

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 the man on the right is wearing a dark purple robe. Both have light-colored sashes or bags slung over their shoulders. The background shows more of the stone wall and some green foliage, including an olive tree branch on the right. The overall scene is set in a rural, outdoor environment.

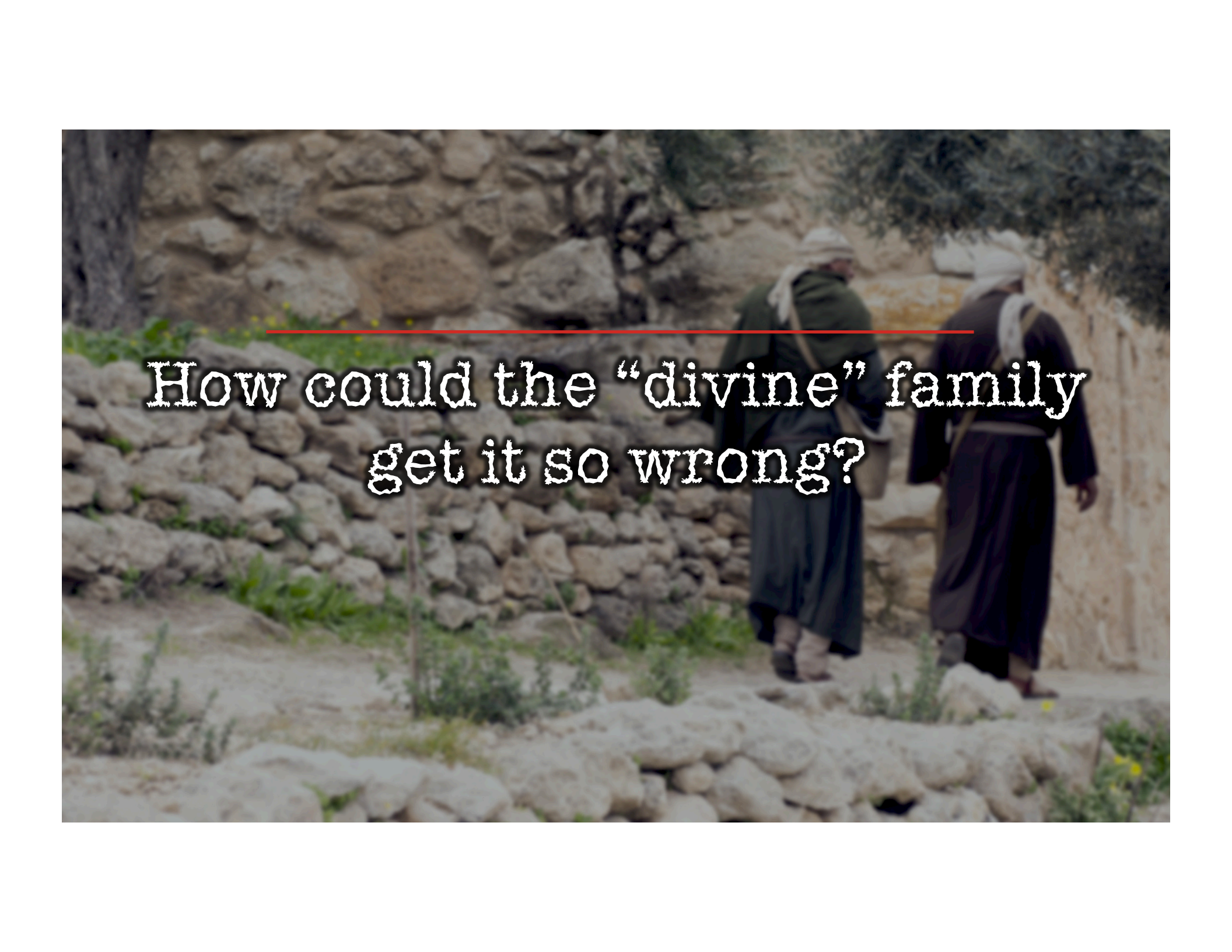
“Don’t Waste The Past”

Luke 2:39-52

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A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The path is bordered by a low wall of rough-hewn stones on the left and a taller, more structured stone wall on the right. The background shows a hillside with sparse vegetation and a tree. The text "How could the 'divine' family get it so wrong?" is overlaid in a white, pixelated font, with a thin red horizontal line above it.

How could the "divine" family
get it so wrong?

