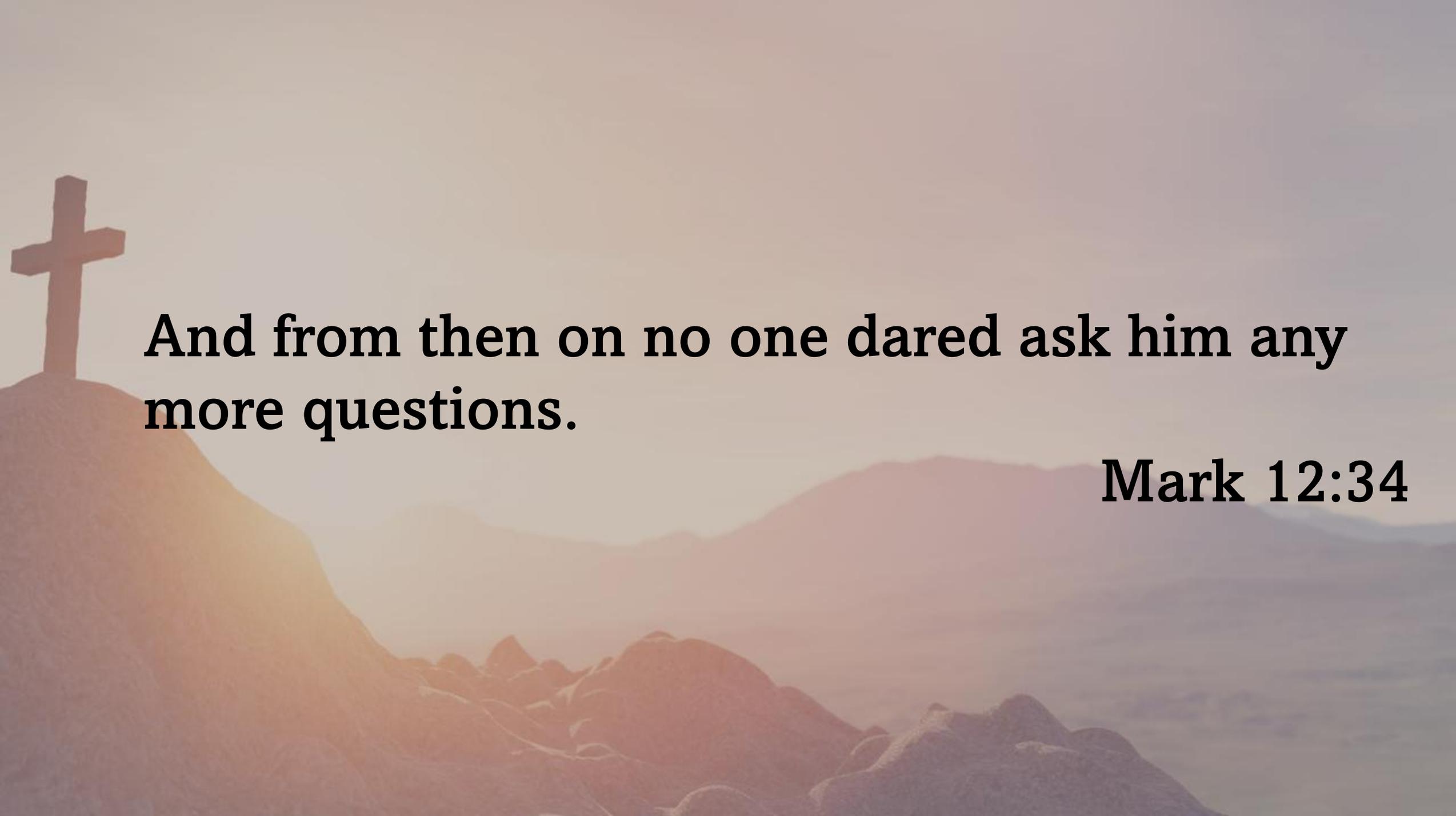
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On the Way *to the Cross*

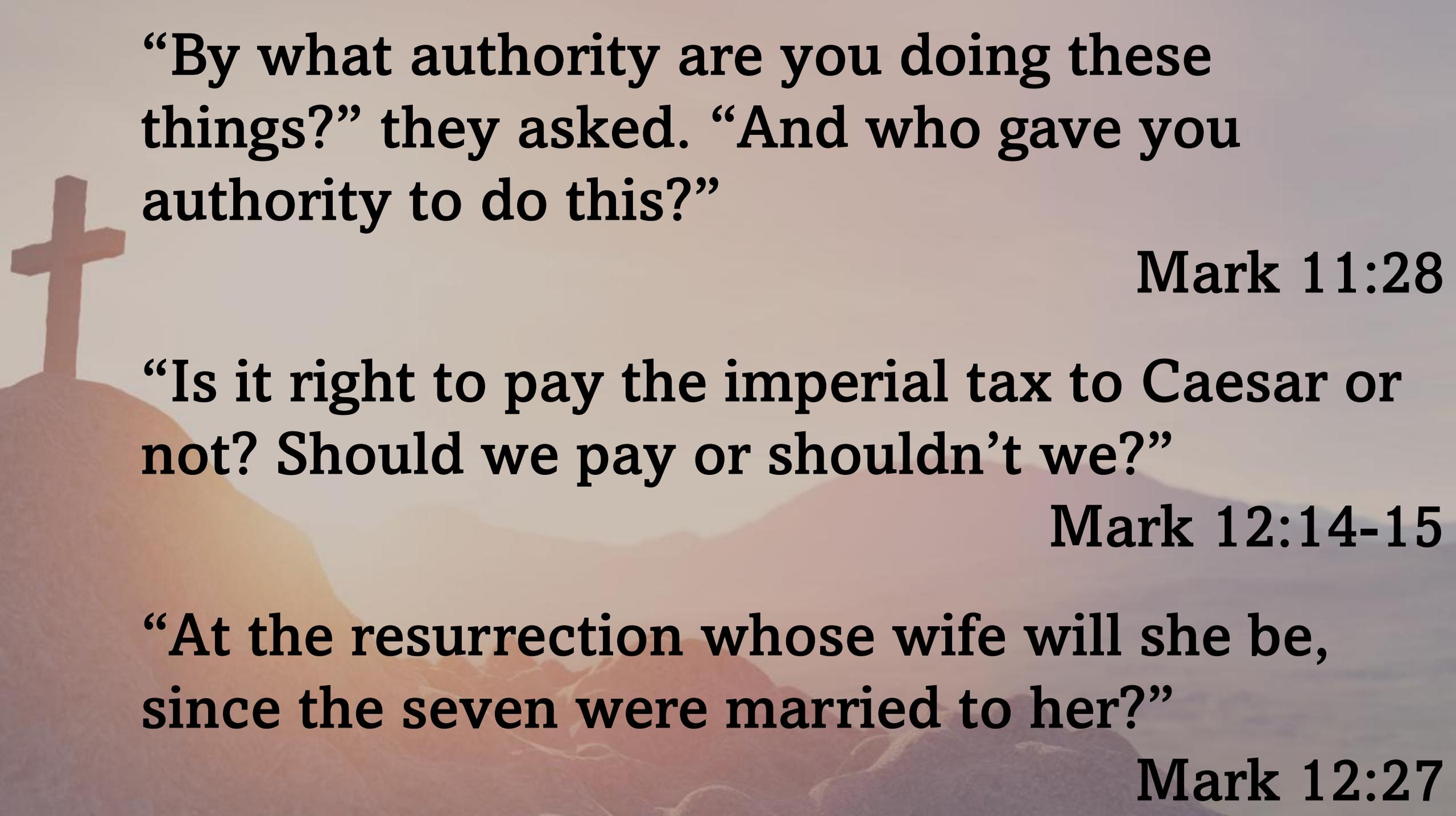
Mark

12:35-13:37

A large, dark cross stands on a hill in the foreground. The background features a hazy, mountainous landscape under a warm, orange and yellow sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Mark 12:34



“By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”

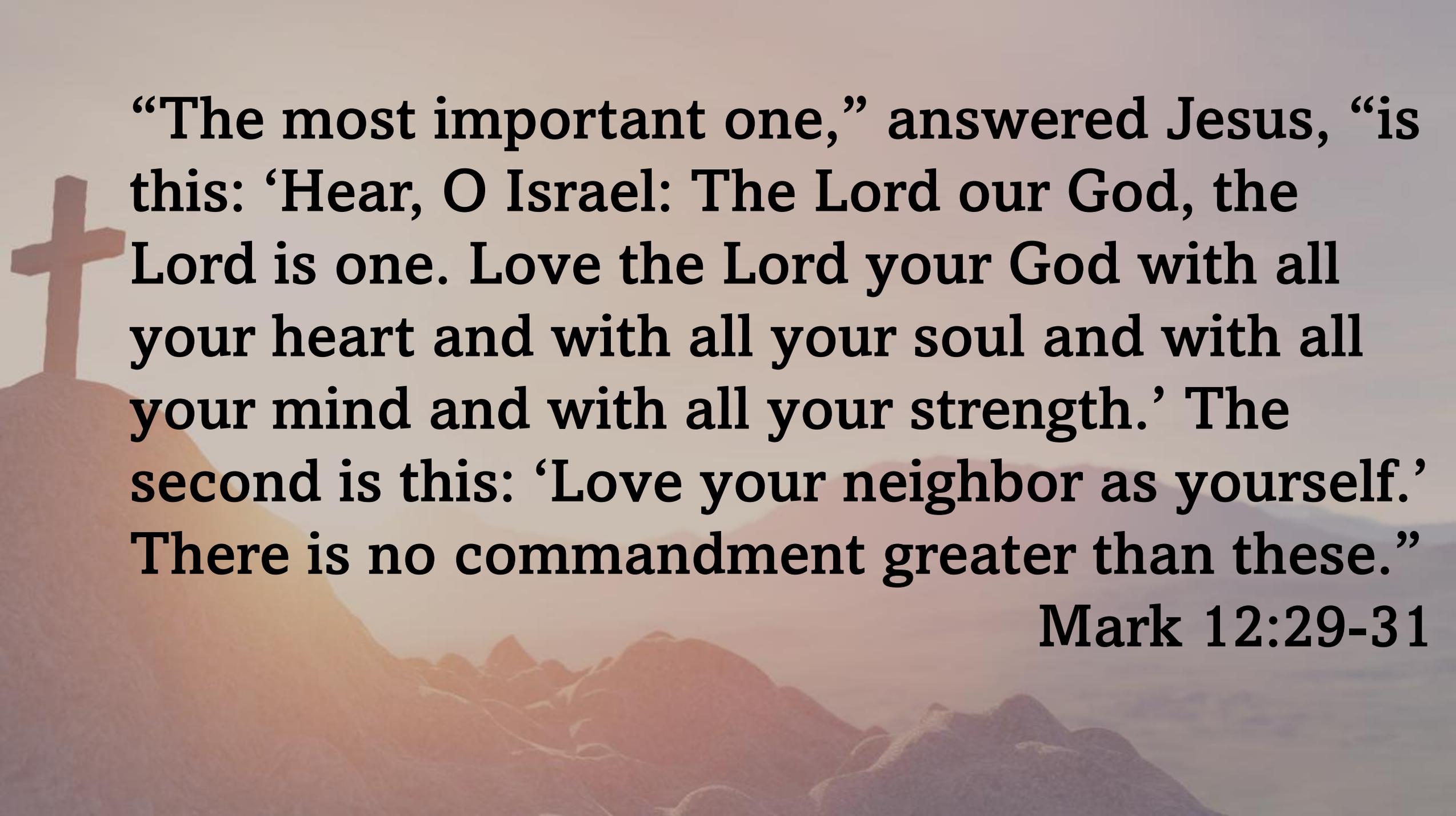
Mark 11:28

“Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?”

Mark 12:14-15

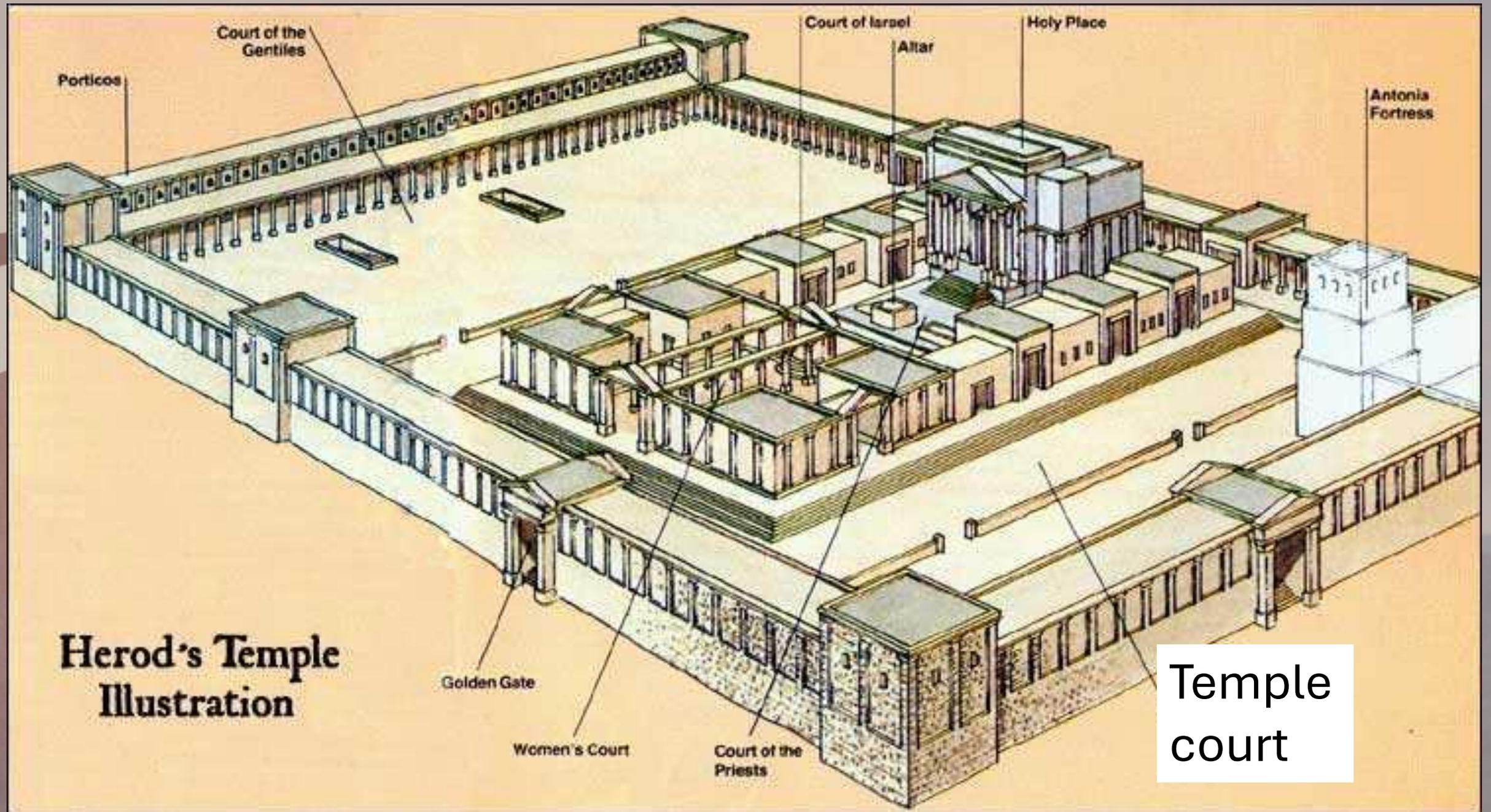
“At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

