

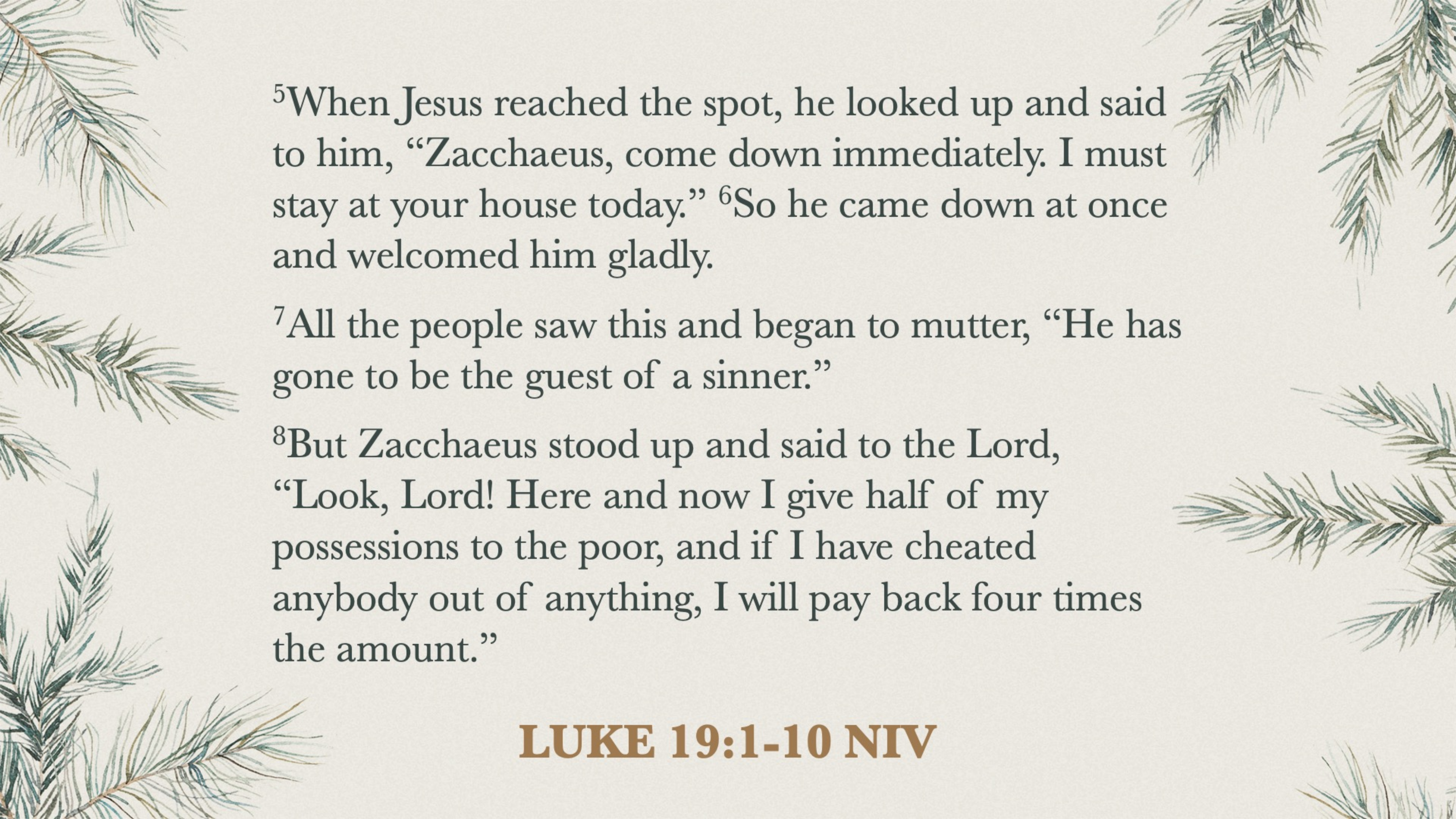
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**AN  
ENCOUNTER  
WITH JESUS**

## Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

**LUKE 19:1-10 NIV**

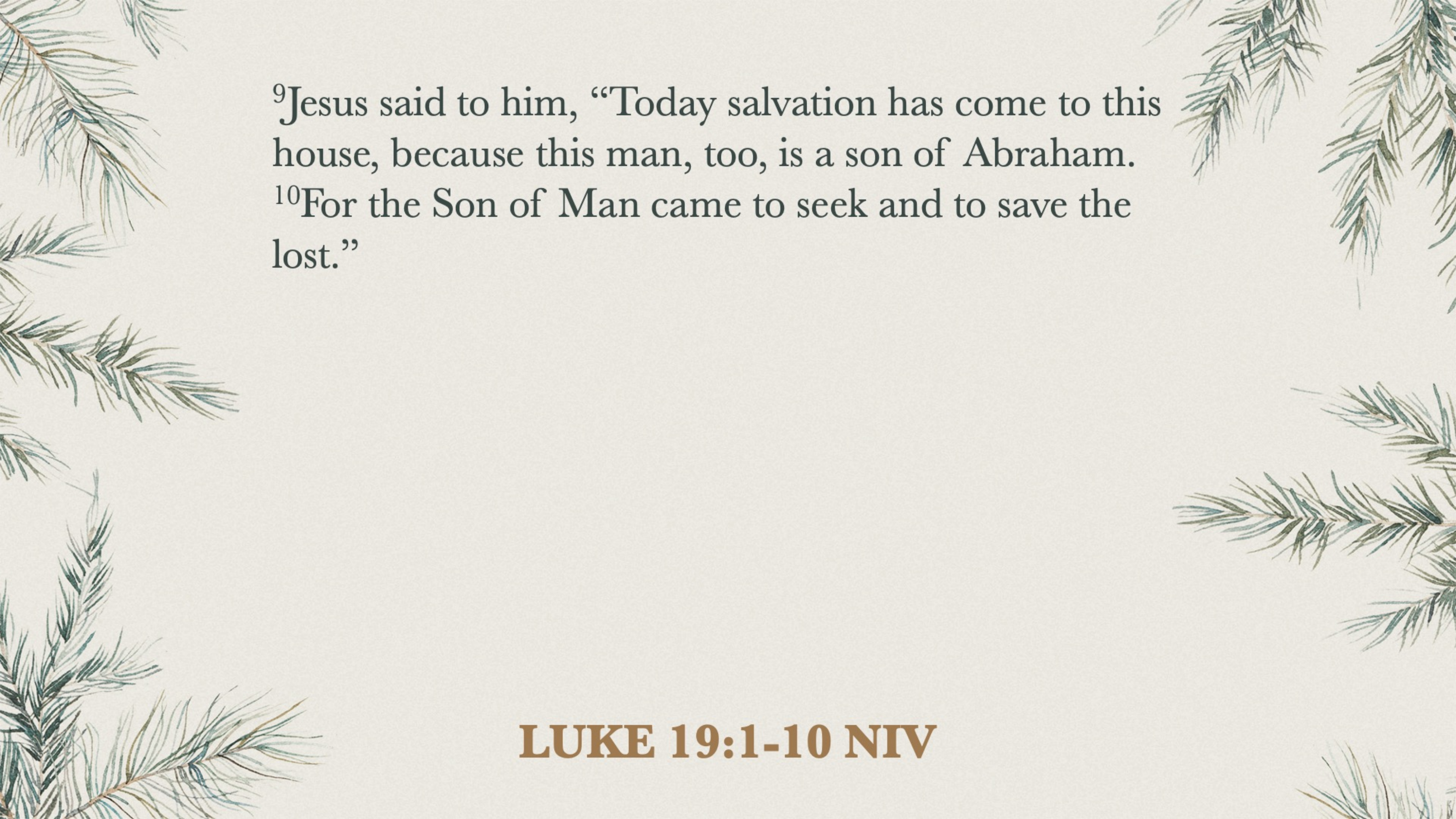
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<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

