

Why Are You Doing This?

What's Your Answer Series

Solid Rock Church

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Someone Questioning
Why We Are Doing Something

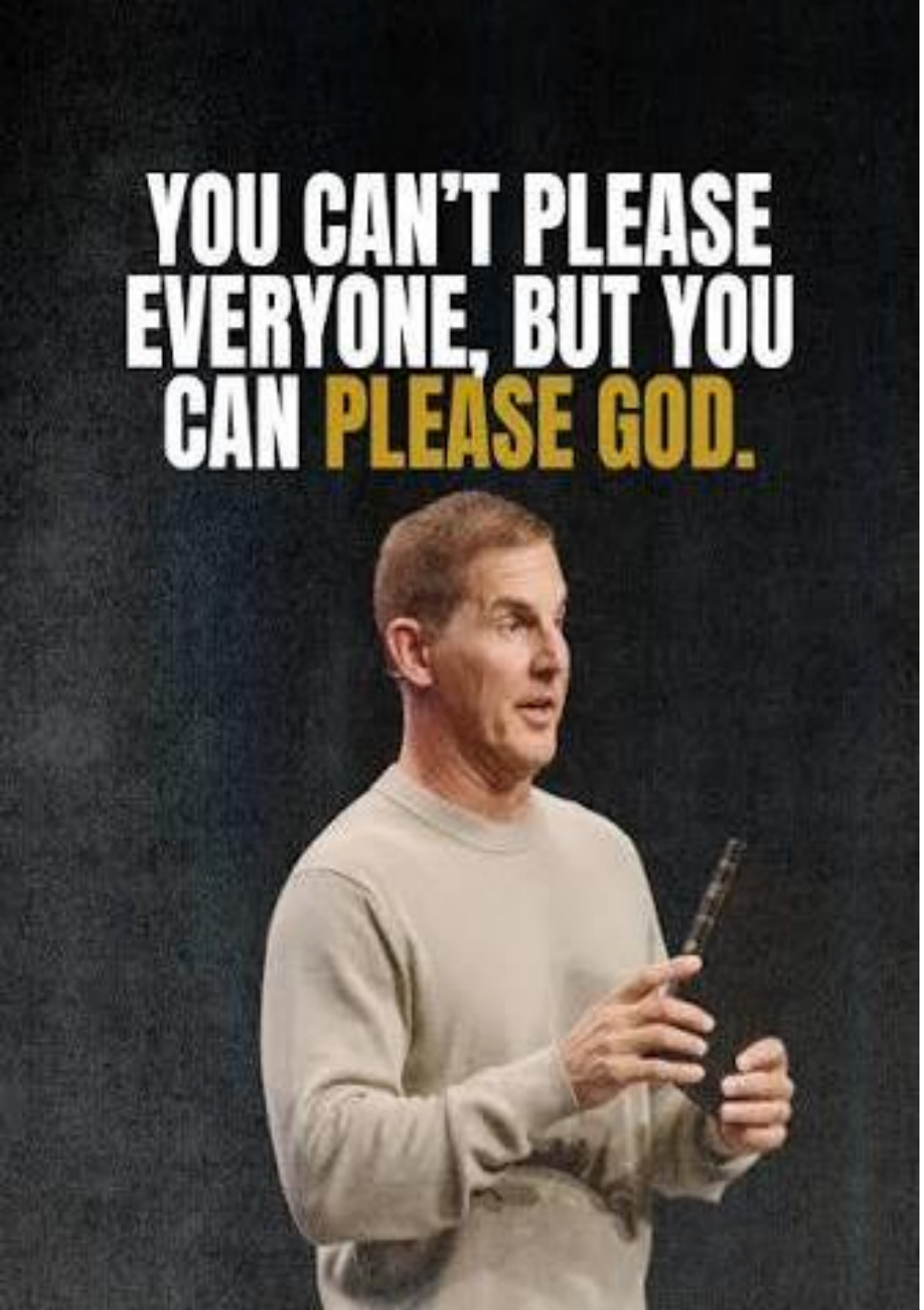
Usually bothers us in some degree.

Makes us doubt / wonder if it's ok or right.

The question usually comes from their own projection, curiosity, or a desire to impose their ideas / opinion on us.

People prefer norms and predictability in our actions.

