



Living in the  
Kingdom of God



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**Who You Are**



# What is the Kingdom of God?



**Mentioned 80 Times in The New Testament**



**The Kingdom of God**

**The Kingdom of Heaven**

**The Kingdom of Light**

**Colossians 1:12**



Is it a physical place or spiritual reality?





**John the Baptist  
Announced the Kingdom**

*Repent,  
for the  
kingdom of heaven  
is at hand.*

Matthew 4:17





## Jesus Continued the Message

*From that time  
Jesus began to preach,  
saying, 'Repent,  
for the  
kingdom of heaven  
is at hand.'*

*(Matthew 4:17)*





**Jesus gave entrance  
requirements**

*Not everyone who says  
to me,  
'Lord, Lord,'  
will enter the  
kingdom of heaven,  
but the one who does  
the will of my Father  
who is in heaven.*

Matthew 7:21





## Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*Assuredly, I say to you,  
unless you are  
converted and become  
as little children,  
you will by no means  
enter the  
kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:3-4





## Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*My kingdom is not of  
this world.  
If My kingdom were of  
this world,  
My servants would  
fight, so that I should  
not be delivered  
to the Jews;  
but now My kingdom  
is not from here.*

John 19:36









## Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*Pray then like this:  
'Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your  
name. Your kingdom  
come, your will be  
done, on earth as it is  
in heaven.'*

Matthew 6:3-4





## Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne...Then the King will say to those on his right,  
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

Matthew 25:31, 34





## Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*I tell you; many will  
come from east and  
west and recline at  
table with Abraham,  
Isaac, and Jacob in the  
kingdom of heaven,*

Matthew 8:11





# Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*...there will be richly  
provided for you an  
entrance into the  
eternal kingdom of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus  
Christ.*

2 Peter 1:11





## Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*For the kingdom of  
God is not eating and  
drinking, but  
righteousness and  
peace and joy in the  
Holy Spirit.*

Romans 14:17





## Jesus talked of the Nature of the Kingdom

*Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' for behold, the Kingdom of God is in the midst of you."*

Luke 17:20-21





# What is the Kingdom of God?

**2 Parts**

**1. God's present spiritual reign over His people** (Colossians 1:13)





He has delivered us from the power of darkness  
and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

Colossians 1:13



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**2. Jesus' future reign in the millennial kingdom** (Revelation 11:15)





The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

Revelation 11:15

***Our citizenship is in heaven,  
from which we also  
eagerly wait for the Savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.***

*Philippians 3:20 (New King James Version)*



**KINGDOM  
OF  
HEAVEN**

**Passport**





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## Who You Are

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners,  
but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

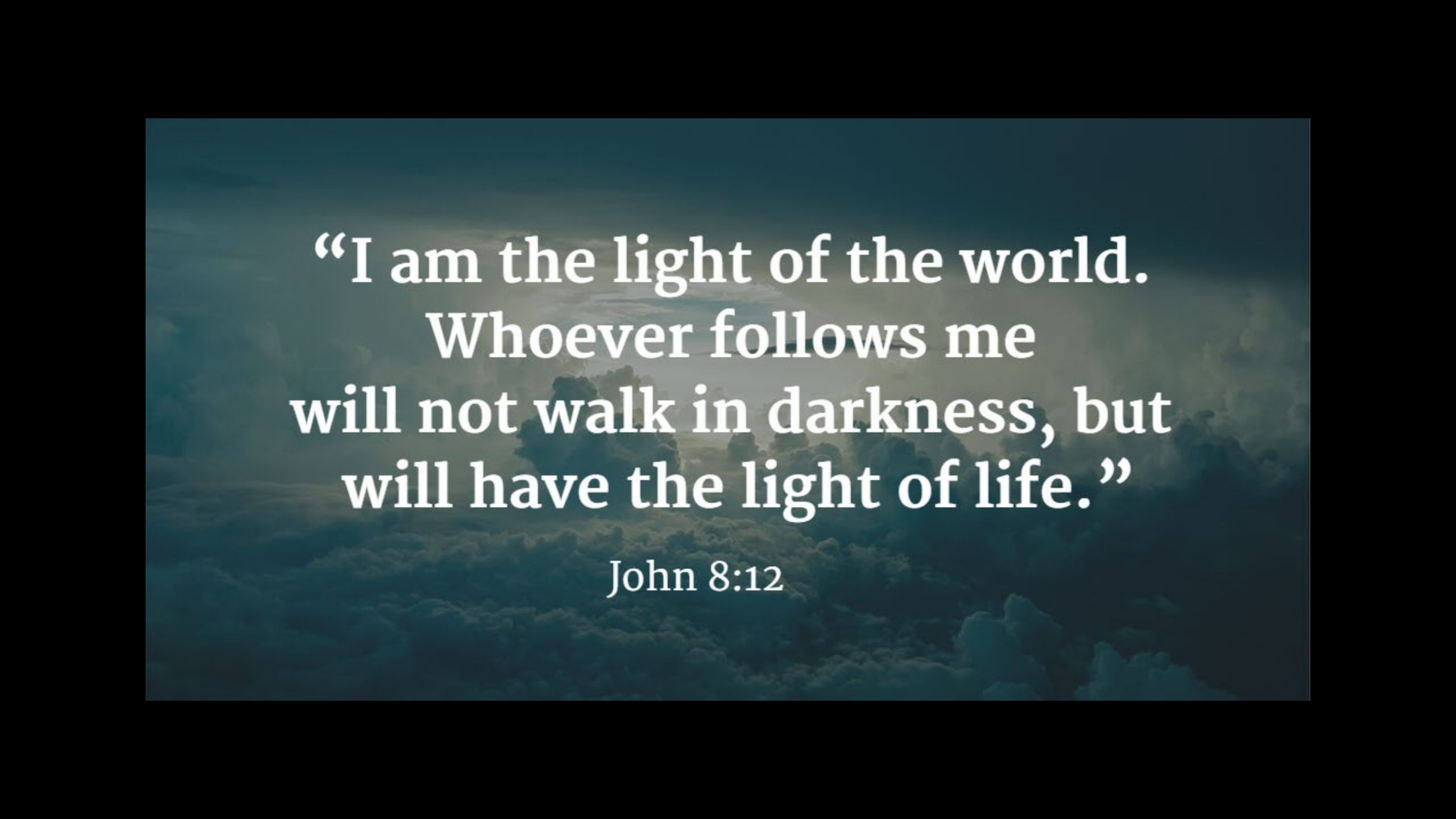
Ephesians 2:19







**You Are The  
Light in Darkness**



**“I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
will not walk in darkness, but  
will have the light of life.”**

