



# Acts 17-19

**Key Word**

56  
39

# **Sovereignty II**

**Acts**



## **Universal Savior Proclaimed in Sovereign Kingdom Progress**

**Acts**

# Key Verse

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**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (1:8).**

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**Summary Statement**

**The reason to witness everywhere is because God has directed the progress of the kingdom message to all people since early church history**

**Application**

**How is God extending his kingdom message through you?**

**How are you fitting into His overall purpose to spread the gospel throughout the entire earth?**

# Kingdom Statement

27b

**The kingdom message expands from its reception by Jews in Jerusalem (1:1–6:7) to Judeans and Samaritans (6:8–8:40) to Gentiles in Rome (chaps. 9–28) in many “progress reports” (2:47; 6:7; 8:40; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; 28:30-31; also possibly 2:41; 4:31; 5:42; 8:25, etc.) to show believers that God will grow his church, not man.**

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**Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to form the church (1:8; 2:14-18, 33, 38-39; 10:44-47), so believers should repent and be baptized to join this new covenant community called the church (2:21, 38; 3:19; 10:43, 47-48; 17:30; 26:20).**



# Redemption

27b

**The universal appeal for salvation through the gospel is stressed (1:8; 28:30-31) in this book that records over 80 geographical locations—more than any other New Testament book.**

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# Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

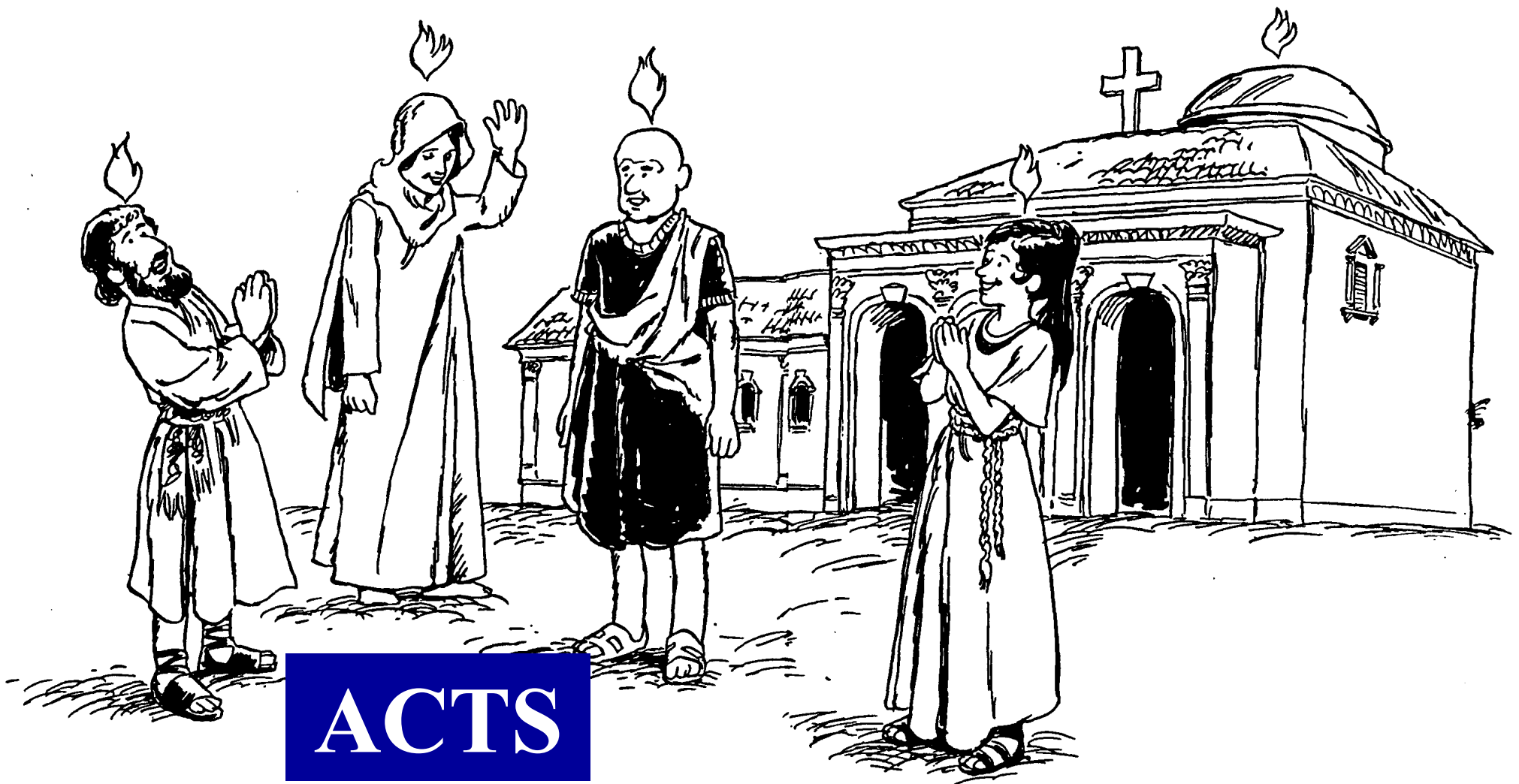
**Jesus fulfilled the OT prophecies (2:30; 3:19, 24; 10:43; 26:6-7, 22), especially in his miracles (2:22; 10:38), death according to God's purposes (2:23; 3:13-15, 18; 4:11; 10:39; 26:23), resurrection (2:24, 31-32; 3:15, 26; 10:40-41; 17:31; 26:23), and exaltation to God's throne as Lord (2:25-29, 33-36; 3:13; 10:36) until he returns (3:20-21; 10:42; 17:31; cf. NTS, 137).**

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## **Universal Savior Proclaimed in Sovereign Kingdom Progress**

| <b>Jerusalem</b>              | <b>Judea and Samaria</b>             | <b>Uttermost Part</b>          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1:1–6:7</b>                | <b>6:8–8:40</b>                      | <b>Chapters 9–28</b>           |
| <b>Jews</b>                   | <b>Samaritans<br/>(mixed breeds)</b> | <b>Gentiles</b>                |
| <b>AD 33-35<br/>(2 years)</b> | <b>AD 35<br/>(a few months)</b>      | <b>AD 35-62<br/>(27 years)</b> |





# ACTS

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 <b>H</b> eavenly ascension of Christ       | 11 <b>W</b> orship with Gentiles defended     | 20 <b>T</b> ouching farewell from Ephesians |
| 2 <b>O</b> utpouring of Holy Spirit          | 12 <b>O</b> utbreak from the prison           | 21 <b>H</b> oly Spirit warns Paul           |
| 3 <b>L</b> ame man is healed                 | 13 <b>R</b> elaying gospel to Antioch         | 22 <b>E</b> ffect of Paul's testimony       |
| 4 <b>Y</b> ield from public preaching        | 14 <b>K</b> indness mixed with confusion      |                                             |
|                                              | 15 <b>I</b> nvestigation by Jerusalem Council |                                             |
| 5 <b>S</b> apphira and Ananias judged        | 16 <b>N</b> eed for Timothy's circumcision    | 23 <b>C</b> ouncil of the Sanhedrin         |
| 6 <b>P</b> roviding deacons ends injustice   | 17 <b>G</b> ospel presentation in Athens      | 24 <b>H</b> earing held by Felix            |
| 7 <b>I</b> ntensive defense by Stephen       |                                               | 25 <b>U</b> rgent appeal to Caesar          |
| 8 <b>R</b> ising persecution scatters church | 18 <b>I</b> nterview with Aquila, Priscilla   | 26 <b>R</b> easoning with King Agrippa      |
| 9 <b>I</b> ntroducing Saul to gospel         | 19 <b>N</b> ew believers in Ephesus           | 27 <b>C</b> aesarea to Malta Island         |
| 10 <b>T</b> aking gospel to Cornelius        |                                               | 28 <b>H</b> eralding gospel in chains       |



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# Be Witnessing

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# The Witness Stand



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# Why should we be **witnessing?**

**3 reasons**

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I. God has gone ahead of us so  
we can begin where we **are**  
(Acts 1:1–6:7).





## II. God gets the glory when we witness outside our **comfort** zone (Acts 6:8–8:40).



III. God will use us to spread the kingdom to the last **unreached** place (Acts 9–28).





# Main Idea of the Book

Be part of **God's plan** to  
bring the kingdom message  
to all people.

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**What is your role in God's  
plan that he started in  
early church history?**

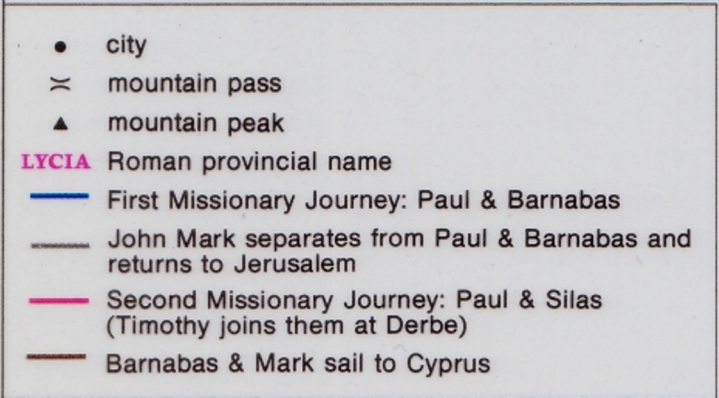
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# Acts 17







A.D.  
49-52



ANCIENT ATHENS

Acts 15-18

## 2. "The European Thrust"

Significance: many church plants; call to Macedonia, on to Athens, "the unknown god"; Mars Hill; lengthy Corinthian stay.

# Turn the Other Cheek

**<sup>35</sup> The next morning the city officials sent the police to tell the jailer, “Let those men go!” <sup>36</sup> So the jailer told Paul, “The city officials have said you and Silas are free to leave. Go in peace.”**



# Turn the Other Cheek

Matt 5:39 But I say, do not resist  
an evil person! If someone slaps  
you on the right cheek, offer the  
other cheek also.

# Thessalonica

- Short period of time (3 weeks)
- Preached in synagogue (resurrection)
- **Some** Jews / **Many** devout (God-fearing) Greek men believed
- Opposed by Jews



# Berea

- Short period of time
- Preached in Synagogue
- **Many** Jews / **Many** prominent Greek men and women believed
- Opposed by Jews from Thessalonica

# Thessalonica

# Berea

**Some** Jews  
Believed

**Many** Jews  
Believed

<sup>11</sup> And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.

**The**  
**Berean**  
**Call**

*"[The Bereans] ... searched the scriptures daily  
[to see] whether those things were so."*

Acts 17:11

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**God reveals himself**  
*(through his word)*  
**to those who seek**  
**and worship him**





# Athens

- Short Period of Time
- Preached in Synagogue

- Troubled by all the idols
- Debated philosophers

- **Sermon for Gentiles**

# Sermon for Gentiles

22

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23

- Gentiles are seeking God

24

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26

- Who God is

27

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29

- What God is doing

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- God's Expectations



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**Athens Acropolis**





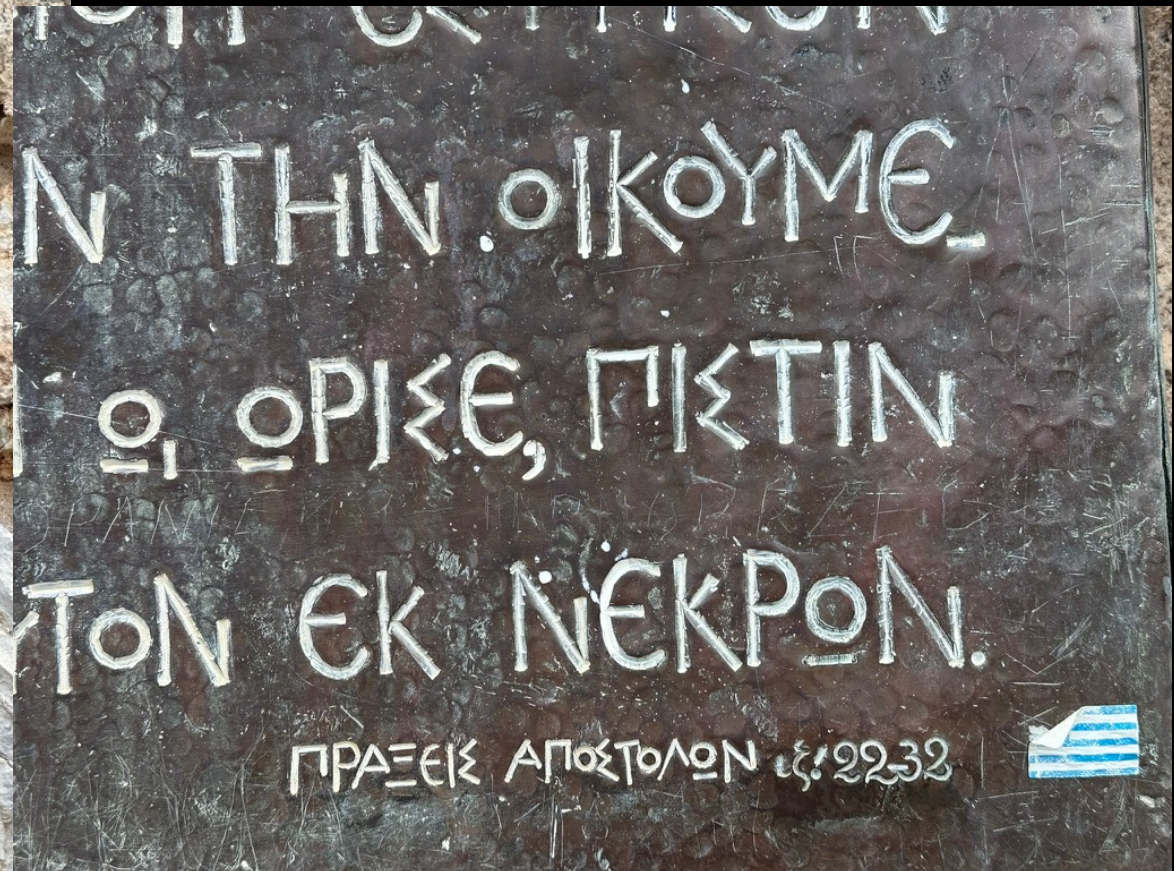
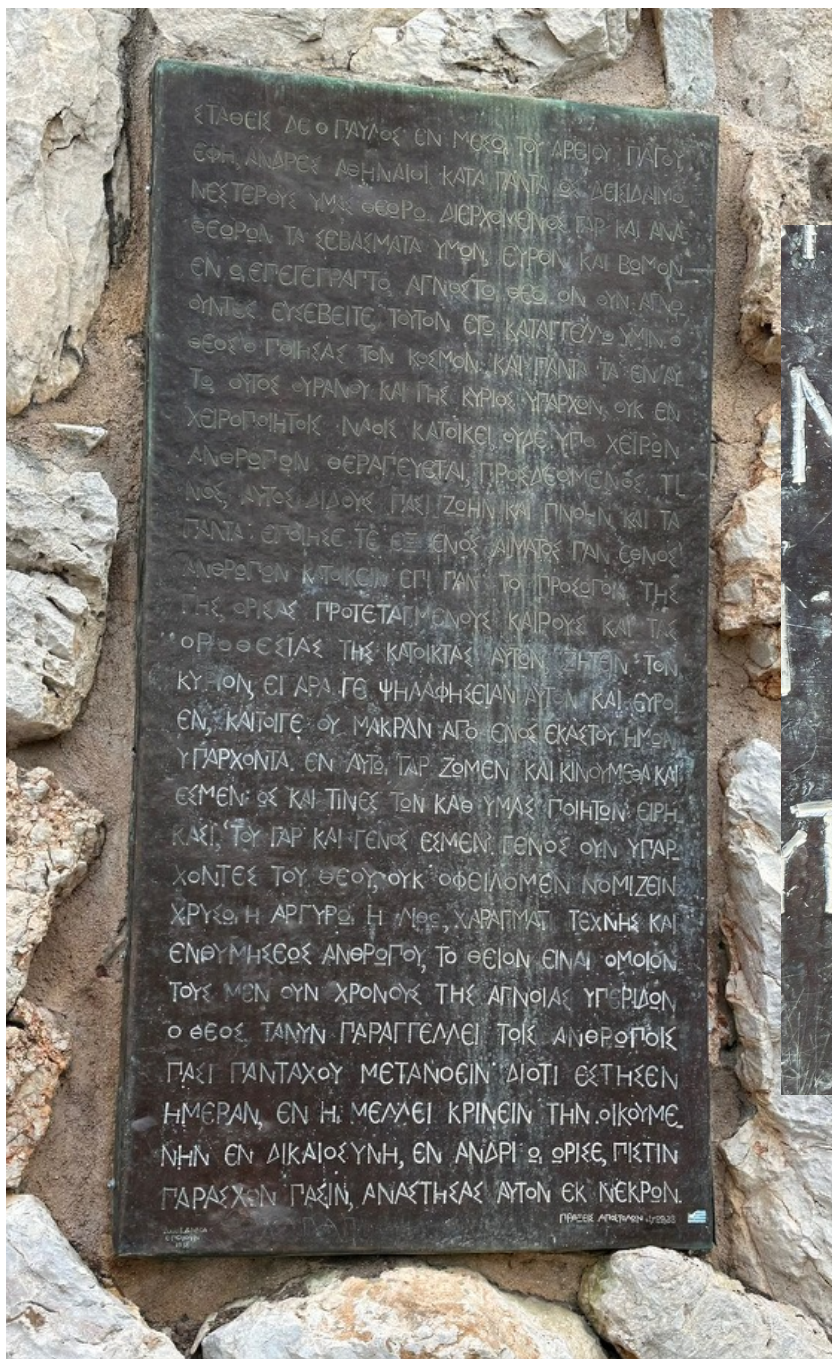
**Athens Acropolis**





