

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 greenish-brown robe, and the man on the right is wearing a dark purple or black robe. Both have a satchel slung over their shoulders. The background shows some greenery and a tree trunk on the left. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

“The Key to Knowledge”

Luke 11:37-12:12

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A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The background consists of a rough stone wall and some sparse vegetation. The text is overlaid on the image.

H.G. Wells:

“[Jesus] was like some terrible moral huntsman digging mankind out of the snug burrows in which they had lived hitherto.”



H.G. Wells:

“In the white blaze of this kingdom of his there was no property, no privilege, no pride and no precedence; no motive indeed and no reward but love. Is it any wonder that men were dazzled and blinded and cried out against him?”

What will we learn?

- ❖ The “sins of the fathers” = our default setting
- ❖ Religion < love
- ❖ There is no place to hide.
- ❖ We should live our lives with the coming judgment in mind.



The Gospel of Luke

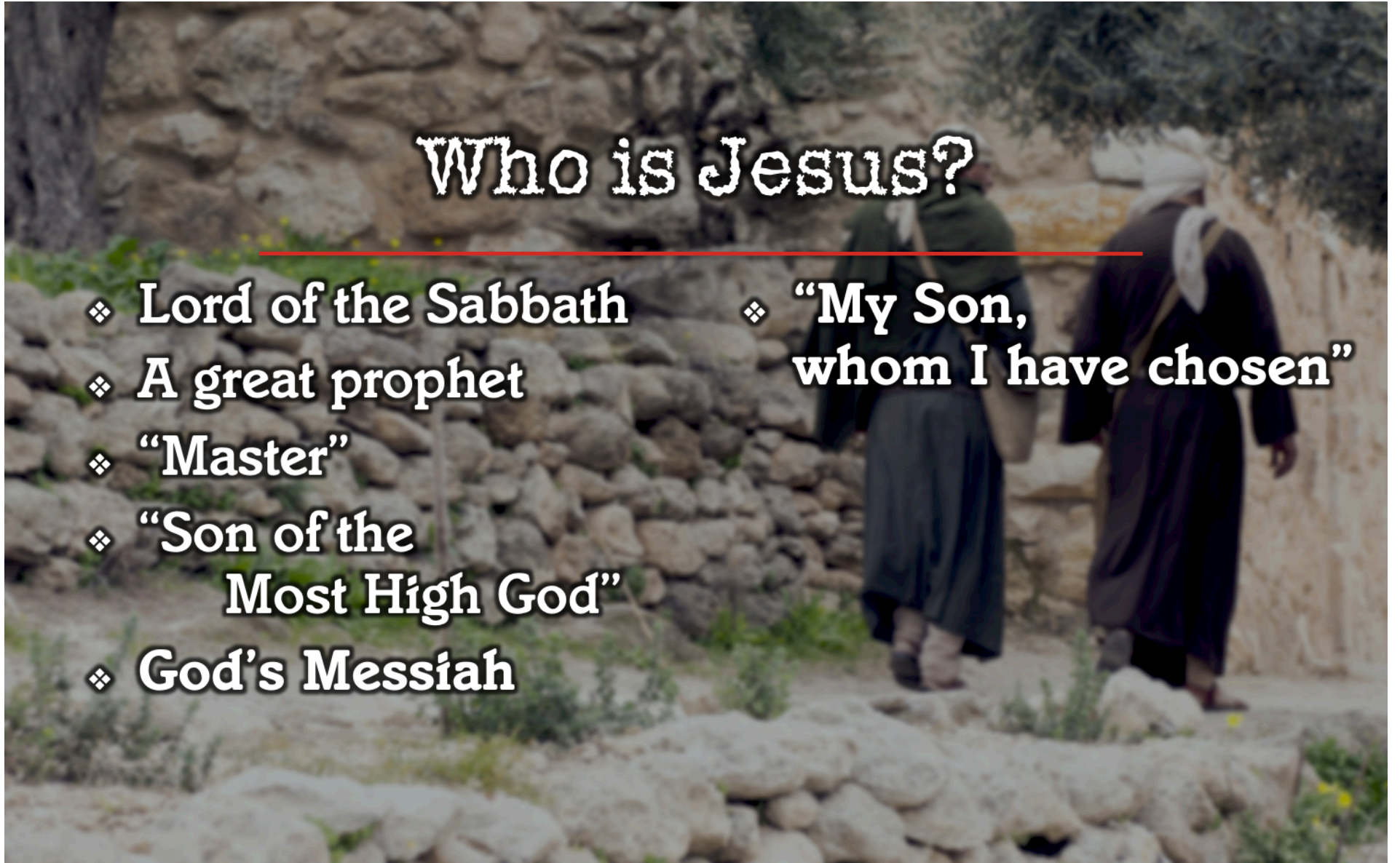
- ❖ I – The Launch (1:1-9:50)
 - ❖ November, 2018 – June, 2019
- ❖ II – The Teachings (9:51- 19:27)
 - ❖ October, 2019 – Spring, 2020
- ❖ III – Jerusalem (19:28 – 24:53)
 - ❖ Fall, 2020 or Spring, 2021

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

Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
 - ❖ A great prophet
 - ❖ “Master”
 - ❖ “Son of the Most High God”
 - ❖ God’s Messiah
- ❖ “My Son, whom I have chosen”



Northern Israel

in the time of Christ

GREAT SEA
(The Mediterranean)

Ashkelon

Phoenicia

PTOLEMAIS

CAPERNAUM

BETHSAIDA

CANA

SEA OF GALILEE

Galilee

NAZARETH

CAESAREA

Decapolis

Samaría

JOPPA

Judea

JORDAN RIVER

BETHEL

JERICO

JERUSALEM

BETHANY

BETHLEHEM

SALT SEA

Arabia



Luke 11:37-38

When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.

