

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 purple or brown robe. 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.

**“Treasure in Heaven”**

**Luke 12:13-48**

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The background of the slide is a photograph of two individuals, likely pilgrims, walking away from the camera on a rugged, rocky path. They are wearing traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings. The path is made of large, light-colored stones and is bordered by a low stone wall on the left. The background shows a rocky hillside with some sparse vegetation.

# What will we learn?

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- ❖ Generosity instead of selfishness
- ❖ Prayer instead of worry
- ❖ Trust instead of fear
- ❖ Responsibility instead of carelessness
- ❖ Faithful unity instead of division



# The Gospel of Luke

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- ❖ 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?

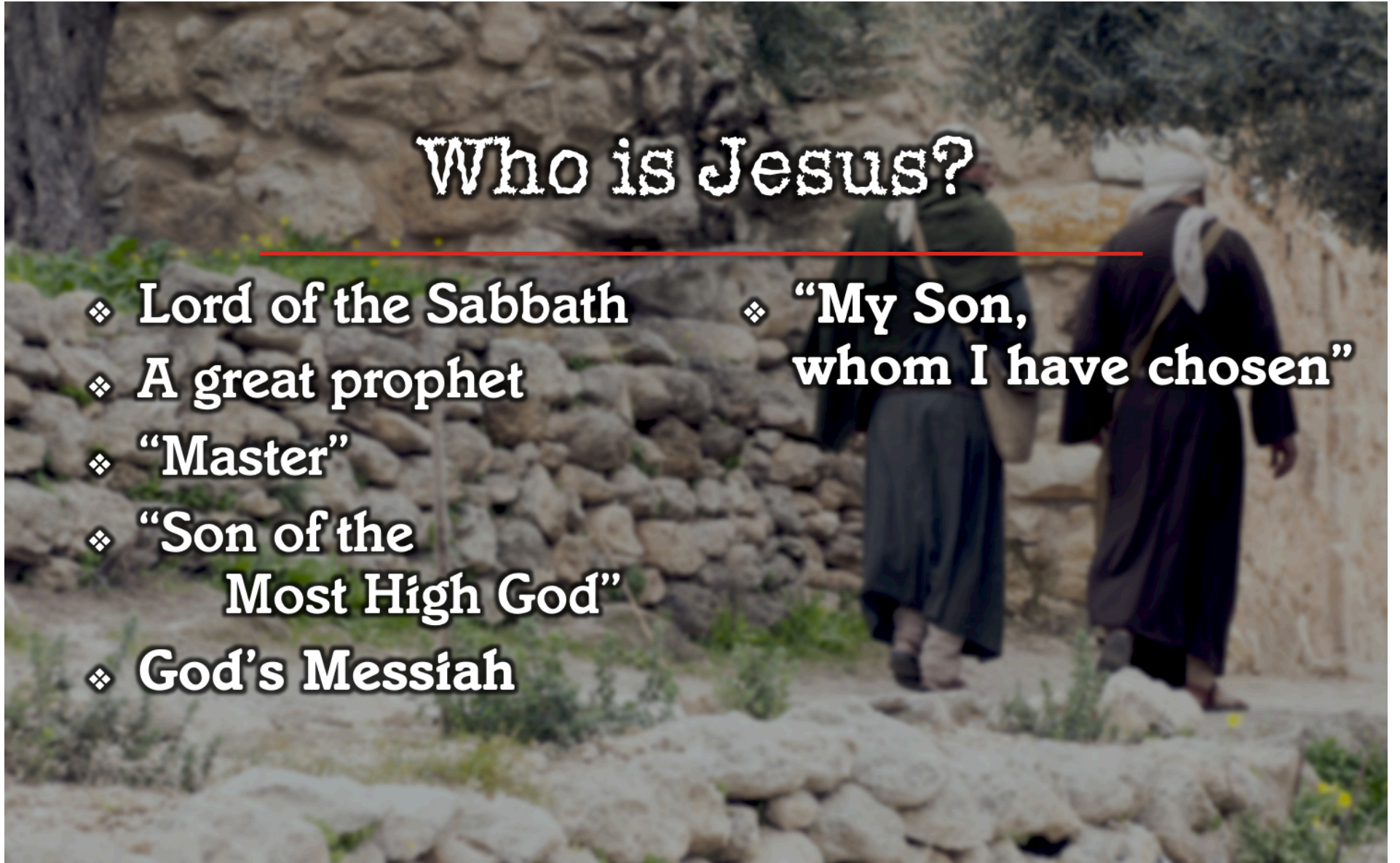
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- ❖ Savior
- ❖ Christ
- ❖ Lord
- ❖ Son of David
- ❖ Son of Abraham
- ❖ Son of Adam
- ❖ Son of God
- ❖ Son of Man
- ❖ Suffering Servant
- ❖ Lamb of God
- ❖ Healer
- ❖ Great Teacher
- ❖ “Holy One of God”
- ❖ Bridegroom

