



“Poverty of The Materialist”

LESSONS FROM THE RICH YOUNG RULER

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The CONTEXT (Mat. 19; Mark 10; Luke 18)



- Matthew and Mark place this story after Jesus's teaching on marriage and children being brought to Him. (Mat. 19:3-15; Mark 10:2-16)
- Luke places this event in the midst of a series of incidents and parables designed to indicate the character of discipleship, especially humility, including Jesus receiving the small children (18:15-17; cf. Mat, & Mark).
- Mark supplies a bit of the context: "As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him" (Mark 10:17a).

Matthew 19:16-30

¹⁶ ^oNow behold, one came and said to Him, ^p“Good ⁴Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

¹⁷ So He said to him, ⁵“Why do you call Me good? ⁶No one is ^qgood but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, ^rkeep the commandments.”

¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?”

Jesus said, ^s“ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ¹⁹ ^t‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ^u‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

²⁰ The young man said to Him, “All these things I have ^vkept ⁷from my youth. What do I still lack?”

Matthew 19:16-30

²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, ^wgo, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that ^xit is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁵ When His disciples heard *it*, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

Matthew 19:16-30

²⁶ But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “**With men this is impossible, but ^ywith God all things are possible.**”

²⁷ Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, ^zwe have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “**Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, ^a you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** ²⁹ ^bAnd everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother ⁸or wife or children or ⁹lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. ³⁰ ^cBut many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.

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PROFILE of the Rich Young Ruler

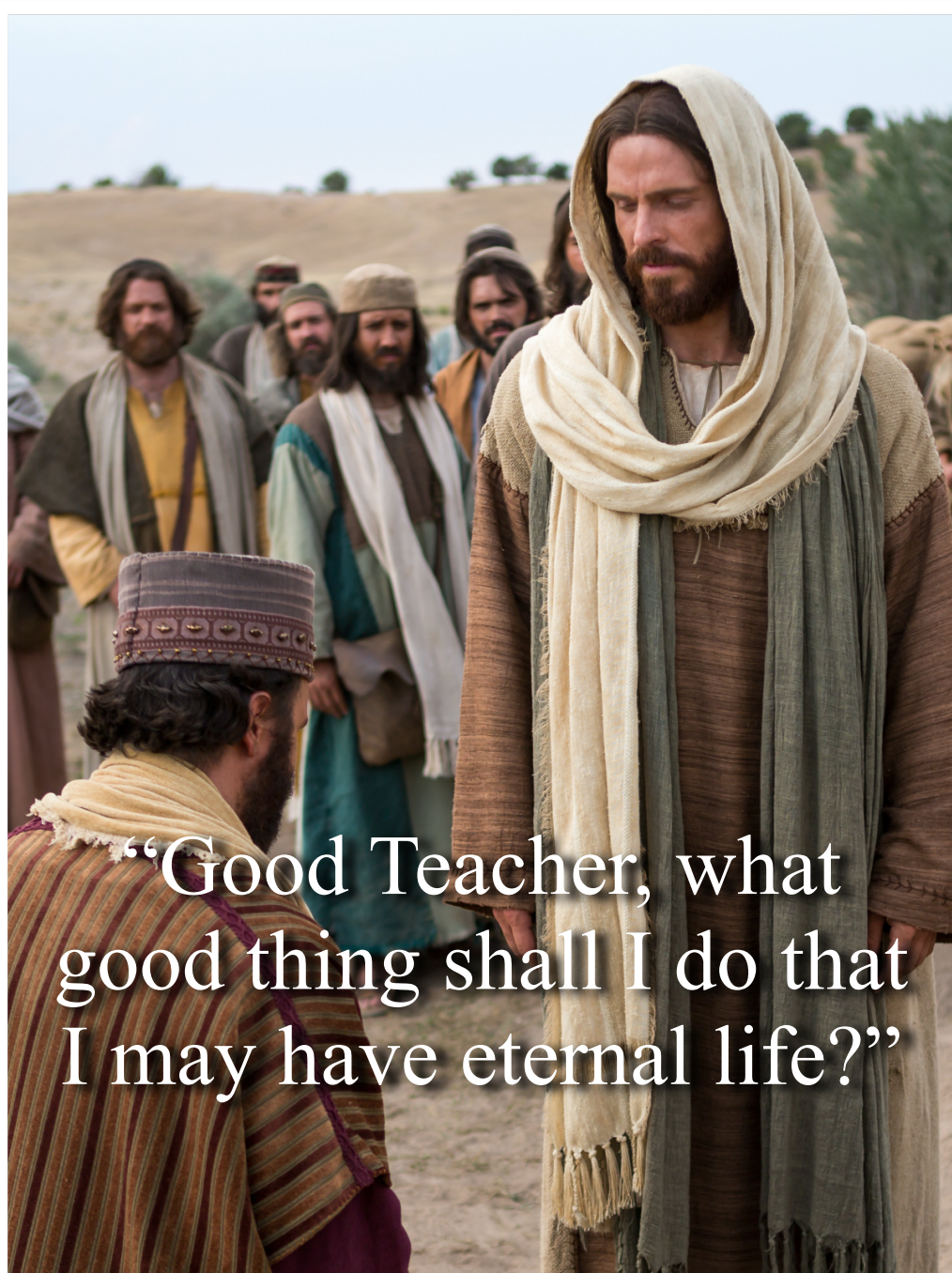


- An earnest man (Mk 10:17)
- A respectful man (Mk 10:17)
- A ruler (Lk 18:18)
- A young man (Mt. 19:22)
- A rich man (Lk 18:23)
- A moral man (Mk 10:20)
- A man seeking how he could have eternal life (Mt. 19:16; Mk 10:17; Lk 18:18)
- A man not willing to pay the price (Mt. 19:22; Mk 10:22; Lk 18:23)

