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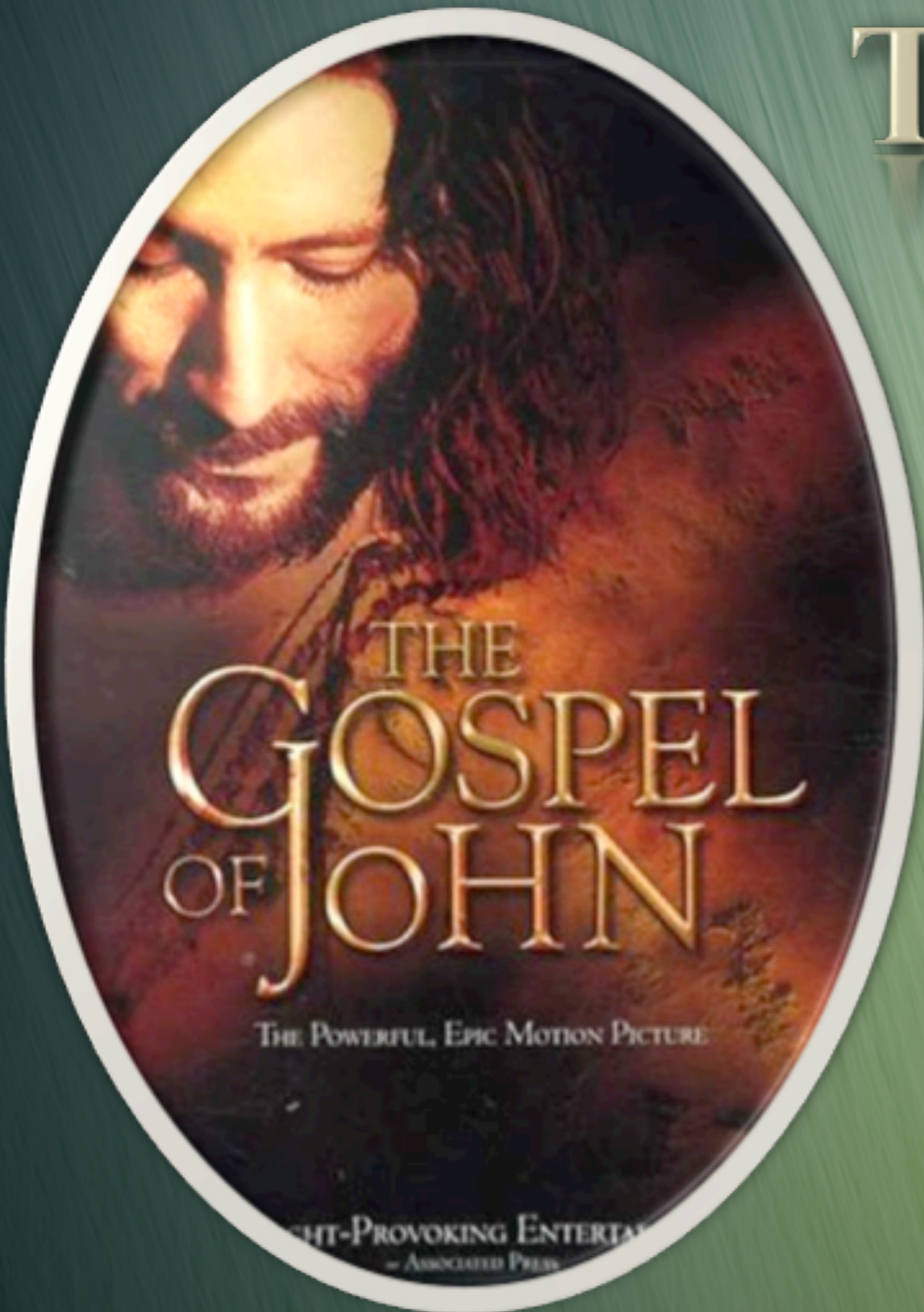
"JUST FOLLOW JESUS"
(JOHN 21:1-25)

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THEME

John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

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JESUS' CRUCIFIXION & DEATH - 19:16-30

✦ The plans of wicked men:

2:13-22; 5:16-18;
7:7-49; 8:21-59;
9:22; 10:22-39;
11:47-57; 12:9-11,19;
13:2,27-30



✦ The plan of Almighty God

1:1,14; 3:14-16;
6:51-58; 7:30;
8:20,59;
10:14-18,31,39;
11:8-10; 12:20-36

Jesus does NOT appear in the narrative as a mere victim - nor is he overcome by an external superior power!