**Mars Hill (Acts 17:22-32)**



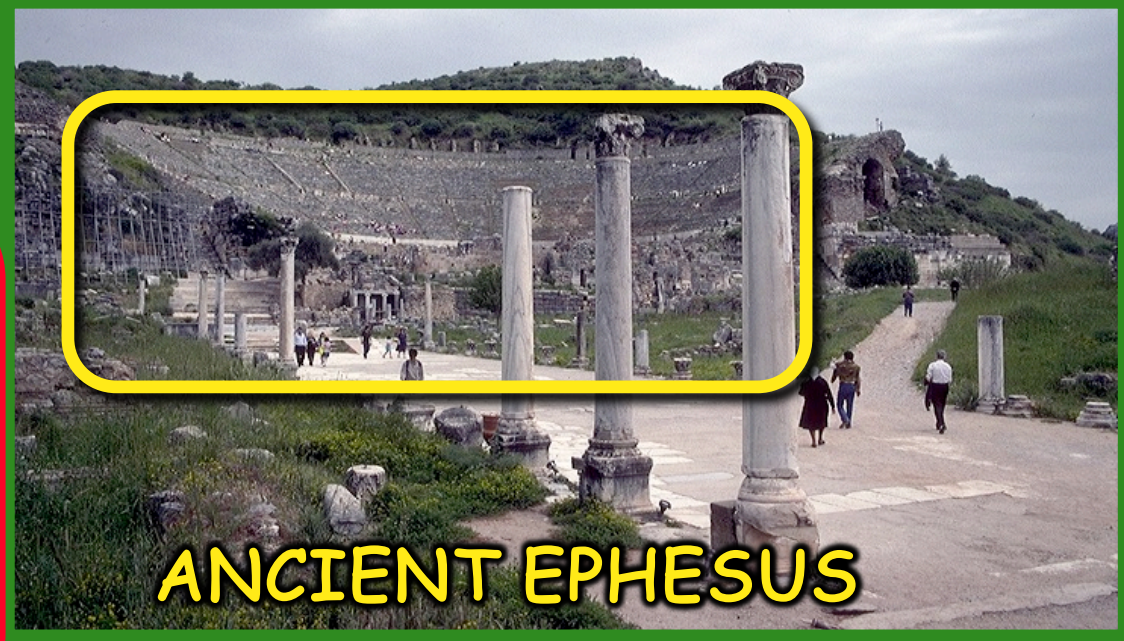


# Mars Hill (Acts 17:22-32)

# Acts 18



A.D.  
53-57



ANCIENT EPHESUS

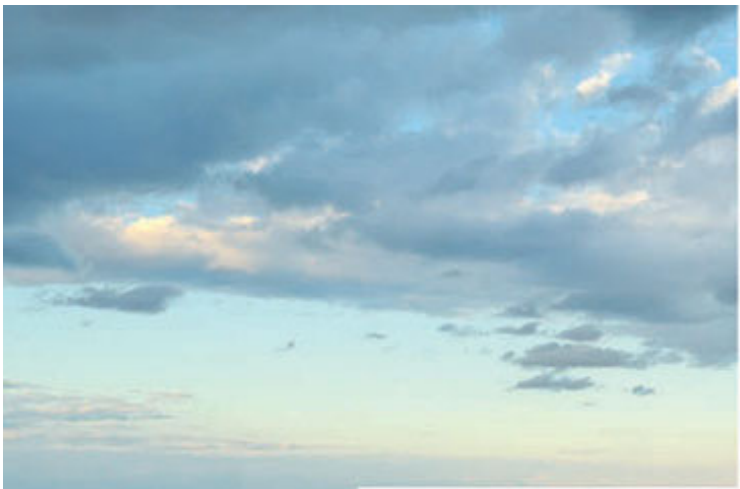
Acts 18-21

### 3. "The Asian Thrust"



Significance: extended time at the church in Ephesus; young man raised from the dead; important letters written; riot with Ephesian artisans at amphitheatre.





## ACTS 18

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*After these things he departed from Athens and came to Corinth*



**Paul's trip from Athens to Corinth**

**18:1**



*After these things he departed from Athens*



**The Acropolis in Athens**



***After these things he departed from Athens***



**Mars Hill, from the Acropolis of Athens**



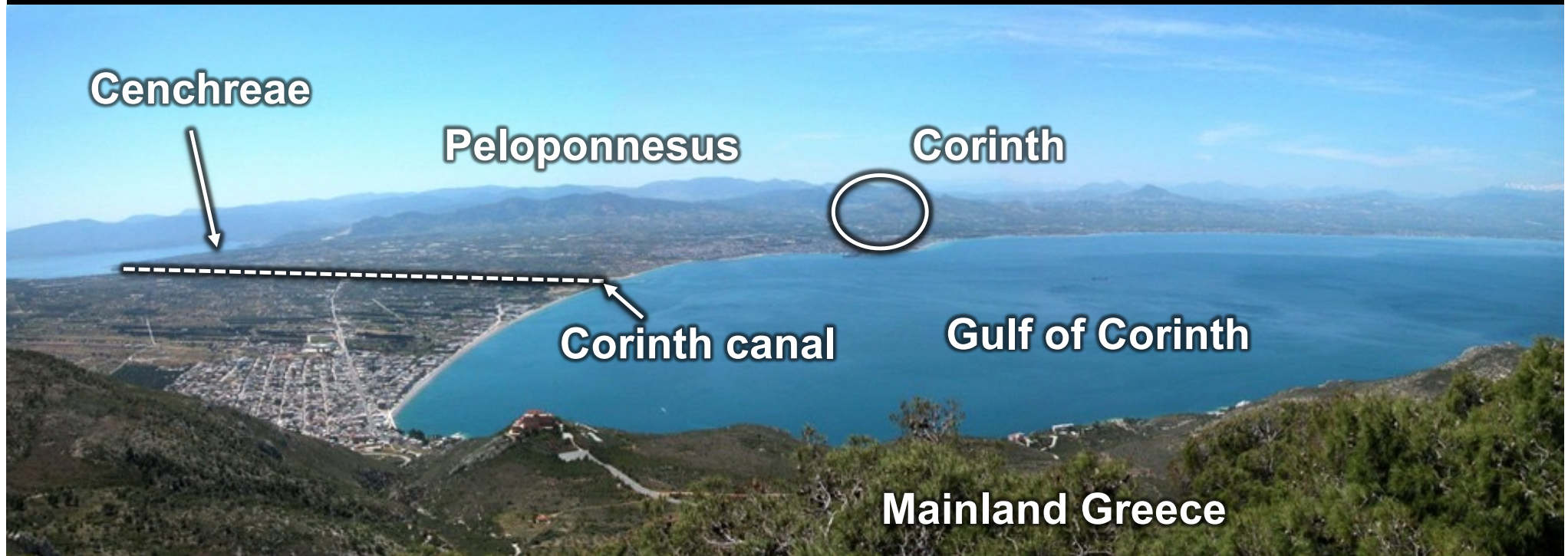
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**The gulf and isthmus of Corinth (from the north)**

**18:1**

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**Lechaion harbor**

**Gulf of Corinth**

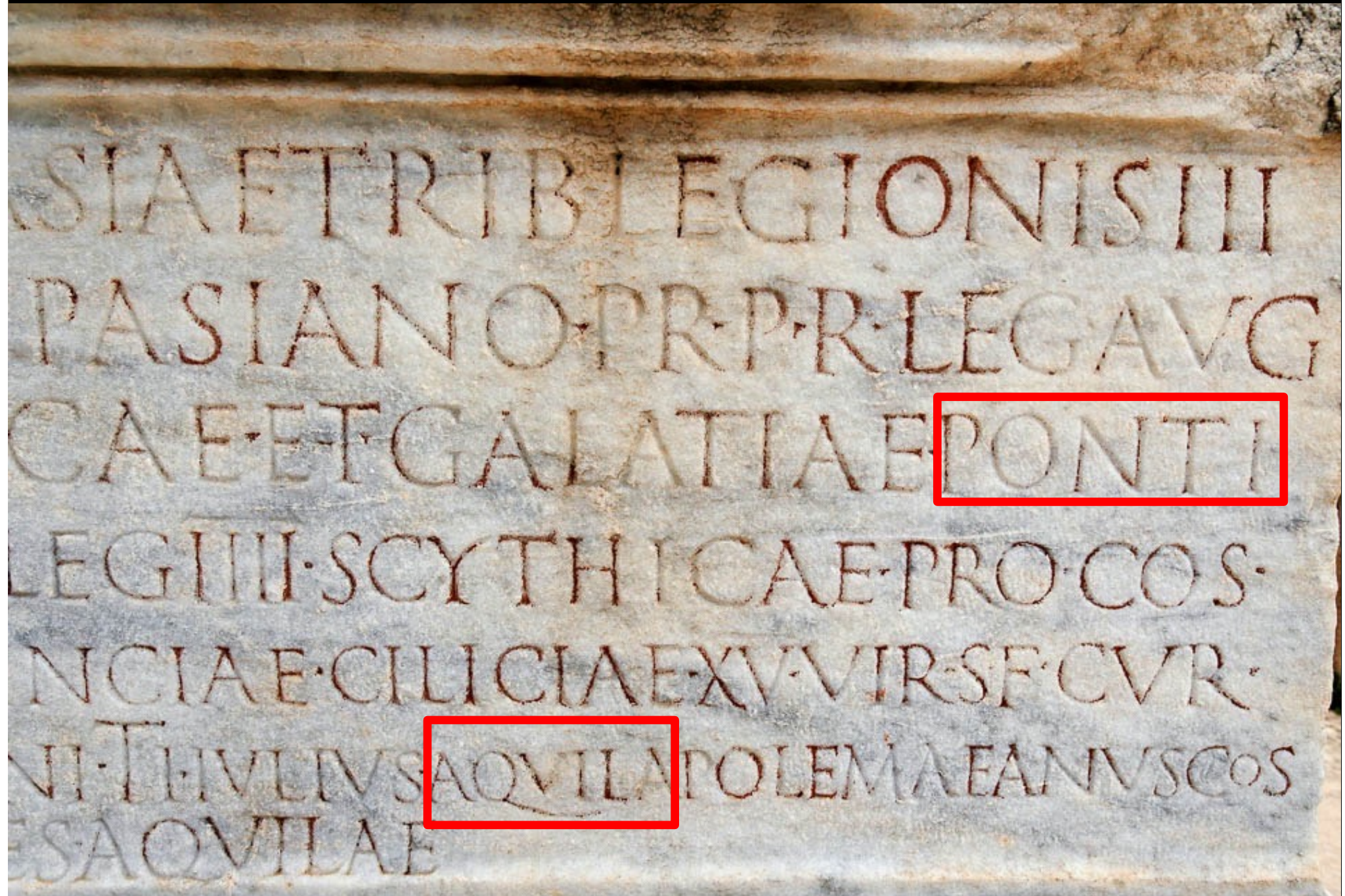
**Corinth excavations**

**Excavations of Corinth, the harbor of Lechaion, and the Gulf of Corinth, from the Acrocorinth**

**18:1**



*He found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus*



**“Pontus” and “Aquila” on inscription at the Celsus Library in Ephesus, 2nd century AD**



***Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome***



**Burial slab of a slave named Chrestus, from Via Salarina in Rome, early 1st century AD 18:2**



***Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome***



**Altar base dedicated by Tiberius Claudius Chrestus, keyholder of the prison of Lyon**

18:2



***By their trade they were tentmakers***



**Bedouin tent made of goat and sheep hair**

**18:3**



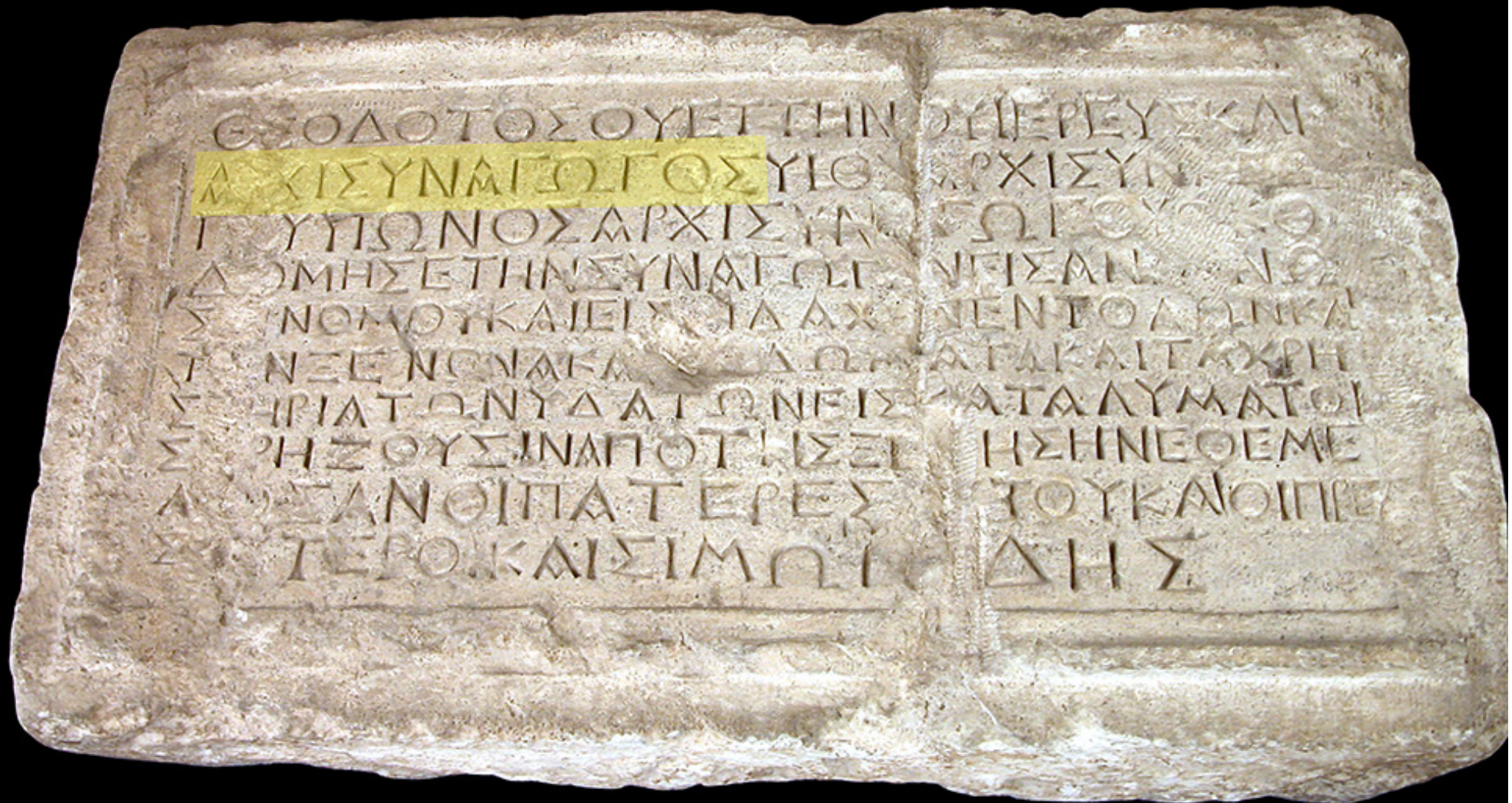
*He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, trying to persuade Jews and*



Sarcophagus relief of deceased couple discussing philosophy, from Via Salaria, AD 250–275



*And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house*



Theodotos Inscription, from a synagogue in Jerusalem, 1st century BC



# Corinth

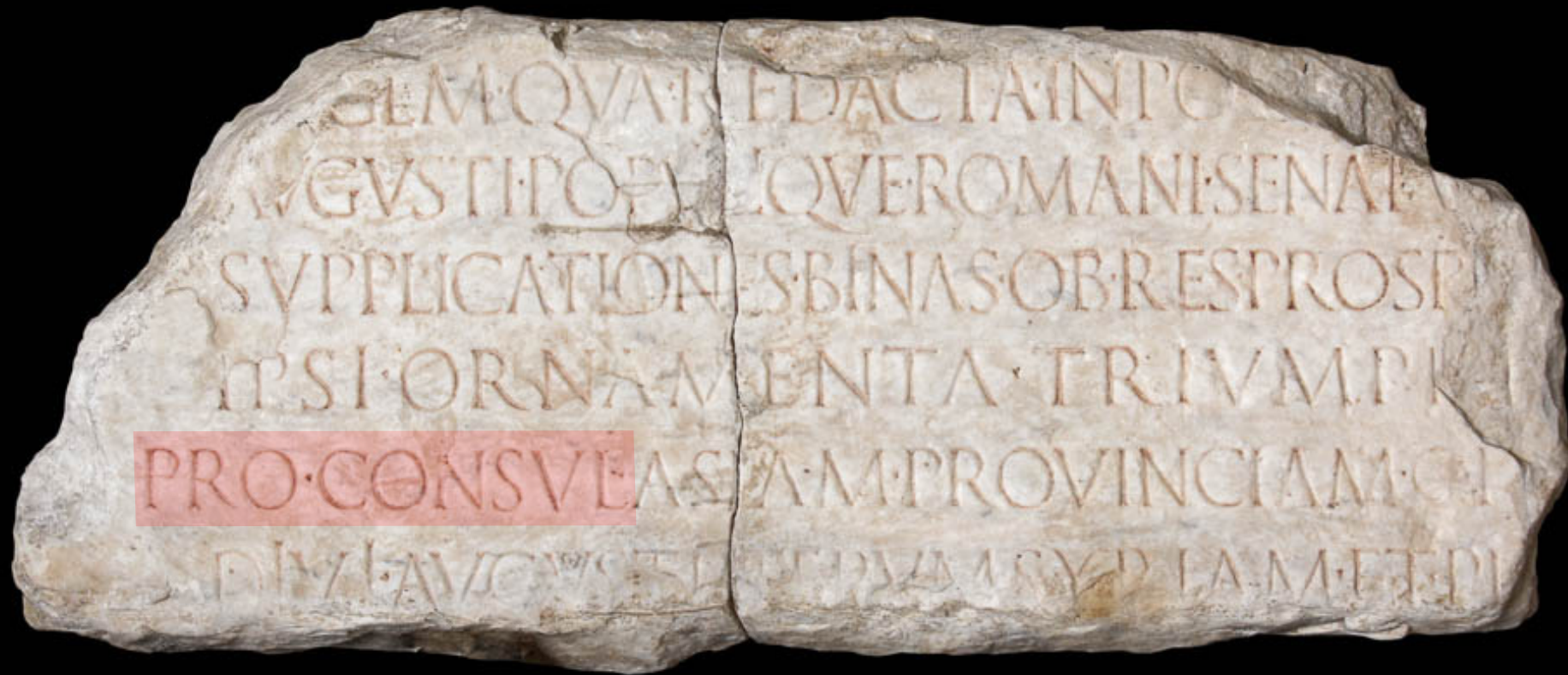
- Preached in synagogue (18:4)
  - **How many believed?**
  - Opposed by Jews
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- Preached to Gentiles
- **Who was the first convert?**
- God gave guidance via a dream