Religio-political “parties”

- ❖ Pharisees
- ❖ Sadducees
- ❖ Zealots
- ❖ Essenes



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7 types of Pharisees:

“shoulder” Pharisee

“wait-a-little” Pharisee

“bruised” Pharisee

“hunched-over” Pharisee

“ever-reckoning” Pharisee

“God-fearing” Pharisee

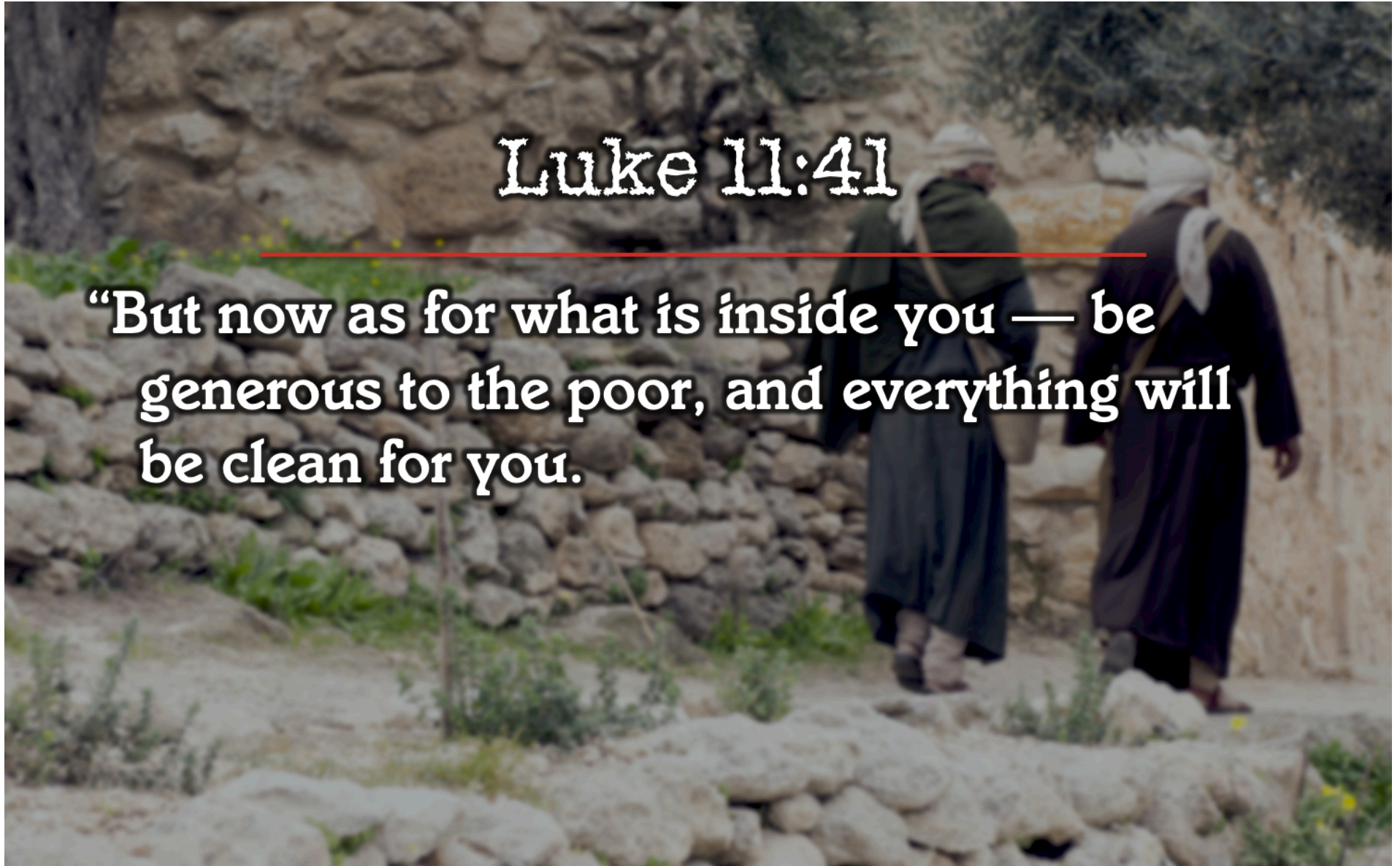
“God-loving” Pharisee

Luke 11:39-40

Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?”