# Who is Jesus?

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- ❖ 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

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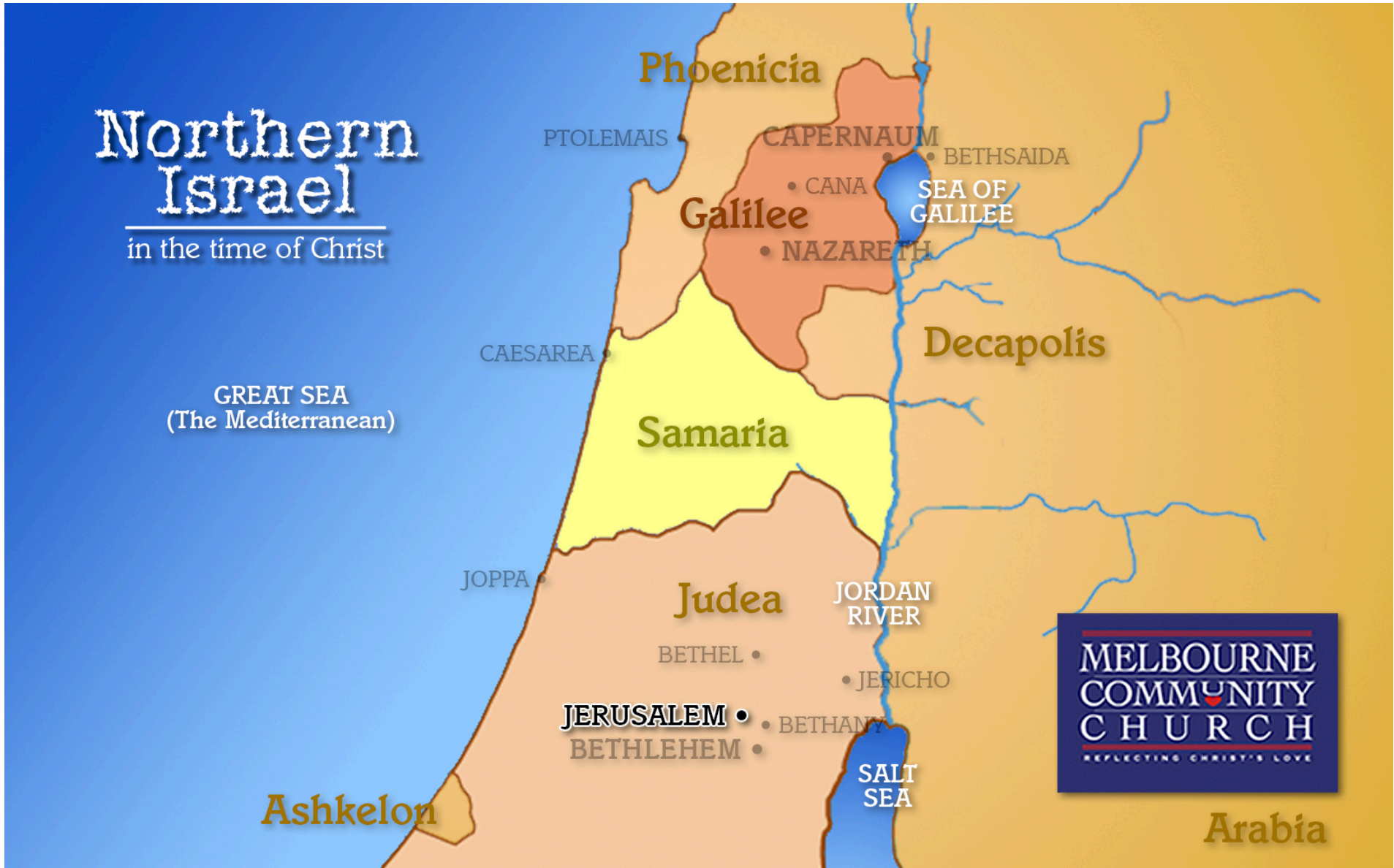
