





A Transforming Kingdom

Luke 9,
Part B

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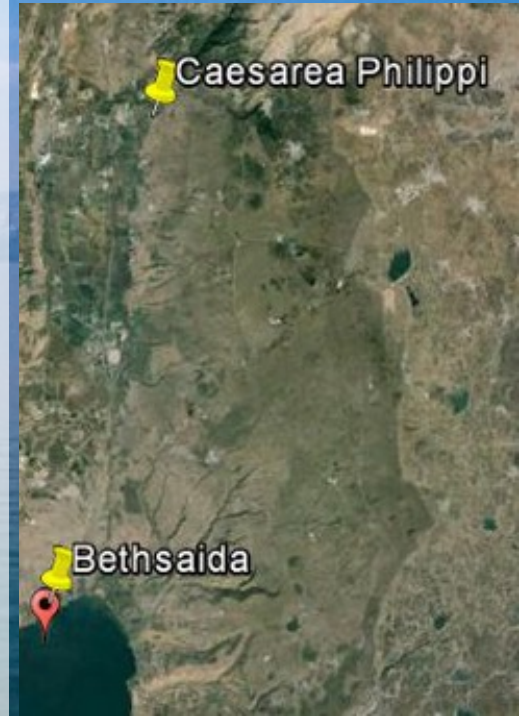
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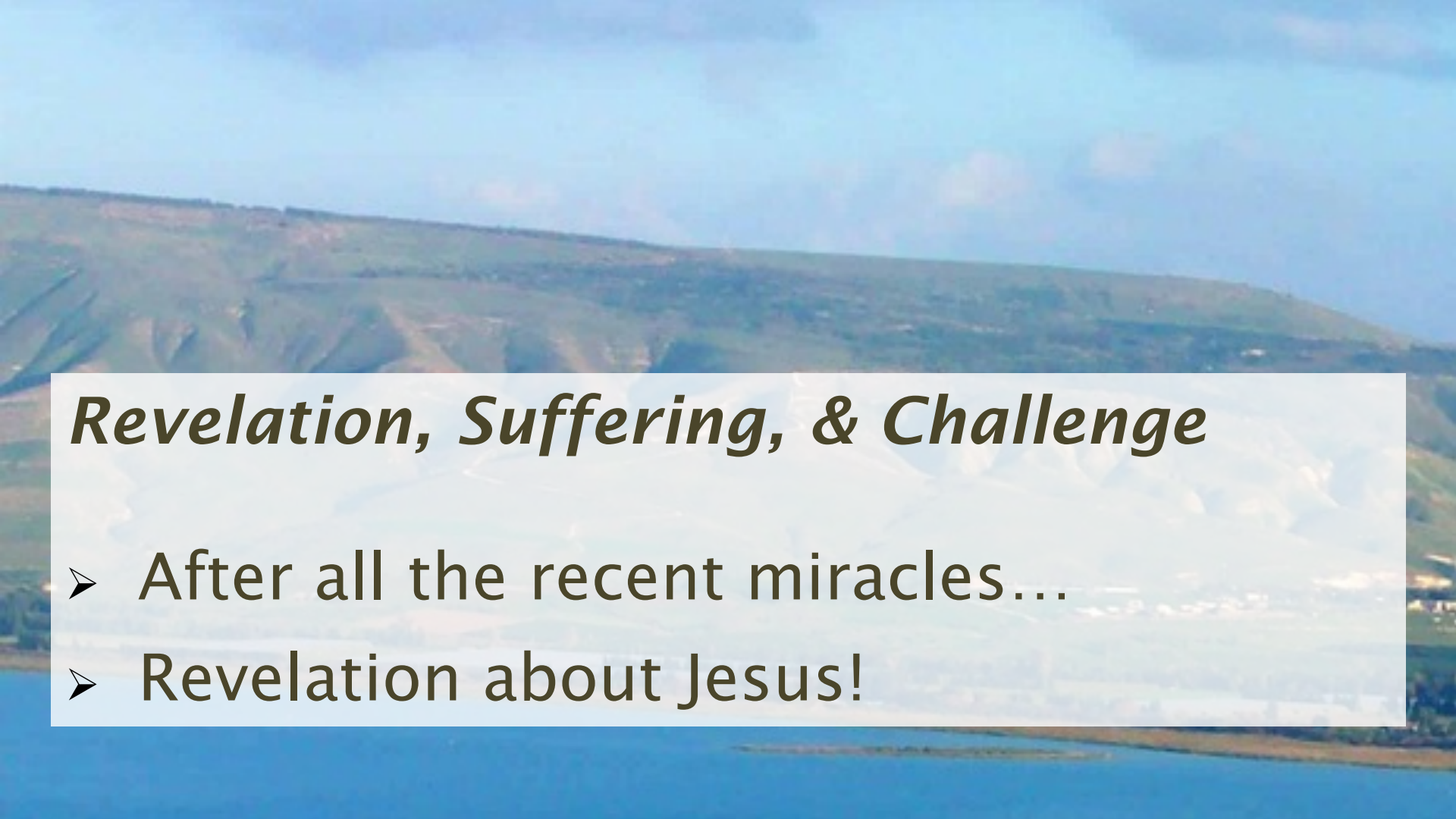
Luke 9...Jesus' continuing ministry

