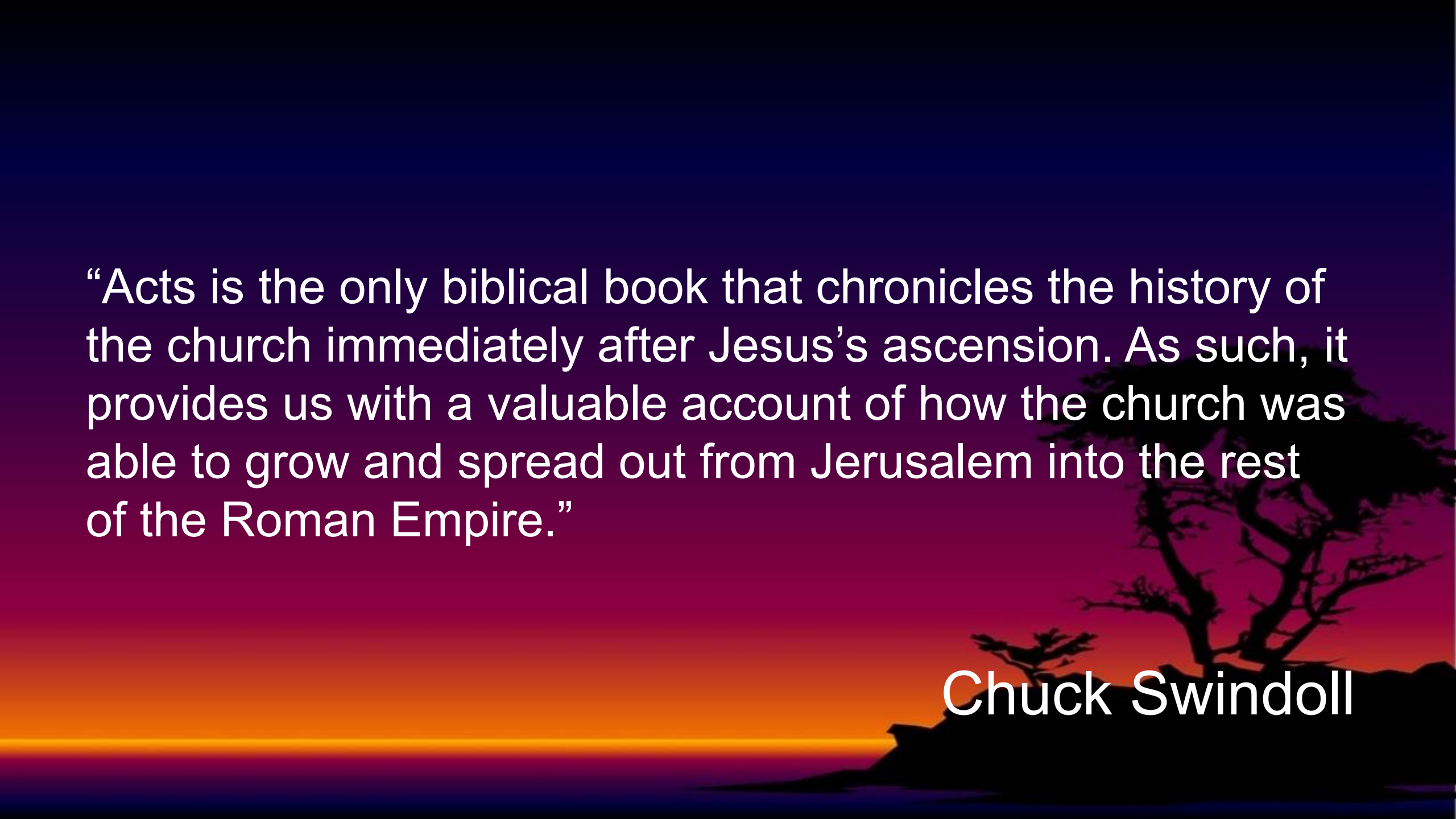


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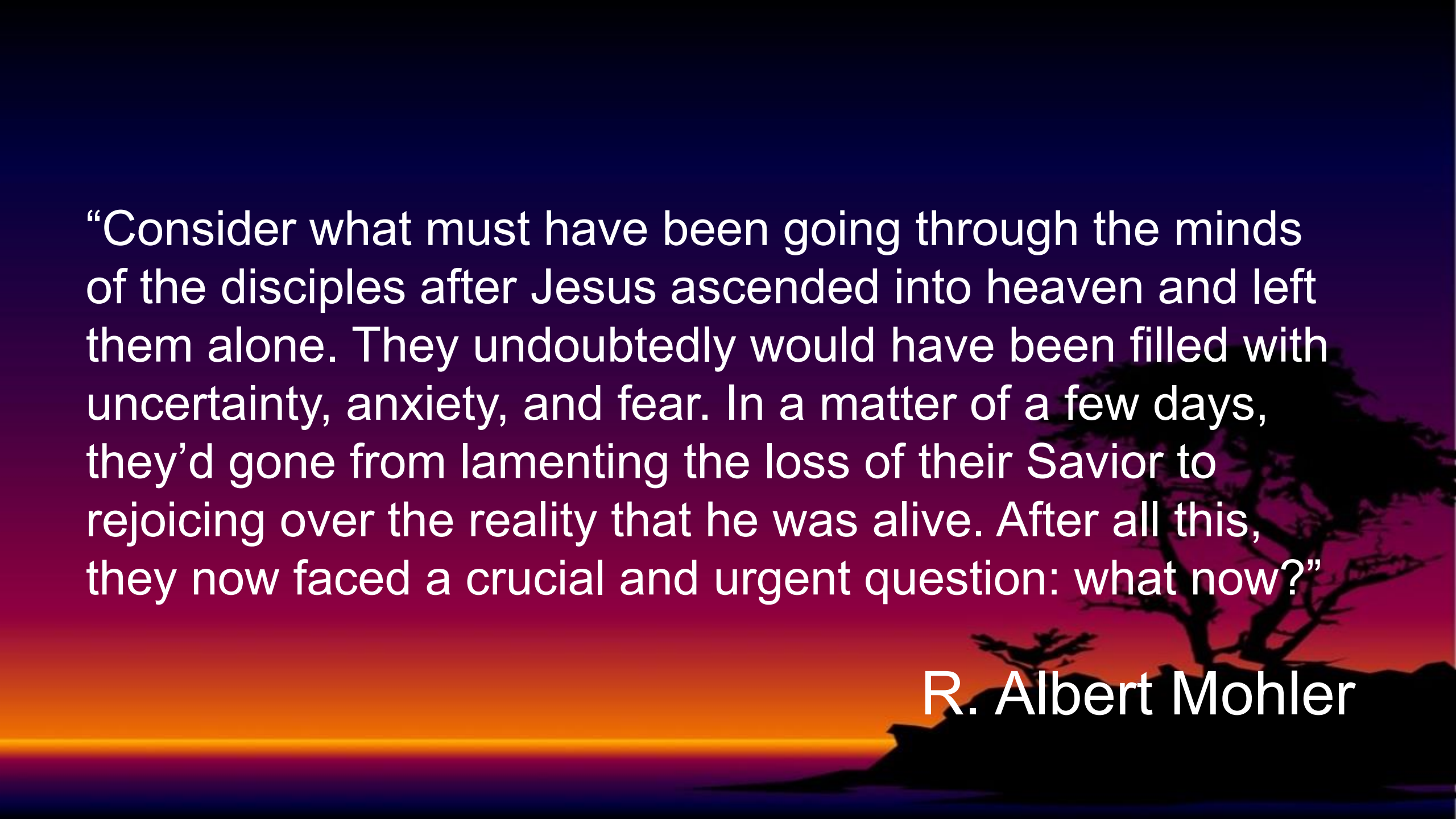
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Chuck Swindoll

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“Consider what must have been going through the minds of the disciples after Jesus ascended into heaven and left them alone. They undoubtedly would have been filled with uncertainty, anxiety, and fear. In a matter of a few days, they’d gone from lamenting the loss of their Savior to rejoicing over the reality that he was alive. After all this, they now faced a crucial and urgent question: what now?”

