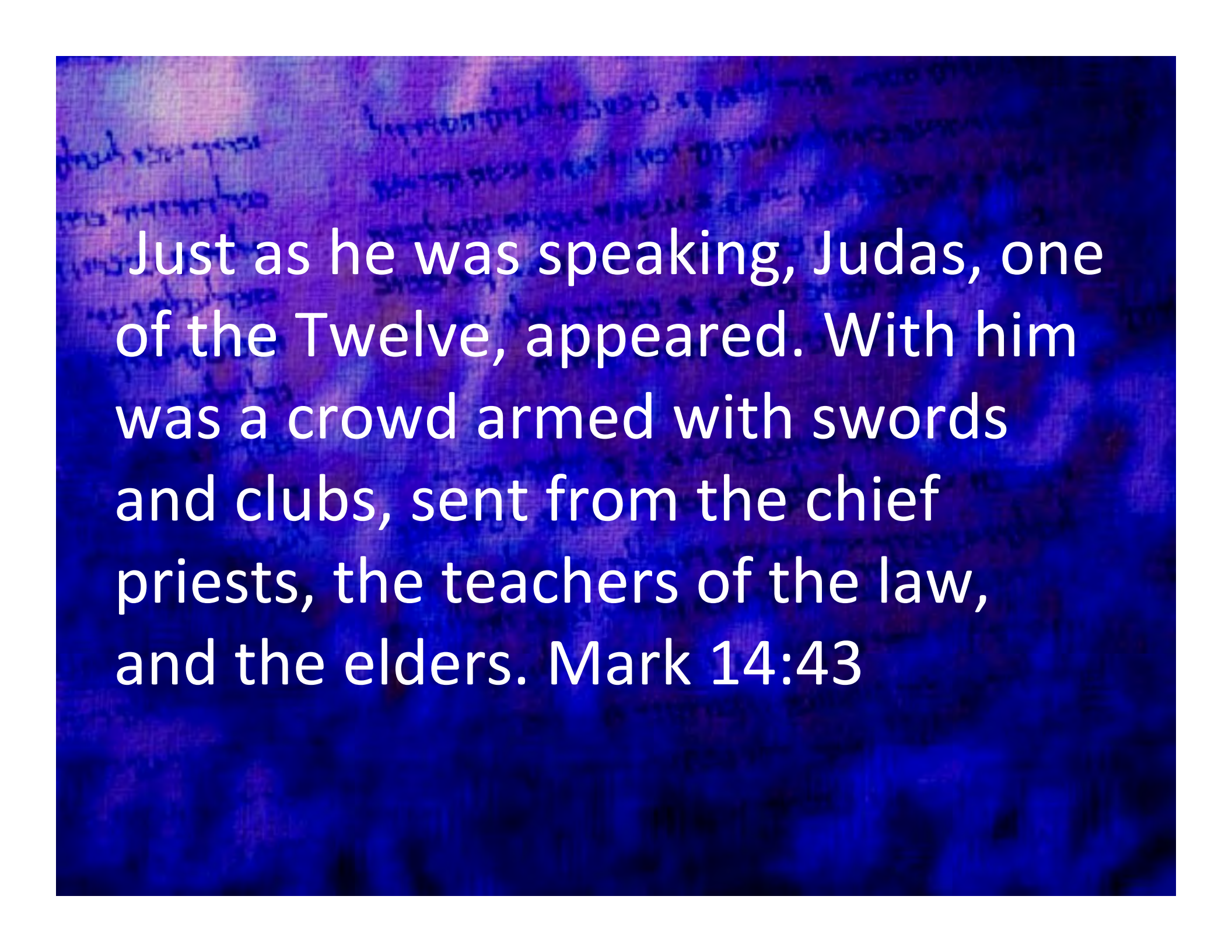


# The Servant King

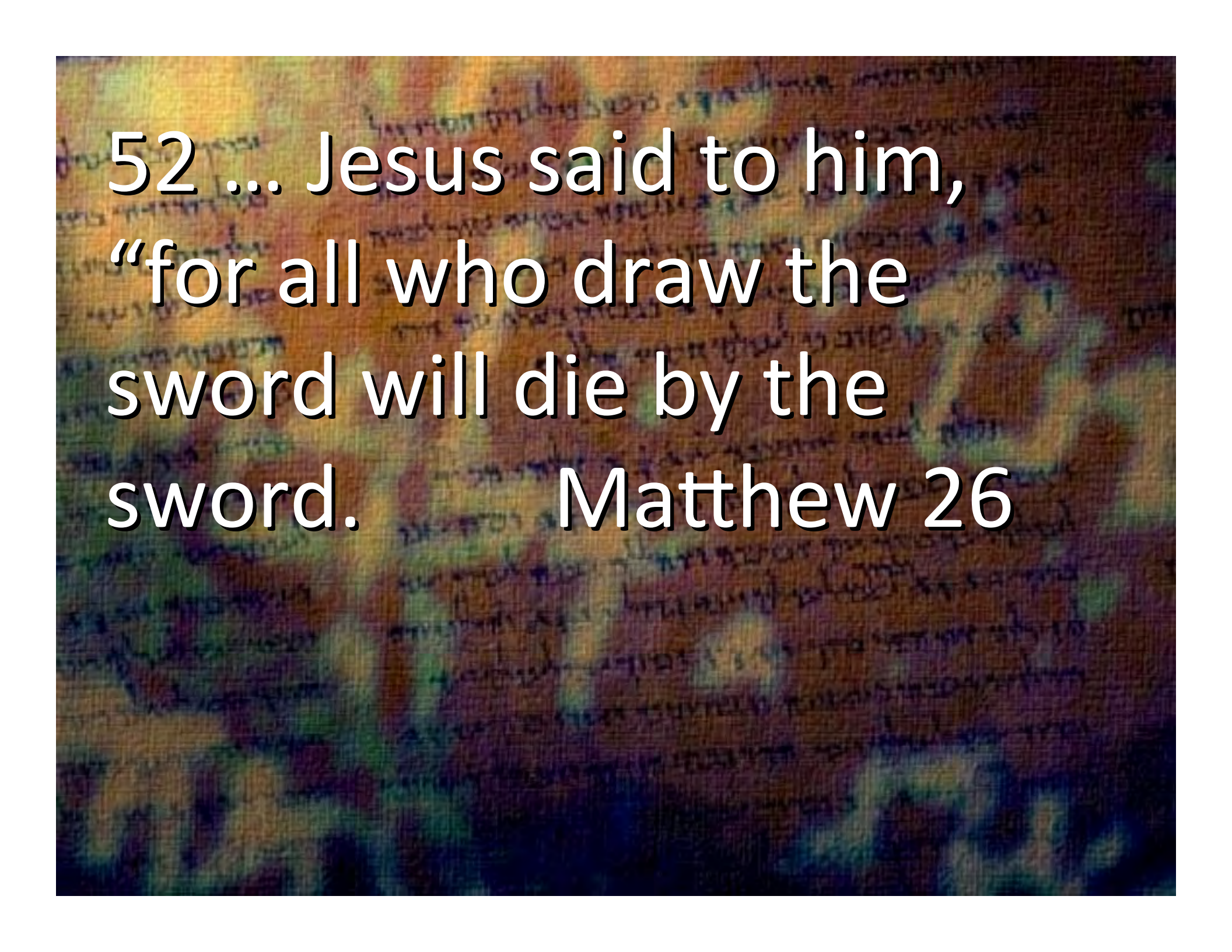


The story of the **King**... who came to **serve**.



Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Mark 