What we wear What we say What we do



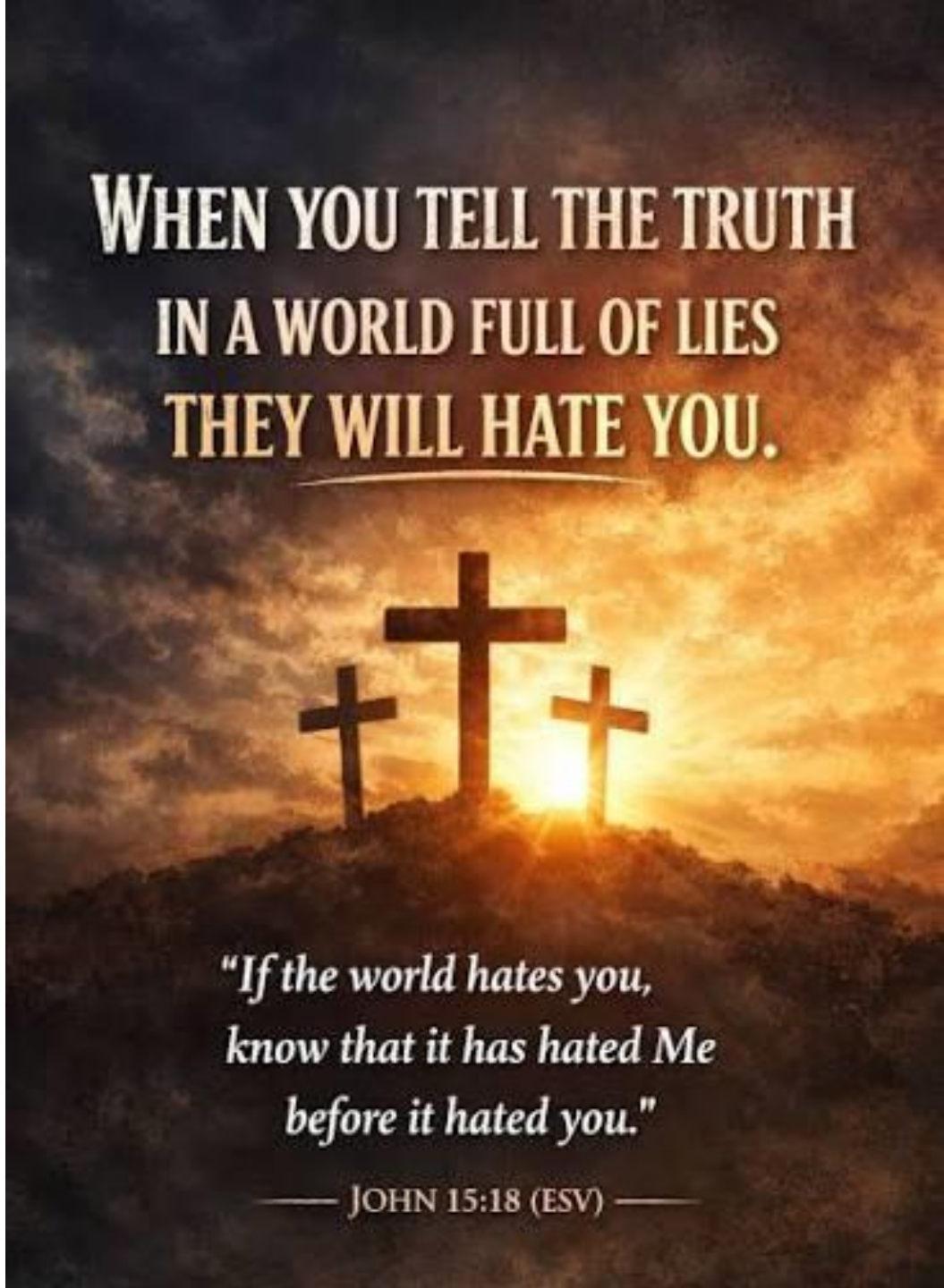
We Don't Want to be Questioned

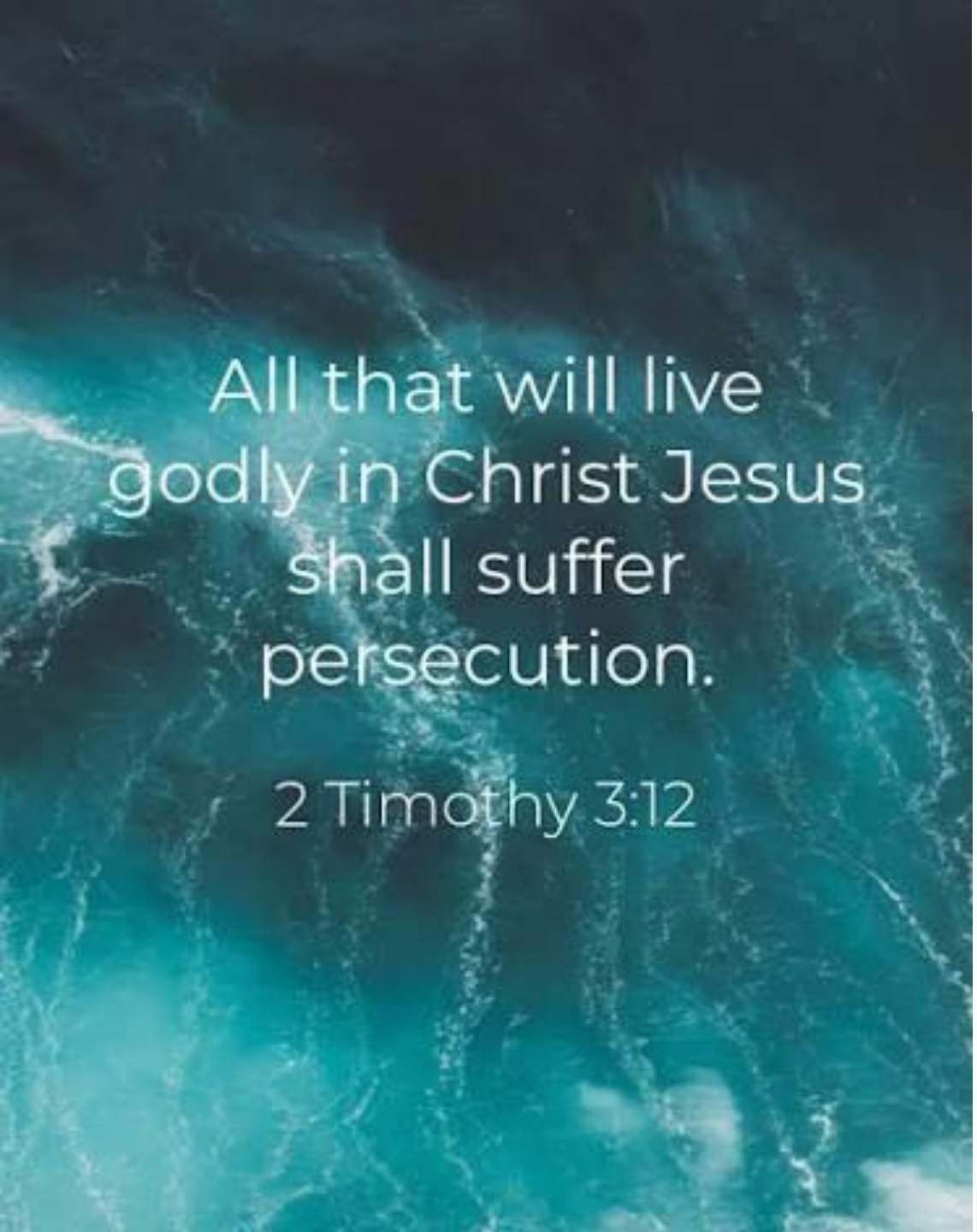
We want to be a disciple of Jesus, but we also want to fit in with the world.

Galatians 1:10, Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Jesus Warns Us
To Actually Expect Hate!

John 15:18-19, If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

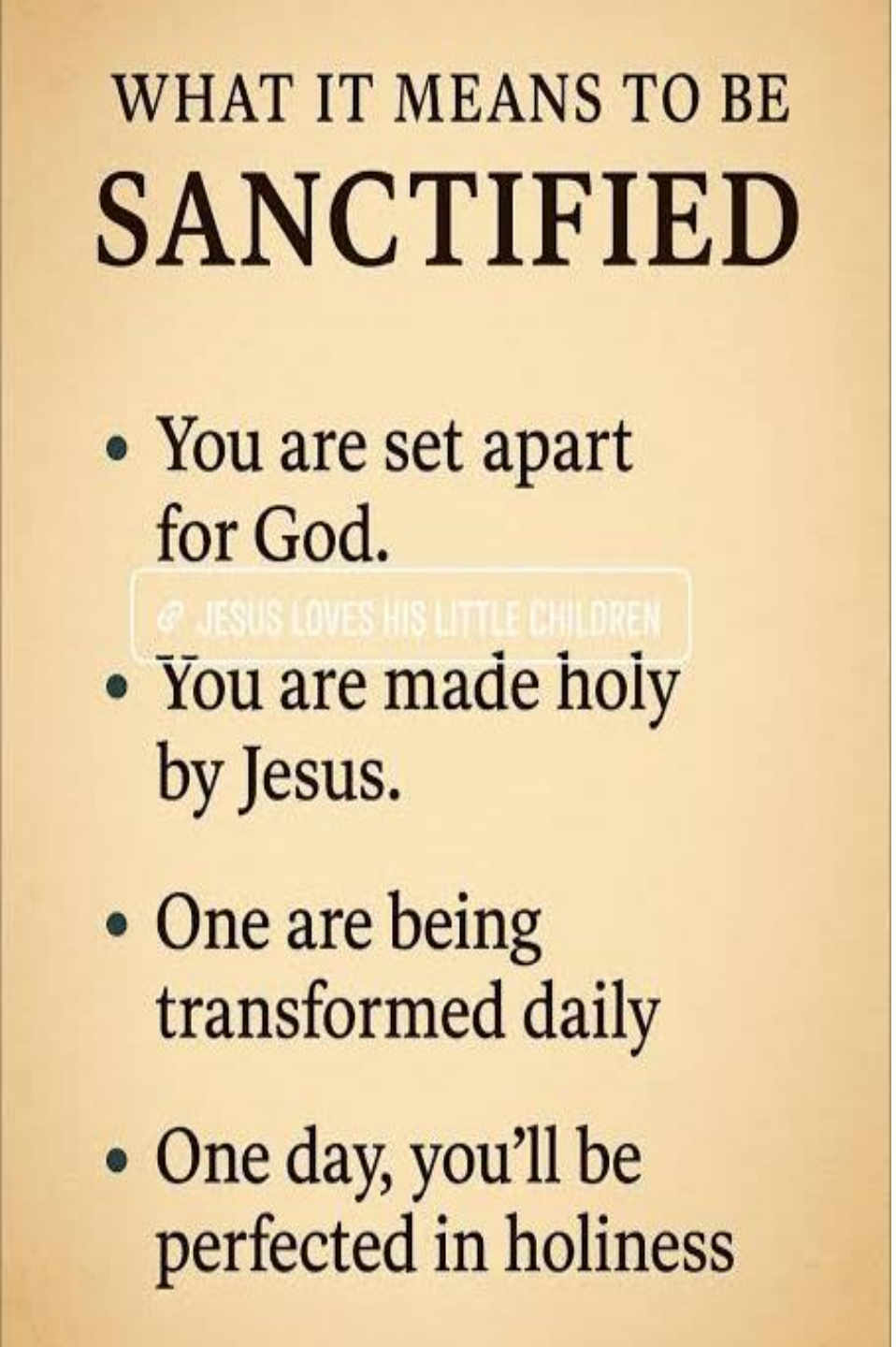




Jesus Warns Us
Disciples Will Be Persecuted and Rejected

Matthew 10:22–23, You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

John 15:20, A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.

