

The Sermon on the Mount:
Foundations and directions
for life from Jesus

LIFE 101

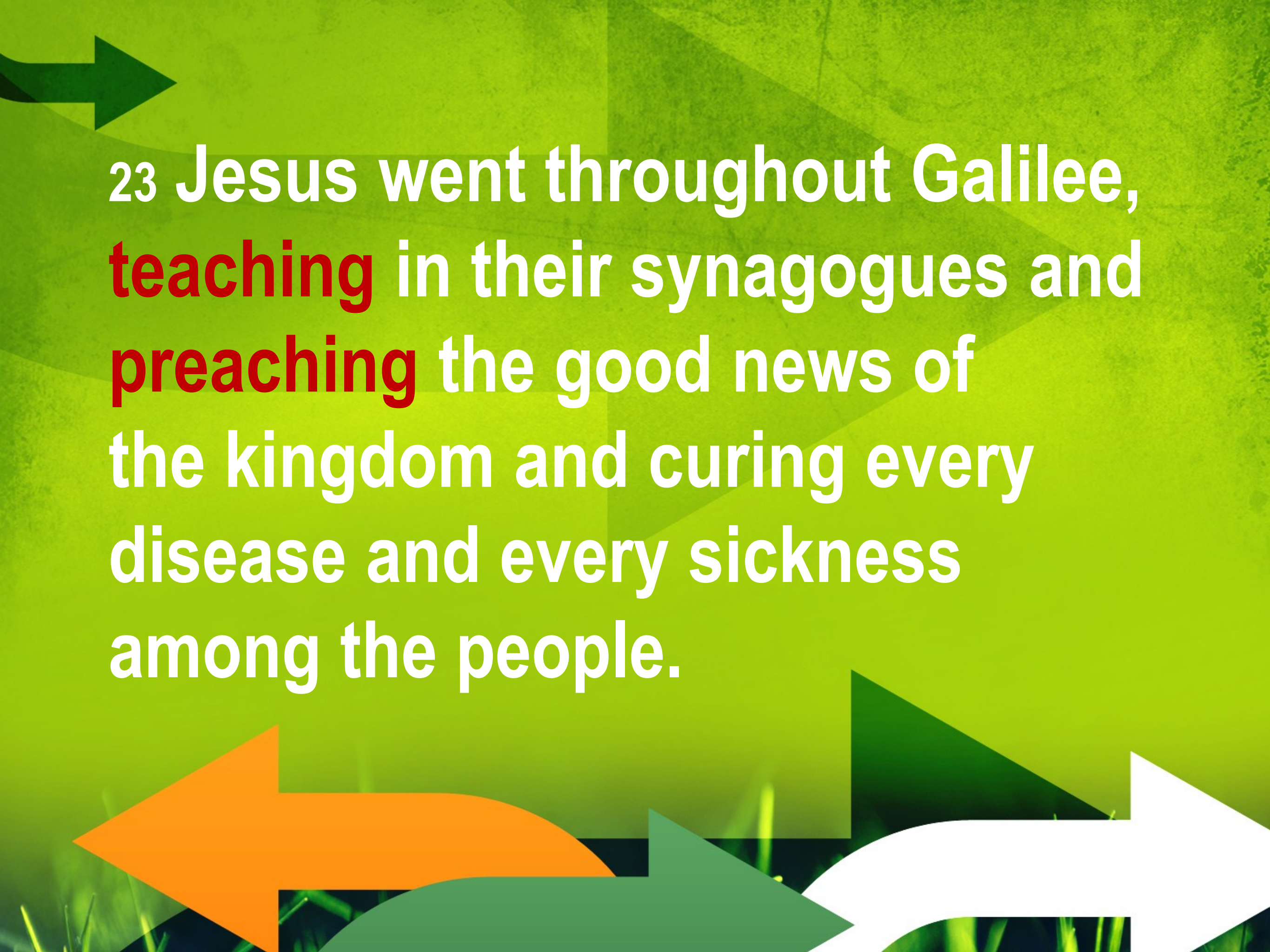
THIS SUNDAY'S MESSAGE:

The Importance of **Focus**

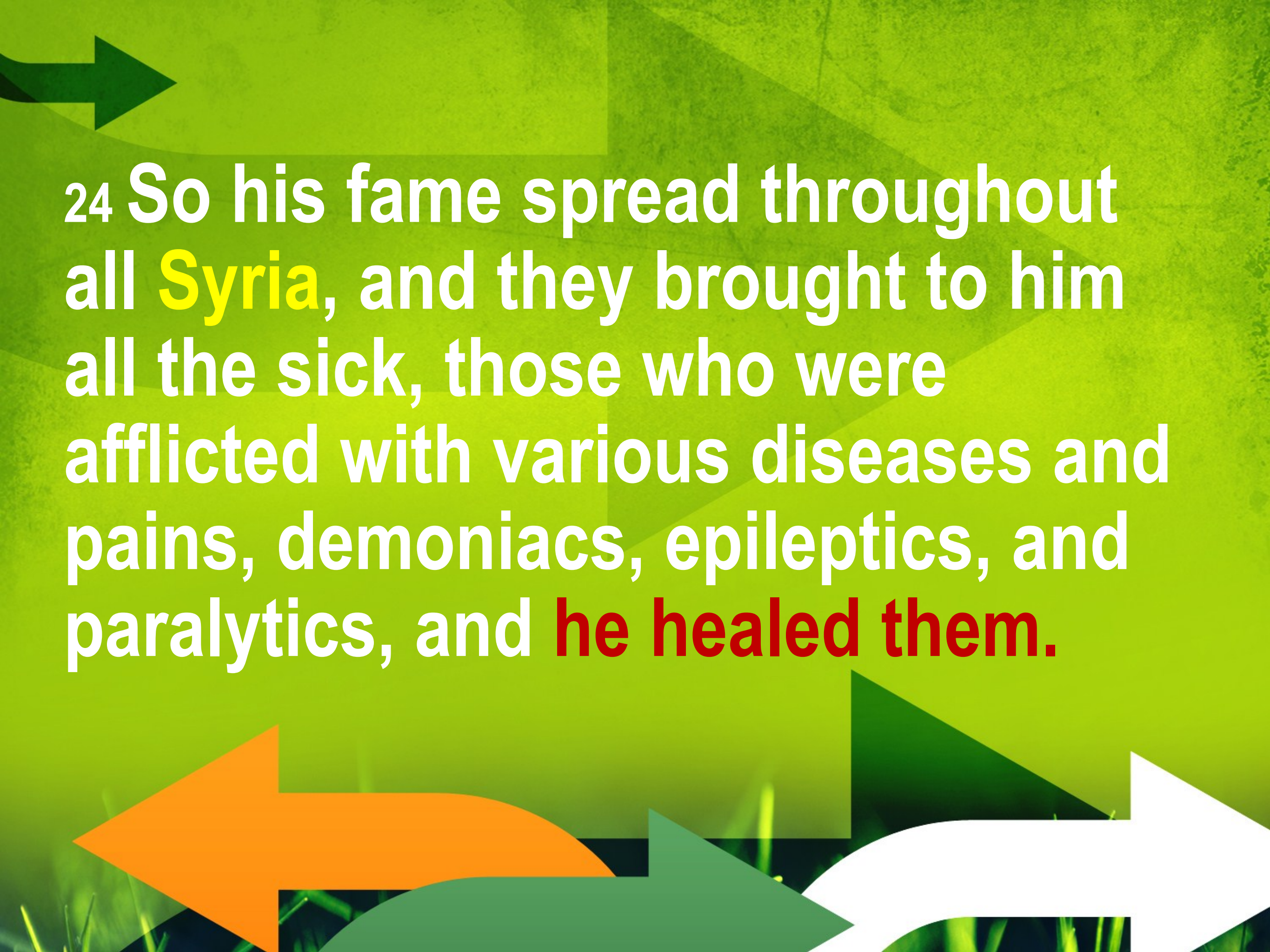
Matthew 4:23-5:2







23 Jesus went throughout Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues and
preaching the good news of
the kingdom and curing every
disease and every sickness
among the people.