14:43

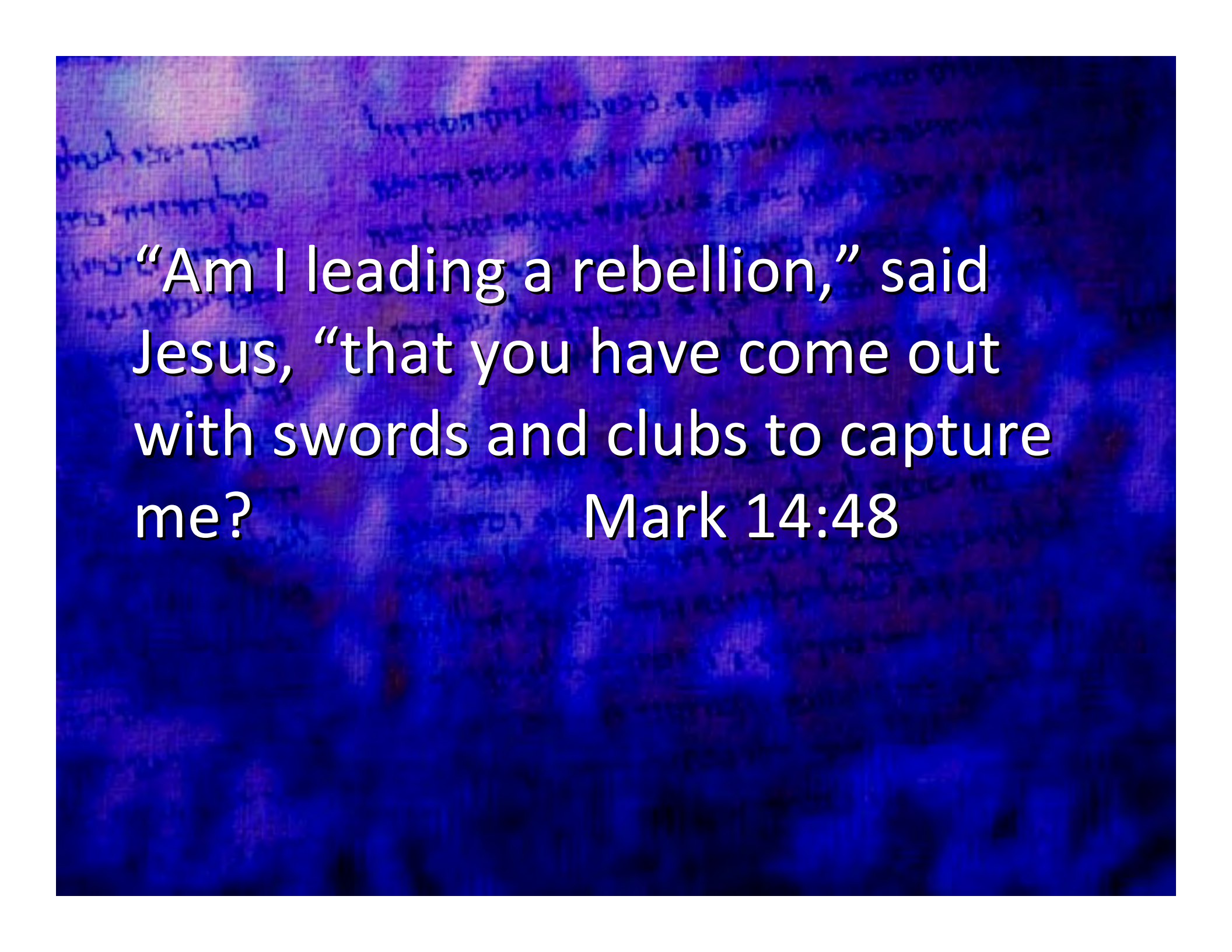




52 ... Jesus said to him,  
“for all who draw the  
sword will die by the  
sword.                      Matthew 26