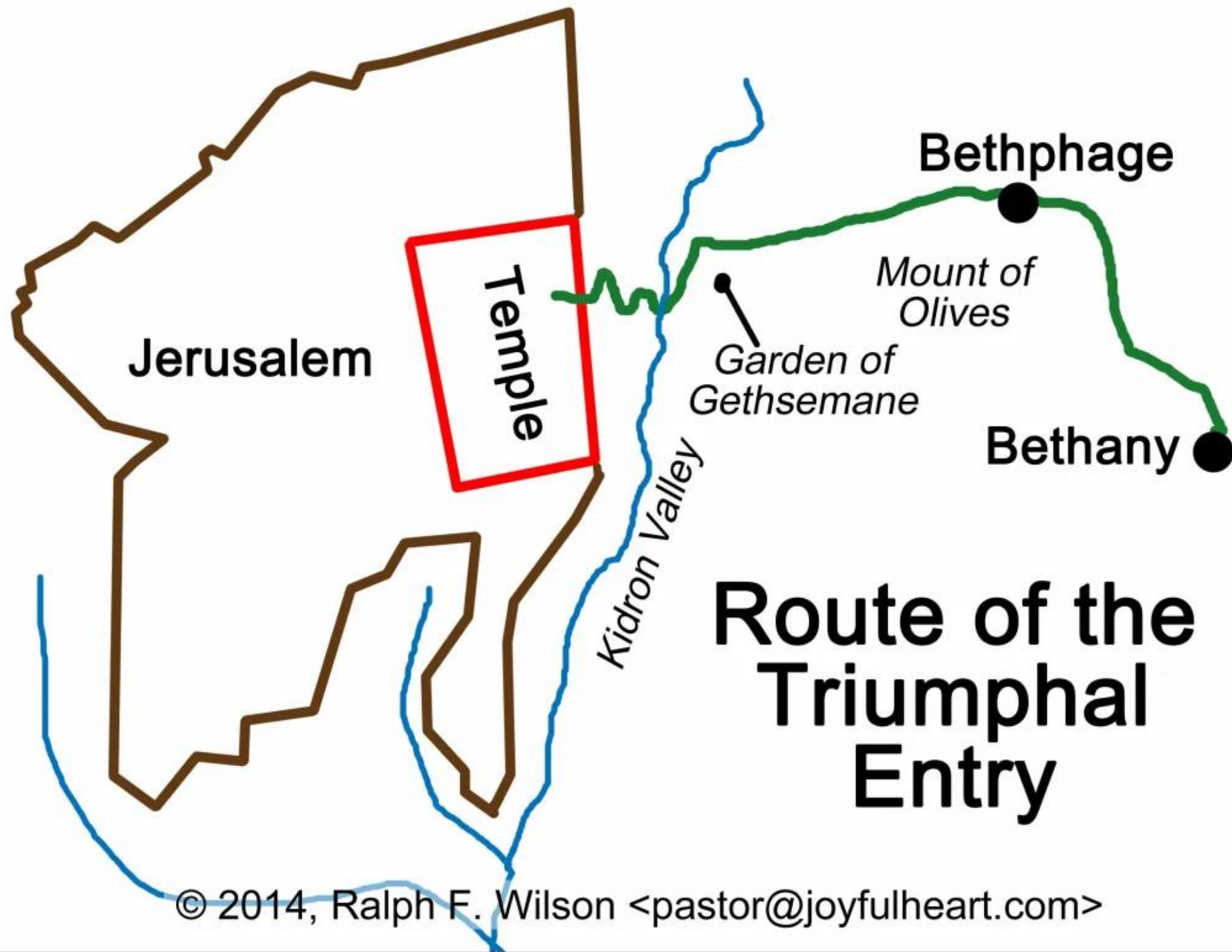
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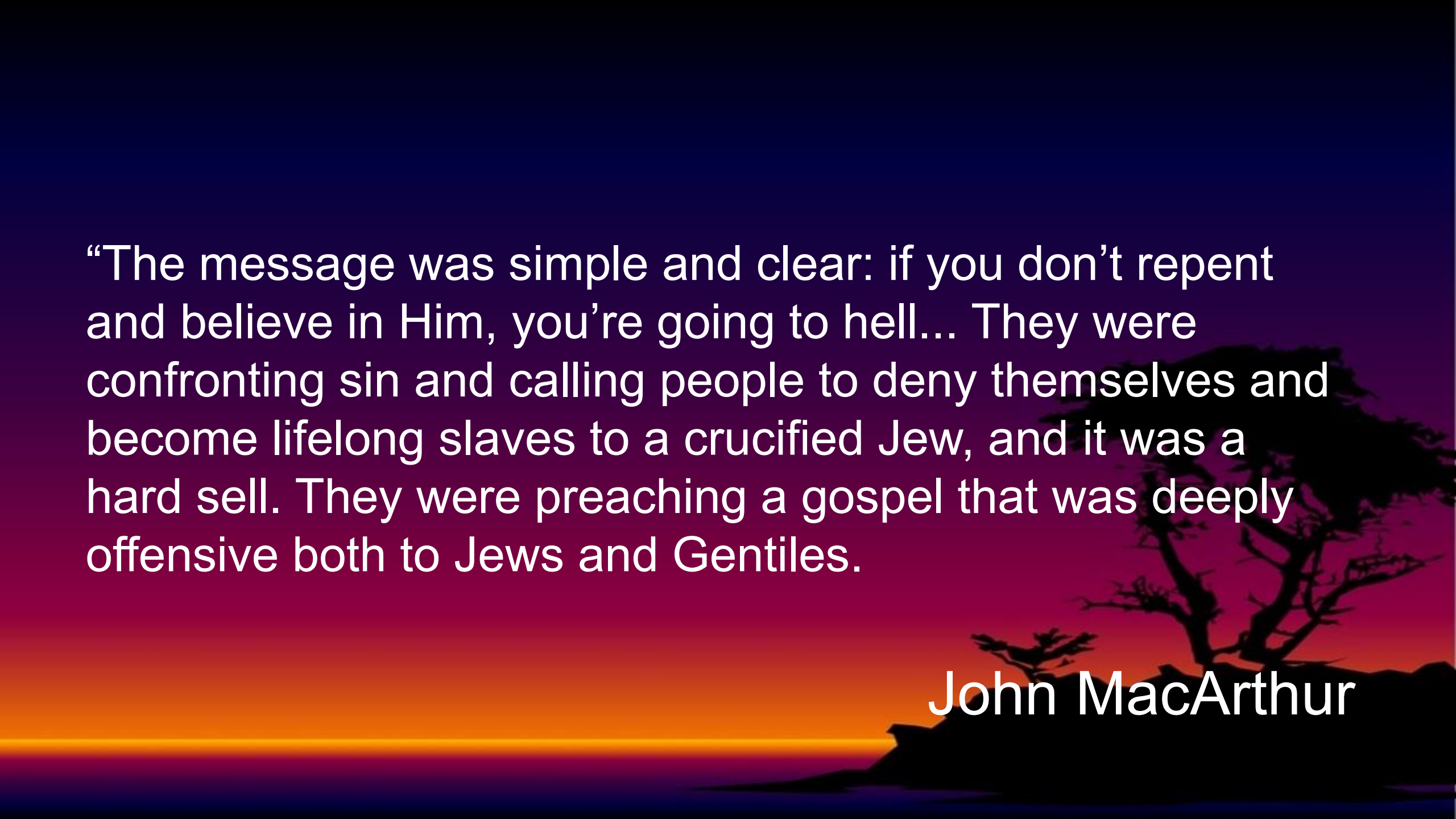
¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.

