

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 set in a rural, possibly biblical, environment.

“Who Touched Me?”
Luke 8:26-56

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What will we learn?

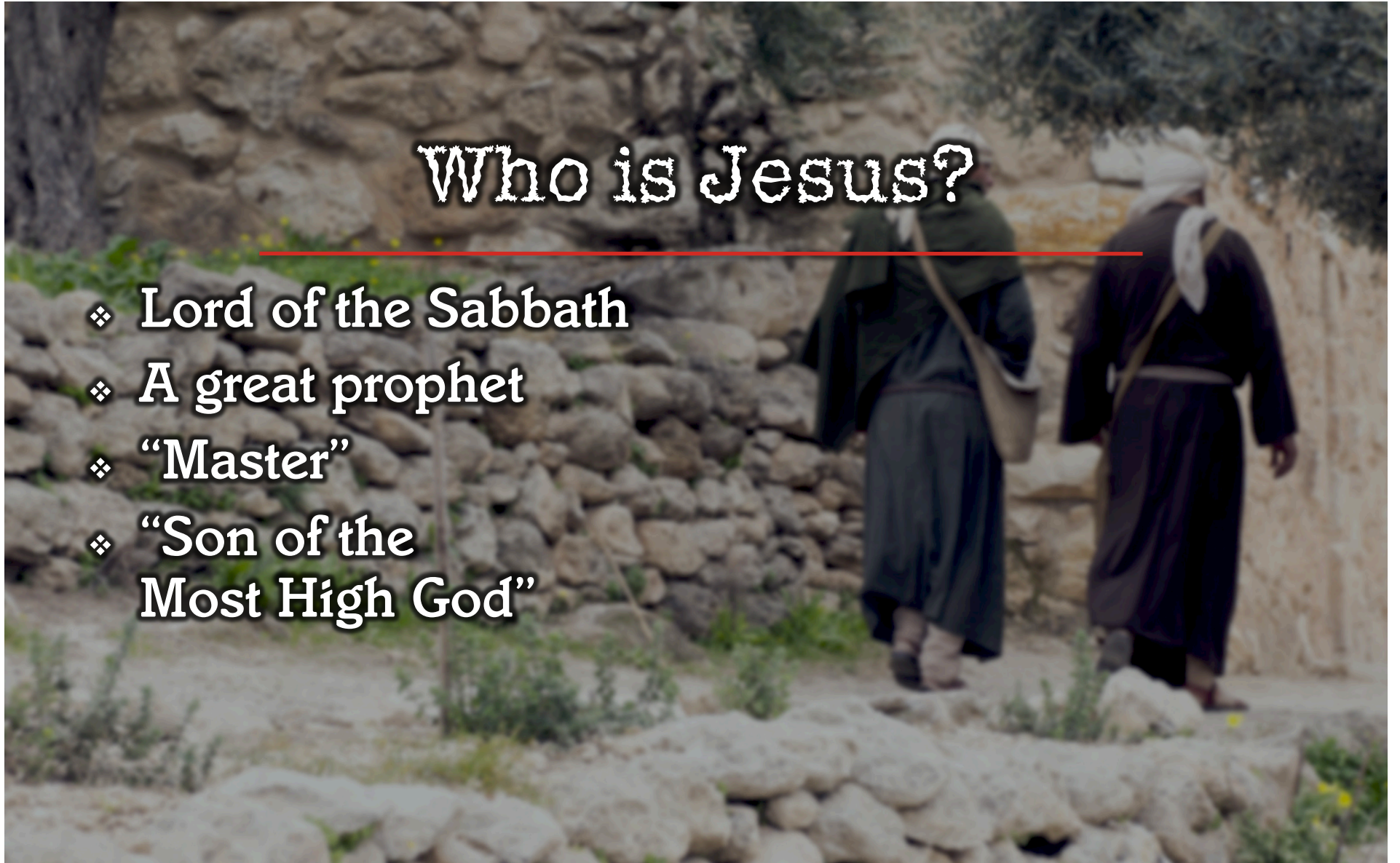
- ❖ No hopeless situation is beyond the reach of Jesus.
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Who is Jesus?

- ❖ 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?

- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ A great prophet
- ❖ “Master”
- ❖ “Son of the Most High God”



Witnesses:

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

The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people, likely in traditional Middle Eastern or Middle Eastern-style clothing, are walking away from the camera on a path that runs along the base of the wall. The person on the left is wearing a dark, long-sleeved robe and a white head covering. The person on the right is wearing a dark, long-sleeved robe and a white head covering. The wall is made of large, irregular stones. There are some small green plants growing between the stones.

Fred B. Craddock:

“Jesus’ parables do not bless all alike, without distinction. Those who lean forward to hear, who invest trust and commitment, who come to the altar of the word seeking, asking, and hungering — those are the ones to whom ‘more will be given.’”