His death was entirely voluntary - 10:14-18; 14:30,31

None but Jesus has mastery of the circumstances -

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THE LORD HE IS RISEN – 20:1-29



- ✦ Things had unfolded just as Jesus had foretold – (He had been put to death, buried and arose from the dead – 14:29)
- ✦ Mary Magdalene saw Him first – (20:15-18; Mark 16:9)
- ✦ The women reported to the 11 disciples that they had seen the risen Lord – but they did not believe – (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43)

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Mark 16:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.



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THE EPILOGUE (CHAP. 21)

Jesus' appearance by the lake (21:1–14)

Jesus' reinstating of Peter (21:15–23).

The colophon (21:24–25).

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

¹ After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: ² Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

¹⁴ This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.” ¹⁹ This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.”

JOHN 21:1-25 (NKJV)

²⁰ Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" ²¹ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

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JESUS' APPEARANCE BY THE LAKE (21:1–14)



- ✧ The Sea of Tiberias is another name for the Sea of Galilee – 21:1; 6:1
- ✧ An angel had promised that Jesus would meet with His disciples in Galilee ((Mark 16:7; Matt. 28:7, 16).
- ✧ Peter decides he is going fishing – six others went with him – These seven (Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, [Matt. 4:21], and two others). We do not know who the “two others of his disciples” were. (21:2,3)

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- ✧ and that night they caught nothing,
4 But when the morning had now come, (21:3,4) [γινομένης, is coming. Rev., when day was now breaking. (Vincent WS)]
- ✧ "Jesus came to the beach and stood there." – They see Him but do not recognize Him – Jesus inquires about their success –
- ✧ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." – cf (Luke 5:1–11)

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JESUS' APPEARANCE BY THE LAKE (21:1–14)



- ✧ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" – John quickly recognizes that it is the Lord, (21:7; see on Jn 20:8),
- ✧ "when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it) ..." Peter immediately puts on his fisher's coat (ἐπενδύτην – An upper garment or blouse), jumps into the water, and apparently swims to Jesus.– (21:7)