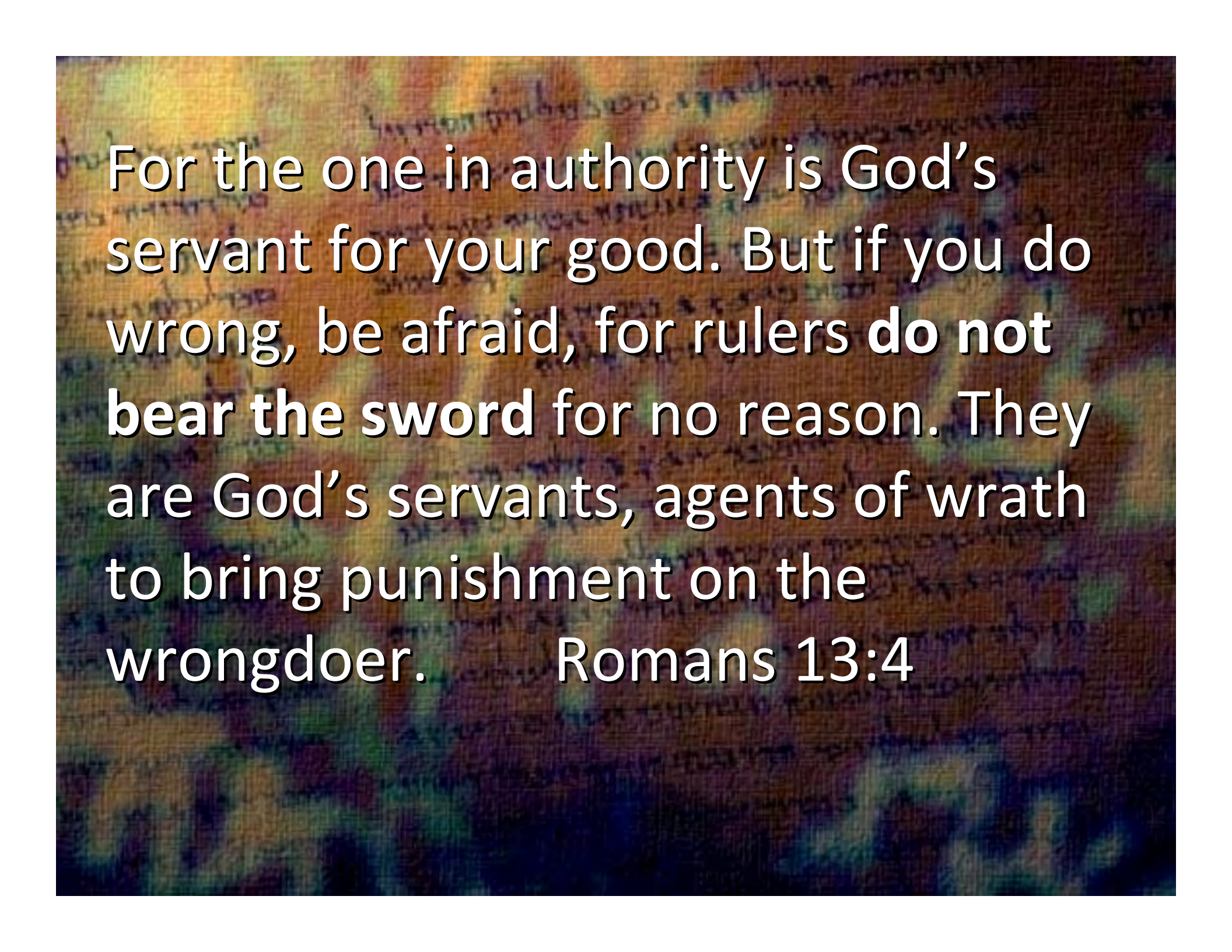




“Am I leading a rebellion,” said  
Jesus, “that you have come out  
with swords and clubs to capture  
me?”