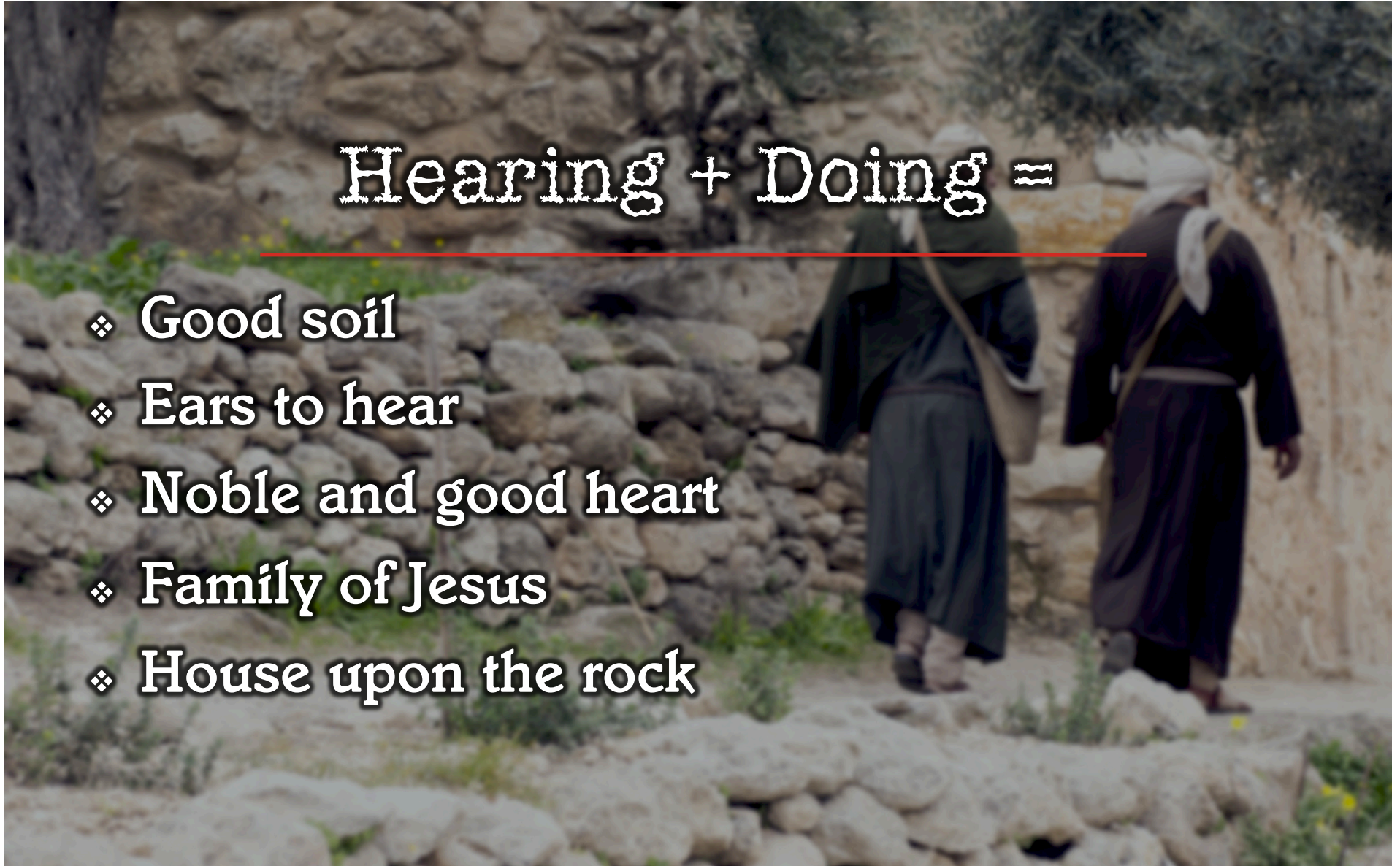


Fred B. Craddock:

“Those who think they already know, who acknowledge no blindness, who listen with ears that register only likes and dislikes, who fold the arms across the chest waiting to be convinced or entertained, who want information without obligation — these are the ones who discover painfully that even what they thought they had has been taken away.”

Hearing + Doing =

- ❖ Good soil
- ❖ Ears to hear
- ❖ Noble and good heart
- ❖ Family of Jesus
- ❖ House upon the rock



Hearing x Doing =

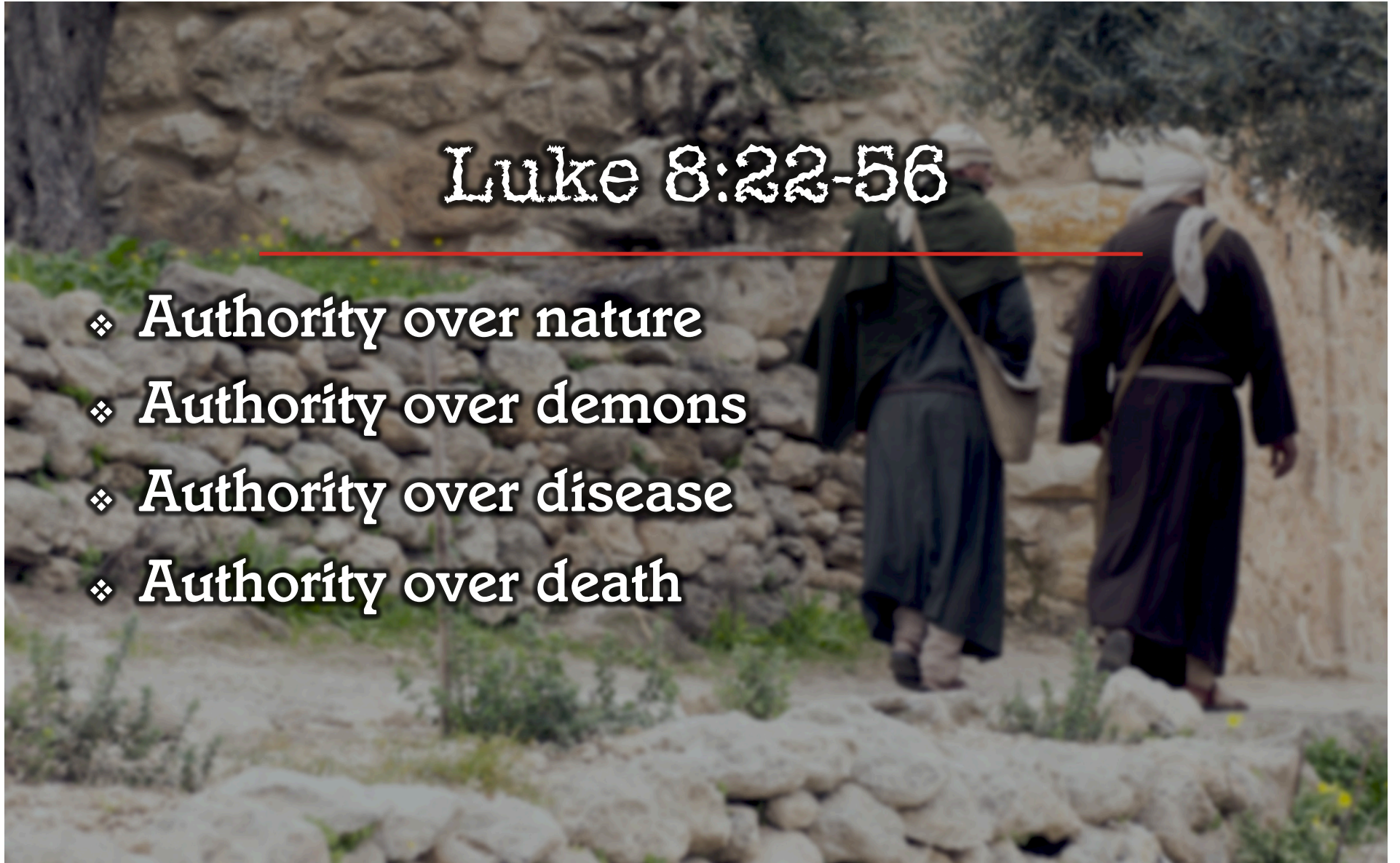
- ❖ Hear the word / retain it / persevere
- ❖ Fruitful
- ❖ Increased understanding
- ❖ Heirs with Jesus
- ❖ Firm during storms