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ASK THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

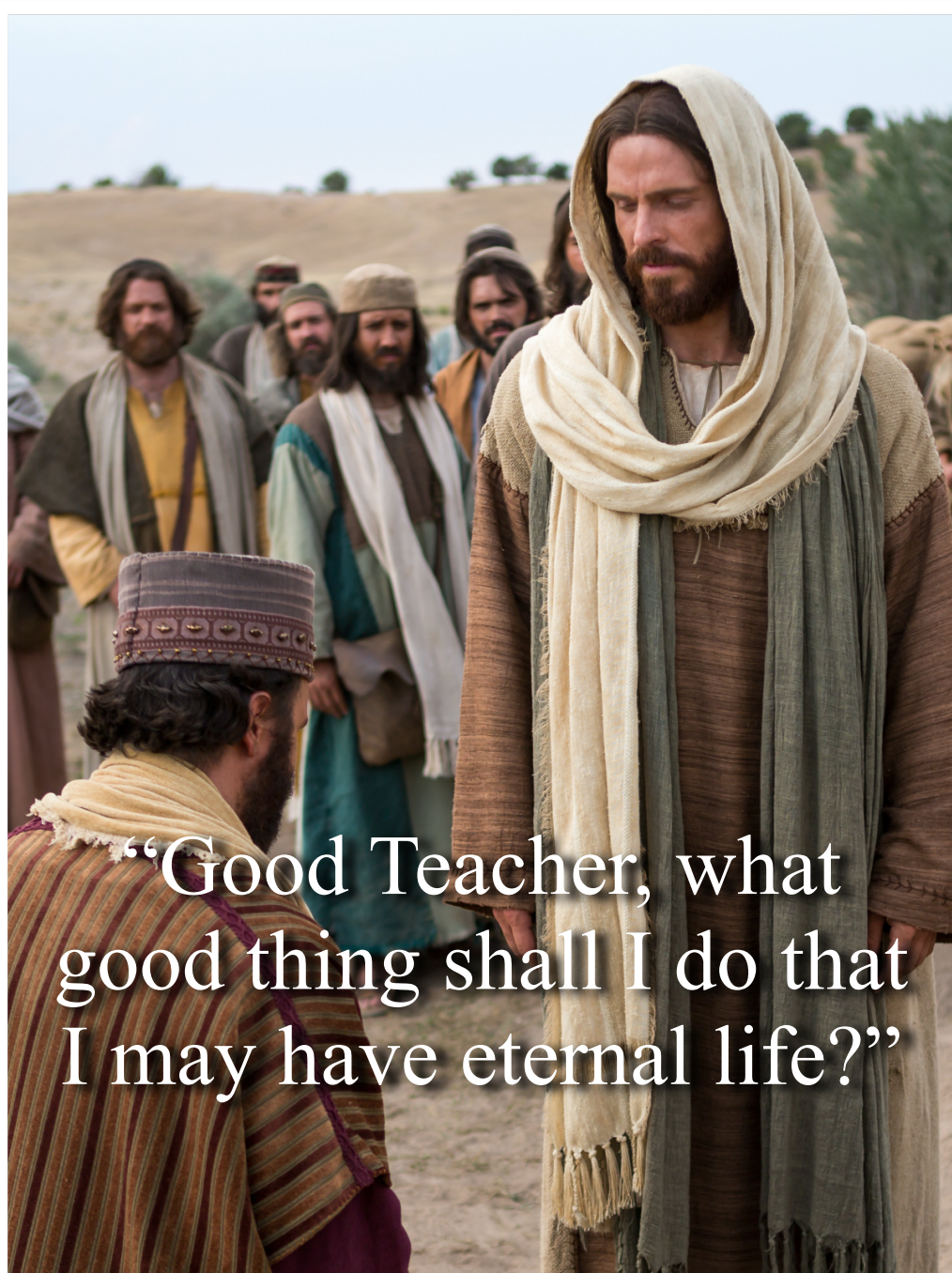


- The MOST Important question one could ask (Acts 2:37; 9:6; 16:30)
- Recognized that there was more than this present life (Luke 10:25; Mark 10:30; Mat 25:46; Rom 2:7; 6:22,23; Tit 1:2; 1 John 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:19)
- Eternity is TOO long to settle for the wrong answer! (Mat. 7:13,14; 2 Thes. 1:7-9)

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Went To The Right Person!!!



- “Good teacher . . .” high opinion of Jesus as a teacher. (cf. John 3:2)
- “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.” - Denoting infinite perfection, Divinity; (Mat 23:6-10)
- ▶ Jesus not denying His Deity – but affirming it (John 1:1,2; 8:58; 13:13; 17:5; Phil 2:5-10; Col. 1:15-18; Heb. 1:1-3,7-10; Mat 3:17; 17:5)
- ▶ Jesus was GOOD in the absolute sense (Jn 8:46; 14:30; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet 2:21,22)

