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The Gospel of John

Key Theme

JOHN

JESUS IS THE CHRIST: BELIEVE AND LIVE!

“³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹**but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**”

JOHN 20:31

The Gospel of John

OPPORTUNITY

Christ presents Himself to:

- His disciples—1:19-2:12
- The Jews—2:13-3:36
- The Samaritans—4:1-54
- The Jewish leaders—5:1-47
- The multitudes—6:1-71

OPPOSITION

There is conflict with the Jewish leaders over:

- Moses—7:1-8:11
- Abraham—8:12-59
- Who Messiah is—9:1-10:42
- His miraculous power—11:1-12:36
- They would not believe on Him-12:37-50

OUTCOME

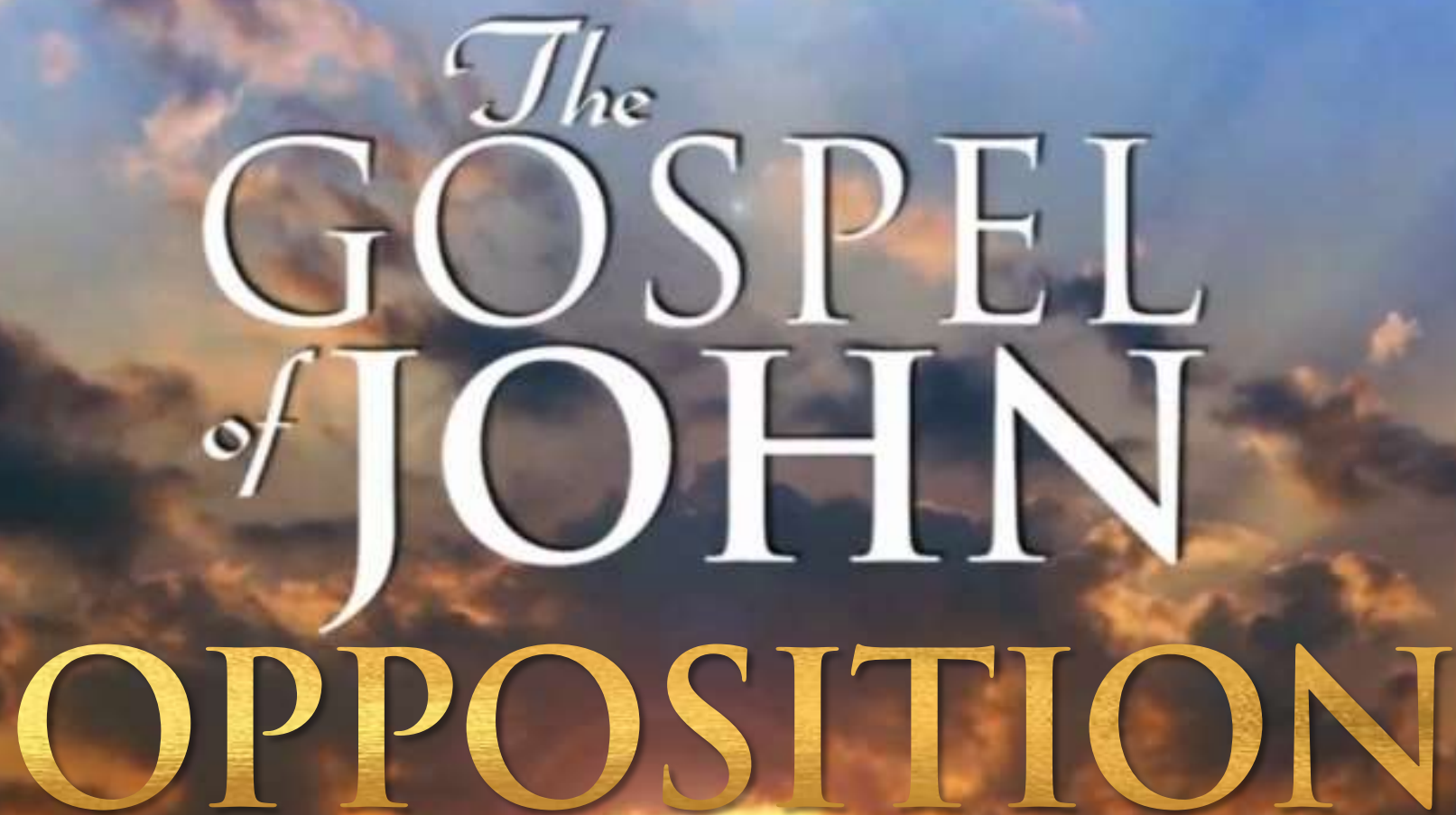
Christ's farewell message to His beloved disciples:

- The faith of the disciples—13-17
- The unbelief of the Jews—18-19
- The victory of Christ—20-21



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OPPORTUNITY



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OPPOSITION

THE **GOSPEL**
OF **JOHN**

CHAPTER 7

CHRIST THE HEAVENLY ONE



Before the Feast of Tabernacles
Disbelief!

For even His brothers did not believe in Him.
So Jesus went in secret to Jerusalem for the feast.



How does this man know letters?

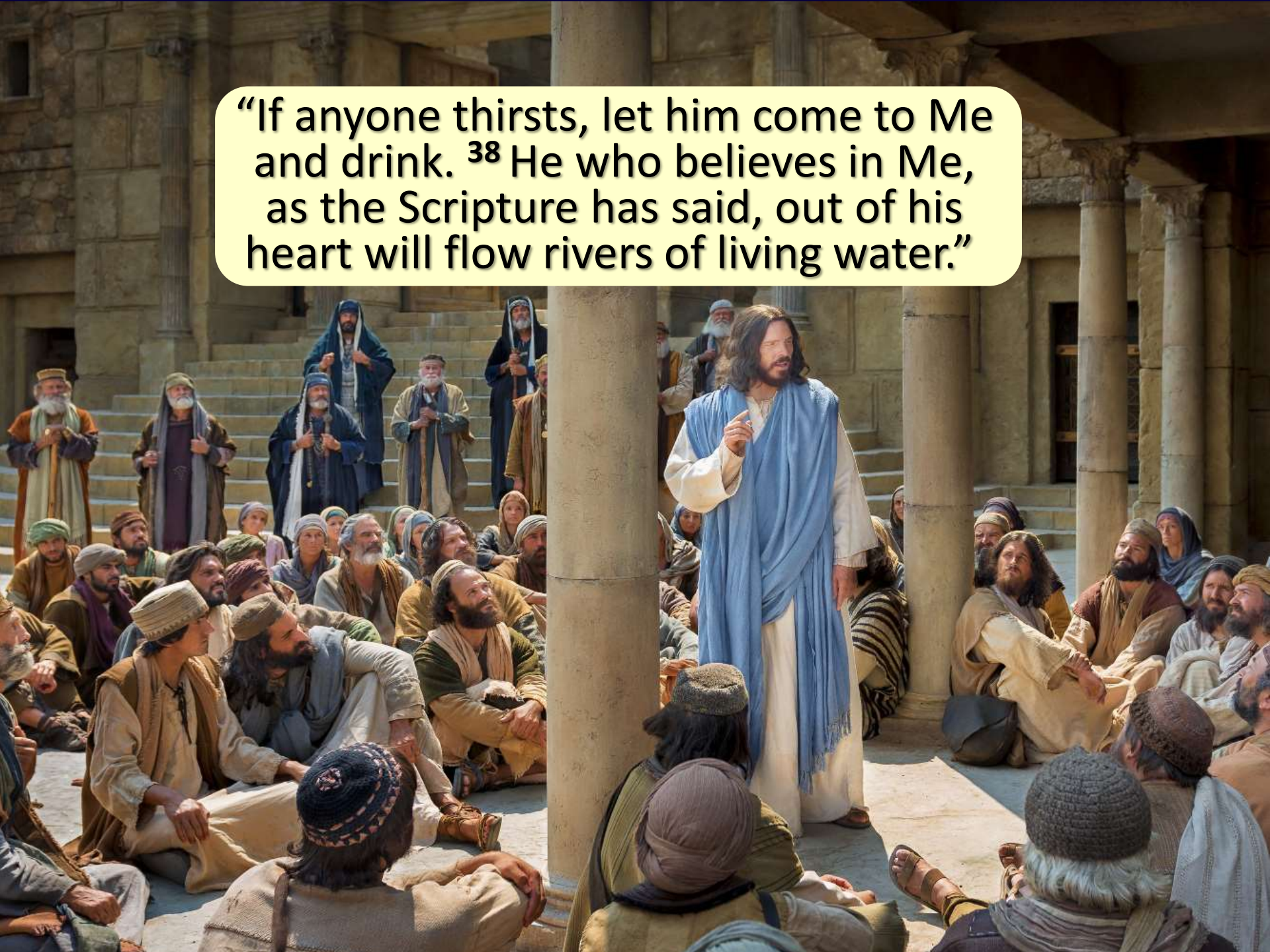
'Jesus teaches in Temple' by James Tissot.

A painting by Ernst Zimmermann titled 'Christ and the pharisees' depicting Jesus seated and surrounded by Pharisees in a debate. Jesus is seated on the right, wearing a blue robe, looking towards the left. Several Pharisees are standing around him, some with long beards and traditional head coverings, engaged in conversation. The background shows a stone building and a palm tree under a cloudy sky.

During the Feast of Tabernacles
Debate!

'Christ and the pharisees' by Ernst Zimmermann, c. 1895.

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”





He prophesied of the
Holy Spirit.



After the Feast of Tabernacles
Division!

'The Chief Priests Take Counsel Together' by James Tissot

THE **GOSPEL**
OF **JOHN**

CHAPTER 8

CHRIST THE TRUTH



Grace versus Law!

"Jesus and the Sinner," by Vasily Polenov, 1888.

Go and **sin no more.**



“Jesus and Adulterous Woman,” by James Tissot

Light versus Darkness!

I AM the
light of the world.



If you had known **Me**, you would
have known **the Father** also!



'But No Man Laid Hands Upon Him' by James Tissot, 1886-1896.

Life and Death!





When you lift up the **Son of Man**,
then you will know that **I AM!**



Freedom and Bondage!

'Jesus before the Judges' by Maurycy Gottlieb, 1877.



Whoever commits a sin,
is a slave of sin!



If the Son makes you free,
you shall be **free indeed!**

“If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

1. **Free** from the condemnation of sin, the penalty of the law and the wrath of God (Isa 42:7; 60:1; Rom 8:1).
2. **Free** from the power of Satan (Acts 26:18; Col 1:13; Heb 2:14,15).
3. **Free** from the bondage of sin (Rom 6:14,18).
4. **Free** from the authority of man (Gal 4:8, 9; 5:1; Col 2:20-22).
5. **Free to serve God** (1 Cor 7:22; Rom 6:16-18, 22).



Honor and Dishonor!



If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing.
It is My Father who honors Me.

Are **you** greater than our father Abraham, who is dead?



