



“The Lord Was With Joseph”
Genesis 39:1-23

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What will we learn?

- ❖ Life is risky, but God is sovereign.
- ❖ God's blessing does not mean a trouble-free life.
- ❖ God's blessing is not thwarted by a hostile environment.
- ❖ The Lord is with you!

Genesis 1-11: Origins

- ❖ Creation
- ❖ Work
- ❖ Marriage
- ❖ Sin
- ❖ Flood
- ❖ Languages

Genesis 12-36: Patriarchs

- ❖ Abraham
- ❖ Isaac (not Ishmael)
- ❖ Jacob (not Esau)

Genesis 37

❖ About God?

- ❖ He is sovereign.
- ❖ He is hidden.
- ❖ He is trustworthy.

❖ About ourselves?

- ❖ Suffering is not random.
- ❖ We reap what we sow.

Genesis 38

- ❖ It is risky to leave your people.
- ❖ Past failure / scandal does not disqualify you from usefulness to God.
- ❖ God does not honor our culture's preferences.
- ❖ God cares for the neglected.

Genesis 39:1

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potíphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

Canaan to Egypt

Joseph is sold into slavery in Egypt

GREAT SEA
(The Mediterranean)

SEA of GALILEE

Canaan

JERUSALEM

SALT SEA

Sinai

Arabian Desert

NILE RIVER

Egypt

RED SEA

THEBES



Genesis 39:2-4

The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant.

Genesis 39:4-5

Potíphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potíphar had, both in the house and in the field.

Genesis 39:6

So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

John Calvin:

“The wicked are blessed by the company of the godly.”



Genesis 39:6-7

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,
and after a while his master's wife took notice
of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

Similar stories:

- ❖ “The Tale of Two Brothers” (Egyptian)
- ❖ The Iliad (Greek)



Genesis 39:8-9

But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife."

Genesis 39:9-10

How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Genesis 39:11-12

One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

Genesis 39:13-14

When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed.

Genesis 39:15

“When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”



Genesis 39:16-18

She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

Genesis 39:19-20

When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

Joseph's descent:

- ❖ Into the pit
- ❖ Down to Egypt
- ❖ Sold into slavery
- ❖ Unjustly imprisoned

Proverbs 21:30-31

**There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan
that can succeed against the LORD.**

**The horse is made ready for the day of battle,
but victory rests with the LORD.**

Genesis 39:21-22

But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.



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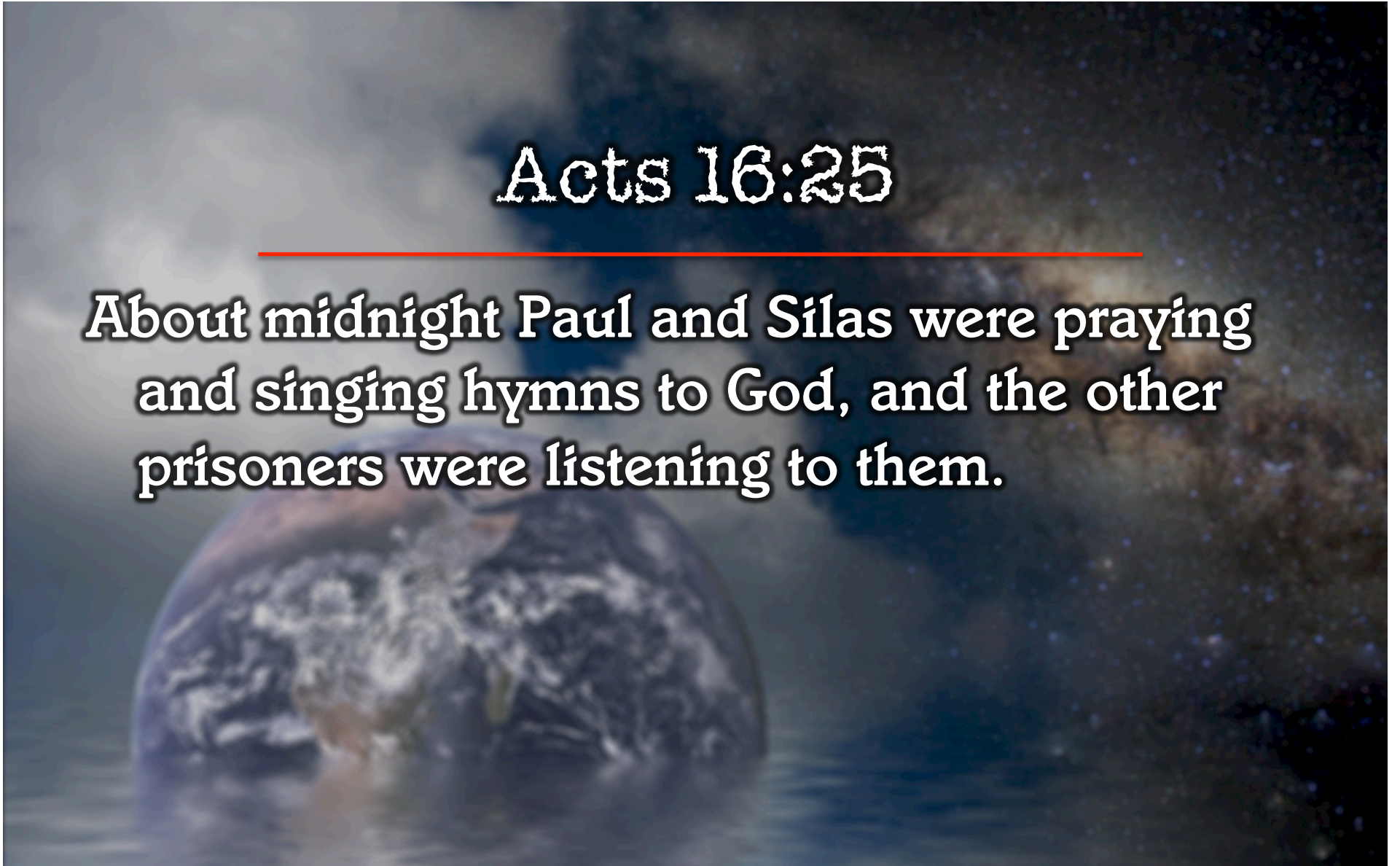
- ❖ loving-kindness
- ❖ kindness
- ❖ love