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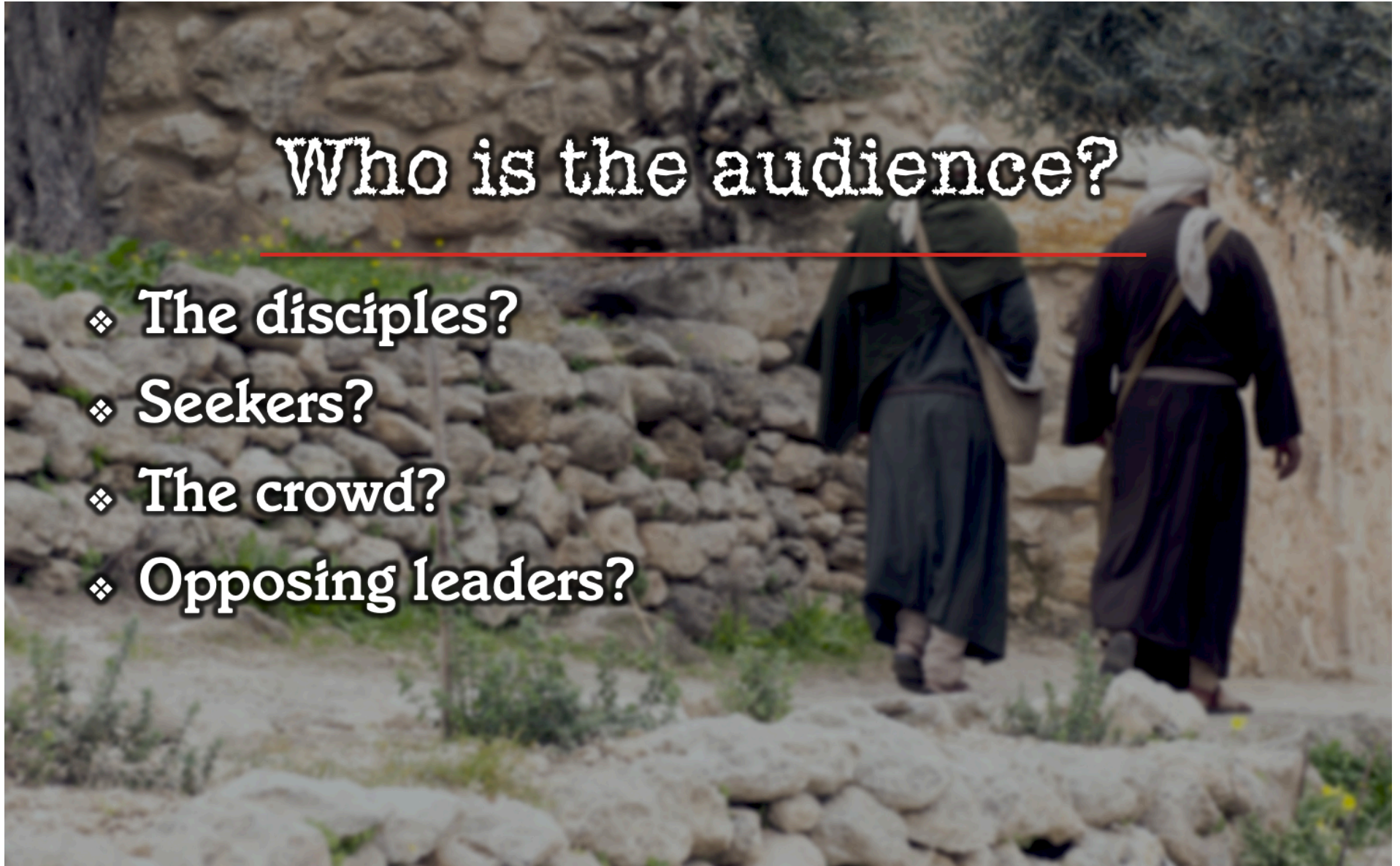
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# Who is the audience?

