

The Servant King



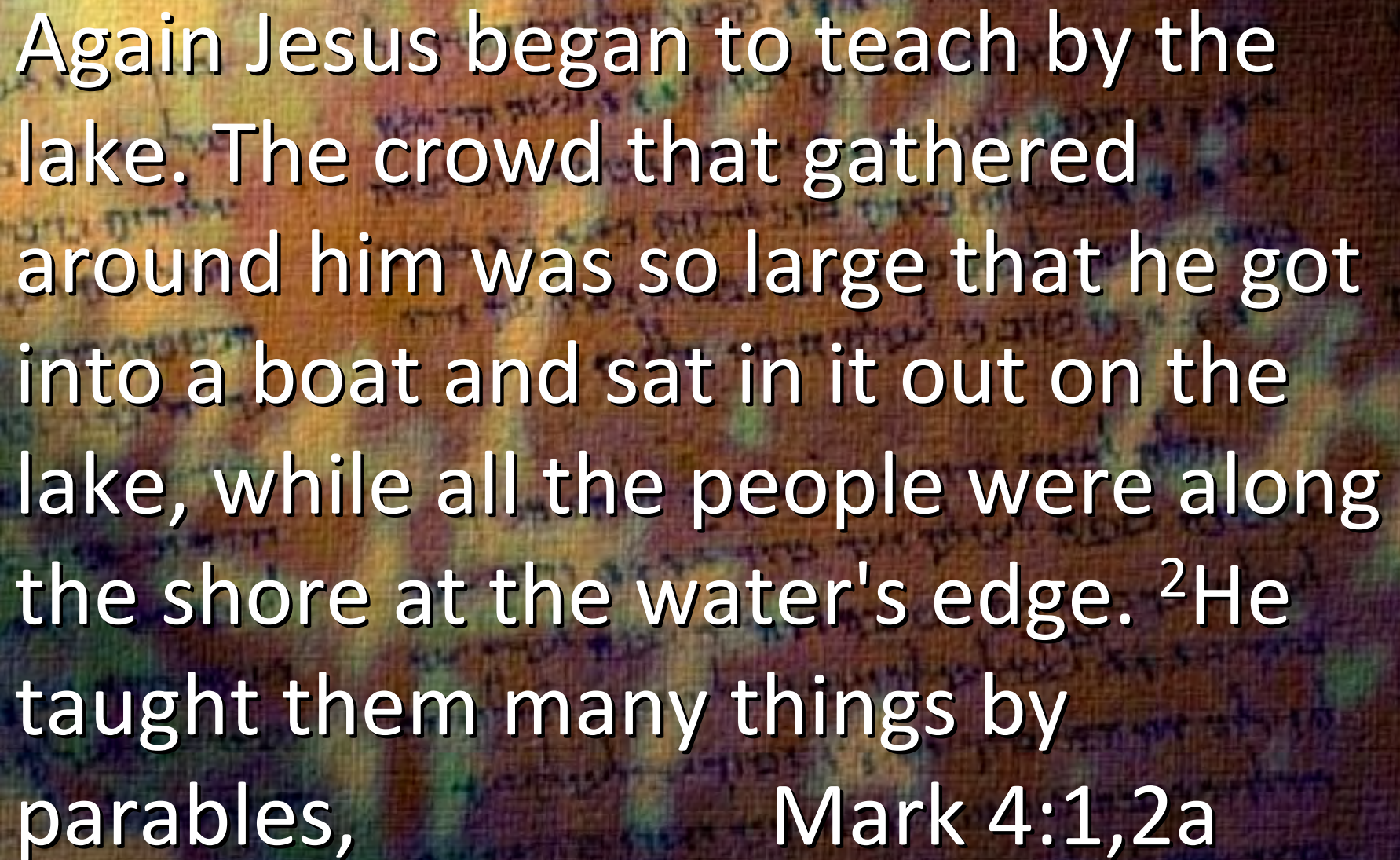
The story of the *King*... who came to *serve*.

Parallel passages of the same event: Mark and Matthew

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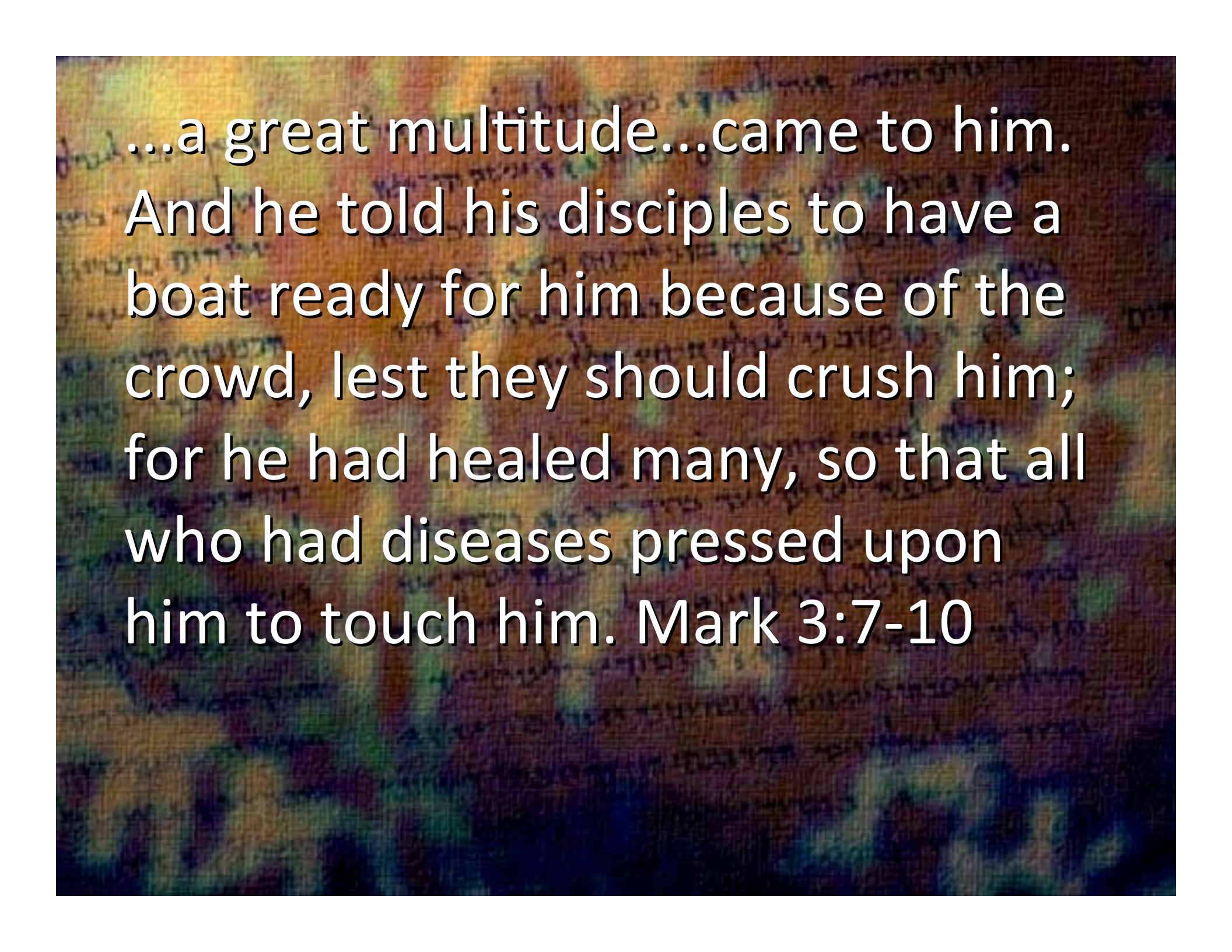
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

Matthew 13:1



Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. ²He taught them many things by parables,

