

The Good Book

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Wisdom

Inspired



A blurred background image showing a person sitting and reading a book. A white cup, likely containing coffee, is visible on a table in front of them. The scene is softly lit, creating a warm and focused atmosphere.

Diverse

Progressive



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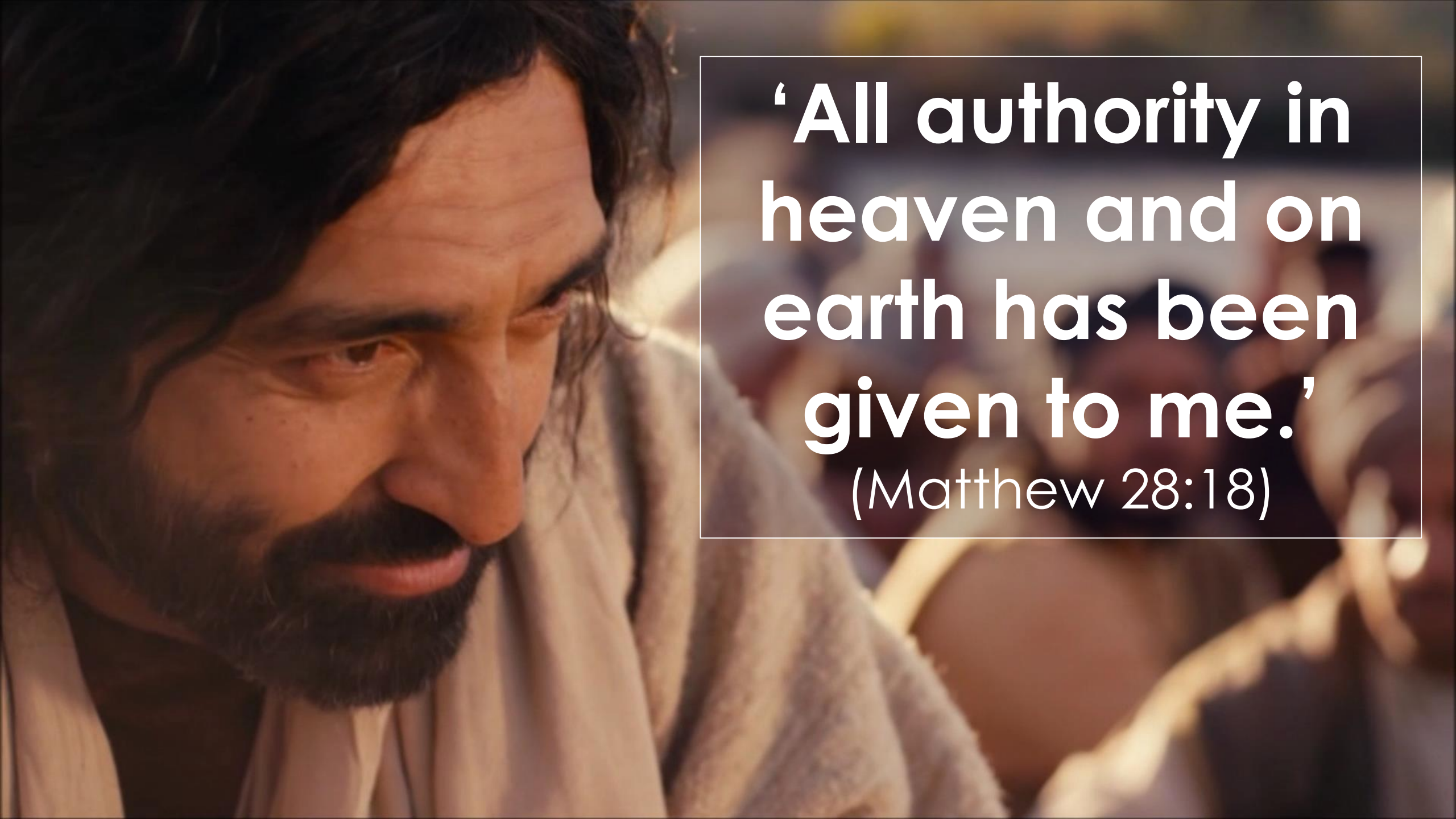


