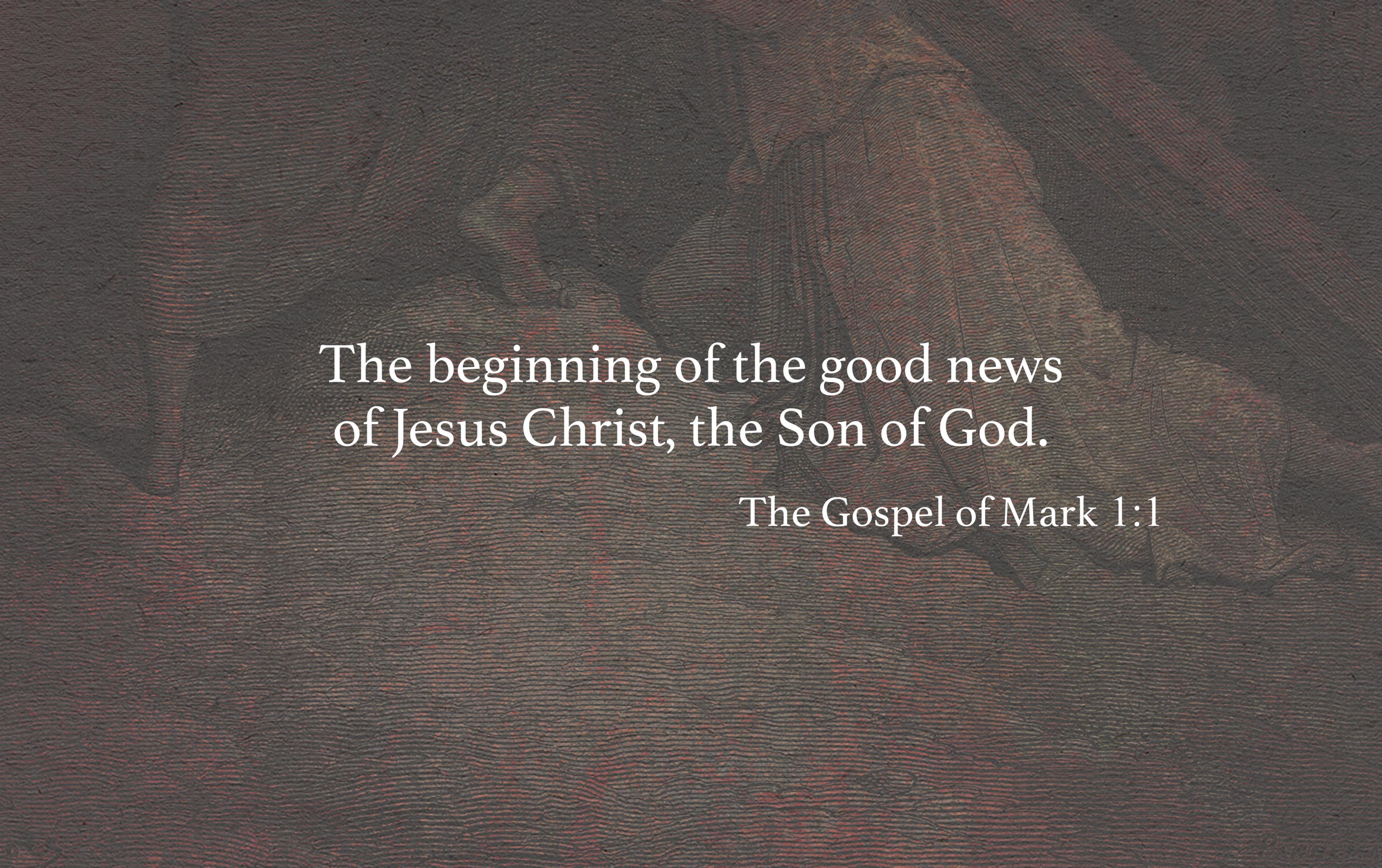


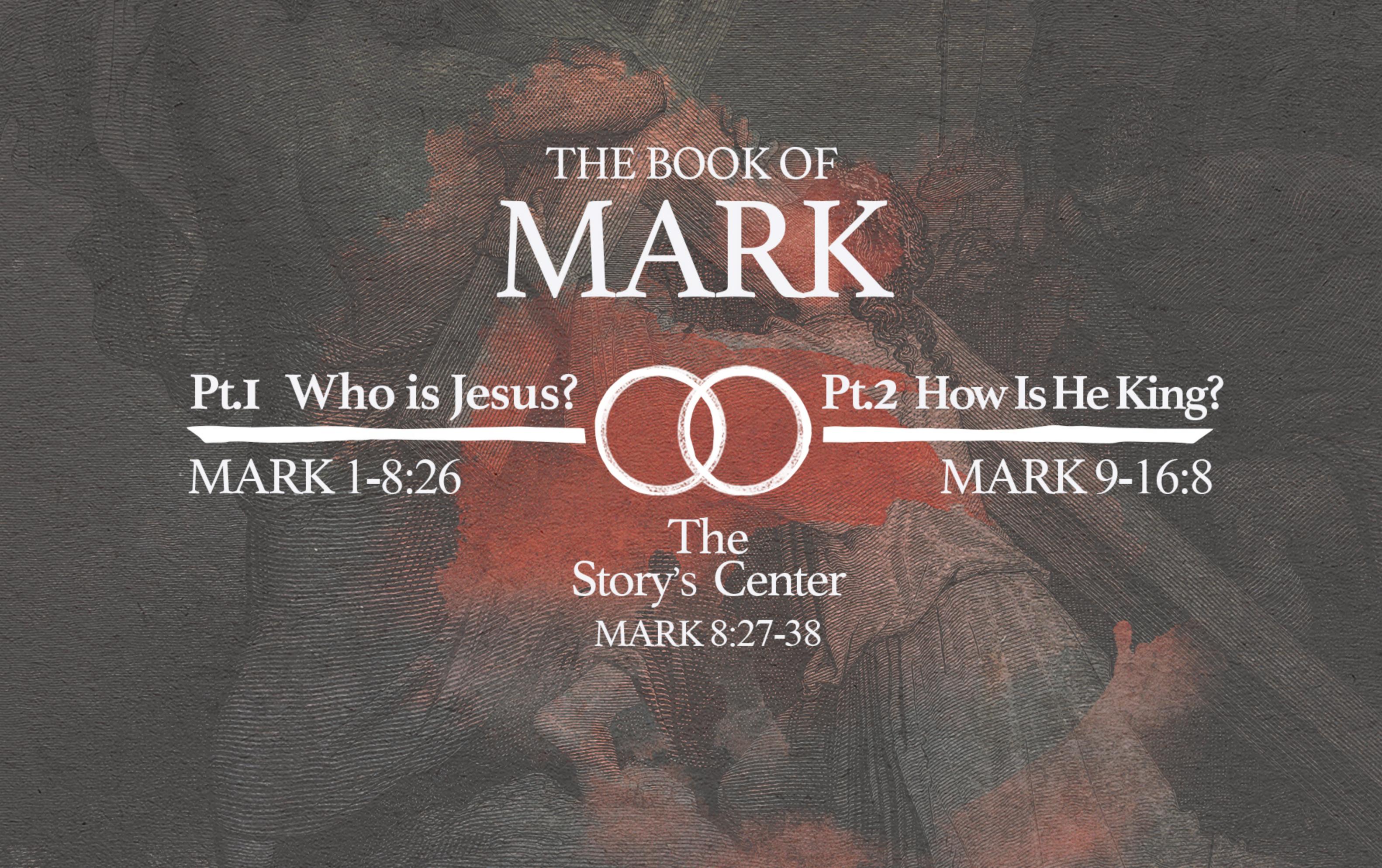
~ THE JESUS LIFE ~
ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 9:38-50 | CUT IT OUT!



The beginning of the good news
of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Gospel of Mark 1:1



THE BOOK OF
MARK

Pt.1 Who is Jesus?

MARK 1-8:26



Pt.2 How Is He King?

MARK 9-16:8

The
Story's Center
MARK 8:27-38

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

...on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

MARK 9:34-35

The Jesus life bids us come and die
that we may truly live.

A THREAT TO THEIR SPECIAL STATUS

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and *we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.*” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

MARK 9:38-41

The Kingdom of God is
much bigger than we imagine.