Authority of Jesus:

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Over creation

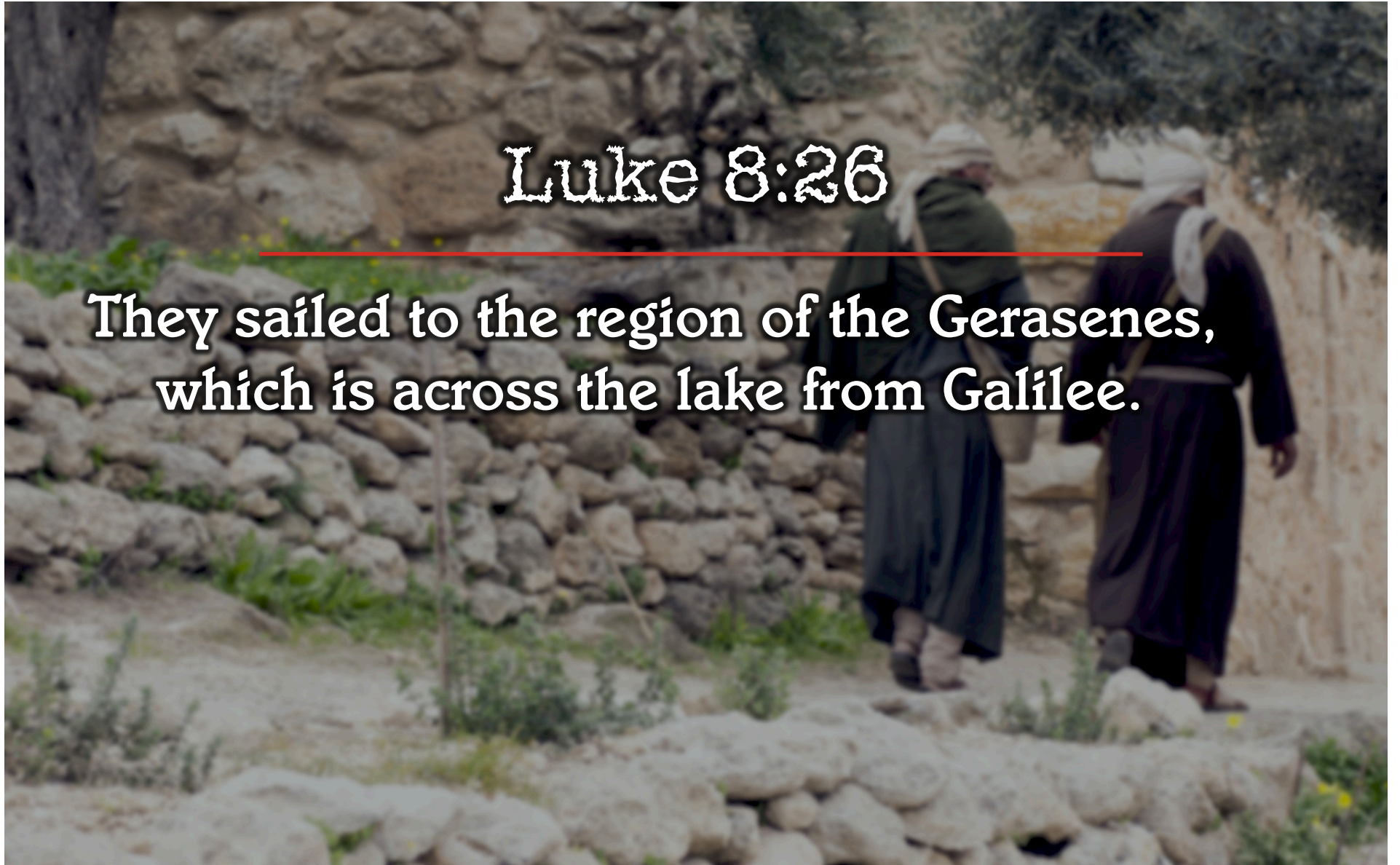
Luke 8:22-56

- ❖ Authority over nature
- ❖ Authority over demons
- ❖ Authority over disease
- ❖ Authority over death



Luke 8:26

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,
which is across the lake from Galilee.



Whose region?

- ❖ Gerasenes?
- ❖ Gadarenes?
- ❖ Gergasenes?



