

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of an hourglass. The top bulb is mostly empty, while the bottom bulb is filled with a mound of dark sand. A stream of sand is captured in mid-fall, creating a vertical line of particles between the two bulbs. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the sand and the sharp edges of the glass against a dark background.

Don't Waste Your Life

— The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28 —



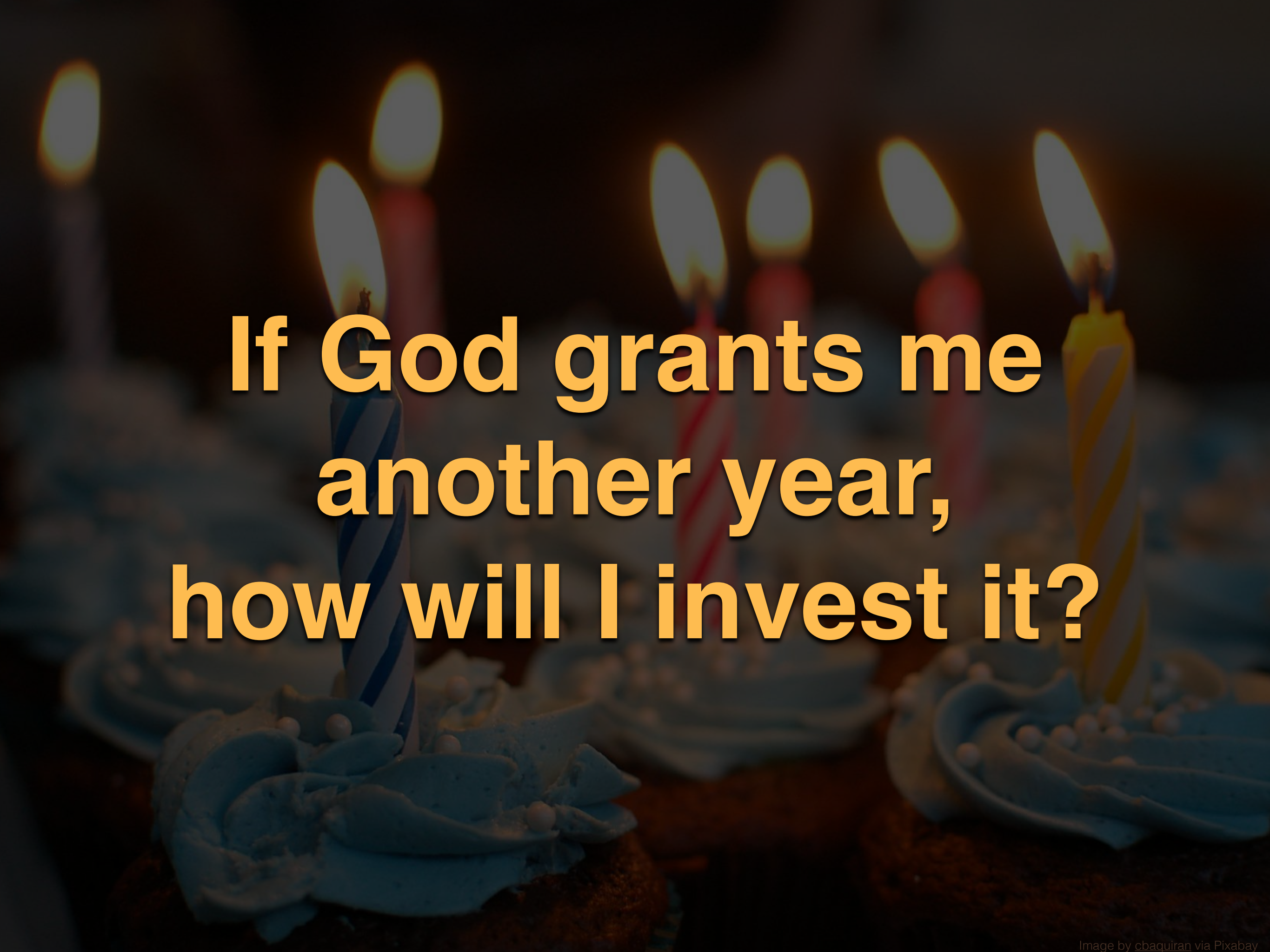
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

**When do you
tend to get the
most reflective
about your life?**





A close-up photograph of a birthday cake with several lit candles. The candles are lit, and their flames are visible. The cake is decorated with blue frosting and white sprinkles. The background is dark, making the lit candles stand out.

**If God grants me
another year,
how will I invest it?**

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of an hourglass. The top bulb is mostly empty, while the bottom bulb is partially filled with dark sand. A stream of sand is captured in mid-fall from the narrow neck, creating a vertical line of light particles. The background is black, and the glass is illuminated from the side, creating bright highlights and deep shadows.

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Heads up! This is one of the more challenging and difficult teachings of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke.



**The Son of Man has come
to seek and to save the lost.**

Jesus of Nazareth
The Gospel of Luke 19:10

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near **Jerusalem, and because they supposed **the kingdom of God** was to appear immediately.**

“

**Blessed is the King who
comes in the name of the Lord!**

”



The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

12 He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return....”

Archelaus, son of Herod the Great

(23BC-c.18AD)



- Inherited a portion of his father's kingdom (4BC-6AD)
- Jesus' father, Joseph, heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea, and "was afraid to go there" (Matthew 2:22)
- Quelled an uprising led by the Pharisees at the Temple by slaughtering 3000 people



Image: Pieter Mortier via Magnolia Box

Archelaus, Son of Herod, Kneels Before Caesar Augustus in Rome
— Pieter Mortier, 1704 —

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

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13 Calling **ten of his servants**, he gave them **ten minas**, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

14 But the citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

The Parable of the Minas

- 1 The nobleman = Jesus
- 2 The far country = heaven
- 3 The kingdom = sovereignty to reign



**All authority in heaven & on earth
has been given to me. Go, therefore,
and make disciples of all nations....**

— Jesus of Nazareth in The Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20 —

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- 5 The mina = the Gospel

**...just as we have been
approved by God to be
entrusted with the
gospel, so we speak,
not to please man,
but to please God...**

The Apostle Paul
— 1 Thessalonians 2:4 —



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- 6 The delegation = religious leaders

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

How engaged
are we in the
'business' of
the Gospel



The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

**16 The first came before him, saying,
'Lord, your mina has made ten minas
more.'**

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities!'

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

18 And the second came, saying, **‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’**

19 And he said to him, **‘And you are to be over five cities.’**



“Well done, good servant!”

**Well done, good
and faithful servant.
You have been
faithful over a little;
I will set you over
much. Enter into the
joy of your master!**



— Jesus of Nazareth —
The Gospel of Matthew 25:21



**A little thing is just
a little thing, but
faithfulness in a little
thing is a big thing!**

Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)

Missionary to China

**....you have made them a kingdom
and priests to our God, and
they shall reign on the earth.**

— Revelation 22:3-5 —



The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

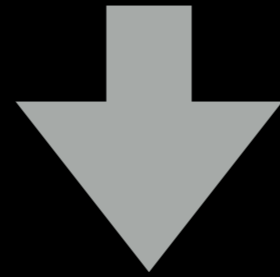
20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief...;

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; 21 **for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man.**

GEEKING OUT ON GREEK

severe = *austeros*



**austere, severe,
hard, harsh, exacting**

“Someone who wants to get blood out of a stone.”

