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The Gospel of Luke 19:1-10



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE





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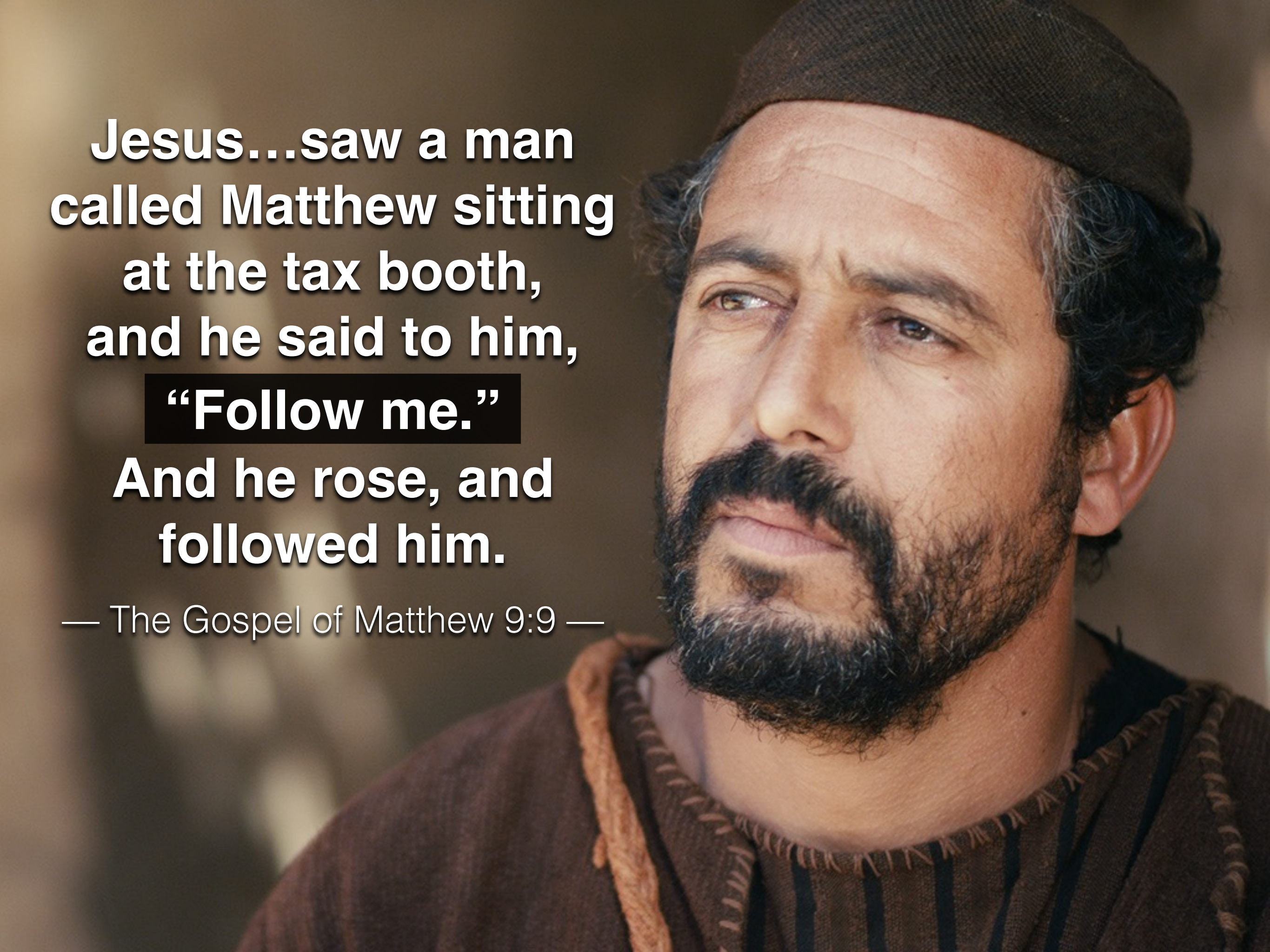
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Tax collectors were despised, filthy-rich, traitorous thugs.



**Jesus...saw a man
called Matthew sitting
at the tax booth,
and he said to him,**

“Follow me.”

**And he rose, and
followed him.**

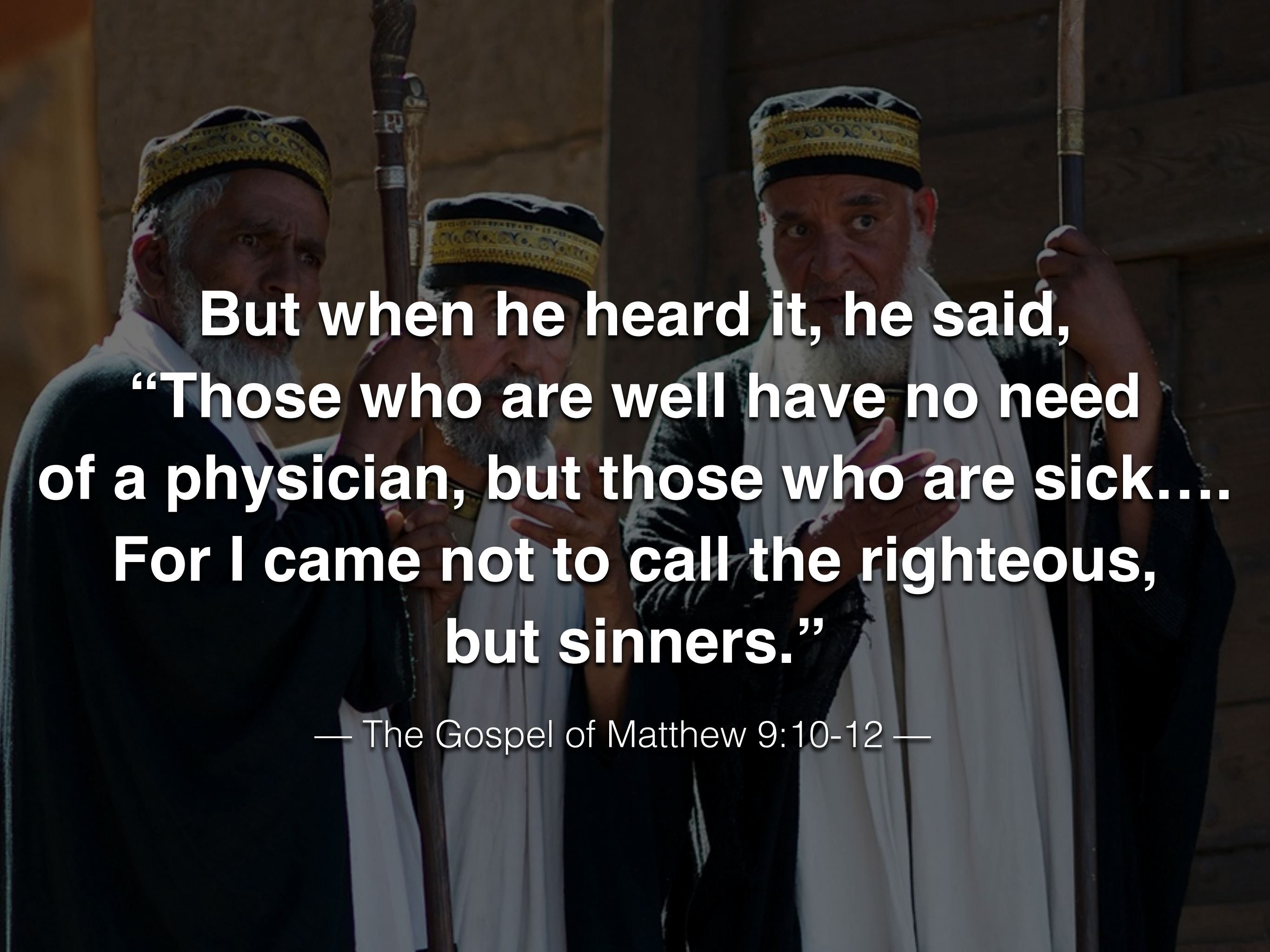
— The Gospel of Matthew 9:9 —



And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.



