



3 John

Support Missionaries

Key Word

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Missionaries

3 John

Theme

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Support Missionaries

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Key Verse

**“We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men [missionaries] so that we may work together for the truth”
(verse 8).**

3 John

Summary Statement

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

Kingdom Statement

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As members of Christ's kingdom, we “should support [missionaries] so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth” (v. 8 NLT).

3 John

Covenant

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The house church existed as the primary institution that spread God's new covenant truth (vv. 3-4).

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Redemption

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Believers should replace opposition to Jesus like that of Diotrephes (vv. 9-11a) with the hospitable, good deeds like Demetrius (vv. 11b-12).

3 John

Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

**Traveling teachers “are traveling for the Lord”
(v. 7 NLT) since they have a message no
unbeliever considers worthy of support.**

3 John

3 John – Summary Chart

Supporting Missionaries

1-8			9-11			12-15		
Gaius			Diotrephes			Demetrius		
Commended			Condemned			Recommended		
Supported Missionaries			Opposed Missionaries			Is a Missionary		
Greetings & Prayer 1-2	Joy over Godliness 3-4	Support Confirmed 5-8	for Rejecting John 9	for Opposing Missionaries 10	for Doing Evil 11	Good Reputation 12	Visit Anticipated 13-14a	Affectionate Greetings 14b-15

Asia Minor

c. AD 90

THIRD JOHN

Verses

- 1-4 **G**reetings to brother Gaius
- 5-6 **A**ccept strangers and brethren
- 7-8 **I**nvest in God's work
- 9-10 **U**njust words of Diotrophes
- 11-14 **S**pecial thanks to Demetrius

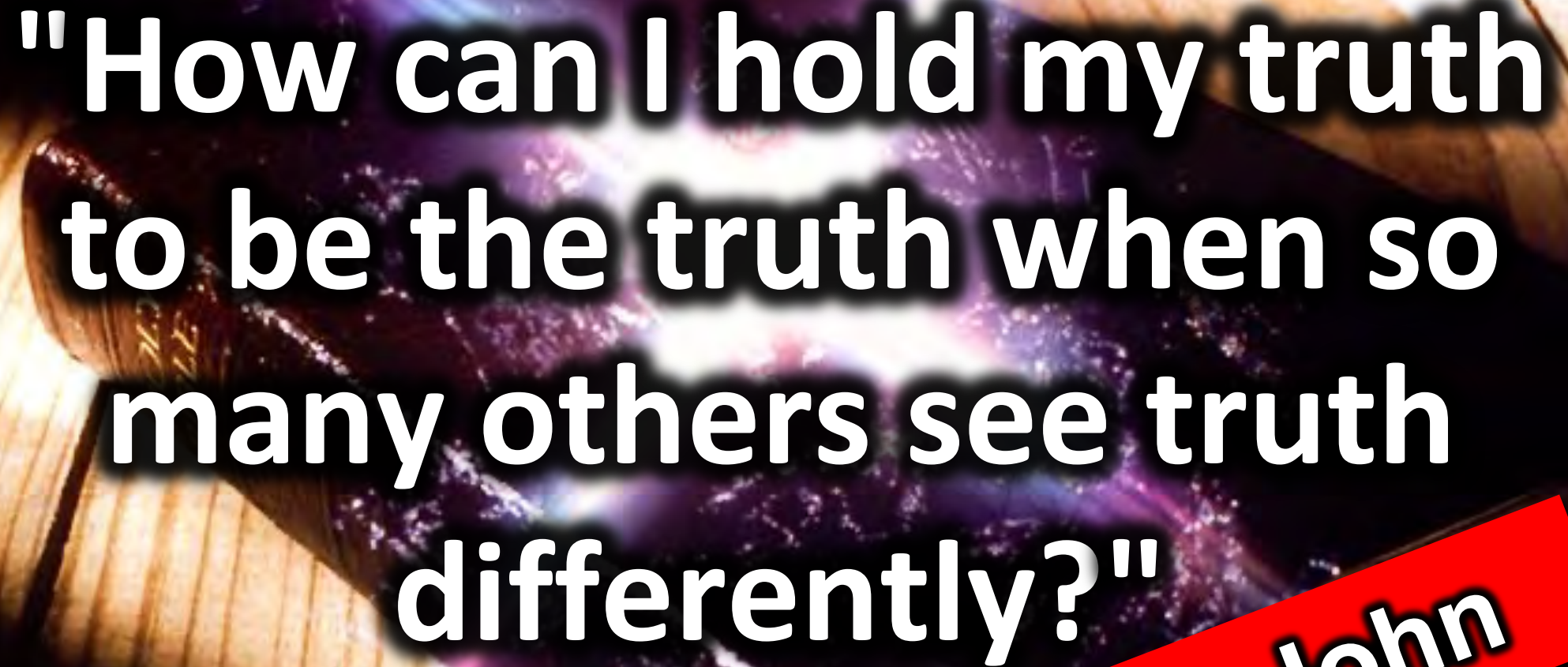


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to be the truth when so
many others see truth
differently?"**

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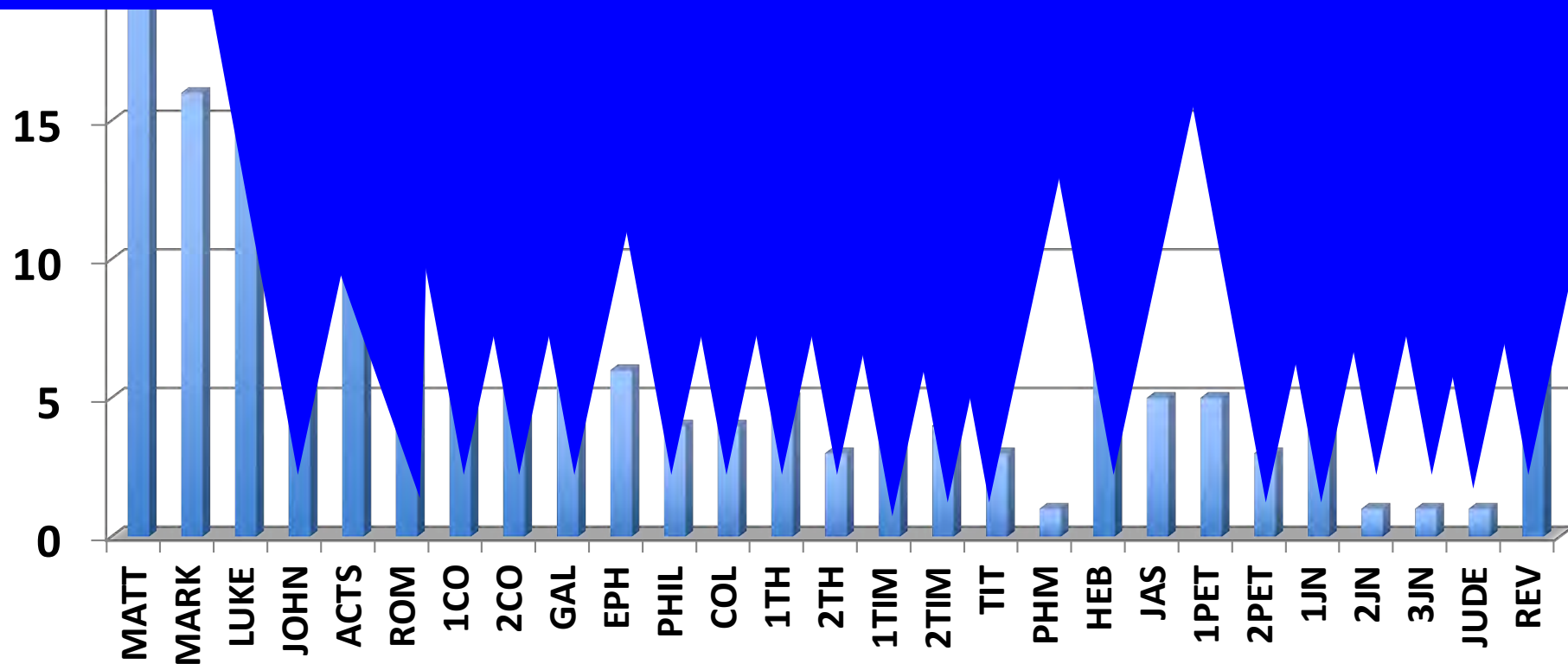
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19 respond to a heresy!





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

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III.
Become a
**mission-
ary** like
Demetrius
(12)



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

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

3 John

**Live out God's truth by
supporting missions in the
way God has for you.**

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MAIN IDEA OF 3 JOHN



How are you advancing the gospel by supporting missionaries through hospitality and finances?



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Grandson Jesse



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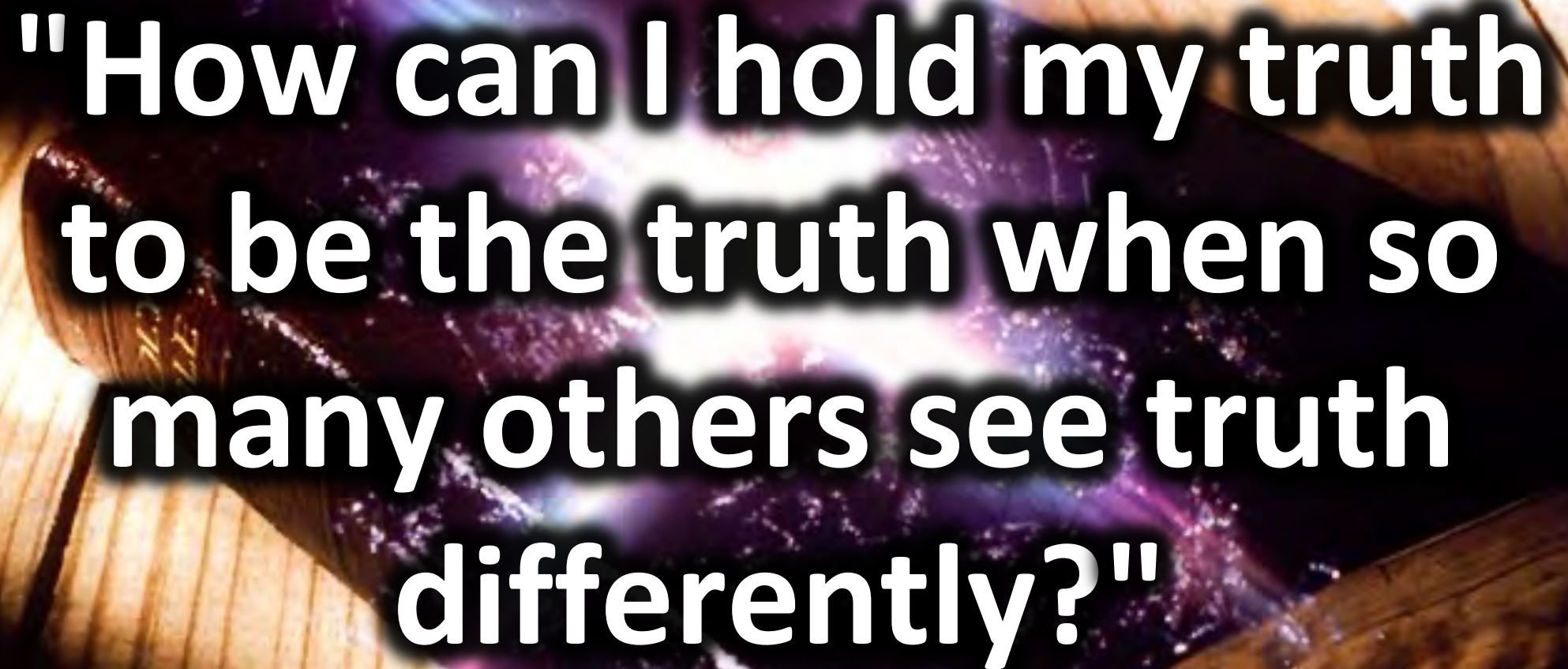
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important to you?*

Ability or Integrity?





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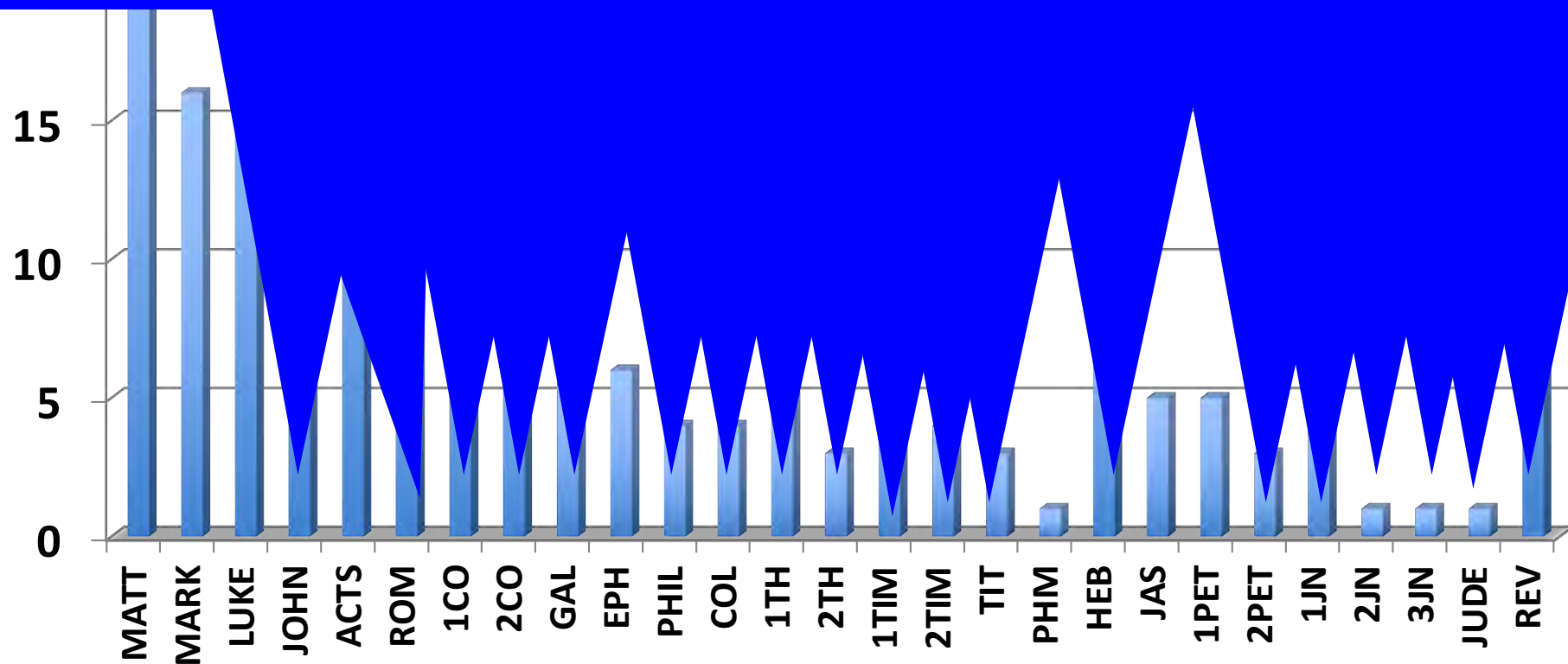
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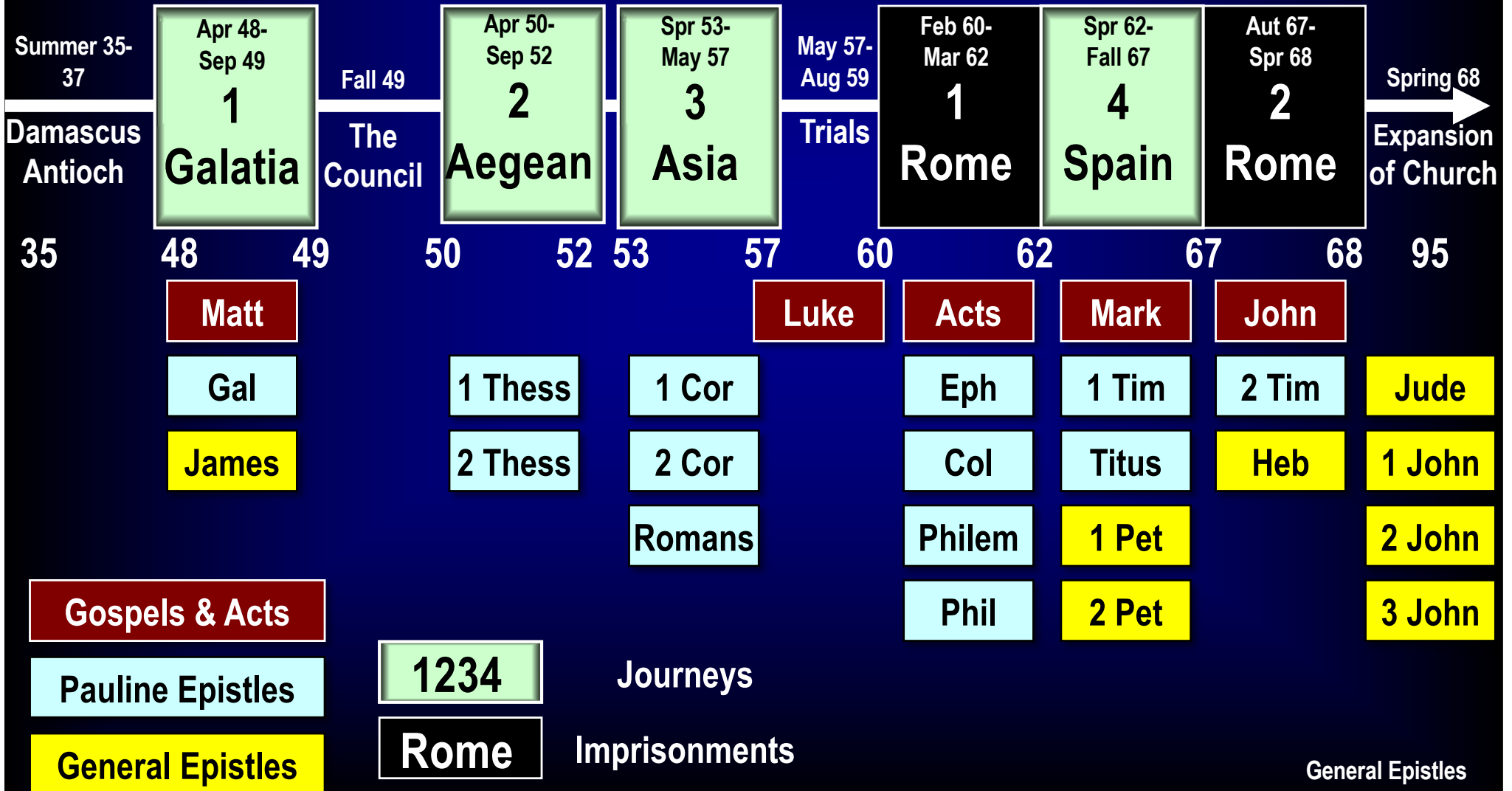
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"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

