

When Jesus Goes Off The Reservation



Mediterranean Sea



Sea of Galilee

Coastal Plain

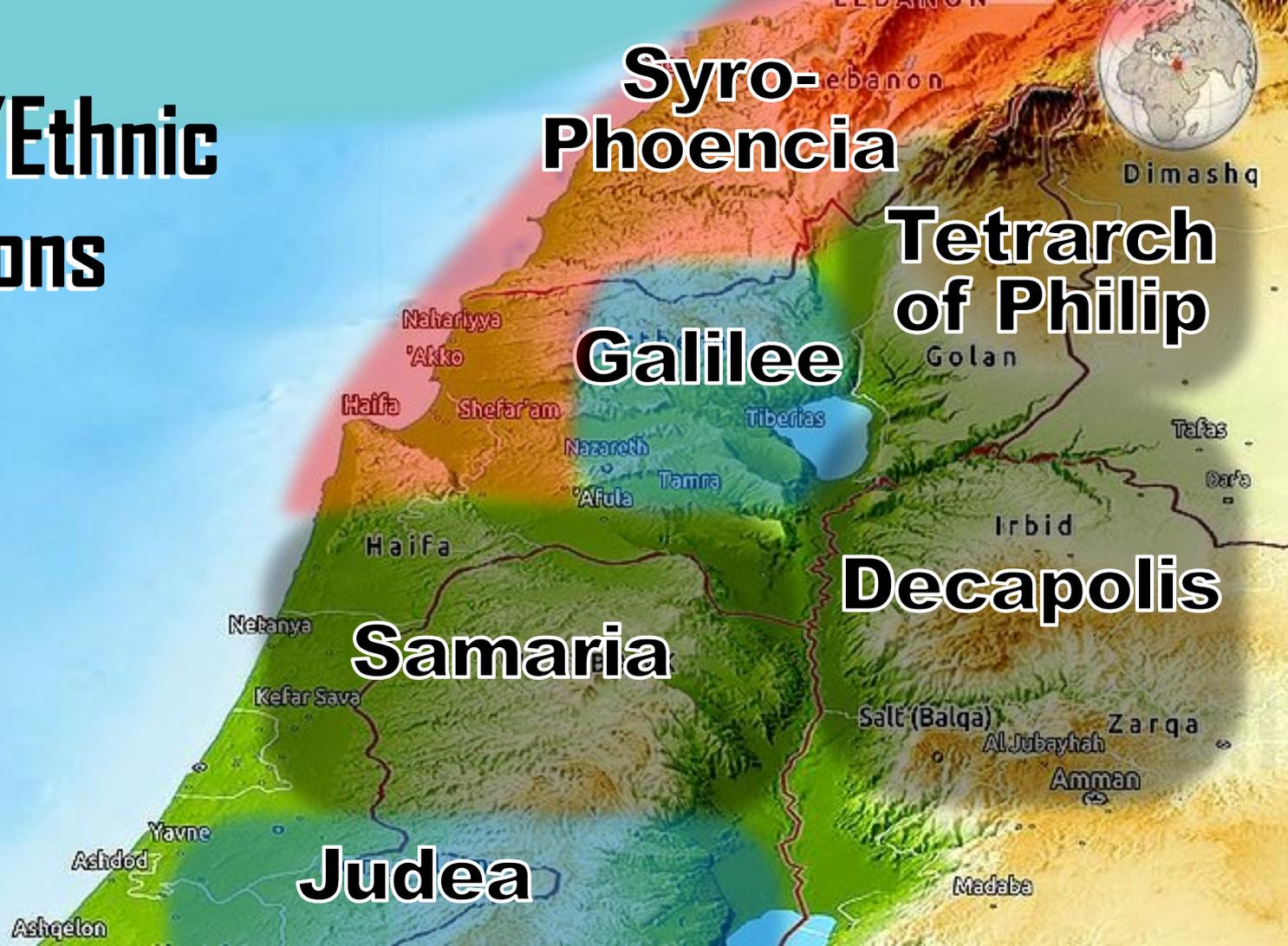
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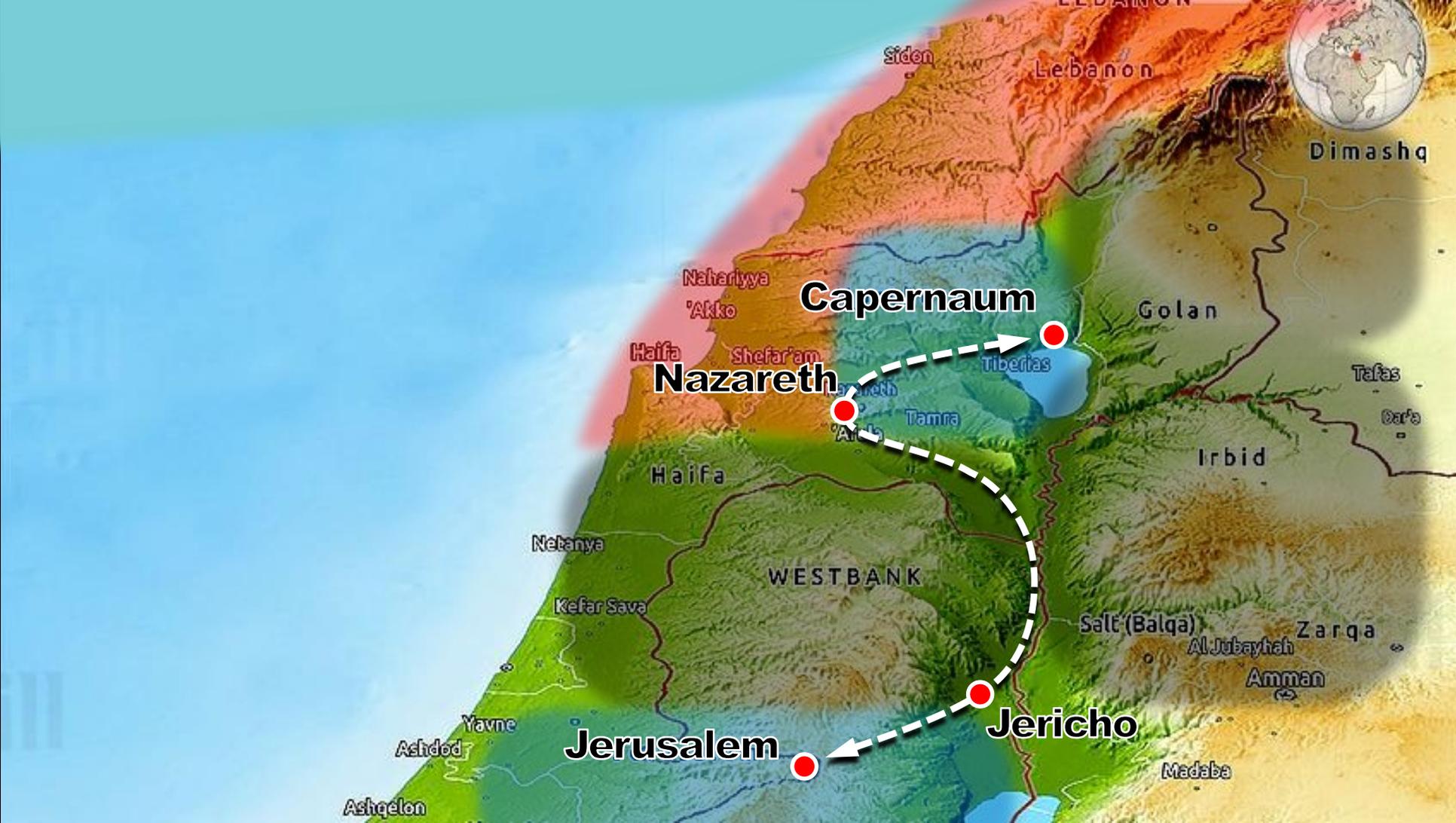
Judean Hills

Rift Valley

Dead Sea

Political/Ethnic Divisions





Sidon Lebanon

Dimashq

Nahariyya 'Akko

Capernaum

Golan

Haifa Nazareth

Tiberias

Tafas

Bar'a

Haifa

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Kefar Sava

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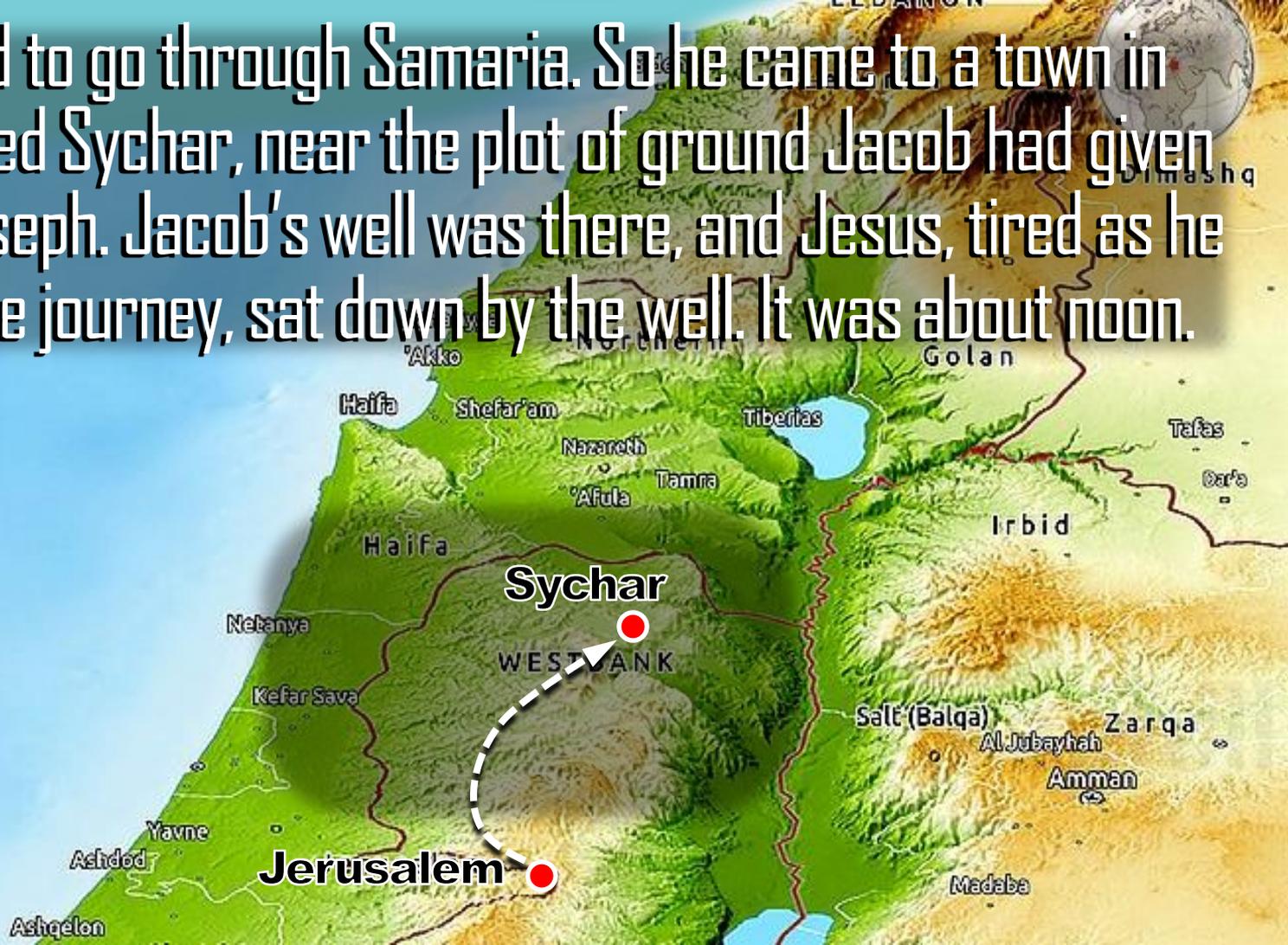
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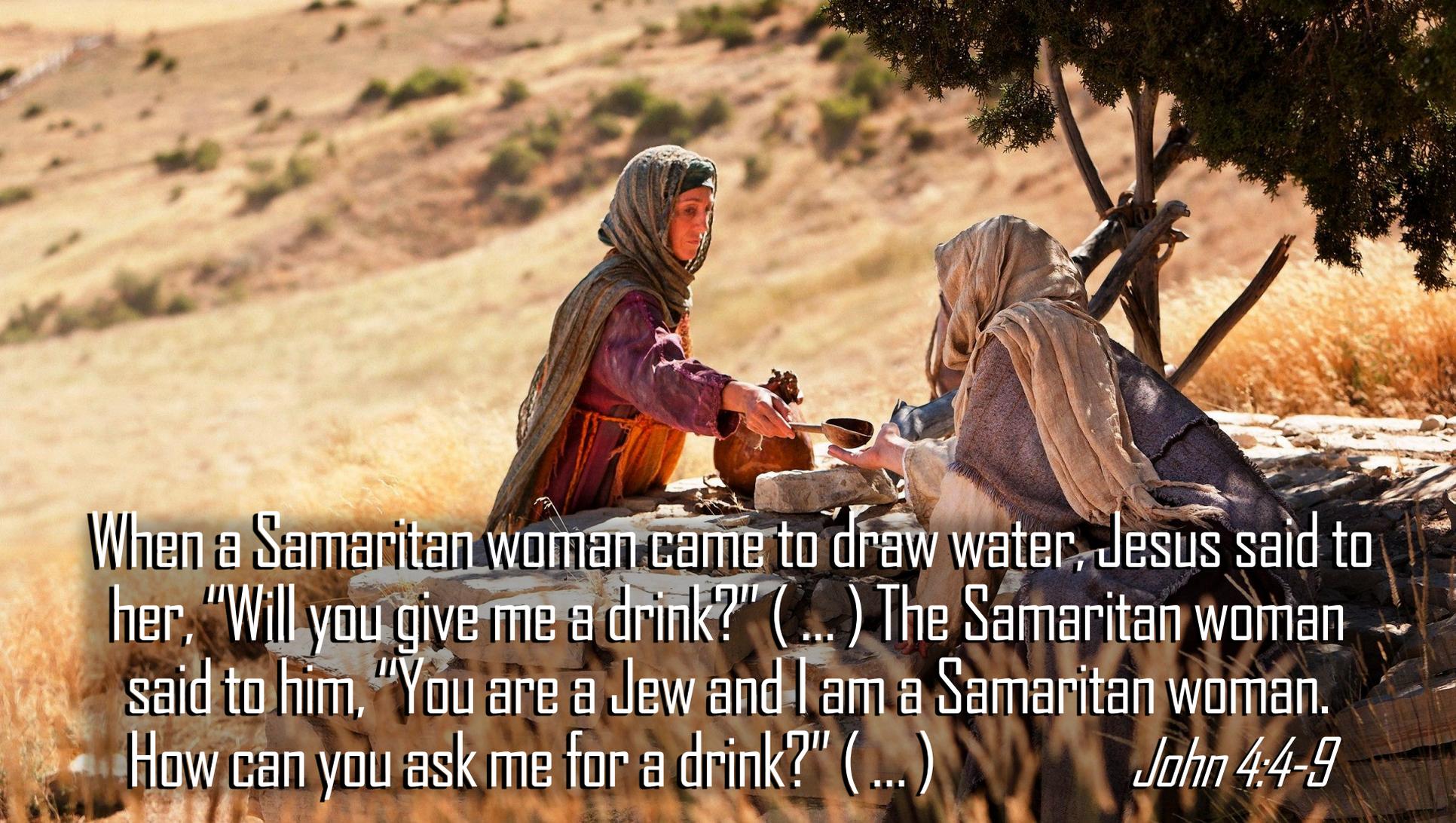
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On the trail going up from Jericho (-846') to Jerusalem (2474')