This chapter has several events that follow the same order in all gospels...

- Sending out the disciples
- Feeding 5,000
- Peter's declaration about Jesus
- The Transfiguration of Jesus
- Jesus' predictions of his death

- Today...
- At Caesarea Philippi
- Peter's declaration... Jesus' response
- Jesus' declaration... Peter's response
- Jesus' prophecy and challenge to us all...
- The Transfiguration





Revelation, Suffering, & Challenge

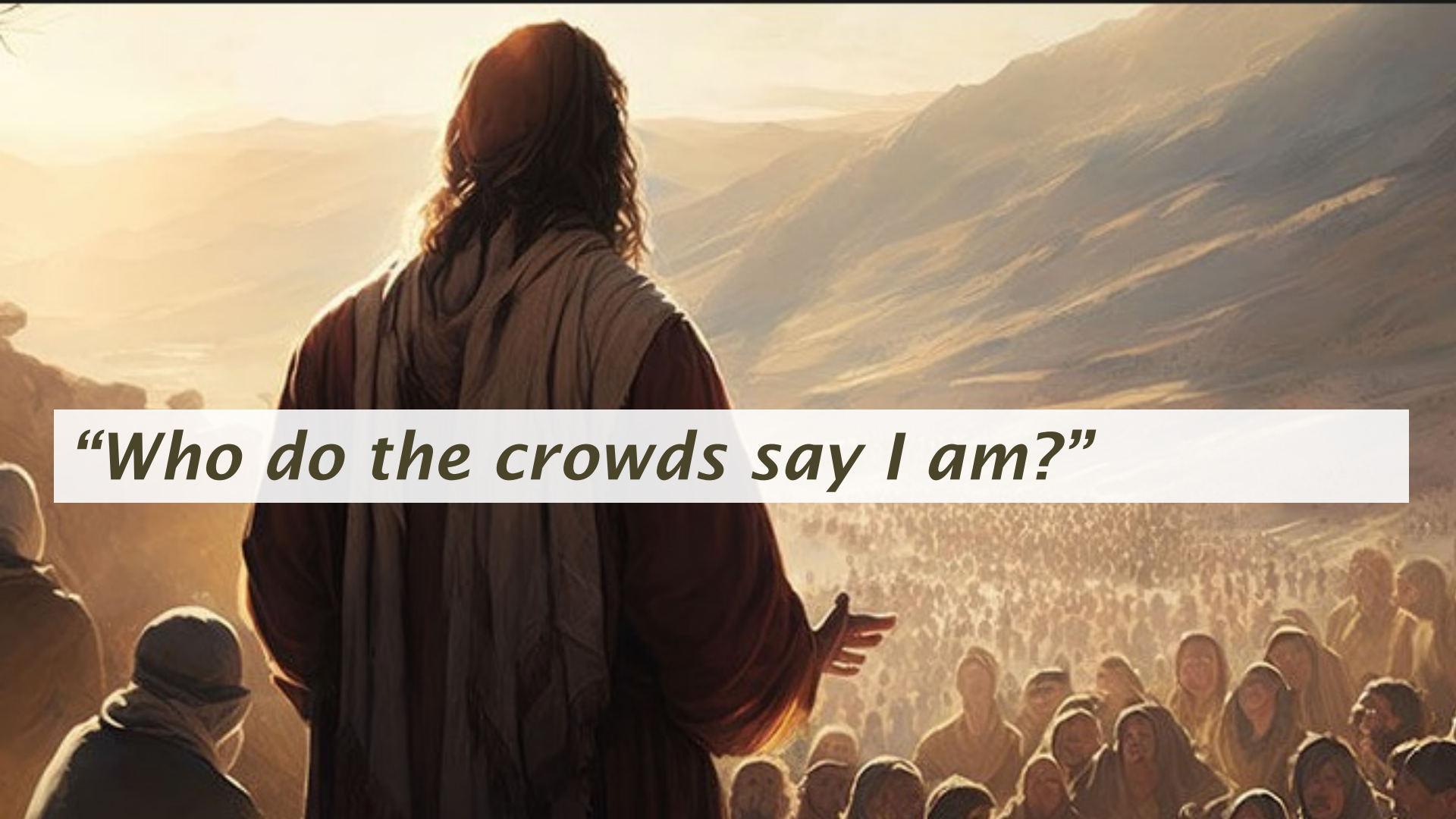
- After all the recent miracles...
- Revelation about Jesus!