Mark 4:1,2a

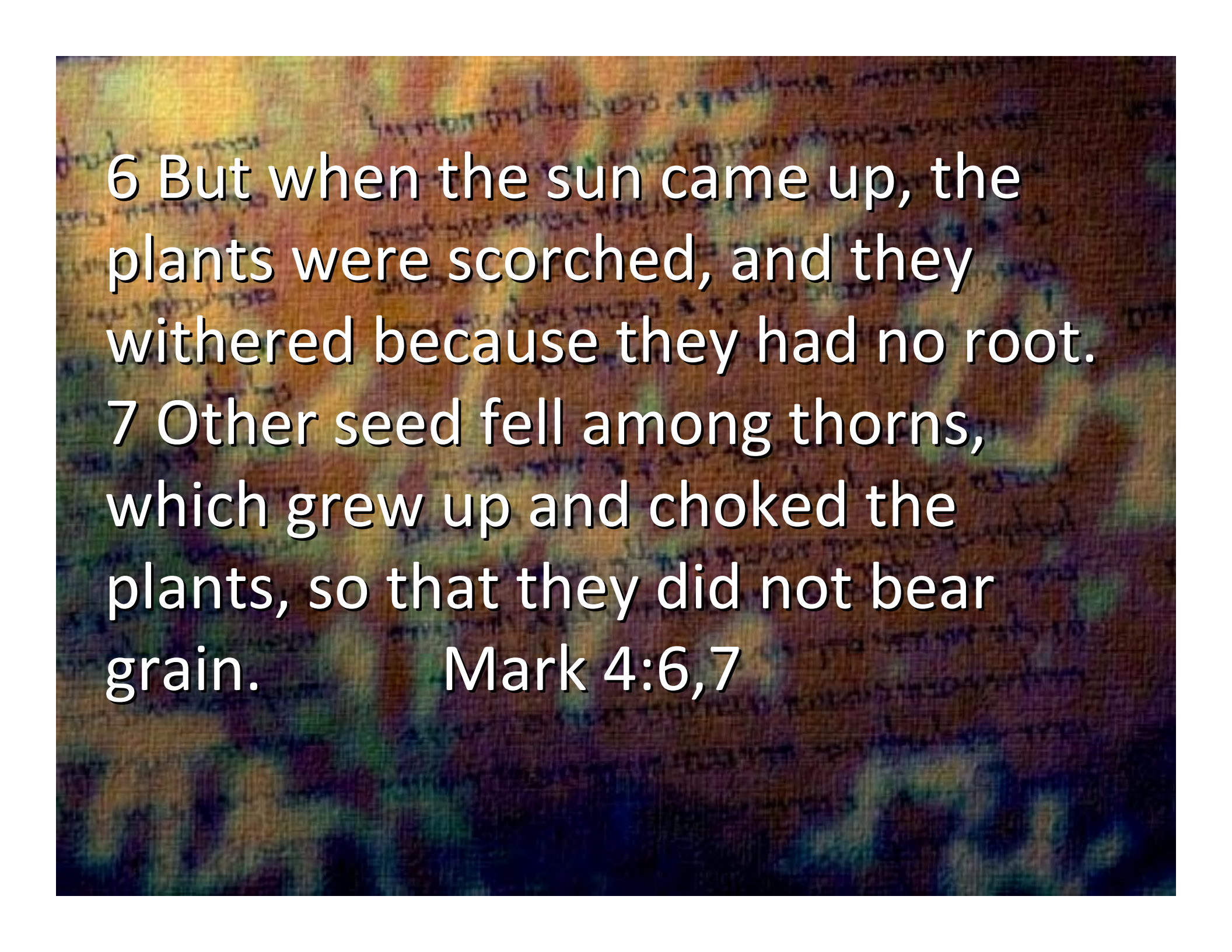


...a great multitude...came to him.
And he told his disciples to have a
boat ready for him because of the
crowd, lest they should crush him;
for he had healed many, so that all
who had diseases pressed upon
him to touch him. Mark 3:7-10

The Parable of the Sower

and in his teaching said: 3 “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

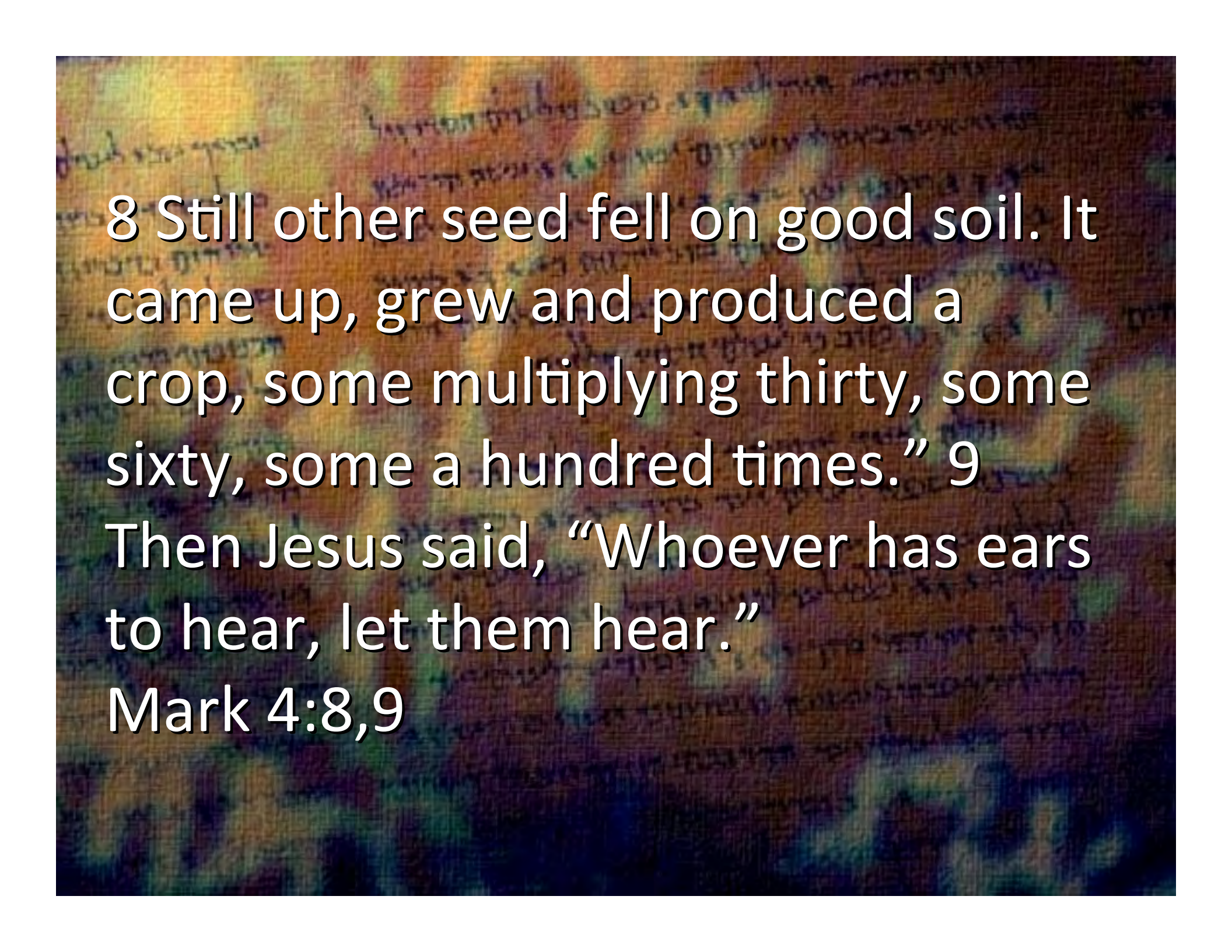
Mark 4:3-5



6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain.

