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**BELIEVE**

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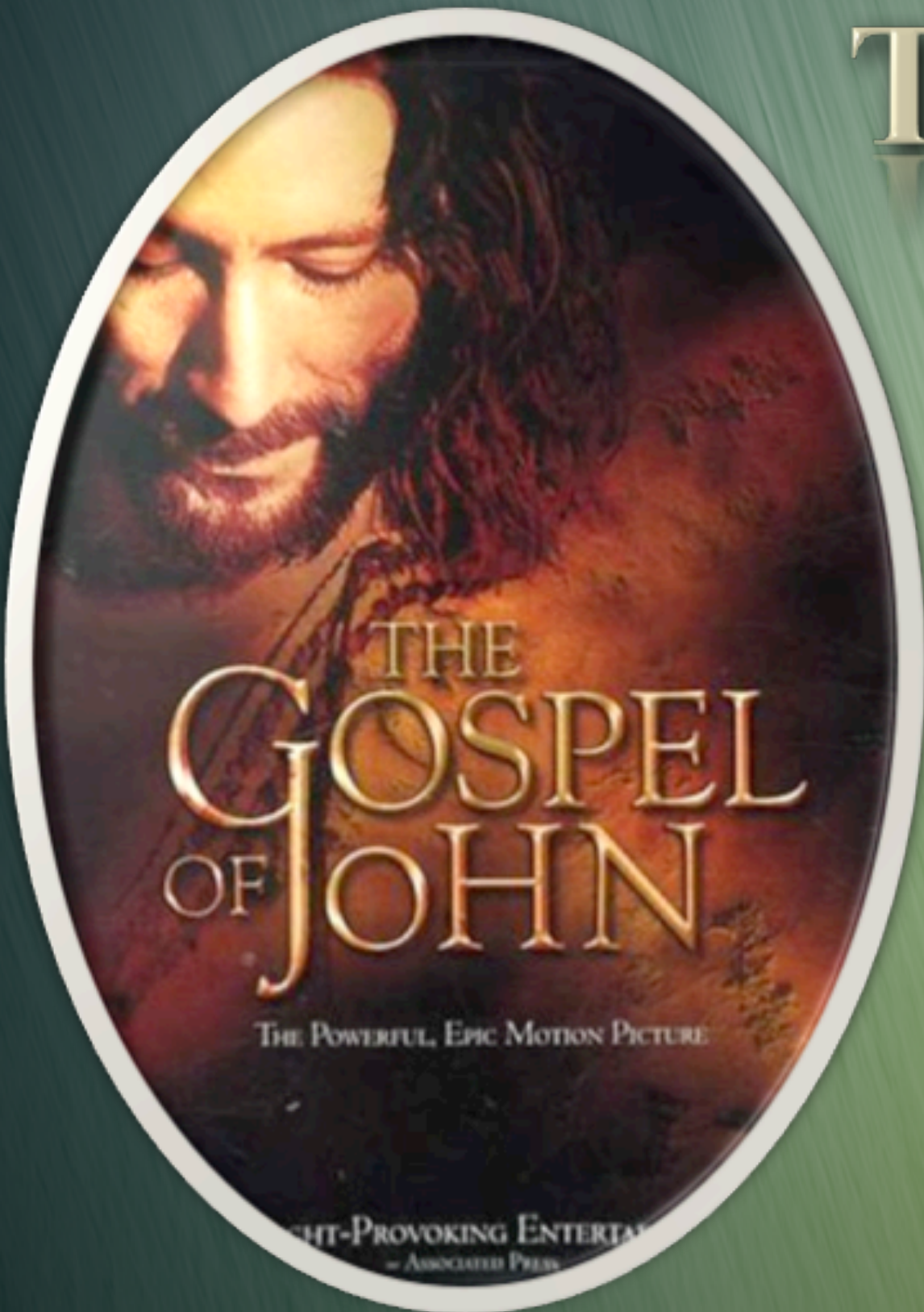