Jesus' Kingdom is revealed in
two new ways...

- The amazing glory of Jesus
- *The coming suffering of Jesus*



A cinematic still from a film depicting Jesus standing with his back to the camera, looking out over a vast, mountainous landscape at sunrise or sunset. He is wearing a brown robe and a head covering. His right arm is extended towards a large crowd of people gathered in the valley below. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, creating a dramatic and spiritual atmosphere.

“Who do the crowds say I am?”

A. Revelation—Luke 9

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

¹⁹ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.

²⁰ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.” (Luke 9:18-20)

Matthew 16:13-20 ...more detail

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...

...whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.





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His Mission

Peter's Privilege?

Note that Jesus is
saying “you” –
(singular) to Peter
in these amazing
statements

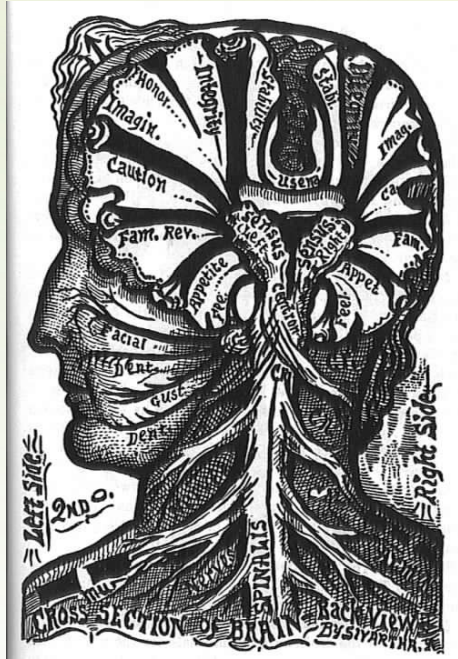
*But a major
surprise is about
to happen!*



Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”



²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

1. Peter's revelation of Jesus is enabled by God
2. It implies privilege
3. But it does not prevent Peter from misspeaking in the next instant!
4. When God works through us it is special (it is not us who is God)



- ❖ History shows us that people acting like gods has led to error **over and over!**
- ❖ *People doing God's will in accordance with his word has led to good*
- ❖ Is it possible to keep this in balance?
The next event shows how...
- ❖ God will let Peter, James & John see his Son...