And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”



**But when he heard it, he said,
“Those who are well have no need
of a physician, but those who are sick....
For I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners.”**

— The Gospel of Matthew 9:10-12 —

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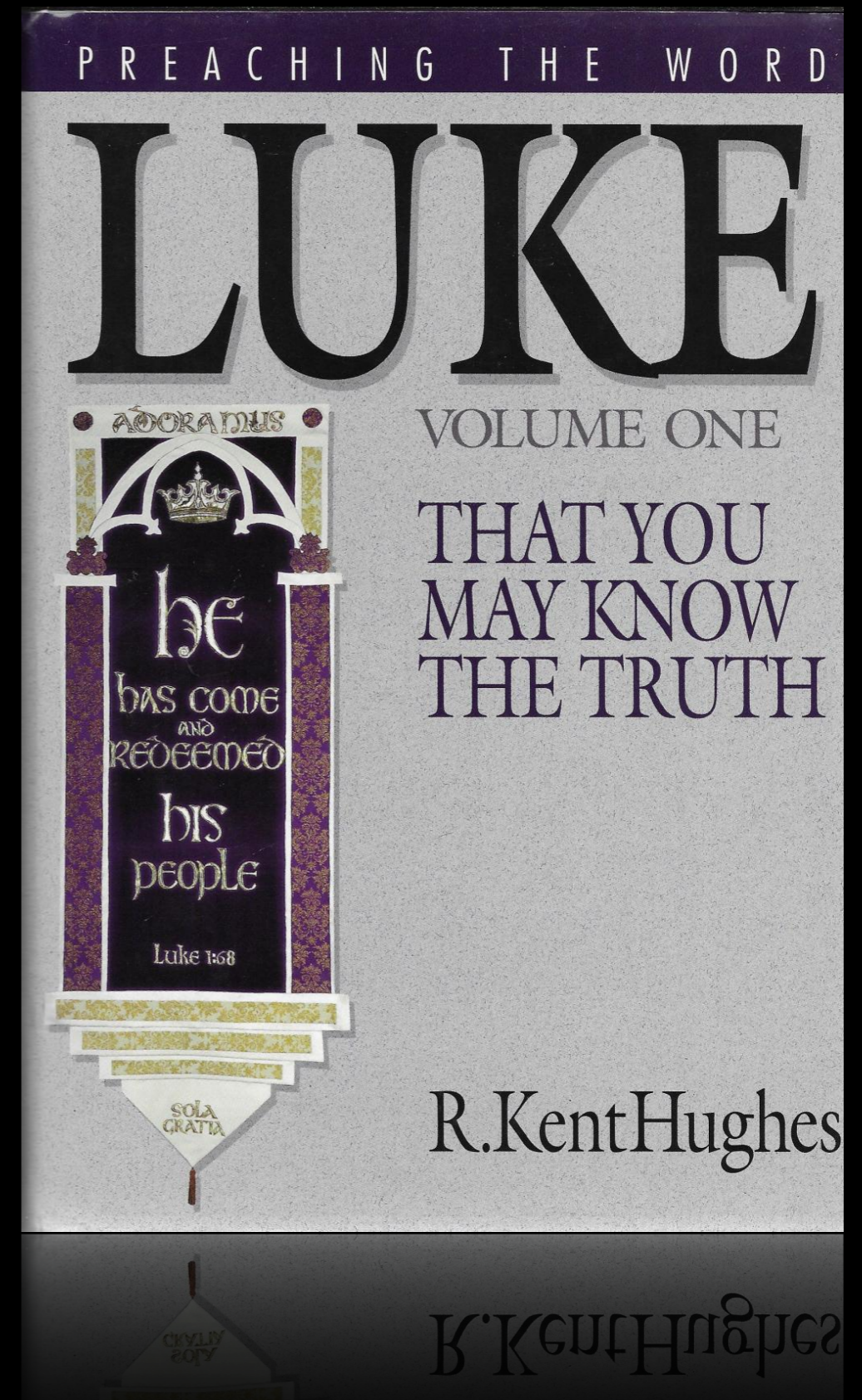
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How difficult it is for those who have **wealth** to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a **rich** person to enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus of Nazareth
The Gospel of Luke 18:24-25

**He was the kingpin
of the Jericho tax
cartel and had the
scruples of a
modern-day crack
dealer. He was filthy
rich in the fullest
sense of the term.**



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3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. **4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass by.**





“...he was seeking to see who Jesus was....”

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“it is necessary...”

“I have to....”

R.C. SPROUL

THE SON OF MAN

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There was an urgency behind Jesus' words. He was saying, "It is imperative that I come to your house."

Important Point

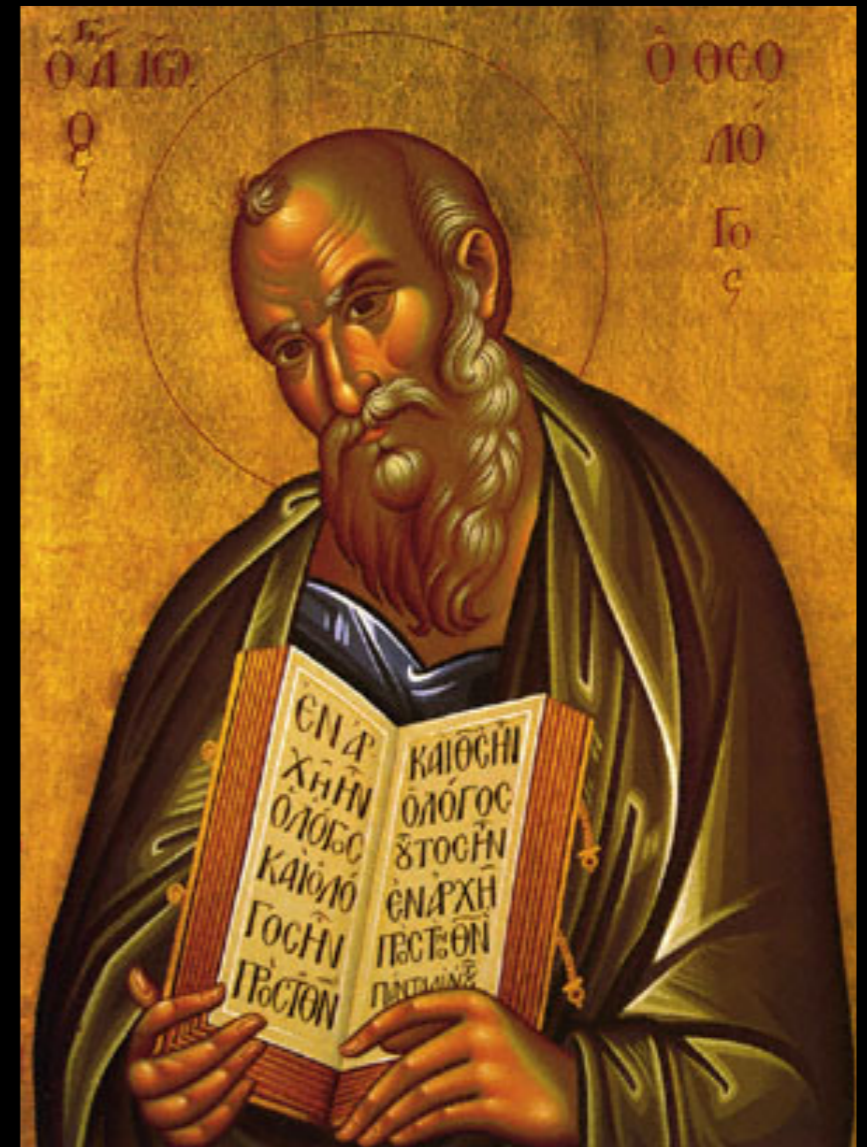
**Long before you ever
became interested in Jesus,
Jesus was already
deeply interested in you.**

