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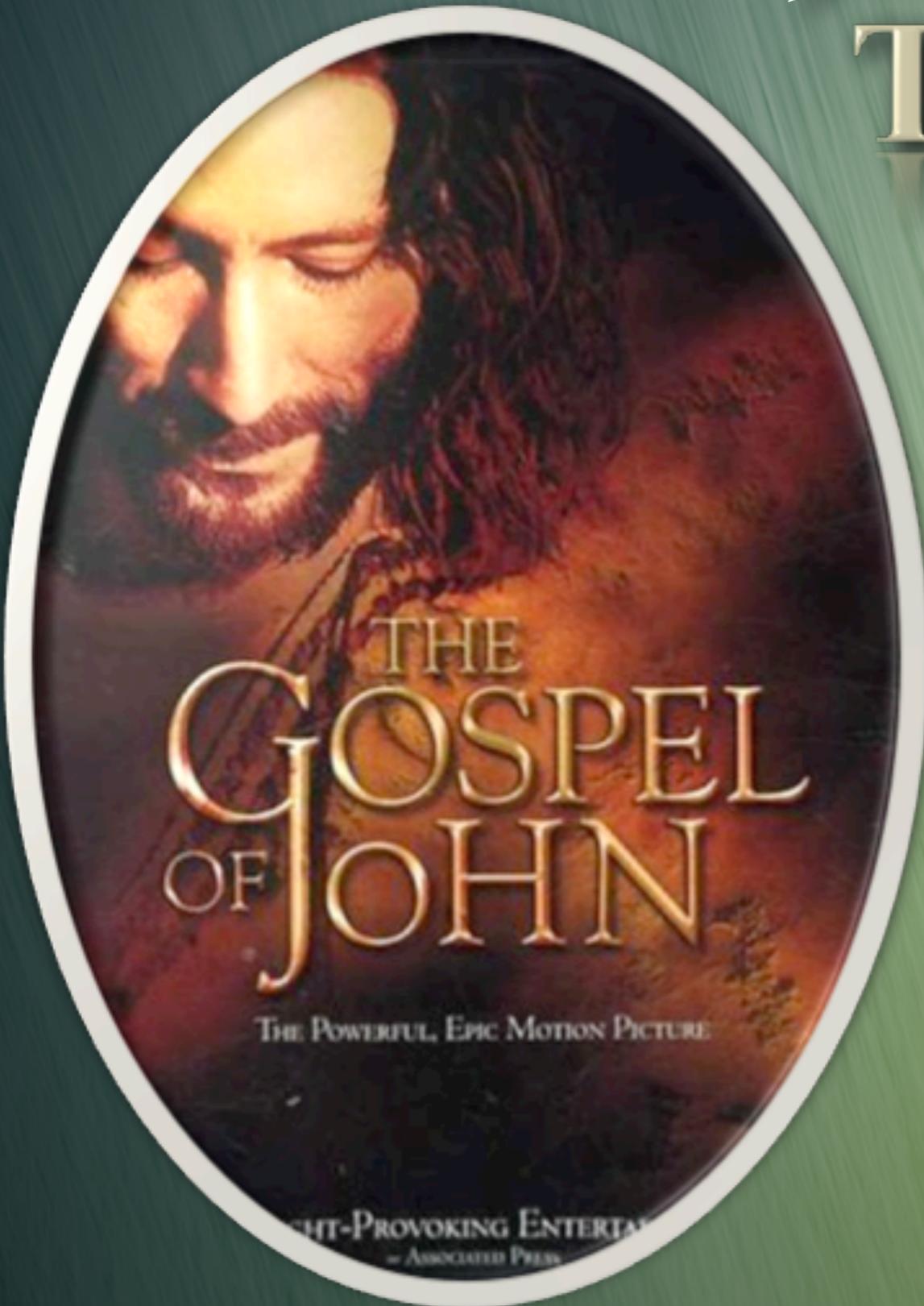
**"TRUE DISCIPLES & THE TRUTH"
(JOHN 8:31-59)"**