Mark 14:48





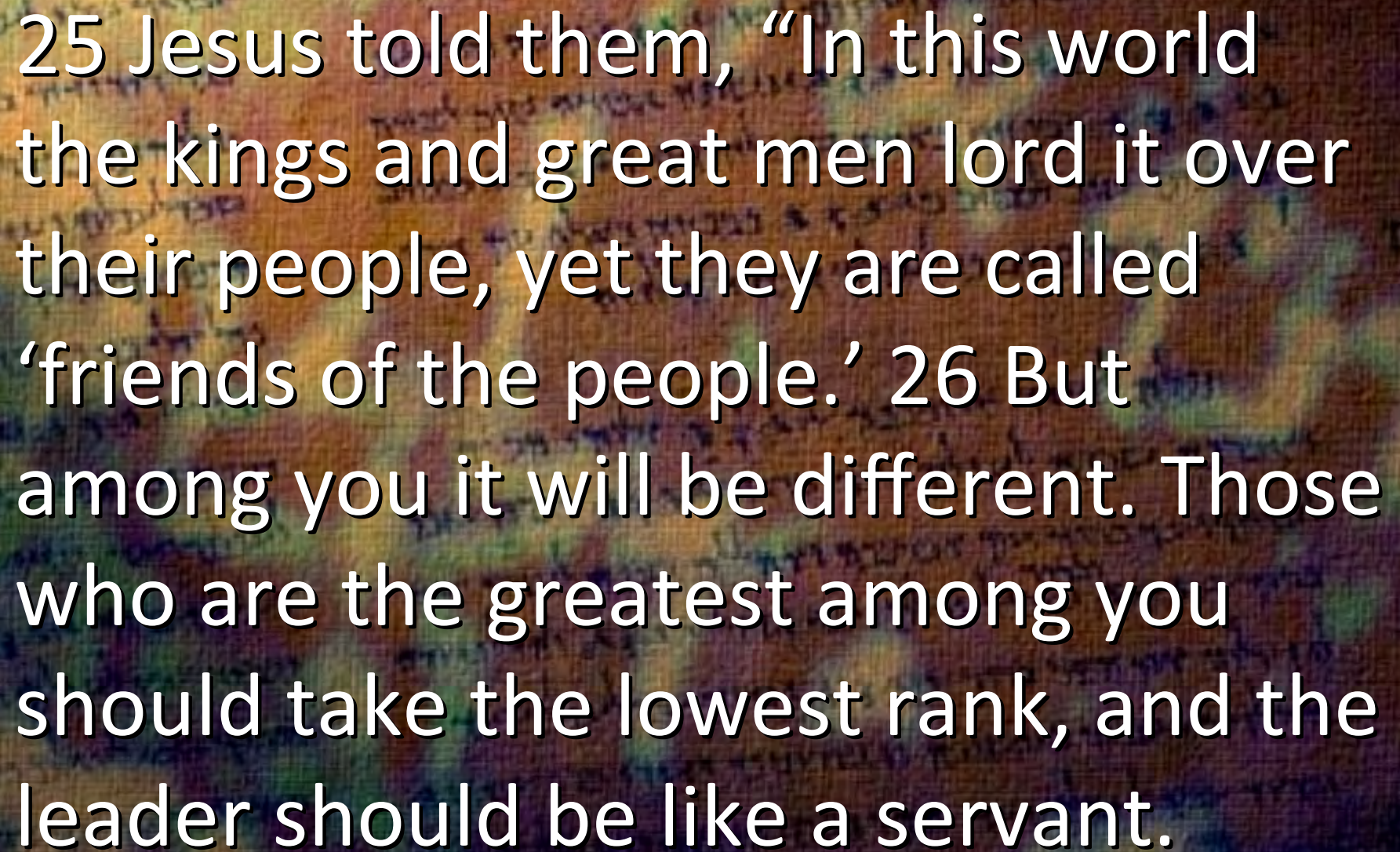
For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers **do not bear the sword** for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.      Romans 13:4





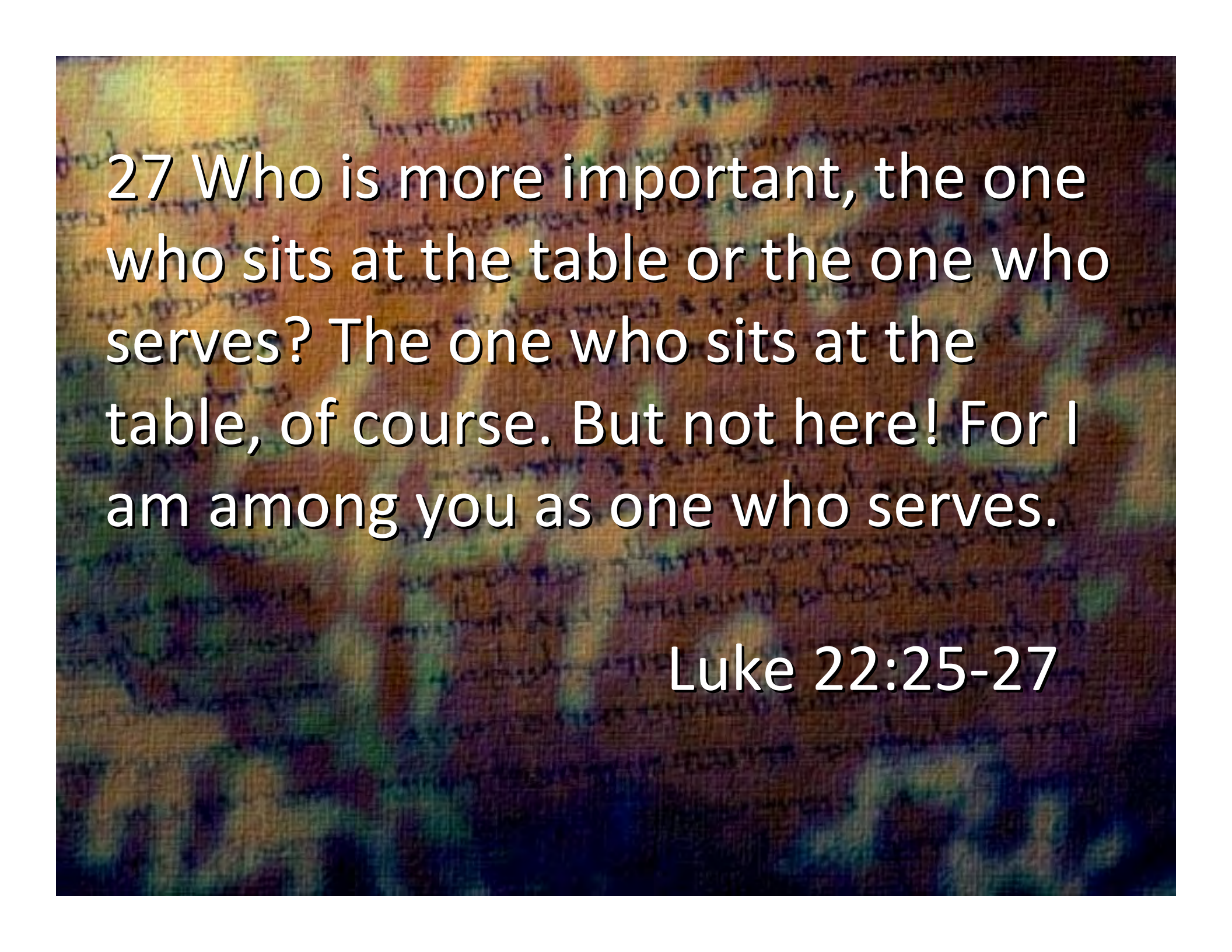
48 “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. Mark 14