Mark 12:27



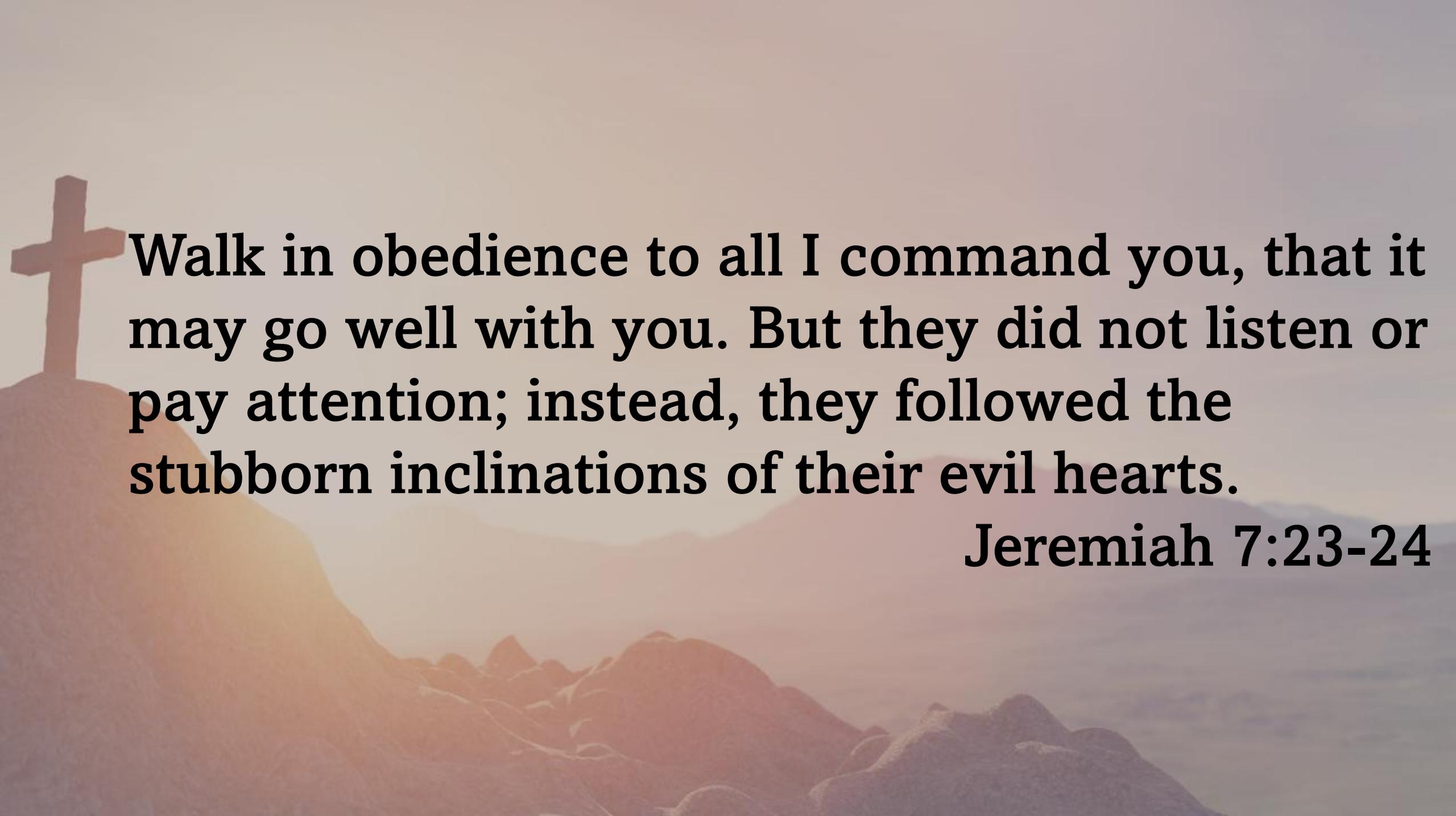
“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31



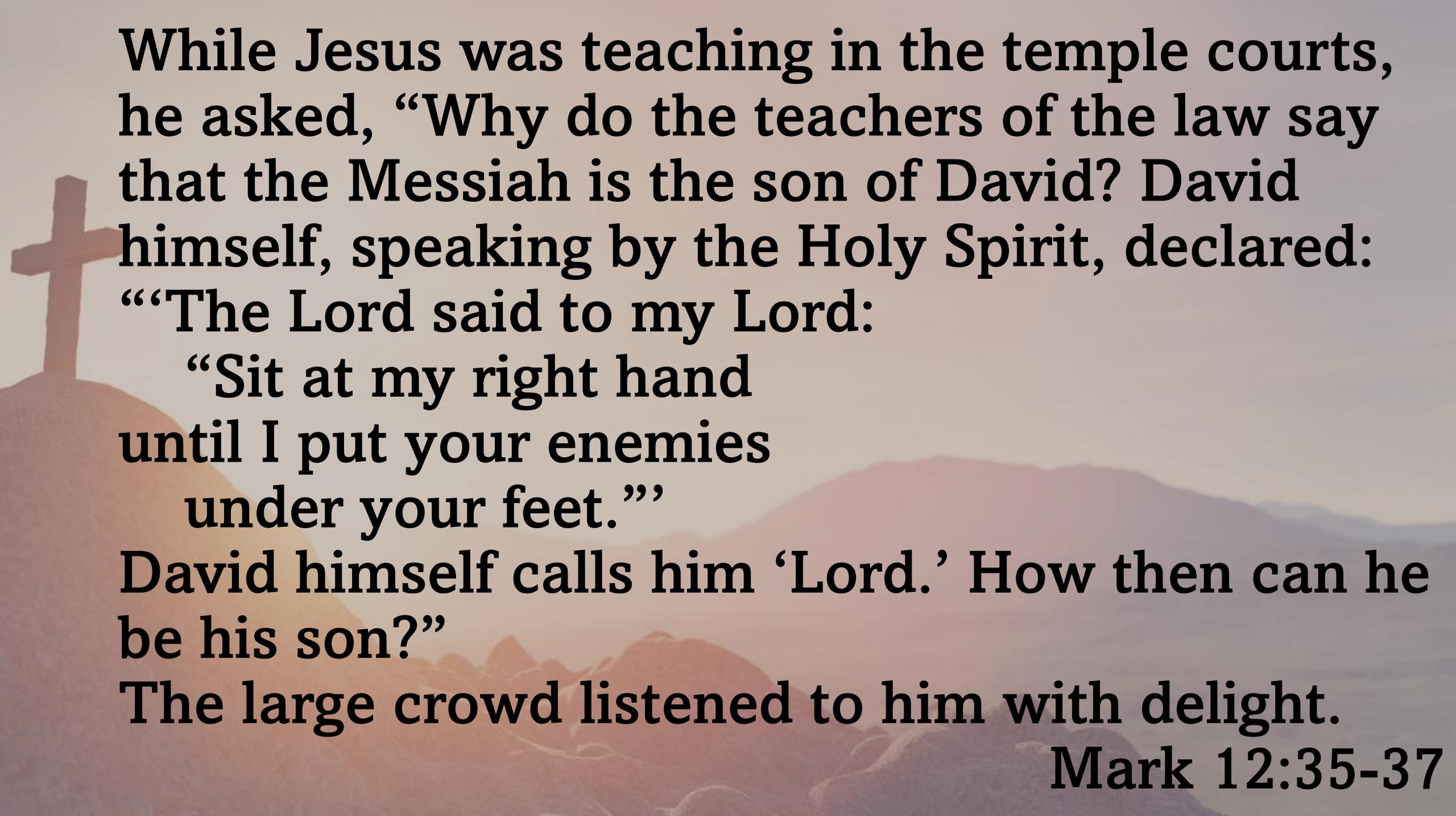
Herod's Temple Illustration

Temple court

A silhouette of a cross stands on a hill in the foreground. The background features a sunset or sunrise over a range of mountains, with the sky transitioning from a warm orange near the horizon to a pale blue at the top. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you. But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts.

Jeremiah 7:23-24



While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: ““The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.””

David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”

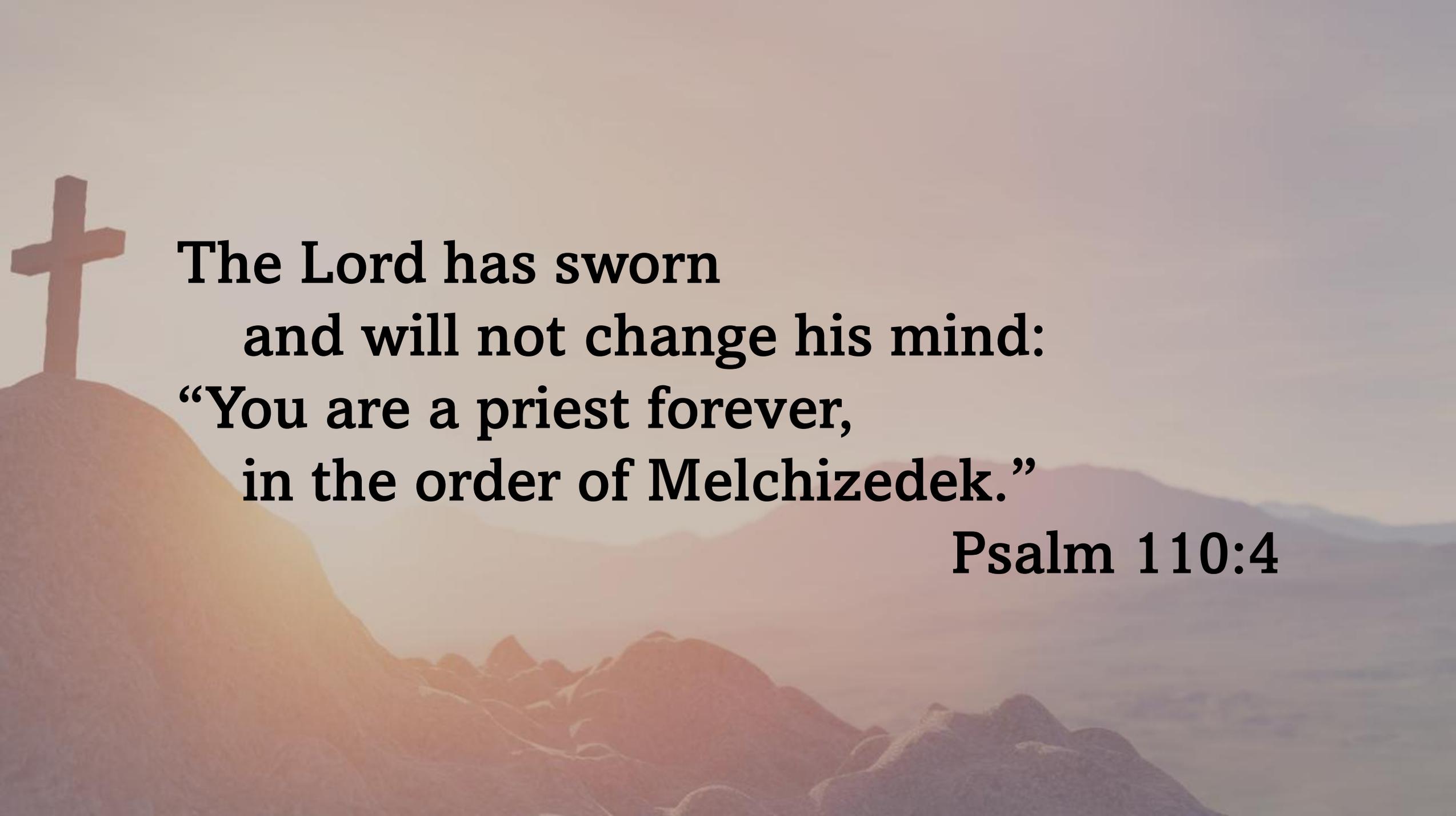
The large crowd listened to him with delight.

Mark 12:35-37



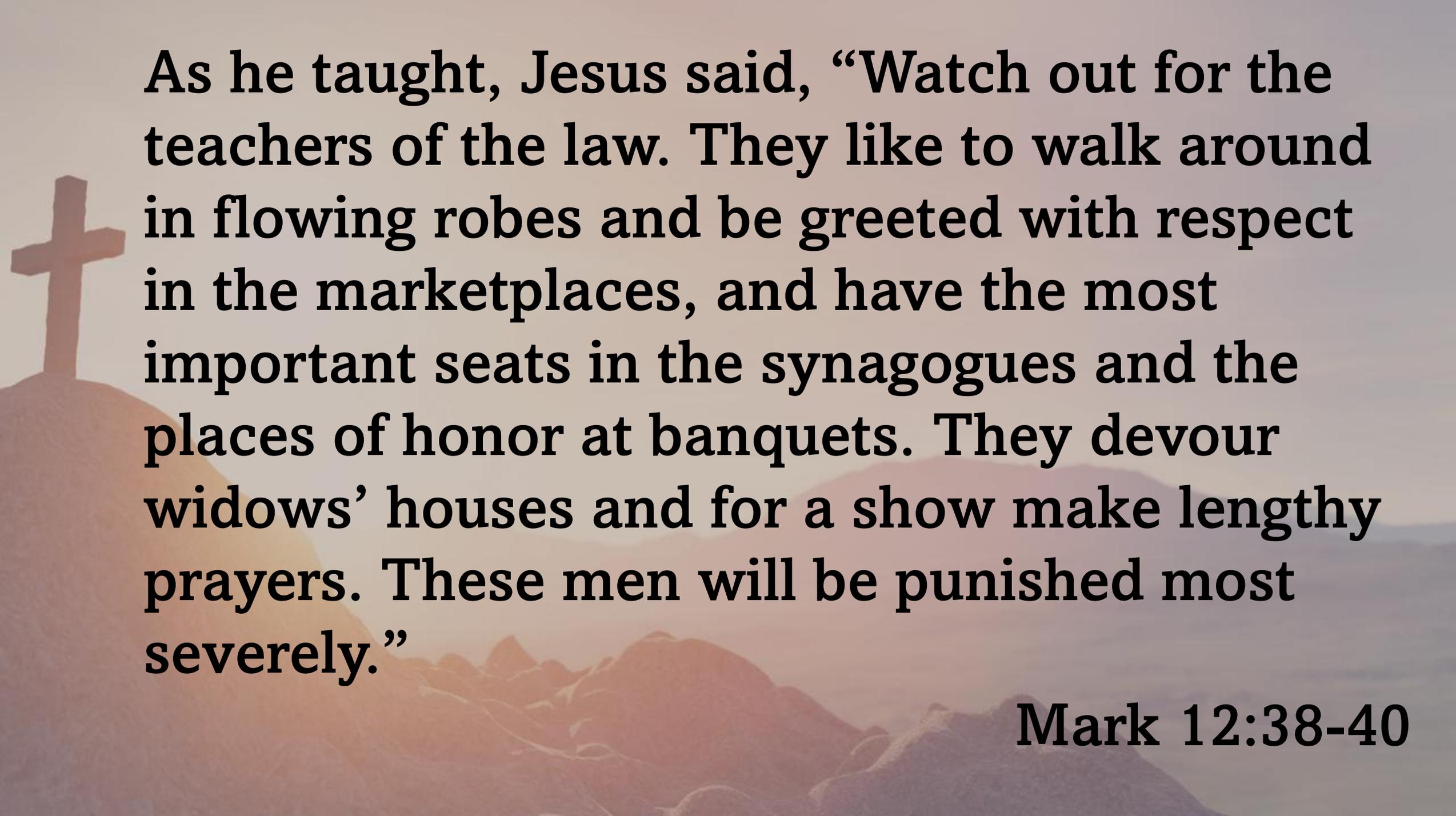
**The Lord says to my lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”**

Psalm 110:1

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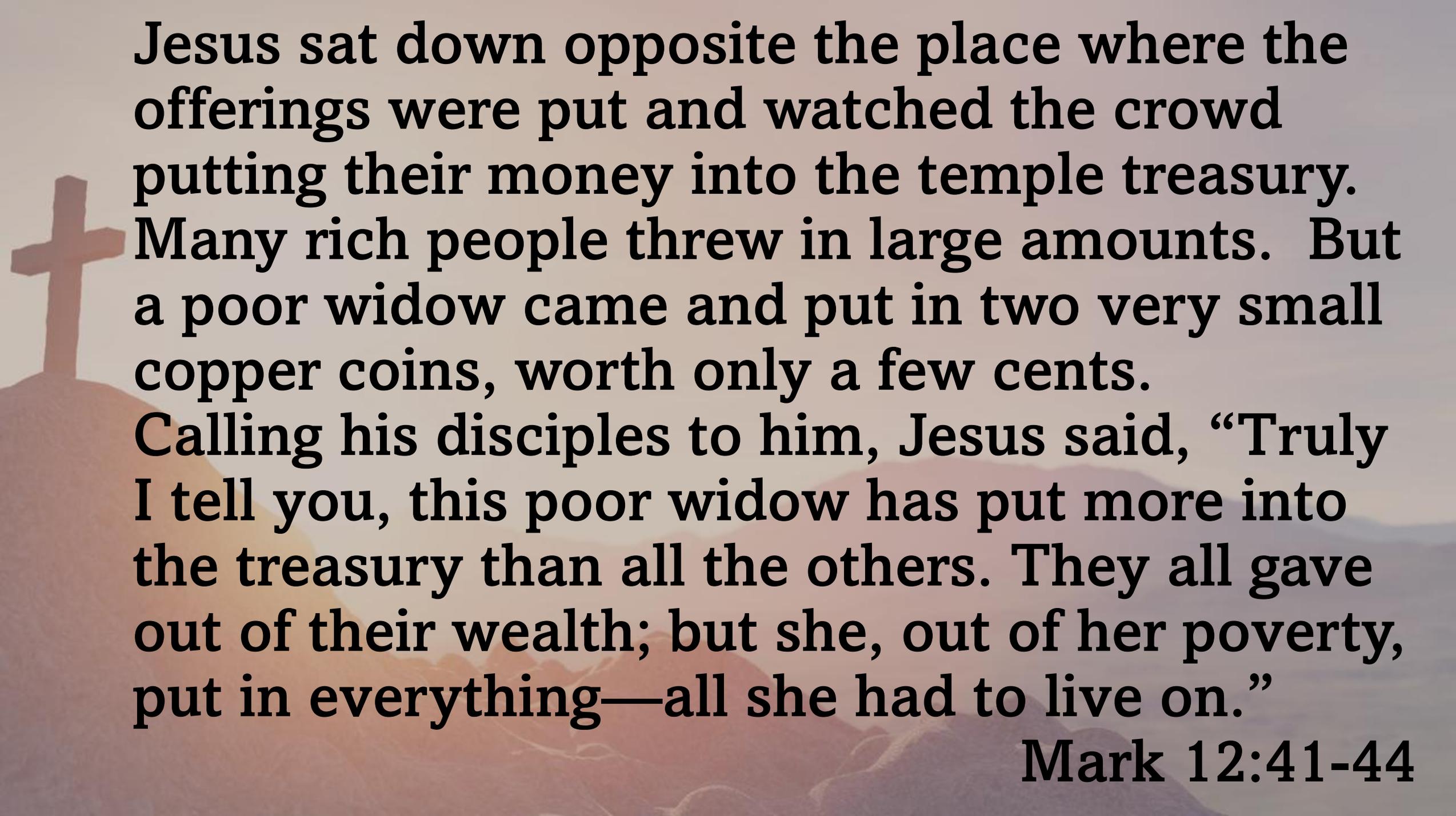
**The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind:
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”**

