

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 brown robe and also has a satchel. The background shows some greenery, including a tree trunk on the left and some bushes on the right. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be in a rural or historical setting.

**“Who Can Forgive?”**

**Luke 5:17-32**

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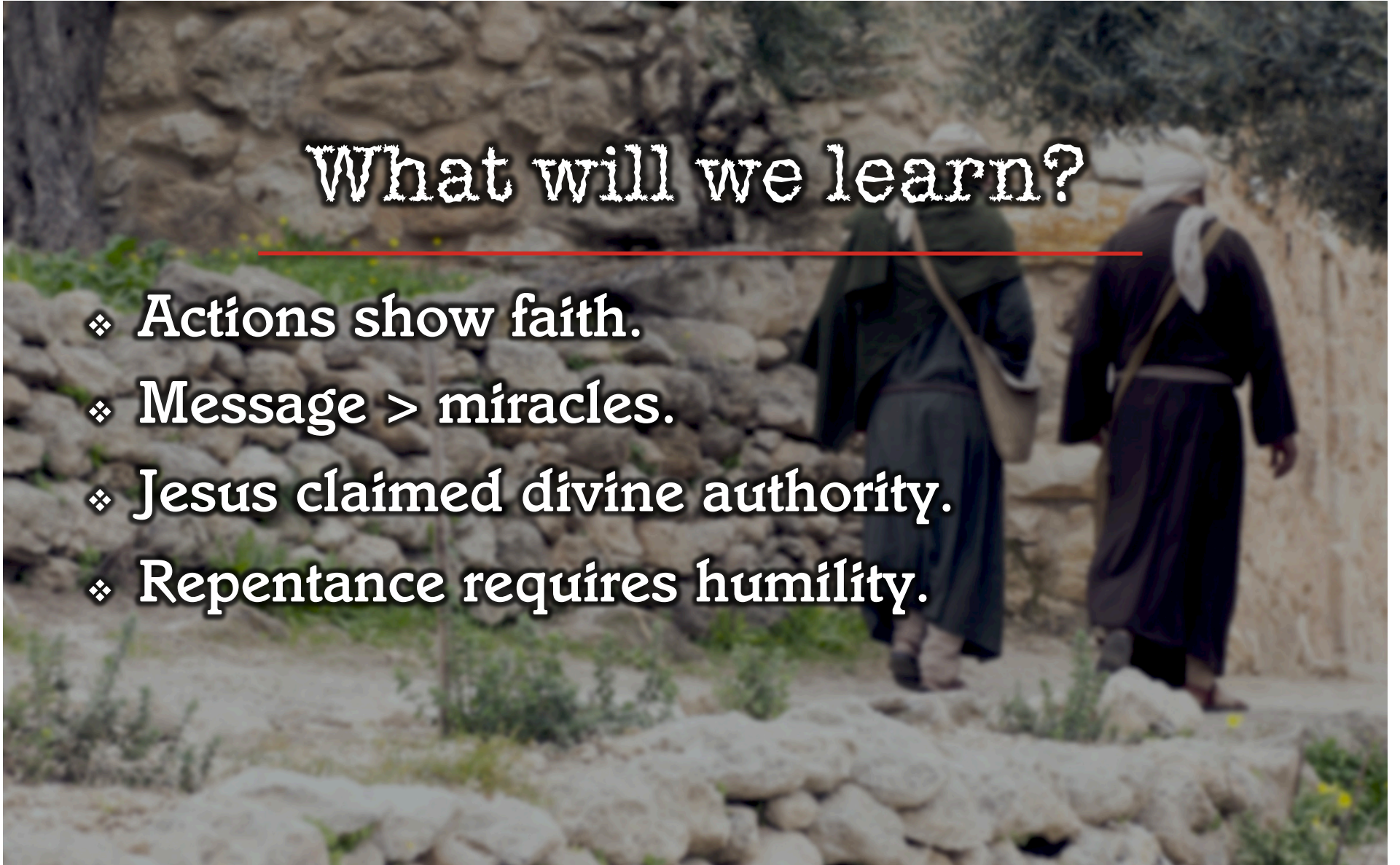
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# What will we learn?

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- ❖ Actions show faith.
- ❖ Message > miracles.
- ❖ Jesus claimed divine authority.
- ❖ Repentance requires humility.





# Who is Jesus?

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- ❖ 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”



# Witnesses:

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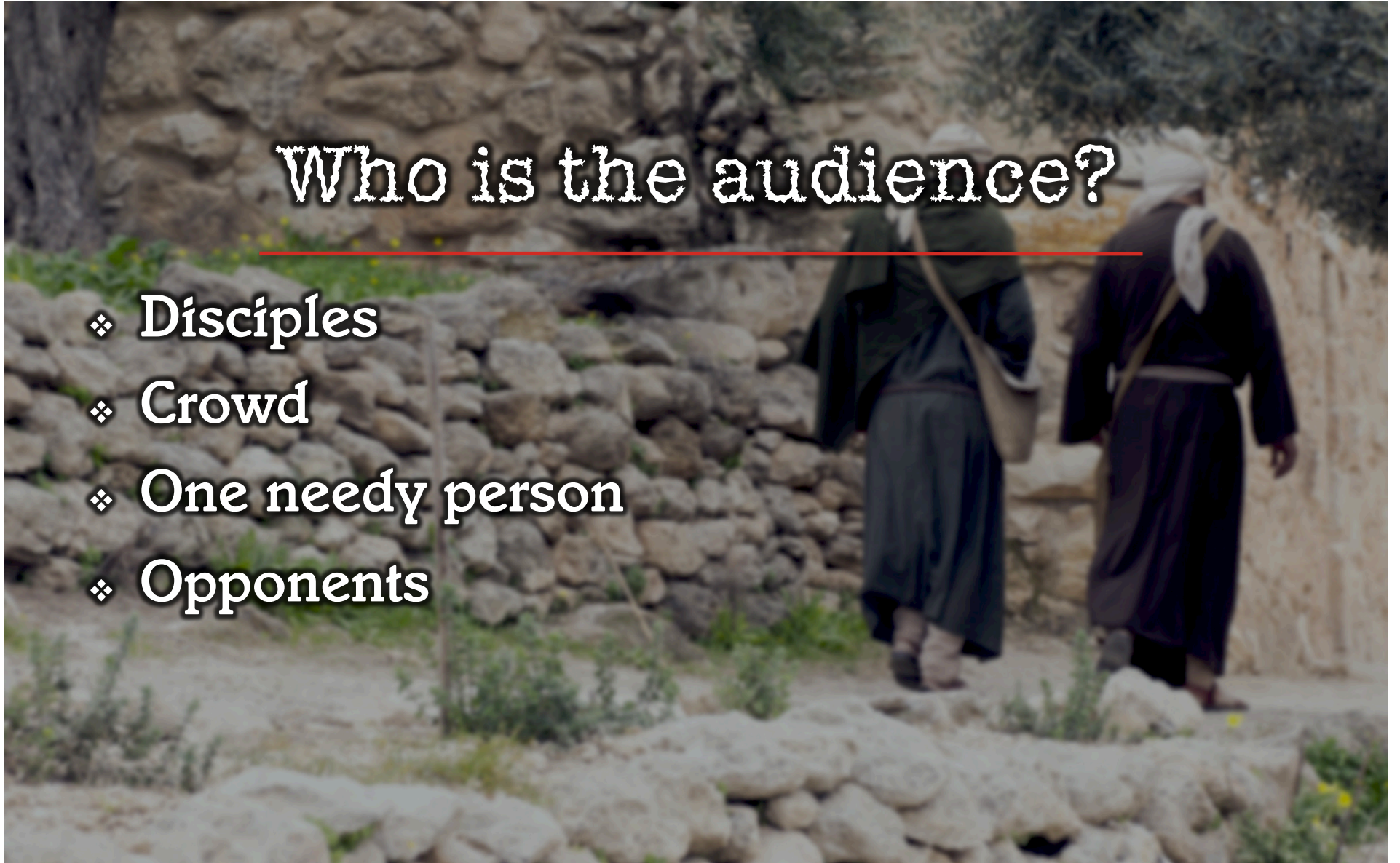
- ❖ Zechariah
- ❖ Elizabeth
- ❖ Gabriel
- ❖ Angel of the Lord
- ❖ Simeon
- ❖ Anna
- ❖ John the Baptist
- ❖ Jesus
- ❖ Demons



