

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 more of the stone wall and some green foliage, including what appears to be an olive tree. The overall scene is set in a rural, possibly Mediterranean or Middle Eastern, environment.

**“Such Great Faith”**  
**Luke 7:1-17**

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## What will we learn?

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- ❖ Jesus is Israel's Messiah and Lord of all.
- ❖ The centurion is a model of humble faith.
- ❖ Jesus has authority over sickness (near or far) and even death.



# 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
- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath



# Witnesses:

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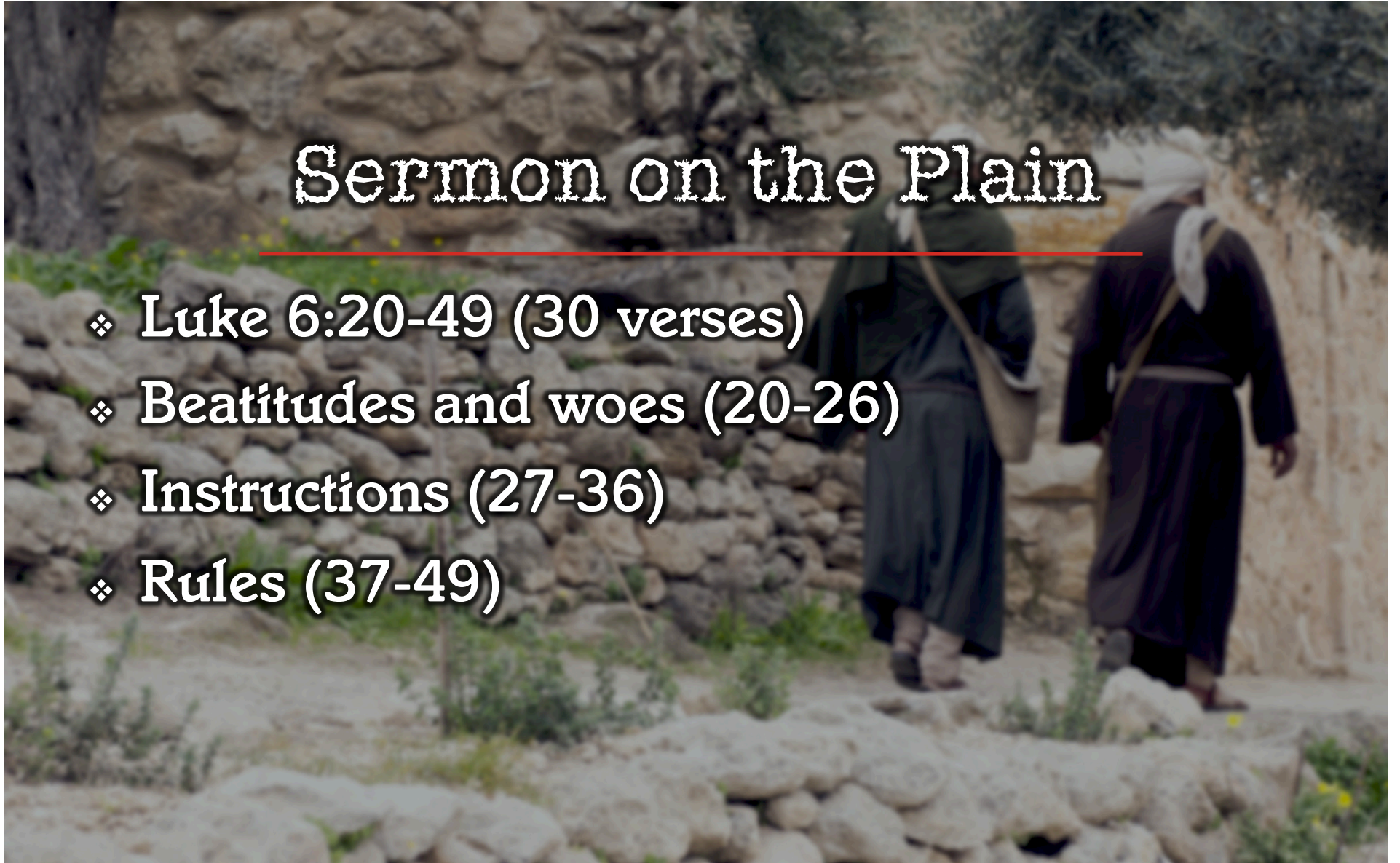
- ❖ Zechariah
- ❖ Elizabeth
- ❖ Gabriel
- ❖ Angel of the Lord
- ❖ Simeon
- ❖ Anna
- ❖ John the Baptist
- ❖ Jesus
- ❖ Demons
- ❖ Pharisees
- ❖ Crowds



# Sermon on the Plain

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- ❖ Luke 6:20-49 (30 verses)
- ❖ Beatitudes and woes (20-26)
- ❖ Instructions (27-36)
- ❖ Rules (37-49)







# God's attention:

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## Honor:

- ❖ Poor
- ❖ Hungry
- ❖ Mourners
- ❖ Rejects

## Dishonor:

- ❖ Comfortable
- ❖ Satisfied
- ❖ Mockers
- ❖ People-pleasers



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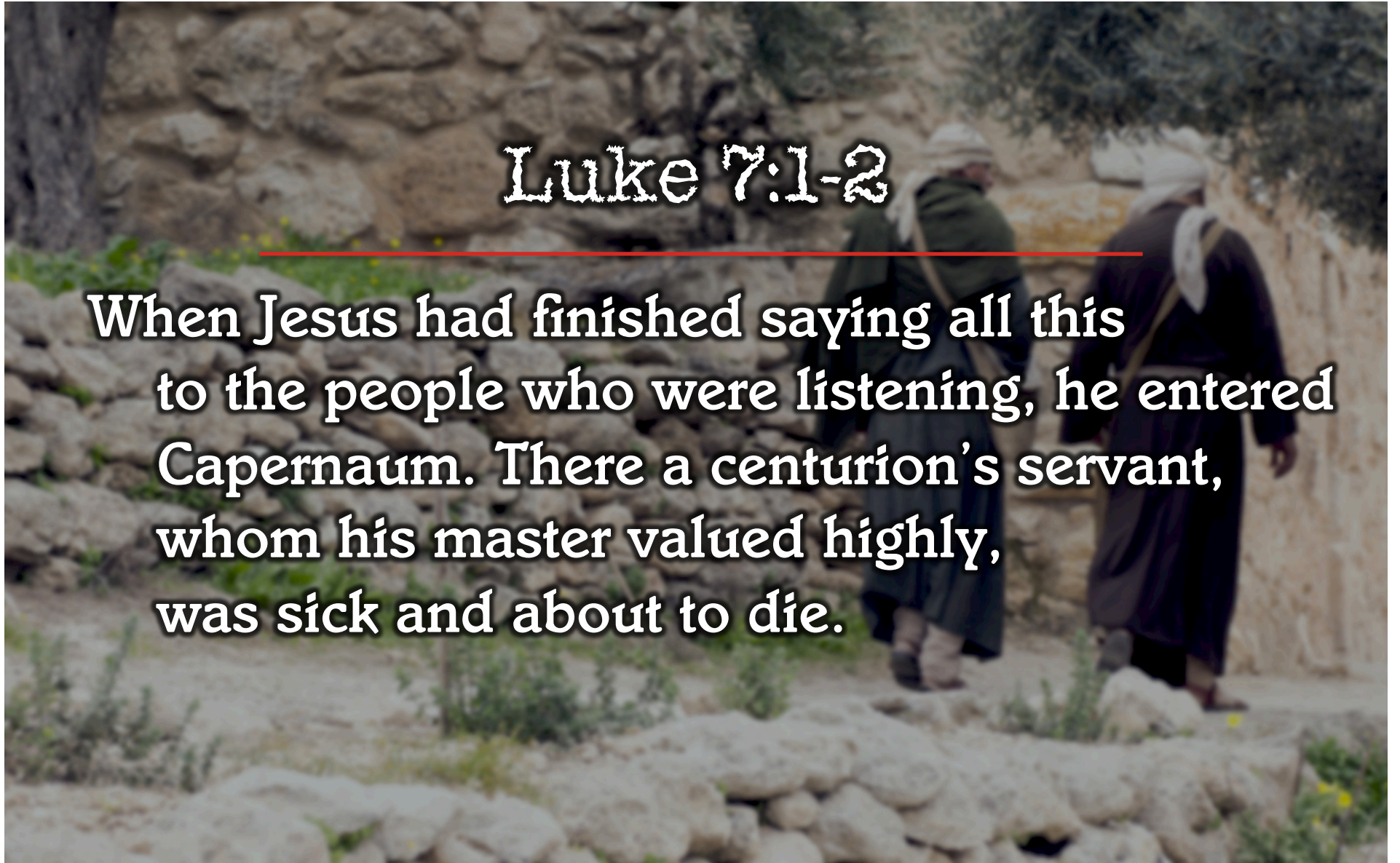
- ❖ Although we are not saved by good works, we are saved for good works.
- ❖ Jesus shows us how to love.
- ❖ Storms reveal faith.



## Luke 7:1-2

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When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.







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Furthest extent in years 8 to 115 A.D.