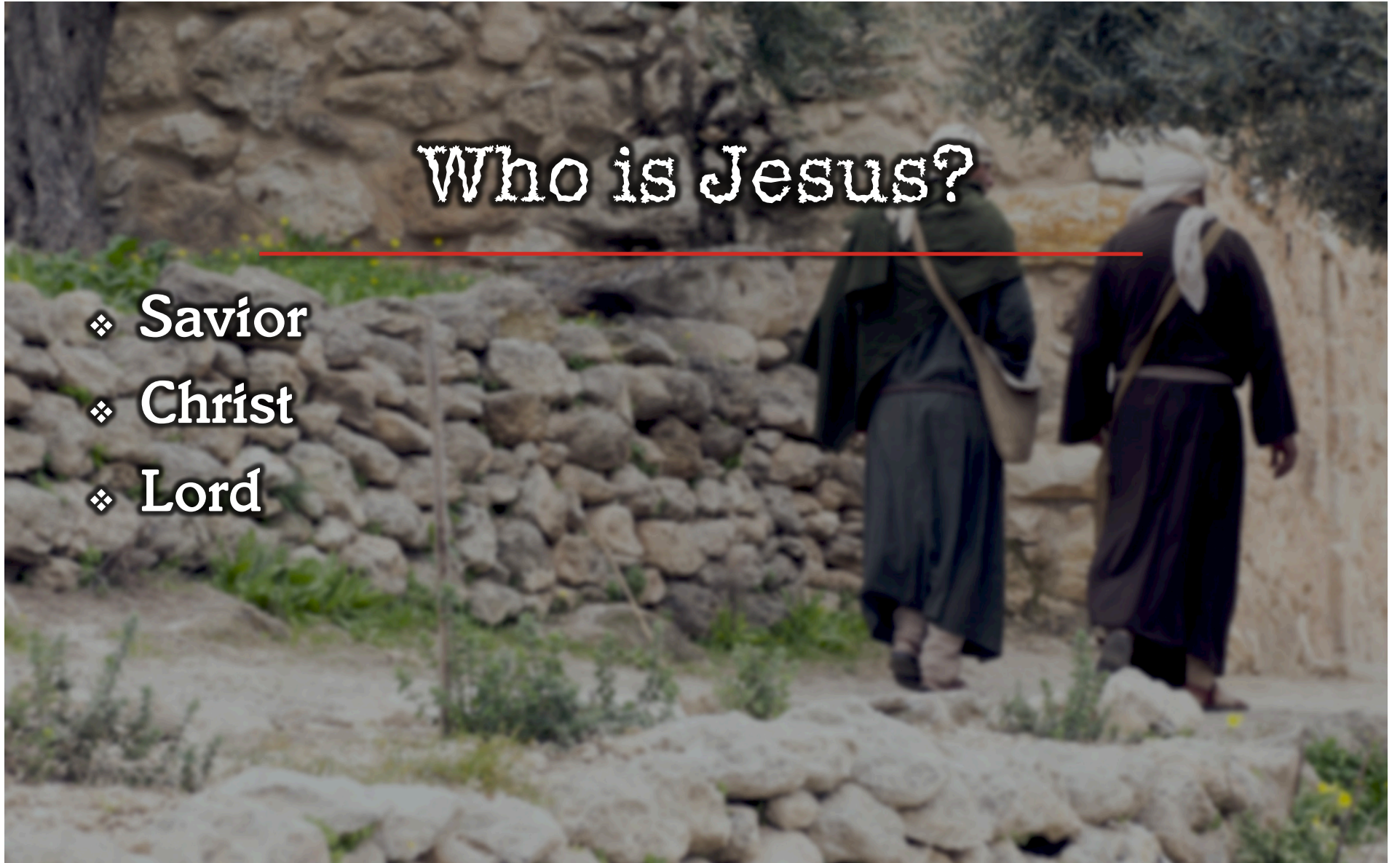
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Luke 1-2

- ❖ Gabriel and Zechariah (1:5-25)
- ❖ Gabriel and Mary (1:26-38)
- ❖ Mary's song (1:39-56)
- ❖ Birth of John the Baptist (1:57-66)
- ❖ Zechariah's song (1:67-80)
- ❖ Birth of Jesus (2:1-7)