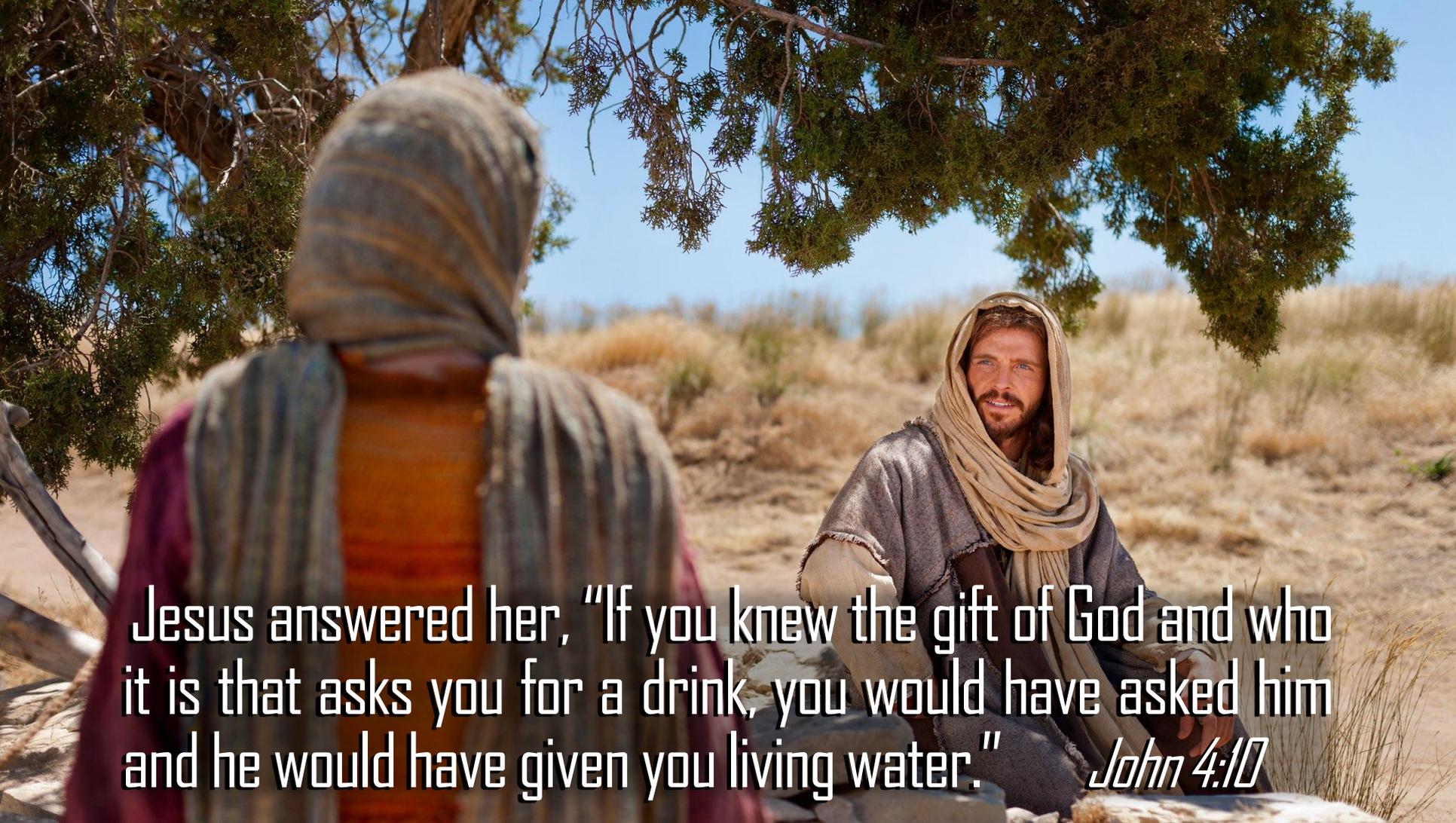
Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.





When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (...) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (...)

John 4:4-9

A cinematic scene from the movie 'The Chosen' depicting Jesus sitting under a tree in a desert, talking to a Samaritan woman whose back is to the camera. The scene is set in a dry, arid landscape with sparse vegetation and a clear blue sky. Jesus is wearing a grey robe and a light-colored head covering, and he has a beard and long hair. The woman is wearing a purple robe and a grey head covering. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." *John 4:10*

Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money. *Acts 7:16*



Sychar aka Shechem!

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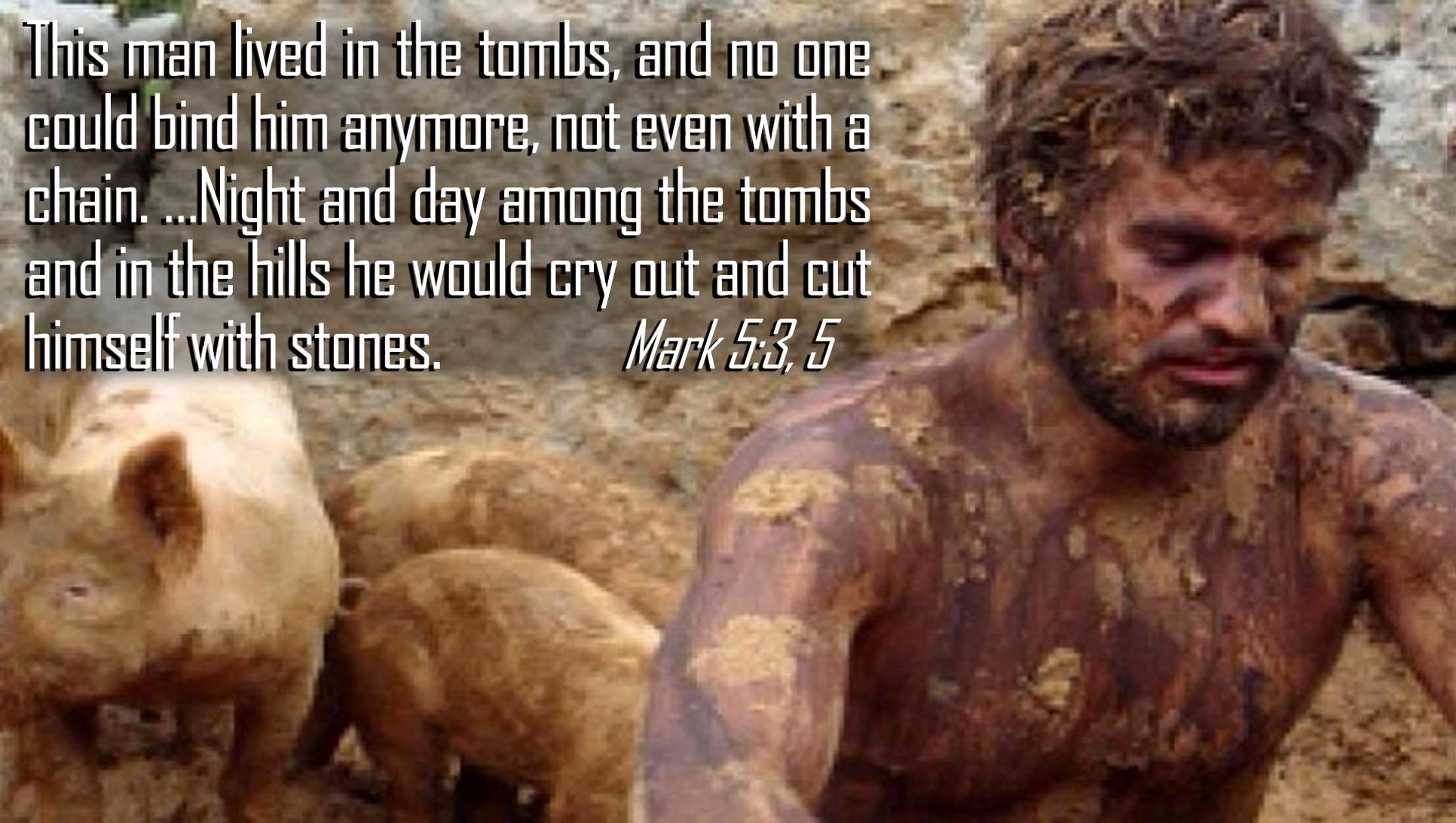


They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.
When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure
spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

Mark 5:1-2

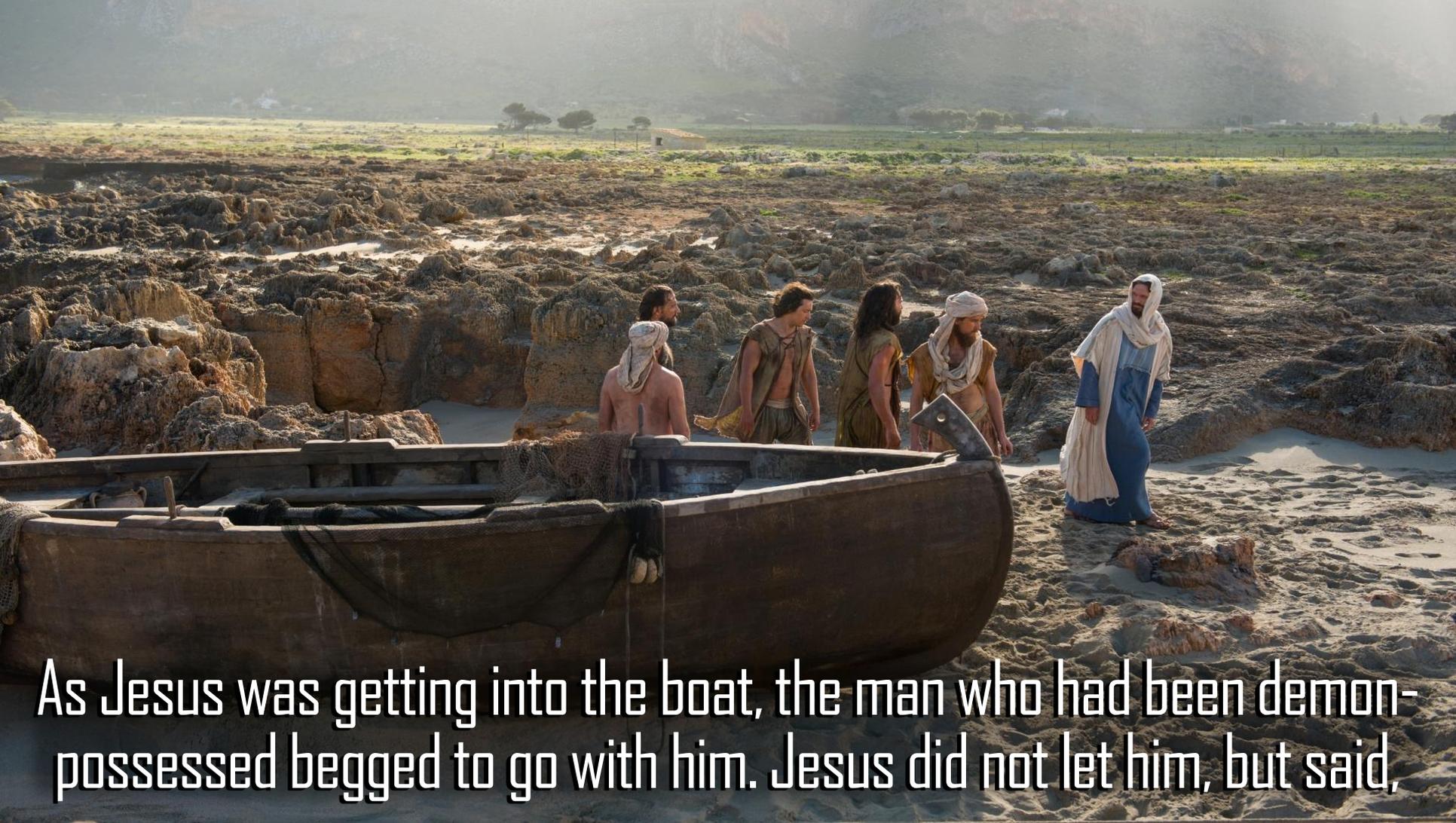
This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ...Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