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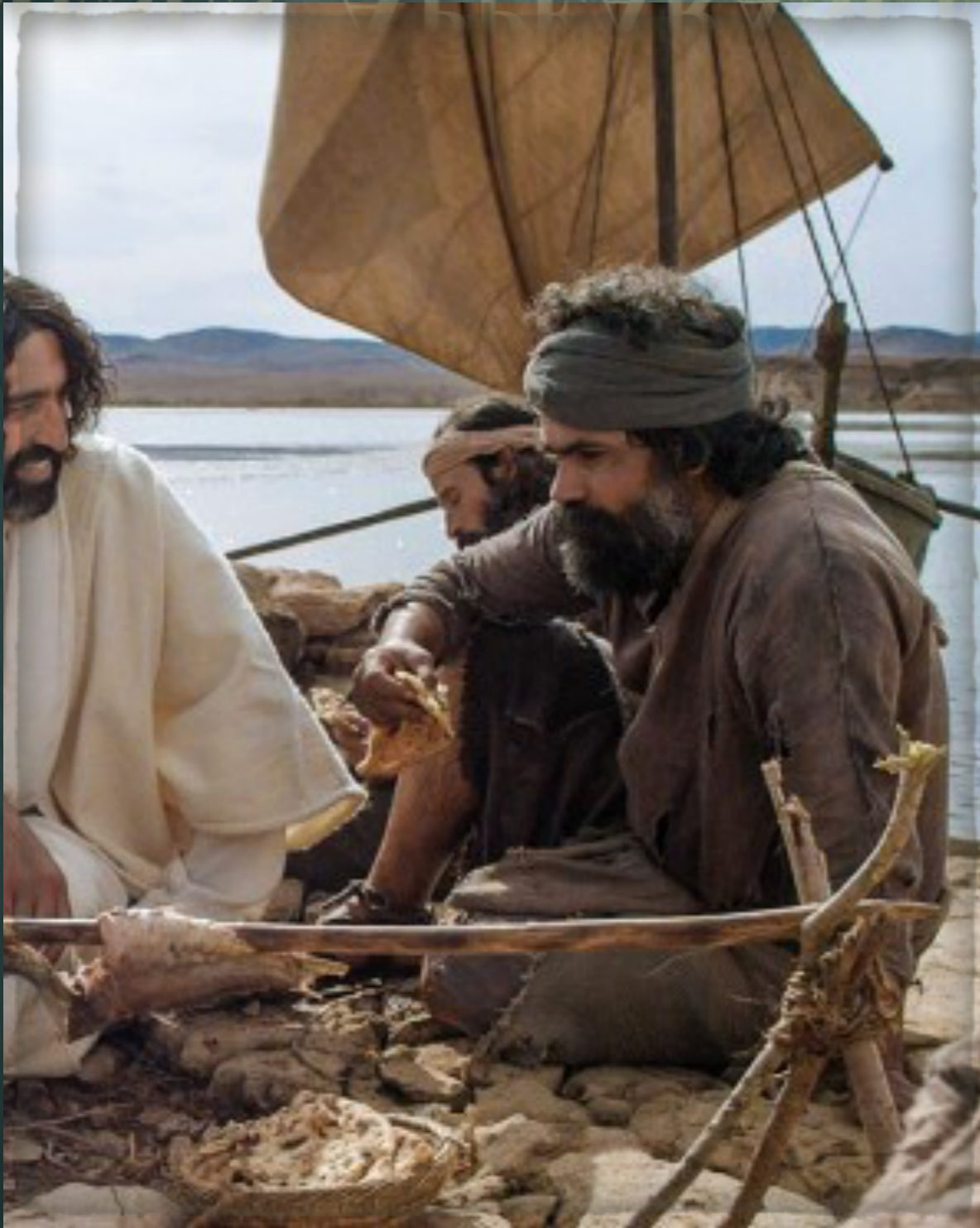
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- ✧ But the other disciples came in the little boat – (Two hundred cubits. A little over a hundred yards). (8)
- ✧ Mention of the large fish, 153 in all, has given rise to all kinds of allegorical and symbolic interpretations. – A lesson here is that great blessing comes to one' when he follows the Lord's will. (11)
- ✧ When Jesus invited them to eat with Him, none of them asked who He was for they knew it was the Lord. (12)

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JESUS' APPEARANCE BY THE LAKE (21:1–14)



- ✧ "... took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish." – (12) – Their meal together – Years later in his preaching Peter speaks of eating & drinking with Jesus after His resurrection – (Acts 10:41).
- ✧ The third time – (14) – The third appearance to the apostles, which John narrated (cf. John 20:19, 24). [There were 4 other appearances (to Mary Magdalene, to of women, to the two on the way to Emmaus, to Peter).

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JESUS' REINSTATING OF PETER (21:15–23).



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- ✧ Earlier Peter had denied Jesus 3 times beside a fire (18:18, 25).
- ✧ Simon Son of John, (1:42). – Jesus asked him, Do you truly love Me more than these? (15)
- ✧ What did Jesus mean by "these"? Jesus probably was referring to the disciples, in light of Peter's proud statement that he never would fall away no matter what others did (Matt. 26:33, 35; Luke 22:33; John 13:37).

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- ✧ Jesus' threefold question and threefold commission of apostolic mission contrast directly with Peter's three denials. Three times Peter said he did not even know the Lord (18:17, 25, 27); now three times he said he loved the Lord (21:15–17).
- ✧ Three times Jesus tells Peter to care for the flock: Catholics assume this asserts Peter's primacy, but such is foreign to the passage & broader context – (cf. Mat 16:1; 1 Peter 5:2).

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- ✧ In Jesus' three questions of love (agapas, agapas, and phileis) and His three commands of duty (boske, "Feed My lambs; (v. 15);"; poimaine, "Take care of My sheep (v. 16);"; boske – Feed My sheep (v. 17) various Greek synonyms are used.
- ✧ Since it is difficult to see any consistent distinctions that John intended, most scholars see these as stylistic variations.