25 Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’ 26 But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.





27 Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

Luke 22:25-27







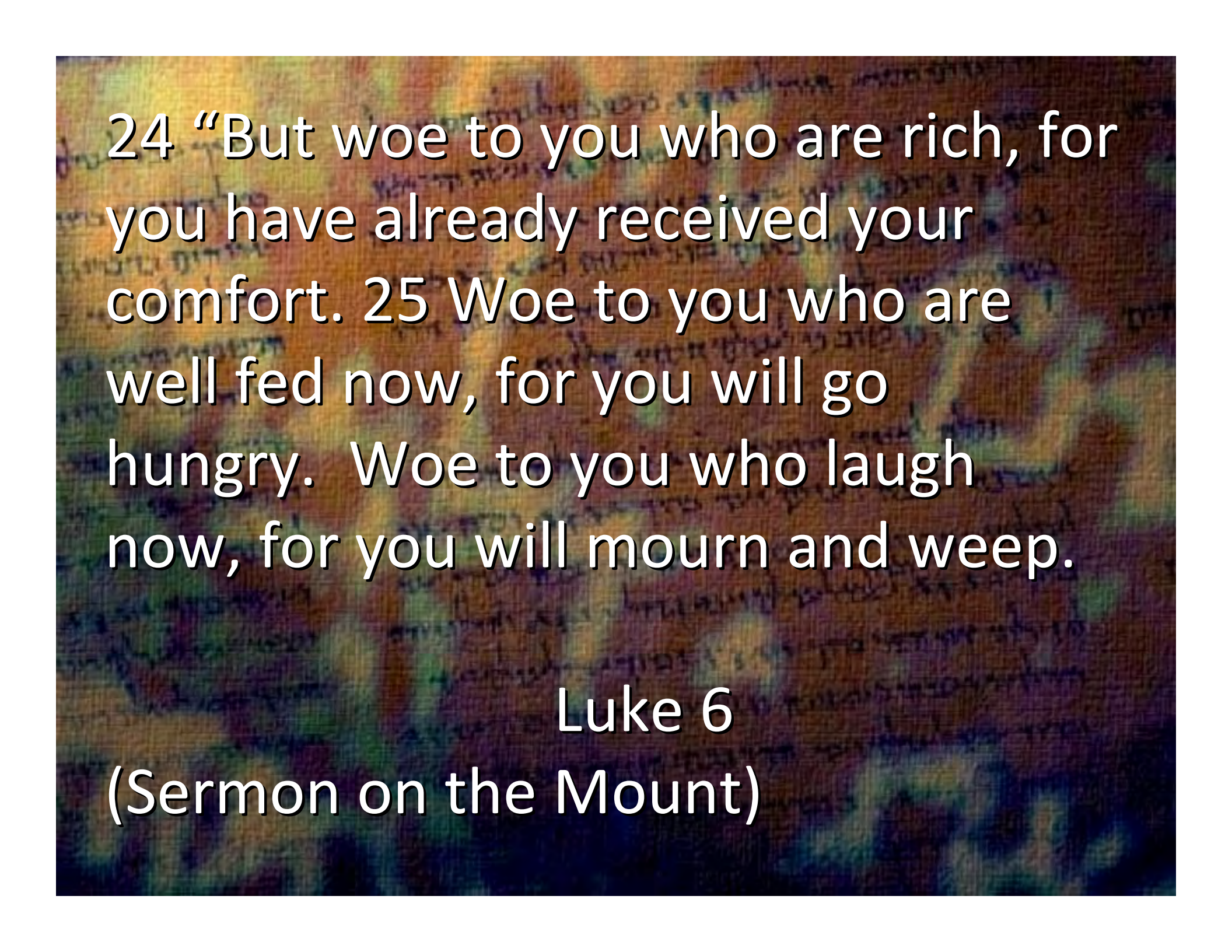
“Blessed are you who are poor, for  
yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger, for  
you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep, for you  
will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people  
hate you, when they exclude you