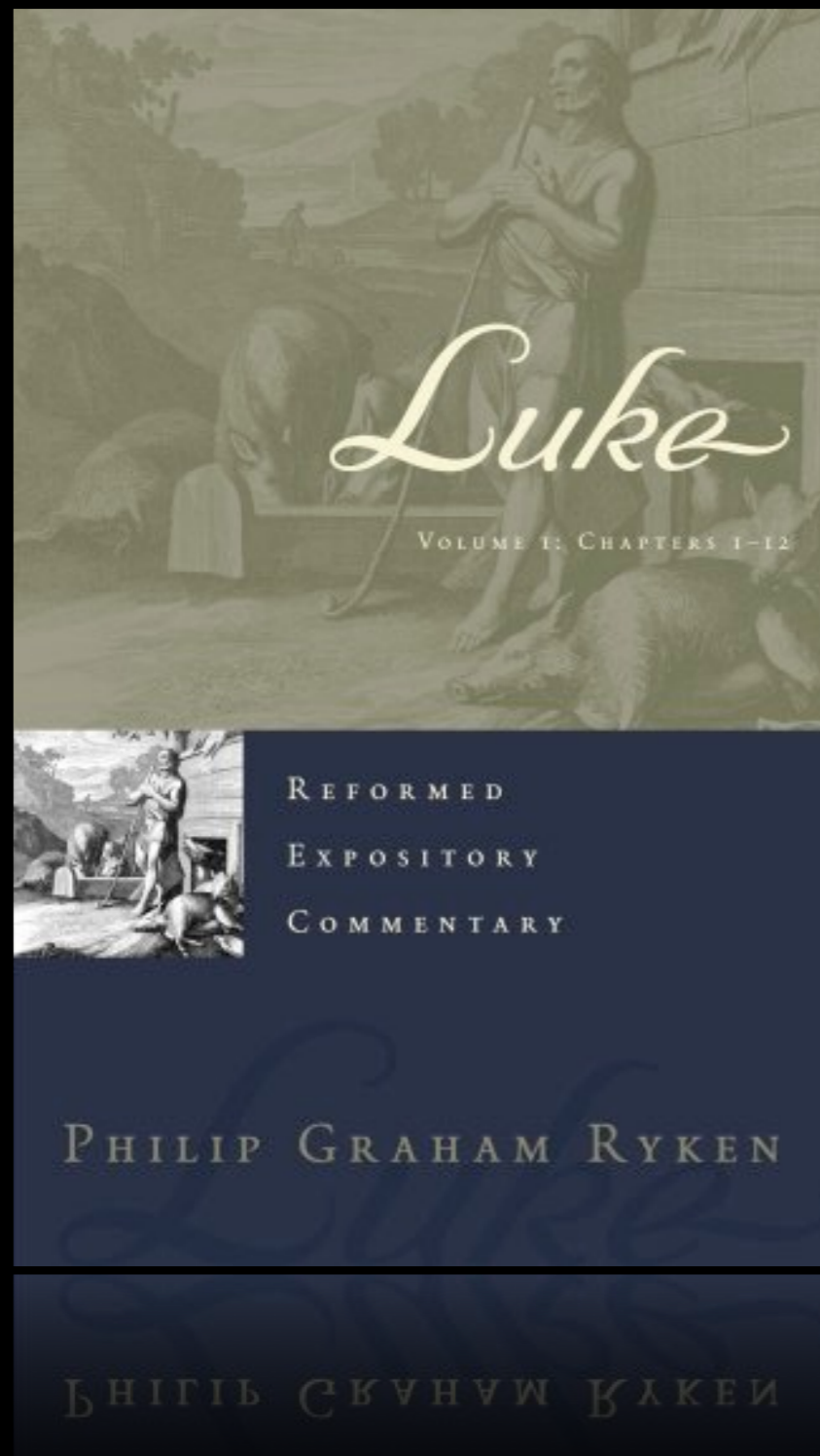
— Leon Morris —

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-27

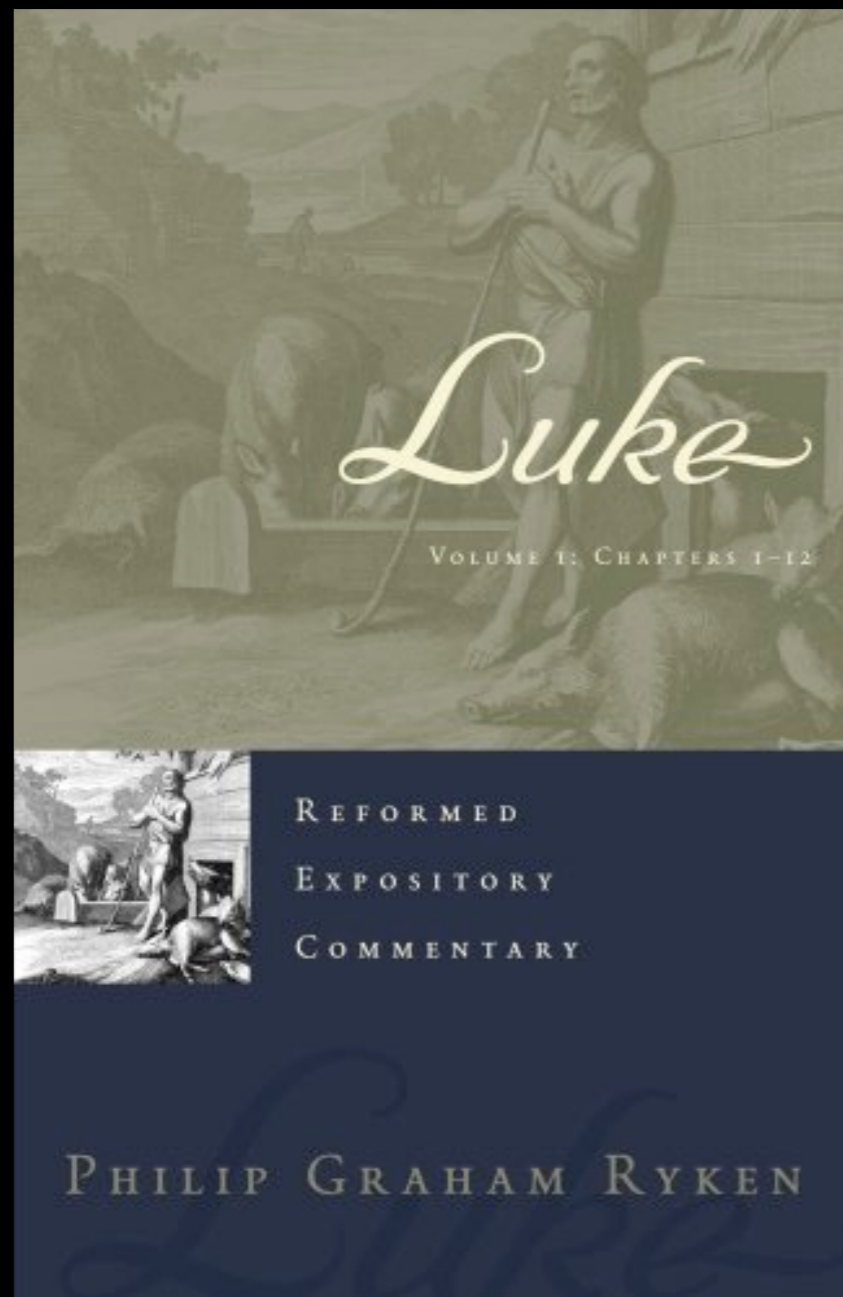
20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; 21 for I was afraid of you, because **you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and you reap what you did not sow.'**

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

22 He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant. You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and repaying what I did not sow? 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming, I might have collected it with interest?



The word ‘wicked’ may sound severe, but that is how Jesus described him. Really, what else would you call a servant who refused to obey his master’s command, slandered his master’s good name, and



was so afraid of making a mistake that he failed to do what he was supposed to do? According to Jesus, it is wickedness not to use what we have to serve our God.

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

24 And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 25 And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!'

The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

26 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'

**Is this servant
a true Christian?**



The Gospel of Luke 19:11-28

27 'But for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'