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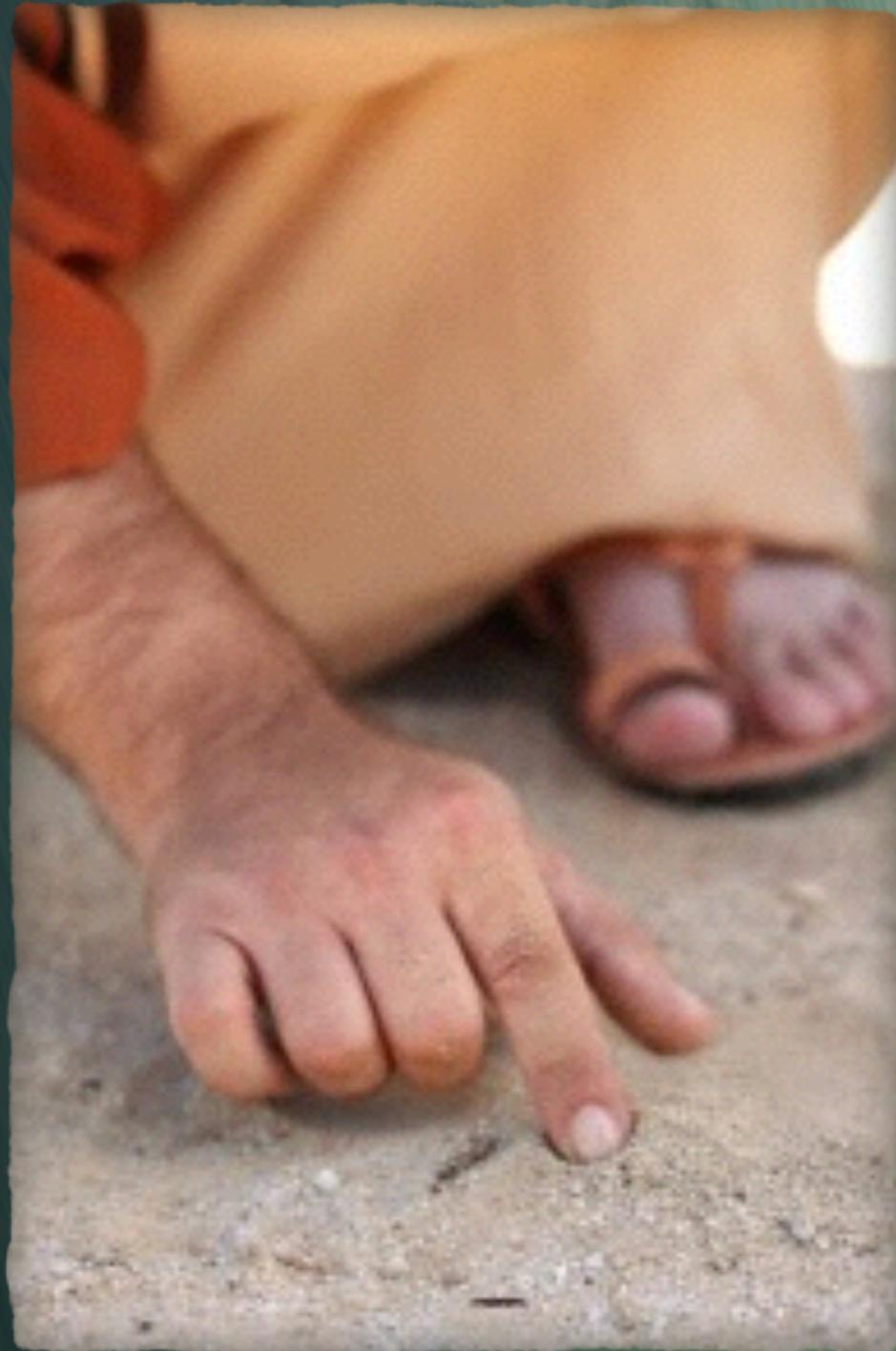