24 So his fame spread throughout all **Syria**, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and **he healed them.**

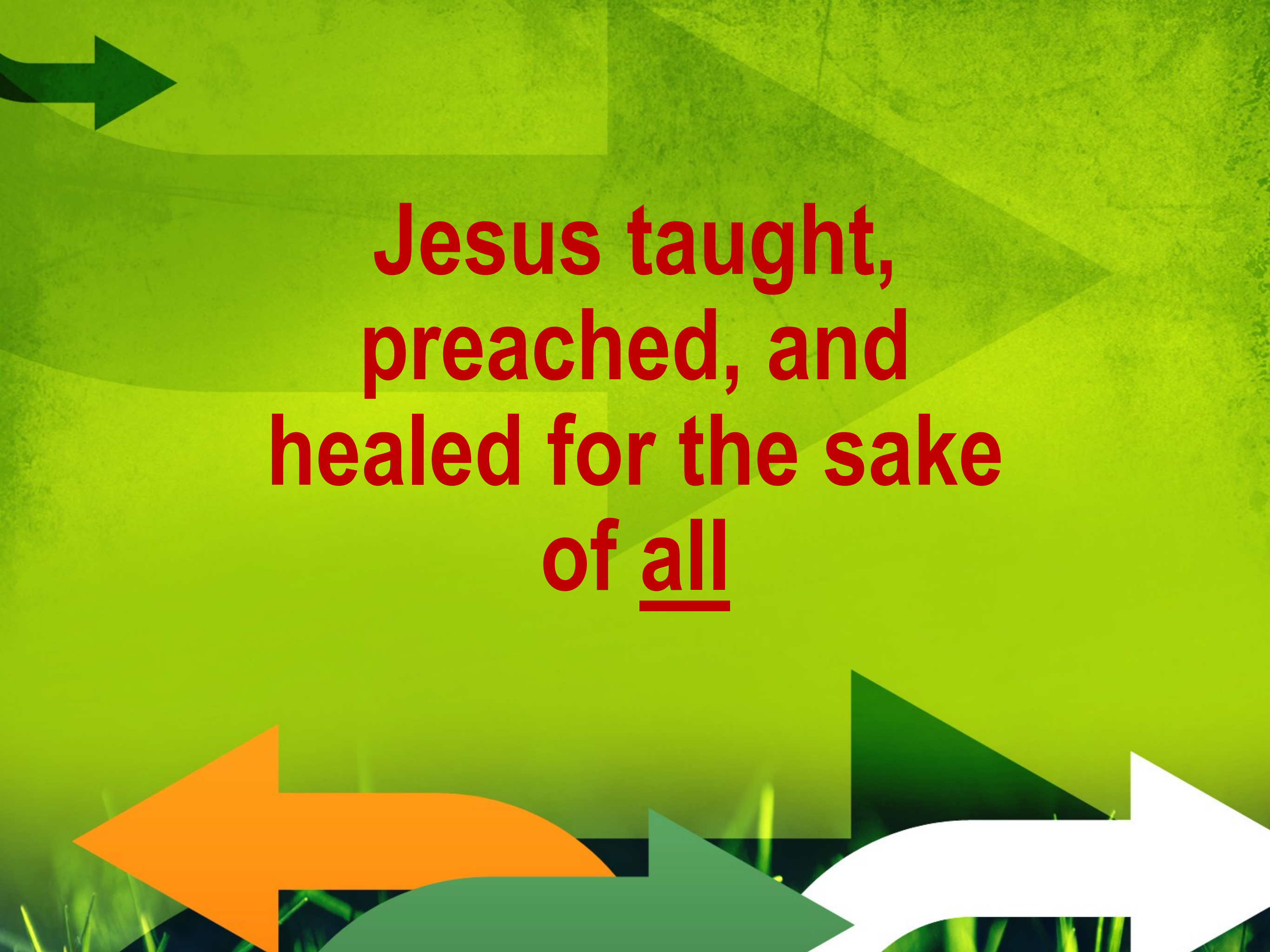
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Jesus' Focus:

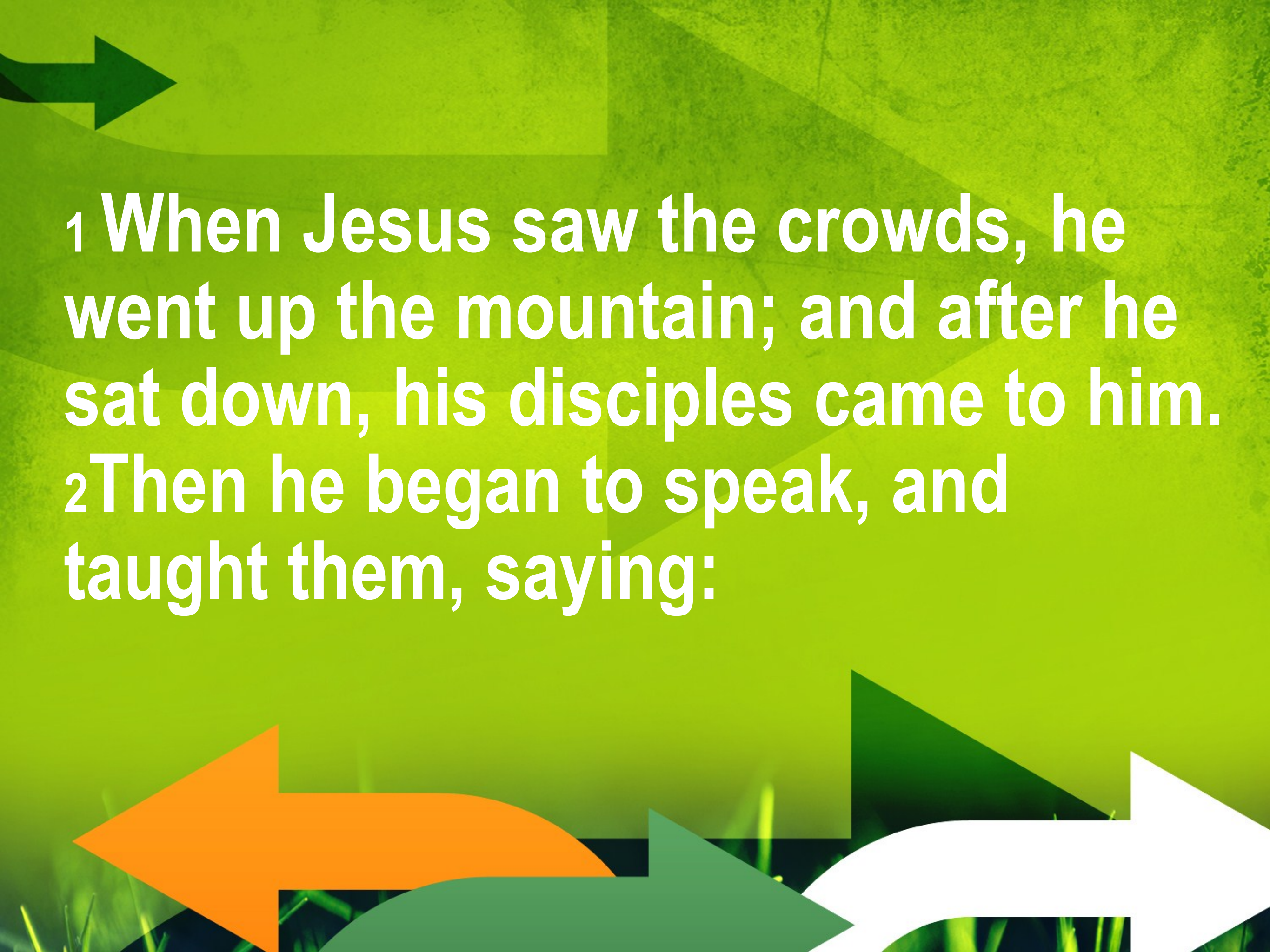
- **Teaching**
- **Preaching**
- **Healing**



**25 And great crowds
followed him from
Galilee, the Decapolis,
Jerusalem, Judea,
and from
beyond the Jordan.**



**Jesus taught,
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healed for the sake
of all**



1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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**Three Examples in the Gospel
Accounts of Jesus' Focus:**