# Who is the audience?

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- ❖ Disciples
- ❖ Crowd
- ❖ One needy person
- ❖ Opponents





## Luke 5:1-16

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- ❖ **Simon Peter modeled obedience and repentance.**
- ❖ **Jesus assembled a team.**
- ❖ **Jesus fulfilled the law.**
- ❖ **Jesus made solitary prayer a habit.**





## Luke 5:17

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One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.



# Religious “parties”

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





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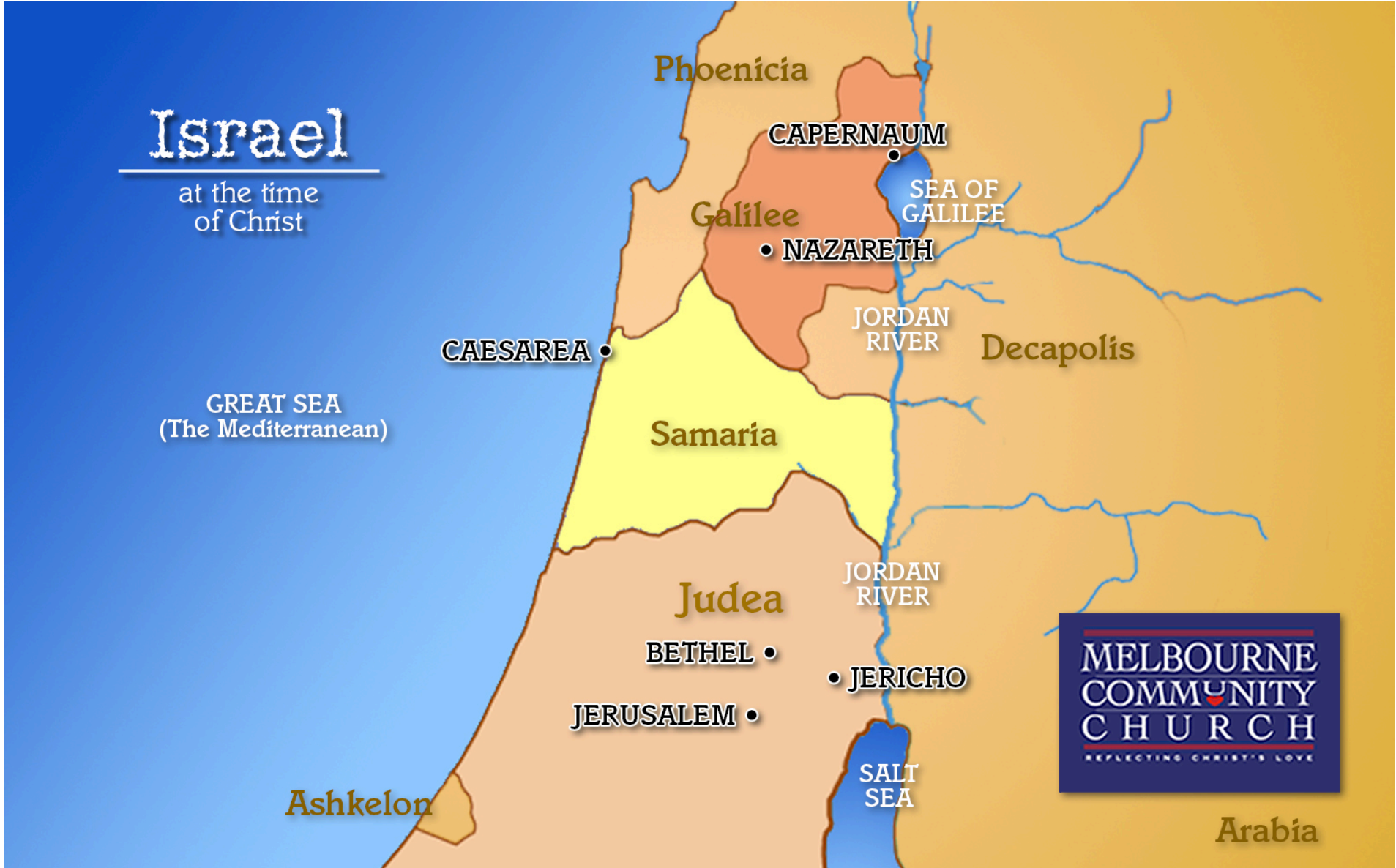
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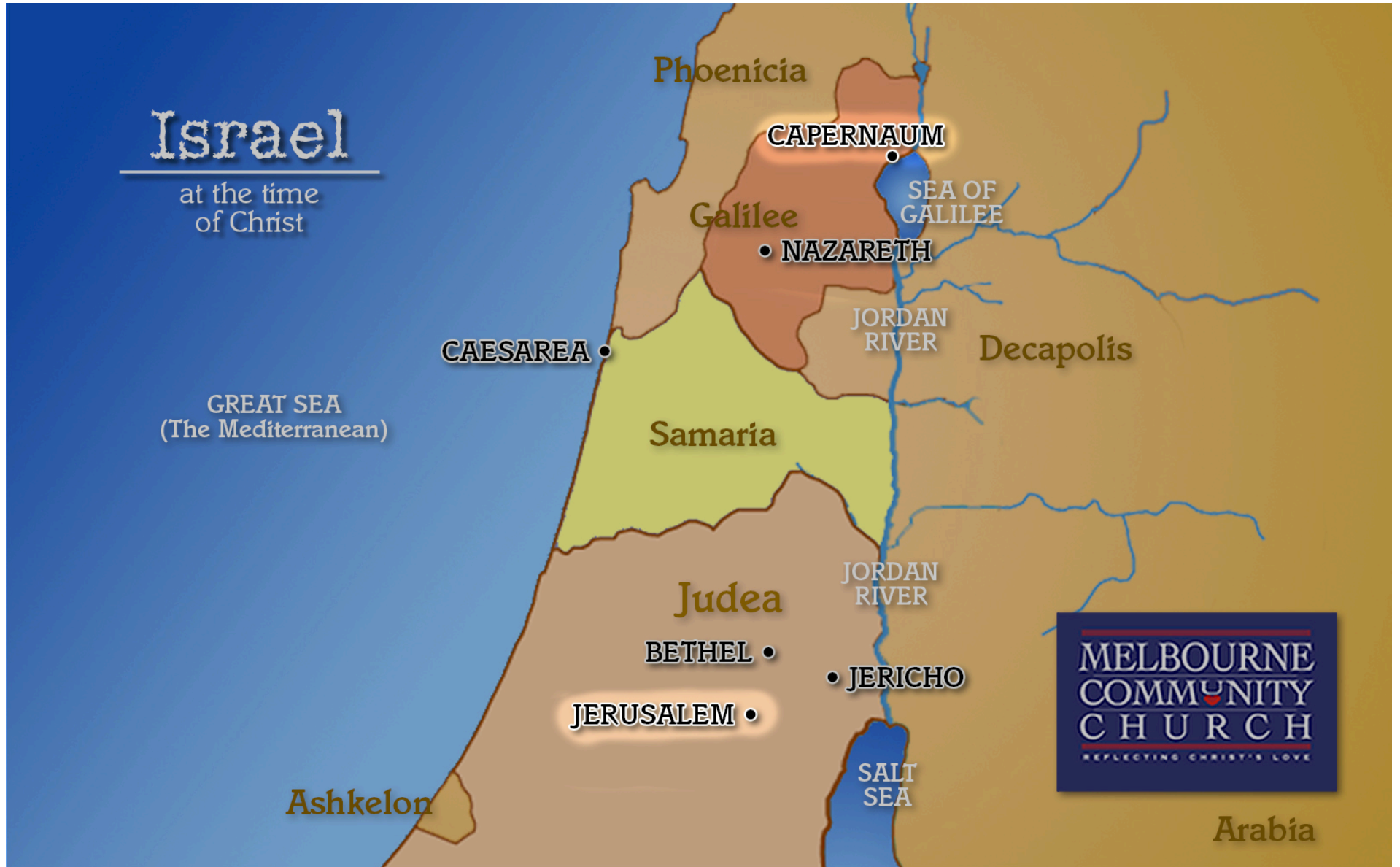
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## Luke 5:18-19

