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**16** When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, **17** got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18** The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19** When they had rowed about three or four miles,<sup>[a]</sup> they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. **20** But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." **21** Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. - **John 16-21**

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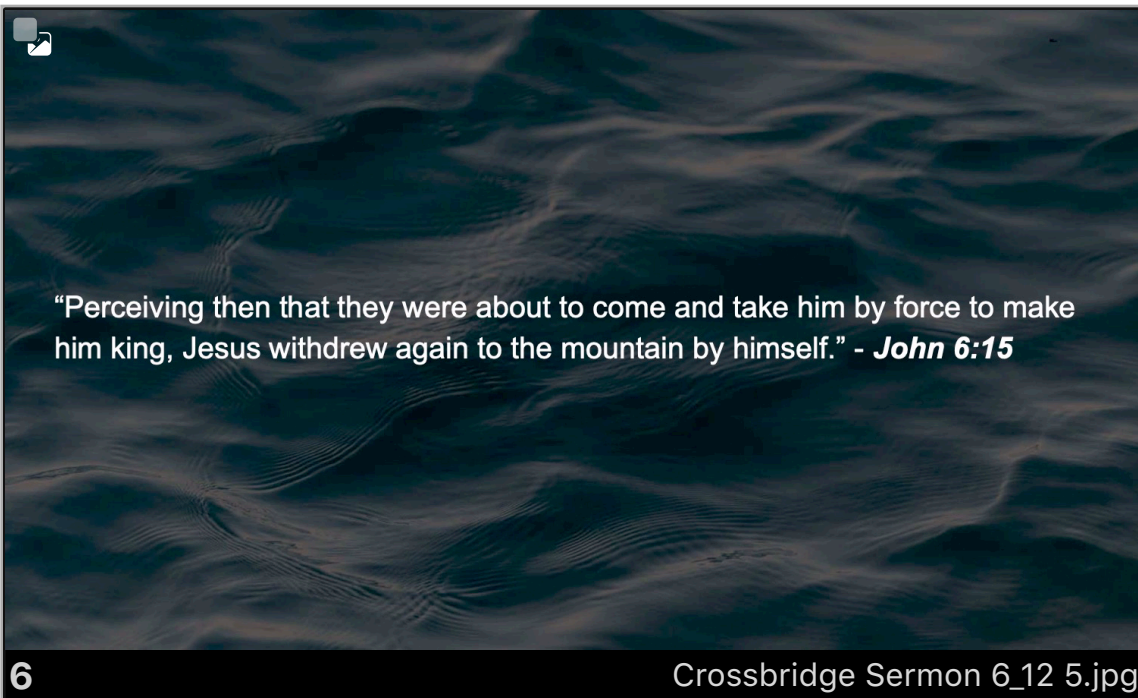
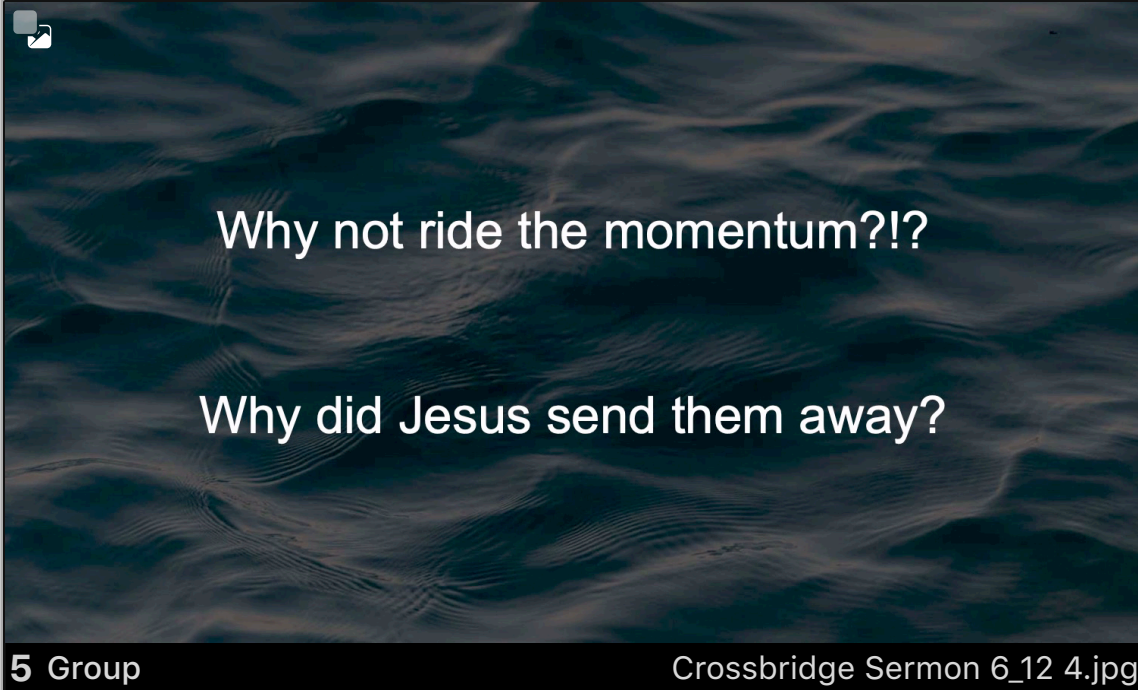