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Occasion

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

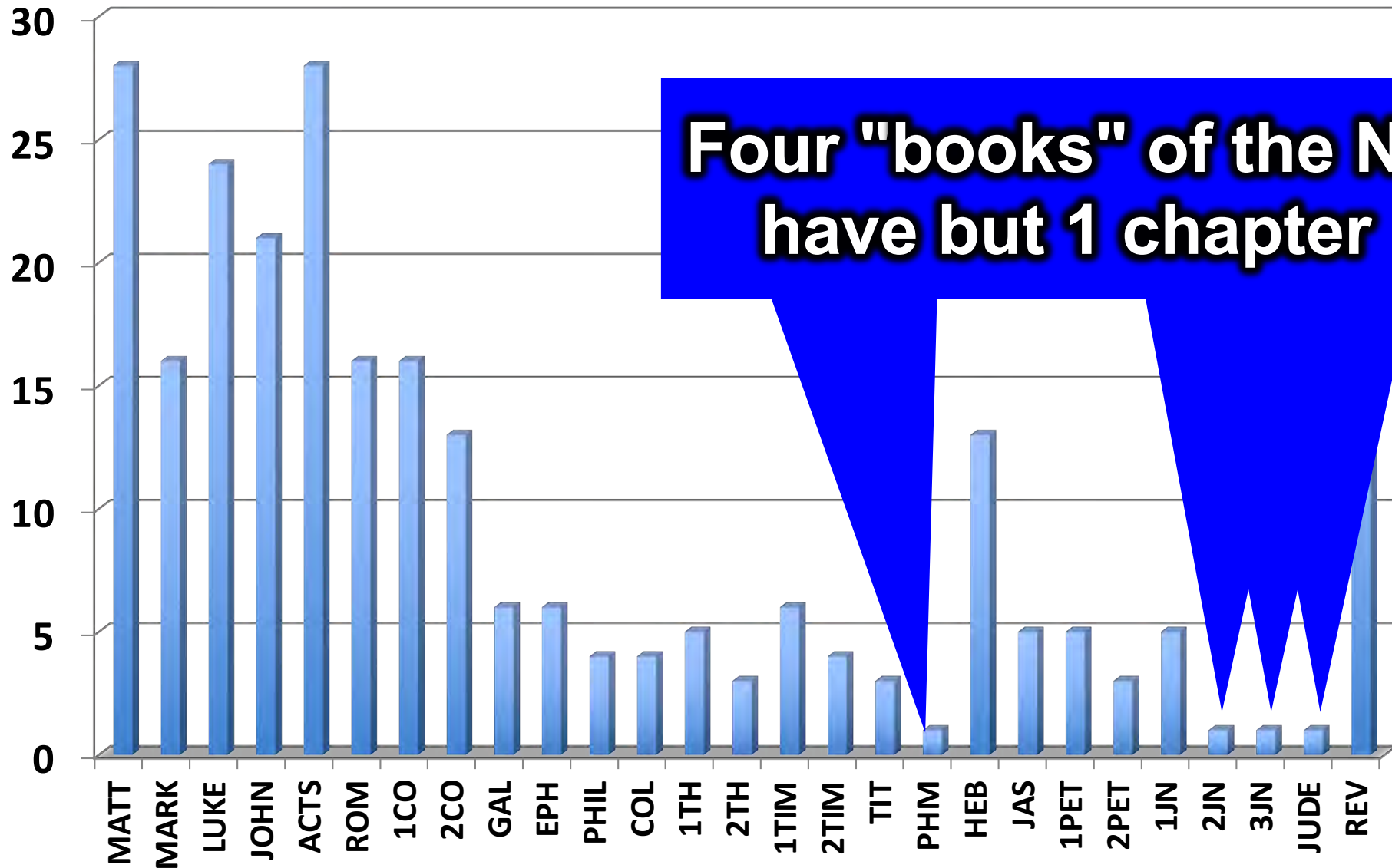
- **Since inns were unsafe and few, these missionaries stayed with Christians.**

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



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

Chapters in NT Books



Verses in NT Emails

25

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Words

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Contrasts



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

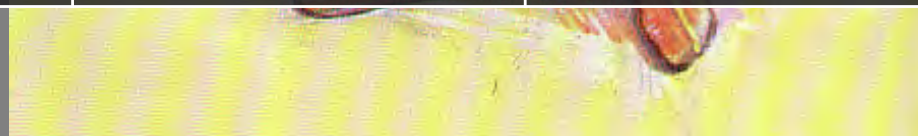
In **3 John** he gives the "flip-side": believers should **support true missionary teachers.**



Contrasts



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



Salutation (1-4 NLT)

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

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

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

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

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



3 ways...

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



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

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



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

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



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

Keys to the Postcard



✦ **Key Word: Missionaries**

✦ **Key Verse:**

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

(3 John 8 NIV)



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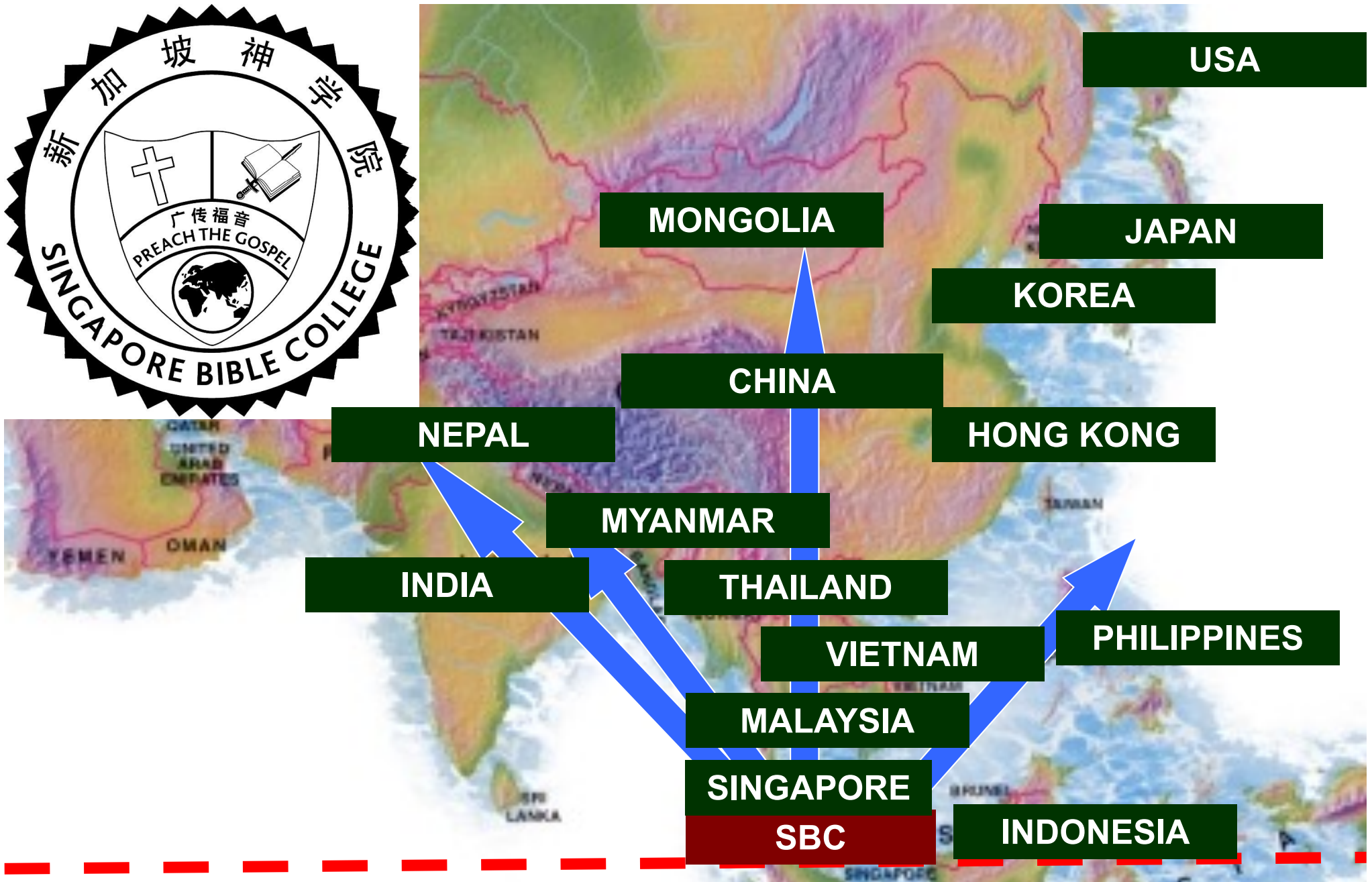
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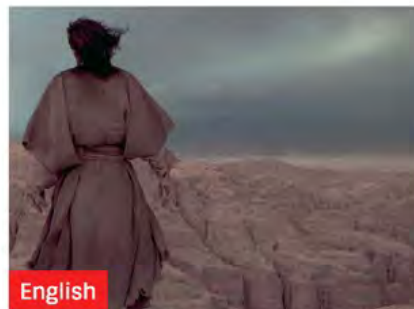
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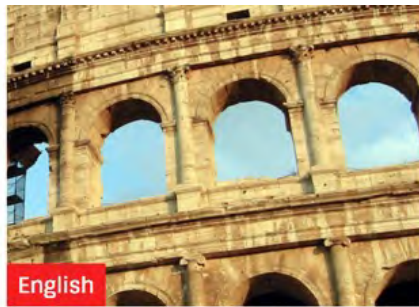
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3 John – Summary Chart



Supporting Missionaries

1-8			9-11			12-15		
Gaius			Diotrephes			Demetrius		
Commended			Condemned			Recommended		
Supported Missionaries			Opposed Missionaries			Is a Missionary		
Greetings & Prayer 1-2	Joy over Godliness 3-4	Support Confirmed 5-8	for Rejecting John 9	for Opposing Missionaries 10	for Doing Evil 11	Good Reputation 12	Visit Anticipated 13-14a	Affectionate Greetings 14b-15

Asia Minor

c. AD 90



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

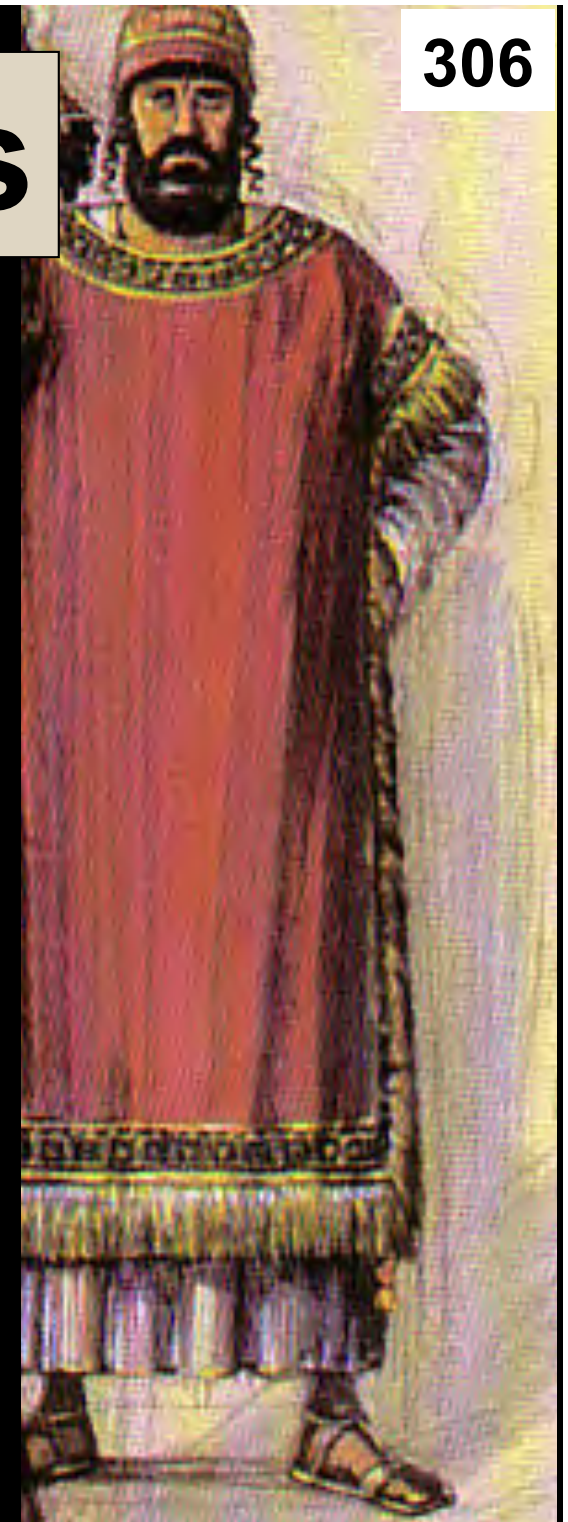
I. Help **others** get the truth out like Gaius (5-8)

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

Diotrephes

"nourished by Zeus"

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



DISCIPLESHIP

Hindrances
Hindrances





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

John did.



Harold Camping

"Jesus will
come in 1994"

"Jesus will
come 21 May
2011"

"Jesus will
come 21 Oct
2011"

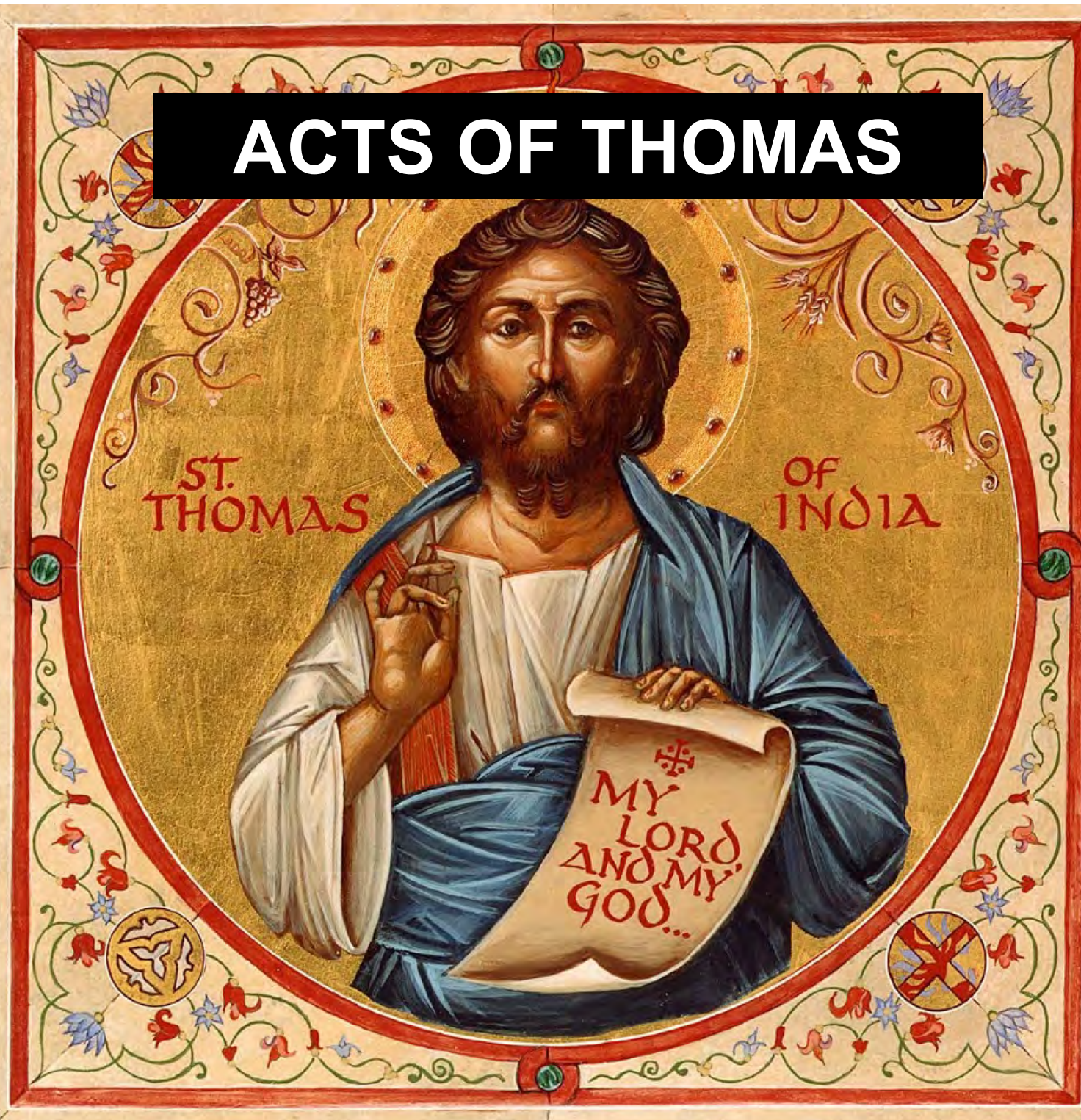
Camping admitted in a private interview that he no longer believed that anybody could know the time of the Rapture or the end of the world, in stark contrast to his previously staunch position on the subject. In March 2012, he stated that his attempt to predict a date was "sinful", and that his critics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