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**6 So he hurried and came down and
received him joyfully.**

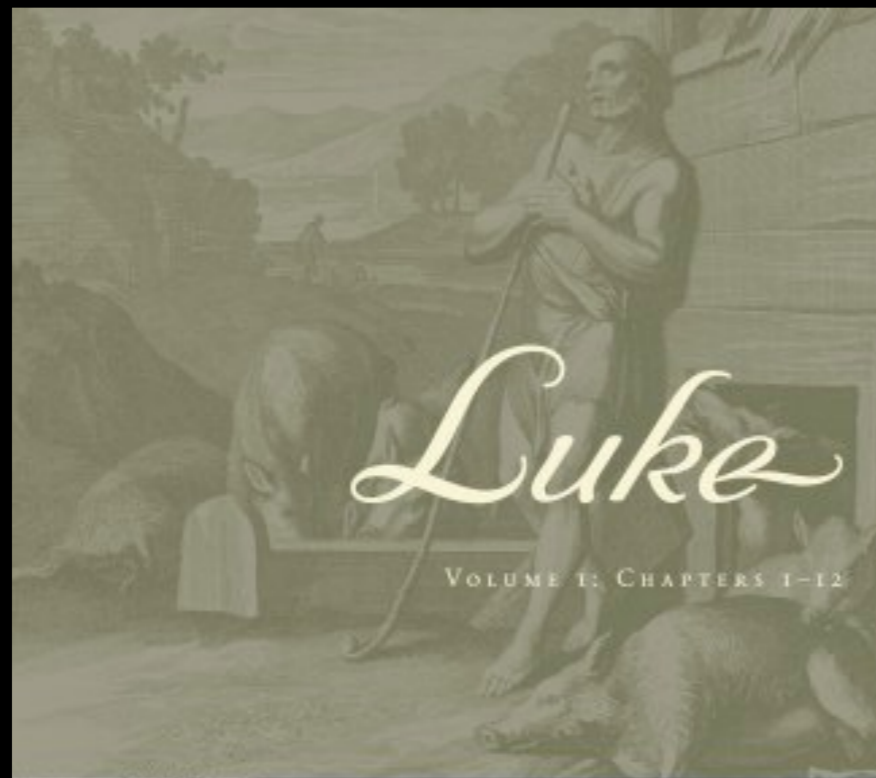
**...to all who did receive him,
to those who believed in his
name, he gave the right to
become children of God.**

The Apostle John
The Gospel of John 1:12



**Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He has granted me forgiveness
I am His, and He is mine
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!**



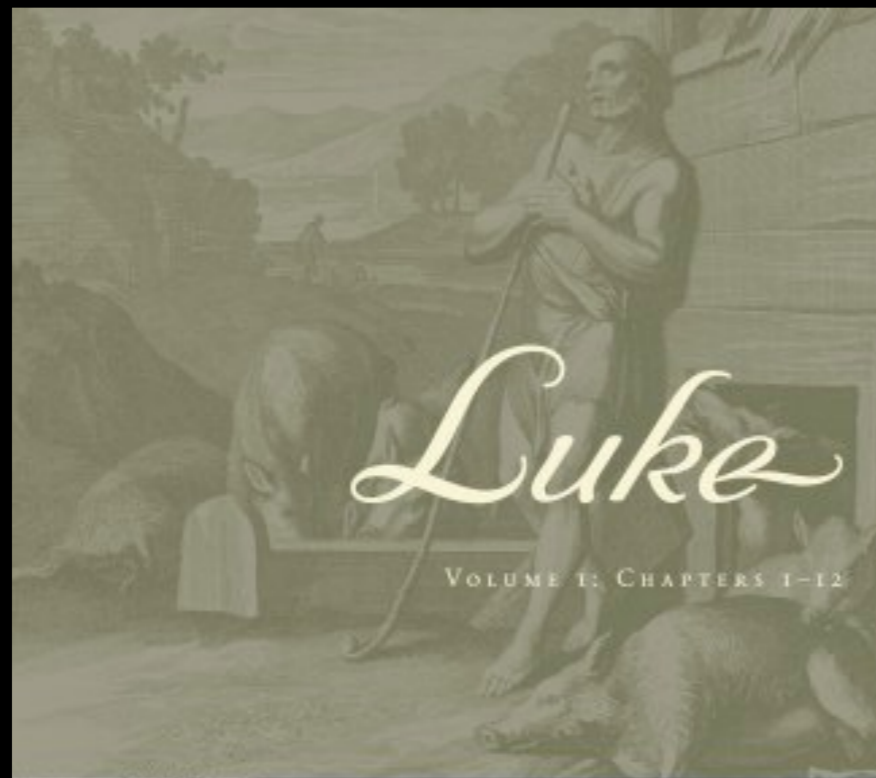


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It was the ultimate divine appointment. Zacchaeus did not stop for Jesus; Jesus stopped for Zacchaeus. He even called him by name, as if he had known him from all eternity....

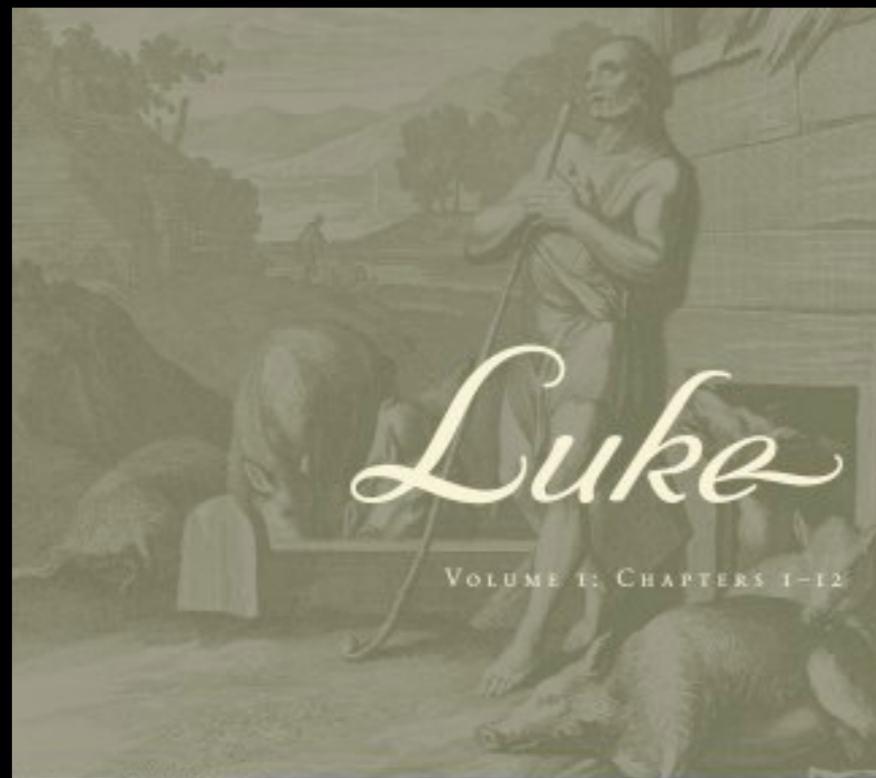


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Jesus was on a divine mission; he had come to seek and to save the lost. To that end, he invited himself over for dinner....