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(The Mediterranean)

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JORDAN RIVER

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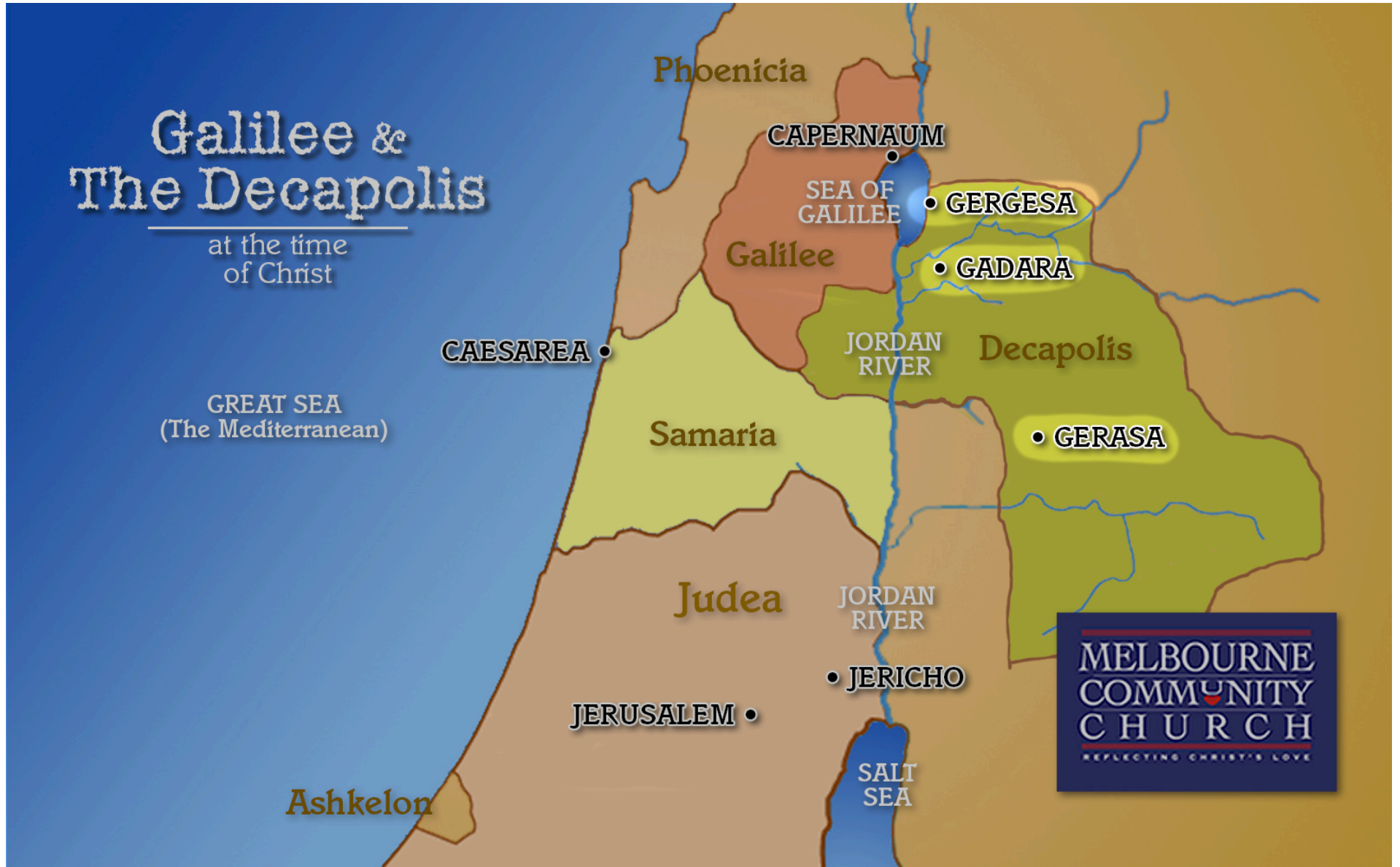
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Sea of Galilee

