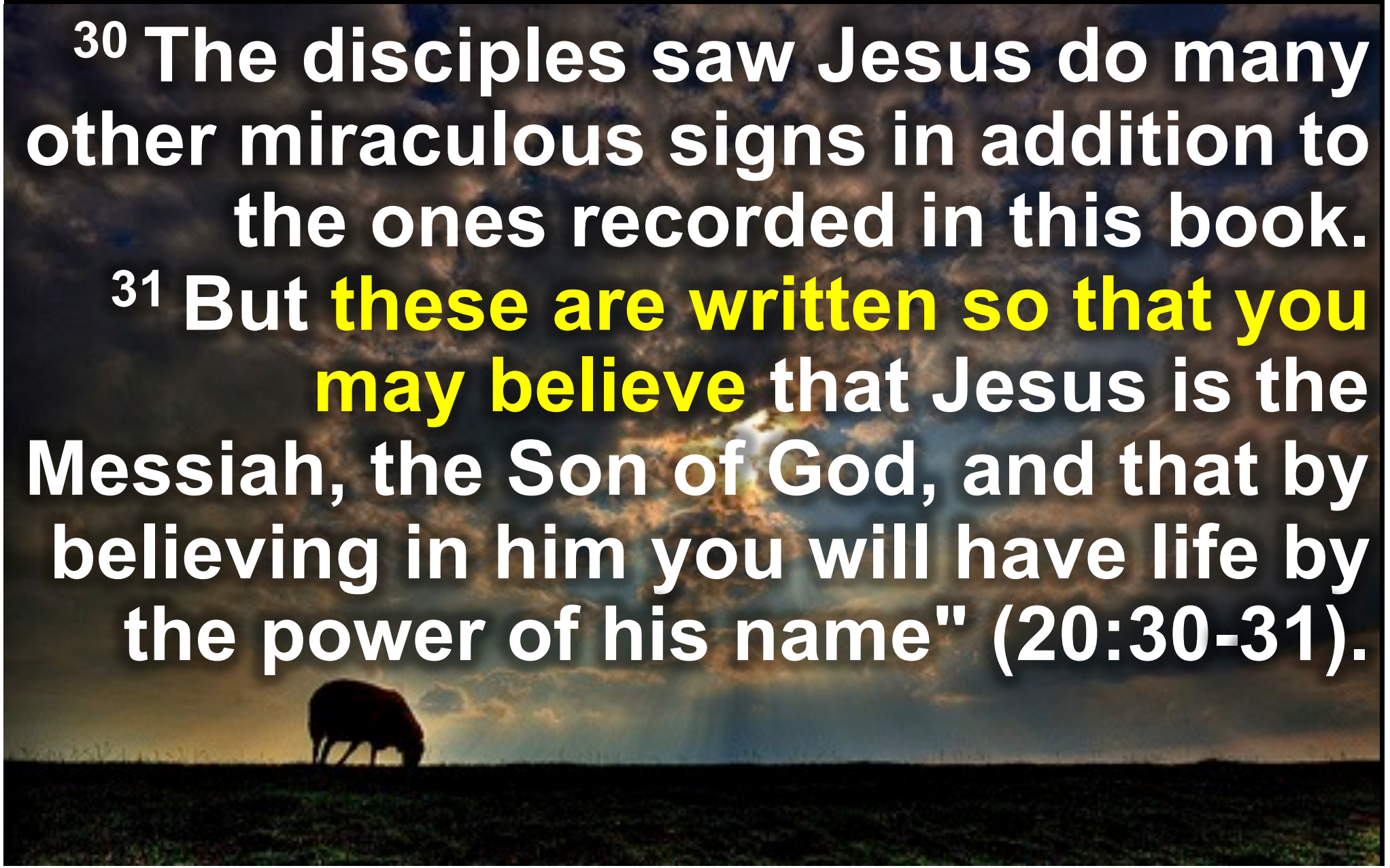


John's Conclusion (21:24-25)



- “I'm an eyewitness!” (21:24)
- “I haven't told half the story!” (21:25)

Believe in Jesus



30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book.
31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name" (20:30-31).