"And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men. Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd." - **Mark 6:43-45.**

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**45** Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. **46** And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. **47** And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. **48** And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. - **Mark 6:45-48**

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**Recognizing the presence of God  
in the darkness of a storm  
is the key that brings peace.**

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3. Storms can be tools in our lives that God uses to make us more like Jesus.

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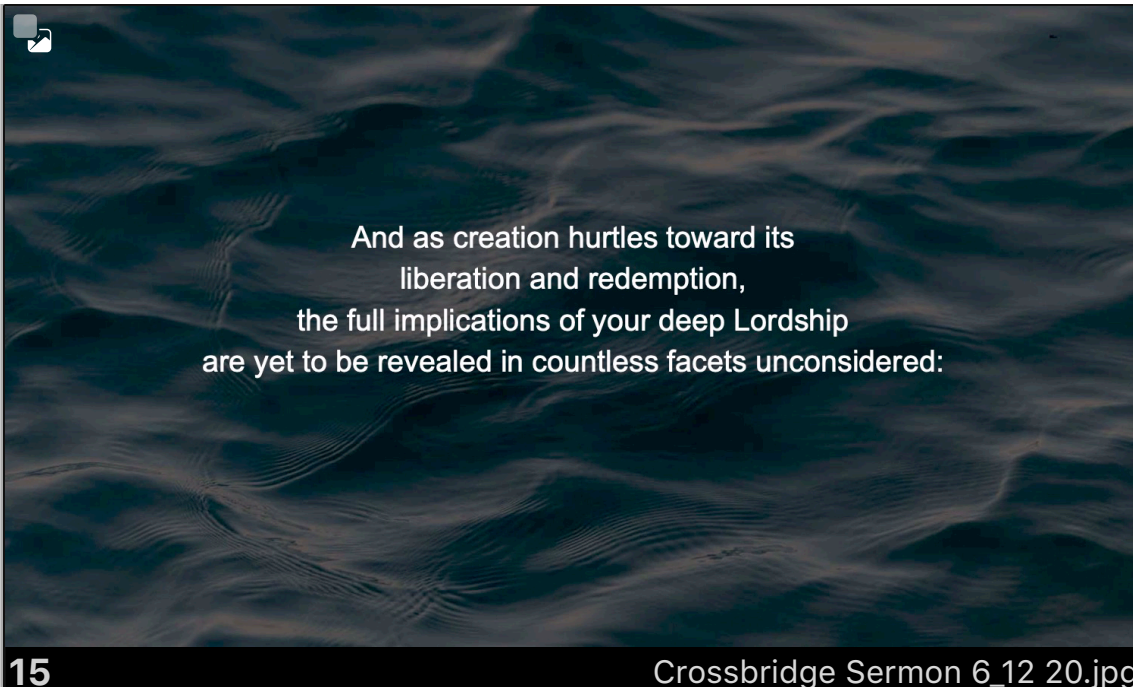
## A Liturgy of Praise to the King of Creation

**Our names for you, O Lord, have been too few—**  
for seldom have we considered how specific  
is the exercising of your authority,  
extending as it does into the myriad particulars of creation.