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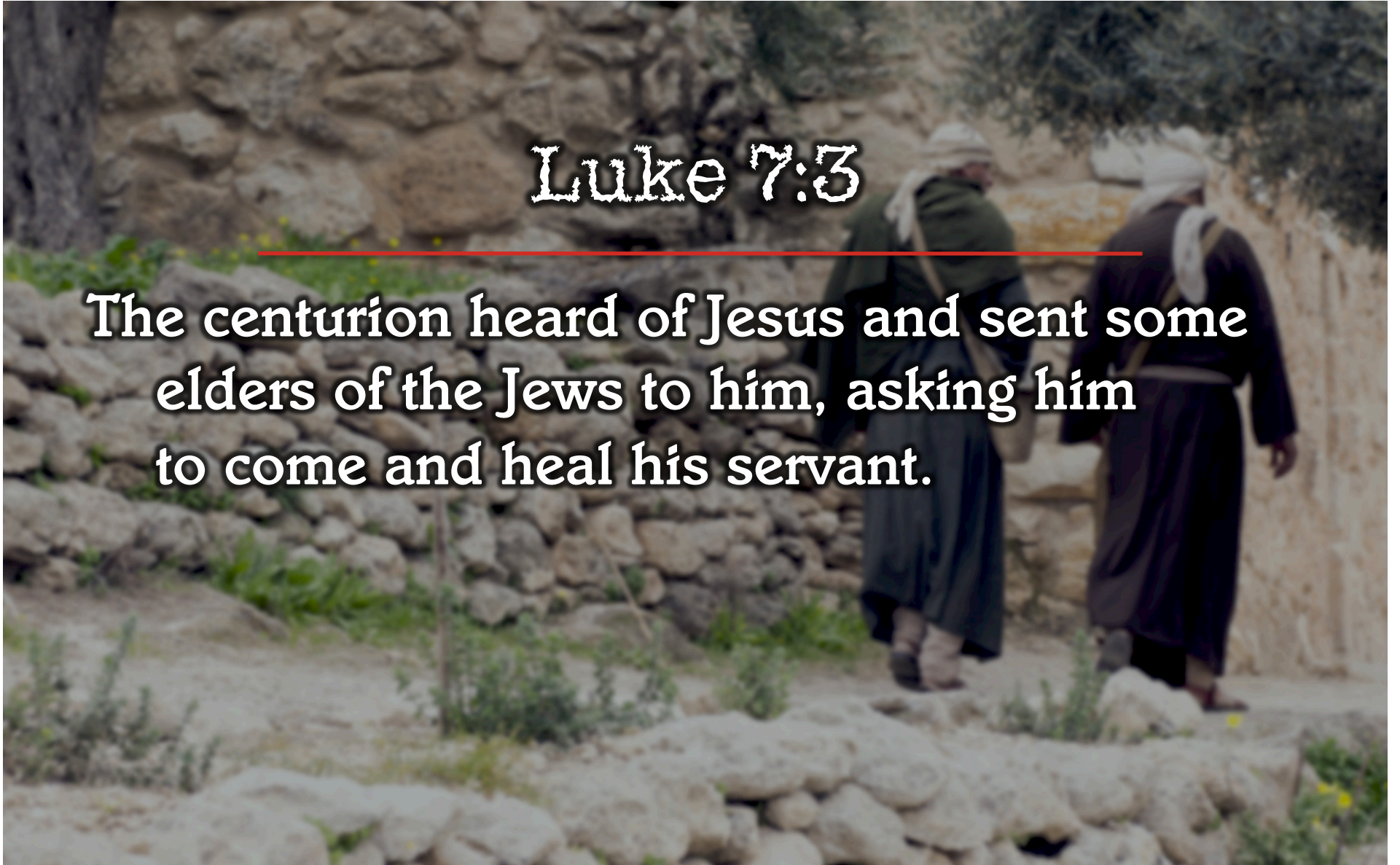
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## Luke 7:3

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The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant.





## Luke 7:4-6

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When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” So Jesus went with them.



## Luke 7:6-7

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He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.”



## Which is it?

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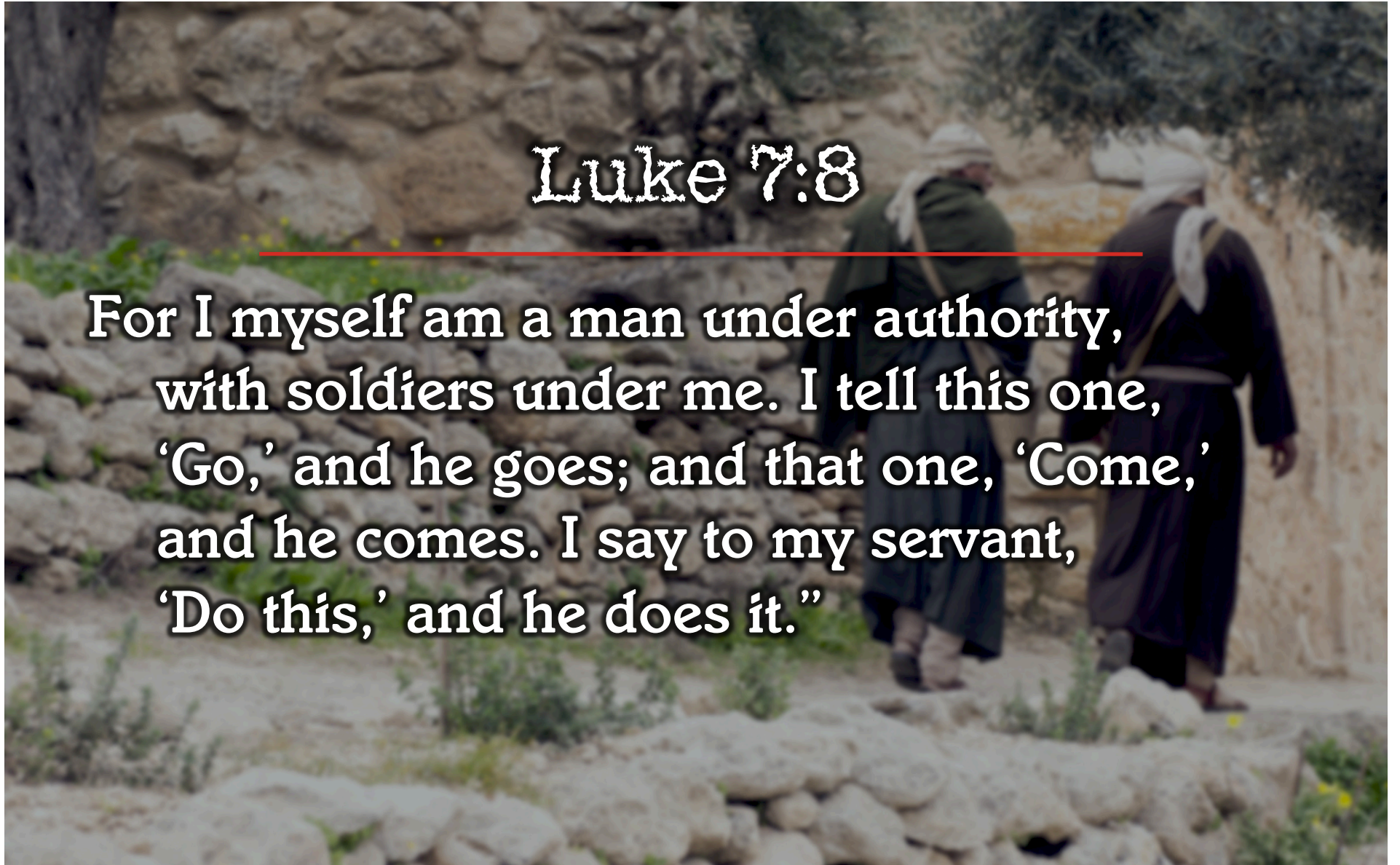
- ❖ Elders: “This man deserves to have you do this” (verse 4).
- ❖ Centurion: “I do not deserve to have you come under my roof” (verse 6).
- ❖ Centurion: “I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you” (verse 7).