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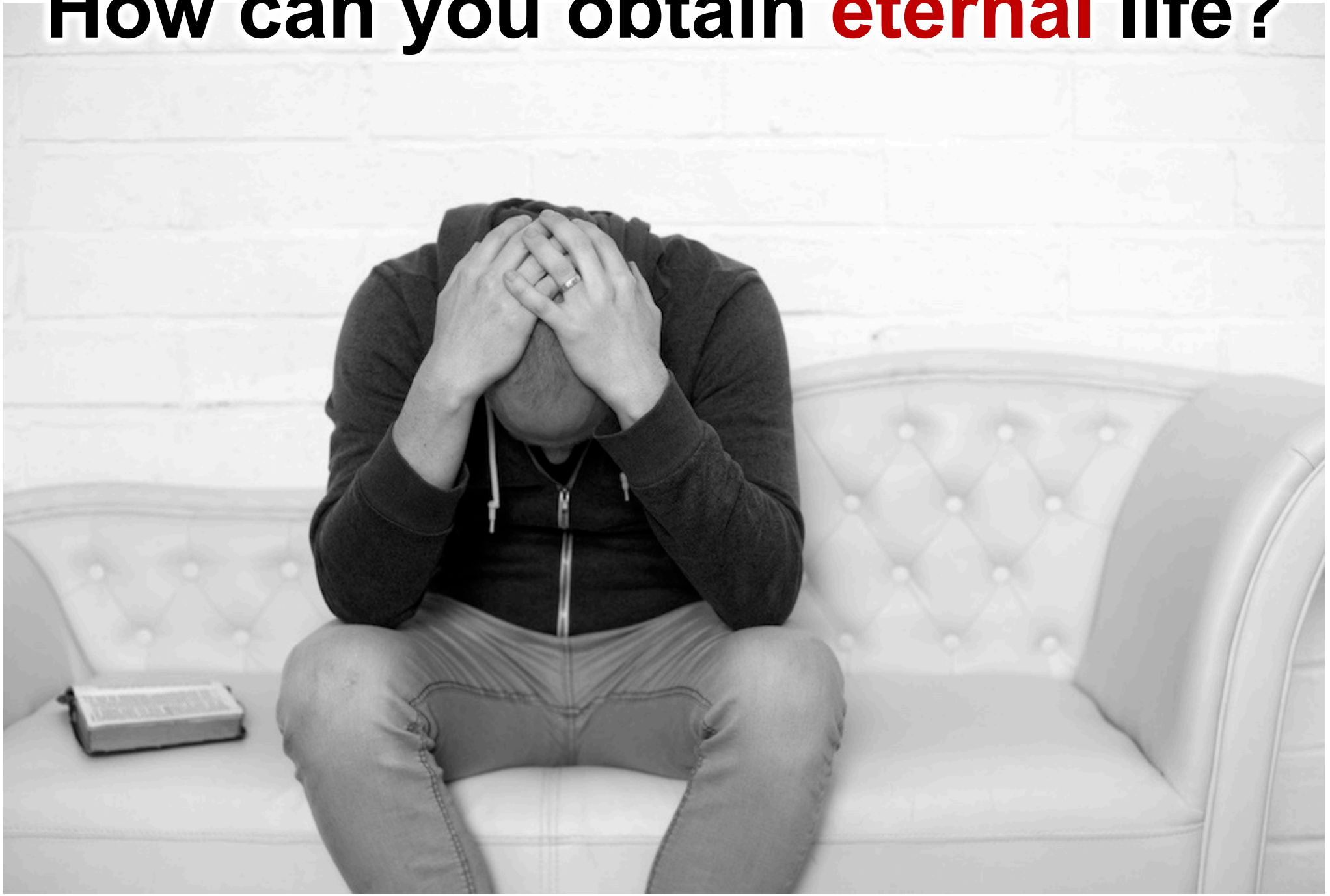
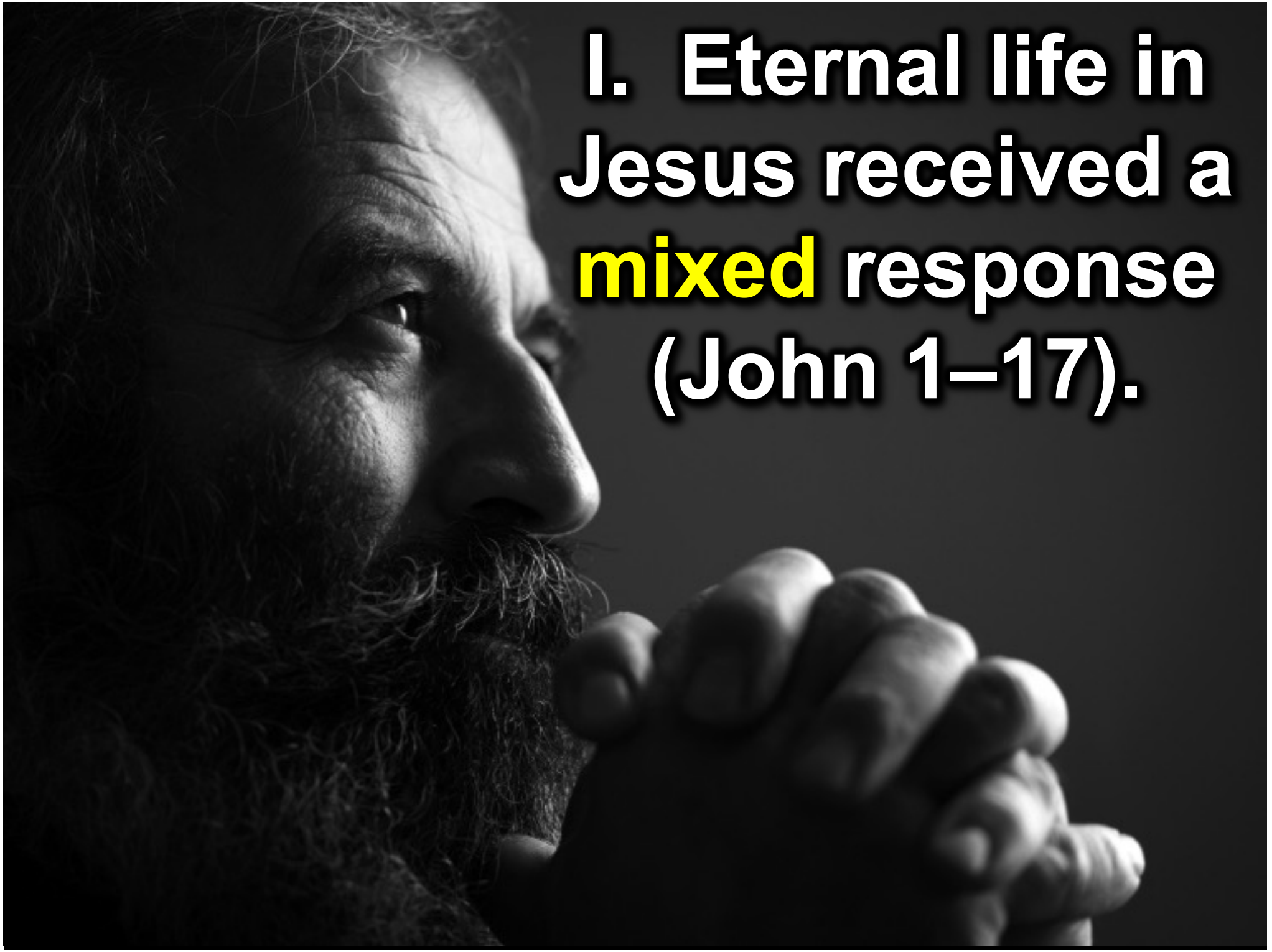
How can you obtain eternal life?