**When God reveals  
his plans for you,  
expect him to  
fulfill those plans**

*But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia*



Tombstone likely of Publius Sulpicius Quirinius, proconsul of Asia, 1st century AD



***The Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat***



**Bema (judgment seat) in Corinth**

**18:12**



*The Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat*



Sign on the bema (judgment seat) in Corinth



***The Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat***



**Marble façade on the bema (judgment seat) in Corinth**



*This man persuades people to worship God contrary to the Law*



Torah scroll being lifted at the Western Wall during Sukkot



*If it were a matter of wrong or of crime, O Jews, I would have reason to hear your complaint*



Fresco of a judgment scene, from triclinium C of Villa Farnesina in Rome, 1st century BC

***I am unwilling to be a judge of these things***



**Statue of a Roman judge, from Aphrodisias, circa AD 450**

**18:15**



***And he drove them from the judgment seat***

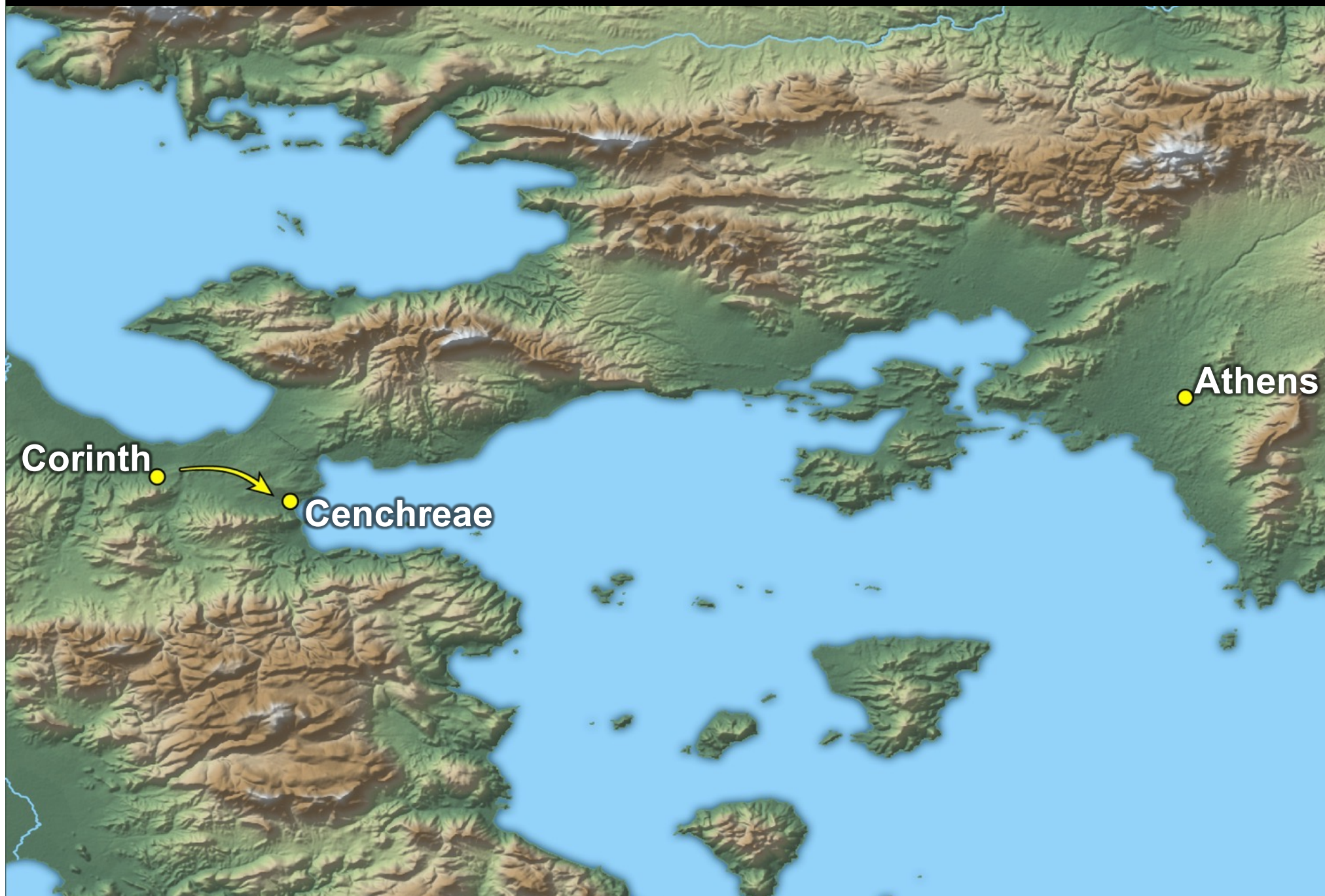


**View from the top of the Corinth bema, looking toward the agora**

**18:16**



*Paul . . . sailed from there for Syria . . . after shaving his head in Cenchreae*



Paul journeyed east and south to Cenchreae before setting sail

18:18



*And they came to Ephesus*



Map showing Paul's trip from Cenchreae to Ephesus and onward

18:19



# The Return Trip

Acts 18:18-22



Why did Paul go to Jerusalem?



***And they came to Ephesus***



**Great Theater of Ephesus, with a view to the sea and the ancient harbor**

**18:19**



***When he had landed at Caesarea***





*When he had landed at Caesarea . . .*



outer harbor

inner harbor

Temple of Roma  
and Augustus →



***When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church***



**toward Jerusalem**

**Beth Horon ridge (aerial view from the west)**

**18:22**



*When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to Antioch*



**Bronze dichalkon of Antioch, AD 62/63**



*After spending some time there, he departed*



**Amuq Plain from the Syrian Gates**

**18:23**



*He went in order through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples*





***He went in order through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples***



**Latin inscription mentioning “Lystra,” 2nd century AD**



***A certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, came to Ephesus***



**Bronze diobol of Claudius from Alexandria, AD 49–50**



## *An eloquent man*

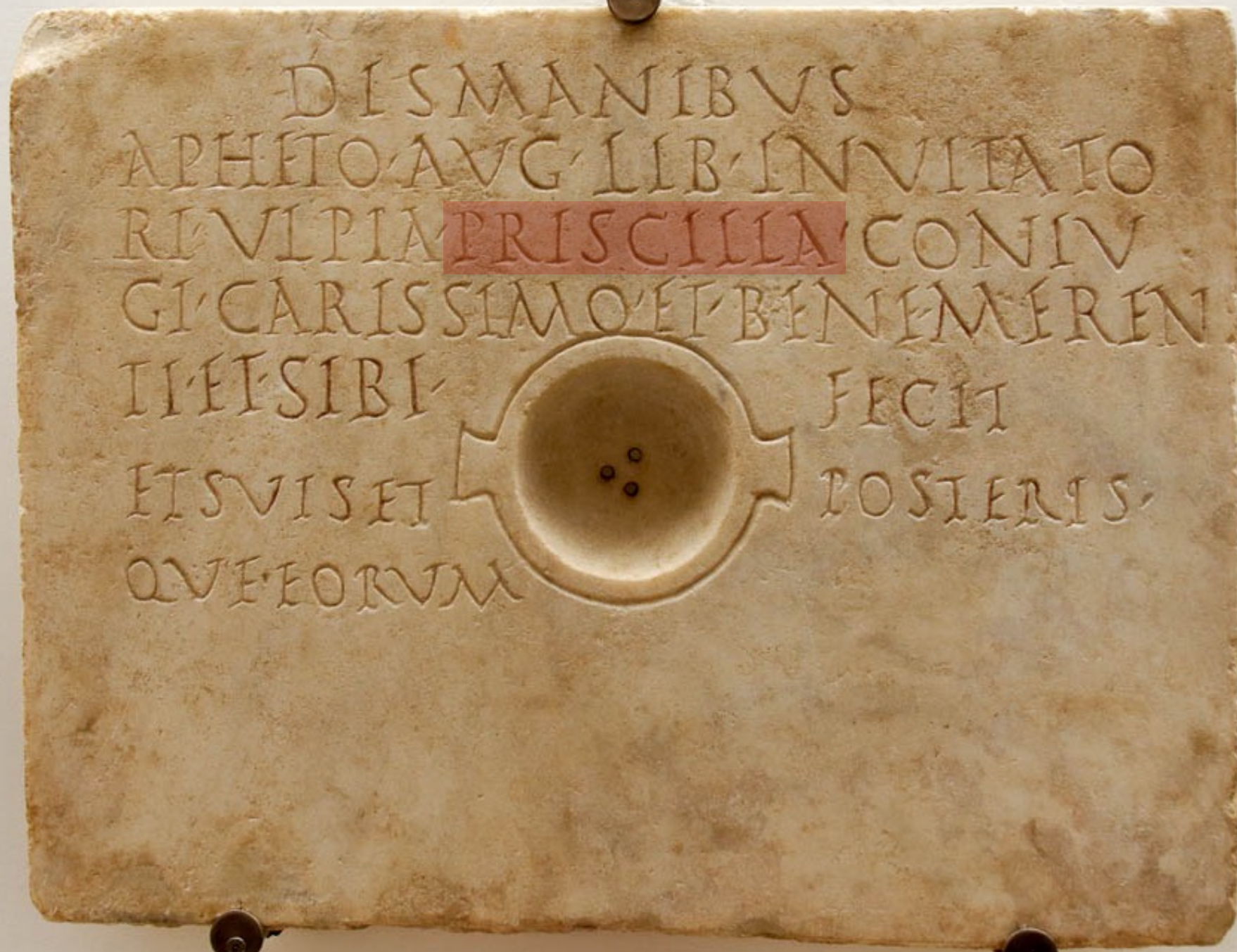


**Roman auditorium hall of a rhetoric school, with benches and dais, in Alexandria**

**18:24**



***When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside***



**Slab placed by Ulpia Priscilla for husband Aphetus, from Rome, early 2nd century AD**



***When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside***

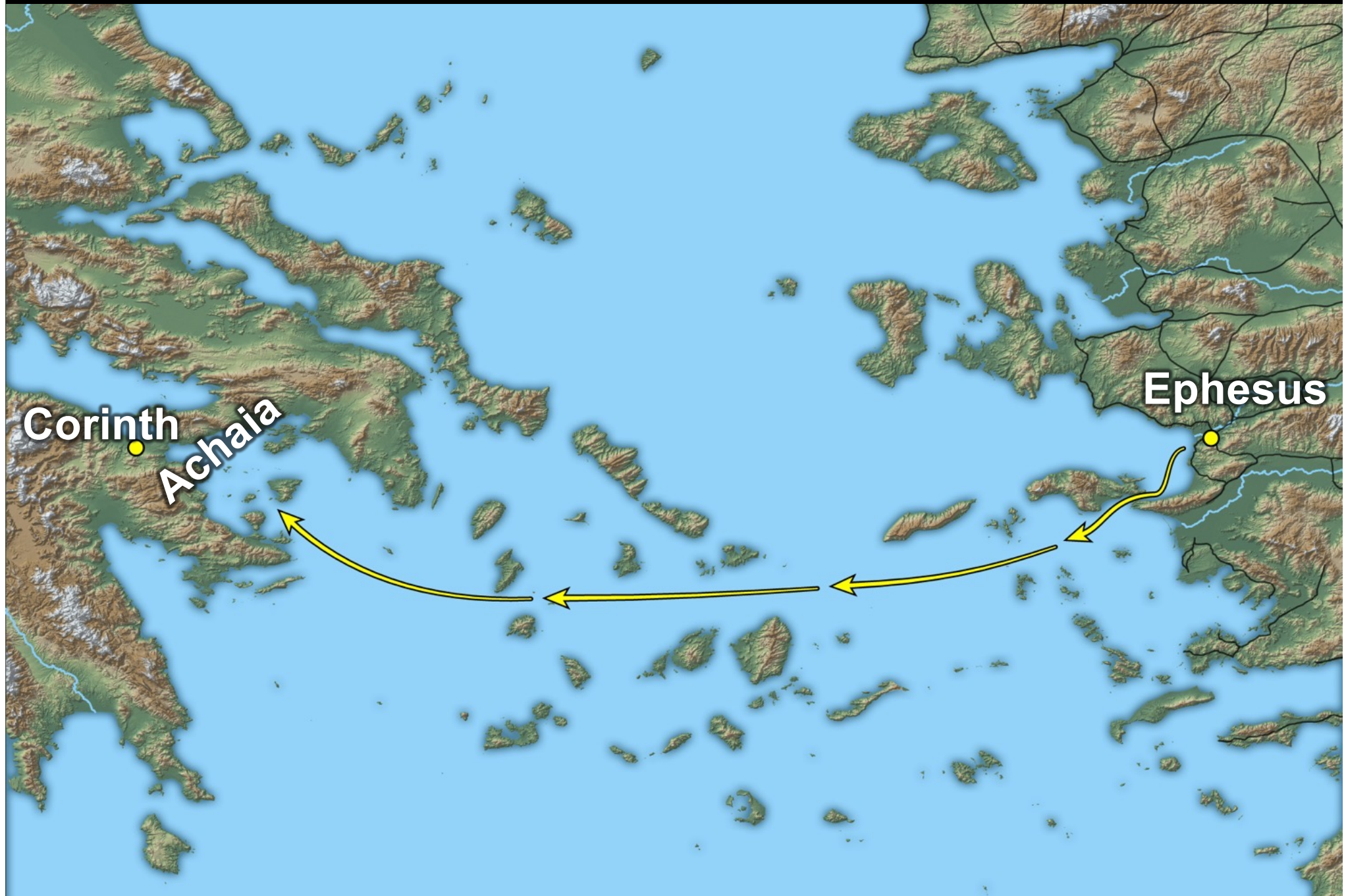


**Inscription mentioning "Aquila" at the Library of Celsus in Ephesus, 2nd centur AD**

**18:26**



*When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him*



**The journey of Apollos from Ephesus to Achaia**

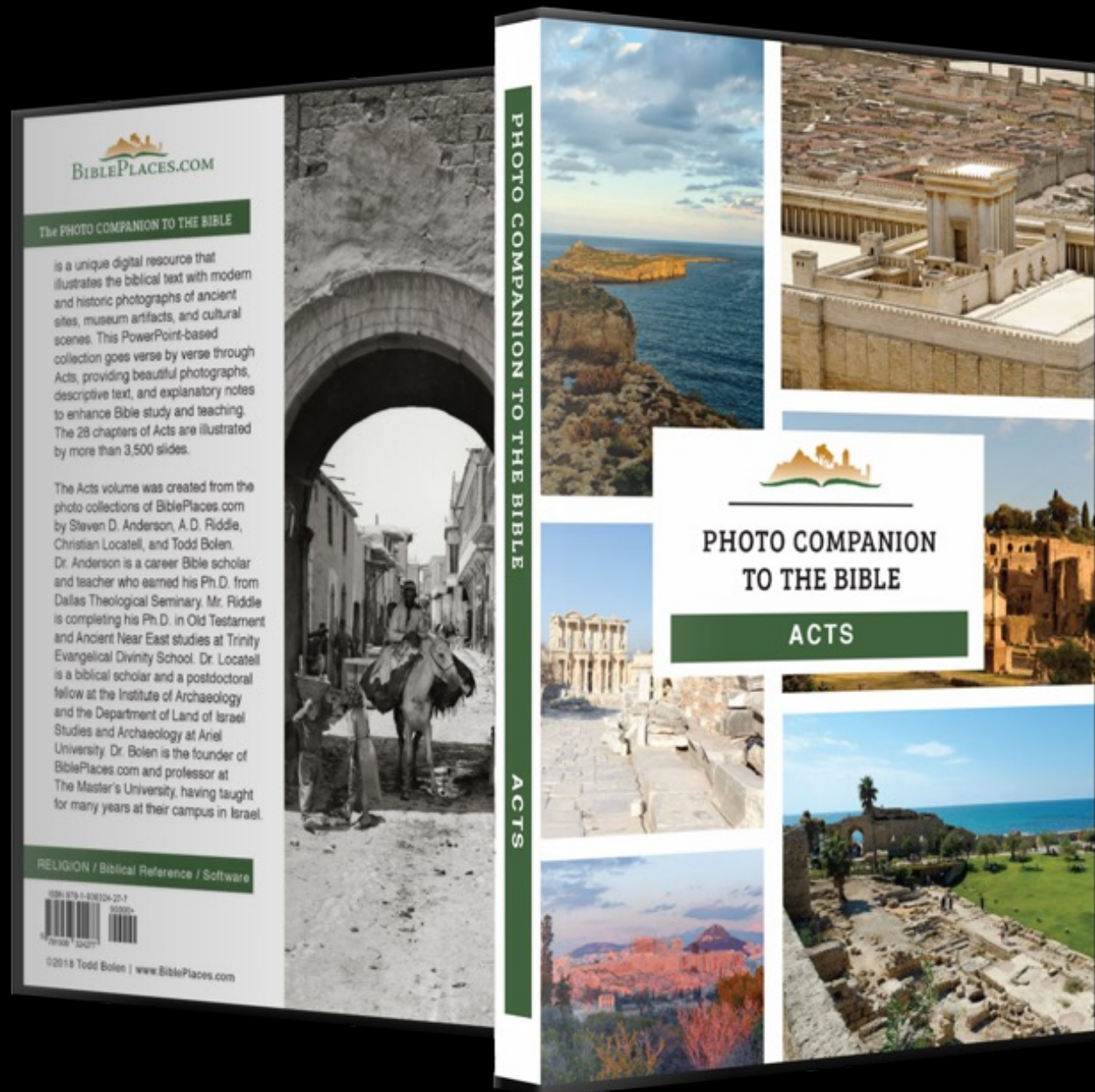
**18:27**



# He powerfully refuted the Jews in public, proving by the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah







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# God reveals himself to those who seek and worship him