Genesis 39:23

The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Acts 16:25

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.



“The LORD was with Joseph” (4X)

- ❖ He prospered (2).
- ❖ The LORD gave him success in everything he did (3).
- ❖ The LORD blessed the household because of Joseph (5).

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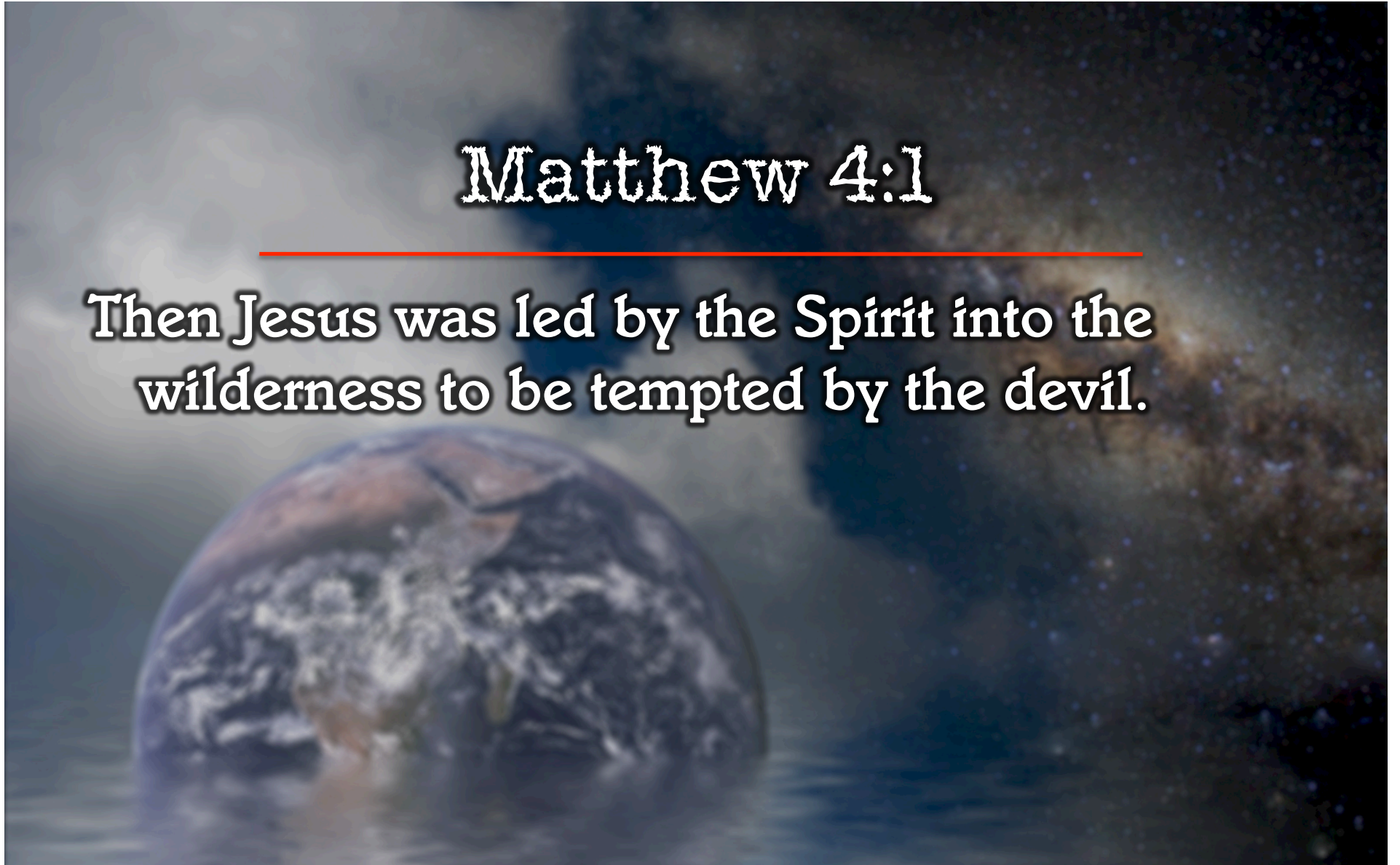
- ❖ **He showed him kindness (21).**
- ❖ **The LORD granted him favor in the eyes of the warden (21).**
- ❖ **The LORD gave him success in whatever he did (23).**