## Luke 7:8

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For I myself am a man under authority,  
with soldiers under me. I tell this one,  
'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,'  
and he comes. I say to my servant,  
'Do this,' and he does it."





## Luke 7:9-10

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When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.



# Centurions in Luke-Acts

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- ❖ “such great faith” (Luke 7:1-10)
- ❖ “Surely this was a righteous man.”  
(Luke 23:47)
- ❖ Cornelius (Acts 10)



## Like the centurion ...

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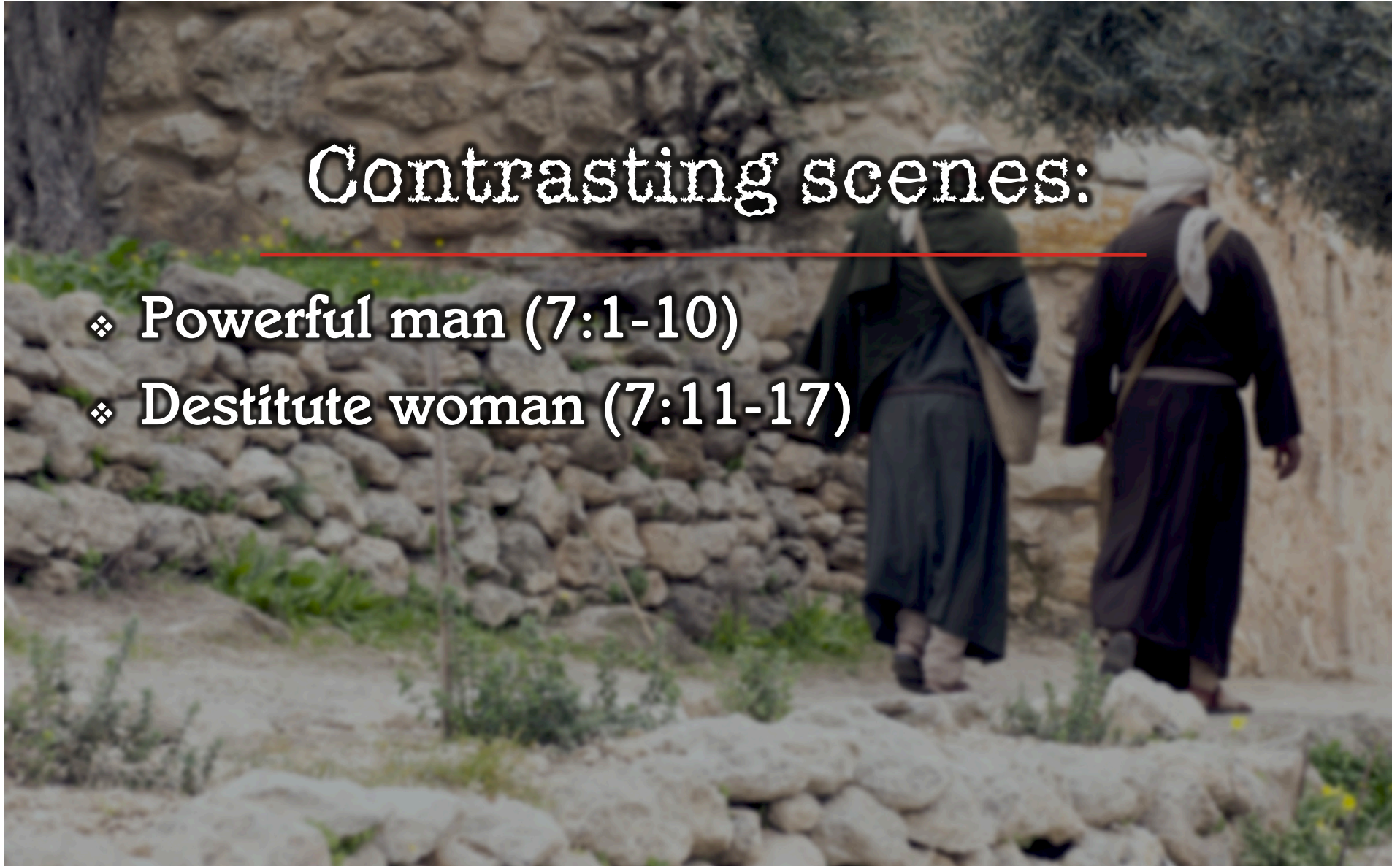
- ❖ We are Gentiles.
- ❖ We have never seen Jesus.
- ❖ We can let go of control and trust Jesus.