- *through Paul and others called to minister*
- *not through testimony of demons*
- *through actions of his disciples*
- *through his Word*
- *even to Gentiles*



# Acts 19





# **An Incomplete Gospel, an Incomparable God**

***Acts 18:23–19:20***

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**WHAT I IF TOLD  
YOU**

**YOU READ THE TOP  
LINE WRONG**







Teacher amazed  
children James Esah saying Now  
take brother brought immediately Another  
want father feet house answered told authority demons anything  
hands lake gave around Son got everything given know  
Leaving put asked go many went  
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day give whoever way John Pharisees anyone good  
Truly law away place came disciples man  
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enter must sent twelve among tell Herod understand kill comes  
man's send sitting hear Peter right come one people crowd  
home time priests looked head heaven word  
bread hand replied kingdom God  
never let days Sabbath temple Lord heard also  
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Galilee done even large teachers boat pilate teaching looking  
Jerusalem



***GOOD NEWS  
ON THE MOVE***

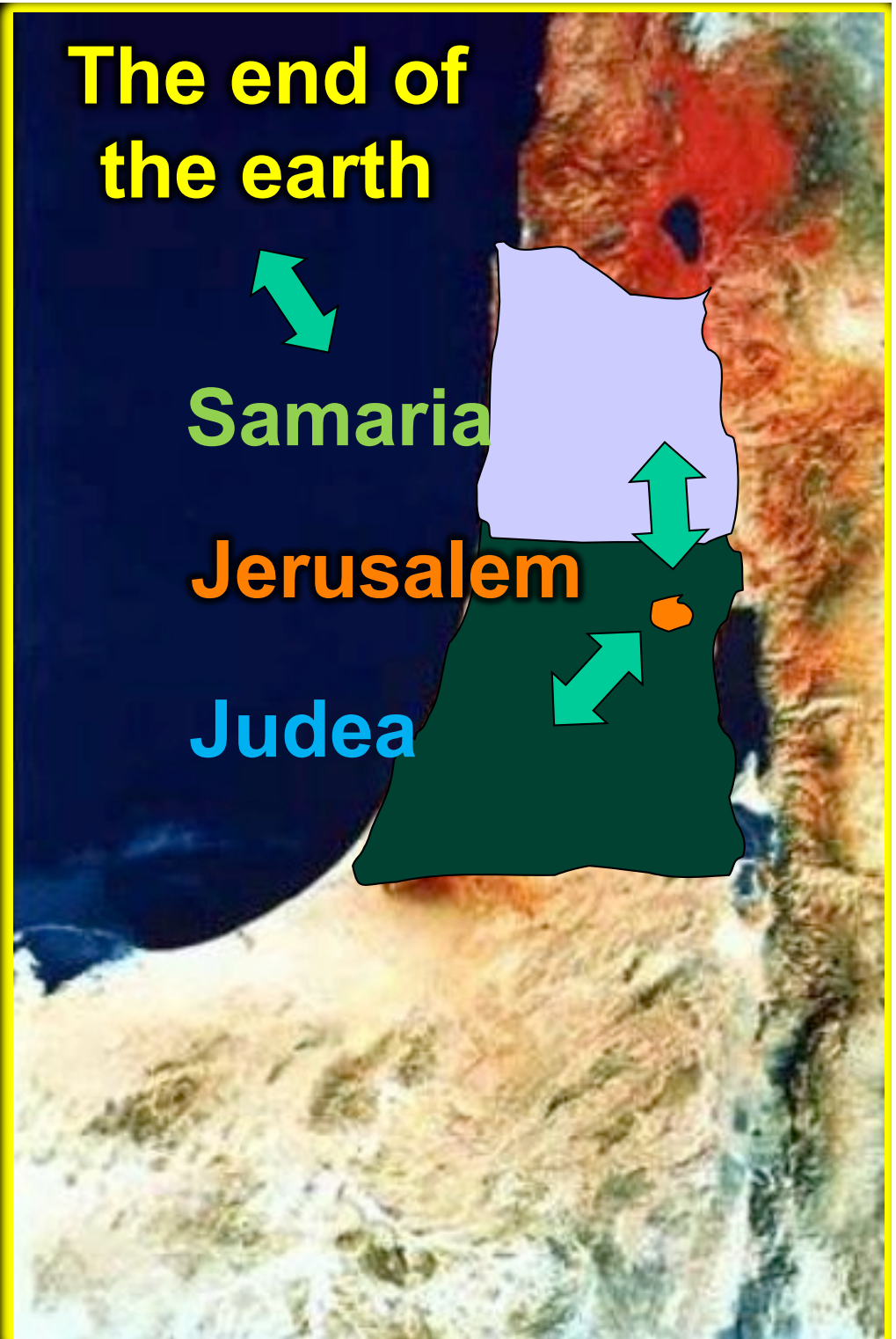
***God's work through the  
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***Acts***



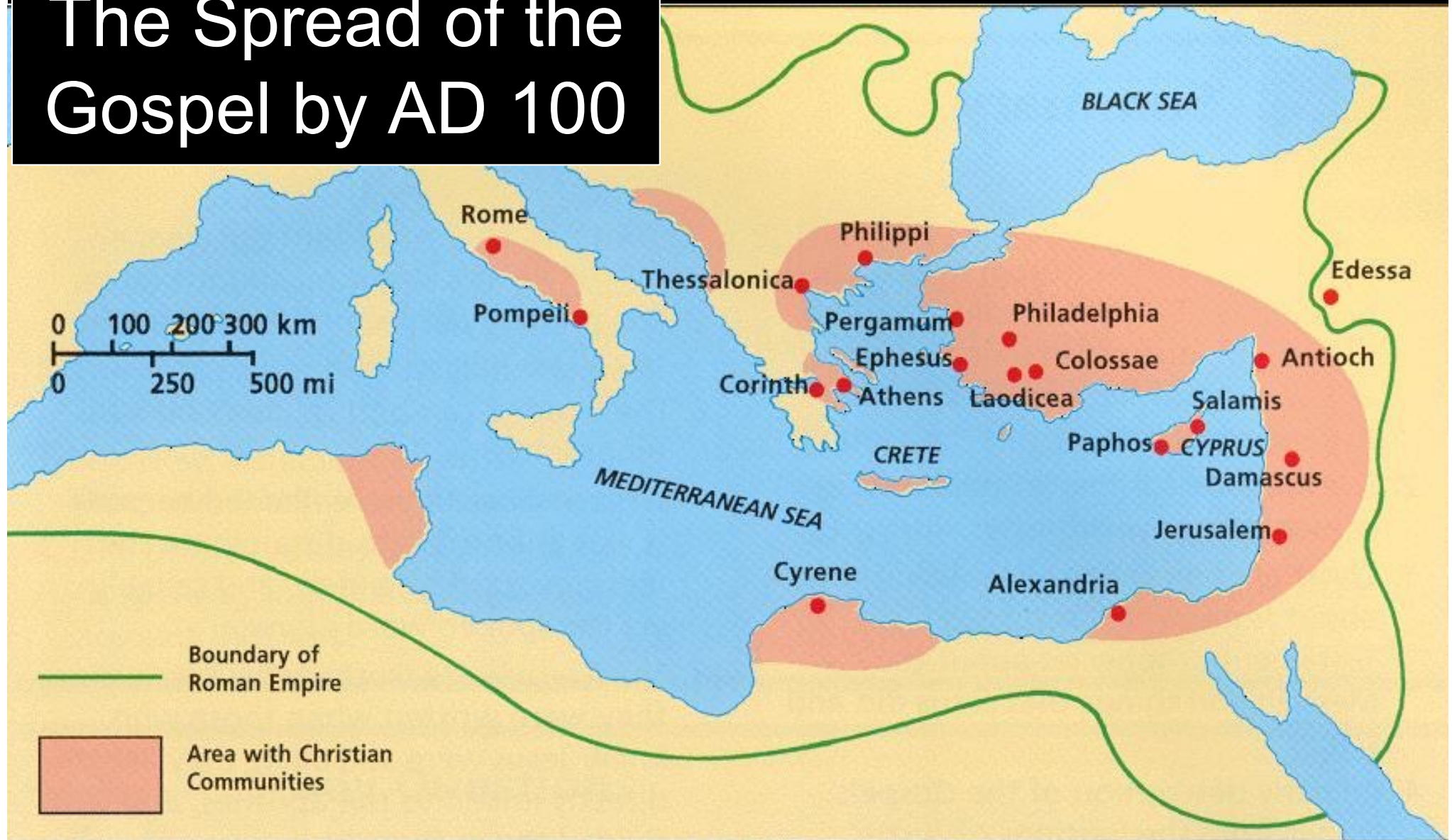
# Acts 1:8 ESV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem** and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to **the end of the earth**.”





# The Spread of the Gospel by AD 100





# Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents  
4 grandparents  
8 great-grandparents  
16 second great-grandparents  
32 third great-grandparents  
64 fourth great-grandparents  
128 fifth great-grandparents  
256 sixth great-grandparents  
512 seventh great-grandparents  
1,024 eighth great-grandparents  
2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment – How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...



# THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS







# Happy Pentecost



# **The Holy Spirit in Luke/Acts**

## **Gospel of Luke**

**Jesus anointed by Holy Spirit at his baptism (Luke 3:22)**

**Proclaimed at start of his ministry – “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.... to proclaim good news to the poor” (Luke 4:17-21)**

**Post-Resurrection – “I am sending you the promise of my Father” (Luke 24:49)**

## **Acts**

**Disciples will receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2:38-39) to proclaim the good news to all the earth**

**In the Synoptic Gospels, the Holy Spirit is mentioned 34 times in 68 chapters. In John’s Gospel and his 3 letters, He is mentioned 21 times in 28 chapters.**

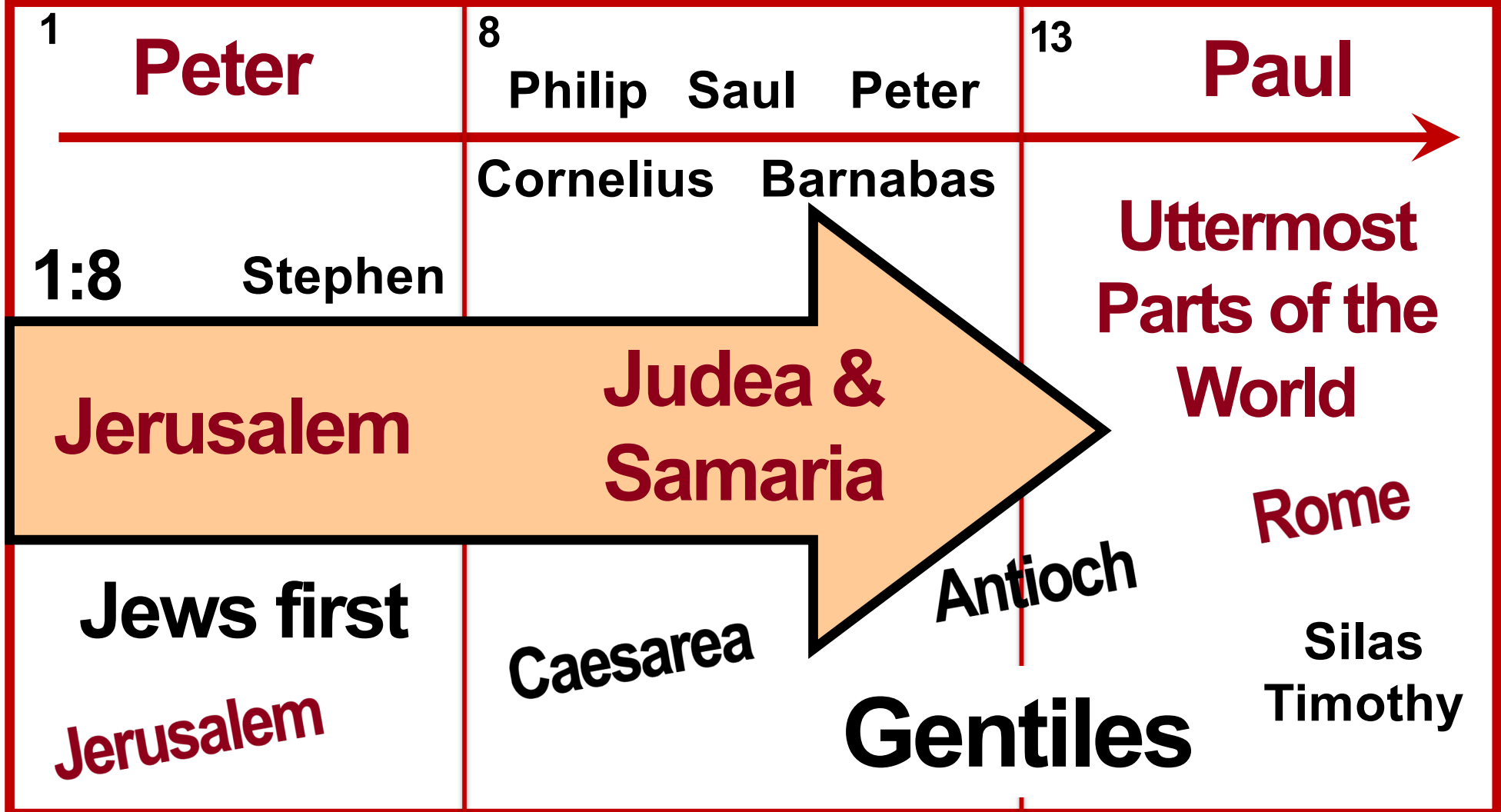
**But in 28 chapters of Acts, Holy Spirit is mentioned 56 times.**



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# The Acts of the Apostles







## Third Missionary Journey

# Acts 18:23-28

<sup>23</sup> After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

<sup>24</sup> Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. <sup>27</sup> And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, <sup>28</sup> for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.



# An Incomplete Gospel

- Acts 18:24-28

Apollos has knowledge of Scriptures but no faith in Jesus as Messiah.