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**This is the way
Jesus saves lost
sinners: he does it
by walking right
into our lives,
even uninvited.**

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6 So he hurried and came down and **received him joyfully.** **8** And when they saw it, they all grumbled, **“He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”**



The entire crowd has now taken on the attitude of the religious leaders.



**Wouldn't you like
to have heard the
conversation
between Jesus
and Zacchaeus
inside the house?**

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9 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord....,

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9 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

**The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
“If anyone sins and commits a breach
of faith against the LORD by deceiving
his neighbor...through robbery, or if he
has oppressed his neighbor...if he has
sinned and has realized his guilt and will
restore what he took through robbery or
what he got by oppression...he shall
restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it.**

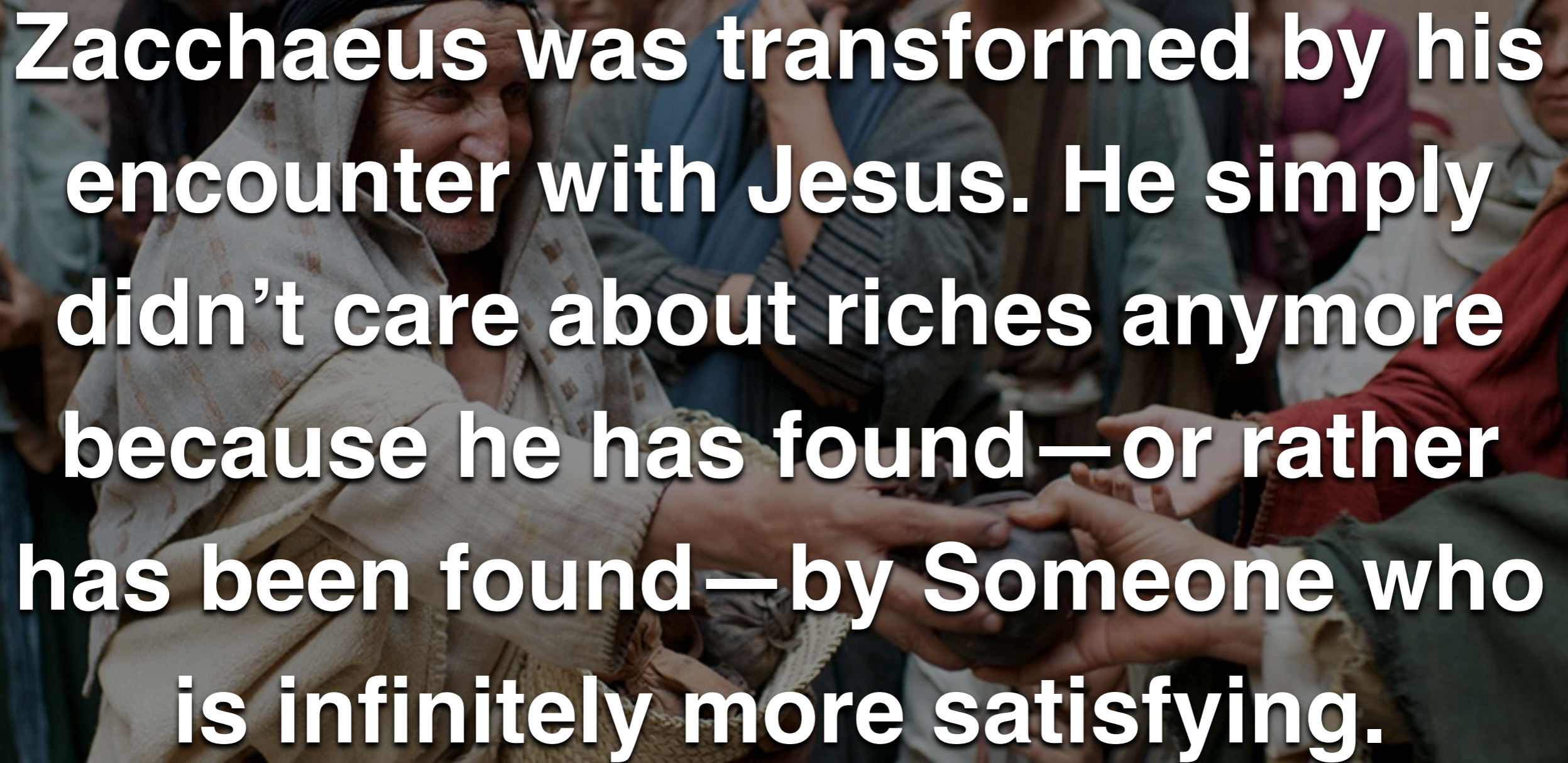
— Leviticus 6:1-5 —

**...they should repent
and turn to God,
performing deeds
in keeping with their
repentance.**

The Apostle Paul
— Acts 26:20 —





A group of people in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including head coverings and robes. In the foreground, a man in a light-colored robe and dark head covering is holding a small, dark, round object. He is looking towards the right. Other people are visible in the background, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The scene is set outdoors against a plain, light-colored wall.

Zacchaeus was transformed by his encounter with Jesus. He simply didn't care about riches anymore because he has found—or rather has been found—by Someone who is infinitely more satisfying.

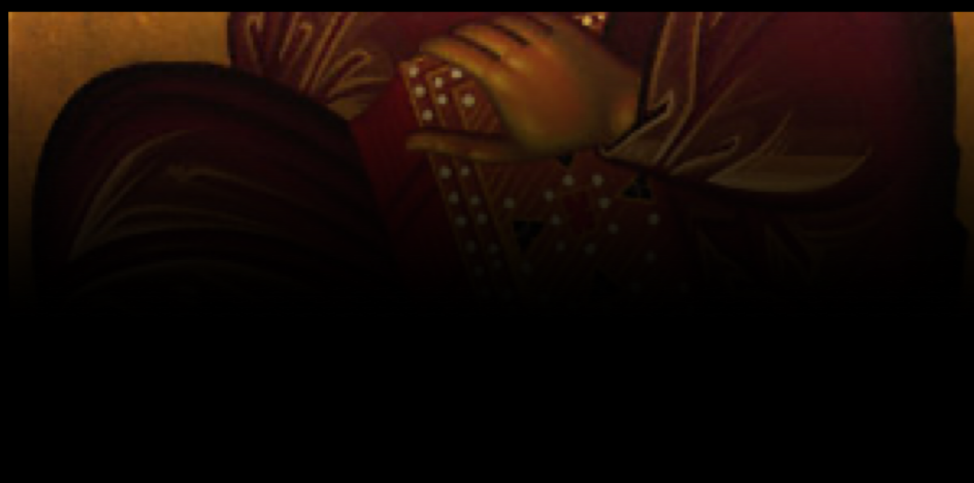


By placing this story about Zacchaeus here in his account of the life and teachings of Jesus, Luke is intentionally contrasting Zacchaeus to the rich ruler we had just read about.





It's as if Luke is saying, "*Look! A camel has just gone through the eye of a needle!*"



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9 And Jesus said to him, “Today **salvation has come** to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.”