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Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.



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Luke 5:20

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When Jesus saw their faith, he said,  
“Friend, your sins are forgiven.”



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## Psalm 1:6

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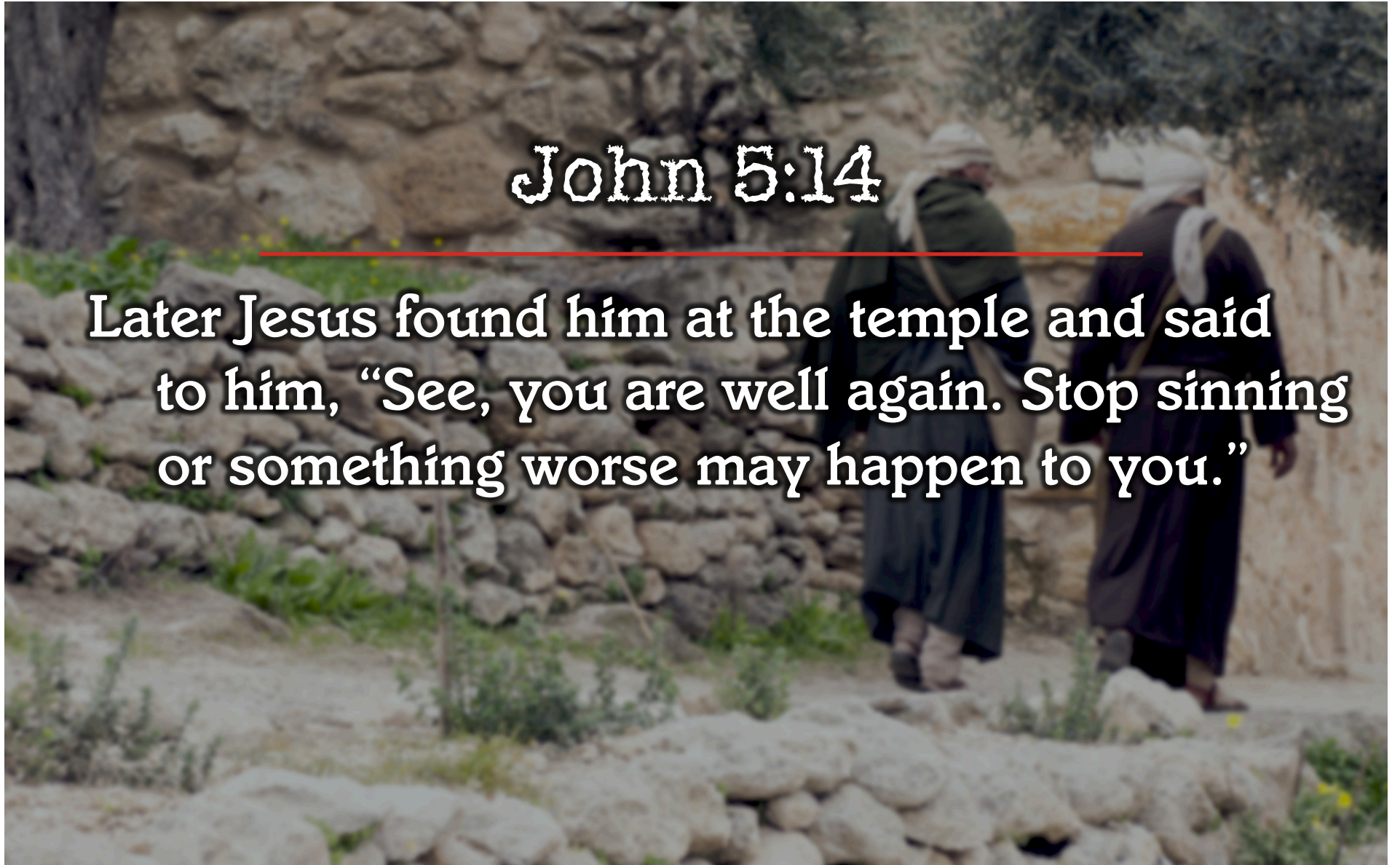
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.



