

A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a dirt path. They are positioned in front of a large, rustic stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The man on the left is wearing a dark green robe and has a light-colored satchel slung over his shoulder. The man on the right is wearing a dark purple or brown robe. The background shows some greenery, including a tree trunk on the left and some bushes on the right. The overall scene is set in a rural, possibly biblical, environment.

“Her Great Love”
Luke 7:36-8:3

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What will we learn?

- ❖ To receive salvation from Jesus, we must be humble enough to recognize our need.
- ❖ Traditional distinctions of class and gender become insignificant in the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ We support the Great Commission by personal involvement and by contribution of resources.

Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Savior
- ❖ Christ
- ❖ Lord
- ❖ Son of David
- ❖ Son of Abraham
- ❖ Son of Adam
- ❖ Son of God
- ❖ Son of Man
- ❖ Suffering Servant
- ❖ Lamb of God
- ❖ Healer
- ❖ Great Teacher
- ❖ “Holy One of God”
- ❖ Bridegroom
- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ Great Prophet

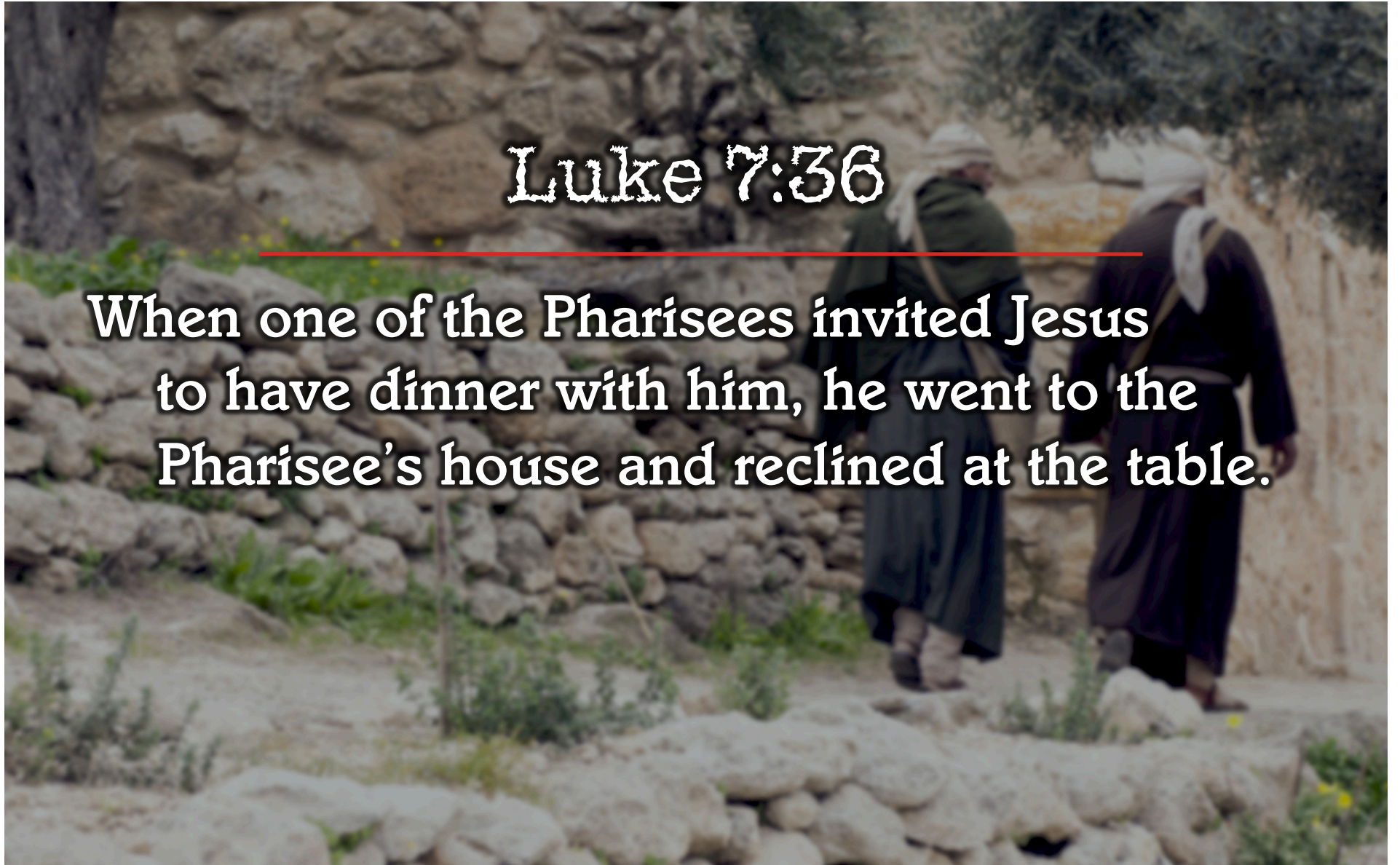
The background of the slide is a photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The path is bordered by a low wall of stacked stones on the left. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery and trees visible in the background.