Mark 5:3, 5



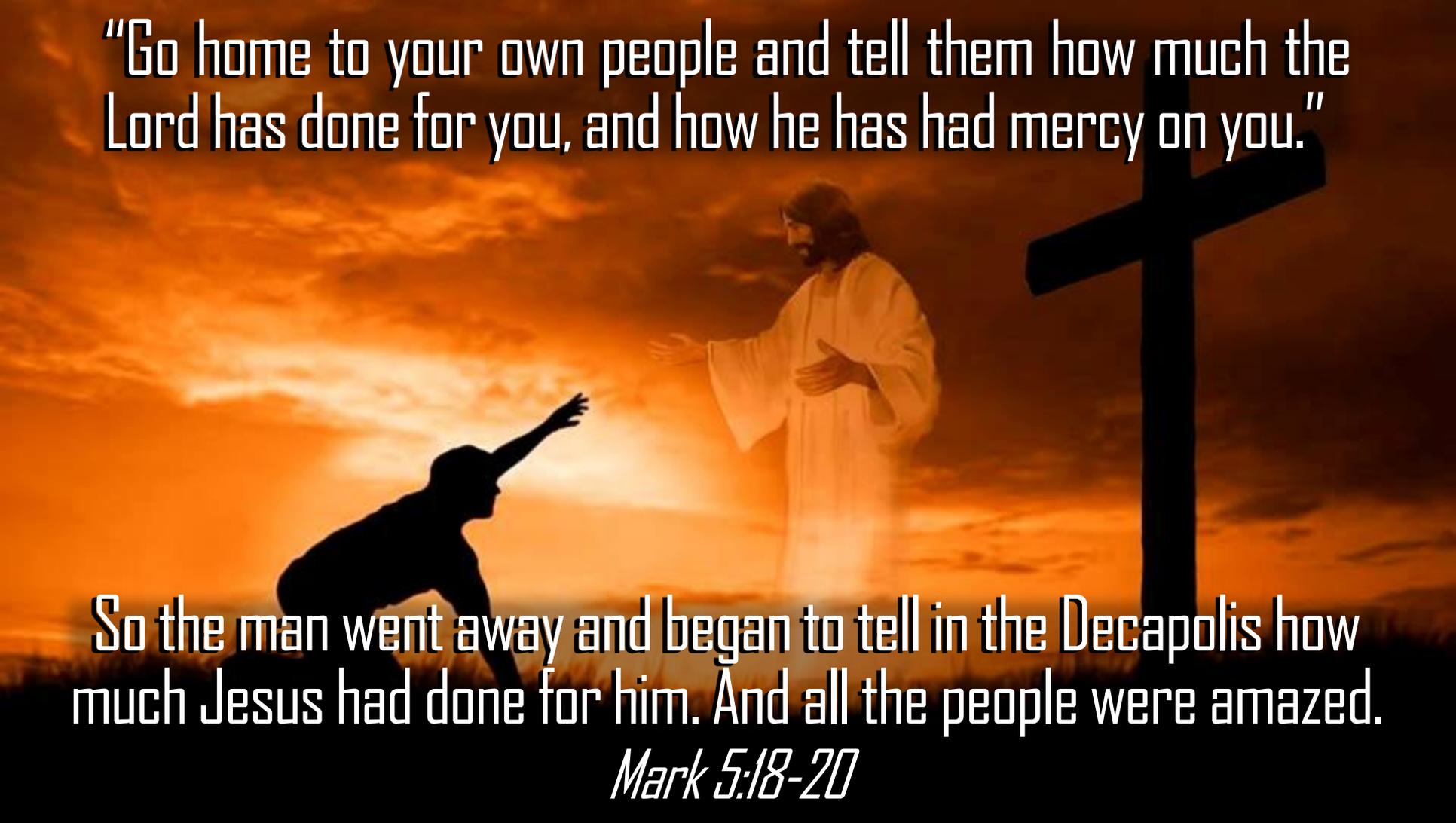


Ruins of one of the ten cities of the Decapolis



As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said,

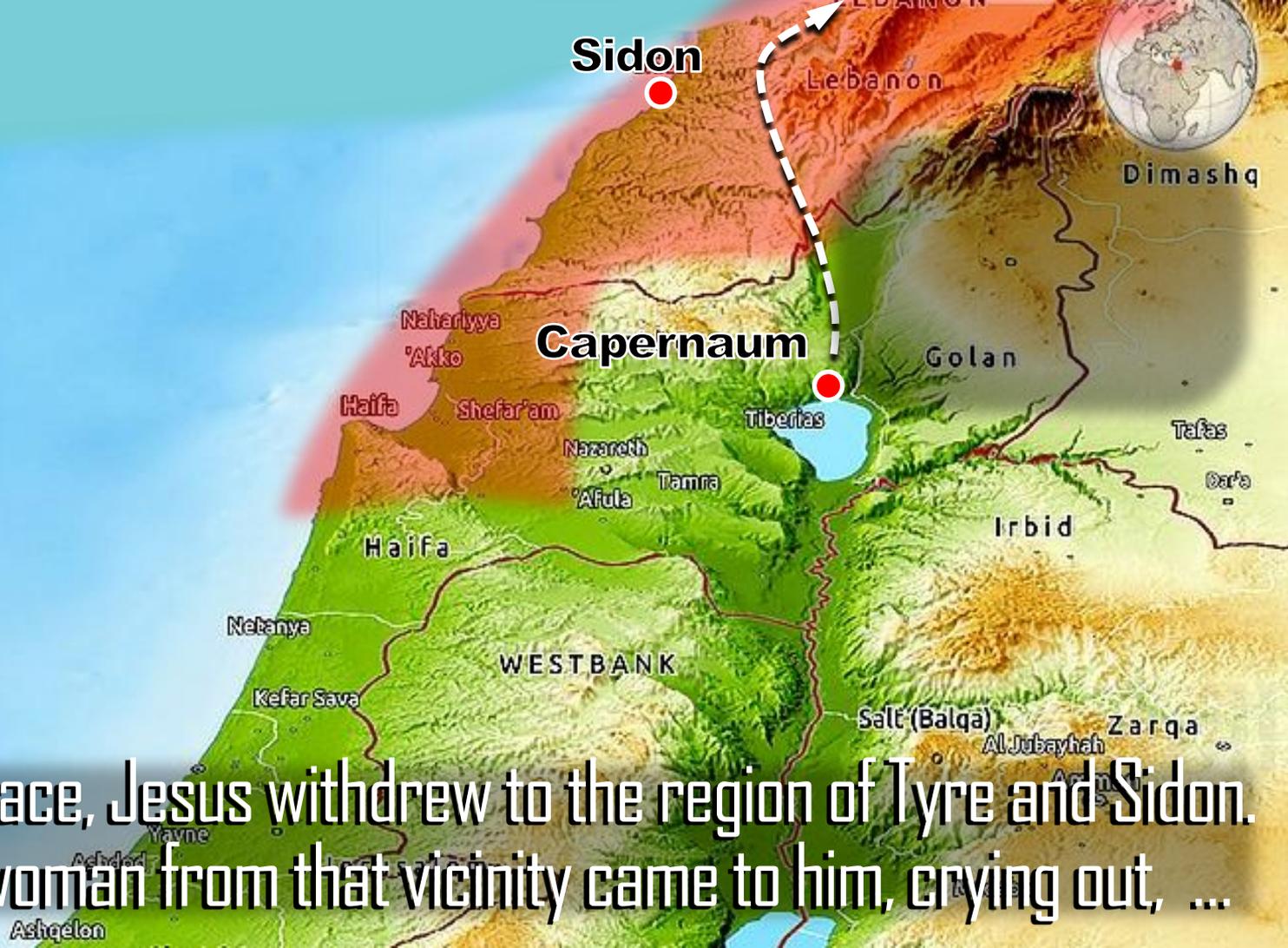
"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."



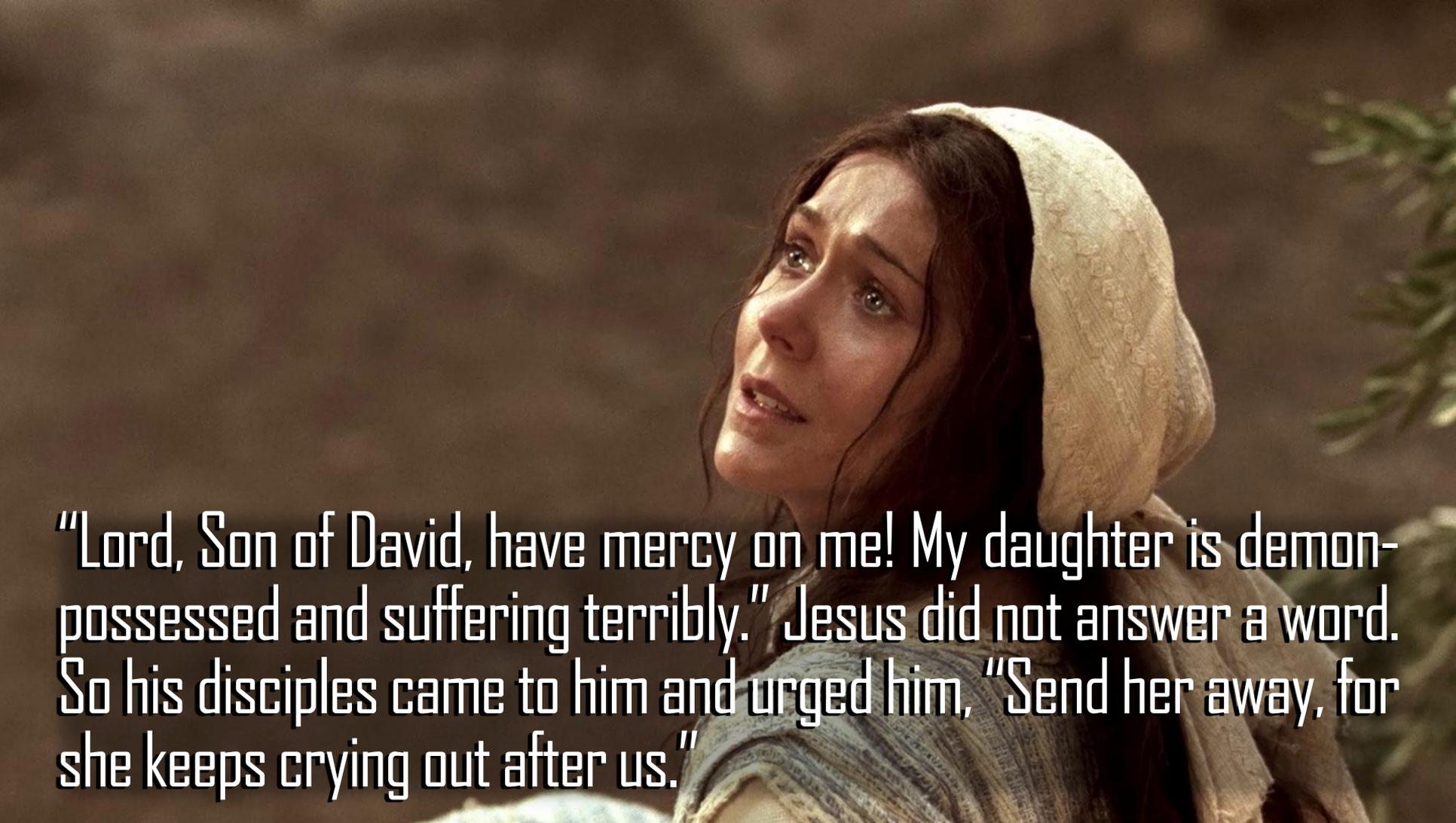
So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Mark 5:18-20