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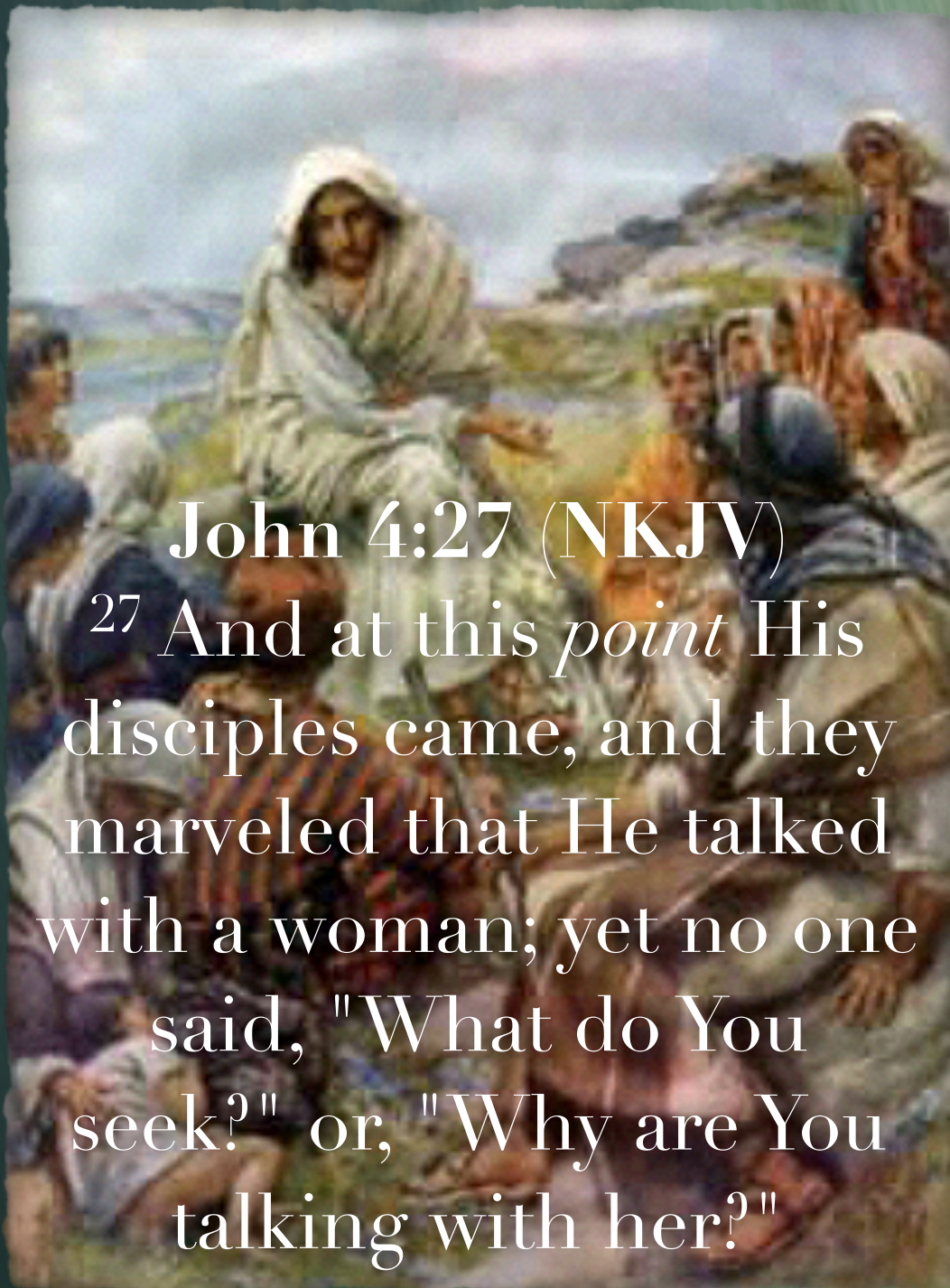
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## JESUS' EXAMPLE



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- ◆ The disciples return and marveled that Jesus was talking with a woman, but no one dared to question Him about it – (27)
- ◆ The value of every soul – regardless of race, social status or background – Jn 3:16; Ac 10:34,35; Ja 2:1-13



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- ◆ The woman leaves her water pot to run and tell others about Jesus - (28; cf. Acts 4:20; 8:4; 10:24,33; 1 Thes 1:8)
- ◆ How wonderful it would be if every Christian had this kind of enthusiasm for the Gospel! - (Eph 2:10; Titus 2:11-14)



