

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 the man on the right is wearing a dark purple robe. Both have a light-colored sash or bag 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.

“To Seek and To Save”
Luke 18:31-19:10

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Luke's favorite themes:

- ❖ Reversal
- ❖ The needy
- ❖ Blindness vs. insight
- ❖ Healing and praise
- ❖ Salvation and repentance
- ❖ Use of wealth
- ❖ High Christology

What will we learn?

- ❖ Jesus (aka Son of David / Lord / Son of Man) came to seek and save the lost.
- ❖ Salvation = the Lord's initiative + our response
- ❖ Let nothing deter you from Jesus.
- ❖ There are visible signs (fruit) of repentance.



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

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JORDAN RIVER

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JERICO

JERUSALEM

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BETHLEHEM

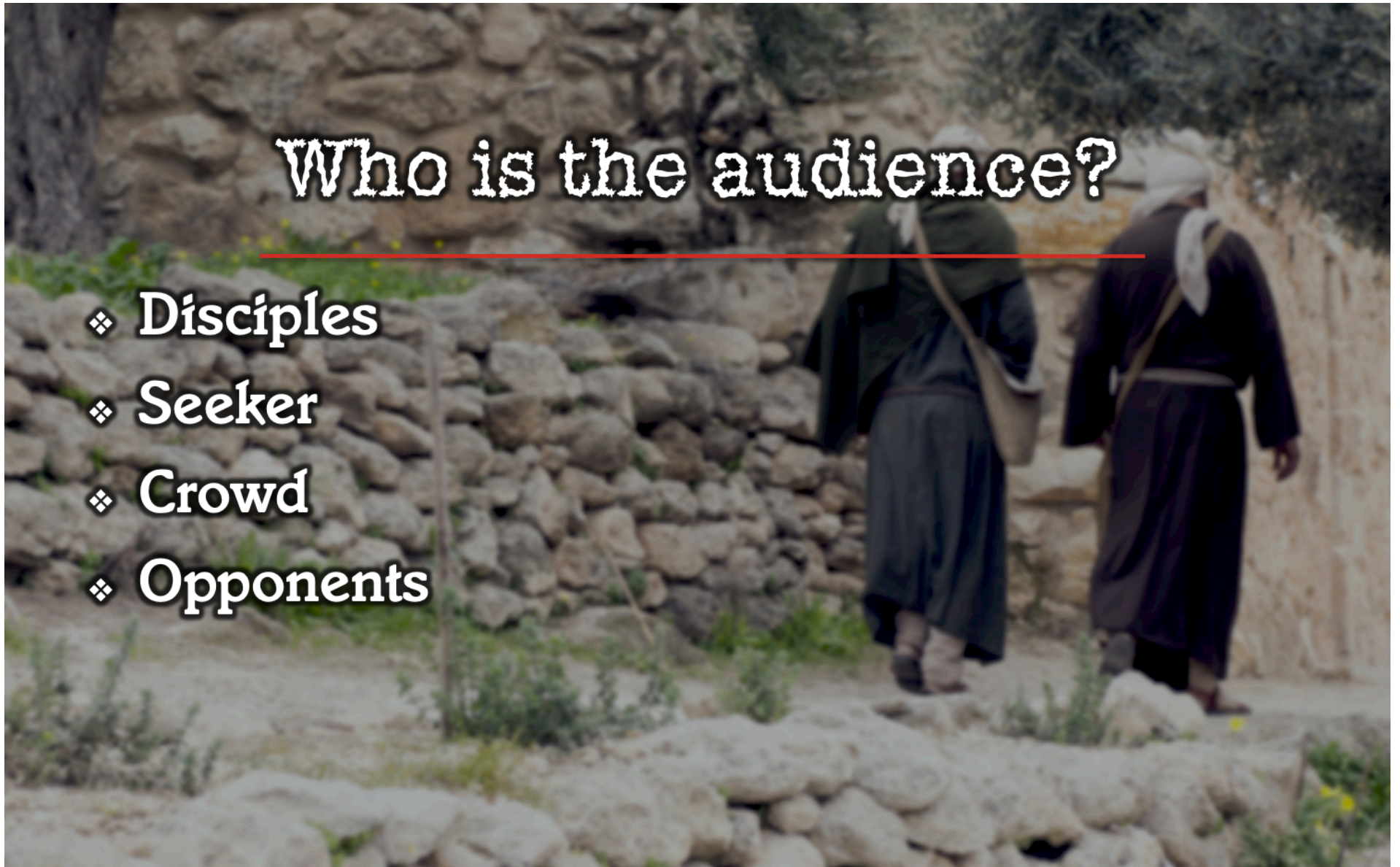
SALT SEA



Arabia

Who is the audience?