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Received The Right Answer

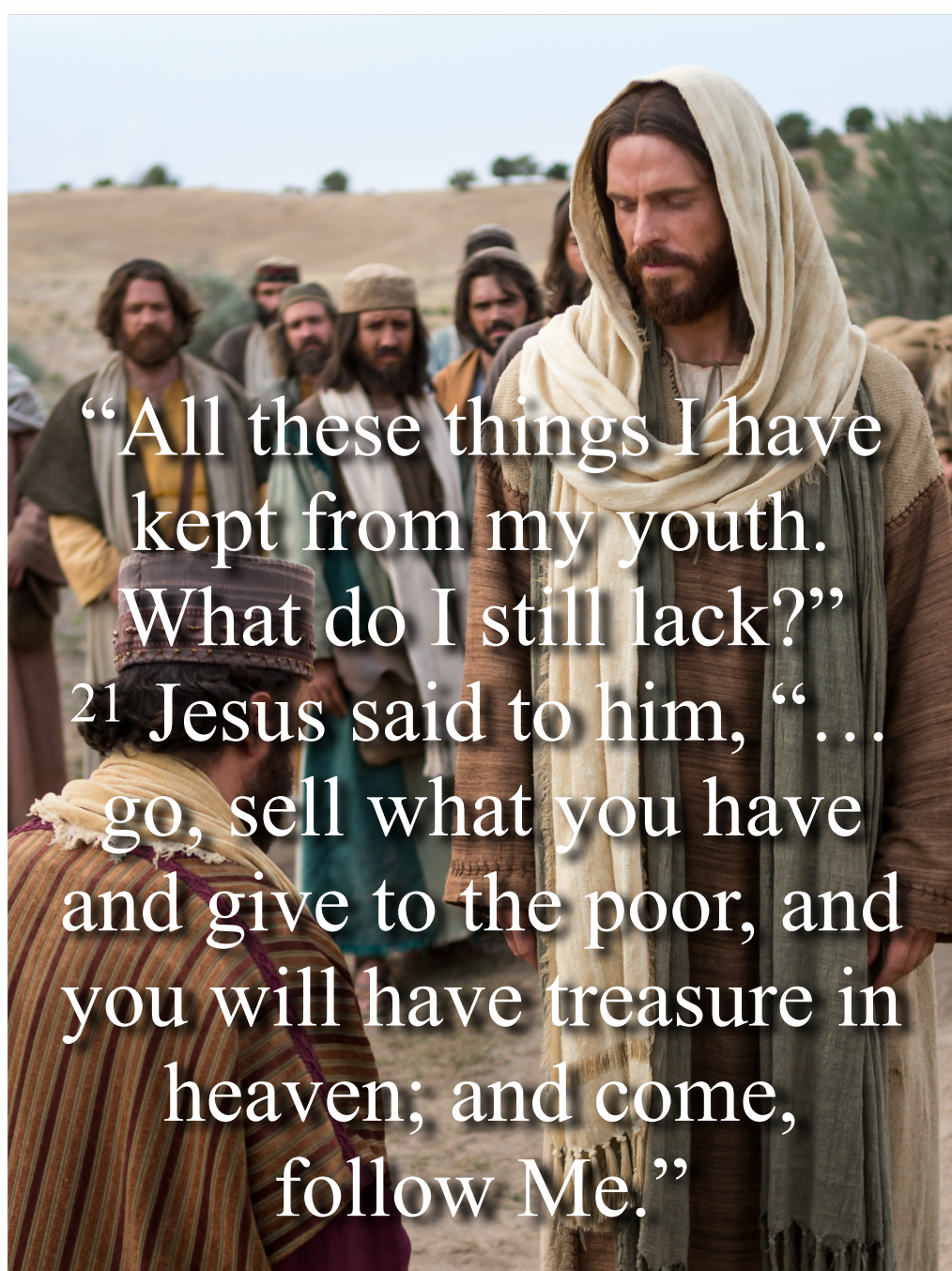


- “You know the commandments ...”
– (required for one living under the OT) (Gal. 3:10-13)
- The Law exposes and convicts men of their sin (Rom 3:20; 7:7-9)
- Was mistaken about his own righteousness (Acts 13:39; Rom 3:9, 19, 23; Gal. 3:22)
- The Law pointed to Jesus - those justified before and under the Law were justified by faith (vs, 21; Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:1-6; 10:1-17; Heb 11)