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10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

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and **to save** **the lost.**

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**Jesus is on a search and rescue mission
to bring lost folks into his kingdom.**

**He has delivered us
from the domain of
darkness and
transferred us to
the kingdom of his
beloved Son, in
whom we have
redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.**



**The Apostle Paul
— Colossians 1:13 —**

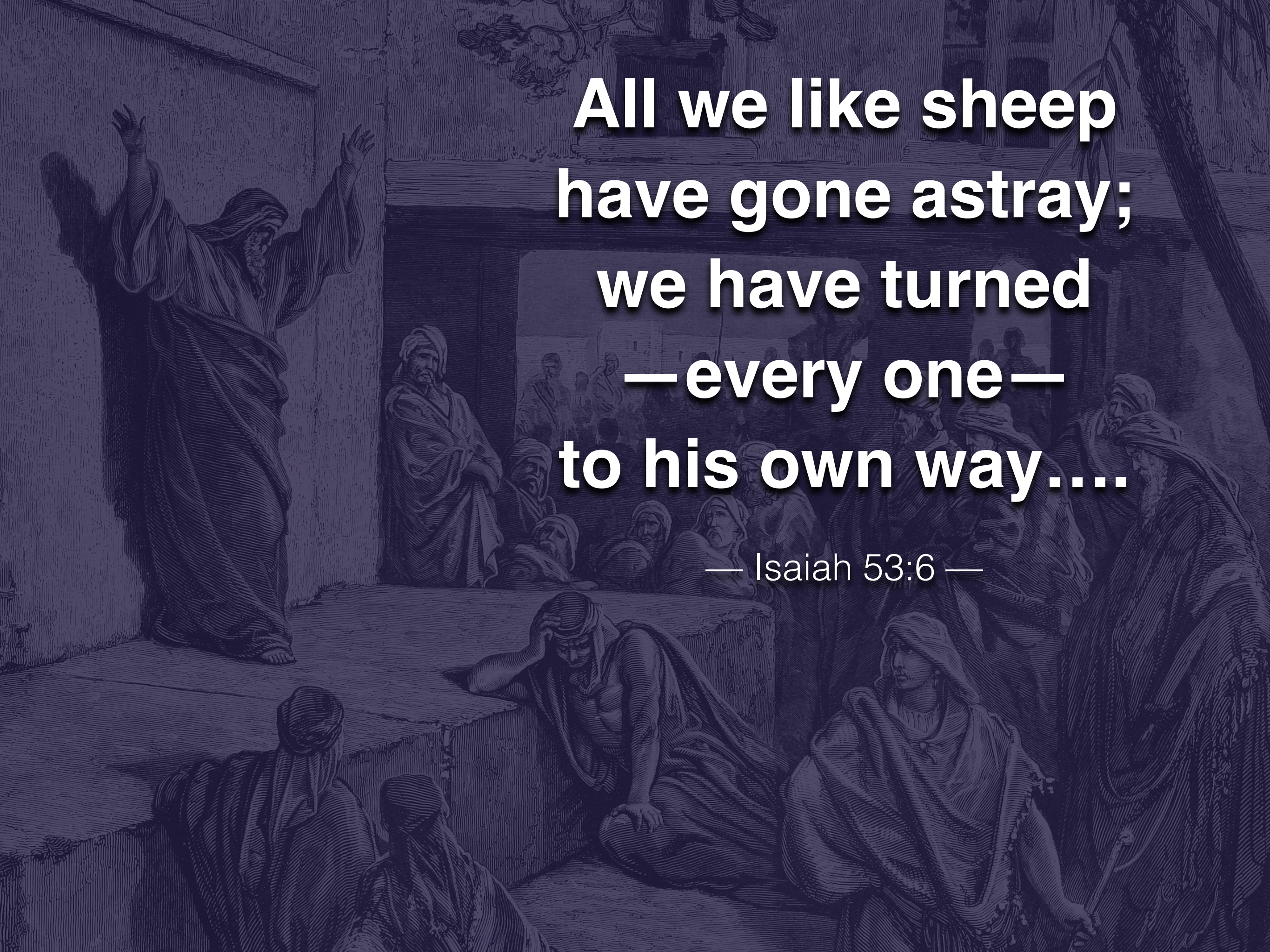
Important Question

Why does Luke record this encounter in his historical biography of Jesus?

**The good life is found
in being found by Jesus,
the One who came to seek
and to save the lost**



Do we want to be found?



**All we like sheep
have gone astray;
we have turned
—every one—
to his own way....**

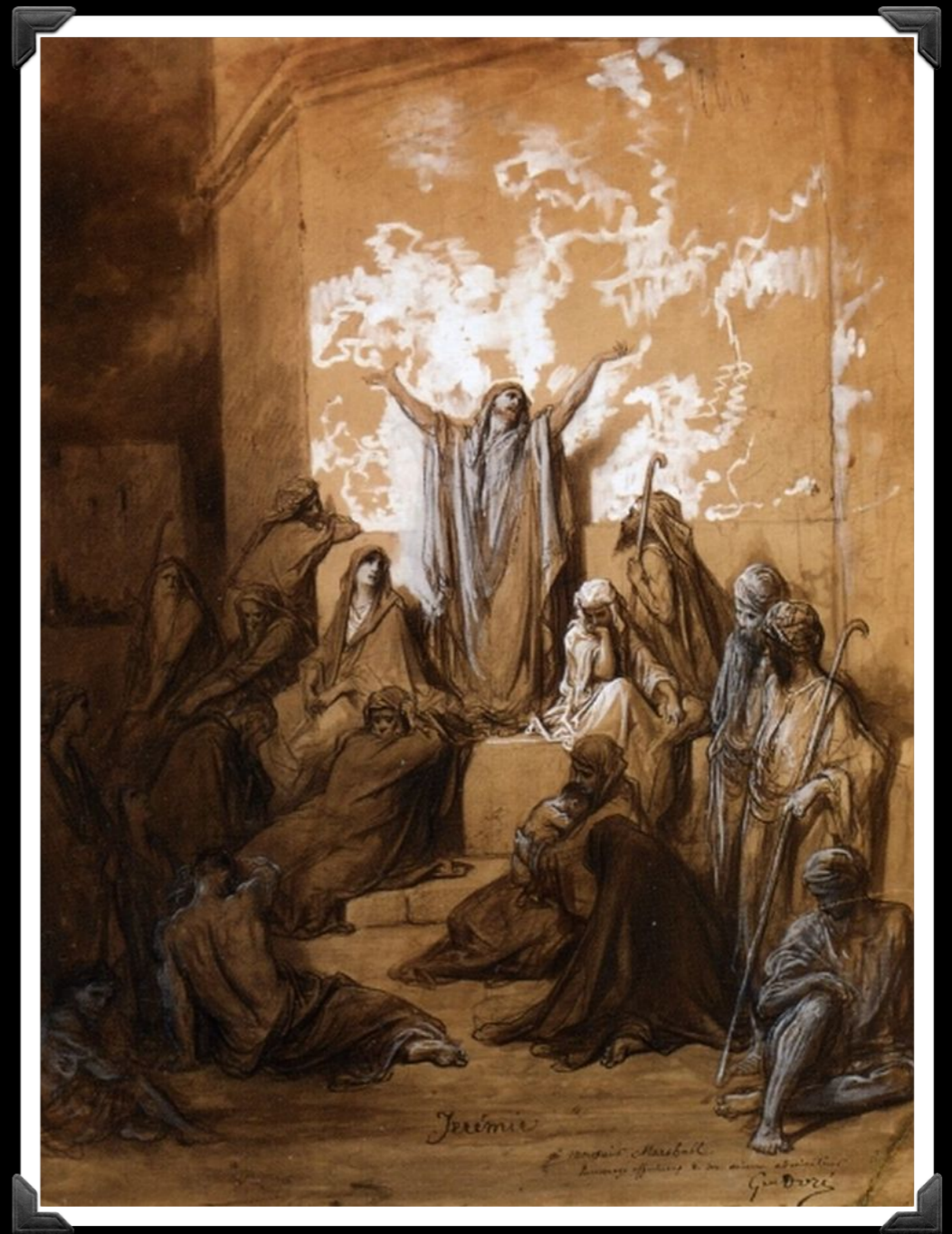
— Isaiah 53:6 —

**Where shall I go
from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee
from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven,
you are there!
If I make my bed in
Sheol, you are there!**