- 1. The Wilderness Temptations
(Matthew 4:1-11)**

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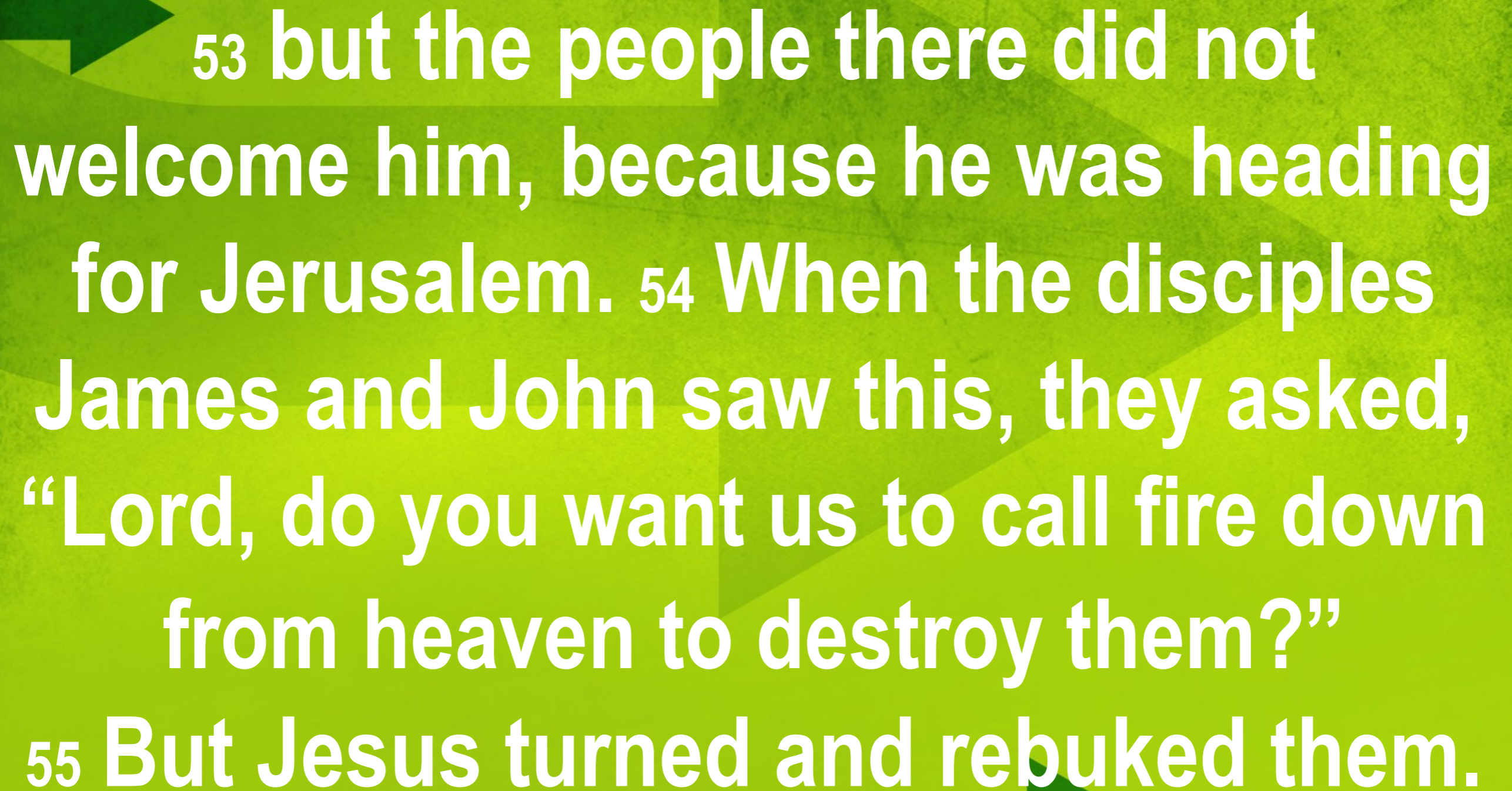
**2. A Question of Resolve
(Luke 9:51-62)**