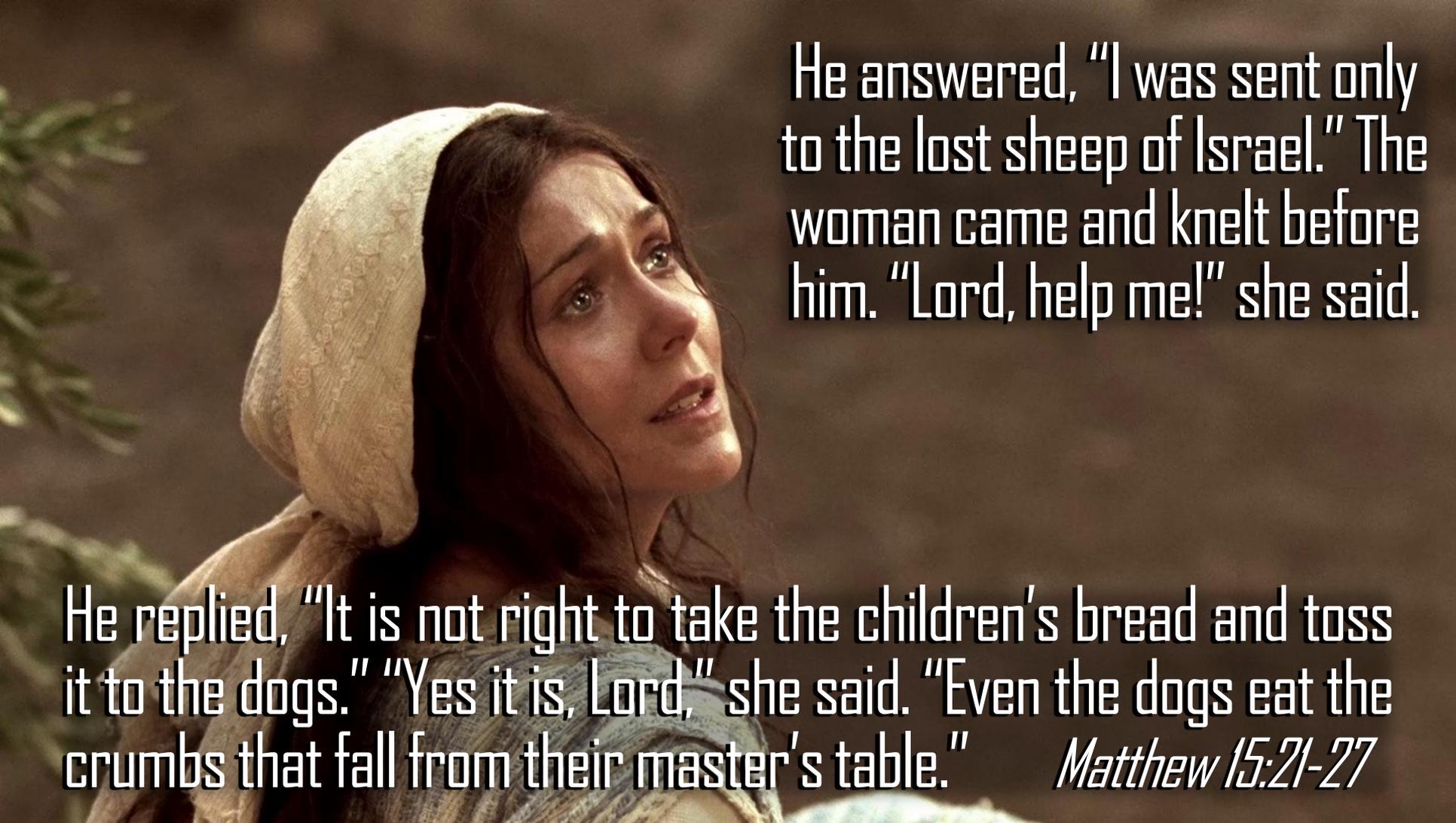
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Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, ...

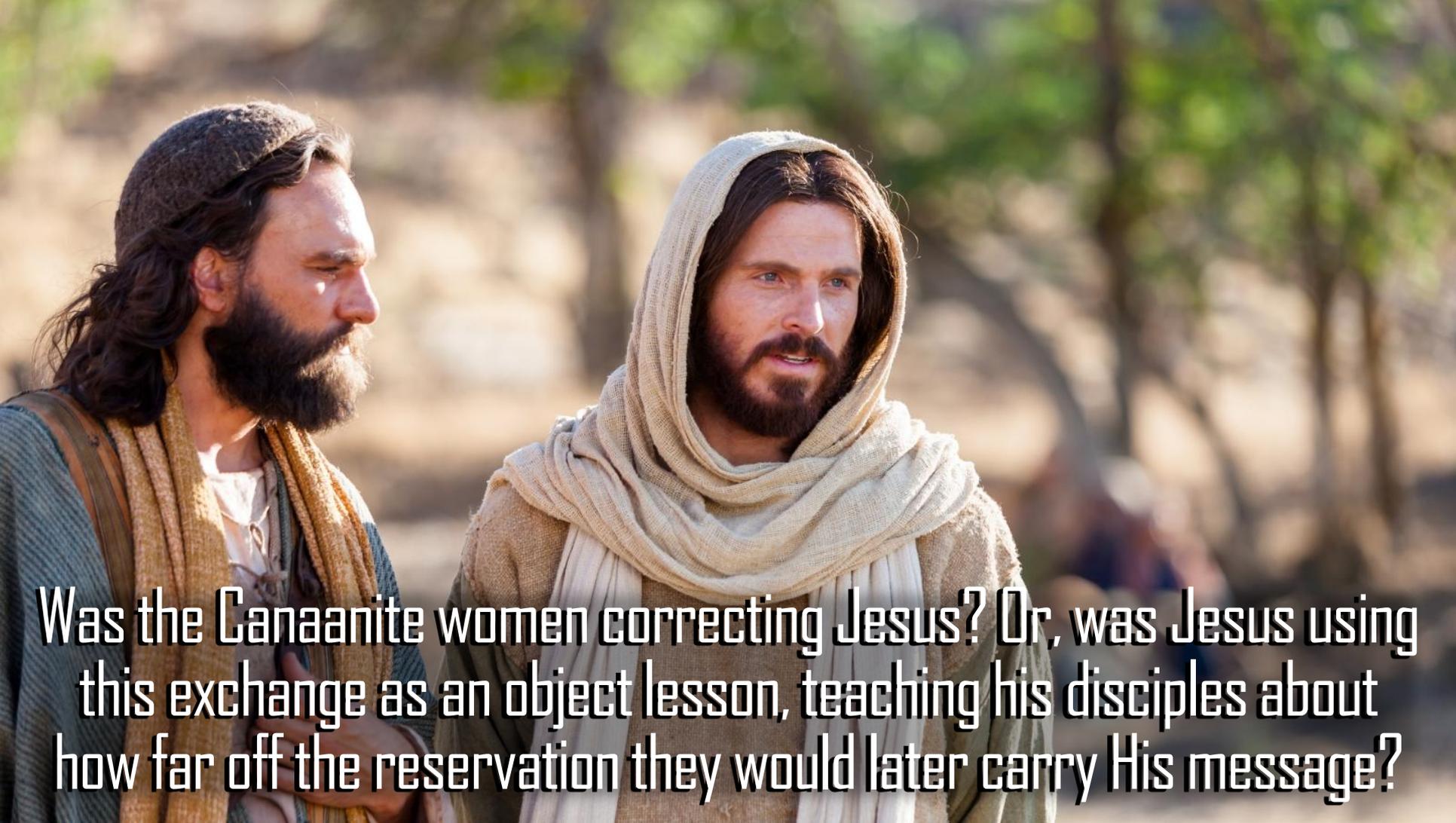
A close-up shot of a woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored headscarf and a blue and white patterned garment. She is looking upwards and to the left with a pleading, desperate expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting.

“Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white headscarf and a blue and white patterned garment, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the right with a pleading or desperate expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting.

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." *Matthew 15:21-27*



Was the Canaanite woman correcting Jesus? Or, was Jesus using this exchange as an object lesson, teaching his disciples about how far off the reservation they would later carry His message?

4th

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Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. *Mark 7:31*

Ashqelon

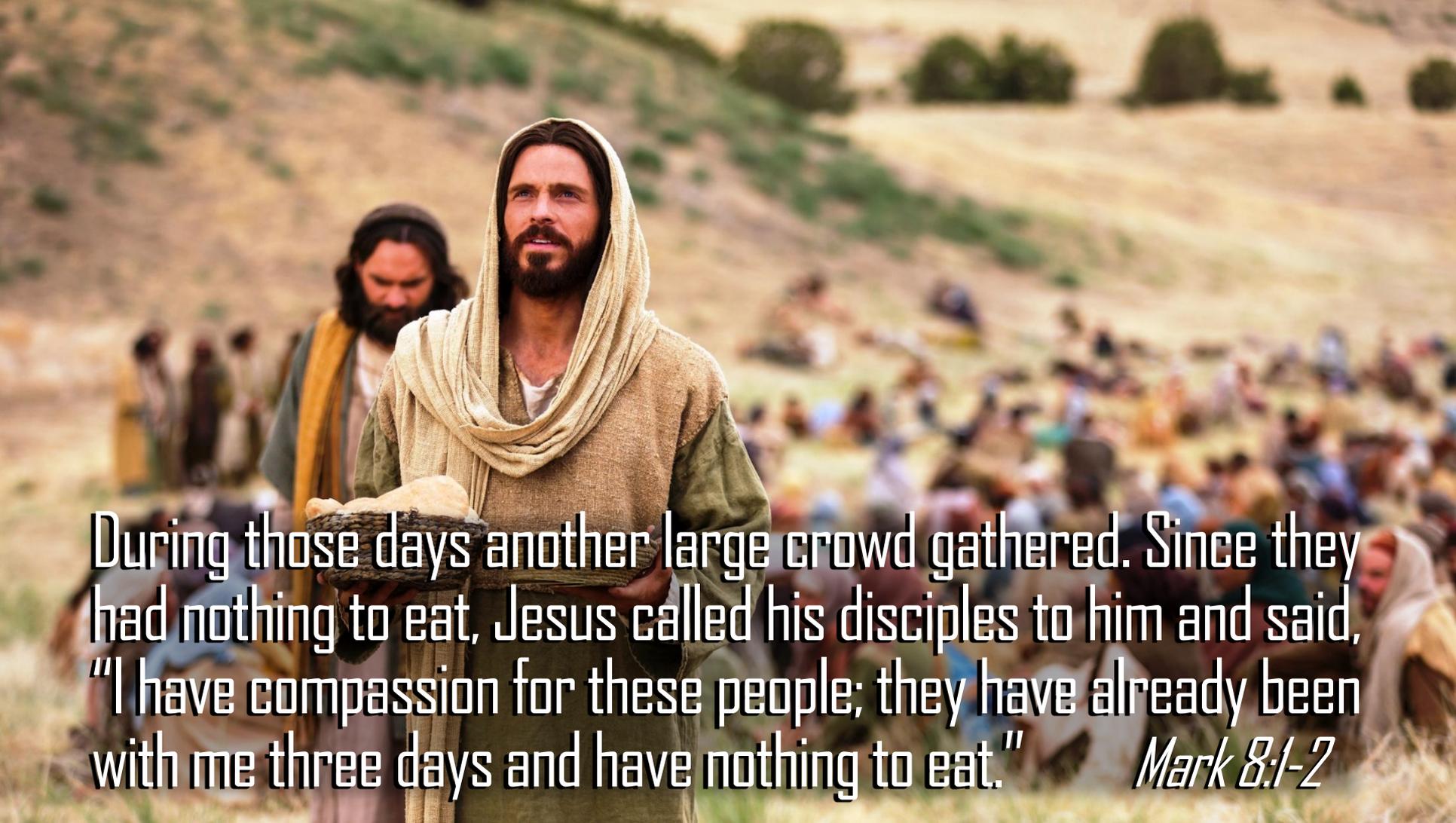
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Lydda