Witnesses:

- ❖ Zechariah
- ❖ Elizabeth
- ❖ Gabriel
- ❖ Angel of the Lord
- ❖ Simeon
- ❖ Anna
- ❖ John the Baptist
- ❖ Jesus
- ❖ Demons
- ❖ Pharisees
- ❖ Crowds

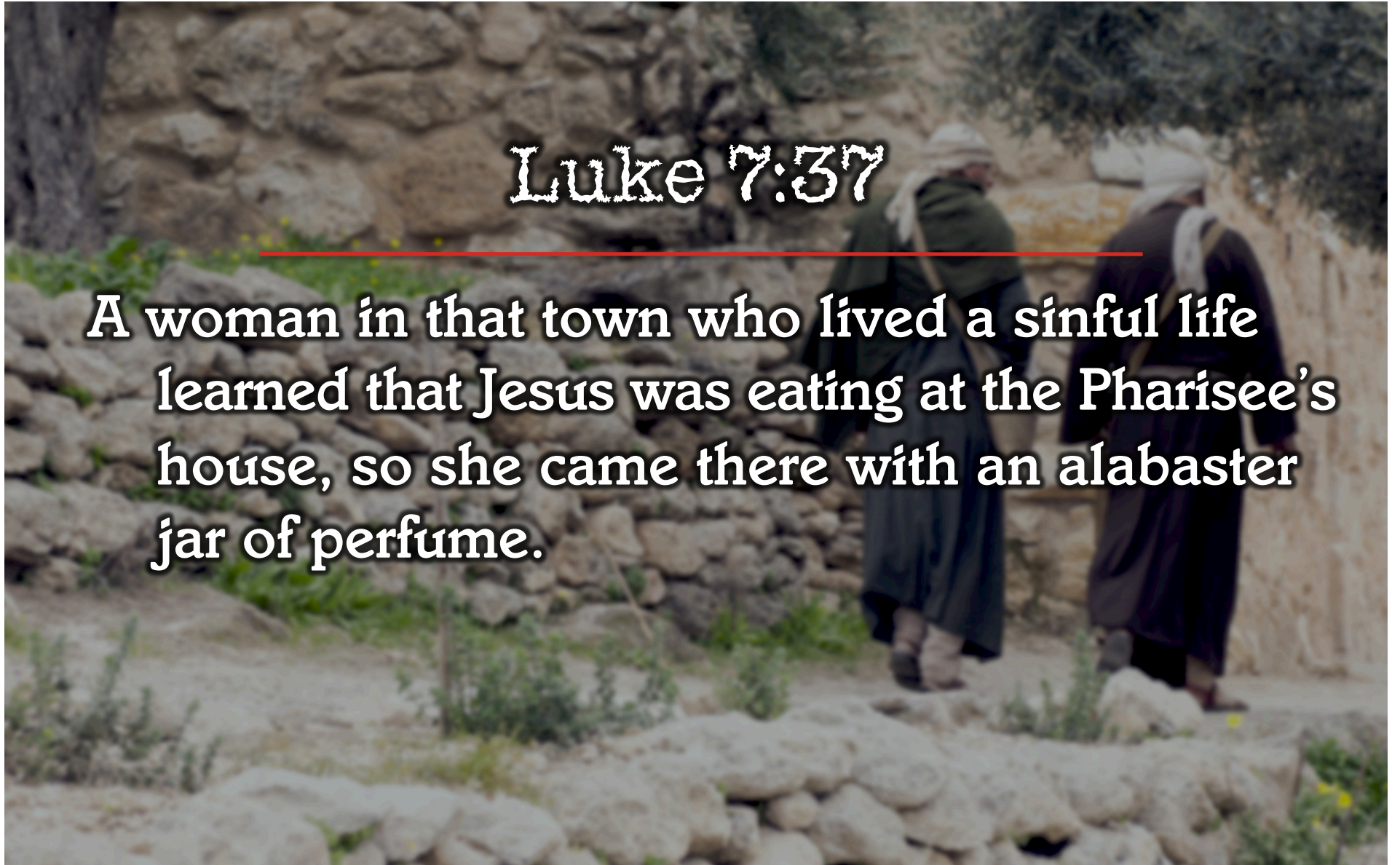
Luke 7:36

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.