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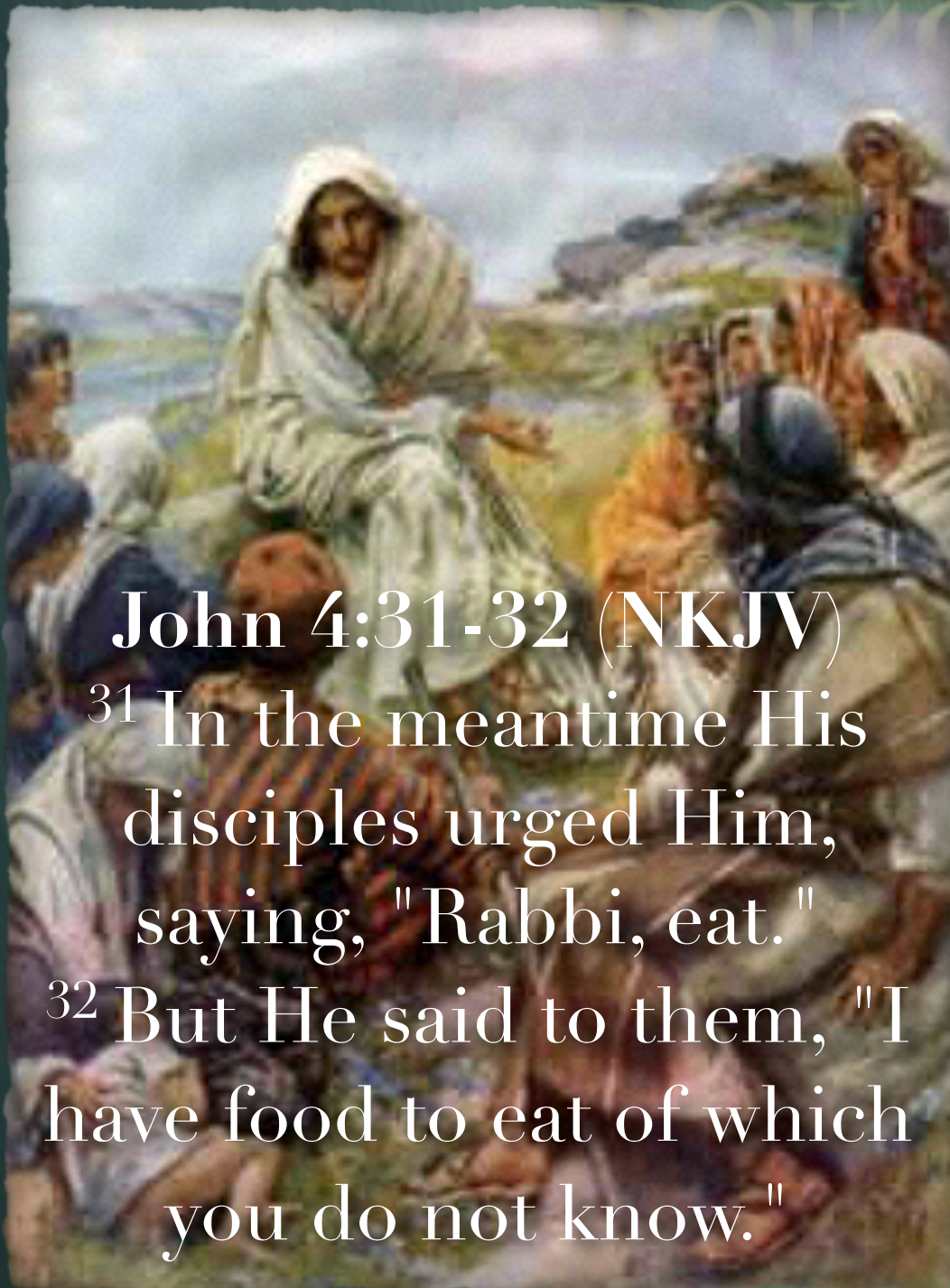
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- ◆ Enthusiasm is contagious –
- ◆ If we are disinterested in the gospel & the church, we will not be motivated to spread the gospel.
- ◆ Even if we do out of a sense of duty & obligation – without enthusiasm, our efforts will be ineffective.



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- ✦ His great passion and desire was to do God's will (cf. 5:30; 8:29; Deut. 8:3).
- ✦ His priority is spiritual – the Father's work must be done (cf. John 17:4).