— Isaiah 59:2 —

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

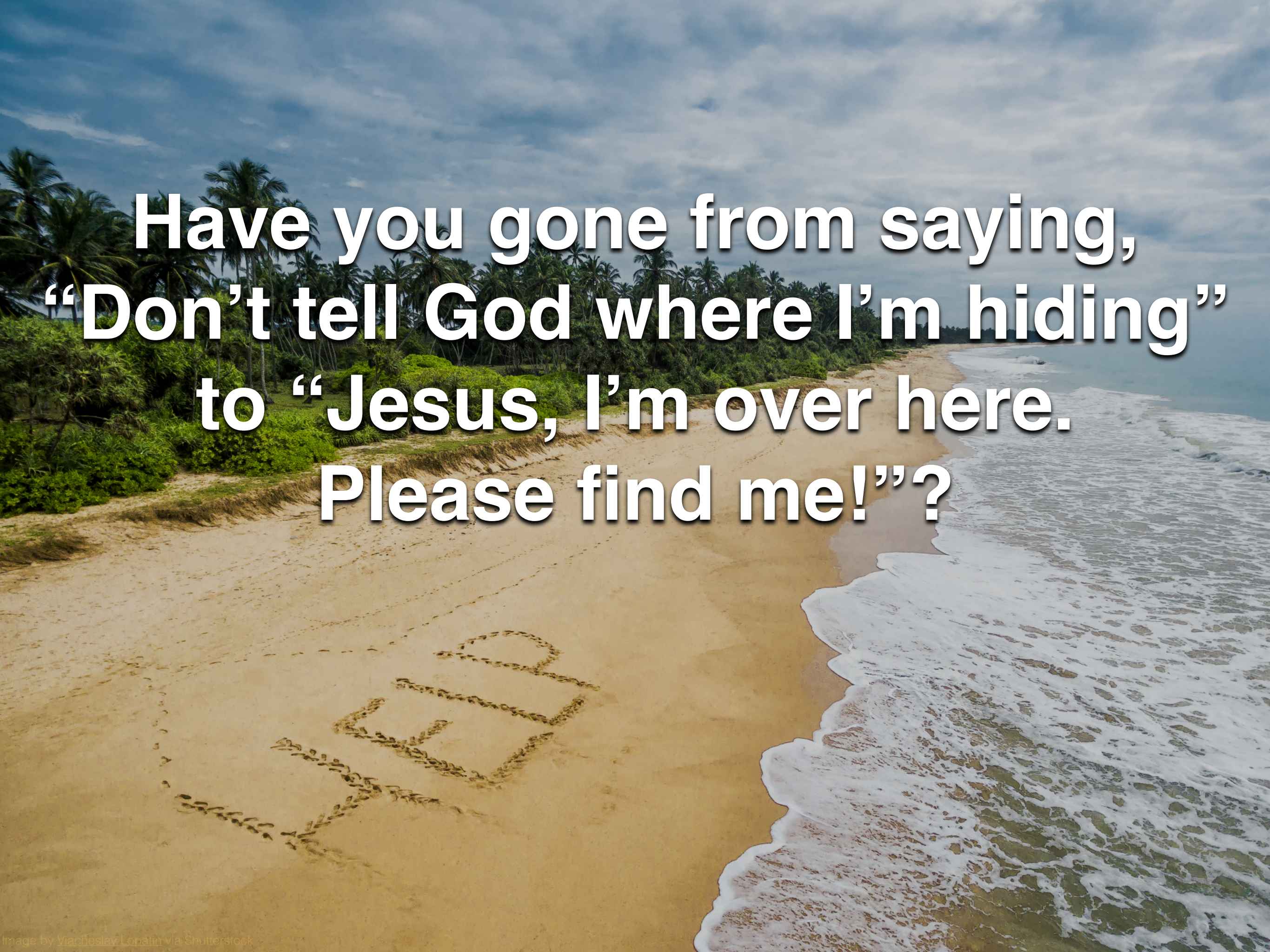


— Psalm 139:7, 11-12 —




**Can a man hide
himself in secret
places so that I
cannot see him?
declares the Lord.
Do I not fill heaven
and earth?
declares the Lord.**

— Jeremiah 23:24 —



**Have you gone from saying,
“Don’t tell God where I’m hiding”
to “Jesus, I’m over here.
Please find me!”?**



**Let's talk about
what Jesus has
done for us.**



**I once was lost in darkest night
and thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still**



**But as I ran my hell-bound race
indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the Cross
And I beheld God's loved displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath deserved for me
Now all I know is grace**





**Who am I that the highest
King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought
me in, Oh his love for me
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

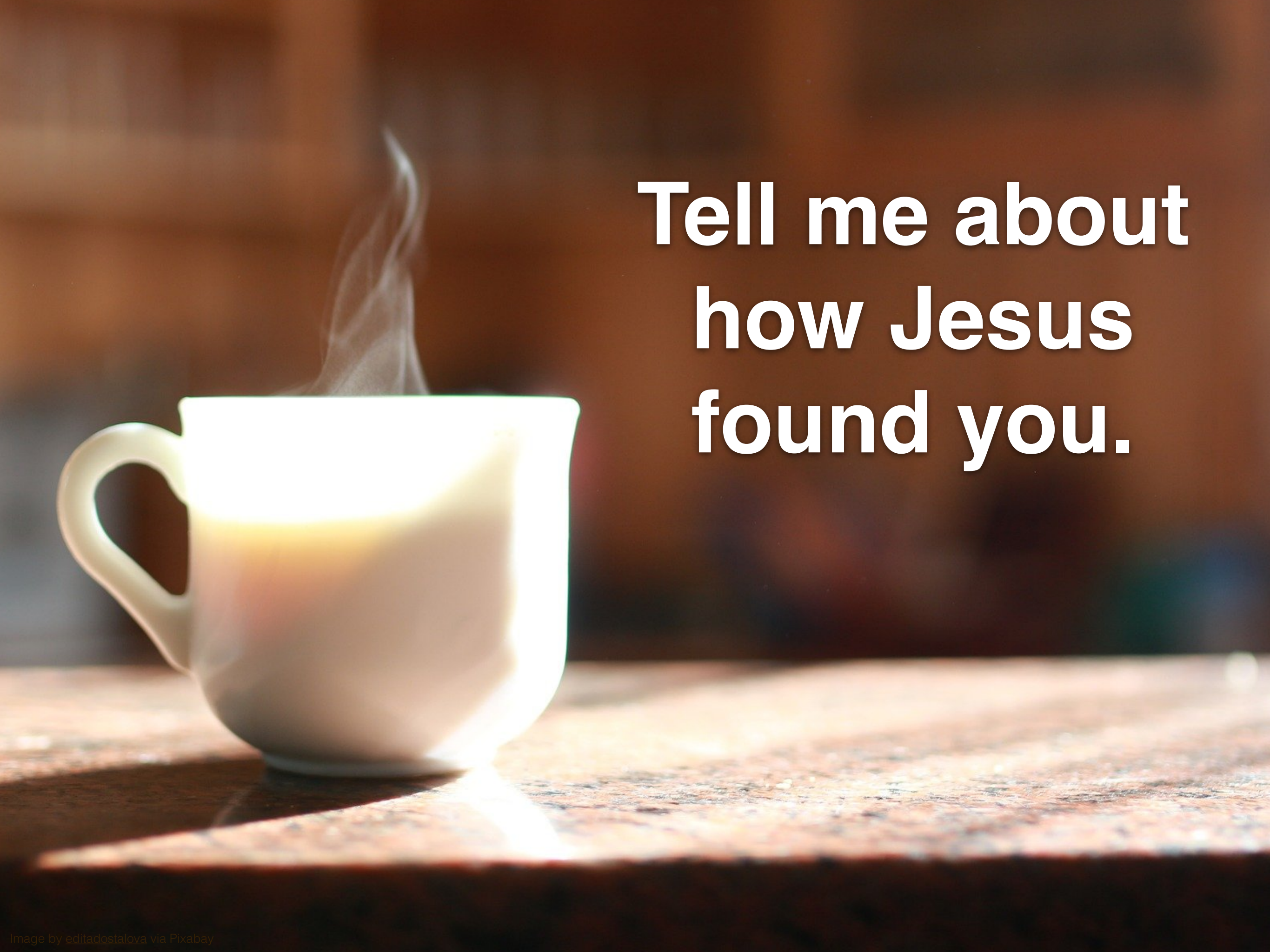
“Who You Say I Am”