## Contrasting scenes:

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- ❖ Powerful man (7:1-10)
- ❖ Destitute woman (7:11-17)

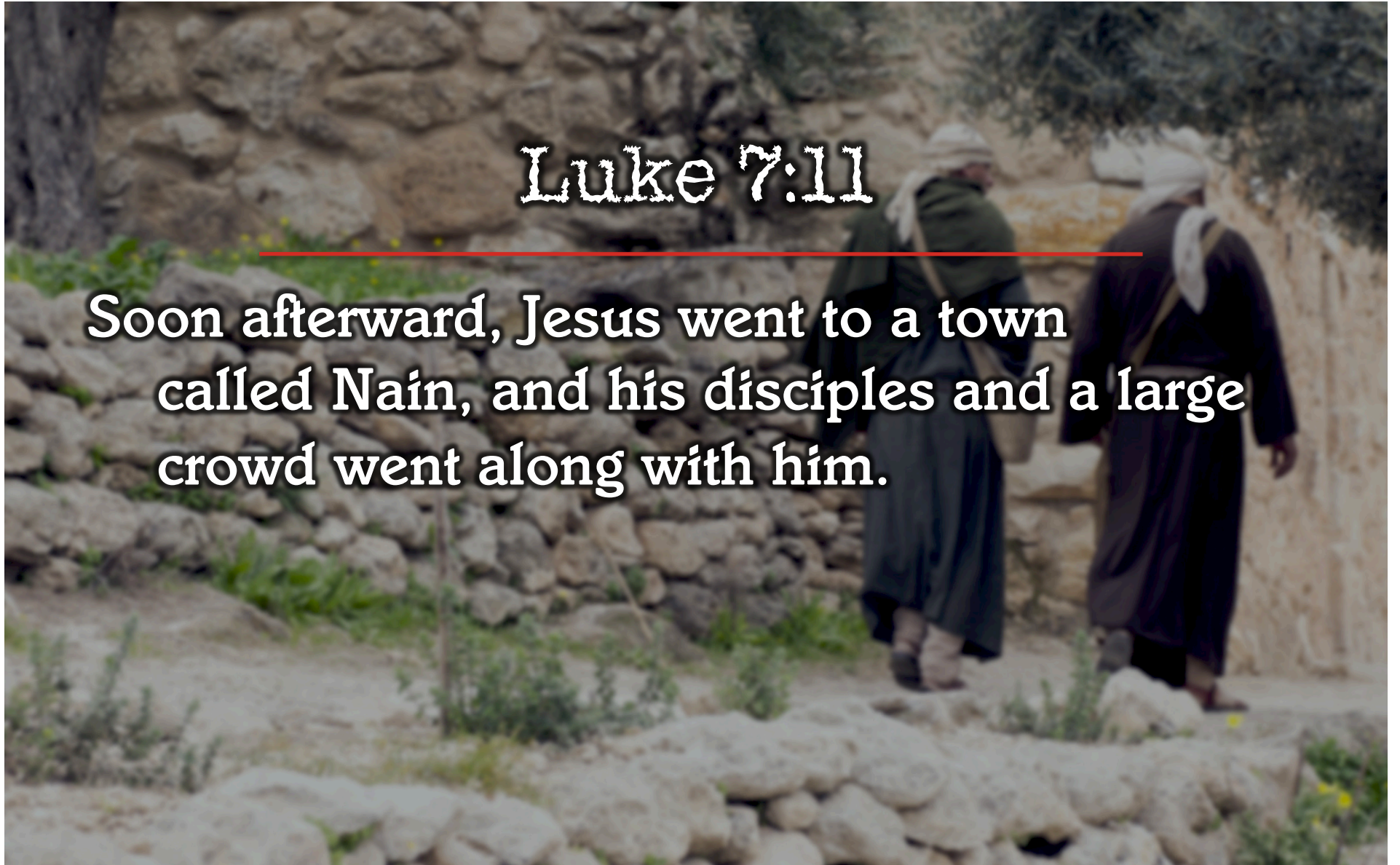




## Luke 7:11

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Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.