John 8:12





*You are the light of the world.  
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

Matthew 5:14



*Nor do they light a lamp and put  
it under a basket,  
but on a lampstand,  
and it gives light  
to all who are in the house.*

Matthew 5:15







*Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16



































*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16





**Another Way  
You Are The Light in Darkness**

***Do all things without complaining and disputing,  
that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God  
without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,  
among whom you shine as lights in the world.***

*Philippians 2:14-15 (New King James Version)*







Do everything  
without complaining  
and disputing...







Do everything  
without grumbling or arguing...



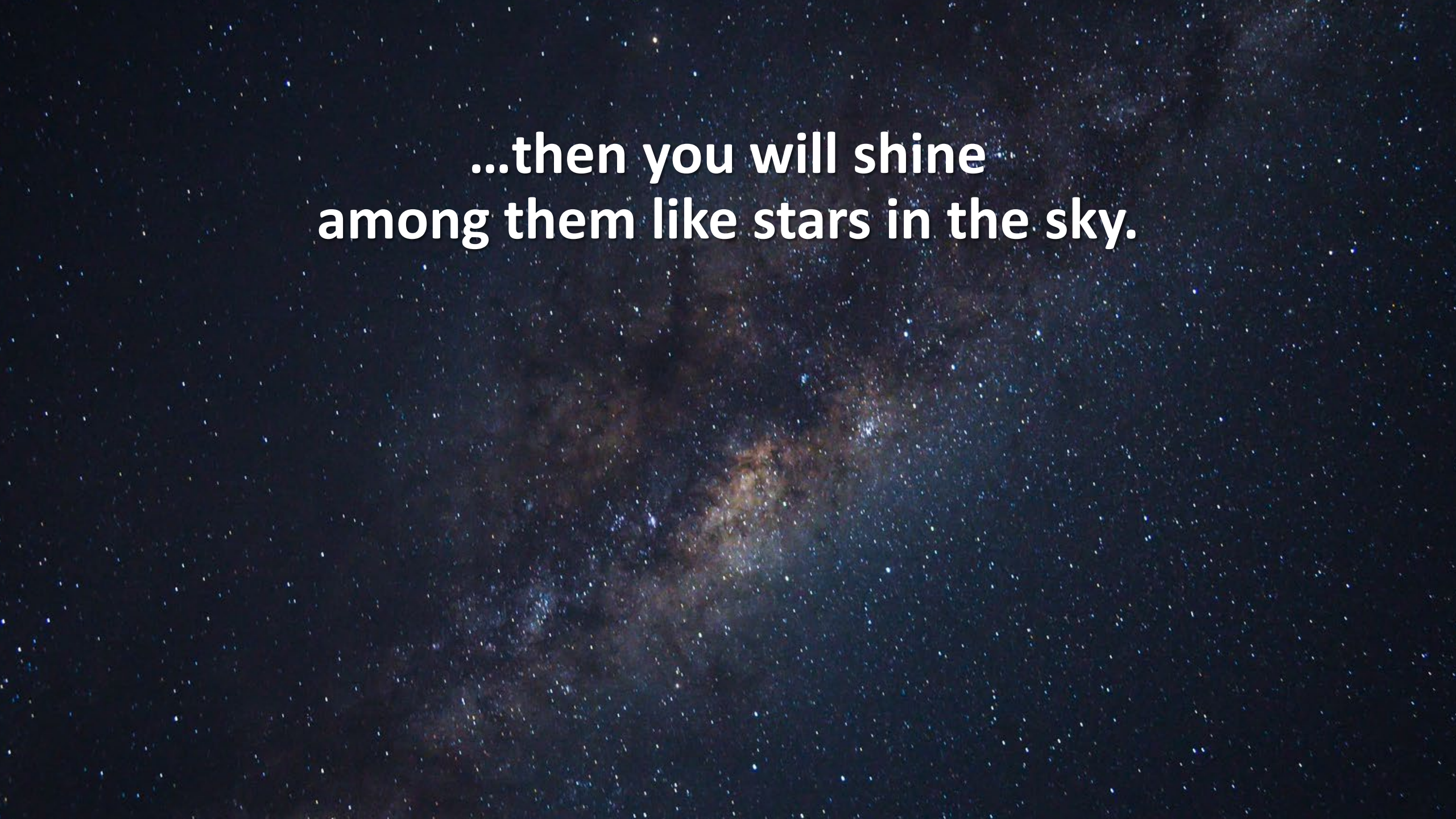


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in a warped and crooked generation



A deep space photograph showing a vast field of stars. The Milky Way galaxy is visible as a bright, diagonal band of light and dust stretching across the center of the image. The background is a dark, deep blue-black space filled with numerous individual stars of varying colors and sizes.