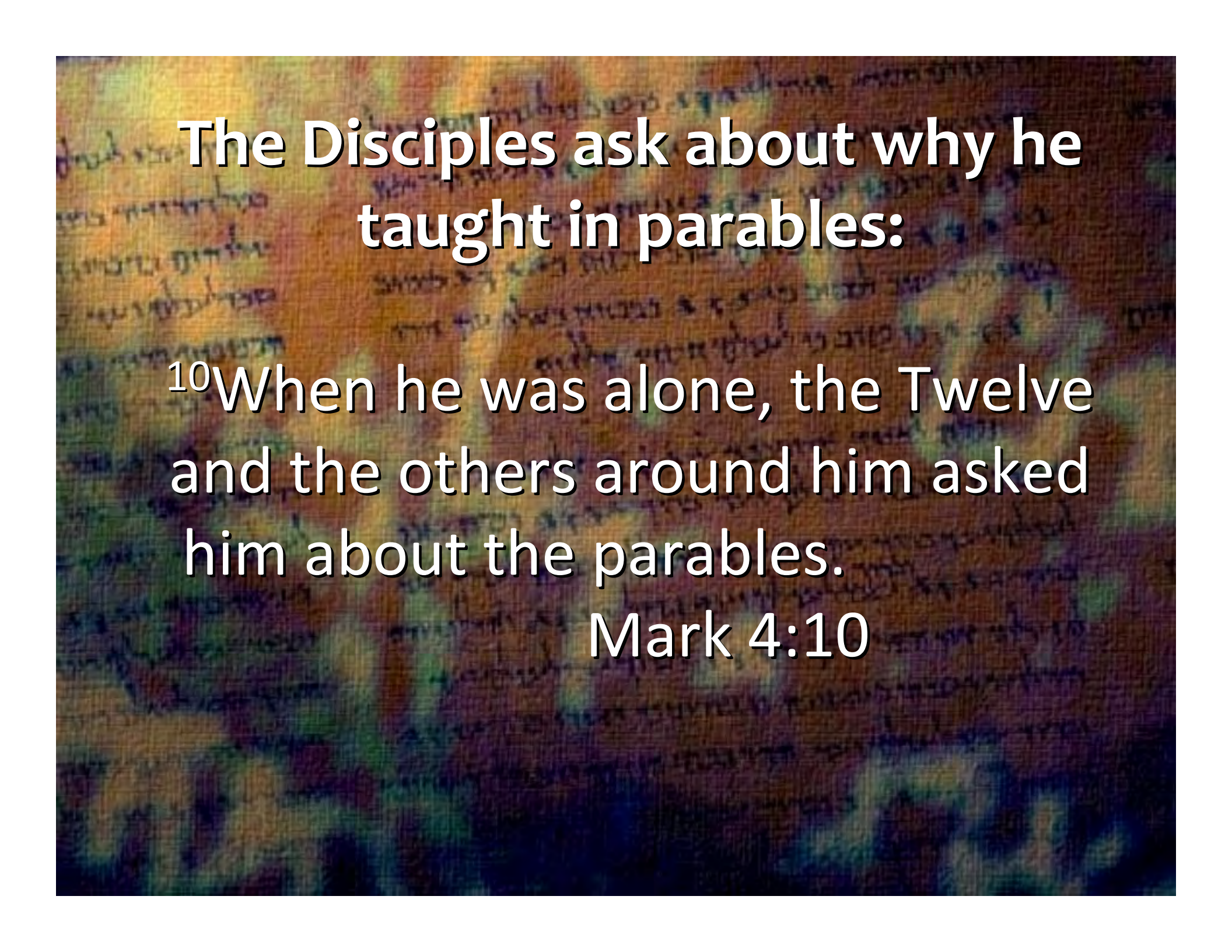
Mark 4:6,7



8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” 9

Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

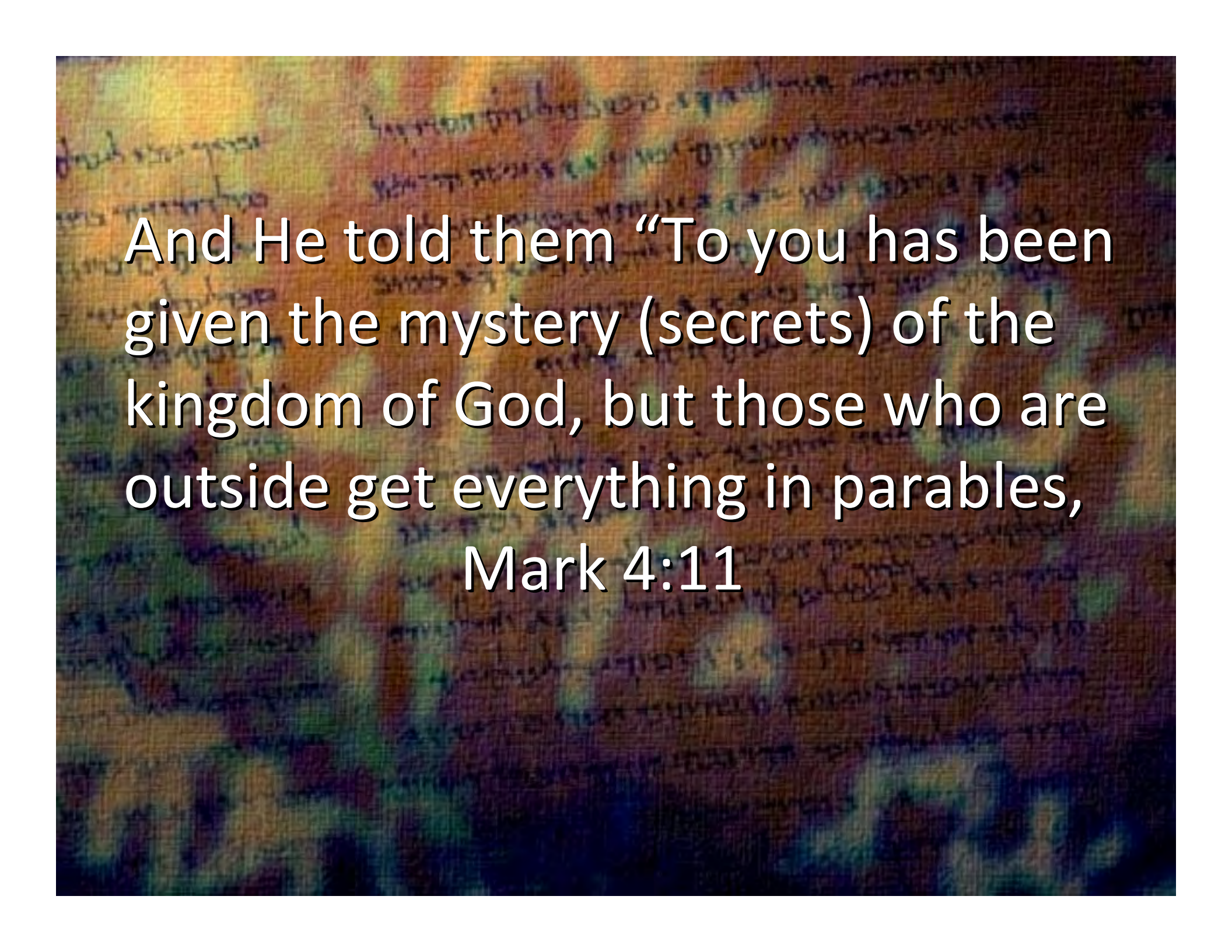
Mark 4:8,9



**The Disciples ask about why he
taught in parables:**

¹⁰When he was alone, the Twelve
and the others around him asked
him about the parables.

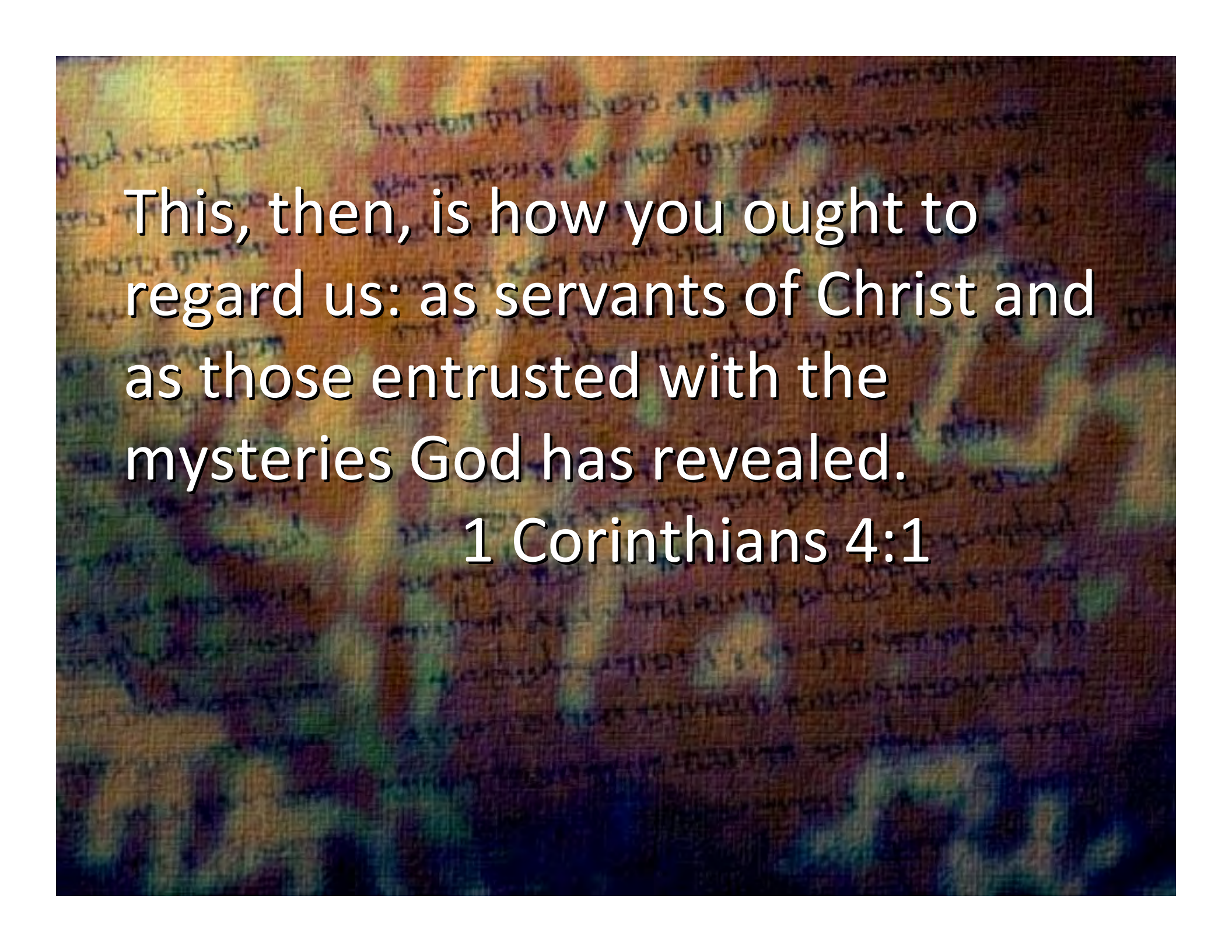
Mark 4:10



And He told them “To you has been given the mystery (secrets) of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables,
Mark 4:11

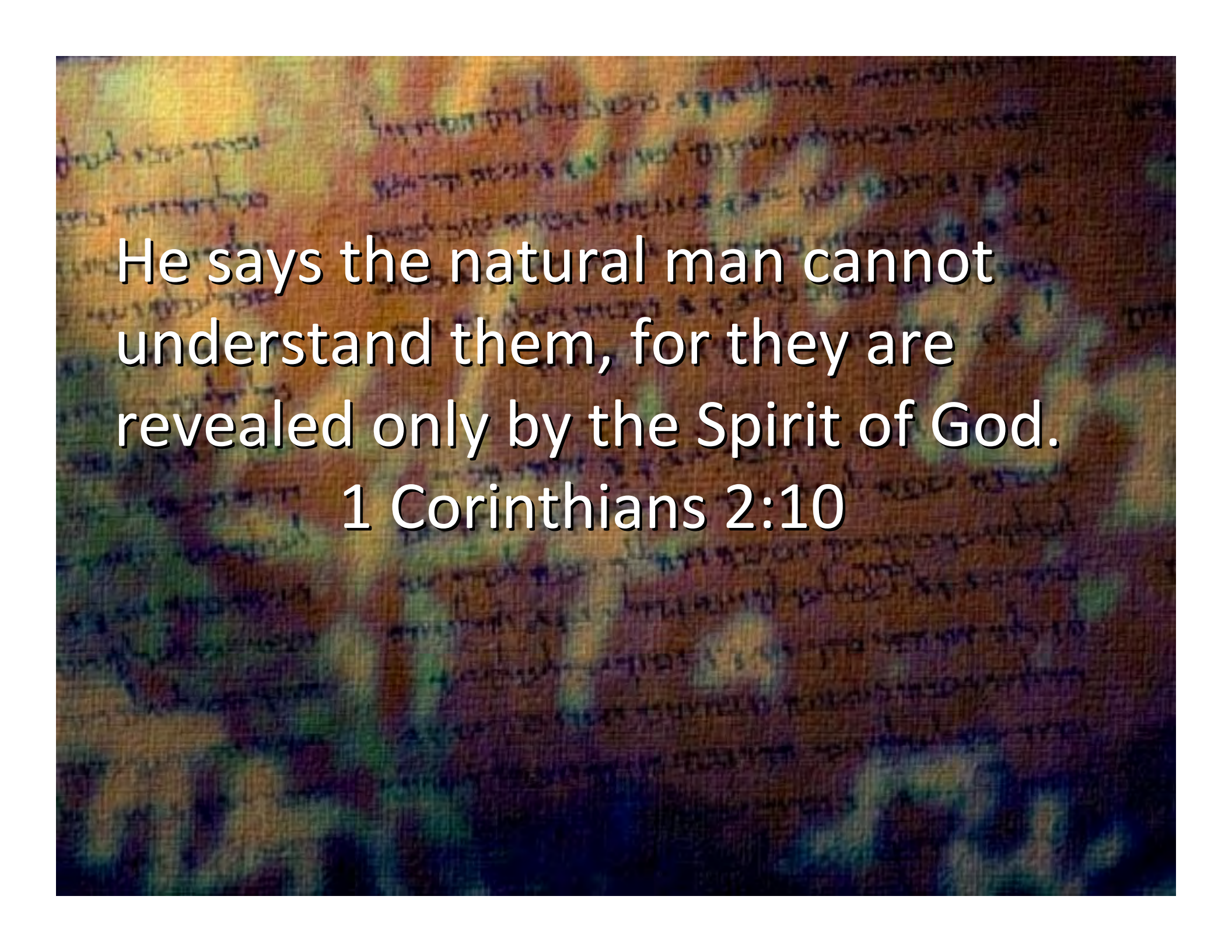
When you see the word “mystery” in the New Testament, it refers to something once hidden by God, but now revealed.