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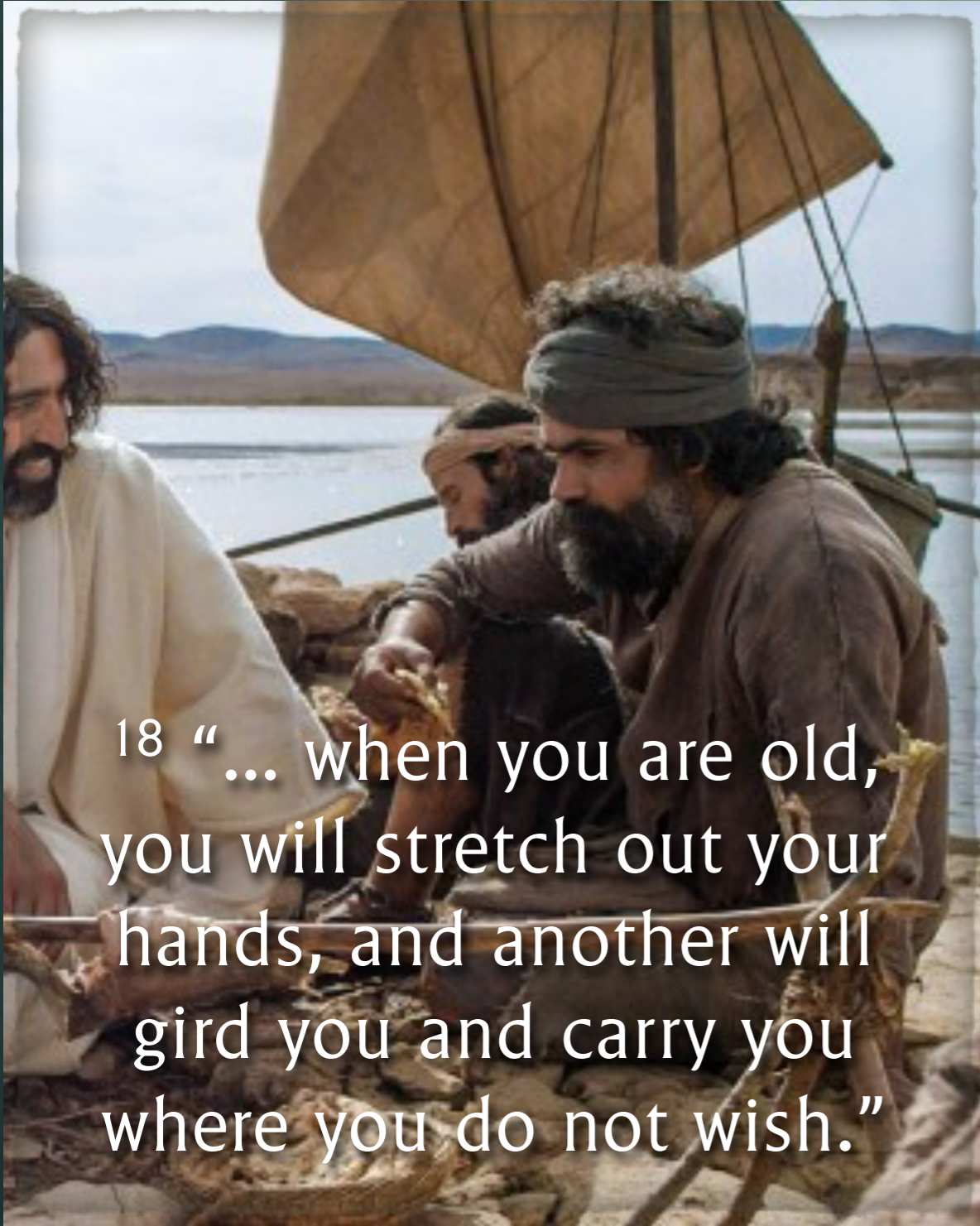
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- ✧ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"
- ✧ "This was the Physician's deepest incision into the wound, bringing up before his view, of his "thrice denying that he knew Him," ... But this accomplished, the painful dialogue concludes with a delightful "Feed My sheep" [JFB]

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JESUS' REINSTATING OF PETER (21:15–23):