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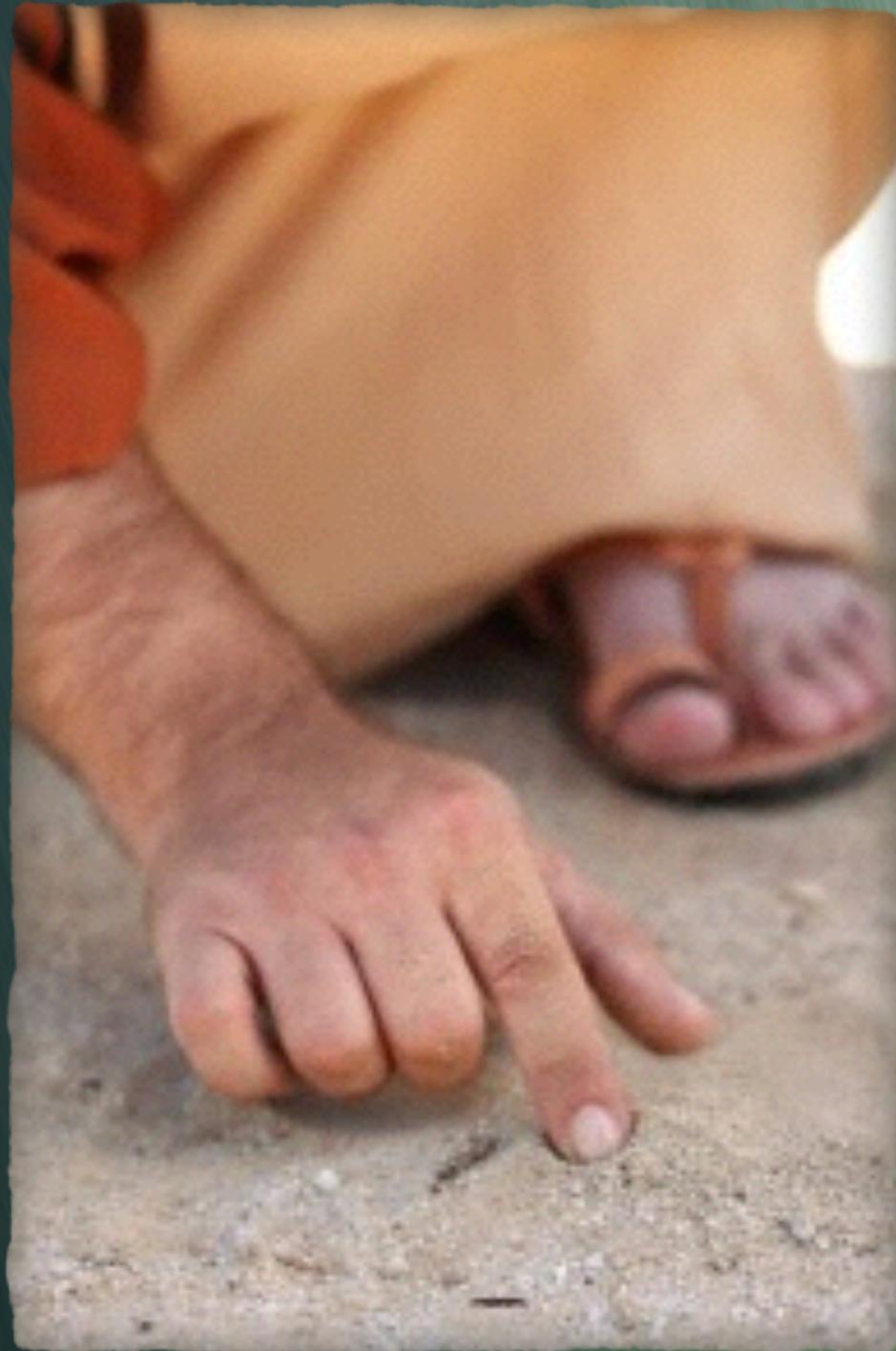
CHAPTER 8 OVERVIEW