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



St Thomas Basilica, Madras, India


ACTS OF THOMAS



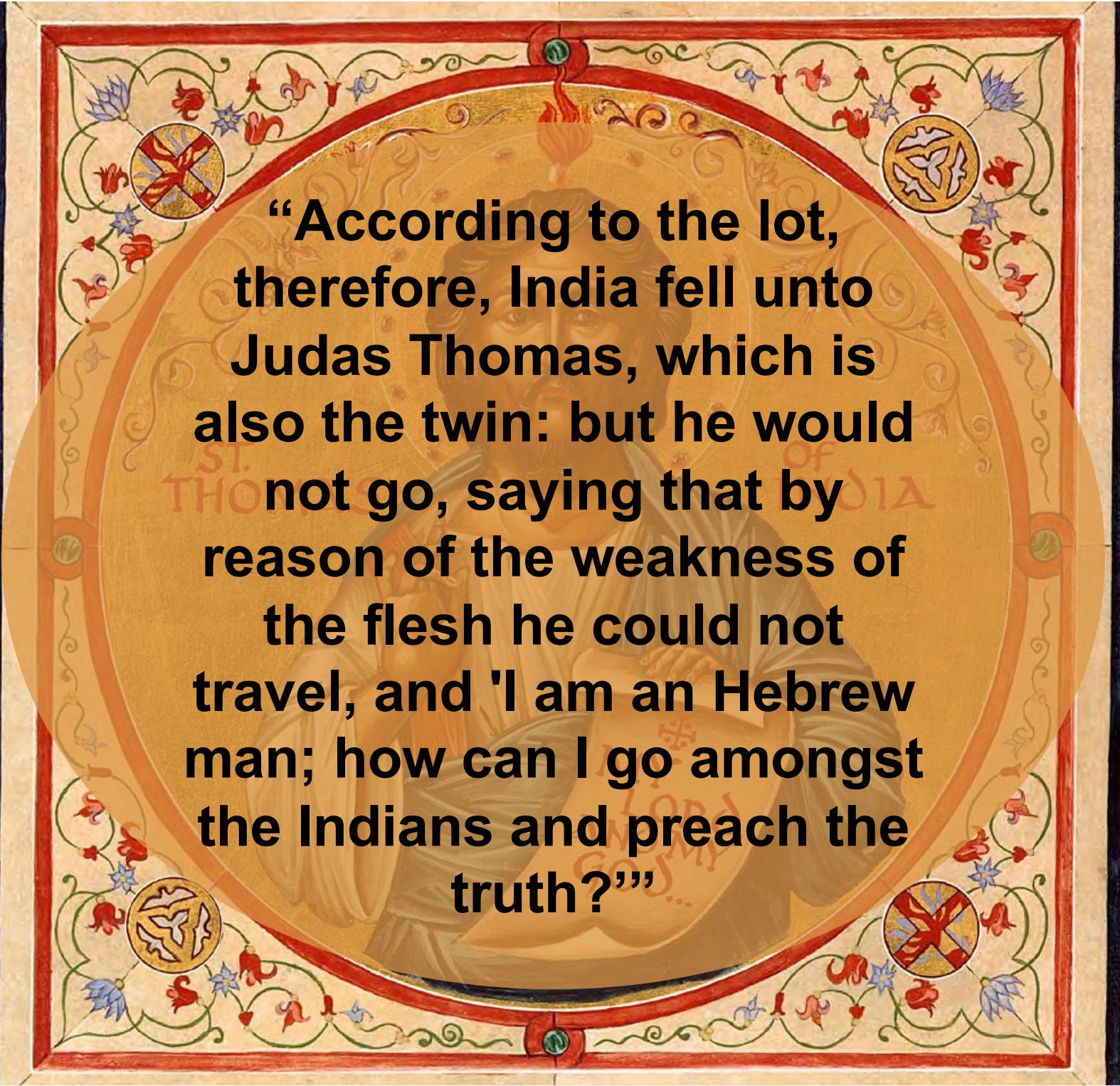
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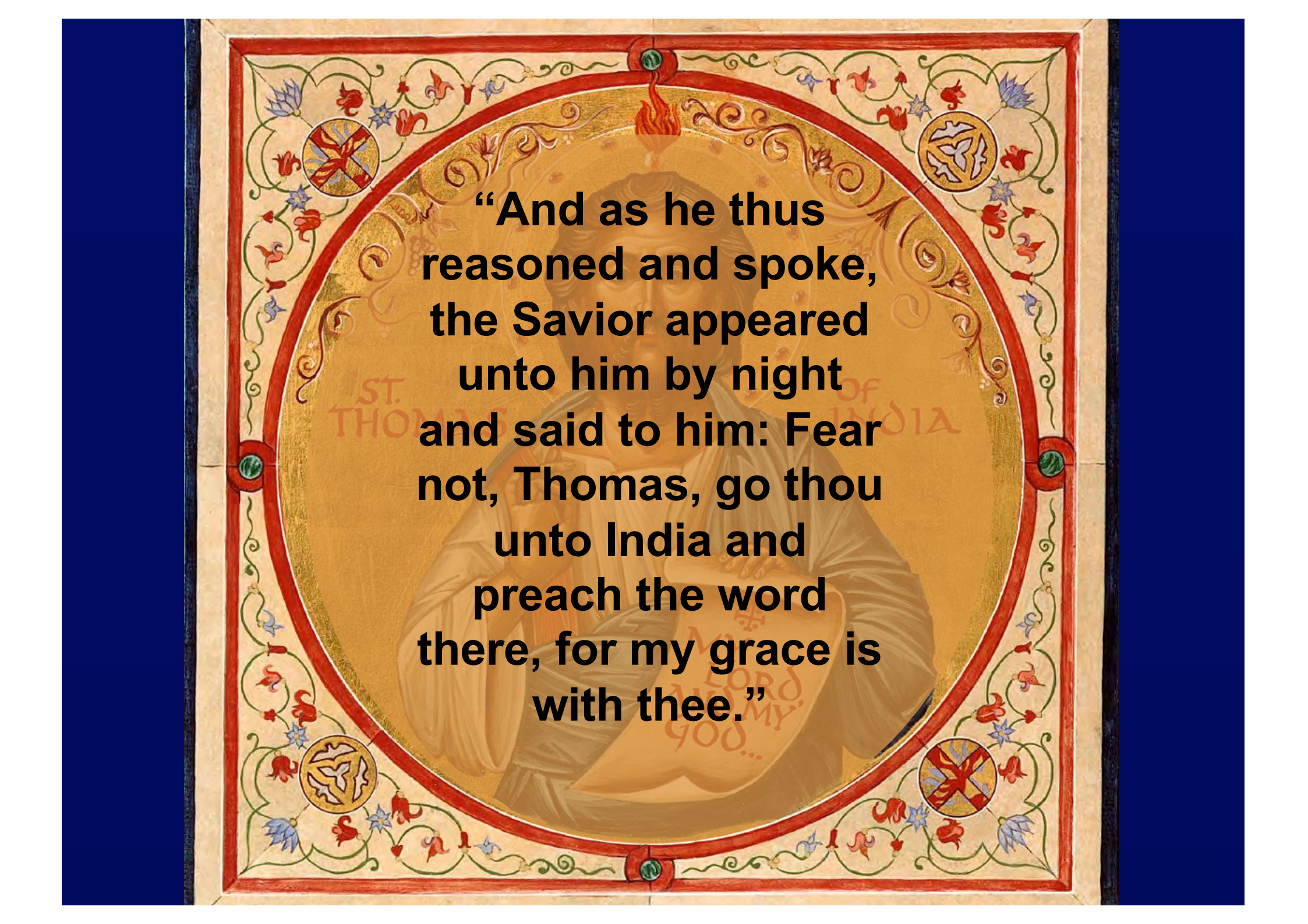
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MY
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An illuminated manuscript page featuring a central oval portrait of St. Thomas, an apostle, with a golden background and a red border. The portrait is surrounded by a decorative floral and vine border. The text is overlaid on the portrait. The text reads: "1. At that season all we the apostles were at Jerusalem ... and we divided the regions of the world, that every one of us should go unto the region that fell to him and unto the nation whereunto the Lord sent him." The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background of the page is a light beige color with a dark blue border on the left and right sides.

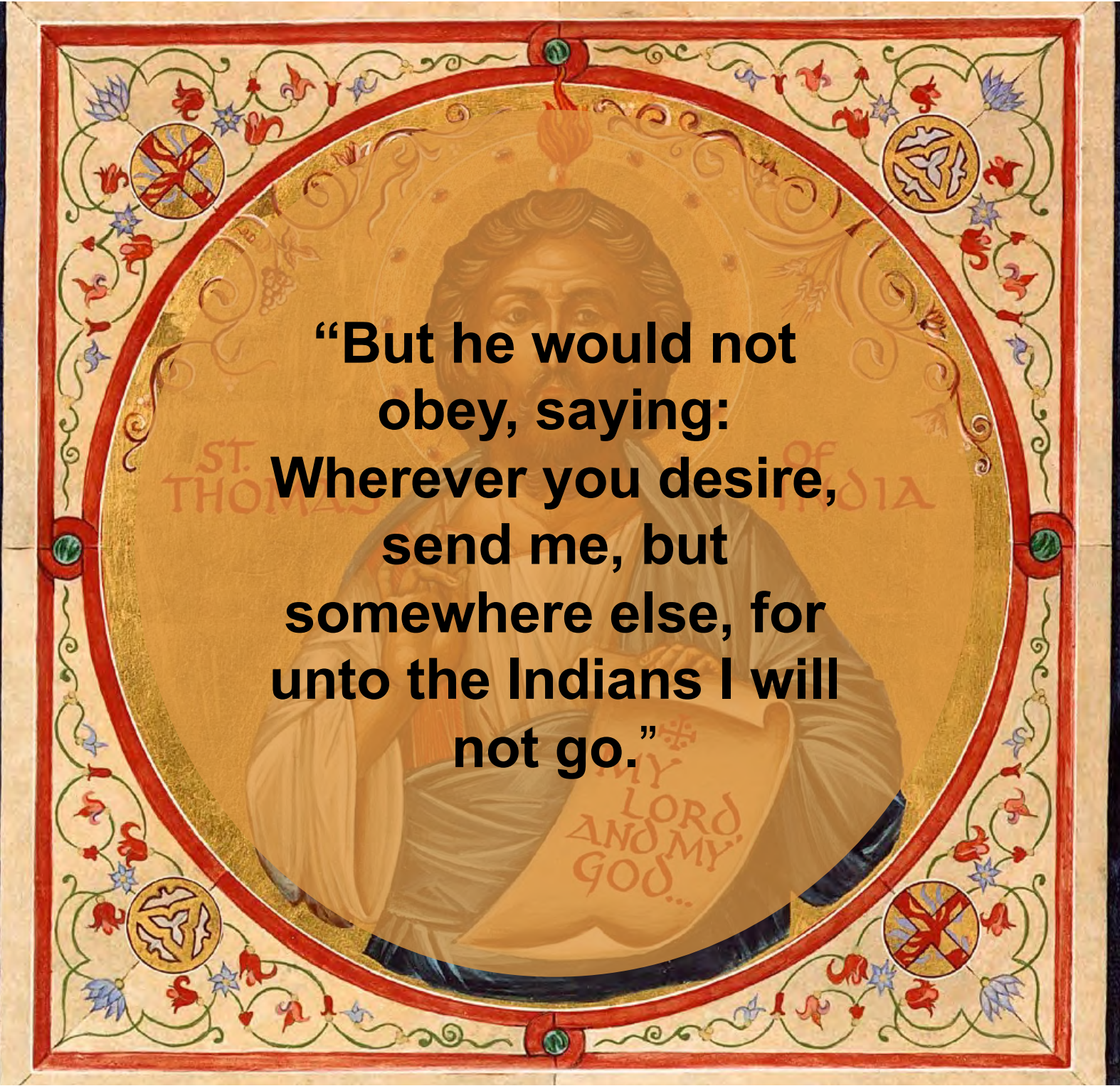
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sent him.”**



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

An illuminated manuscript page featuring a central miniature of St. Thomas, a figure with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe. The miniature is set within a large, ornate oval frame with a gold background. The frame is decorated with intricate floral and scrollwork patterns in red, green, and blue. The text is overlaid on the miniature in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background of the page is a light beige color, and the entire page is framed by a dark blue border.

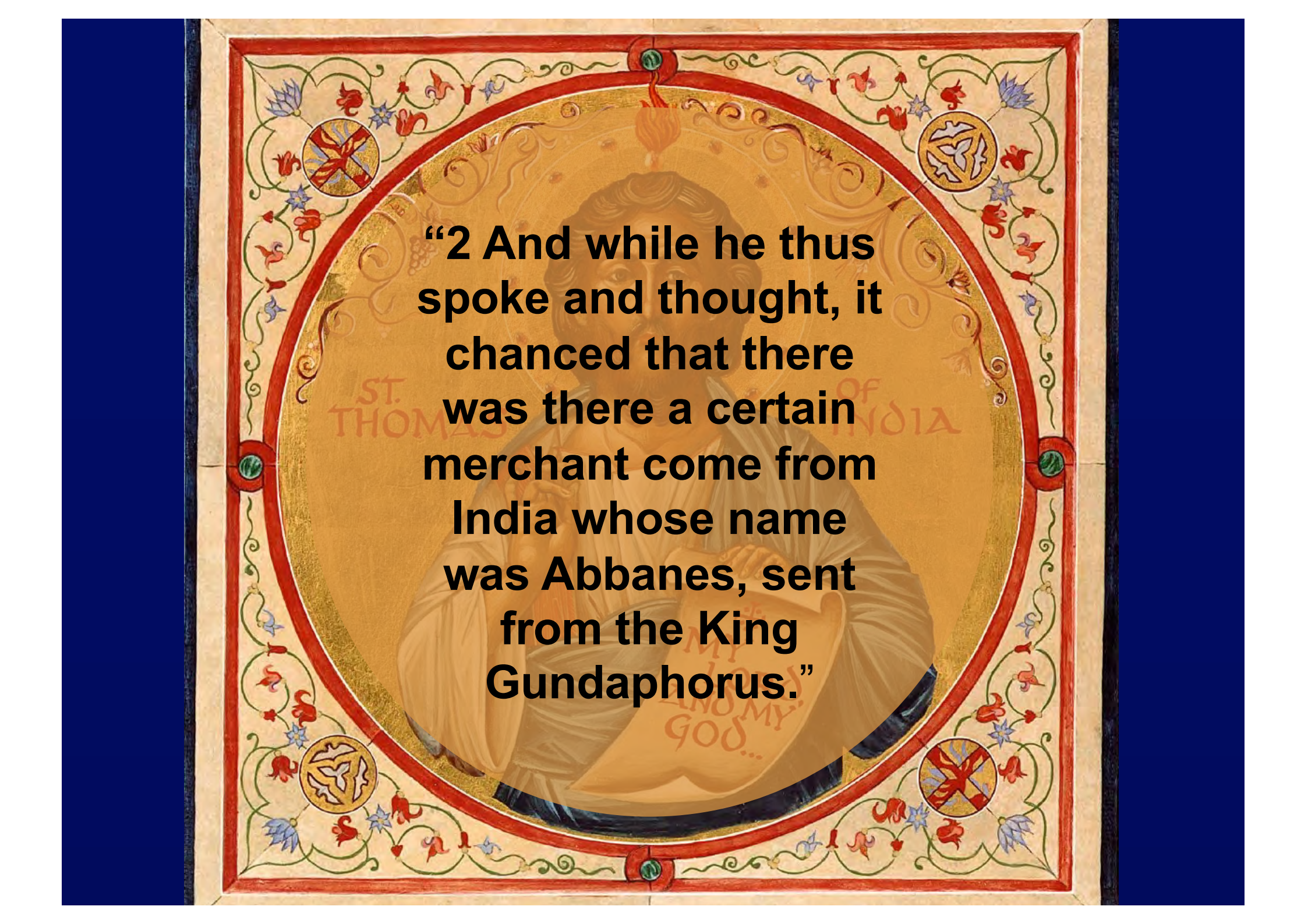
**“And as he thus
reasoned and spoke,
the Savior appeared
unto him by night
and said to him: Fear
not, Thomas, go thou
unto India and
preach the word
there, for my grace is
with thee.”**



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

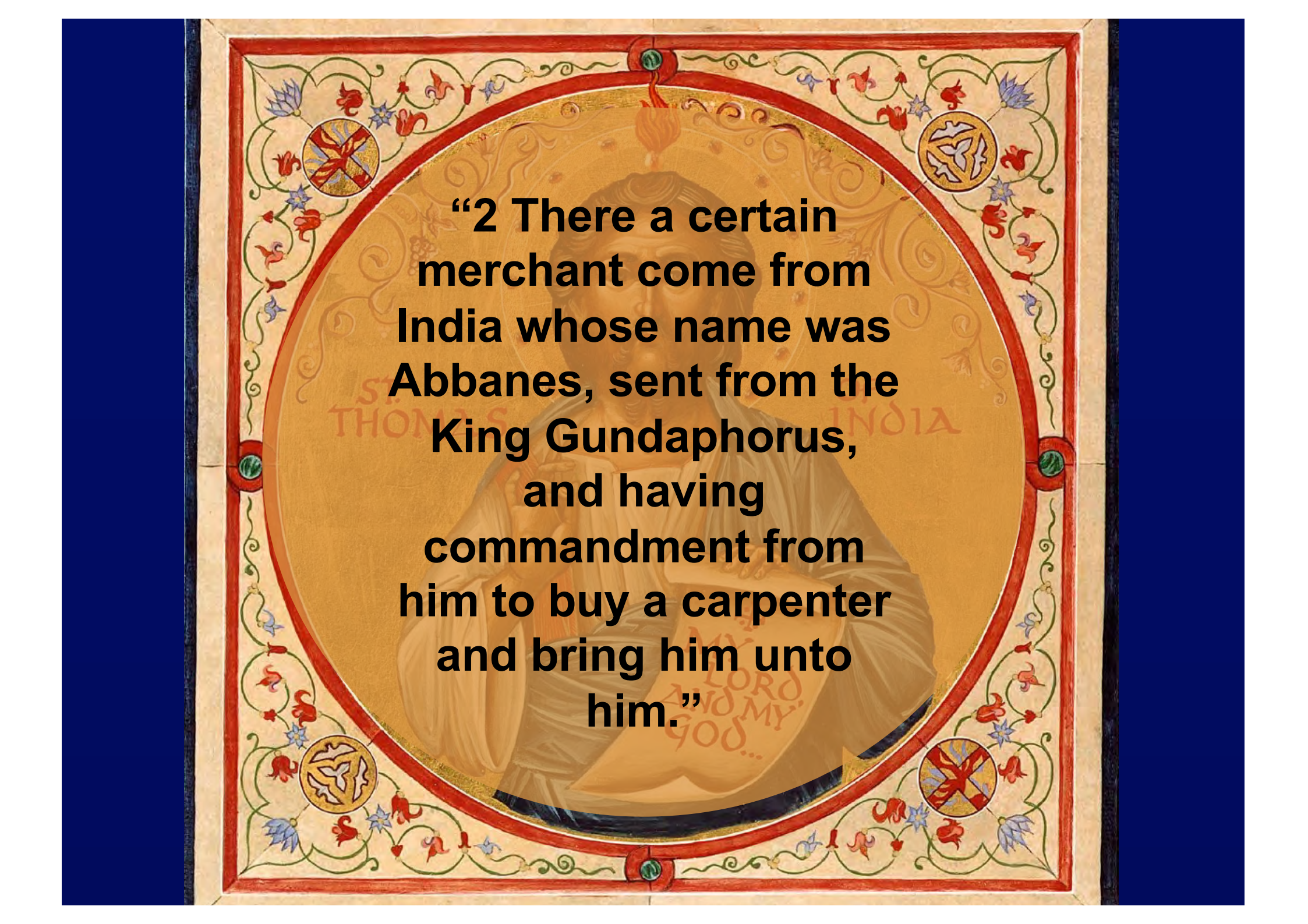
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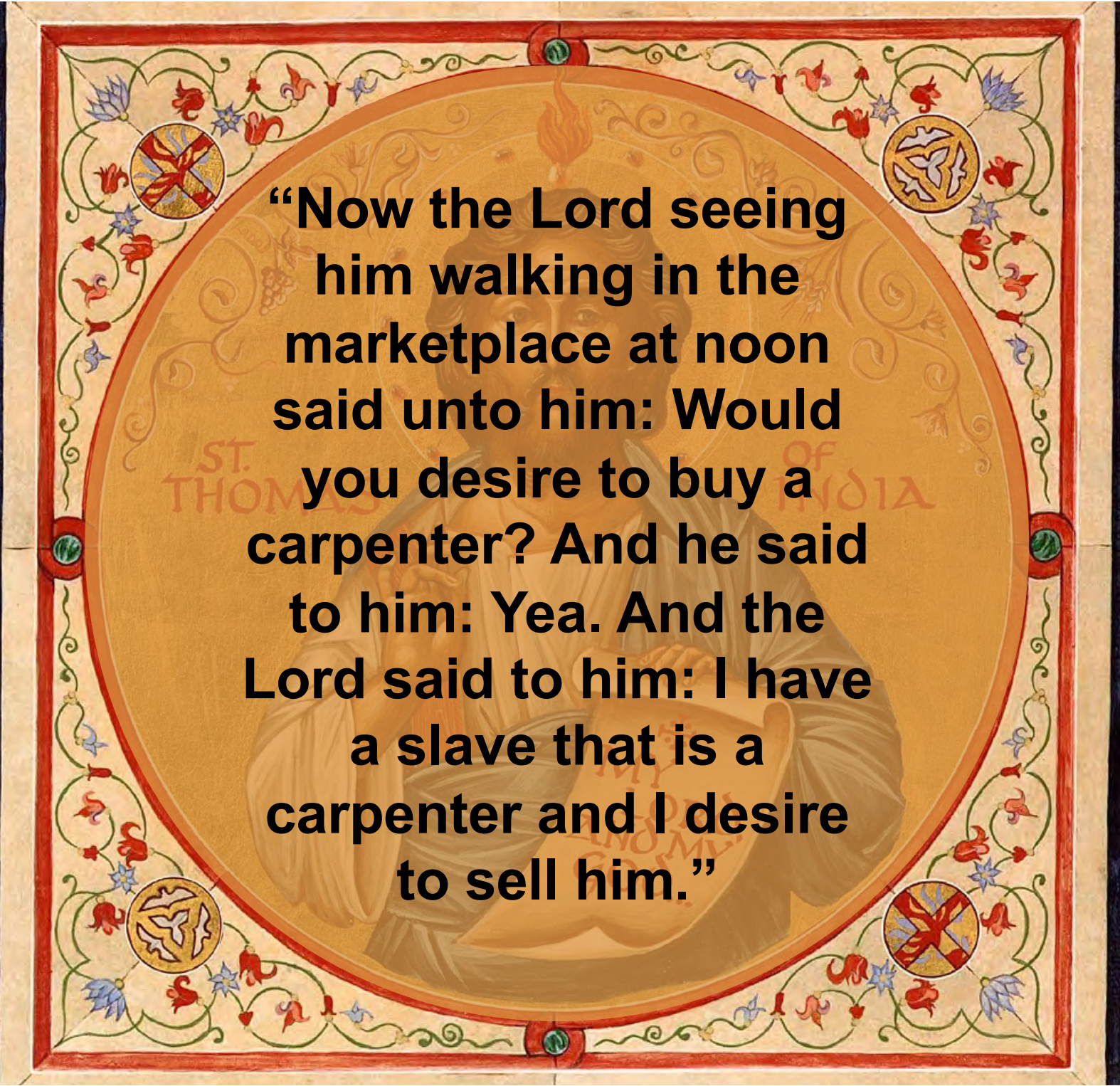


“2 And while he thus spoke and thought, it chanced that there was there a certain merchant come from India whose name was Abbanes, sent from the King Gundaphorus.”