Luke 7:37

A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

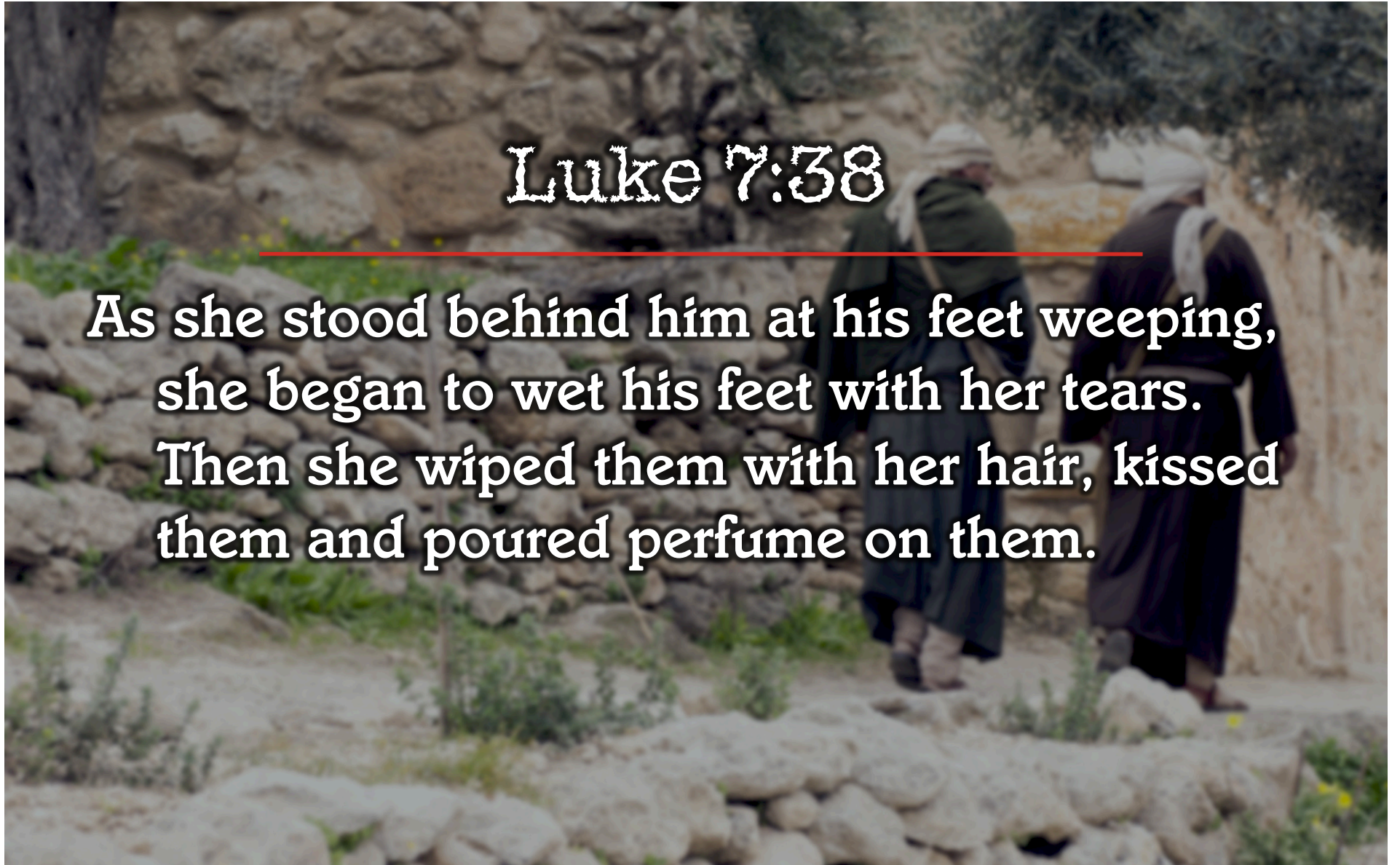


Ancient alabaster jar



Luke 7:38

As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.