**...then you will shine  
among them like stars in the sky.**





**You Are  
The Light in Darkness**

**Deeds of Kindness**

**Righteous Living**







**You Are  
The Salt of the Earth**





**Loose it's Saltiness**





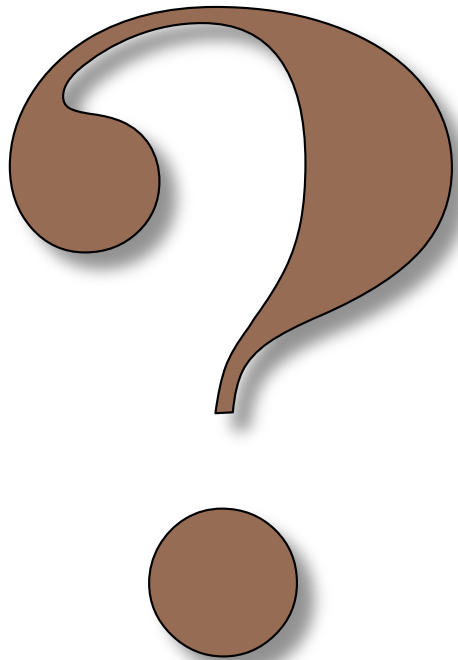


**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.  
2 Corinthians 5:17 (New King James Version)**





# Questions to Discuss



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1. What can you do to remember each day that you are living in the Kingdom of God?

2. What specifically can you do to be light in the darkness?

3. What specifically do you need stop doing so you can you be like stars lighting the darkness?





# Living in the Kingdom of God

**Who You Are**

**FIVE OCCUPATION PICTURES**



# Living in the Kingdom of God

1

**What Do You Do in the Kingdom?**





# Living in the Kingdom of God

**Who You Are**

You are Ambassadors  
for The King of Kings and Lord of Lords

***We are ambassadors  
for Christ,  
as though God were  
pleading through us:  
we implore you  
on Christ's behalf,  
be reconciled to God.***

2 Corinthians 5:20





# Ambassadors in Paul's Day

Empire

Providences



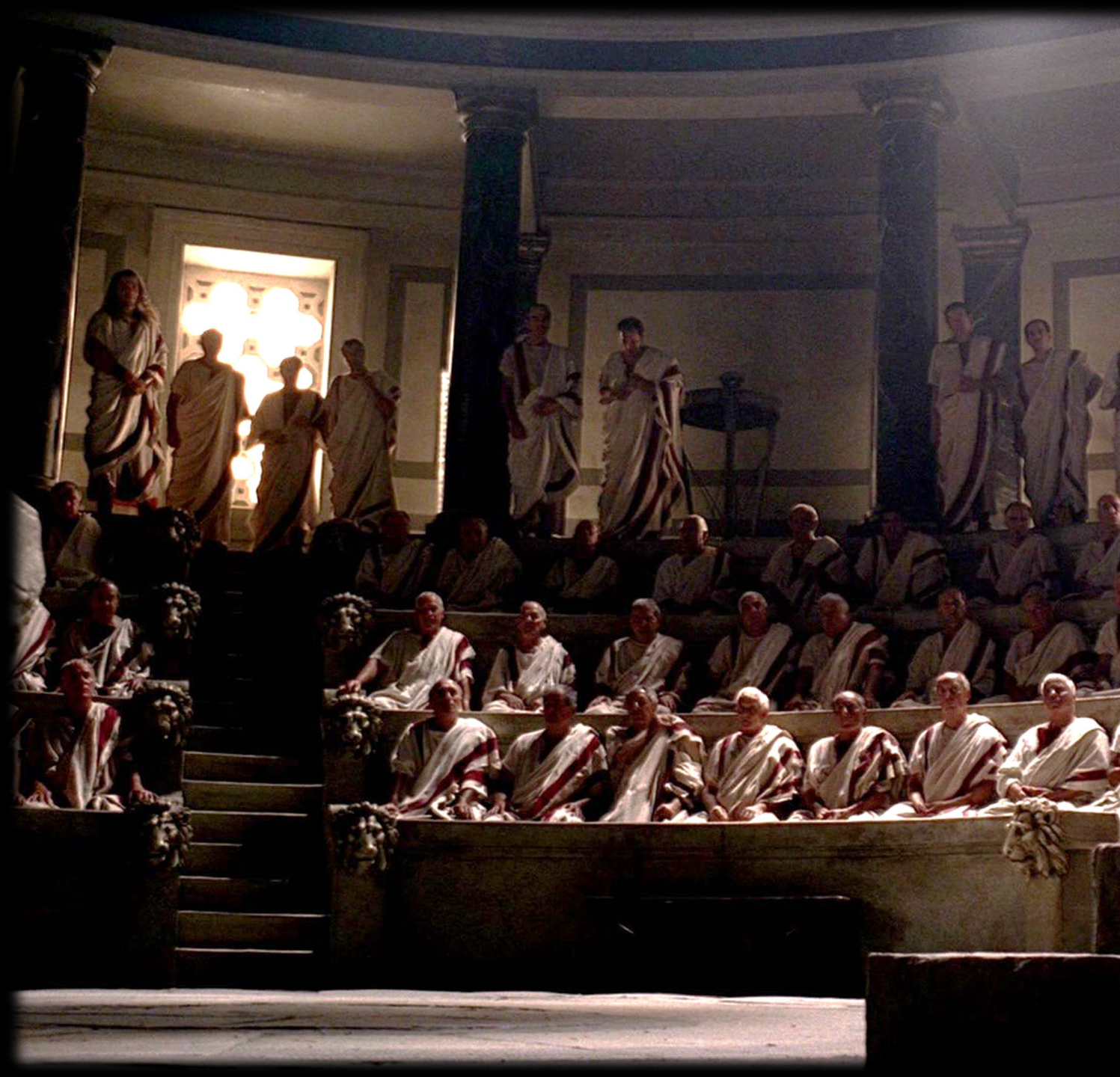


# Empire

Peaceful

Minor Military Presence

Under the Senate





# Provinces

Turbulent

Major Military Presence

Under the Emperor



# Ambassador

Appointed by the Emperor

To Bring Reconciliation

Influence the people to be Roman





# Ambassador

With conquering General

Meet with Citizens

Implore To Join Rome

And Roman Ways





# Ambassador

As

Rome's Representative  
Would set agreements





# Ambassador

Take Leaders back to  
Senate to be Reconciled  
into the Empire



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# Ambassadors Represented their Ruler in a Foreign Land