Psalm 110:4



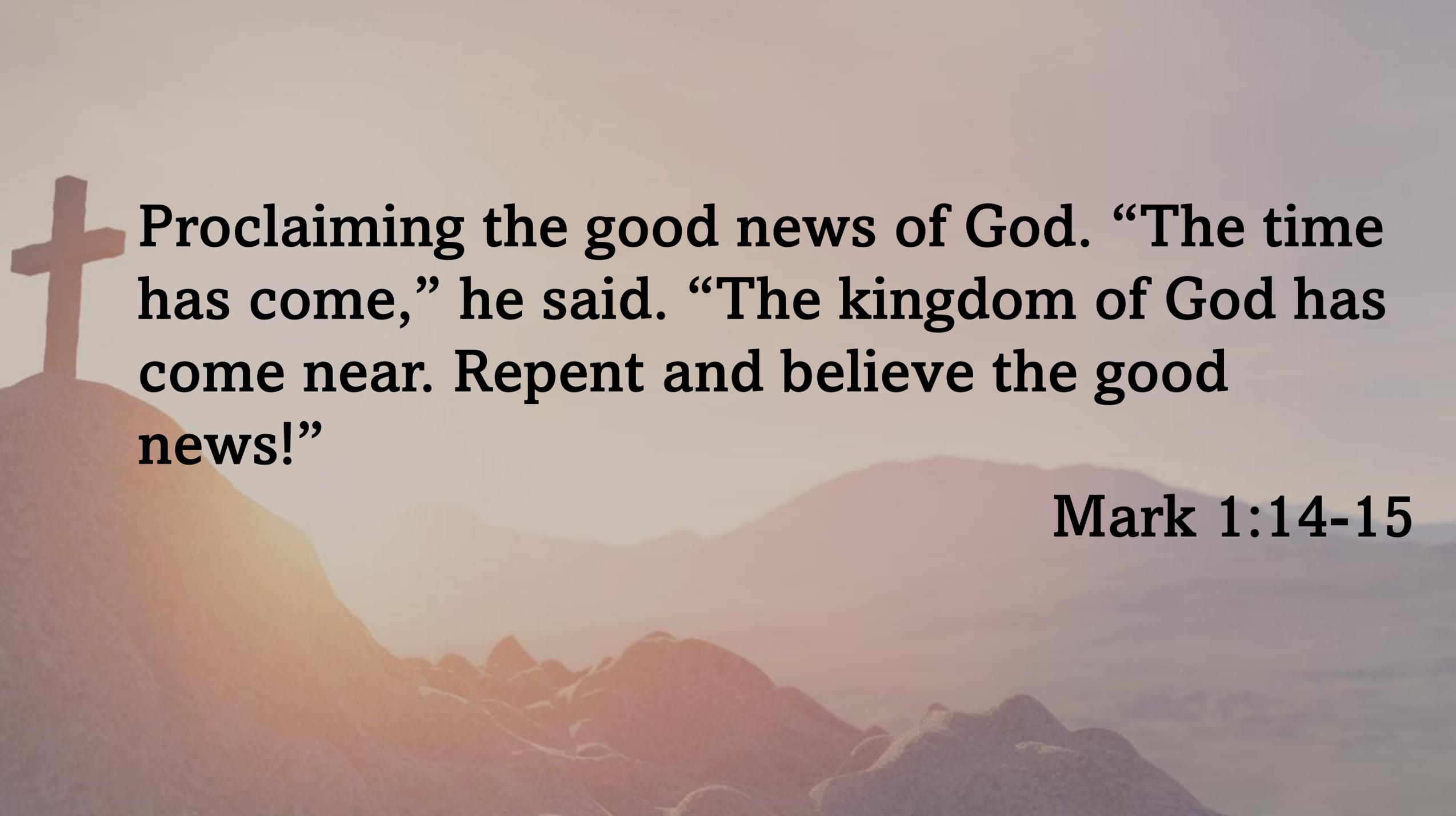
As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

Mark 12:38-40

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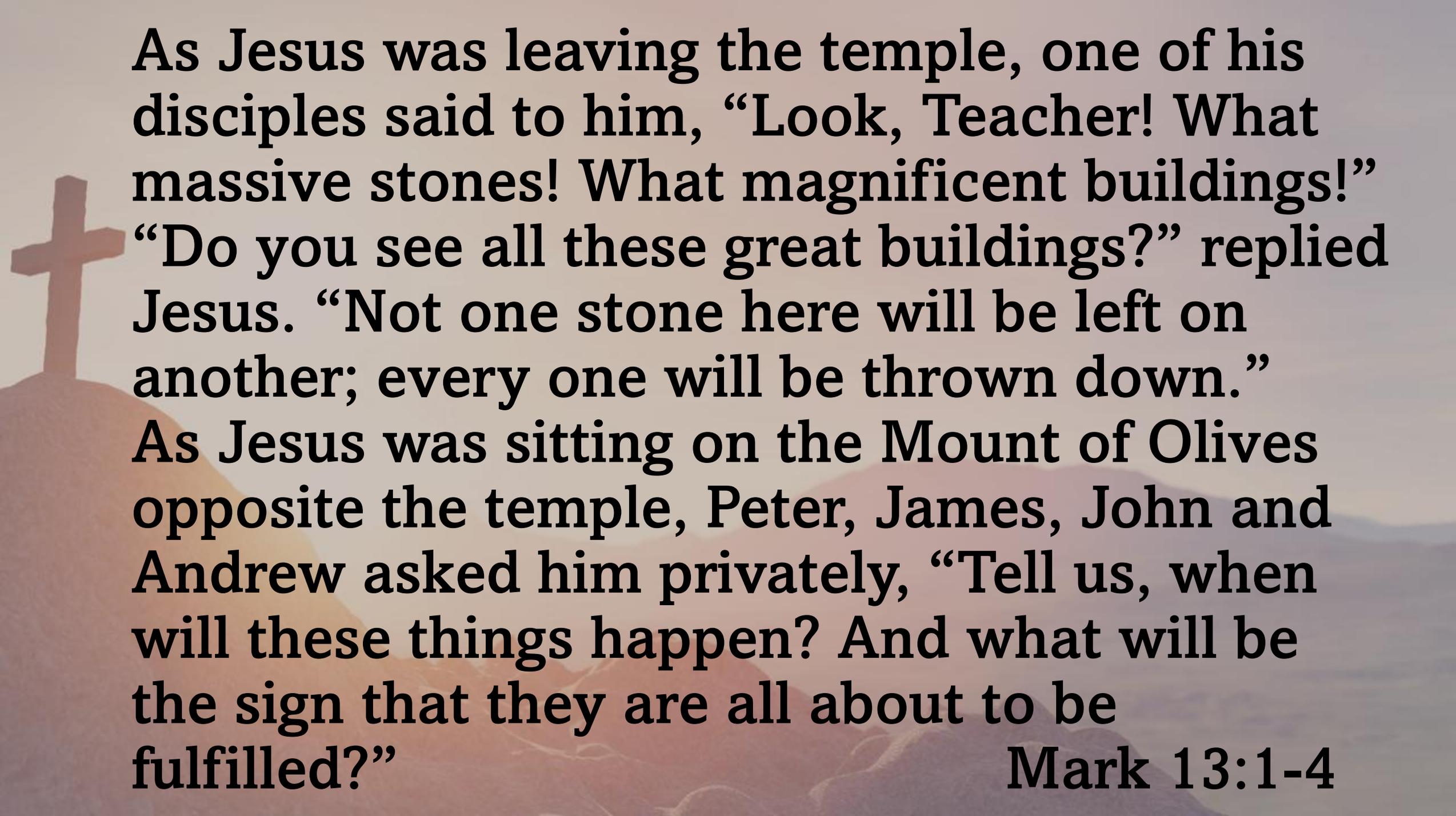
Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:41-44

A background image of a landscape with mountains and a cross on a hill. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The mountains are layered, with the closest ones in the foreground and more distant ones in the background. A large, simple cross is visible on the left side, standing on a hill. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

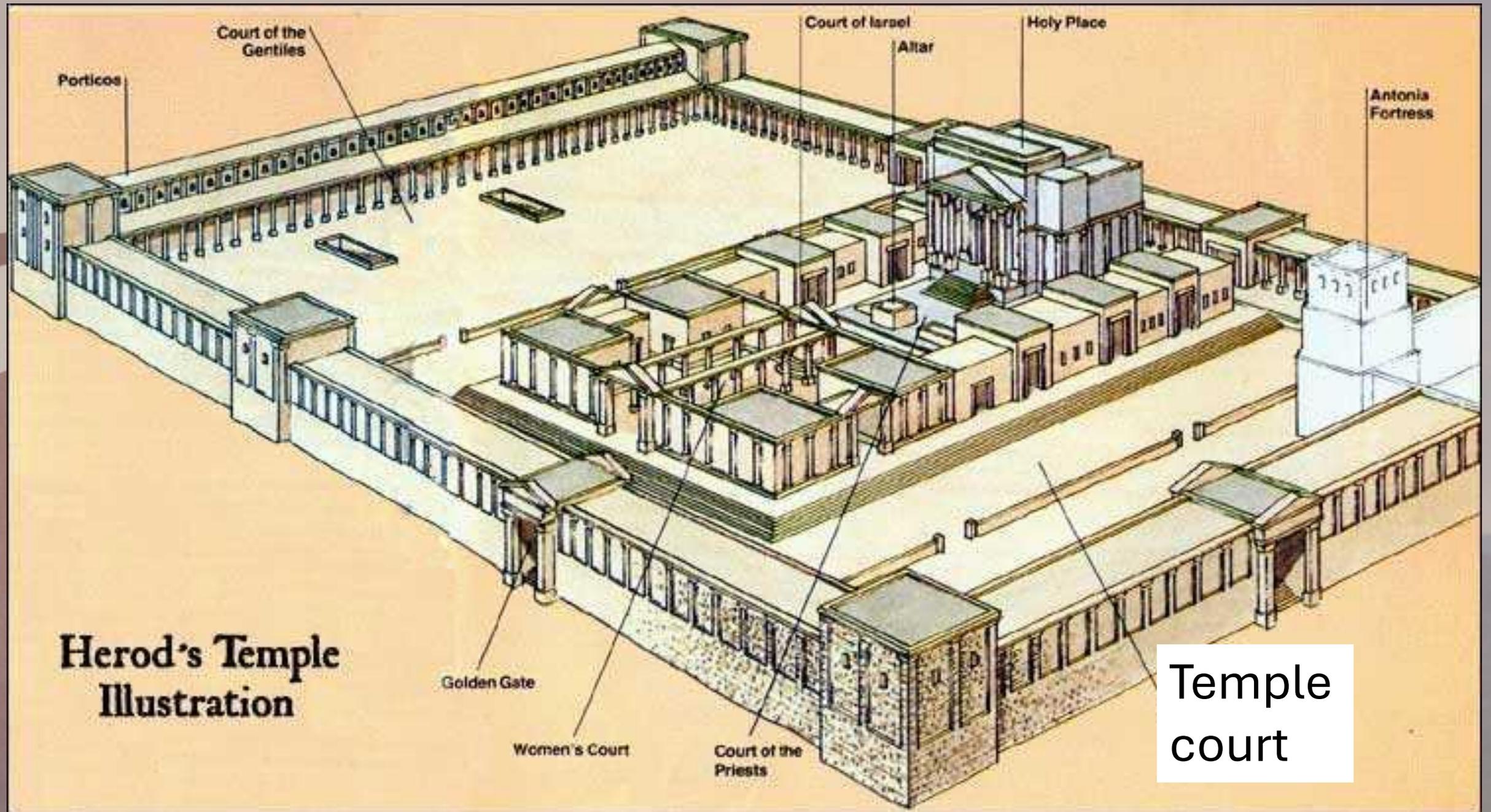
Proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Mark 1:14-15



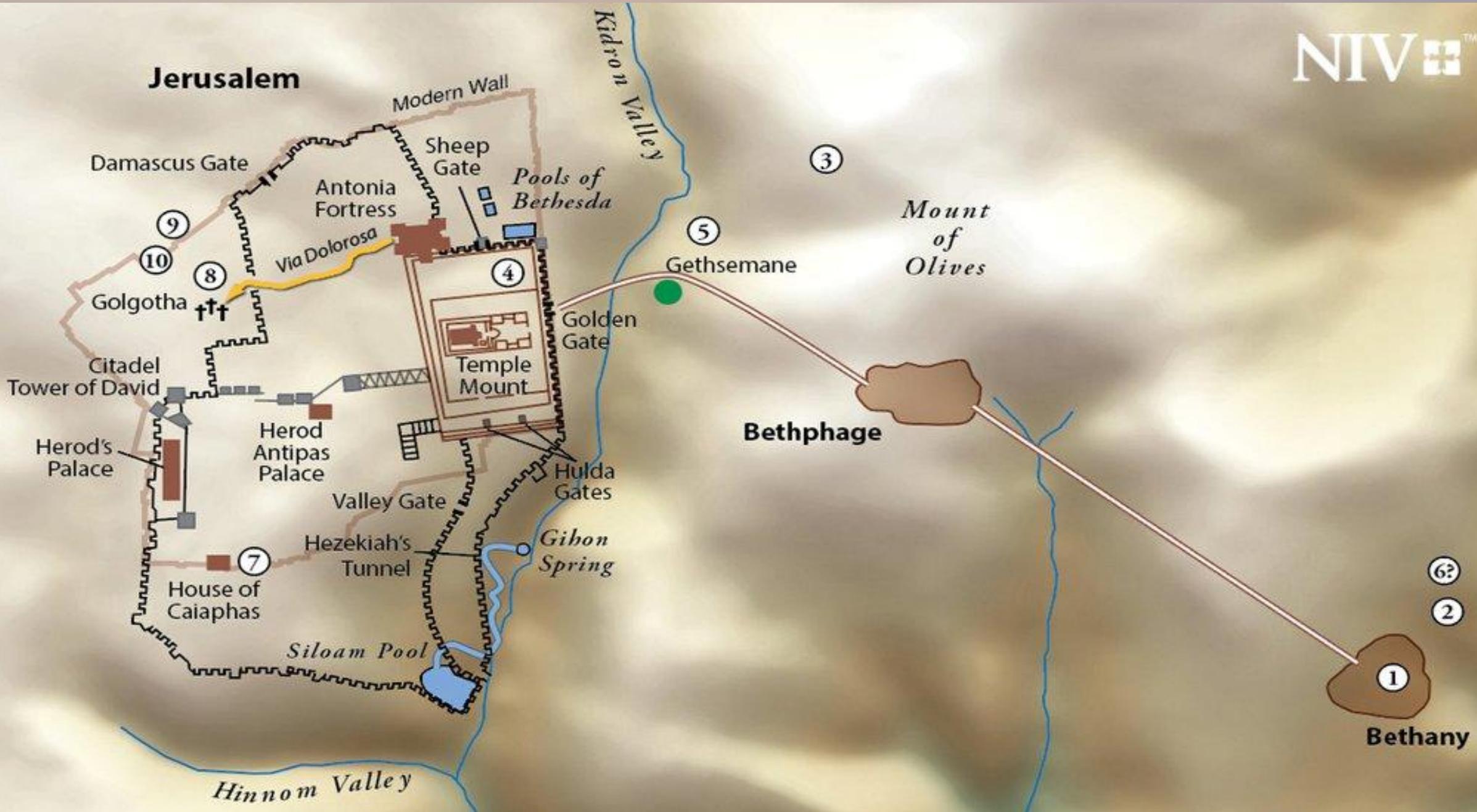
As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!” “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.” As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