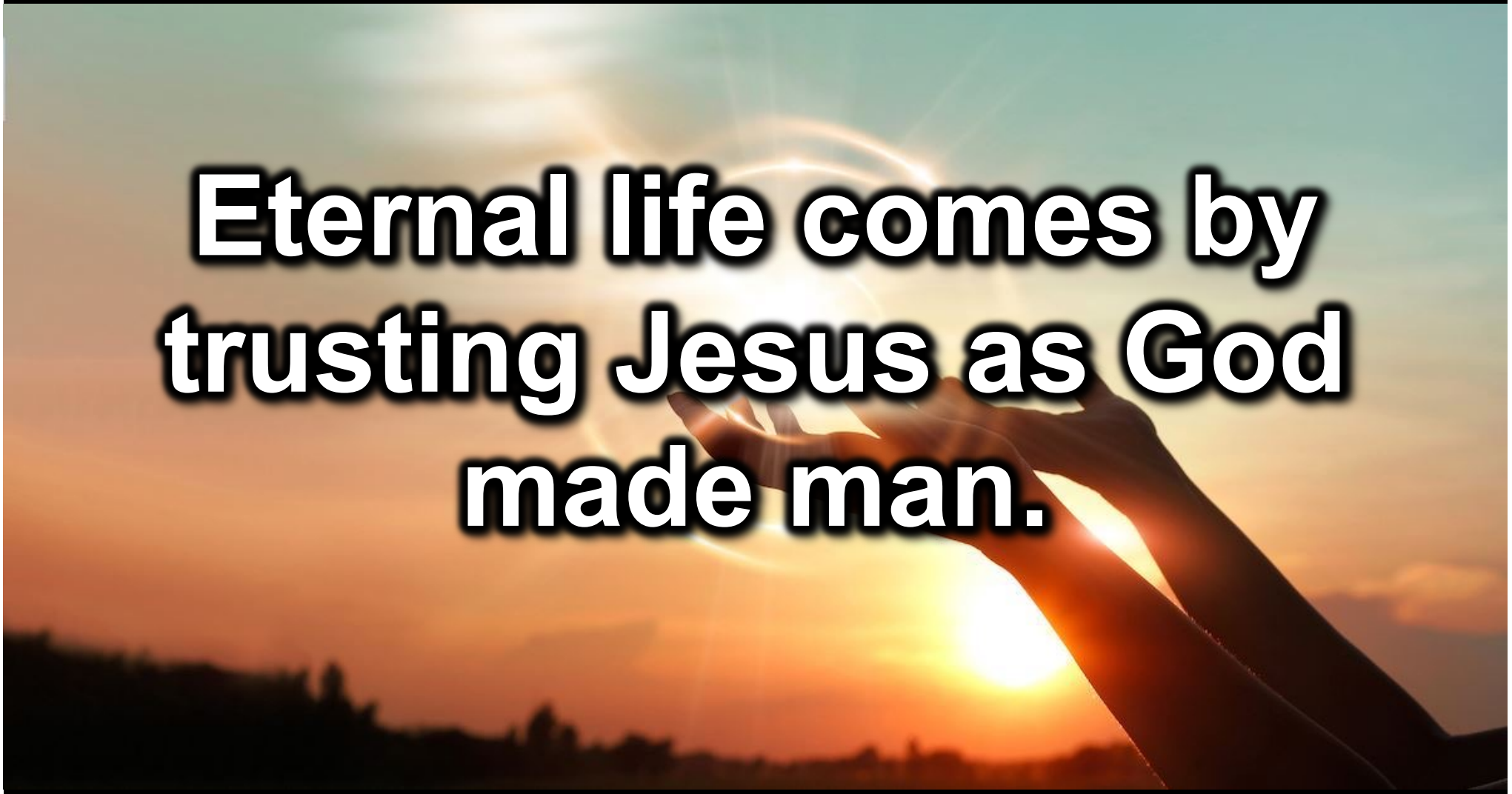



I. Eternal life in Jesus received a mixed response (John 1–17).

II. Eternal life comes by **believing** that Jesus died and rose for you (John 18–21).