**Different Ways  
Different Customs**





Ambassadors  
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Foreign Land

Different Languages  
Different Lifestyles





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**KINGDOM  
OF  
HEAVEN**

**Passport**

He has rescued us from the  
power of darkness and has  
brought us into the  
kingdom of His dear Son

Colossians 1:13









# Roman Ambassadors Were Commissioned For The Task





# Believers Were Commissioned For The Task

All authority has been given to Me  
in heaven and on earth.  
Go therefore and make disciples  
of all the nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the  
Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all things  
that I have commanded you;  
and lo, I am with you always,  
*even to the end of the age.*”

Matthew 28:18-20



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**As you are going therefore** make  
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Ambassadors  
Joined in the  
life of the  
people...





...but followed  
Roman Ideals  
and Ways







Ambassadors sought to persuade people for Rome



Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2.11-12



**Foreigners and Temporary Residents in This World**



And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.

And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.”

1 Peter 2.13-14





But sanctify the  
Lord God in your hearts,  
and always be ready  
to give a defense  
to everyone who asks you  
a reason for the hope  
that is in you,  
with gentleness and respect;

1 Peter 2.15









having a good conscience,  
that when they defame you  
as evildoers,  
those who revile  
your good conduct in Christ  
may be ashamed.

For it is better,  
if it is the will of God,  
to suffer for doing good  
than for doing evil.

1 Peter 2.16-17





And [pray] for me,  
that utterance  
may be given to me,  
that I may open my mouth  
boldly to make known  
the mystery of the gospel,  
for which I am  
an ambassador in chains;  
that in it I may speak boldly,  
as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:19-20












**You Are An  
Ambassador for The King of Kings**






~~You Are An  
Ambassador for The King of Kings~~



A high-angle, top-down photograph of a person sitting on a rocky cliff edge. The person is wearing a black t-shirt and a large, light-brown cowboy hat. They are holding the brim of the hat with both hands. Below them, a paved road with double yellow lines winds through a desert landscape with sparse green and brown vegetation. The scene is captured in bright, natural light, likely during the day.

You are a  
citizen the Kingdom  
which you serve



A woman with a backpack and a white cap stands on a rocky ledge, looking out over a vast, deep canyon. The canyon walls are reddish-brown and layered, with a river winding through the bottom. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the sun is shining brightly from behind the clouds, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is one of a vast, rugged landscape.

Represent the Kingdom  
in a foreign land





You Represent the Kingdom  
not yourself



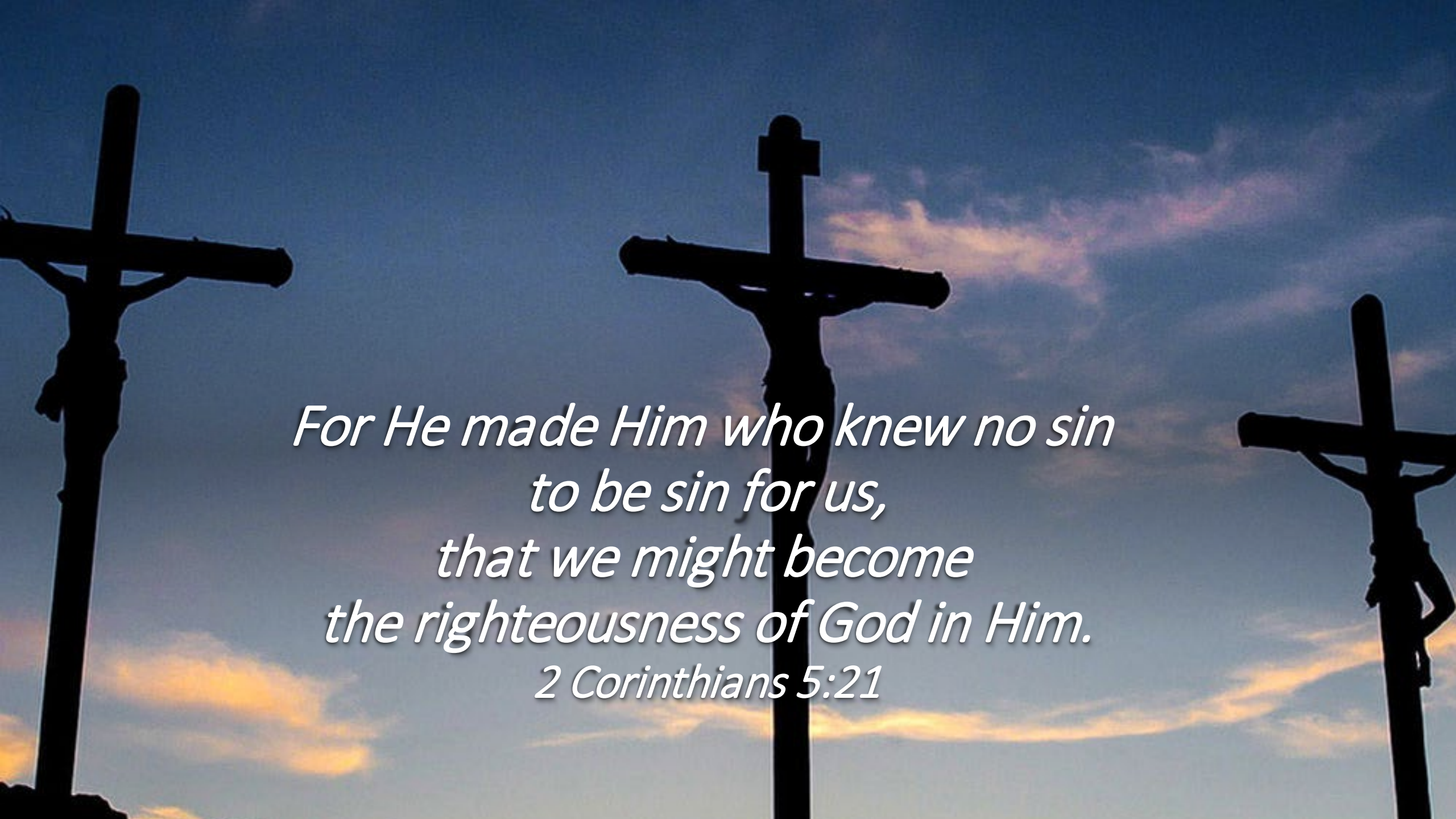
A man in a white shirt and dark pants stands in a dark, misty environment, holding a glowing lantern. The lantern's light illuminates the text and the ground around him. The background is a dark, cloudy sky.