## John 5:14

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Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."





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## Psalm 103:2-3

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Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits —  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases



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## Isaiah 33:24

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No one living in Zion will say, "I am ill";  
and the sins of those who dwell there  
will be forgiven.



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**Luke 1:77**

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**[from Zechariah's song]: "to give his people  
the knowledge of salvation through the  
forgiveness of their sins,"**



## Luke 24:46-47

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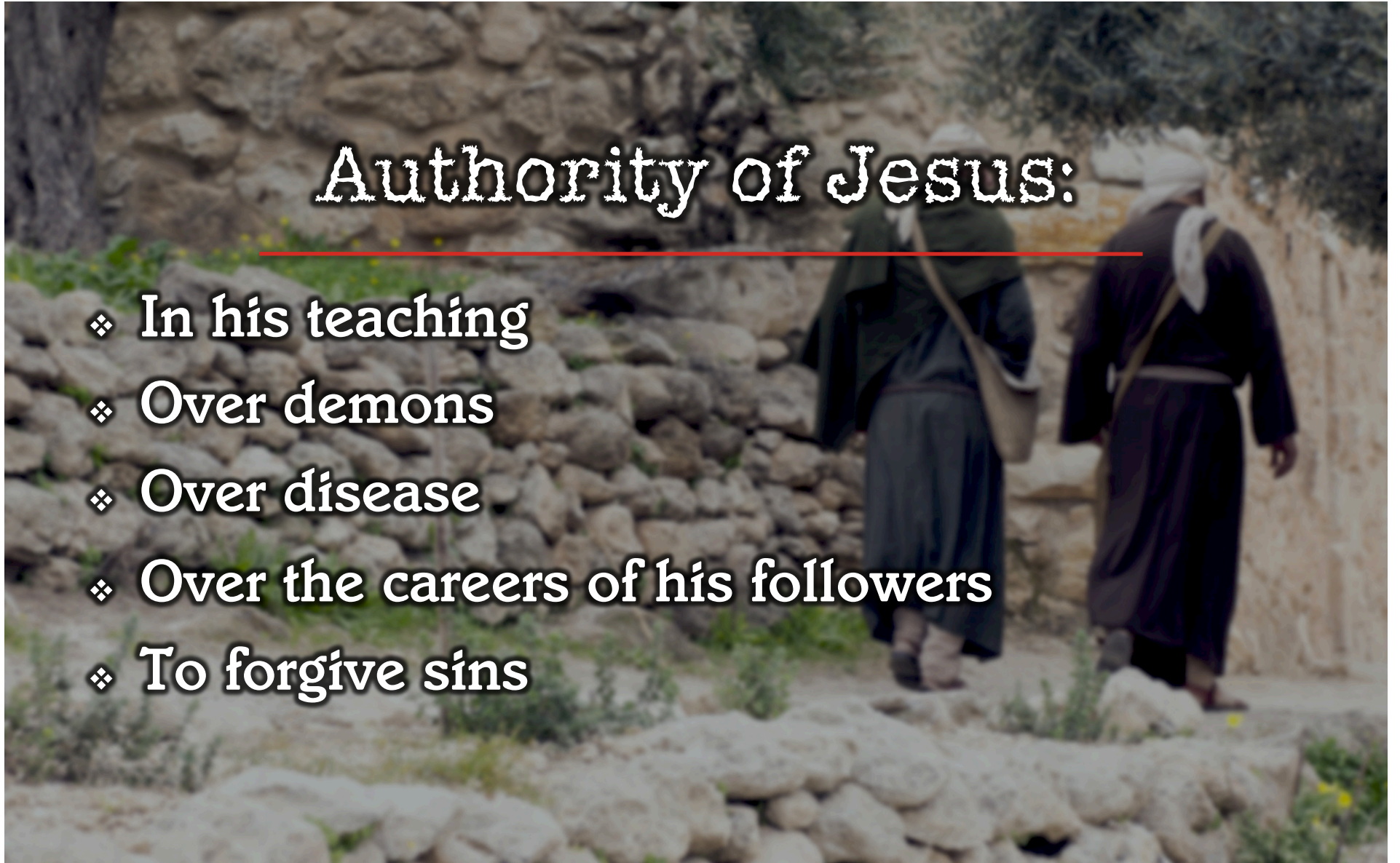
He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”



# Authority of Jesus:

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- ❖ In his teaching
- ❖ Over demons
- ❖ Over disease
- ❖ Over the careers of his followers
- ❖ To forgive sins