Acts 1:12-26

¹⁴ These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 1:12-26



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“The message was simple and clear: if you don’t repent and believe in Him, you’re going to hell... They were confronting sin and calling people to deny themselves and become lifelong slaves to a crucified Jew, and it was a hard sell. They were preaching a gospel that was deeply offensive both to Jews and Gentiles.

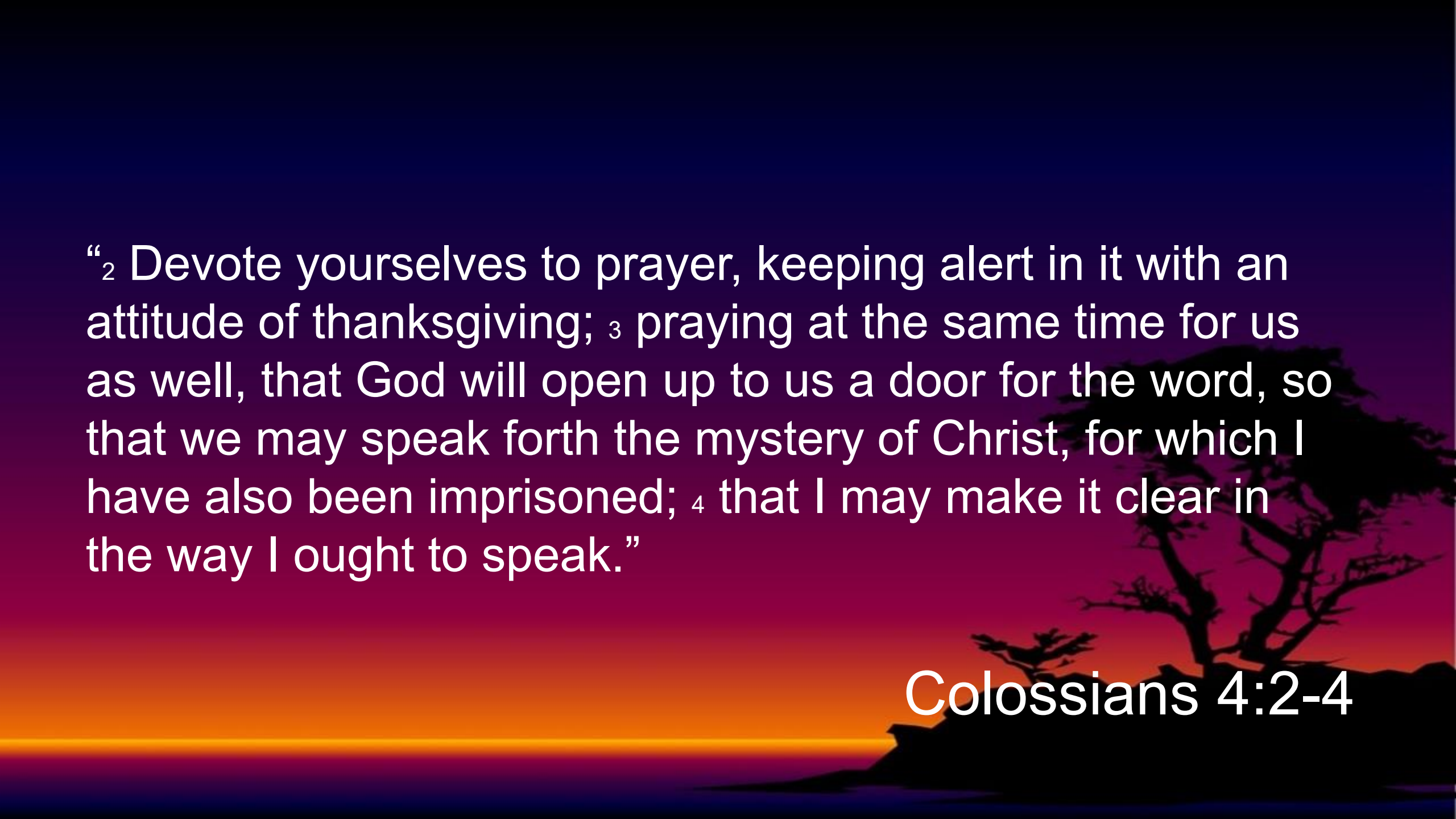
John MacArthur

So Peter was kept in prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God”.

Acts 12:5

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.”

Luke 18:1

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“² Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; ³ praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; ⁴ that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.”

Colossians 4:2-4

“For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

John 7:5

¹⁵ At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, ¹⁶ “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.”