LIVING A HOLY LIFE  
in an Unholy World

A photograph showing a group of people offering support to a woman in a green shirt. The woman is seen from the back, with her hands being placed on her shoulders by others. The scene is intimate and supportive.

You have the message  
of being reconciled to God



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*For He made Him who knew no sin  
to be sin for us,  
that we might become  
the righteousness of God in Him.  
2 Corinthians 5:21*

For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish  
but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son  
into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through Him  
might be saved.

John 3:16-17







# **You Are An Ambassador for The King of Kings**

**Living The Lifestyle  
Following Jesus**

**Sharing the Goodness  
of God**







# Living in the Kingdom of God

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**What Do You Do in the Kingdom?**

# The Reason for The Great Commission

Go into all the world and proclaim  
the gospel to the whole creation.  
Whoever believes and is baptized  
will be saved,  
but whoever does not believe  
will be condemned.

Mark 16:15-16

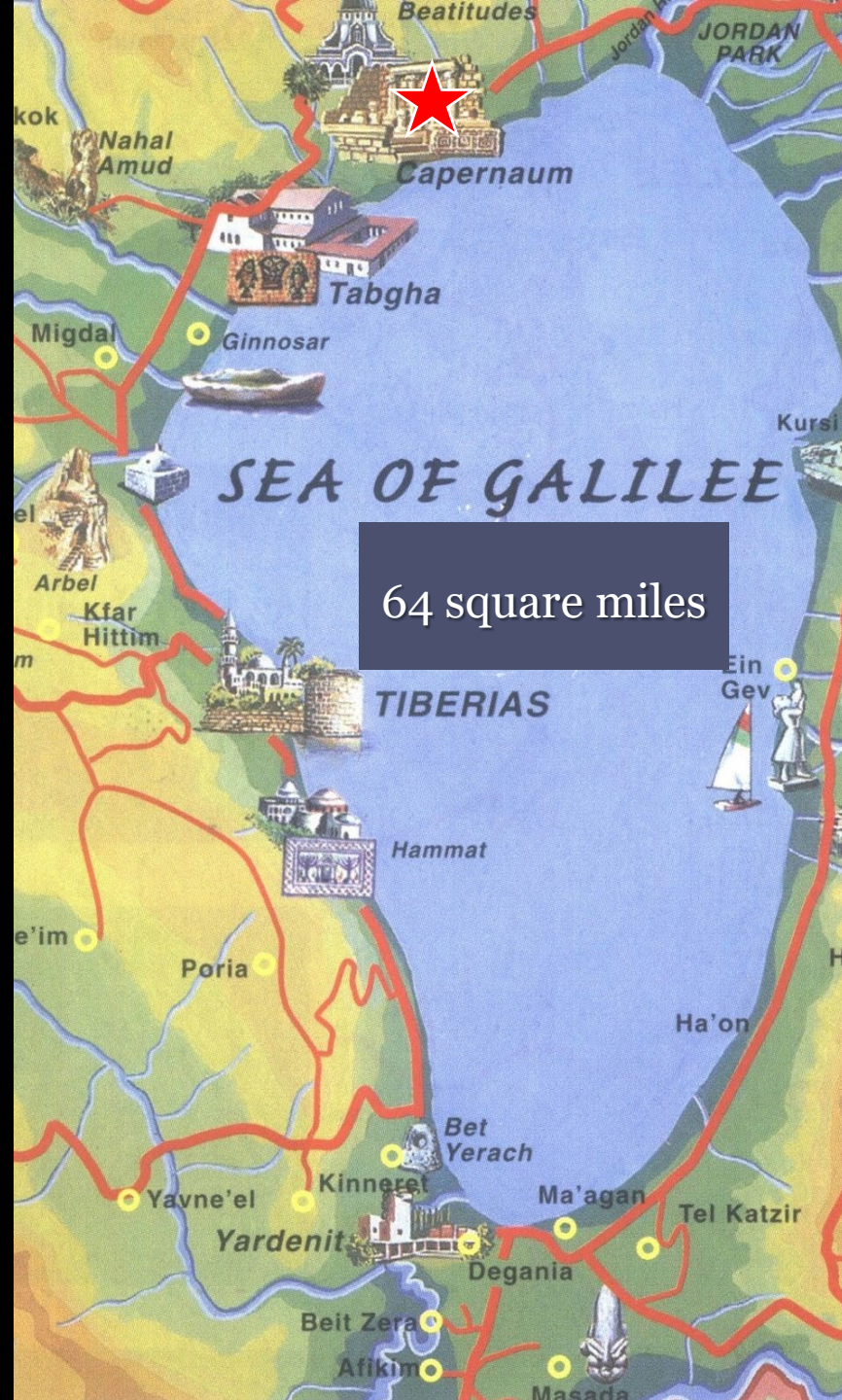






# Fishing at the Sea Galilee

Also called  
the Lake of  
Gennesaret





Some of Jesus Disciples  
were introduced to Jesus by  
John the Baptist

“Behold The Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of  
the world.”