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CHORAZIN

• BETHSAIDA

• CAPERNAUM

• TABGHA

• GENNESARET

Golan

• CANA

MAGDALA

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Galilee

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• HIPPOS

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• NAZARETH

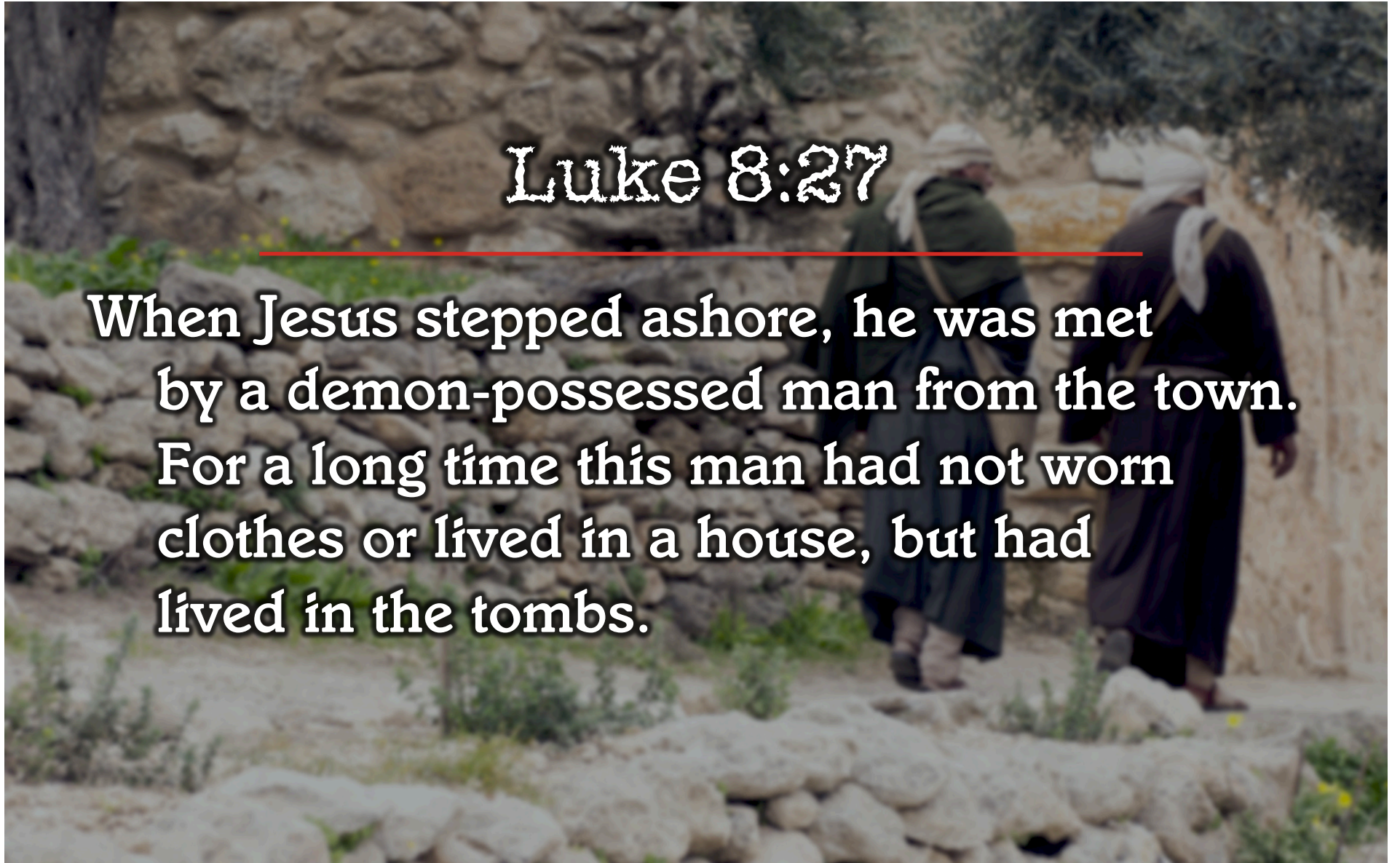
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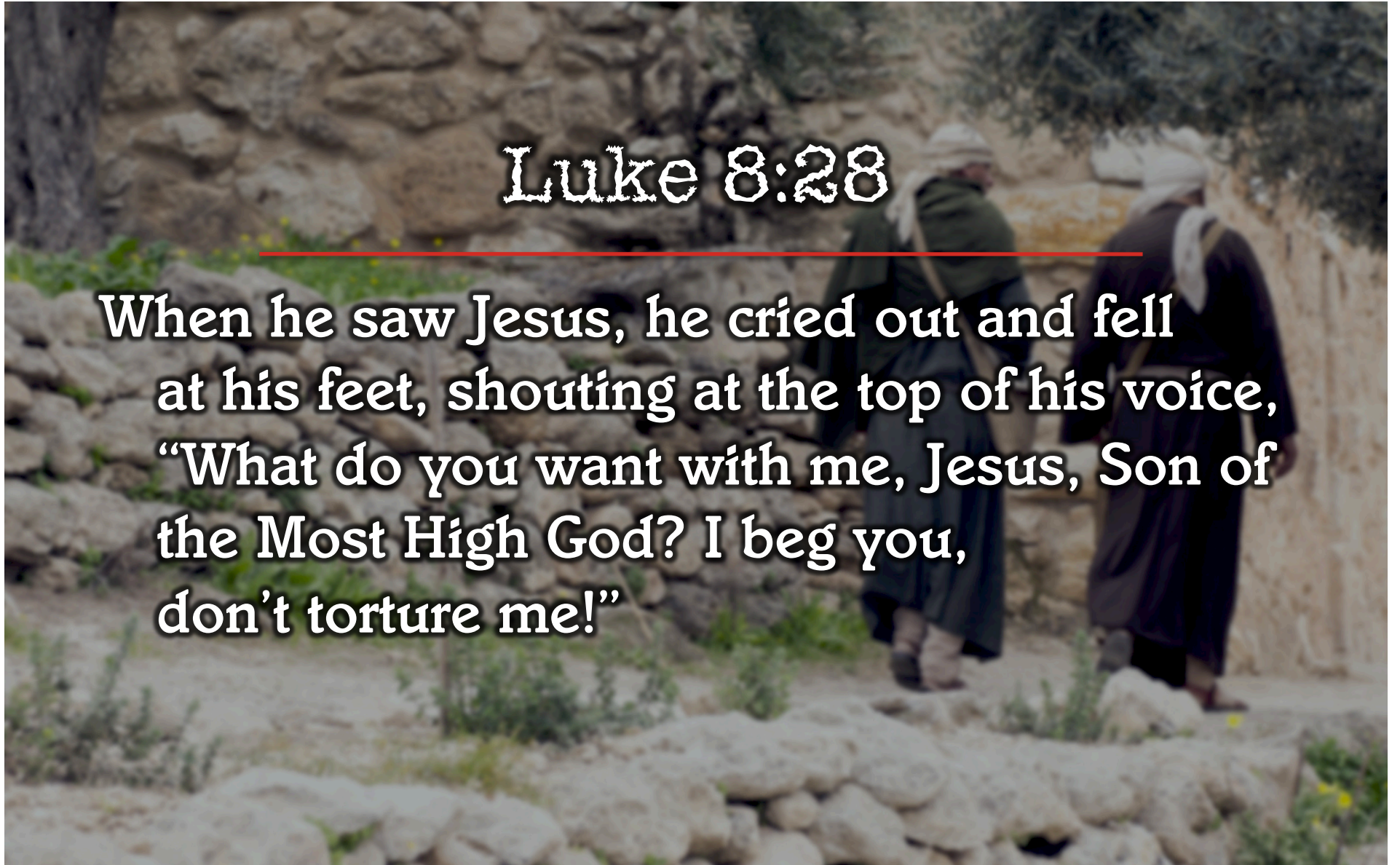
Luke 8:27

When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.