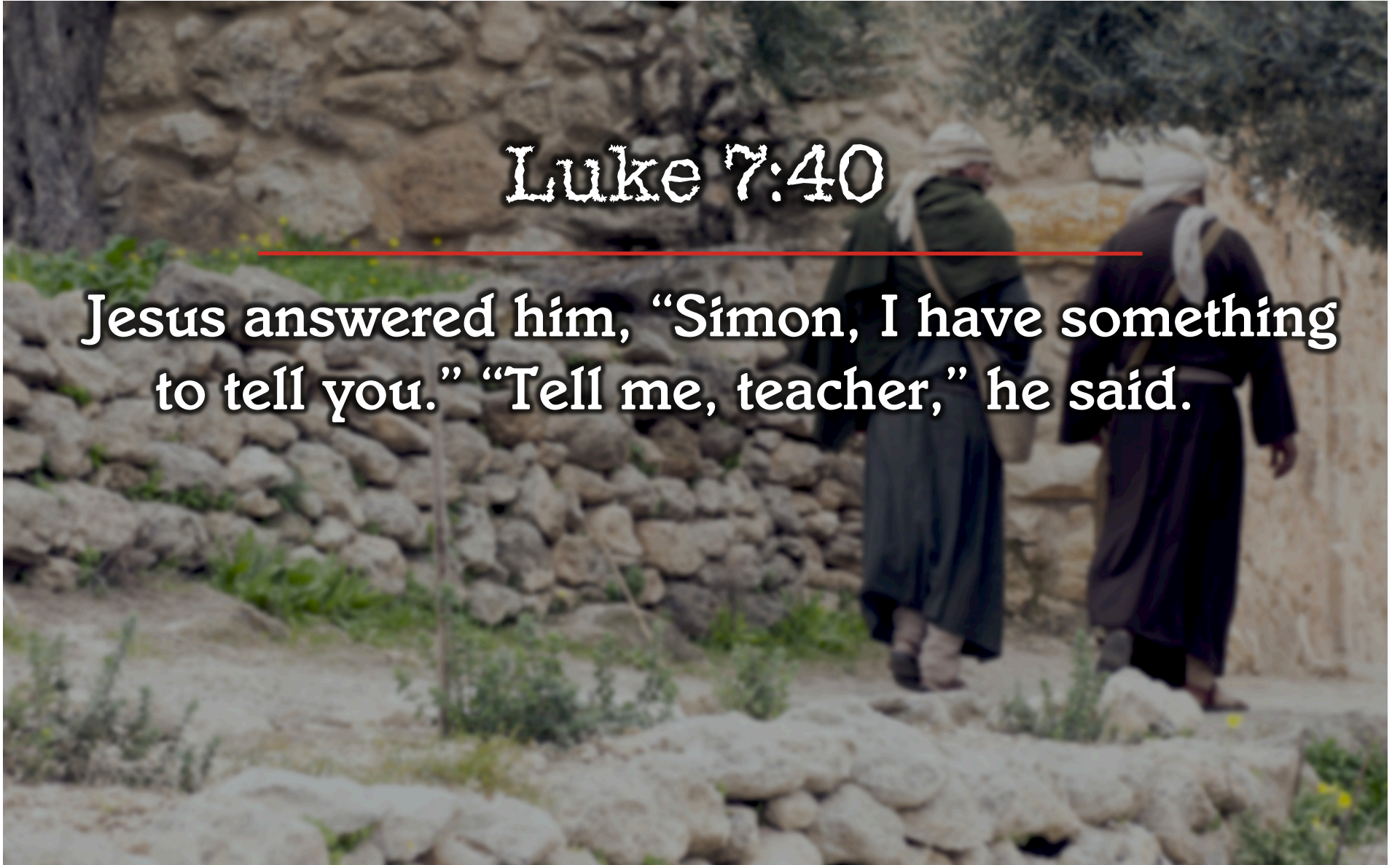


Luke 7:39

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is — that she is a sinner.”

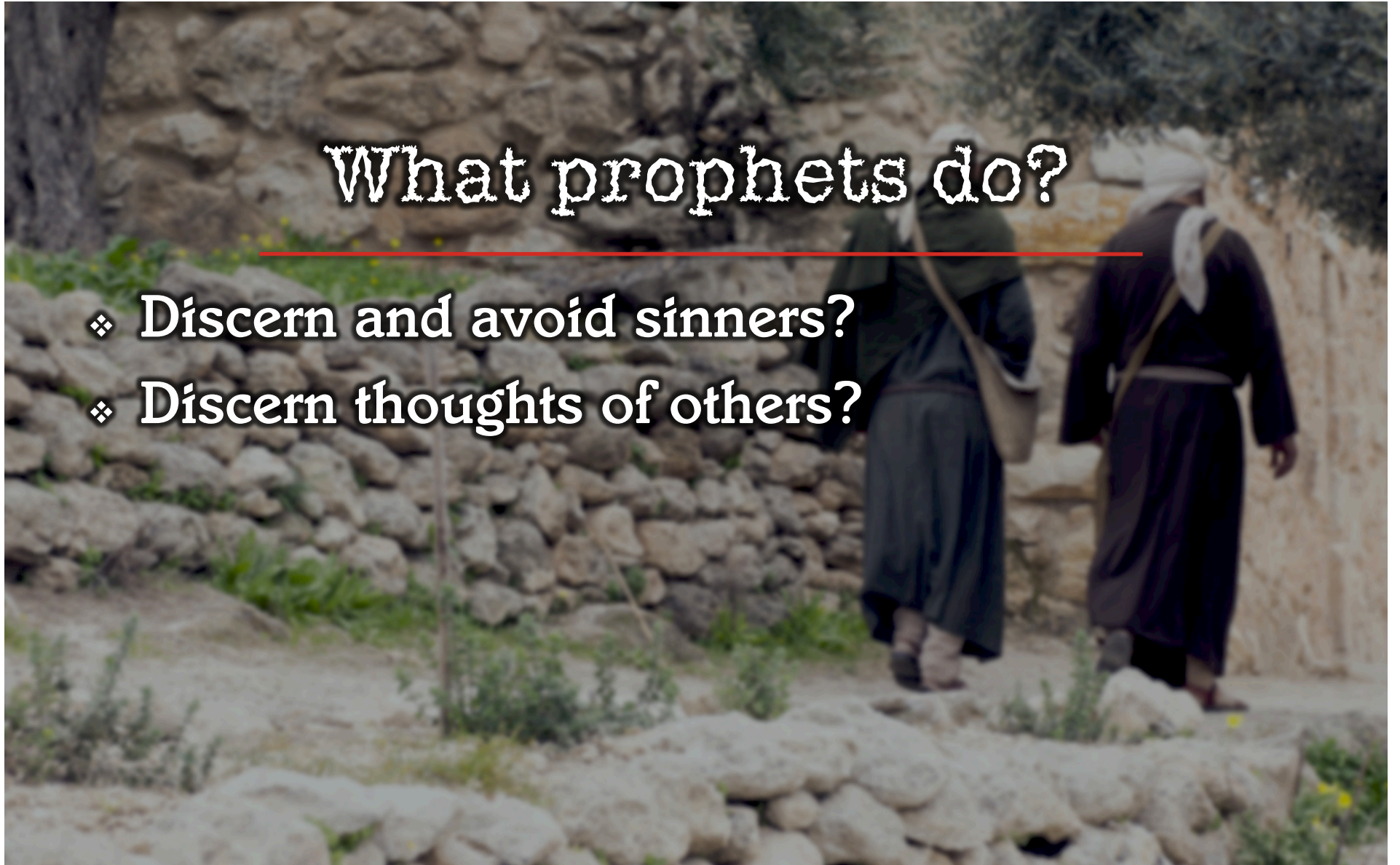
Luke 7:40

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.