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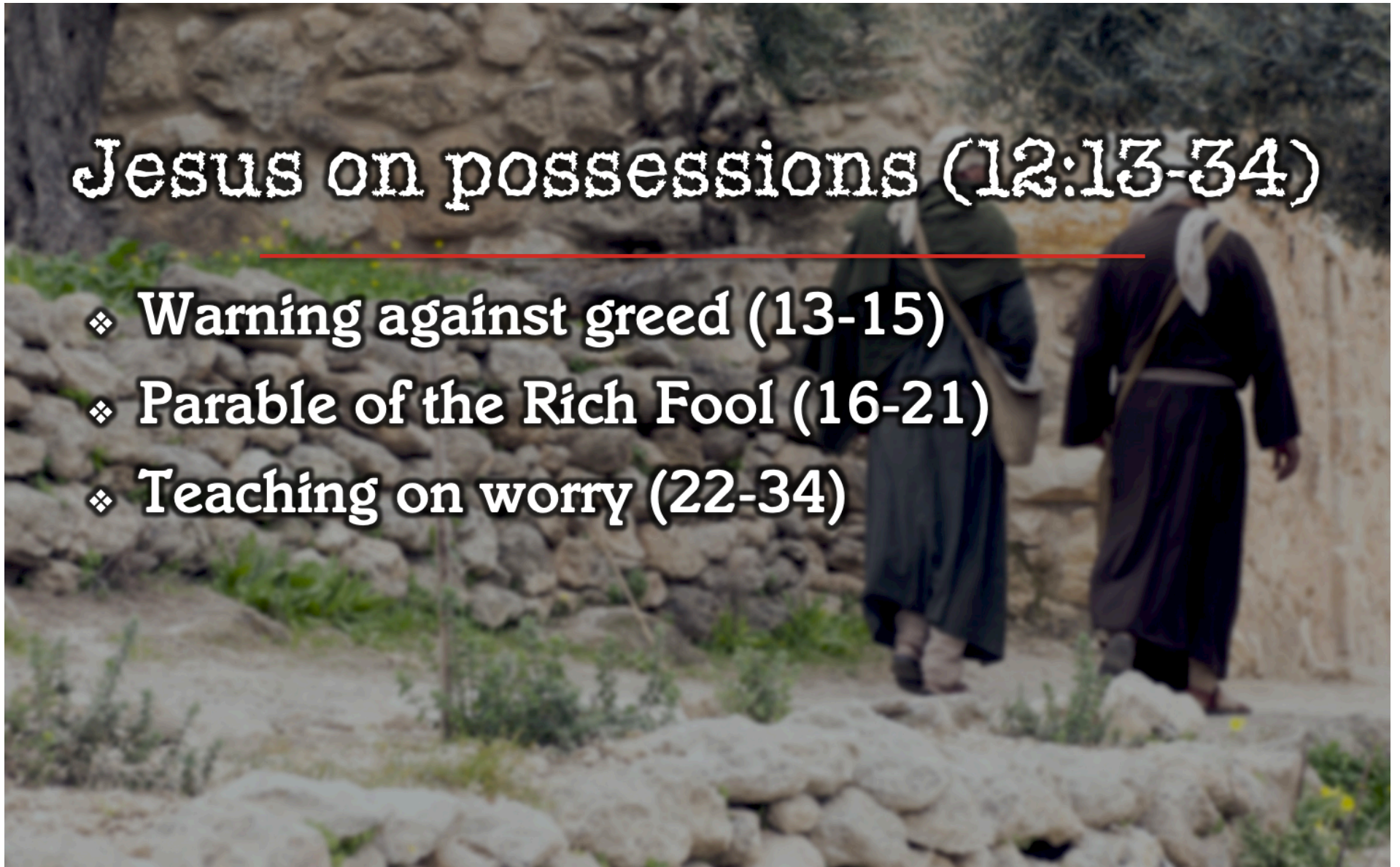
- ❖ The disciples?
- ❖ Seekers?
- ❖ The crowd?
- ❖ Opposing leaders?



# Jesus on possessions (12:13-34)

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- ❖ Warning against greed (13-15)
- ❖ Parable of the Rich Fool (16-21)
- ❖ Teaching on worry (22-34)





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## Luke 12:13

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Someone in the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide  
the inheritance with me.”



## Luke 12:14-15

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Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”



## Luke 12:16-17

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**And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”**



## Luke 12:18-19

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**“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”**



## Luke 12:20-21

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**“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”**

## Luke 12:22-23

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Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.”