Andrew heard and went  
and found Peter his brother  
and took him to Jesus  
John 1:35-42





*And Jesus,  
walking by the  
Sea of Galilee,  
saw two brothers,*

*Simon called Peter,  
and Andrew  
his brother,  
casting a net  
into the sea;  
for they were  
fishermen.*

Matthew 4:18





*Then He said  
to them,  
“Follow Me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men.”*

*They immediately  
left their nets  
and followed Him*

Matthew 4:19-20





*Going on from there,  
He saw  
two other brothers,  
James the son of  
Zebedee,  
and John his brother,  
in the boat with  
Zebedee their father,  
mending their nets.*

Matthew 4:21





*He called them,  
and immediately  
they left the boat  
and their father,  
and followed Him.*

Matthew 4:21







Follow Me,  
and  
I will make you fishers of men.

Follow ME  
Walk like me in your character and lifestyle





*So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.*

Luke 5:1-2



*Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land.*

Luke 5:3





*And He sat down and  
taught the multitudes  
from the boat.*

Luke 5:3



*When He had  
stopped speaking,  
He said to Simon,*

*“Launch out into the  
deep and let down your  
nets for a catch.”*

Luke 5:4





But Simon answered  
and said to Him,

“Master, we have  
toiled all night and  
caught nothing,  
nevertheless at Your  
word I will let down  
the net.”

Luke 5:5



*And when they had done this,  
they caught  
a great number of fish,  
and their net was breaking.*

Luke 5:6





*So they signaled to their partners  
in the other boat  
to come and help them.  
And they came  
and filled both the boats,  
so that they began to sink.*

Luke 5:7



When Simon Peter saw *it*,  
he fell down at Jesus' knees,  
saying,

“Depart from me,  
for I am a sinful man,  
O Lord.”

Luke 5:8





*For he and all who were with him  
were astonished at the catch of fish  
which they had taken;*

*and so also were James and John,  
the sons of Zebedee, who were  
partners with Simon.*

Luke 5:9-10



And Jesus said to Simon,

“Do not be afraid.  
From now on  
you will catch men.”

Luke 5:10





*So when they had brought  
their boats to land,  
they forsook all  
and followed Him.*

Luke 5:11







Follow Me,  
and  
I will make you fishers of men.

Follow ME

I will provide guidance in where to fish  
if you spend time with Me in the Word









When they had come  
to Capernaum,  
those who received  
the *temple* tax  
came to Peter and said,

“Does your Teacher not  
pay the *temple* tax?”

He said, “Yes.”

Matthew 17:24





And when he had come  
into the house,  
Jesus anticipated  
him, saying,

“What do you  
think, Simon?  
From whom do  
the kings of the earth  
take customs or taxes,  
from their sons  
or from strangers?”

Matthew 17:25



Peter said to Him,  
“From strangers.”

Jesus said to him,  
“Then the sons are free.”

Matthew 17:26





Nevertheless,  
lest we offend them,  
go to the sea,

Matthew 17:27



...cast in a hook,  
and take the fish  
that comes up first.

Matthew 17:27





And when you have  
opened its mouth,  
you will find  
a piece of money;

Matthew 17:26



take that and give it to  
them for Me and you.”

Matthew 17:26







Follow Me,  
and  
I will make you fishers of men.

Follow ME  
I will provide everything you need, just follow My ways























# The Reason

Whoever  
believes and  
is baptized  
will be saved,



But whoever  
does not  
believe  
will be  
condemned.