- ◆ Woman taken in adultery, vv. 1-11.
- ◆ Jesus declares himself the light of the world, v. 12.
- ◆ The Pharisees cavil, v. 13.
- ◆ Jesus answers, and shows his authority, vv. 14-20.
- ◆ He convicts them of sin, vv. 21-24.
- ◆ They question him; he answers, foretelling his death, vv. 25-29.
- ◆ Many believe on him, v. 30-32.

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MANY BELIEVE ON HIM, V. 30



- ◆ In spite of widespread unbelief and official rejection, the ministry of Jesus did bring many to faith (cf. 7:31).
- ◆ Yet this faith would need to be tested and refined – (31,32)

John 8:31-36 (NKJV)

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35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

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- ◆ Abiding in Jesus' word – The real test of true discipleship – 31; 6:66–71; 15:4–9; Mat. 24:13. Ac. 13:43; 14:22; 26:22; Ro. 2:7; 11:22; Col. 1:23; 1 Ti. 2:15; 4:16; 2 Ti. 3:14; He. 3:14; 4:11; 8:9; 10:38,39; Ja. 1:25; 1 Jno. 2:19, 24
- ◆ Their knowledge of Him was incomplete & their faith untested – Would they still be disciples when they understood what it cost? – Luke 9:23–26, 57–62; 18:18–23

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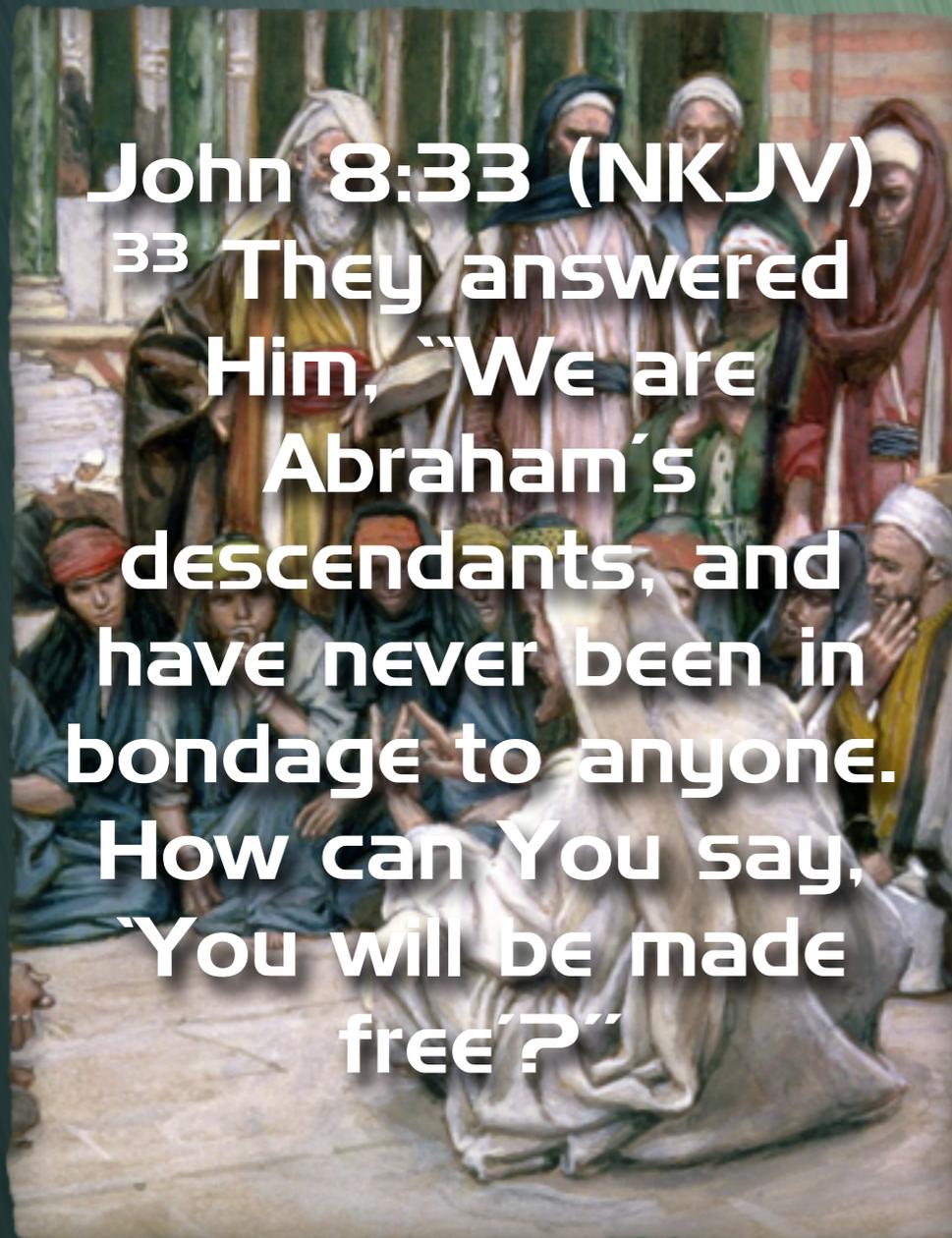
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- ◆ Abiding in Jesus' words, being a true disciple, [learner], of Jesus, places one in contact with the source of ALL TRUTH - Jesus - 1:14,17; 6:45; 7:17; 14:6; 15:1-10; 16:13.
- ◆ This knowledge of "THE TRUTH shall make you free" from the bondage of sin - Is. 61:1; Ro. 6:14-18,22; 8:2,15; Ga. 5:1,13; 2 Ti. 2:25, 26. Ja. 1:25.
- ◆ This freedom is found only when we listen to Jesus' words & put them into practice - Jam 1:21,22;