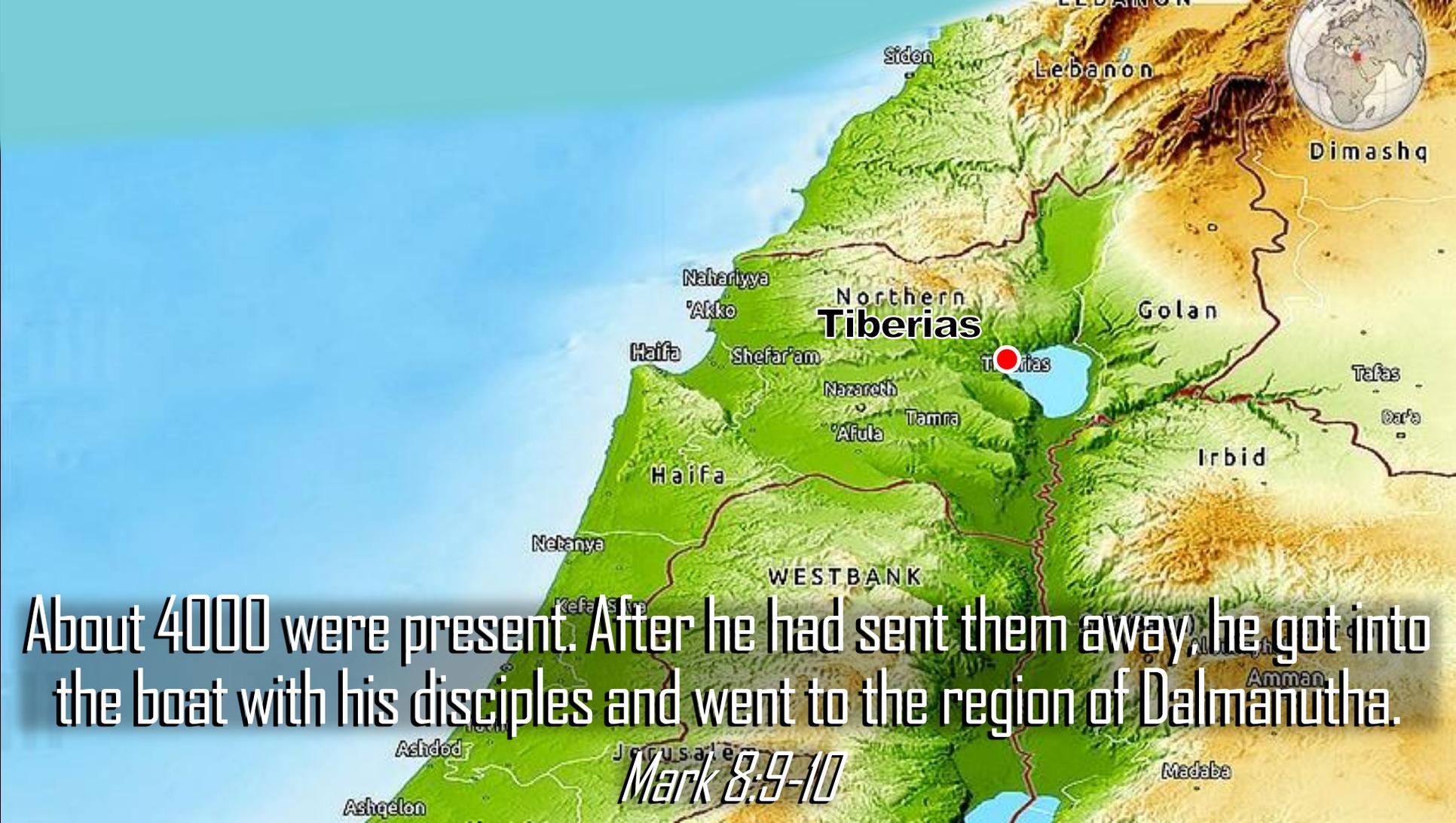
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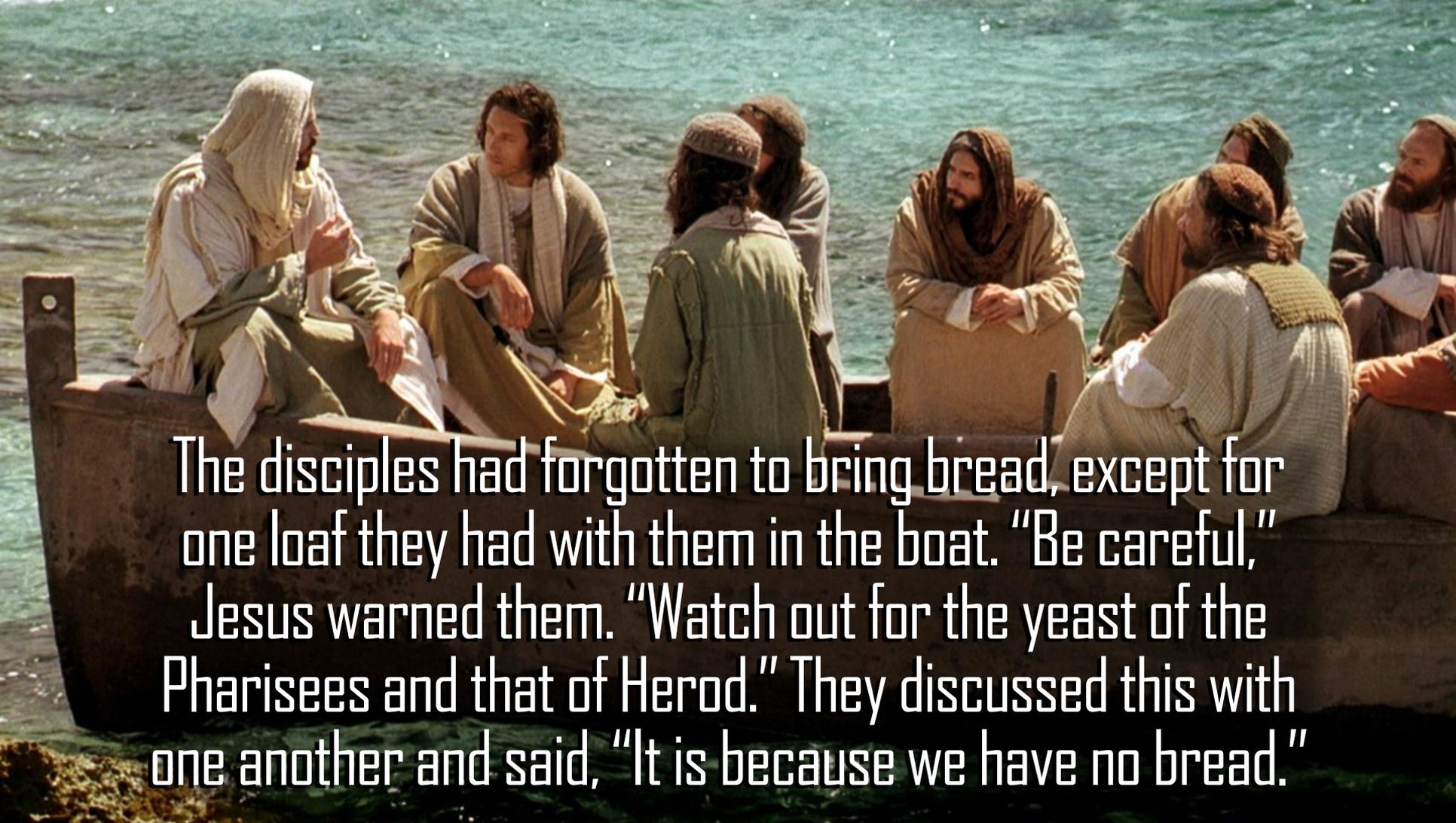
A cinematic photograph of Jesus with a large crowd in a desert. Jesus is in the foreground, wearing a green robe and a light-colored shawl, holding a basket of bread. He has a beard and long hair, and is looking upwards with a thoughtful expression. Behind him, a large crowd of people is gathered on a grassy hillside, and another man with a beard and a yellow sash is visible in the mid-ground. The background shows rolling hills under a bright sky.

During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat." *Mark 8:1-2*

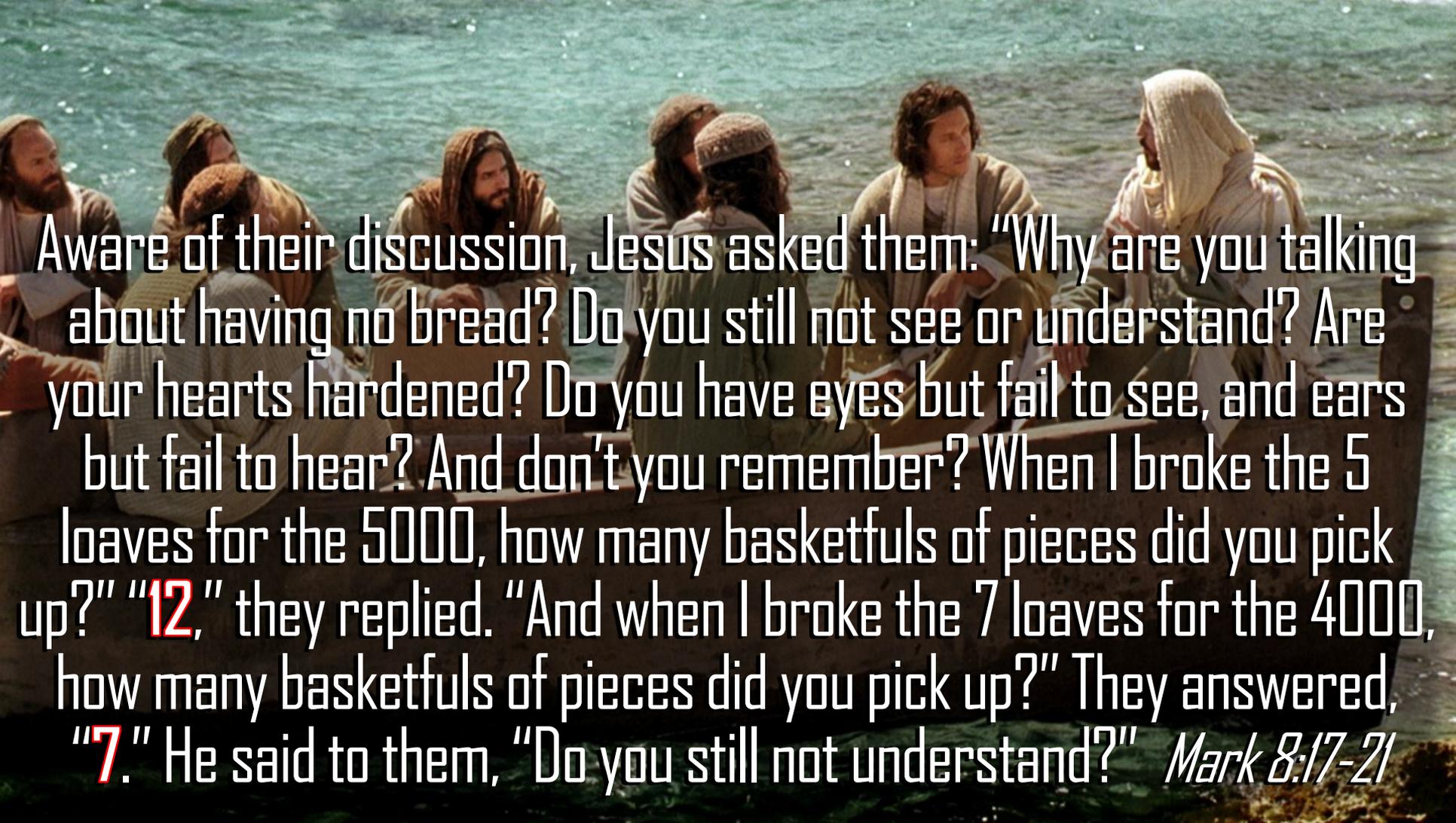


About 4000 were present. After he had sent them away, he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

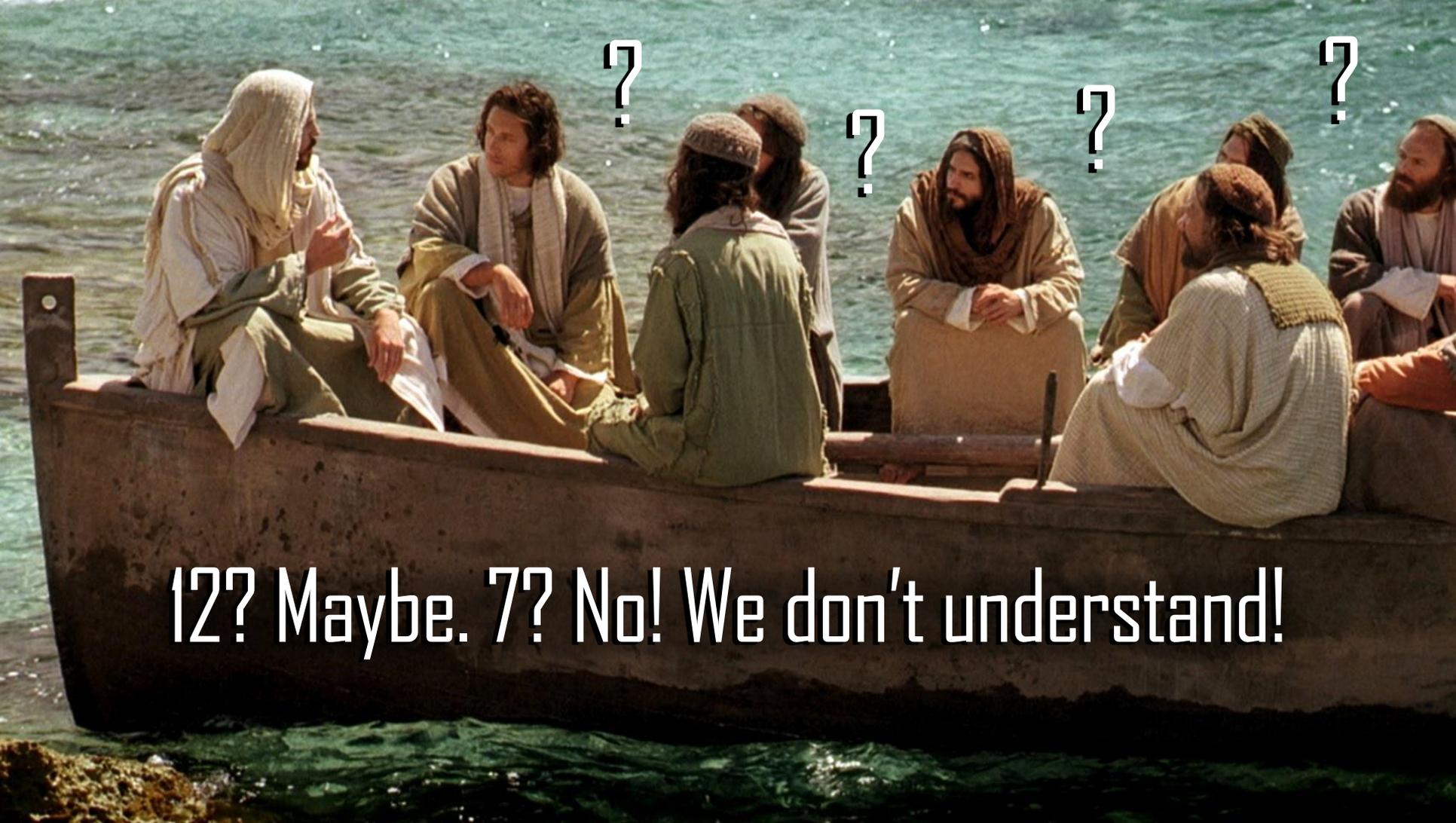
Mark 8:9-10

A group of men in traditional robes are sitting in a wooden boat on a body of water. The men are dressed in simple, earth-toned clothing, including tunics and shawls. They appear to be in conversation, with some looking towards the center of the boat. The background shows the calm, blue-green water of the sea under a bright sky. The overall scene is peaceful and suggests a historical or biblical setting.