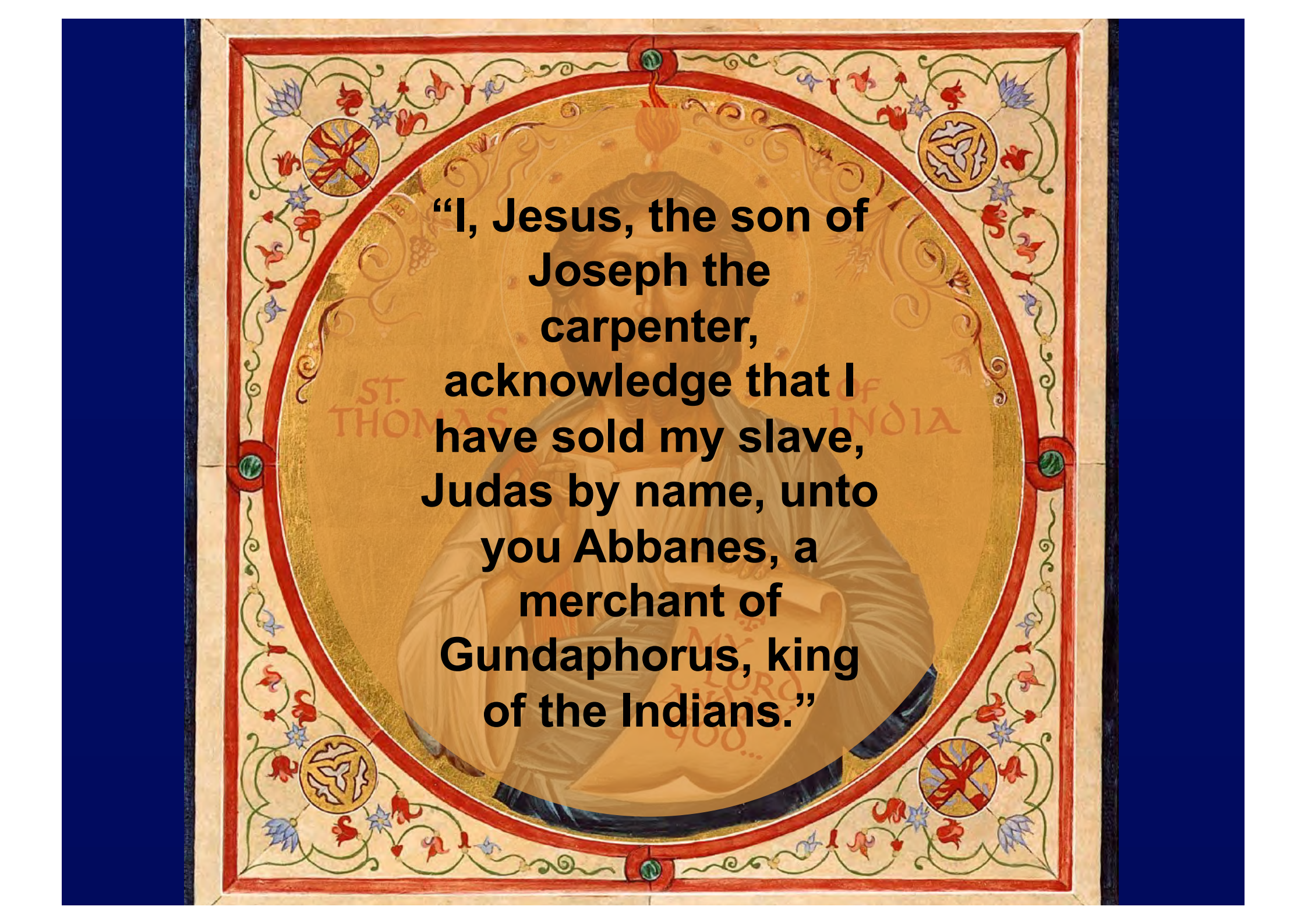


**“2 There a certain
merchant come from
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commandment from
him to buy a carpenter
and bring him unto
him.”**

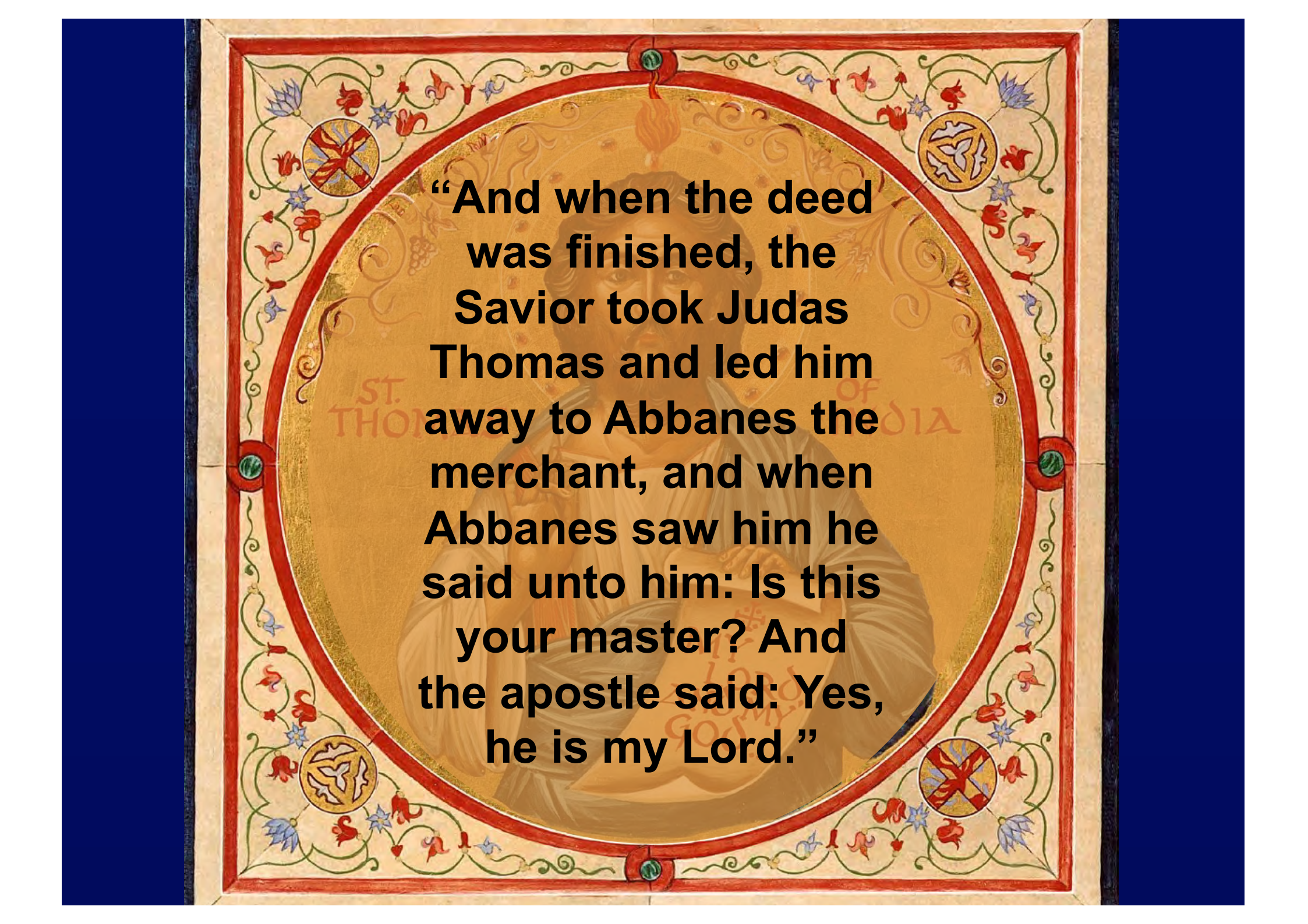
An illuminated manuscript page featuring a central oval medallion. Inside the oval is a portrait of a man, likely St. Thomas, with a halo and a cross on his chest. The background of the oval is a light tan color with faint, repeating text: "ST. THOMAS OF INDIA". The oval is surrounded by a decorative border of green and red floral motifs, including stylized flowers and leaves. The entire page is framed by a dark blue border.

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

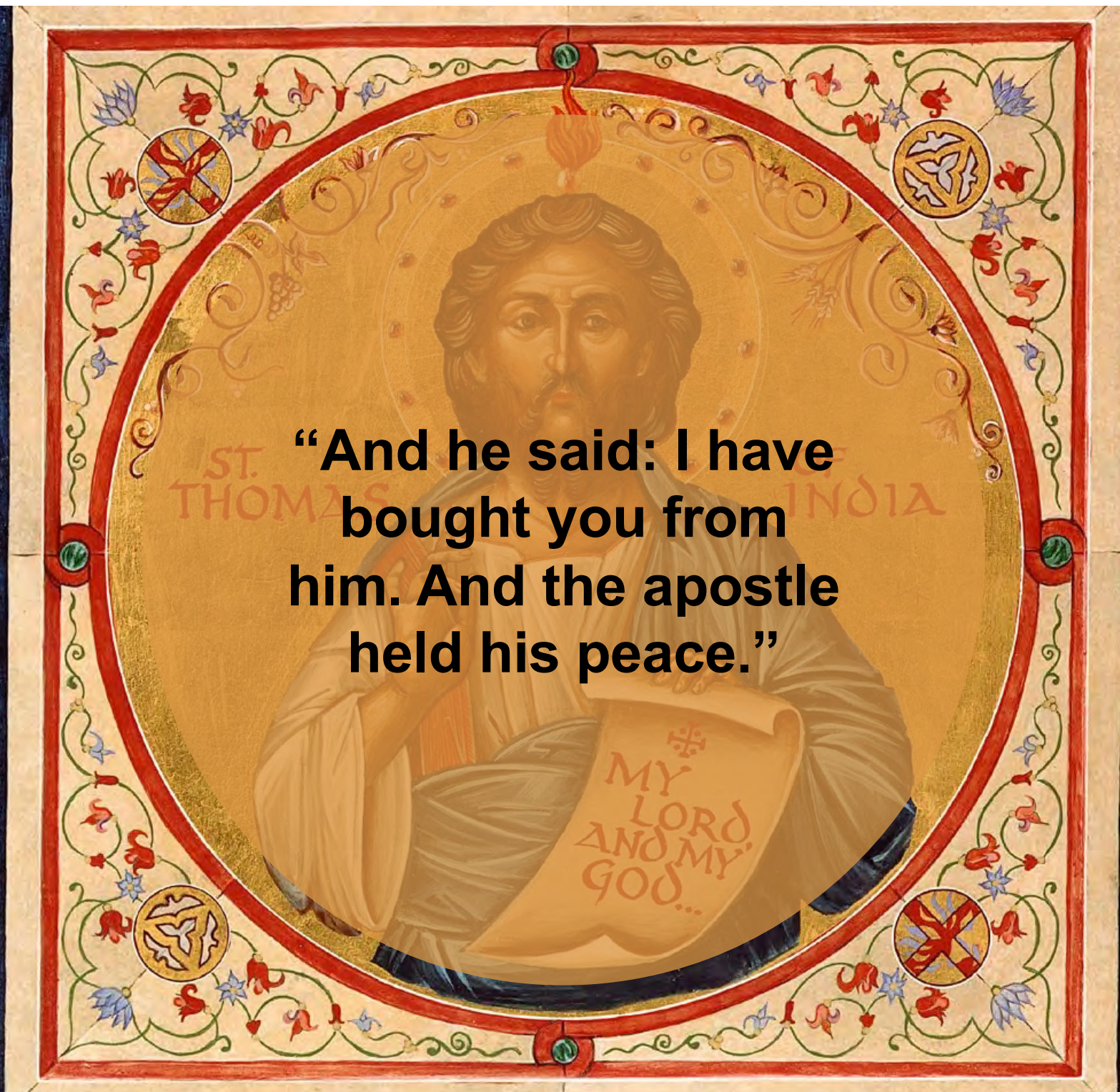
“And so saying he showed him Thomas afar off, and agreed with him for three litrae of silver unstamped, and wrote a deed of sale, saying:”



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

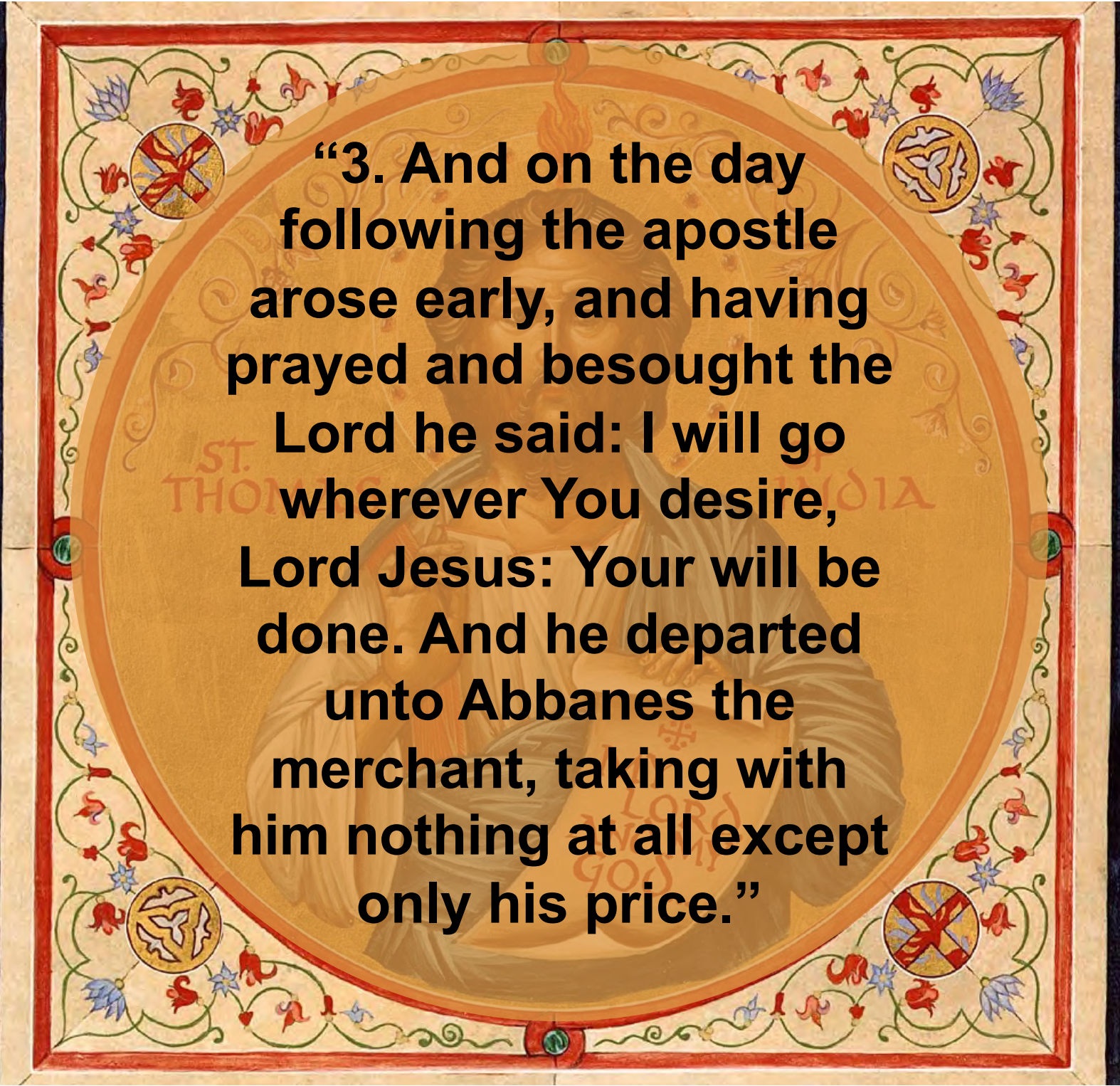


**“And when the deed
was finished, the
Savior took Judas
Thomas and led him
away to Abbanes the
merchant, and when
Abbanes saw him he
said unto him: Is this
your master? And
the apostle said: Yes,
he is my Lord.”**

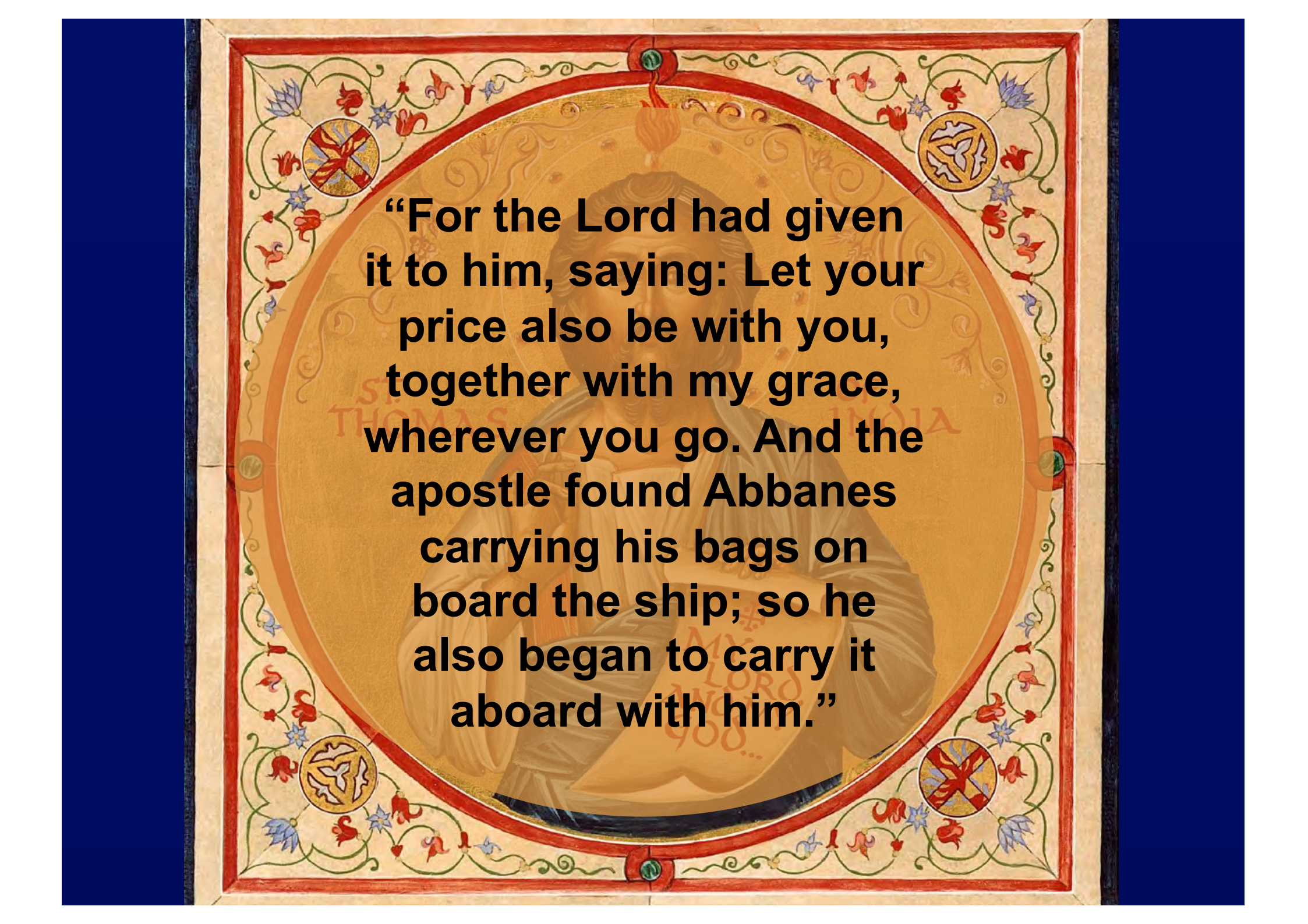


“And he said: I have bought you from him. And the apostle held his peace.”