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RESURRECTION

Before Abraham was, **I AM!**

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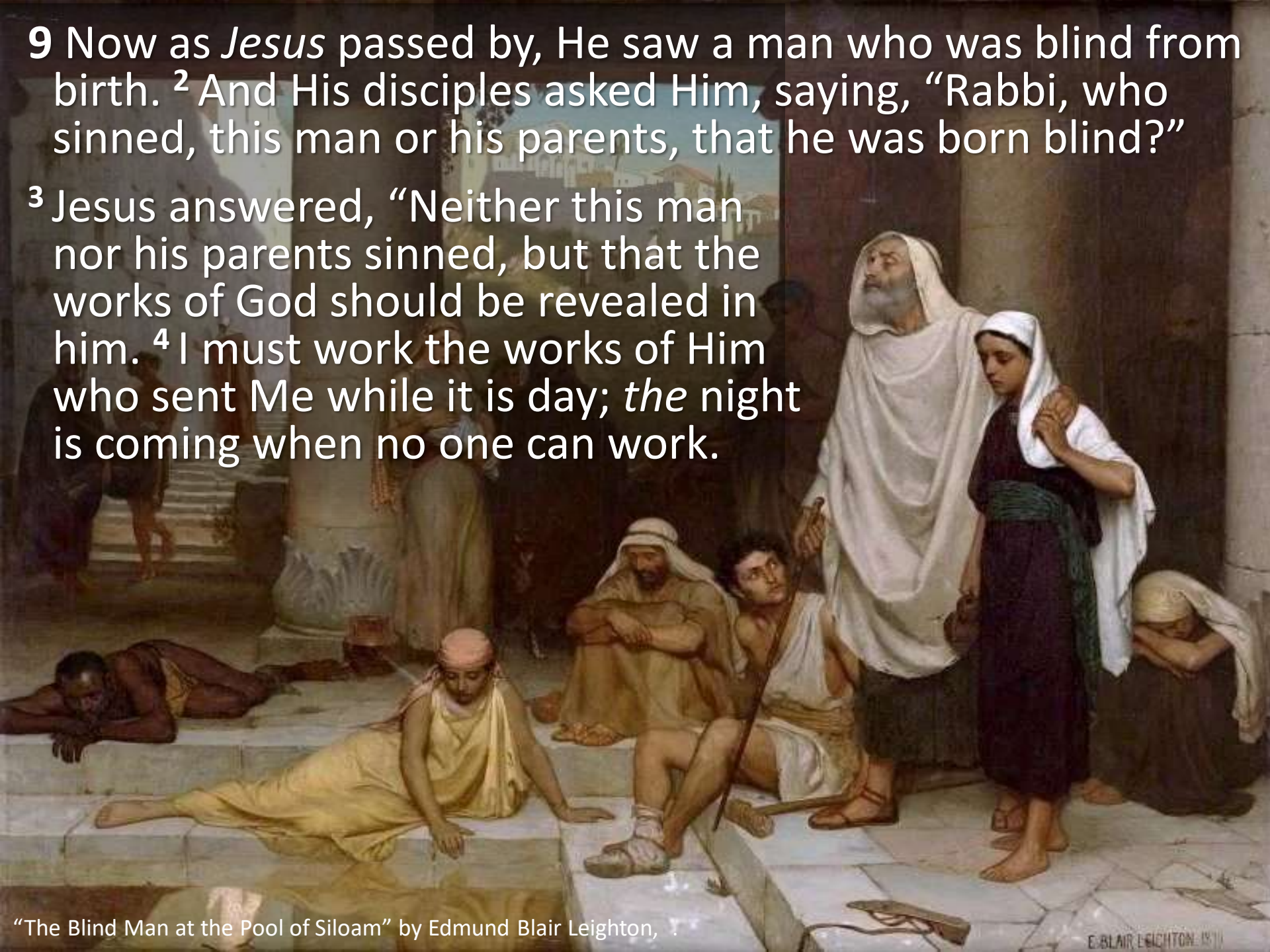
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CHAPTER 9

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

9 Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. **2** And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. **4** I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work.

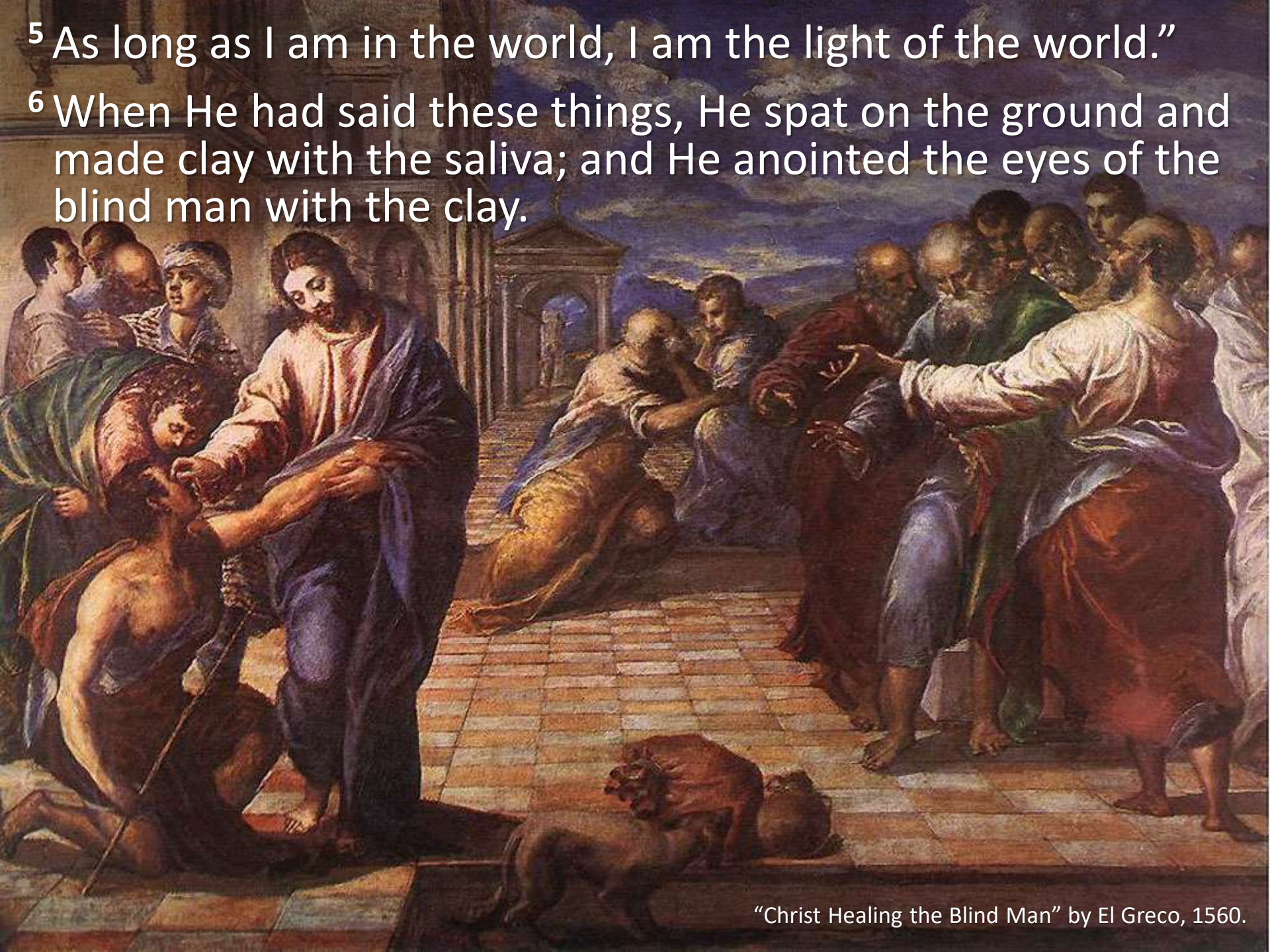


“The Blind Man at the Pool of Siloam” by Edmund Blair Leighton, 1911

E. BLAIR LEIGHTON. 1911

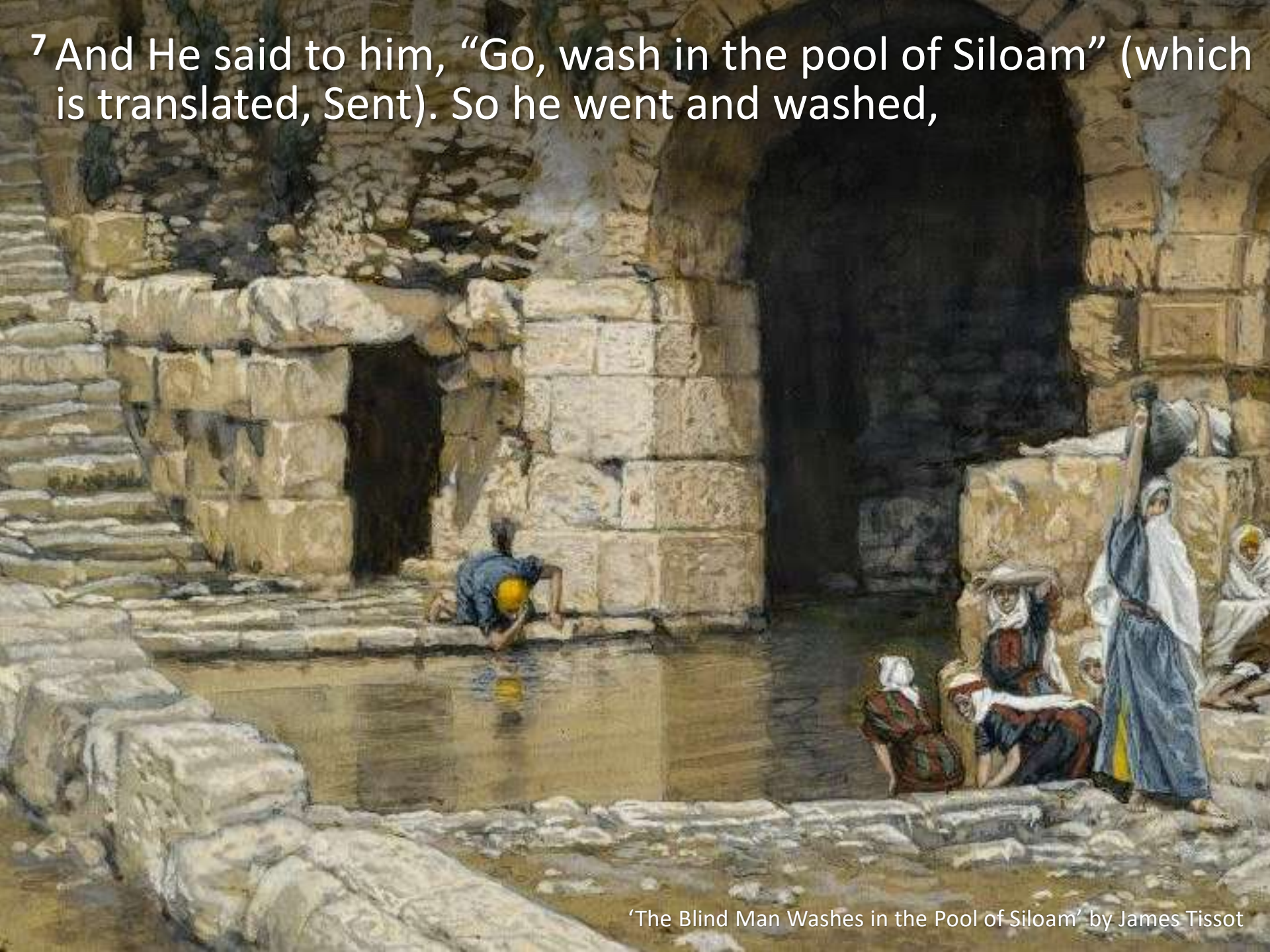
⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.



“Christ Healing the Blind Man” by El Greco, 1560.