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Was Lacking One Thing

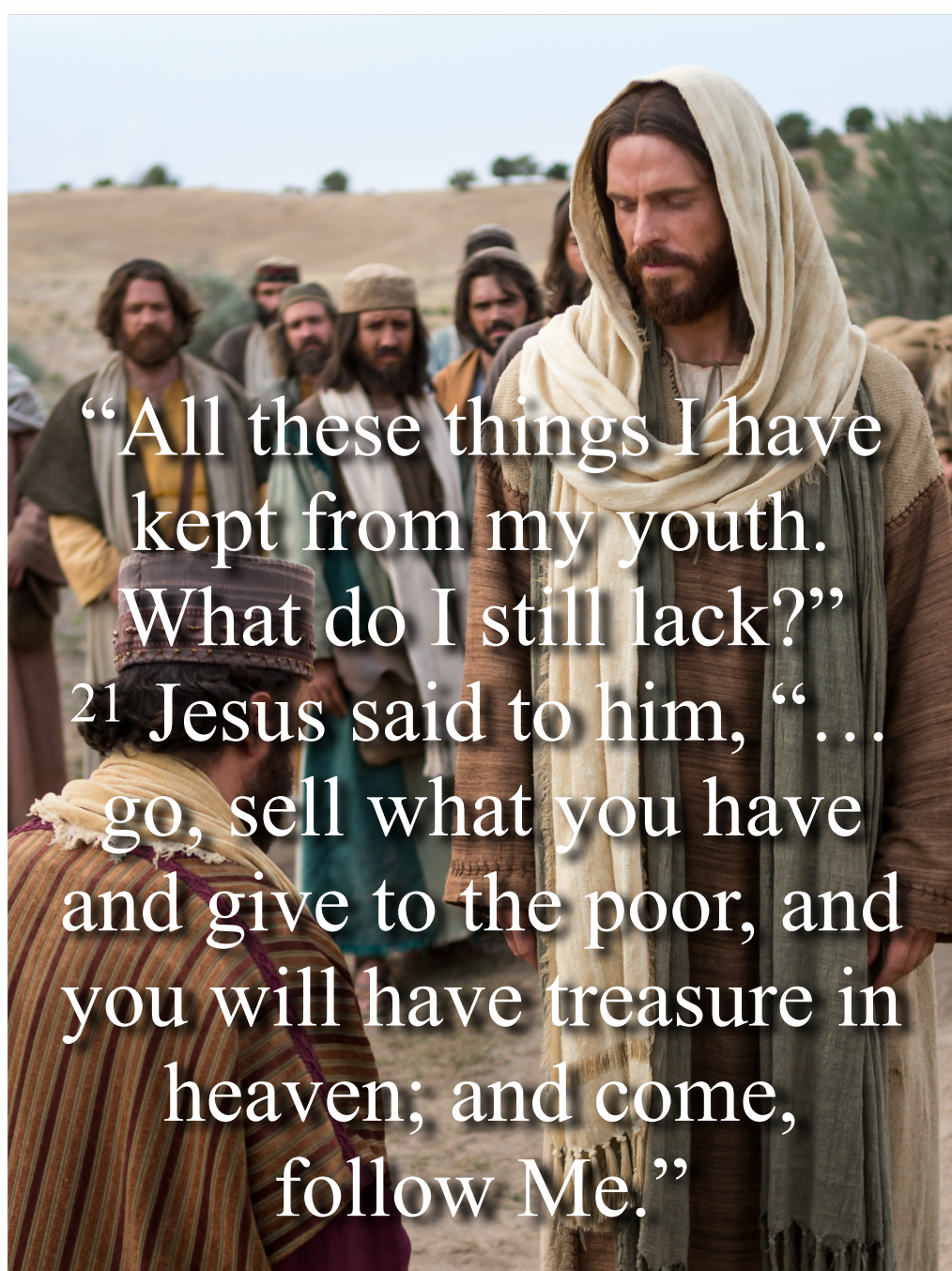


- Being what we may consider a “good person” WILL NOT get us into heaven (Eph. 2:8,9; Jn 8:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:1-4)
- All it takes is one sin to make one guilty before God (James 2:10; Gal. 3:10, 11; Rom 3:19,20)
- Jesus knew his one area of weakness (Luke 12:15-21)
- Jesus requires self denial and total commitment (Mark 10:21; Luke 9:23-26; 14:26,27; John 12:25,26)