**Jesus! This makes
me extremely
uncomfortable.**



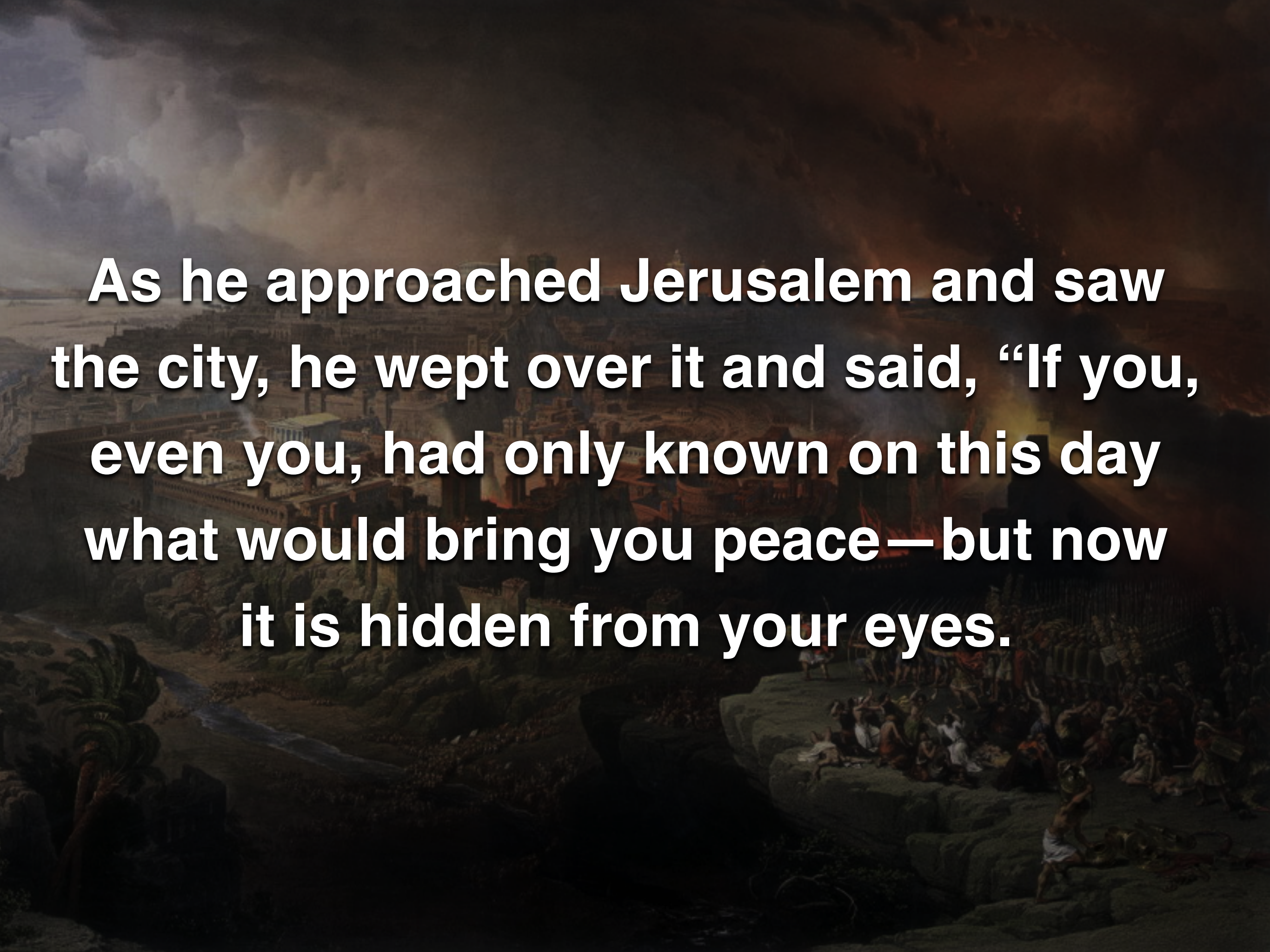
A dramatic scene of a king on a white horse, wearing a crown and holding a sword aloft, surrounded by soldiers on horseback in a dusty, sunlit environment. The king is the central figure, wearing a crown and holding a sword aloft. He is surrounded by soldiers on horseback, some of whom are also holding swords. The scene is set in a dusty, sunlit environment, possibly a battlefield or a ceremonial ground. The overall tone is one of grandeur and power.

Is Jesus a king like Archelaus?

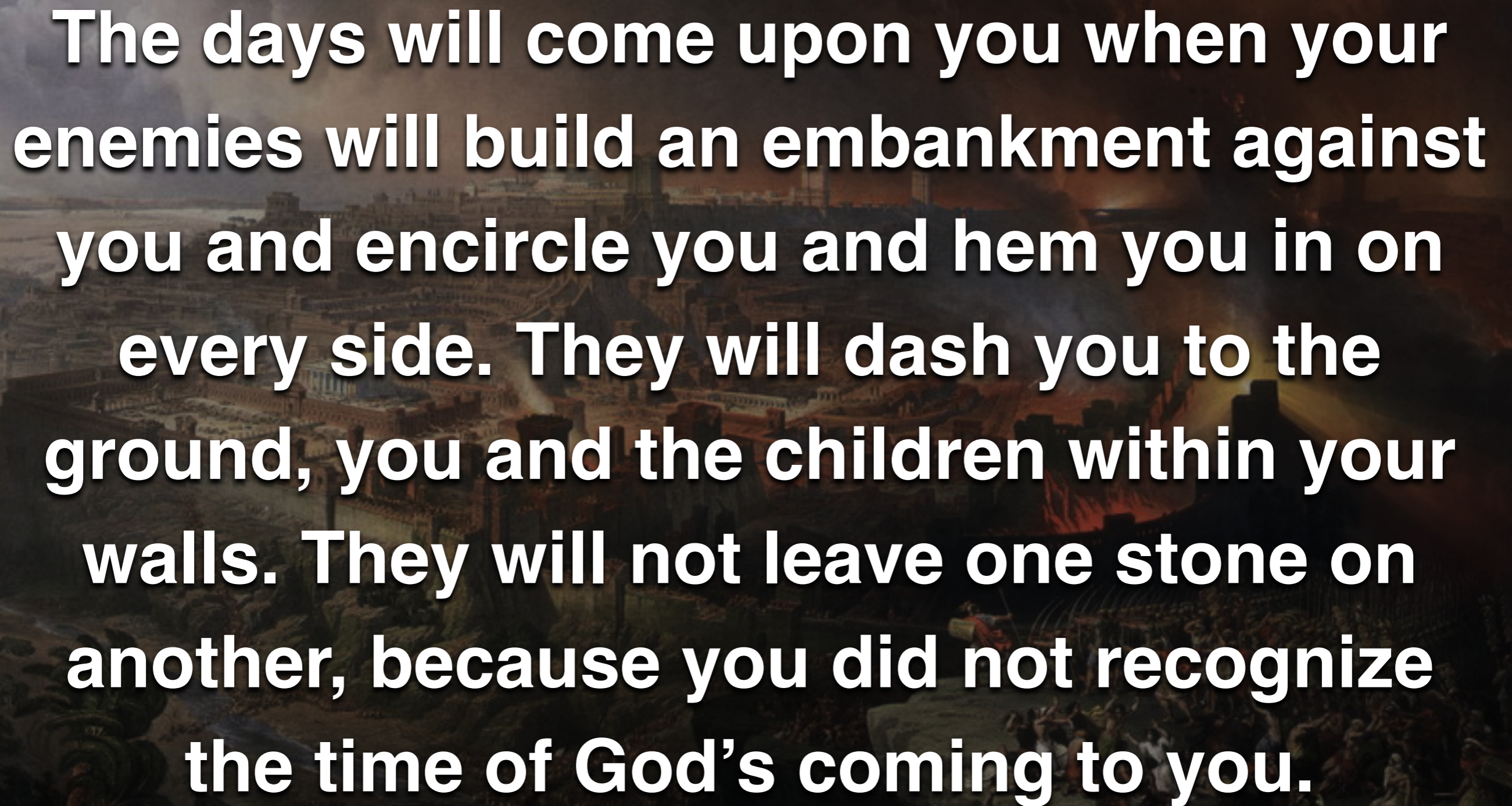
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28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead going up to Jerusalem.





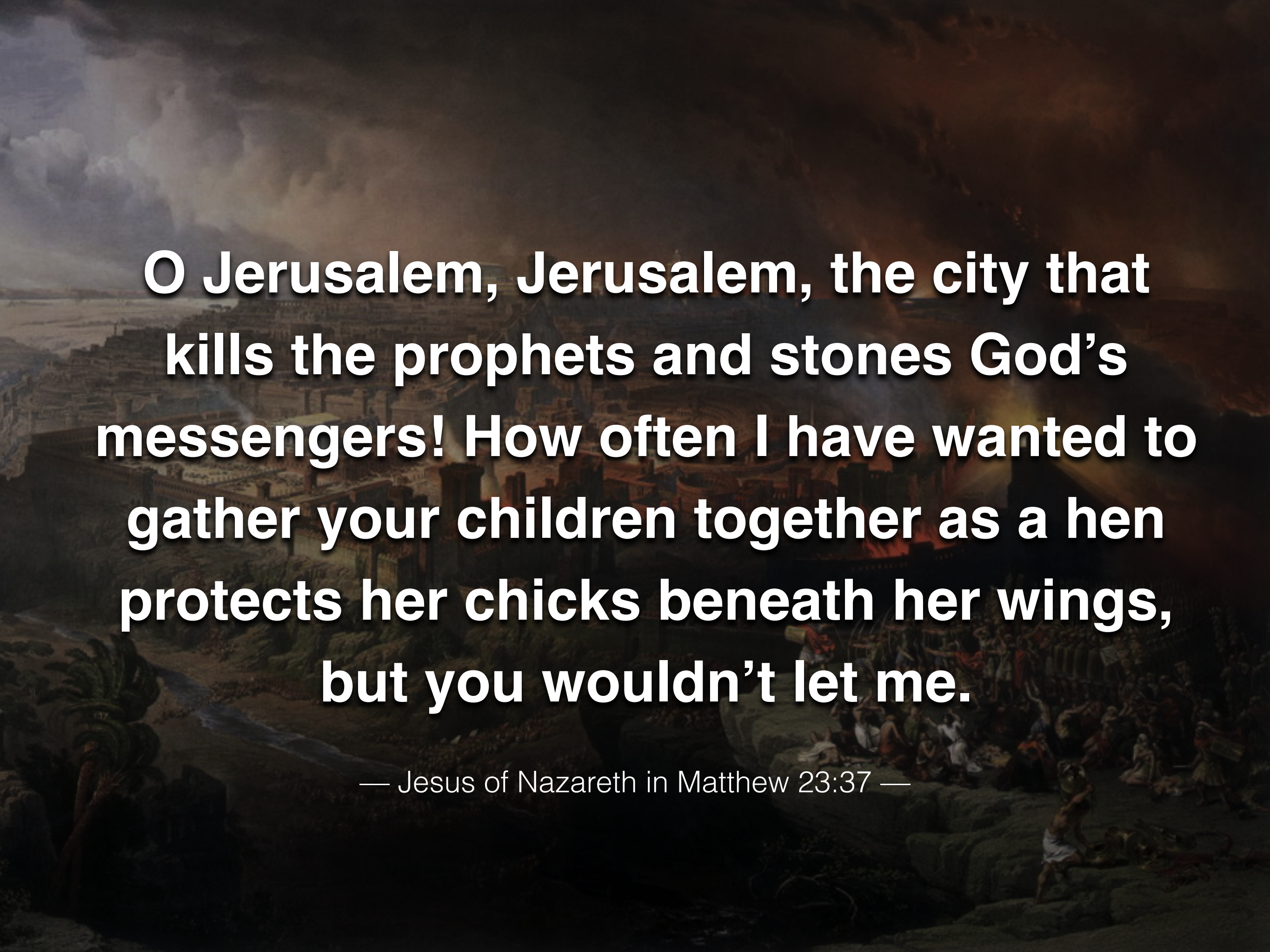
As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.