⁷ And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed,



‘The Blind Man Washes in the Pool of Siloam’ by James Tissot

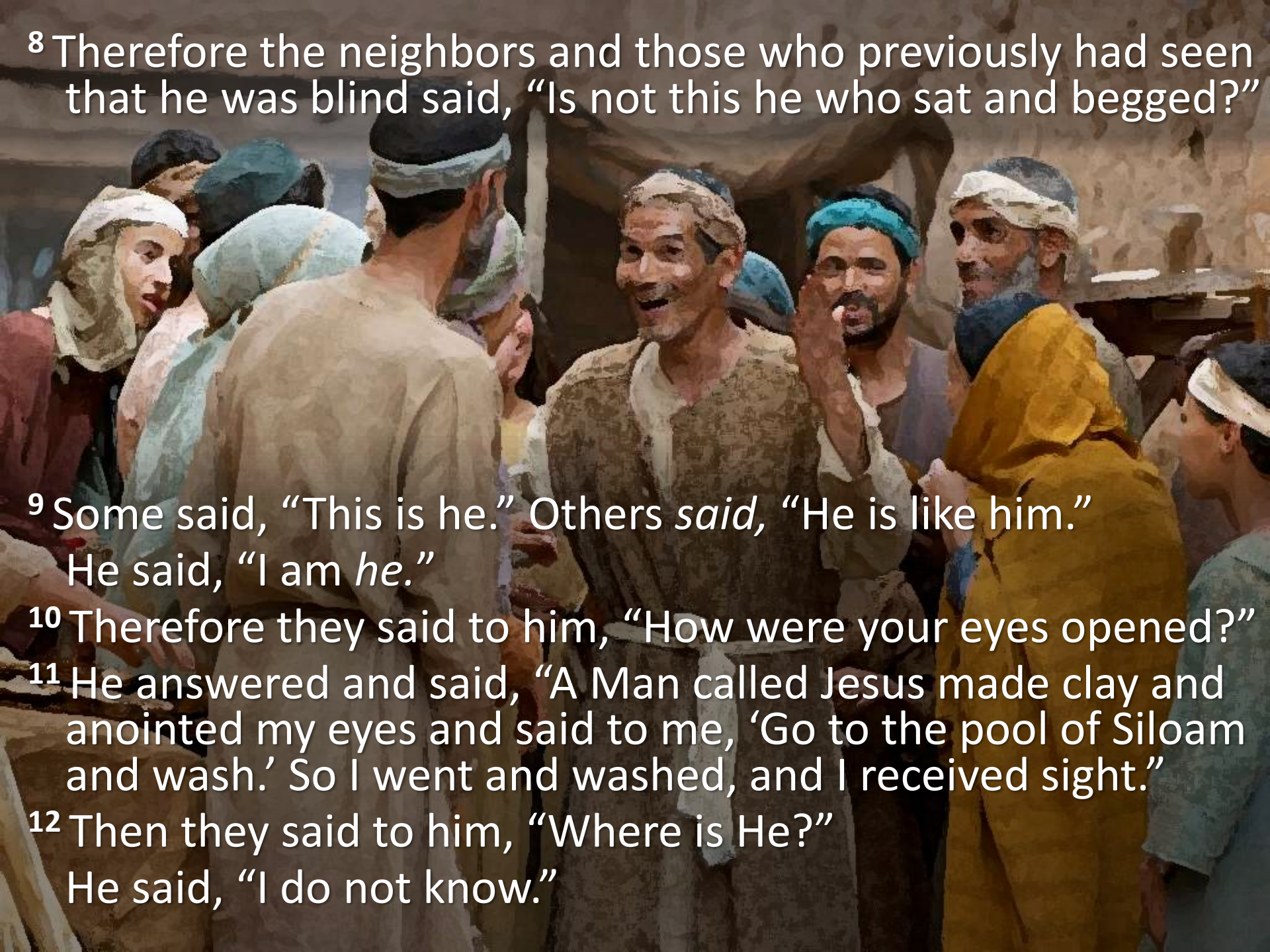
⁷ And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

THE BLIND MAN:

- 1) Outside the Temple; alienated from God.
- 2) Blind; unable to see the Savior.
- 3) Blind from birth: “Estranged from the womb” (Psa 58:3).
- 4) Beyond the aid of man; helpless and hopeless.
- 5) Beggar; without resources.
- 6) Made no appeal; uttered no cry.
- 7) Few human eyes pitied the sinner in his wretchedness.

JESUS CHRIST:

- 1) Looked on in pity.
- 2) Declared the power and grace of God.
- 3) Understood necessity of grace.
- 4) Announced Himself the One to bring light to those in darkness.
- 5) Impressed upon the blind beggar his desperate need.
- 6) Pointed to means of blessing.
- 7) The beggar obeyed, obtained a miracle of mercy.



⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

⁹ Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.”
He said, “I am *he*.”

¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

¹¹ He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

¹² Then they said to him, “Where is He?”
He said, “I do not know.”

The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man

¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said,

"This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath."



Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."



¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

¹⁹ And they asked them, saying,
“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

²⁰ His parents answered them and said,

“We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;
²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.”



²² His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He *was* Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

RELIGIOUS BANISHMENT

1. "**REBUKE**": 7 - 30 days.
2. "**CASTING OUT**": 30 - 60 days.
Accompanied by curses; blasting of a horn wherever you go; people keep distance of 2 metres;
3. "**CUTTING OFF**": indefinite; treated as dead; stones thrown on coffin when dead.



²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”

²⁵ He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know.
One thing I do know, that though

I was blind, now I see.”

John 9:25

²⁶ Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

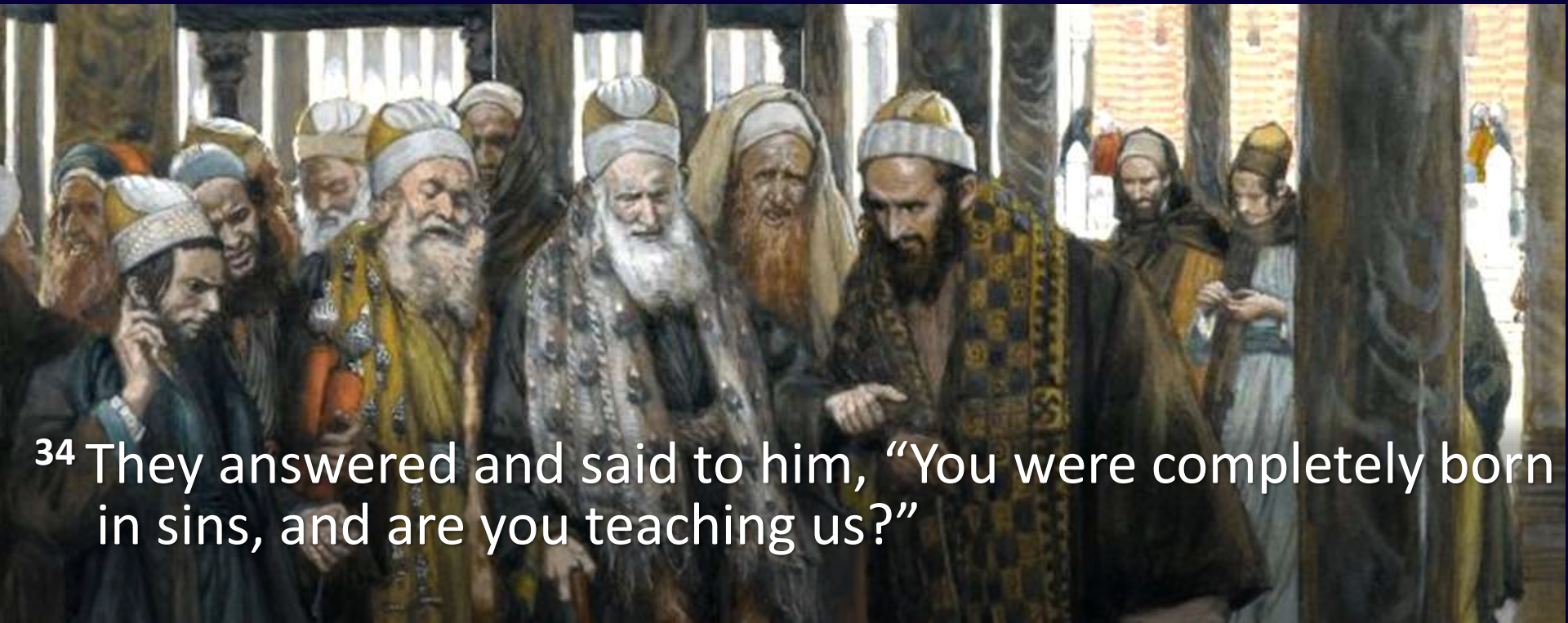
I was blind,
now I see.



²⁷ He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from.”

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”



³⁴ They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?”

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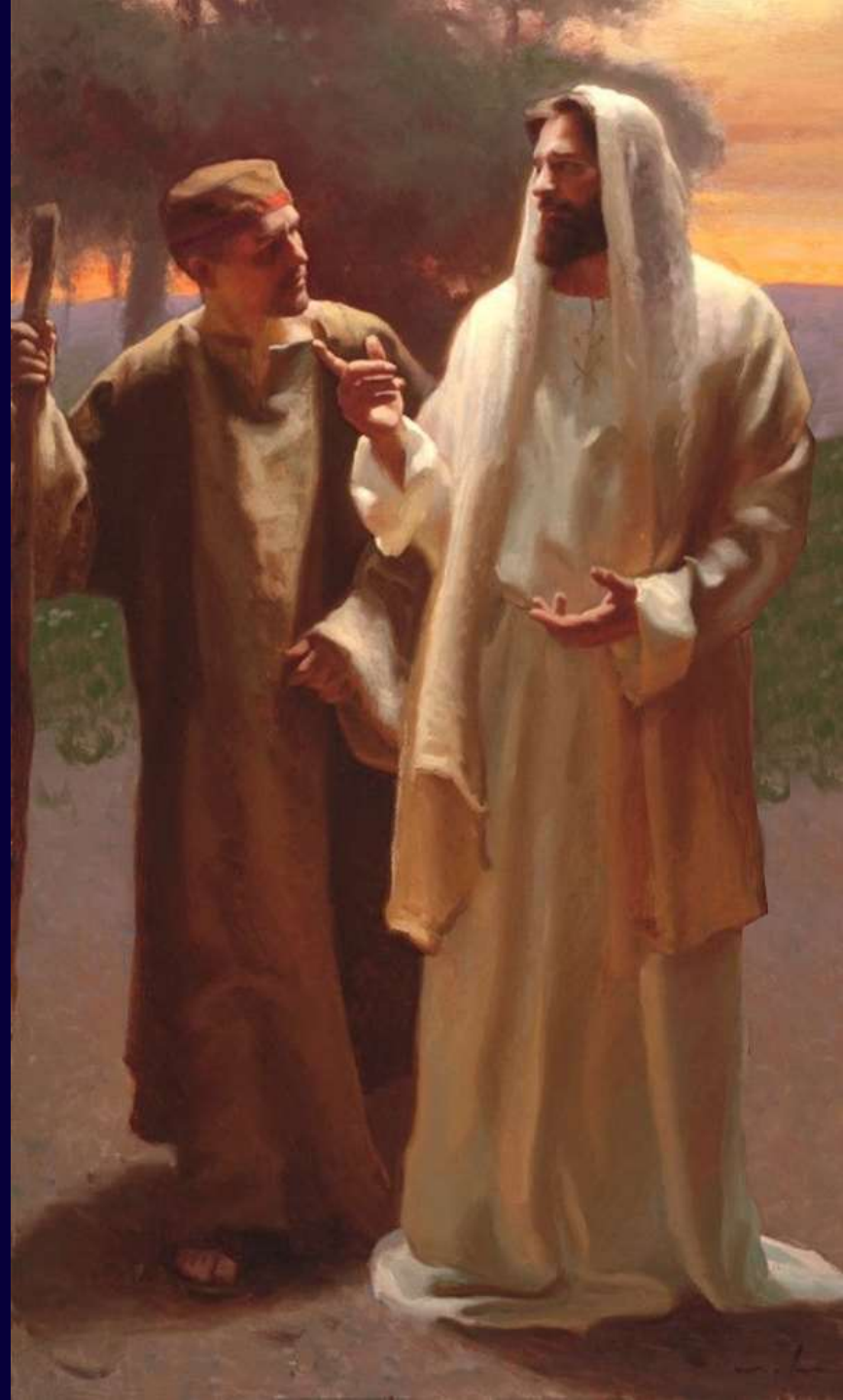
True Vision; True Blindness