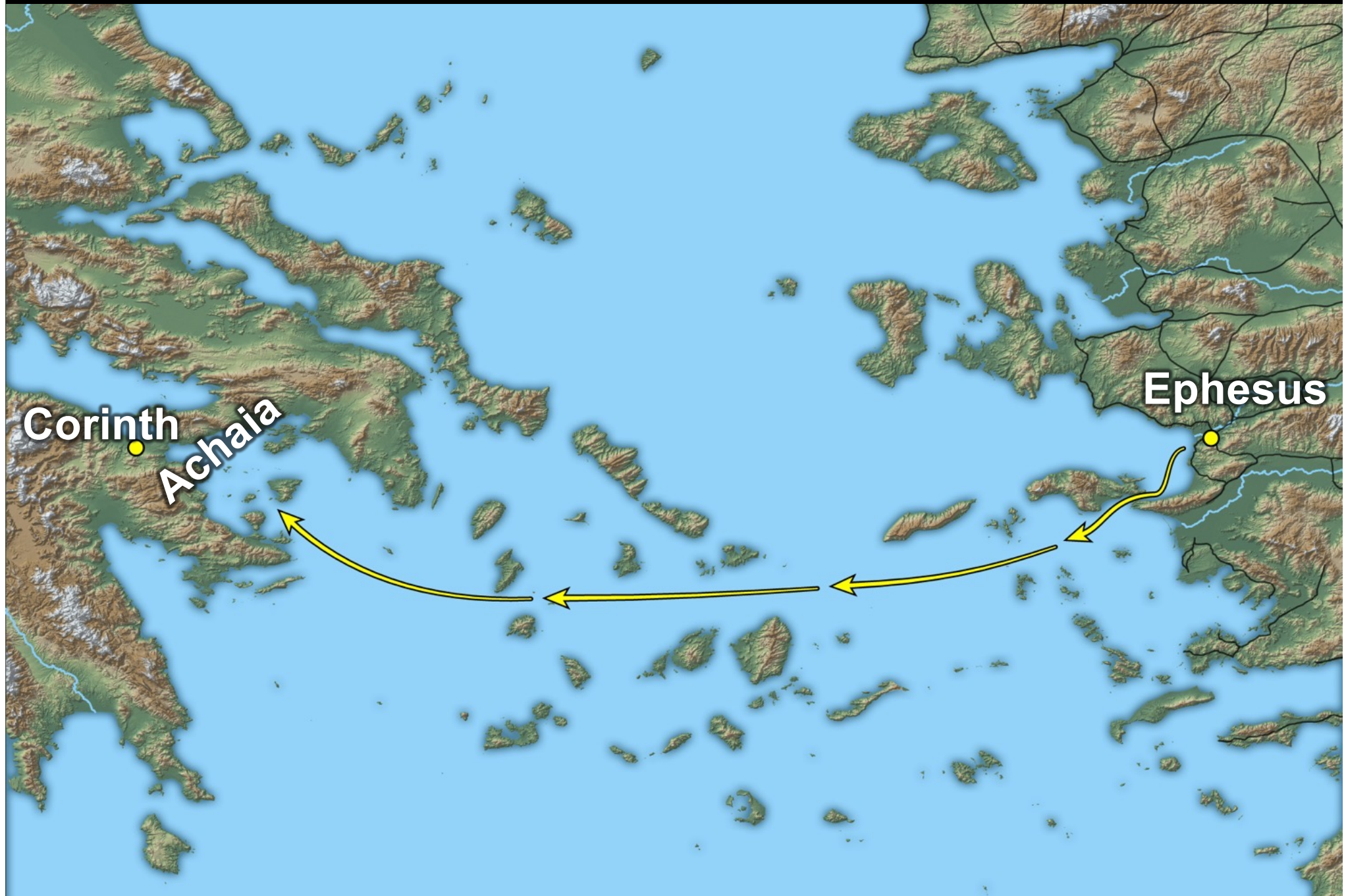
# **An Incomplete Gospel**

**“He knew the water baptism of repentance, but not the Spirit baptism of regeneration.”**

—Lloyd John Ogilvie, *The Preacher's Commentary: Acts*, 2010



*When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him*



**The journey of Apollos from Ephesus to Achaia**

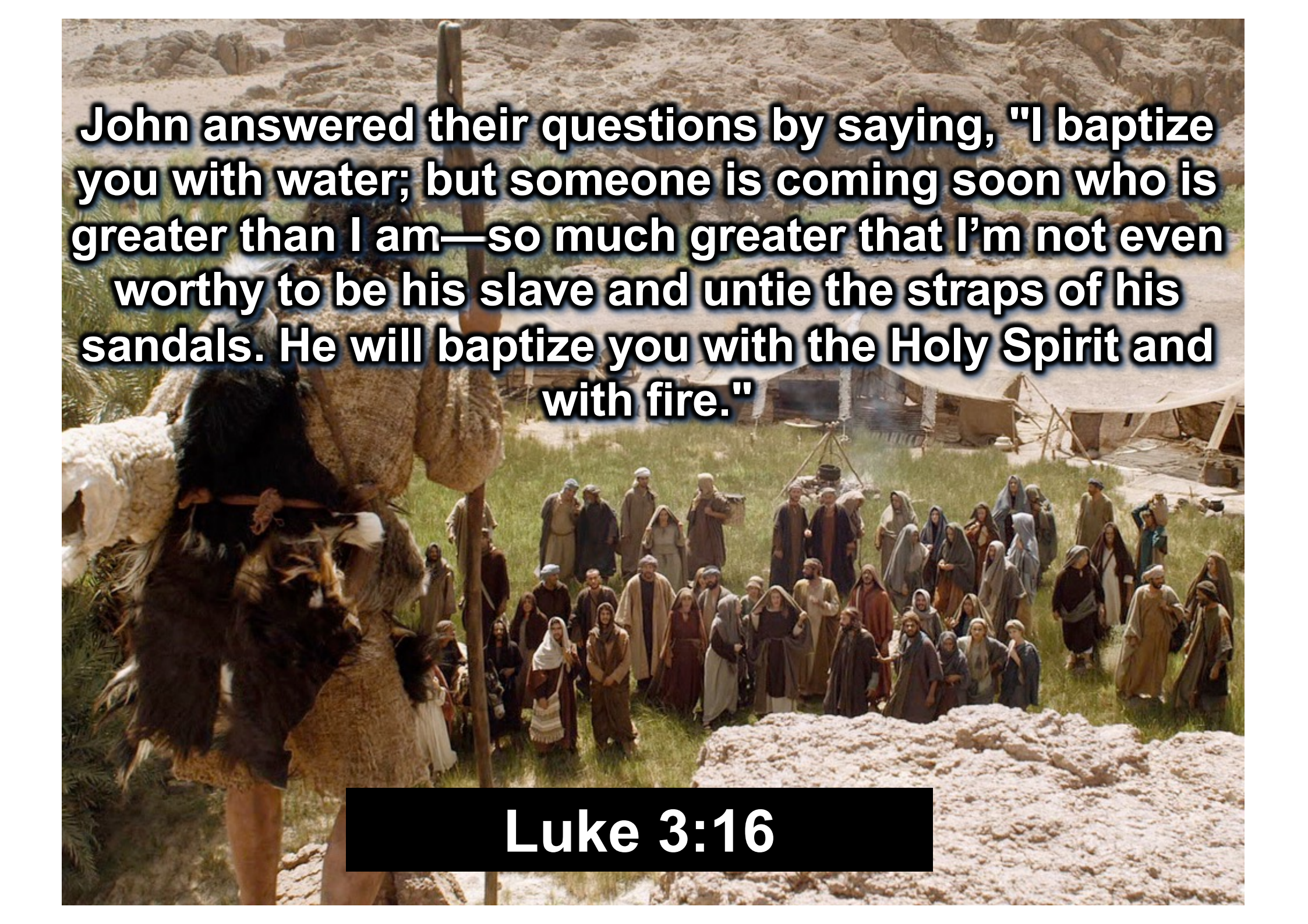
**18:27**

# Acts 19:1-10

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

<sup>8</sup> And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup> But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. <sup>10</sup> This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.





**John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."**

**Luke 3:16**

# An Incomplete Gospel

## 1) Acts 18:24-28

Apollos has knowledge of Scriptures but no faith in Jesus as Messiah.

## 2) Acts 19:1-10

Disciples of John did not know Jesus as Saviour and Giver of the Holy Spirit.





# be filled with the Spirit

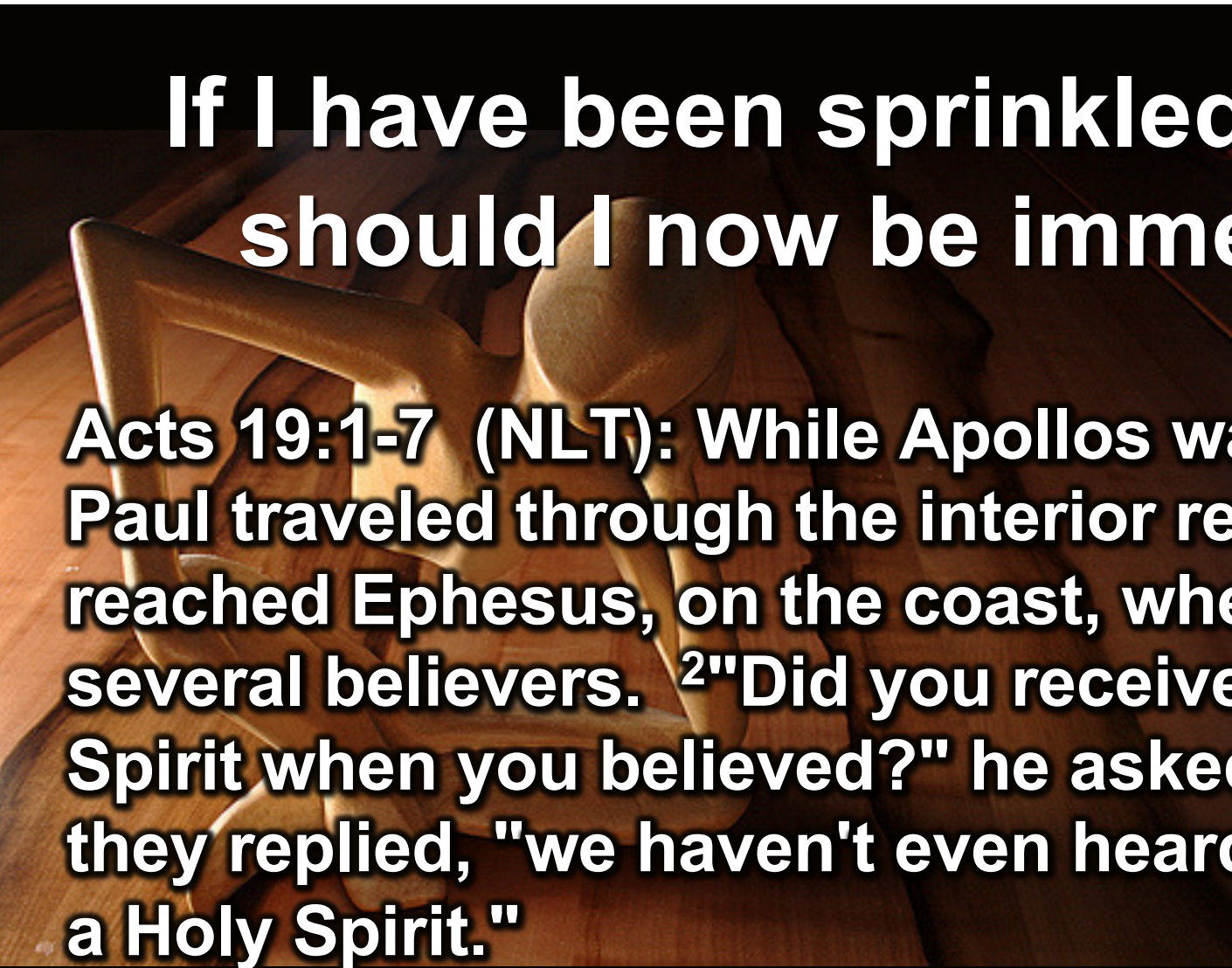
Ephesians 5:18

# **If I have been sprinkled before, should I now be immersed?**



- **Let's see how Paul helped 12 previously immersed disciples of John the Baptist in Acts 19:1-7...**

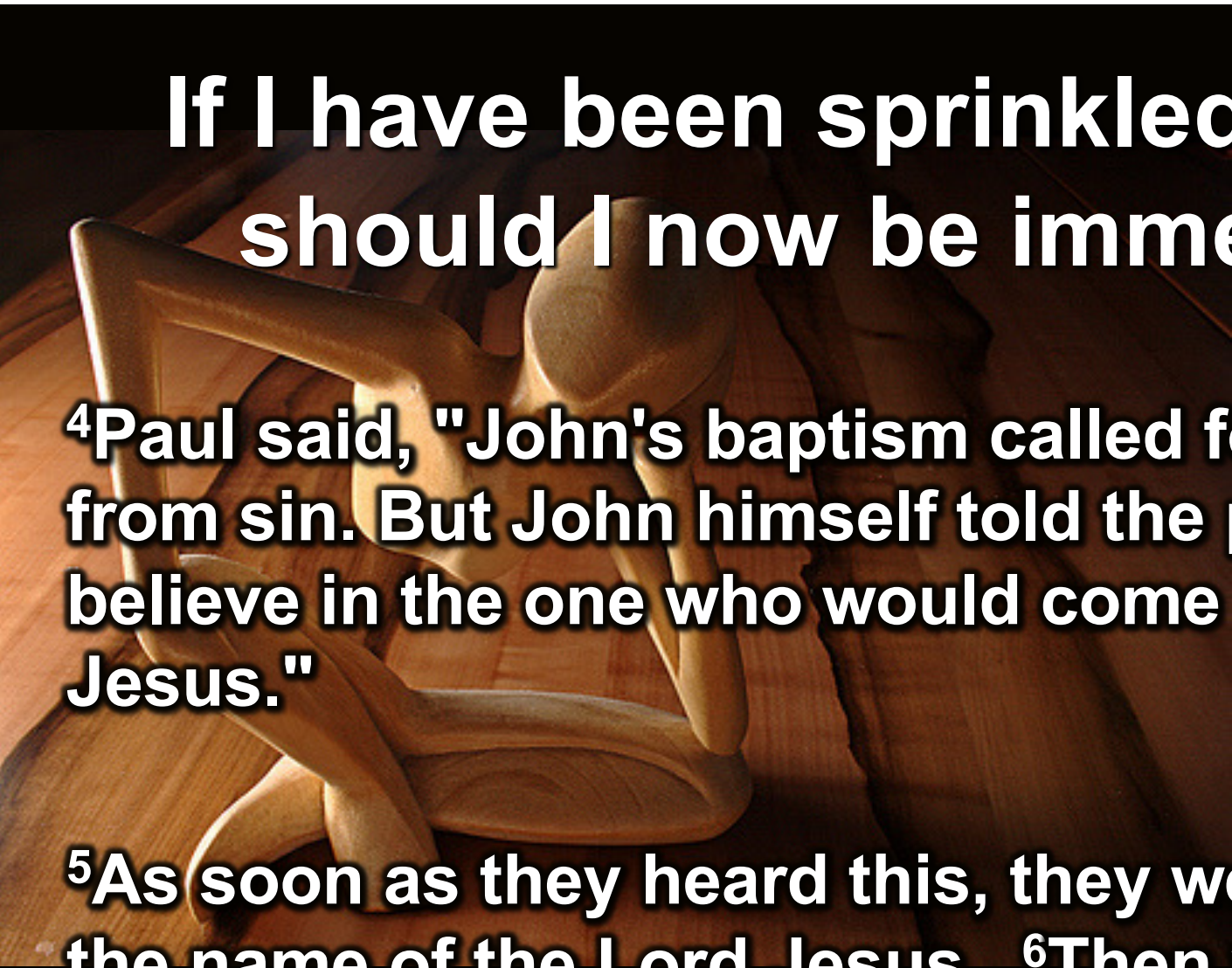




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**Acts 19:1-7 (NLT): While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. <sup>2</sup>"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them. "No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."**

**<sup>3</sup>"Then what baptism did you experience?" he asked. And they replied, "The baptism of John."**



**If I have been sprinkled before,  
should I now be immersed?**

**<sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John's baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus."**

**<sup>5</sup>As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup>There were about twelve men in all.**



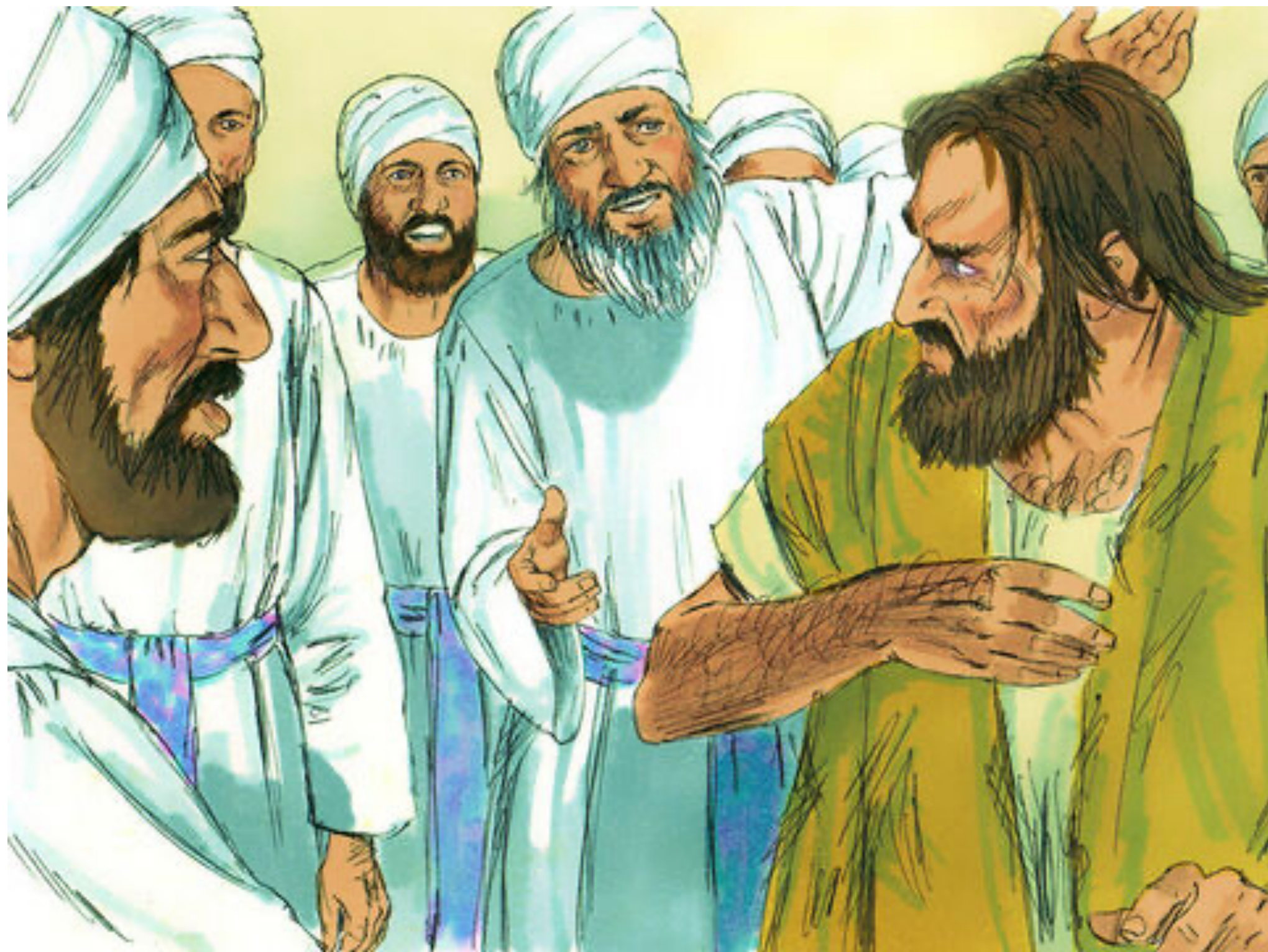


**Great Theater of Ephesus, with a view to the sea and the ancient harbor**

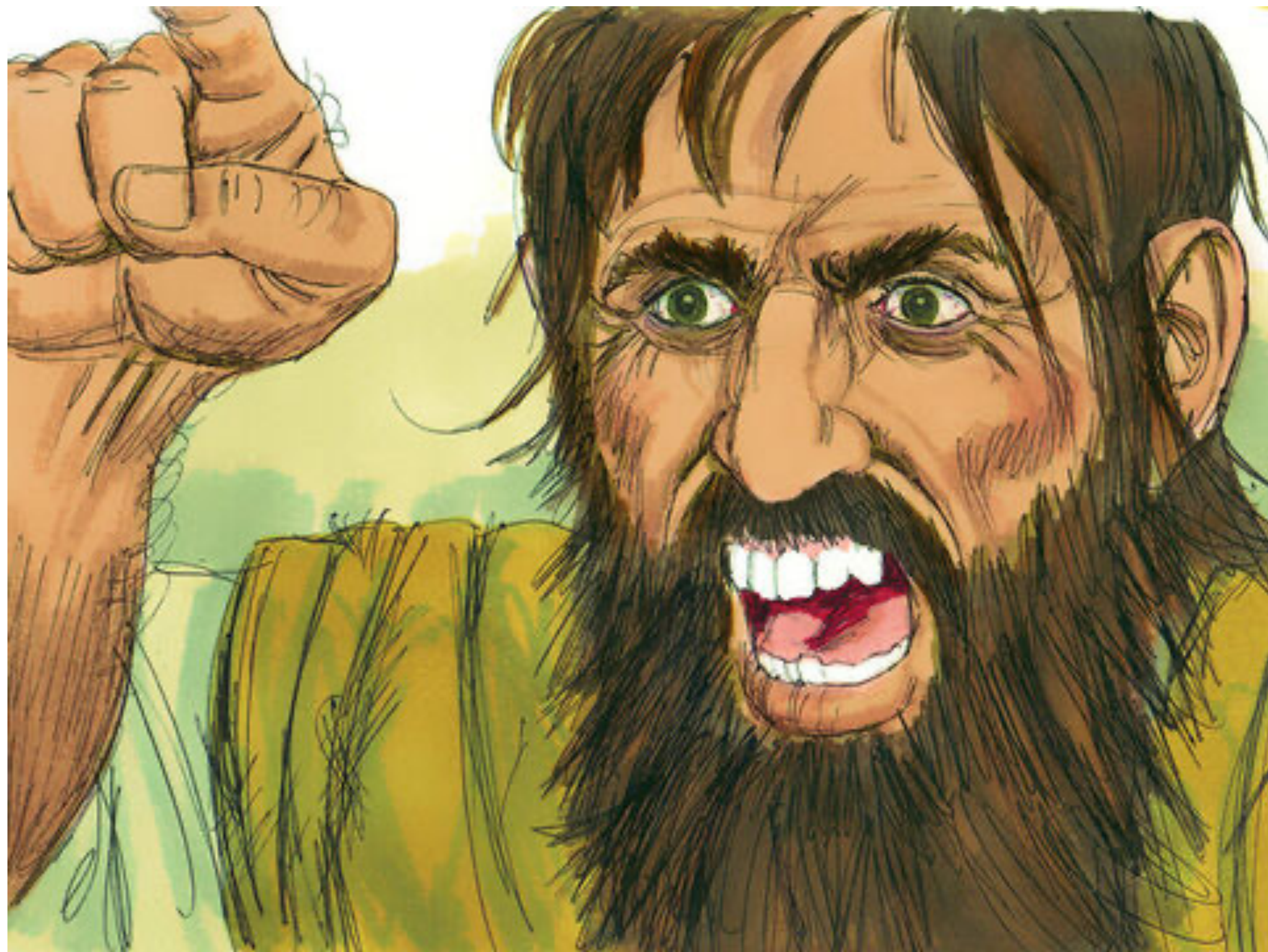
# Acts 19:11-20

<sup>11</sup> And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. <sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" <sup>16</sup> And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all<sup>[a]</sup> of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup> And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. <sup>18</sup> Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. <sup>19</sup> And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.