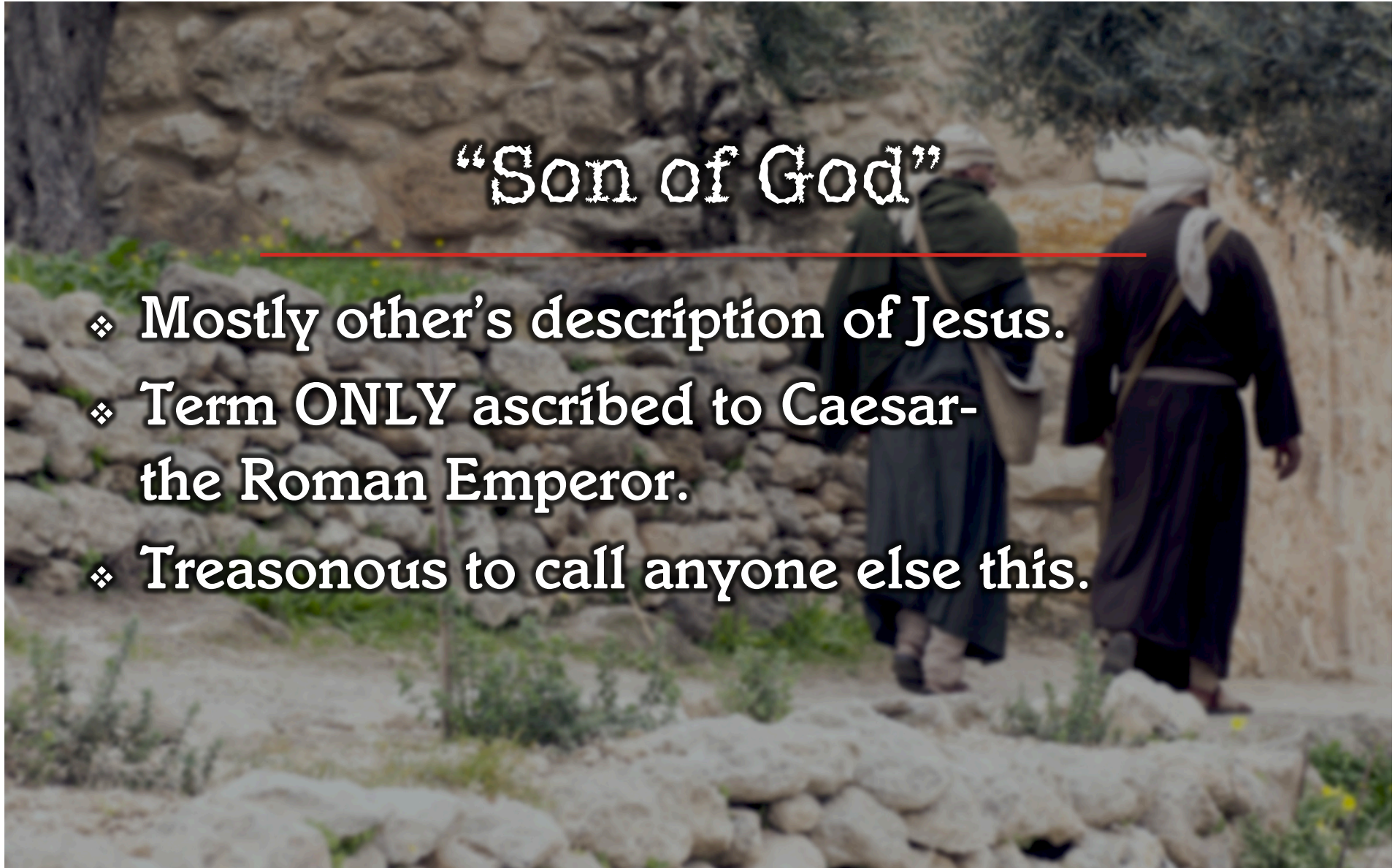
Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Savior
- ❖ Christ
- ❖ Lord



“Son of God”

- ❖ Mostly other’s description of Jesus.
- ❖ Term **ONLY** ascribed to Caesar-
the Roman Emperor.
- ❖ Treasonous to call anyone else this.



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Also, fully human ...

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“Son of Man”

- ❖ The “Human One”
- ❖ Chose humility over power

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A dramatic example ...



John 1:43-45:

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him,



John 1:45-46:

“We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.



John 1:47-48:

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

John 1:49-51:

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

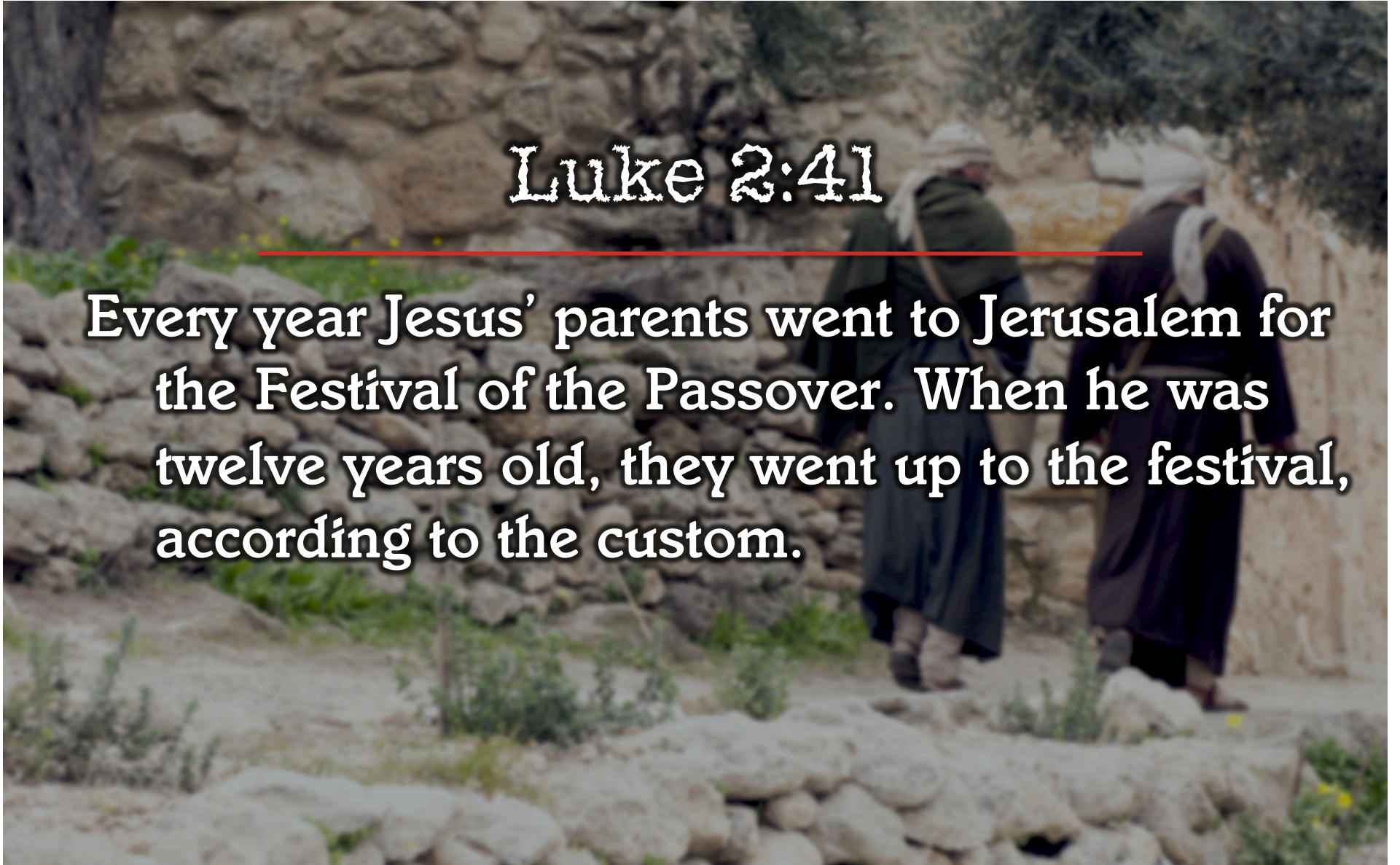
A background image showing a stone wall on the left and two people in traditional, dark, long-sleeved robes and head coverings walking away from the viewer on a path. The scene is outdoors with some greenery and a tree trunk visible on the left.