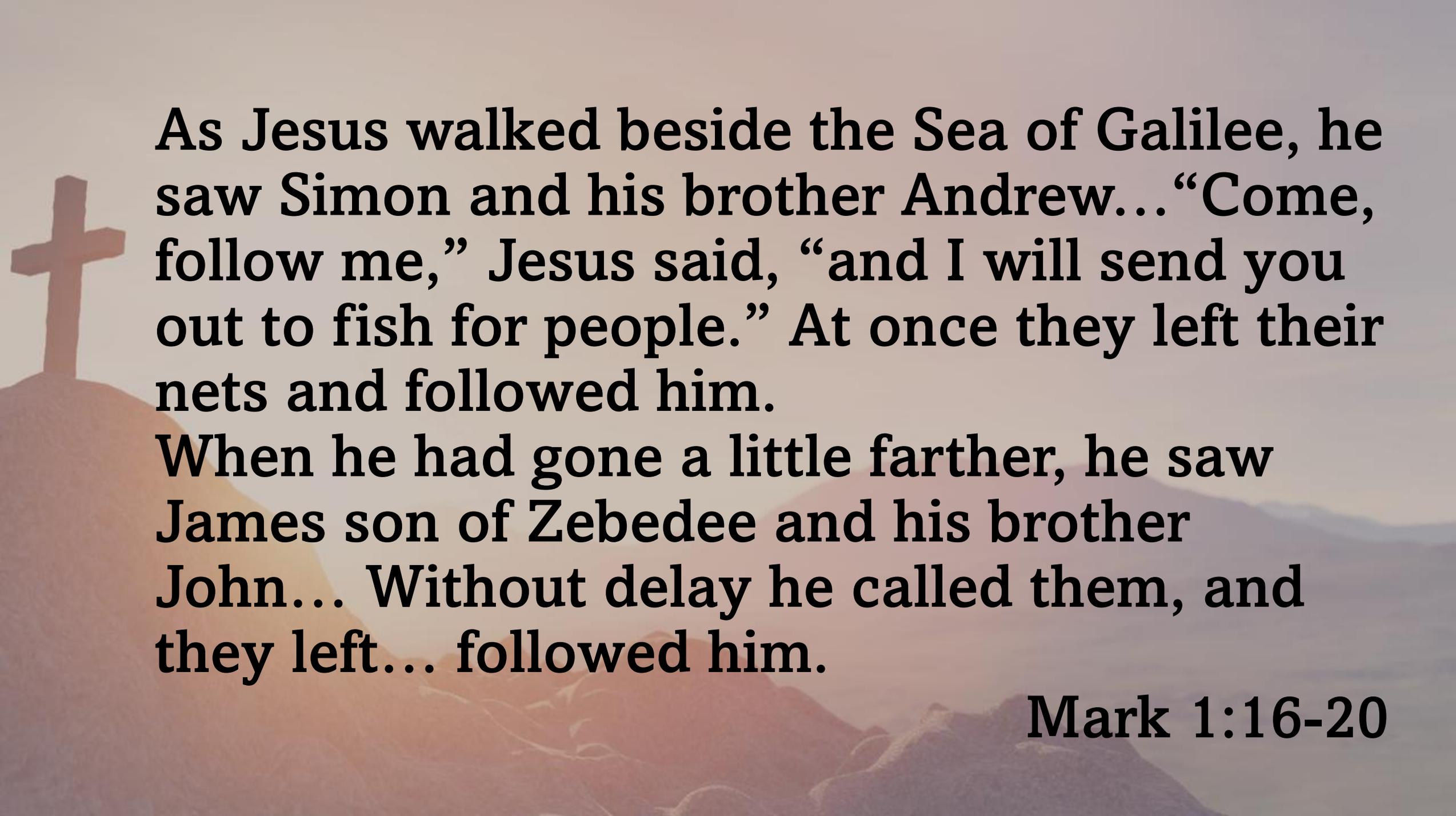
Mark 13:1-4



Herod's Temple Illustration

Temple
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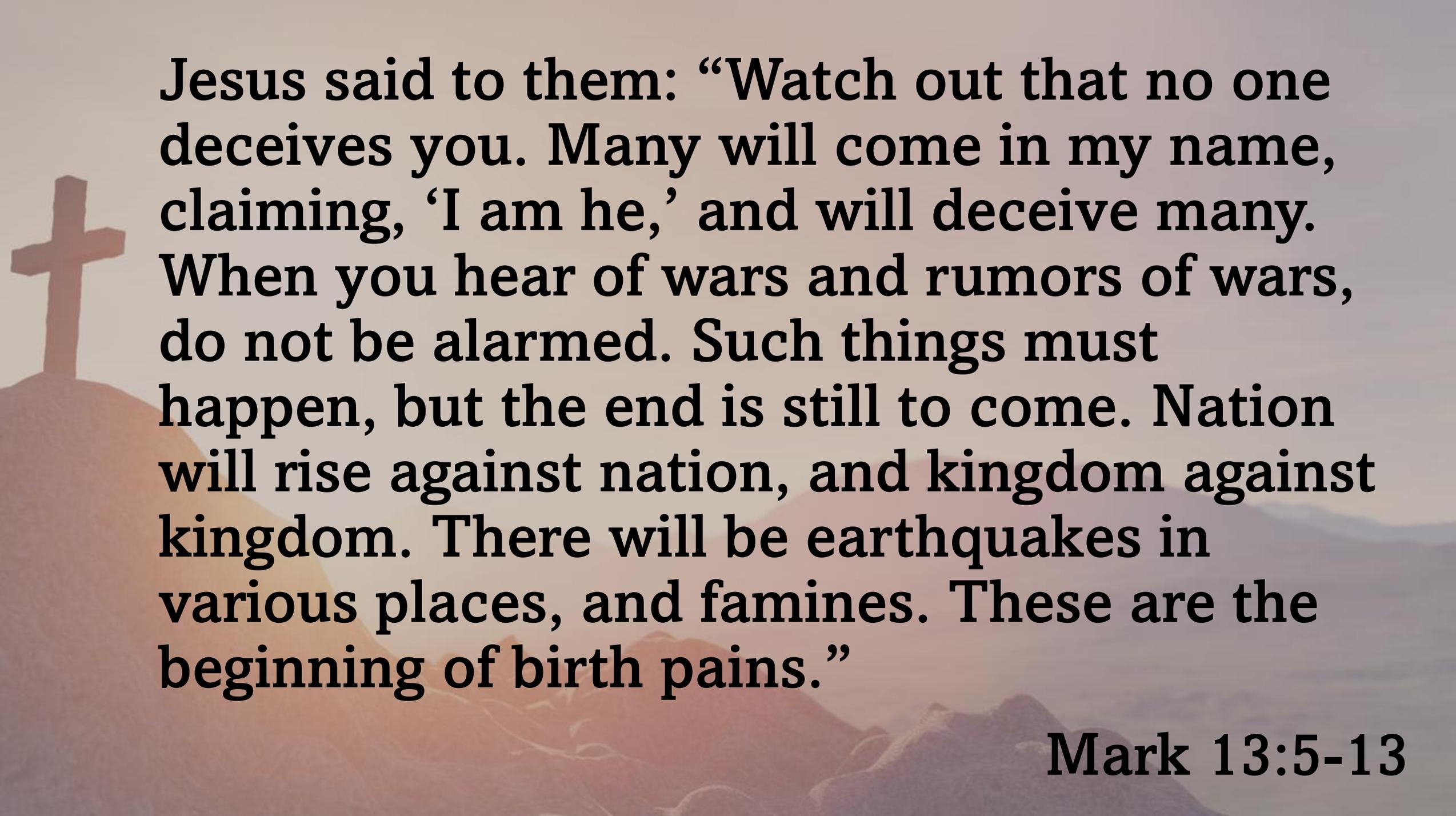


The background features a soft-focus landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. On the left side, a simple wooden cross stands on a small hill. The overall color palette is muted, with earthy tones and a light, atmospheric quality.

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew... “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

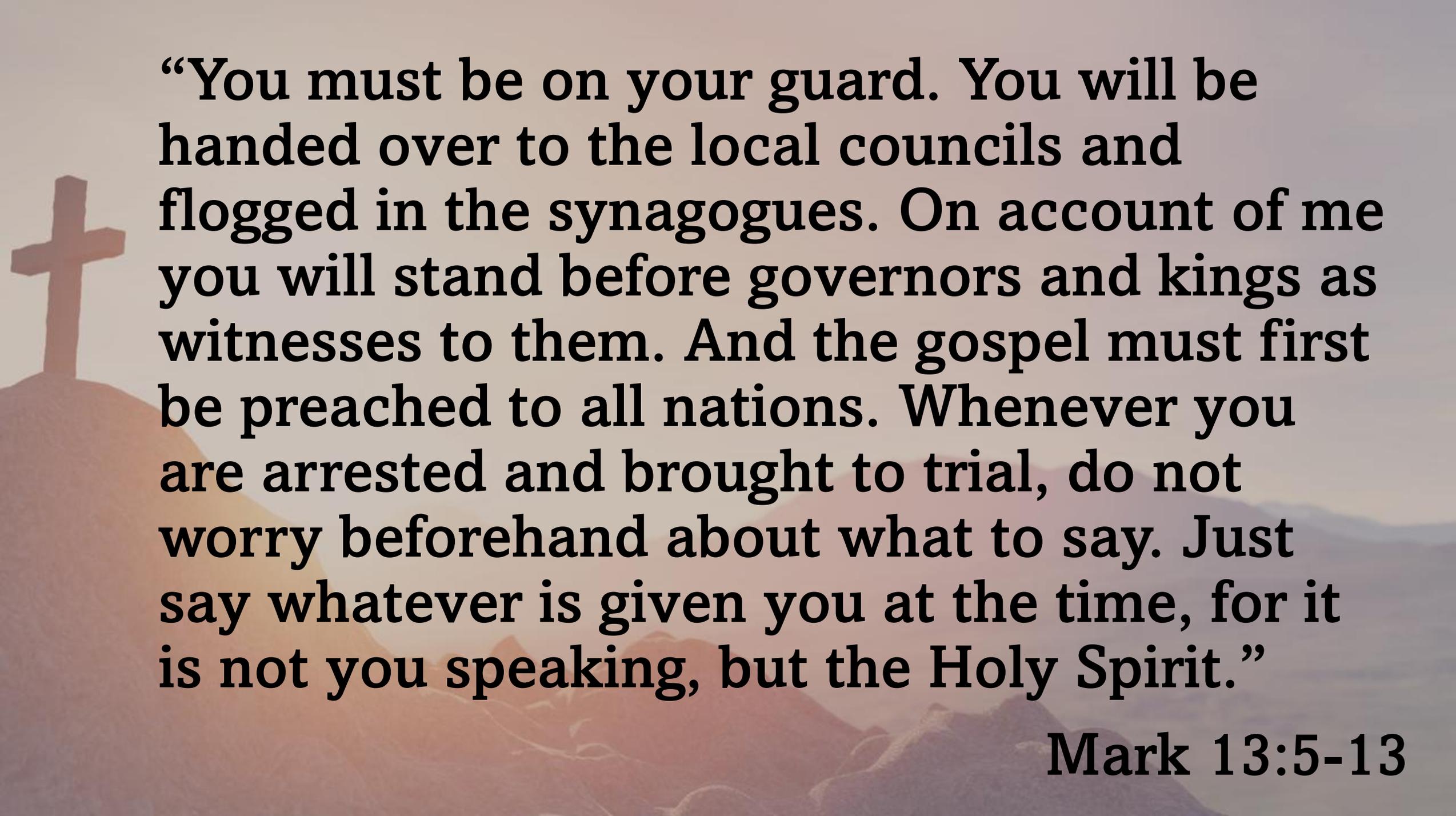
When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John... Without delay he called them, and they left... followed him.

Mark 1:16-20



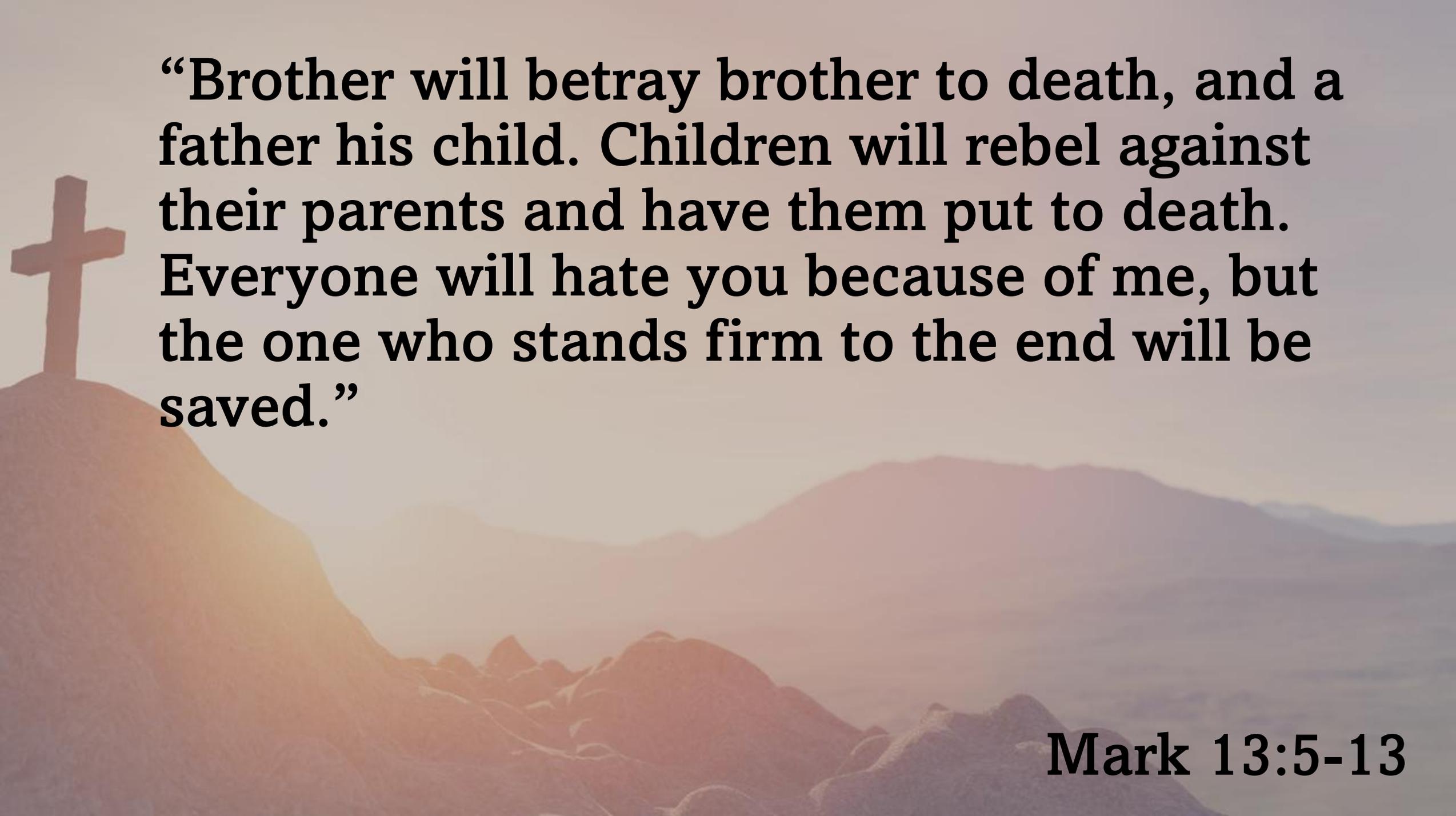
Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.”