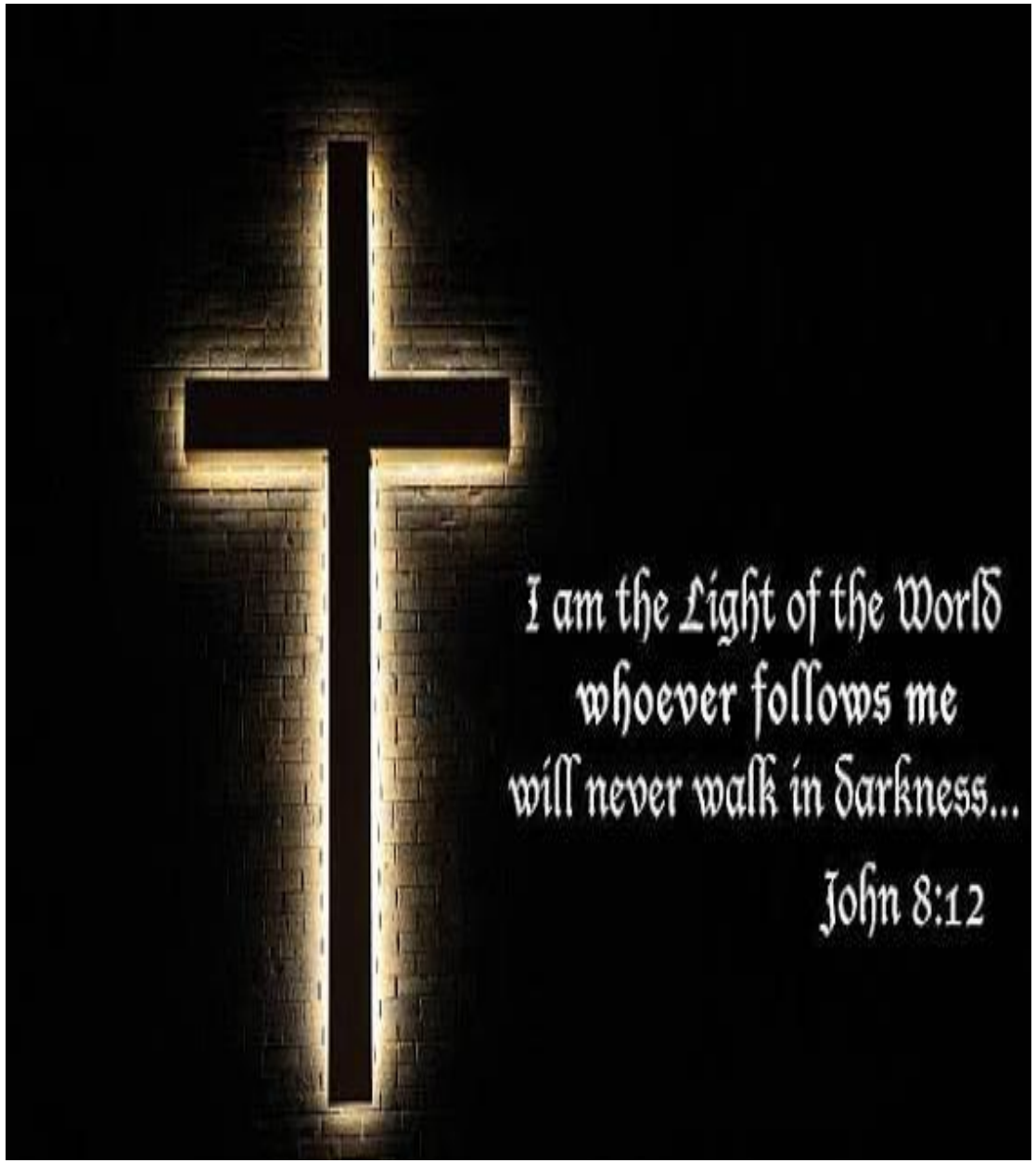


Why Prepare Us With Warnings?

1. Sanctification

Jesus sets us apart from worldly values, systems, communication, and behavior.

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Prepared With Warnings

2. Darkness Hates the Light

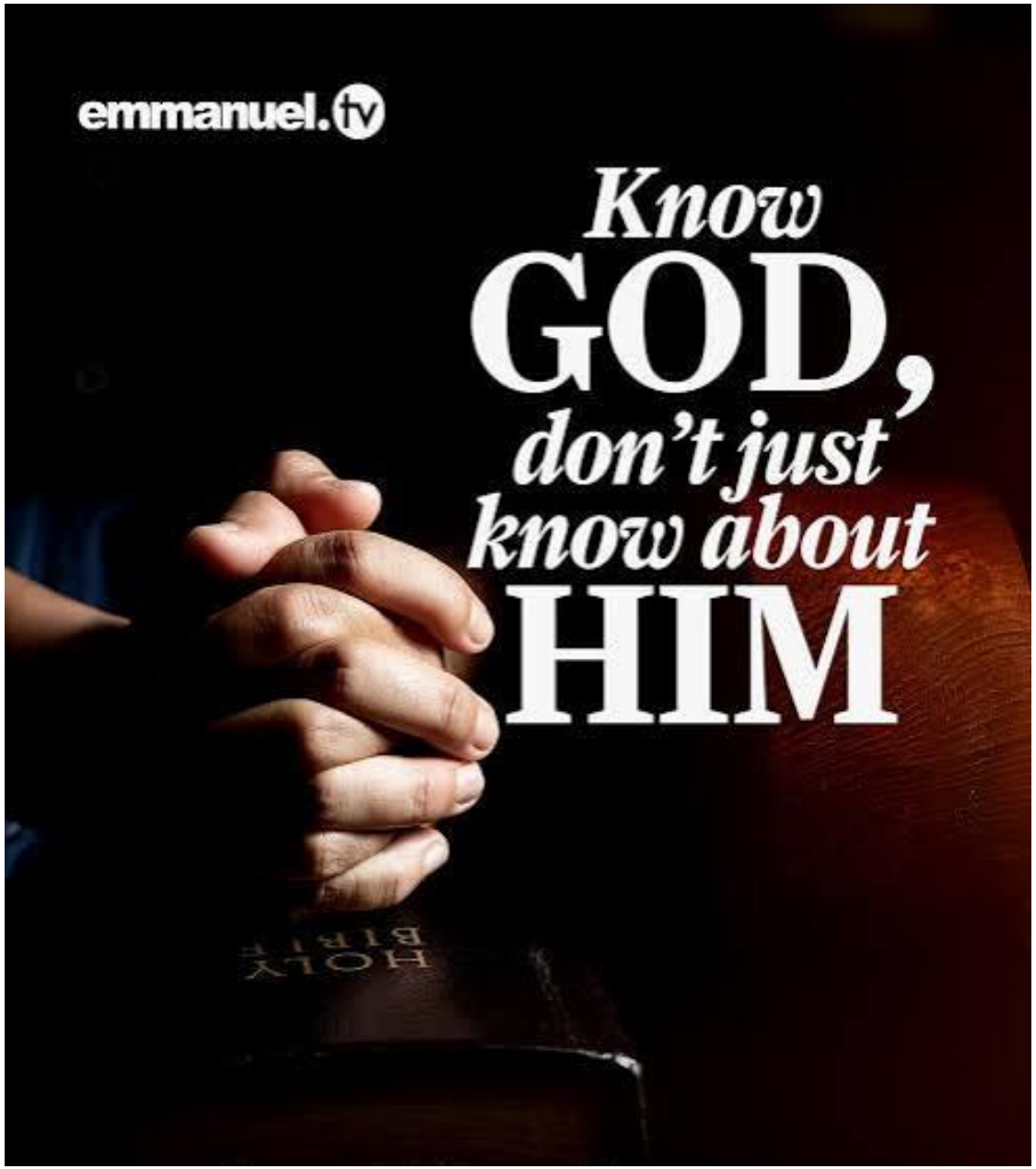
John 3: 19 – 20, And this is the judgement: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works are evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

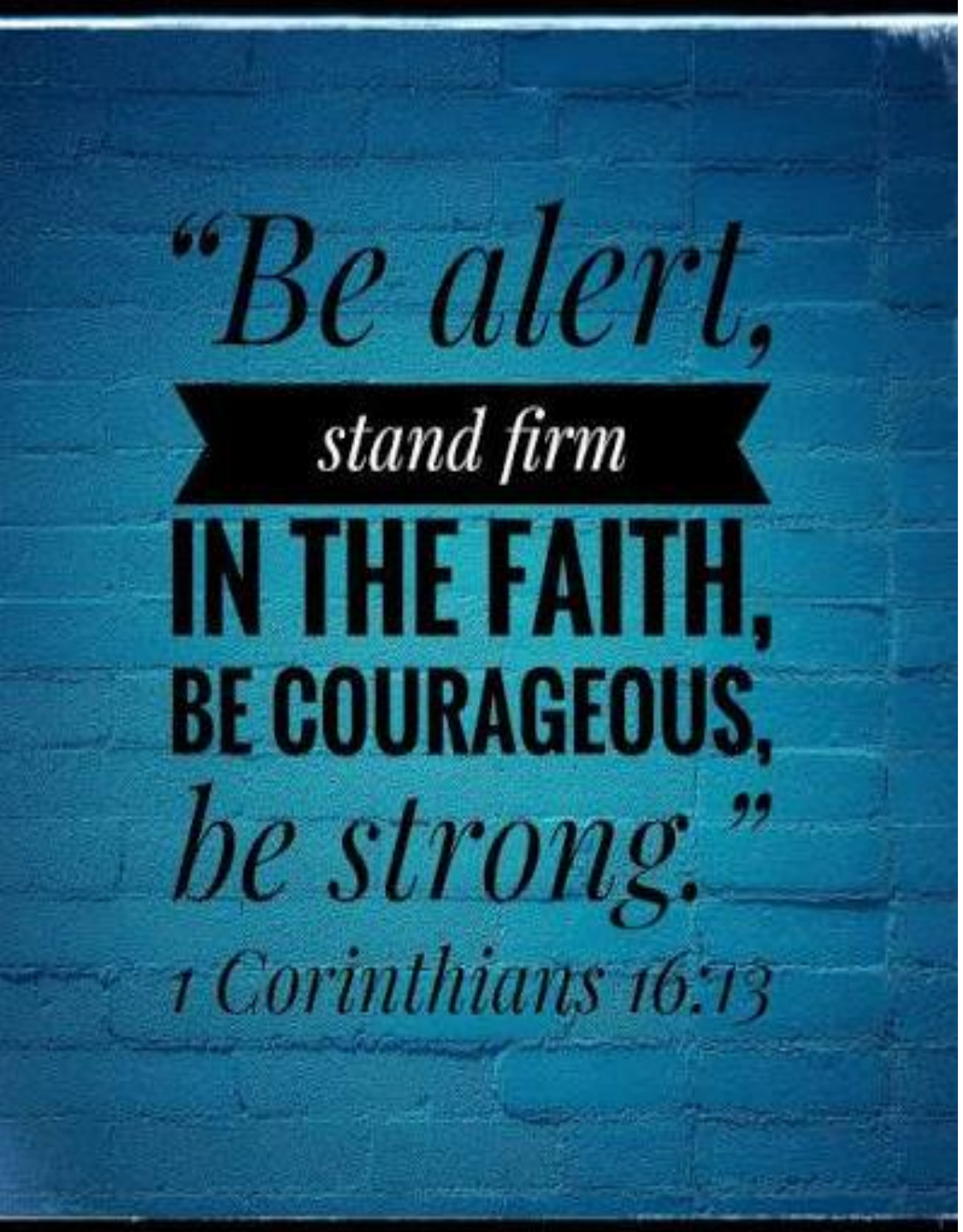
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3. People Don’t Know God

Persecution and rejection happen on account of the name of Jesus because the world does not truly know Him.