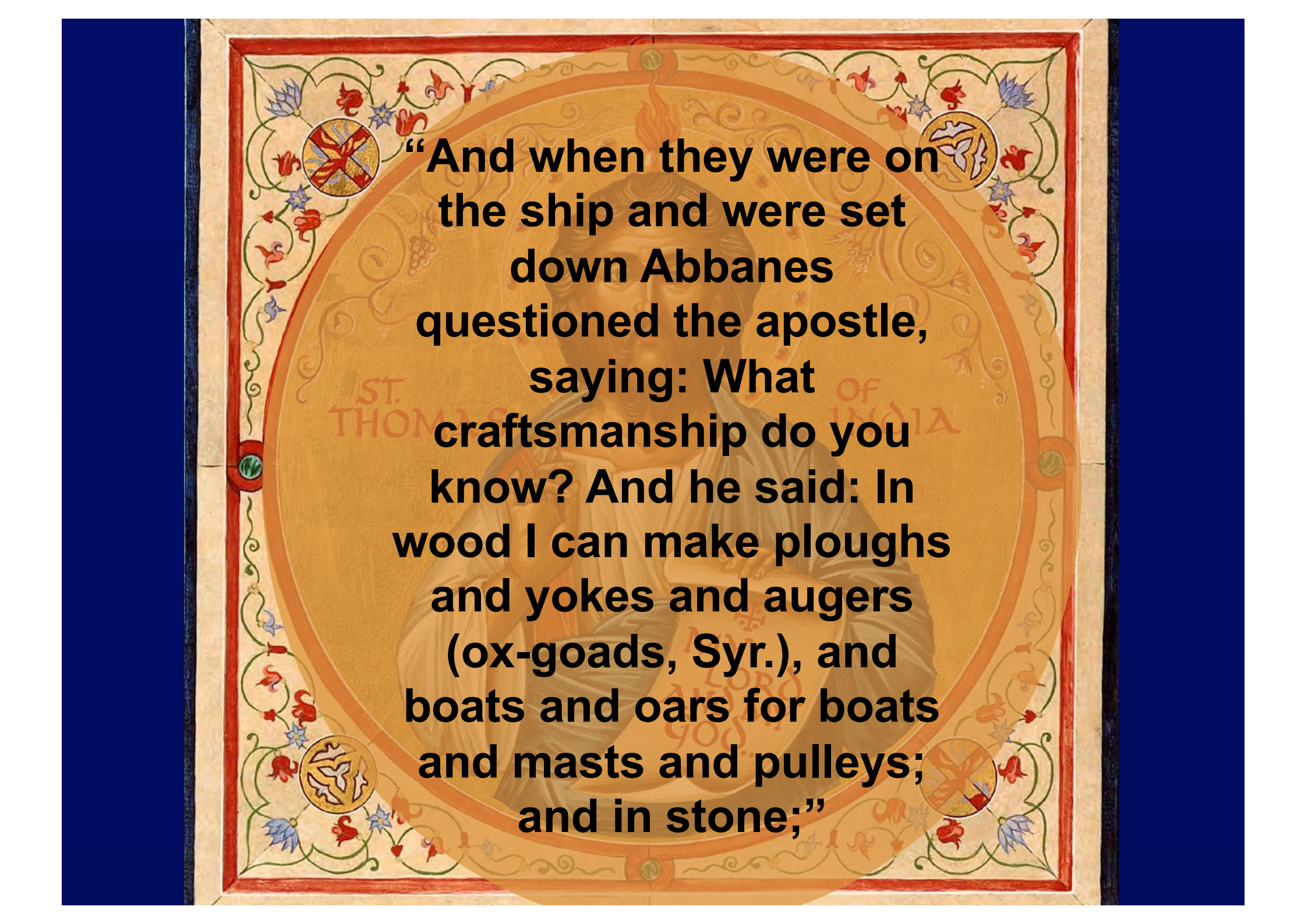
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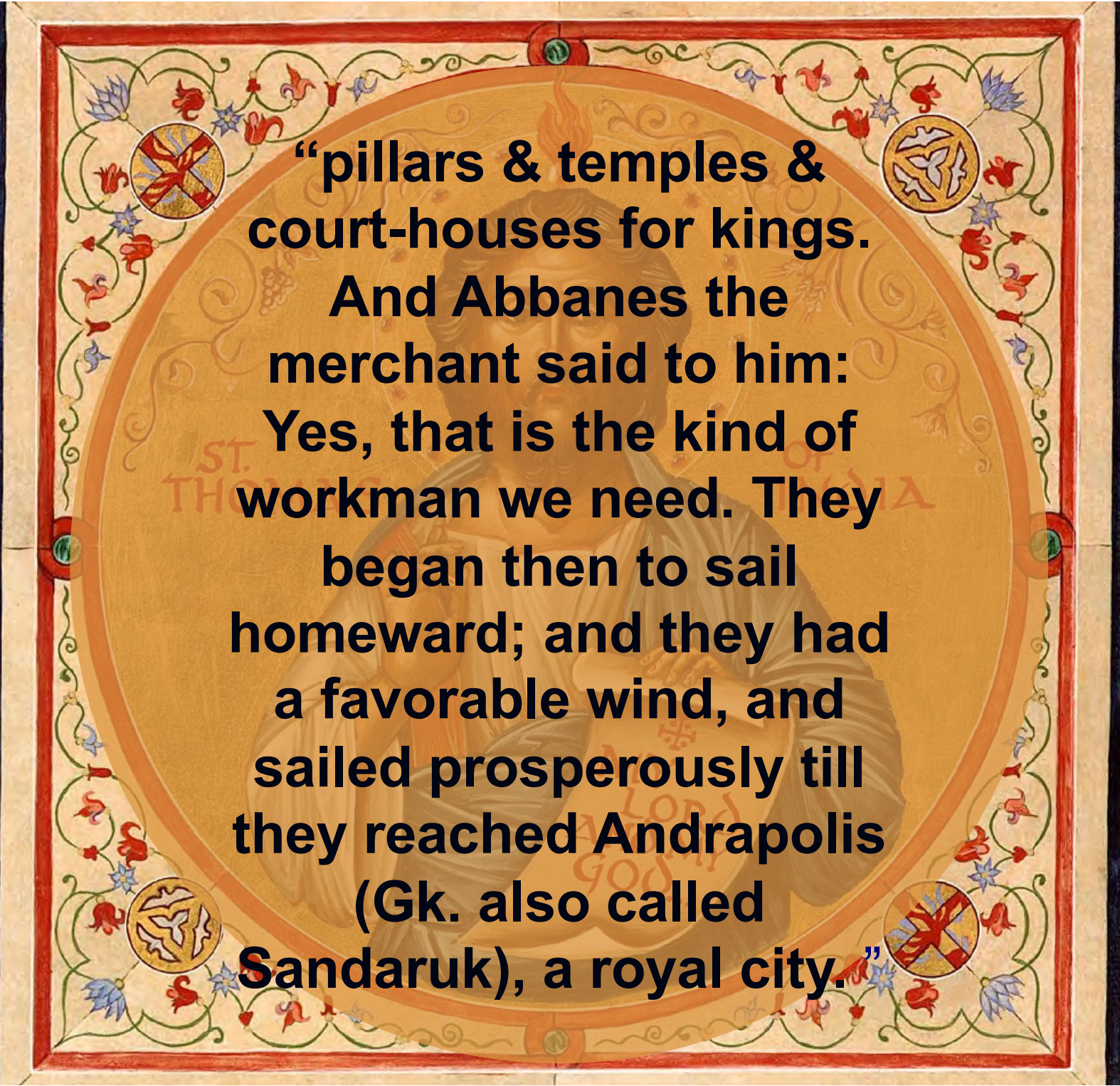
“3. And on the day following the apostle arose early, and having prayed and besought the Lord he said: I will go wherever You desire, Lord Jesus: Your will be done. And he departed unto Abbanes the merchant, taking with him nothing at all except only his price.”



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

An illuminated manuscript page featuring a central portrait of St. Thomas, the Apostle, with a golden halo. The portrait is set within a large, ornate oval frame. The background of the page is a light beige color, decorated with intricate floral and vine patterns in red, blue, and green. Four circular medallions, each containing a different symbol (a cross, a dove, a fish, and a cross), are placed at the corners of the page. The text is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered over the portrait. The text reads: "And when they were on the ship and were set down Abbanes questioned the apostle, saying: What craftsmanship do you know? And he said: In wood I can make ploughs and yokes and augers (ox-goads, Syr.), and boats and oars for boats and masts and pulleys; and in stone;"

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

Transasia trade routes (First Century AD)

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







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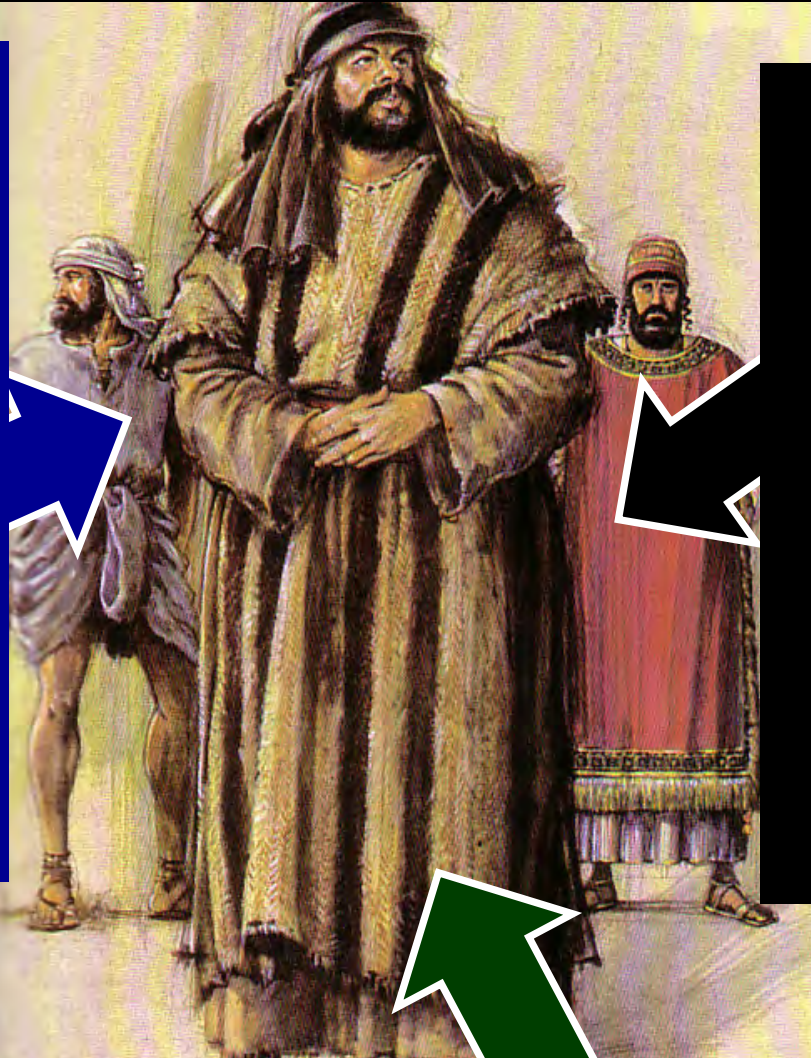


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"Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God" (v. 11 NLT).

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Demetrius

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

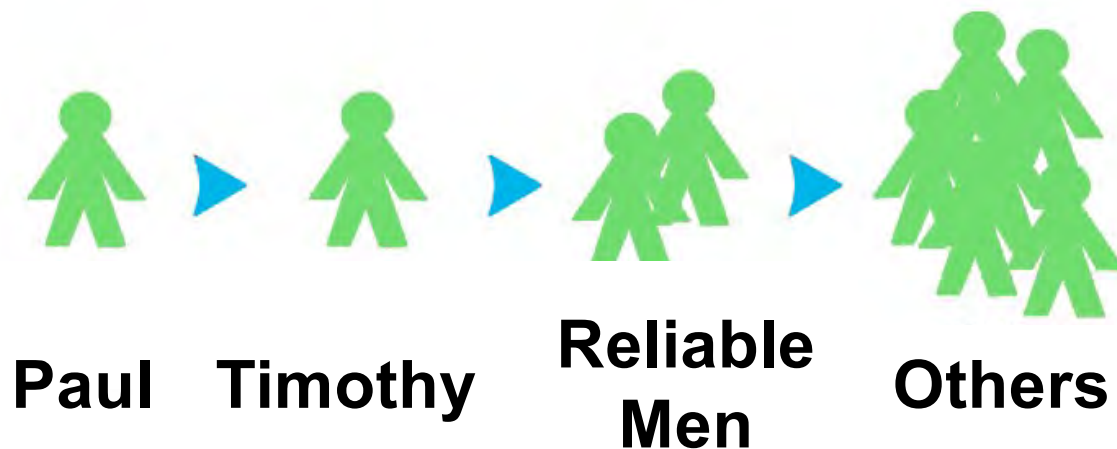


Multiply Yourself into Trustworthy Men!

Discipleship



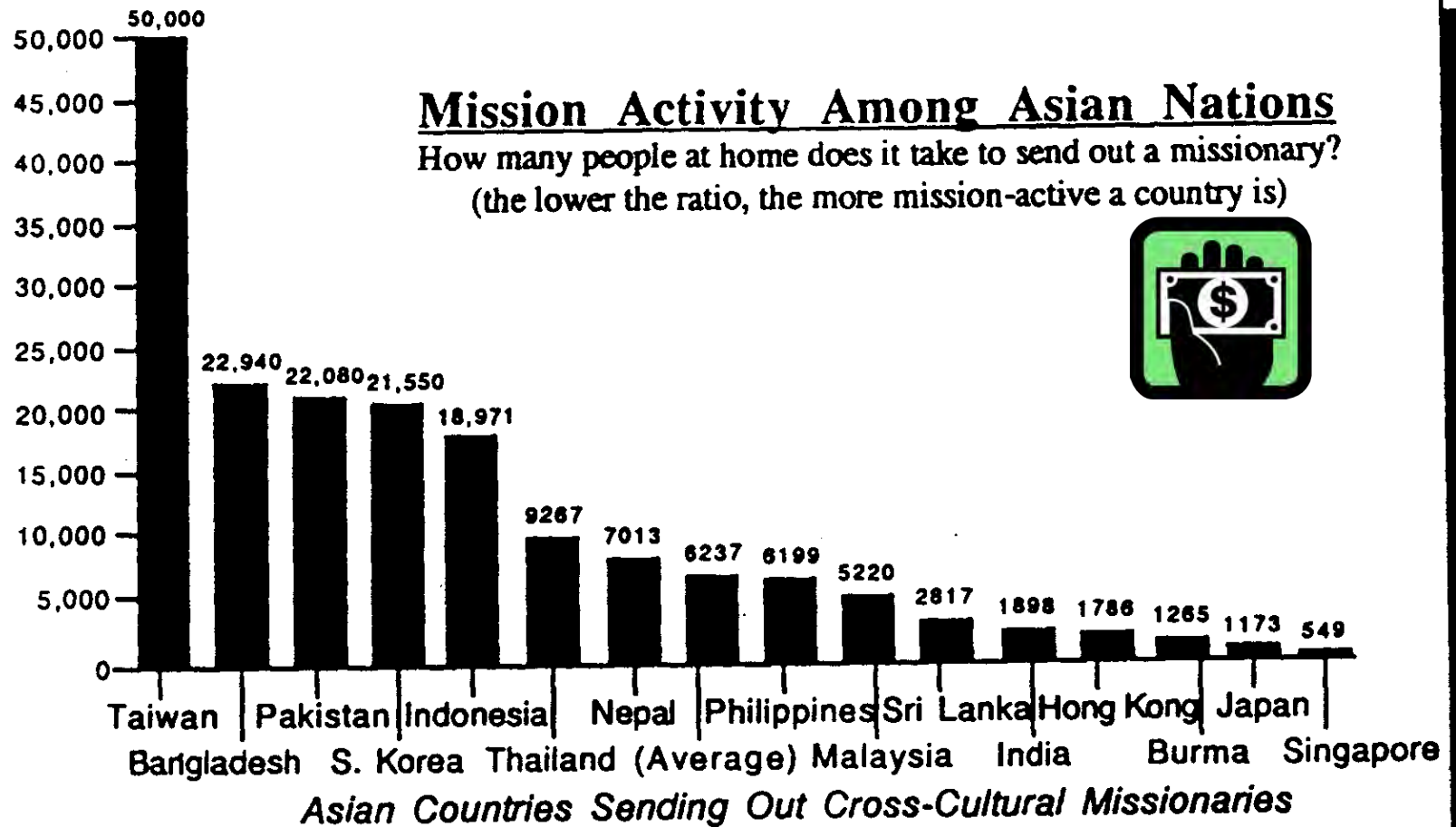
"You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others" (2 Tim. 2:2 NLT).



Missions in Singapore 1990 = 549 Believers per Missionary



Number of Evangelicals per Cross-Cultural Missionary Sent Out



Source: Asia Mission Congress '90 Research Track Committee Report, p. 6

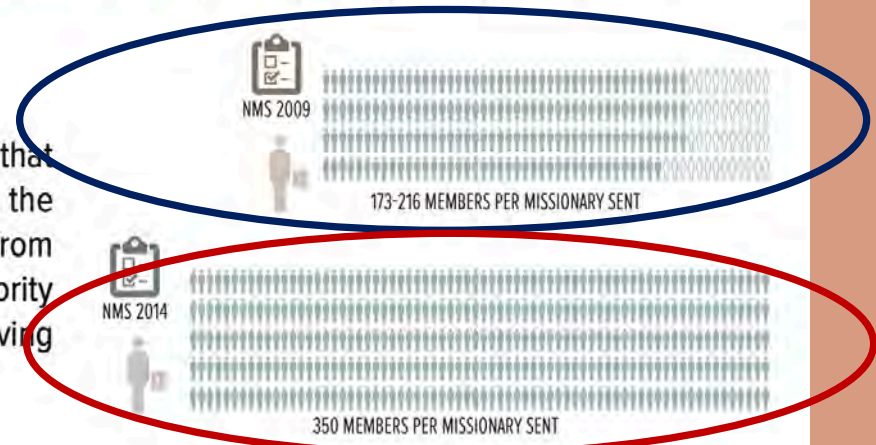
We followed the NMS 2009 definition of a career missionary, namely: One who is sent by a recognized

Missions in Singapore 2009 = 200 Believers per Missionary

clearly gone down (See Infographic below)³.



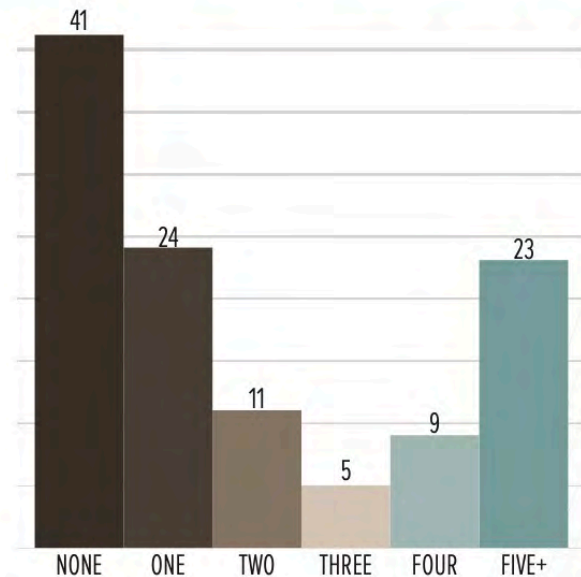
Second, if we only considered the 76 churches that participated in both NMS 2009 and NMS 2014, the number of missionaries sent by them went down from 324 to 265. Fewer missionaries were sent by the majority of these churches, some of whom were known for having a history of involvement in missions.



Missions in Singapore 2014 = 350 Believers per Missionary

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

Number of Career Missionaries sent per church



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

FIGURE 2: NUMBER OF CAREER MISSIONARIES SENT PER CHURCH.