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Was Unwilling To Comply

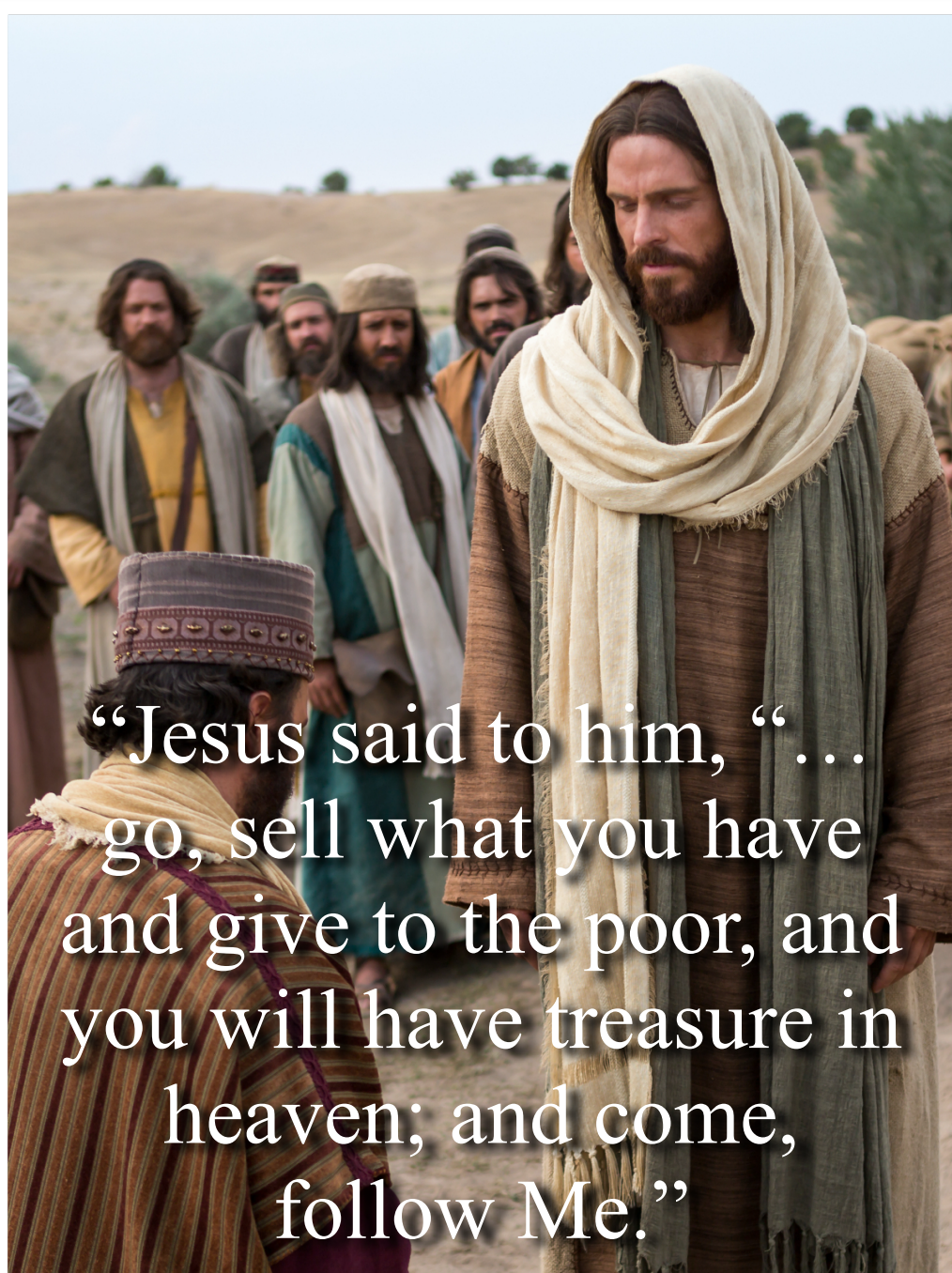


- Not a shortage of Jesus's love for him (Mark 10:21)
 - ▶ Love causes one to tell others the truth about what they must do – even if it is not what they want to hear (Mark 10:21,22)
- Not a lack of knowledge (21)
 - ▶ Ignorance is no excuse, (Hos. 4:6), but to know & reject is worse (Rom. 10:1-17; 2 Pet 2:20,21)
- Unwilling to pay the price (Luke 14:26-33; Mat 14:44-46)

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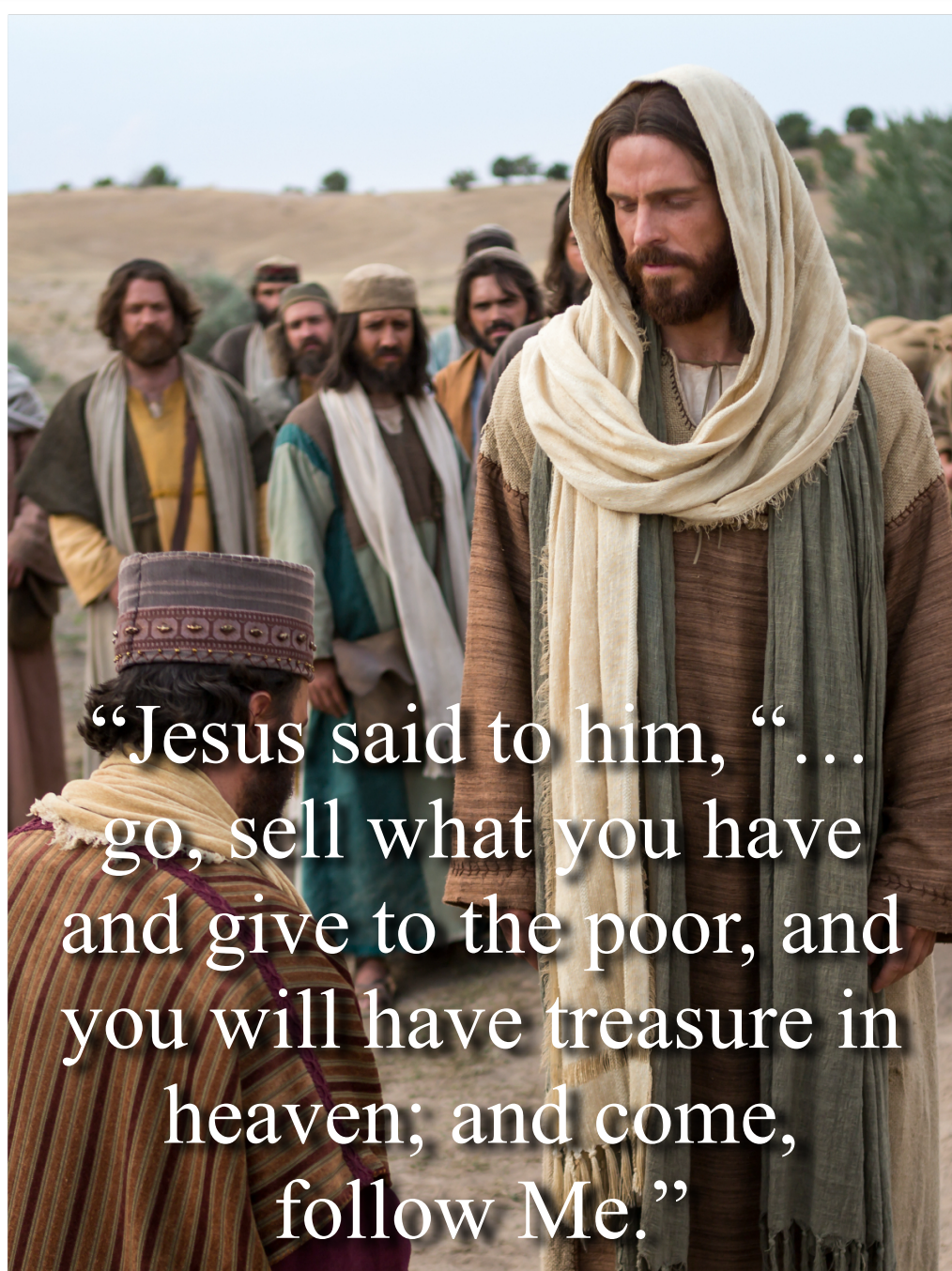


- We MUST seek the RIGHT answer to the MOST IMPORTANT question “what shall I do that I may have eternal life?” (Jn 8:24; Acts 2:37 -> 38-41; 9:6 -> 22:16; 16:30 -> 31-33; Rom. 6:3-18; 10:9-17)
- We MUST go to the RIGHT SOURCE and submit to the right authority (Jn 14:6; 12:48; Mt 28:19, 20; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38-41; etc.)
- Our submission to the LORD must be complete (Mat. 7:21-23; 28:20; Lk 6:46; Acts 2:42; Col. 1:23; etc.)