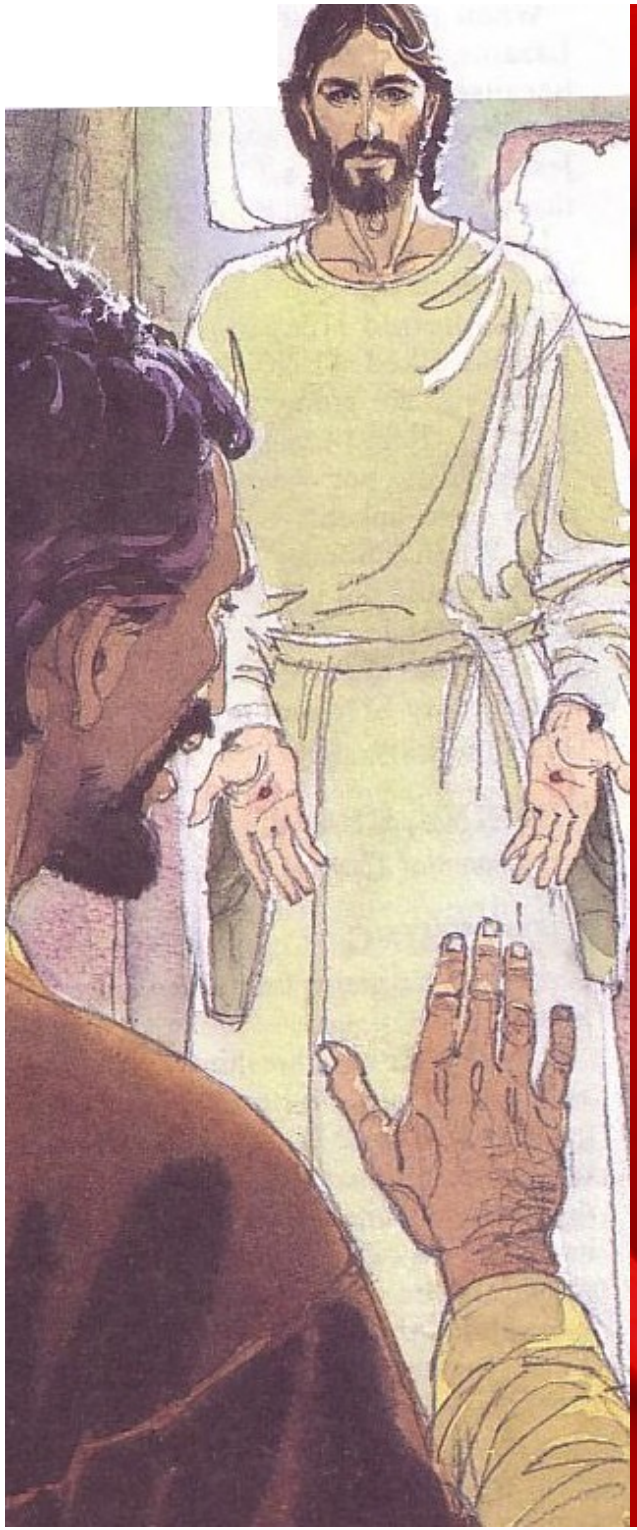
Main Idea



John

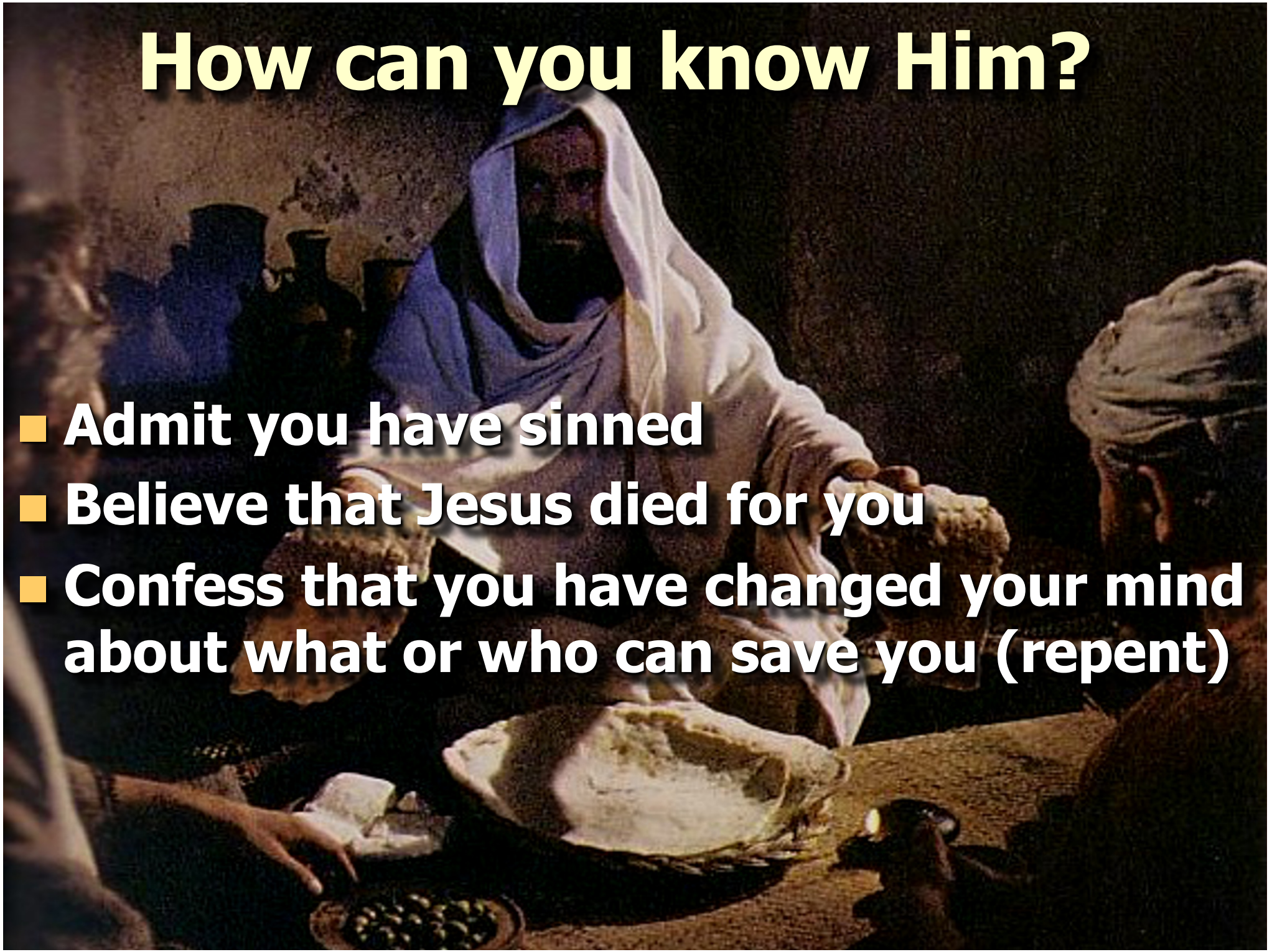
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