Luke 11:41

“But now as for what is inside you — be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.





Luke 11:42

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.”

A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a stone path. The path is bordered by a low stone wall on the left and a taller stone wall on the right. The background shows a rocky hillside with some greenery and a tree. The text "Woe to you ..." is overlaid in white, stylized font at the top center of the image.

Woe to you ...

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- ❖ **Isaiah 5:8-23**
 - ❖ **Habakkuk 2:6-20**



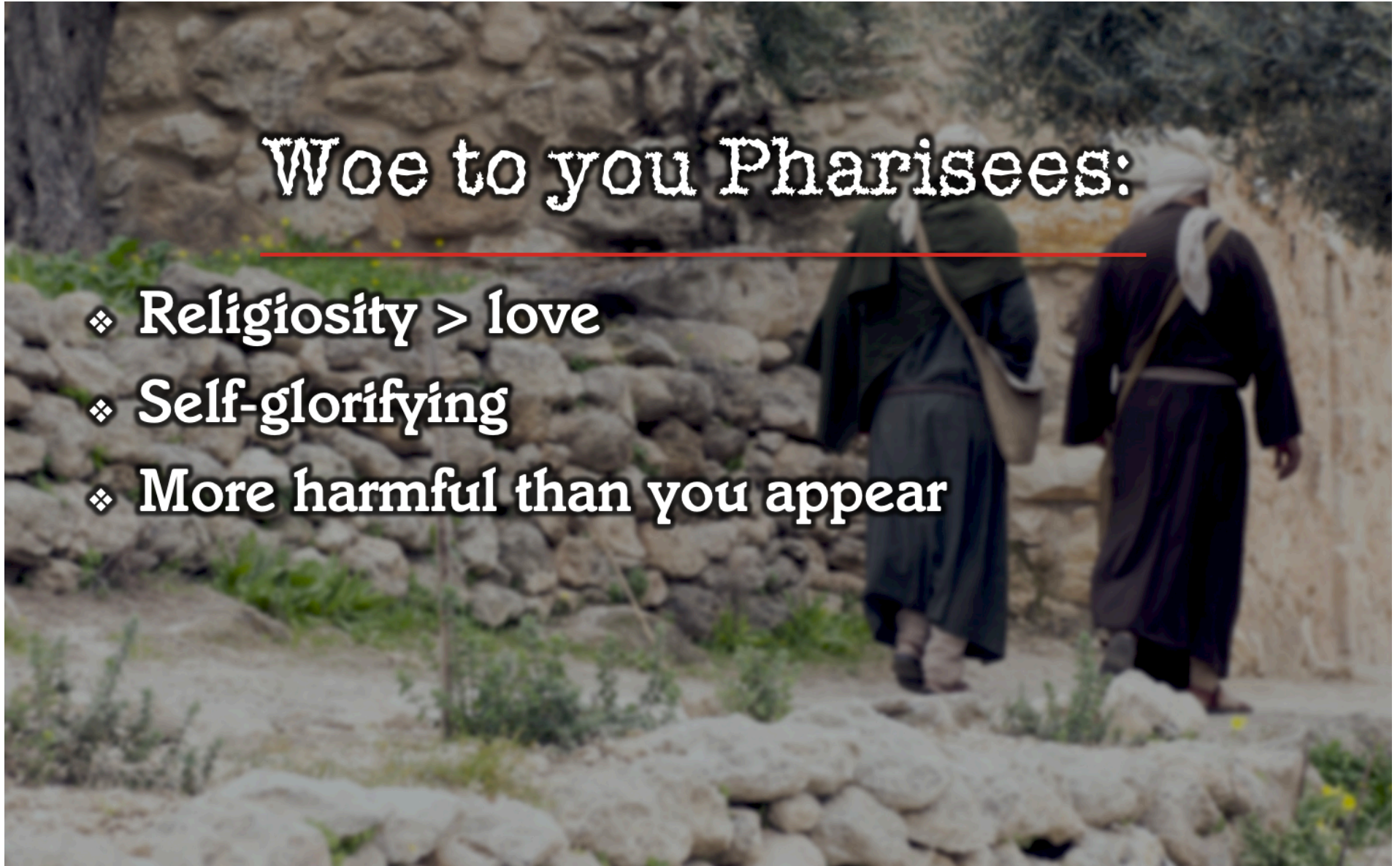
Luke 11:43-44

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.”