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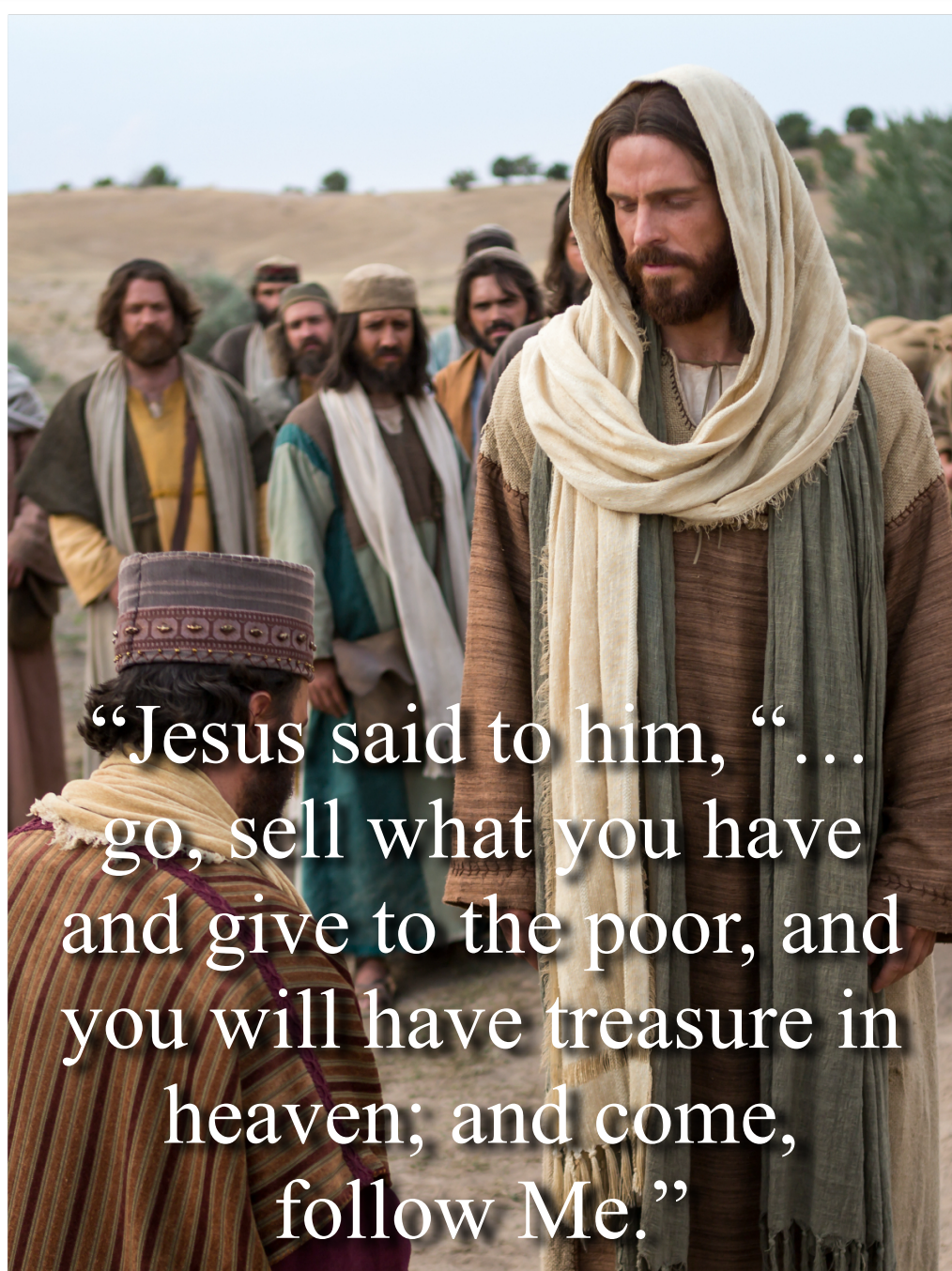


- Eternal life cannot be purchased or earned, but can ONLY be received when we “deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Jesus” (Lk 9:23-26; 14:26-27, 33; Matthew 13:44-46; Phil. 3:7-11)
- When we, by faith, fully surrender to Jesus Christ, obeying Him as Lord, we receive the salvation He authored through His death, burial and resurrection (Heb. 5:8,9; 12:1-3; Rom. 6:16-23)