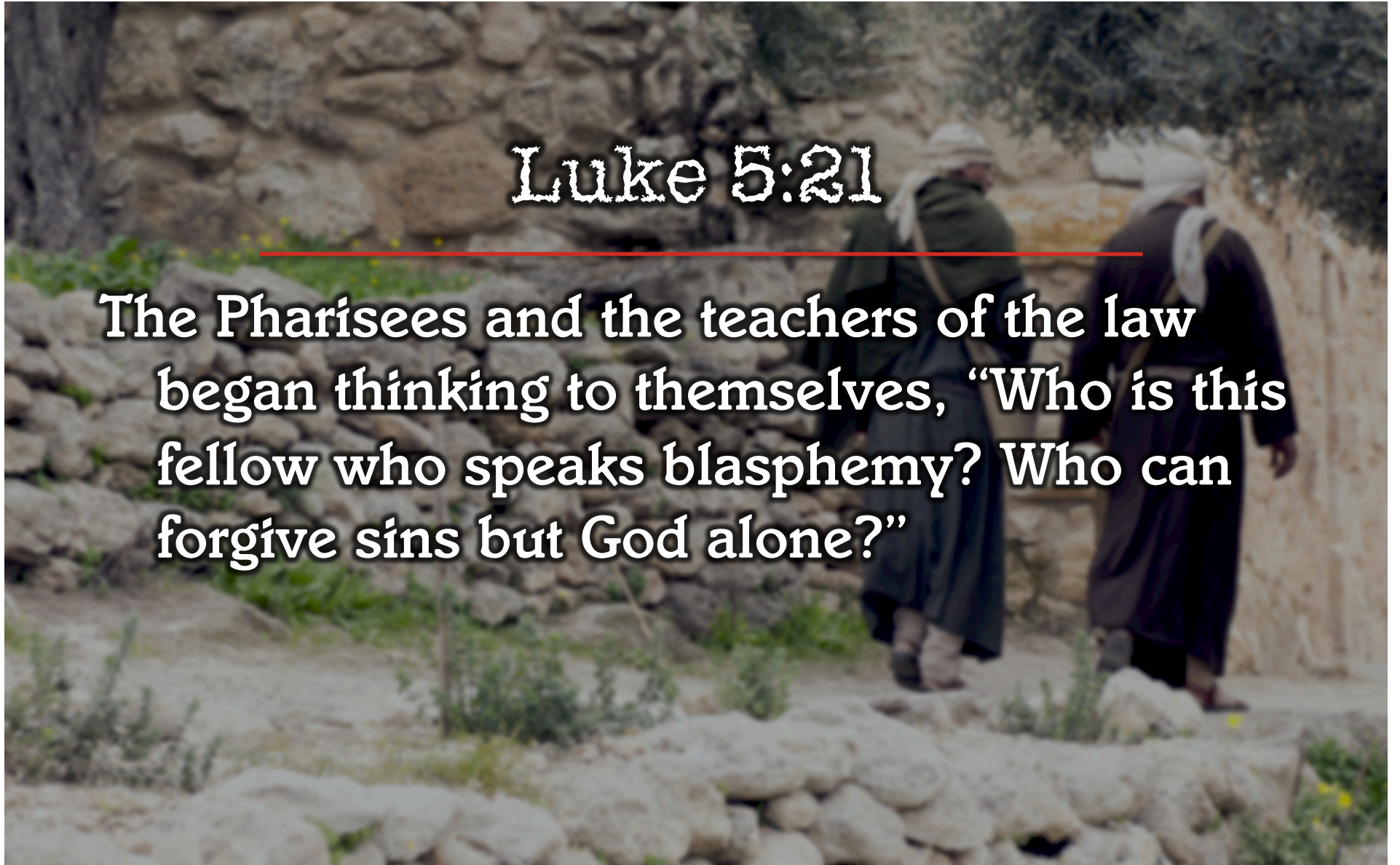




## Luke 5:21

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The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”







## Luke 5:22-23

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Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’”



## Luke 5:24-25

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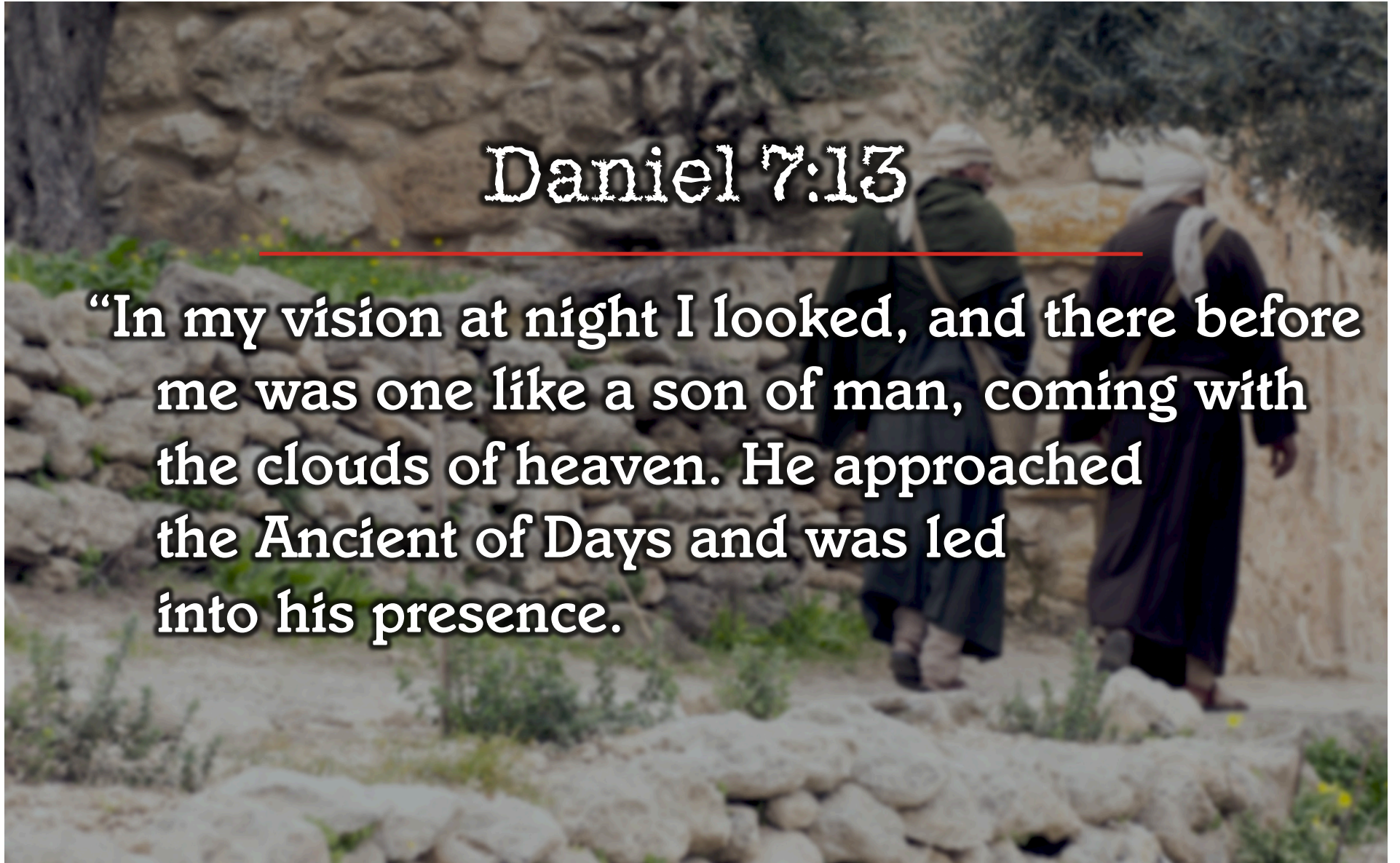
But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.



## Daniel 7:13

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**“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.**





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 visible at the bottom.

## Daniel 7:14

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“He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”



## Acts 7:55-56

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But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."