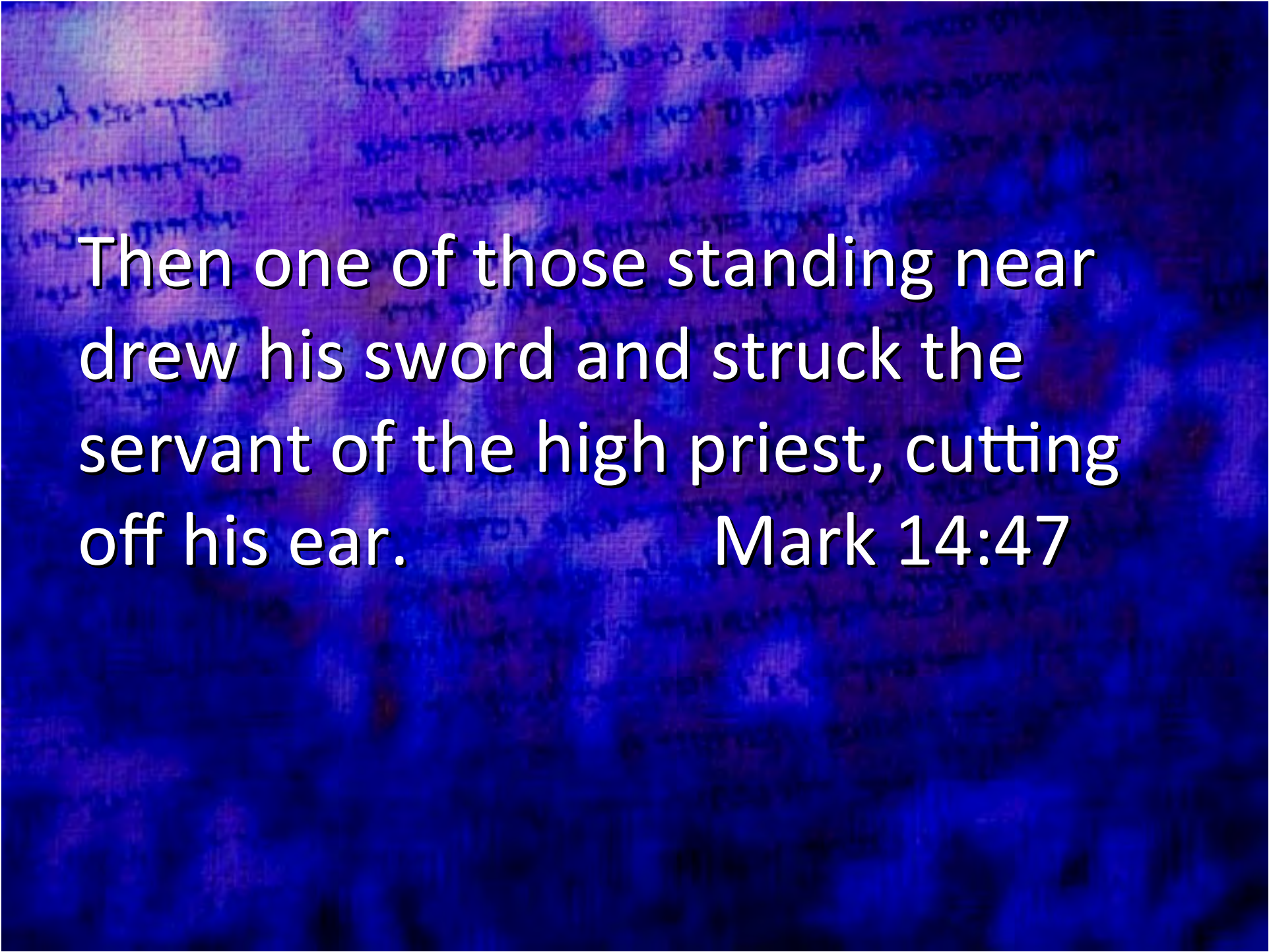
24 “But woe to you who are rich, for  
you have already received your  
comfort. 25 Woe to you who are  
well fed now, for you will go  
hungry. Woe to you who laugh  
now, for you will mourn and weep.

Luke 6

(Sermon on the Mount)







Then one of those standing near  
drew his sword and struck the  
servant of the high priest, cutting  
off his ear. Mark 14:47





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However the value that the Christian monks, who went out to convert the northern European tribes from 500 A.D. - 1500 A.D., was the value of charity, of wanting the best for others."

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“we know that the Anglo-Saxons and all Shame-Honor cultures, when they first heard the Christian message were incredulous. Because they couldn’t see how any society or person could survive that did not fear and respect strength.”