18 "... when you are old,
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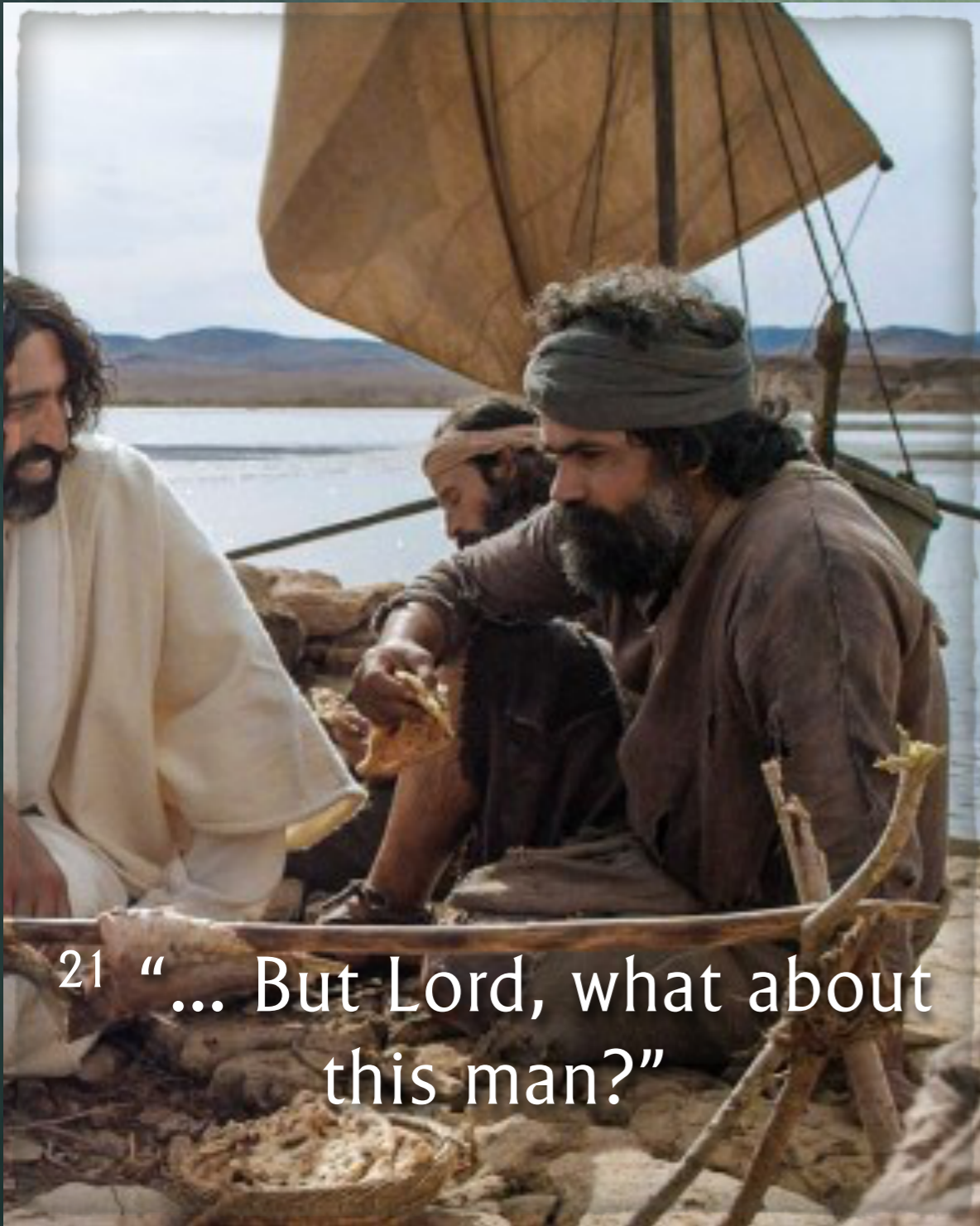
- ✧ when ... old thou shalt stretch forth thine hands—to be bound for execution – There is a very early tradition that Peter's death was by crucifixion upside down.
- ✧ 19. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God — this prediction was intended to follow up his triple restoration: —"Yes, Simon, you shall not only feed My lambs, and feed My sheep, but will be counted worthy to die for Me"

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- ✧ Peter, having been informed about his life & eventual end, wondered what the future held for his friend John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. (20,21)
- ✧ Jesus sharply rebuked Peter – He was to mind his own affairs. Accordingly, in “follow thou Me,” the word “thou” is emphatic.
- ✧ Some are easily distracted by their concerns for what others are doing or are not doing ... we need to focus on ourselves!