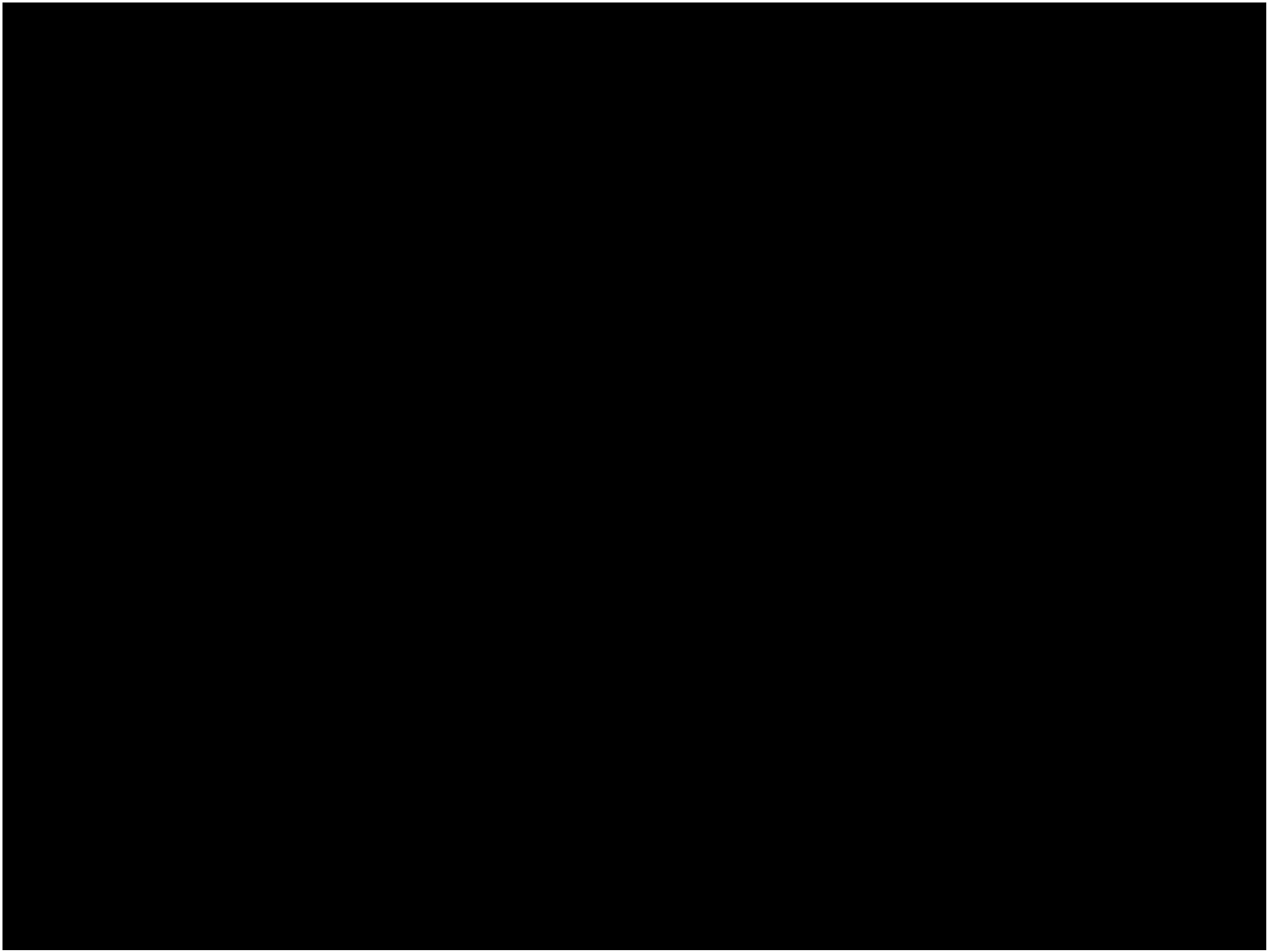


Jesus rose to give you new life!

How can you know Him?



- Admit you have sinned
- Believe that Jesus died for you