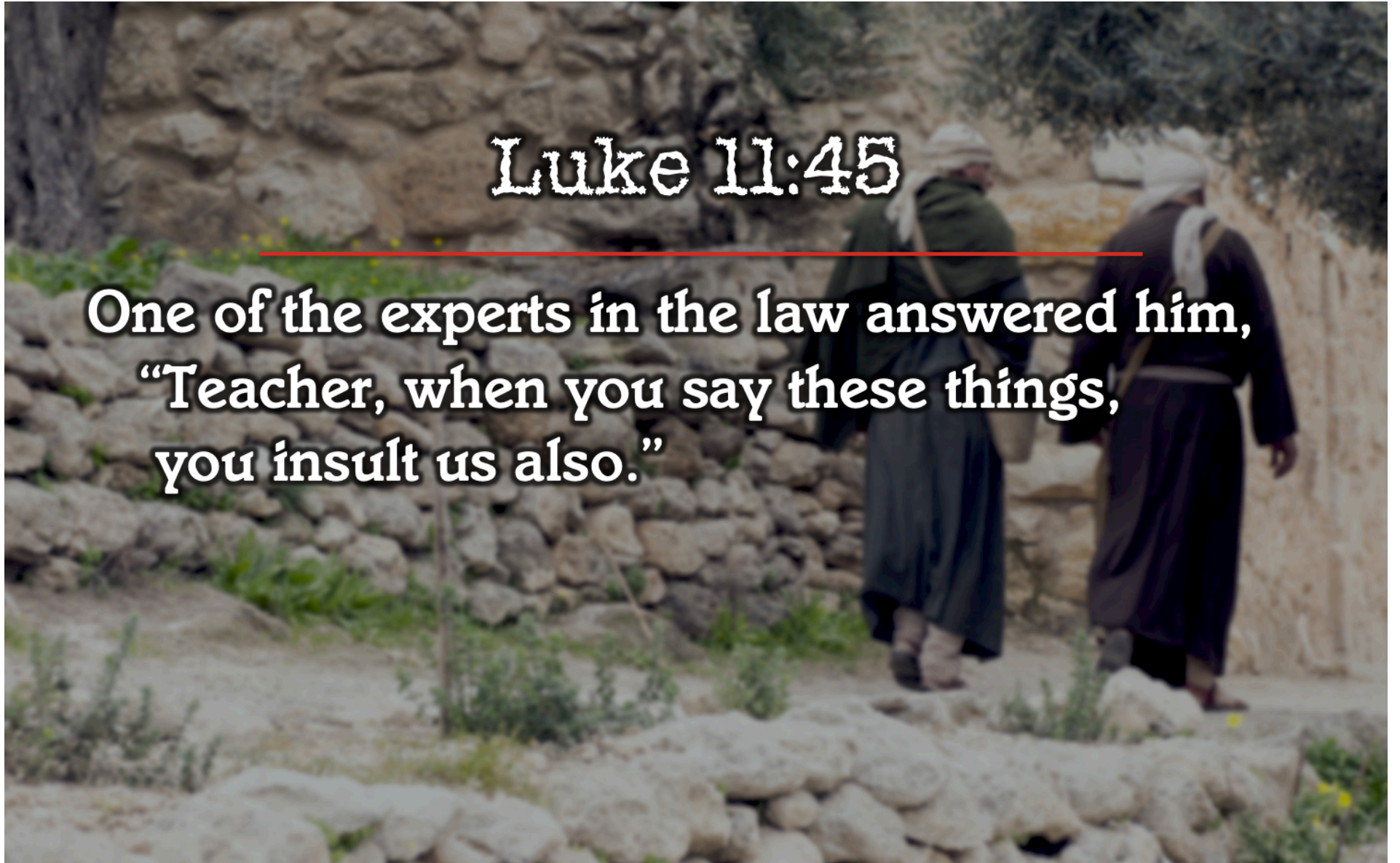
Woe to you Pharisees:

- ❖ **Religiosity > love**
- ❖ **Self-glorifying**
- ❖ **More harmful than you appear**