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

Our Church's Vision

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Love the Church

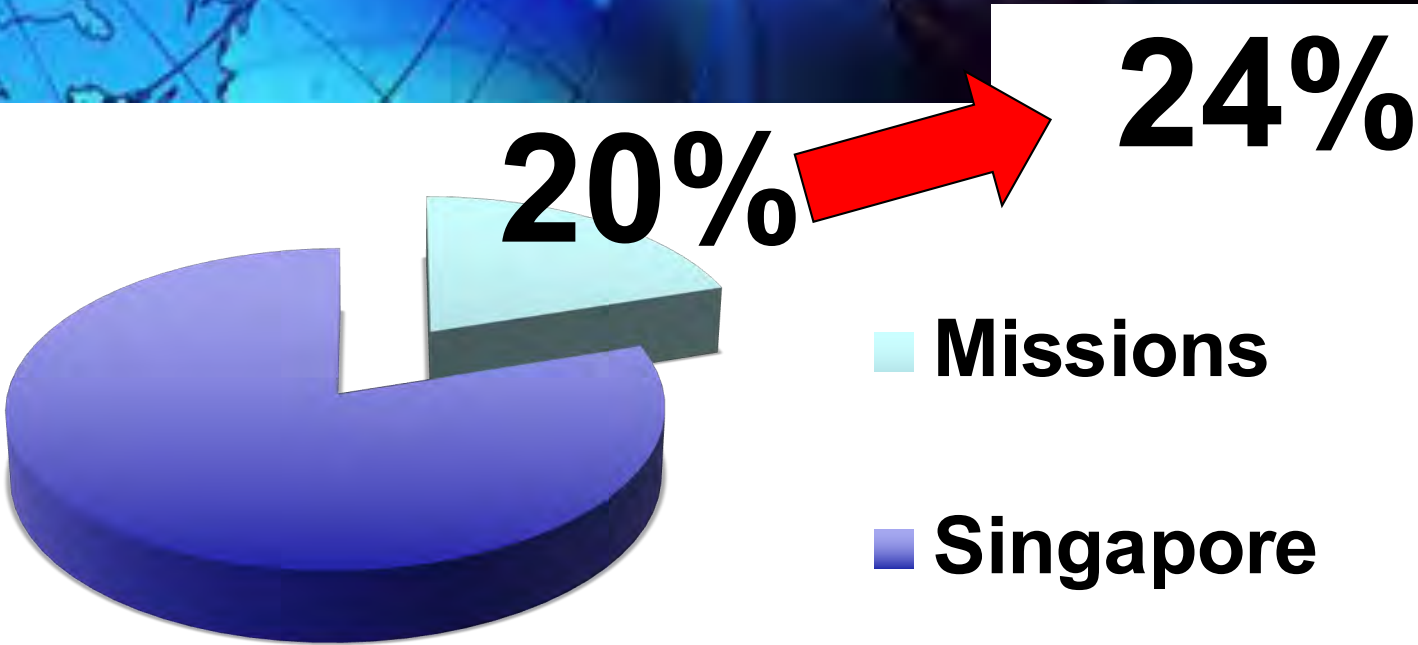
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Crossroads in Missions





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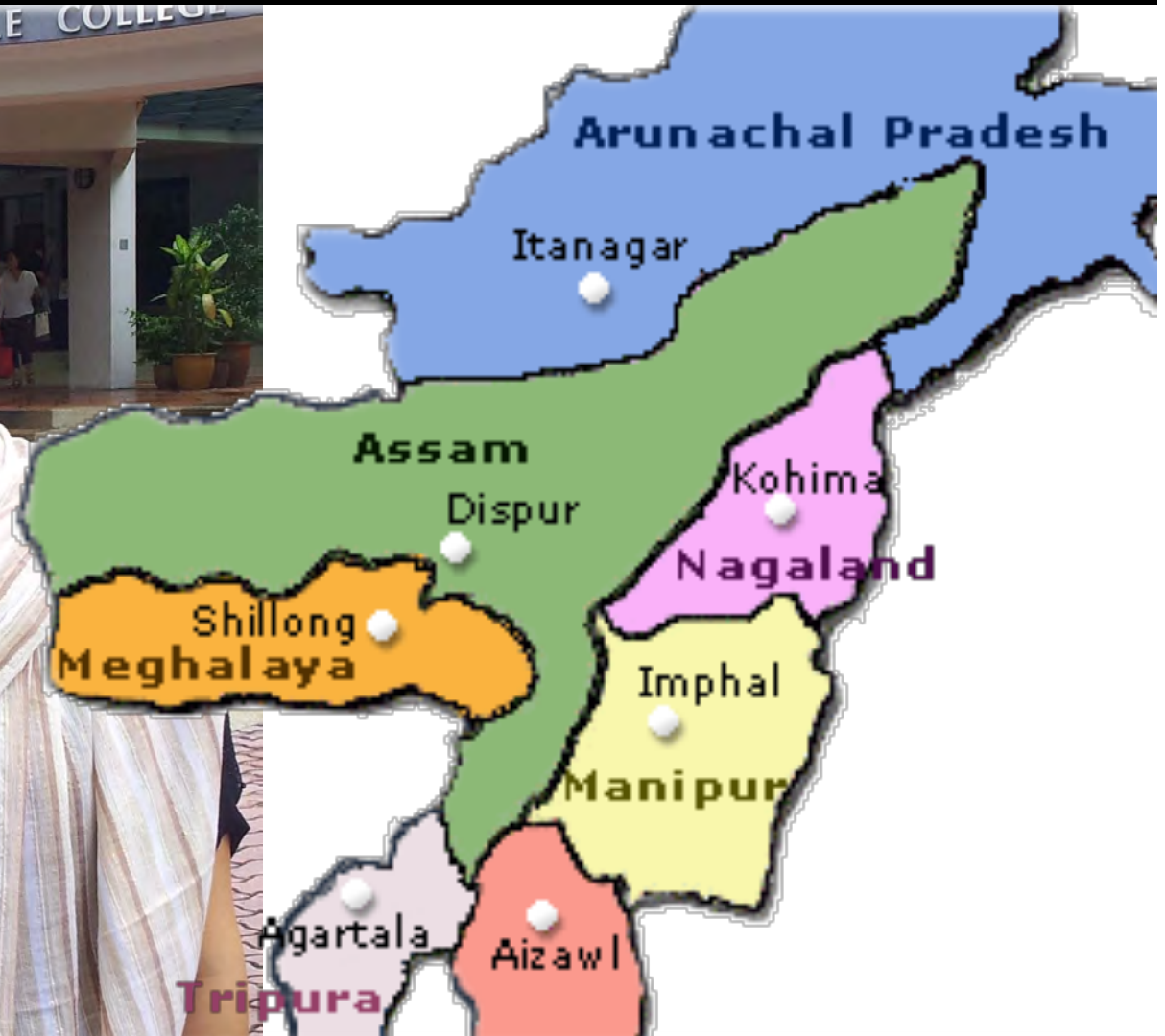


The Coreas in Bangkok



\$1500 quarterly through March

Athan & Chanchan in India/USA



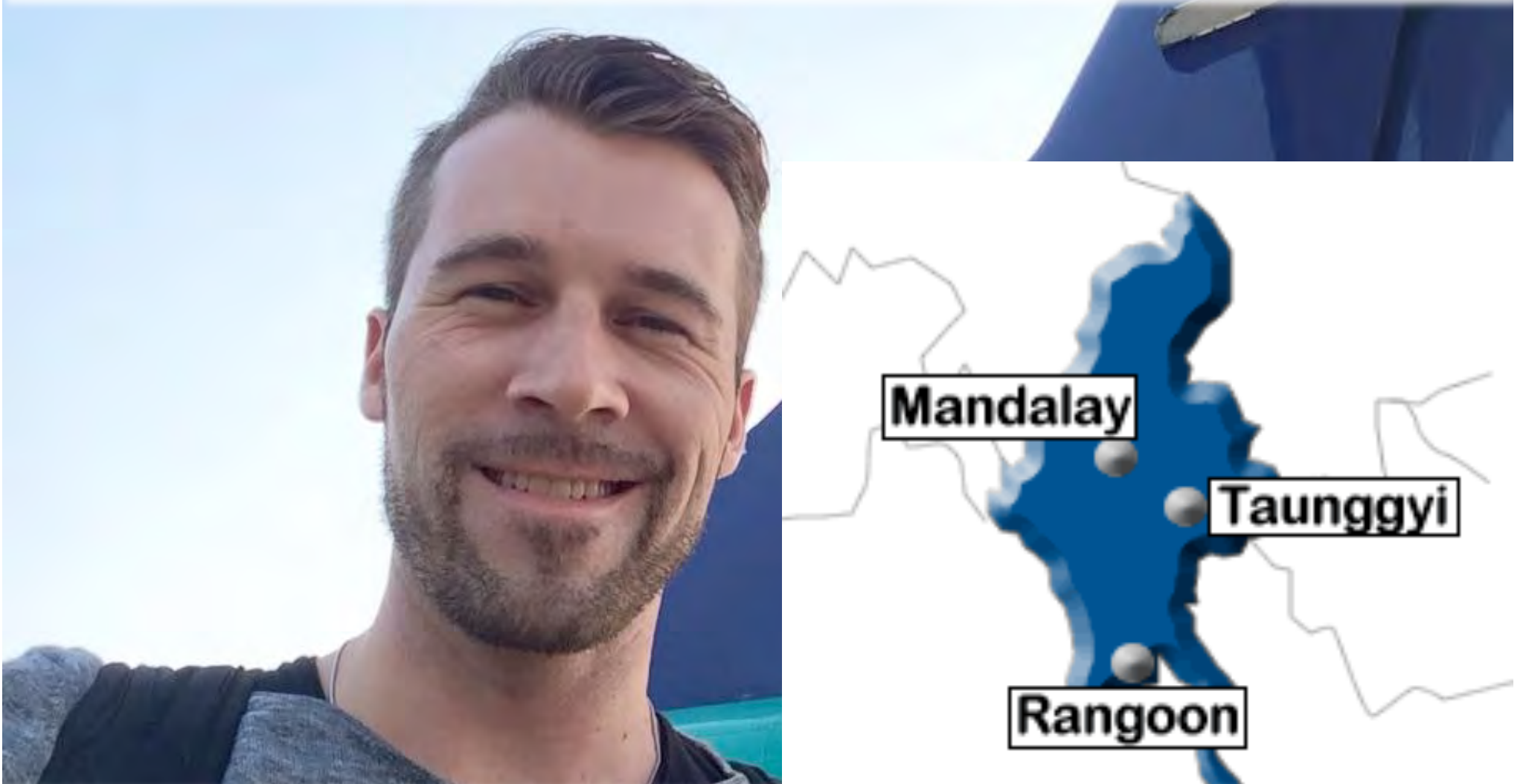
\$1500 quarterly through 2020

Family in Central Asia



\$1200 annually

Jonathan Stone in Myanmar



\$900 quarterly

Sarah, Noah & Kezia Chiru

Former Young Adult Coordinator(s)



Noah (Chiru Tribe, Manipur)



Noah (Chiru Tribe, Manipur)



Balance relationships with tasks (13-15).

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

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



**Live out God's truth by
supporting missions in the
way God has for you.**

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MAIN IDEA OF 3 JOHN

Summary Statement

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



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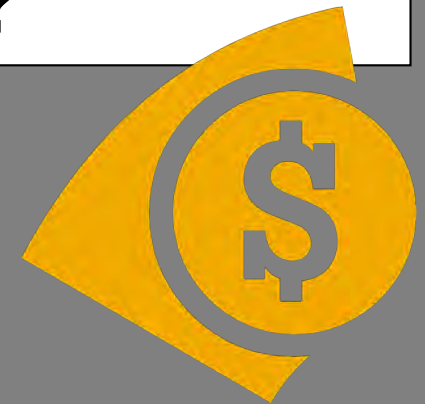


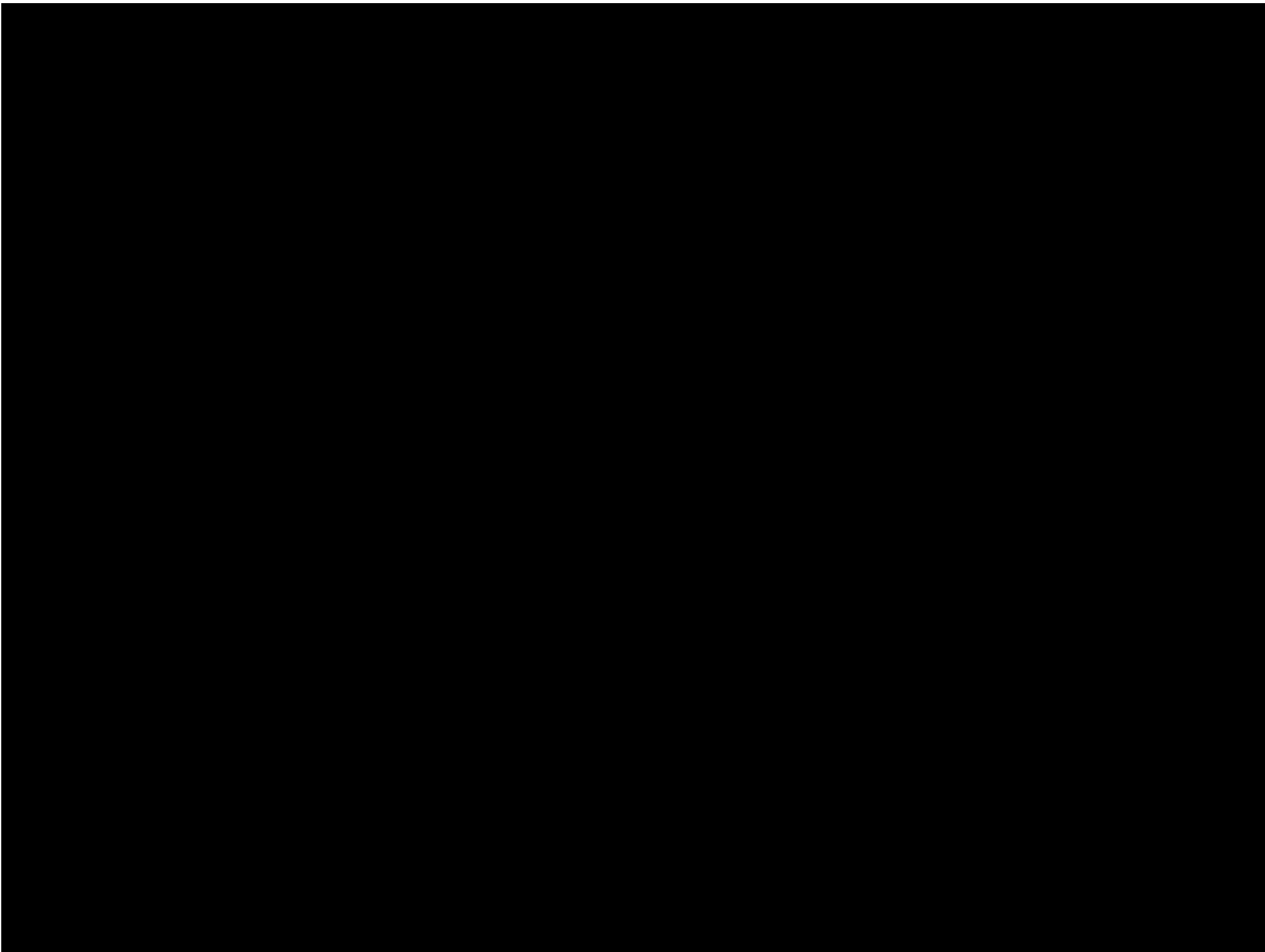
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How are you advancing the gospel by supporting missionaries through hospitality and finances?





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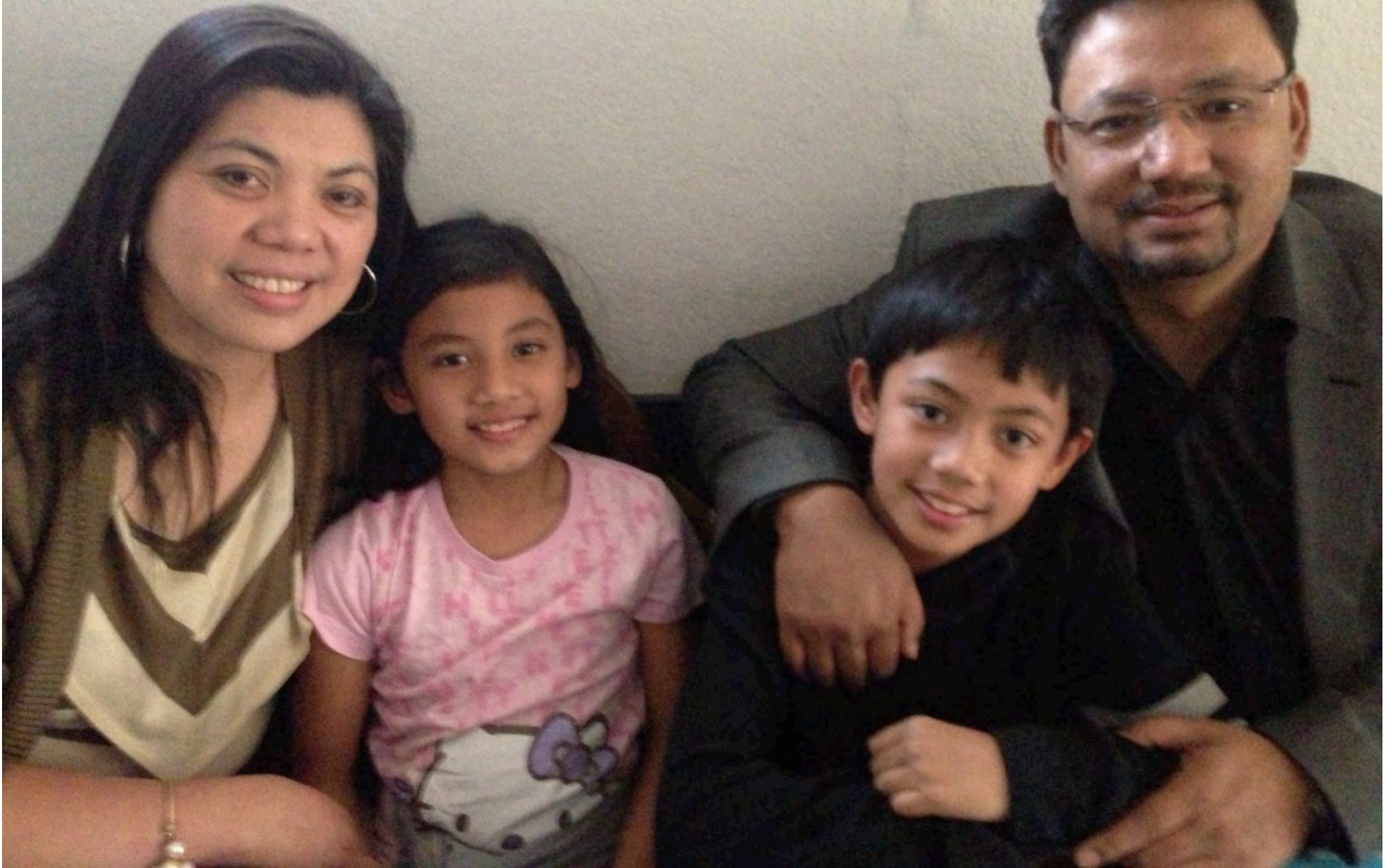
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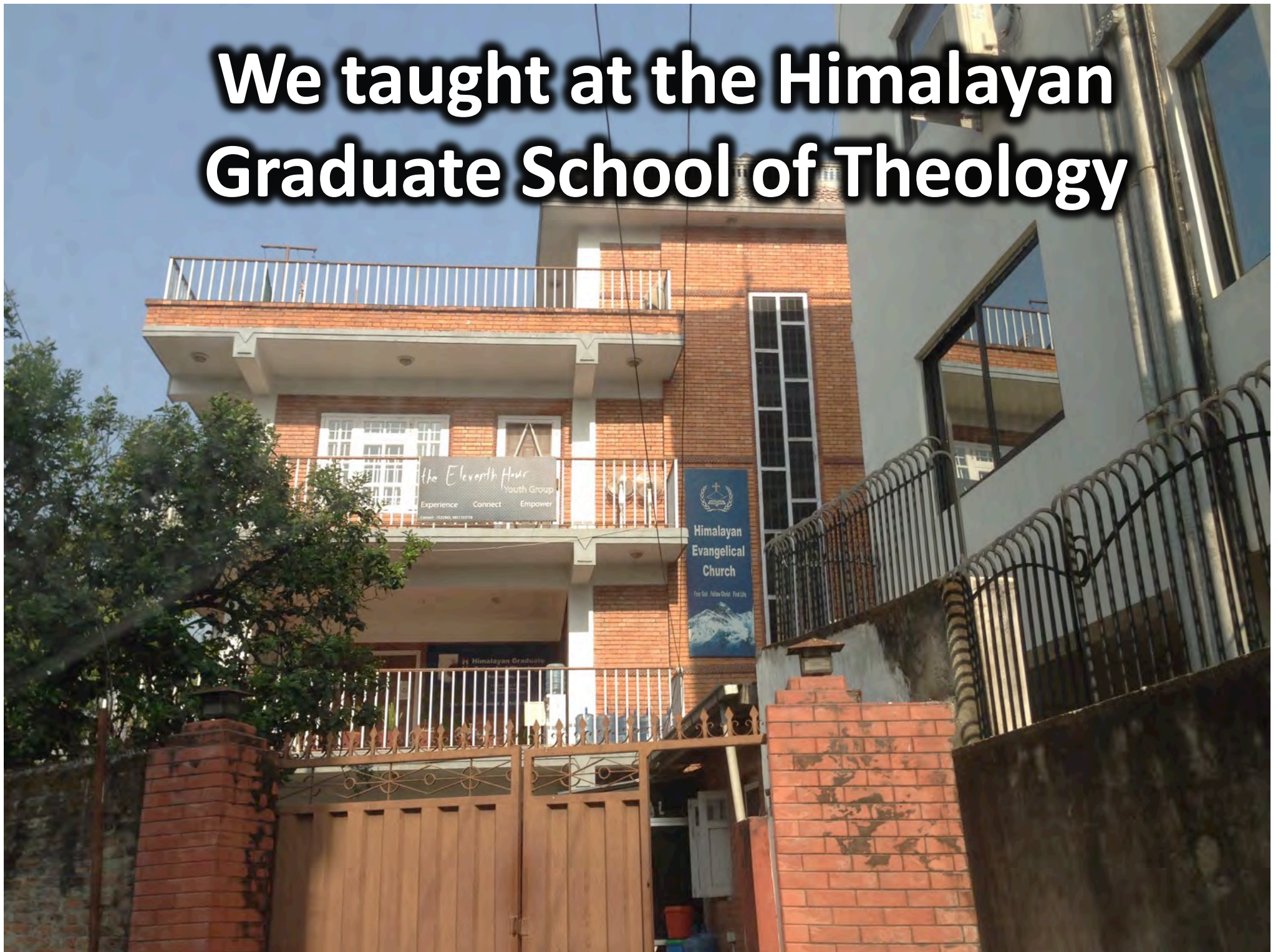