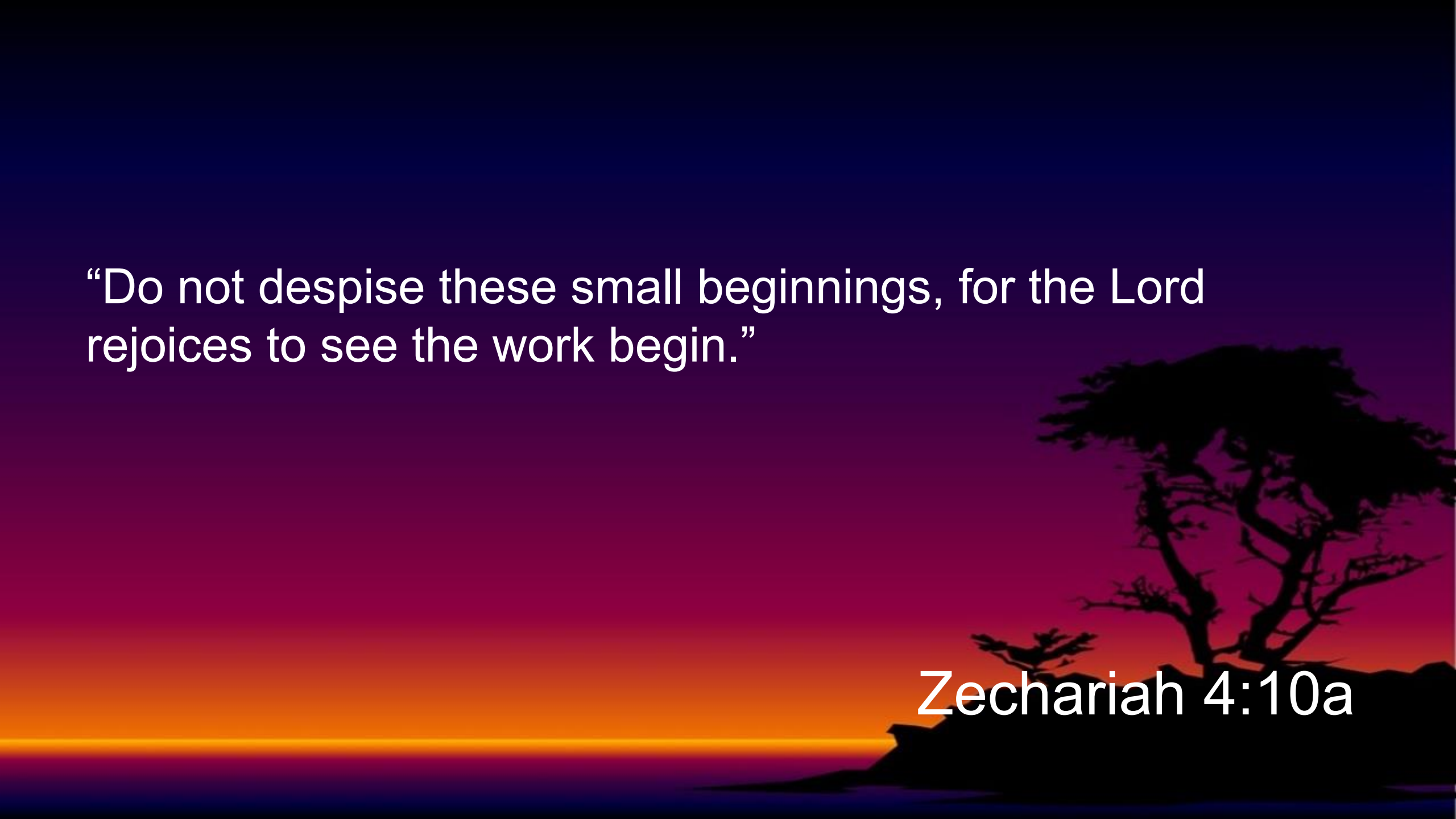
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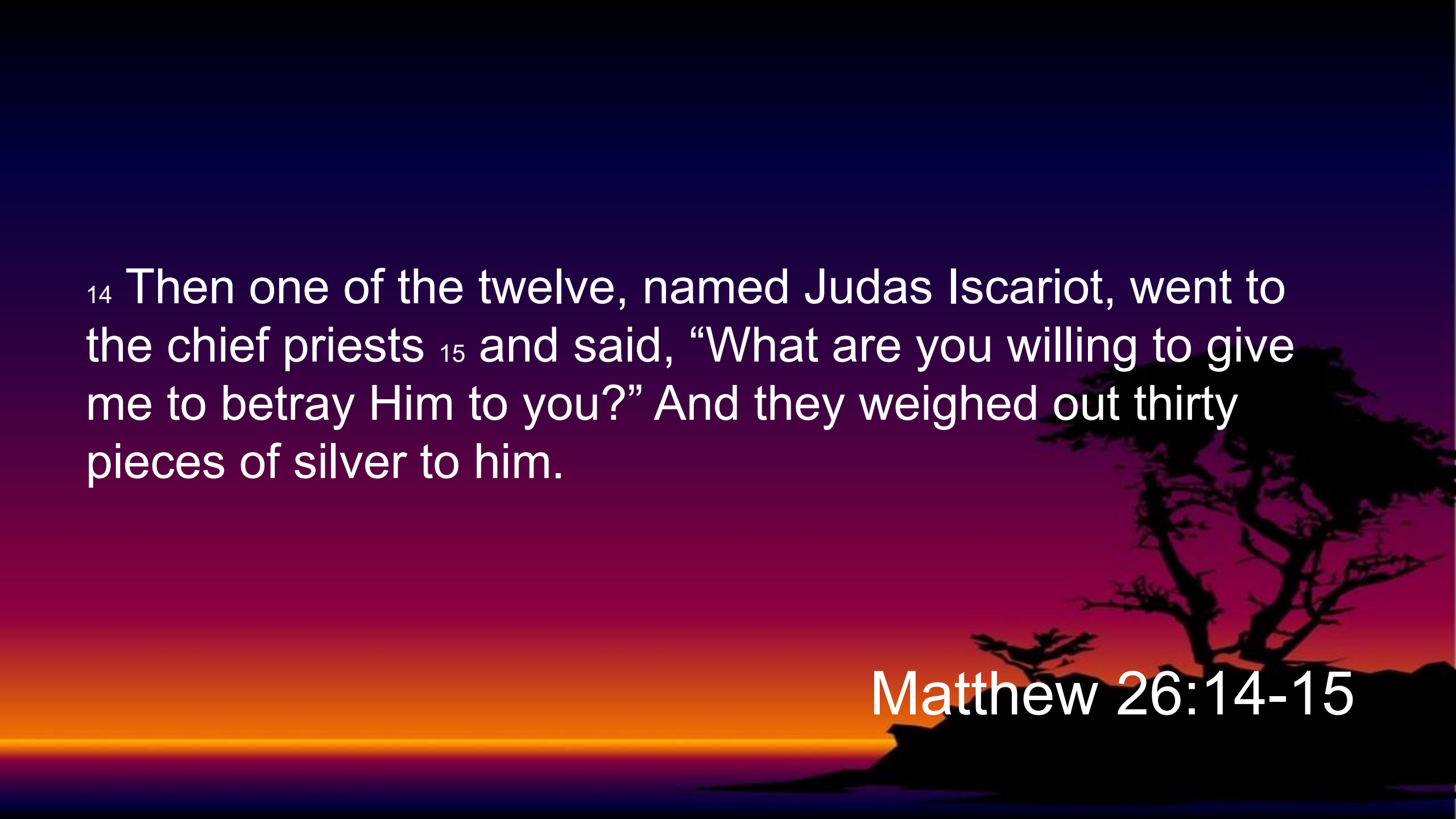
¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

Acts 1:12-26

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.”