Mark 13:5-13



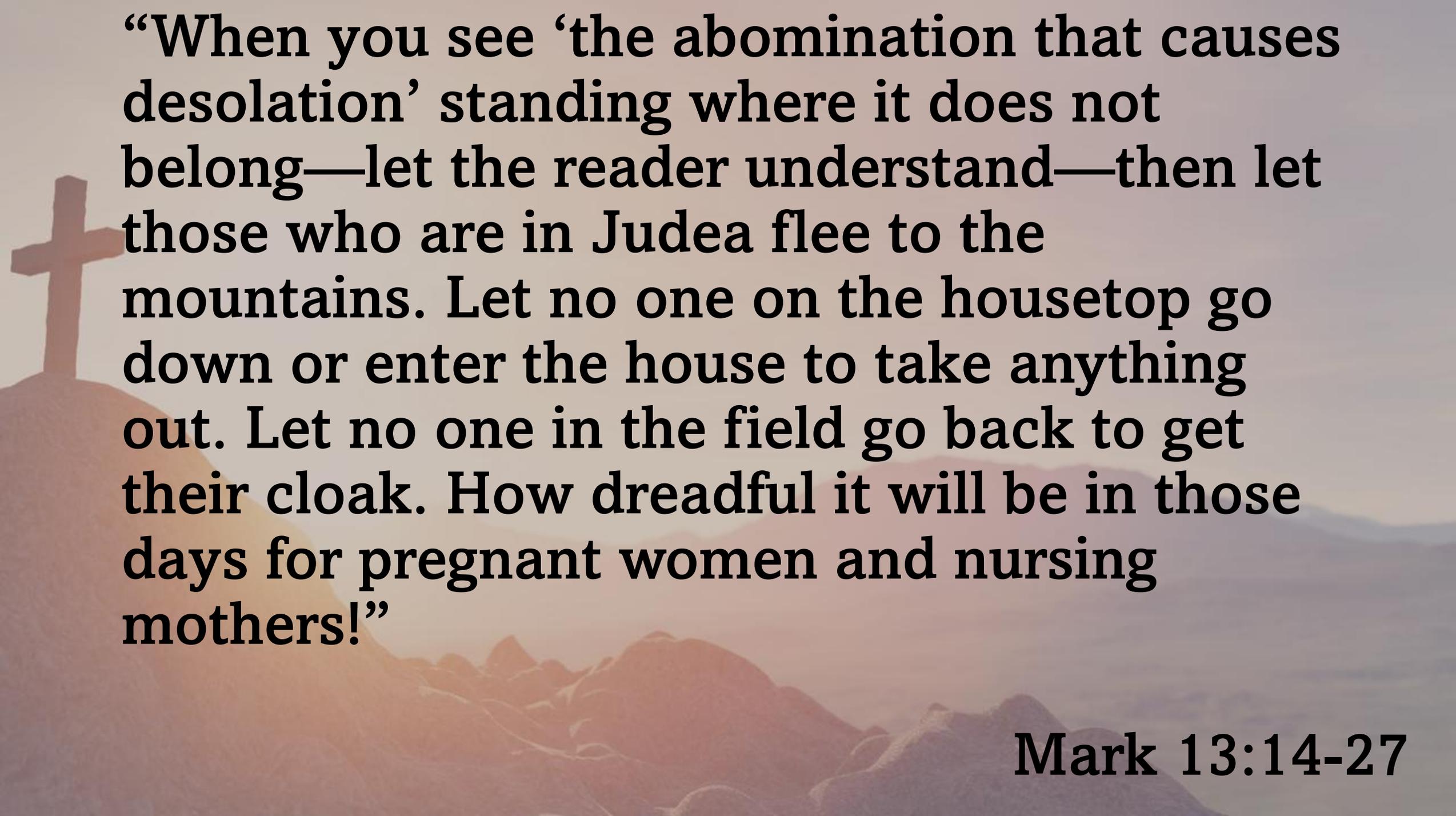
“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 13:5-13



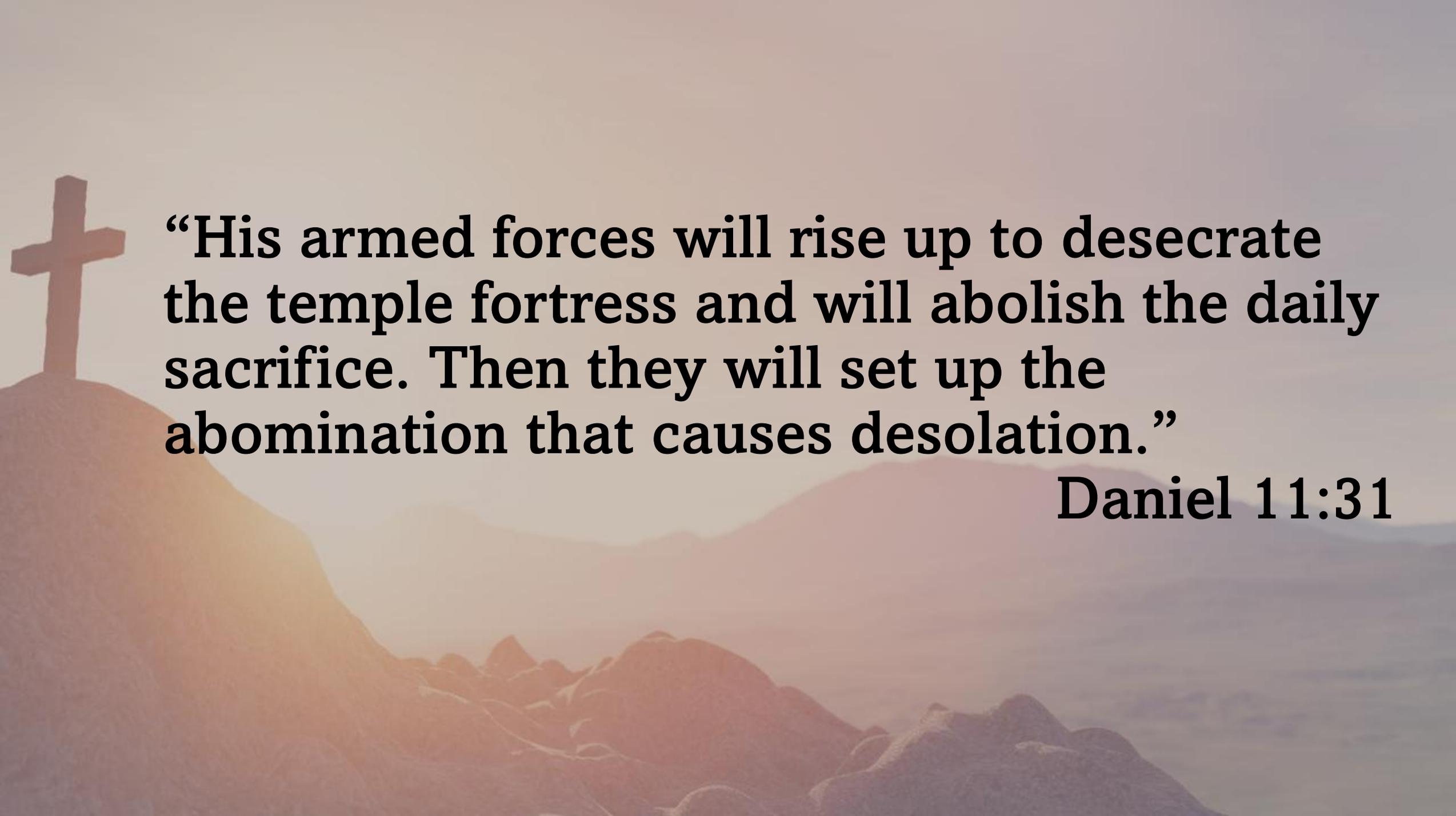
“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

Mark 13:5-13



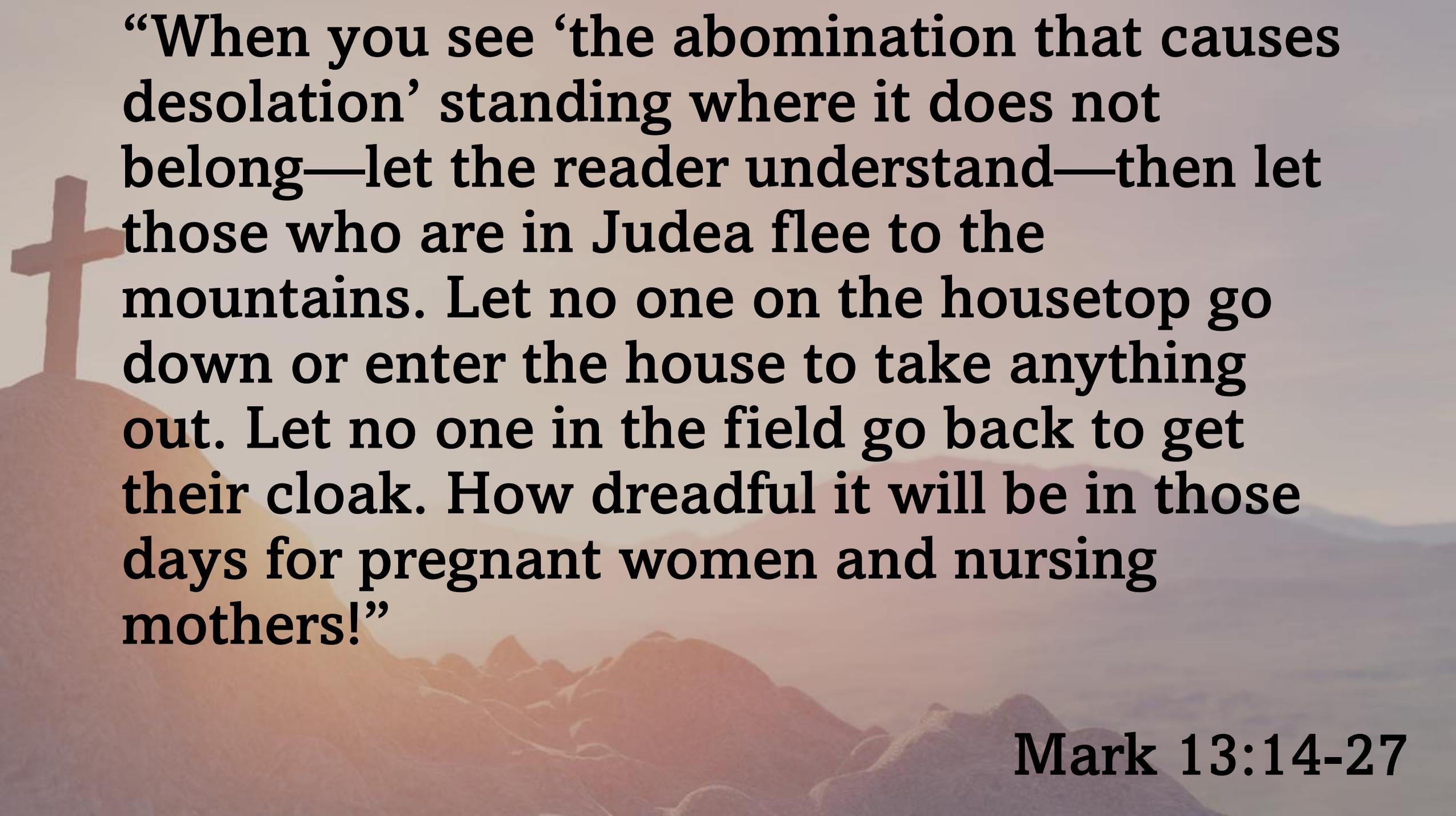
“When you see ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!”

Mark 13:14-27

A background image of a landscape with mountains and a cross on a hill. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The mountains are layered, with the foreground being a dark, silhouetted ridge and the background showing more distant, hazy peaks. On the left side, a simple wooden cross stands on a small hill. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

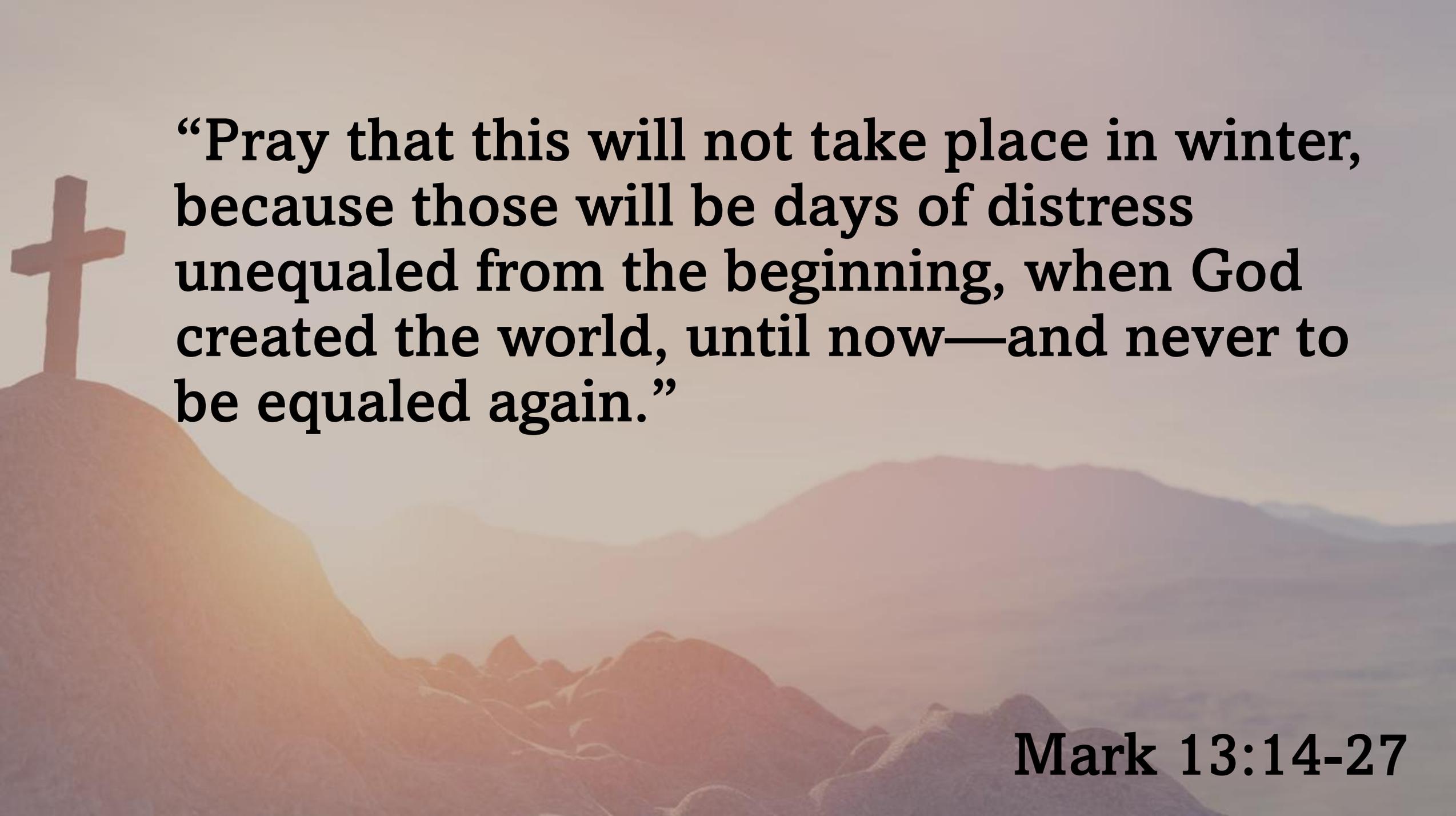
“His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.”