# An Incomplete Gospel

## 1) Acts 18:24-28

Apollos has knowledge of Scriptures but no faith in Jesus as Messiah.

## 2) Acts 19:1-10

Disciples of John did not know Jesus as Saviour and Giver of the Holy Spirit.

## 3) Acts 19:11-20

The sons of Sceva did not know Jesus as Lord of their lives.



# A Complete Gospel

Will reveal, proclaim, and result in people knowing Jesus as:

- 1) God's messiah – the fulfilment of Scripture
- 2) Saviour and Baptiser with the Holy Spirit
- 3) Lord of heaven and earth, and our Lord.

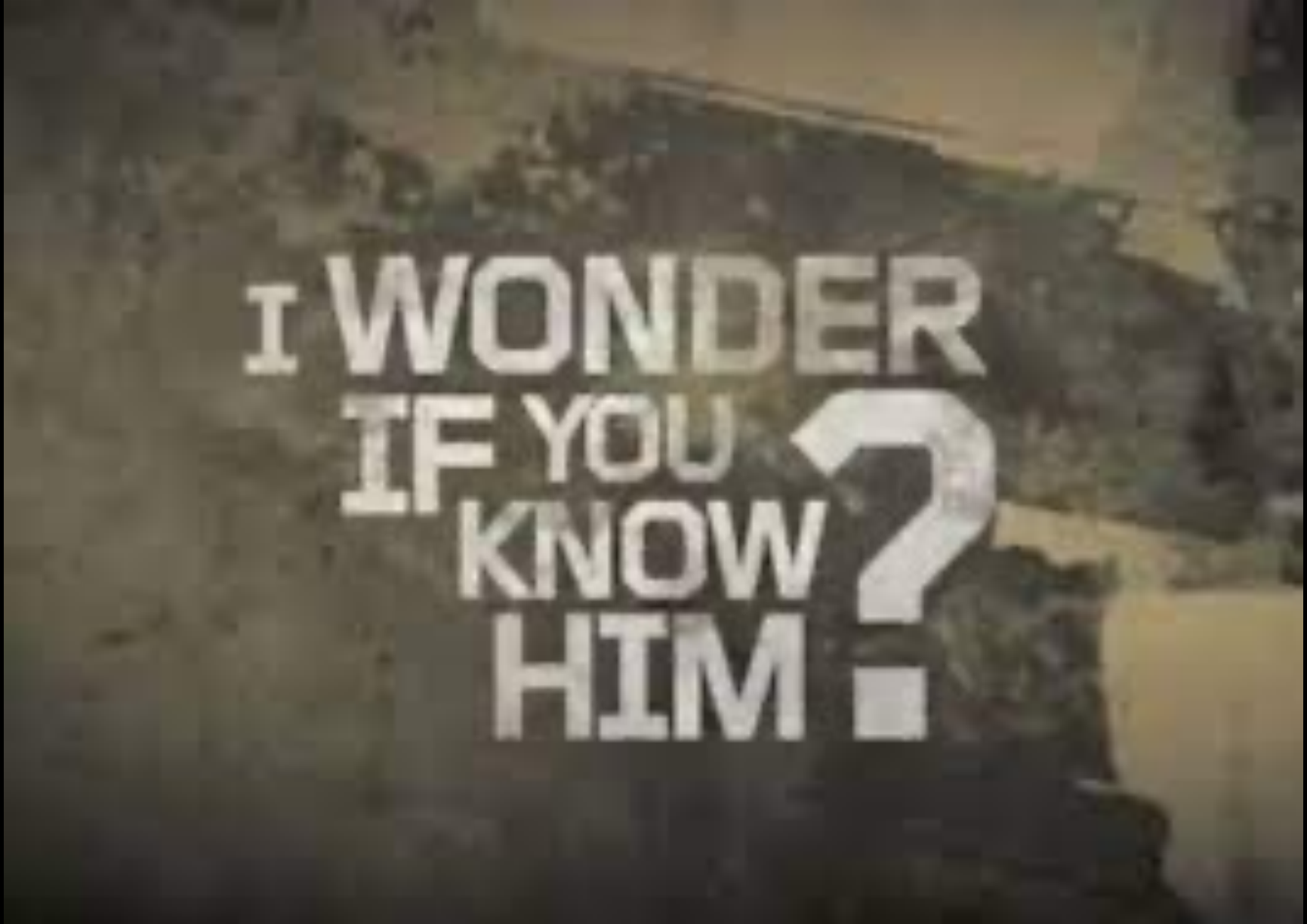
It proclaims our incomparable God –  
His love, grace, mercy, power & truth!



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GRACEFUL

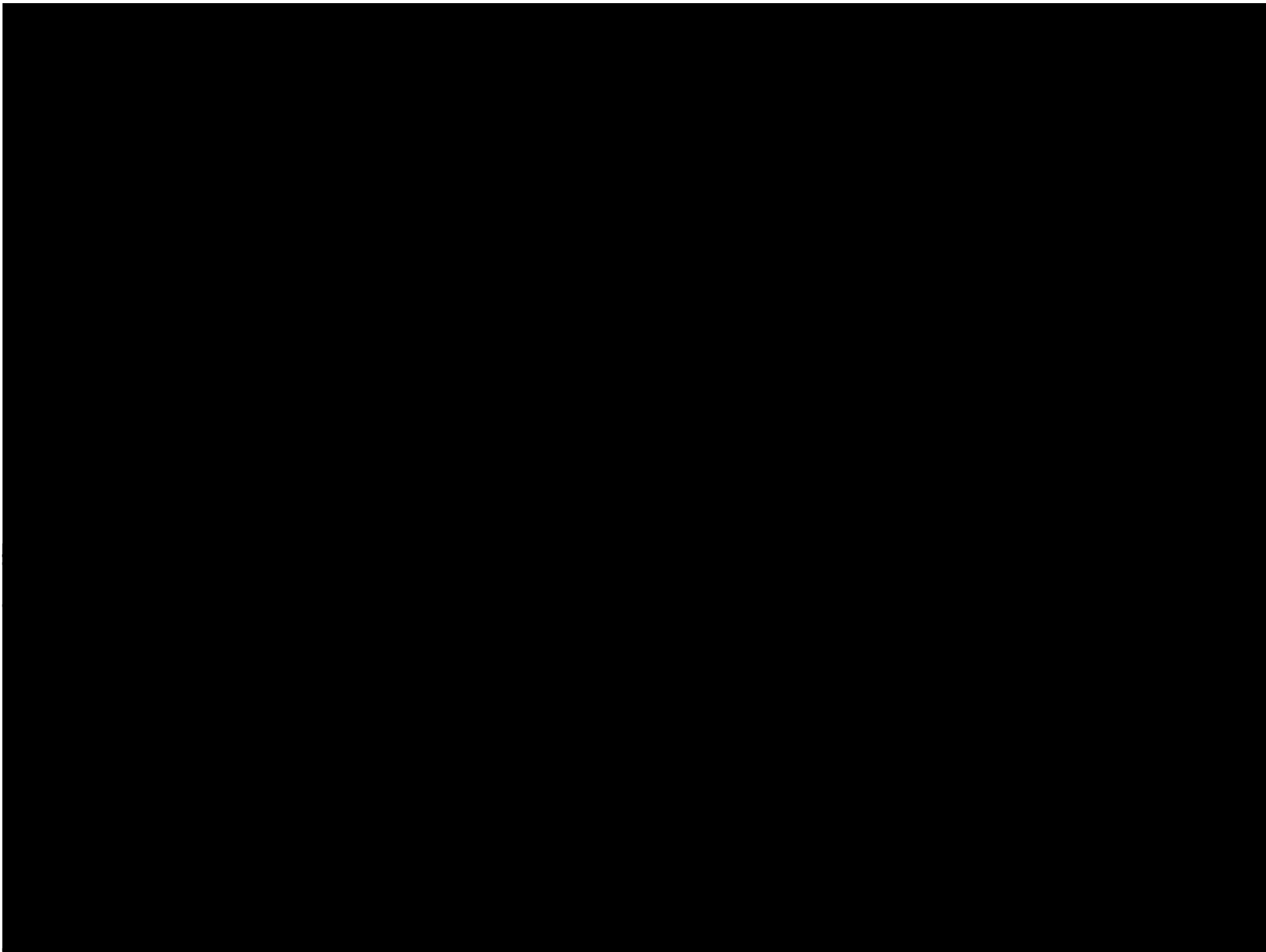


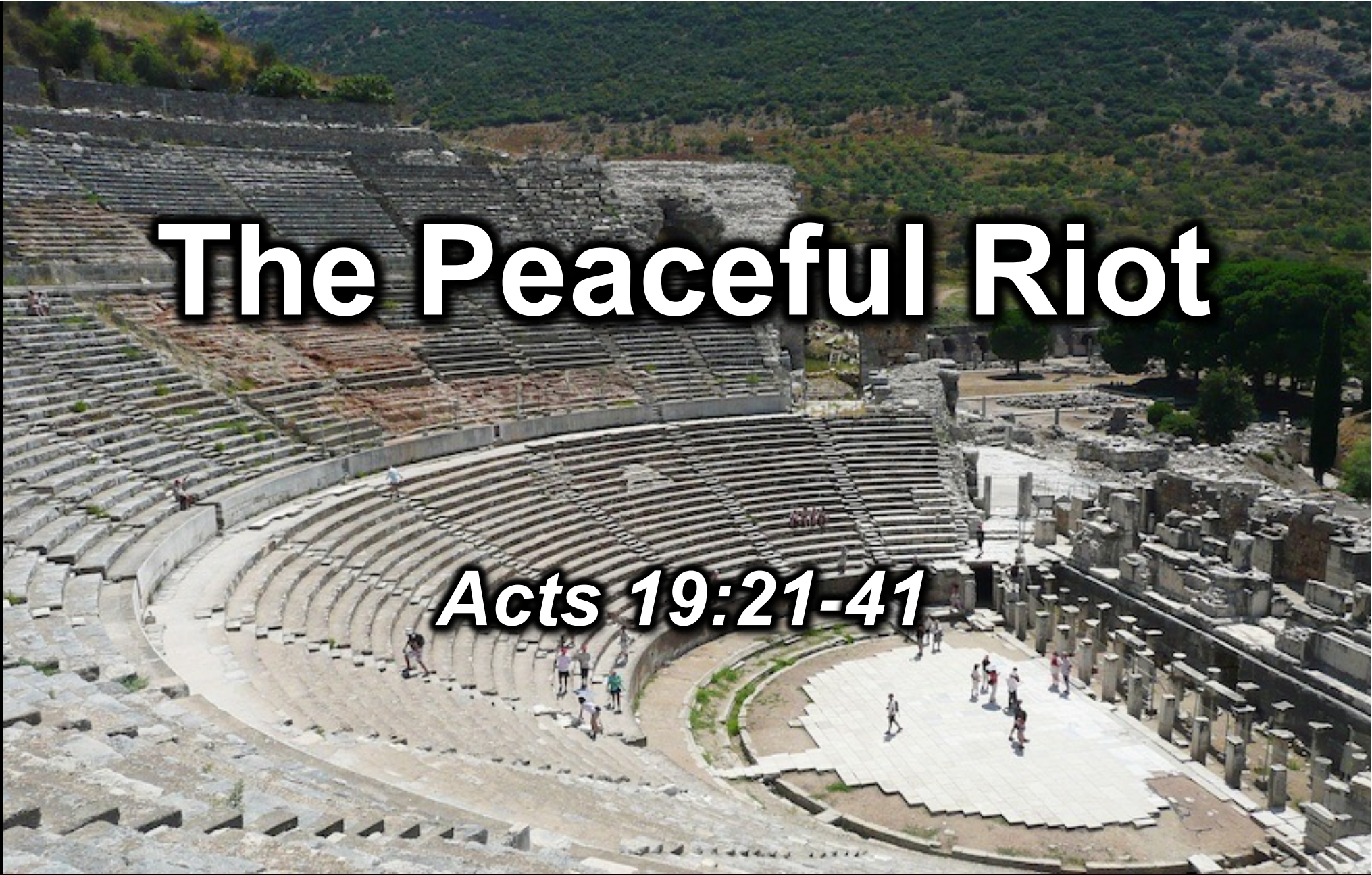
**THE BIBLE SAYS...**



I WONDER  
IF YOU  
KNOW ?  
HIM ■





An aerial photograph of the Amphitheatre of Ephesus, showing the semi-circular stone seating area and the central stage. The theatre is surrounded by ancient ruins and greenery. The text "The Peaceful Riot" is overlaid in large white letters with a black outline.

# The Peaceful Riot

*Acts 19:21-41*

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**peacemakers**

**Are you a peacemaker?**

**Who brings **peace** in society more—  
believers or unbelievers in Jesus?**





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***God's work through the  
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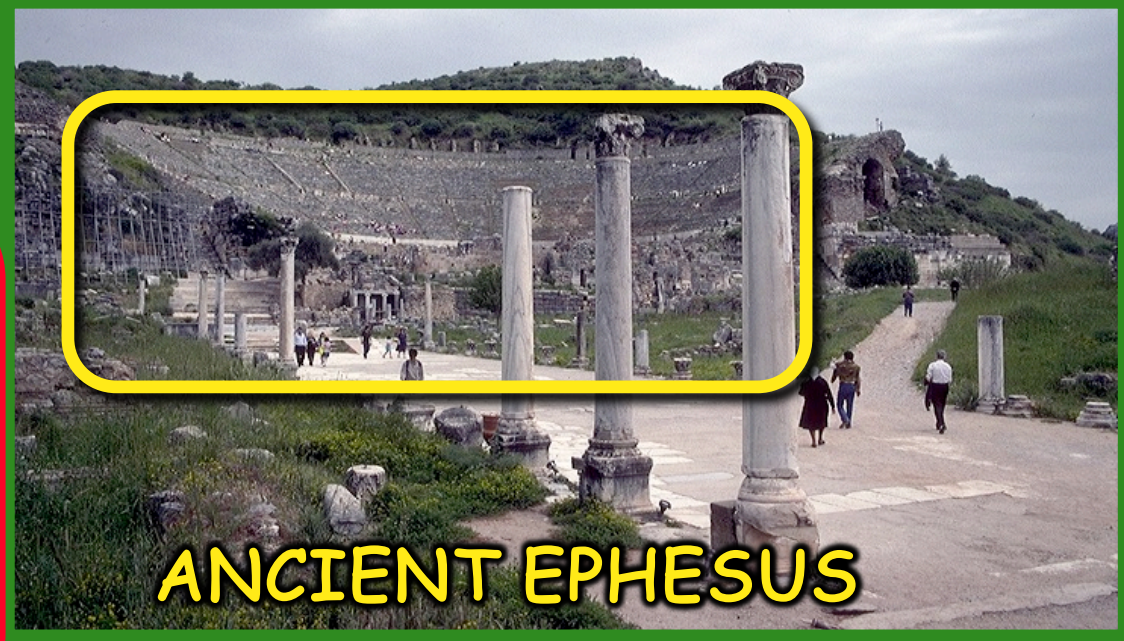
Acts 15-18

## 2. "The European Thrust"

Significance: many church plants; call to Macedonia, on to Athens, "the unknown god"; Mars Hill; lengthy Corinthian stay.



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ANCIENT EPHESUS

Acts 18-21

### 3. "The Asian Thrust"



Significance: extended time at the church in Ephesus; young man raised from the dead; important letters written; riot with Ephesian artisans at amphitheatre.