“The LORD was with Joseph”

- ❖ **He faced temptation.**
- ❖ **He was falsely accused.**
- ❖ **He was unjustly imprisoned.**

Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.



A type of Christ

- ❖ Joseph was punished for the sins of others.
- ❖ Joseph's suffering will lead to deliverance for his people.

Emmanuel:

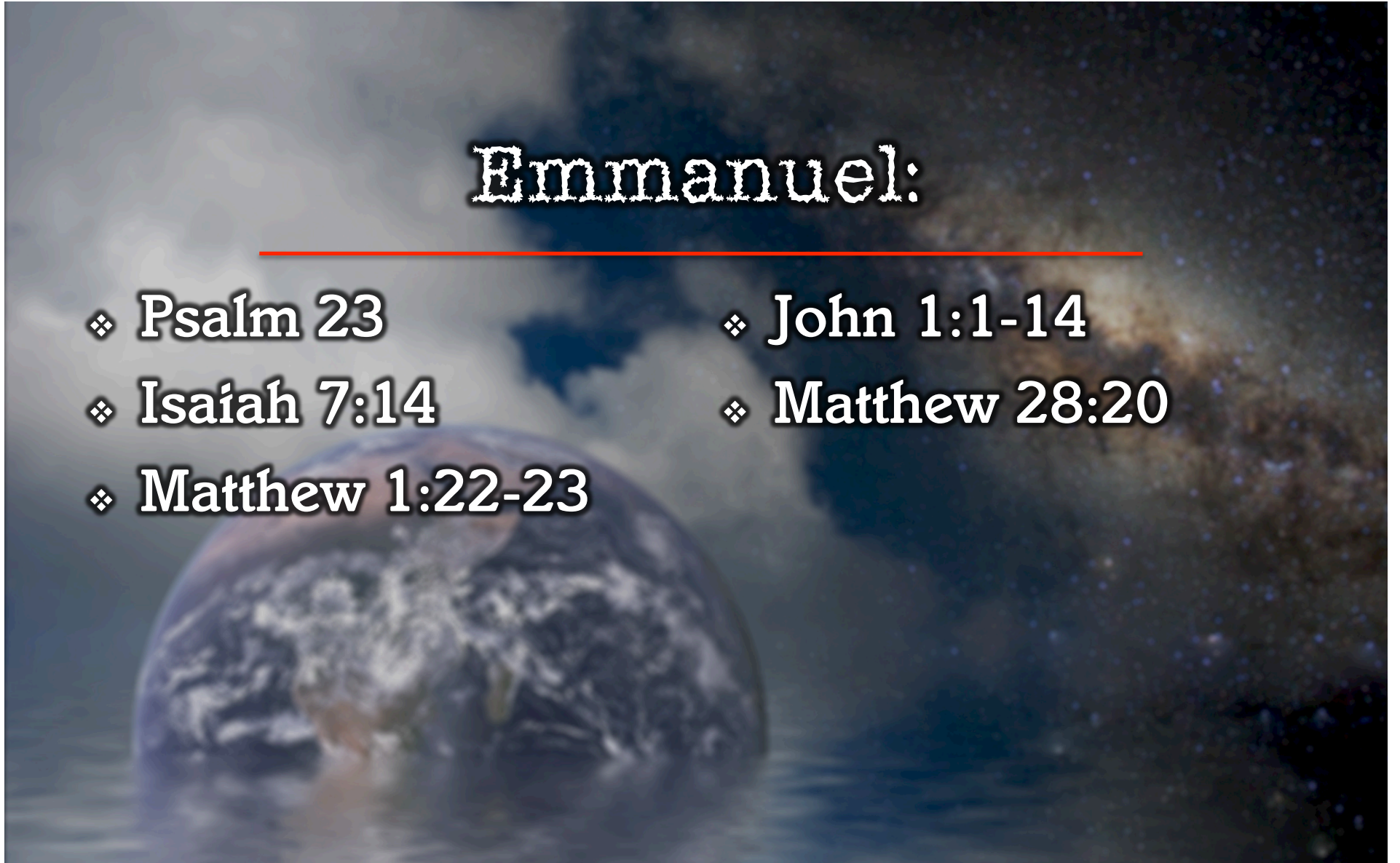
❖ Psalm 23

❖ Isaiah 7:14

❖ Matthew 1:22-23

❖ John 1:1-14

❖ Matthew 28:20



Psalm 23:6:

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth
to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said,
“All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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