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

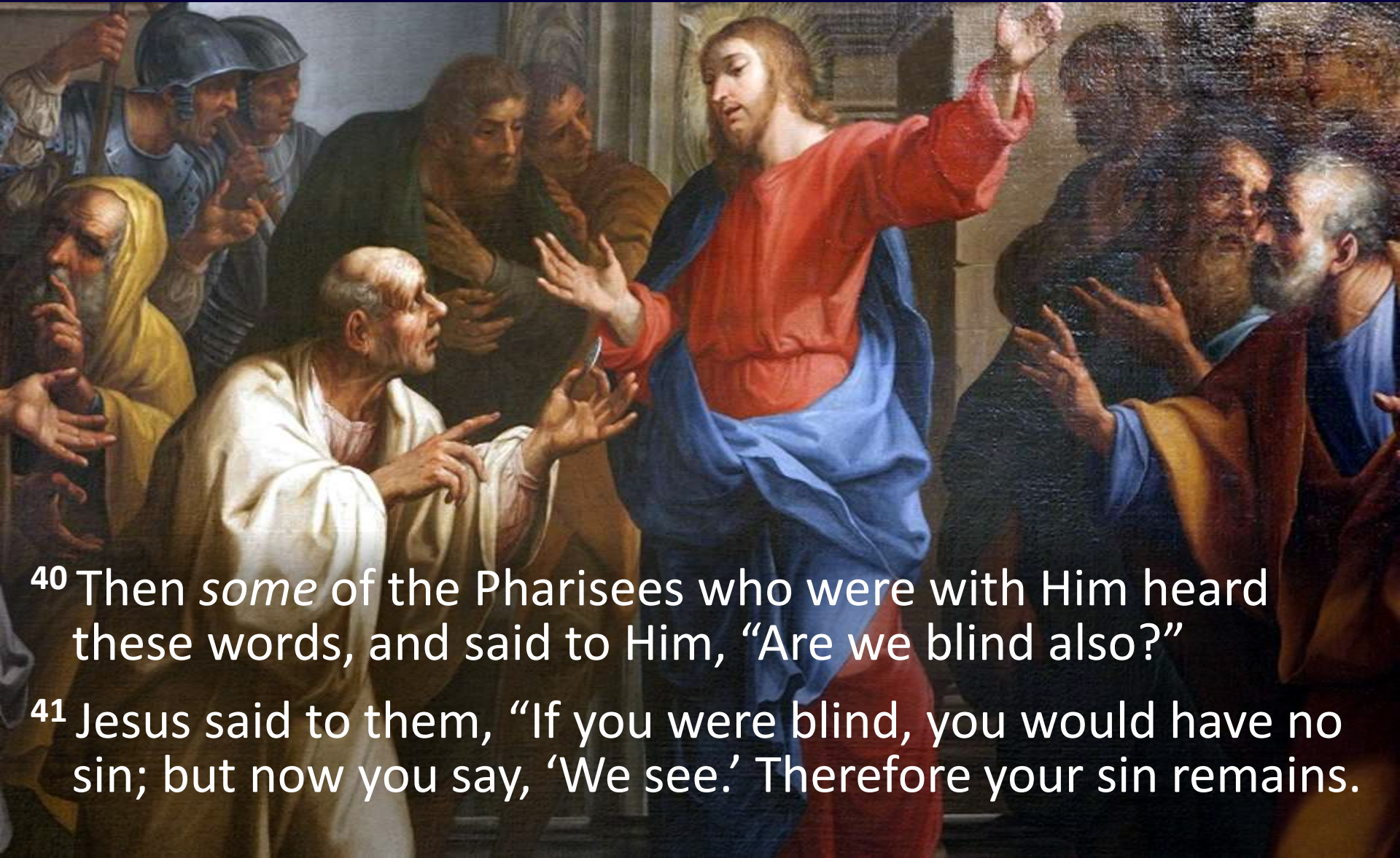
³⁶ He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

³⁷ And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”

³⁸ Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.



³⁹ And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”



⁴⁰ Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

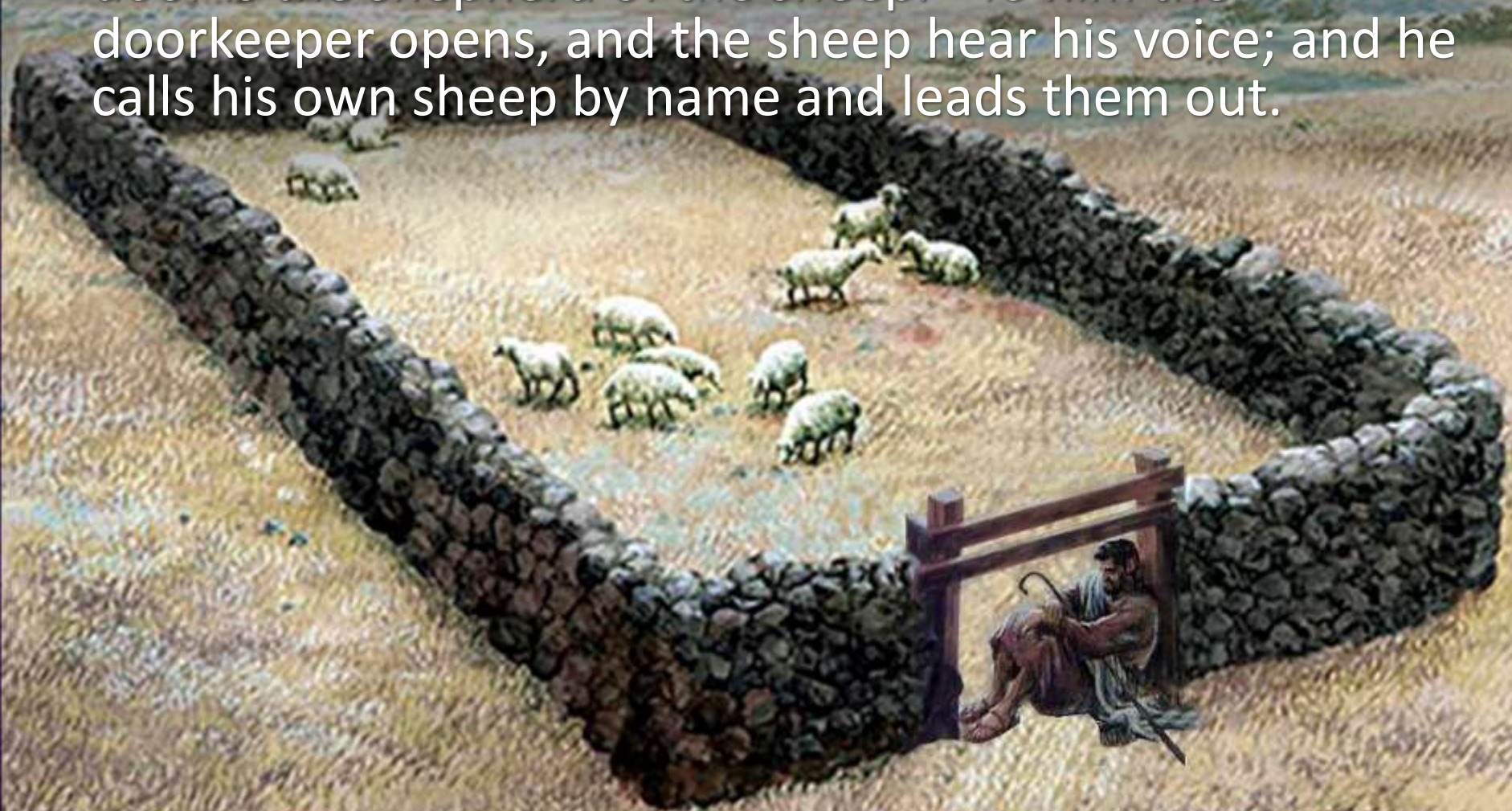
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CHAPTER 10

CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus the True Shepherd

10 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.



⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

**I AM THE DOOR.
IF ANYONE ENTERS BY ME,
HE WILL BE SAVED
AND WILL GO IN AND OUT
AND FIND PASTURE.**

JOHN 10:9

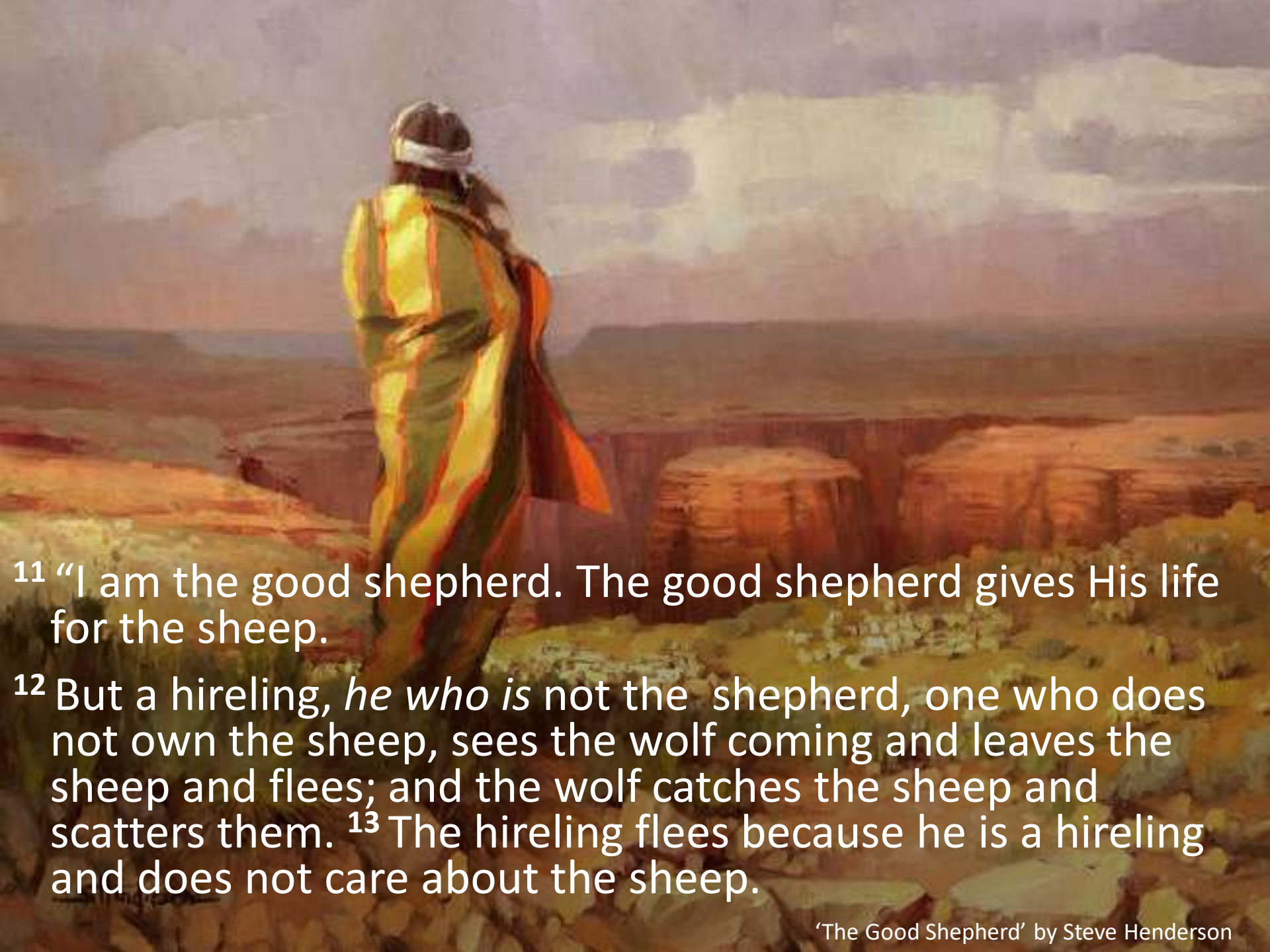
⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

