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The Great Commission

This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be Preached in all the World



Matthew 28:17-19

17 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 18 Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; 19 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always**, unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:14-15

14 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world**, and preach the gospel to every creature. 15 He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned.

What is the Great and Marvelous Work?

Toward evening after a long time of reading and sending messages, Eric (Odida) asked me a question out of the blue, “What is the Great and Marvelous Work?” The answer came immediately from inside without any thought...not from me but in that dialogue as the Spirit moves...I said to the effect, “It’s not the Book of Mormon, the restoration of the church, or priesthood authority, as crucial as they all are. They’re the tools of a Father ***who longs for His children to come home***—all of His covenant children—even the ones we don’t like. We have long worshipped the church and the fullness of the gospel with all of its beauty, as wonderful and needed as they are, but they are but methods of ***gathering His sons and daughters home***. Even to my small mind this revelation came with profound simplicity and truth.

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The Great and Marvelous work



What is the Gospel?

Sec 76:4g-l

4g And **this is the gospel**, the glad tidings which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us, that he came into the world, **even Jesus** to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness; 4h that through him all might be saved, whom the Father had put into his power, and made by him; who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition, who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him; 4i wherefore he saves all except them.

An artistic illustration of Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a blue sash. He is shown from the waist up, facing left with his arms outstretched in a gesture of blessing or teaching. He is surrounded by a group of men in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including robes and head coverings. The background is a bright, sunlit outdoor setting with green foliage and a hazy, golden light. The overall style is painterly and evocative.

The Pattern

For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? - 1 Tim 3:5

I've been blessed with opportunities to go...



But before I went there, I started at...