**I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him seeking me
It was not I that found, O Savior true,
No I was found by Thee**



“I Sought the Lord and Afterward I Knew”
Jean Ingelow (1878)


**Have you been able
to put words together
about your own personal
story of being lost and
found by Jesus?**

A white ceramic mug filled with coffee, with a wisp of steam rising from the top. The mug is placed on a dark, textured surface. The background is a dark, warm-toned gradient.

**Tell me about
how Jesus
found you.**



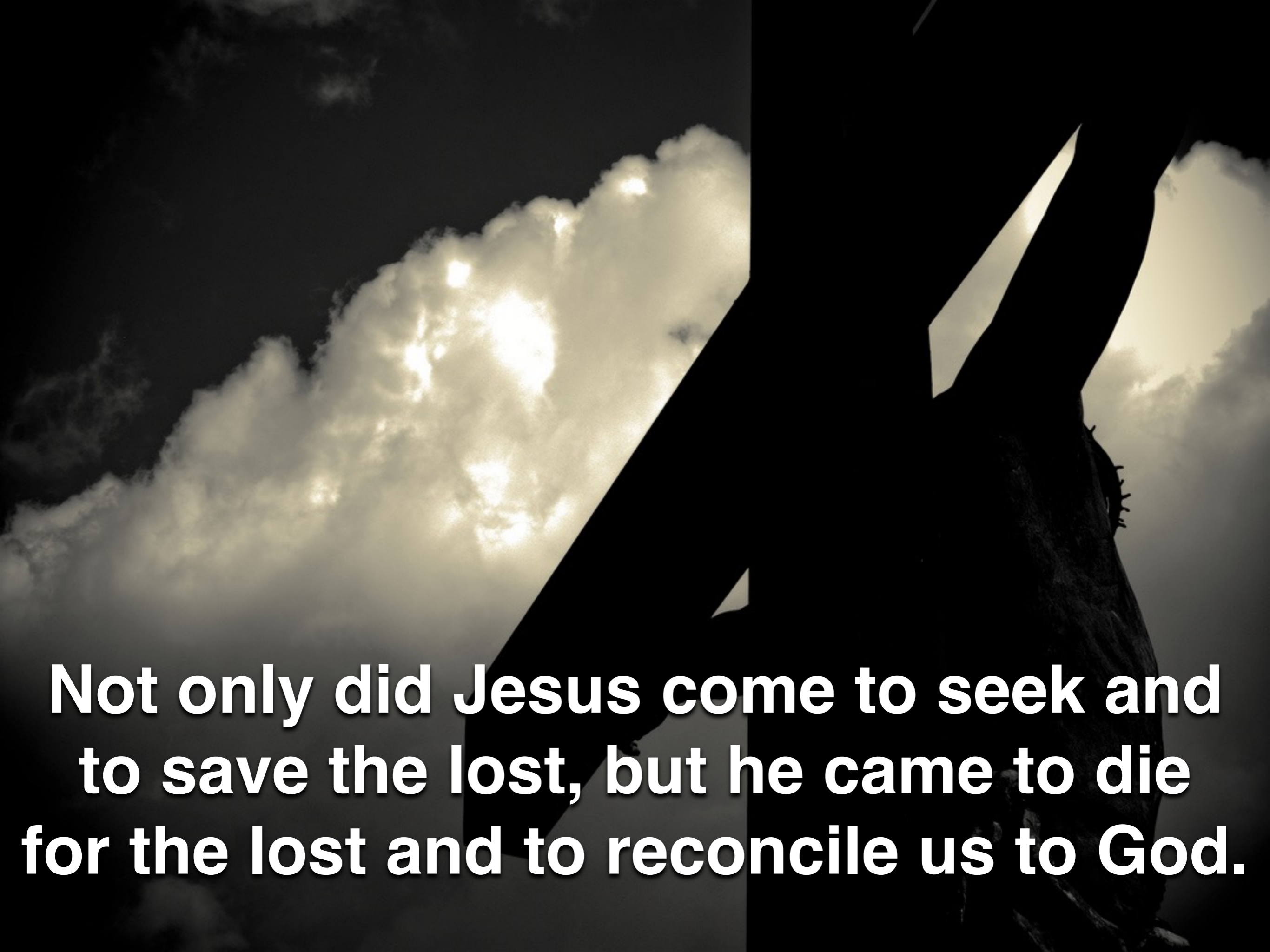
Do we want to be found?

A large, stylized blue speech bubble graphic is centered on a dark blue, textured background. The bubble has a rounded top and a pointed tail at the bottom right. Inside the bubble, the text "Let's talk about what Jesus has done for us." is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