What prophets do?

- ❖ Discern and avoid sinners?
- ❖ Discern thoughts of others?

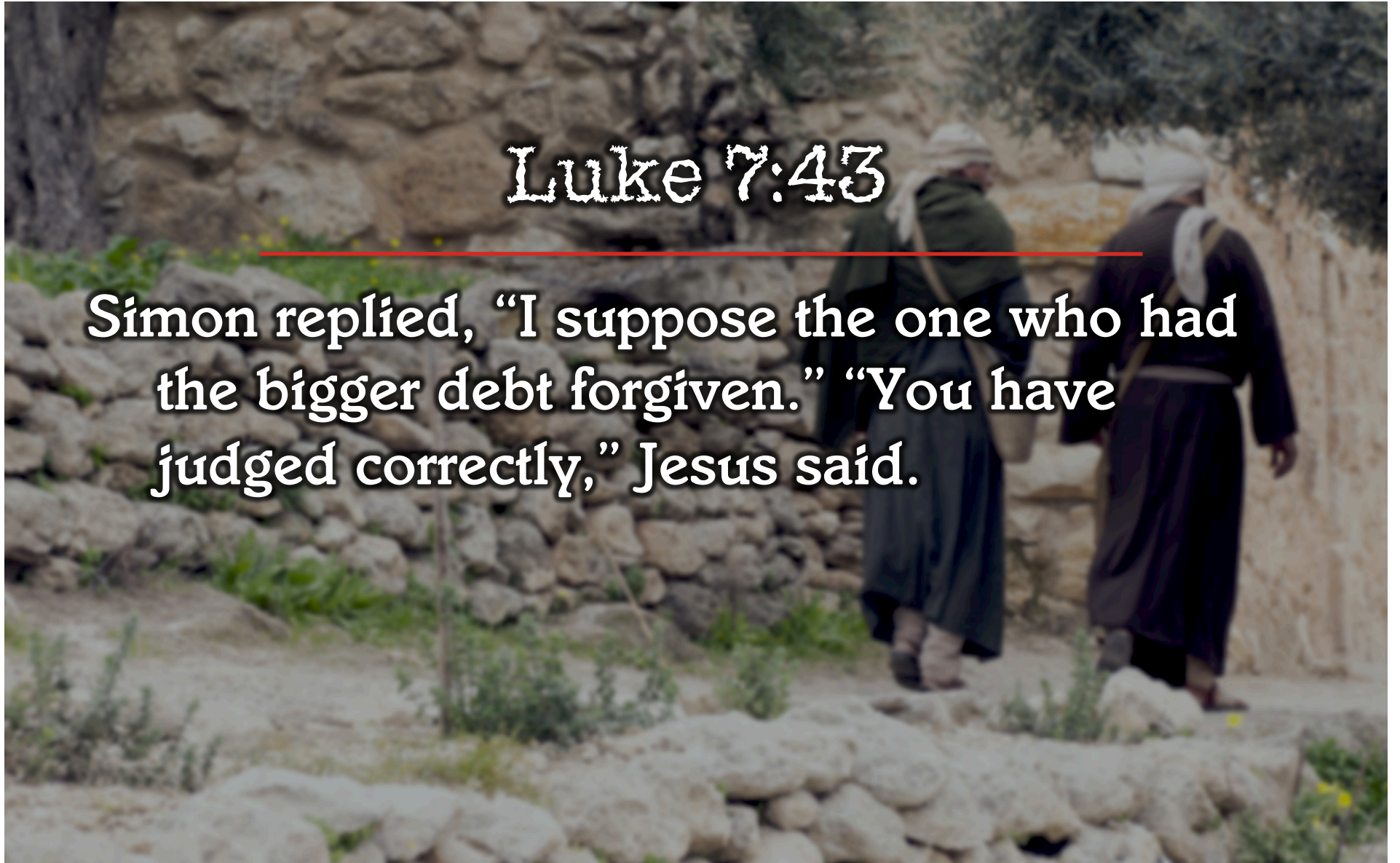


Luke 7:41-42

“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

Luke 7:43

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.



Luke 7:44-45

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.”

The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people, likely men, are walking away from the camera on a path. They are wearing traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery and a tree visible in the background.

Luke 7:46-47

“You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The path is bordered by a low stone wall on the left and a taller wall on the right. The background shows more of the rocky terrain and some greenery.

“respectable” sins:

- ❖ **Pride**
- ❖ **Arrogance**
- ❖ **Self-righteousness**
- ❖ **Insensitivity**



Amy-Jill Levine:

“Many priests and pastors are reluctant to challenge congregations about matters of social policy, family dysfunction, or how to love the enemy. Sunday morning has become in far too many settings the occasion for a pep talk rather than provocation.”

A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, mountainous path. The path is made of large, light-colored stones. The background shows a steep, rocky hillside with some sparse vegetation. The overall scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment.