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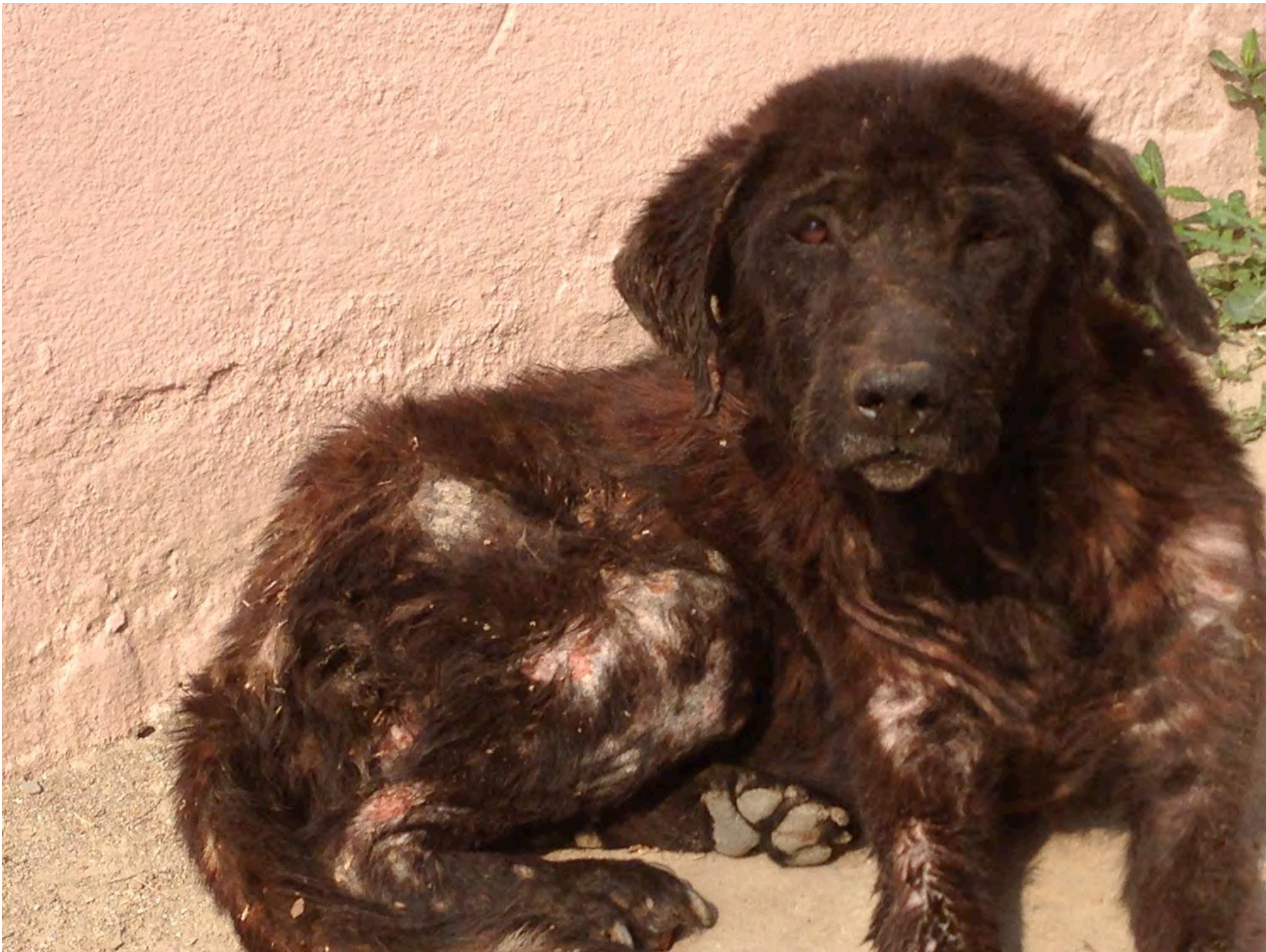


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We had many small groups



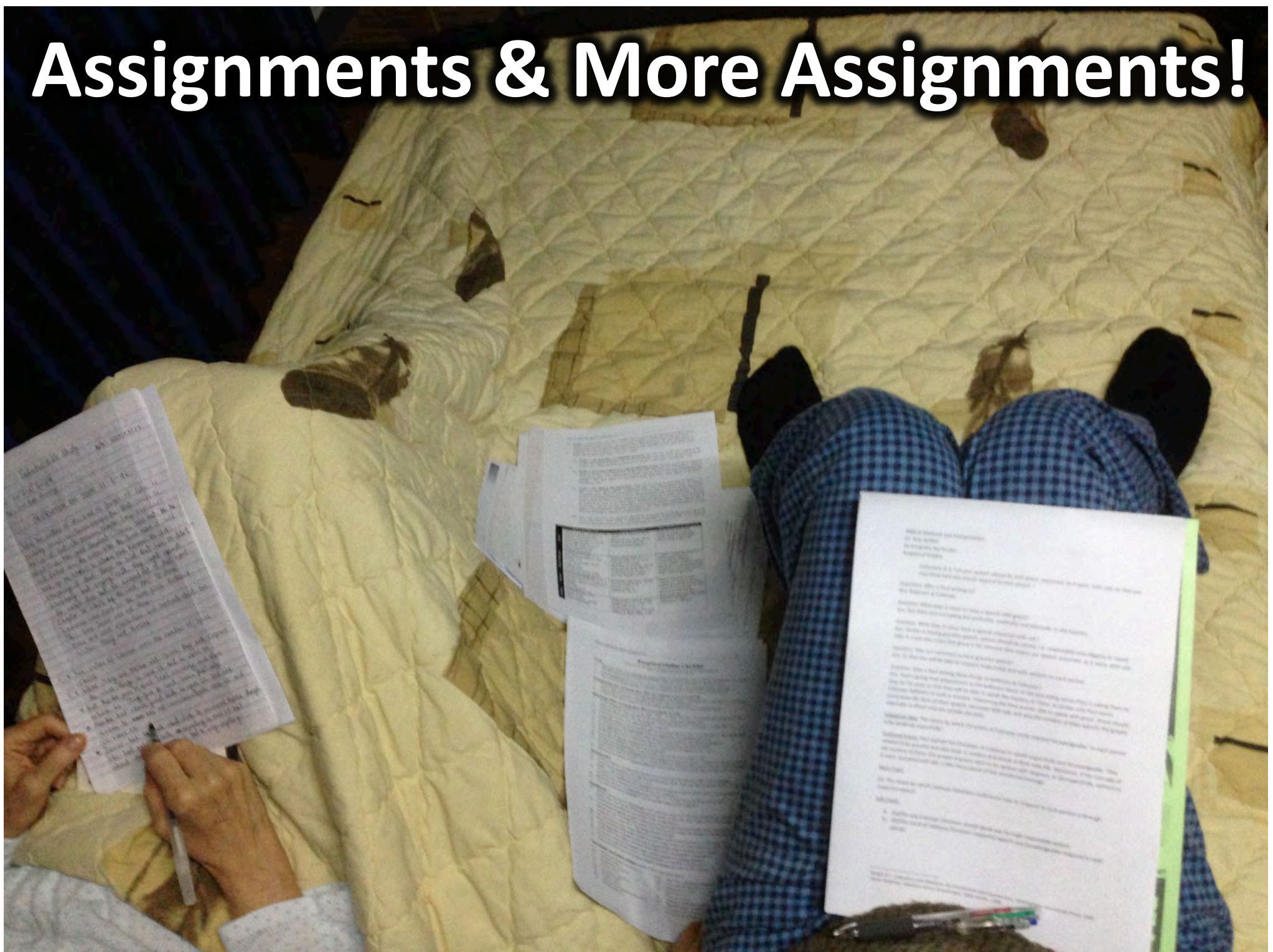




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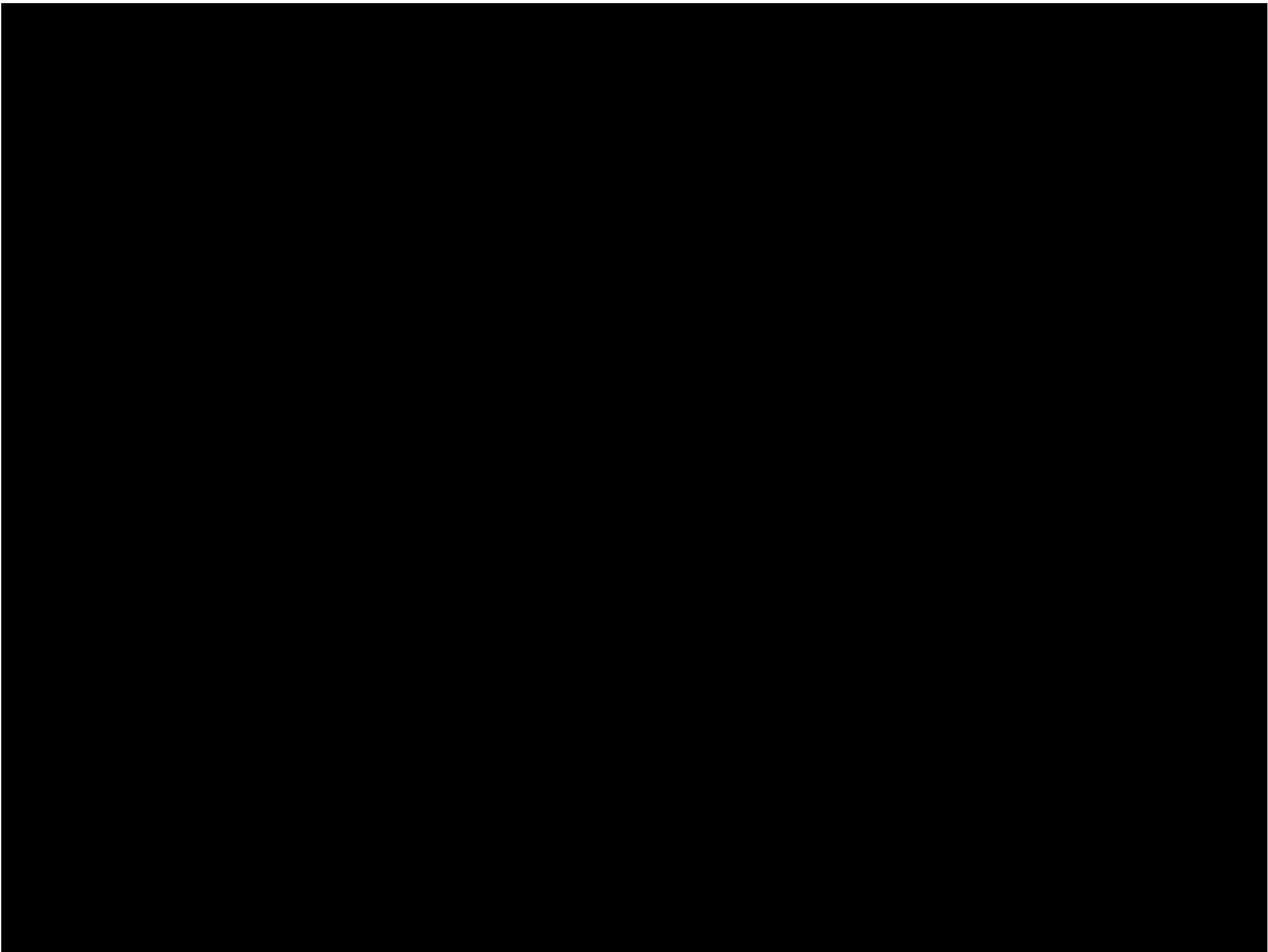
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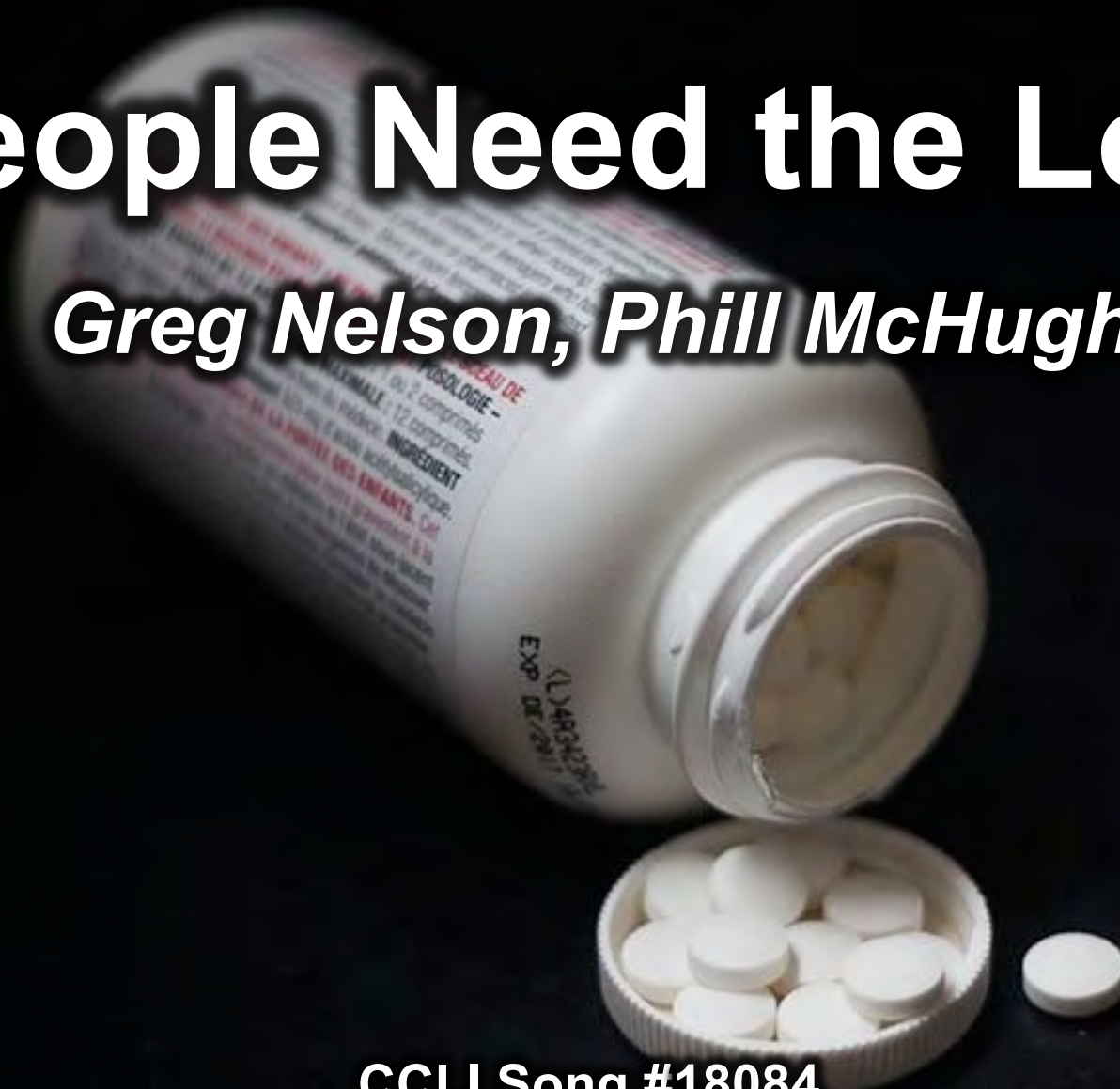
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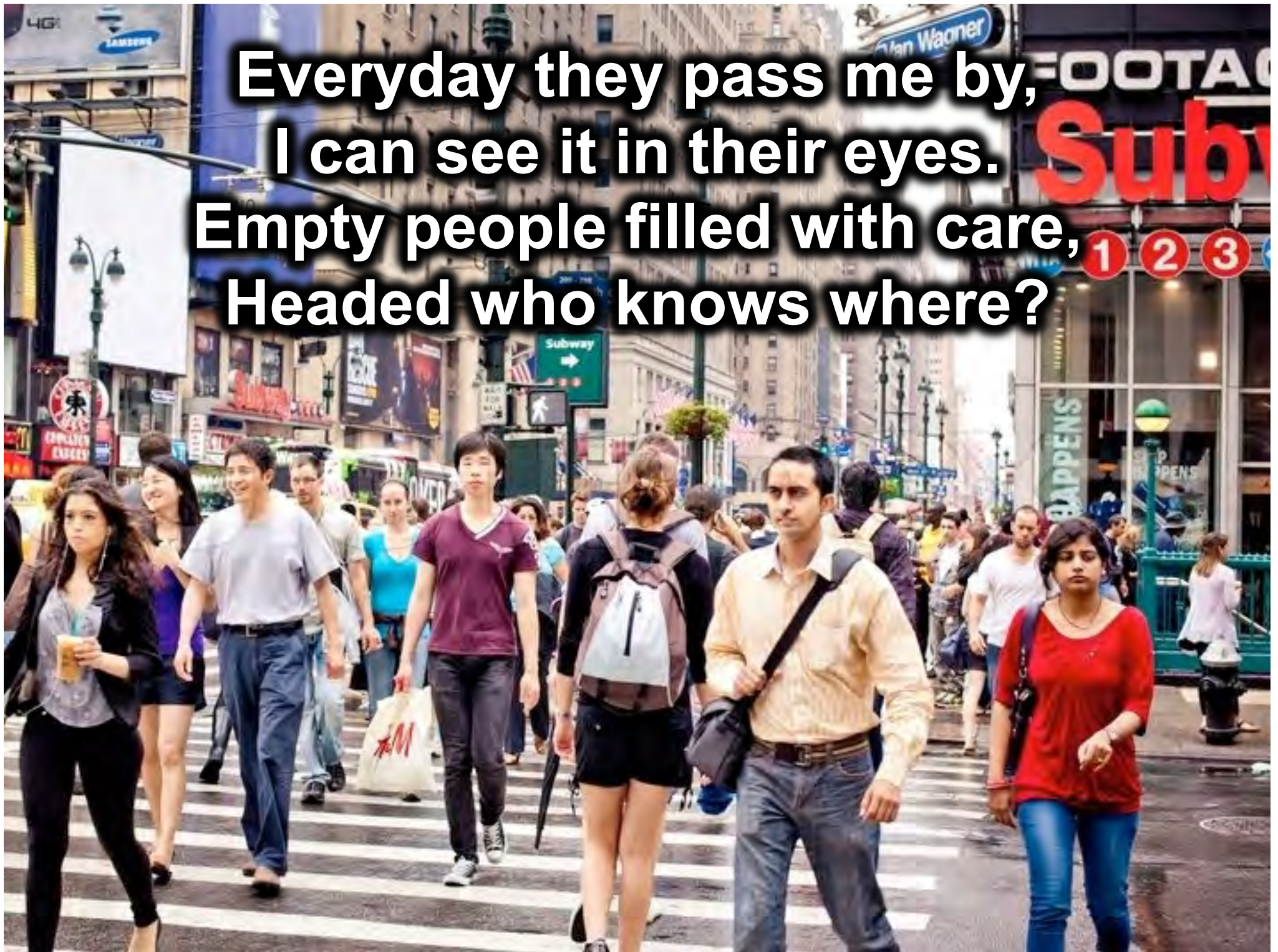