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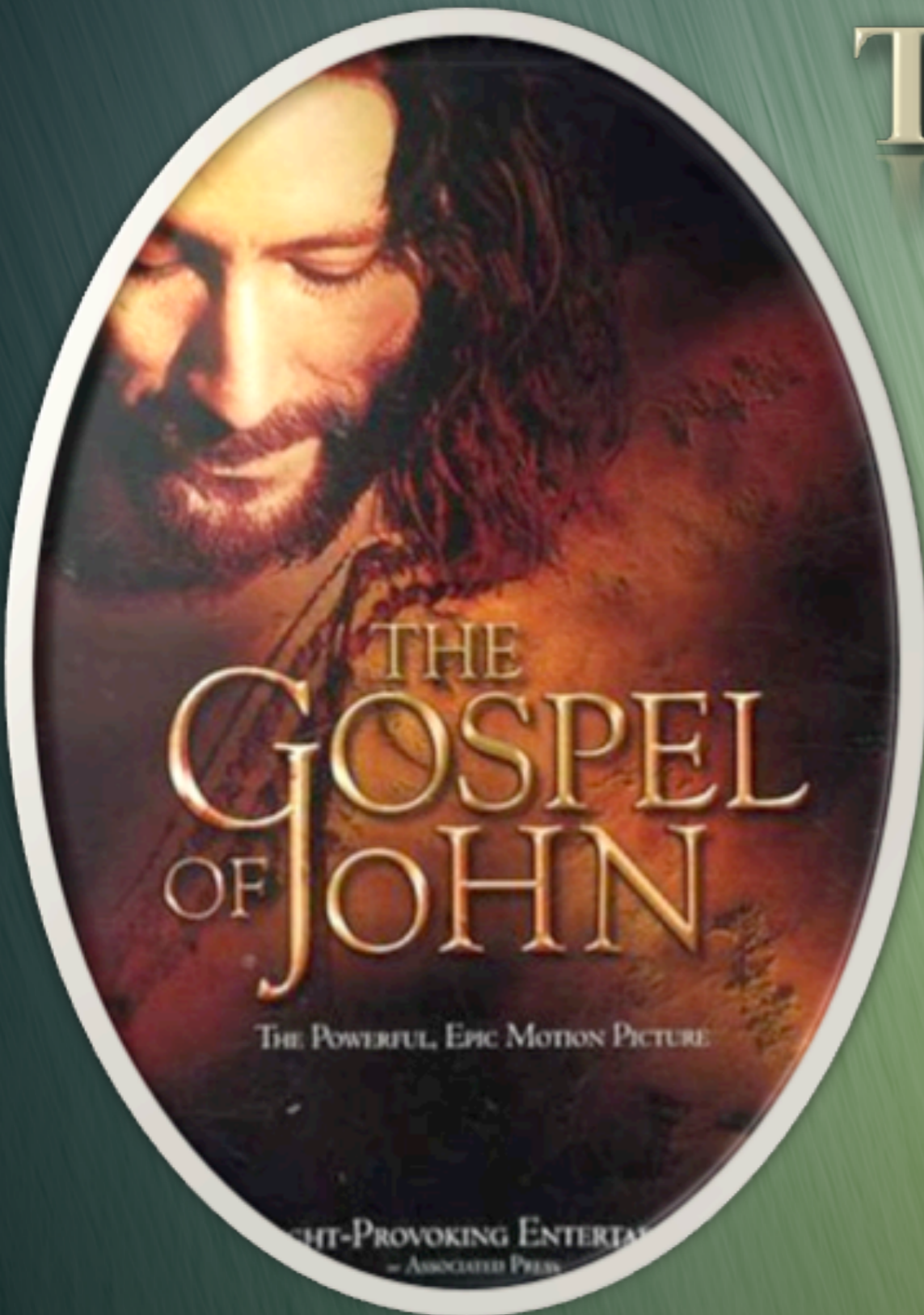
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DO YOU BELIEVE?



- ✦ The Word Has Been Confirmed. John 20:30-31
- ✦ Faith Comes by Hearing. Romans 10:17
- ✦ Who Has Believed? Romans 10:16; 2 Thes 1:6-9
- ✦ Those who: Repent - Acts 17:30; Confess - Acts 8:37; & Are baptized - Mk 16:16; Acts 2:28

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PHILIPPIANS 2:12-16 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.