There is no quarter over which you are not king.

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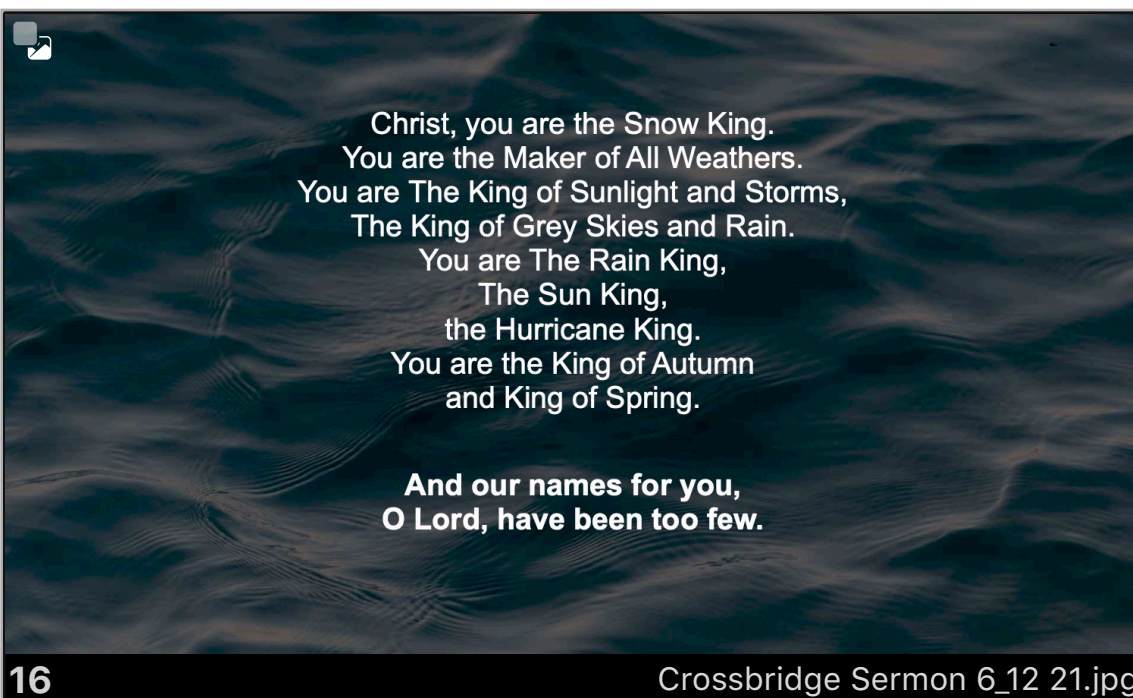
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And as creation hurtles toward its  
liberation and redemption,  
the full implications of your deep Lordship  
are yet to be revealed in countless facets unconsidered:

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Christ, you are the Snow King.  
You are the Maker of All Weathers.  
You are The King of Sunlight and Storms,  
The King of Grey Skies and Rain.  
You are The Rain King,  
The Sun King,  
the Hurricane King.  
You are the King of Autumn  
and King of Spring.

**And our names for you,  
O Lord, have been too few.**

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The old and impotent gods  
our ancestors once believed in were, at their best,  
but imperfect pictures of you,  
whose strength and goodness and creative majesty  
and wonderful mystery and love  
exceed those old rumors  
as sunlight exceeds the tiny dimness of stars  
reflected in a dark and wavering pool.