The Mission House



Taking care of the House



Worshipping with the Saints



San Nicholas



Family at El Progreso





The House



The House

The Village

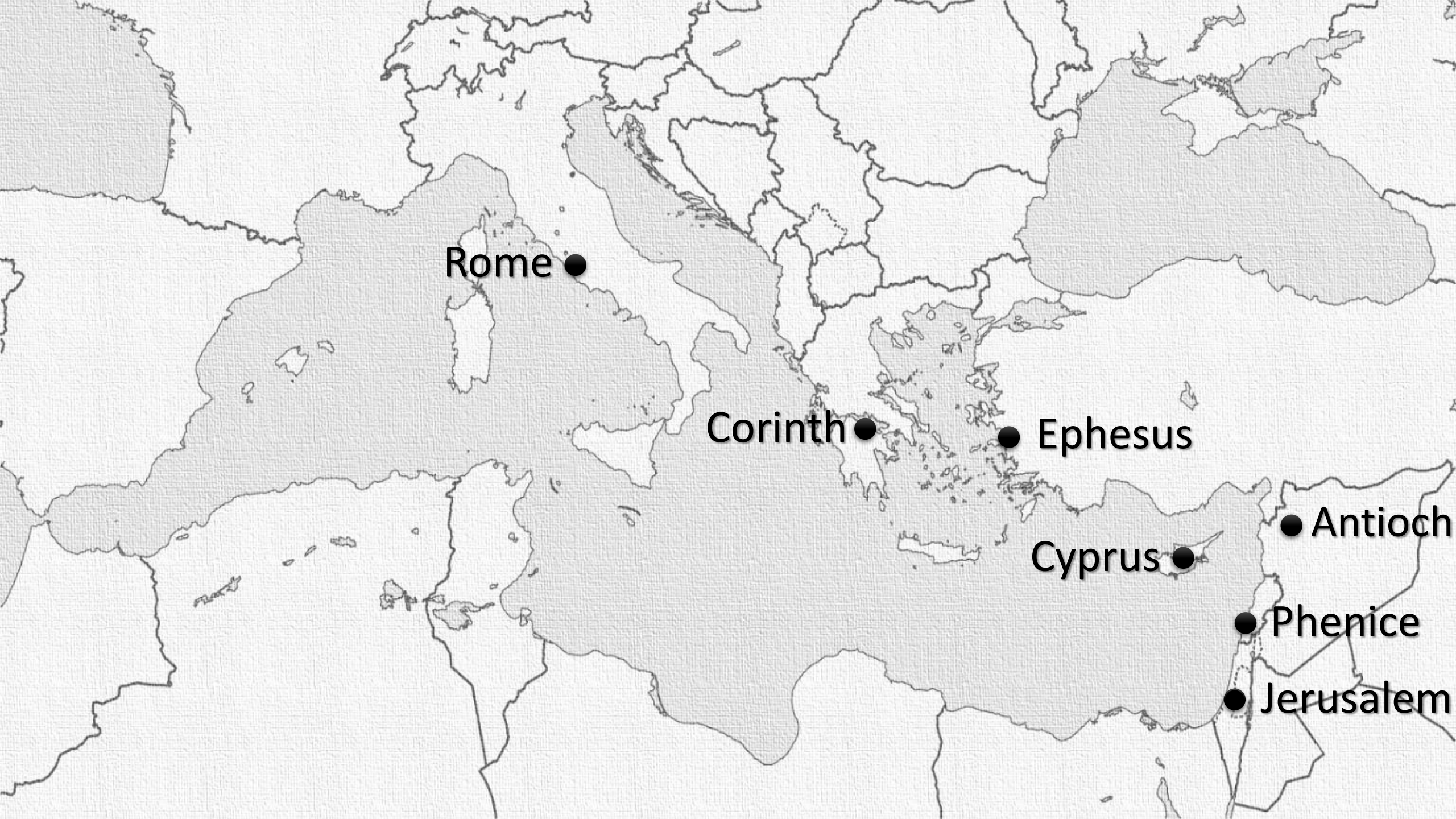


The House

The Village

The City





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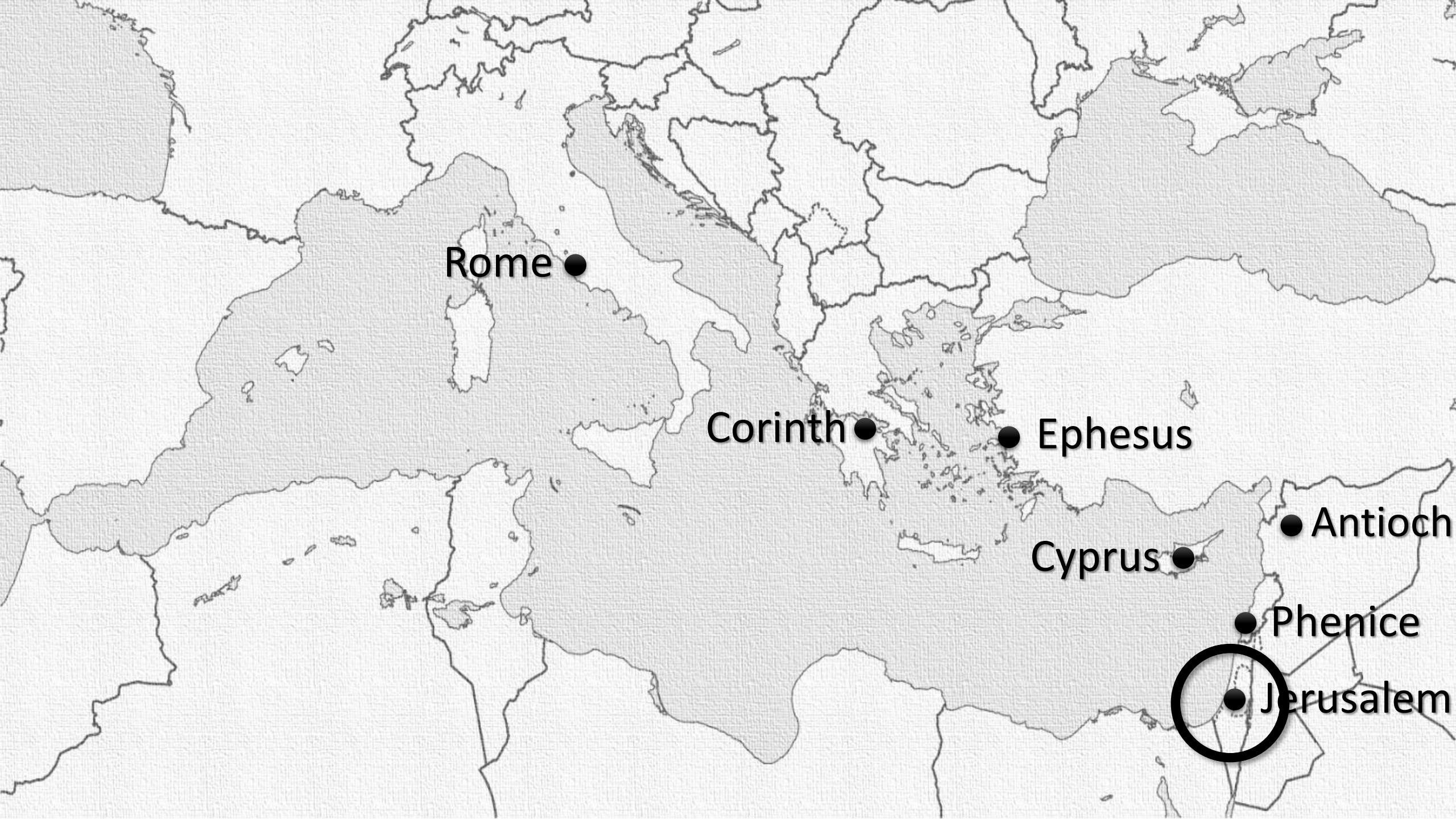
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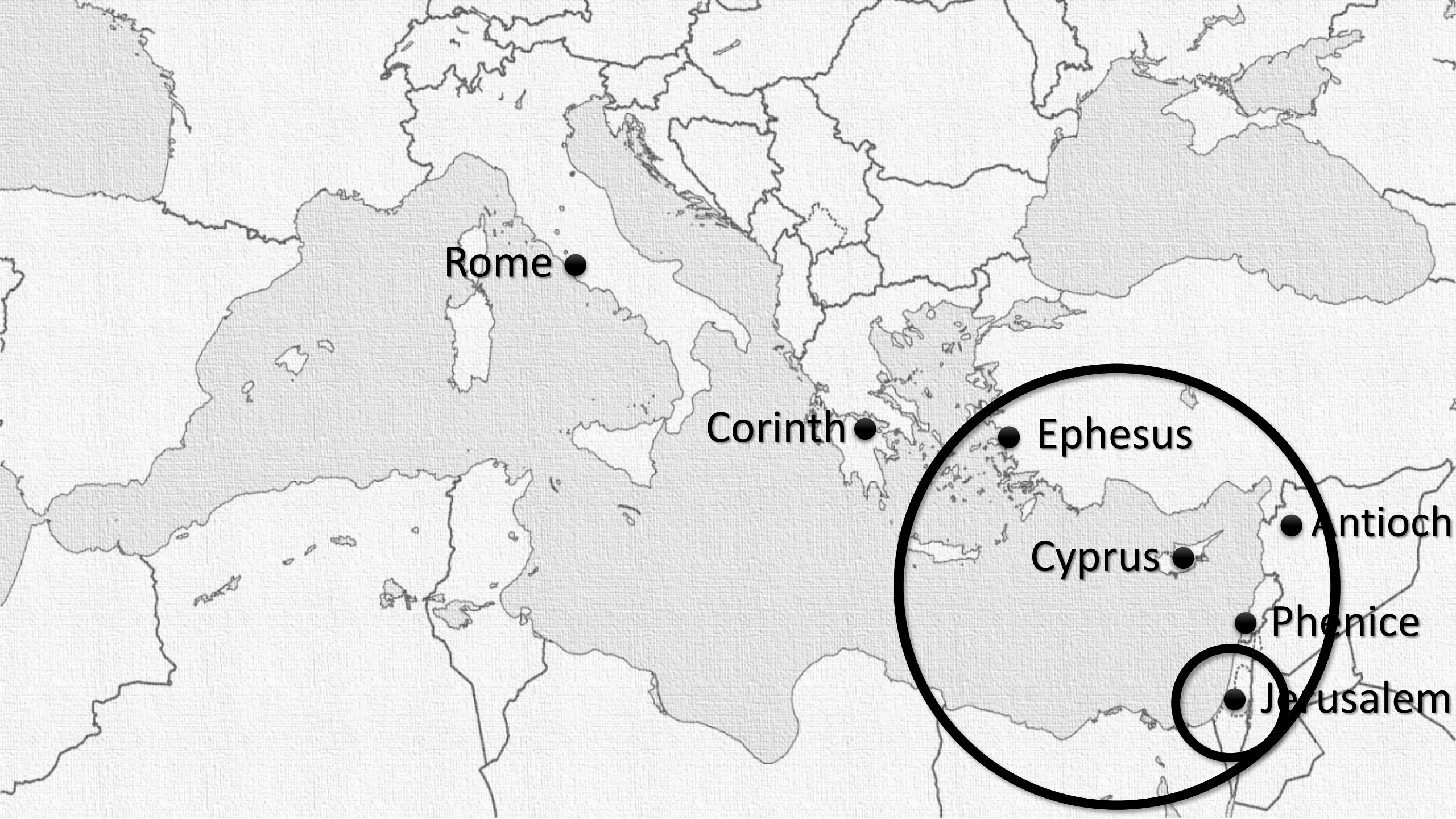
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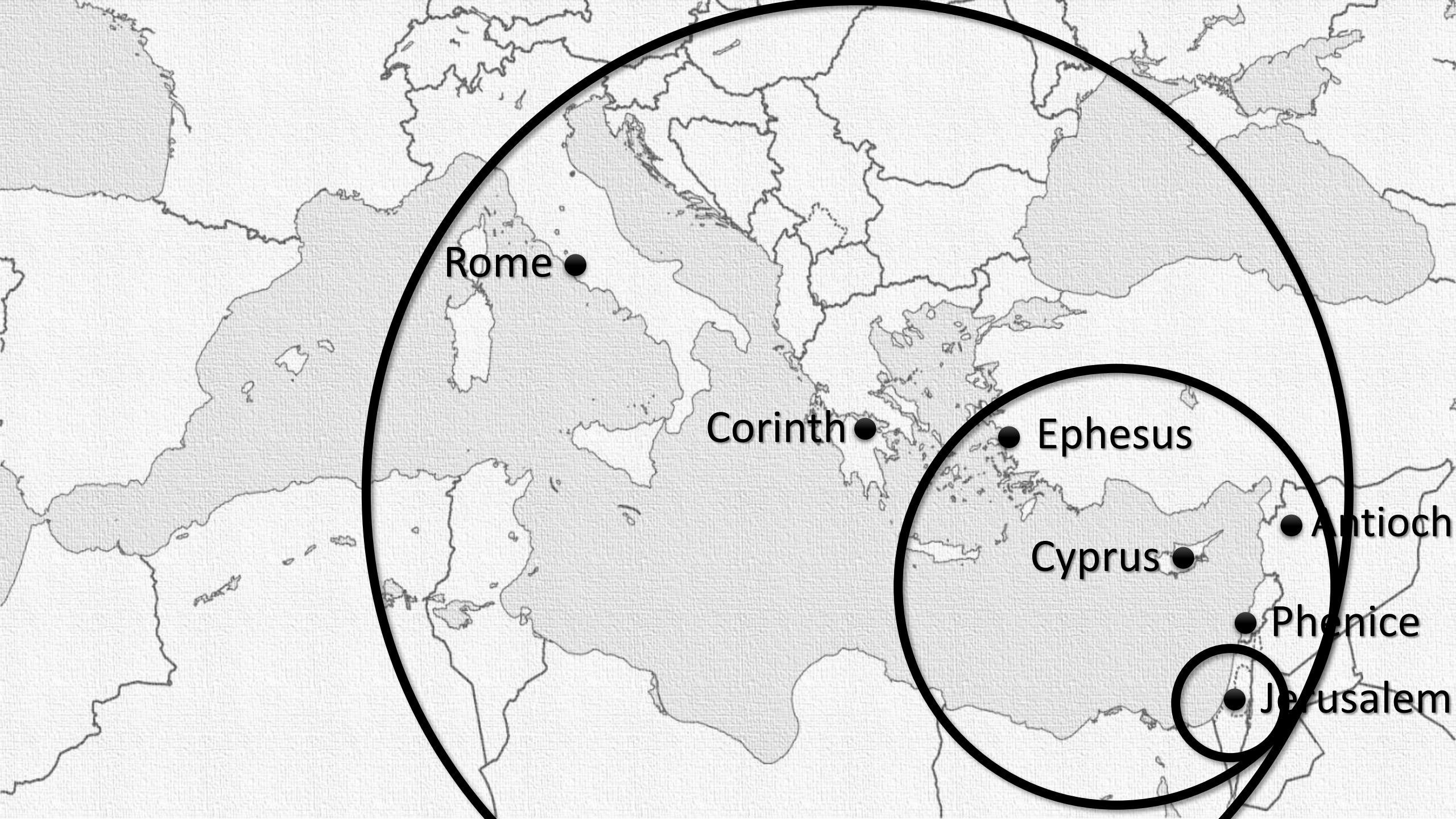
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Jesus chooses the twelve



Jesus sends the twelve and the seventy to the Jews



Jesus sends the Gospel to the ends of the earth



Enos prays for a testimony for himself



Enos prays for the Nephites



Enos prays for the Lamanites



Sons of Mosiah receive a testimony of
Jesus Christ



Sons of Mosiah preach the Gospel to
the Church

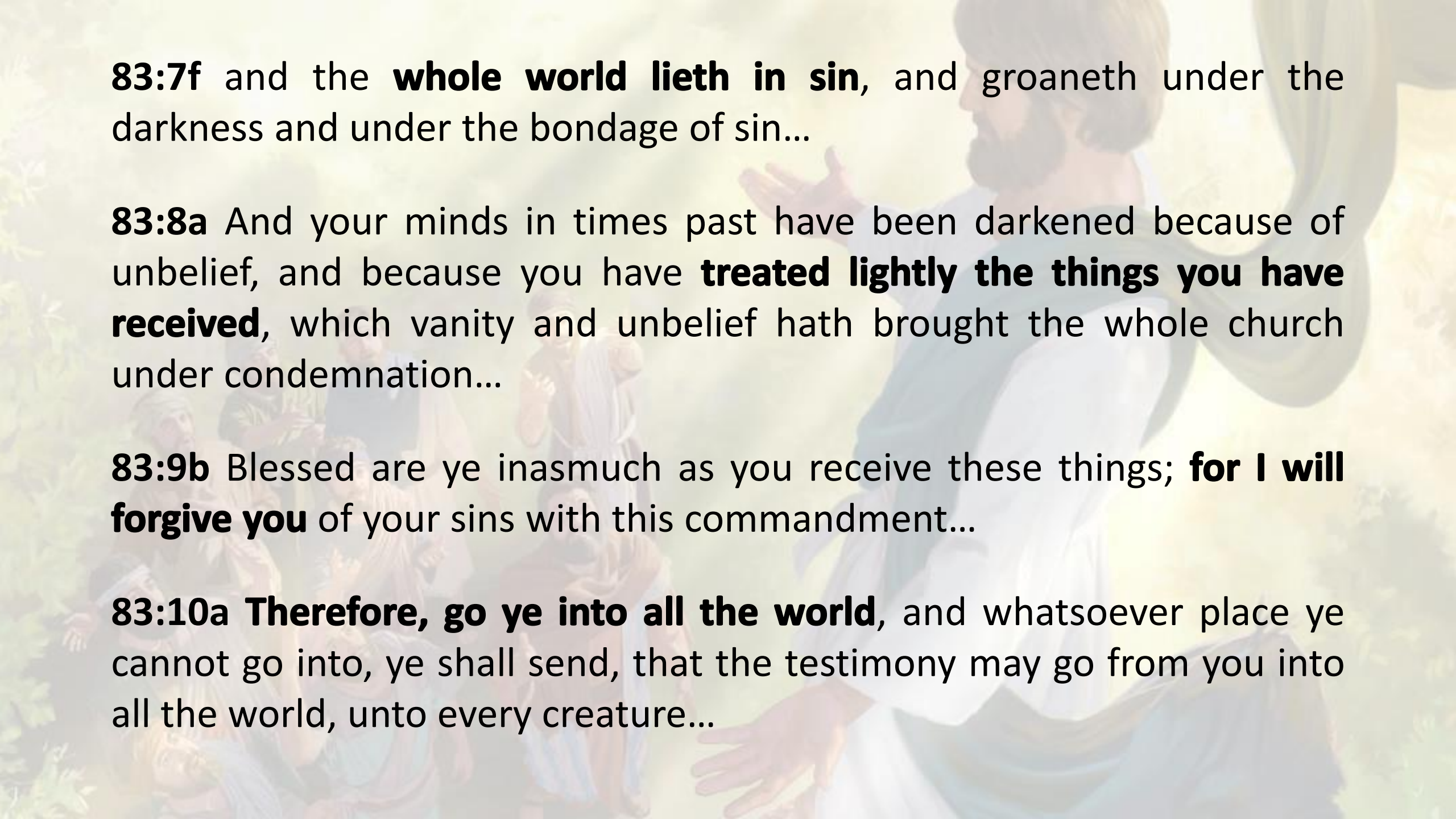


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Gospel to the Lamanites



Section 83

God has extended the great commission to us...