- ❖ Disciples
- ❖ Seeker
- ❖ Crowd
- ❖ Opponents

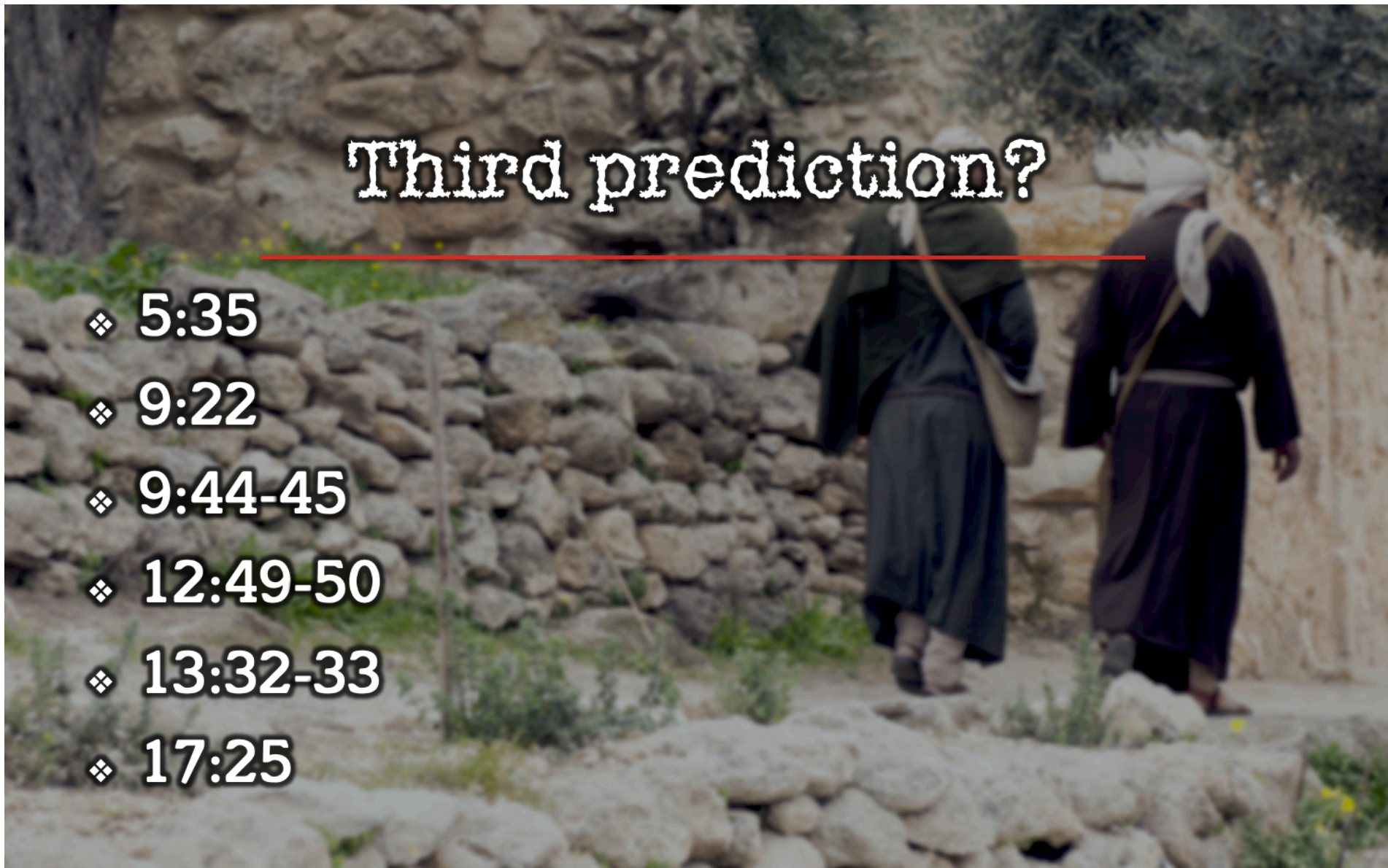


Luke 18:31-33

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”

Third prediction?

- ❖ 5:35
- ❖ 9:22
- ❖ 9:44-45
- ❖ 12:49-50
- ❖ 13:32-33
- ❖ 17:25

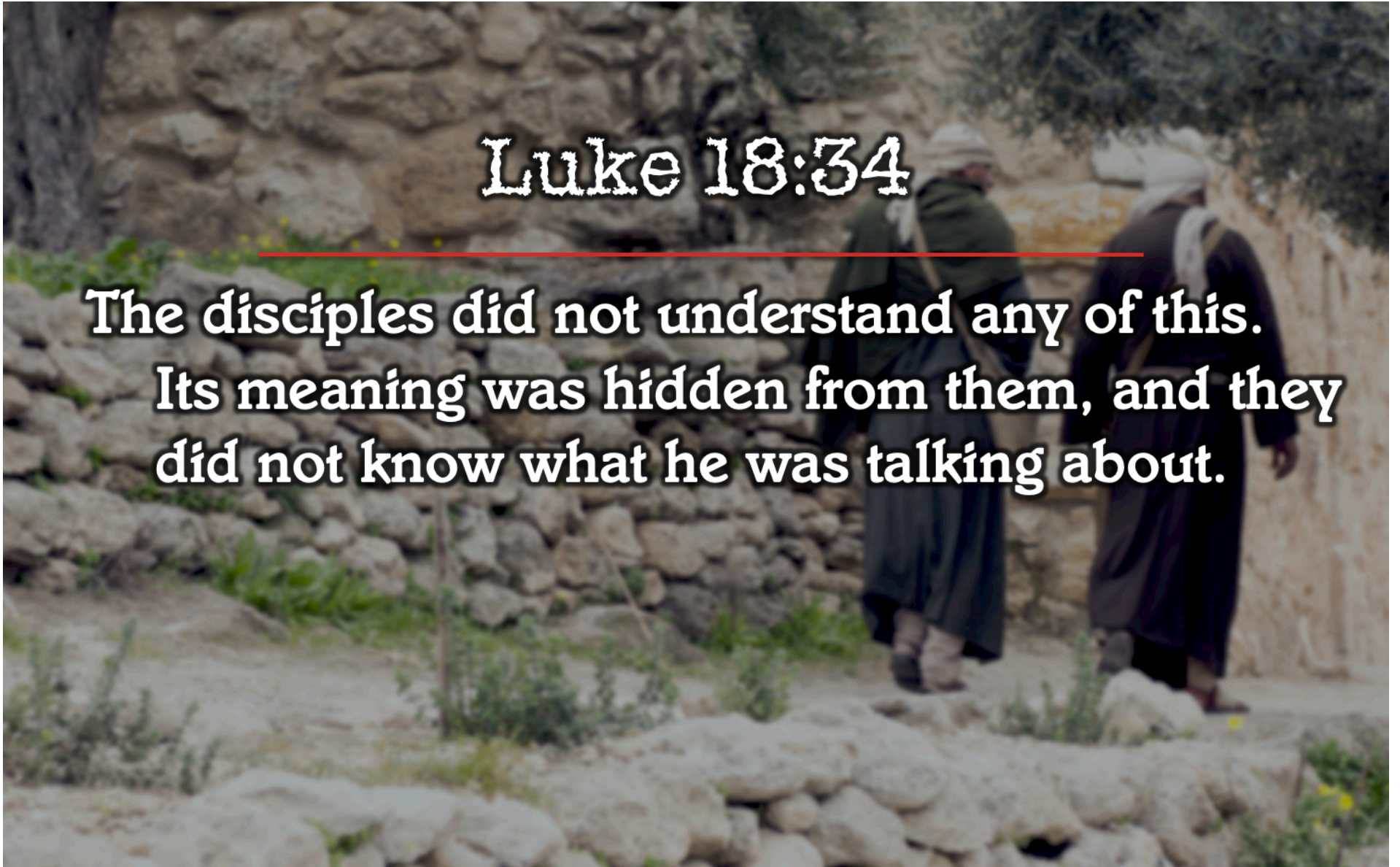


In Jerusalem:

- ❖ As written by the prophets ...
- ❖ delivered over to the Gentiles
- ❖ They will mock / insult / spit on / flog / kill
- ❖ BUT: On the third day, he will rise again

Luke 18:34

**The disciples did not understand any of this.
Its meaning was hidden from them, and they
did not know what he was talking about.**



Mystery:

- ❖ 1 Corínthians 2:7
- ❖ Ephesians 3:9
- ❖ Colossians 1:26

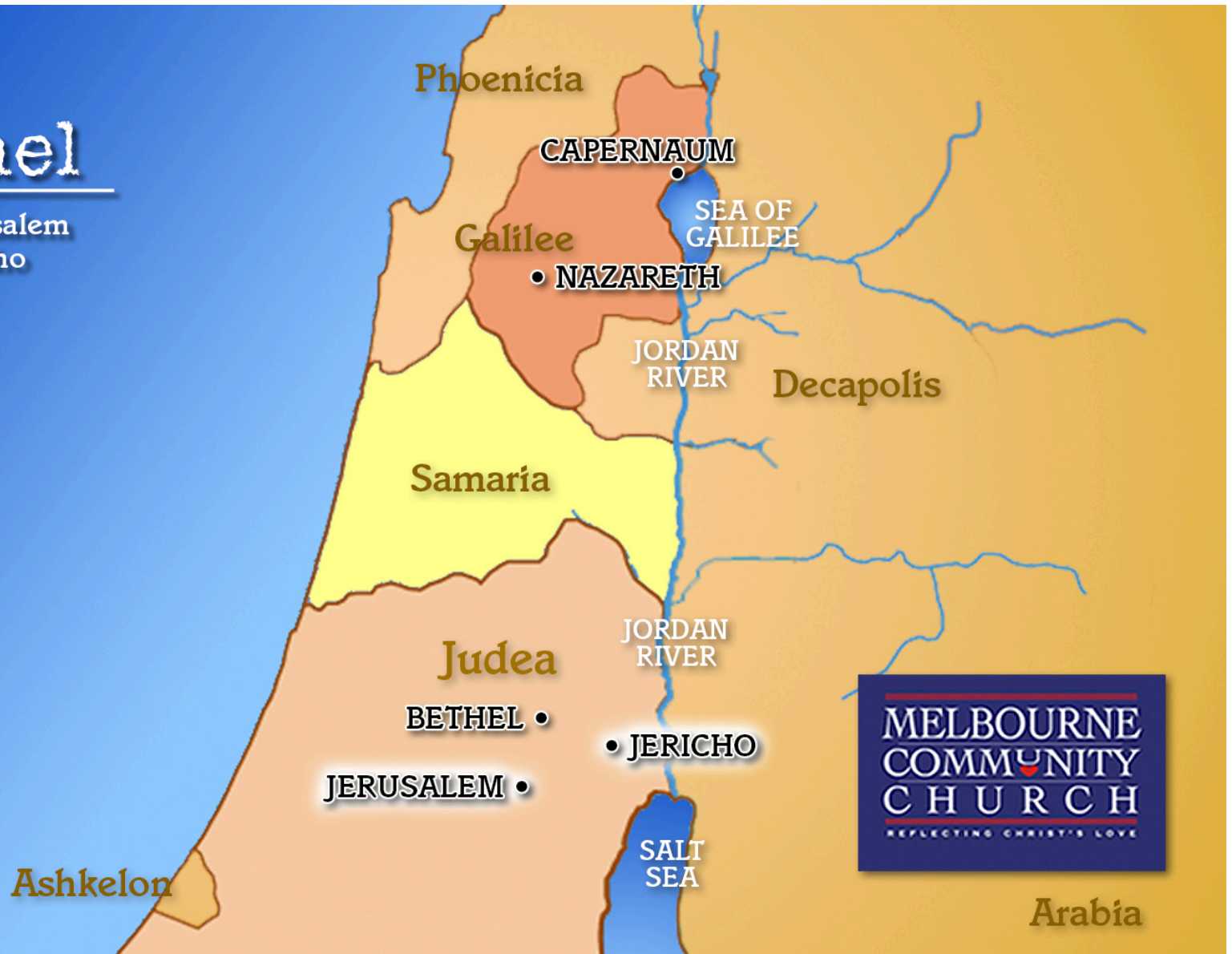


Luke 18:35-37

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”

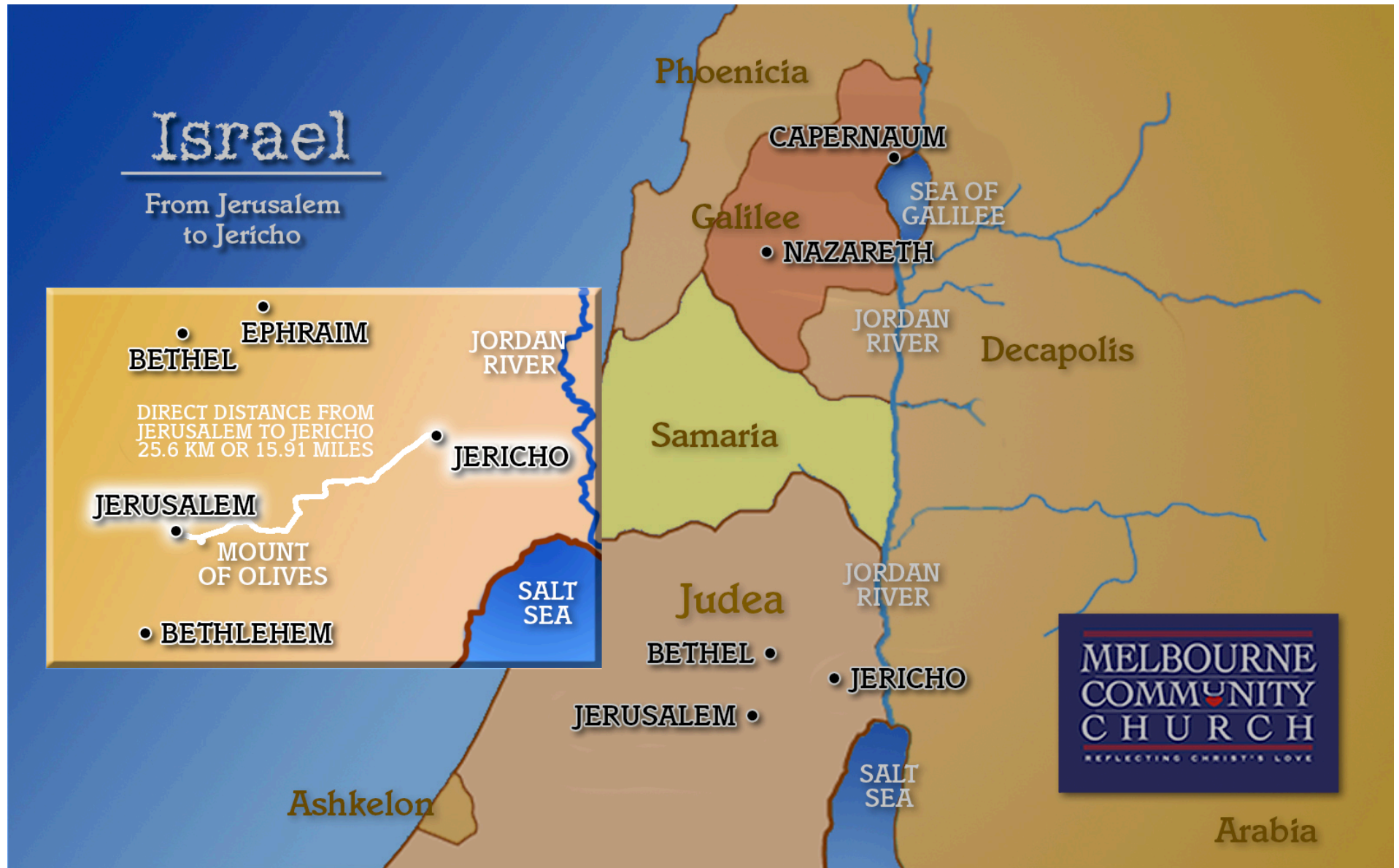
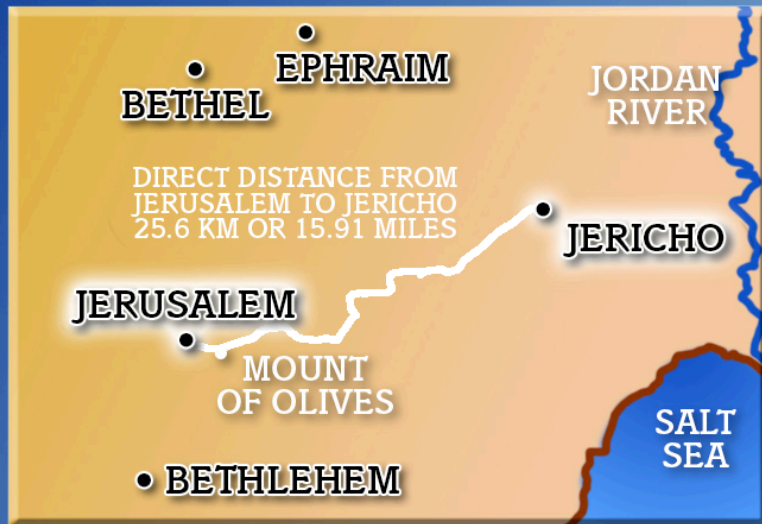
Israel