**Apostles Opposed in Acts 16–19**



# Slave Girl (Acts 16:16)







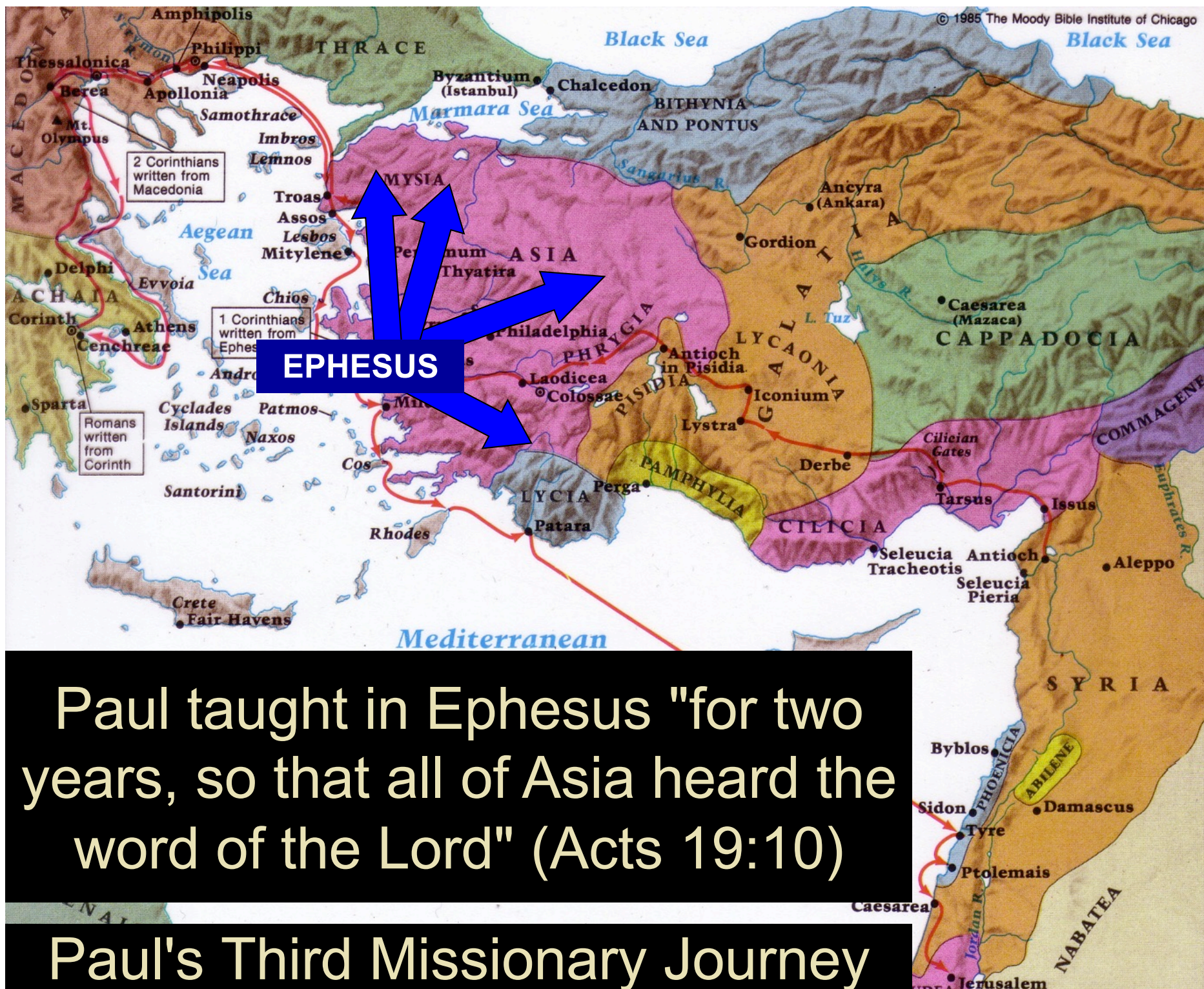
**Beaten &  
Flogged  
(Acts 16:22)**





**Apostles Opposed in Acts 16–19**













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## Key Verse: 1:8

1. 2:47b

2. 6:7

3. 8:40

4. 9:31

5. 12:24

6. 16:5

7. 19:20

8. 28:30-31

Why end this way?

1:1–6:7

6:8–8:40

Acts 9–28



End of the  
Earth

Adapted from Stanley D. Toussaint, *BKC*; Jeremy Chew, *EAST*



# The Setting: Peace



**Paul did not let the scroll burning lead to a riot but planned to leave for Rome (19:21-22).**





**“Afterward Paul felt compelled by the Spirit to go over to Macedonia and Achaia before going to Jerusalem. ‘And after that,’ he said, ‘I must go on to Rome!’” <sup>22</sup> He sent his two assistants, Timothy and Erastus, ahead to Macedonia while he stayed awhile longer in the province of Asia” (Acts 19:21–22 NLT).**



**Artemis (Diana) Video (Acts 19:23-41)**

**The idol maker Demetrius began the  
Ephesus riot—not the peaceful Paul  
(Acts 19:23-41).**







**Ephesus was the capital of Asia**

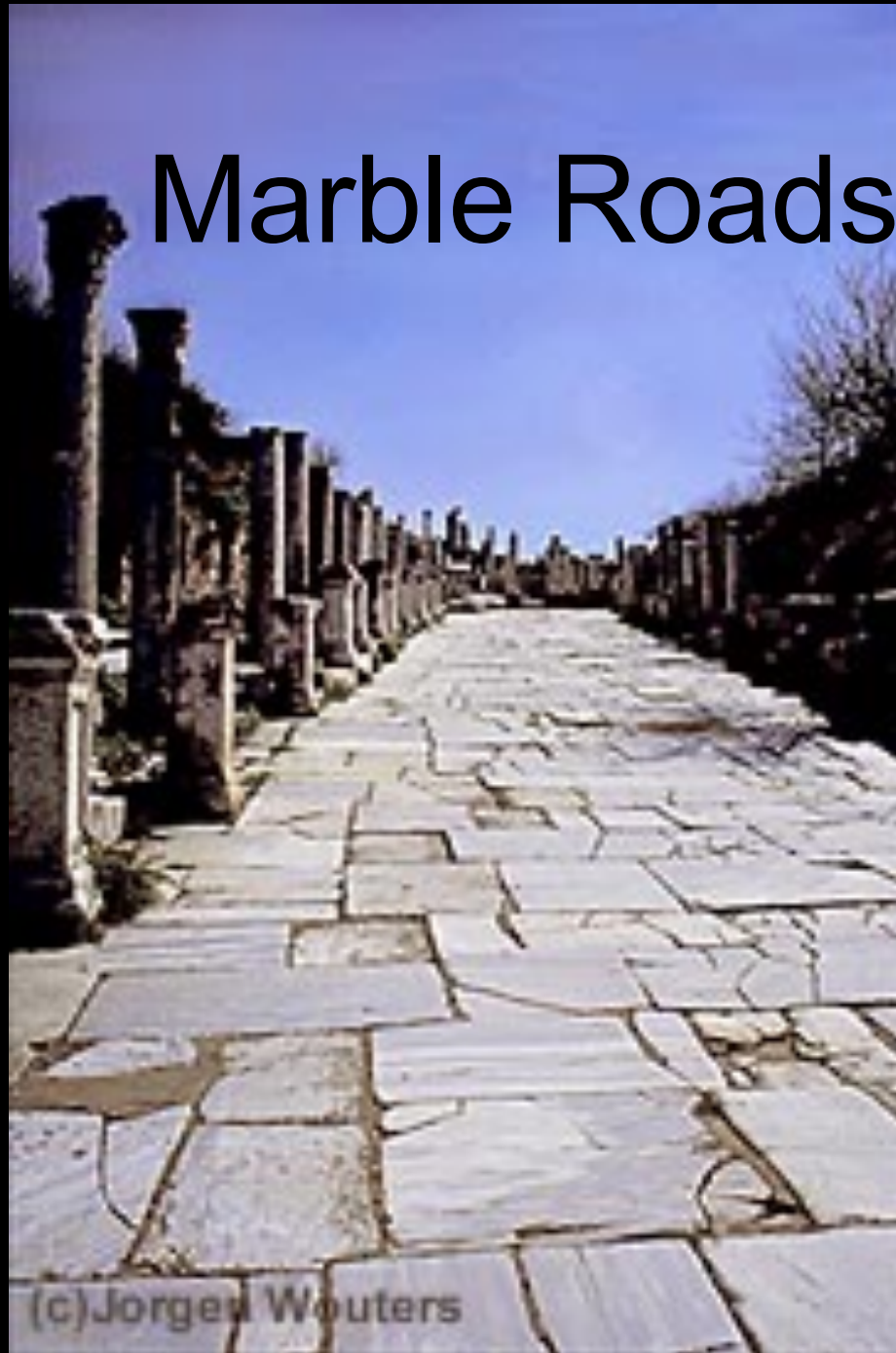


# A Centre of Culture





# Marble Roads



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# Artemis:

## The Ancient Wonder Woman





# Artemis, Goddess of Fertility





# Seven Wonders of the Ancient World



# The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus

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The Temple of Artemis  
at Ephesus  
sunrise scene



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**The Temple of Diana (Artemis) in 2017**



*theh'-at-ron* <sup>349</sup>

Theater Seats 25,000



**Acts 19:29**



## **The City Clerk (Acts 19:35-41):**

- **Enticed their pride (35-36)**
- **Affirmed believers (37)**
- **Encouraged legal charges (38-39)**
- **Warned of Rome (40-41)**



# Christians = Riot Victims —Not Riot Instigators





**Believers bring peace in society.**



**Main Idea of Acts 19:21-41**



**Idolatry leads to trouble.**



# Diana (Artemis) of Ephesus





# How can you **be faithful** to God in a world of idols?

- Money
- Power
- Sex
- Food
- Pleasure
- Entertainment
- Drinking
- Science
- Pride

IDOLS  
of the  
HEART

Ezekiel 14:3-6 NLT

**Not much has changed  
through the ages...**



**Canaan**

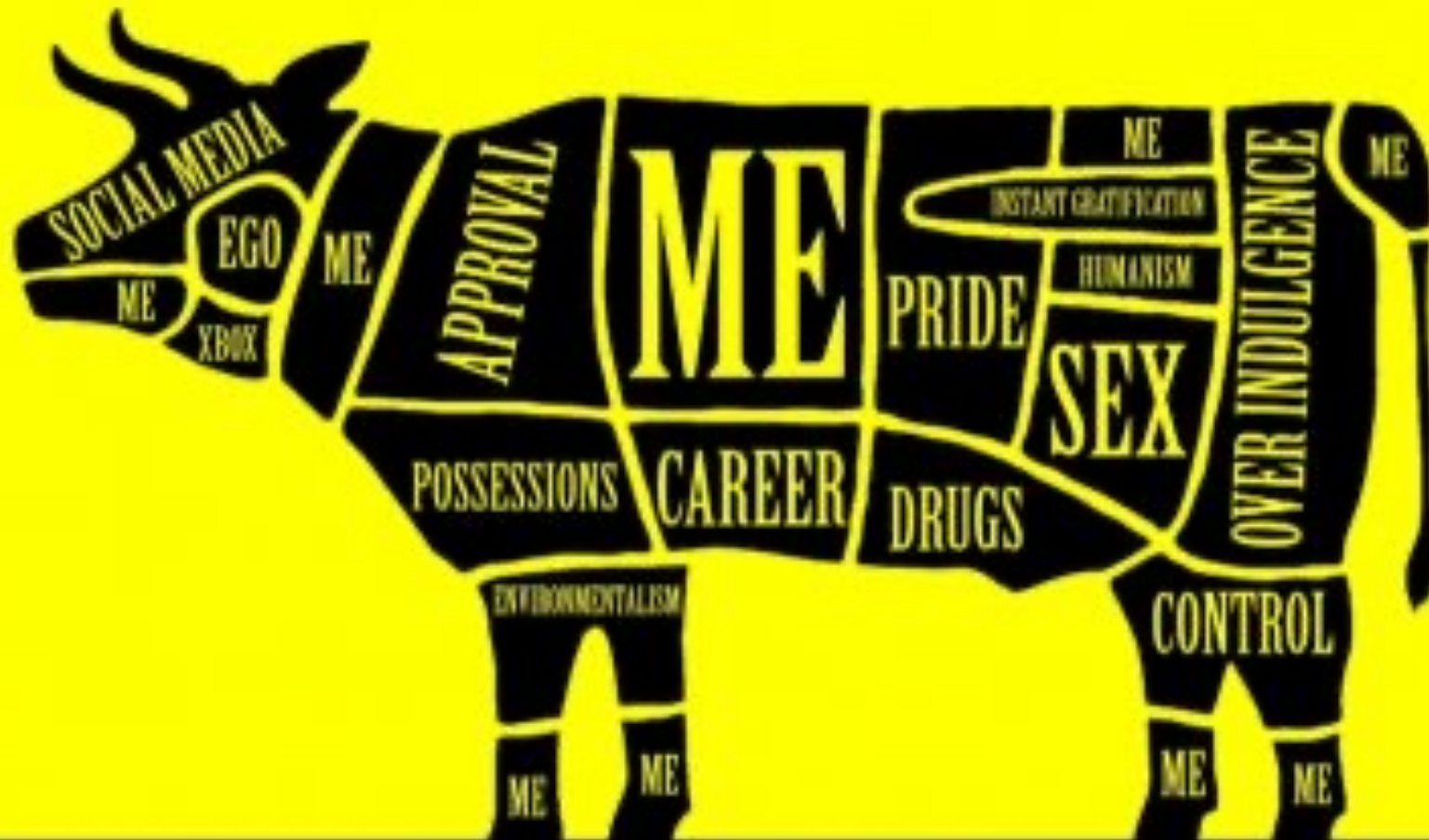


**Wall Street**



**Idolatry actually  
worships self.**





# IDOLATRY



**The gospel leads to peace.**



**Let's continue the peaceful proclamation of the gospel that characterized the early church**

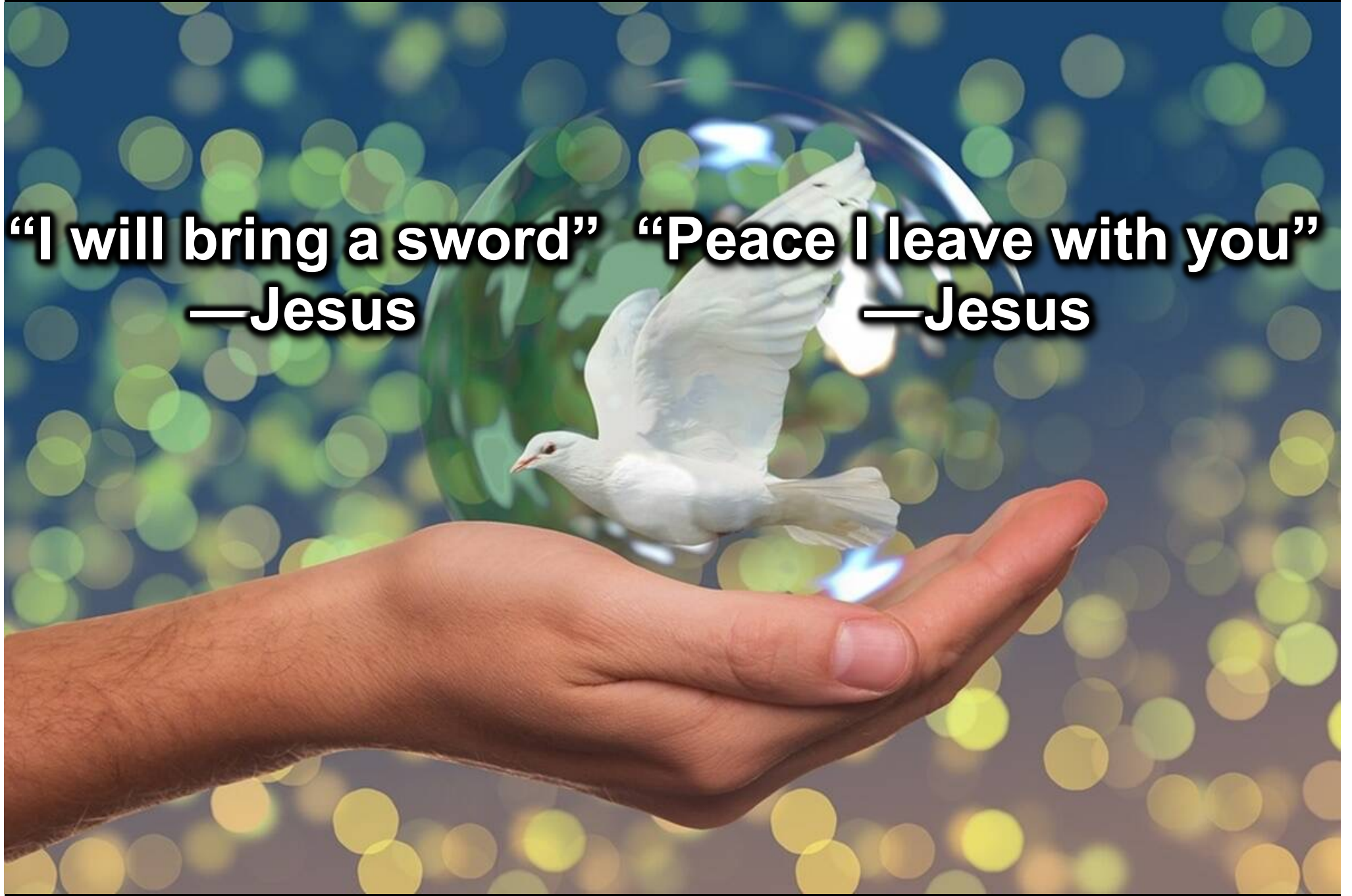




# Can we reconcile these?

**“I will bring a sword”  
—Jesus**

**“Peace I leave with you”  
—Jesus**

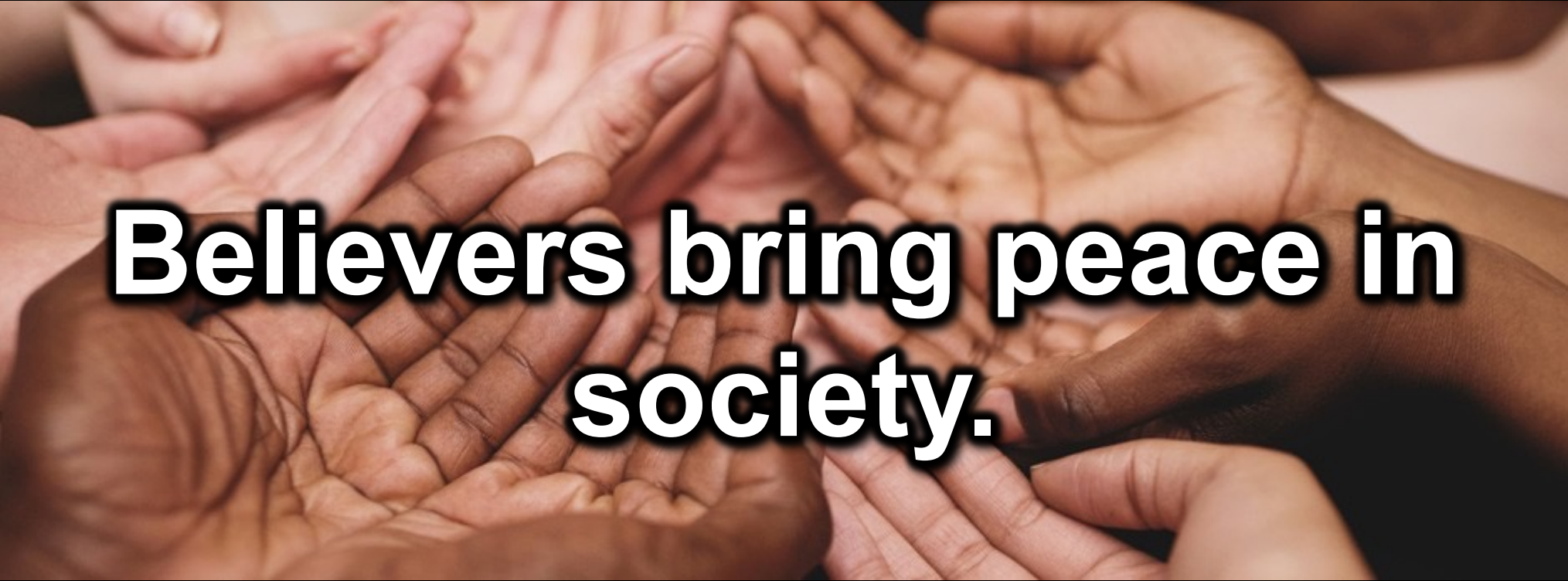


**Who brings **peace** in society more—  
believers or unbelievers in Jesus?**





# Main Idea of Acts 19:21-41



**Believers bring peace in society.**





**Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6)**



**The idol maker Demetrius began the  
Ephesus riot—not the peaceful Paul  
(Acts 19:23-41).**





**The gospel leads to peace.**





# Peace Painting Contest







Marie



# The Winner



# **How can you exchange idols for peace?**

- **Strengthen your family.**
- **Use your money for peace.**
- **Don't enflame passions.**