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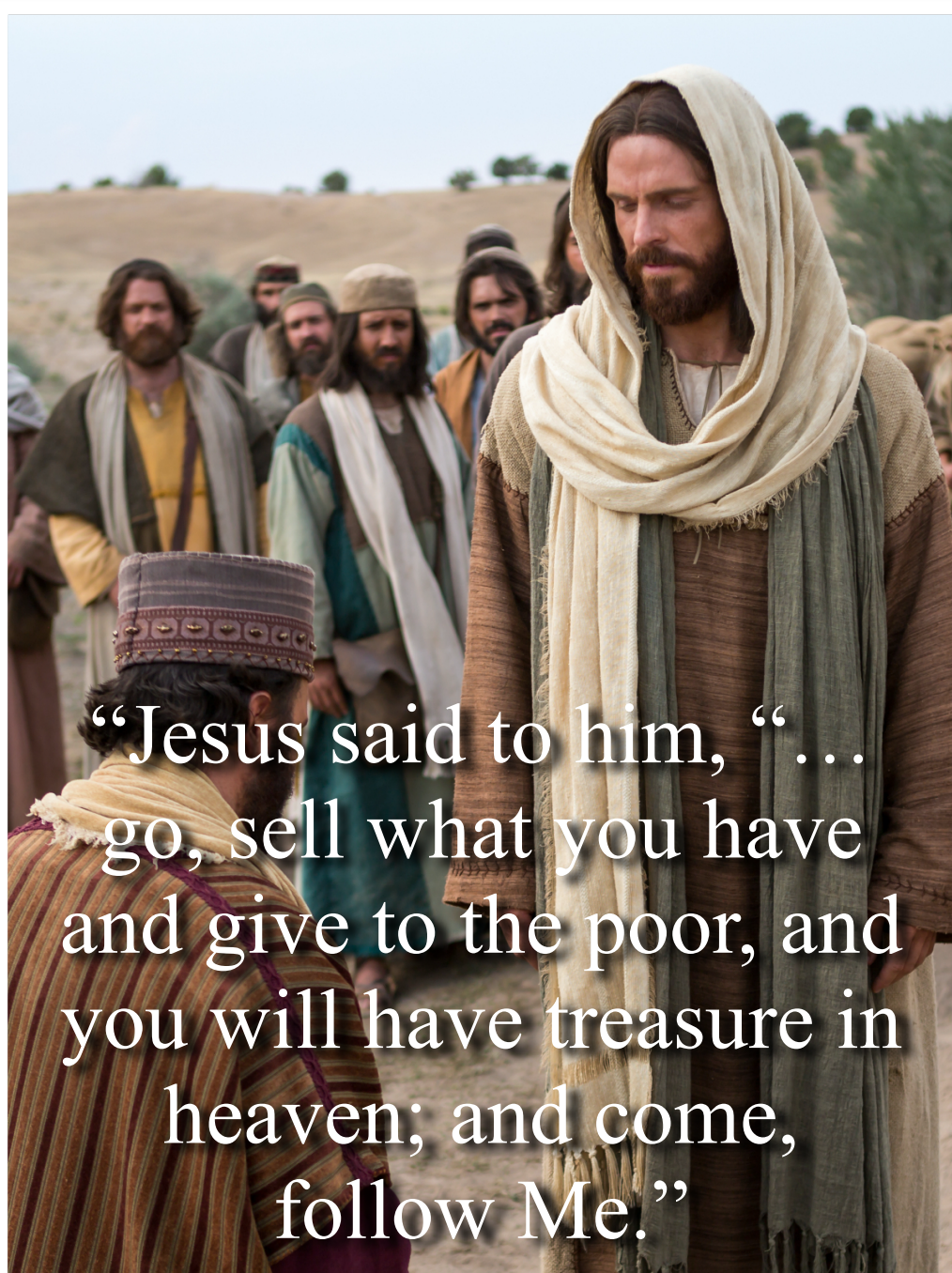
Our Possessions Can Be DANGEROUS?

- ▶ Covetousness, greed (Col. 3:5; Eccl. 5:10; Prov. 1:19; 15:27; 1 Tim. 6:10)
- ▶ Trusting in riches (Ps 49:6; Mat. 6:24ff)
- ▶ Compromising character to obtain (Prov. 22:1; Titus 1:11; 2 Pet. 2:3)
- ▶ Debt (Prov. 22:7; 26,27; 27:13)
- ▶ Wasteful spending (Luke 15:13,14)
- ▶ Can cause one to lose their soul (Mat 19:23,24; Luke 18:18-23)

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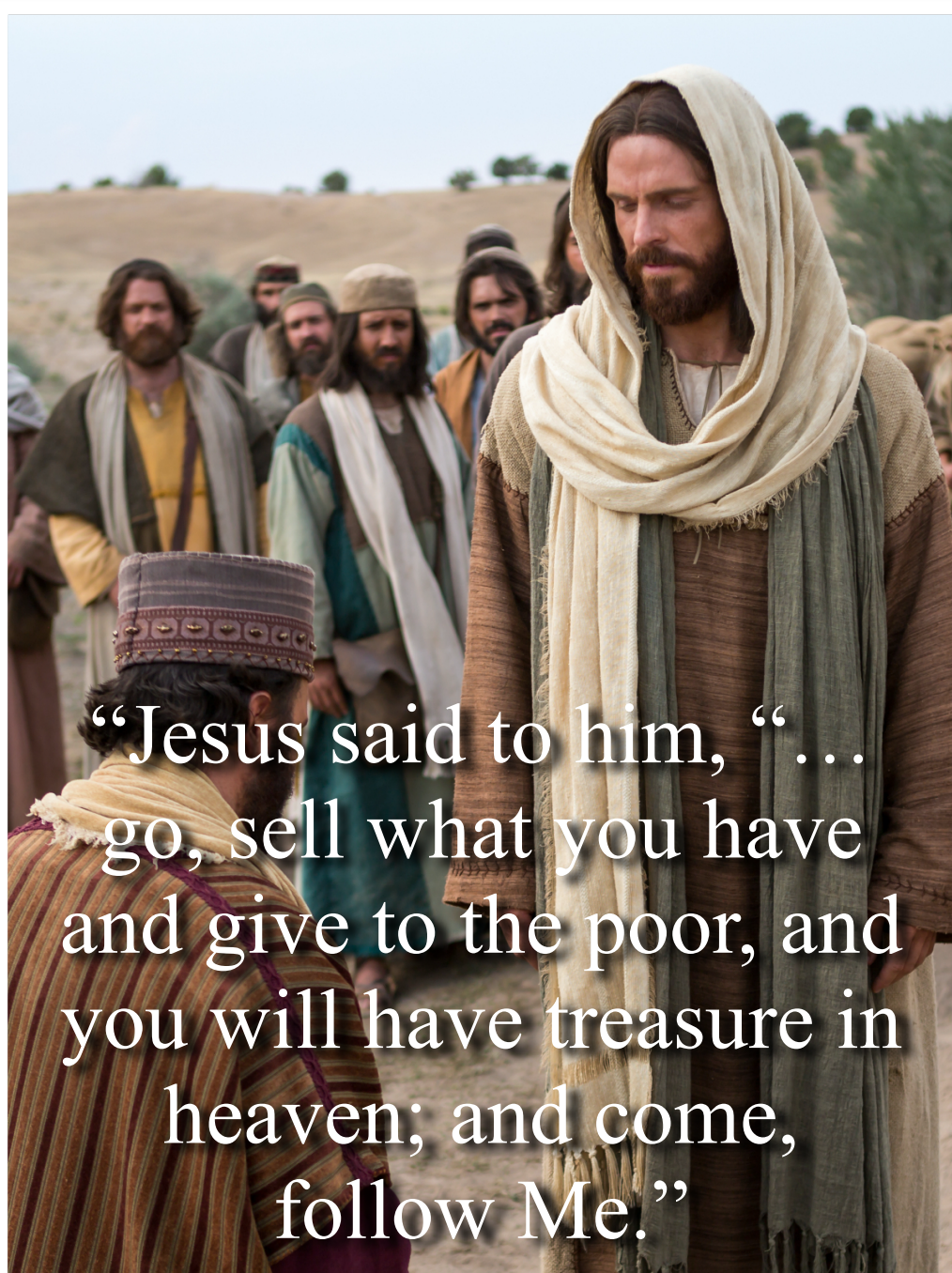
Matthew 6:19–24 (NKJV)