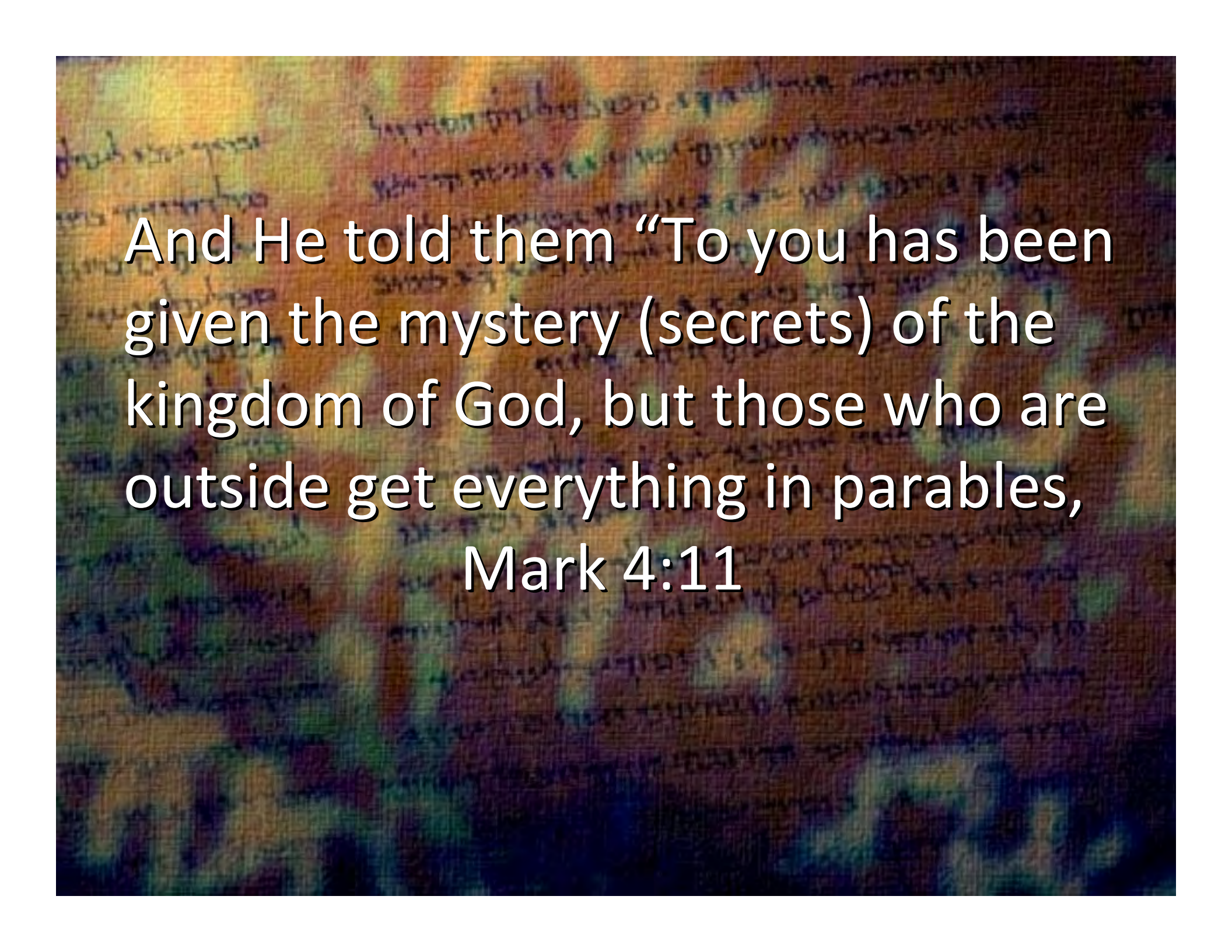
This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.

1 Corinthians 4:1

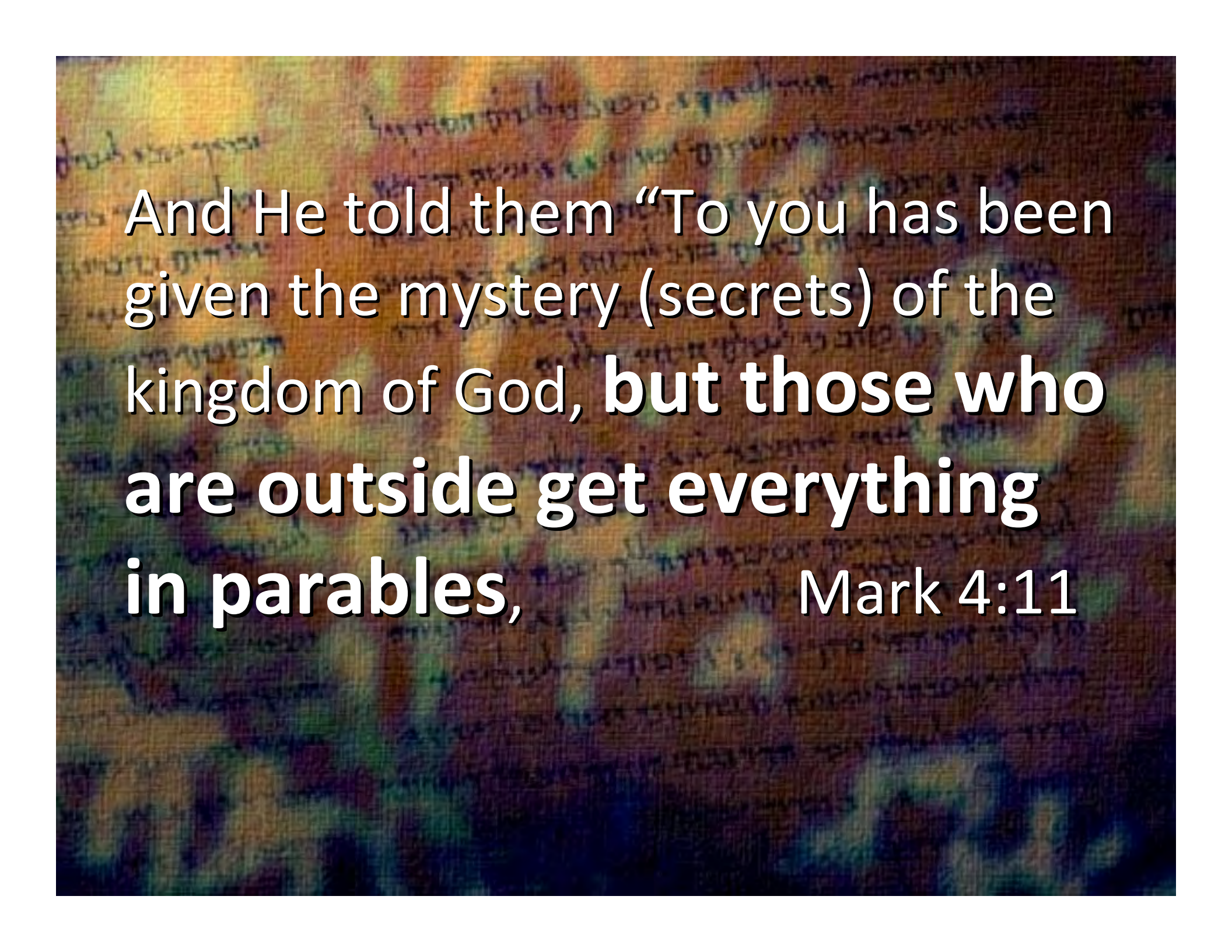


He says the natural man cannot understand them, for they are revealed only by the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10