The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod." They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread."



Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the 5 loaves for the 5000, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" **"12,"** they replied. "And when I broke the 7 loaves for the 4000, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, **"7."** He said to them, "Do you still not understand?" *Mark 8:17-21*

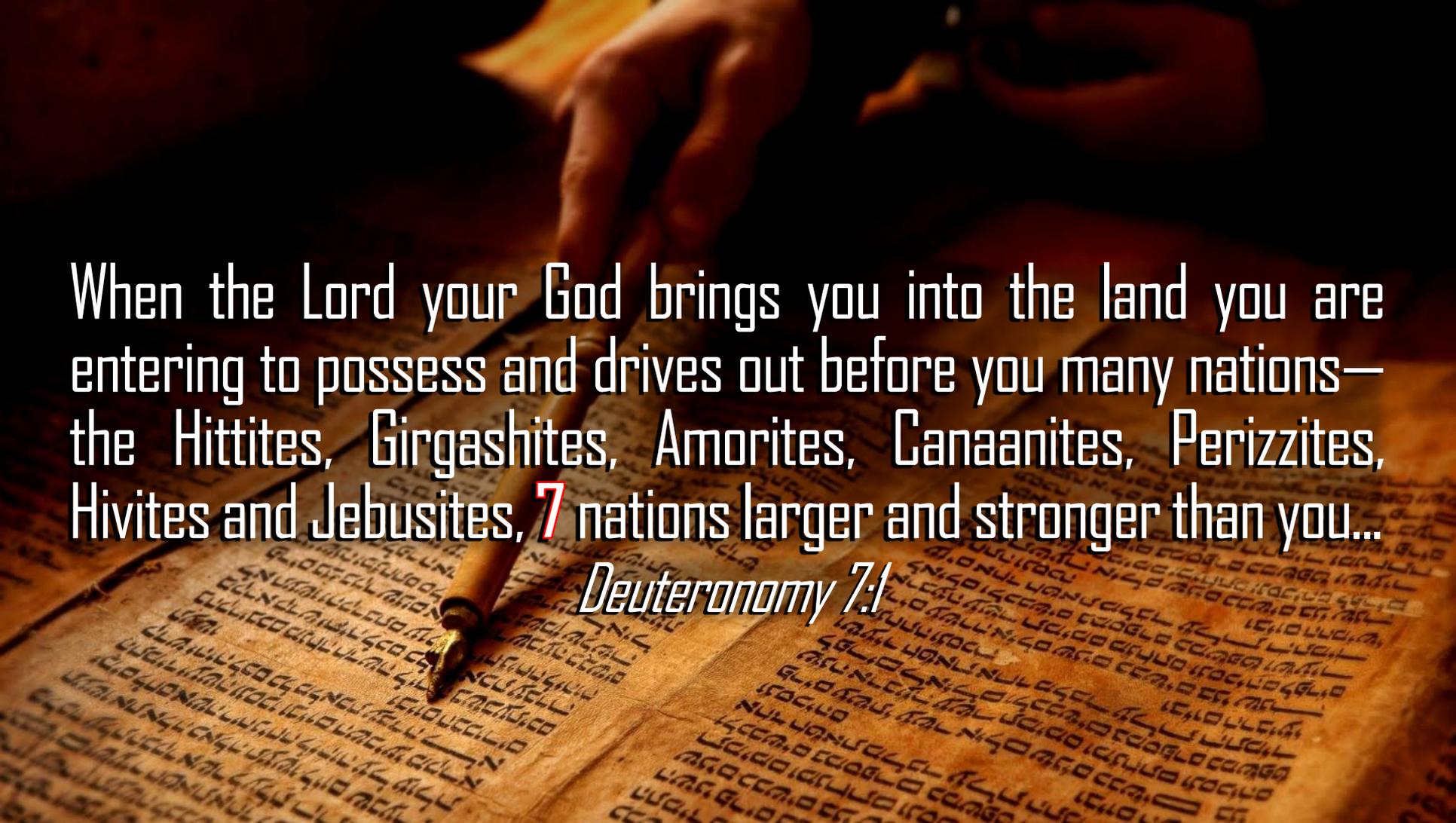


12? Maybe. 7? No! We don't understand!

Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up **12** stone pillars representing the **12** tribes of Israel. *Exodus 24:4*

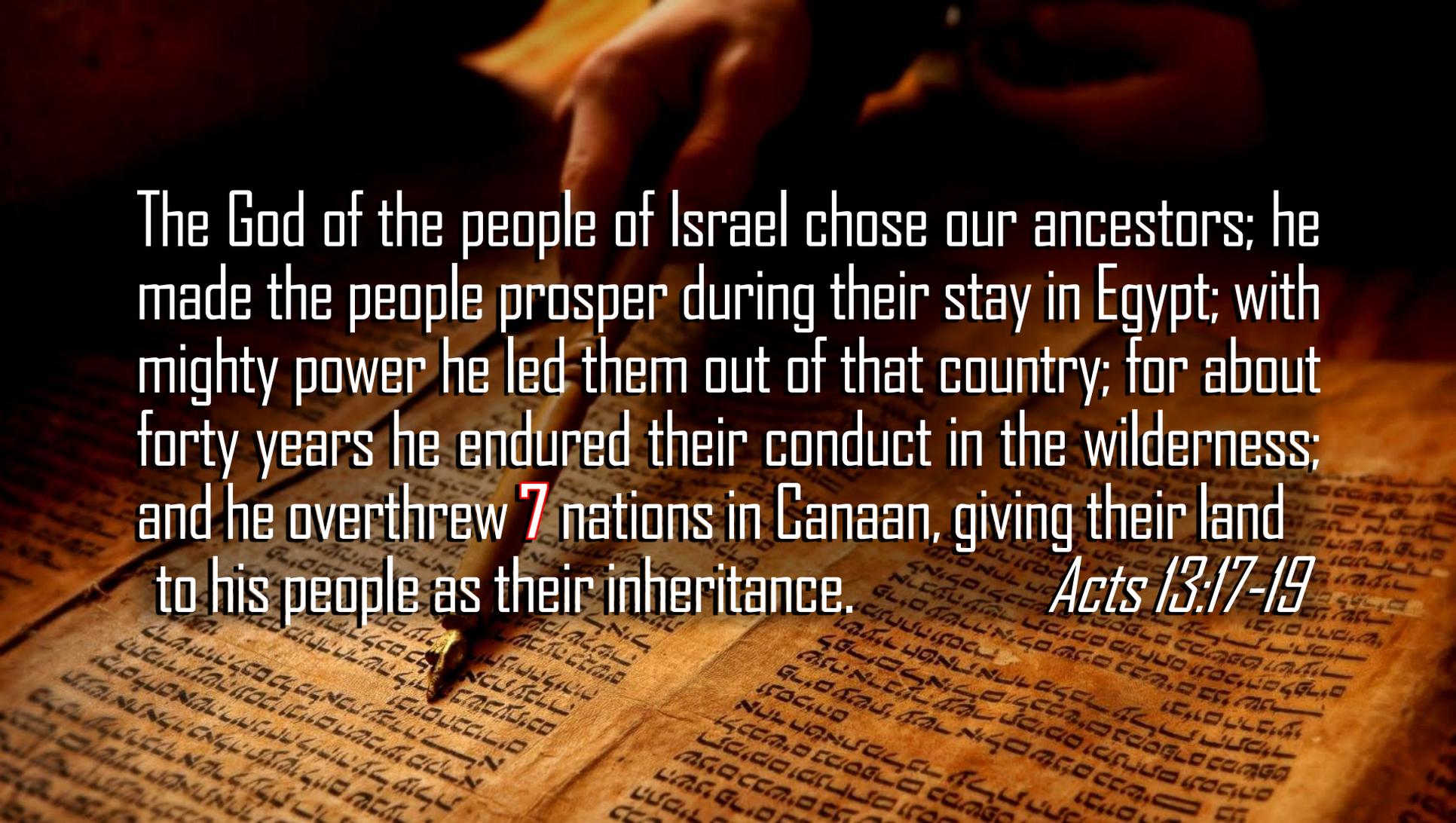
There are to be **12** stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the **12** tribes. *Exodus 28:21*

So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took **12** stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, *Joshua 4:8a*



When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, **7** nations larger and stronger than you...

Deuteronomy 7:1

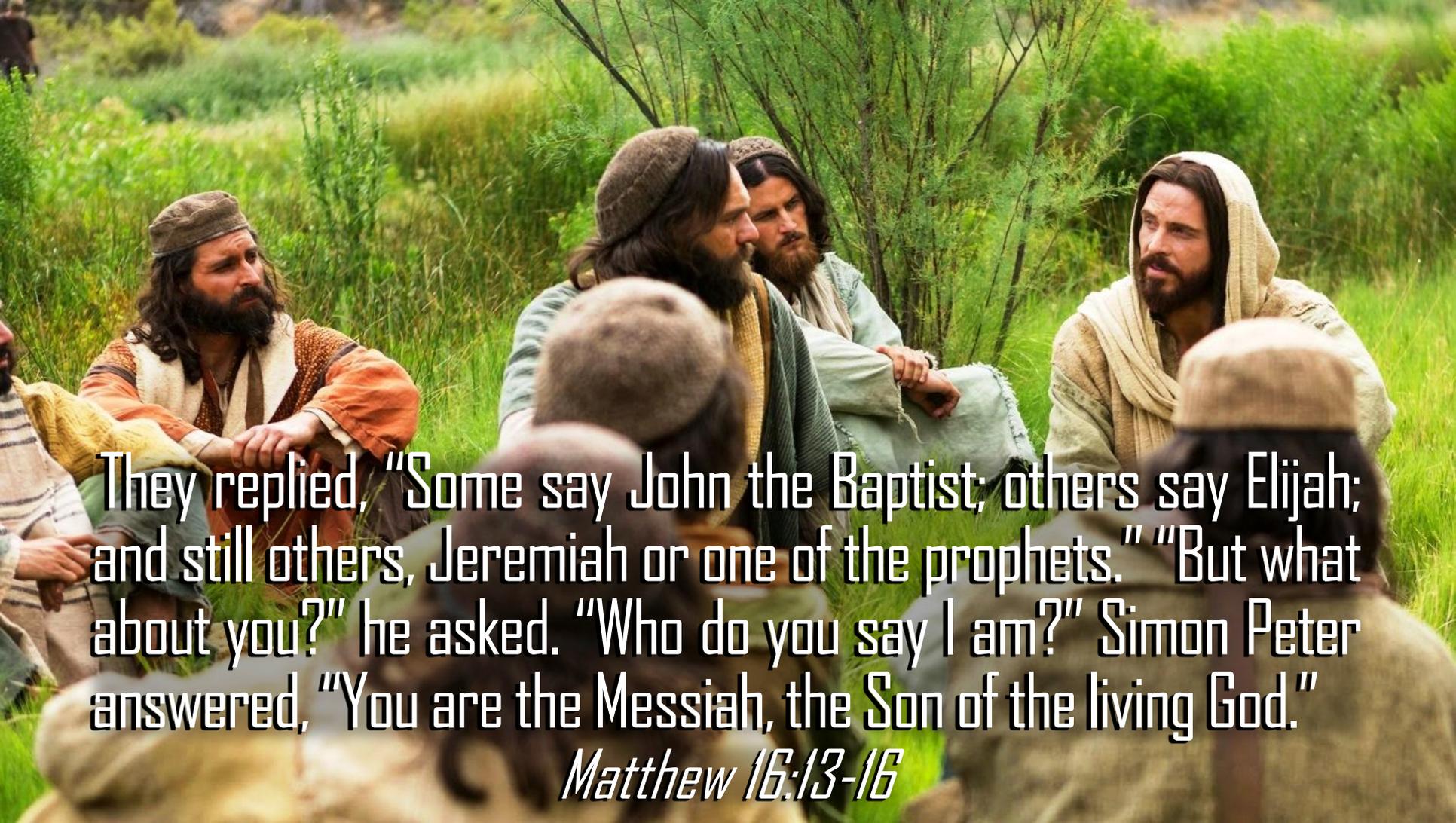
A close-up photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, writing on an ancient scroll. The scroll is filled with handwritten text in a cursive script. The lighting is warm and focused on the writing process.