## Luke 5:26

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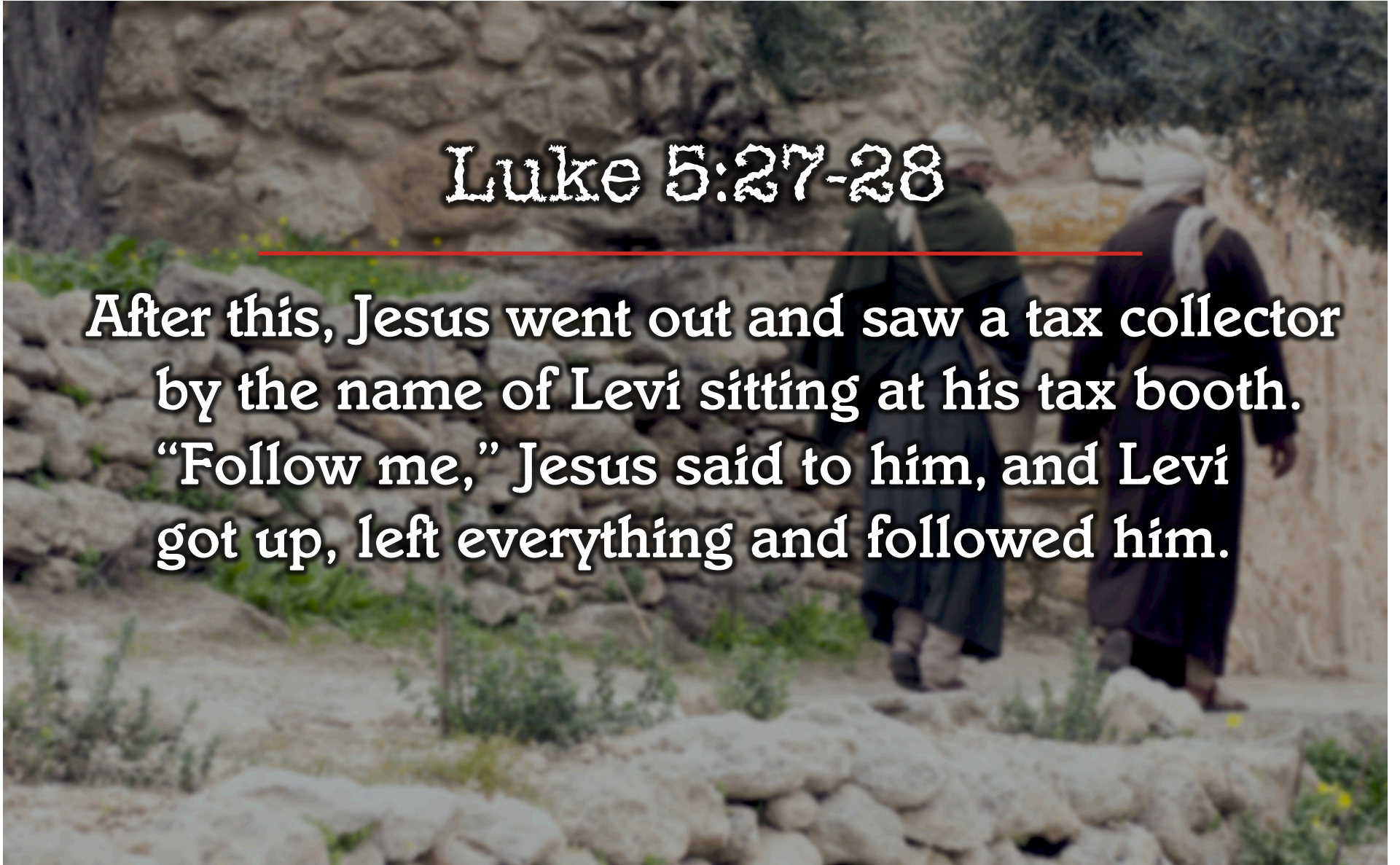
Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God.  
They were filled with awe and said,  
“We have seen remarkable things today.”



## Luke 5:27-28

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After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.





# Tax collectors

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- ❖ Swindlers
- ❖ Collaborators
- ❖ Defiled





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## Luke 9:23

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Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”



## Luke 5:29-30

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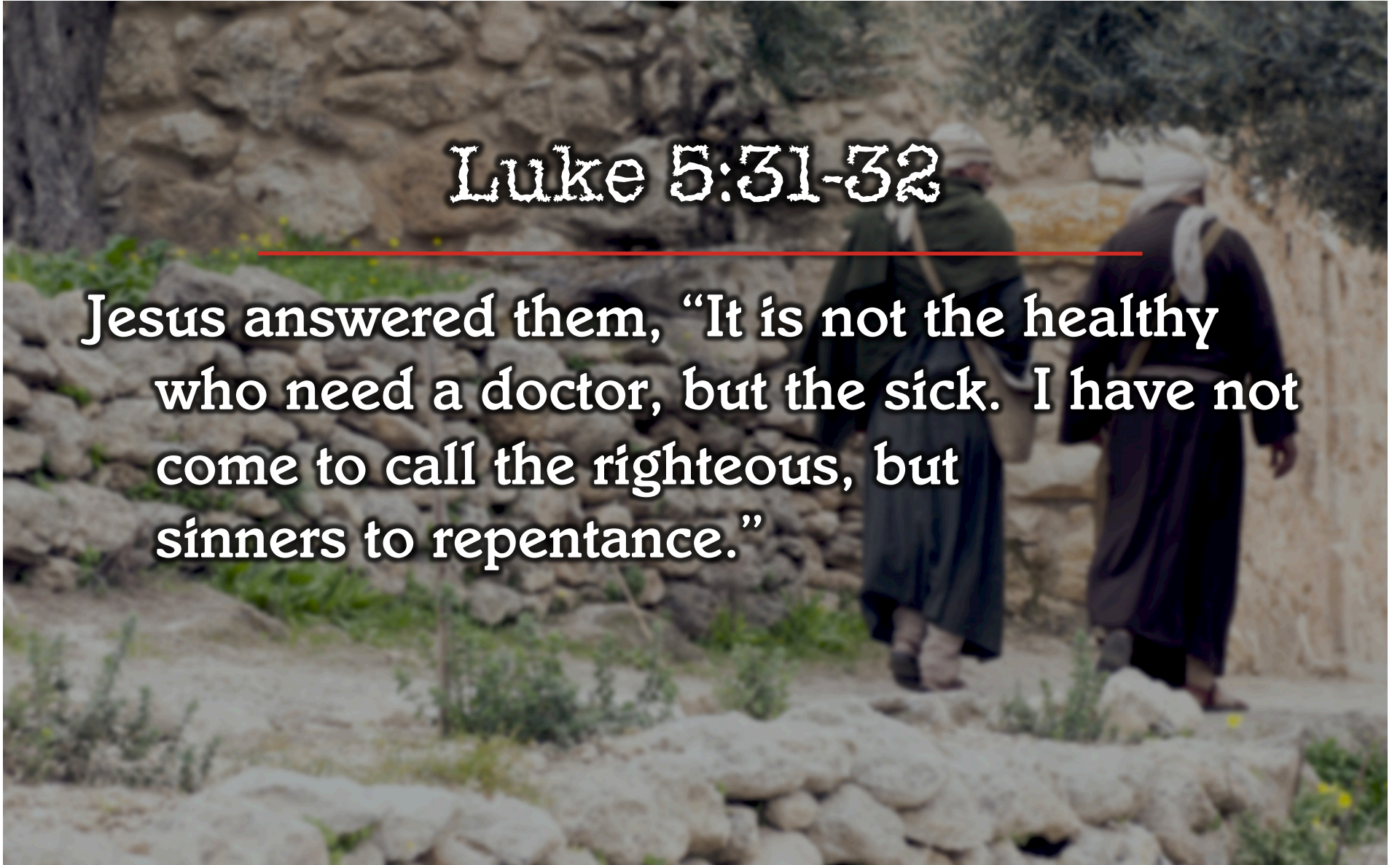
Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”