The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.

— Jesus of Nazareth in Luke 19:41-42 —

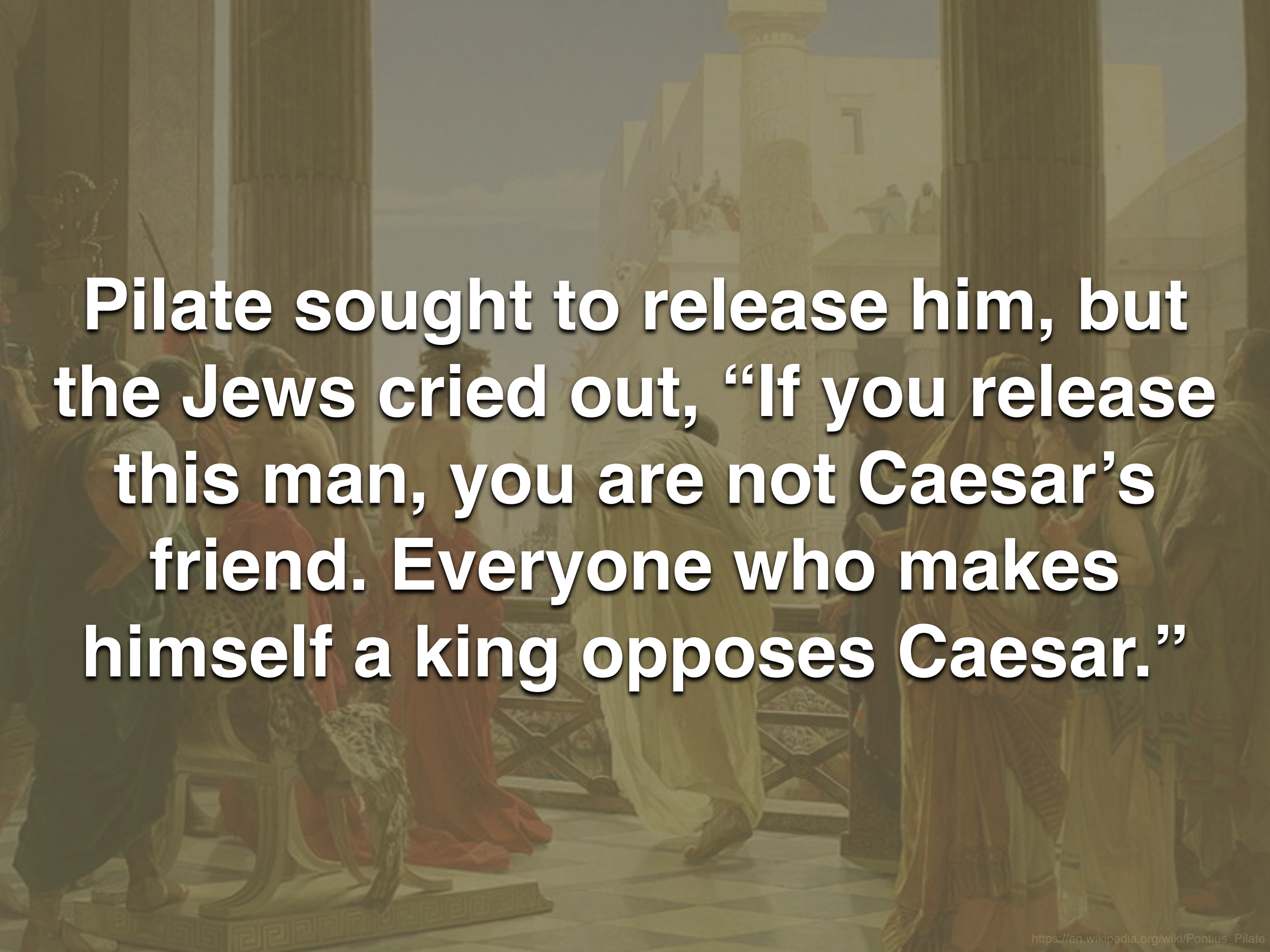




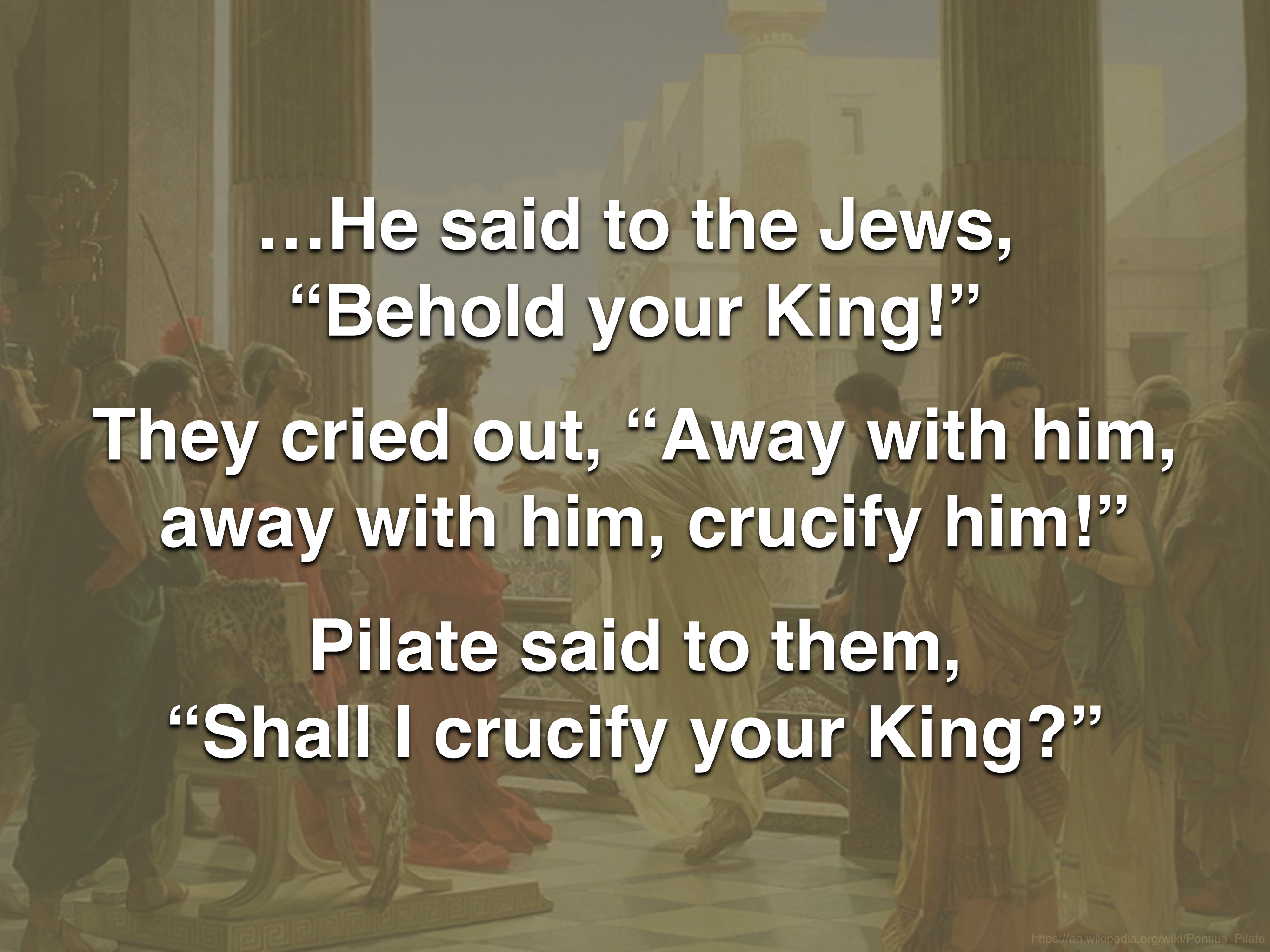
**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that
kills the prophets and stones God's
messengers! How often I have wanted to
gather your children together as a hen
protects her chicks beneath her wings,
but you wouldn't let me.**