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- ◆ Four months more and then the harvest was probably a local proverb.
- ◆ The opportunity for making believers was now – the Samaritans were coming.
- ◆ If the disciples would look around, they would see people with spiritual hunger. (v. 30)



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- ◆ How do we view those around us in the world?
- ◆ Do we suppose that those in denominationalism are not worth talking to because we think they can't be changed?
- ◆ What about those who know nothing or show little interest in spiritual things?



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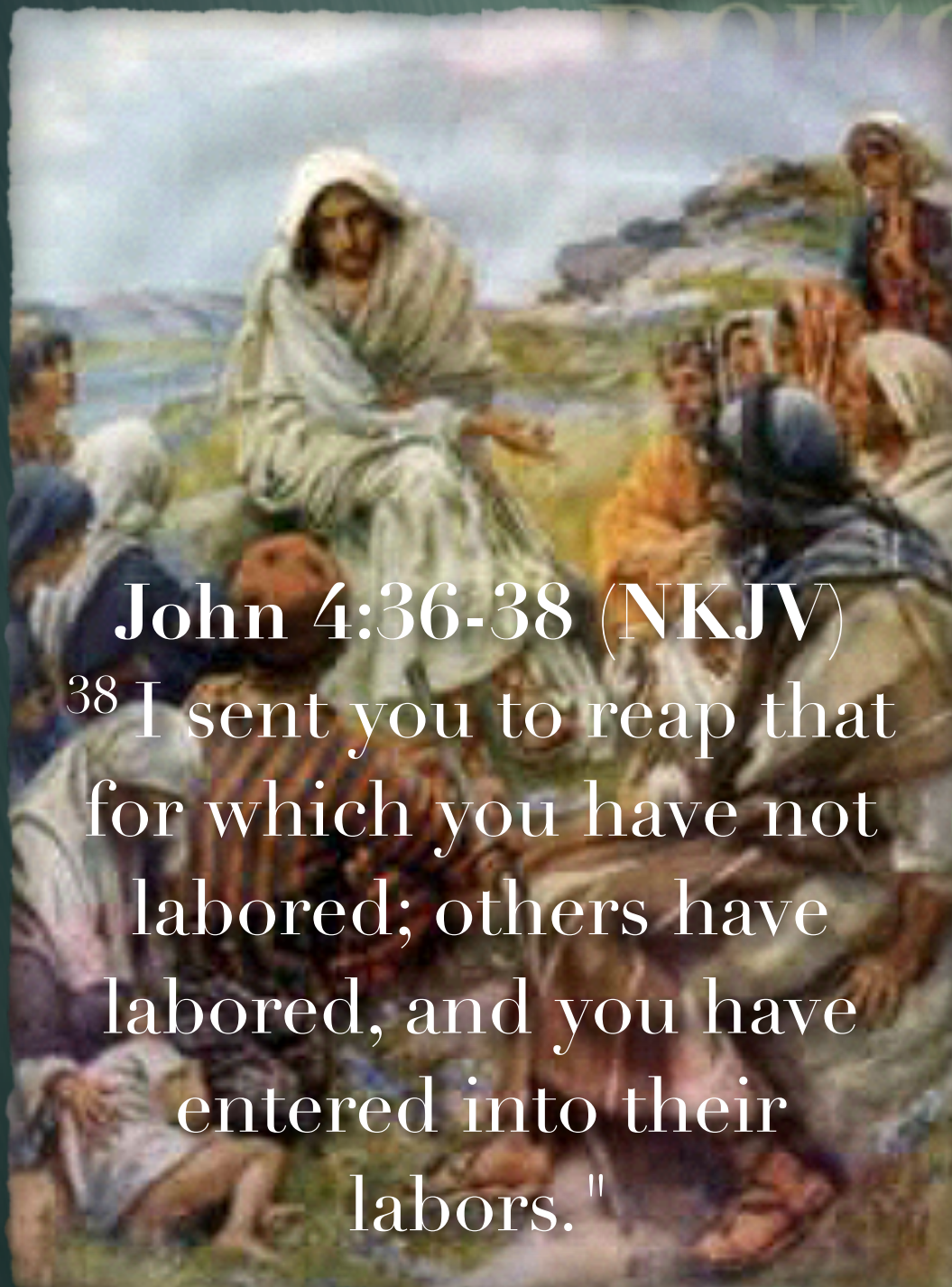
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- ✦ Sowers & reapers benefit from their work together – this is definitely true in spiritual matters – 1 Cor 1:1217; 3:5-15;
- ✦ As reapers, the disciples had the great and rewarding privilege of leading people to faith in Christ.