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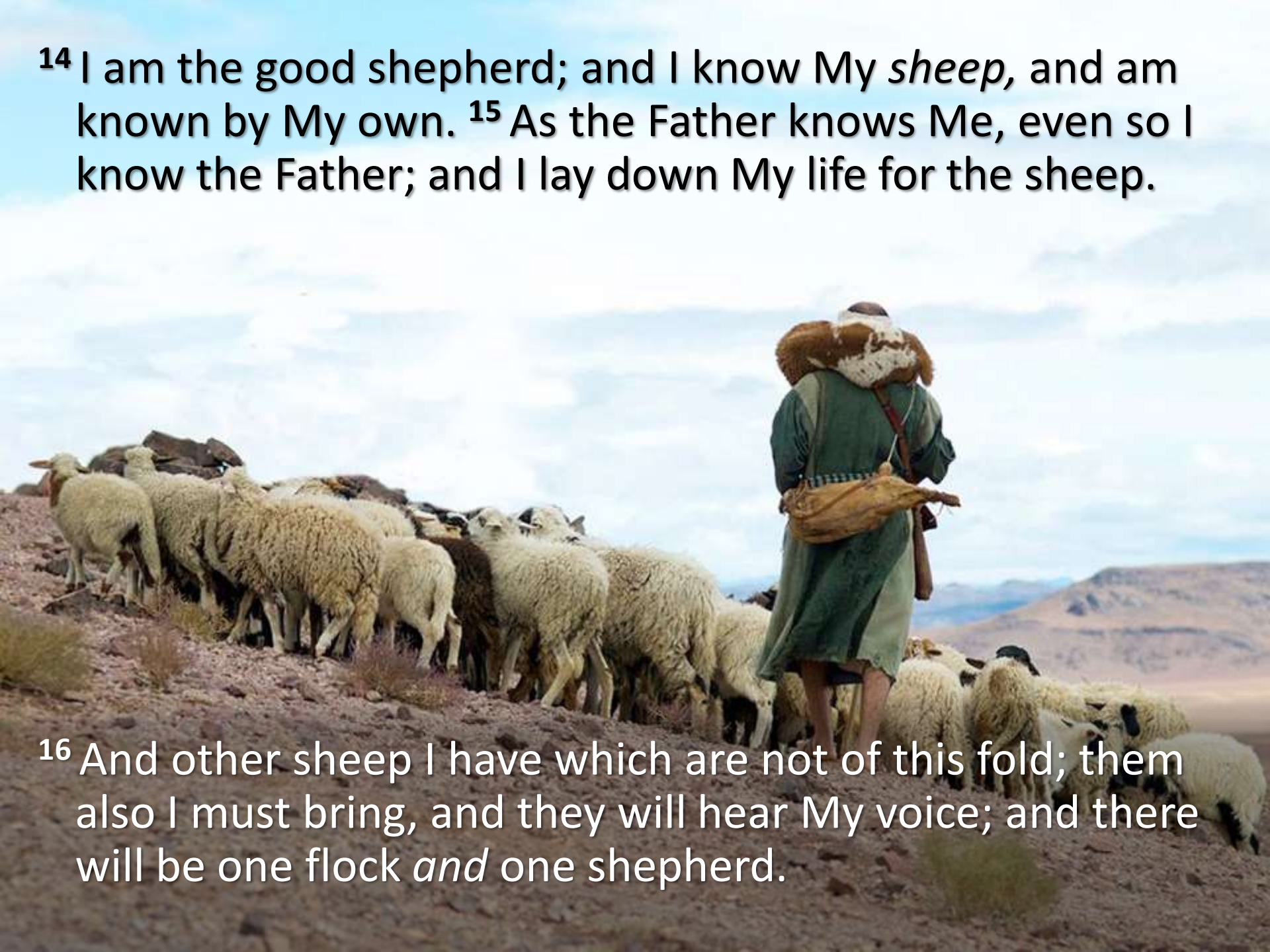
⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.



¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

¹² But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. **15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.



16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.



¹⁷ “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

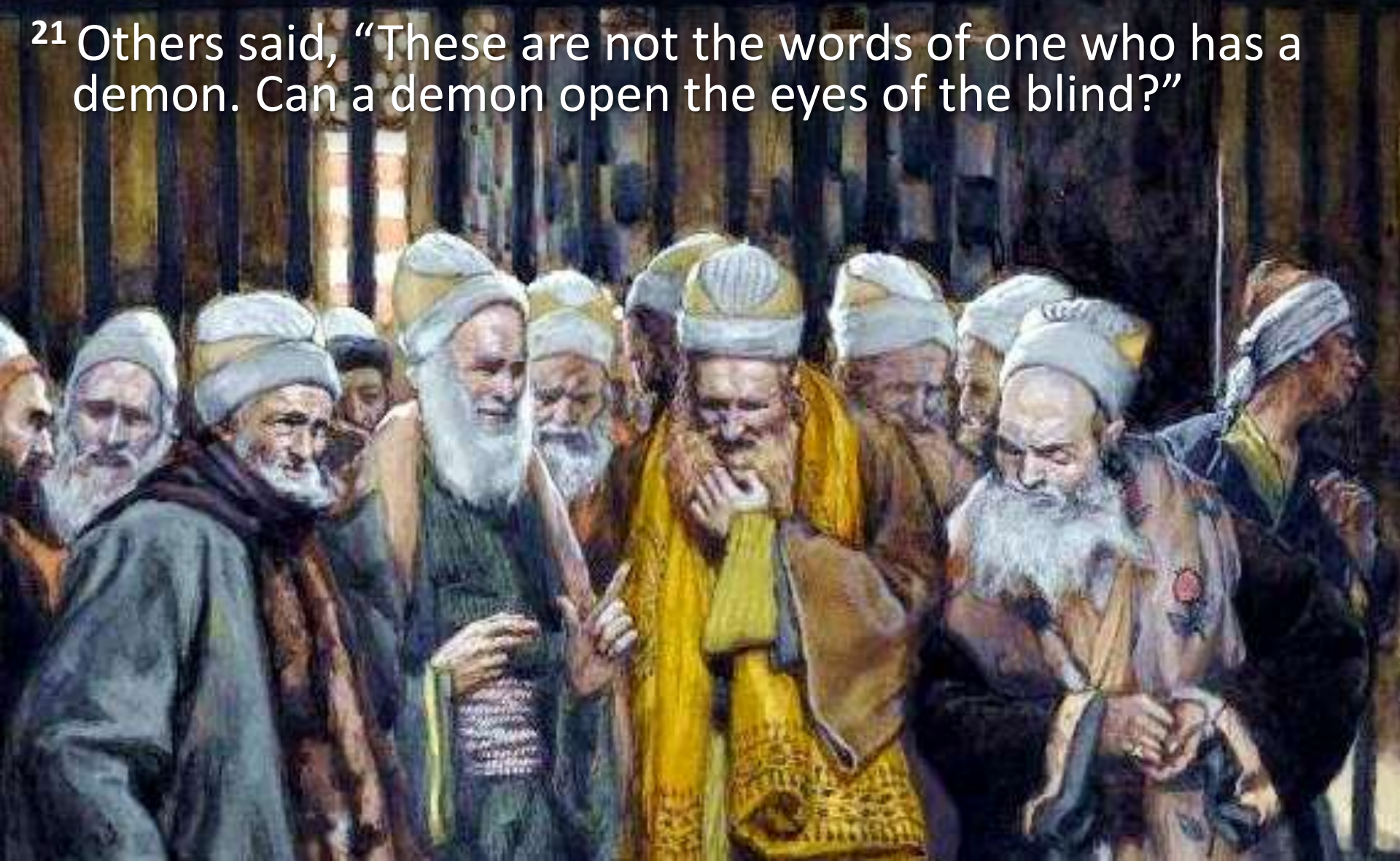
This command I have received from My Father.”

‘Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane’
by Anatoly Shumkin, 2014.



¹⁹ Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. ²⁰ And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?"

²¹ Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"



The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.

²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.



My sheep listen to my voice: I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:27

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and My **[The]** Father are one."