— Jesus of Nazareth in Matthew 23:37 —





Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”



**...He said to the Jews,
“Behold your King!”**

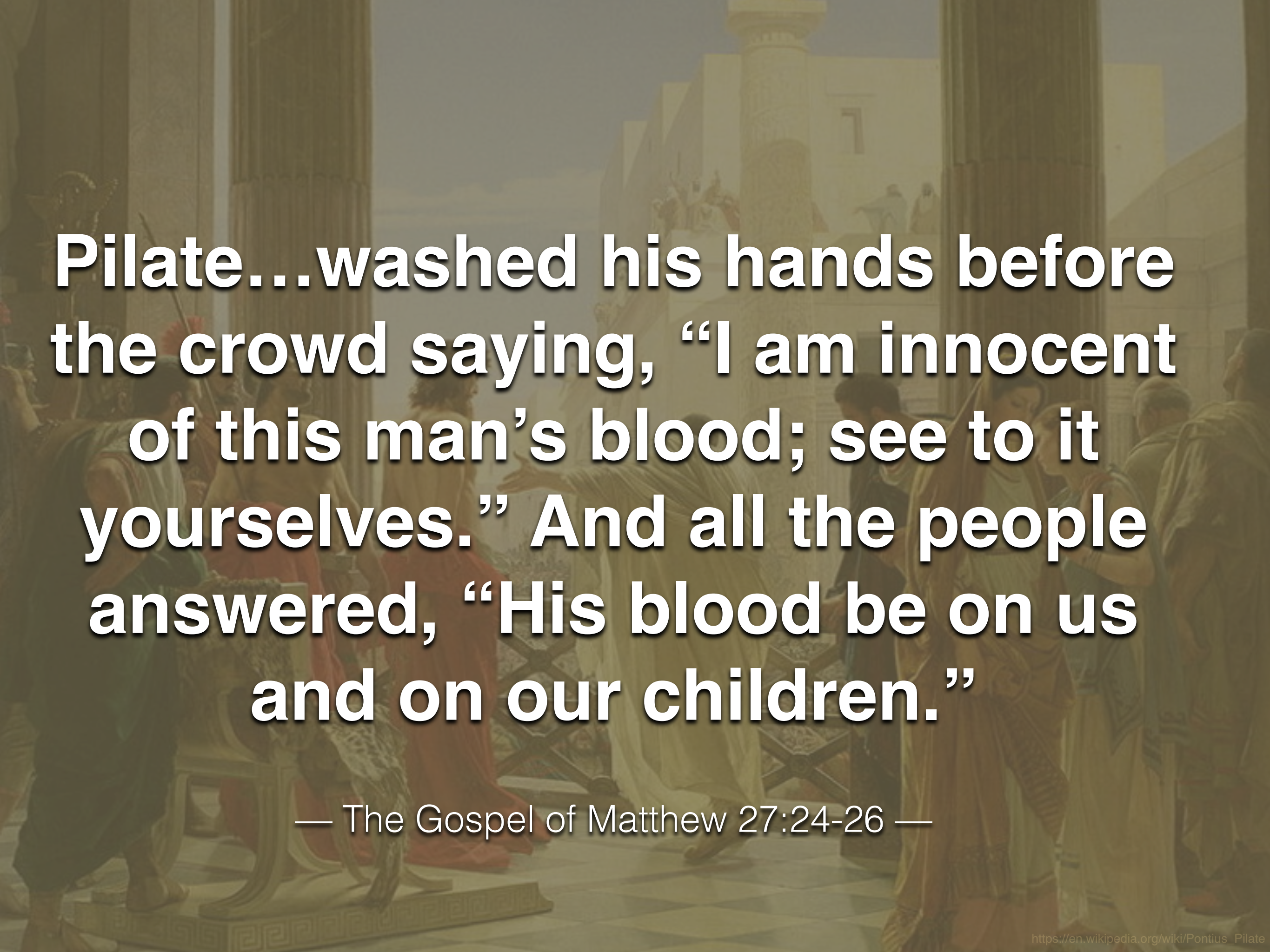
**They cried out, “Away with him,
away with him, crucify him!”**

**Pilate said to them,
“Shall I crucify your King?”**



**The chief priests answered,
“We have no king but Caesar.”**

— The Gospel of John 19:12, 14-16 —



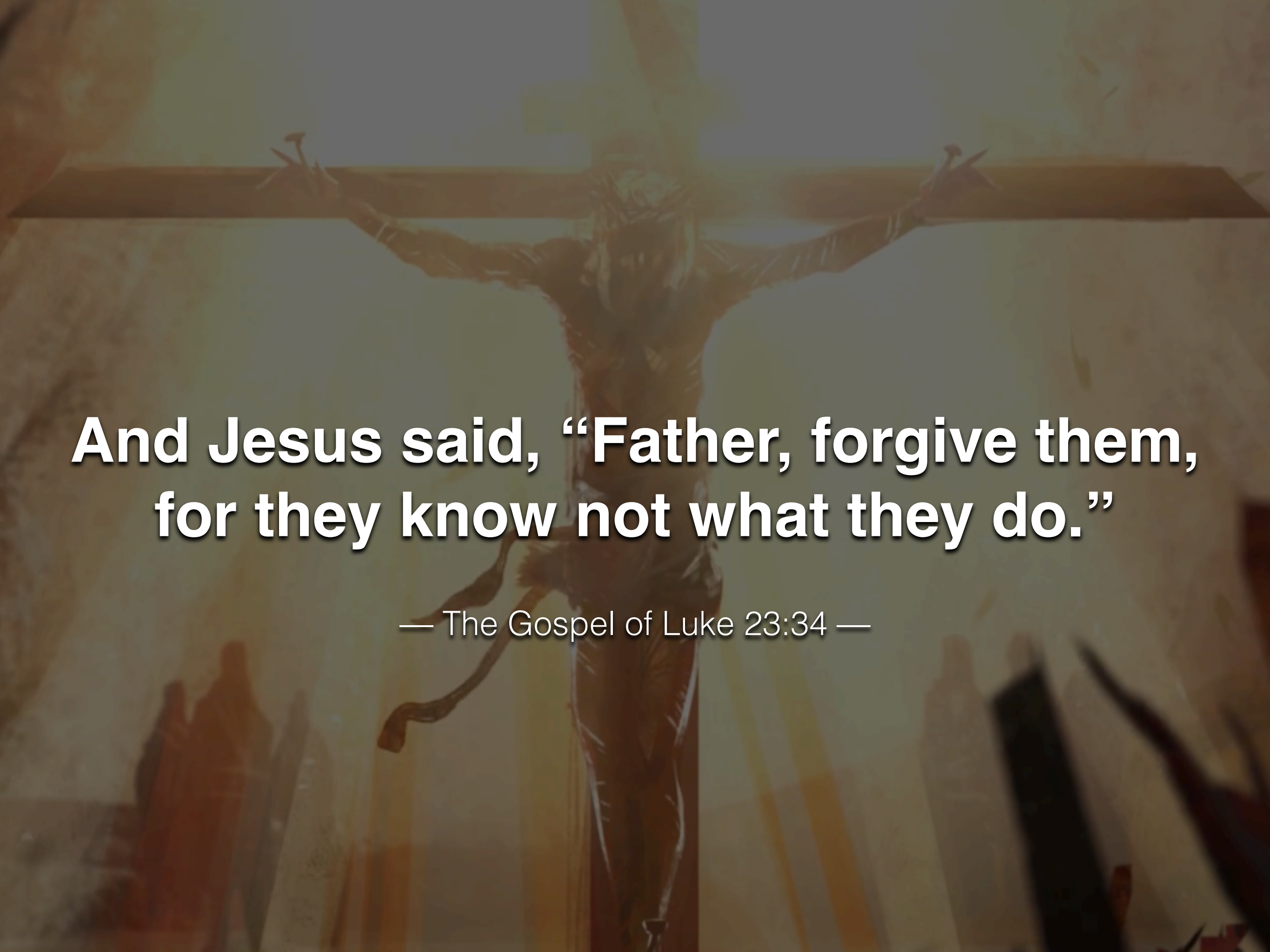
Pilate...washed his hands before the crowd saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children.”