The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; for about forty years he endured their conduct in the wilderness; and he overthrew **7** nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. *Acts 13:17-19*

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"



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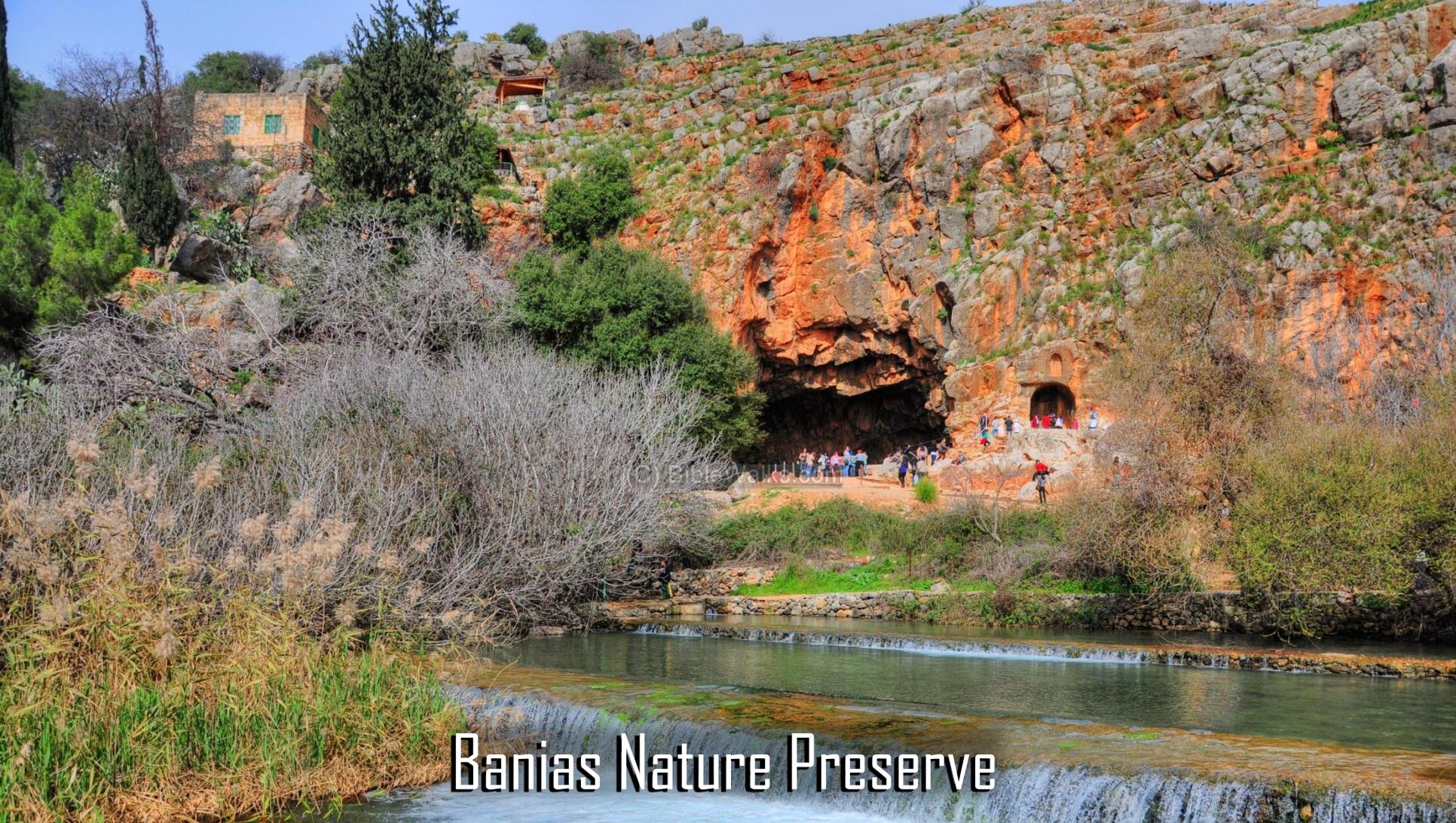


They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

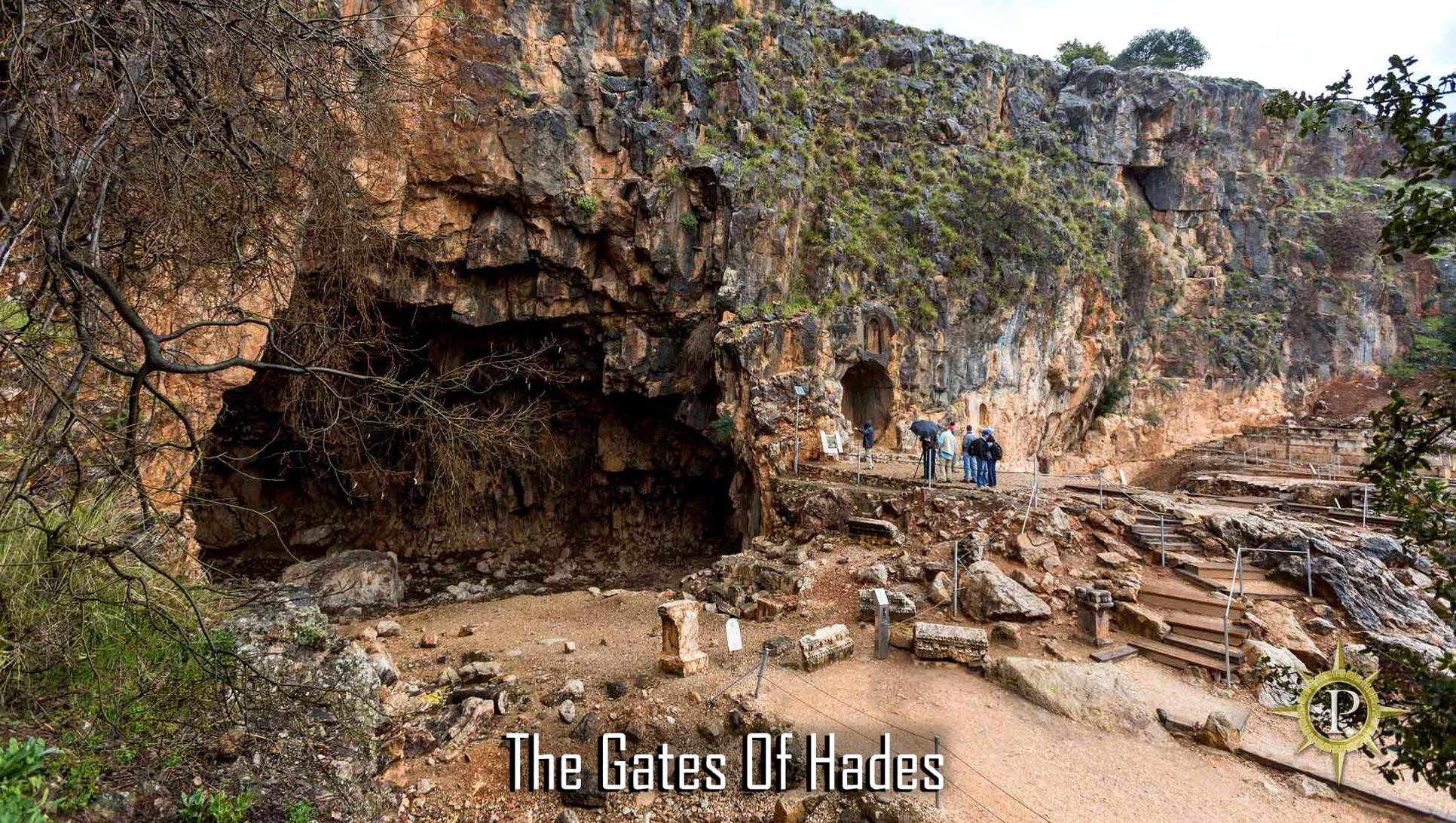
Matthew 16:13-16



Mount Hermon



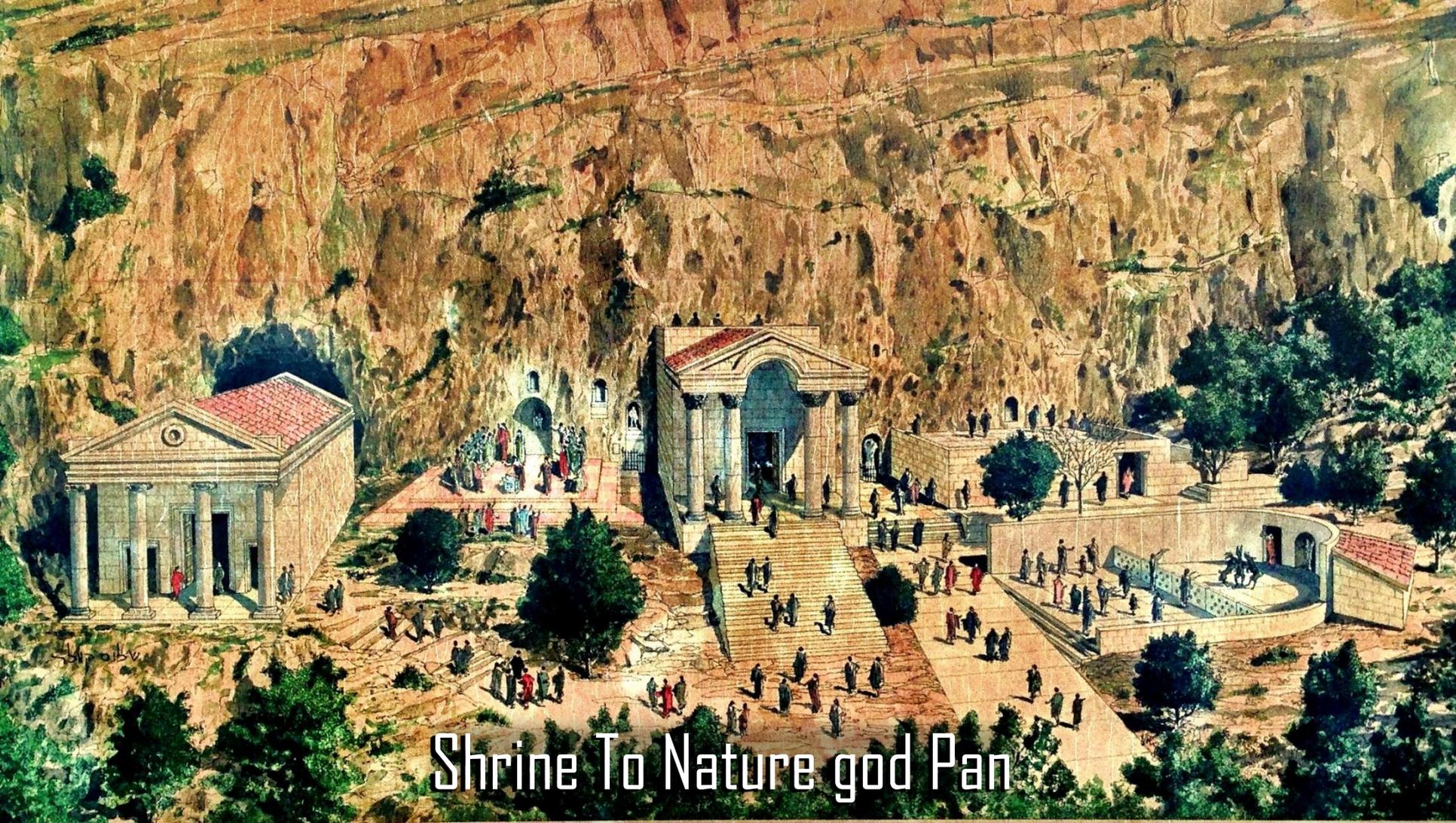
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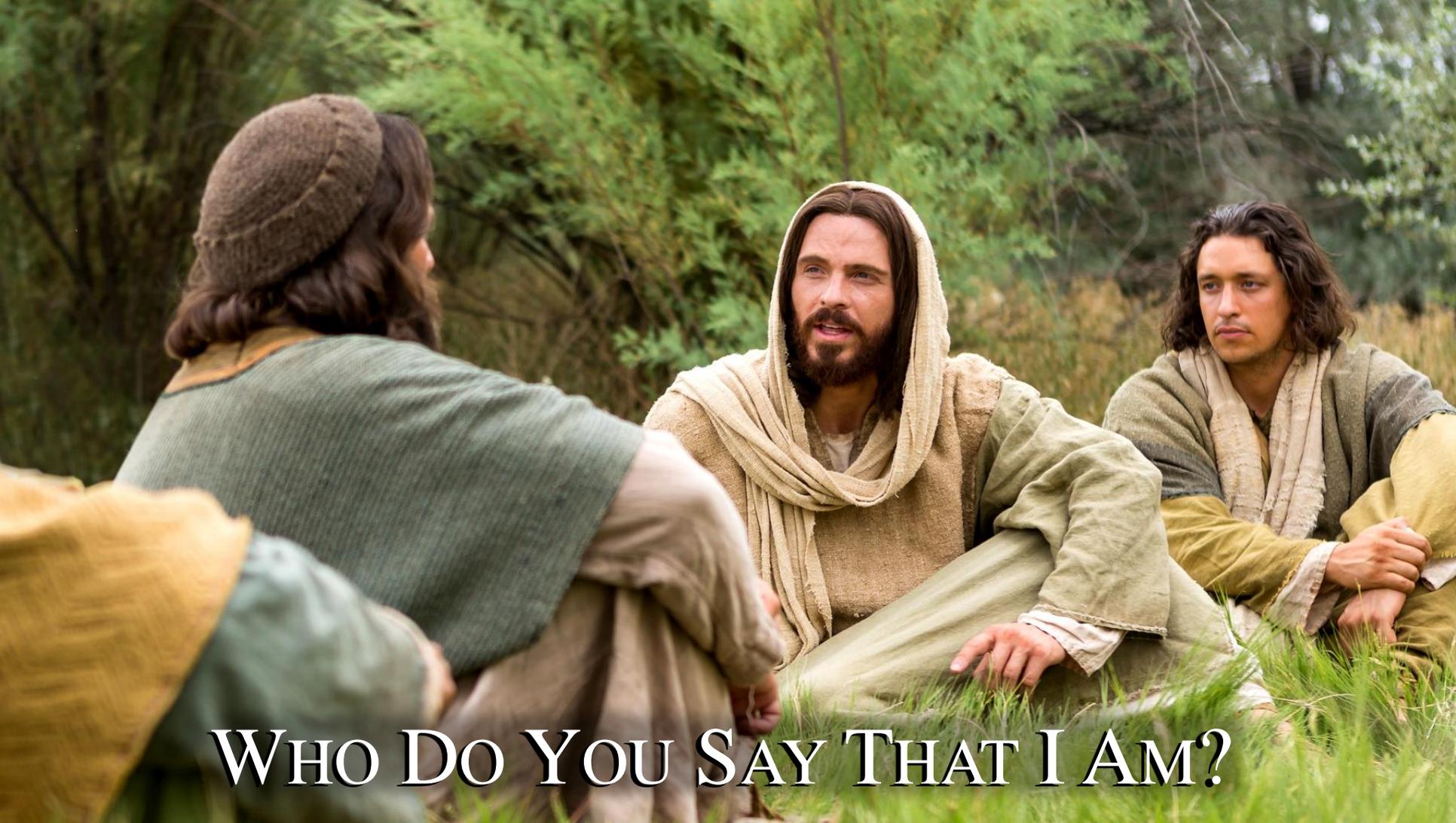
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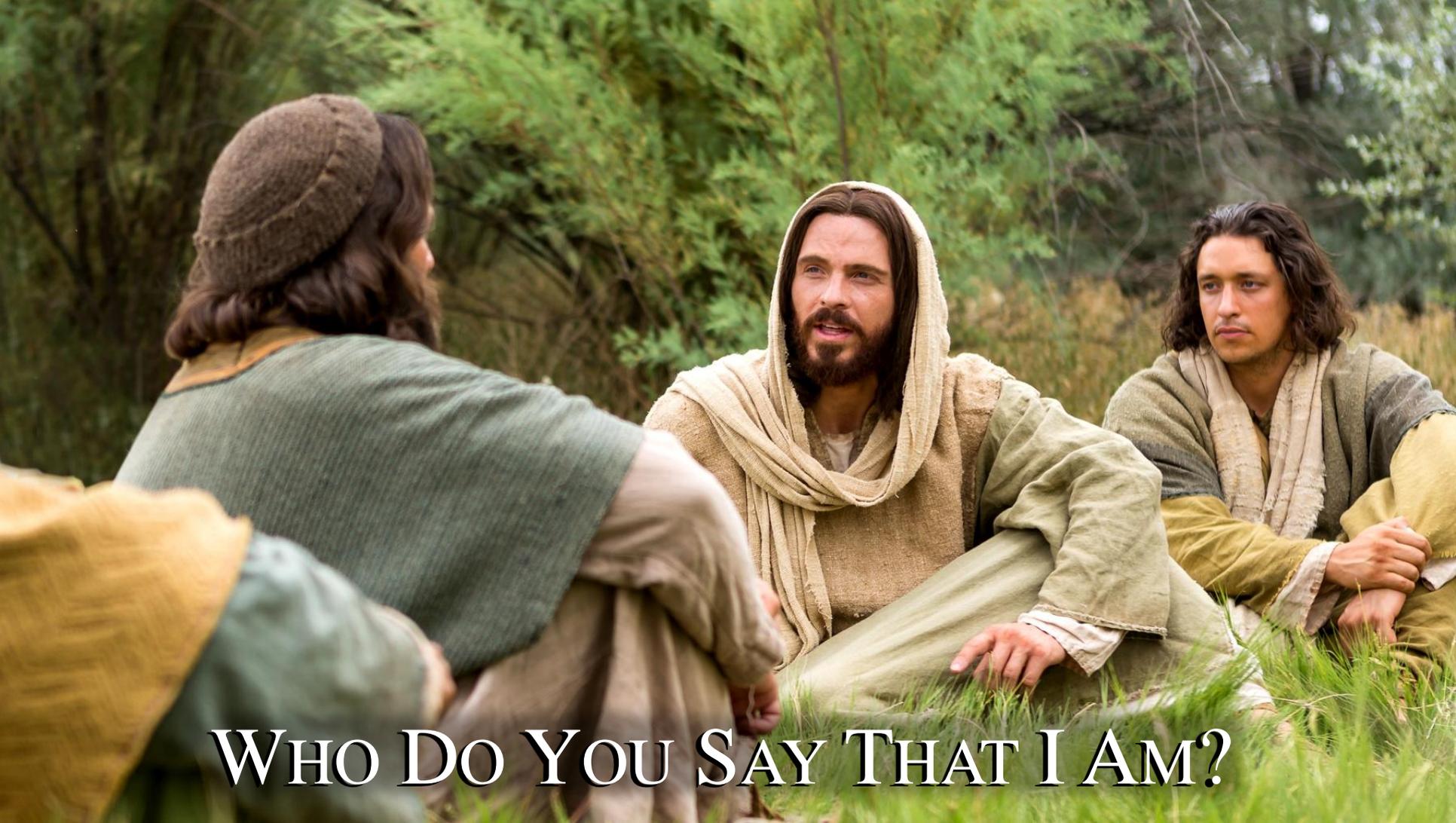