From Jerusalem
to Jericho



Israel

From Jerusalem
to Jericho



Luke 18:38-39

He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

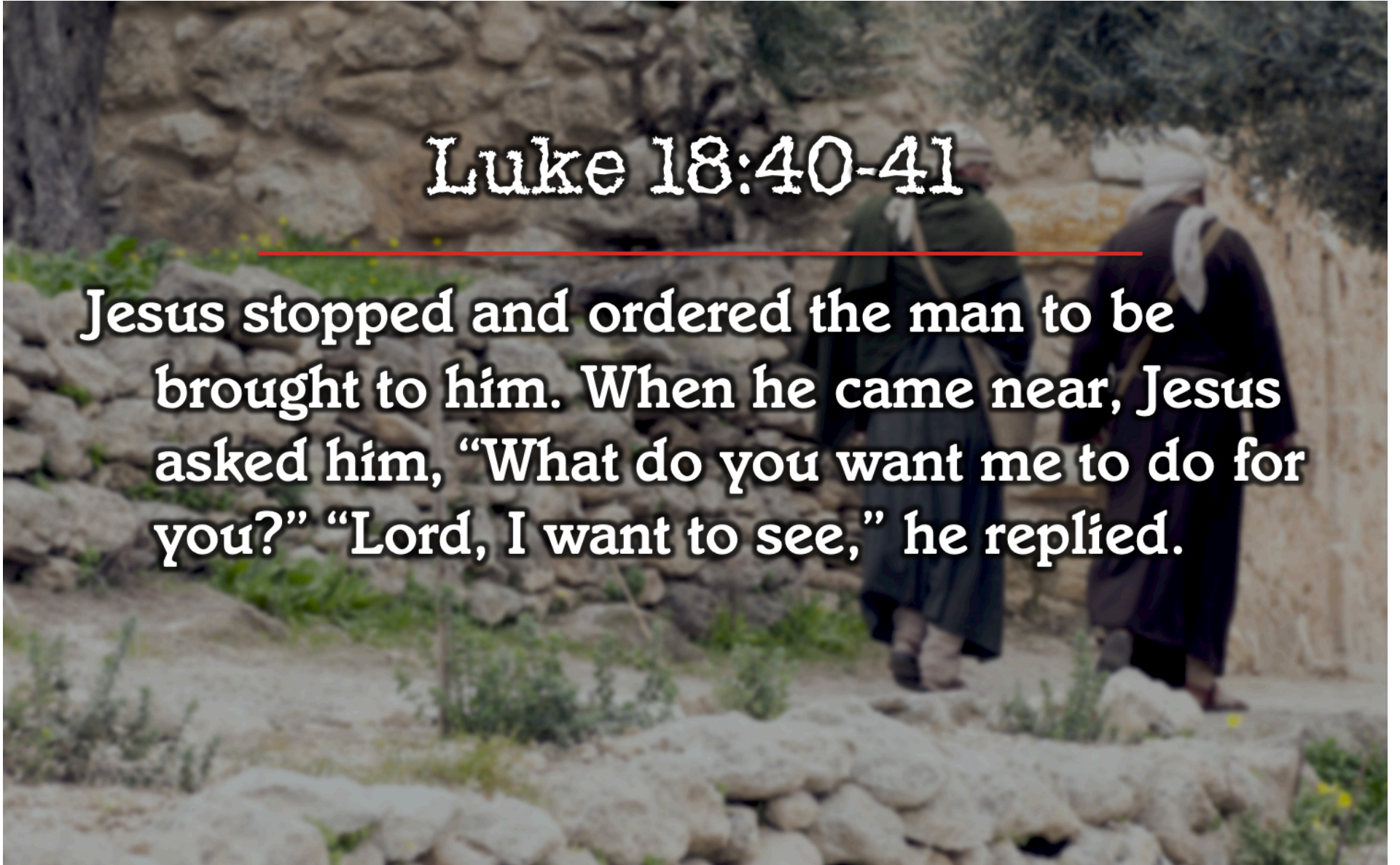
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“Have mercy on me!”

- ❖ David in Psalm 51
- ❖ Tax collector in parable (Luke 18:13)
- ❖ Bartímaeus in Luke 18 (Mark 10)