— The Gospel of Matthew 27:24-26 —



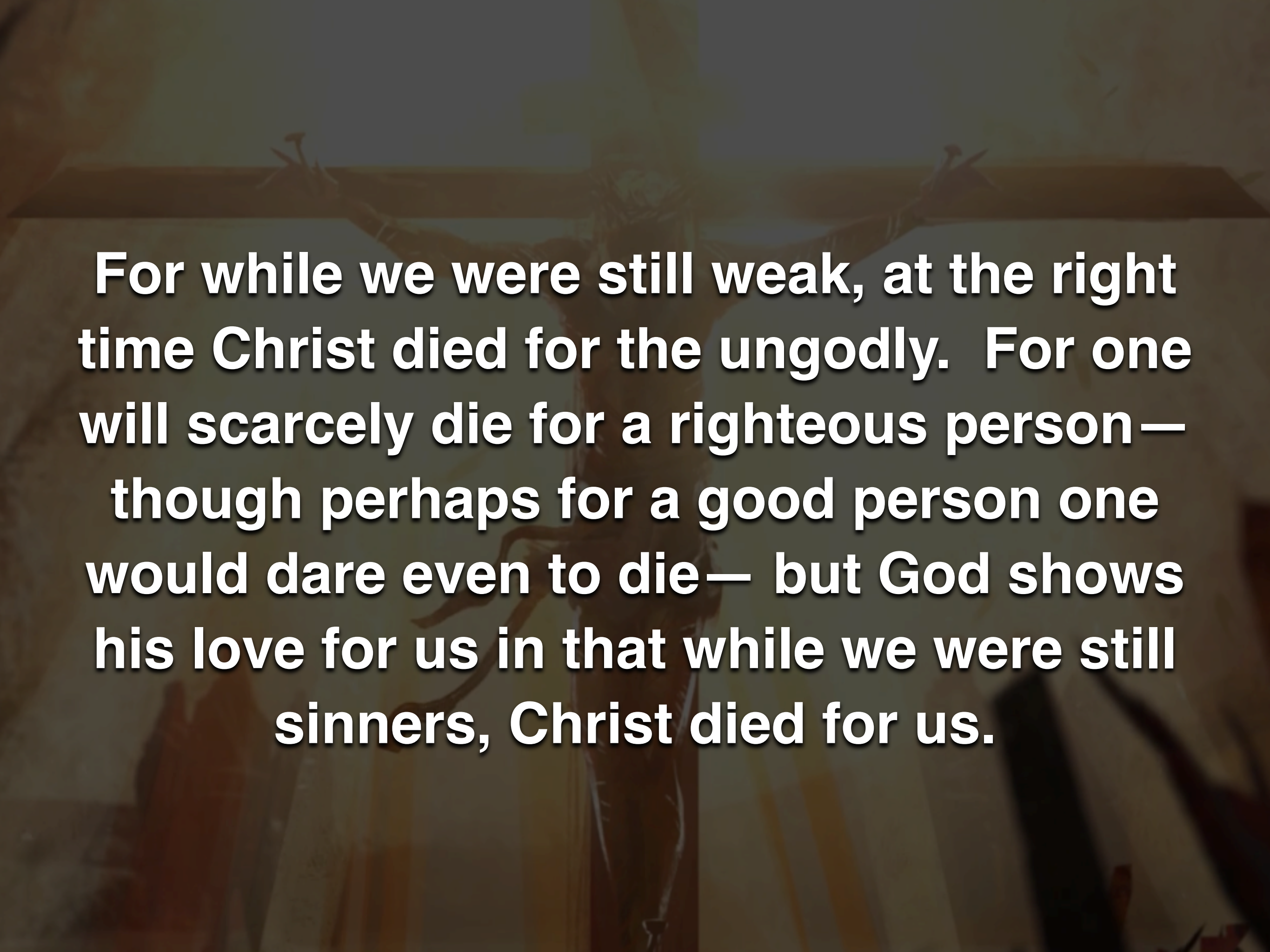




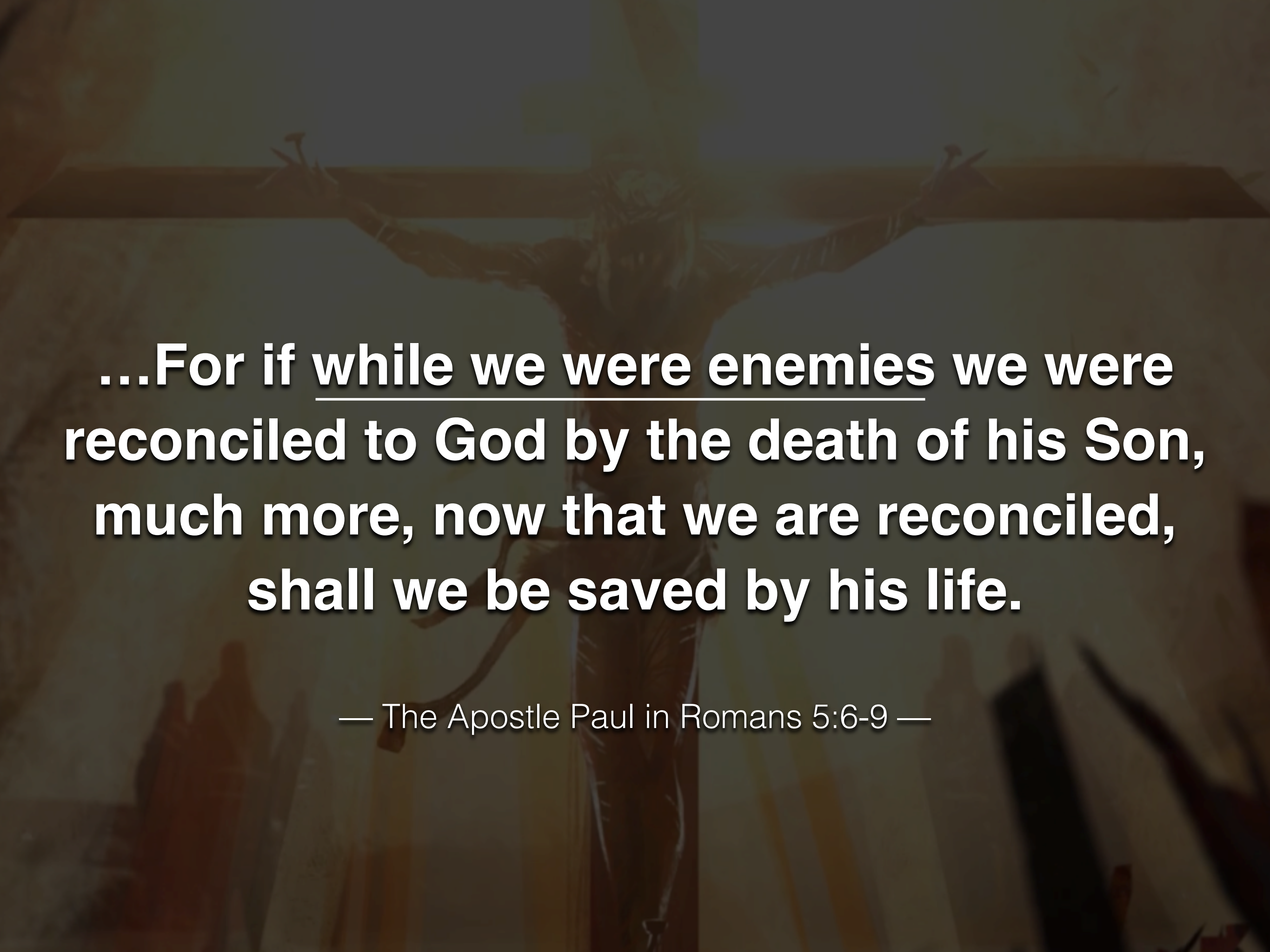


**And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do.”**

— The Gospel of Luke 23:34 —



For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



**...For if while we were enemies we were
reconciled to God by the death of his Son,
much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by his life.**