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- ◆ Others had already sown, (perhaps a reference to the the O.T. prophets, but more probable a reference to John the Baptist)
- ◆ Jesus' disciples were involved in ministry to others, in the issue of death and life (2 Cor. 2:15-16).



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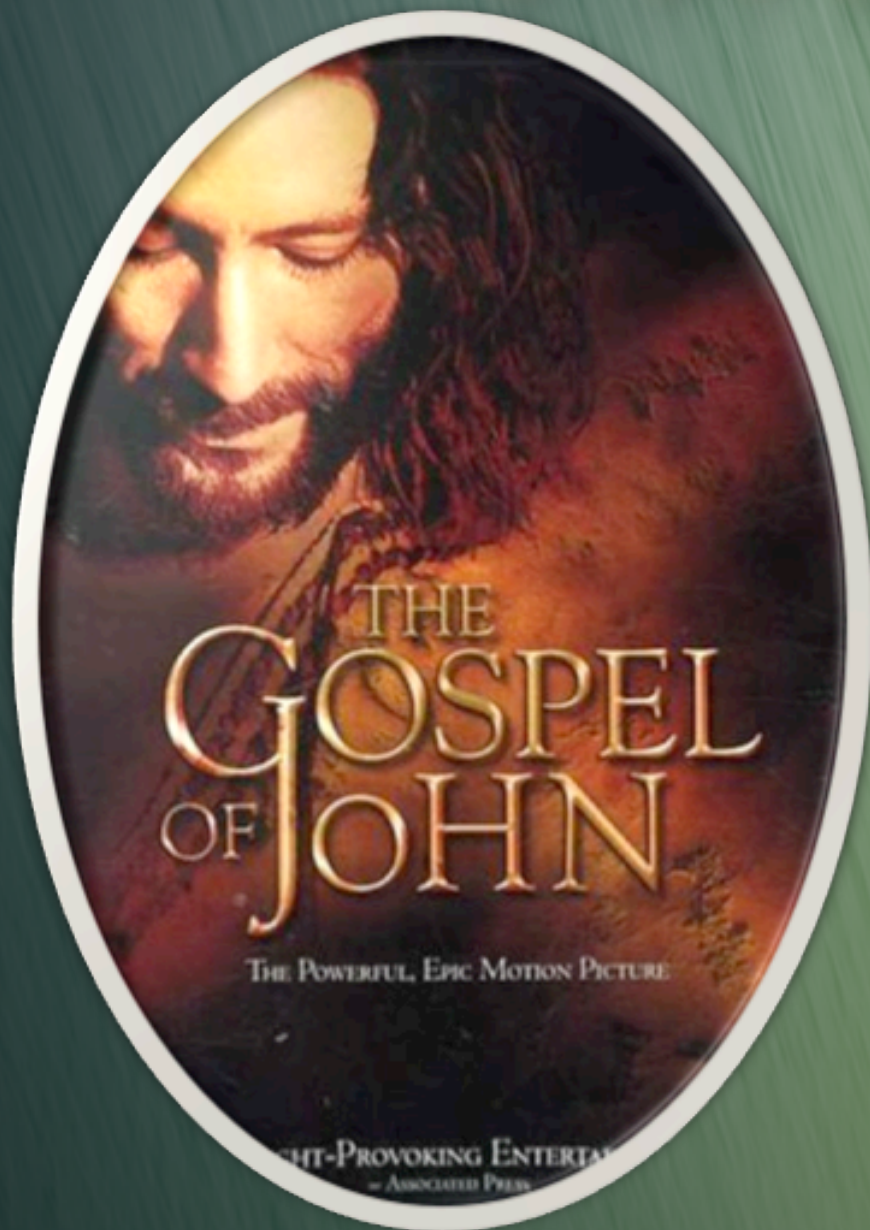


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*“The Gift of God,  
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# Matthew 9:35-38 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup> But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.





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