Luke 8:28

When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!”



Luke 8:29

For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Luke 8:30-31

Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

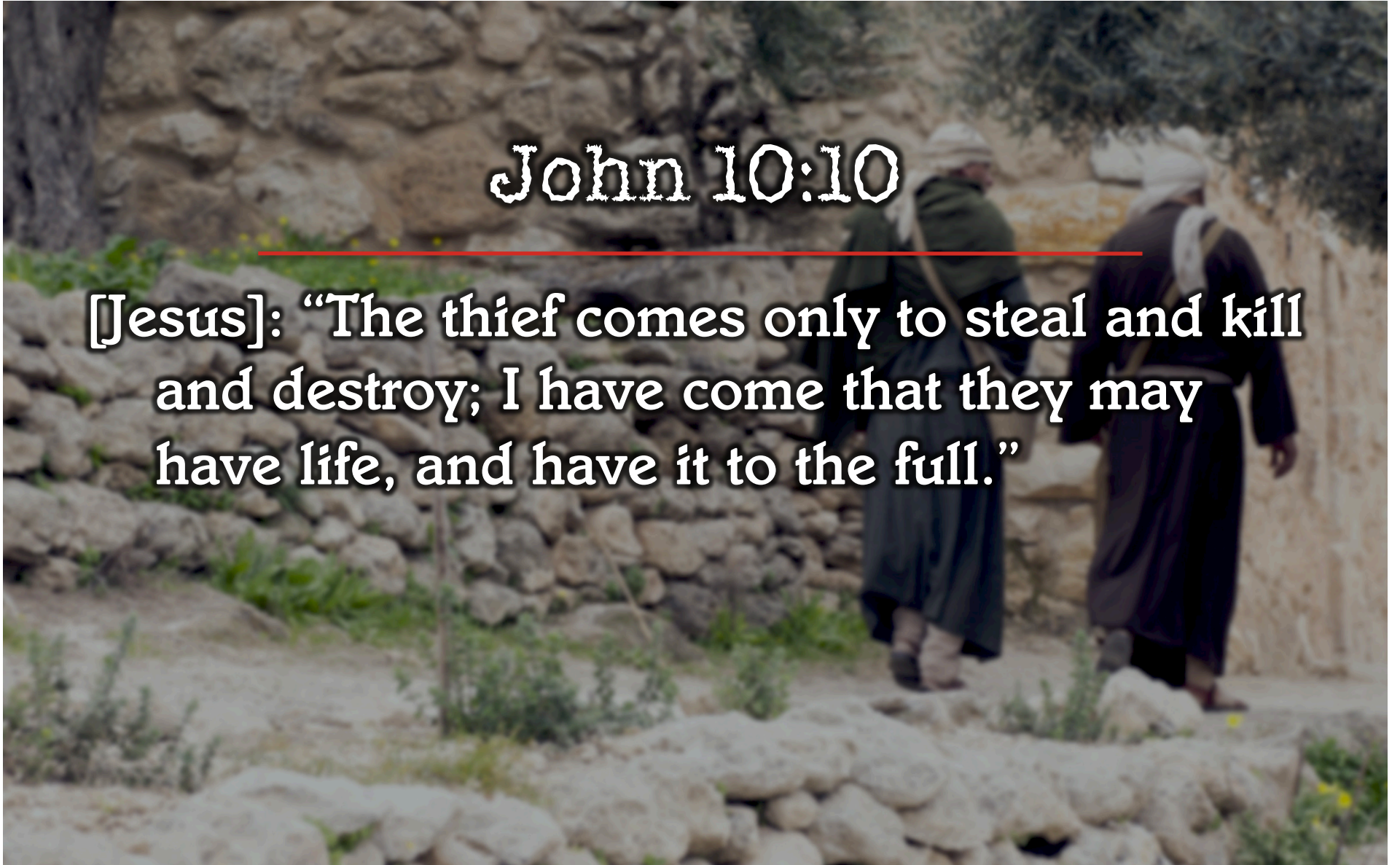
“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

Luke 8:32-33

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

John 10:10

[Jesus]: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”