— The Apostle Paul in Romans 5:6-9 —

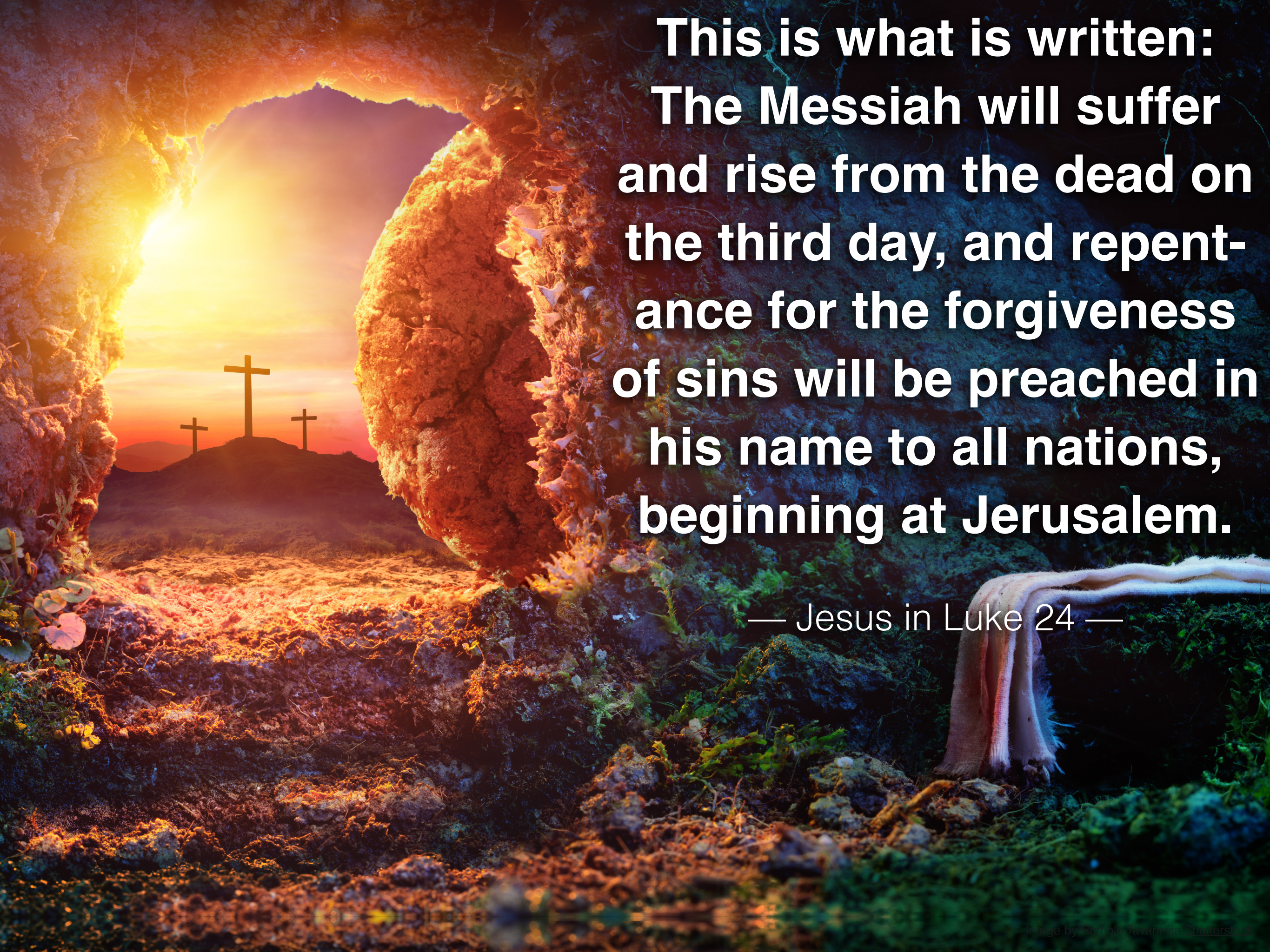
Important Question

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

**Jesus is a different kind of king.
Do you want this kind king
to rule your life?**



**Above all, seek
the world's true King.**



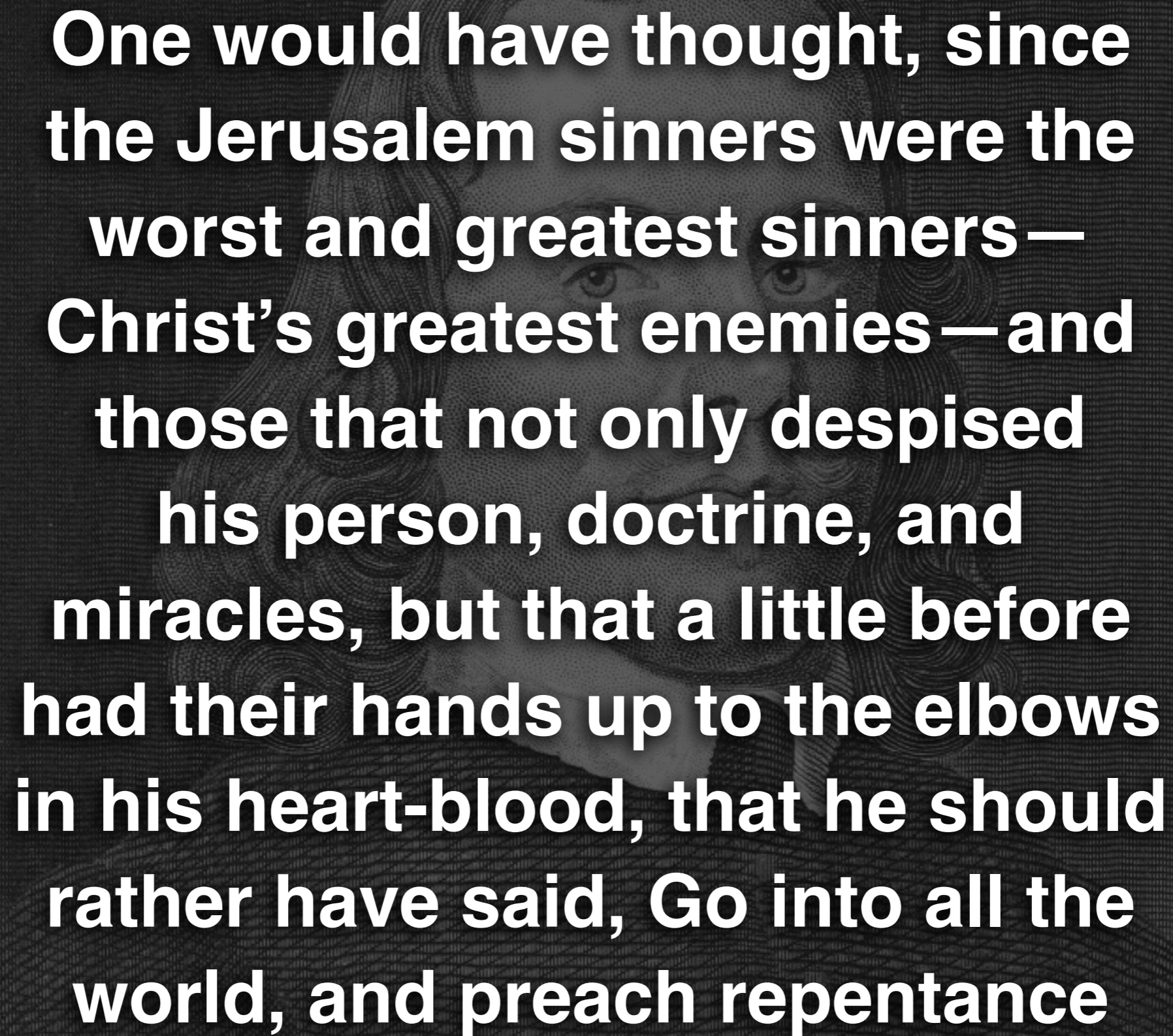
**This is what is written:
The Messiah will suffer
and rise from the dead on
the third day, and repent-
ance for the forgiveness
of sins will be preached in
his name to all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.**

— Jesus in Luke 24 —



The Jerusalem Sinner Saved

— John Bunyan 1628-1688 —



One would have thought, since the Jerusalem sinners were the worst and greatest sinners— Christ's greatest enemies—and those that not only despised his person, doctrine, and miracles, but that a little before had their hands up to the elbows in his heart-blood, that he should rather have said, Go into all the world, and preach repentance

and remission of sins among all nations; and after that offer the same grace to Jerusalem; yes, it would have been infinite grace if he had said so. But what grace is this...., when it commands that this repentance and remission of sins, which is designed to be preached to all nations, should first of all be offered to Jerusalem, in the place of the worst of sinners!