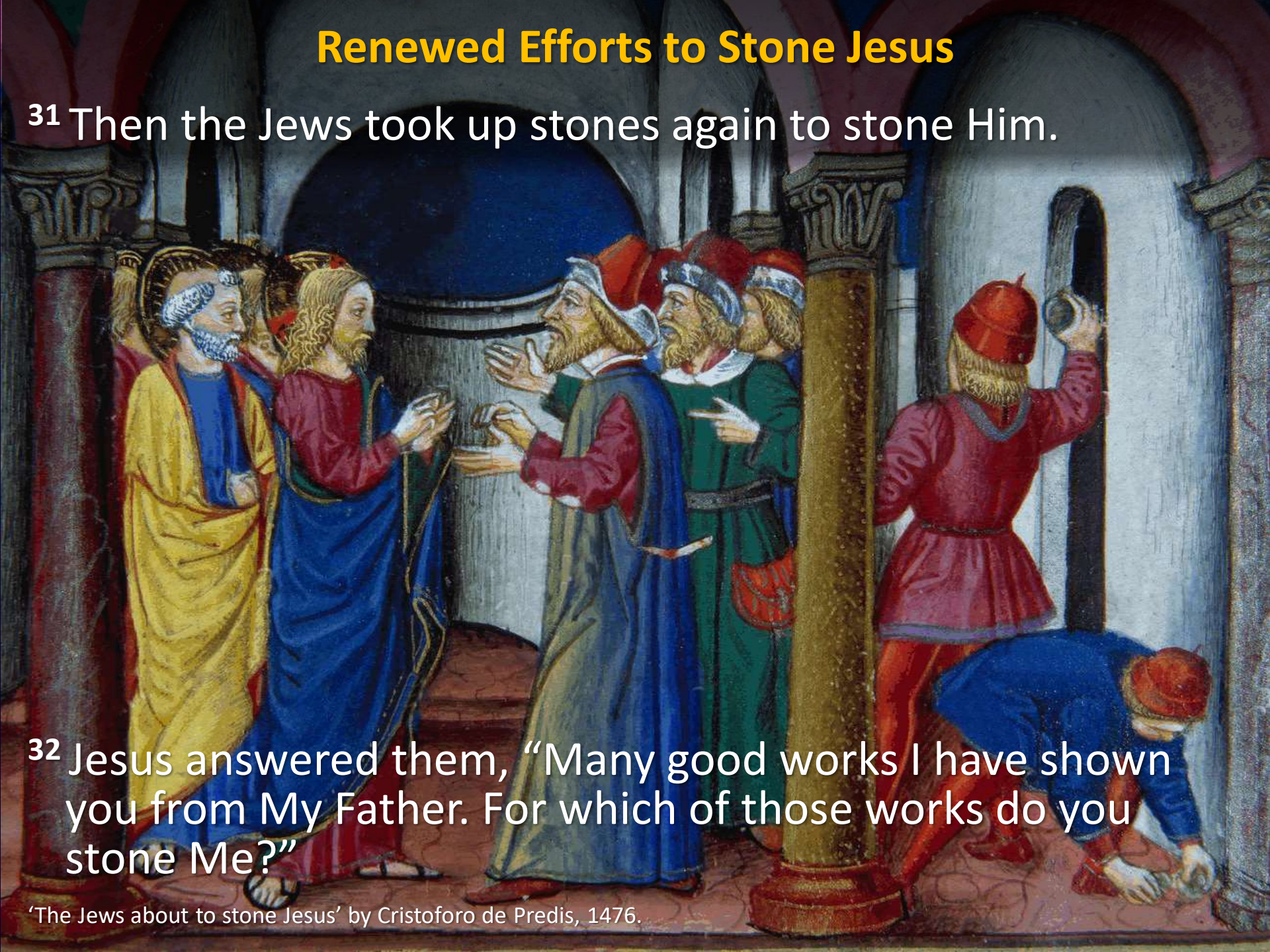
'Father's Hand' by Gayle George

Renewed Efforts to Stone Jesus

³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

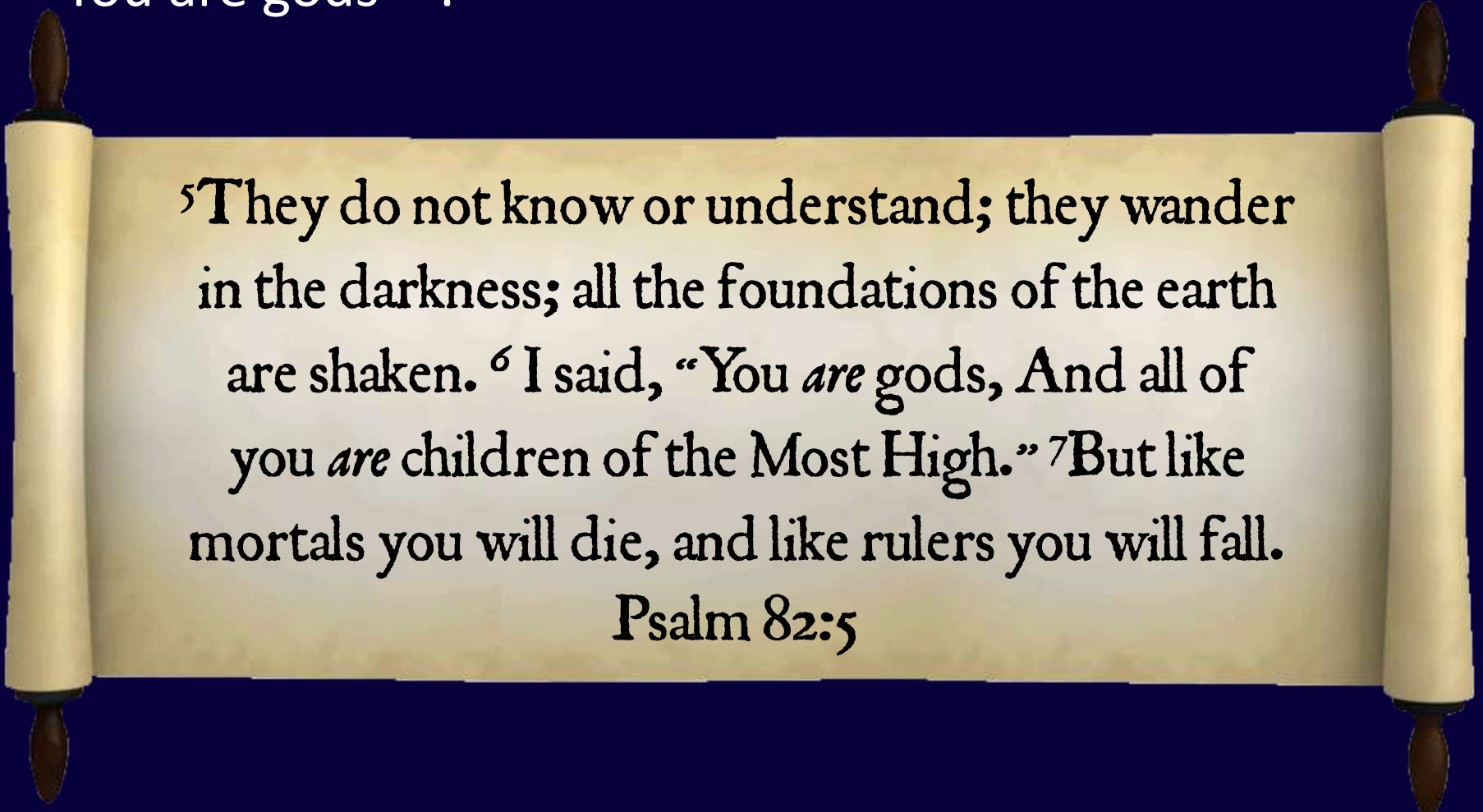
³² Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

'The Jews about to stone Jesus' by Cristoforo de Predis, 1476.



³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods” ’?”

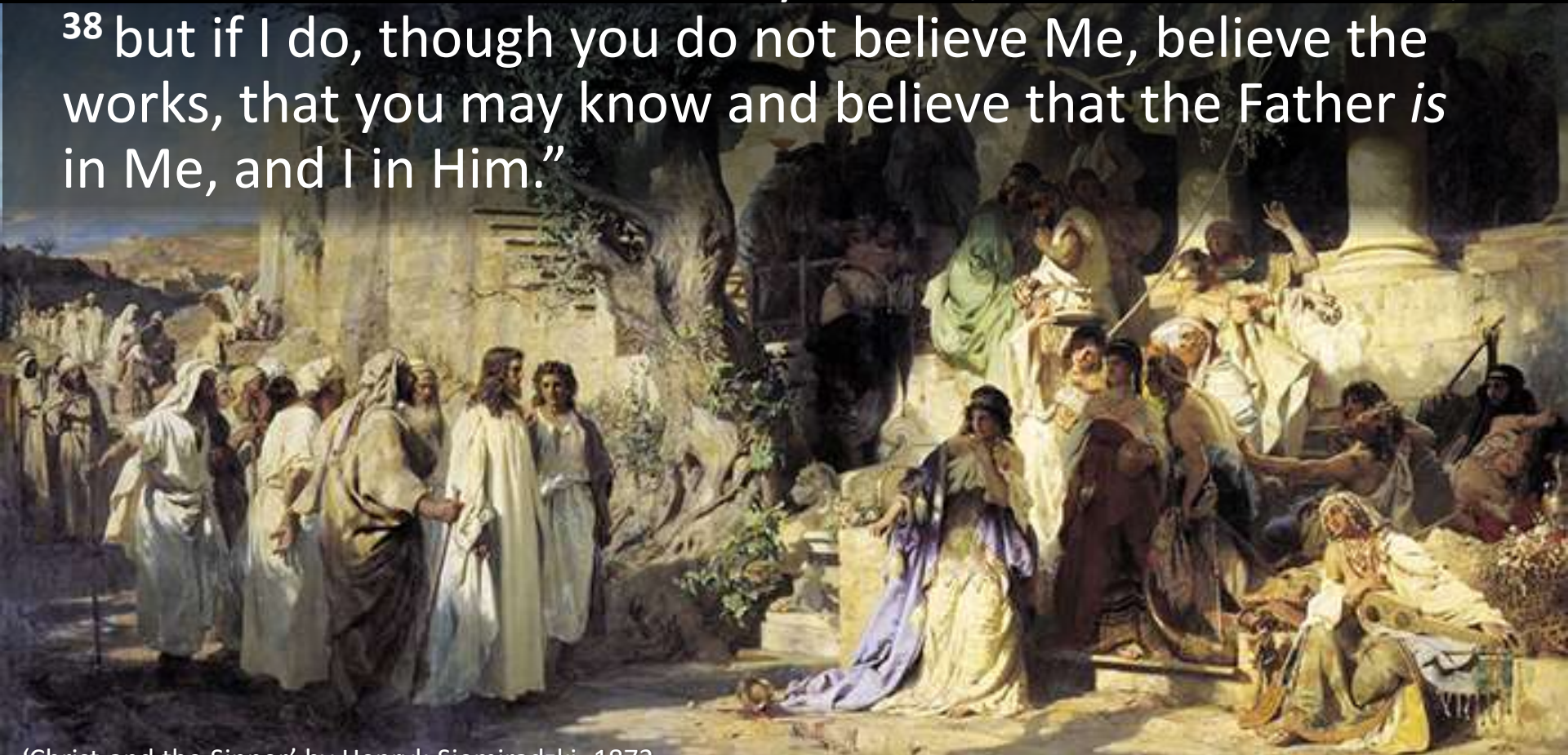
A scroll with text on a dark blue background. The scroll is unrolled, showing the text in a black serif font. The scroll is held by two wooden rollers on the left and right sides.

⁵They do not know or understand; they wander in the darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶I said, “You *are* gods, And all of you *are* children of the Most High.” ⁷But like mortals you will die, and like rulers you will fall.

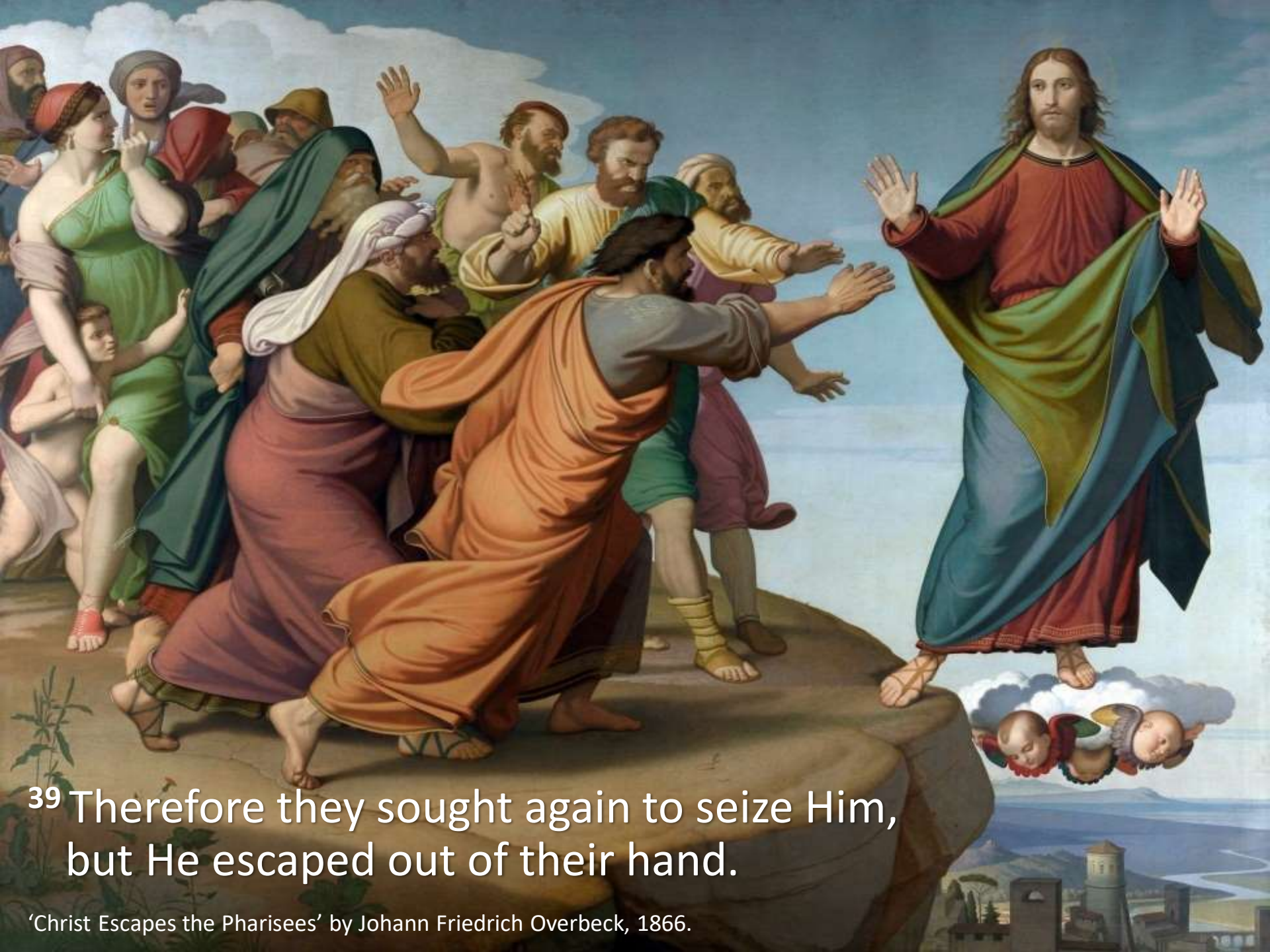
Psalm 82:5

³⁵ If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶ do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

³⁷ If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."