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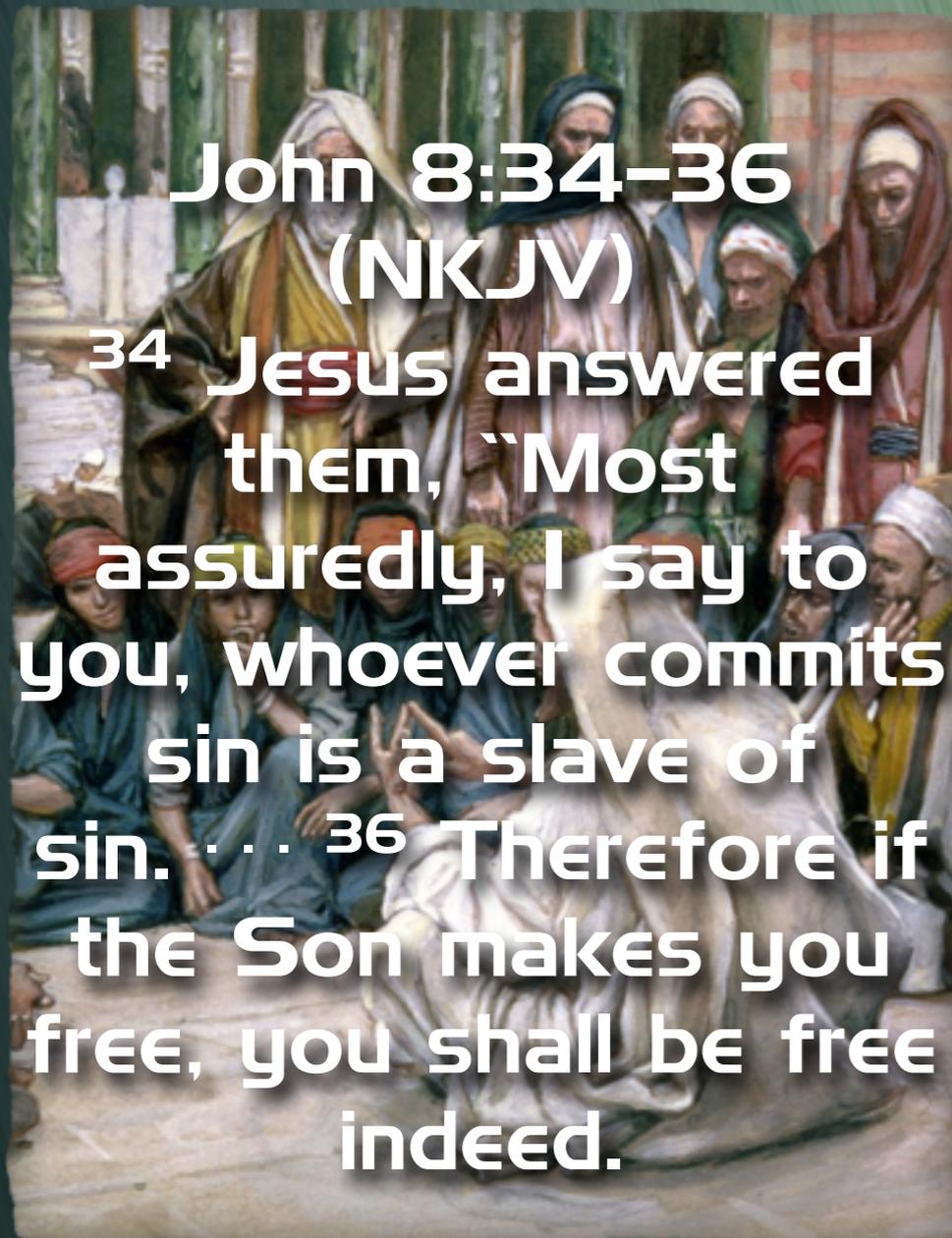
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- ◆ Their response indicate they had not grasped Christ's message.
- ◆ Even though they were currently under Rome's control - They insisted that as Abraham's descendants they were free men.
- ◆ How could Jesus free them when they were not slaves? They had no sense of their bondage to sin.