Daniel 11:31



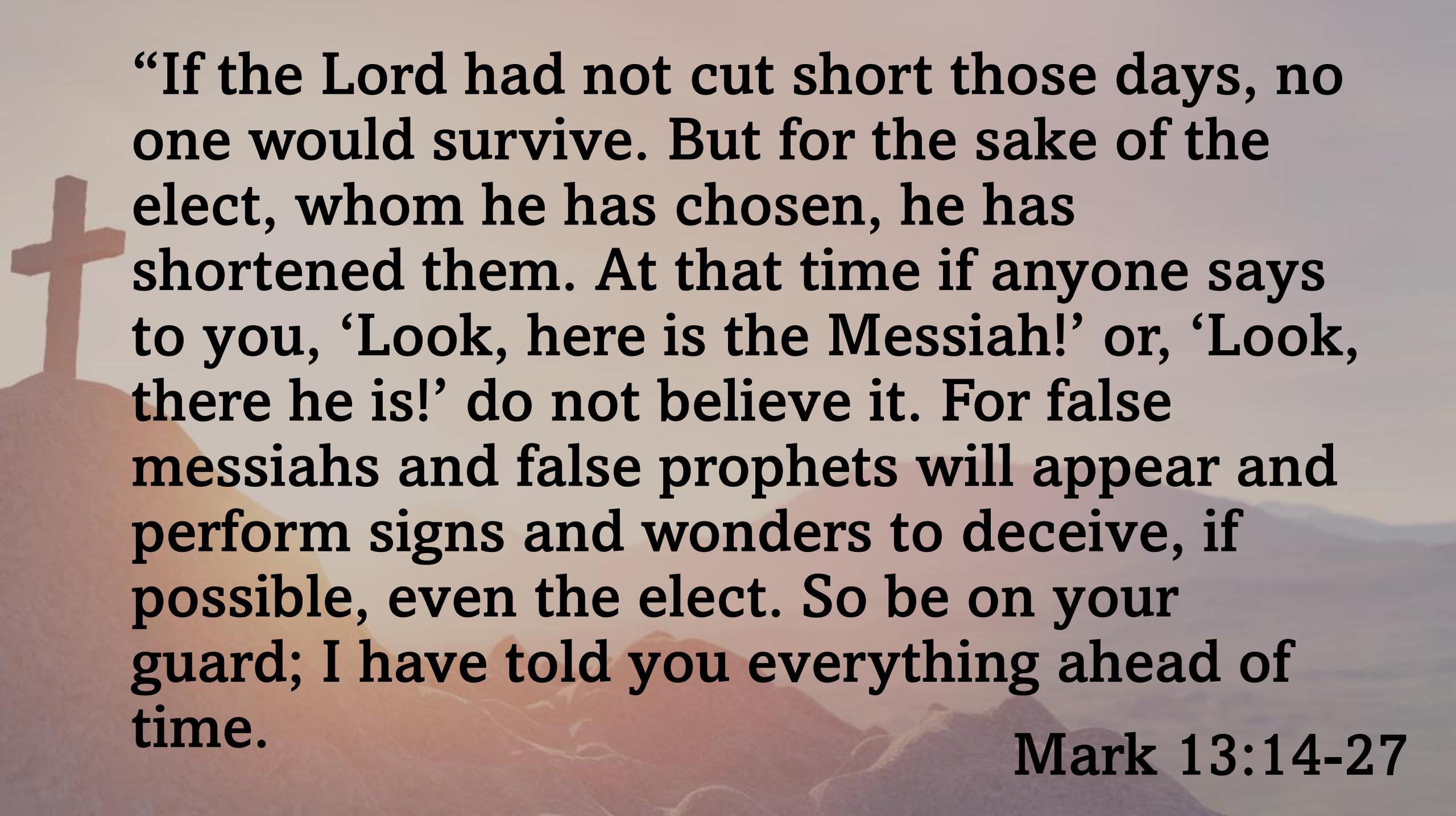
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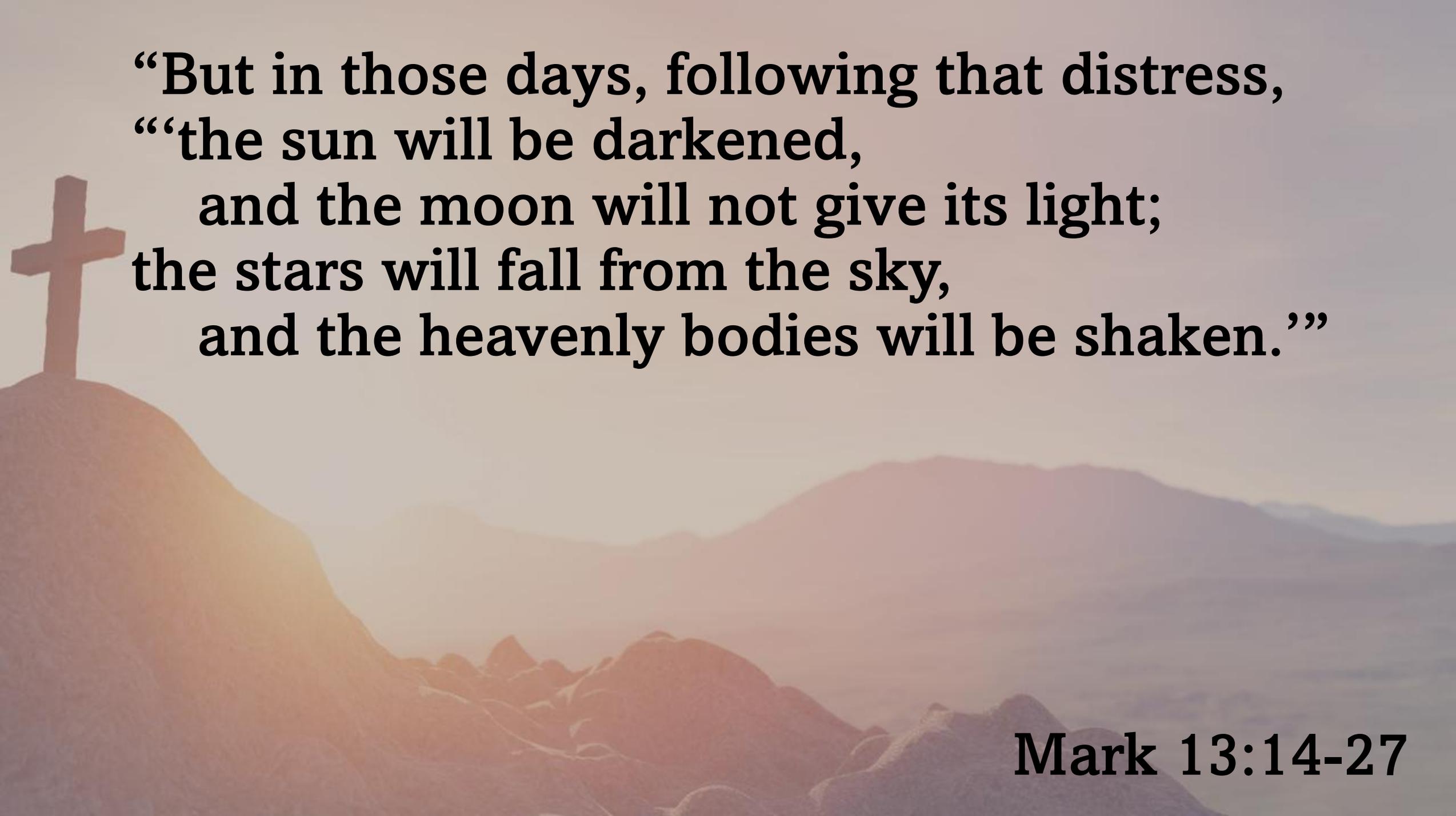
“Pray that this will not take place in winter, because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.”

Mark 13:14-27



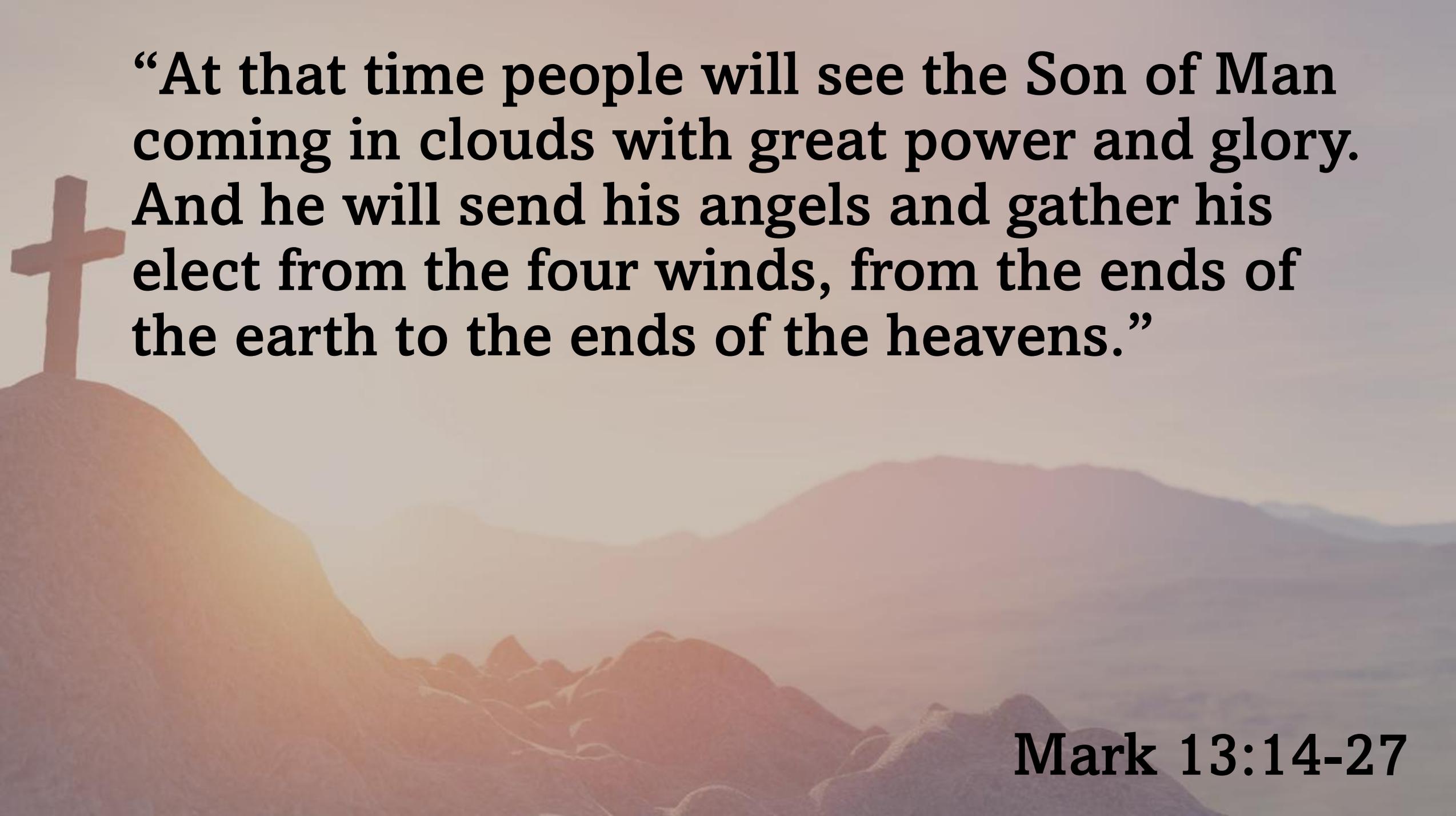
“If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

Mark 13:14-27

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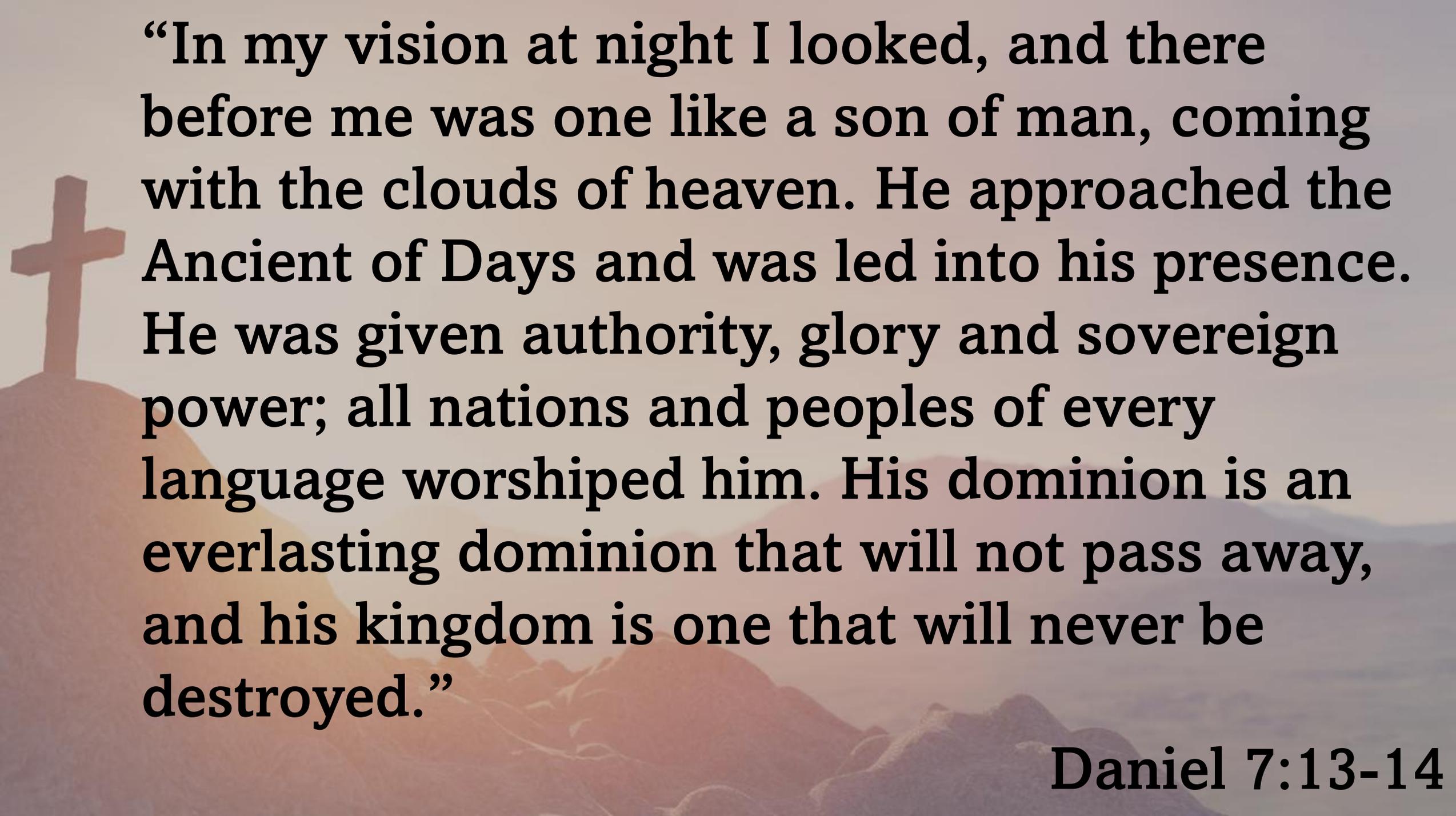
**“But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.””**

Mark 13:14-27

A background image of a landscape. On the left, a simple wooden cross stands on a small hill. The rest of the image shows rolling hills and mountains in the distance, all rendered in a soft, hazy, light brown or sepia tone. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of this image.

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.”