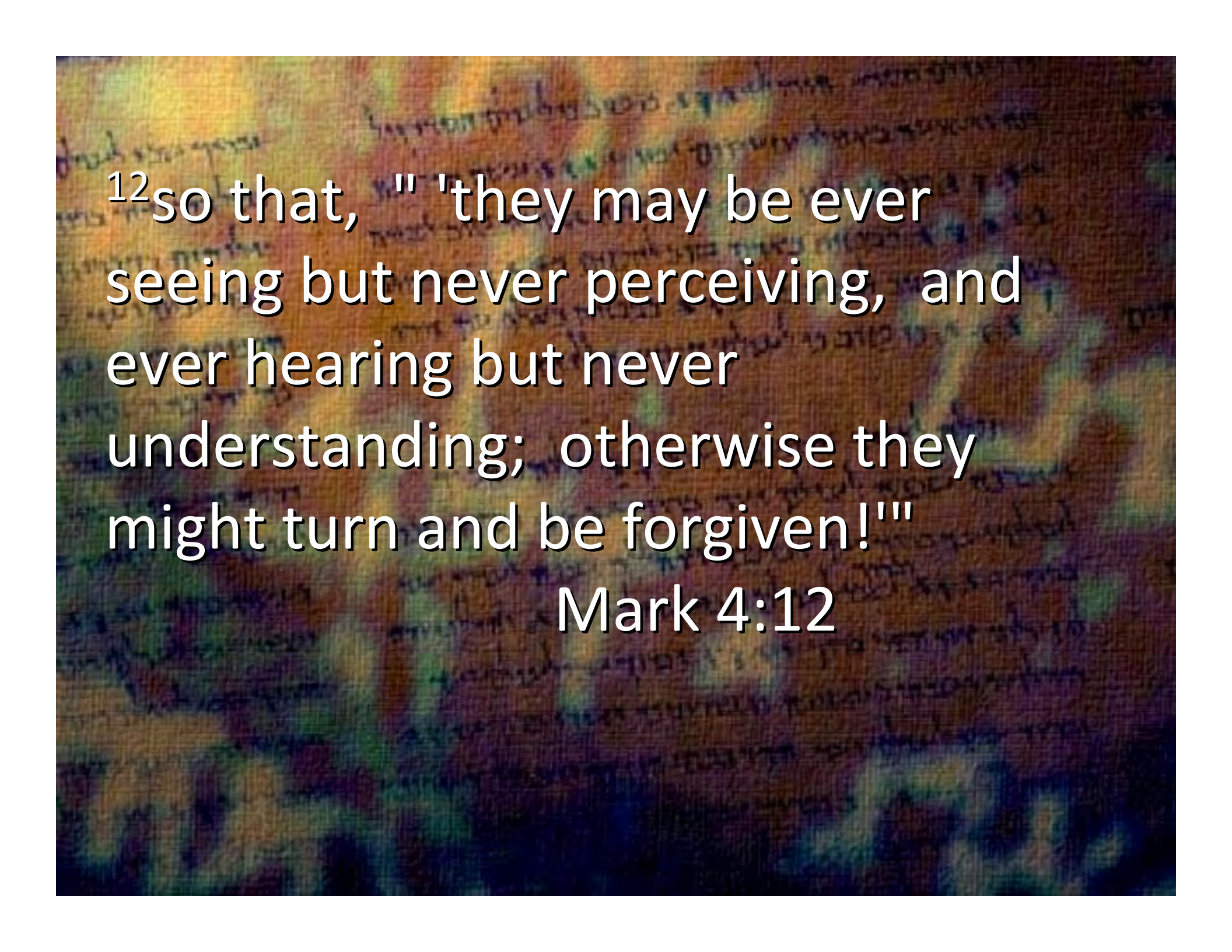
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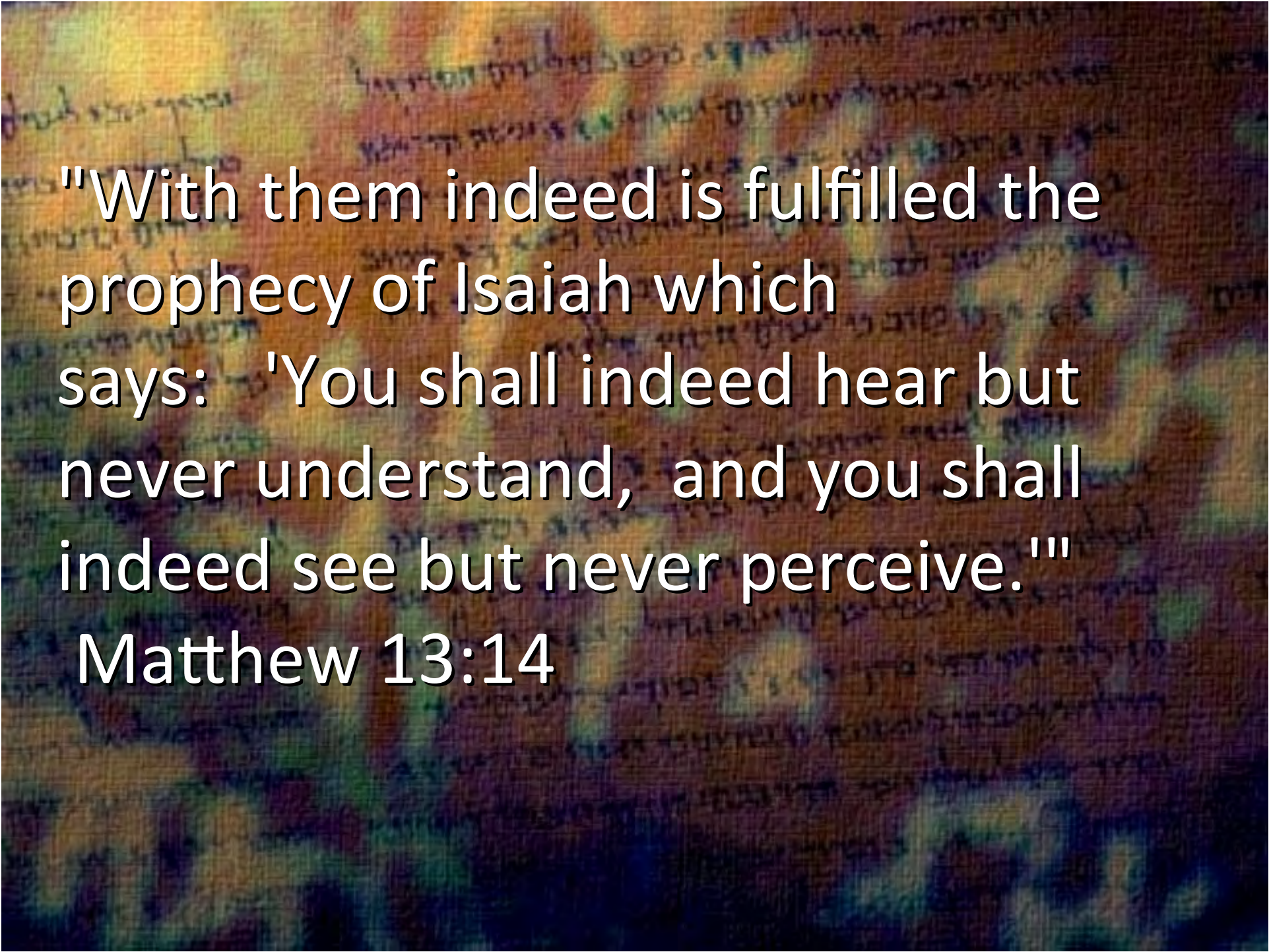
And He told them "To you has been given the mystery (secrets) of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables,¹² so that, " 'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'"

Mark 4:11,12



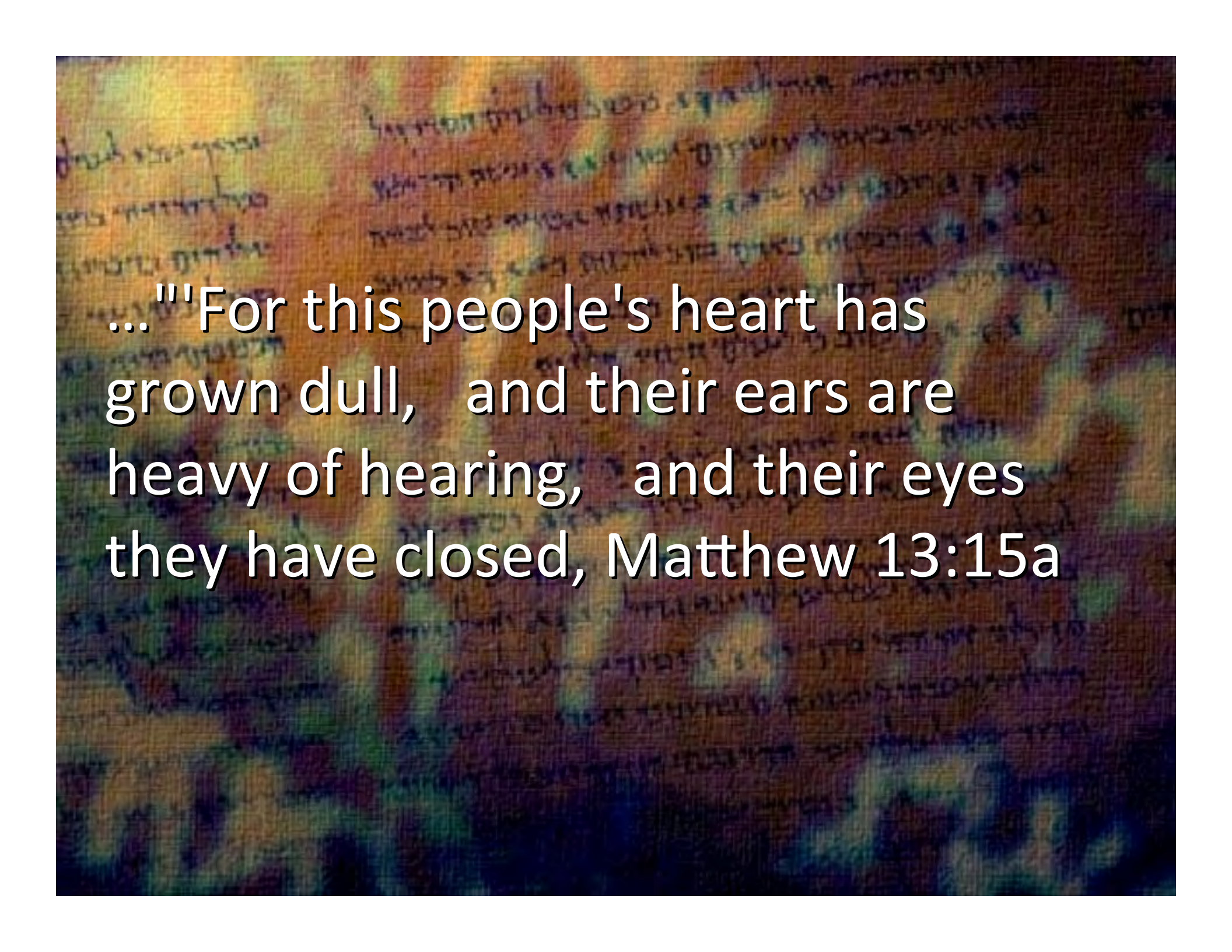
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Mark 4:12