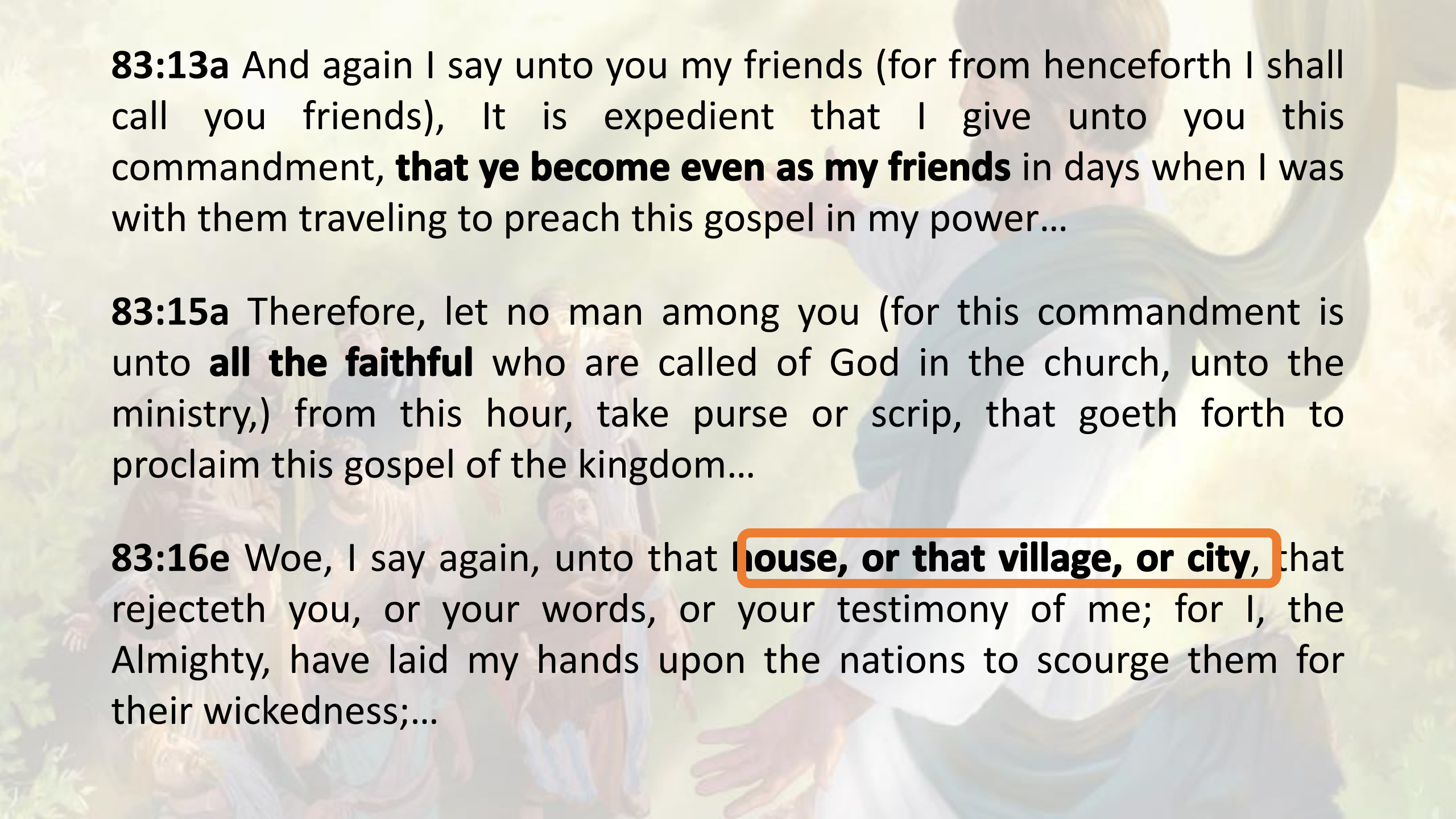


83:7f and the **whole world lieth in sin**, and groaneth under the darkness and under the bondage of sin...

83:8a And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have **treated lightly the things you have received**, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation...

83:9b Blessed are ye inasmuch as you receive these things; **for I will forgive you** of your sins with this commandment...

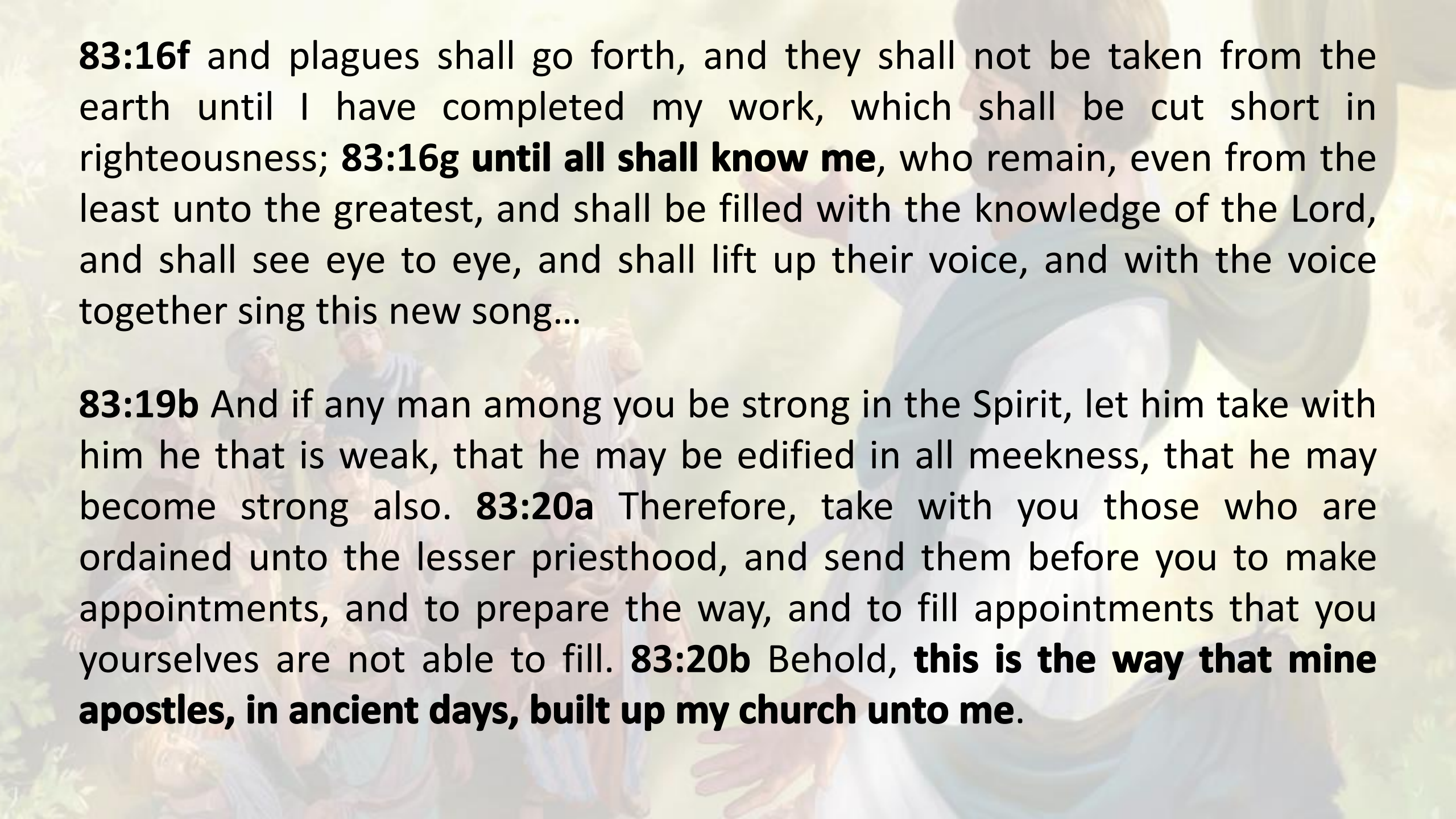
83:10a **Therefore, go ye into all the world**, and whatsoever place ye cannot go into, ye shall send, that the testimony may go from you into all the world, unto every creature...



83:13a And again I say unto you my friends (for from henceforth I shall call you friends), It is expedient that I give unto you this commandment, **that ye become even as my friends** in days when I was with them traveling to preach this gospel in my power...