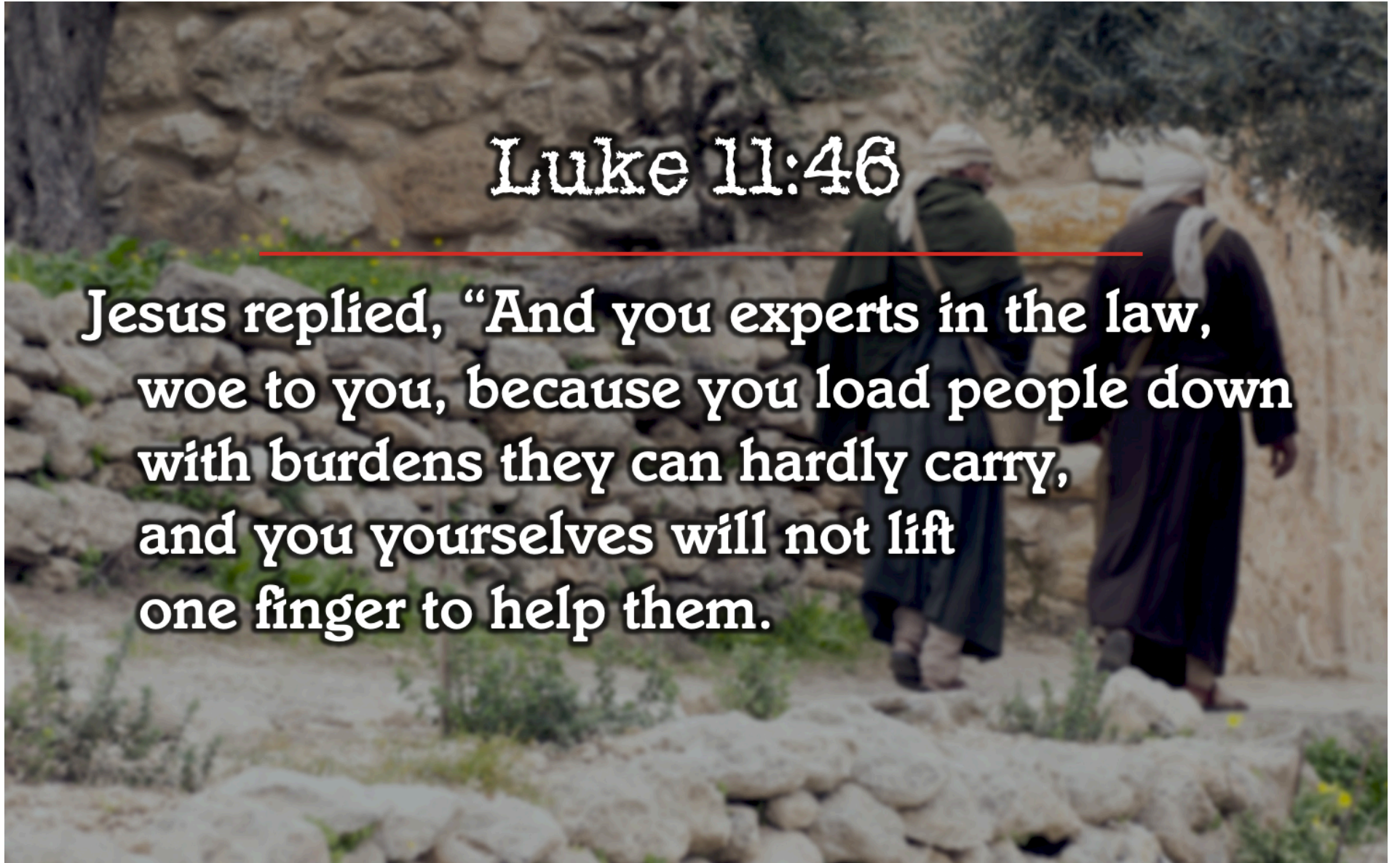
Luke 11:45

One of the experts in the law answered him,
“Teacher, when you say these things,
you insult us also.”



Luke 11:46

Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.



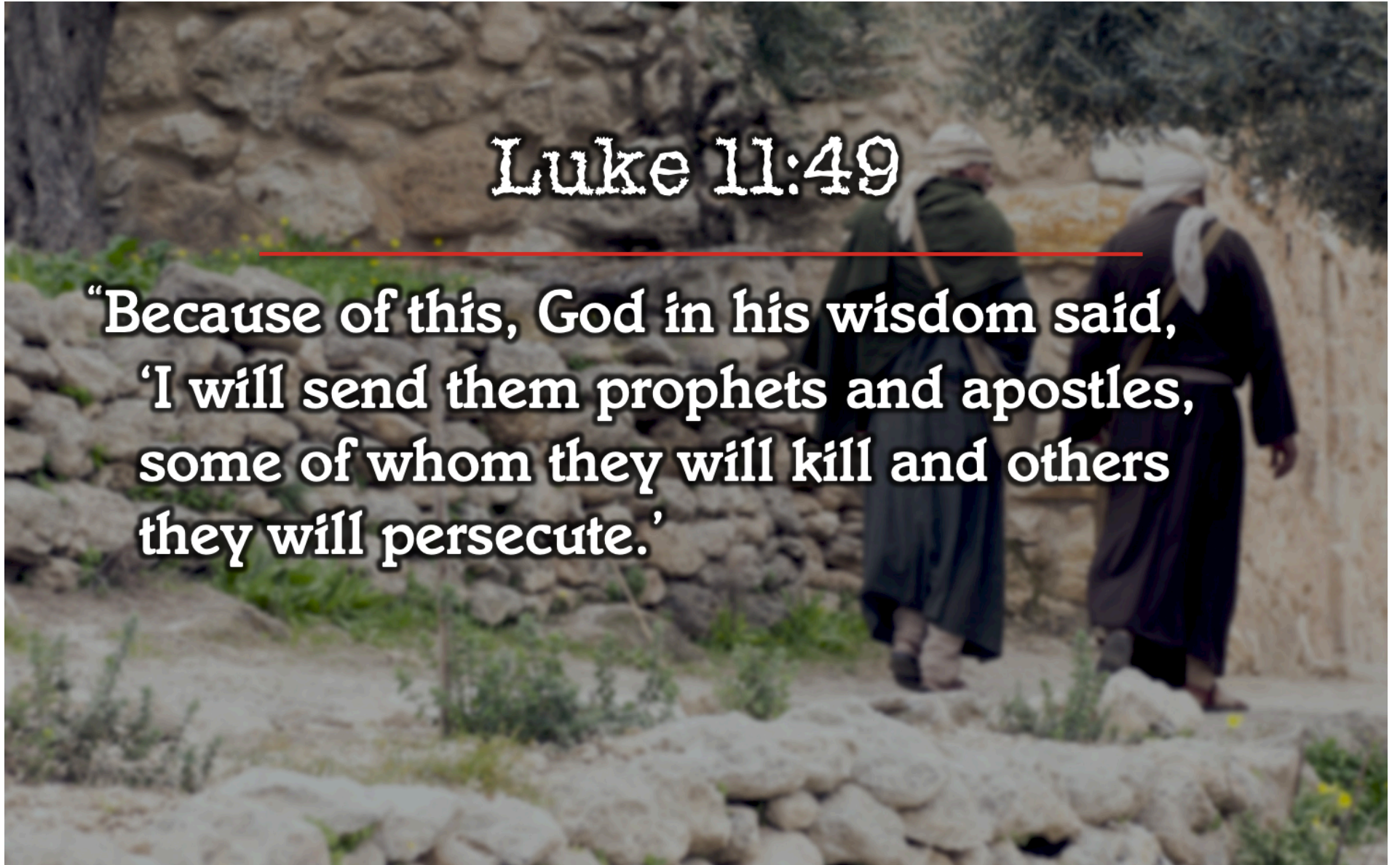
The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people, likely men, are walking away from the camera on a path. They are wearing traditional, dark-colored clothing and head coverings. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery and a tree visible in the background.