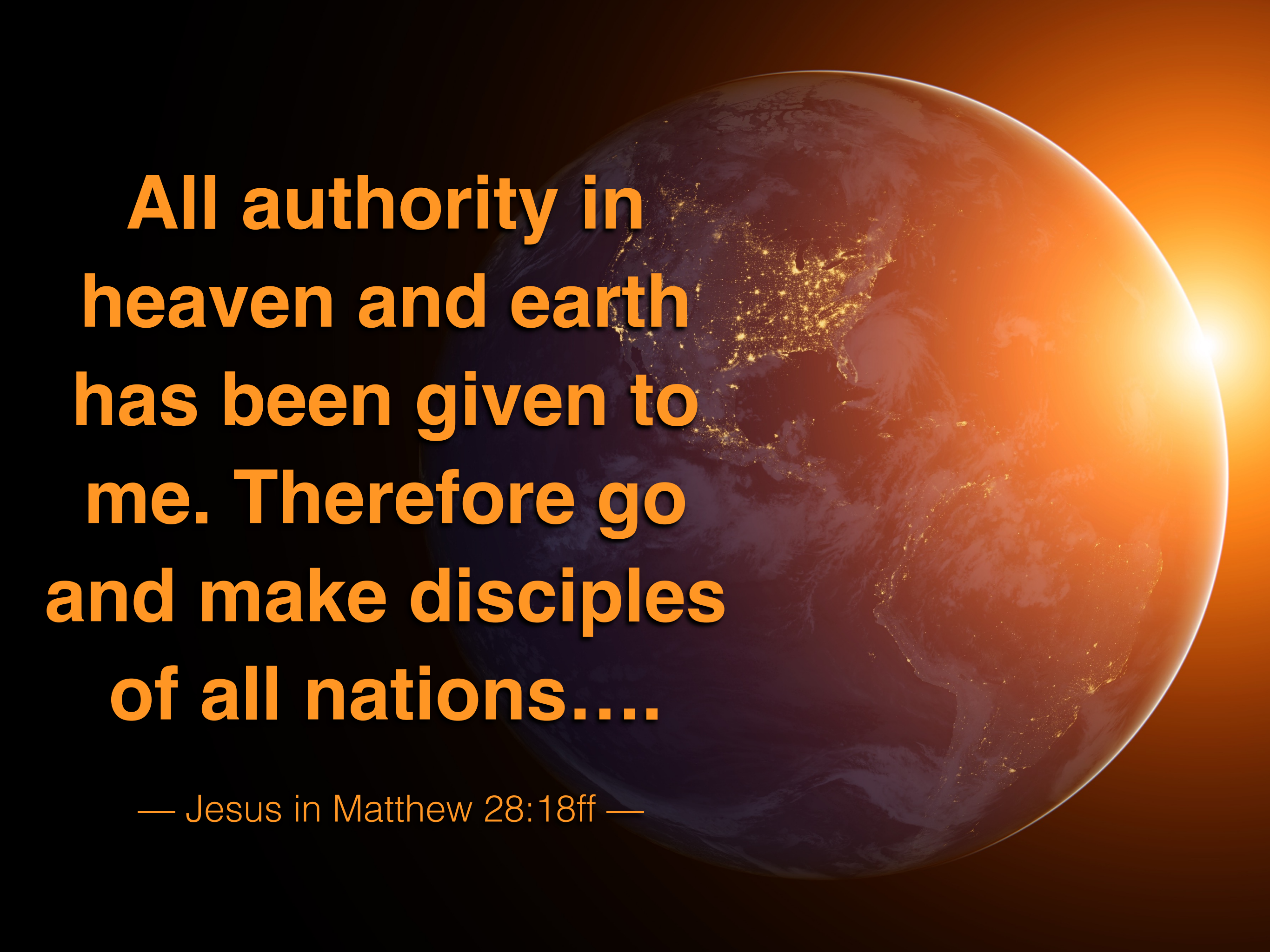
**Let's talk about
what Jesus has
done for us.**



Let's engage the mission of Jesus!



Not only did Jesus come to seek and to save the lost, but he came to die for the lost and to reconcile us to God.

A glowing Earth at sunset or sunrise, with city lights visible on the dark side of the planet. The sun is on the right, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**All authority in
heaven and earth
has been given to
me. Therefore go
and make disciples
of all nations.....**

— Jesus in Matthew 28:18ff —

I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law...that I might win those under the law.



The Apostle Paul
— 1 Corinthians 9:19ff —

To those outside the law I became as one outside the law... that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak.



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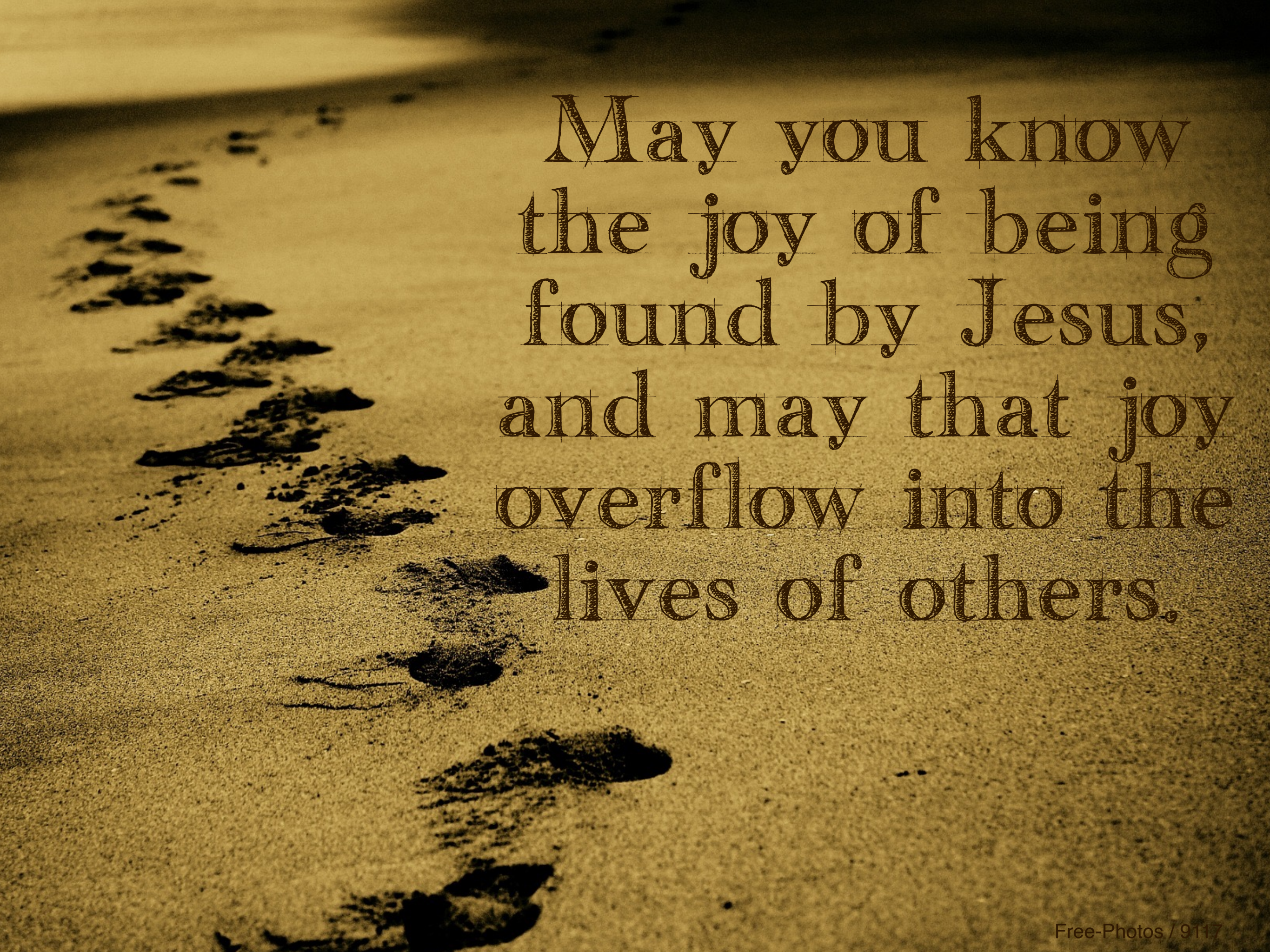
**I have become
all things to all
people, that by all
means I might save
some. I do it all for
the sake of the
gospel, that I may
share with them in
its blessings.**



The Apostle Paul
— 1 Corinthians 9:19ff —

**How can you grow
in winsomely
engaging people
about the Good
News of Jesus
that you may share
with them in its
blessings?**



A close-up photograph of a sandy beach with a series of footprints leading away from the viewer towards the horizon. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

May you know
the joy of being
found by Jesus,
and may that joy
overflow into the
lives of others.