- Confess that you have changed your mind about what or who can save you (repent)



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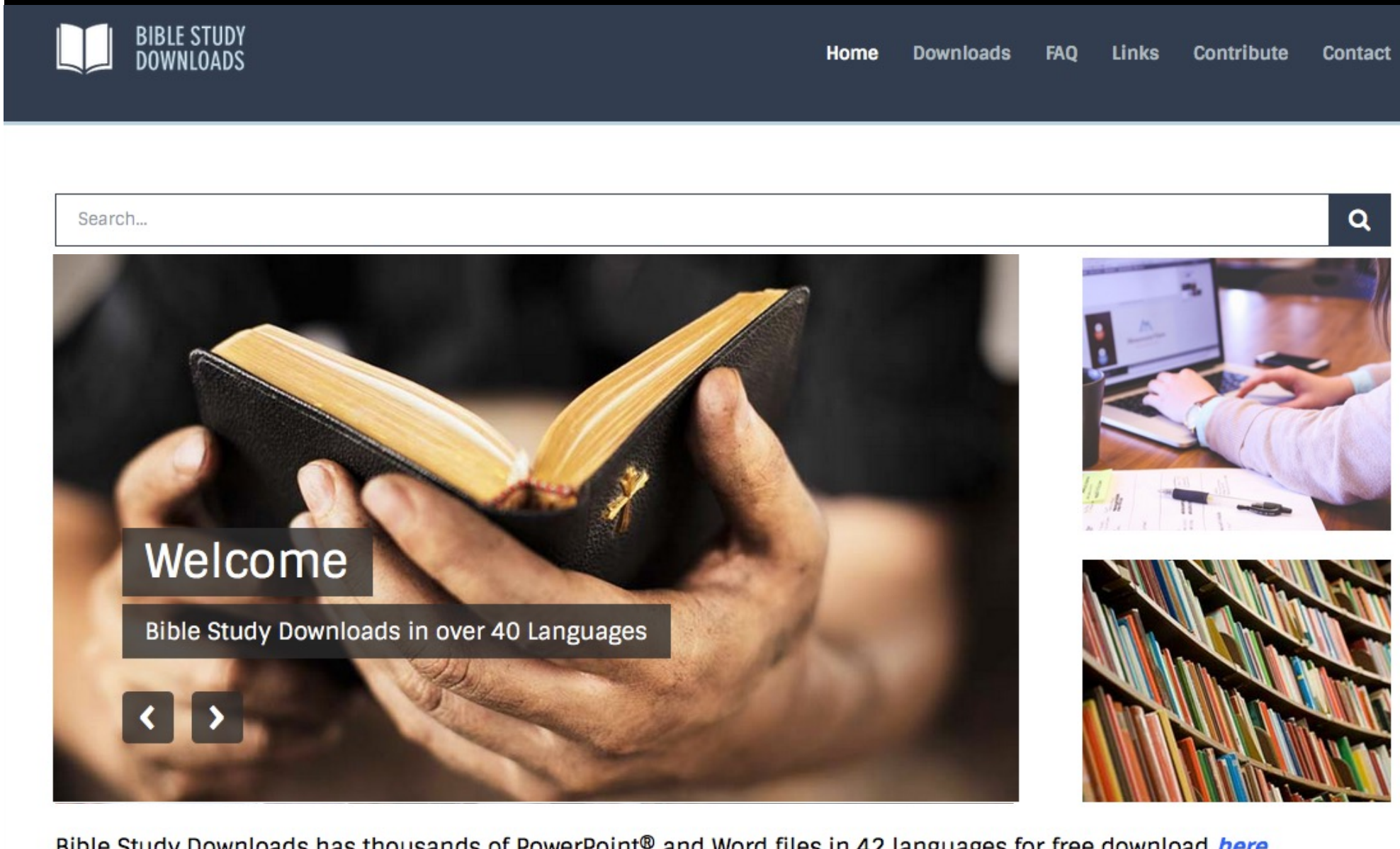