Luke 11:47-48

“Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs.”

Luke 11:49

**“Because of this, God in his wisdom said,
‘I will send them prophets and apostles,
some of whom they will kill and others
they will persecute.’**

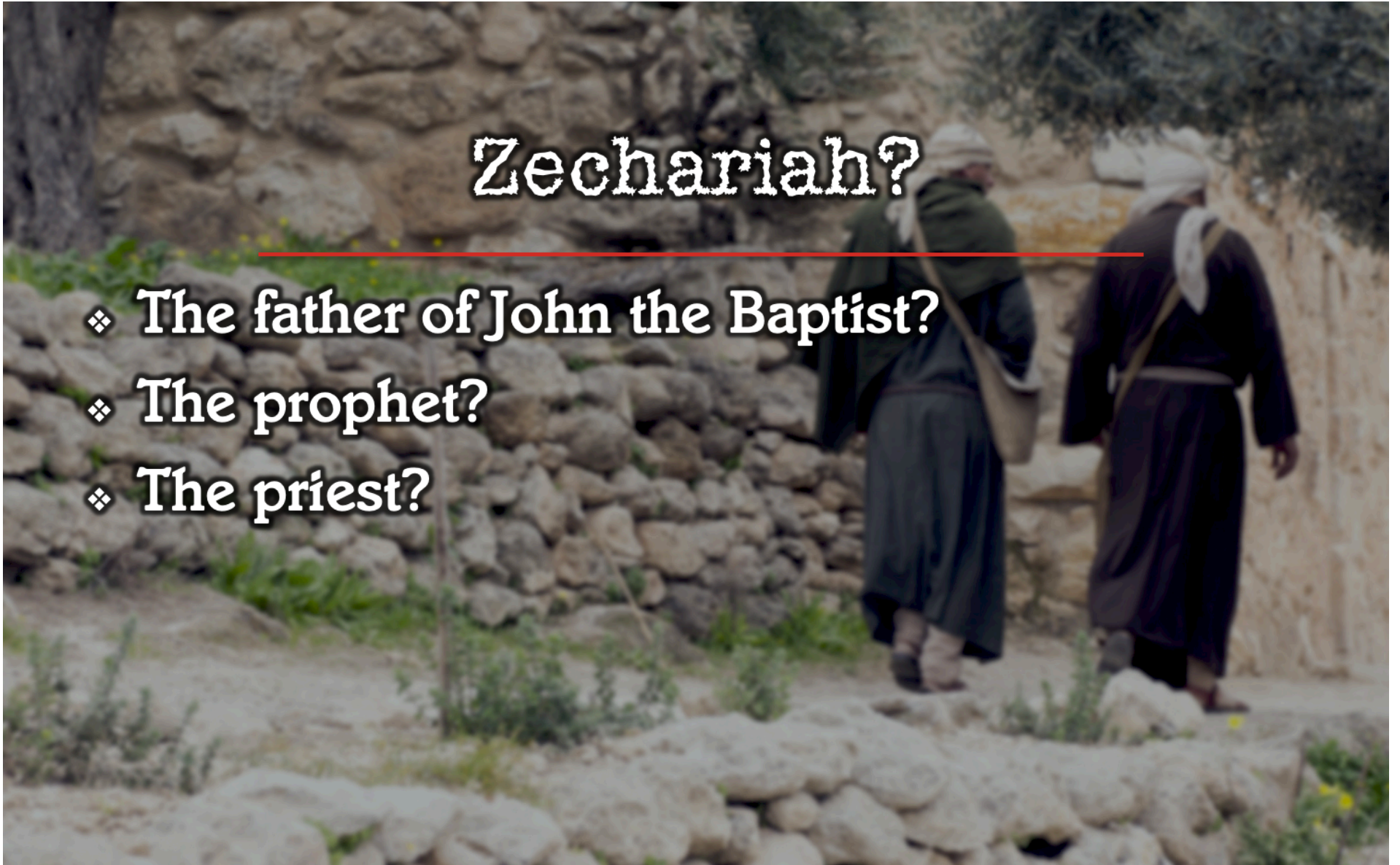


Luke 11:50-51

“Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.”