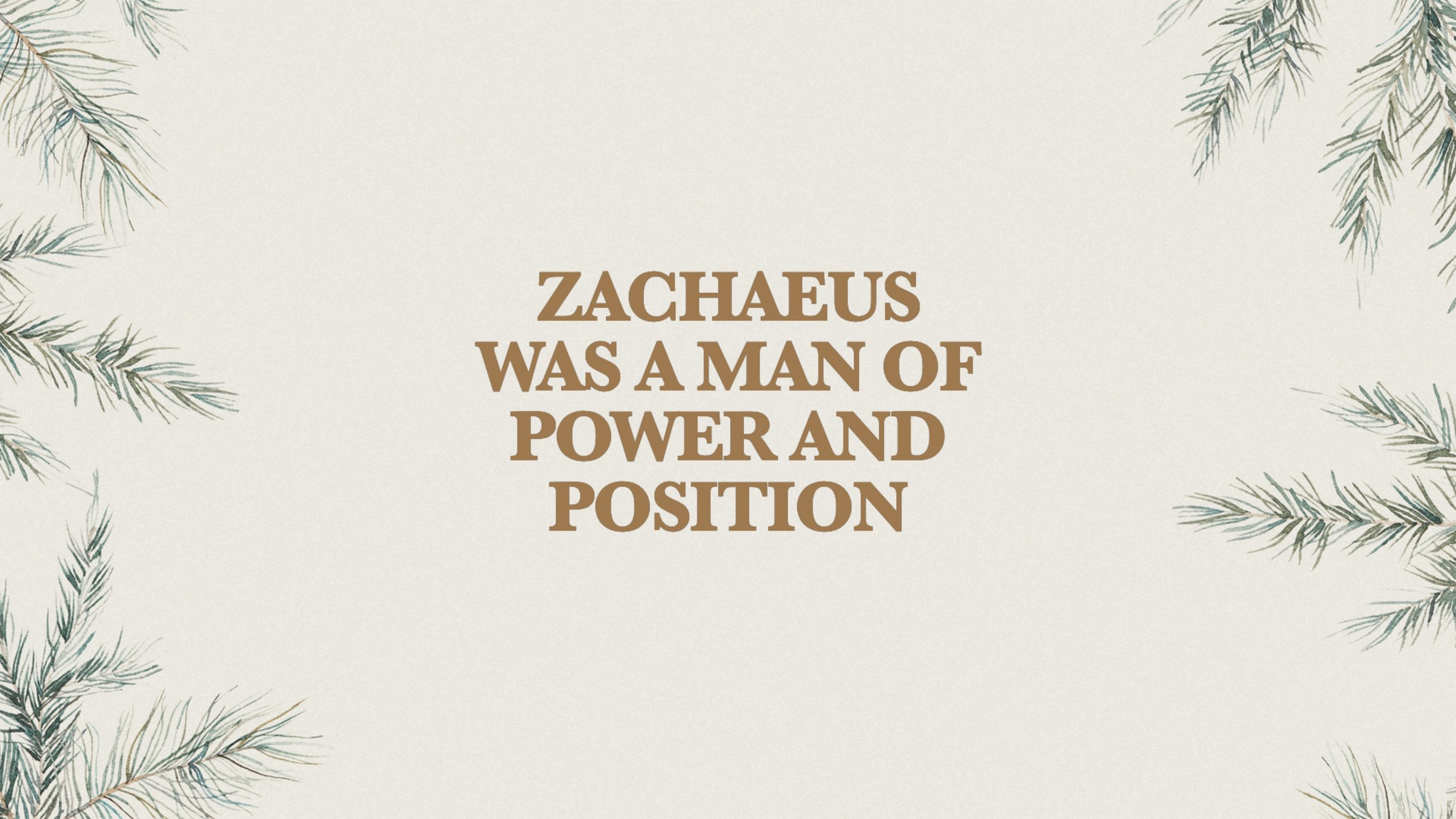
<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