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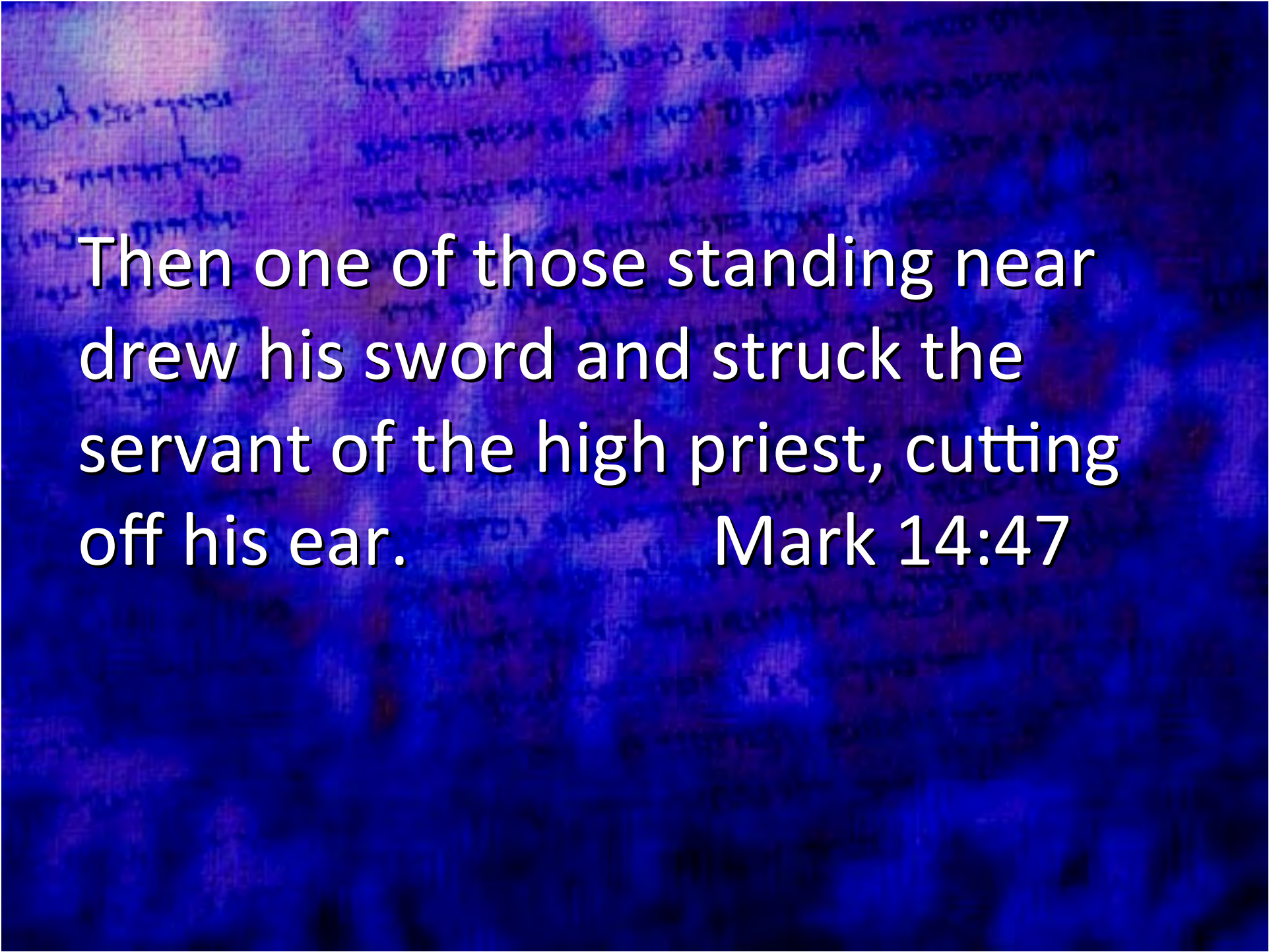




"They merged their Christian value with their older one (Shame-Honor), and that's the reason why European Christianity preached the Crusades. Because they believed losing Jerusalem was an affront to the honor of God and their own honor."

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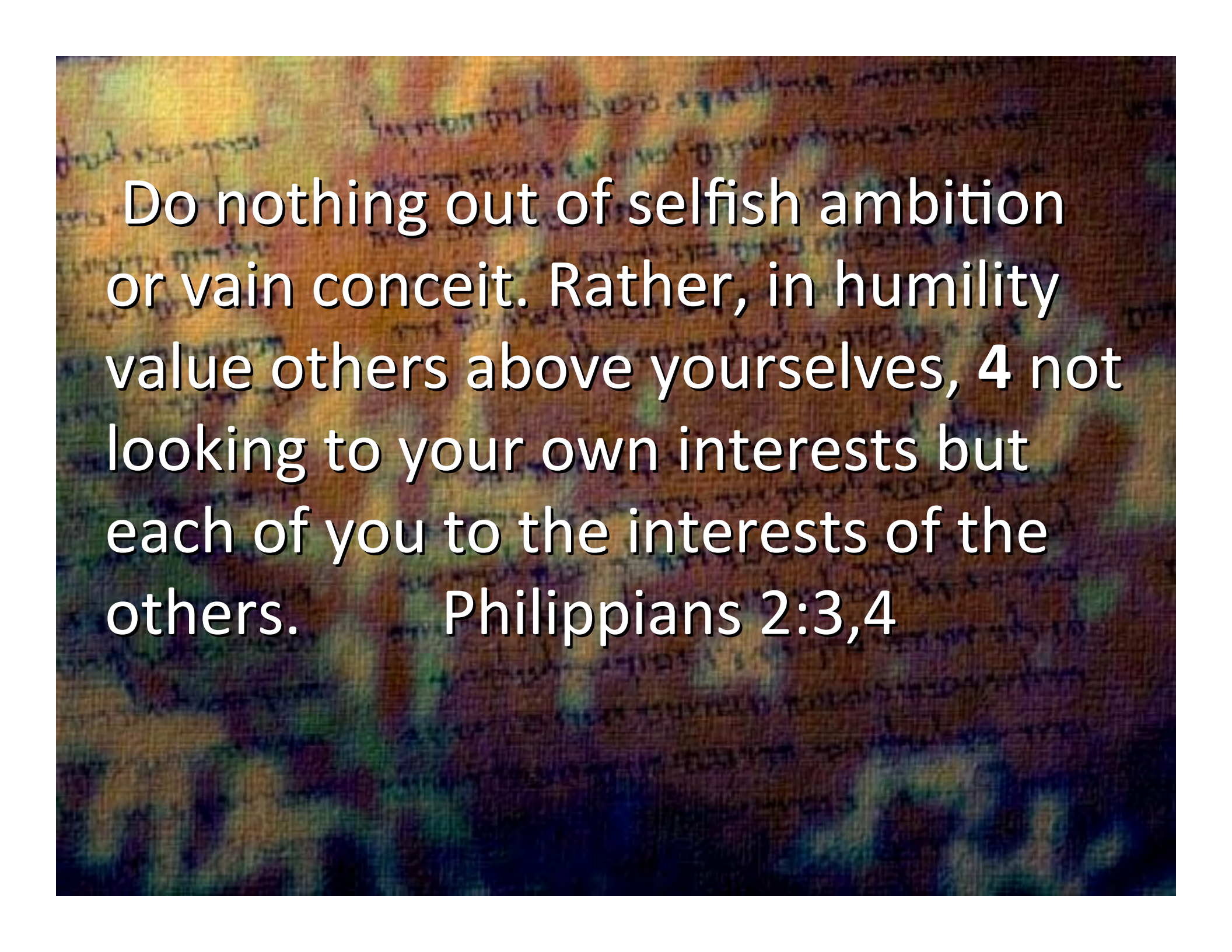