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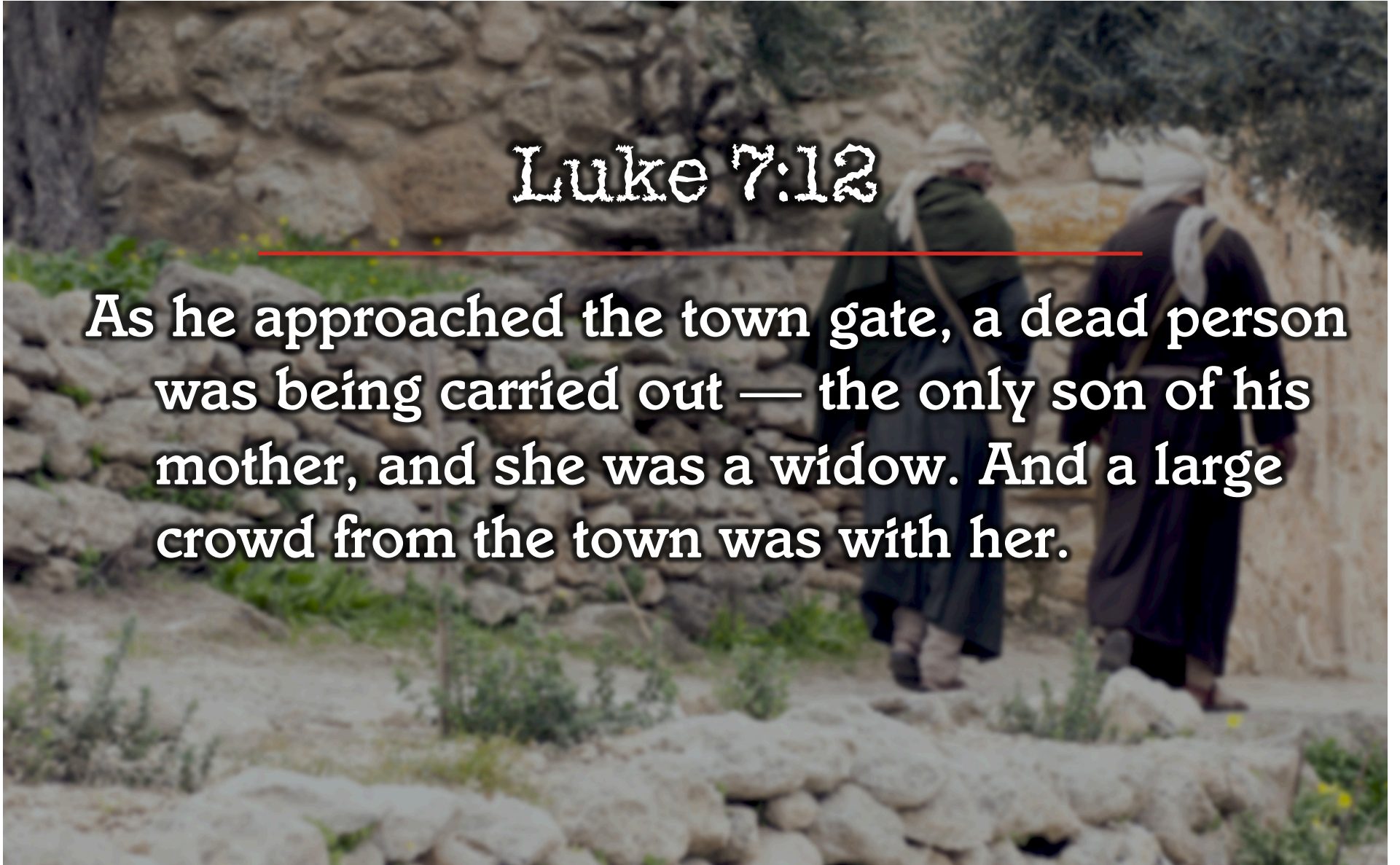
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## Luke 7:12

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As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out — the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.





A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The path is bordered by a low stone wall on the left and a taller wall on the right. The background shows more of the stone wall and some greenery. The text is overlaid on the image.

## Luke 4:18

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“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.”



## Luke 7:13-14

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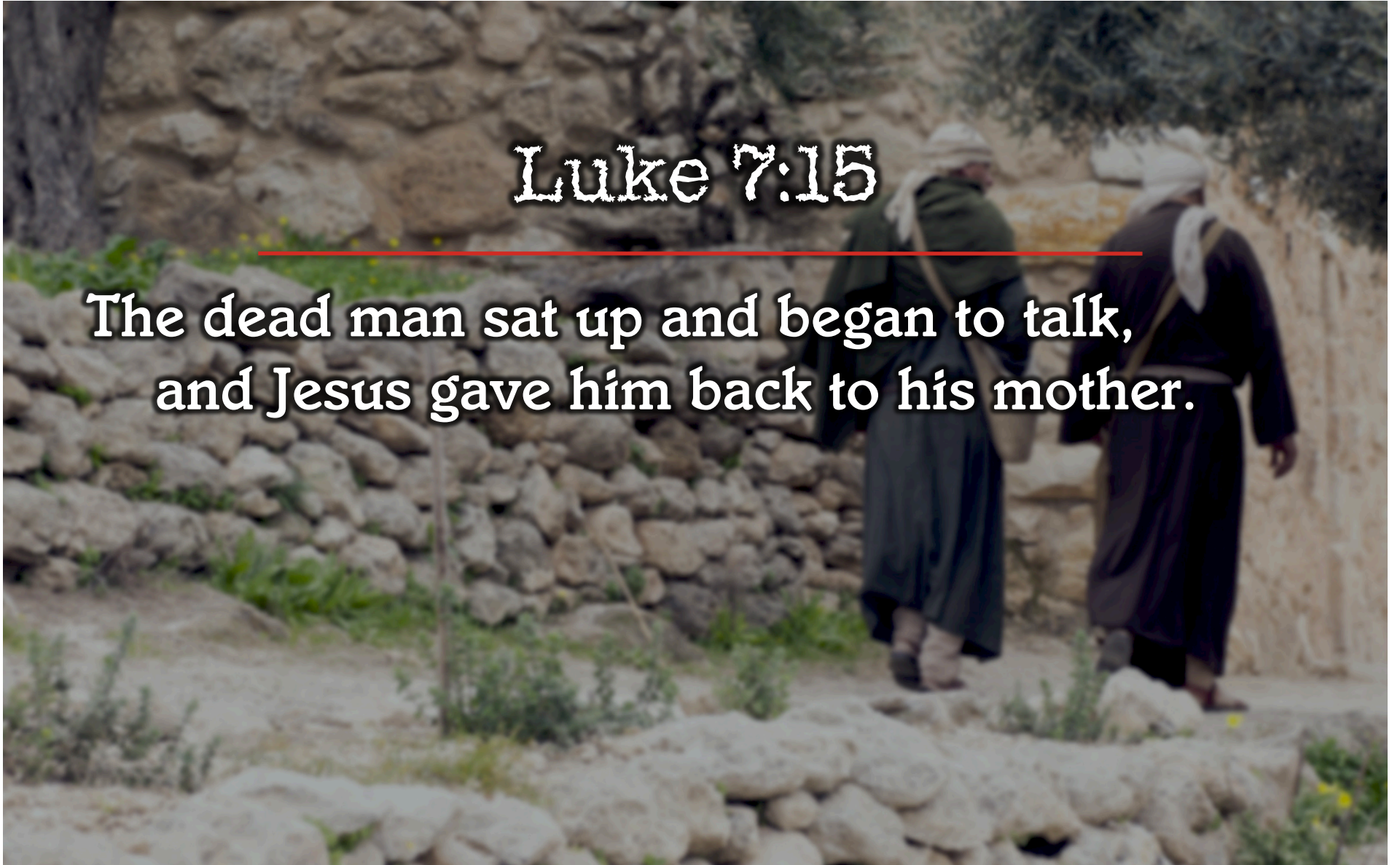
When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"