## Luke 12:24-26

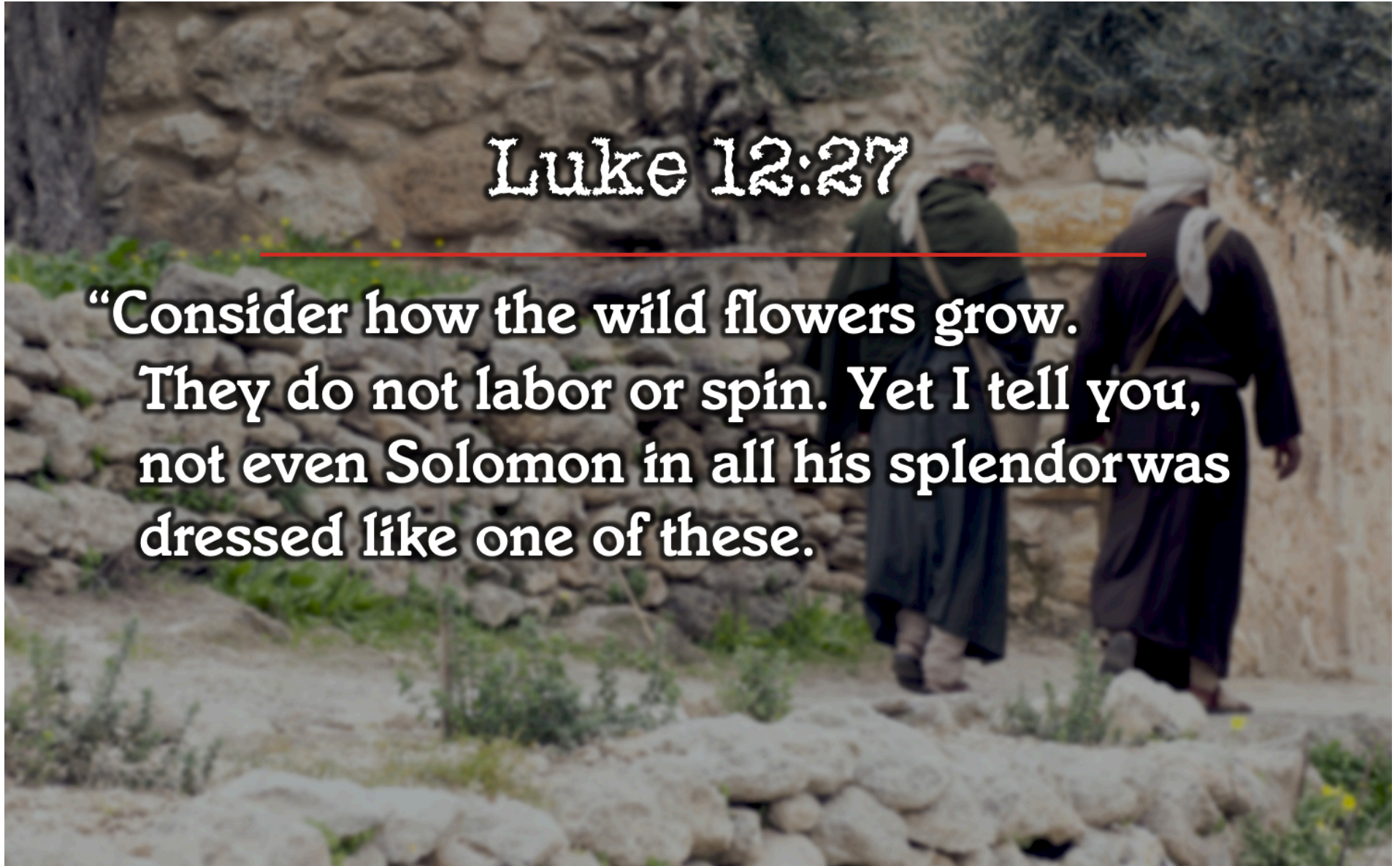
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**“Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”**

## Luke 12:27

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**“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.**







## Luke 12:28

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**“If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith!**