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*"This 'coming under' doesn't mean that followers of Jesus conform to other people's wishes, but it does mean we interact with others with their best interests at heart."*



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.      Philippians 2:3,4






We must not just please ourselves.

2 We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.

3 For even Christ didn't live to please himself.      Romans 15:1b-3



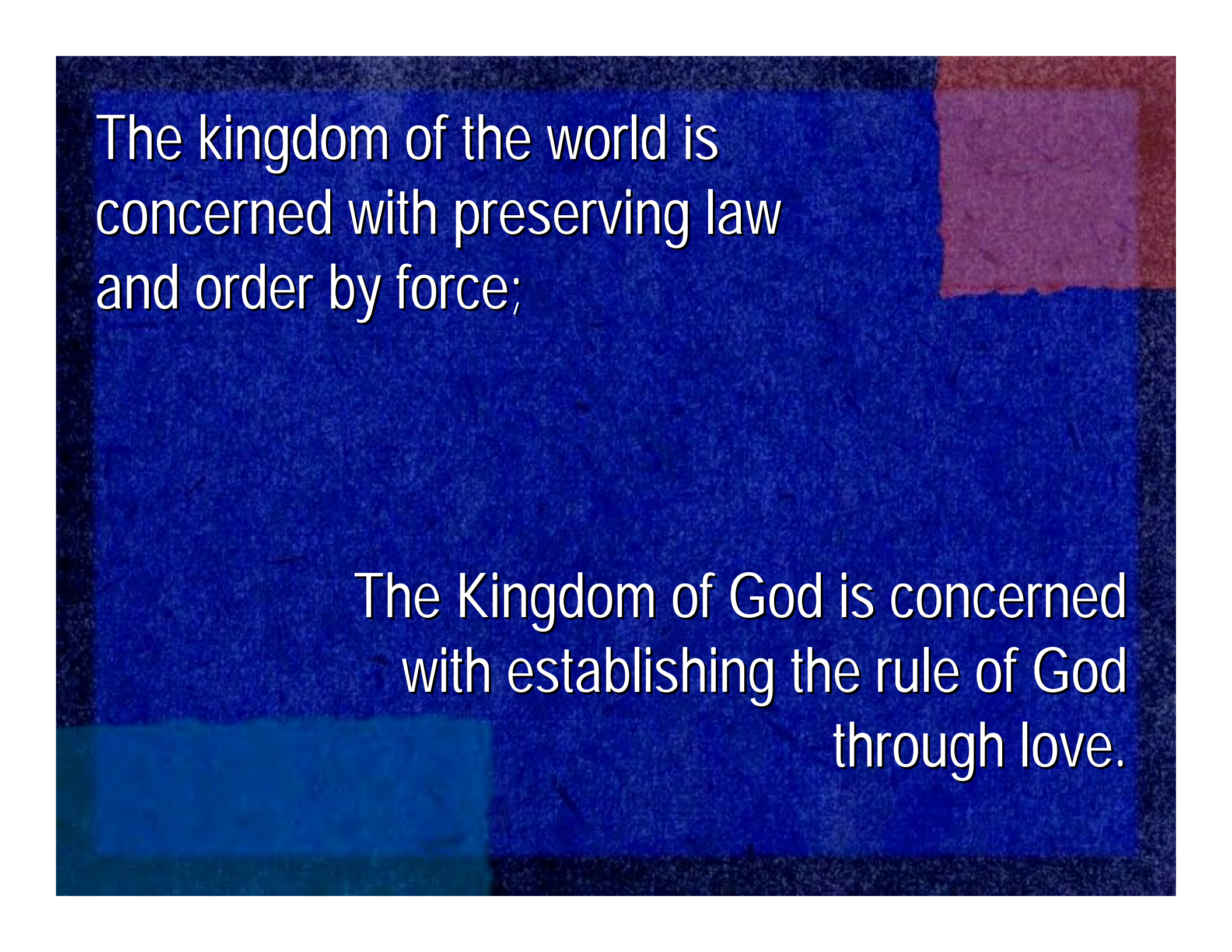


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The kingdom of the world trusts  
the power of the sword to control  
behavior;

but God's kingdom people trust  
the power of self sacrificing love to  
transform a human heart.




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The Kingdom of God is concerned  
with establishing the rule of God  
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The kingdom of God  
accomplishes what the kingdom  
of the world seeks to accomplish,

but it transforms people from the  
inside out---from their heart to their  
behavior.





Then everyone deserted him and fled. **51** A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, **52** he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

Mark 14:50,51