Zechariah 4:10a





¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.

Matthew 26:14-15

²⁰ “For it is written in the book of Psalms,

‘Let his homestead be made desolate,
And let no one dwell in it’;
and,

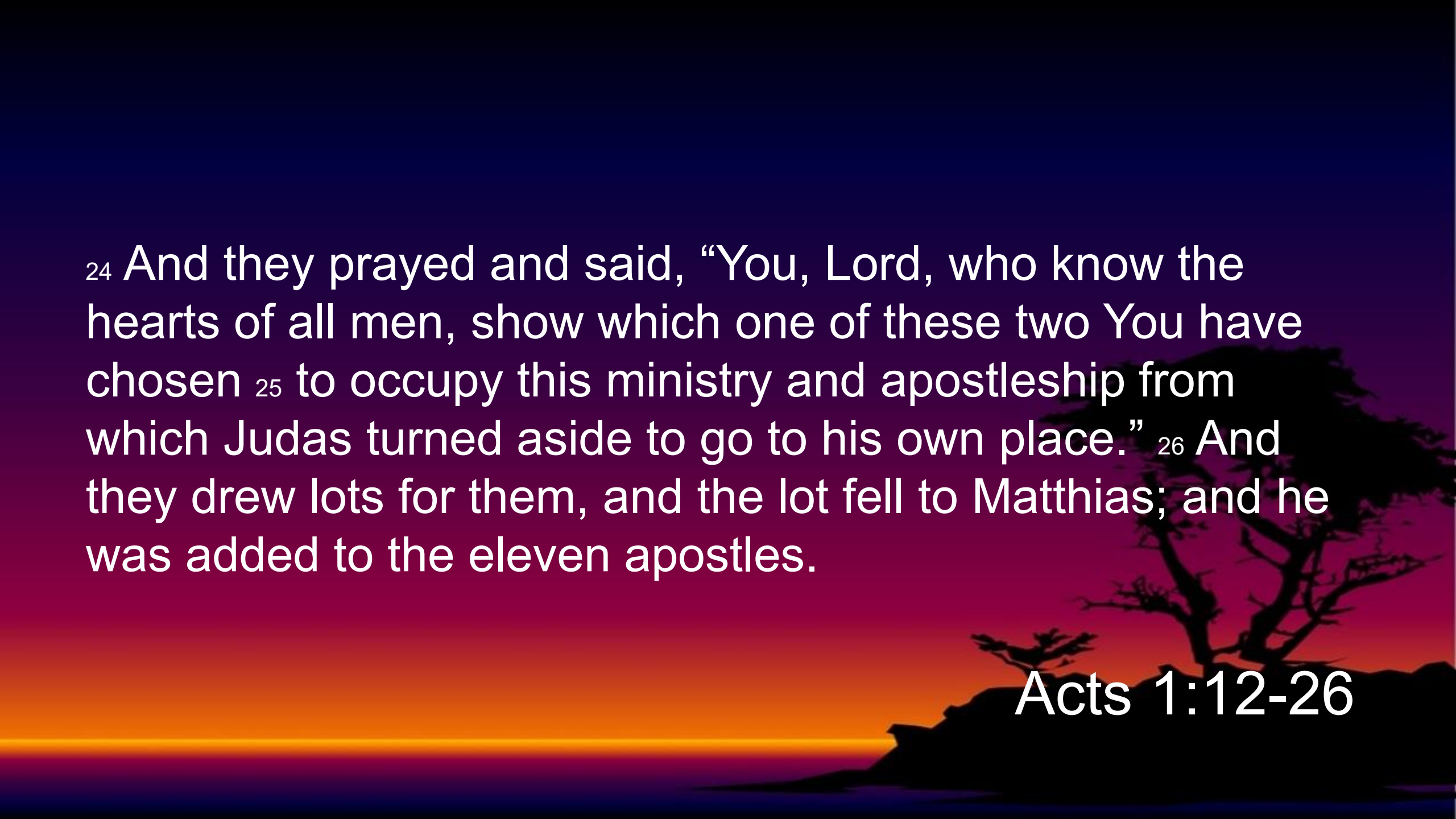
‘Let another man take his office.’