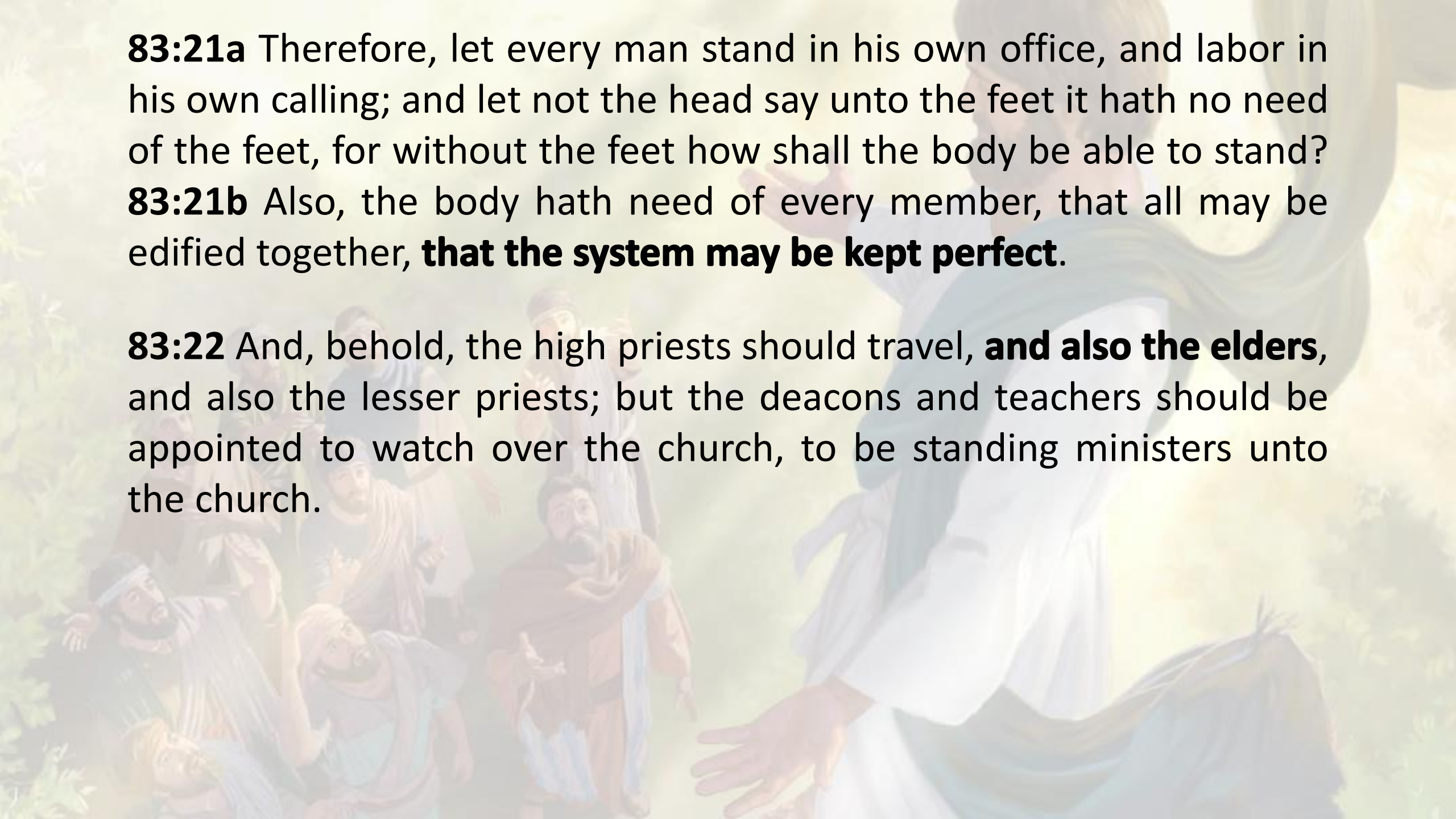
83:15a Therefore, let no man among you (for this commandment is unto **all the faithful** who are called of God in the church, unto the ministry,) from this hour, take purse or scrip, that goeth forth to proclaim this gospel of the kingdom...

83:16e Woe, I say again, unto that **house, or that village, or city,** that rejecteth you, or your words, or your testimony of me; for I, the Almighty, have laid my hands upon the nations to scourge them for their wickedness;...



83:16f and plagues shall go forth, and they shall not be taken from the earth until I have completed my work, which shall be cut short in righteousness; **83:16g until all shall know me**, who remain, even from the least unto the greatest, and shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and shall see eye to eye, and shall lift up their voice, and with the voice together sing this new song...

83:19b And if any man among you be strong in the Spirit, let him take with him he that is weak, that he may be edified in all meekness, that he may become strong also. **83:20a** Therefore, take with you those who are ordained unto the lesser priesthood, and send them before you to make appointments, and to prepare the way, and to fill appointments that you yourselves are not able to fill. **83:20b** Behold, **this is the way that mine apostles, in ancient days, built up my church unto me.**



83:21a Therefore, let every man stand in his own office, and labor in his own calling; and let not the head say unto the feet it hath no need of the feet, for without the feet how shall the body be able to stand?

83:21b Also, the body hath need of every member, that all may be edified together, **that the system may be kept perfect.**

83:22 And, behold, the high priests should travel, **and also the elders,** and also the lesser priests; but the deacons and teachers should be appointed to watch over the church, to be standing ministers unto the church.



The System

DC 83:21b “...that the system may be kept perfect...”





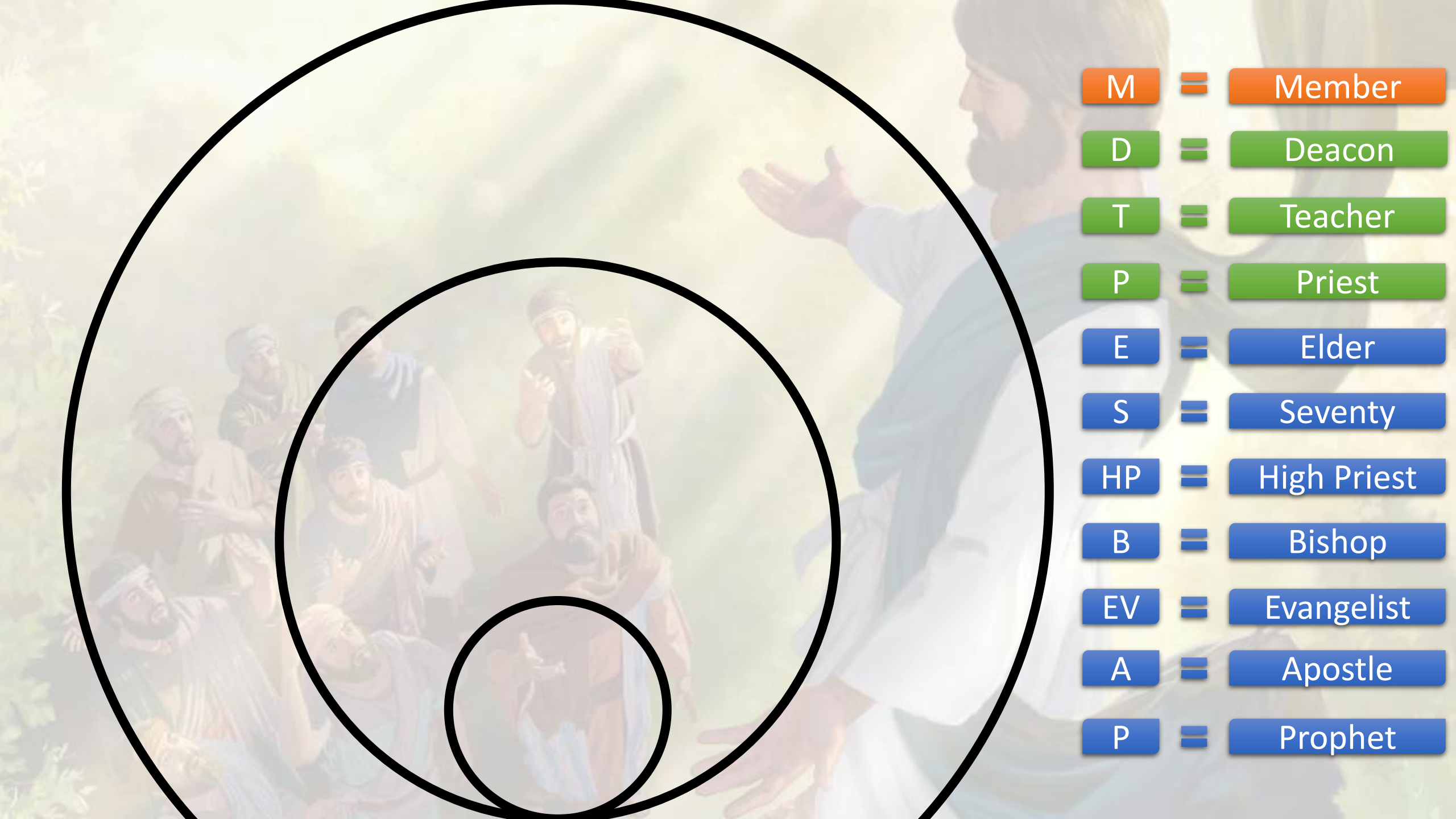
House

The background is a religious painting. On the right, Jesus is depicted from the waist up, wearing a white robe and a green cloak draped over his shoulder. He has a beard and long hair, and his hands are outstretched in a gesture of blessing or teaching. On the left, a group of people, including men and women in traditional robes and head coverings, are looking towards him. The scene is set in a hazy, sunlit landscape with trees and foliage. A large blue circle with a black border is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the word "Village" in white text.