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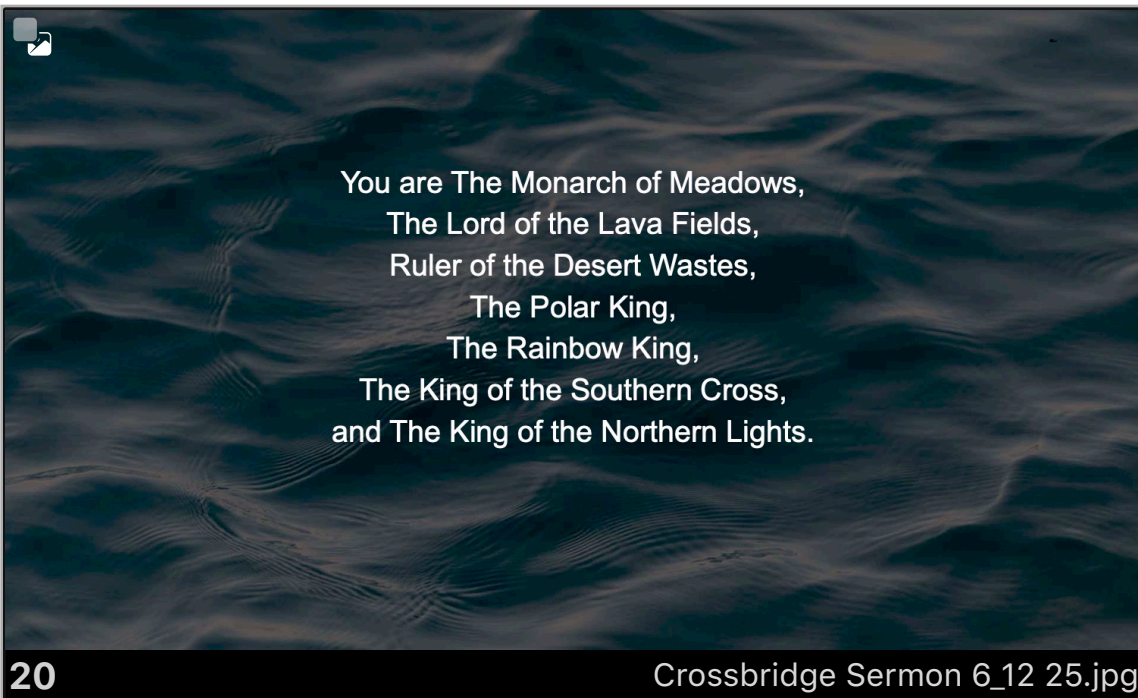
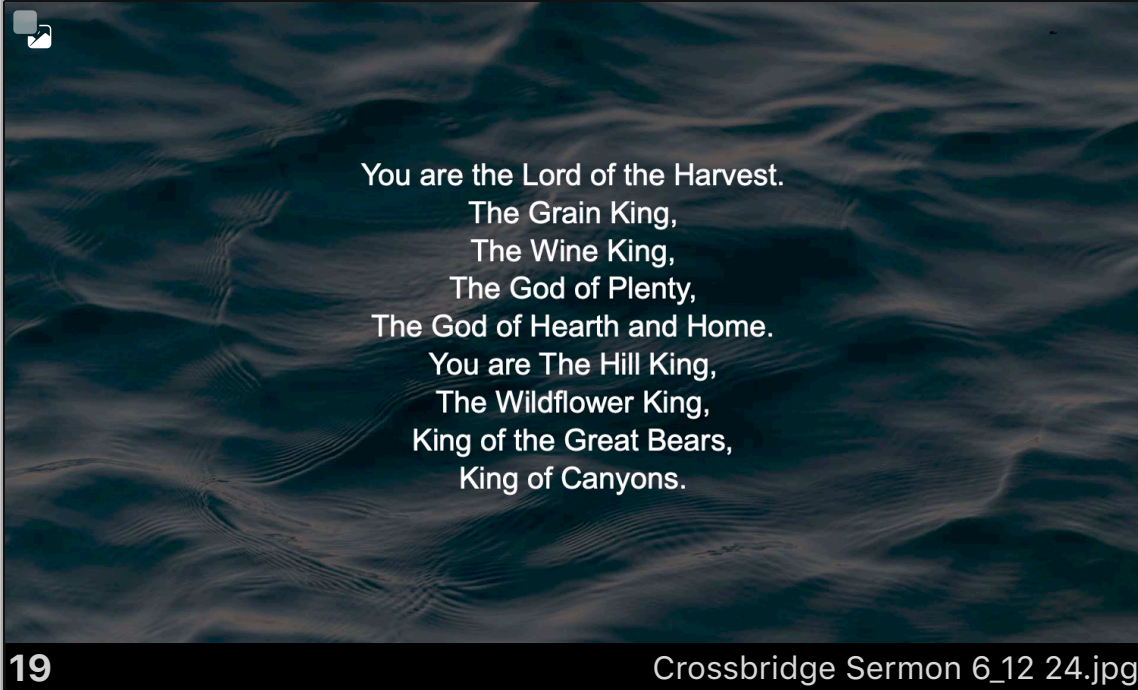