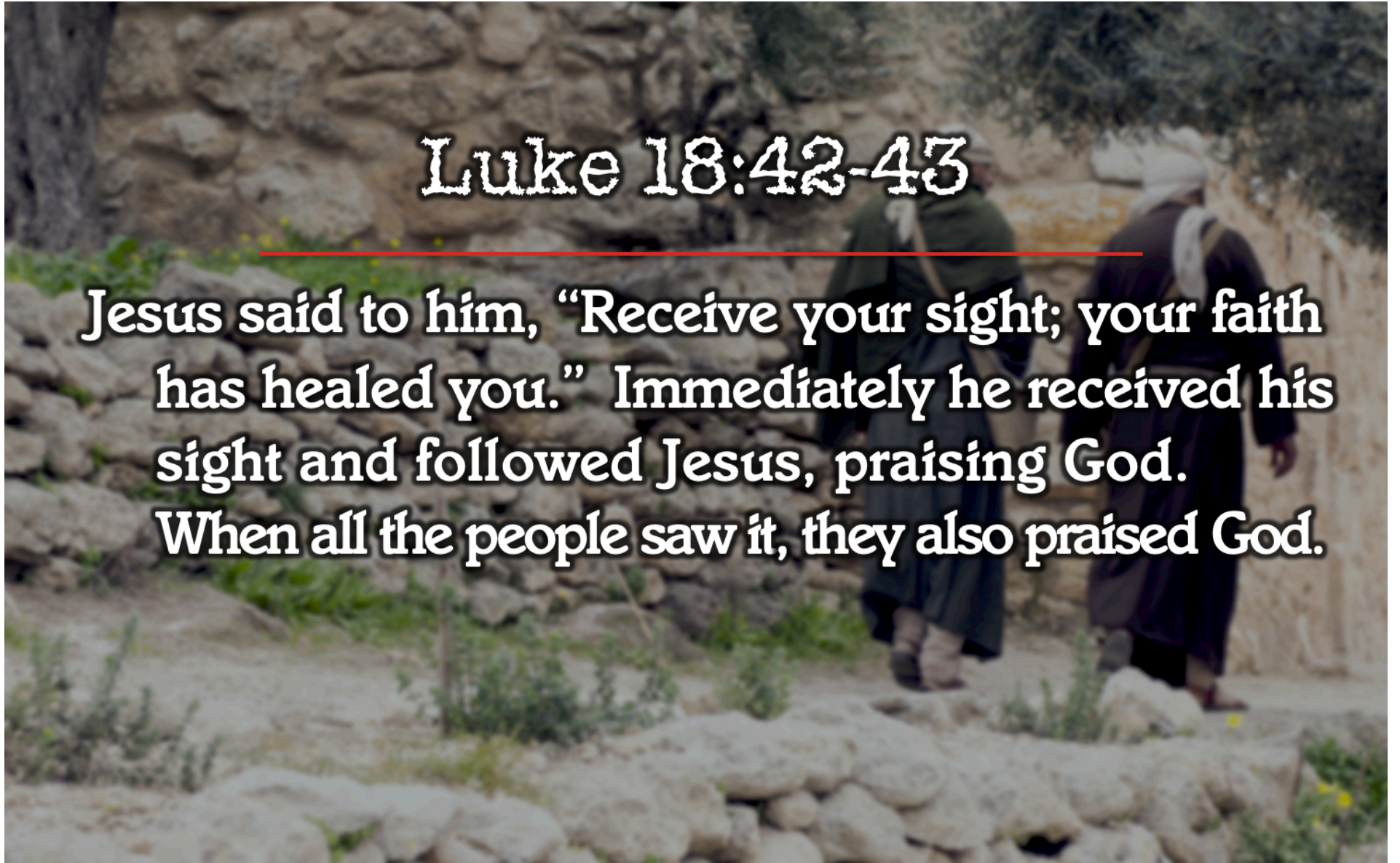
Luke 18:40-41

Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.



Luke 18:42-43

Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.



Luke 4:16-17

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:



Luke 4:18-19

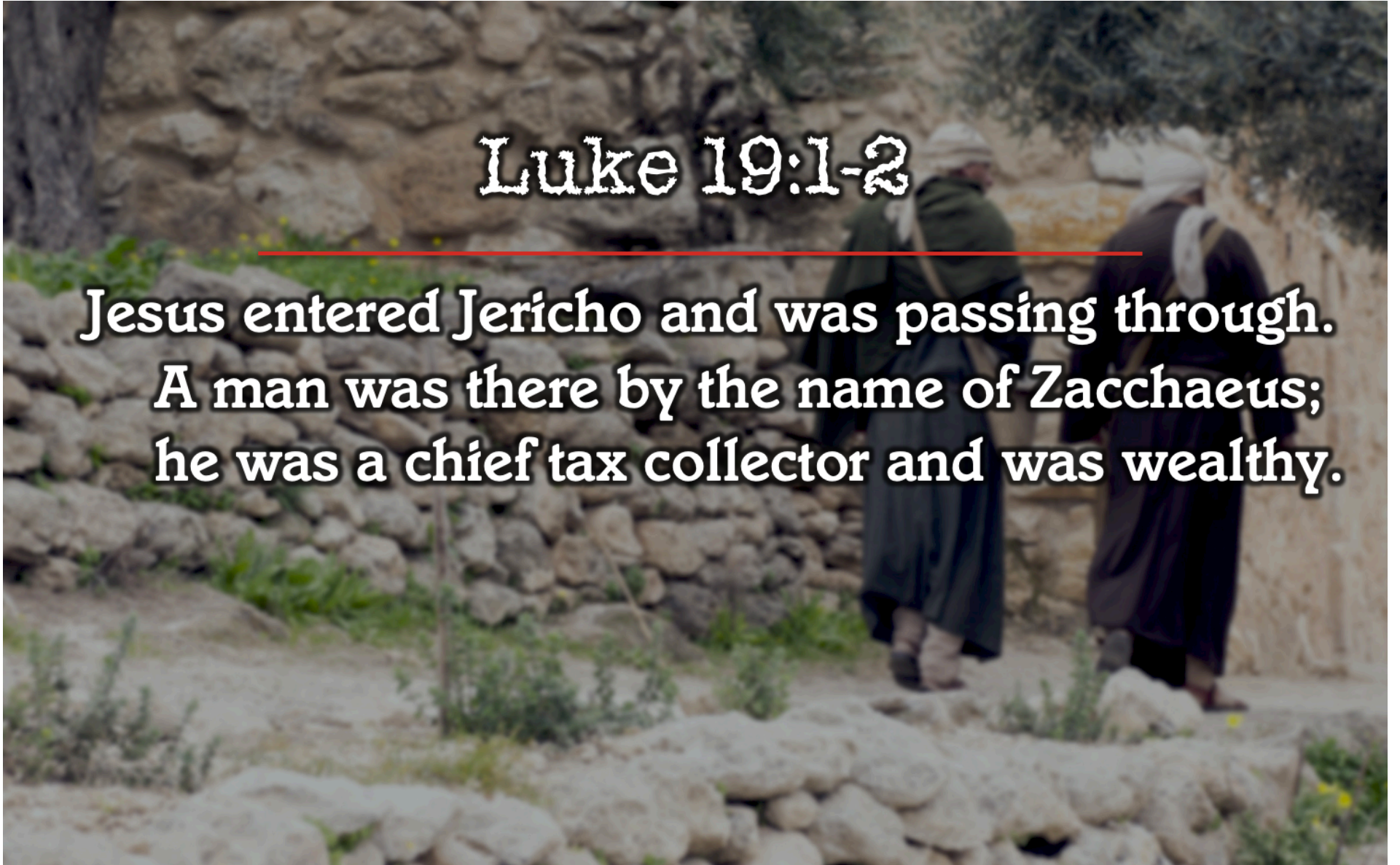
**“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

Luke 4:20-21

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 19:1-2

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.
A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus;
he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.