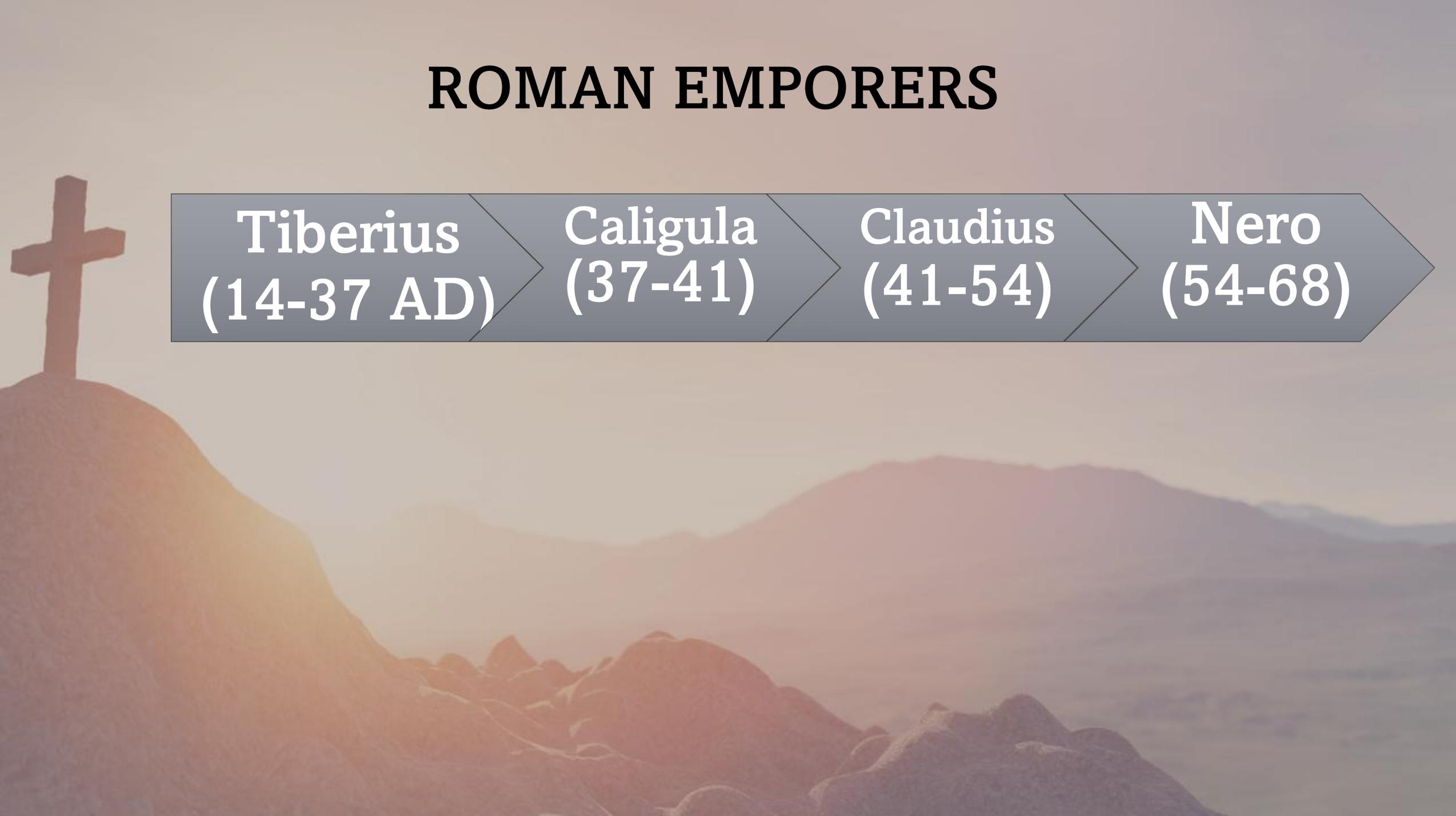
Mark 13:14-27



“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:13-14

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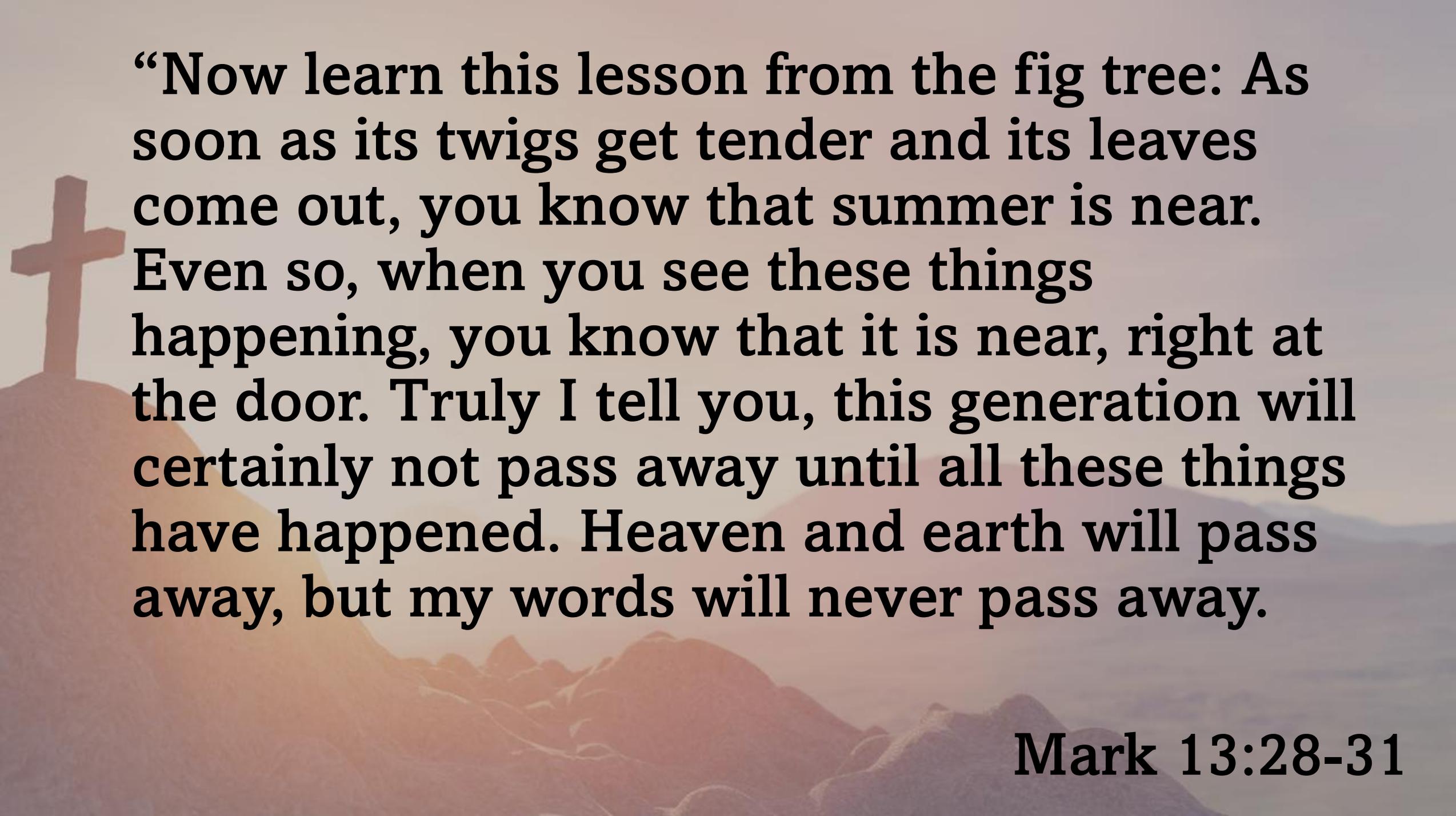
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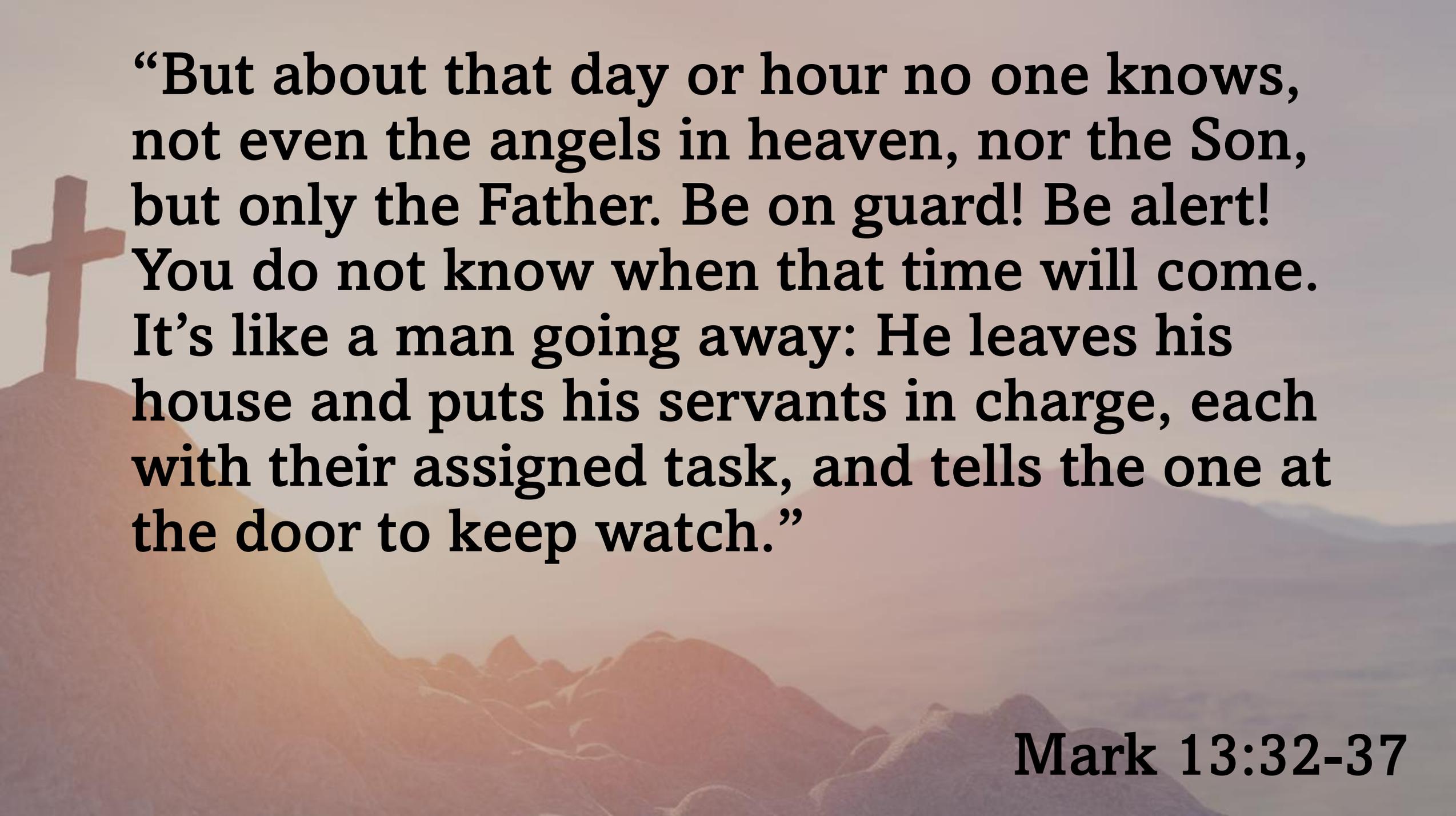
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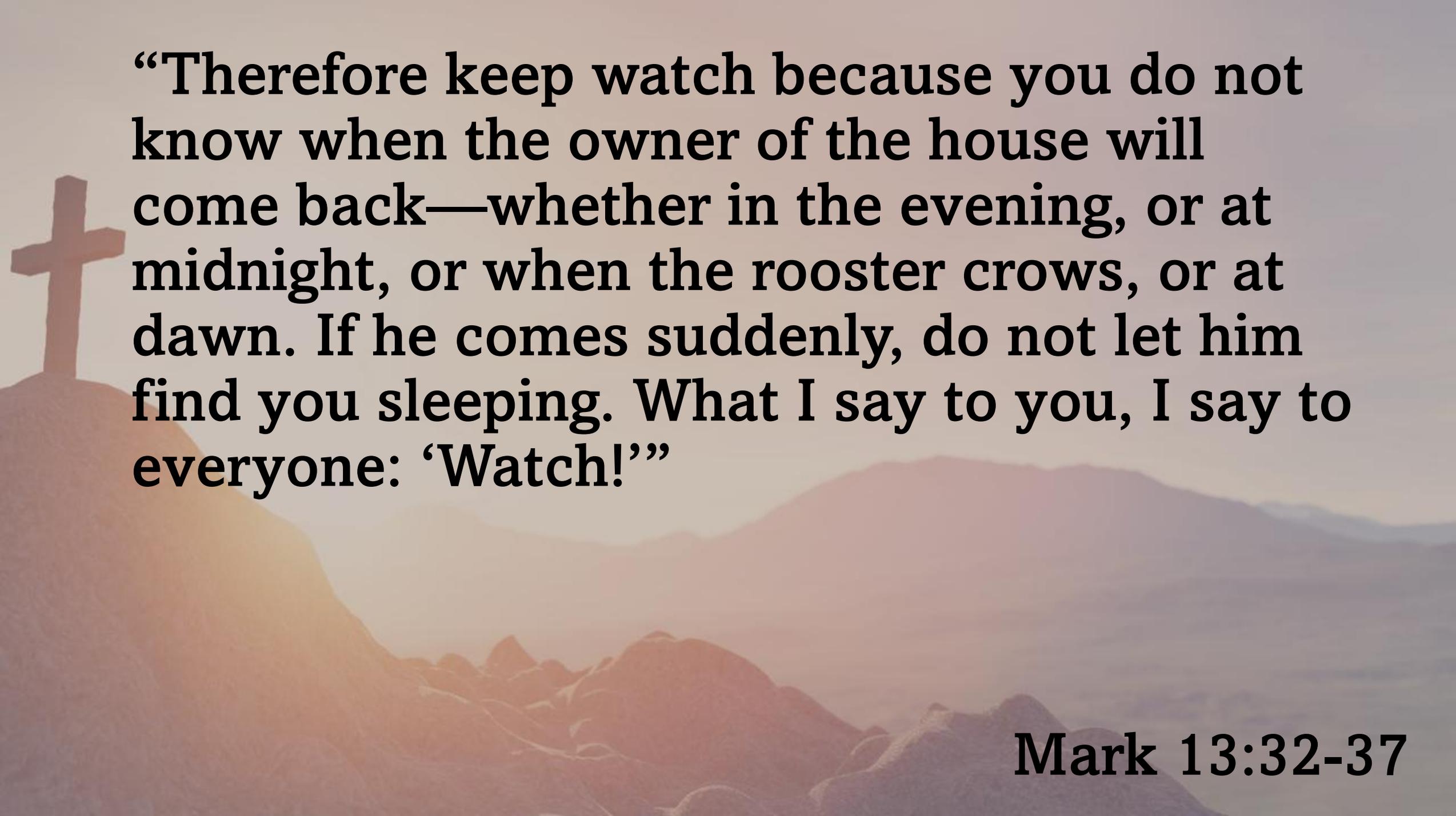
“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Mark 13:28-31



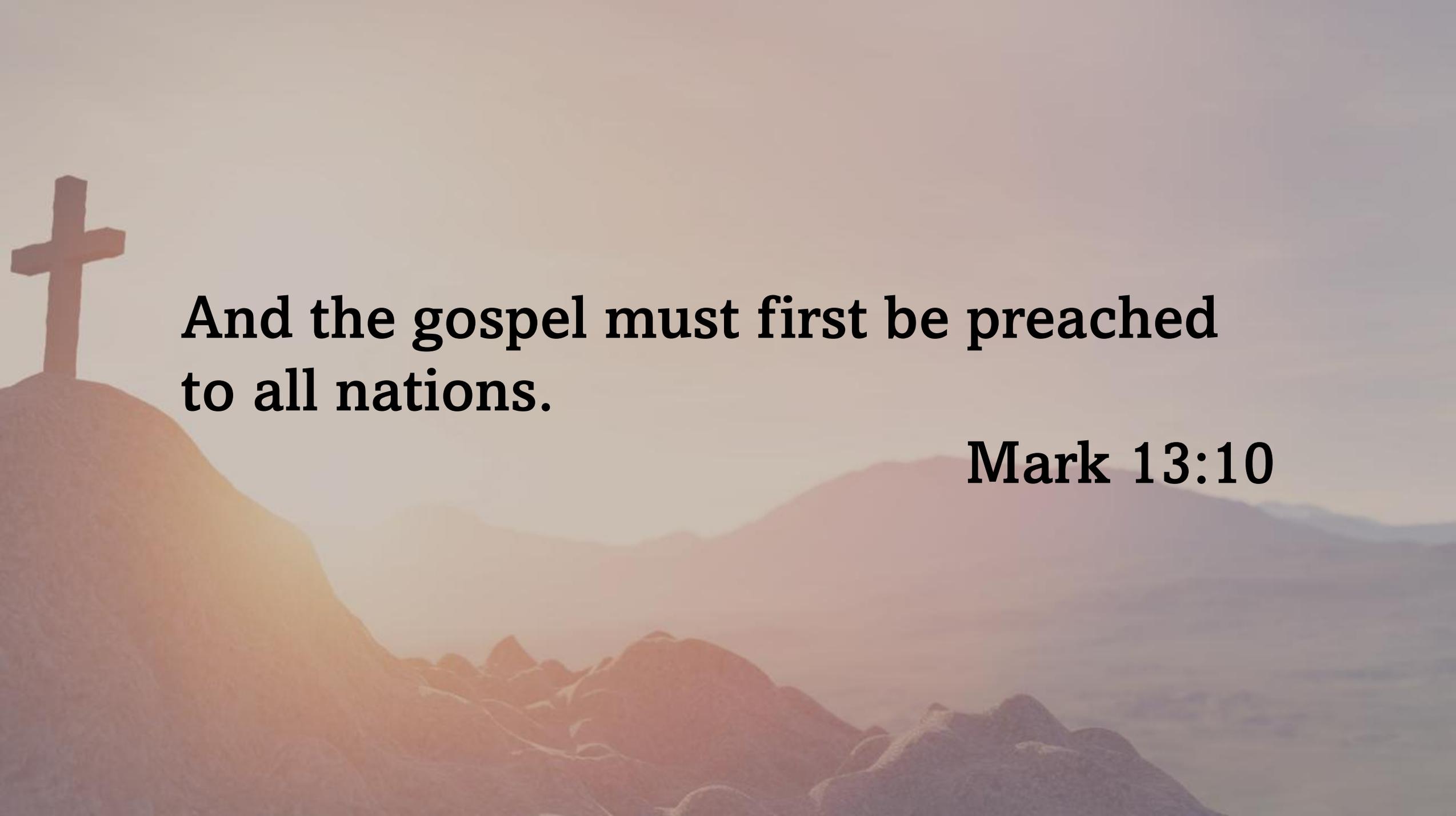
“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.”

Mark 13:32-37



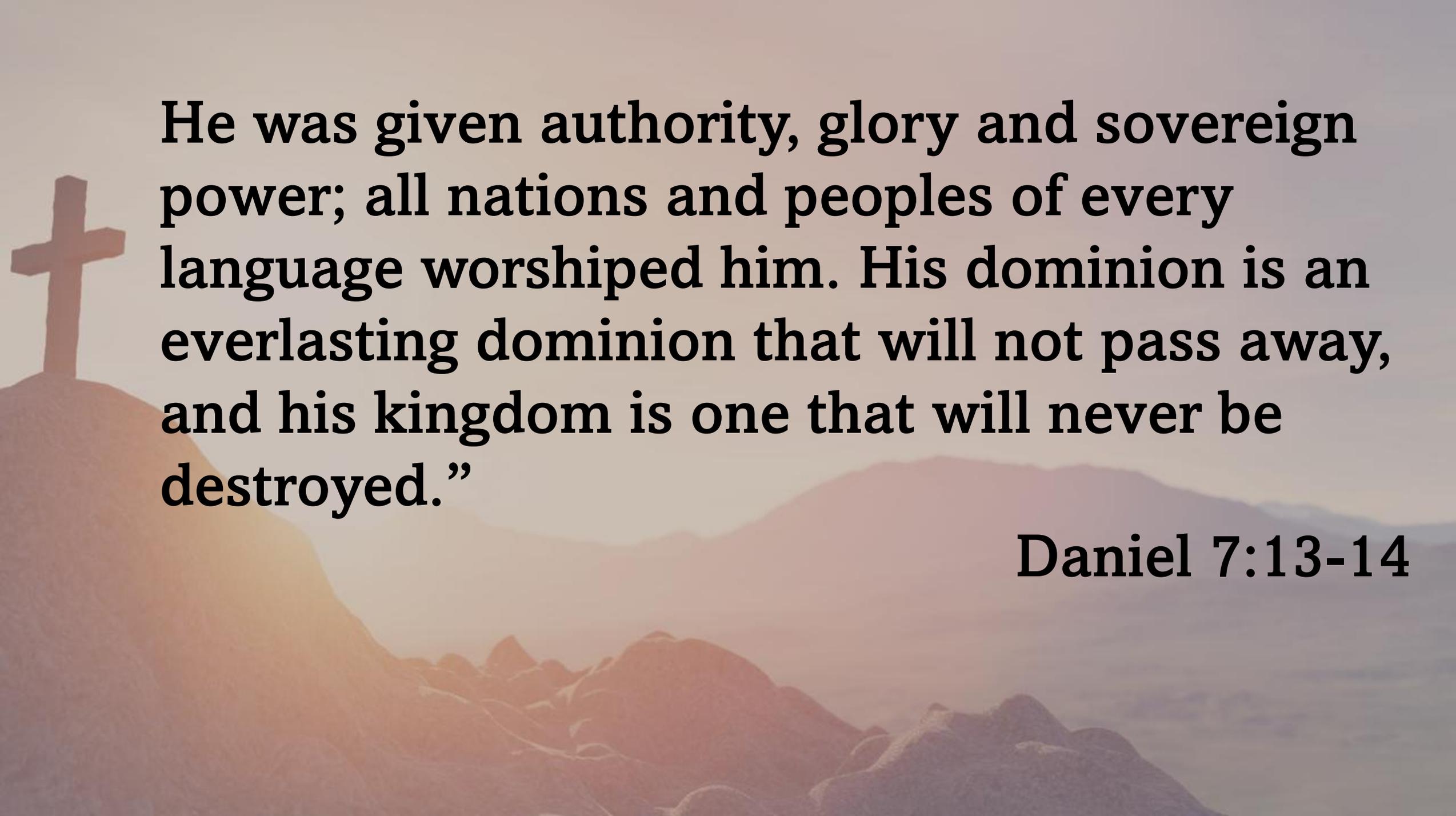
“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Mark 13:32-37