# He Is Our Peace

*Kandela Groves*

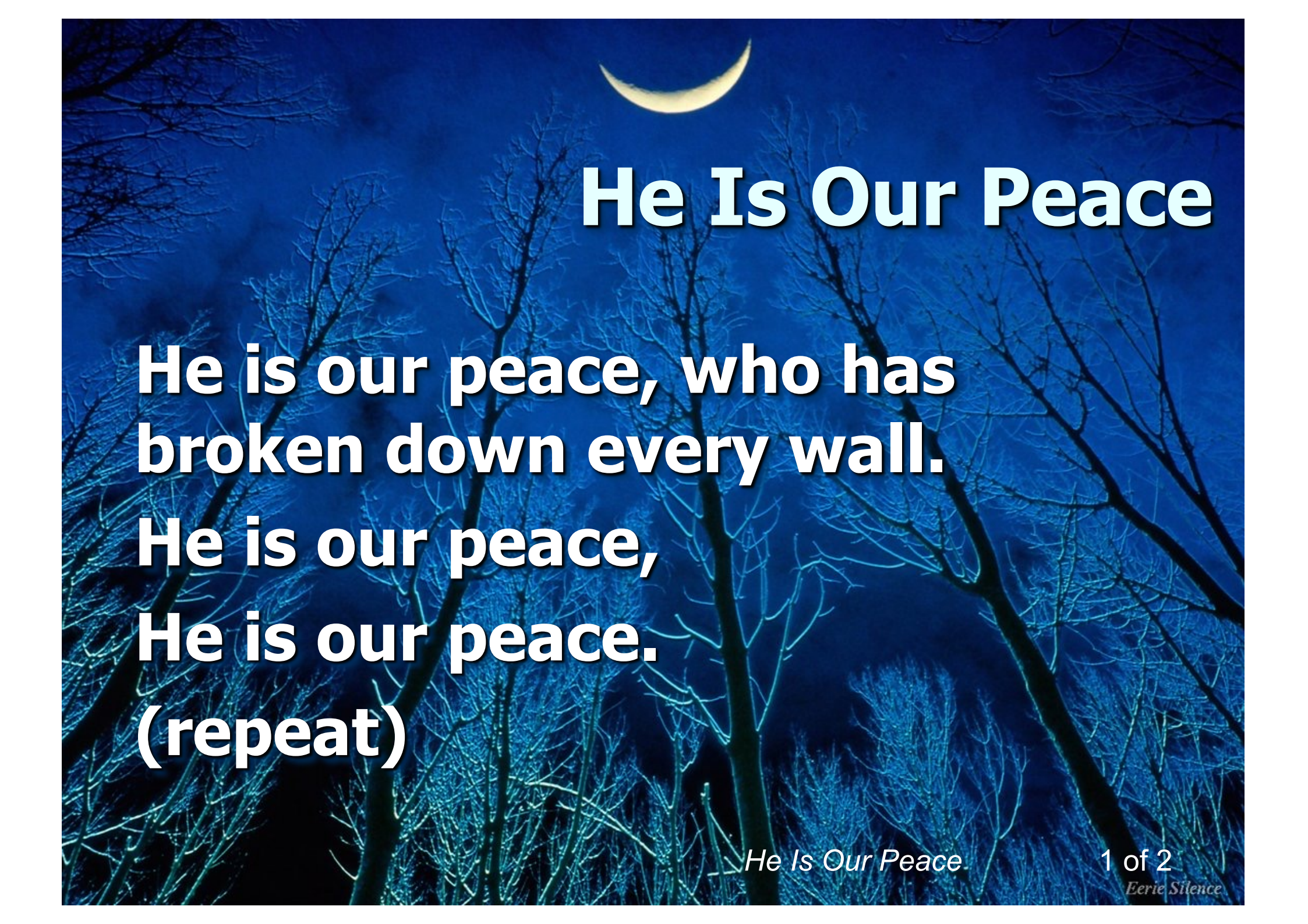
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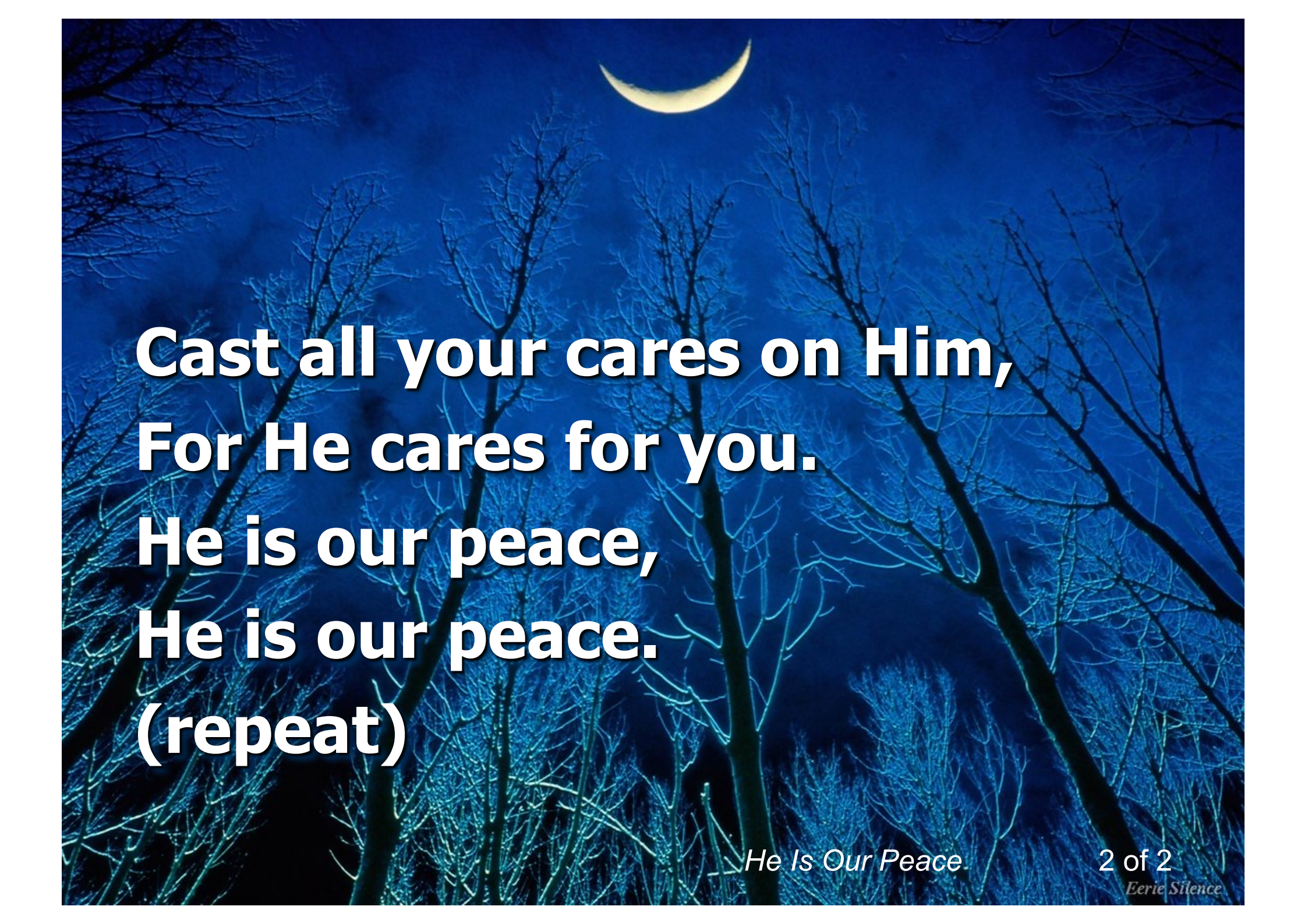
**He is our peace, who has  
broken down every wall.**

**He is our peace,**

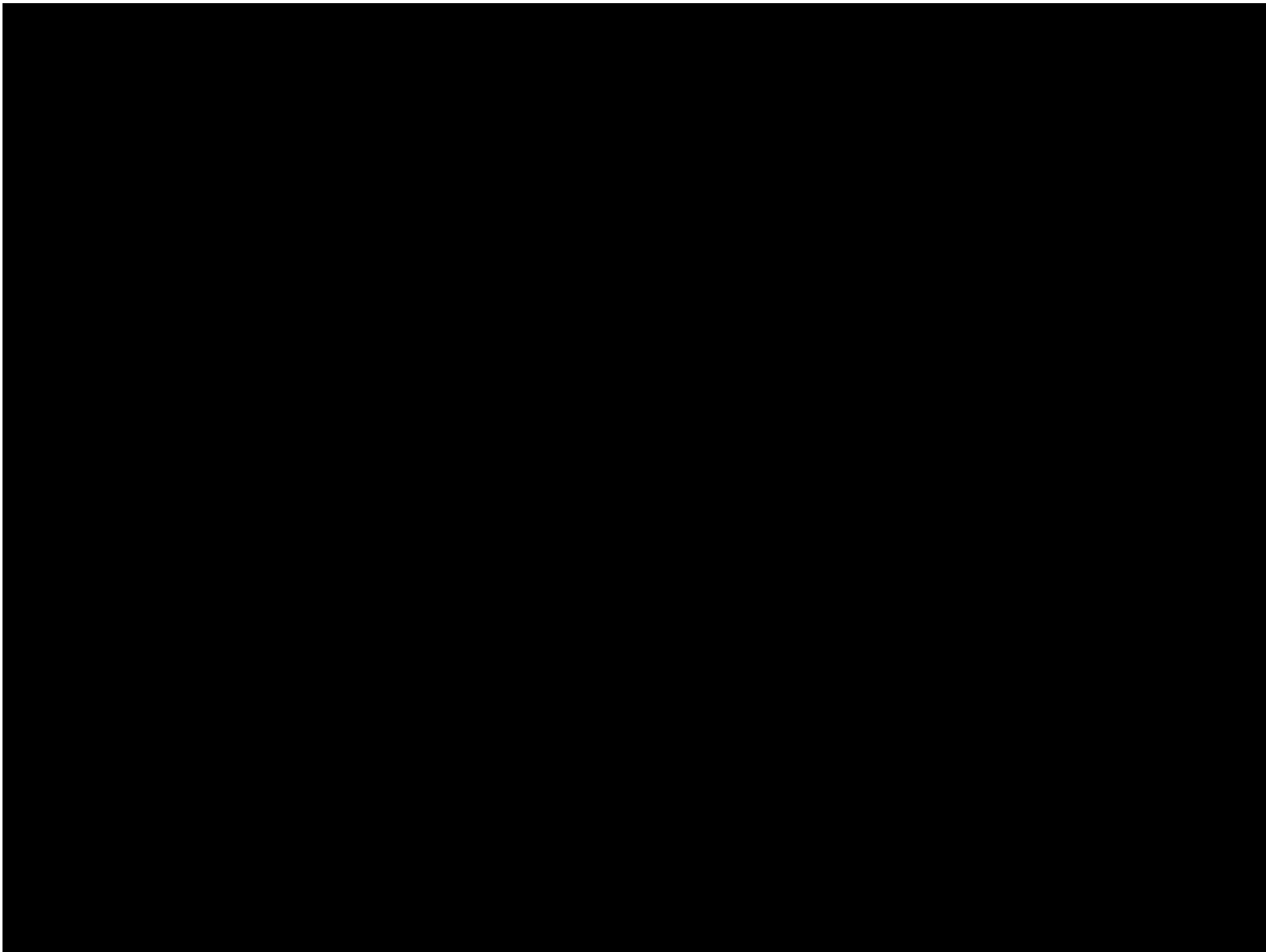
**He is our peace.**

**(repeat)**



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**Cast all your cares on Him,  
For He cares for you.  
He is our peace,  
He is our peace.  
(repeat)**





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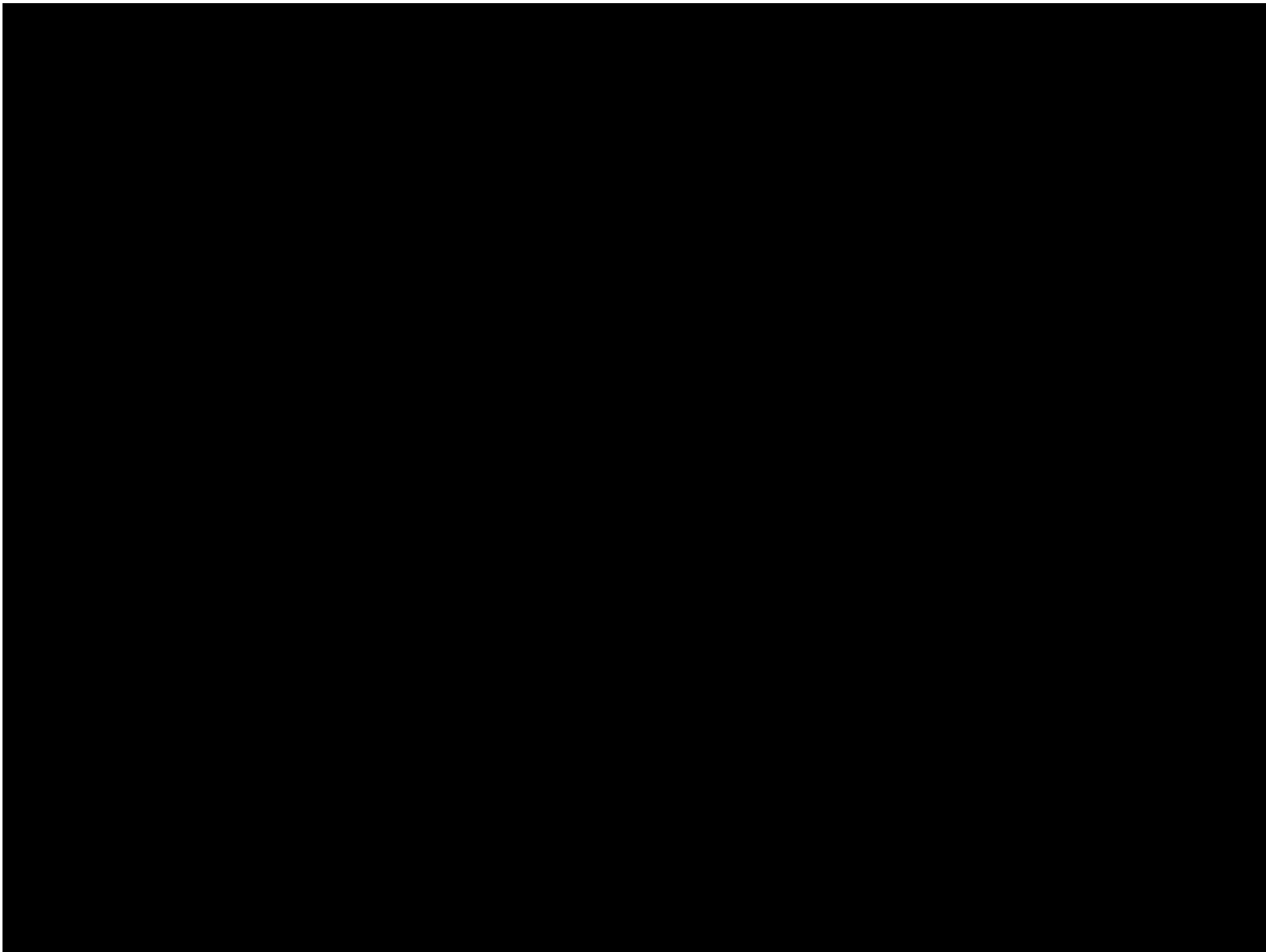
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