Zechariah?

- ❖ The father of John the Baptist?
- ❖ The prophet?
- ❖ The priest?



2 Chronicles 24:20

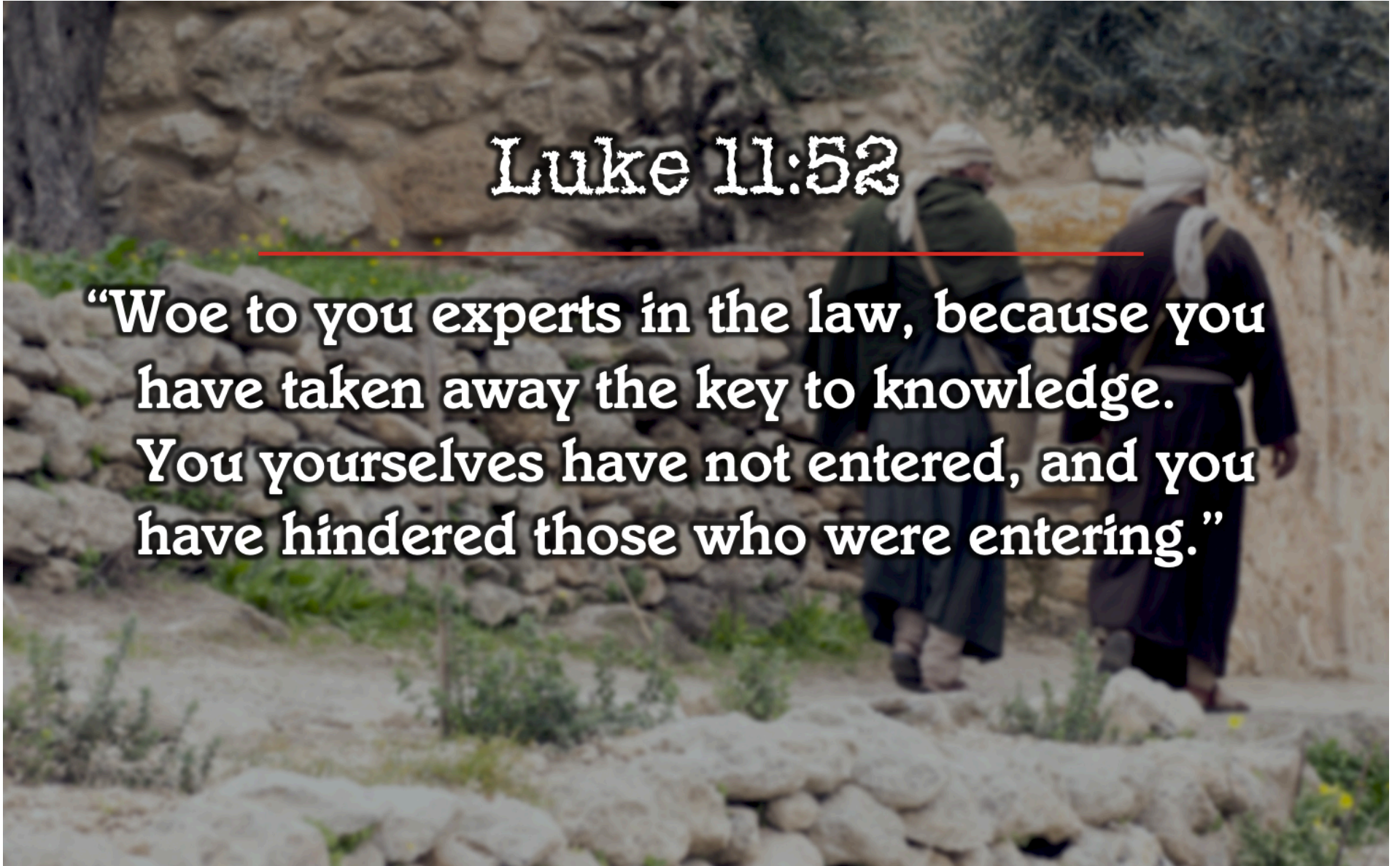
Then the Spirit of God came on Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, "This is what God says: 'Why do you disobey the LORD's commands? You will not prosper. Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'"

2 Chronicles 24:21-22

But they plotted against him, and by order of the king they stoned him to death in the courtyard of the LORD's temple. King Joash did not remember the kindness Zechariah's father Jehoiada had shown him but killed his son, who said as he lay dying, "May the LORD see this and call you to account."

Luke 11:52

“Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.”