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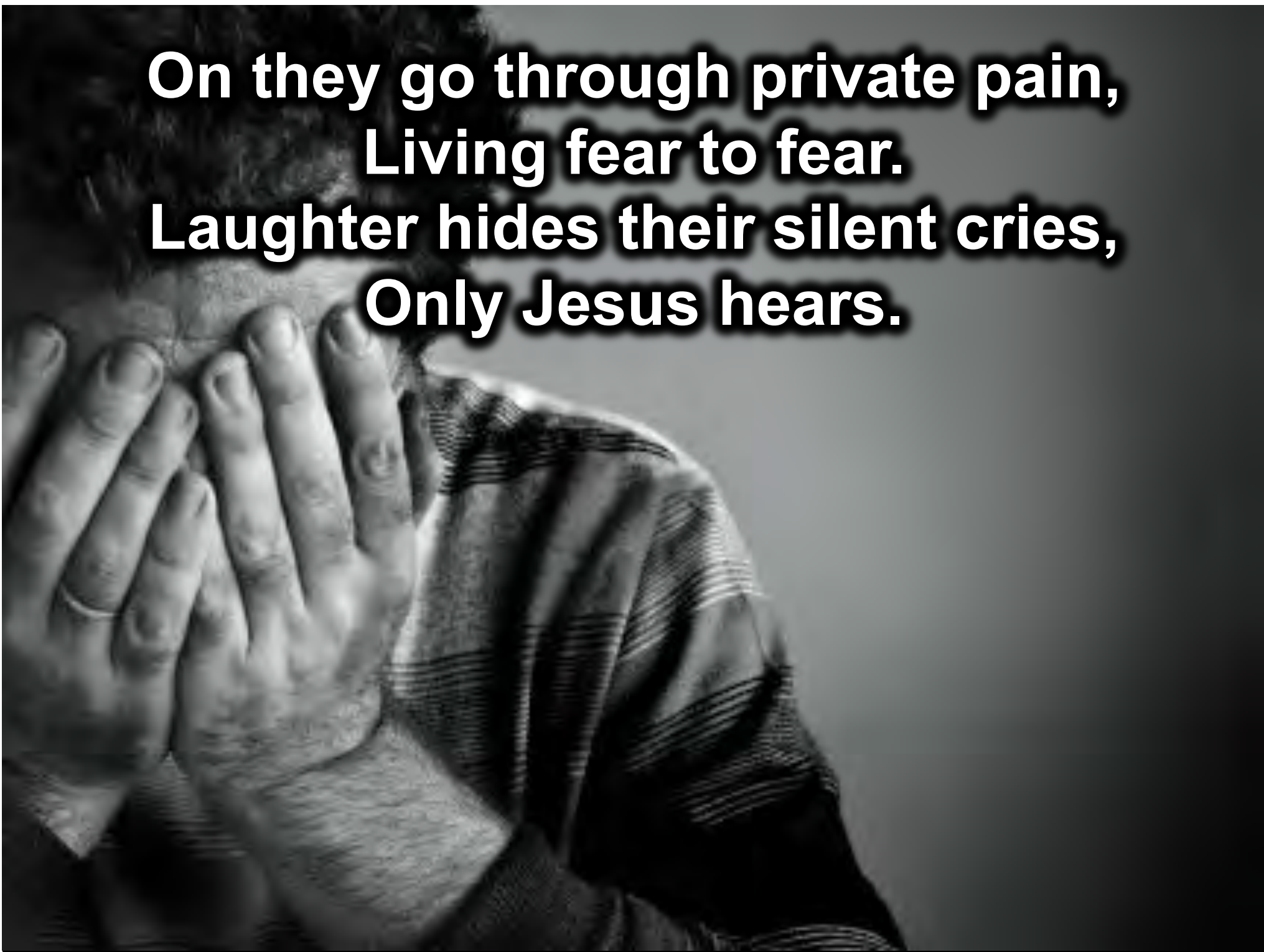
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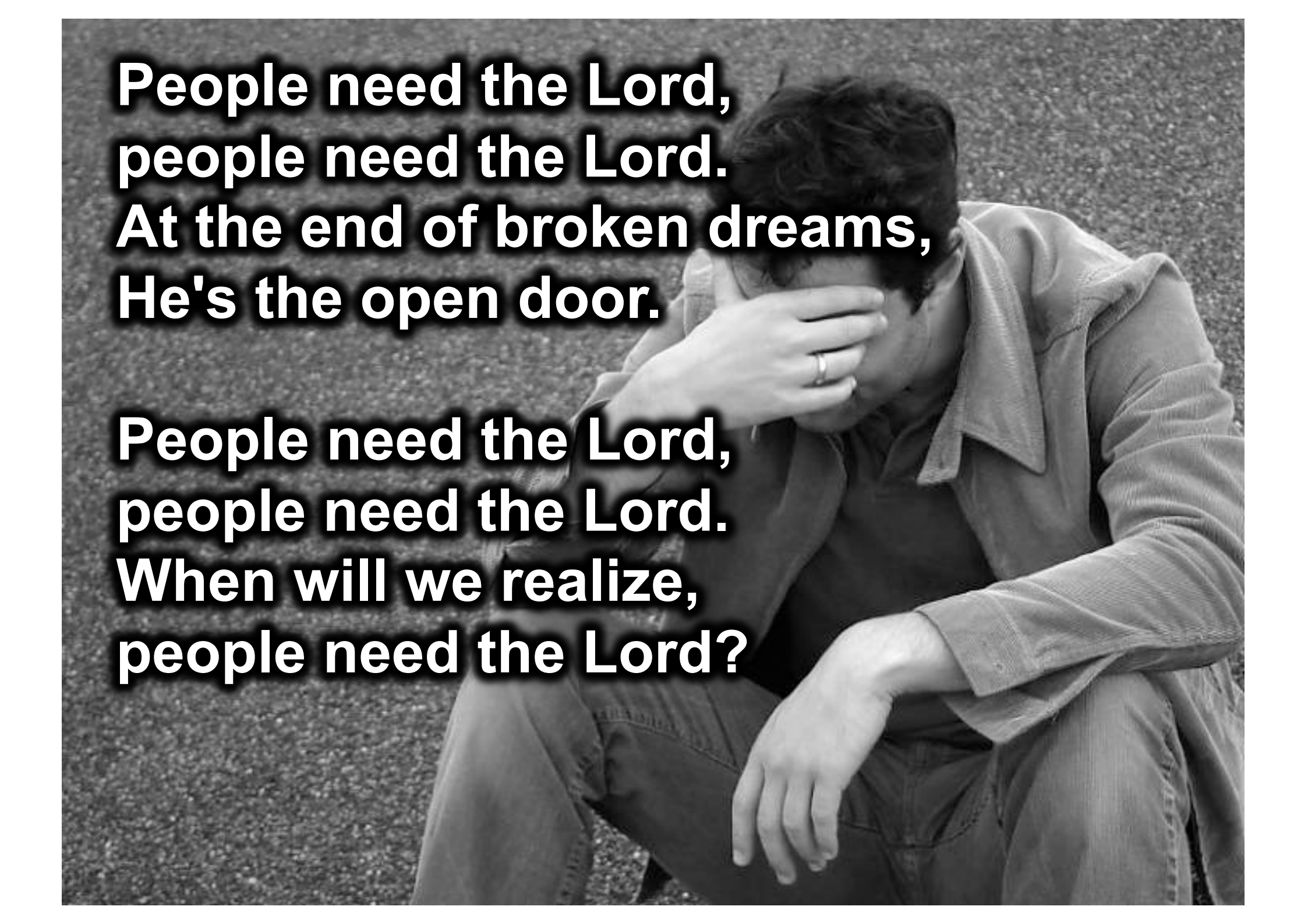
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**Everyday they pass me by,
I can see it in their eyes.
Empty people filled with care,
Headed who knows where?**



**On they go through private pain,
Living fear to fear.
Laughter hides their silent cries,
Only Jesus hears.**





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people need the Lord.
At the end of broken dreams,
He's the open door.**

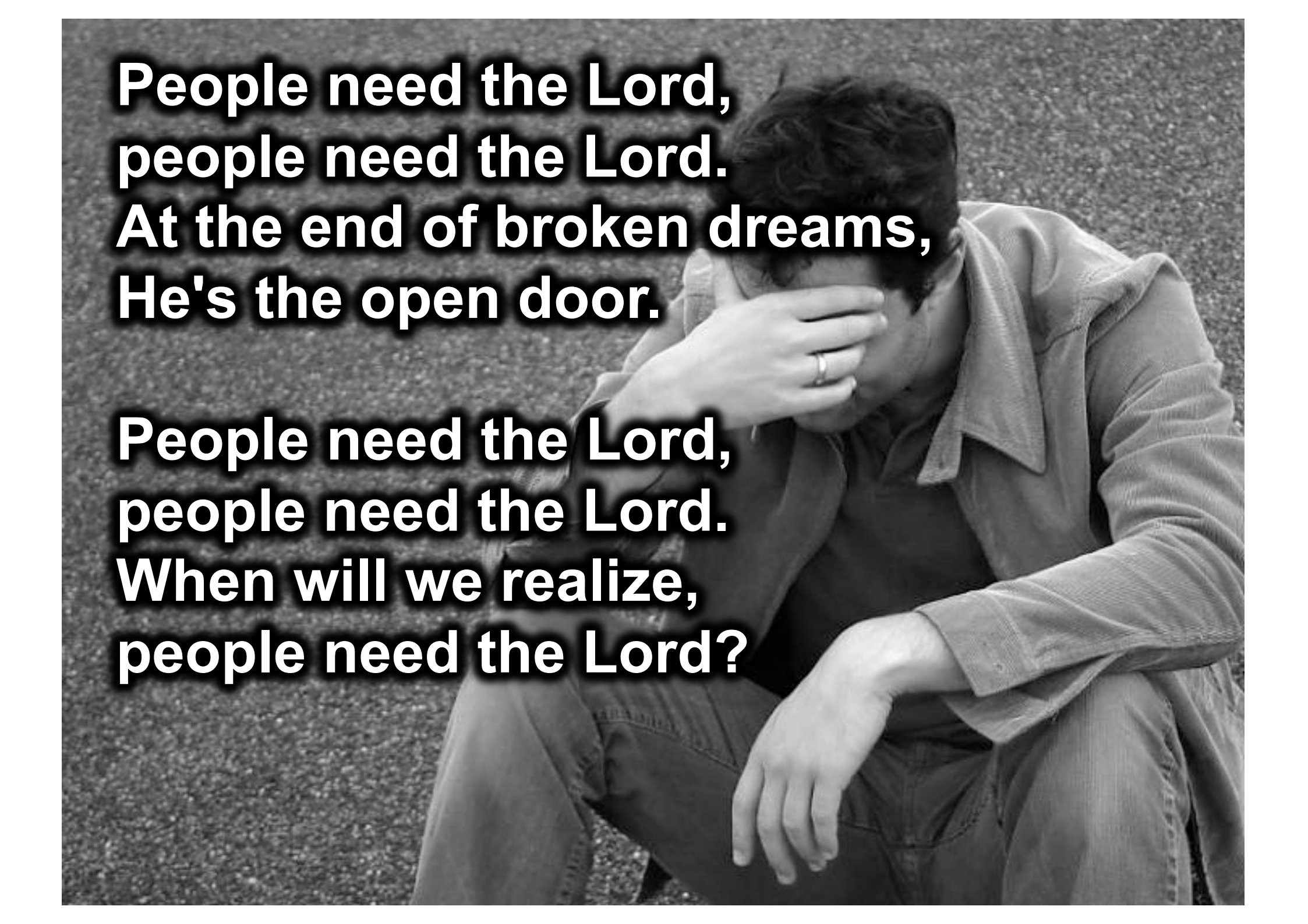
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**We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right.
What could be too great a cost
For sharing Life with one who's lost?**



**Through His love our hearts can feel
All the grief they bear.
They must hear the Words of Life
Only we can share.**





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Supporting missionaries

1-8 Gaius confirmed

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Postcard Title

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The Greek title (Ἰωάννου γ *Third of John*) follows the standard practice of naming the General Epistles after their authors and distinguishes this epistle from John's two others.

External Evidence

The Apostle John penned this shortest biblical writing (219 Greek words) as the leader of the Ephesian church in Asia Minor and author of his Gospel, 1 John, 2 John and Revelation.

Internal Evidence

- The title "the elder" was always interpreted as John until the rise of liberal scholarship.
- Themes such as love, joy, and truth bear remarkable resemblance to emphases in 1 John and the Gospel of John.

Circumstances

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Date

Most conservative scholars believe John wrote concerning this issue about AD 90. Nothing in the epistle suggests an earlier date.

Origin / Recipients

John addresses his dear friend Gaius, a man who regularly opened his home to traveling missionaries, probably in Asia Minor, where John lived.





Argument

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The postcard of 3 John teaches believers to show hospitality & support for true teachers sent from the church to enable them to spread the gospel freely.

John wrote Gaius to commend him for this kind of hospitality. John first commends Gaius for his faithful support of these men (vv. 1-8), then condemns Gaius' opposer, Diotrephes, for rejecting the missionaries and those who supported them (vv. 9-11), and concludes with an introduction of Demetrius, who is worthy of support (v. 12) along with some personal matters (vv. 13-15).

Outline

I. (1-8) John **confirms Gaius** for his godliness and missionary support so that he would continue to support missionaries despite Diotrephes' opposition.



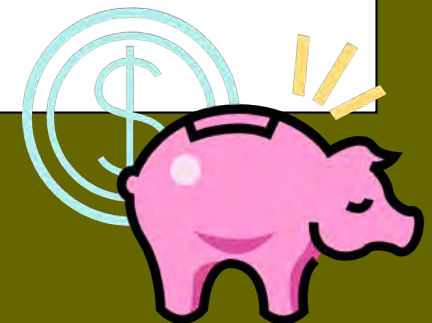
II. (9-11) John **condemns Diotrephes** for rejecting his teaching and for opposing missionary support so that his evil actions would not be imitated.

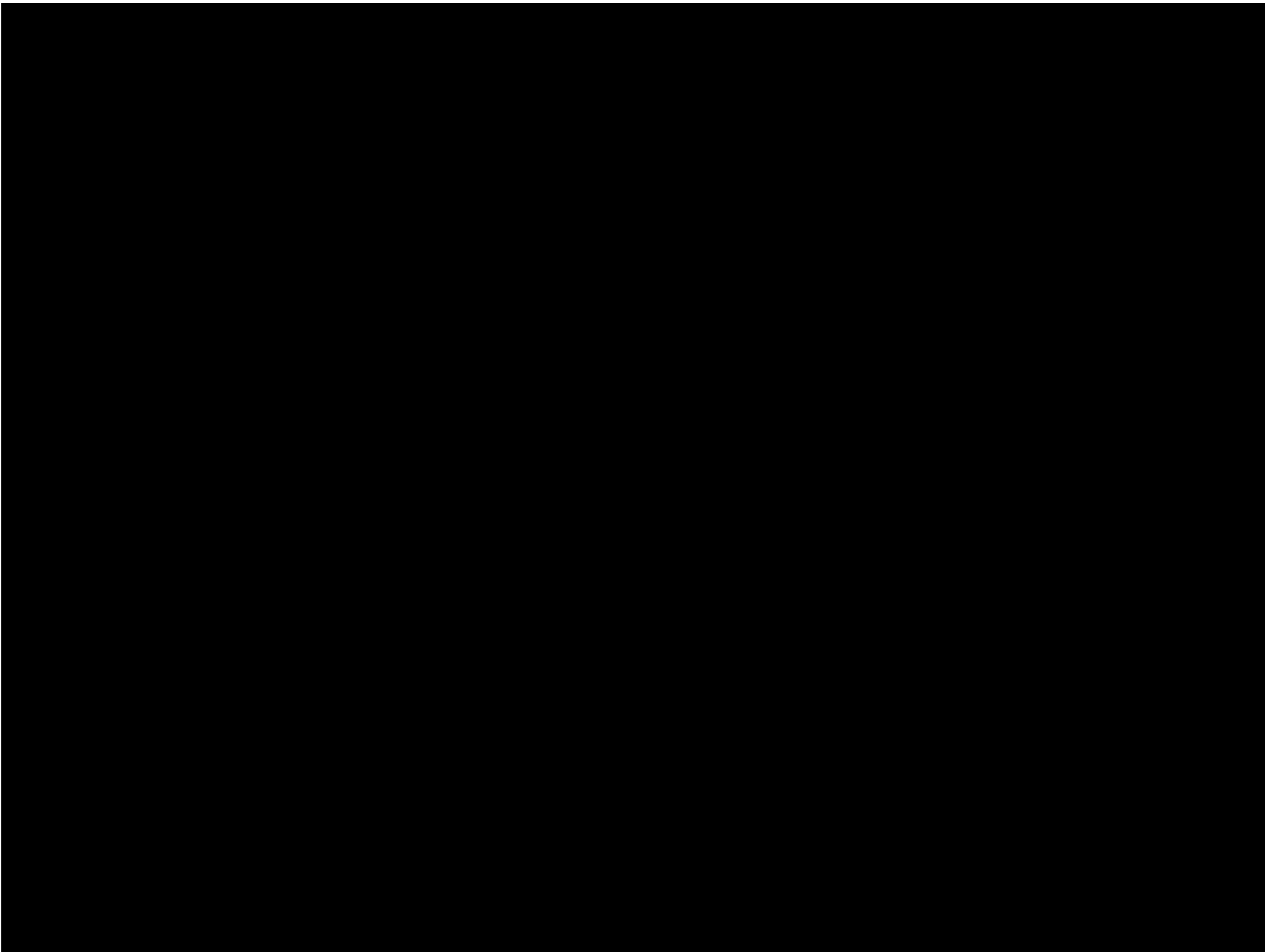
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IV. (13-15) John expresses a desire to personally see Gaius, wishes him peace, sends greetings, and requests greetings to Gaius' friends on his behalf to **reinforce** both his displeasure with Diotrephes and his affection for Gaius.





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