Luke 18:25-27

“Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”
Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

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Tax collectors:

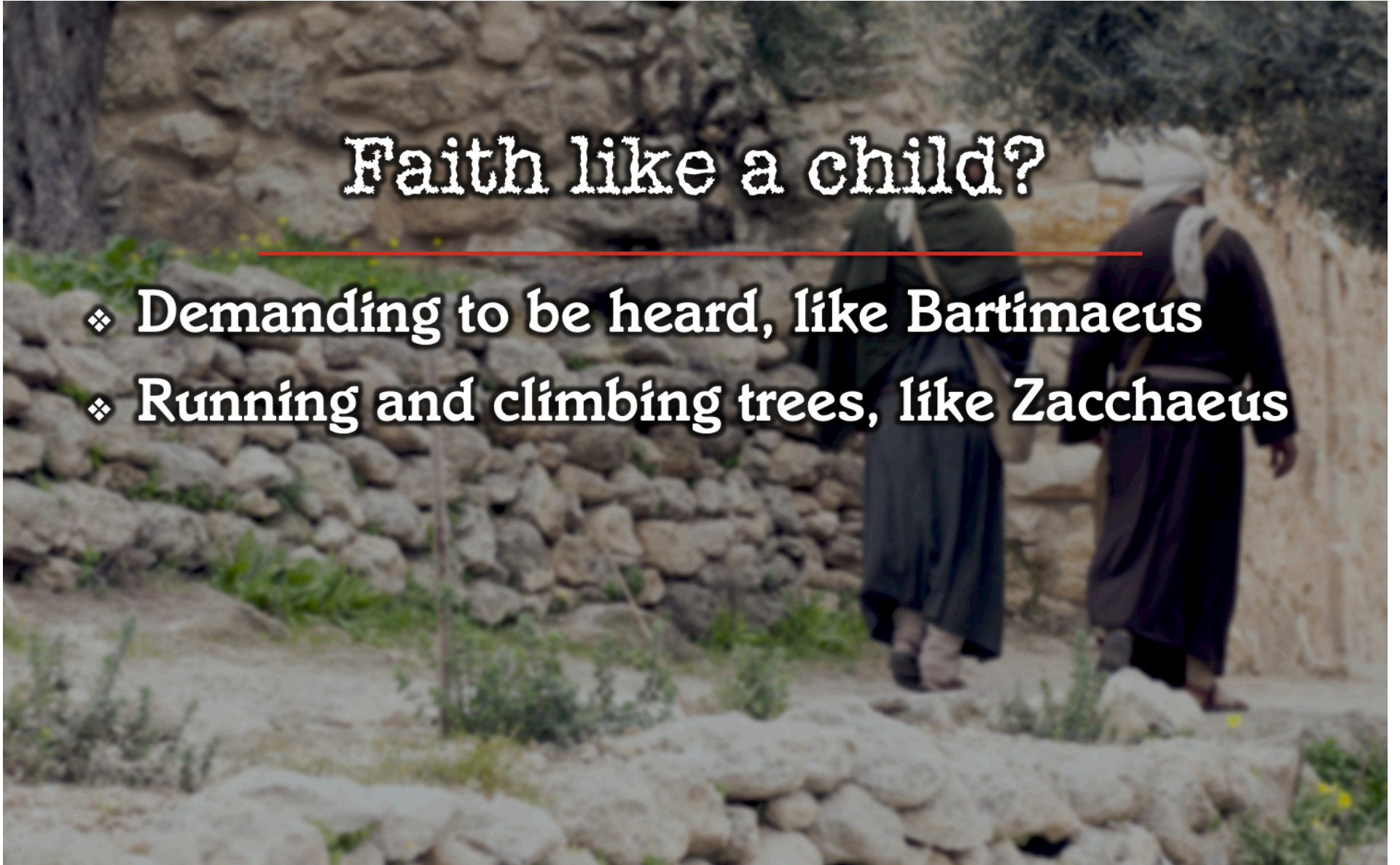
- ❖ Collaborators with Romans
- ❖ Unclean from contact with Gentiles
- ❖ Enriched themselves at the expense of their neighbors
- ❖ Wealthy, but religious outcasts

Luke 19:3-4

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

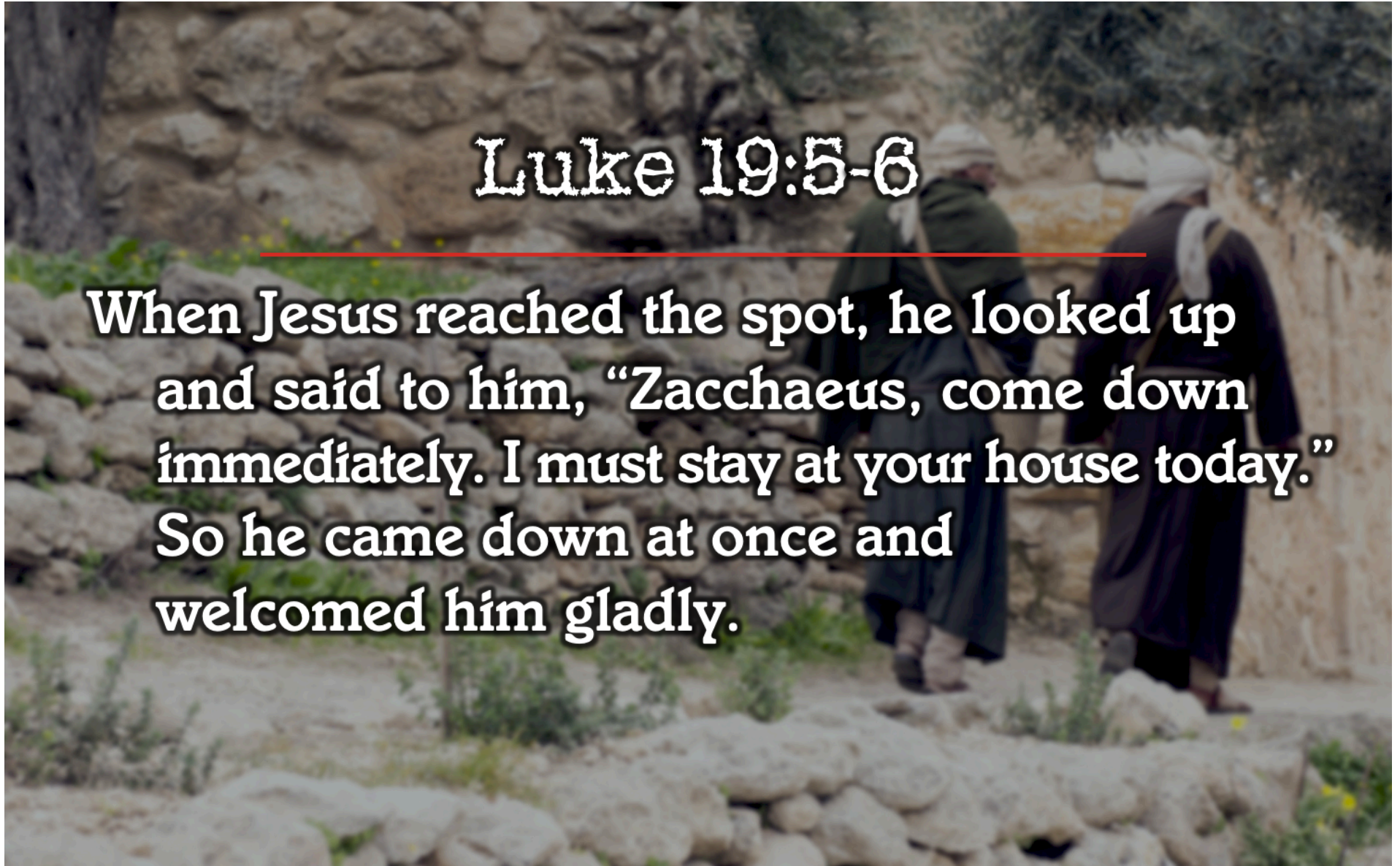
Faith like a child?

