

# Jesus is Better

BOOK OF HEBREWS

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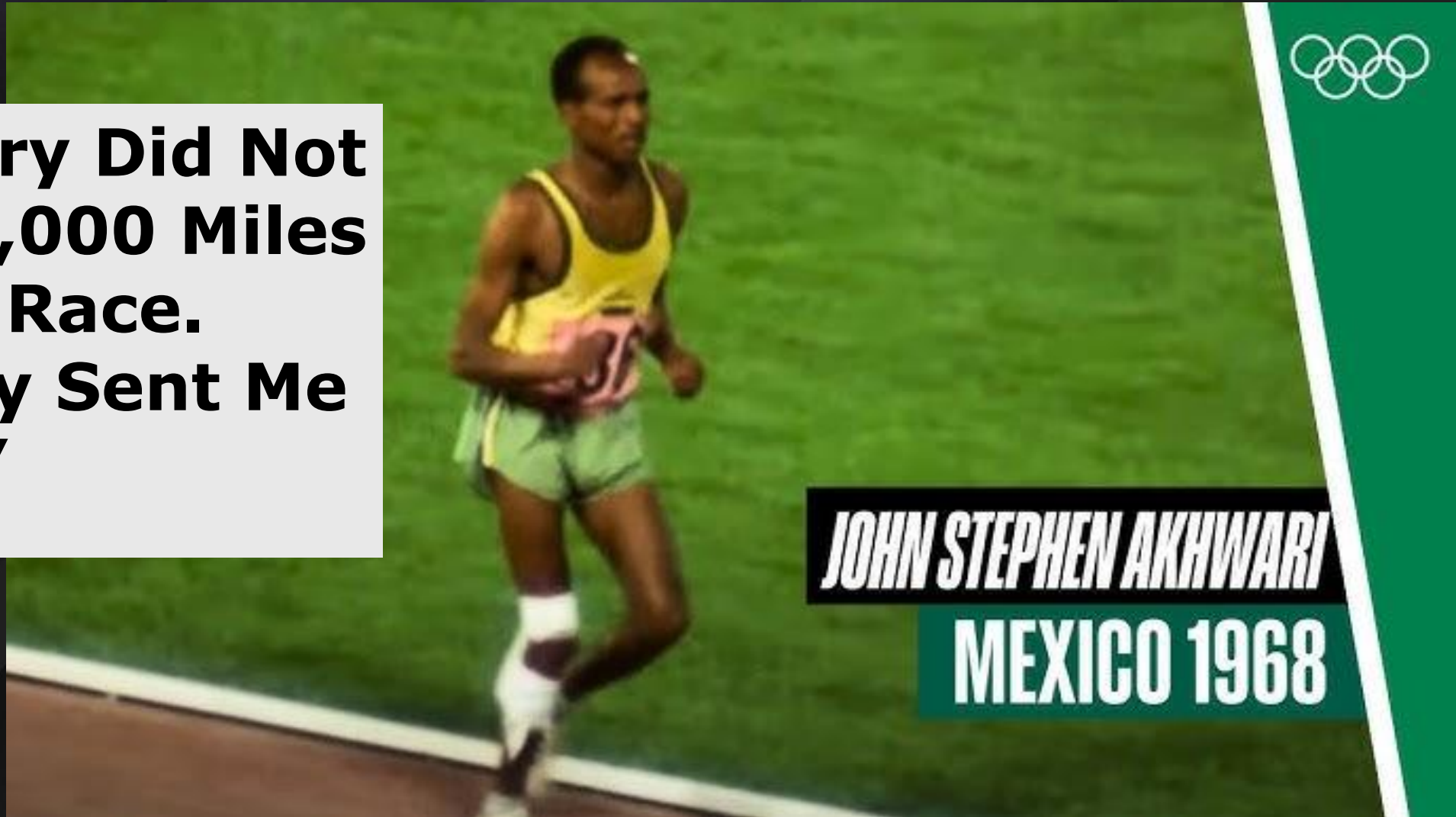
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***JOHN STEPHEN AKHWARI***  
**MEXICO 1968**

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Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.

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**“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.” Hebrews 12:14**





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**3. Guard Against Pitfalls That Derail the Race.**

**“See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:15**



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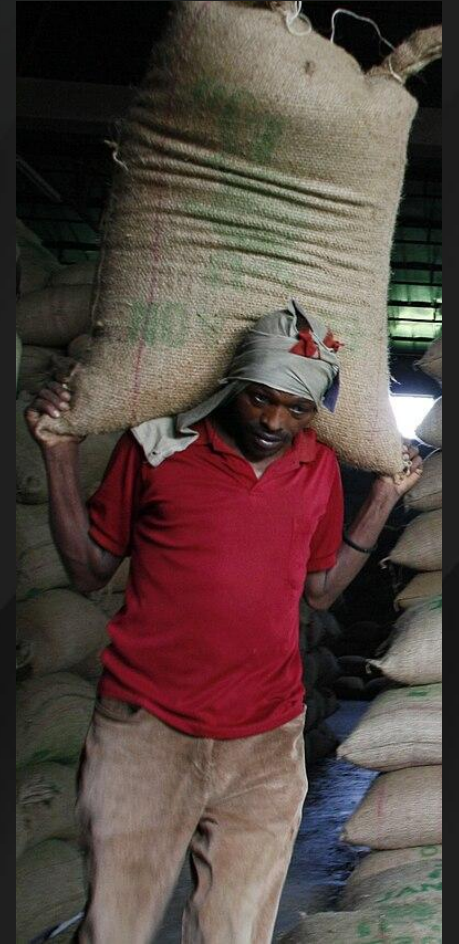
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- It harms the speaker of the gossip.
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- It grieves the Holy Spirit.



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**Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, it was too late to change what he had done.”**

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