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

Luke 7:48-50

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

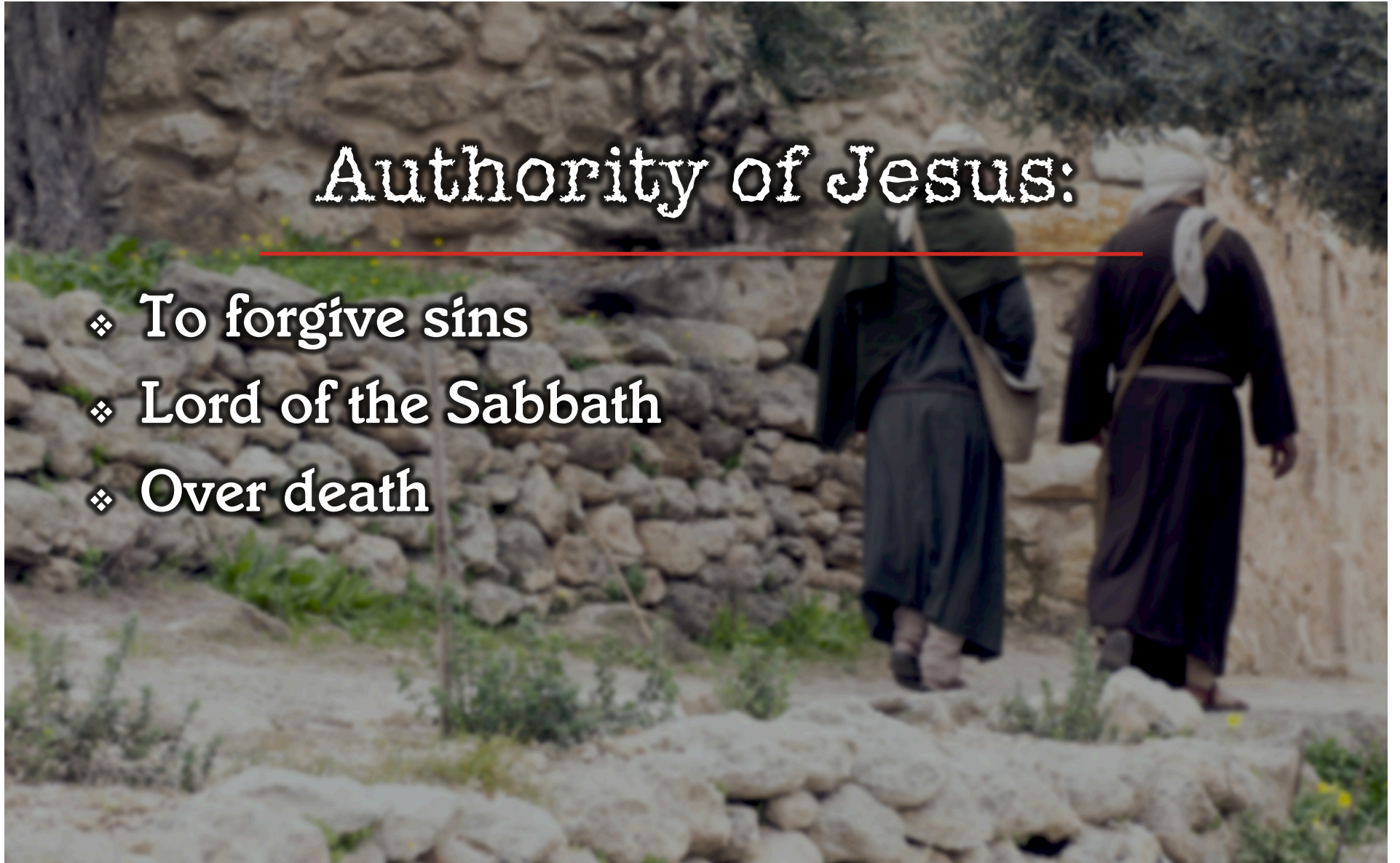
Authority of Jesus:

- ❖ In his teaching
- ❖ Over demons
- ❖ Over disease (near or far)
- ❖ Over the careers of his followers