## Luke 7:15

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The dead man sat up and began to talk,  
and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

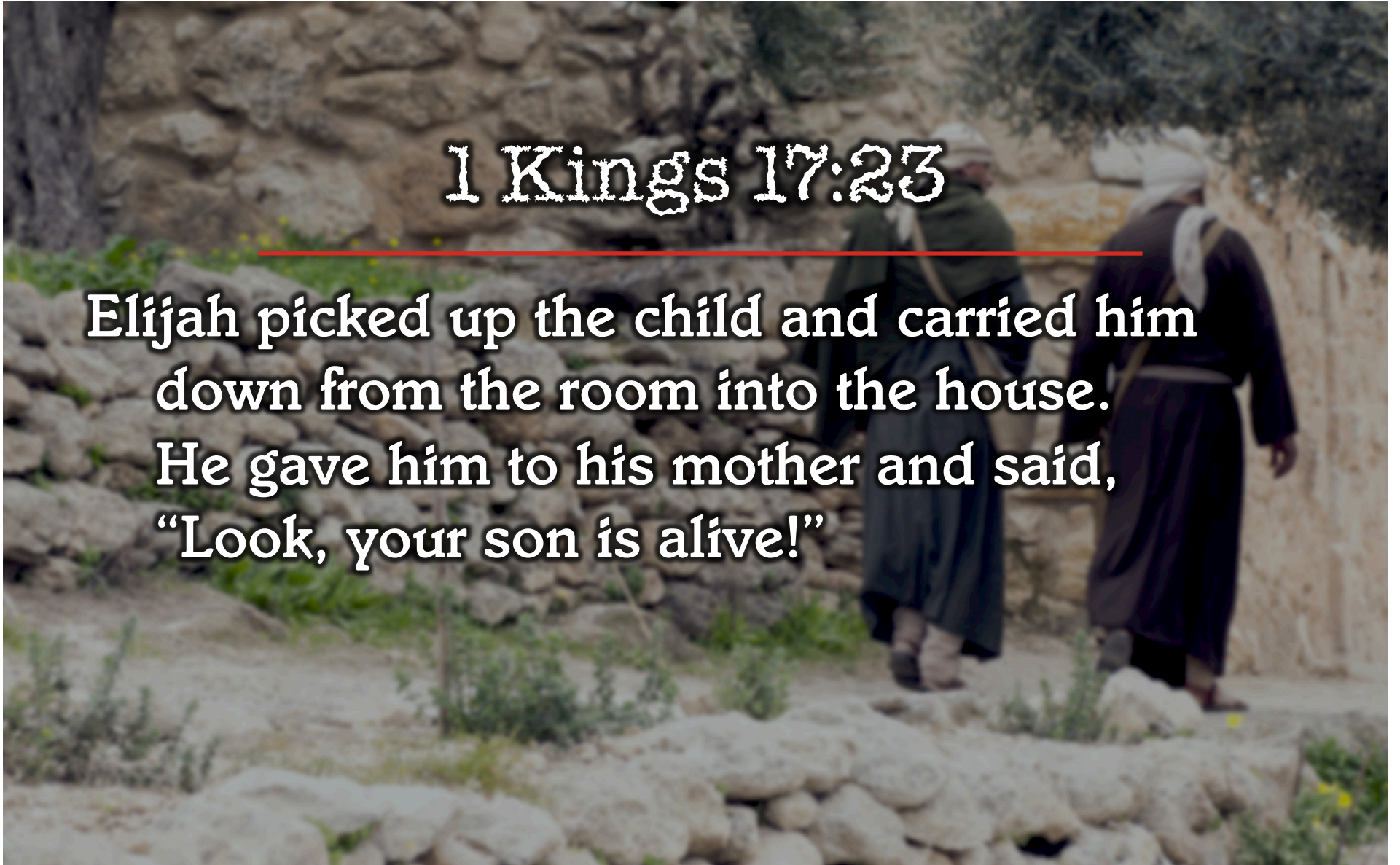




## 1 Kings 17:23

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Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"





# Authority of Jesus:

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- ❖ In his teaching
- ❖ Over demons
- ❖ Over disease (near or far)
- ❖ Over the careers of his followers
- ❖ To forgive sins
- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ Over death



The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people, likely men, are walking away from the camera on a path. They are wearing traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery and a tree visible in the background.