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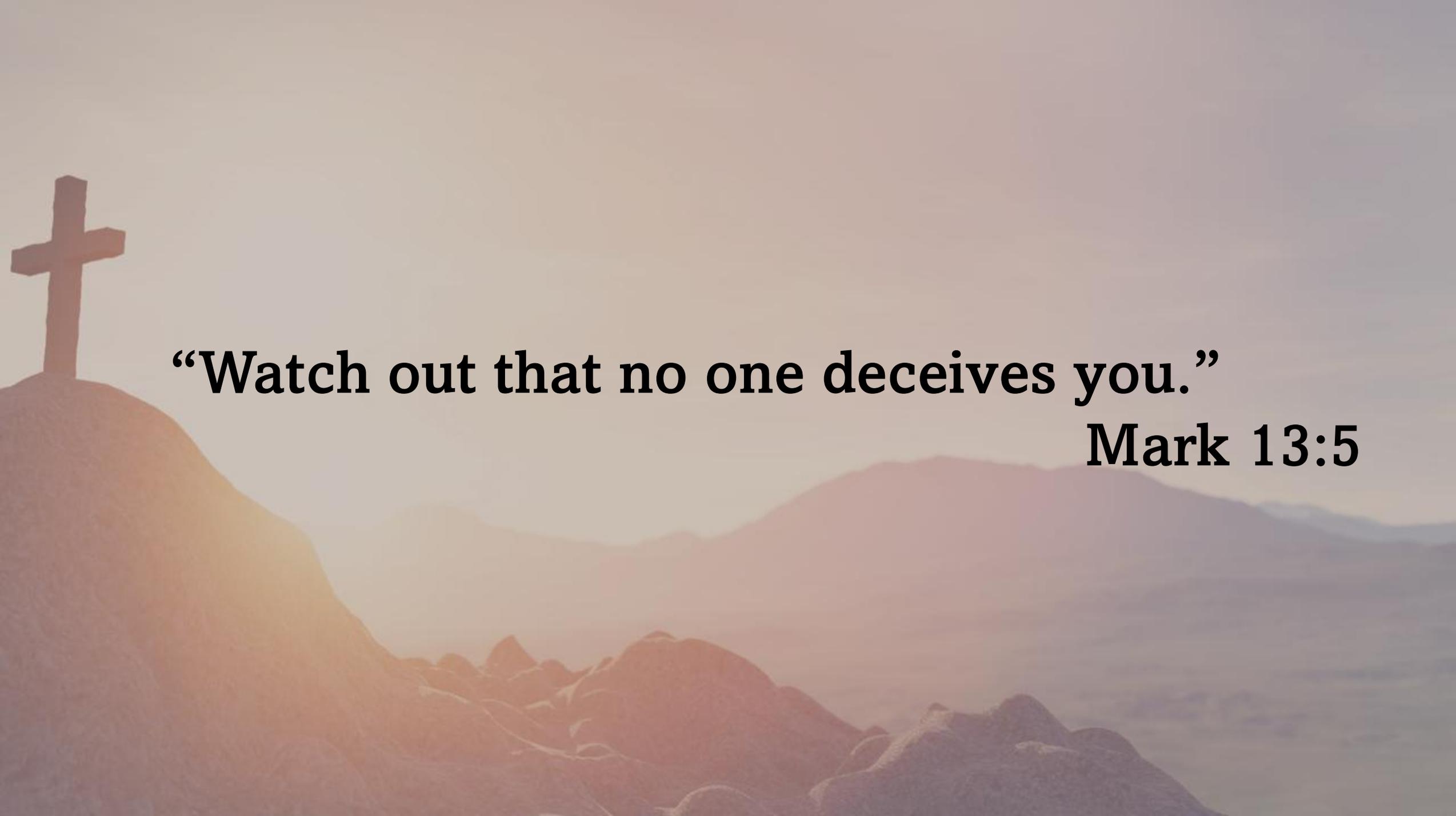
**And the gospel must first be preached
to all nations.**

Mark 13:10



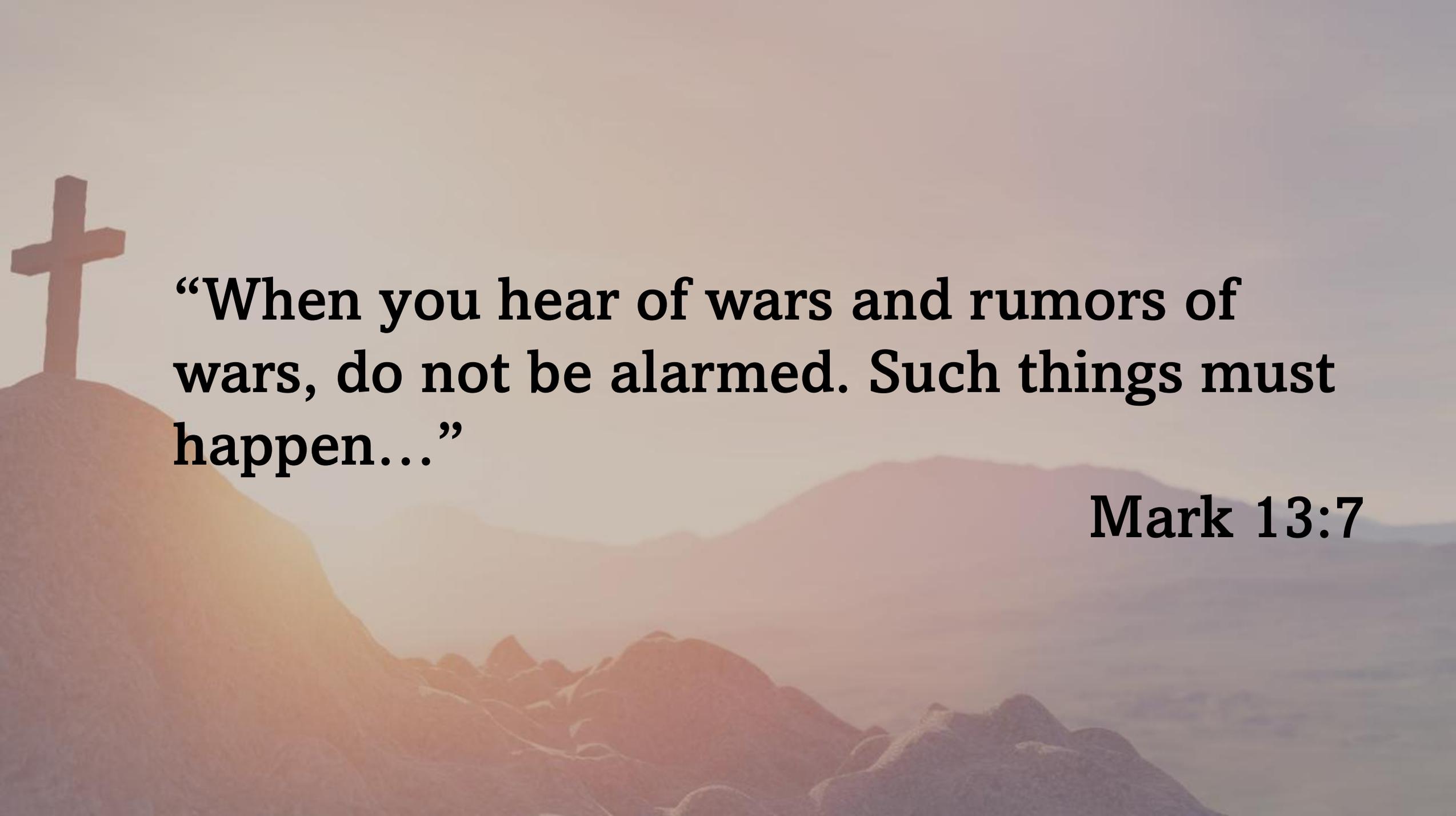
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Daniel 7:13-14

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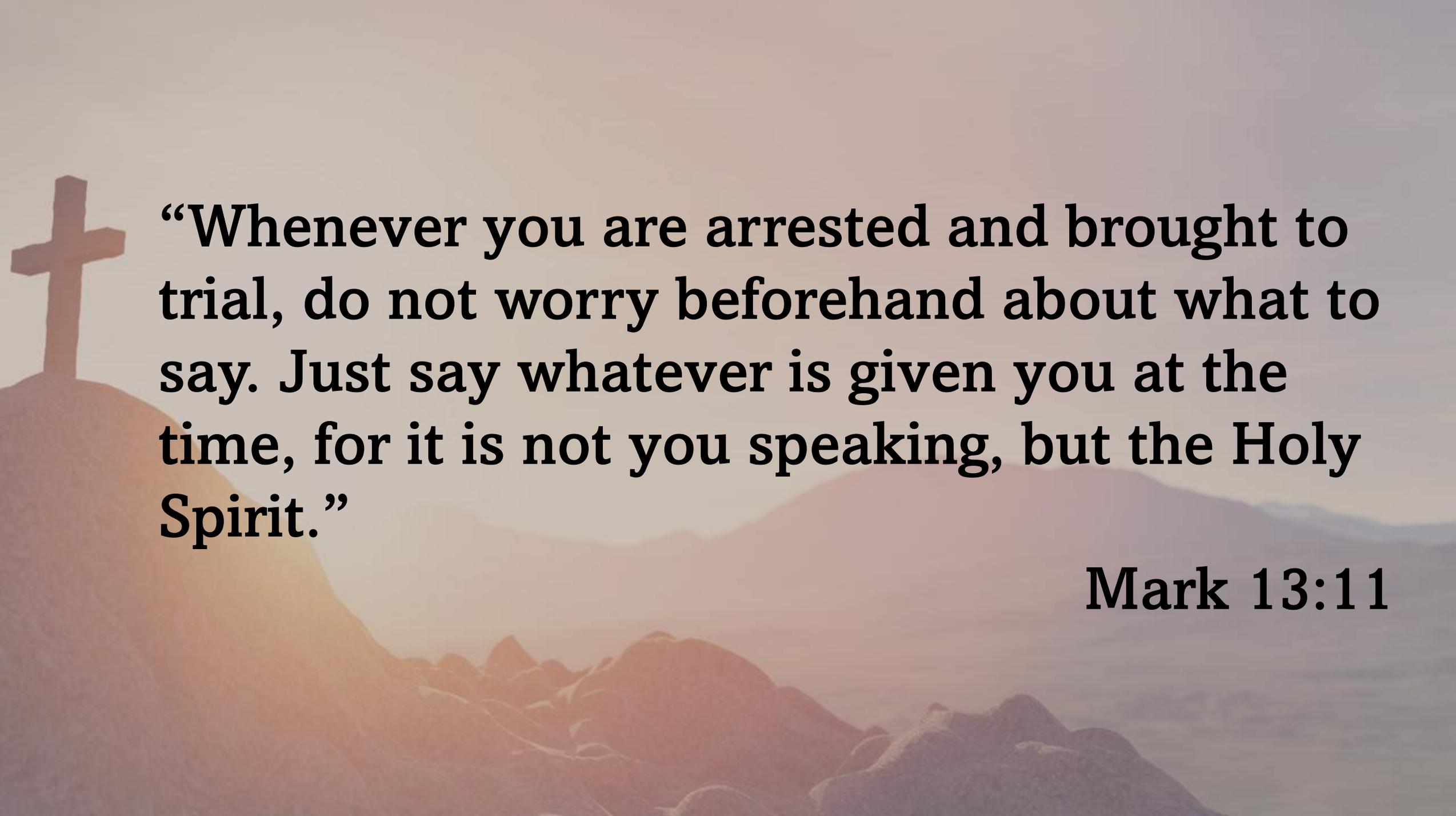
“Watch out that no one deceives you.”

Mark 13:5

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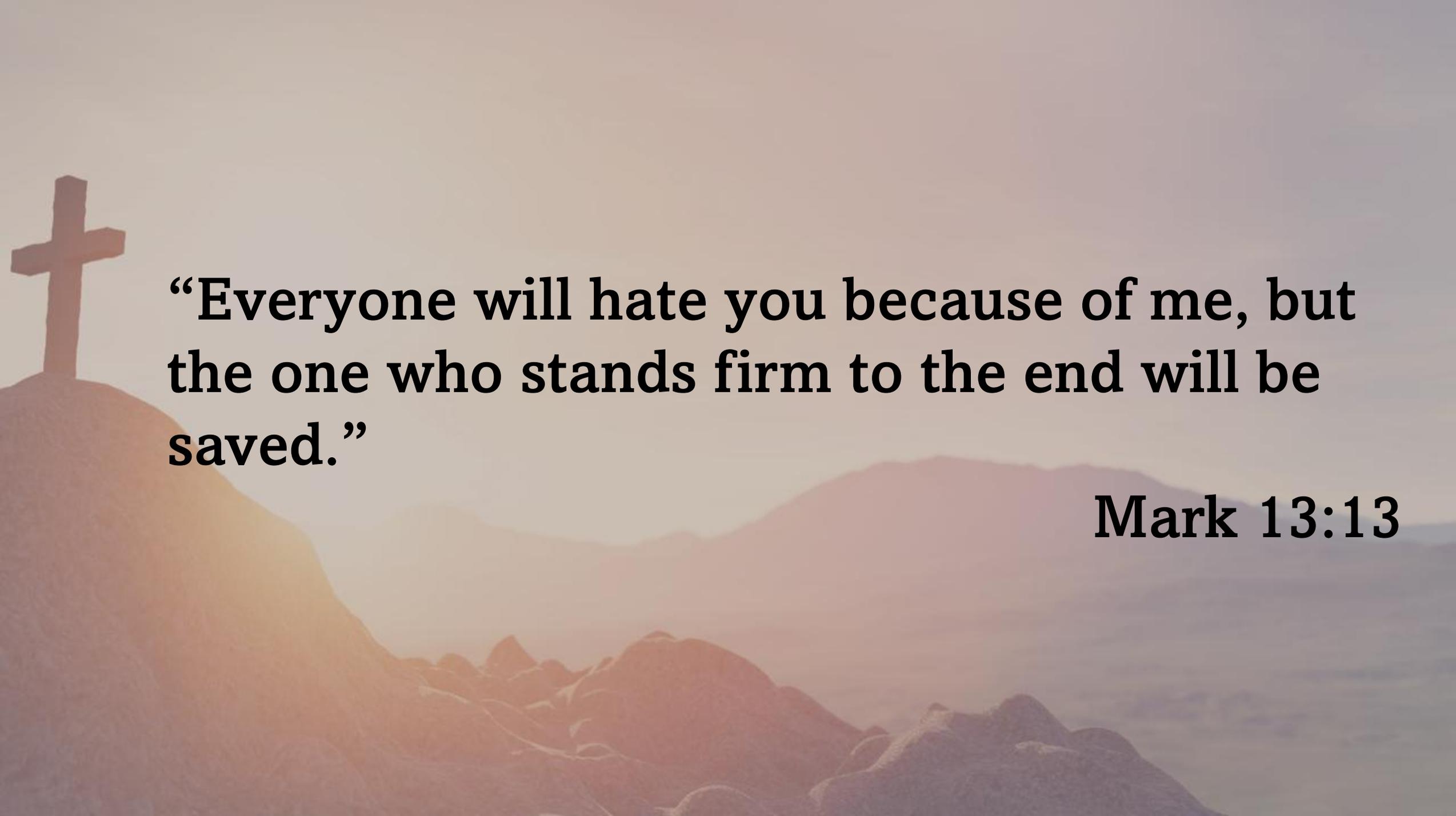
“When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen...”

Mark 13:7



“Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 13:11

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“Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

Mark 13:13

A landscape scene featuring a large, dark cross standing on a prominent, rounded hill in the foreground. The hill is illuminated from the left, creating a warm, golden glow. In the background, there are several layers of misty, rolling mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The overall color palette is muted and atmospheric, with shades of brown, tan, and soft blue.

On the Way *to the Cross*