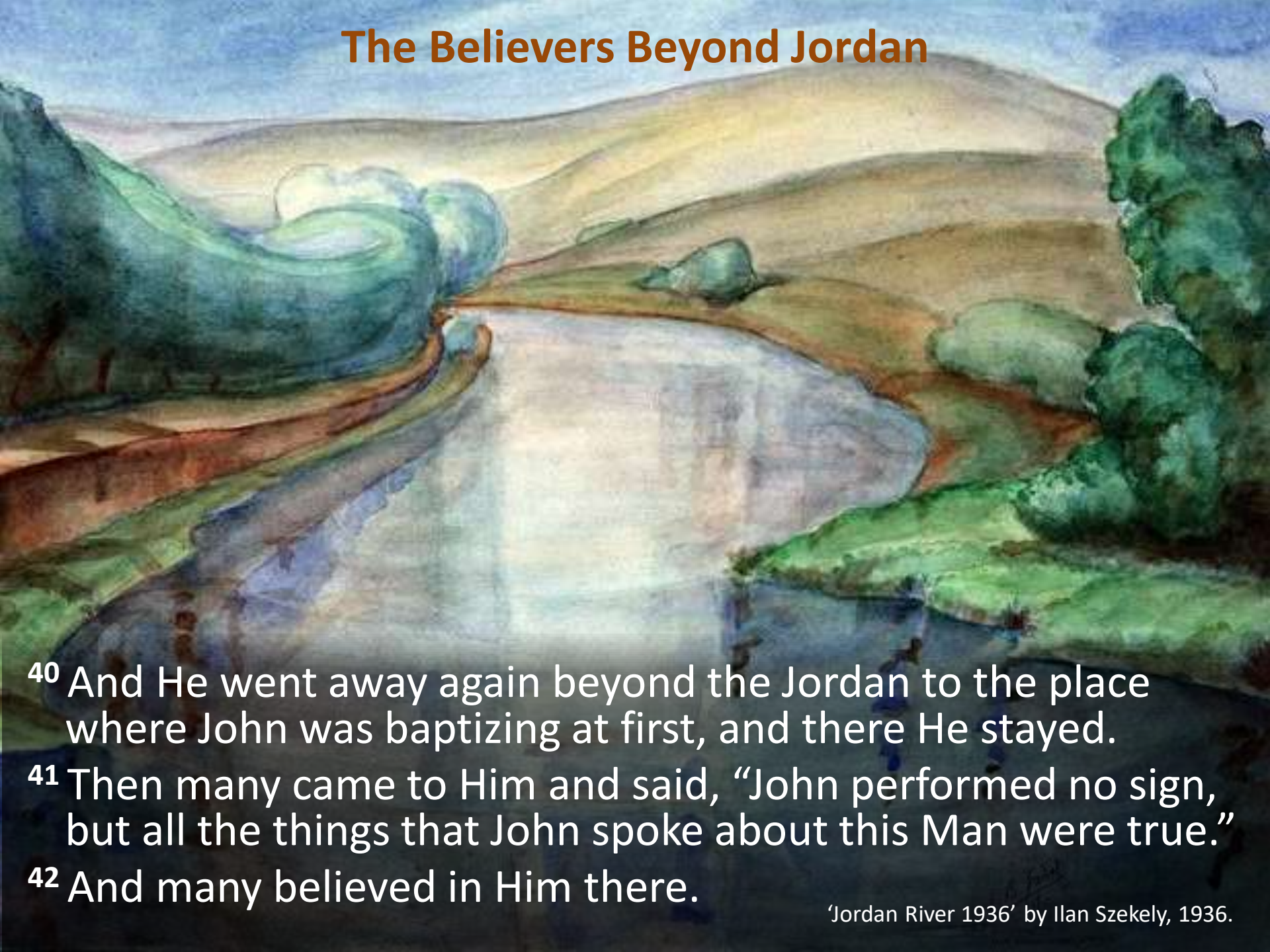
'Christ and the Sinner' by Henryk Siemiradzki, 1873.



39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him,
but He escaped out of their hand.

'Christ Escapes the Pharisees' by Johann Friedrich Overbeck, 1866.

The Believers Beyond Jordan



⁴⁰ And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed.

⁴¹ Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."

⁴² And many believed in Him there.

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CHAPTER 11

**CHRIST THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE**

The Death of Lazarus

11 Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”

⁴ When Jesus heard *that*, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”



‘Lazarus between sisters Martha and Mary’ by the Master of Perea

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. ⁷ Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

⁸ *The* disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"

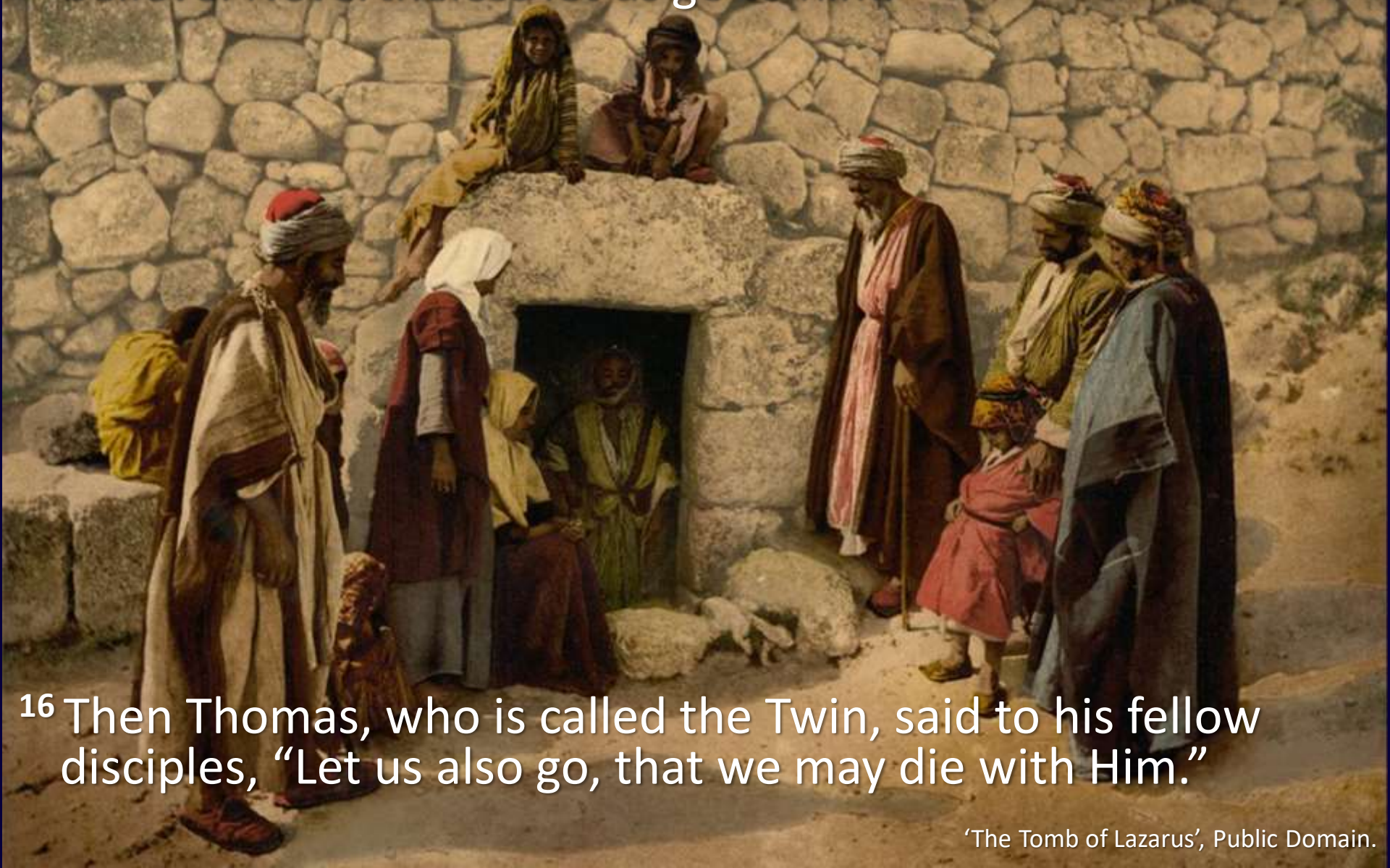
⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

¹¹ These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

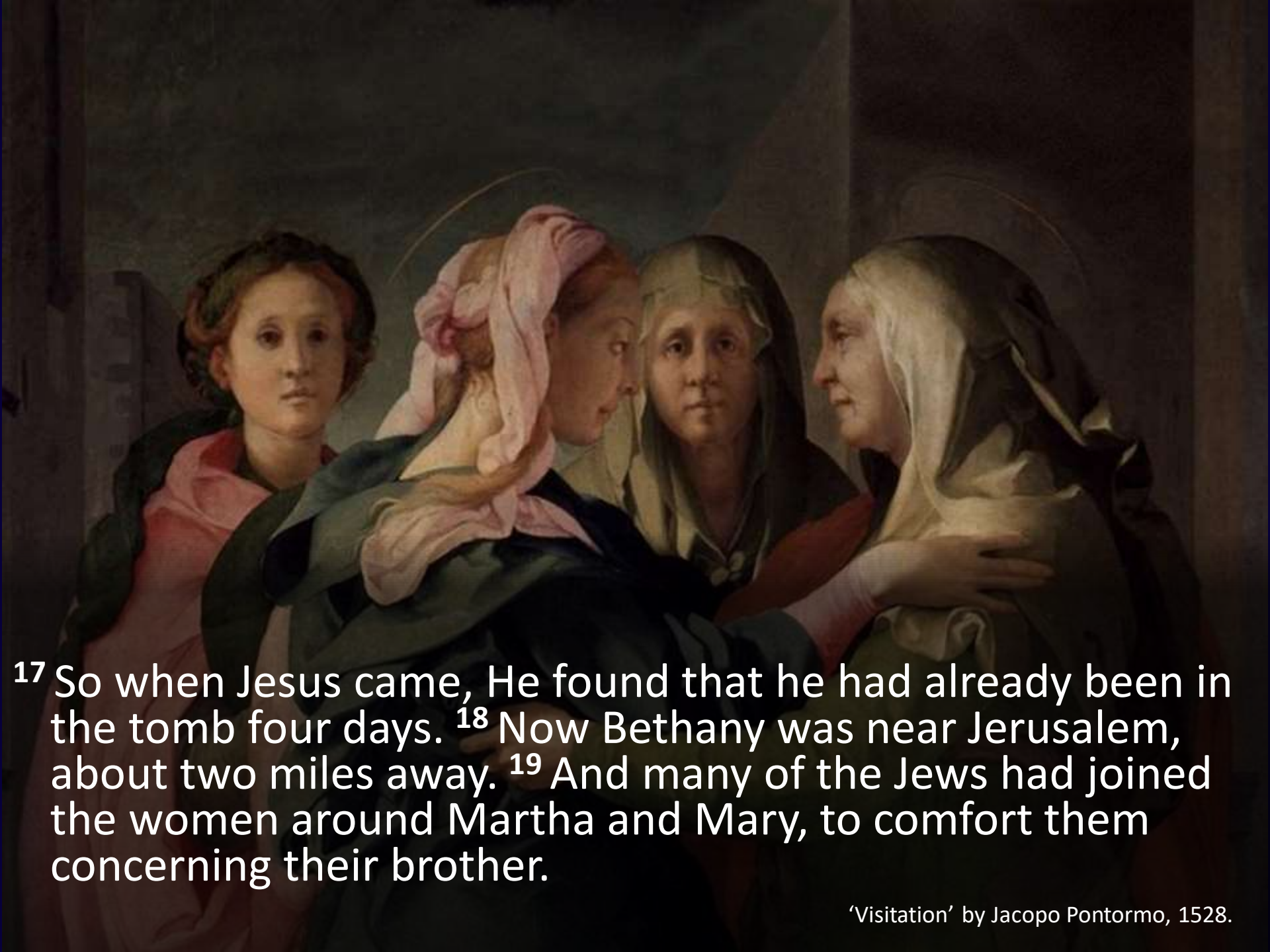
¹² Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."

¹³ However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

¹⁴ Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.”



¹⁶ Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with Him.”



¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

²⁰ Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”



‘Christ in the House of Martha and Mary’ by Johannes Jan Vermeer

24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her,
“I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me,
though he may die, he shall live.

26 And whoever lives
and believes in Me shall never die.
Do you believe this?”

27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

²⁸ And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, “The Teacher has come and is calling for you.”

²⁹ As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly and came to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him.