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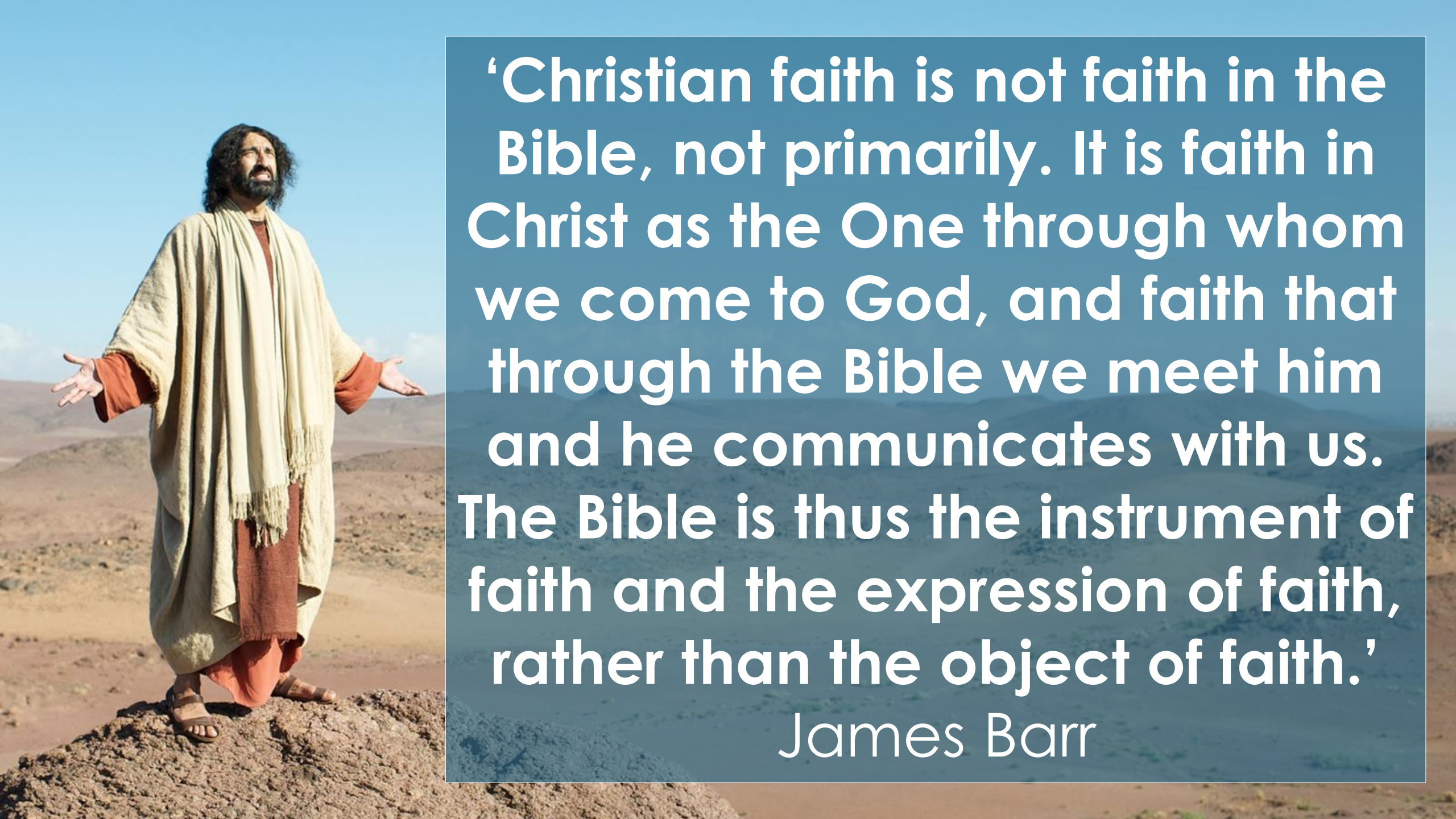
**‘All Scripture is...
useful.’
(2 Timothy 3:16)**