John 15:21, But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know Him who sent me.



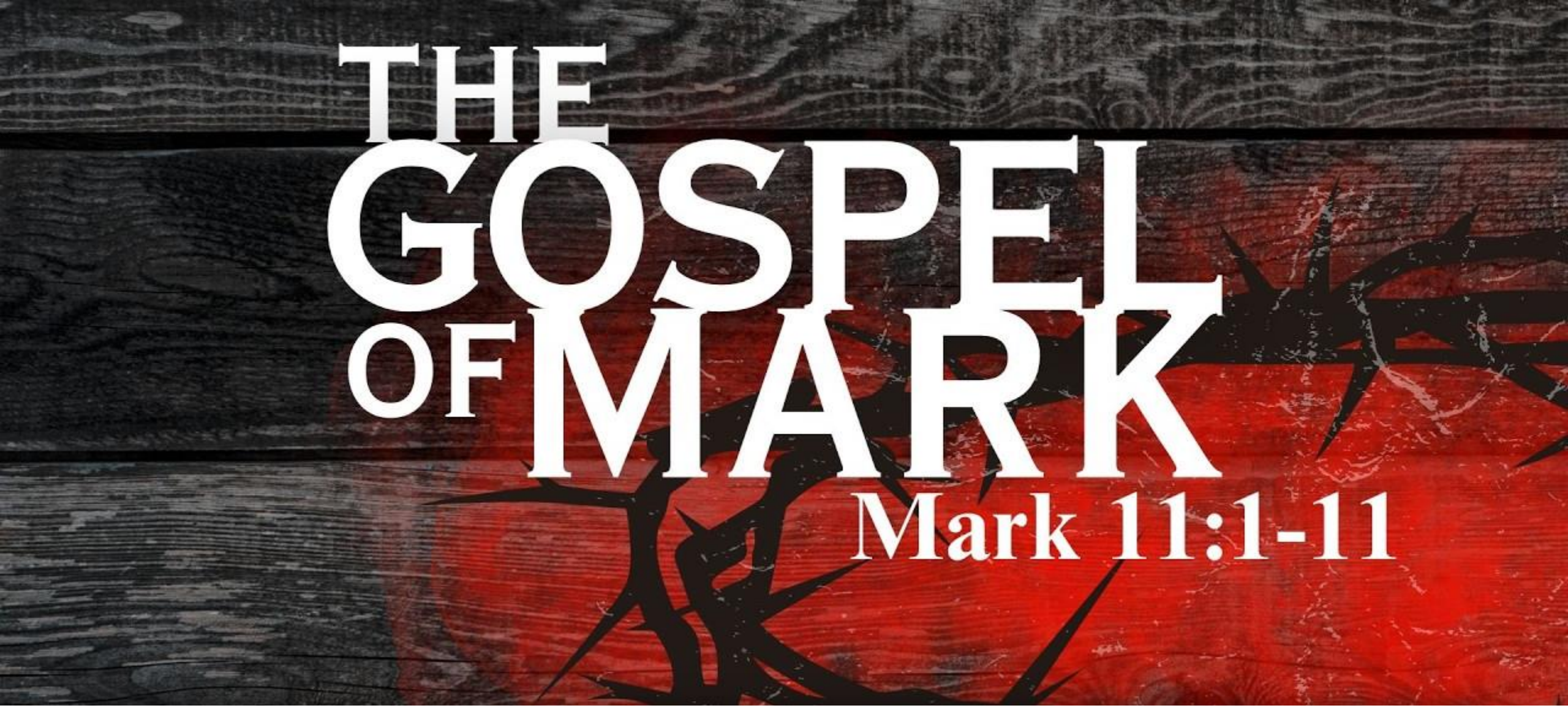


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4. To Help Us Stand Firm

We remain loyal and unyielding in your trust and obedience to Jesus regardless of trials, doubts, or opposition.

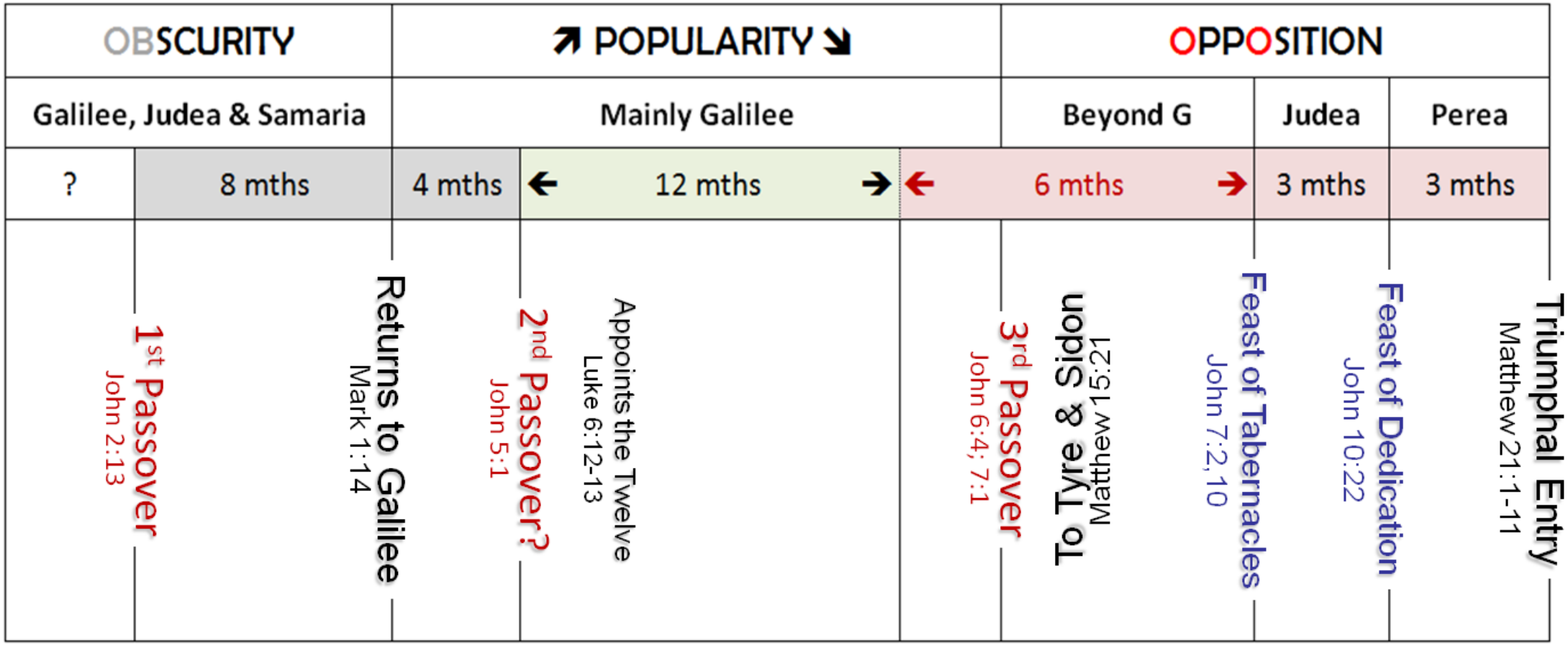
1st Corinthians 15: 58,
Therefore, my beloved bothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