## Luke 5:31-32

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Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

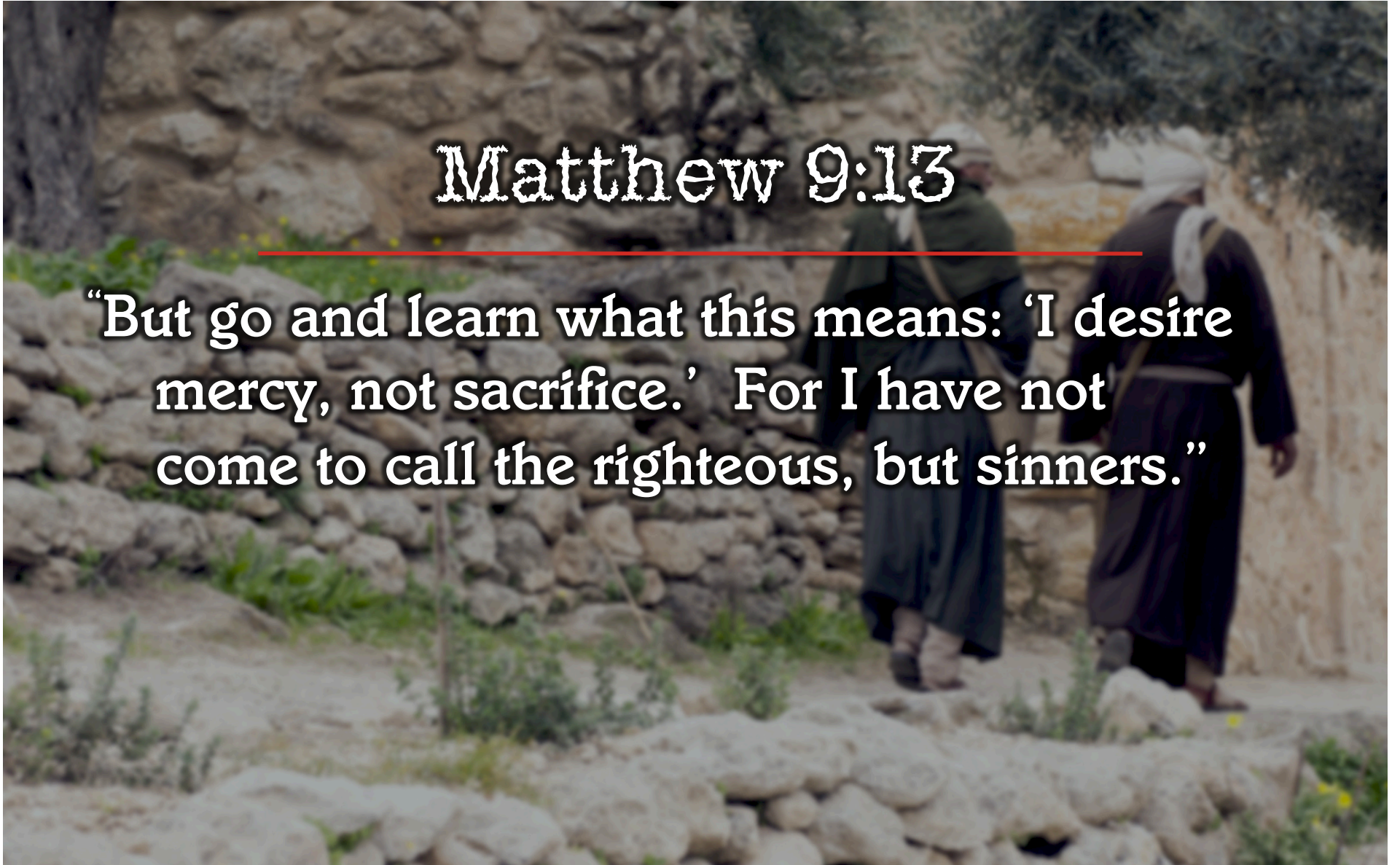




## Matthew 9:13

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“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”





# Romans 3:10

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As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one”





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## Romans 3:23

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... for all have sinned and fall short  
of the glory of God.





**C.S. Lewis:**

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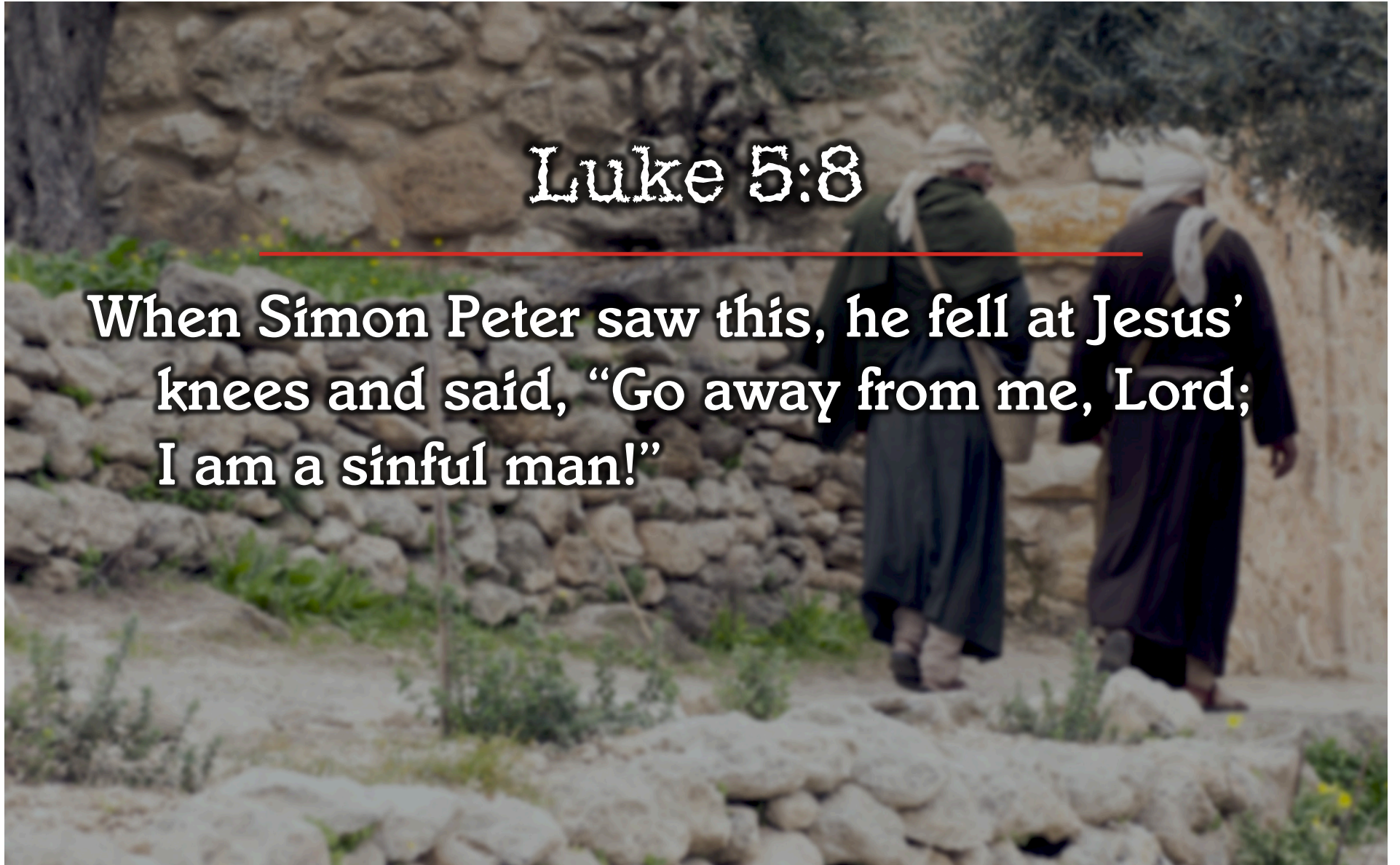
**“Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. It has nothing to say to people who do not know they have done anything to repent of and who do not feel that they need any forgiveness.”**