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The Means and the End…



What is the relationship between the **means** of salvation and the **end**?

In other words, how does the ***way*** we become saved relate to ***how long*** we will be saved?

Structure of the Book of John

The Gospel of John is like a prophetic lawsuit
in which Scripture calls its readers
to render a verdict
on
the evidence provided for them
about
God's dealings with His people.

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Structure of the Book of John

Introductory Testimony (1:1-51)

Prologue (1:1-18)

The Testimony of John and the First Disciples (1:19-51)

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The Testimony of Signs and Discourses (2:1–11:57)

Jesus and Jewish Institutions (2:1–4:54)

- Water into Wine – A New Joy (2:1-11)
- Temple Cleansing – A New Temple (2:12-25)
- Jesus, Nicodemus, and the Baptist – A New Birth (3:1-36)
- Jesus, the Samaritan Woman, and the Official's son – A New Universalism (4:1-54)

Jesus and the Jewish Festivals (5:1–10:21)

- Healing the Paralytic and Imitating the Father (5:1-47)
- The True Passover: The Bread of Life (6:1-71)
- The True Tabernacles: Living Water and Light of the World (7:1–9:41)
- The Good Shepherd and Oneness with the Father (10:1-42)

Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life (11:1-57)

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The Testimony of Death & Resurrection (12:1–20:31)

Actions in Preparation for Death (12:1-50)

- Anointing in Bethany (12:1-11)
- Entry into Jerusalem (12:12-50)

Teaching in Preparation for Death (13:1–17:26)

- Servant Ministry vs. Betrayal (13:1-30)
- Farewell discourse (13:31–16:33)
- High-Priestly Prayer (17:1-26)

Events Surrounding the Death Itself (18:1–20:31)

- Arrest, Trials, and Crucifixion (18:1–19:42)
- Resurrection (20:1-29)
- Purpose of the Gospel (20:30-31)

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Concluding Testimony (21:1-25)

The Reinstatement of the Disciples (21:1-23)

Epilogue (21:24-25)

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Revelation By Words and Works

8 Great "I Am" Statements

1. "I am the bread of life" (6:35)
2. "I am the light of the world" (8:12)
3. "Before Abraham was, I am"(8:58)
4. "I am the door" (10:7)
5. "I am the good shepherd" (10:11,14)
6. "I am the resurrection and the life" (11:25)
7. "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (14:6)
8. "I am the true vine" (15:1)

The 9 miracles: eternal life teaching & application

1. Changing water into wine at Cana (2:1-11)

   The joy of eternal life

   If He can transform water, He can change me

2. Healing the official's son in Capernaum (4:46-54)

   The condition of eternal life (faith)

   I am never too far away to be in His care

The 9 miracles: eternal life teaching & application

3. **Healing the invalid at the Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem (5:1-18)**
   The power to live the eternal life
   No limitation surpasses His authority

4. **Feeding the 5,000 near the Sea of Galilee (6:5-14)**
   The food for eternal life
   Jesus can meet our deepest needs

The 9 miracles: eternal life teaching & application

5. **Walking on water in the Sea of Galilee (6:16-21)**

   Guidance for eternal life

   Jesus is Lord of life's storms

6. **Healing the man born blind in Jerusalem (9:1-7)**

   Light for eternal life

   Jesus offers spiritual and physical sight to the willing

The 9 miracles: eternal life teaching & application

7. **Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-45)**

   Victory over death of others

   Jesus is the Lord of life and death

Post cross signs...