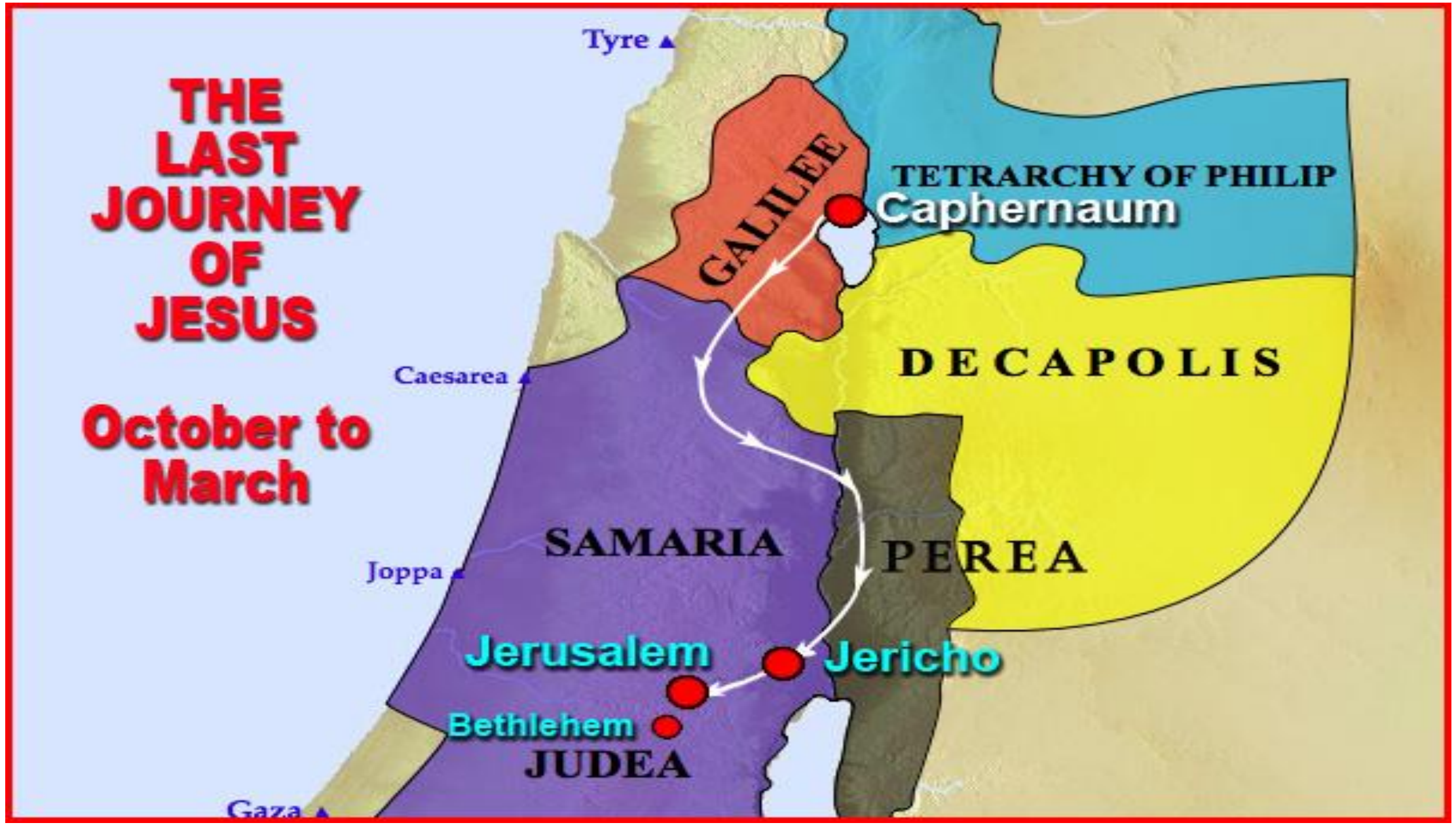
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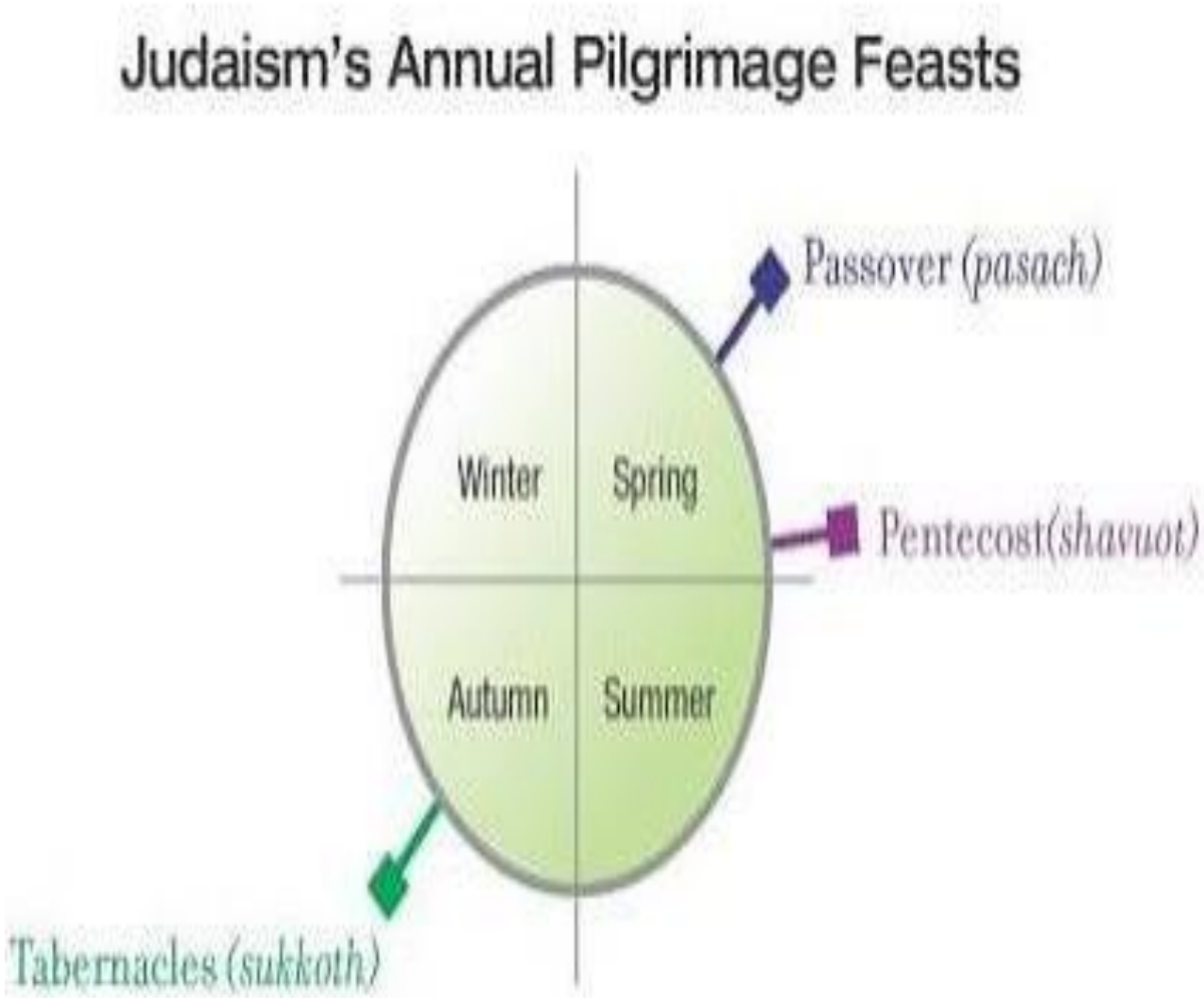
Mark 11 – 15

Oppositional Stage of Ministry of Jesus



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THE LAST JOURNEY OF JESUS
October to March
Tyre
GALILEE
TETRARCHY OF PHILIP
Caphernaum
DECAPOLIS
Caesarea
SAMARIA
PEREA
Joppa
Jerusalem
Jericho
Bethlehem
JUDEA
Gaza



Context of Mark 11 #1

Feast of Unleavened Bread:

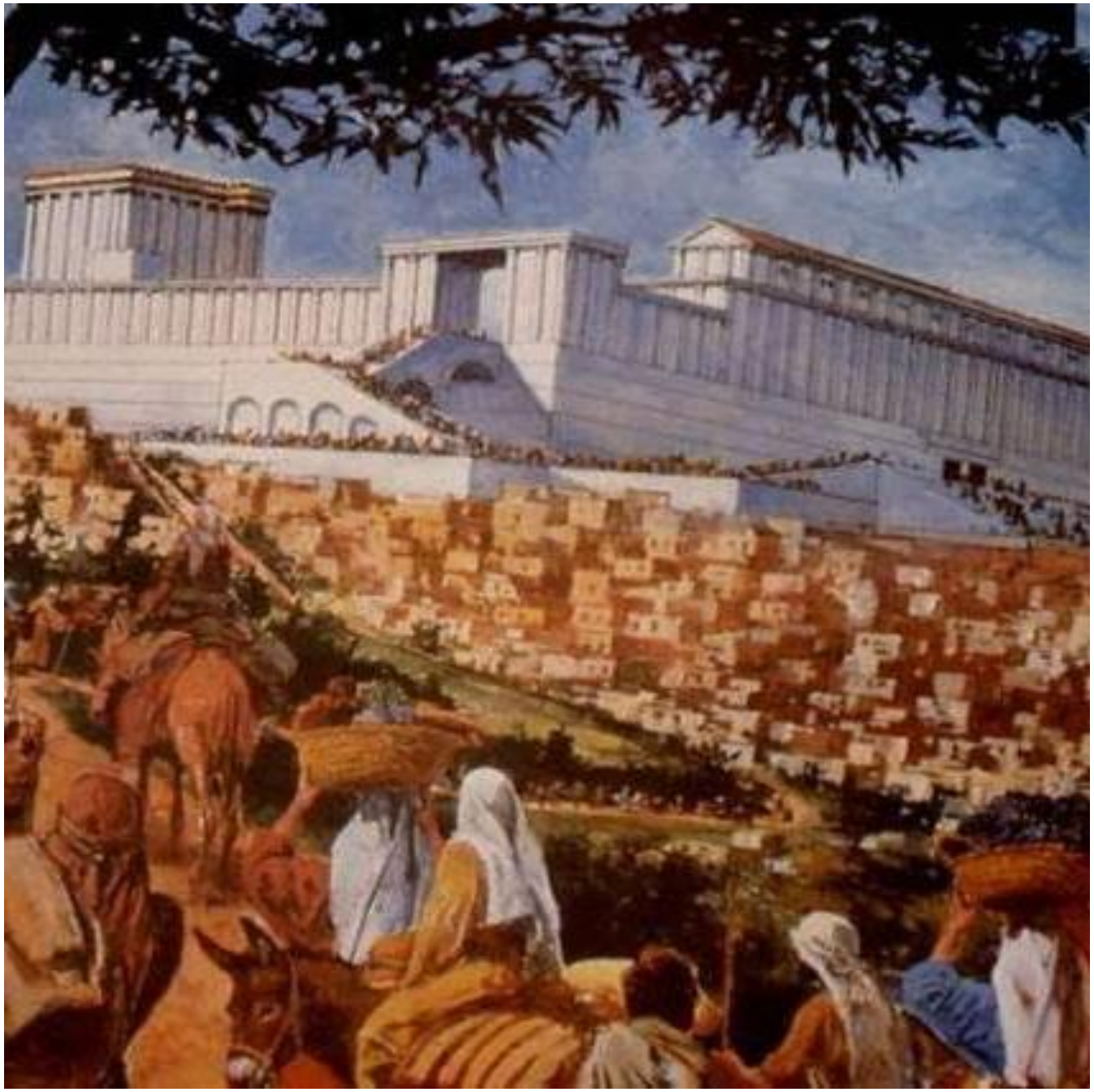
The 1st Jewish spring festival includes Passover, the celebration of God freeing Israelites from Egypt.