Luke 2:39-40:

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Luke 2:41

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.



Israel

at the time of
the birth of Christ

GREAT SEA
(The Mediterranean)

Ashkelon



Arabia

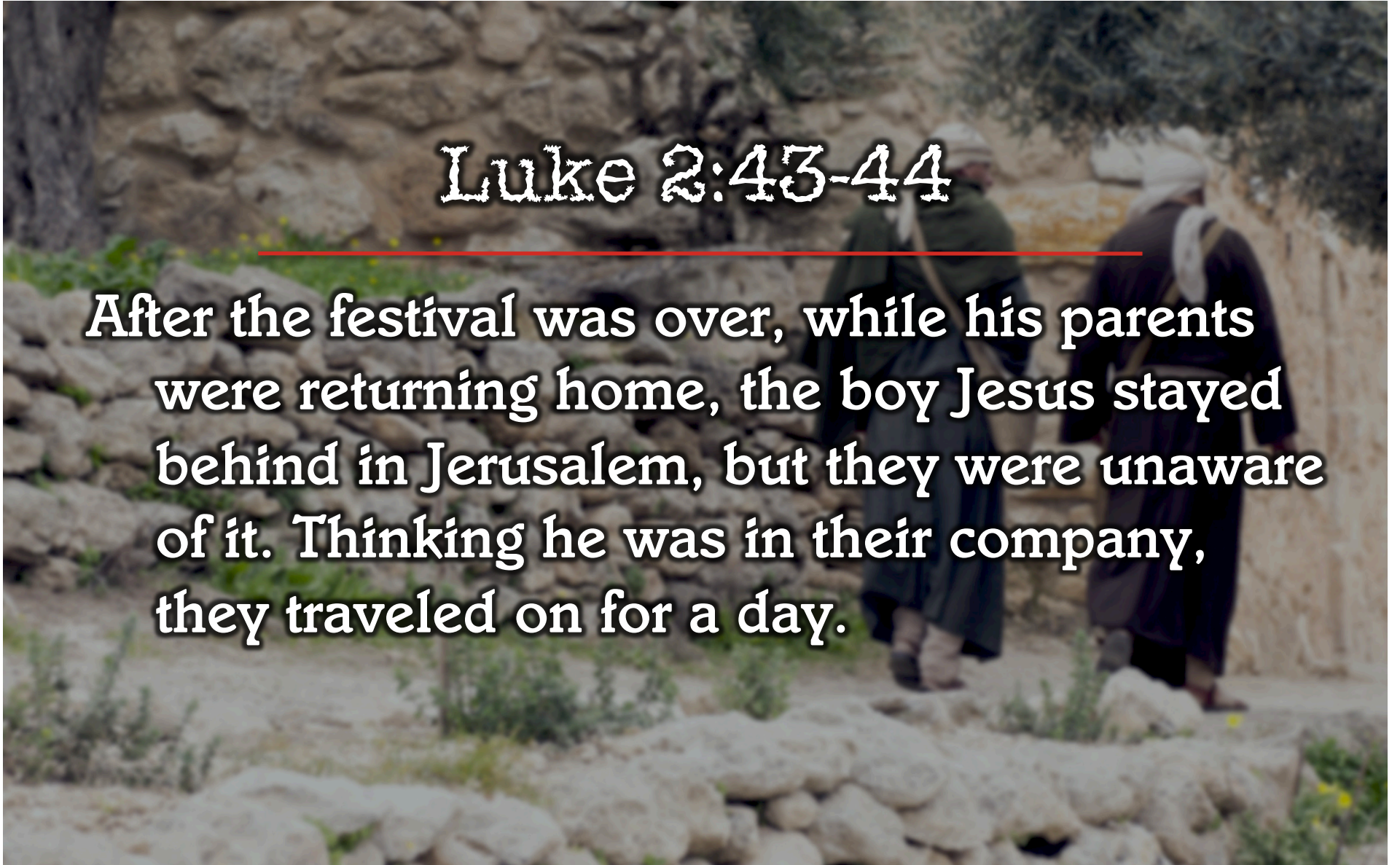
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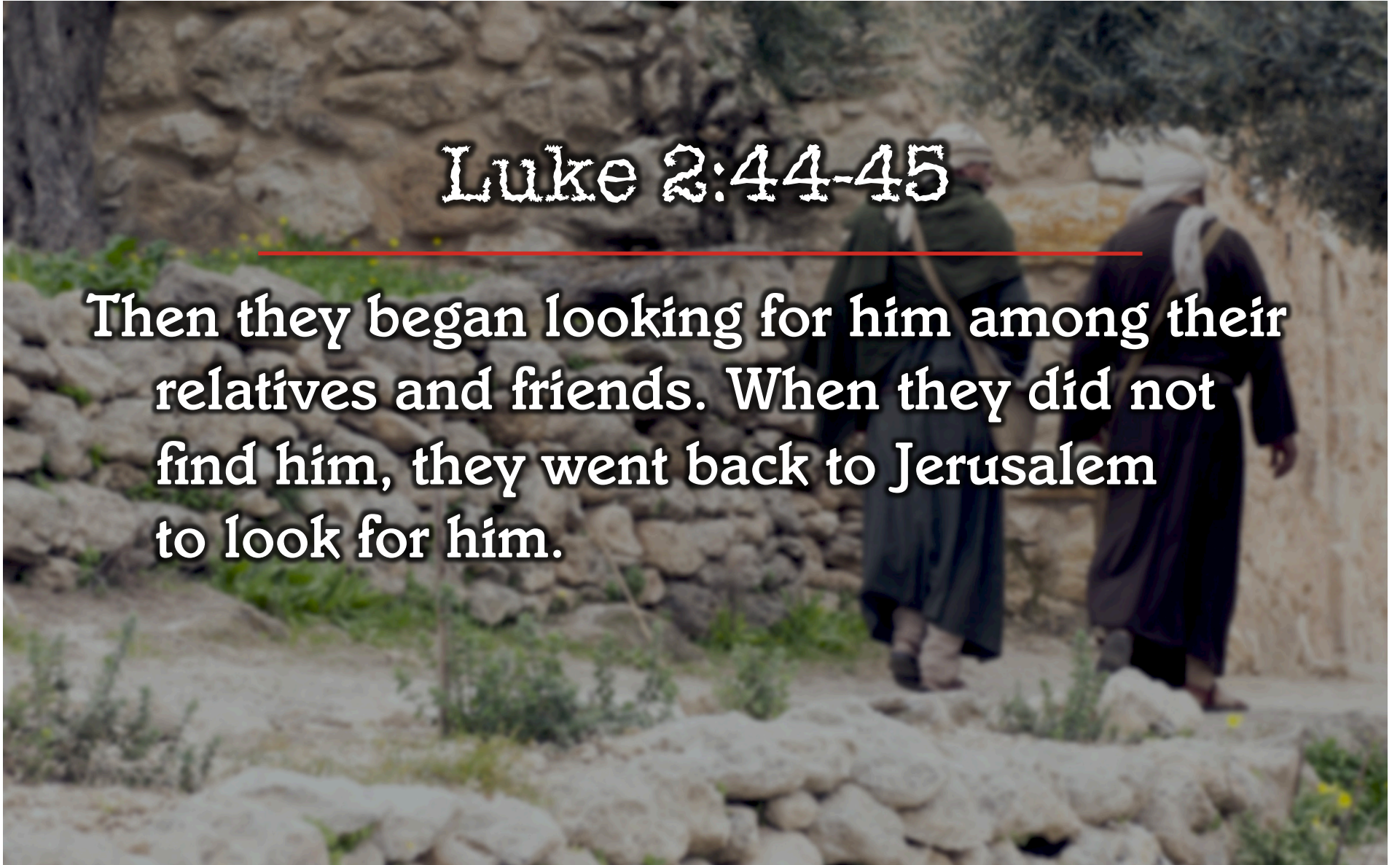
Luke 2:43-44

After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day.