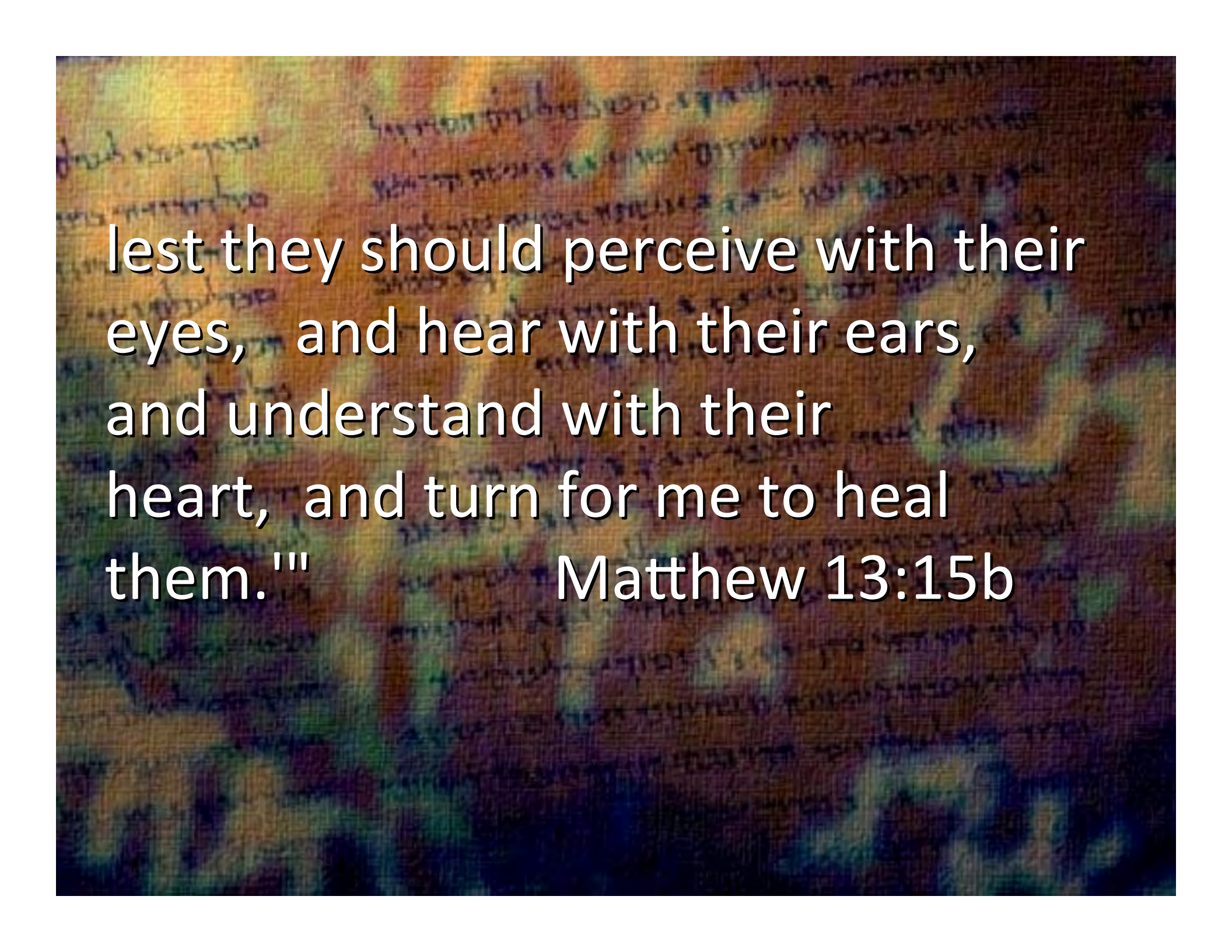


"With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: 'You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive.'"

Matthew 13:14

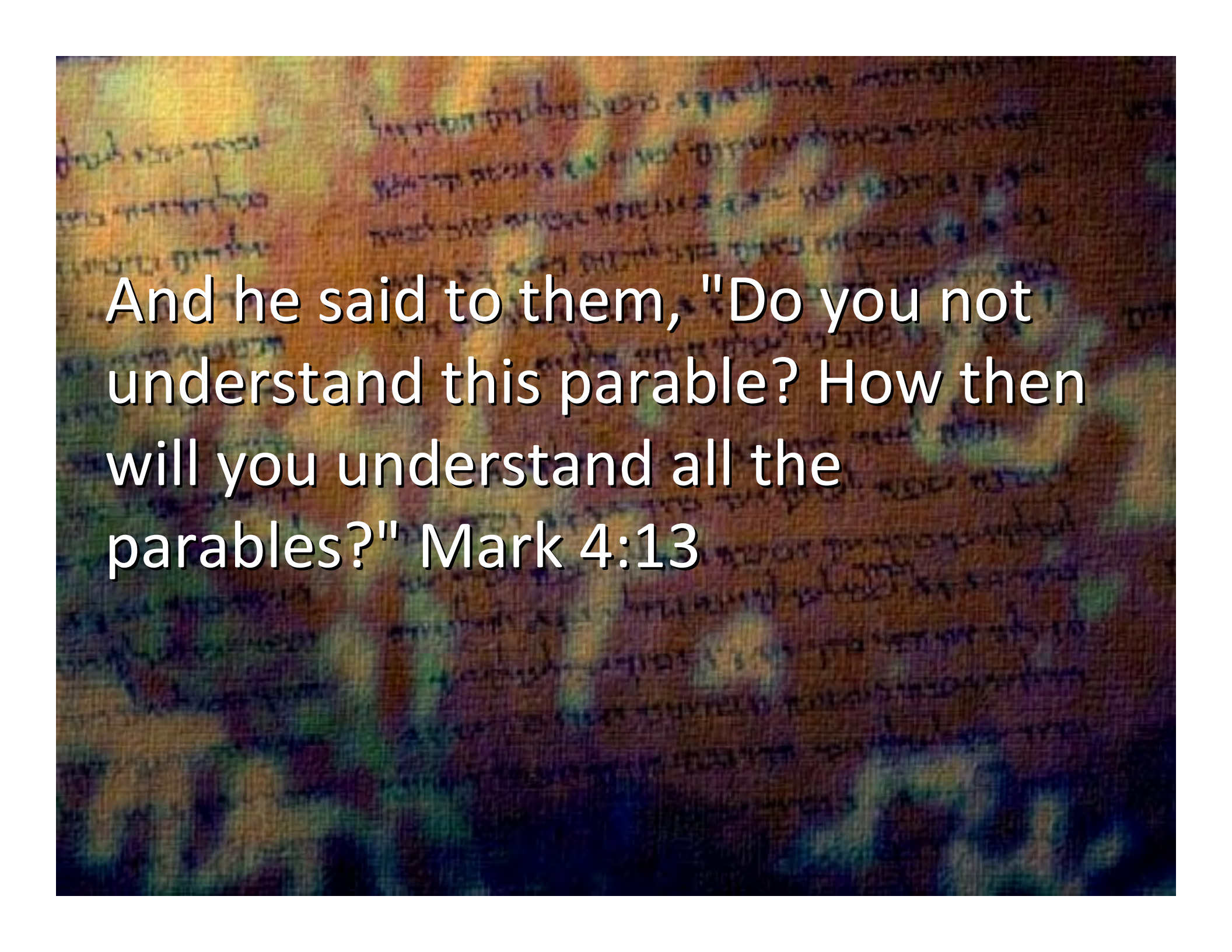


...""For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, Matthew 13:15a

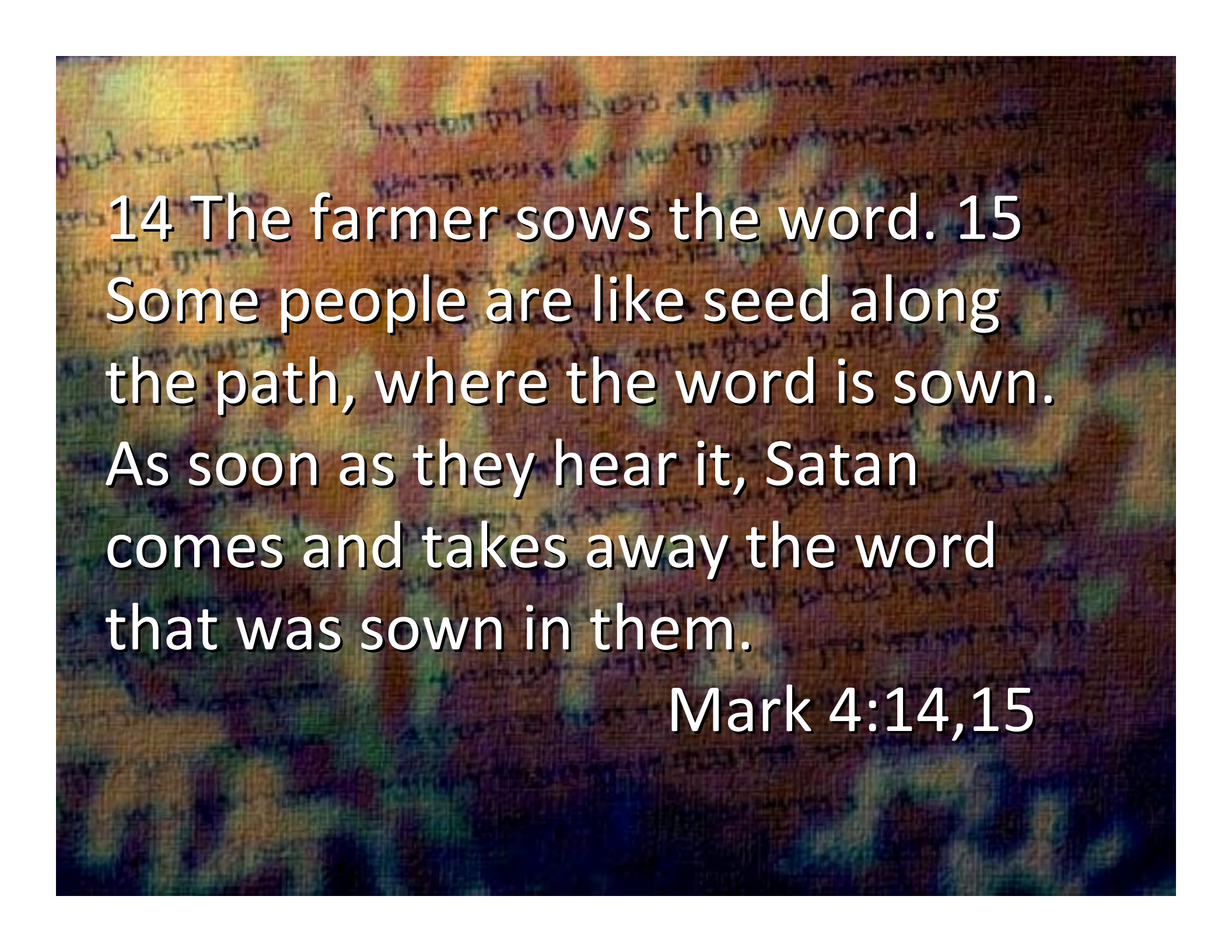


lest they should perceive with their
eyes, and hear with their ears,
and understand with their
heart, and turn for me to heal
them."