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

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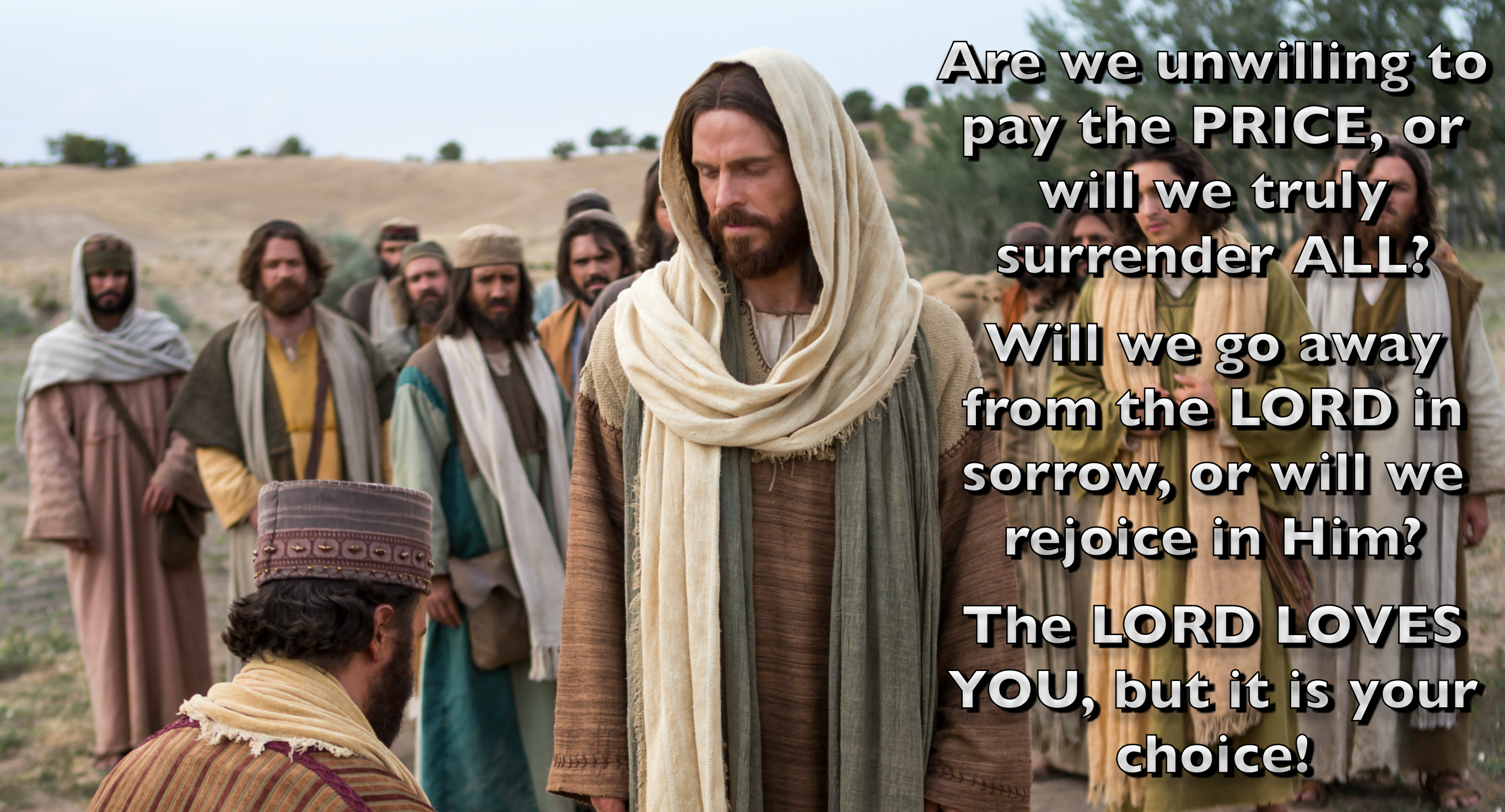
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- ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!
- ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.



**Are we unwilling to
pay the PRICE, or
will we truly
surrender ALL?**


**Will we go away
from the LORD in
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A cinematic photograph of Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a brown robe and a white head covering. He is looking down with a somber expression. Behind him, a crowd of men in various robes and head coverings follows. In the foreground, the back of a man's head wearing a patterned cap is visible, looking towards Jesus. The background is a dry, hilly landscape under a clear sky.

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1 Timothy 6:6–10 (NKJV)

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.