## Luke 12:29-31

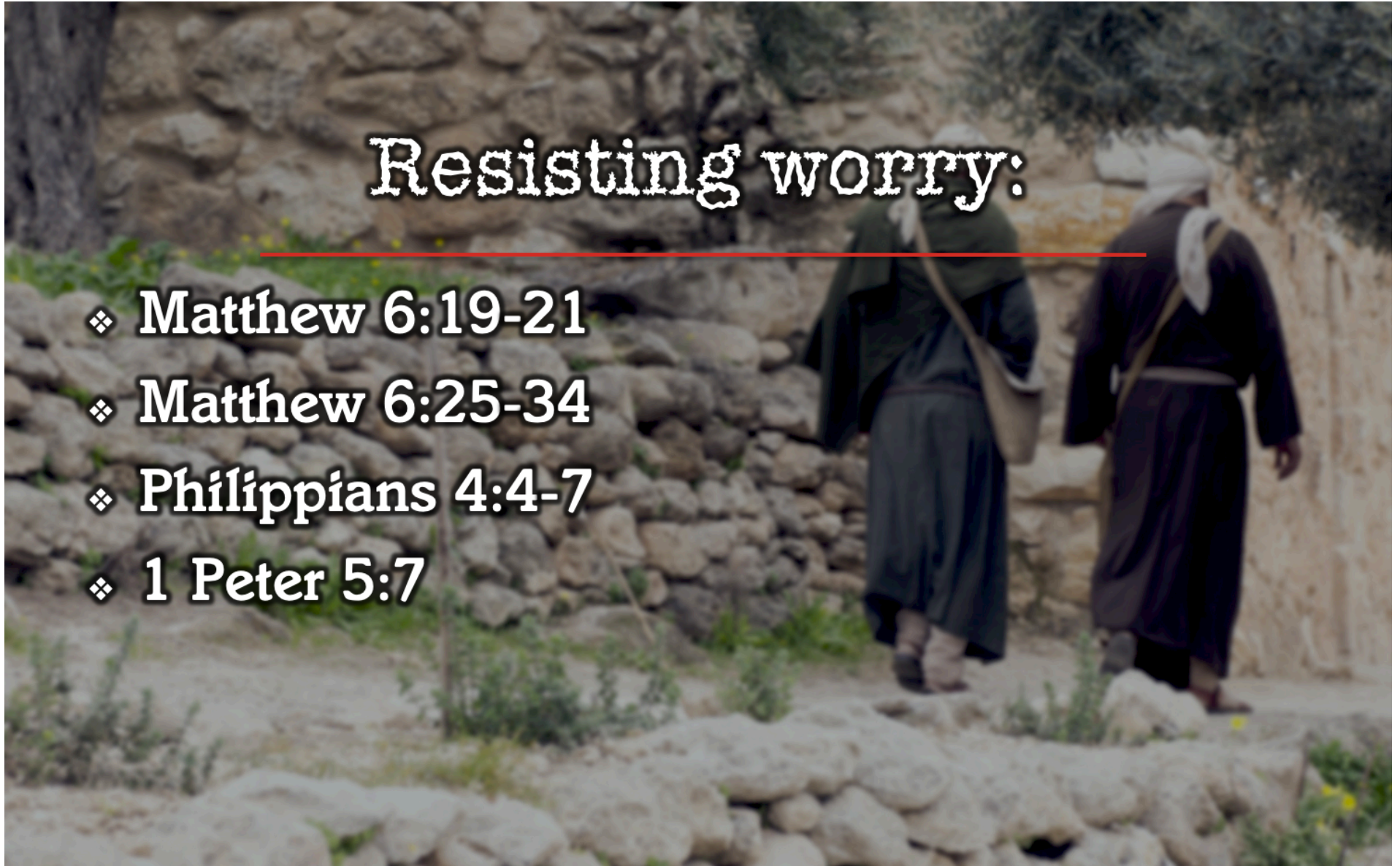
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**“And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.”**

# Resisting worry:

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- ❖ Matthew 6:19-21
- ❖ Matthew 6:25-34
- ❖ Philippians 4:4-7
- ❖ 1 Peter 5:7





## Luke 12:32-33

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**“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out,**

## Luke 12:33-34

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**“a treasure in heaven that will never fail,  
where no thief comes near and no moth  
destroys. For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.”**





**Darrell L. Bock:**

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**“The first step in wisdom is to know better. We ought to leave ourselves in the Father’s tender loving care. He can direct us to use our gifts and abilities, and we must trust him to provide for us as we work to serve him.”**