- ❖ Demanding to be heard, like Bartimaeus
- ❖ Running and climbing trees, like Zacchaeus



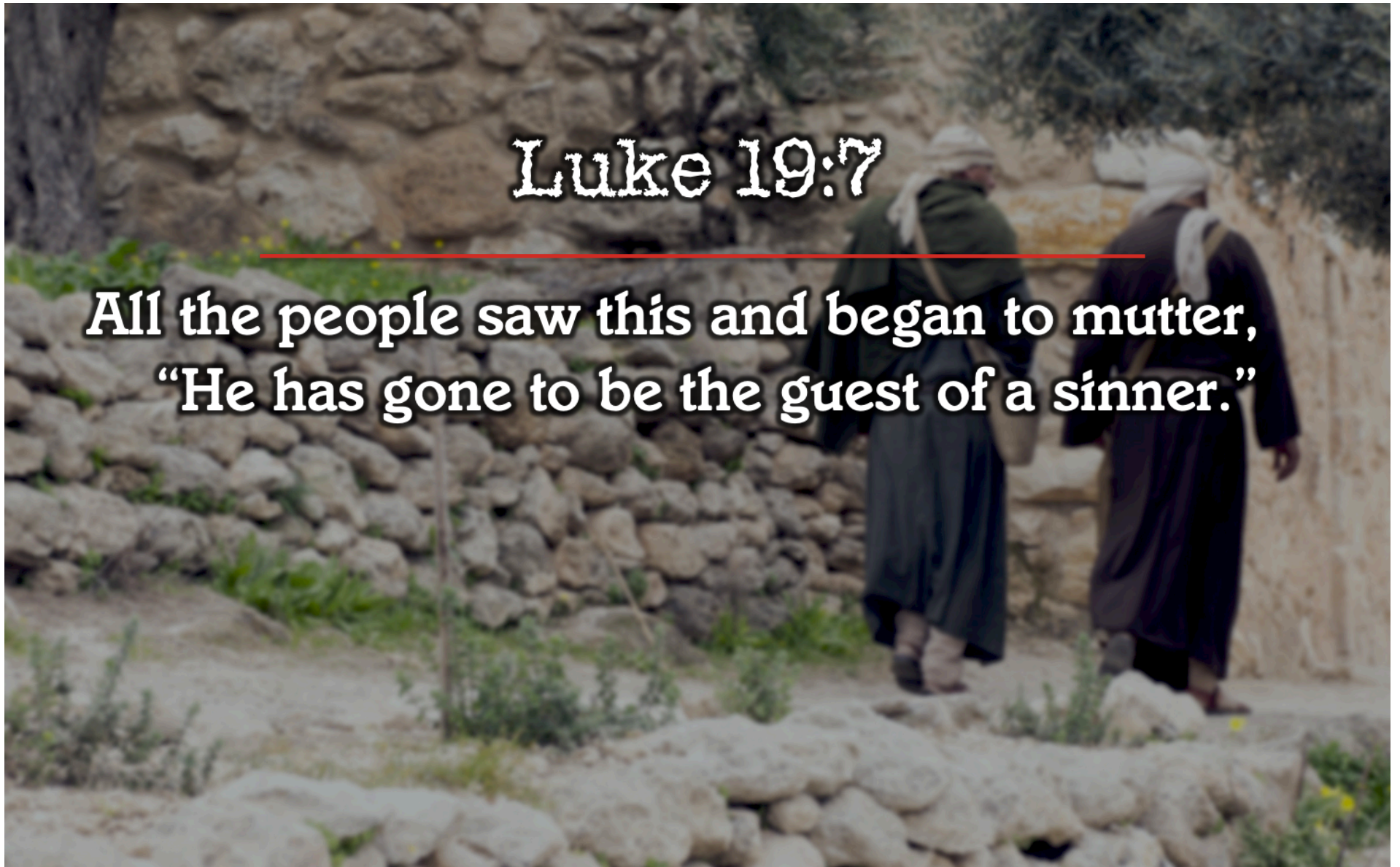
Luke 19:5-6

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.