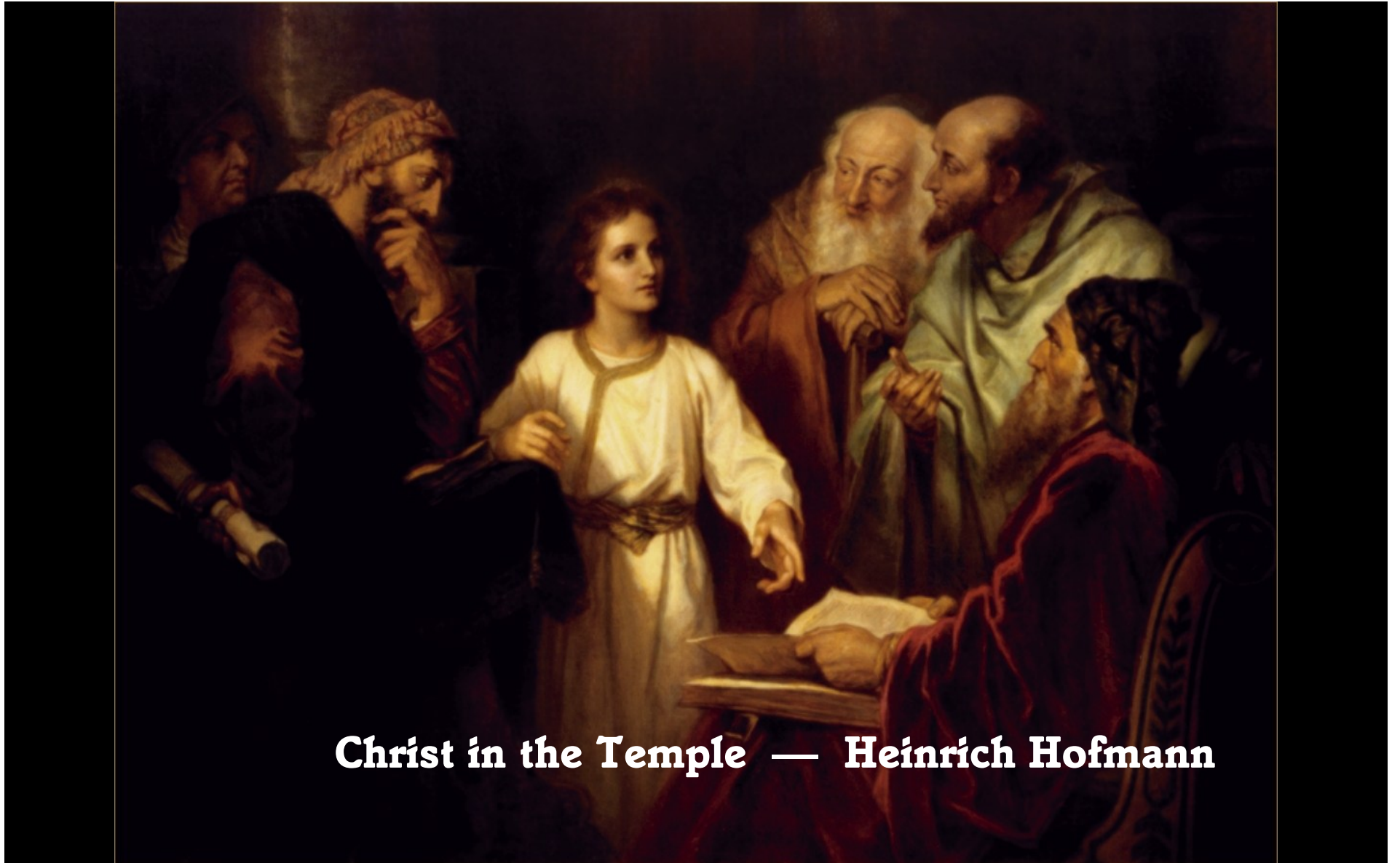
Luke 2:44-45

Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.



Luke 2:46-47

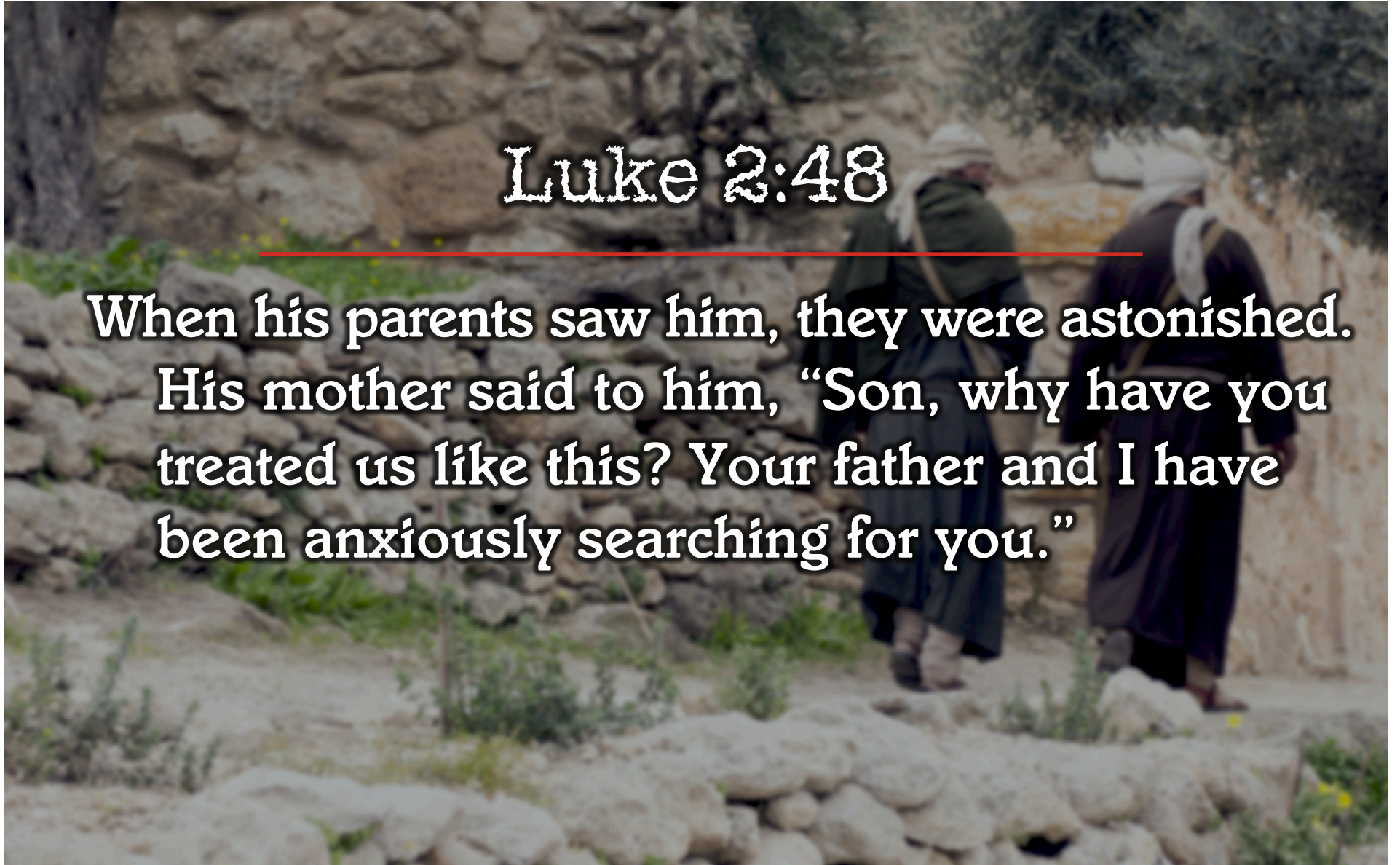
After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.