Village



City

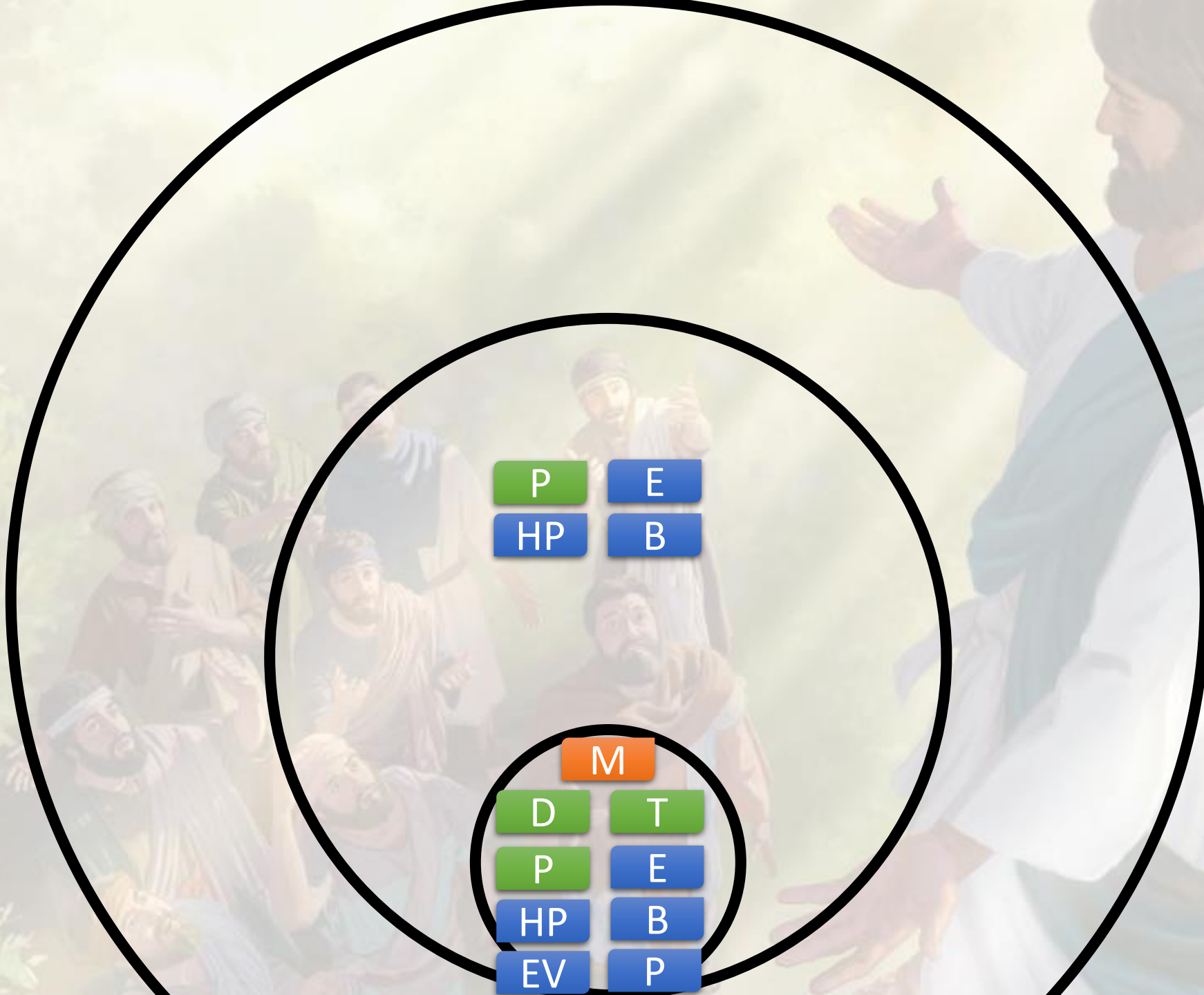


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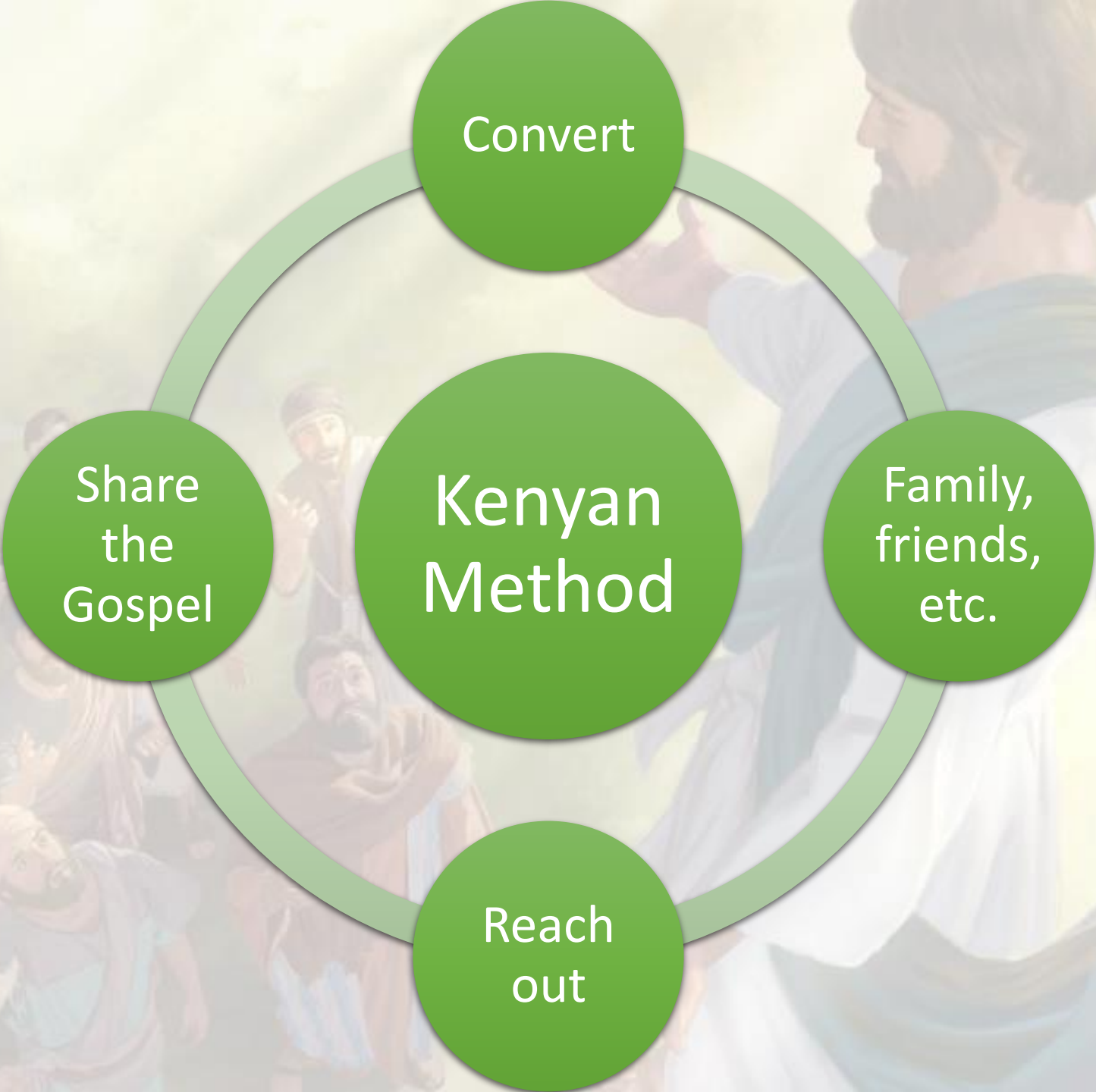
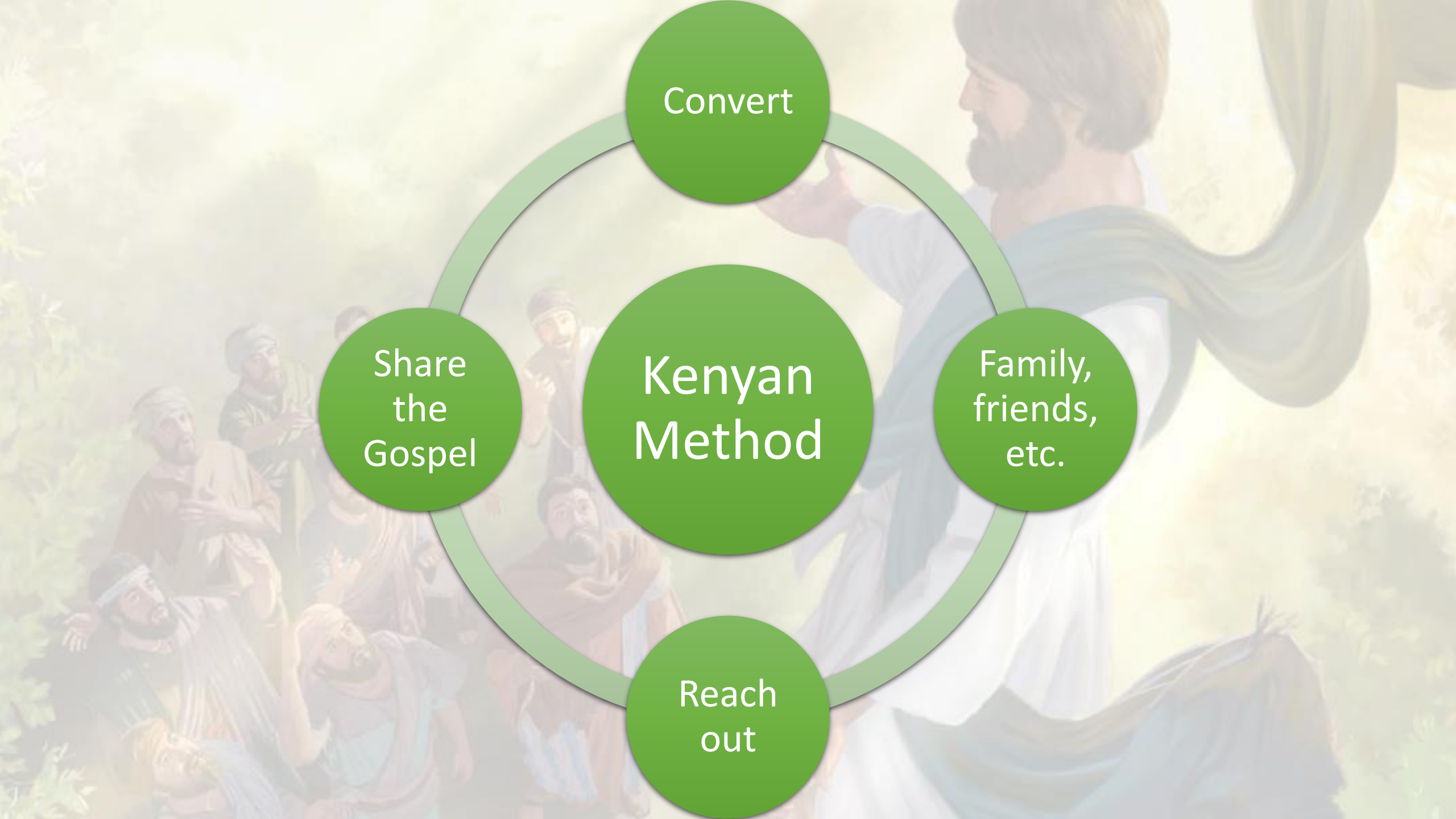


The City



How to build a House

- Preaching [Enoch, Peter, King Benjamin, Alma, Samuel, Nephi]
- Going house to house [Jesus and the Apostles]
- People coming to the priesthood member [Cornelius and Peter]
- Lead by the Spirit [Philip and the Eunuch, Paul to Macedonia]





Pray
Where

Go to
the City

Prayer
Walk

Prayer
Knock

Follow-
Up

Take
Others

No
Purse or
Scrip



Before we go to the house...

DC 10:10a “...seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word...”



Ways to Deliver
the Gospel

Experiences
and Testimonies

The Principles
of the Gospel

What are the Principles of the Gospel?

1. Who is God?
2. The fall of man
3. Redemption through Christ
4. Agency and Intelligence
5. The Doctrine of Christ
6. Kingdom of God
7. Zion
8. The Church and authority
9. Reconciliation
10. Stewardship
11. Restoration
12. Eternal life

How to organize those principles...

Tier One: Who is God?