## Luke 12:35-36

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**“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.**



## Luke 12:37

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**“It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.**



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## Luke 12:38

**“It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.”**

## Night watches:

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- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> watch = 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> watch = 10:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> watch = 2:00 – 6:00 AM





## Luke 12:39-40

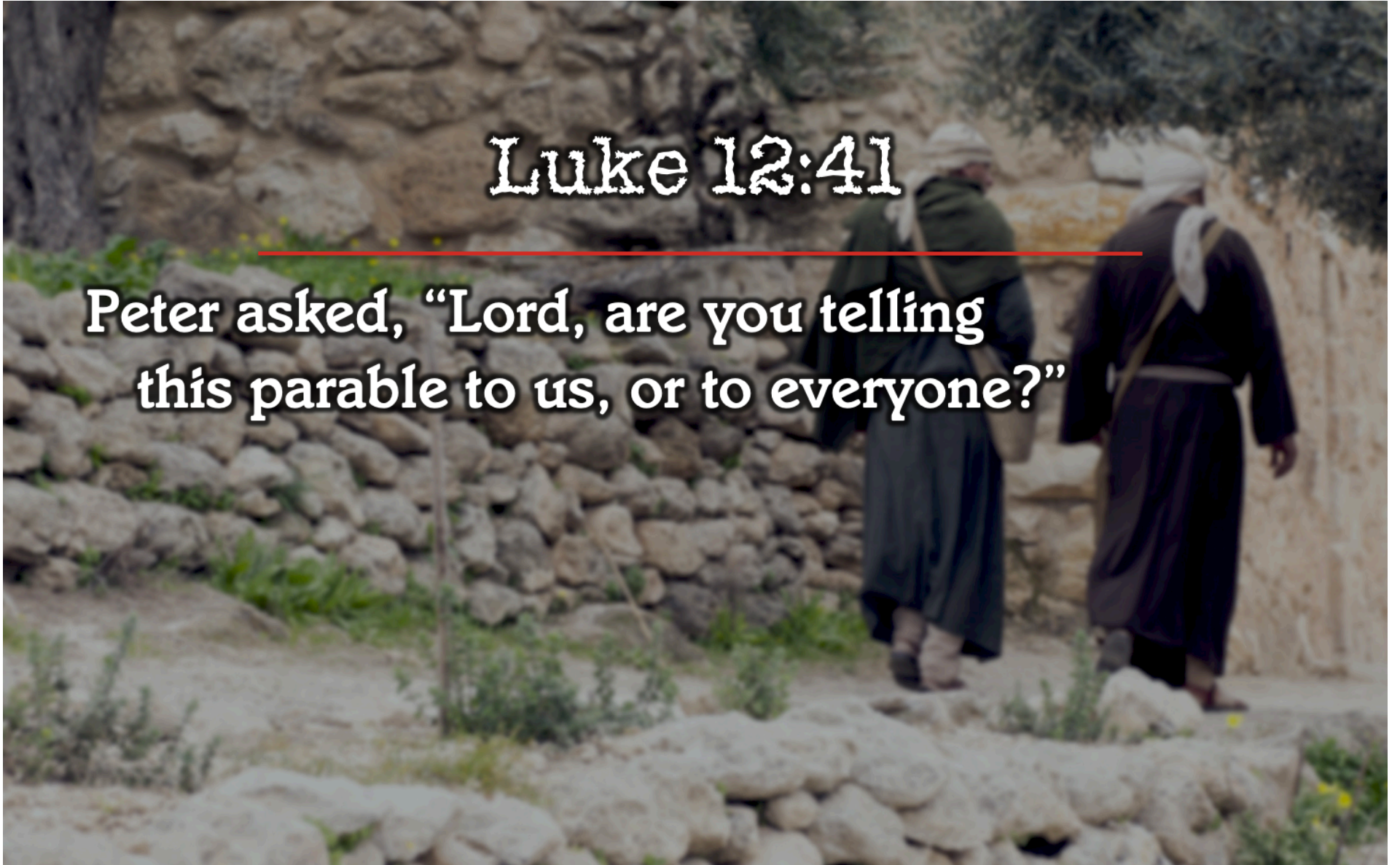
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**“But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”**

## Luke 12:41

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Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?”