28 “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”



The Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.

³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying).

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.
³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.





B. Suffering

- ❖ The Transfiguration reveals the real Jesus to all of us!
- ❖ *Moses is the key OT leader, Elijah is the key prophet.* Both affirm the mission of Jesus and its fulfillment in Jerusalem

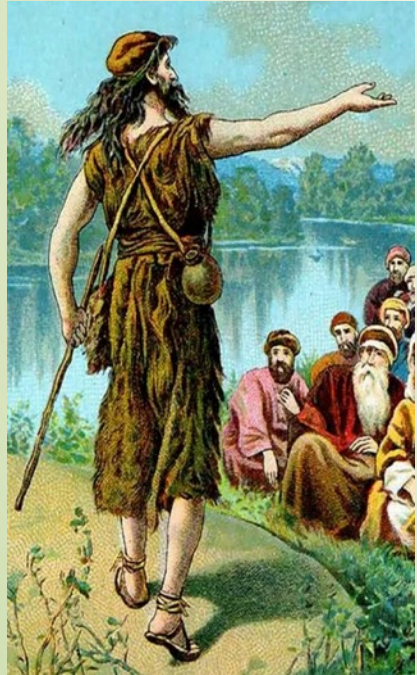
❖ Both Matthew (& Mark) include an additional detail...*Matthew 17*:

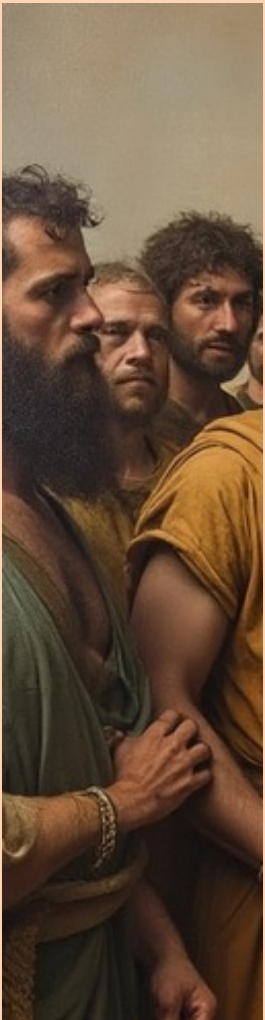
⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

¹⁰ The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

¹¹ Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.

¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

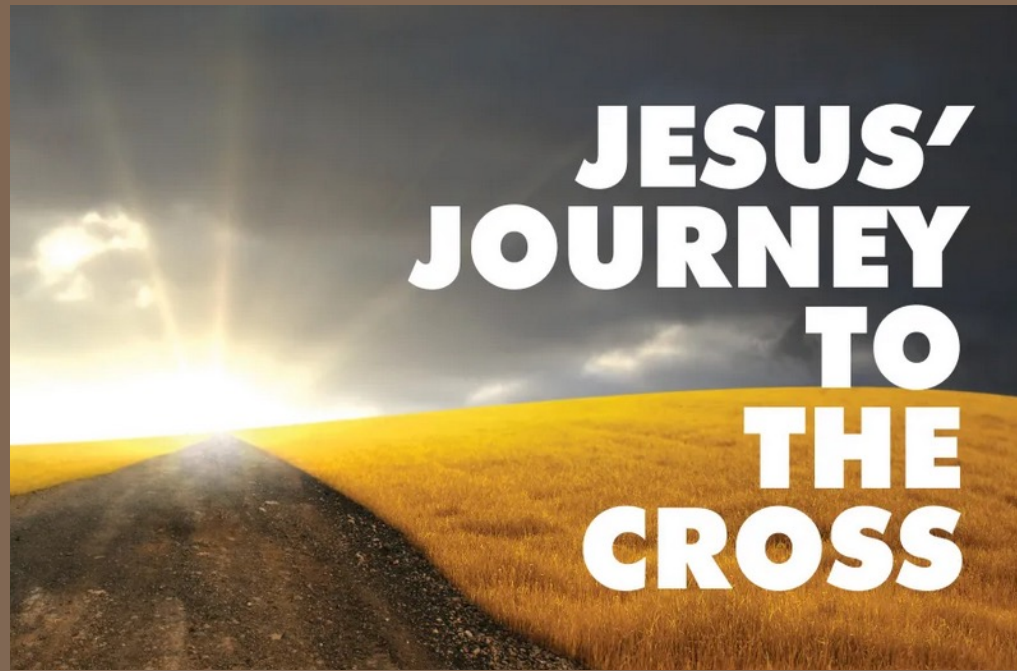




- ❖ The three human companions do not understand—Peter's suggestion is human thinking once again
- ❖ God gives them (and us) key guidance: *"This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."*
- ❖ The road ahead for Jesus is sacrifice...



- ❖ God met Moses on the mountain and spoke from the burning bush
- ❖ God met Elijah at Mt. Sinai and spoke to him
- ❖ God meets Jesus here—and points to the cross...

A background image for the title featuring a dark, winding path leading through a golden field towards a bright, glowing horizon under a dramatic, cloudy sky.

JESUS' JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

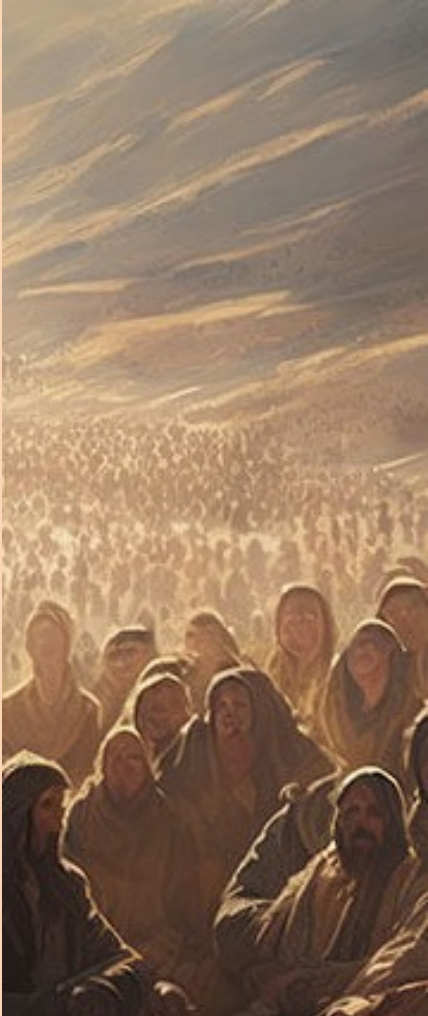
13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zách-à-rí-às: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

What do we take with us
from today's passage?

C. Challenge

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of E-l-i-às, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and to make ready the way of the Lord.

A large crowd of people, possibly a biblical scene, gathered in a desert landscape under a bright, hazy sky. The people are dressed in traditional robes, and the scene is bathed in warm, golden light.

Glory, Suffering, & Challenge

- This chapter contains spectacular miracles!
- There are moments of glory—for Peter, and for Jesus
- But... the focus is on a path of suffering Jesus will take
- Jesus challenges us to follow him

- We are challenged to think of our life beyond this world
- *The religious elite will reject Jesus*
- Jesus will return with his holy angels...will we be ready?





²³ Then he said to them all:
“Whoever wants to be my
disciple must deny
themselves and take up their
cross daily and follow me.
²⁴ For whoever wants to save
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me will save it.