## Luke 7:16-17

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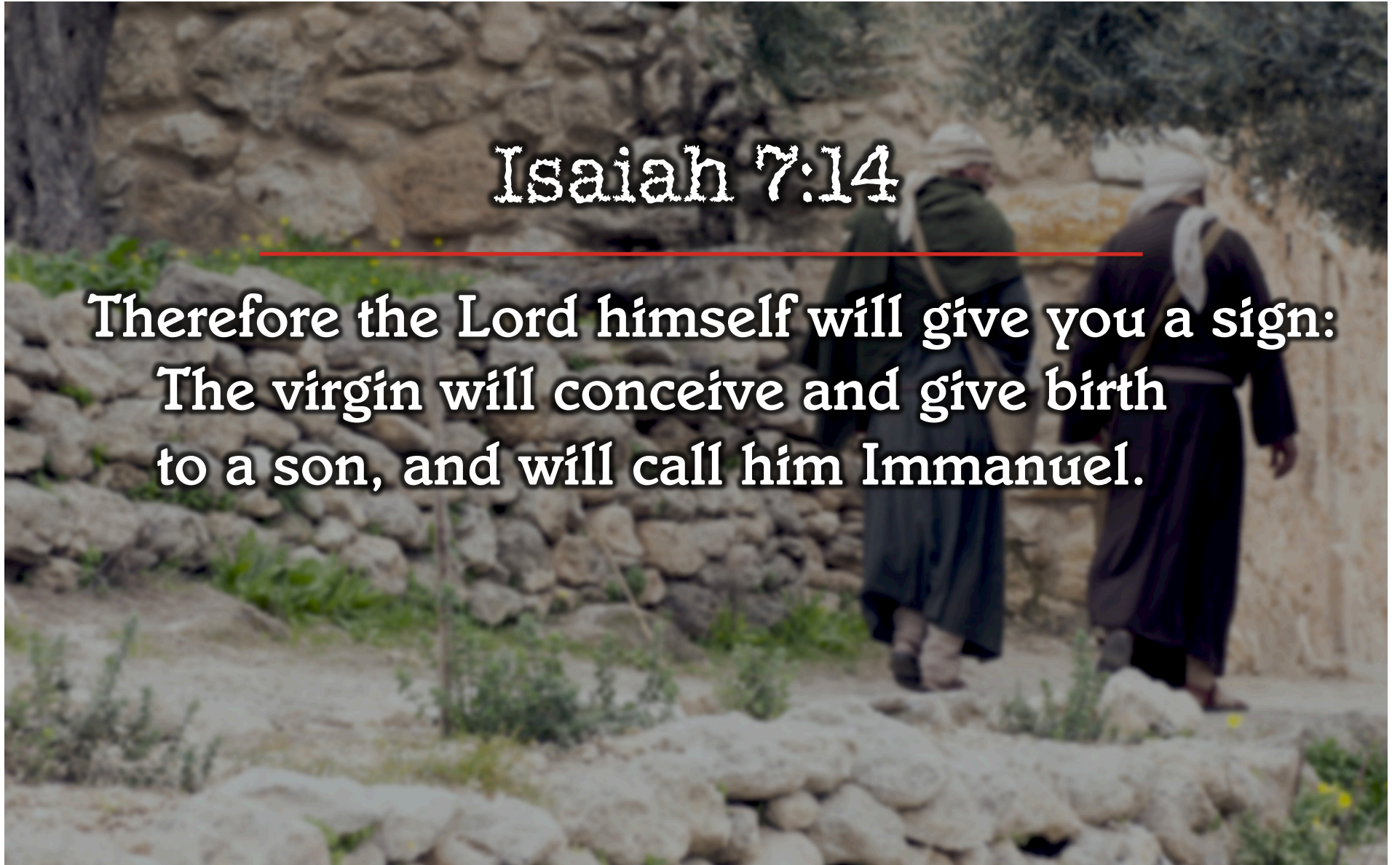
They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.



## Isaiah 7:14

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:  
The virgin will conceive and give birth  
to a son, and will call him Immanuel.





## Luke 1:67-68

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His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.”



# Mourning to joy

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- ❖ Isaiah 25:7-8
- ❖ Isaiah 30:15-21
- ❖ Revelation 7:17
- ❖ Revelation 21:4





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## Isaiah 25:7

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On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;





## Isaiah 25:8

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he will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.  
The LORD has spoken.



## 1 John 4:9-10

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This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.





## John 11:25-26

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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"



## 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



# Life Begins in the Womb

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- ❖ Luke 1:15
- ❖ Luke 1:41
- ❖ Psalm 22:9-10
- ❖ Psalm 139:13
- ❖ Isaiah 49:1
- ❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5