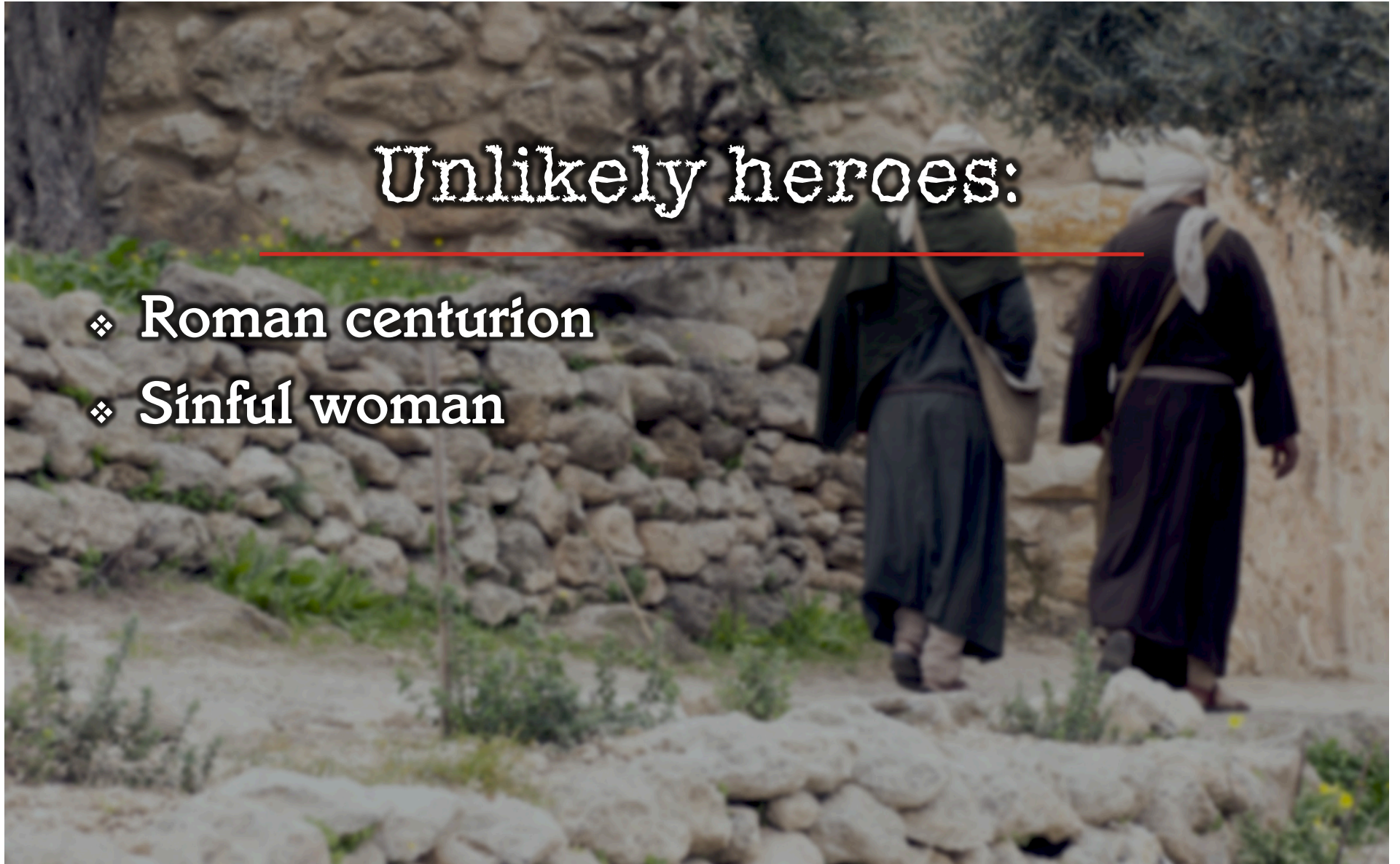
Authority of Jesus:

- ❖ To forgive sins
- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ Over death



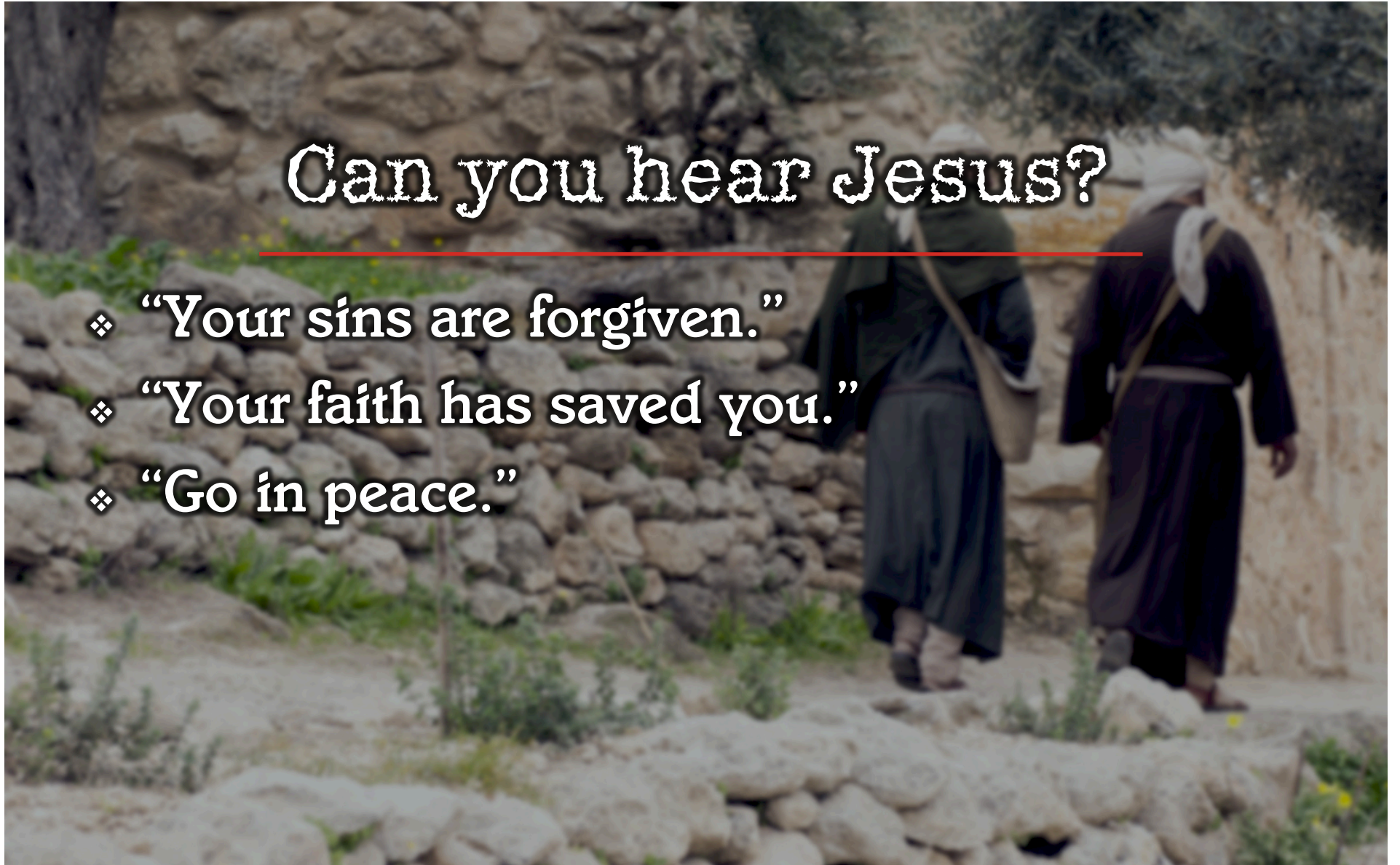
Unlikely heroes:

- ❖ Roman centurion
- ❖ Sinful woman



Can you hear Jesus?

- ❖ “Your sins are forgiven.”
- ❖ “Your faith has saved you.”
- ❖ “Go in peace.”



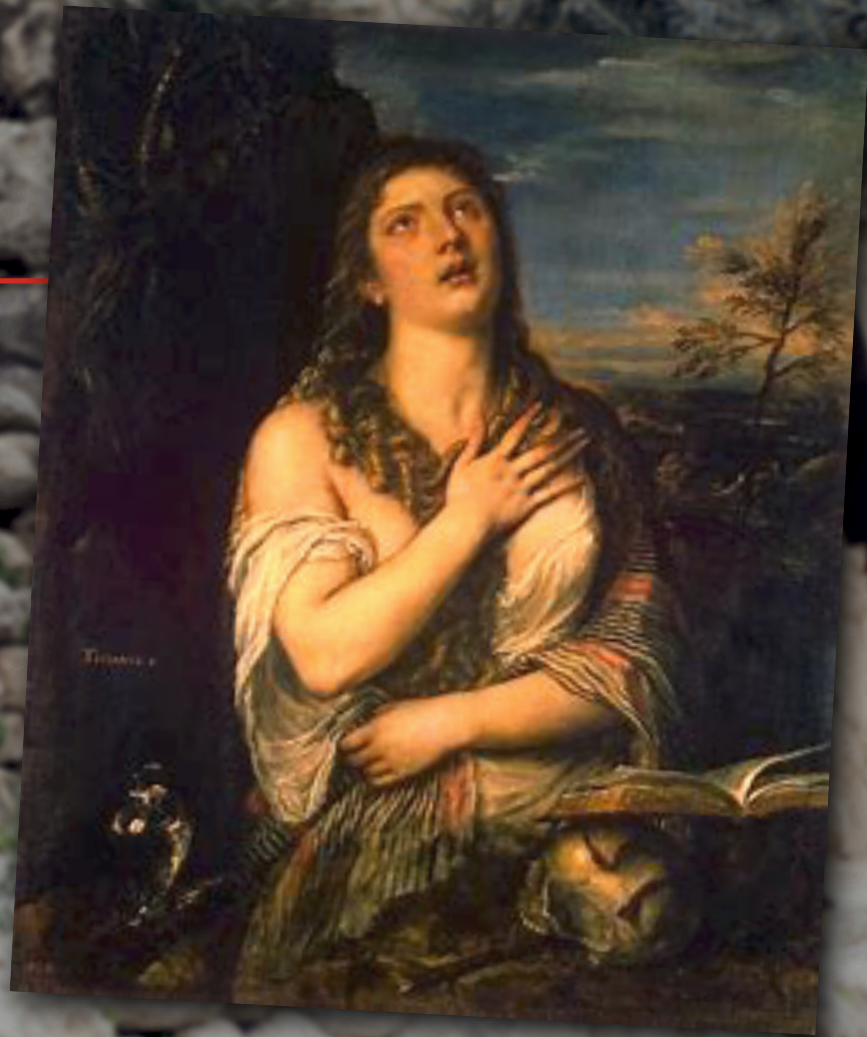
Luke 8:1-2

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases:

Luke 8:2-3

Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Mary
Magdalene
A portrait





Daryl Bock:

“Those who enter the community are not spectators to ministry. Rather, they use their gifts and resources in service to Jesus ... We are all called to serve the Lord by serving one another.”

Galatians 3:26-28

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

What have we learned?

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

Life Begins in the Womb

❖ Luke 1:15

❖ Luke 1:41

❖ Psalm 22:9-10

❖ Psalm 139:13

❖ Isaiah 49:1

❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5