³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”



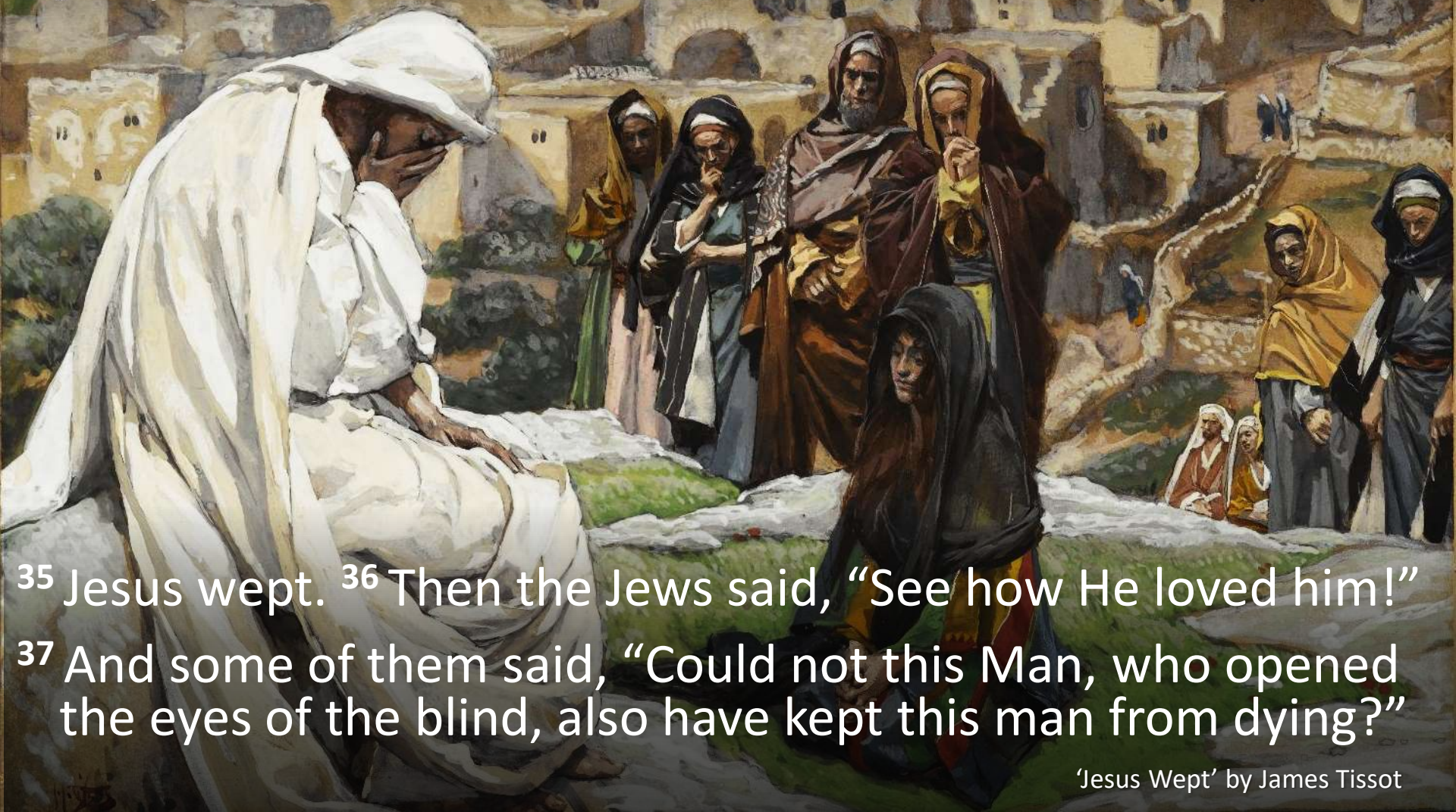
‘Modesty and Vanity’ by Bernardino Luini

³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”



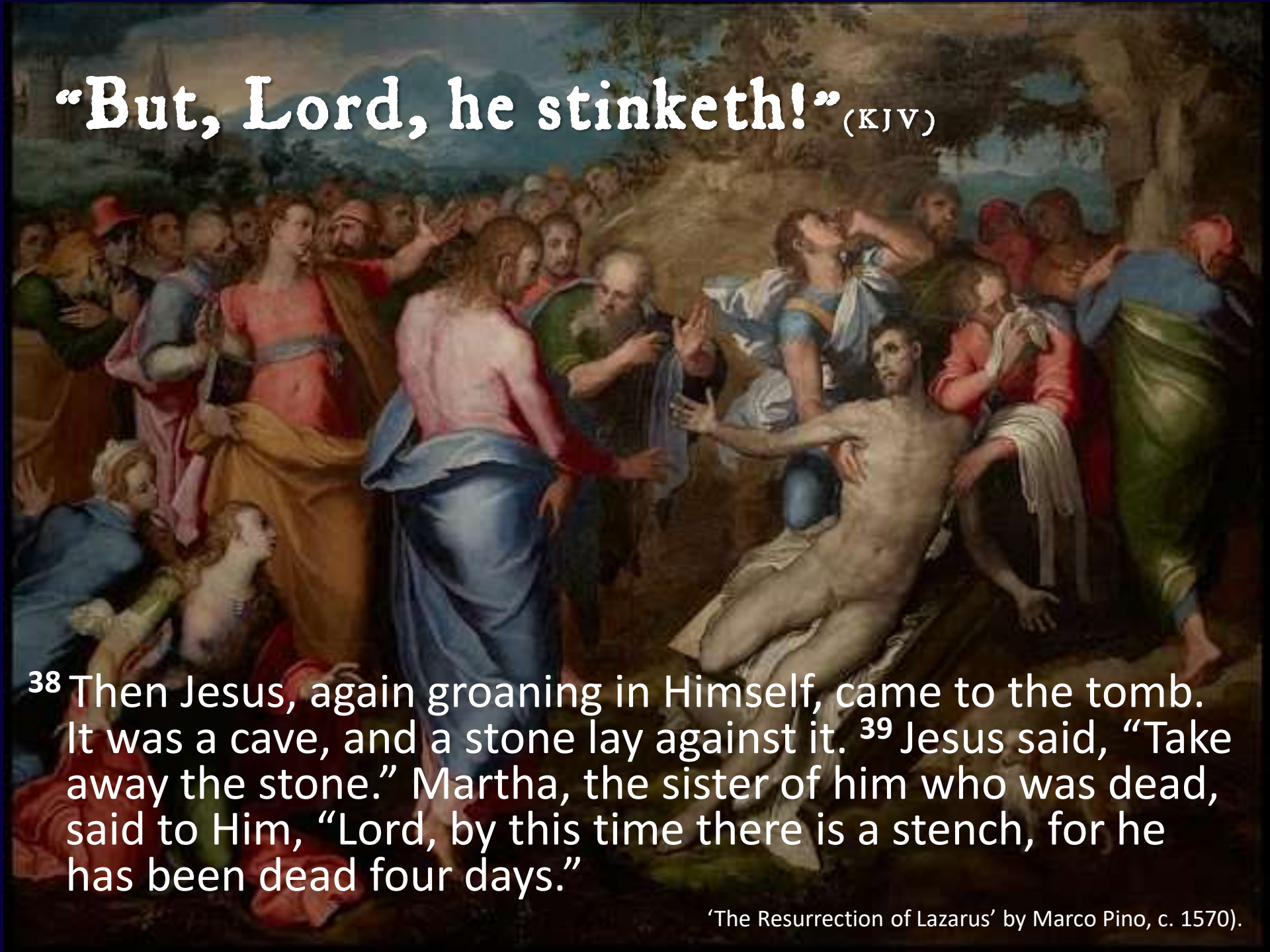
‘Mary at the Feet of Jesus’ by James Tissot.

³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."



³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷ And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

“But, Lord, he stinketh!” (KJV)



38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

‘The Resurrection of Lazarus’ by Marco Pino, c. 1570).

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said,

“Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

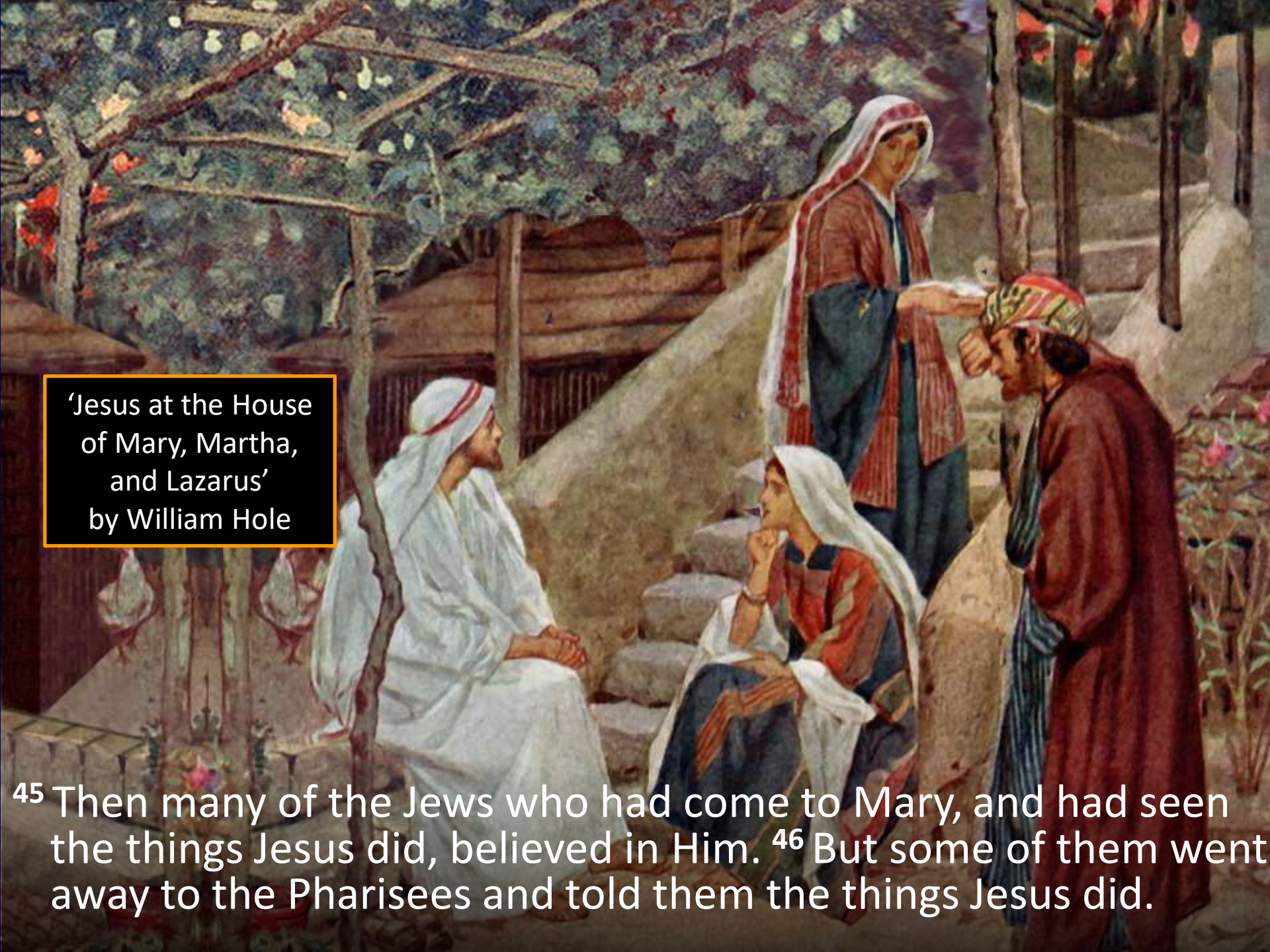
⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.”



⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."



'The Resurrection of Lazarus' by Giovanni di Paolo



'Jesus at the House of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus'
by William Hole

⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”



⁴⁹ And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them,

“You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.”

‘Annas and Caiaphas’ by James Tissot

⁵¹ Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

⁵³ Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.



'Conspiracy of the Jews' by James Tissot



54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

'Transfiguration of Christ' by Giovanni Bellini, 1487.

⁵⁵ And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. ⁵⁶ Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, “What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?”

⁵⁷ Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report *it*, that they might seize Him.

‘Pilgrimage to the second Jerusalem Temple’ by Rivka Lemberg.