Tier Two: the Fall of man, Redemption through Christ, A&I

Tier Three: The Doctrine of Christ, the Kingdom, Zion

Tier Four: The Church & Authority, Reconciliation, Stewardship

Tier Five: Eternal life, Restoration

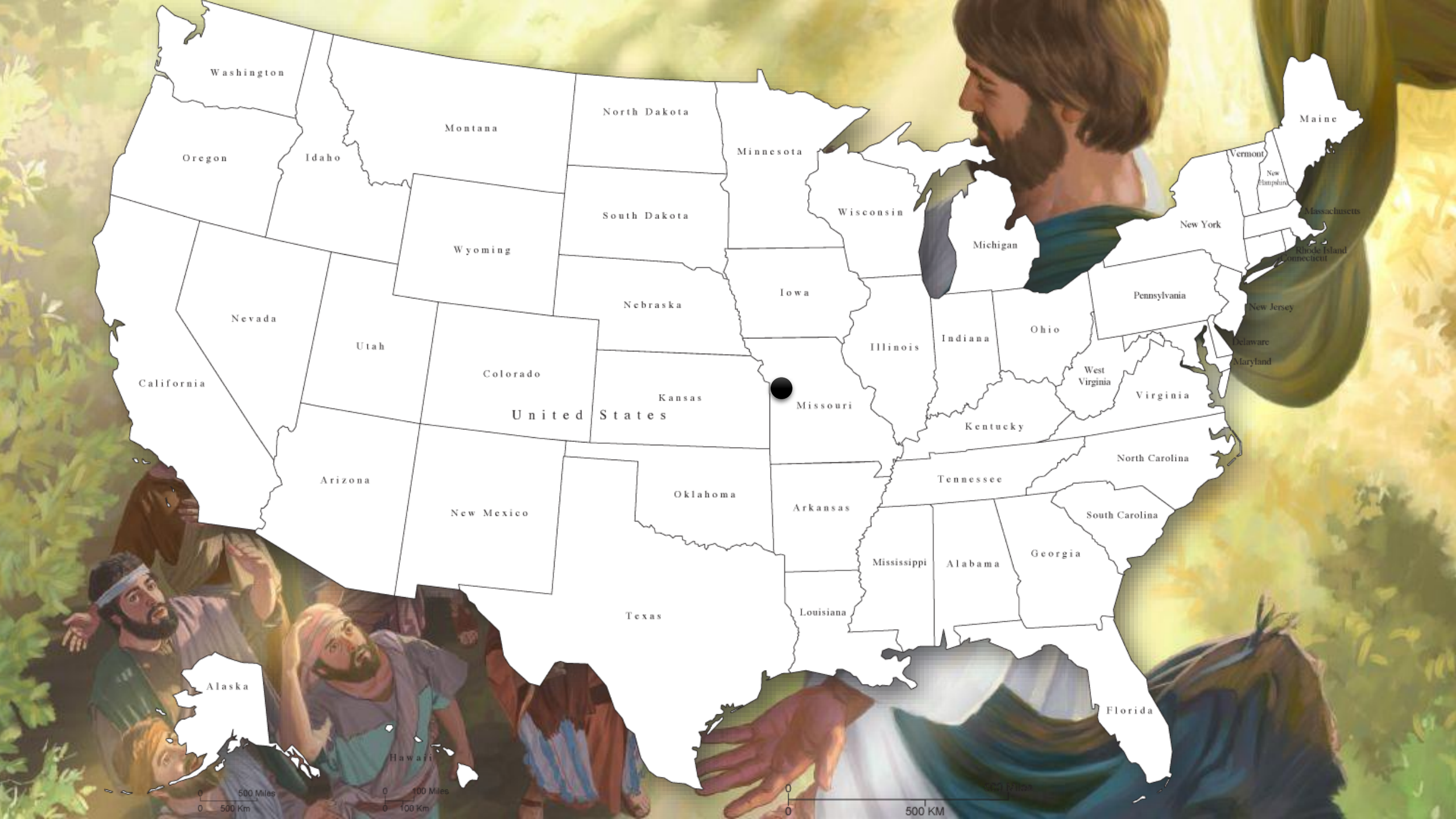
Can you answer these questions

1. Who is God?
2. Why should we believe in Him?
3. How does He communicate with us?
4. What does He say we should do?
5. What are His promises?



Conclusion

DC 83:10a “Therefore, go ye into all the world...”



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North Dakota

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Michigan

New York

Vermont

New Hampshire

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Rhode Island

Connecticut

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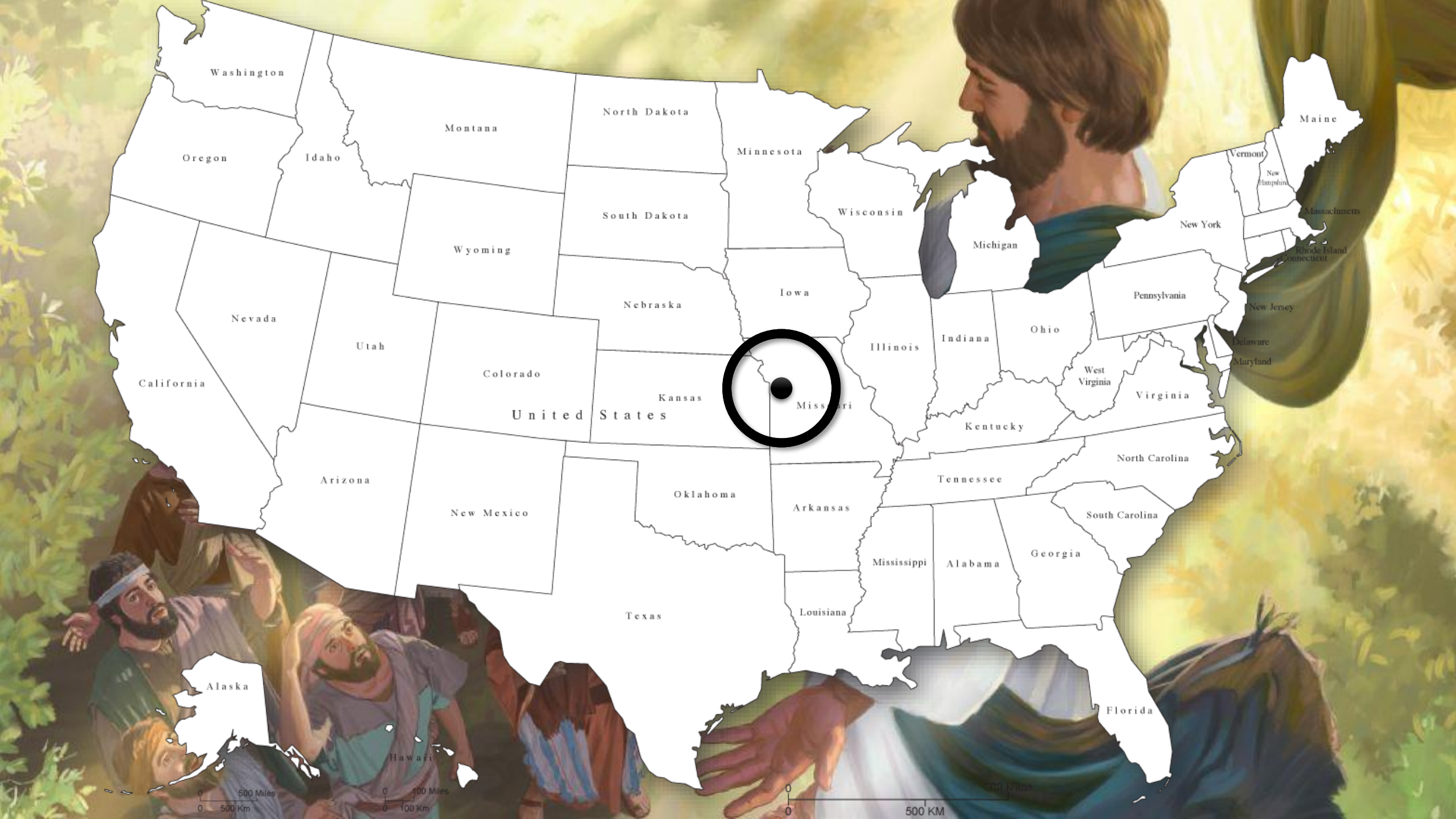
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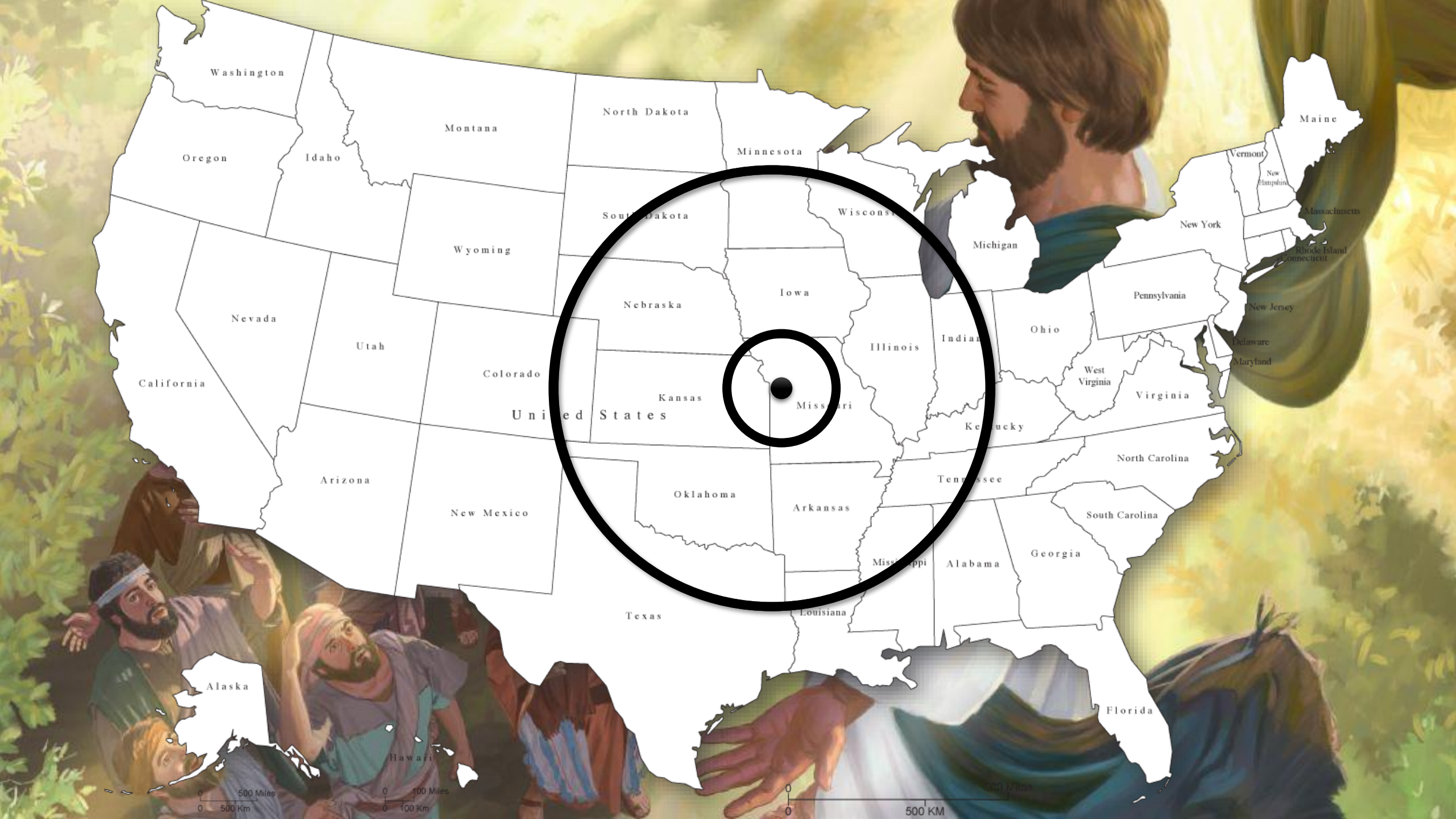
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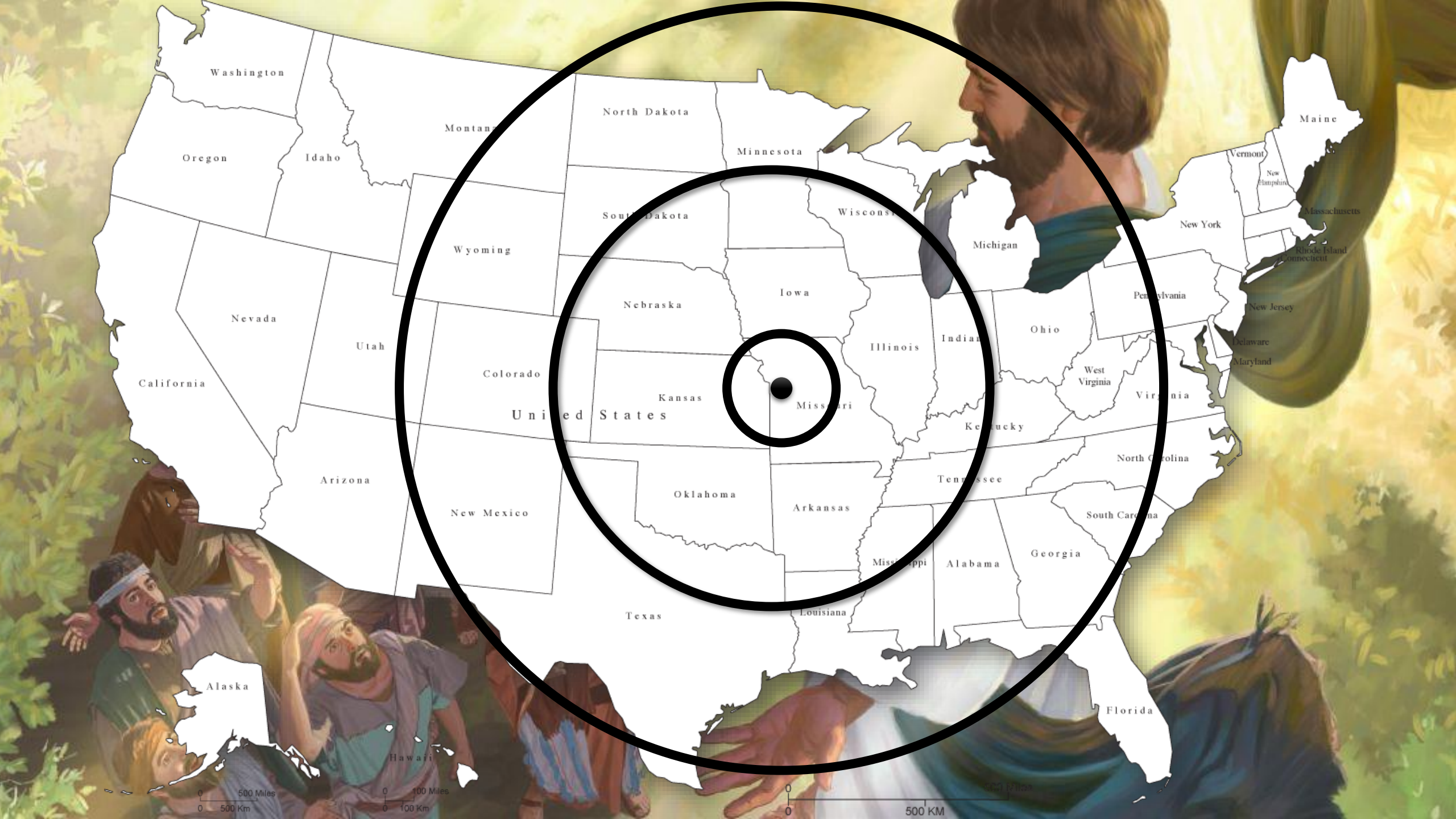
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DC 83:13-15