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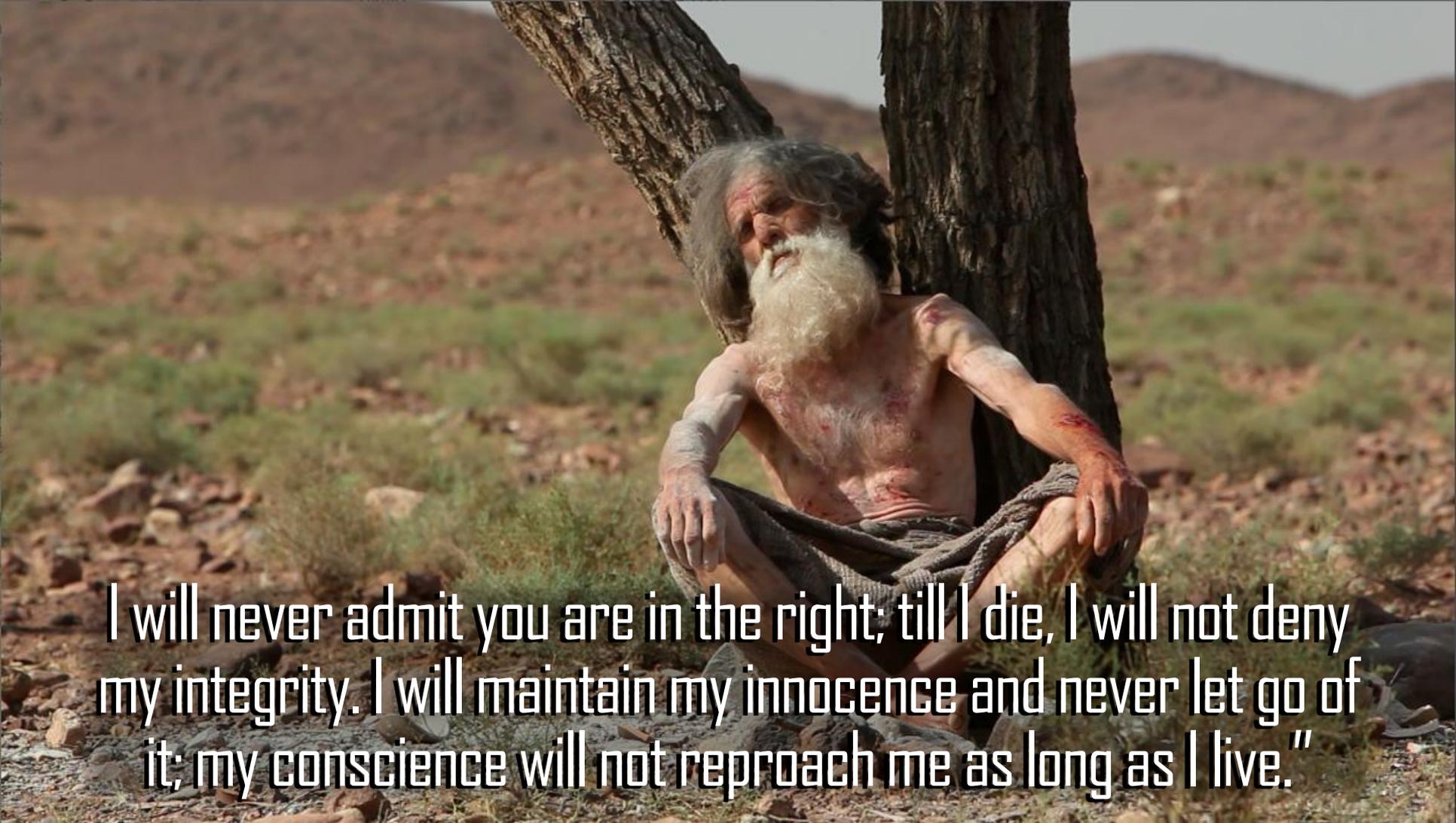
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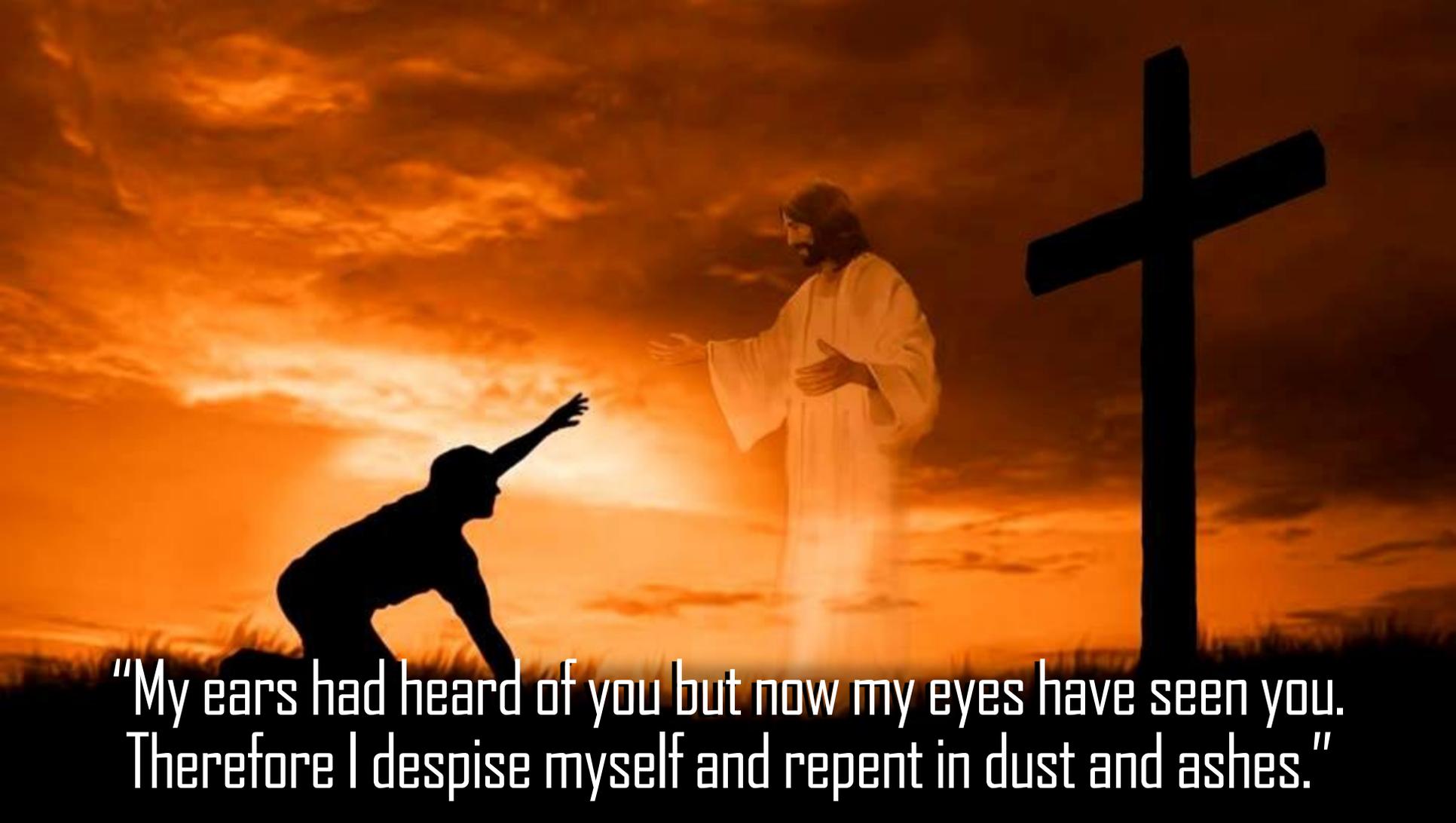
His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity?
Curse God and die."



I will never admit you are in the right; till I die, I will not deny my integrity. I will maintain my innocence and never let go of it; my conscience will not reproach me as long as I live."



Then Job replied to the Lord: "...Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know."



“My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.
Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

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