Matthew 13:15b

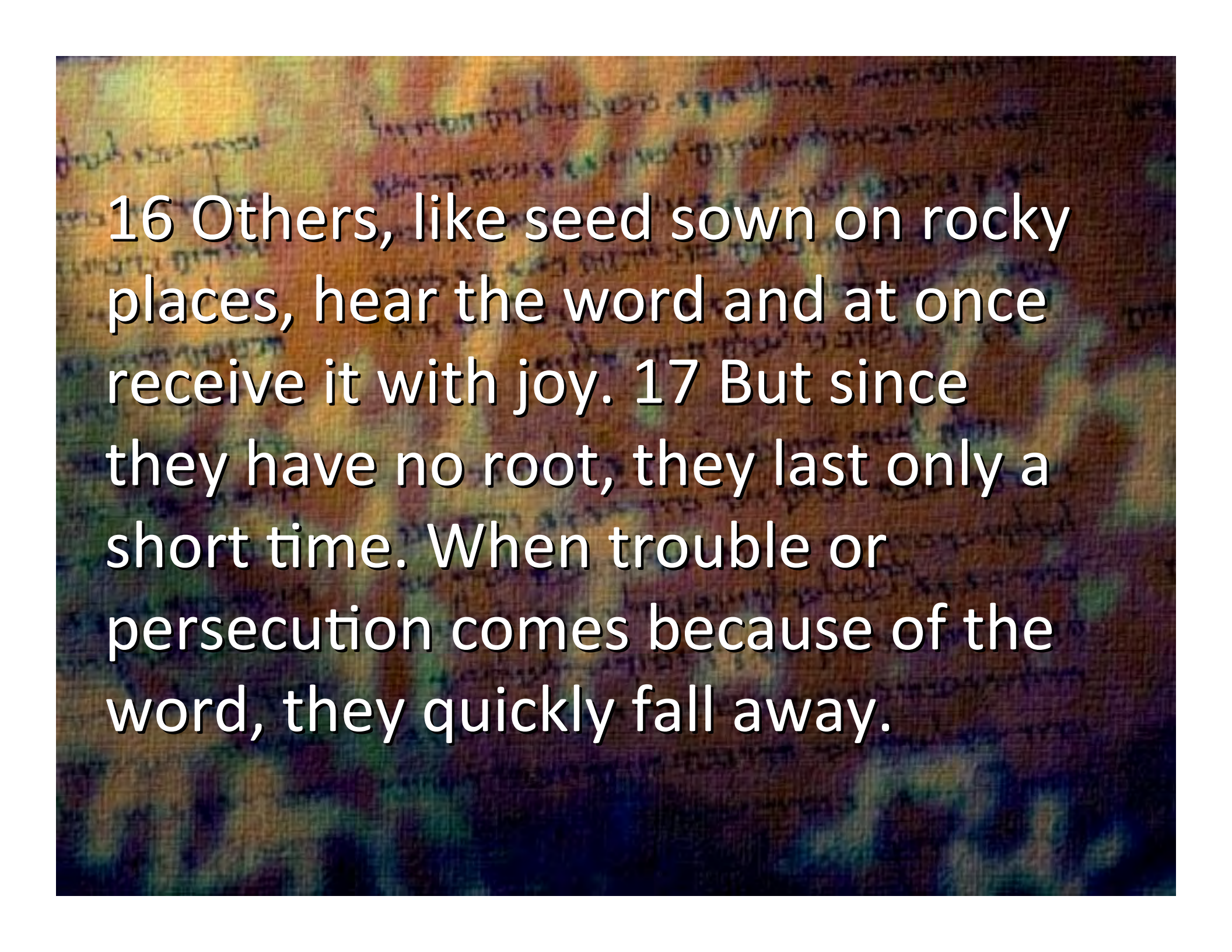


And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?" Mark 4:13

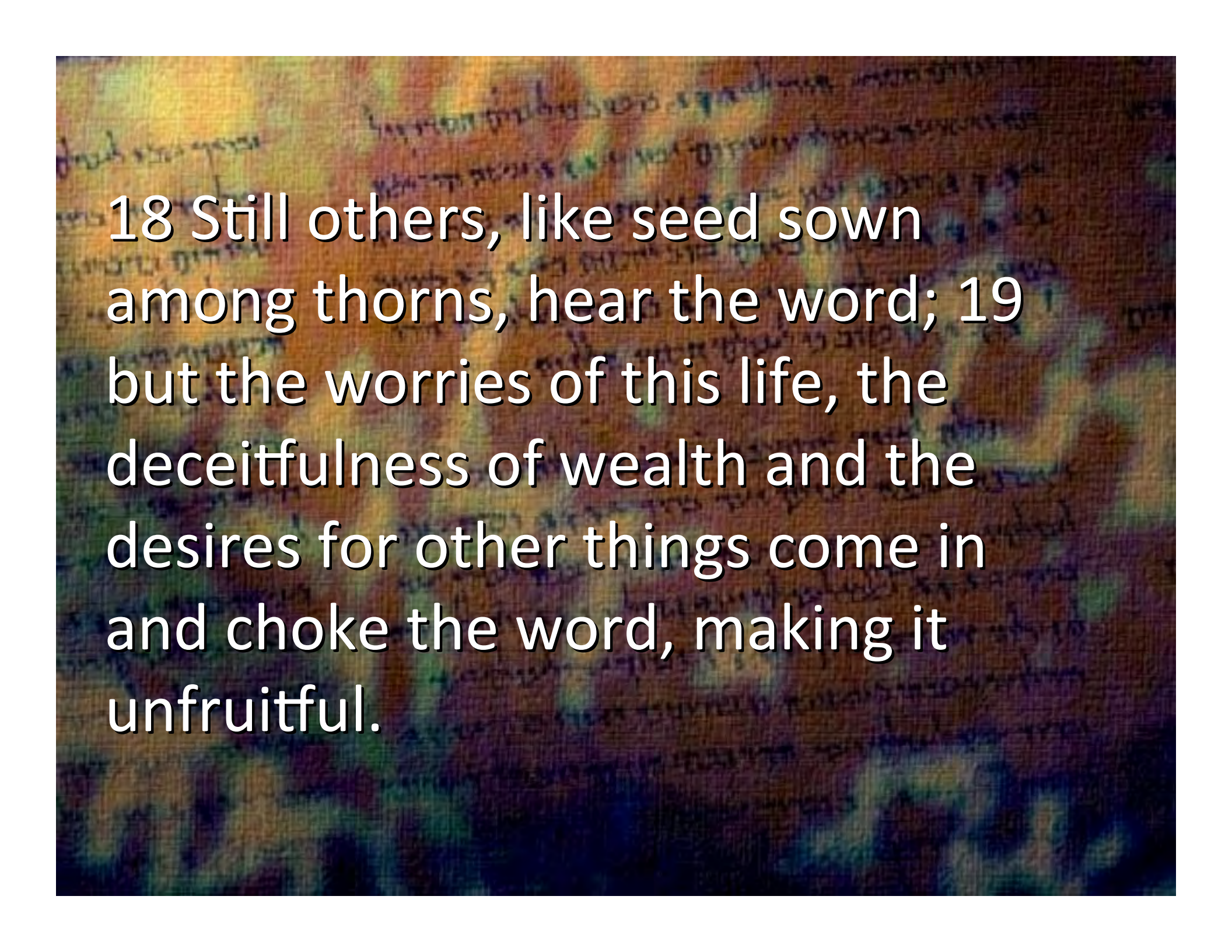


14 The farmer sows the word. 15
Some people are like seed along
the path, where the word is sown.
As soon as they hear it, Satan
comes and takes away the word
that was sown in them.