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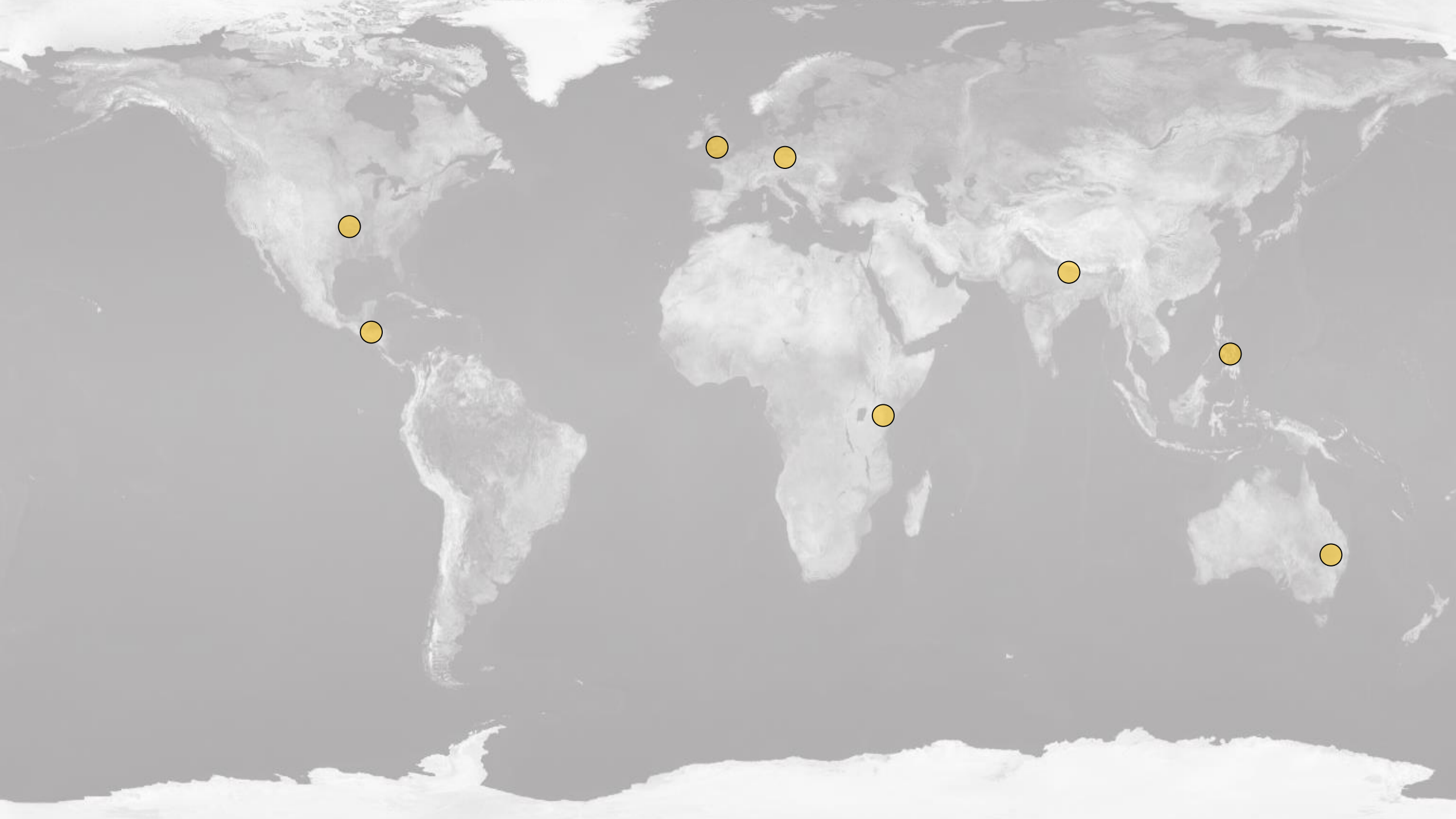
83:13c And any man that shall go and preach this gospel of the kingdom, and fail not to continue faithful in all things, shall not be weary in mind, neither darkened, neither in body, limb or joint; and an hair of his head shall not fall to the ground unnoticed. And they shall not go hungry, neither athirst.