**‘All authority in
heaven and on
earth has been
given to me.’**

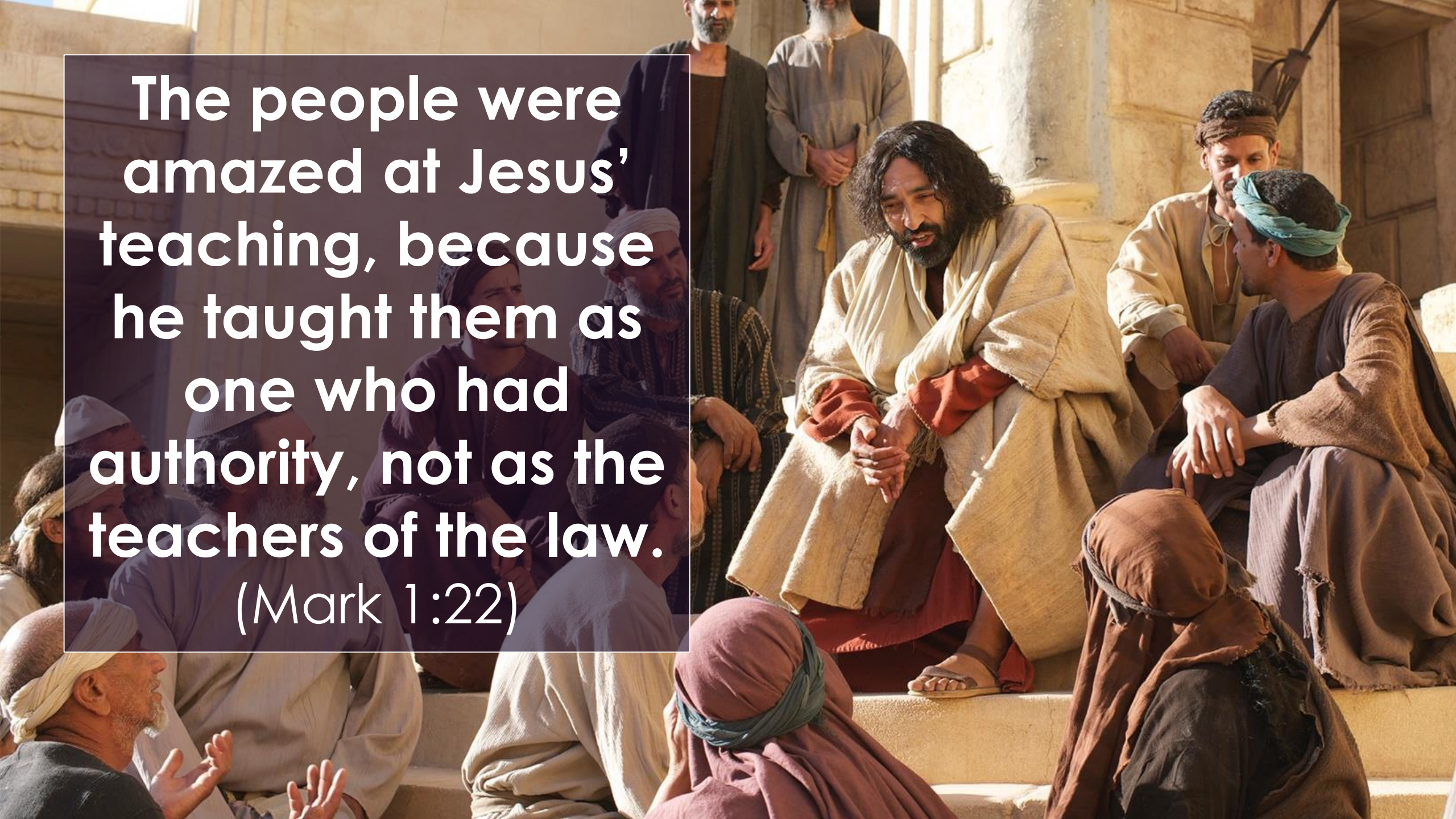
(Matthew 28:18)