# Fishing with a Drag Net



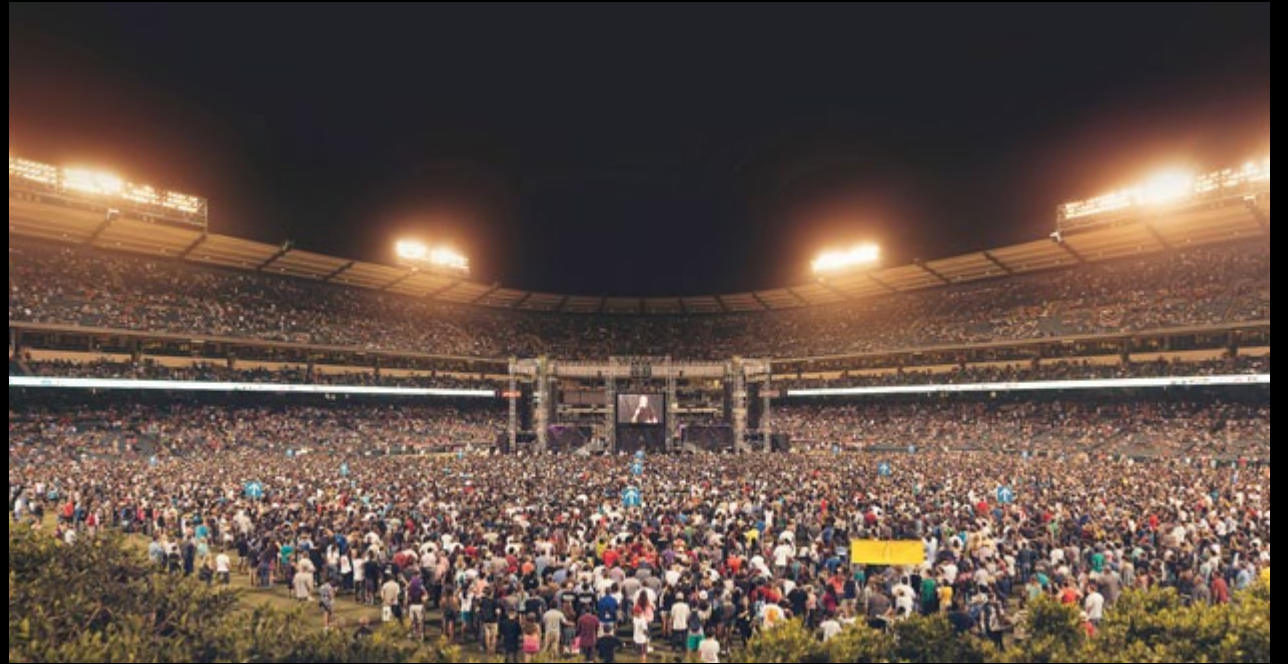


















# Fishing with a Personal Net









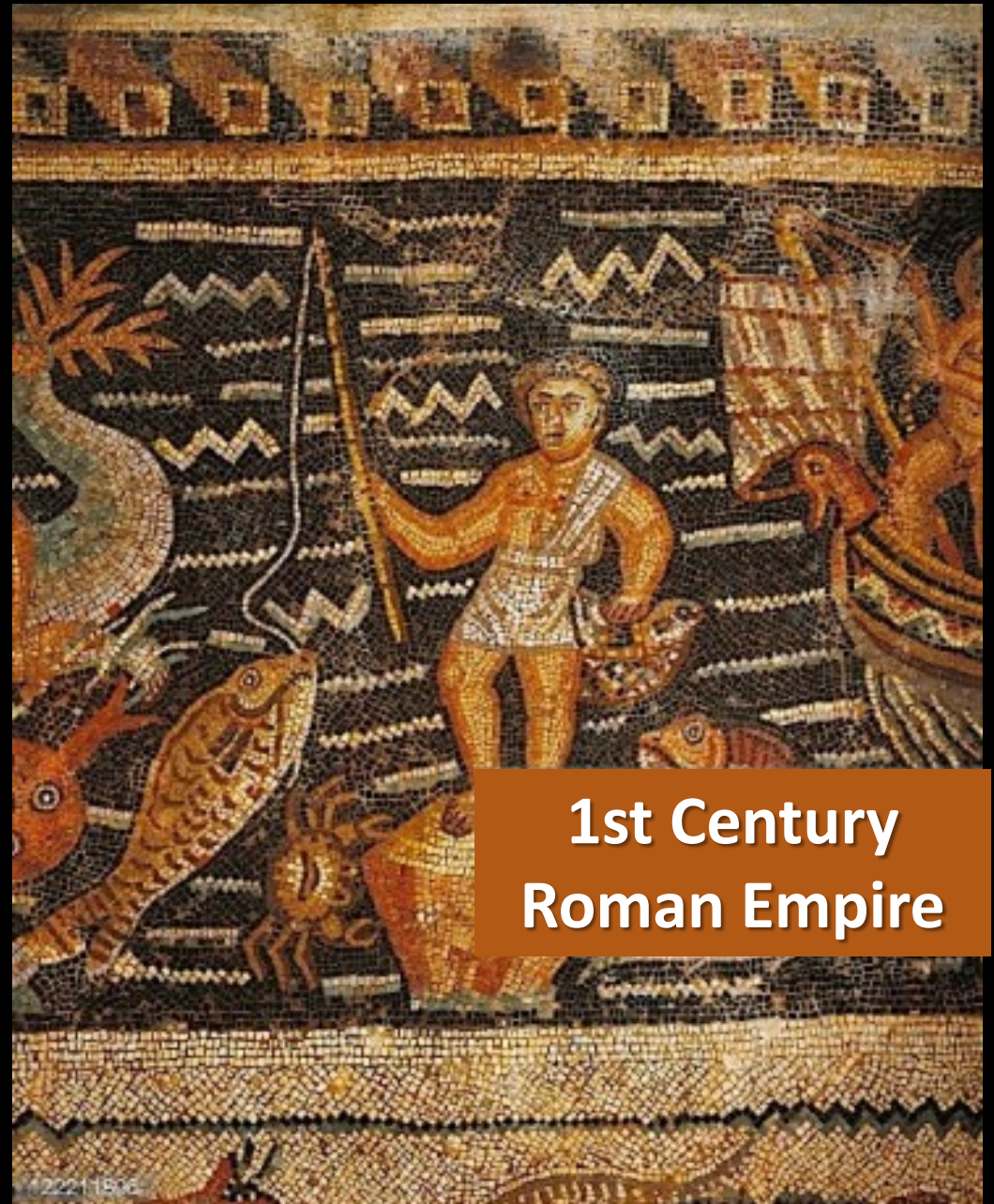








# Fishing with a Hook



**1st Century  
Roman Empire**

























*“Follow me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men.”*

Follow Jesus in  
Character and Lifestyle

Follow Jesus in  
Guidance & Direction

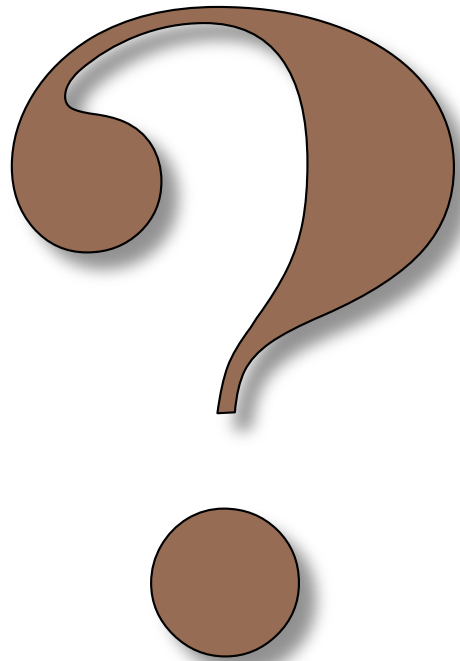
Follow Jesus in  
Dependence to Give  
What is Needed







# Questions to Discuss



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Kingdom of God

You Are  
Fishers of Men



1. What are some types of bait that you can use to fish for people to come to Jesus?

2. Who are some people who do not know Jesus personally, whom you can pray for with family or a small group?

3. What are some ways that you can follow Jesus by matching your lifestyle and character to His?





FIVE QUESTIONS

TO SEE IF GOD IS  
WORKING  
WITH A PERSON



No one can come to Me  
unless the Father draws them.