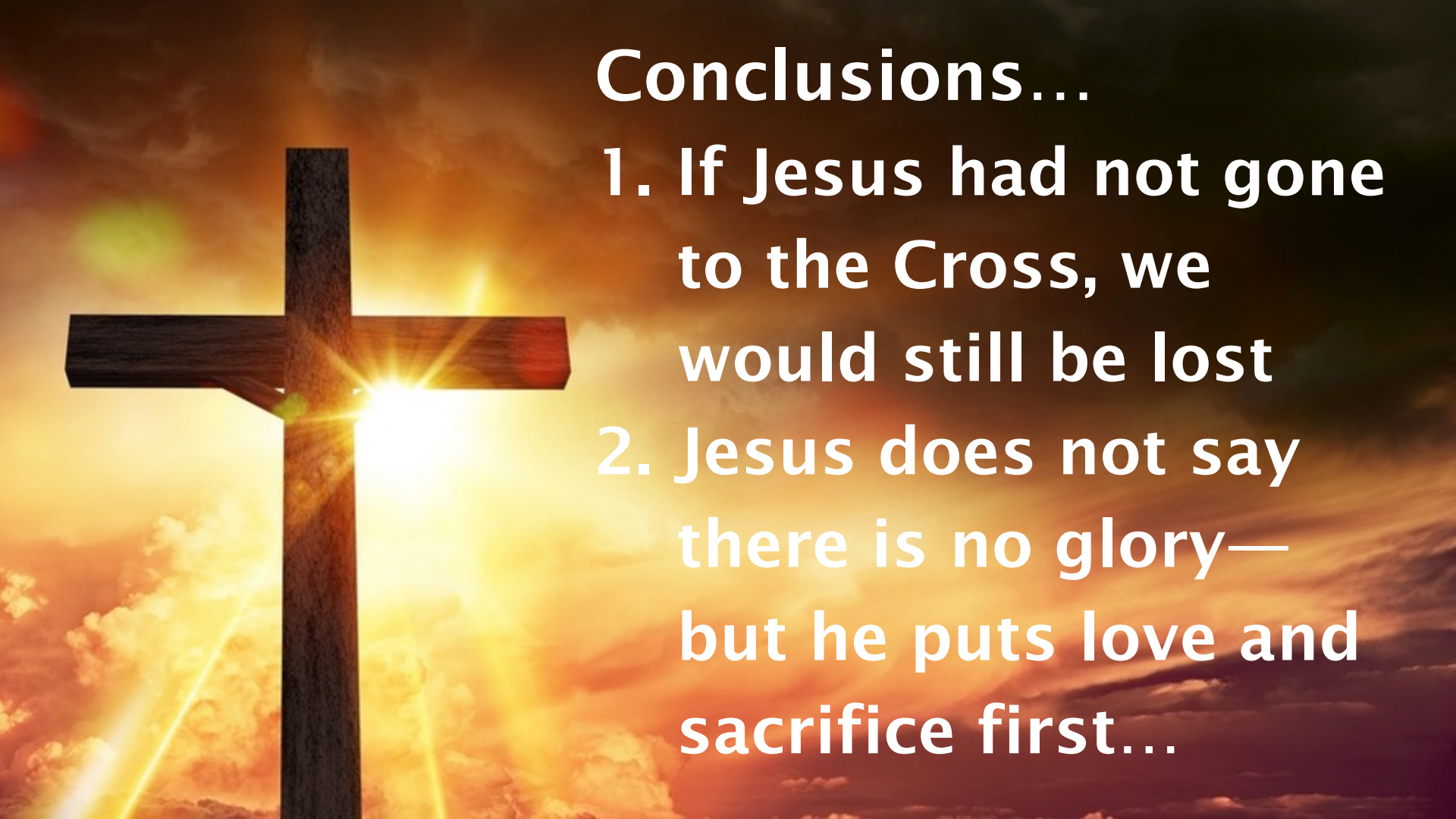
²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.



Question...Is it possible to follow?

- Crowds always curious
- Those desperately in need...
- Close disciples engaged and obedient
- What about us?
- ...a key seems to be willingness to start...