Acts 1:12-26

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²¹ Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— ²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” ²³ So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

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²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

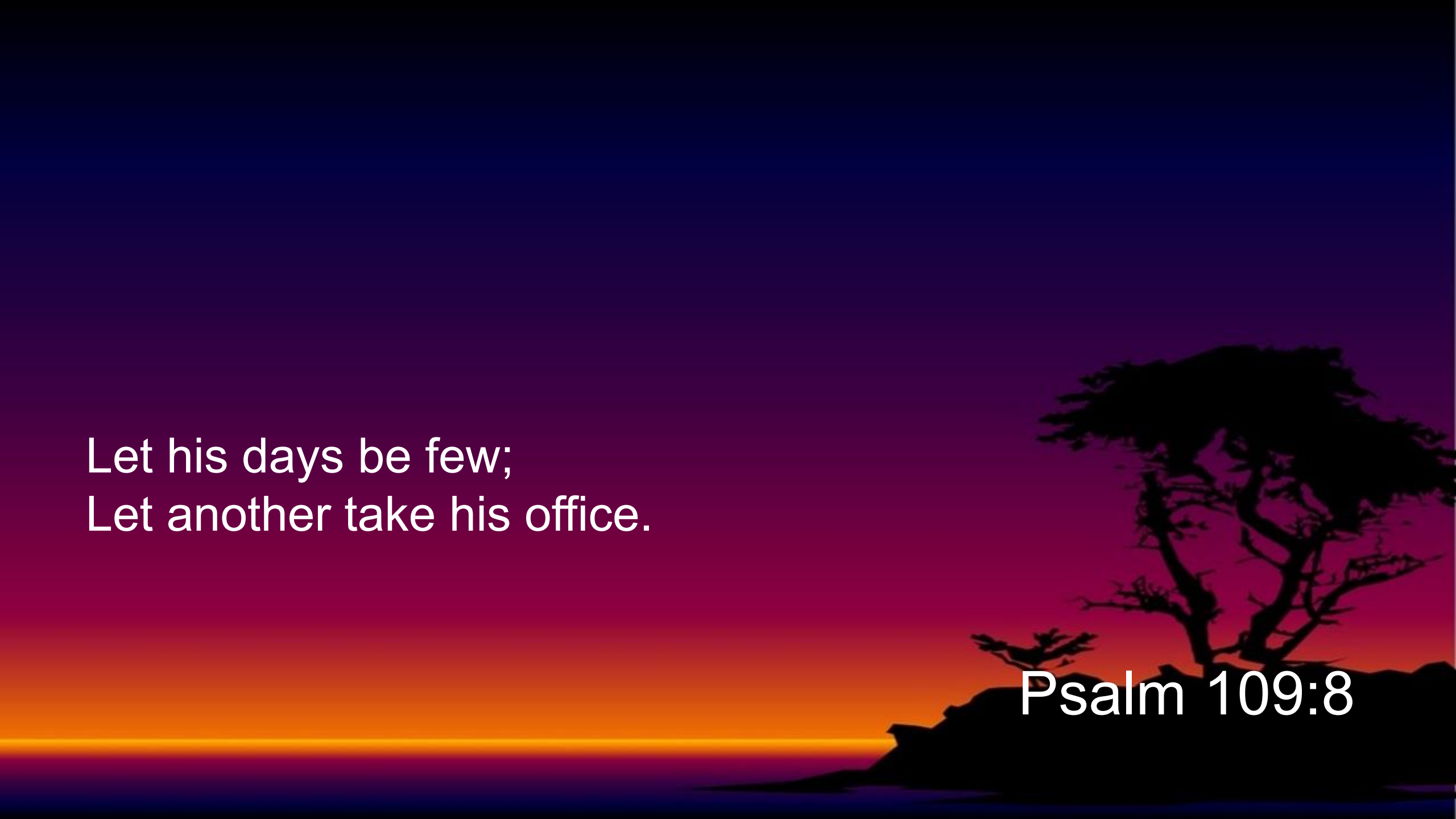
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Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my
bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

Psalm 41:9

Let his days be few;
Let another take his office.

Psalm 109:8





“They who wait for the LORD shall
renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings like eagles.”

Isaiah 40:31



Wait

There are times that we must wait so that God can prepare us and give us the things that we need to be successful. While we wait, we must invest time in prayer. Prayer paves the way for us to be successful. Prophecy is fulfilled a couple of time in these verses.

Acts 1:12-26