Passover was one of 3 annual pilgrimage festivals.

Context of Mark 11 #2

This Pilgrimage was also **Start of Passion Week:**

Jesus arrives in the Jerusalem area for his final public confrontations with religious authorities.



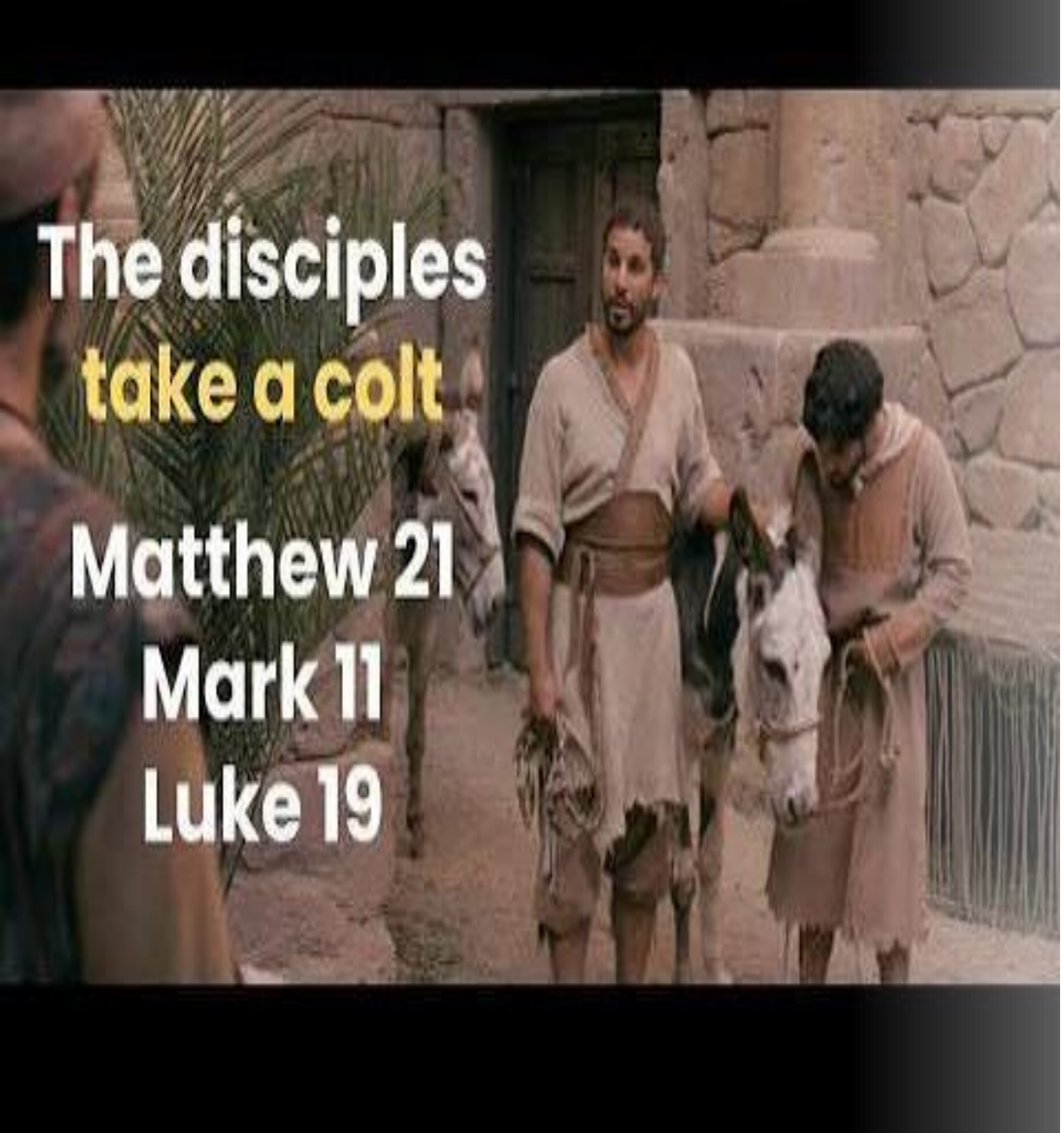
Context of Mark 11 #3

This Passover was Electric

500,000 additional people

Nationalistic Messiah: The people hoped Jesus would overthrow Roman rule.





Mark 11: 1- 2

The Abnormal Request

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethpage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat..” Untie it and bring it.

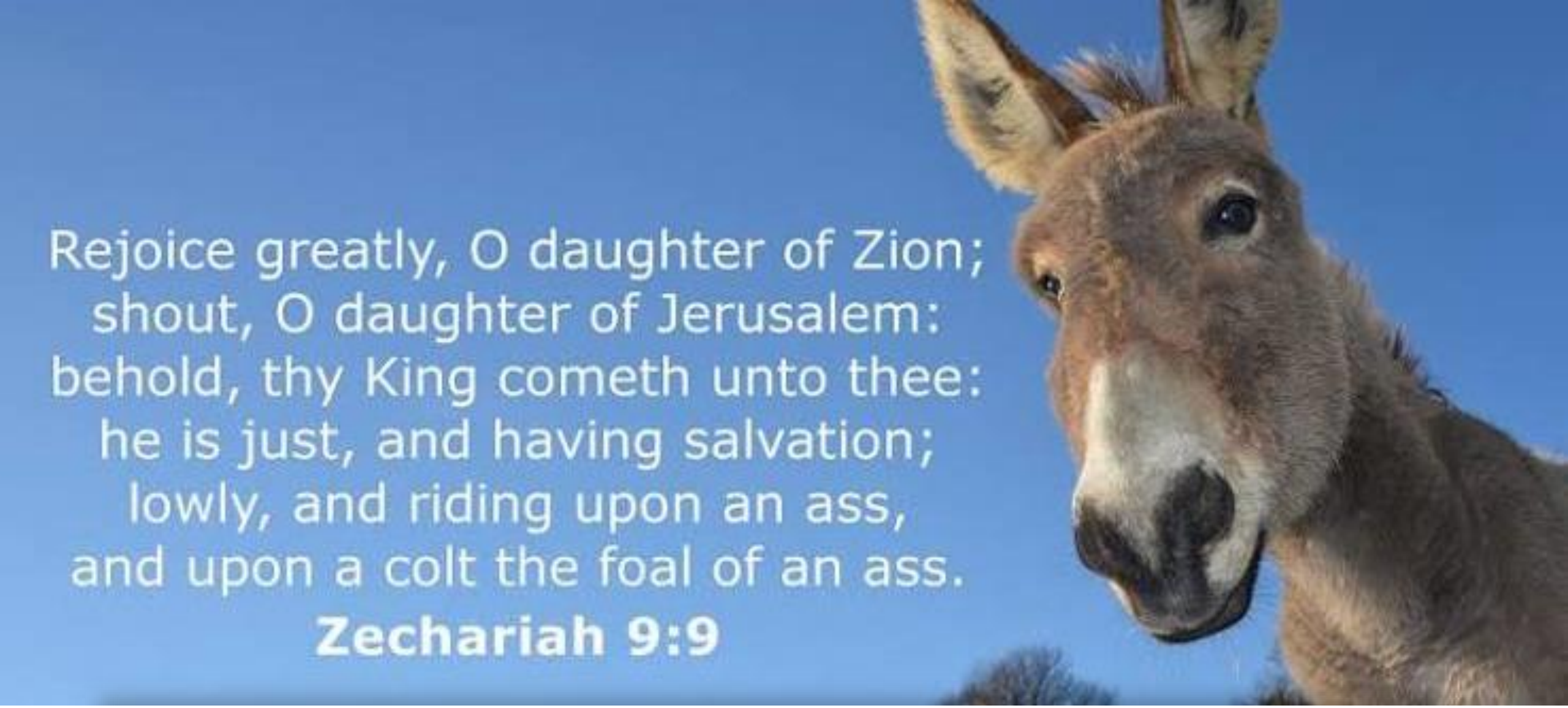
The Colt

Colt: baby donkey not ridden yet.