8. **Resurrection of Christ (John 20)**

   Victory over own death

   Jesus will give me a glorified body

9. **Miraculous fish catch at Sea of Galilee (21:1-13)**

   Adequacy for every need

   Jesus is sufficient for me in all of life

If John's goal is for evangelism, then reading the God-inspired Gospel should give us the sense of God's call to witness for Him

The Creator-God is waiting for the harvest, which is plenteous but laborers are few. God's consuming passion is the salvation of His people.

But who would go for Him?



Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I Am, Lord

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

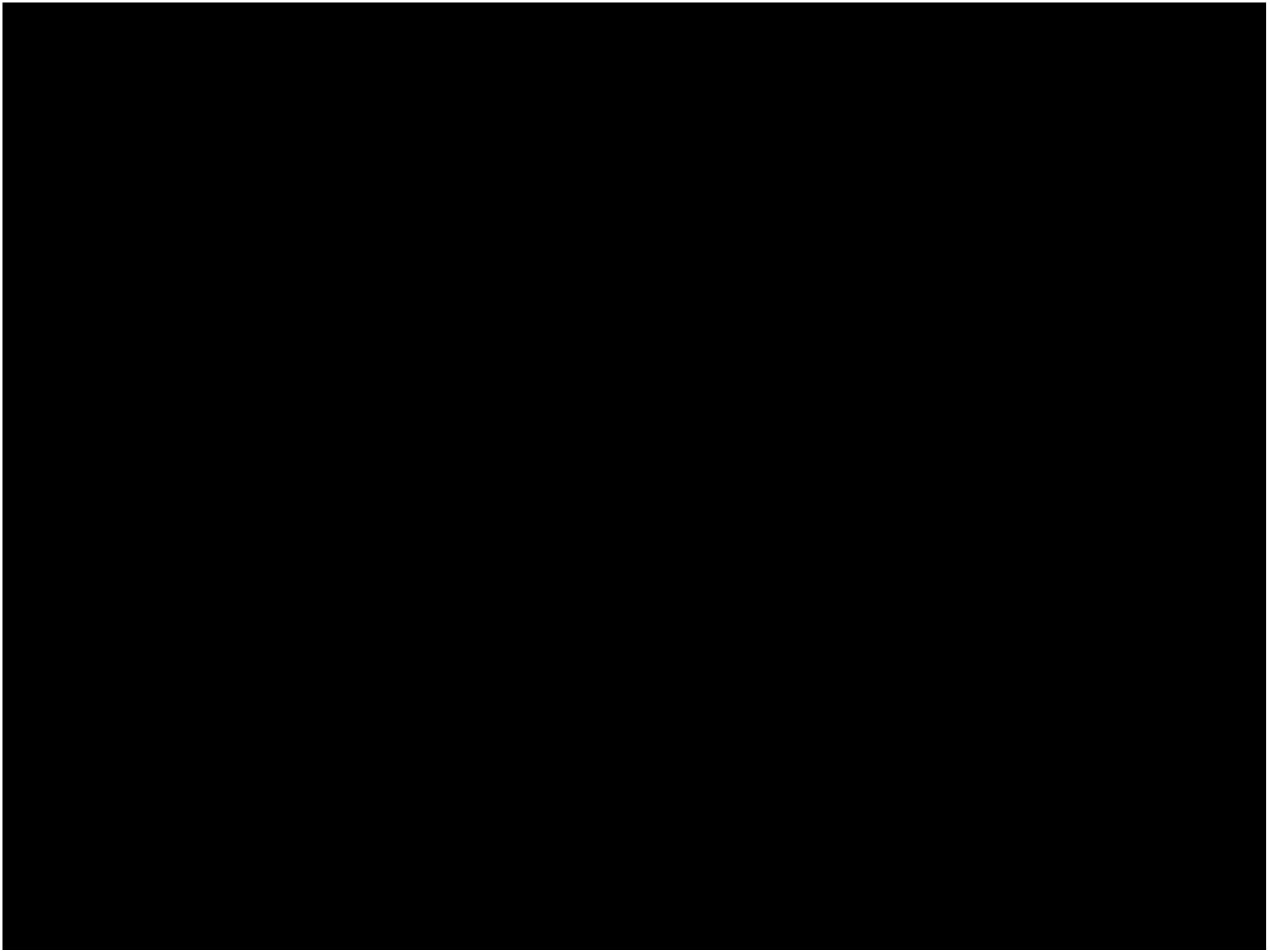
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.,

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
whom shall I send?



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