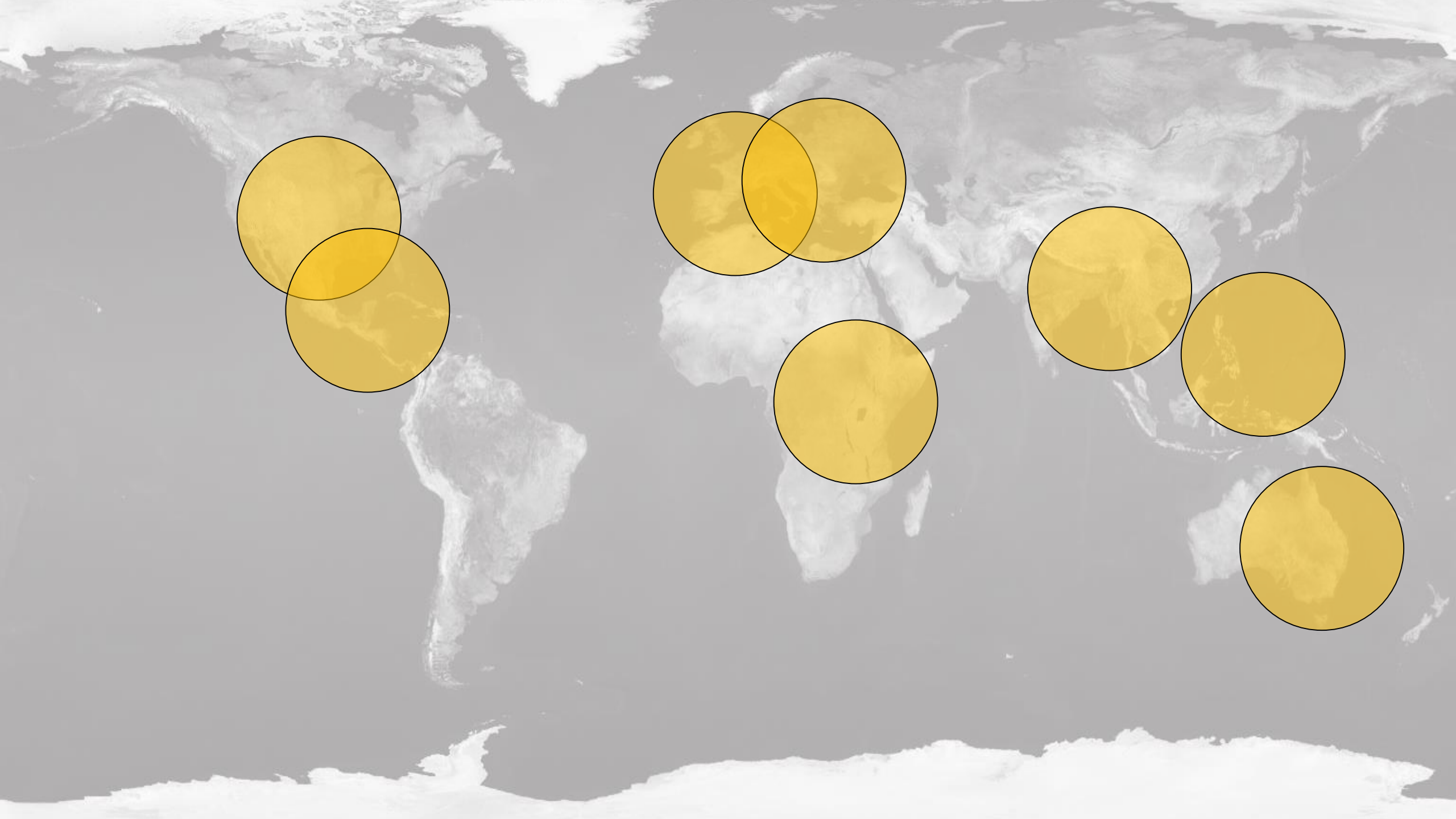
DC 83:13-15

83:14a Therefore, **take no thought** for the morrow, for what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed; **83:14b** for consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin; and the kingdoms of the world, in all their glory, are not arrayed like one of these; for your Father who art in heaven, knoweth that you have need of all these things. **83:14c** Therefore, let the morrow take thought for the things of itself. **83:14d** Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say, but treasure up in your minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man.

DC 83:13-15

15a Therefore, let no man among you (for this commandment is unto **all the faithful** who are called of God in the church, unto the ministry,) from this hour, **take purse or scrip**, that goeth forth to proclaim this gospel of the kingdom. **15b** Behold, I send you out **to reprove the world** of all their unrighteous deeds, and to teach them of a judgment which is to come. **15c** And whoso receiveth you, there will I be also; for I will go before your face: I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and my angels round about you, to bear you up.

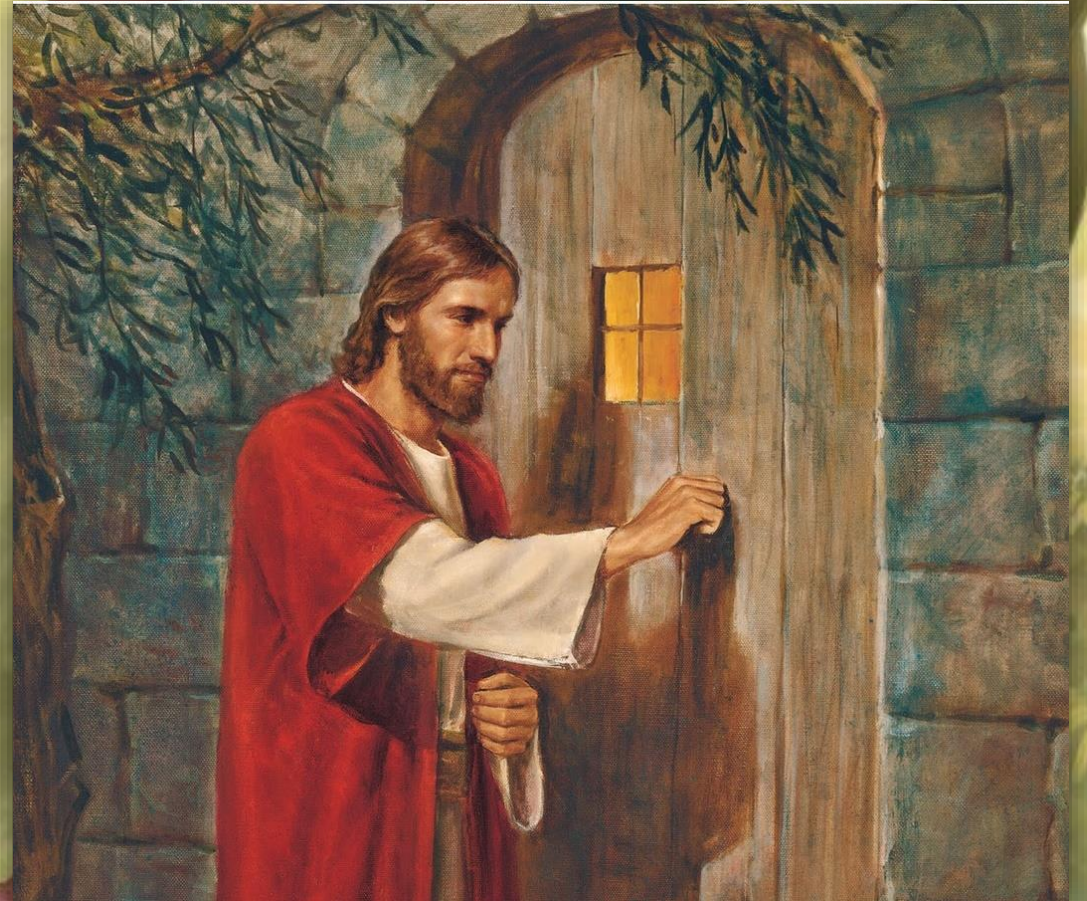




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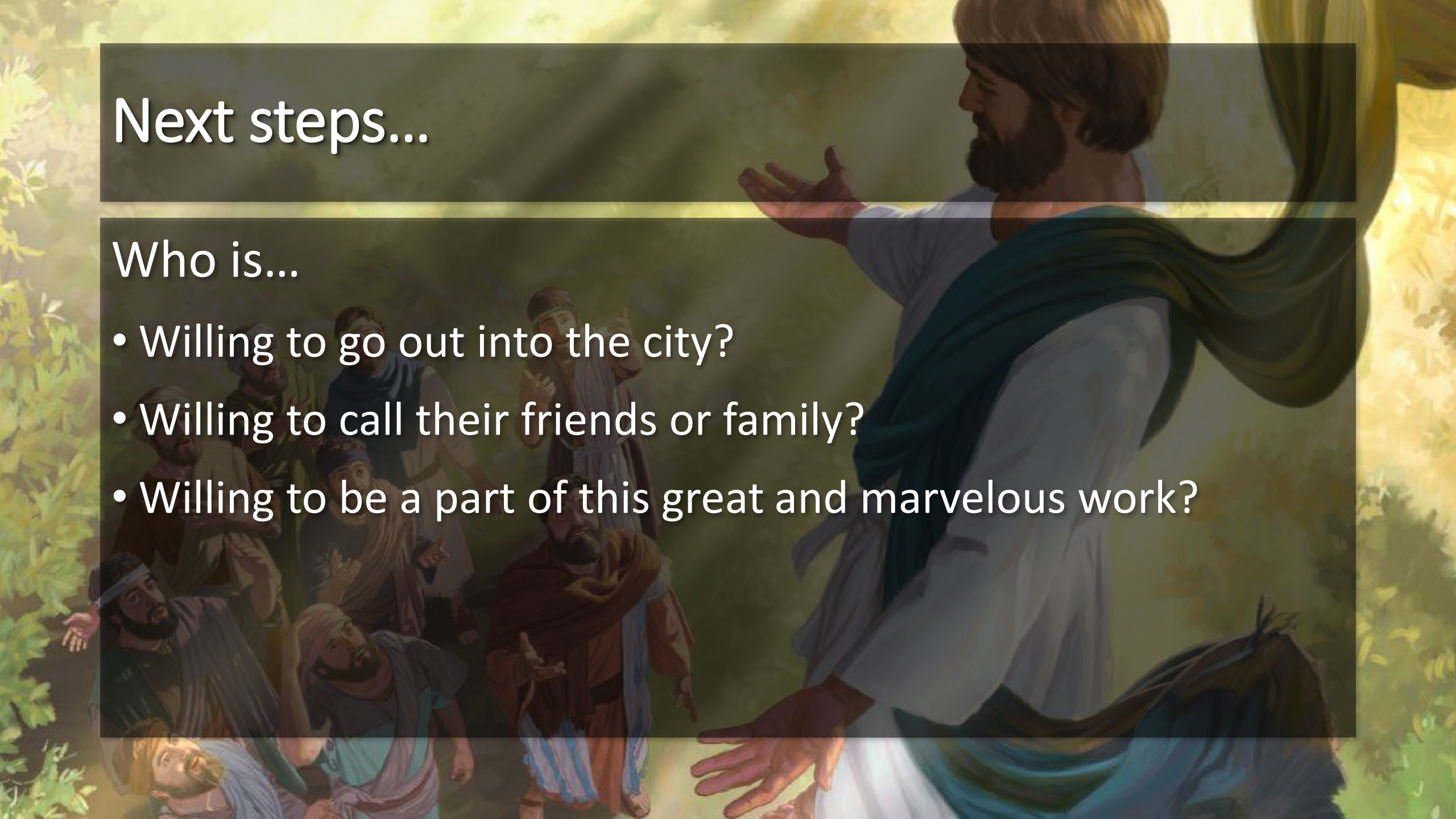
There are just two requirements



Next steps...

Who is...

- Willing to go out into the city?
- Willing to call their friends or family?
- Willing to be a part of this great and marvelous work?



An artistic illustration of Jesus Christ, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a blue sash. He is shown from the waist up, gesturing with his right hand towards a group of men. The men, dressed in various robes and head coverings, are looking up at him with expressions of awe and devotion. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with green foliage and a warm, golden light. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title and subtitle in white text.

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