Donkey: animal of the common people

Prophecy Fulfilled: Donkey ridden by Jesus

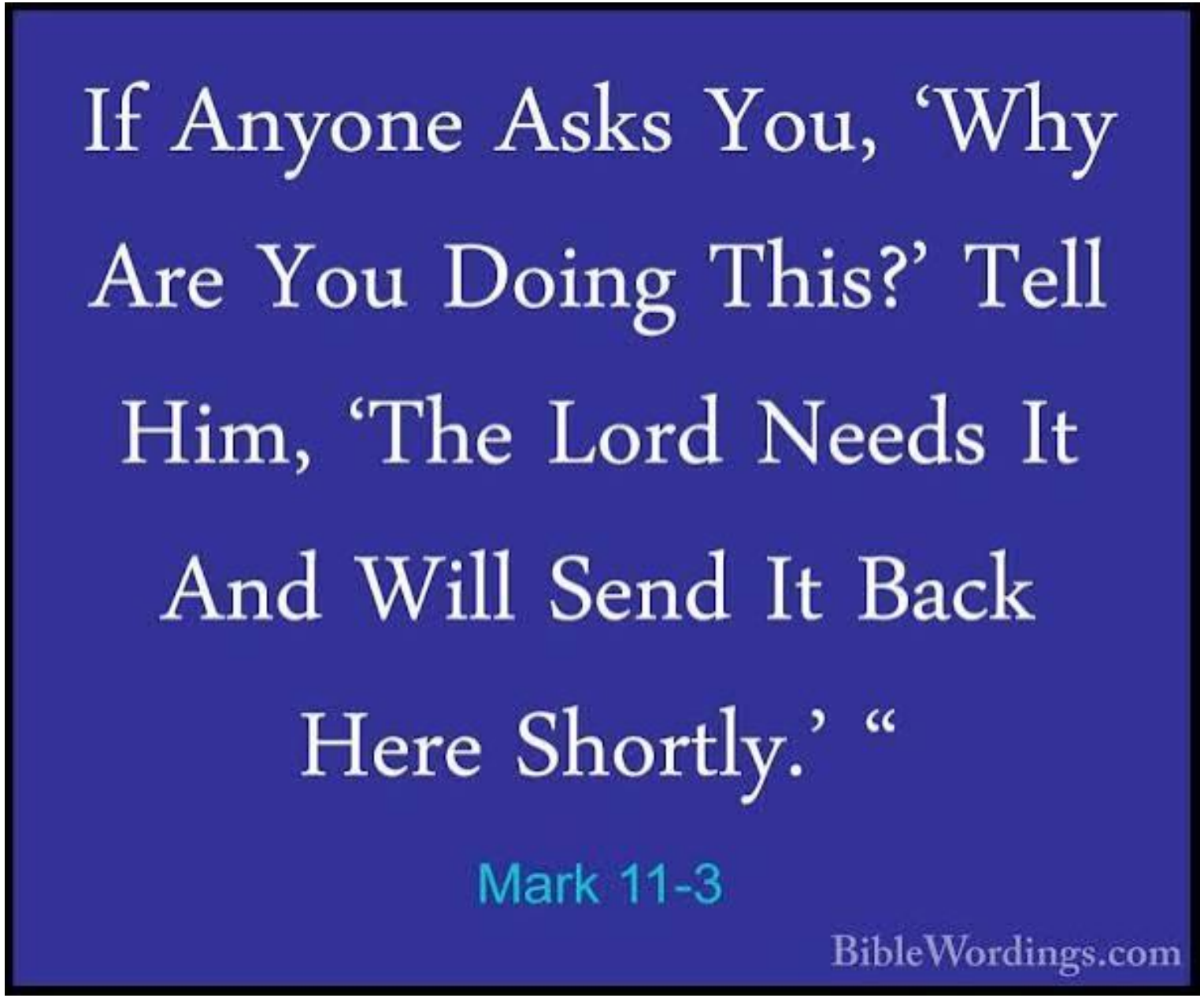


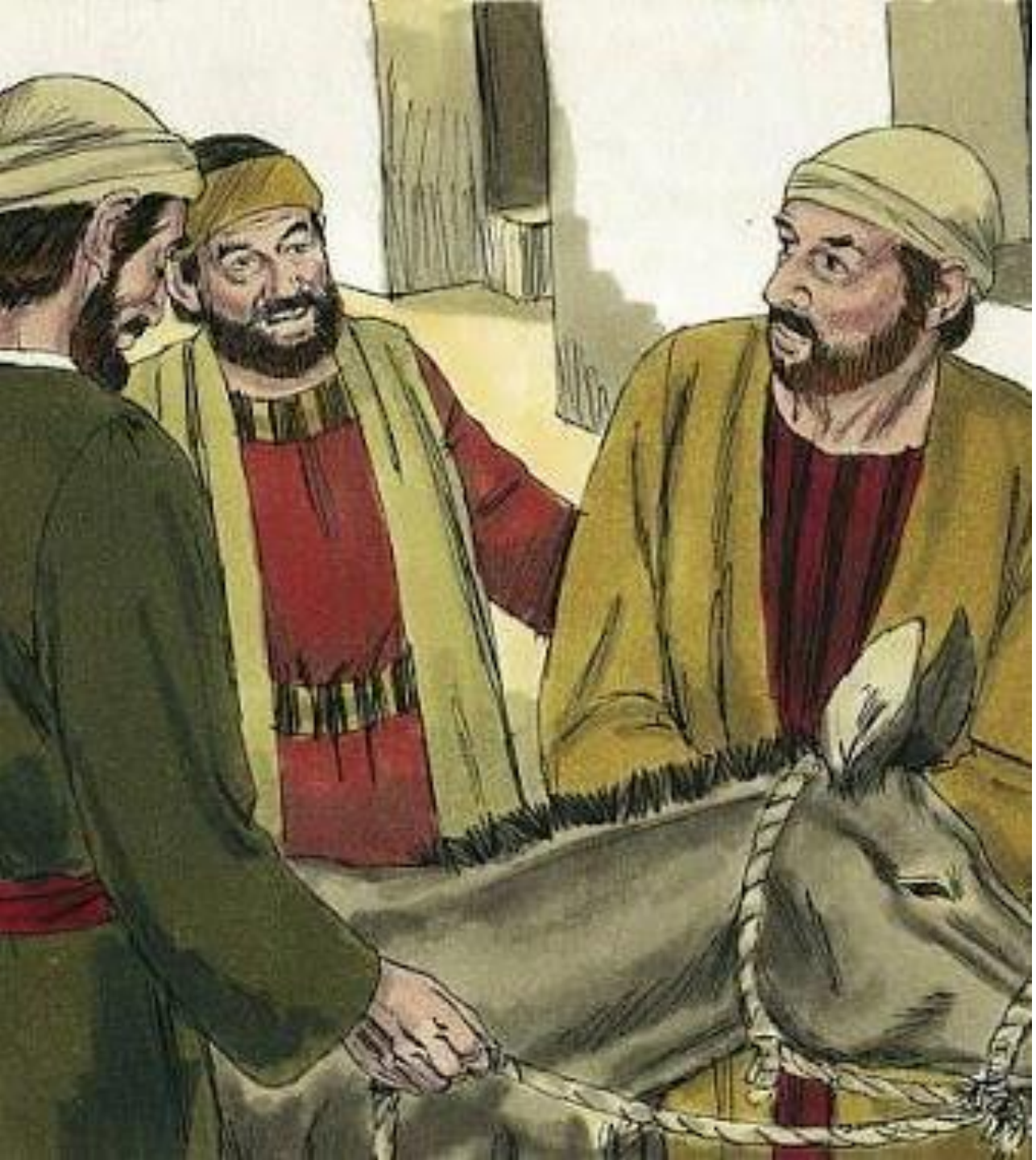


Recorded 500+ Years Earlier

Mark 11: 3

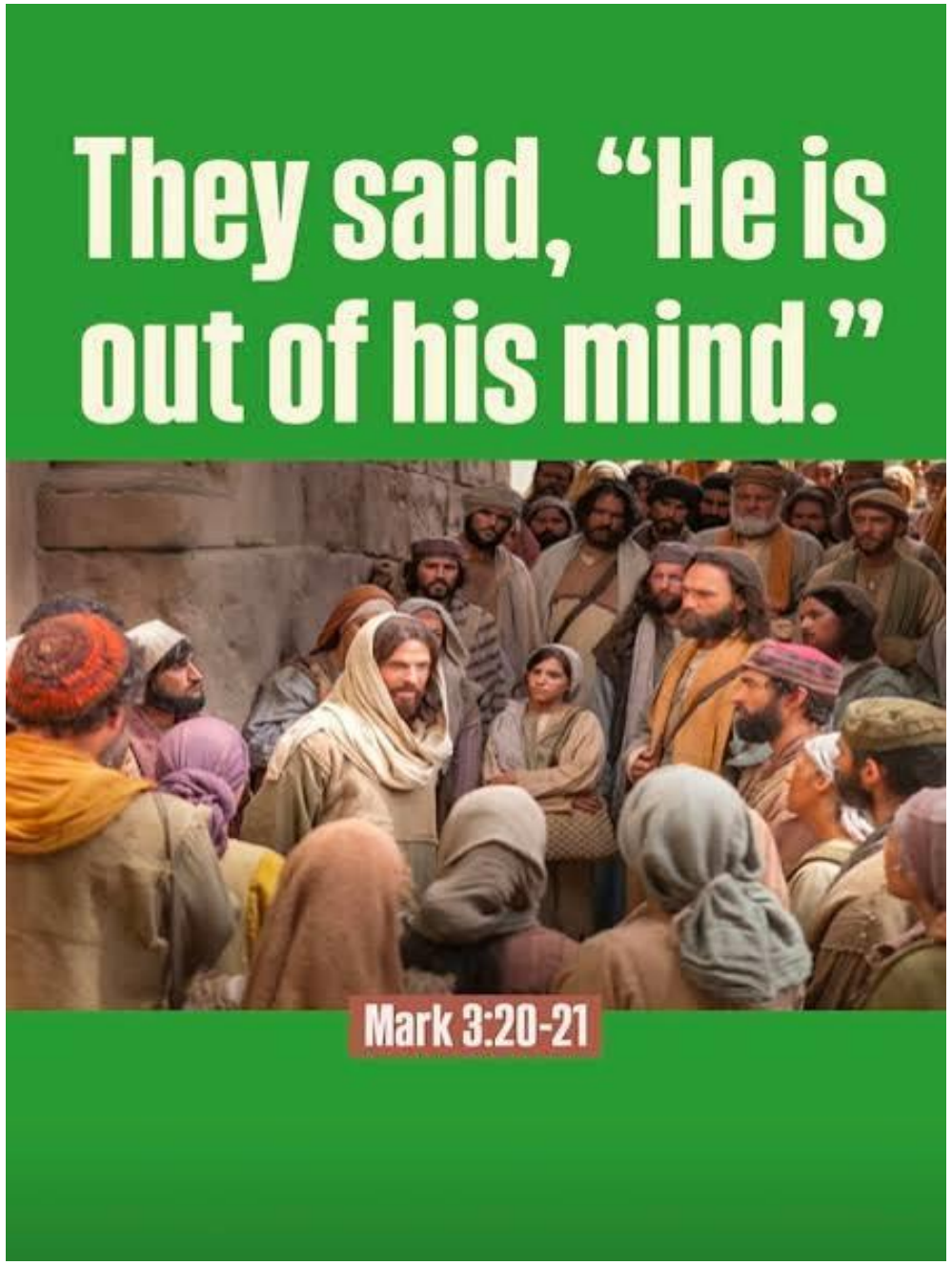
The Reflective Question from Jesus





Mark 11: 4 – 5
Abnormal Request Works

And the disciples went away and found the colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus has said, and they let them go.

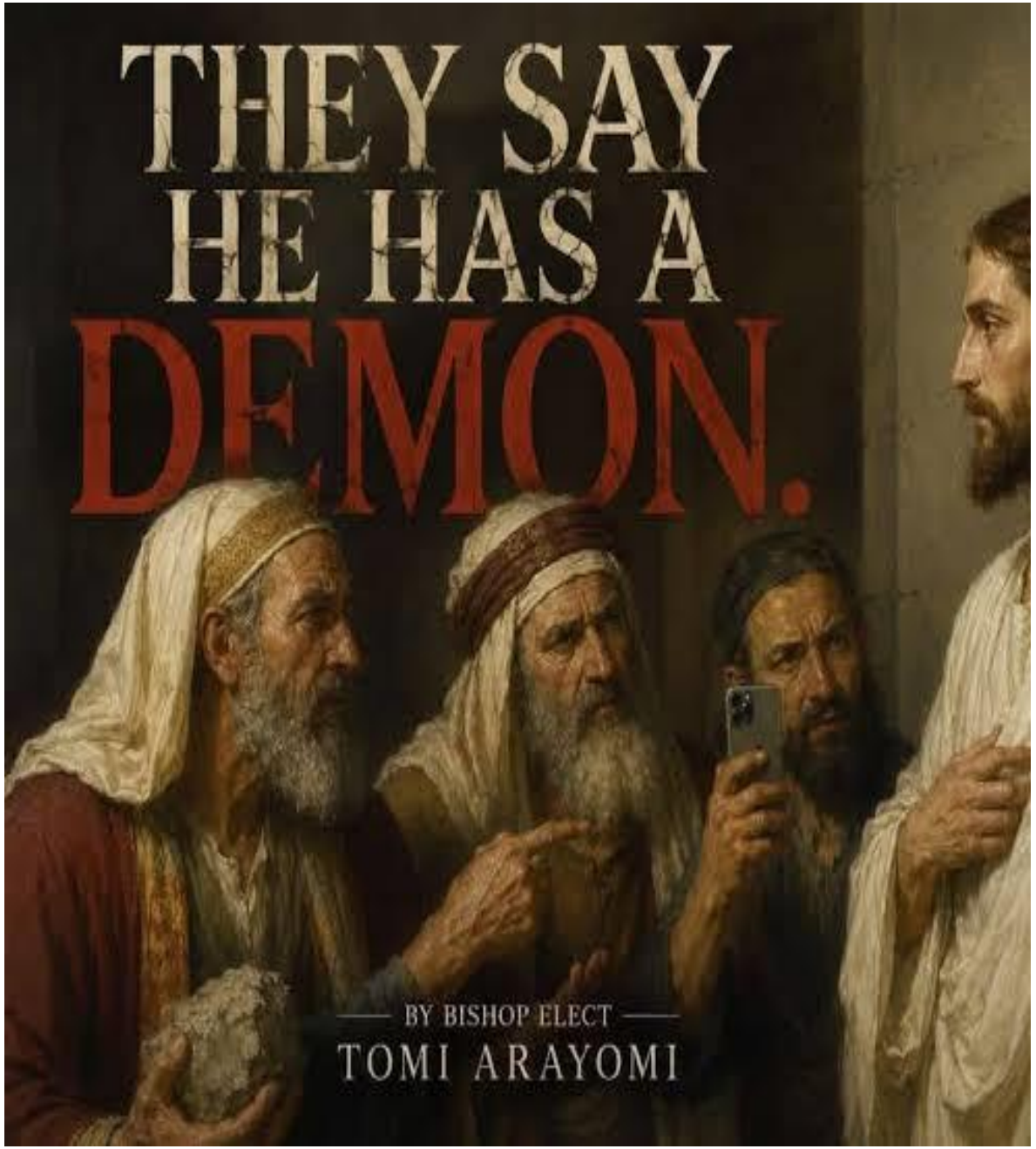


Abnormality of Jesus Constantly Questioned

Mark 3: 20 – 21, Then Jesus went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

Abnormality of Jesus Constantly Questioned

John 10:19 - 20, …I have authority to lay my life down or to take it up again. This charge I have from my Father. There was again division among the Jews because of these words. Many of them said, “He has **a demon, and is insane**, why listen to him?”



If We Really Live for Jesus
We Will be Abnormal

The World will think we are foolish and crazy!

1st Corinthians 1:18, For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

2nd Corinthians 5:13, If we are **"out of our mind,"** as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

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Abnormal Teachings From Jesus!

1. **Loving Everybody – even our enemies**

Matthew 5: 44, Bless those who curse you, pray for those who persecute you, and turn the other cheek.

The World: protect yourself, keep score, retaliate against wrongs, and write off people who hate or harm you.

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2. <u>Generosity and Giving</u>

Mathew 6: 19 – 20, It is more blessed to give than to receive; sell your possessions and give to the poor; lay up treasures in heaven.

The World: Accumulate wealth, guard your resources, look out for number one, and measure success by what you hoard or achieve.

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3. Servant Leadership

Mark 9: 35, If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.

The World: Climb the ladder, exercise authority over others, and make sure people know your rank or title.

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4. Limitless Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21, Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as

The World: Forgive once, maybe twice, but never forget and make the other person earn your love or trust again.

JESUS CLAIMED TO BE THE SON OF GOD.

IS HE THE LORD, A LIAR, OR A LUNATIC?

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

C.S. Lewis