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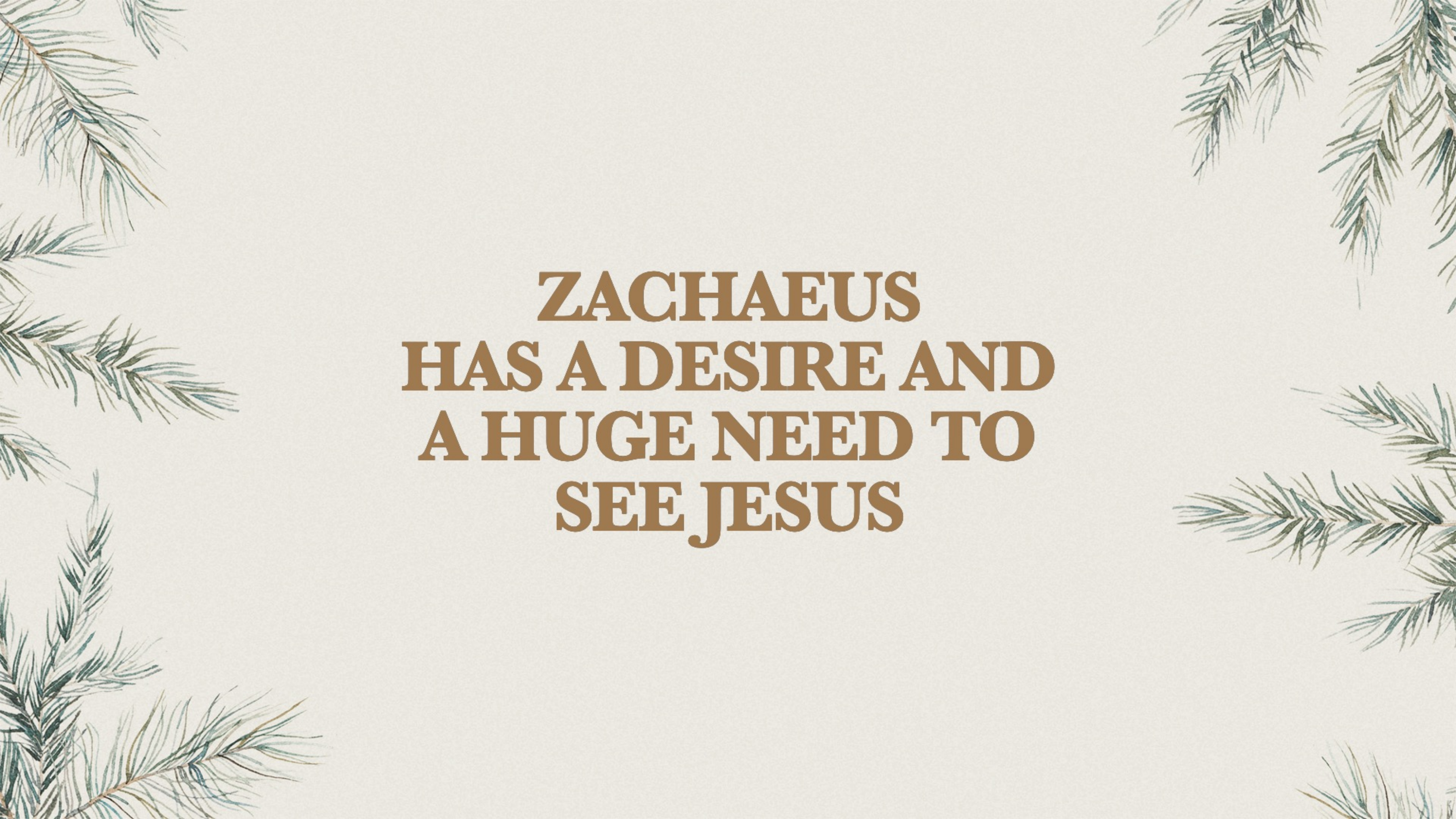
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<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.  
<sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