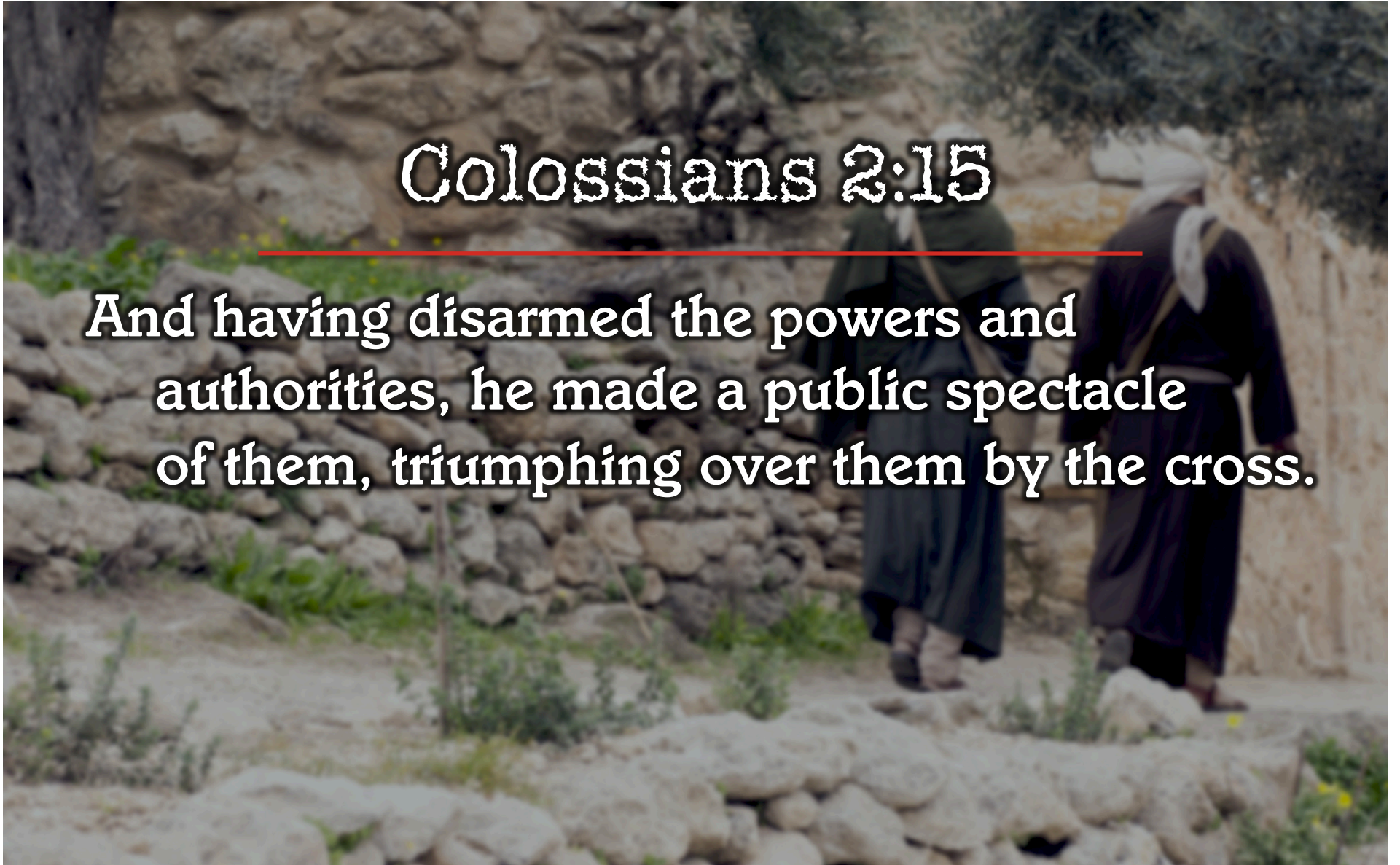


Charles Spurgeon:

“Satan would rather vex swine than do no mischief at all. He is so fond of evil that he would work it upon animals if he cannot work it upon men.”

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

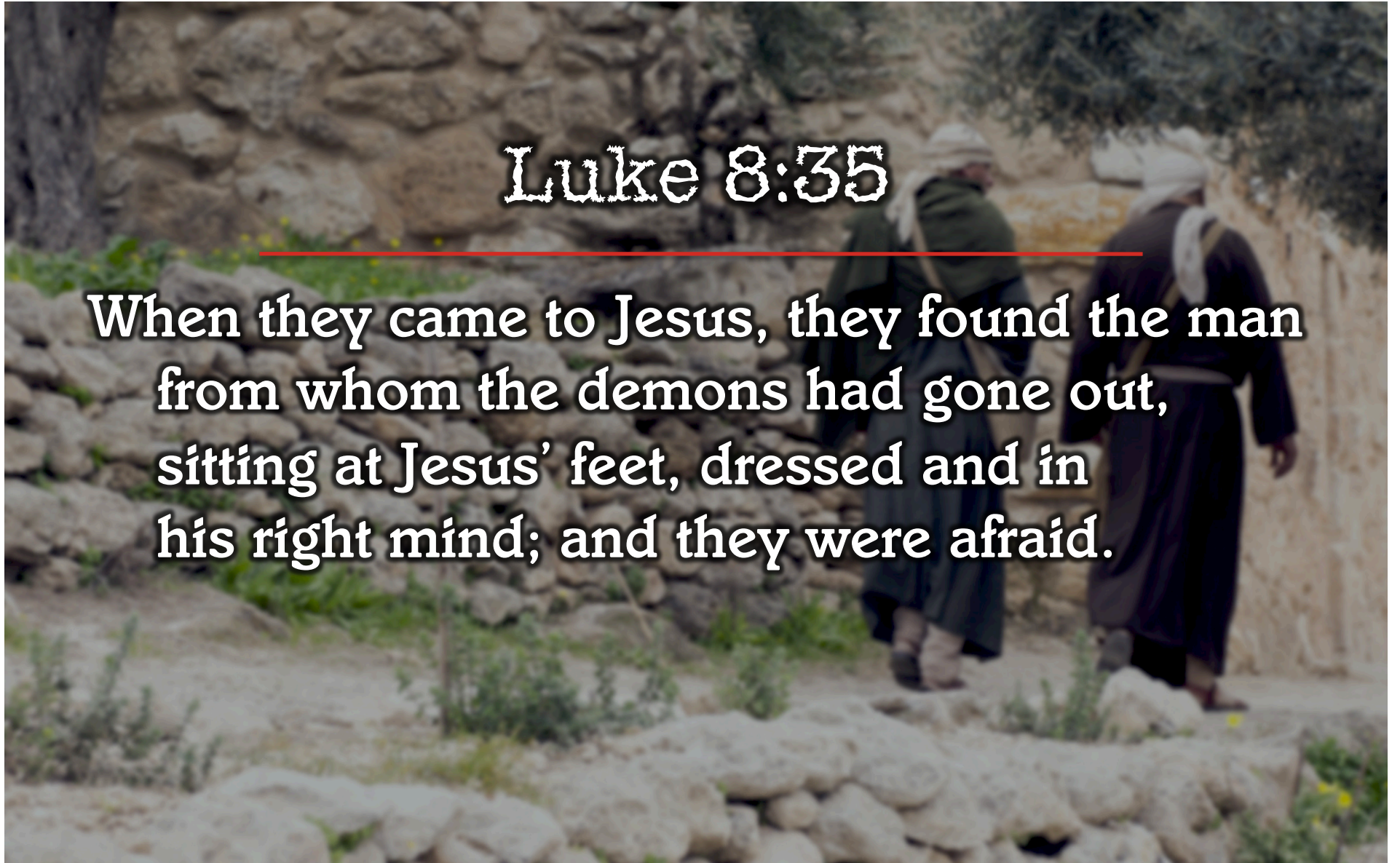


Luke 8:34-35

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

Luke 8:35

When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.