— John Bunyan, *The Jerusalem Sinner Saved* —

**...formerly I was a
blasphemer, persecutor,
and insolent opponent.
But I received mercy
because I had acted
ignorantly in unbelief,
and the grace of our
Lord overflowed for me
with the faith and love
that are in Christ Jesus.**



**Here is a trustworthy
saying that deserves full
acceptance: Christ
Jesus came into the
world to save sinners —
of whom I am the worst.**

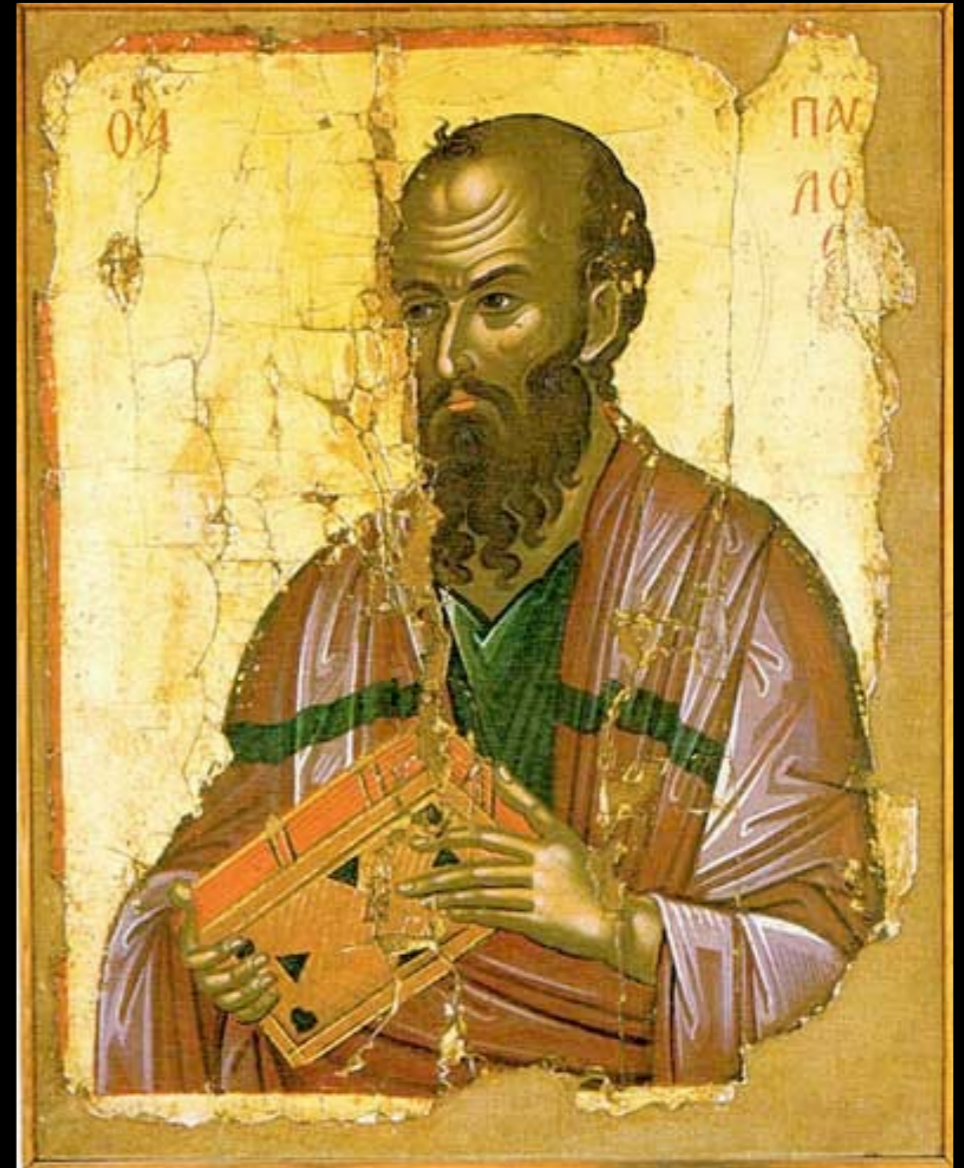


**But for that very reason
I was shown mercy so
that in me, the worst of
sinners, Christ Jesus
might display his
immense patience as an
example for those who
would believe in him
and receive eternal life.**



**Now to the King eternal,
immortal, invisible, the
only God, be honor and
glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Apostle Paul
— 1 Timothy 1:13-17 —





**Above all, seek
the world's true King
and the King's kingdom.**



SEEK FIRST

How the Kingdom of God
Changes Everything

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**Jesus gave his
followers many
commands, but there
was only one thing
he said to seek first.**

**“Seek first the
kingdom of God”**

(Matt. 6:33).



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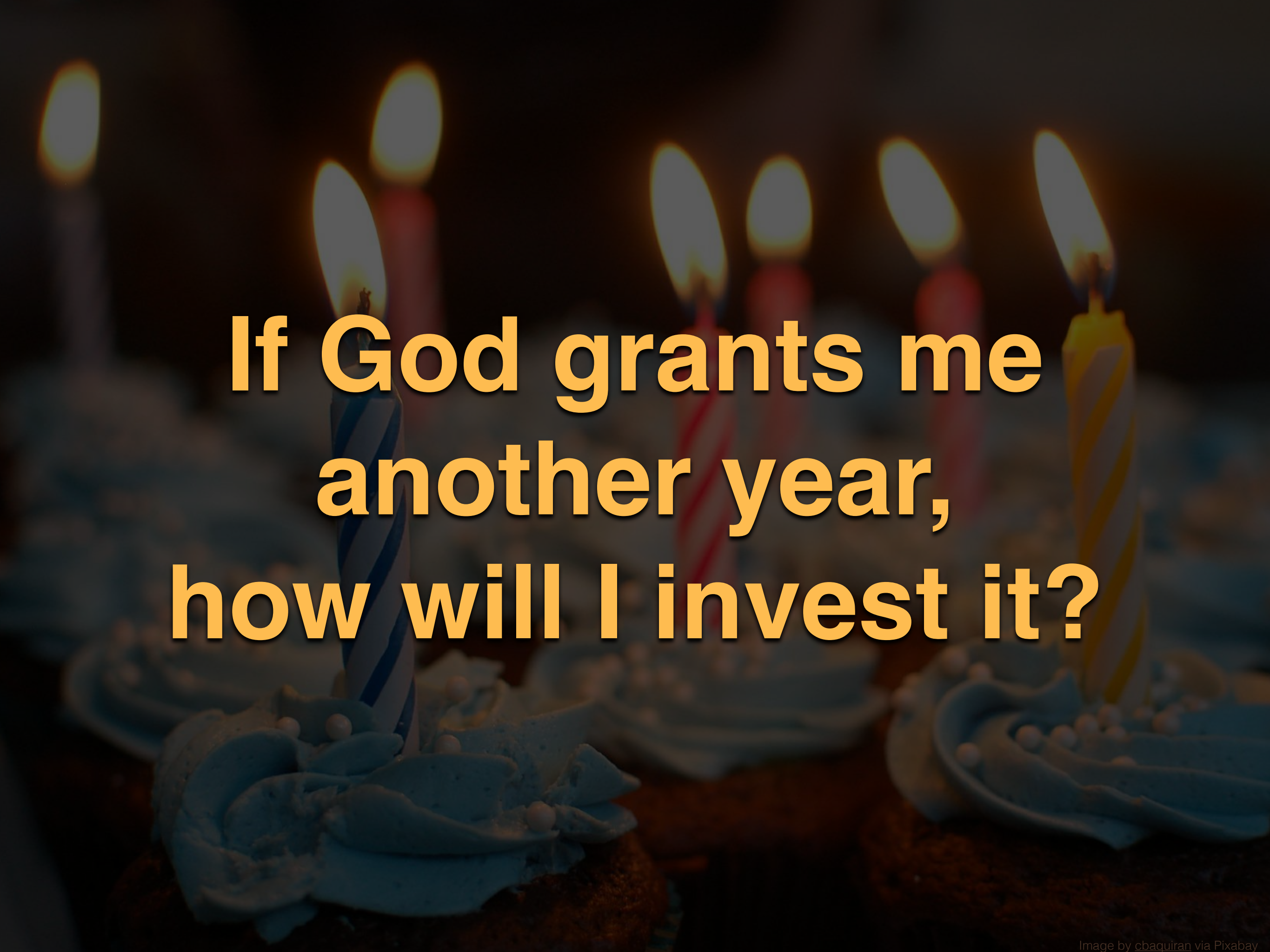
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**This is the one thing
that changes every-
thing. Accord to
Jesus, what matters
most in life is the
kingdom of God.**

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**Let's offer to Christ our time,
our talents, and our treasures
for the sake of His kingdom.**

A close-up photograph of a birthday cake with several lit candles. The candles are in various colors (red, yellow, blue) and are lit, with bright yellow flames. The cake is decorated with blue frosting and white sprinkles. The background is dark, making the lit candles stand out.

**If God grants me
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how will I invest it?**

**May you welcome
the reign of Jesus
in and through
your life!**