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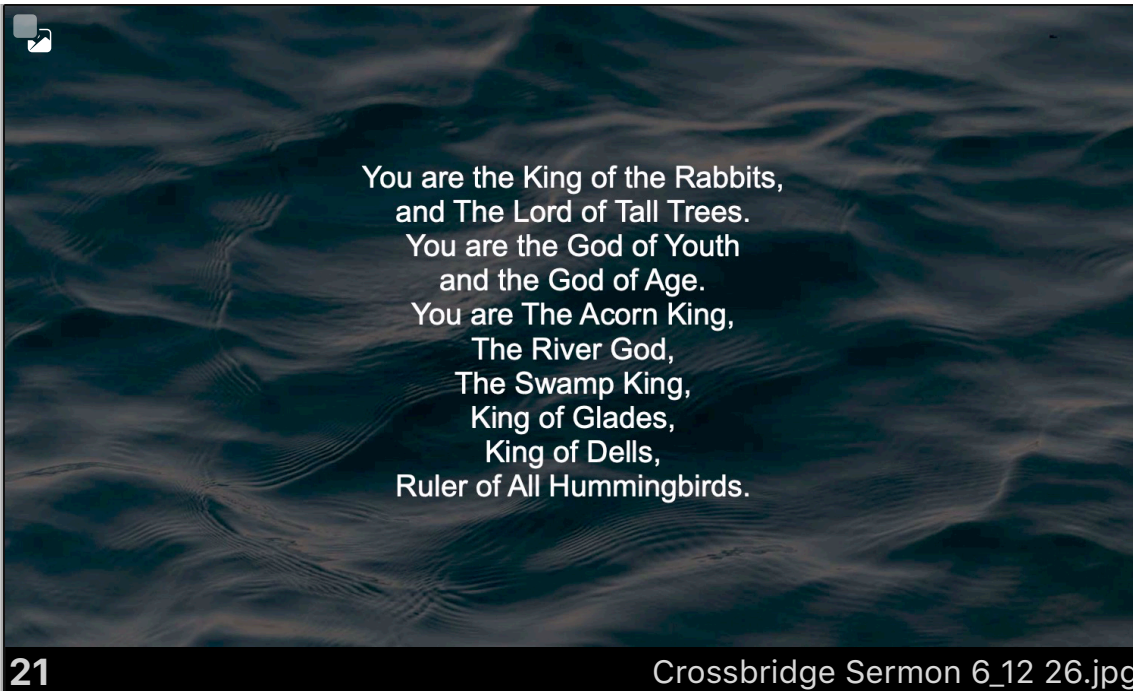