Luke 8:36-37

Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

Luke 8:38-39

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Ministry to Gentiles:

- ❖ Jesus
- ❖ Peter
- ❖ Paul



Luke 8:40-42

Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

Luke 8:42-44

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.



Luke 8:45-46

“Who touched me?” Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

Luke 8:47-48

Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Luke 8:49-50

While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.” Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

Luke 8:51-52

When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

Luke 8:53-56

They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

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Different missions:

- ❖ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you” (8:39).
- ❖ “Go in peace” (8:48).
- ❖ He ordered them not to tell anyone (8:56).

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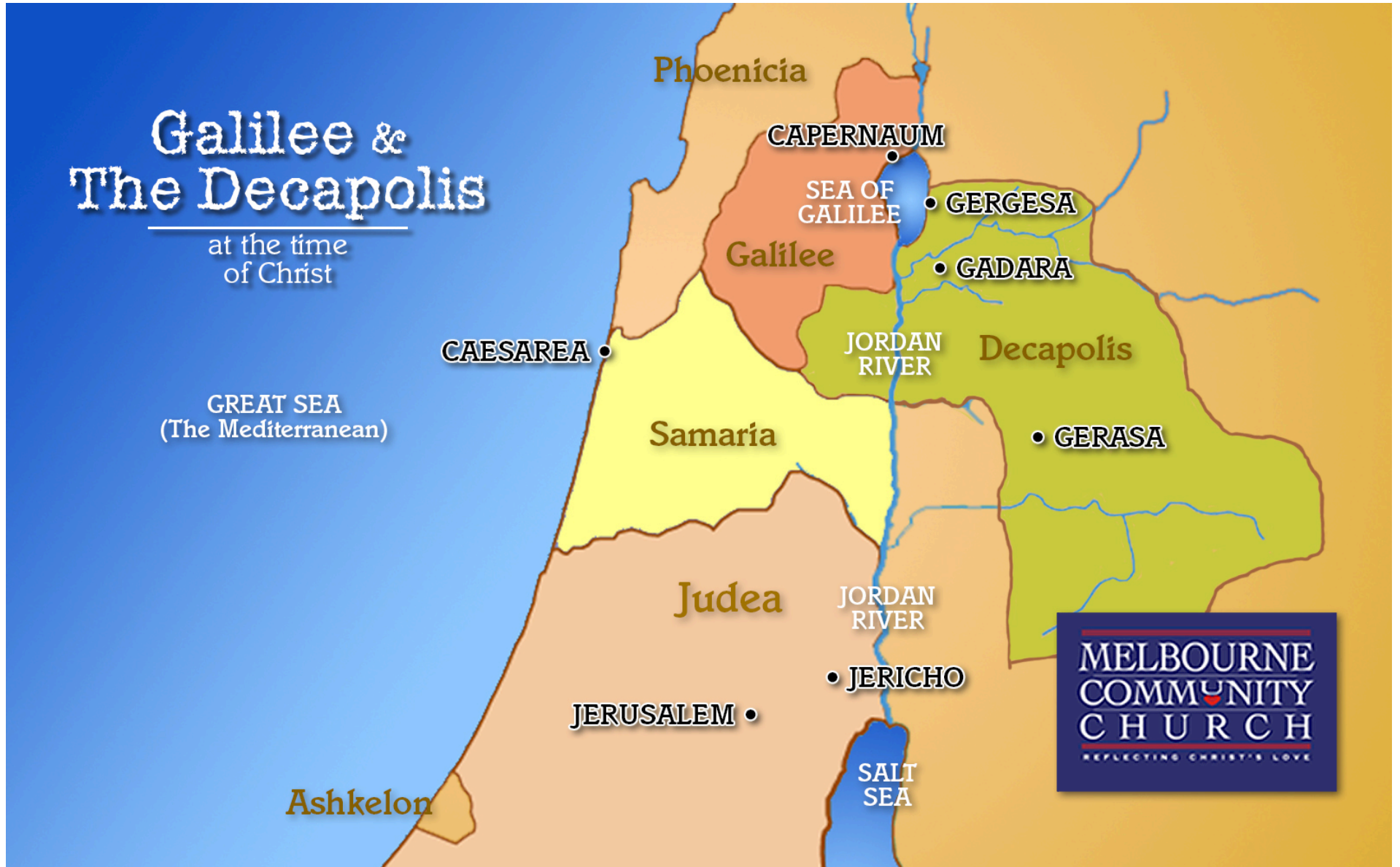
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Revelation 1:17-18

Then he placed his right hand on me and said:
“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.
I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look,
I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the
keys of death and Hades.”



Psalm 30:2-3

LORD my God, I called to you for help,
and you healed me.

You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.



Psalm 30:11-12

You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.
LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

What have we learn?

- ❖ No hopeless situation is beyond the reach of Jesus.
- ❖ We are delivered from our past lives in order to be useful in the Lord's mission.



The background of the slide is a photograph of two individuals 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 rocky hillside with some sparse green vegetation.

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