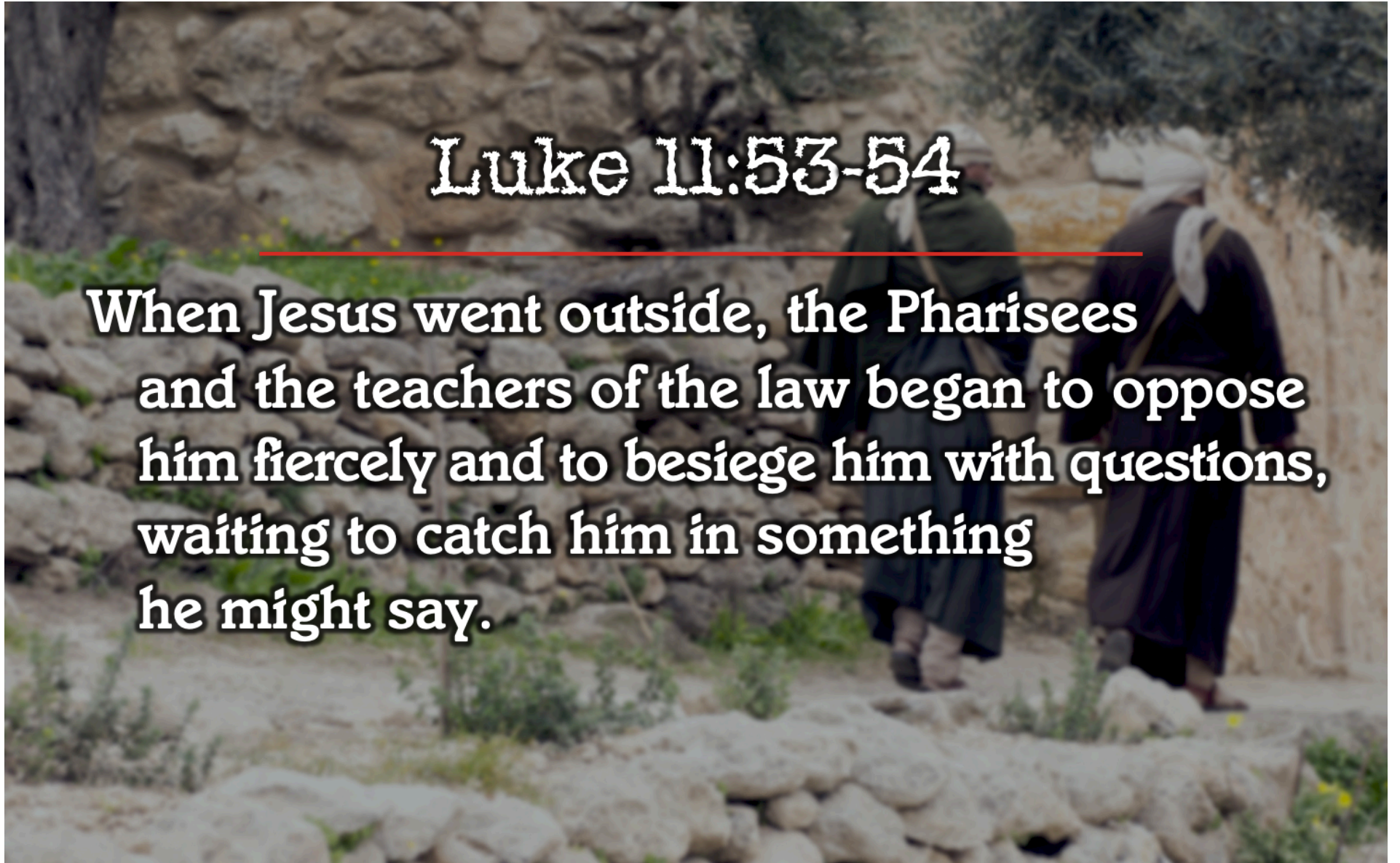
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Woe to you experts in the law:

- ❖ You burden people without helping.
- ❖ You continue ancestral tradition of dishonoring the prophets.
- ❖ You are barriers to knowledge.

Luke 11:53-54

When Jesus went outside, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, waiting to catch him in something he might say.



The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people wearing traditional, long, dark robes and head coverings are walking away from the camera on a path that runs along the base of the wall. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery and a tree visible in the background.

Luke 12:1

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.



Luke 12:2-3

“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.”

A background image showing 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 wooden fence on the right. The background consists of a steep, rocky hillside with some sparse green vegetation.

Psalm 139:7-8

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Luke 12:4-5

“I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.”



Luke 12:6-7

**“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.
Indeed, the very hairs of your head are
all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are
worth more than many sparrows.**



Luke 12:8-9

“I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.”

Our coming judgment:

- ❖ Jesus = judge
- ❖ Jesus = defender



Luke 12:10

“And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.”





Luke 12:11-12

“When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

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, more solid stone wall on the right. The background shows more of the stone wall and some greenery. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be in a rural or historical setting.

John Wesley:

**“Neither thy gift nor thy prayer
will atone for thy lack of love.”**

What Have We Learned?

- ❖ The “sins of the fathers” = our default setting
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The background of the slide is a photograph of two individuals in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rugged, rocky path. The path is made of large, light-colored stones and is bordered by a low stone wall on the right. The background shows a natural, outdoor setting with trees and foliage.

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