The fairy tales crafted by our old cultures hinted at you,  
though they knew it not.  
Yet their perfect princes and blessed ends  
were yearnings for all that has found  
fulfillment in you.

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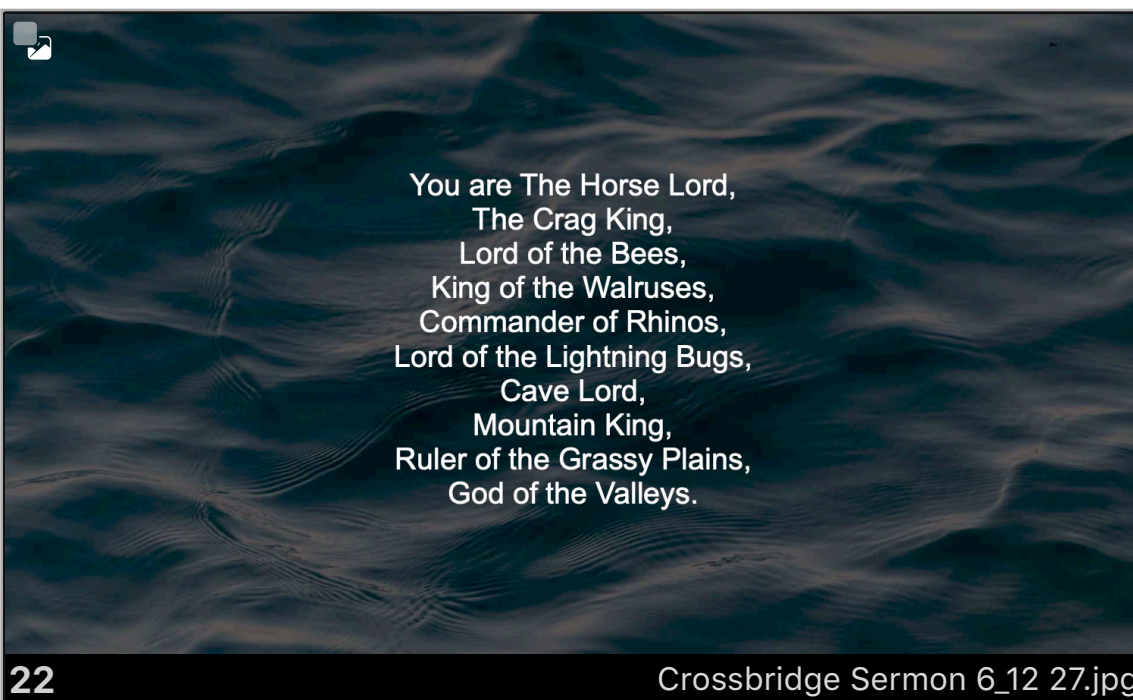




You are the King of the Rabbits,  
and The Lord of Tall Trees.  
You are the God of Youth  
and the God of Age.  
You are The Acorn King,  
The River God,  
The Swamp King,  
King of Glades,  
King of Dells,  
Ruler of All Hummingbirds.