Christ in the Temple — Heinrich Hofmann

Luke 2:48

When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."





Luke 2:49-50

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked.
“Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Parent/child crisis conversation

❖ Mom:

“Why did you do this to us?”

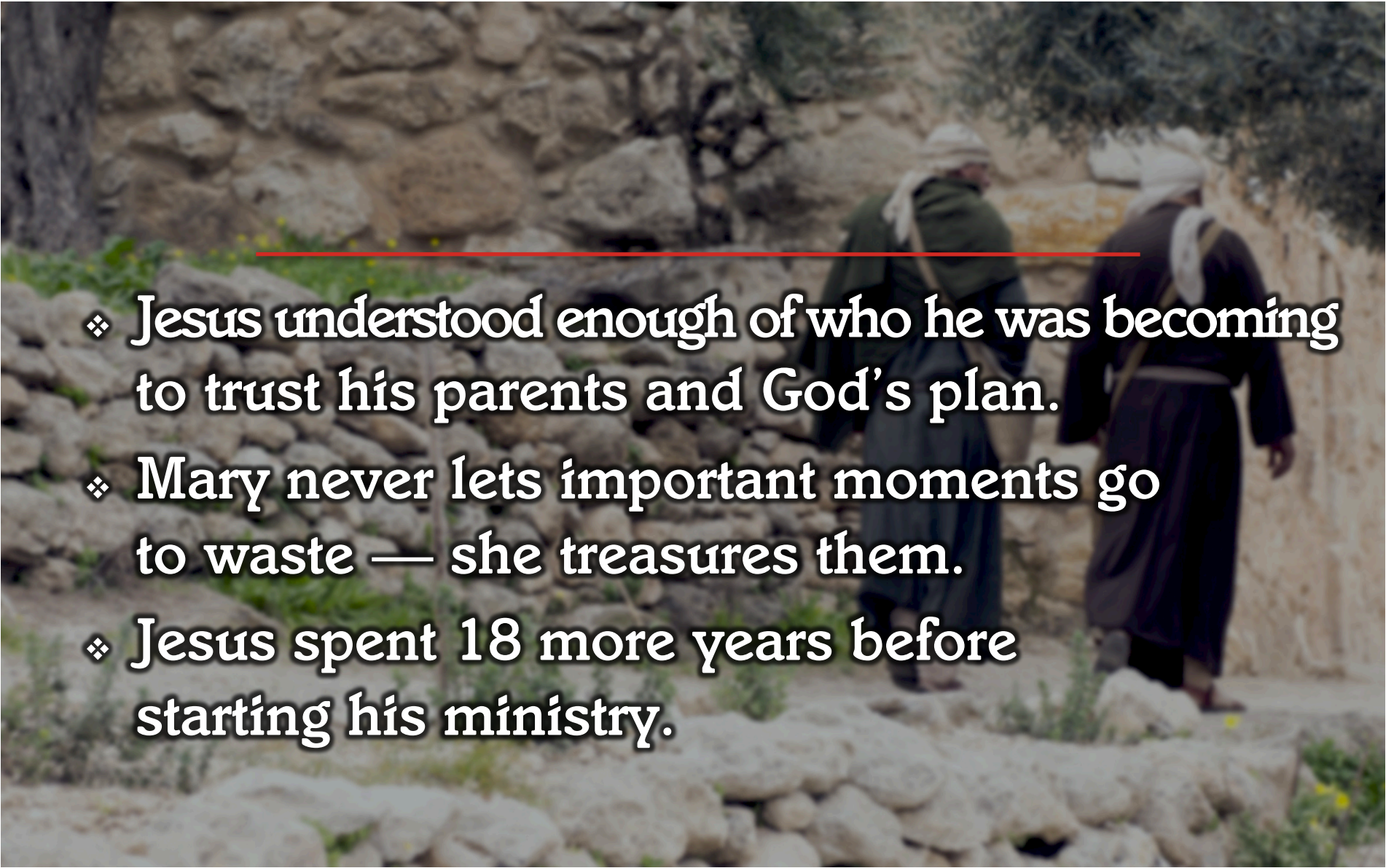
❖ Child's Response:

“Why were you looking for me?”