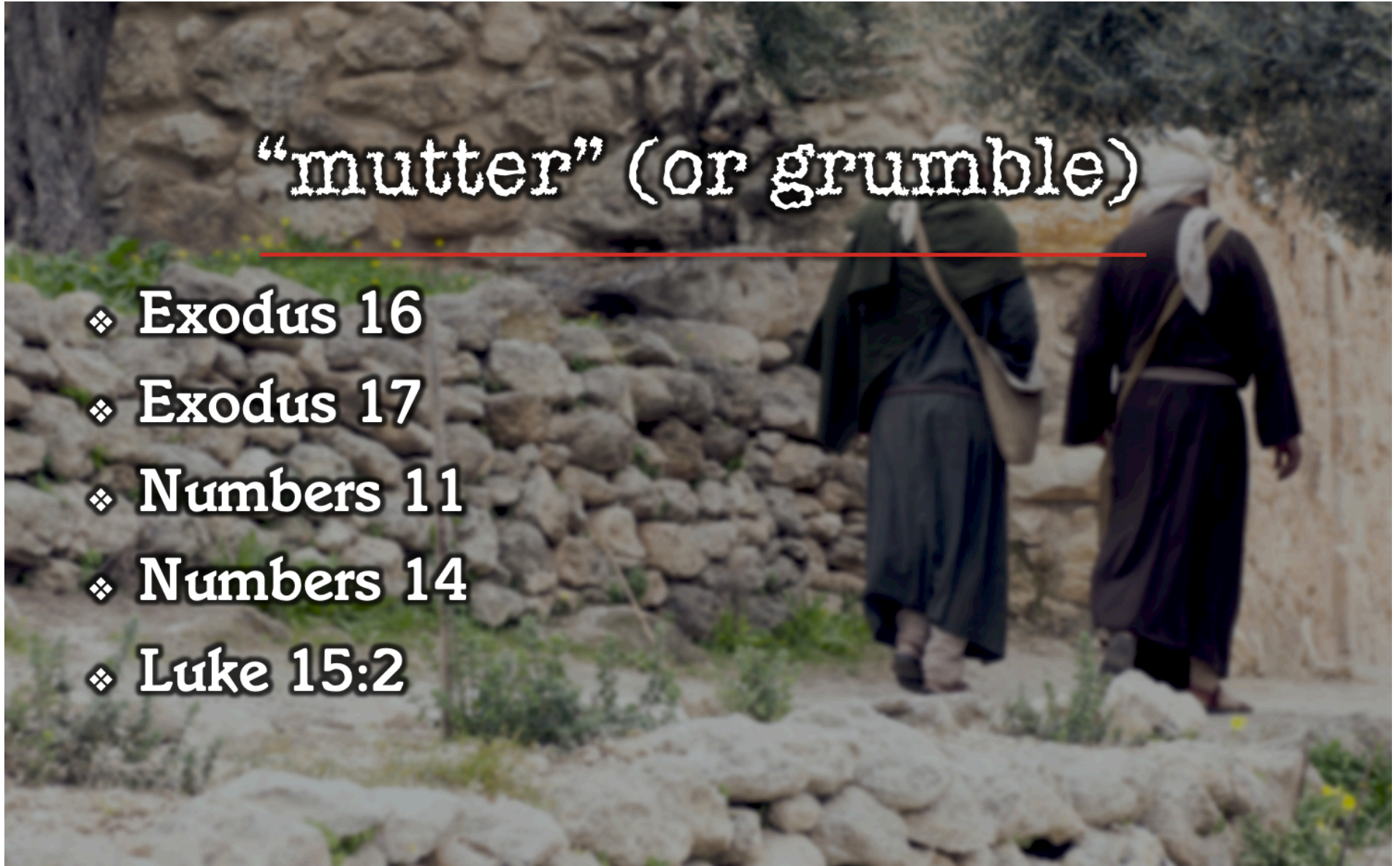
Luke 19:7

All the people saw this and began to mutter,
“He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”



“mutter” (or grumble)

- ❖ Exodus 16
- ❖ Exodus 17
- ❖ Numbers 11
- ❖ Numbers 14
- ❖ Luke 15:2



Luke 19:8

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Repentance:

- ❖ Sincere regret
- ❖ Verbal confession
- ❖ Change
- ❖ Maybe restitution

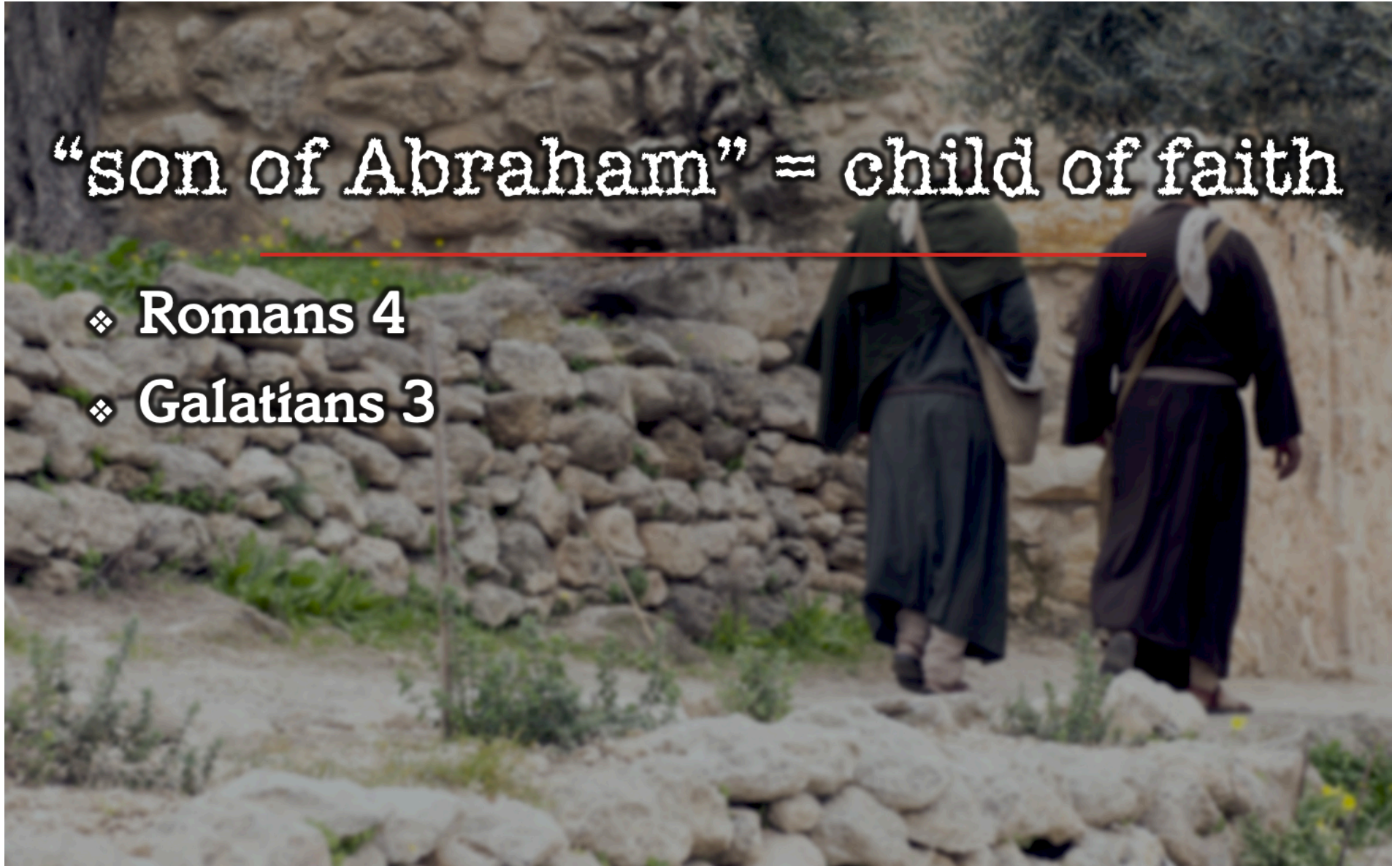


Luke 19:9-10

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

“son of Abraham” = child of faith

- ❖ **Romans 4**
- ❖ **Galatians 3**



Who impressed Jesus?

- ❖ Centurion (Luke 7:1-10)
- ❖ “Good” Samaritan (Luke 17:11-17)
- ❖ Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)



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Darrell Bock:

“Treasure in heaven is more important than hoarding earthly resources. The resources we possess are the Lord’s, and he guides us in how we are to use them.”

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