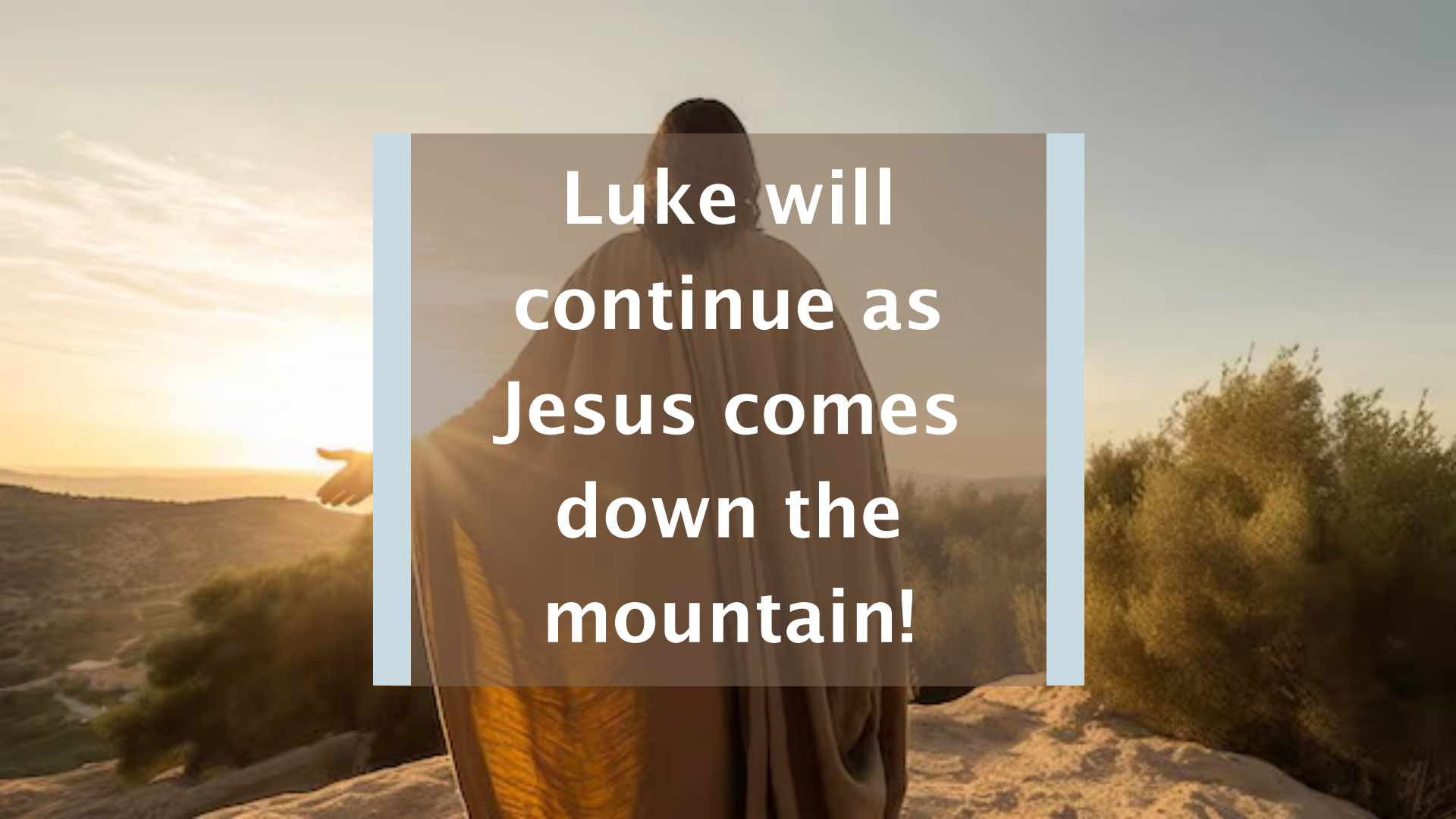


Conclusions...

1. If Jesus had not gone to the Cross, we would still be lost
2. Jesus does not say there is no glory—but he puts love and sacrifice first...



3. We should see Peter's privilege as one we can share—God will work through us and reveal truth to us
4. Not everyone will respond favourably to Jesus (we'll see this again next week)
5. We are individuals...

A person wearing a brown robe stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The person's right arm is extended towards the horizon. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Luke will continue as Jesus comes down the mountain!".

**Luke will
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