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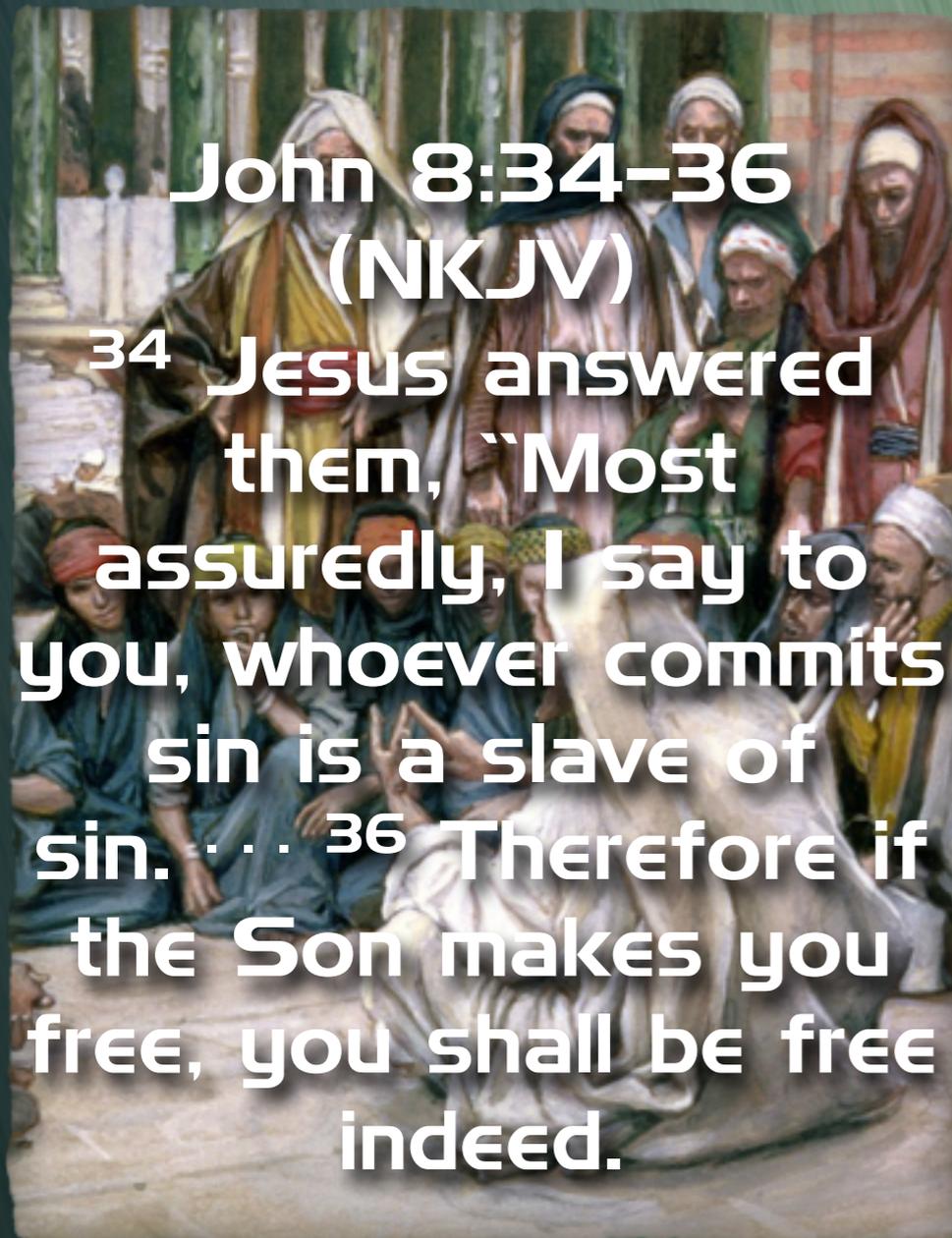
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- ◆ More oppressive than any kind physical slavery is the spiritual slavery that comes from being a sinner! – Rom 7:5-8:3
- ◆ Sin is personified as a cruel master. Paul used the same illustration (Rom. 6:15-23; Rom. 7; Gal 3:10-14) – (Compare 1 Jn 1:5-10; 3:4-9).
- ◆ The Son makes free – Rom 8; Gal 3:26-4:7