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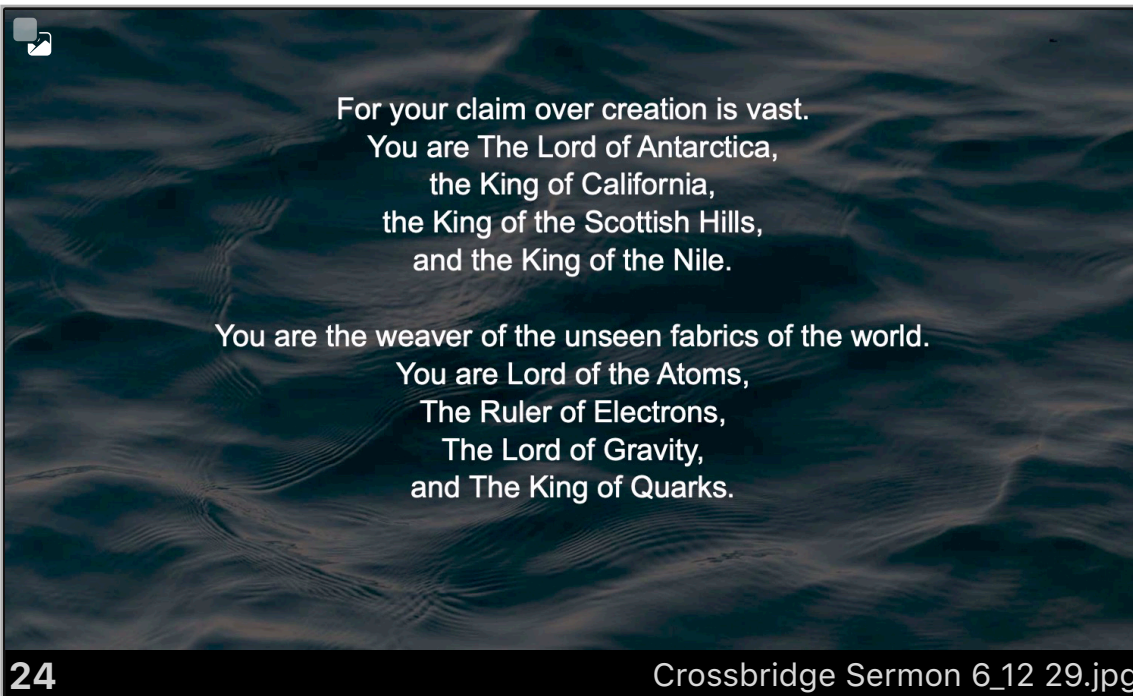
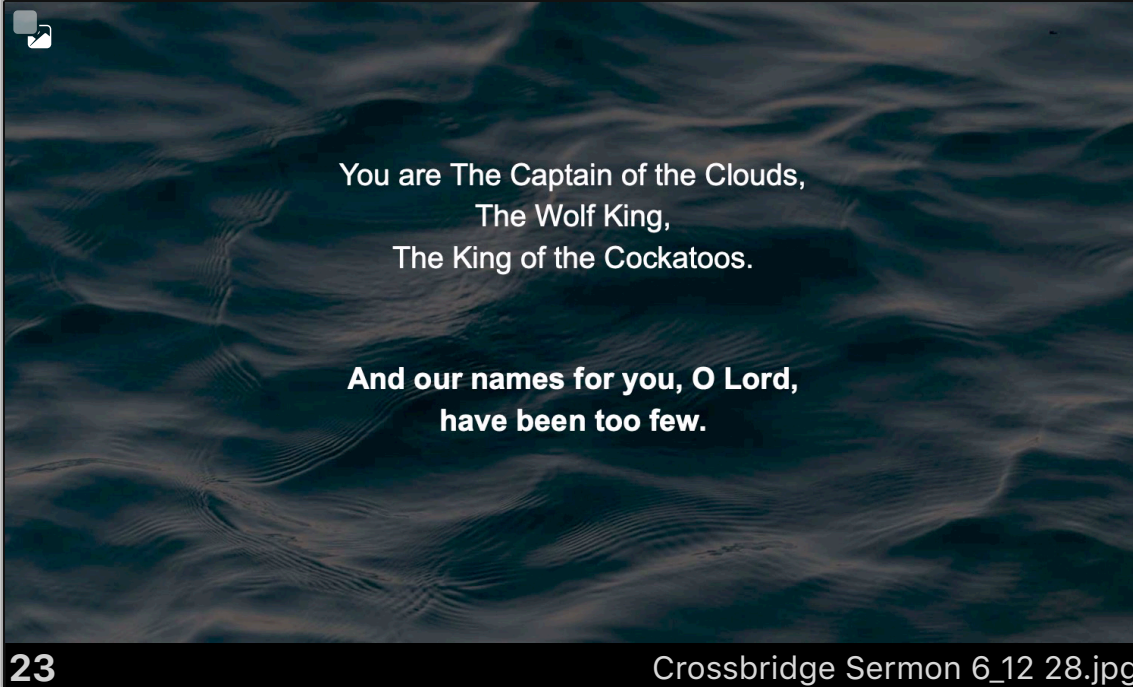
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You are The Horse Lord,  
The Crag King,  
Lord of the Bees,  
King of the Walruses,  
Commander of Rhinos,  
Lord of the Lightning Bugs,  
Cave Lord,  
Mountain King,  
Ruler of the Grassy Plains,  
God of the Valleys.

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Your dominion enfolds the earth  
and rises beyond it to the furthest extremes of the stars.

You are Lord of the Vast Empty Spaces.  
You are The King of the Constellations,  
The Black Hole King,  
Lord of Novas Exploding,  
Lord of Speeding Light,  
High King of Galaxies,  
King of Orion,  
King of the Moon.

**And still, even still,  
our names for you have been too few.**

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You are the God of Justice,  
The God of Wisdom,  
The God of Mercy,  
The God of Redemption.

You are The Lord of Love.

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