## Luke 5:8

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When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"





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## Psalm 25:8-9

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Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.



# The grace of God

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- ❖ Demoniac
- ❖ Leper
- ❖ Fishermen

- ❖ Paralytic
- ❖ Pharisees
- ❖ Tax collector





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# Are you in the story?

- ❖ Healer?
- ❖ Healed?
- ❖ Friend of the paralytic?
- ❖ Sinner called to repentance?
- ❖ Accuser?





## Justo Gonzalez:

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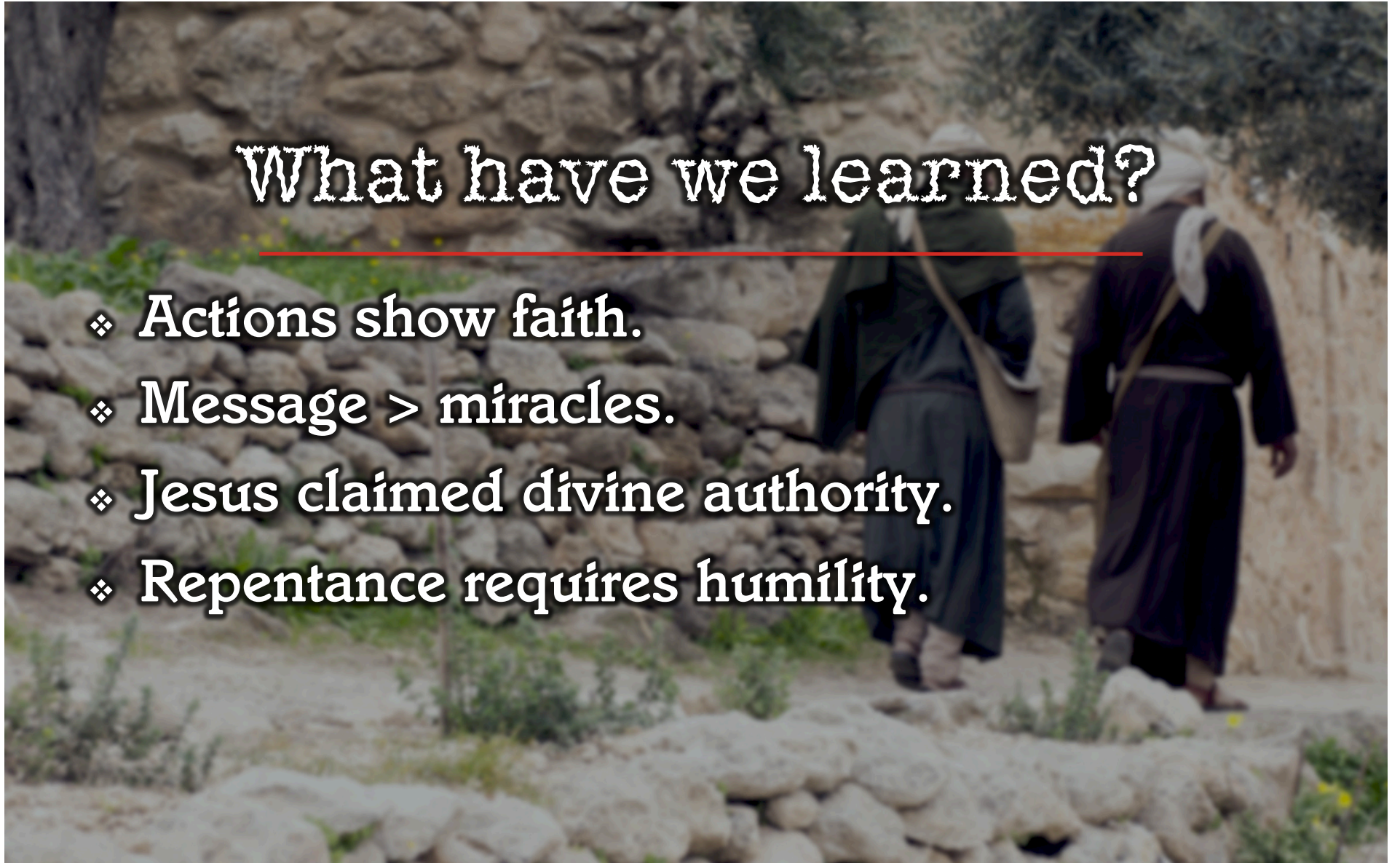
“Take care lest in all you discussions about Jesus and about who he is, about Christian doctrine and its content, about the history of Christianity, or about how the Bible was formed, you do not turn your backs on those needy ones for whom Jesus came, on those hurting ones who need his power to heal.”



# What have we learned?

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- ❖ Actions show faith.
- ❖ Message > miracles.
- ❖ Jesus claimed divine authority.
- ❖ Repentance requires humility.









# Are you being called?

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- ❖ 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

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❖ Luke 1:15

❖ Luke 1:41

❖ Psalm 22:9-10

❖ Psalm 139:13

❖ Isaiah 49:1

❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5