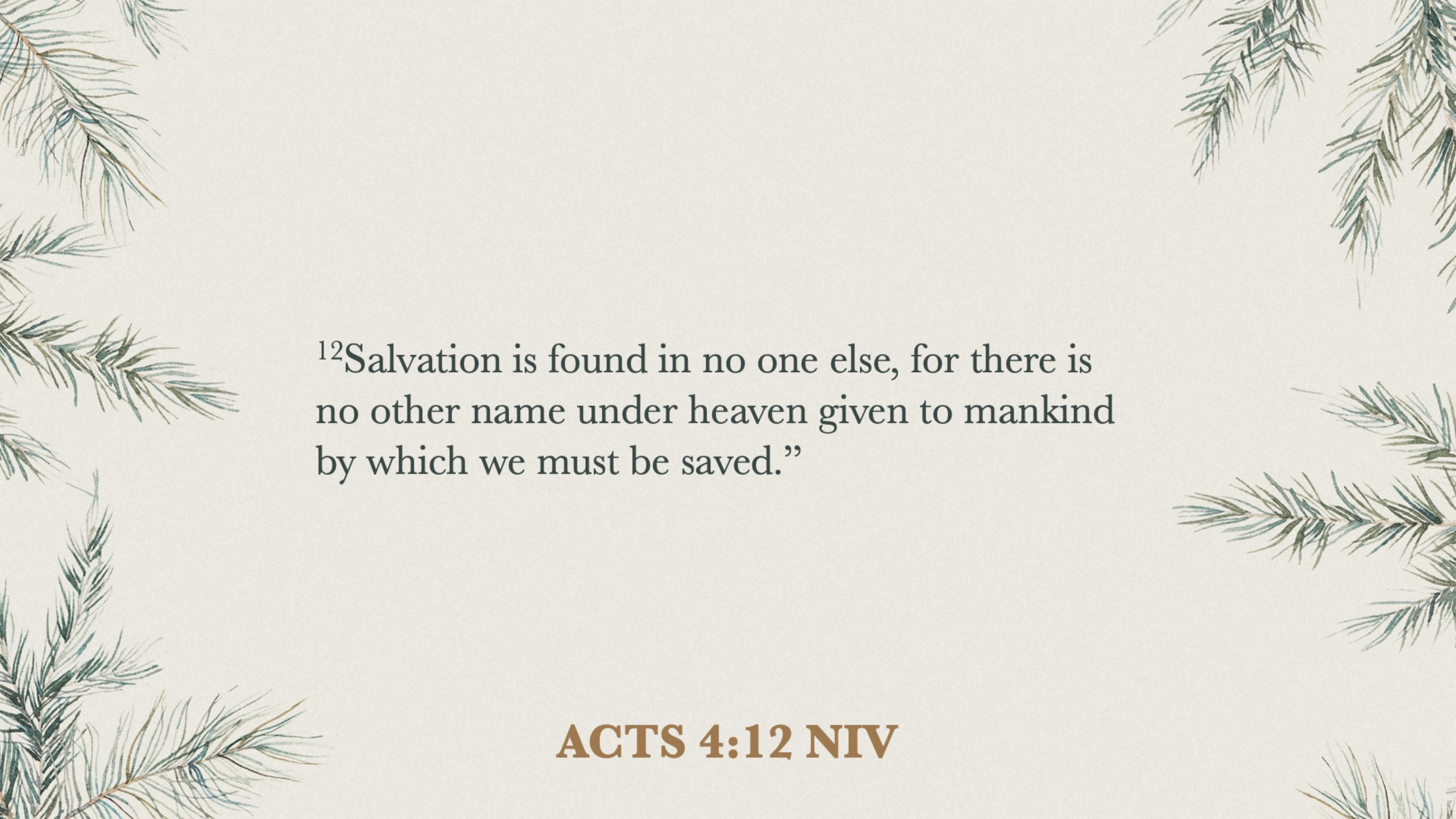
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**ZACHAEUS  
WAS A MAN OF  
POWER AND  
POSITION**

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**ZACHAEUS  
HAS A DESIRE AND  
A HUGE NEED TO  
SEE JESUS**

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<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

**ACTS 4:12 NIV**

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# ZACHAEUS' PREDICAMENT



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But your iniquities have separated  
you from your God;  
your sins have hidden his face from you,  
so that he will not hear.

**ISAIAH 59:2 NIV**

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# THE DECLARATION OF JESUS