A MILLSTONE NECKLACE

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

MARK 9:42

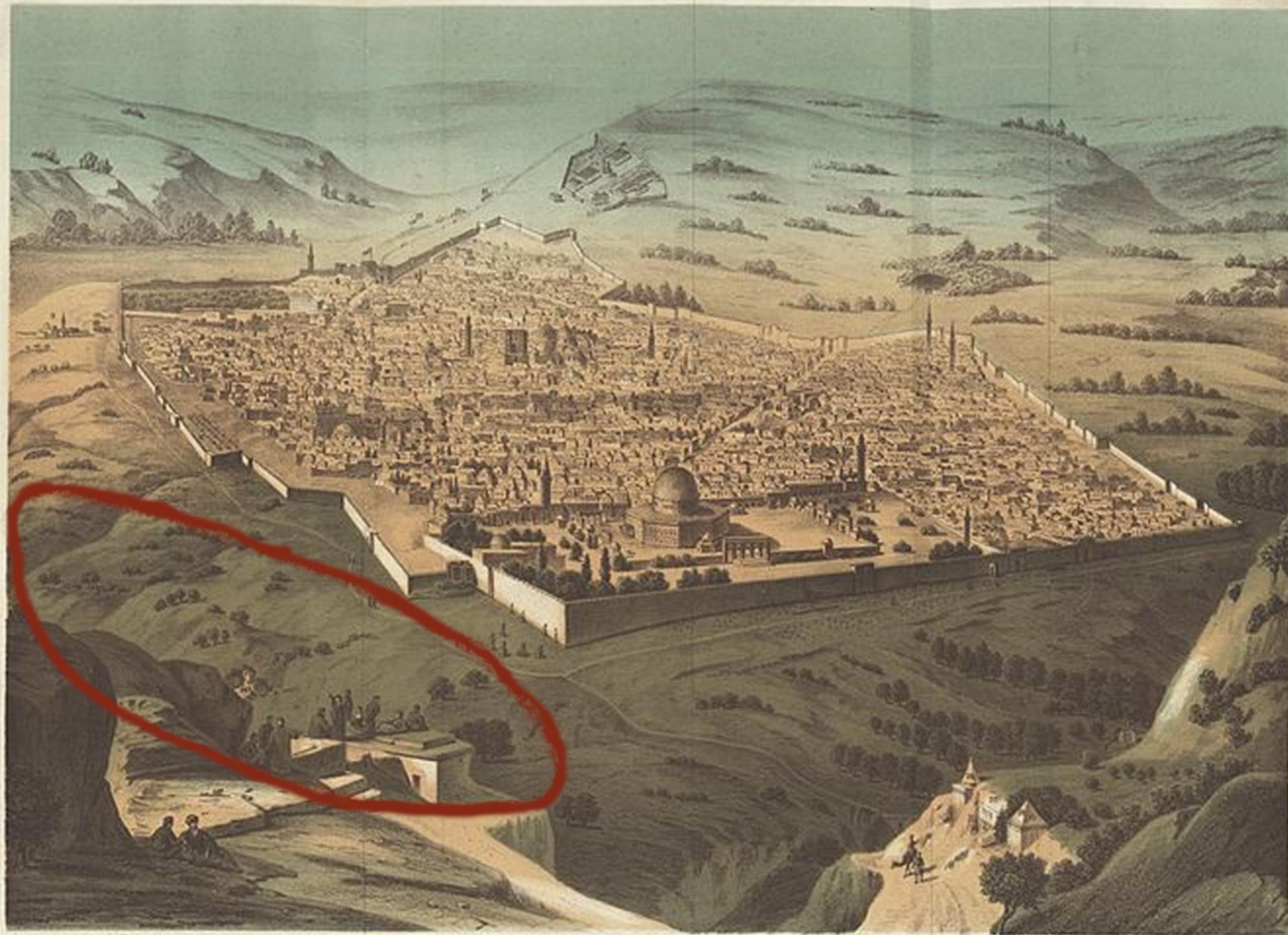


THE SEVERITY OF IT ALL

And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell [Gehenna], 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'

MARK 9:43-48

Jer 234.1



Gehenna

The Valley of Ben Hinnom

Uch. Anstalt v. Carl Graub., Theol. Anst. Wien 1844.

Carl F. Beck, Wien, Verleger v. G. W. Verlagsb.

JERUSALEM

1. Sieghard oder Gedemianstempel 2. Tempelruinen 3. Jaffaer 4. Davidst. 5. Salomonsst. 6. Synagoge des Königs 7. Jerusalemer Kloster 8. Kapel des Königs 9. Harem der Kaiserin 10. Moschee 11. Al-Hakim 12. Moschee des Sultan 13. Harem des Sultan 14. Harem des Sultan 15. Harem des Sultan 16. Harem des Sultan 17. Harem des Sultan 18. Harem des Sultan 19. Harem des Sultan 20. Harem des Sultan 21. Harem des Sultan 22. Harem des Sultan 23. Harem des Sultan 24. Harem des Sultan 25. Harem des Sultan 26. Harem des Sultan 27. Harem des Sultan 28. Harem des Sultan 29. Harem des Sultan 30. Harem des Sultan

“We are profoundly habituated to a self-referenced way of being in the world. Jesus makes this unmistakably clear when he says, *‘If anyone would come after me, they must deny themselves’* and, *‘Whoever loses their self for my sake will find it’* (Mt 16:24-25). Jesus is not talking about giving up candy for Lent. He is calling for the abandonment of our entire, pervasive, deeply entrenched matrix of self-referenced being.”