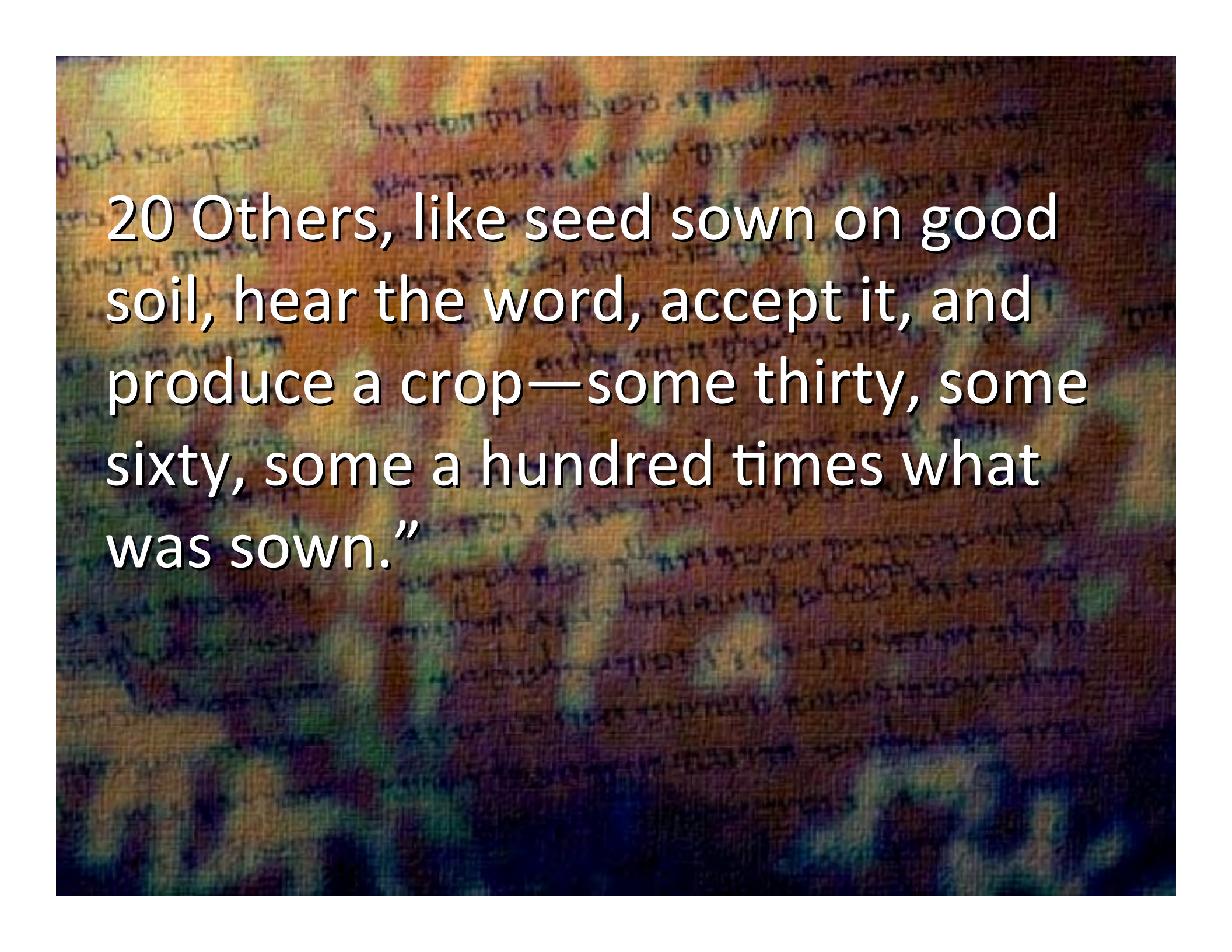
Mark 4:14,15



16 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.



18 Still others, like seed sown
among thorns, hear the word; 19
but the worries of this life, the
deceitfulness of wealth and the
desires for other things come in
and choke the word, making it
unfruitful.



20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

The 4 Conditions of the Heart When hearing the Word of God

1. A Hard Heart



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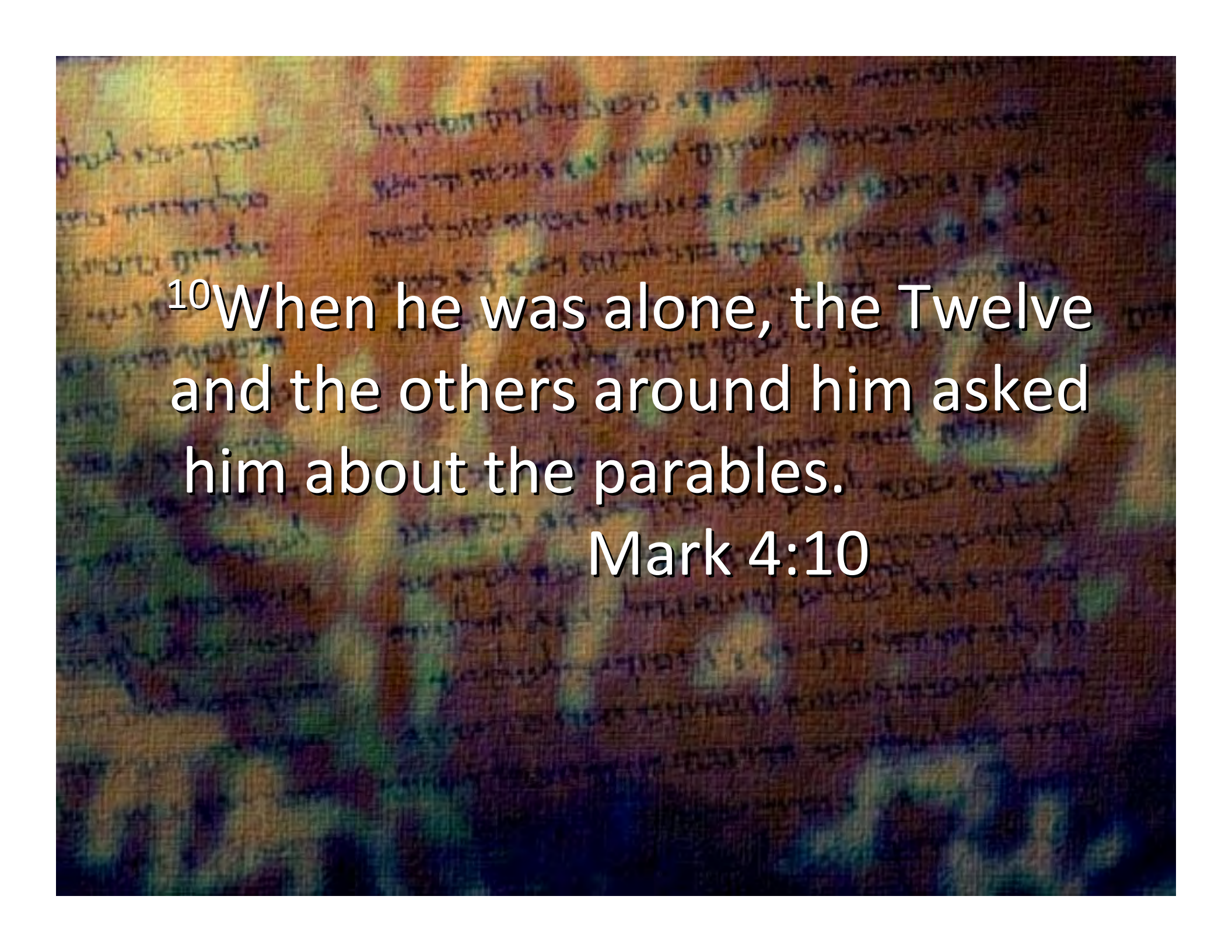
2. An Impulsive Heart



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3. A Divided Heart

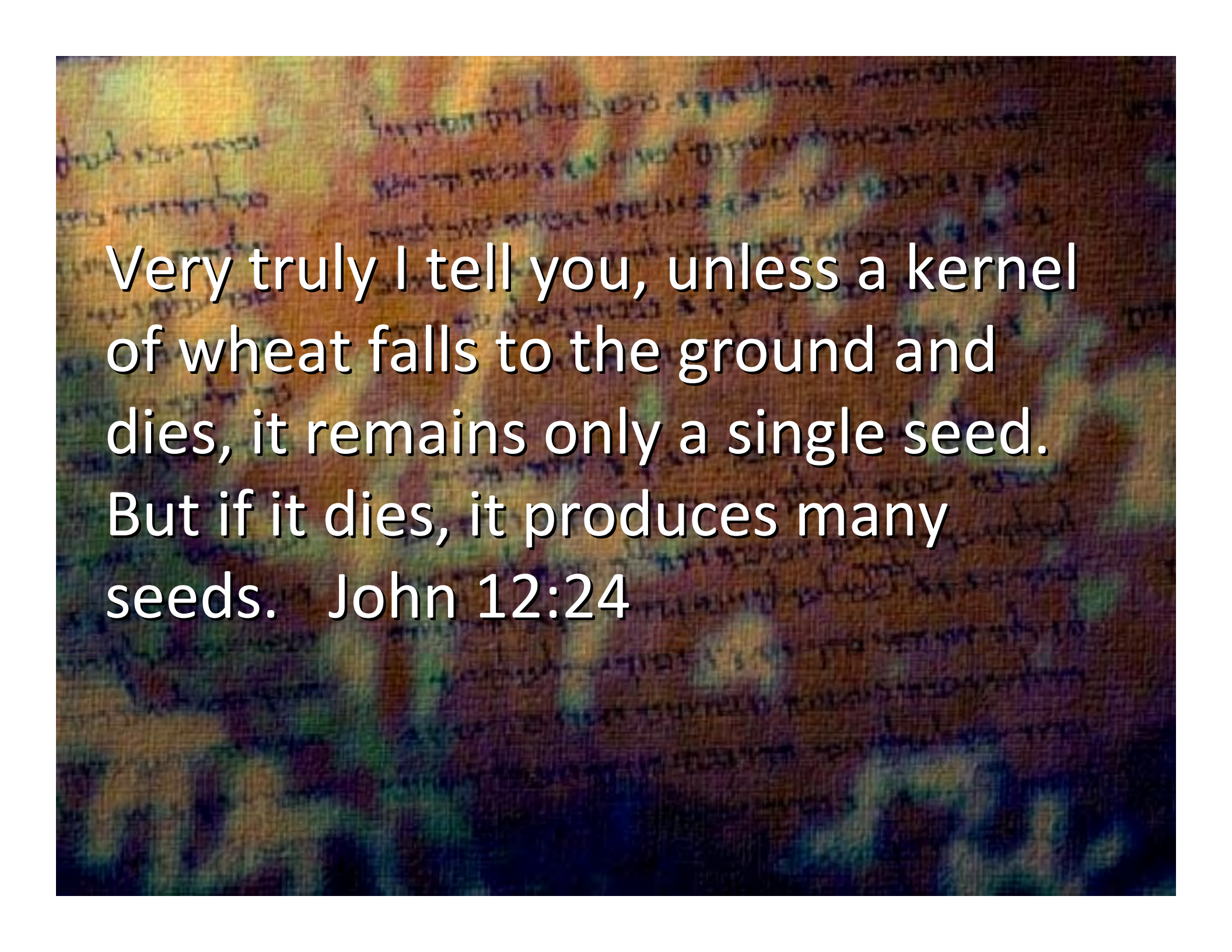




¹⁰When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.

Mark 4:10





Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel
of wheat falls to the ground and
dies, it remains only a single seed.
But if it dies, it produces many
seeds. John 12:24

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4. A Responsive Heart