## Luke 12:42

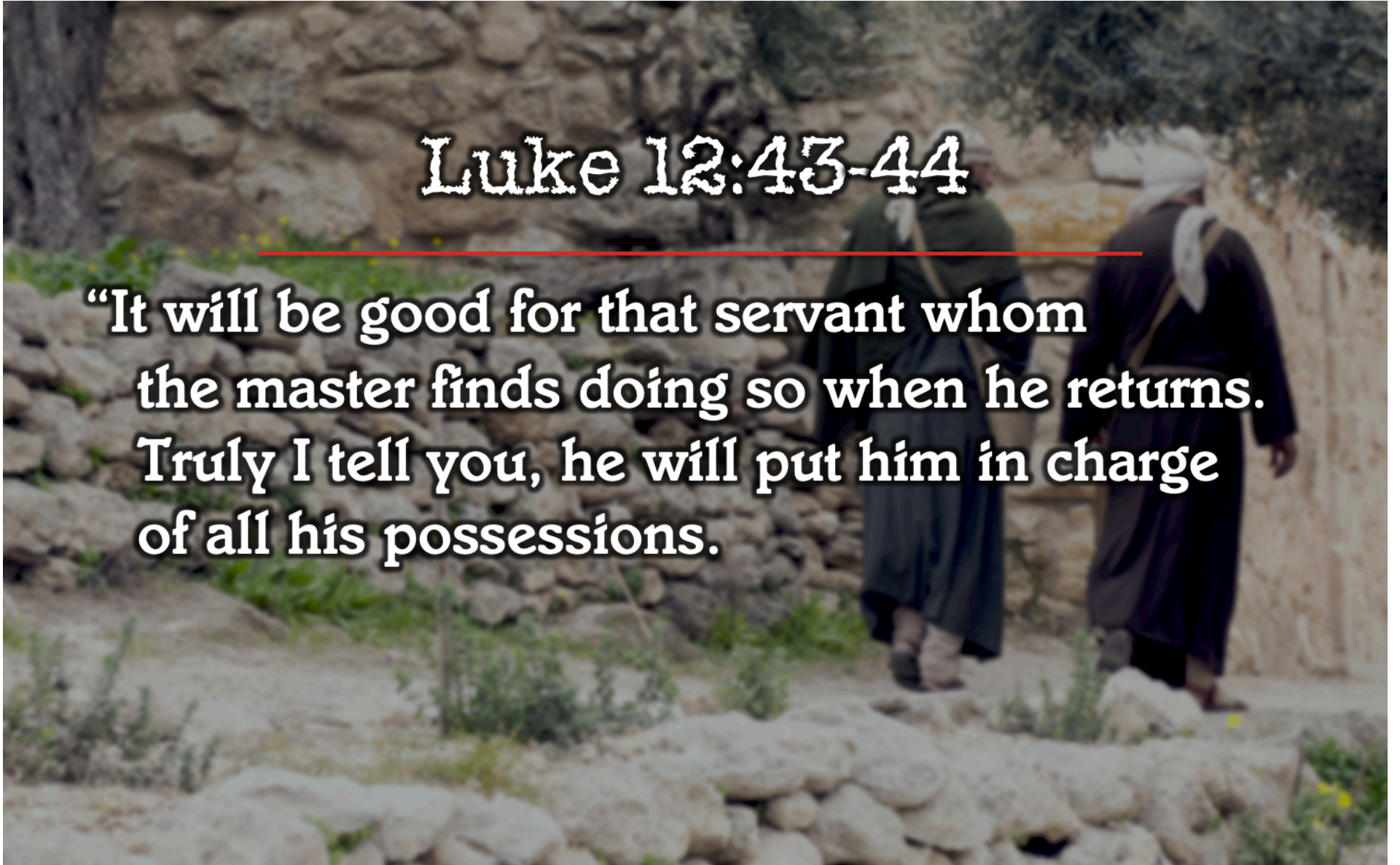
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**The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?”**

## Luke 12:43-44

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**“It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.**



## Luke 12:45

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**“But suppose the servant says to himself,  
‘My master is taking a long time in coming,’  
and he then begins to beat the other servants,  
both men and women, and to eat and drink  
and get drunk.**



## Luke 12:46

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**“The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.**



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**Luke 12:47**

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**“The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows.**

## Luke 12:48

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**“But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”**

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# Unity:

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❖ John 17

❖ Ephesians 4:1-16

# What have we learned?

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# 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