-Robert Mulholland

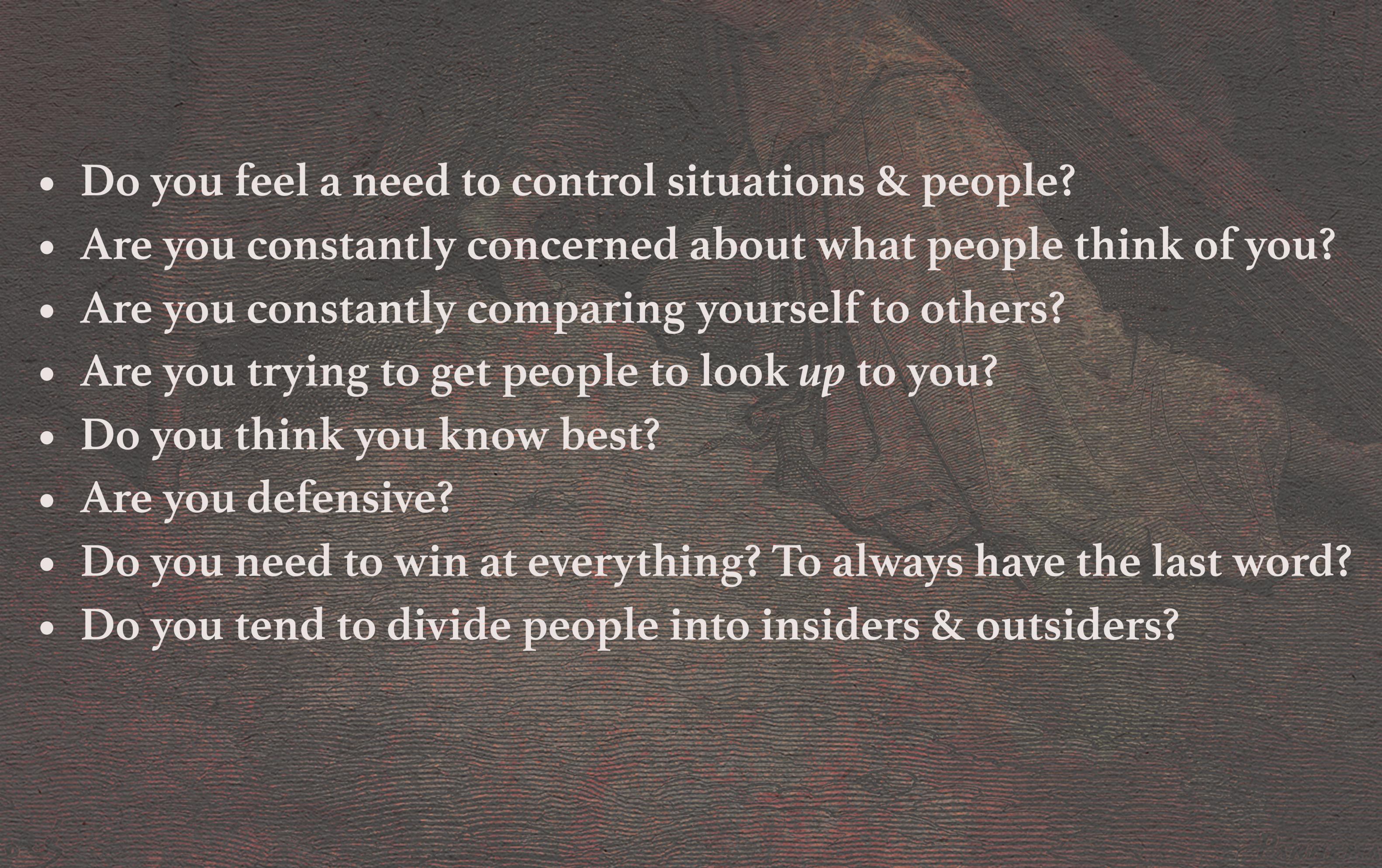
SALTY DISCIPLES

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

MARK 9:49-50

The Kingdom of God is much bigger
than we imagine. *Be gracious.*

The cost of discipleship is more radical
than we realize. *Be vigilant.*

- 
- Do you feel a need to control situations & people?
 - Are you constantly concerned about what people think of you?
 - Are you constantly comparing yourself to others?
 - Are you trying to get people to look *up* to you?
 - Do you think you know best?
 - Are you defensive?
 - Do you need to win at everything? To always have the last word?
 - Do you tend to divide people into insiders & outsiders?

HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8

The Jesus life bids us come and die
that we may truly live.