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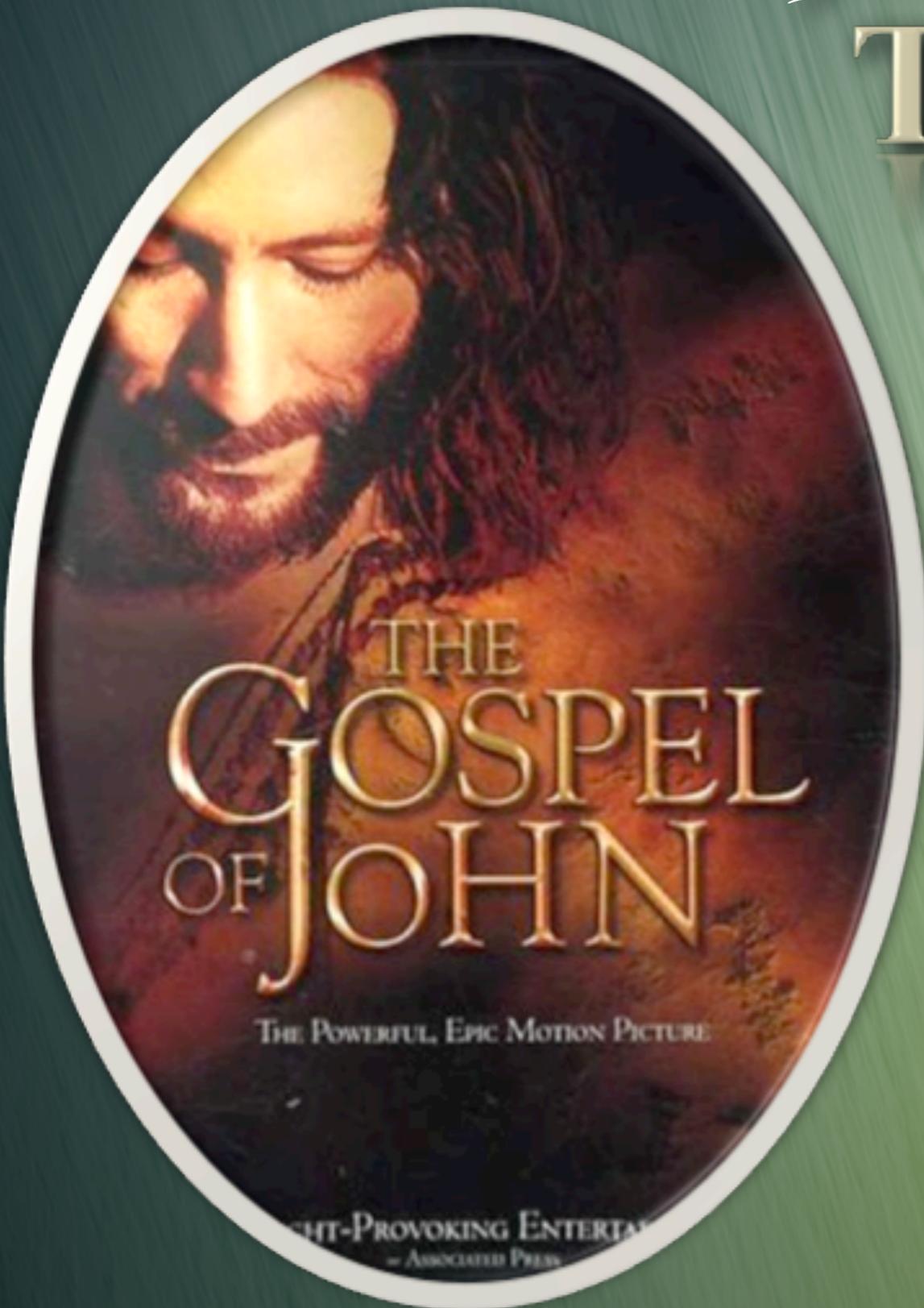
- ◆ Jesus is the true Son and seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:16).
- ◆ He remains in the house and is over it (Heb. 3:6).
- ◆ People can become truly free by becoming sons of God by faith in Christ, the Son (Rom 8; Gal 3:26-4:7)

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John 15:1-8 (NKJV)

1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

John 15:1-8 (NKJV)

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-8 (NKJV)

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.



John 15:1-8 (NKJV)

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