John 6:44







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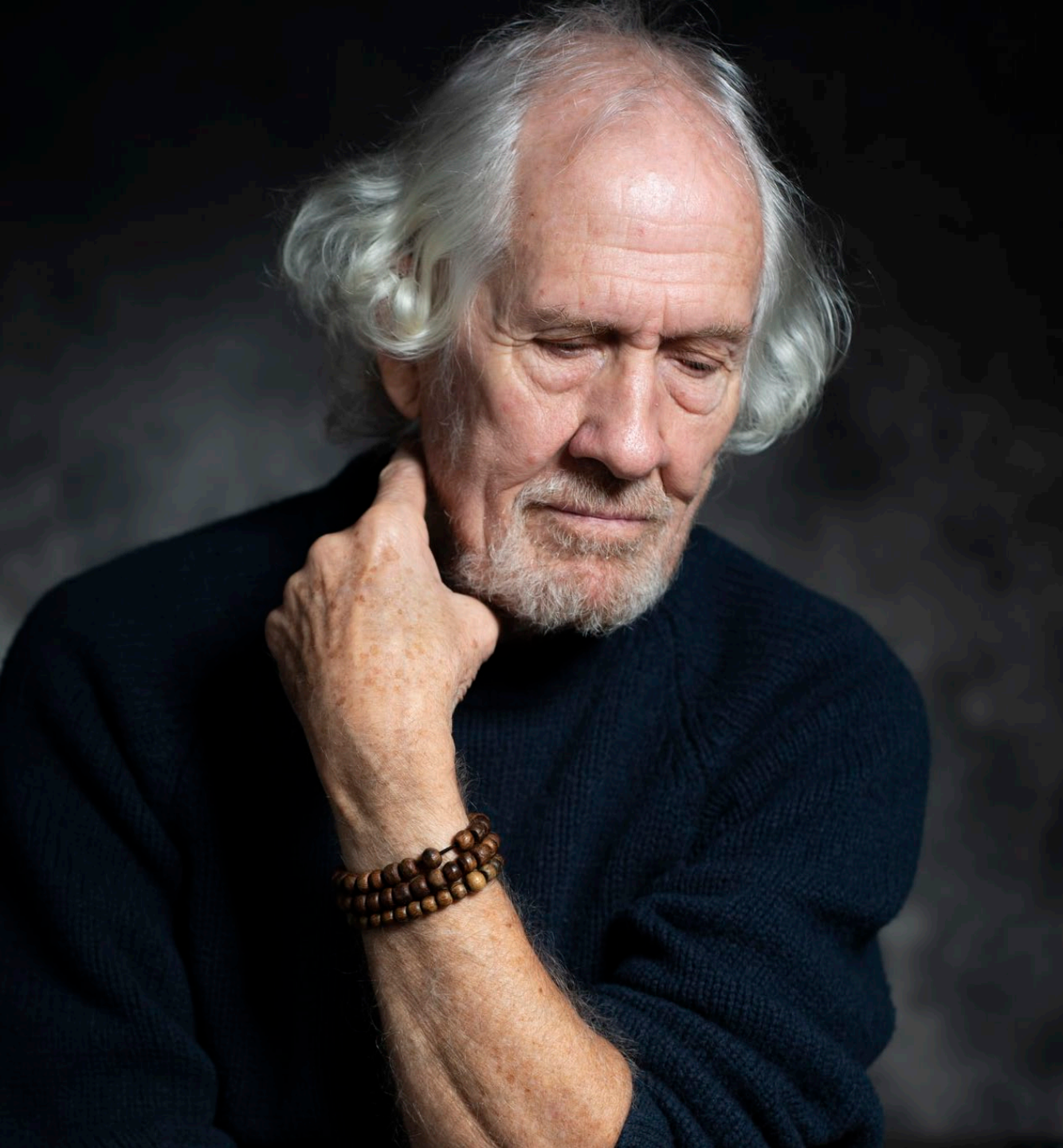
**Do you have any  
spiritual beliefs?**



## Question 2

**In your understanding,  
who is  
Jesus Christ?**





## Question 3

**Do you think there is a  
heaven and a hell?**



## Question 5

**If what you believed  
were not true,  
would you want to know it?**





## Question 5

**If you died right now,  
where would you go?**



# SHARING THE SCRIPTURES







**Let the person read  
the verse out loud  
if they will**

**So then faith comes  
by hearing and  
hearing by  
the word of God.**

**Romans 6:23**



Let the person  
do the talking

*What is written in the law?  
What is your reading of it?*

Luke 10:26





**The Holy Spirit will  
do the convincing**

***And when He has come, He  
will convict the world of  
sin, and of righteousness,  
and of judgment:***

**John 16:8-11**



## God's Word will bring conviction

*For the Word of  
God is living and powerful,  
and sharper than any two-  
edged sword, piercing even  
to the division of soul and  
spirit, and of joints and  
marrow, and is a discerner  
of the thoughts and intents  
of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12





# **The Spirit of God & The Word of God bring about New Birth**

**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

**John 3:5**

**...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever.**

**1 Peter 1:23**