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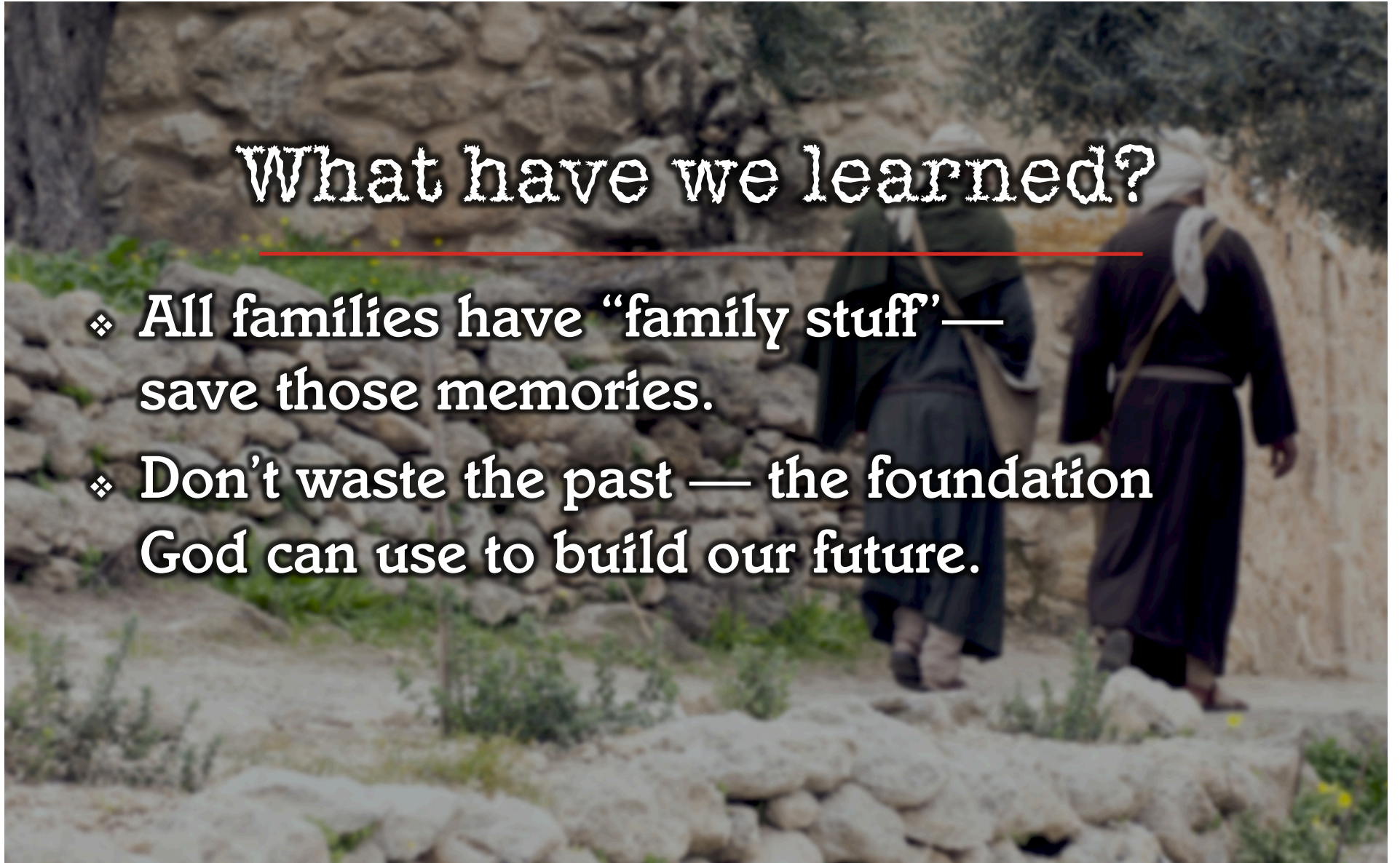
Luke 2:51-52 (NLT):

Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

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- ❖ Jesus understood enough of who he was becoming to trust his parents and God's plan.
 - ❖ Mary never lets important moments go to waste — she treasures them.
 - ❖ Jesus spent 18 more years before starting his ministry.

What have we learned?

- ❖ All families have “family stuff” — save those memories.
- ❖ Don't waste the past — the foundation God can use to build our future.



What have we learned?

- ❖ Maturity is a process — takes time with Jesus and a community of Jesus-followers.
- ❖ Jesus lived in our skin — understands whatever we're facing.





The background of the slide is a photograph of two individuals dressed in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings, walking away from the camera on a rugged, rocky path. The path is made of large, light-colored stones and is bordered by a low stone wall on the right. The background shows a natural, outdoor setting with trees and foliage.

Are you being called?

- ❖ 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

❖ Luke 1:15

❖ Luke 1:41

❖ Psalm 22:9-10

❖ Psalm 139:13

❖ Isaiah 49:1

❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5