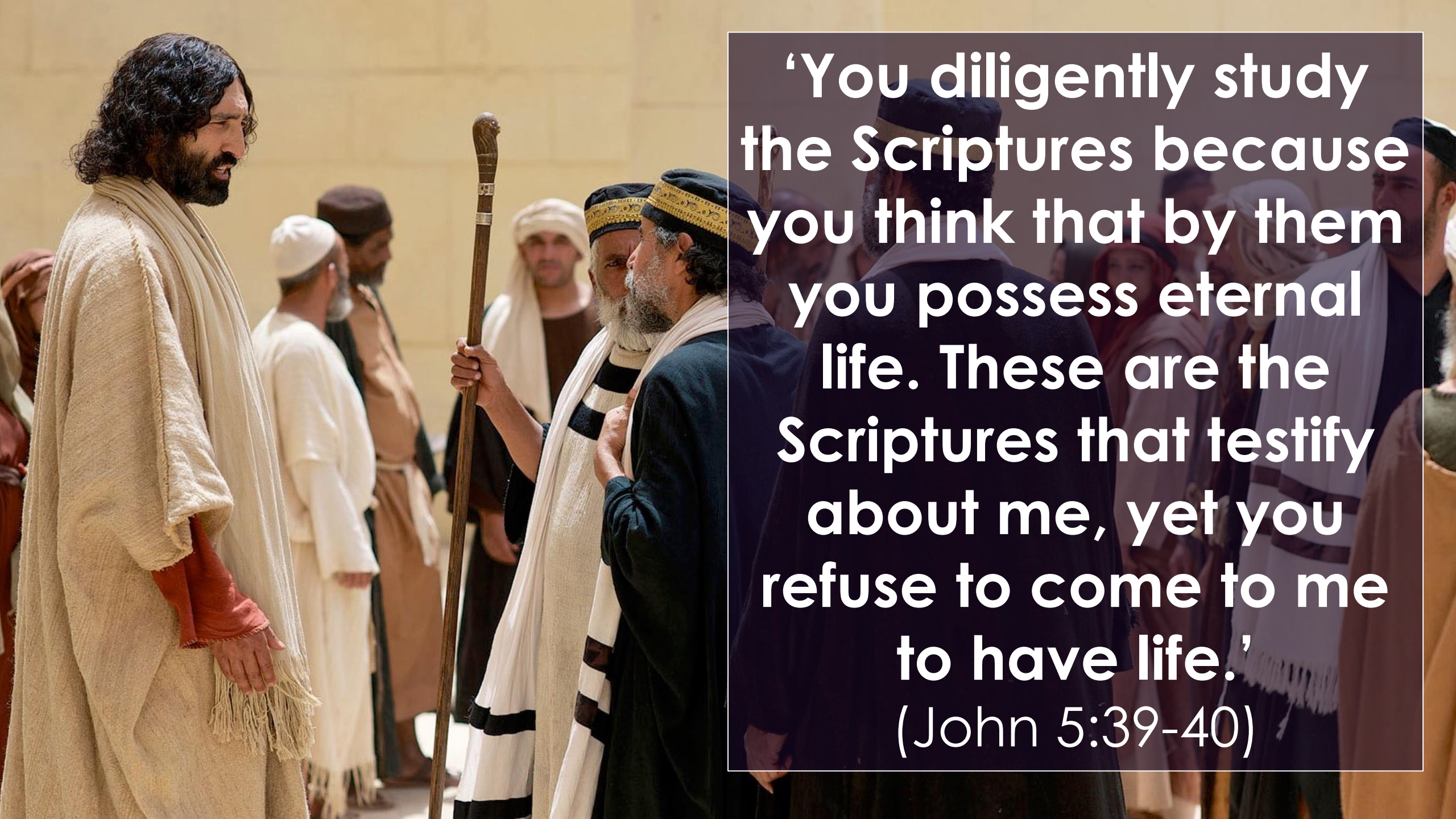


‘Christian faith is not faith in the Bible, not primarily. It is faith in Christ as the One through whom we come to God, and faith that through the Bible we meet him and he communicates with us. The Bible is thus the instrument of faith and the expression of faith, rather than the object of faith.’

James Barr

The people were
amazed at Jesus'
teaching, because
he taught them as
one who had
authority, not as the
teachers of the law.
(Mark 1:22)





**‘You diligently study
the Scriptures because
you think that by them
you possess eternal
life. These are the
Scriptures that testify
about me, yet you
refuse to come to me
to have life.’
(John 5:39-40)**



Bible

Experience

Tradition









A close-up, profile view of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe. He is looking to the left with an open mouth as if speaking. In the background, other people in white robes are visible, some with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or agreement. The lighting is warm and focused on Jesus.

**‘I have not come to
abolish the Law and
the Prophets but to
fulfil them.’
(Matthew 5:17)**

A photograph of Jesus, with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a white robe with a brown sash. He is looking down at his hands, which are clasped together. He is surrounded by a crowd of people in traditional Middle Eastern clothing, including head coverings and robes. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a body of water.

**‘Love your
neighbour as
yourself.’**
(Matthew 22:39)

‘Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour’s life. I am the Lord. Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart...

Rebuke your neighbour frankly so that you will not share in their guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord. Keep my decrees. Do not mate different kinds of animals. Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed. Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material...'

(Leviticus 19:16-19)

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(Leviticus 19:16-19)

**‘You have heard
that it was said,
‘Eye for eye, tooth
for tooth’. But I tell
you, do not take
revenge on an
evil person.’
(Matthew 5:38-39)**







**‘All authority in heaven
and on earth has been
given to me...
Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations...
teaching them to obey
everything I have
commanded you.’
(Matthew 28:18-19)**



‘Peace be upon you. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you’. And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone their sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven’.

(John 20:22-23)



**‘Very truly I tell you,
whoever believes in me will
do the works I have been
doing, and they will do even
greater things than these,
because I am going to the
Father. And I will do
whatever you ask in my
name, so that the Father
may be glorified in the Son.’**

(John 14:12-13)







‘You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.’
(2 Corinthians 3:2-3)



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