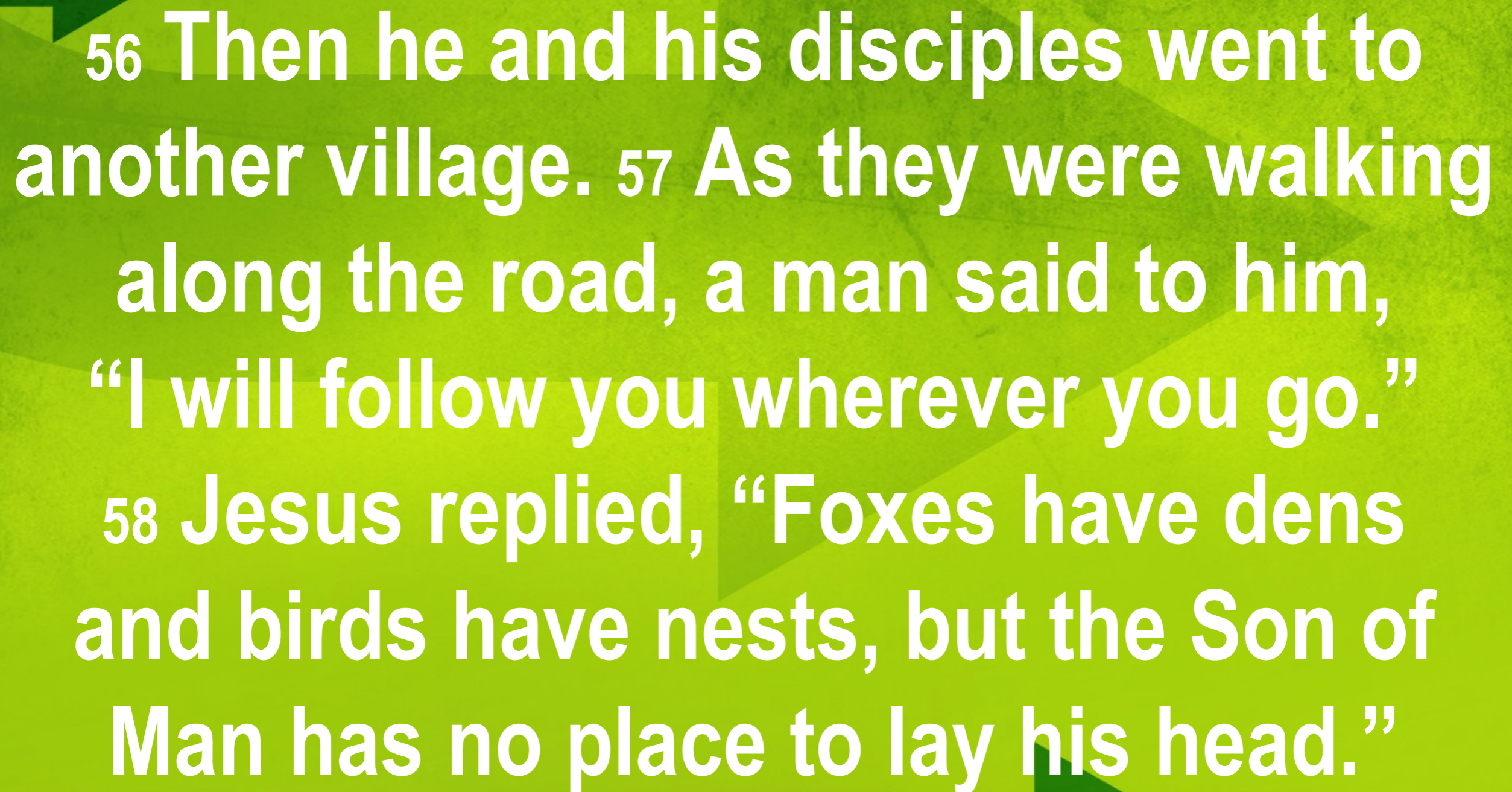
51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him;





53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them.






56 Then he and his disciples went to another village. 57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”



**59 He said to another man,
“Follow me.”**

**But he replied, “Lord, first let me
go and bury my father.”**


**60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead
bury their own dead, but you go and
proclaim the kingdom of God.”**





61 Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

62 Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”



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**Three Examples in the Gospel
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**3. In the Garden
(Matthew 26:36-46)**

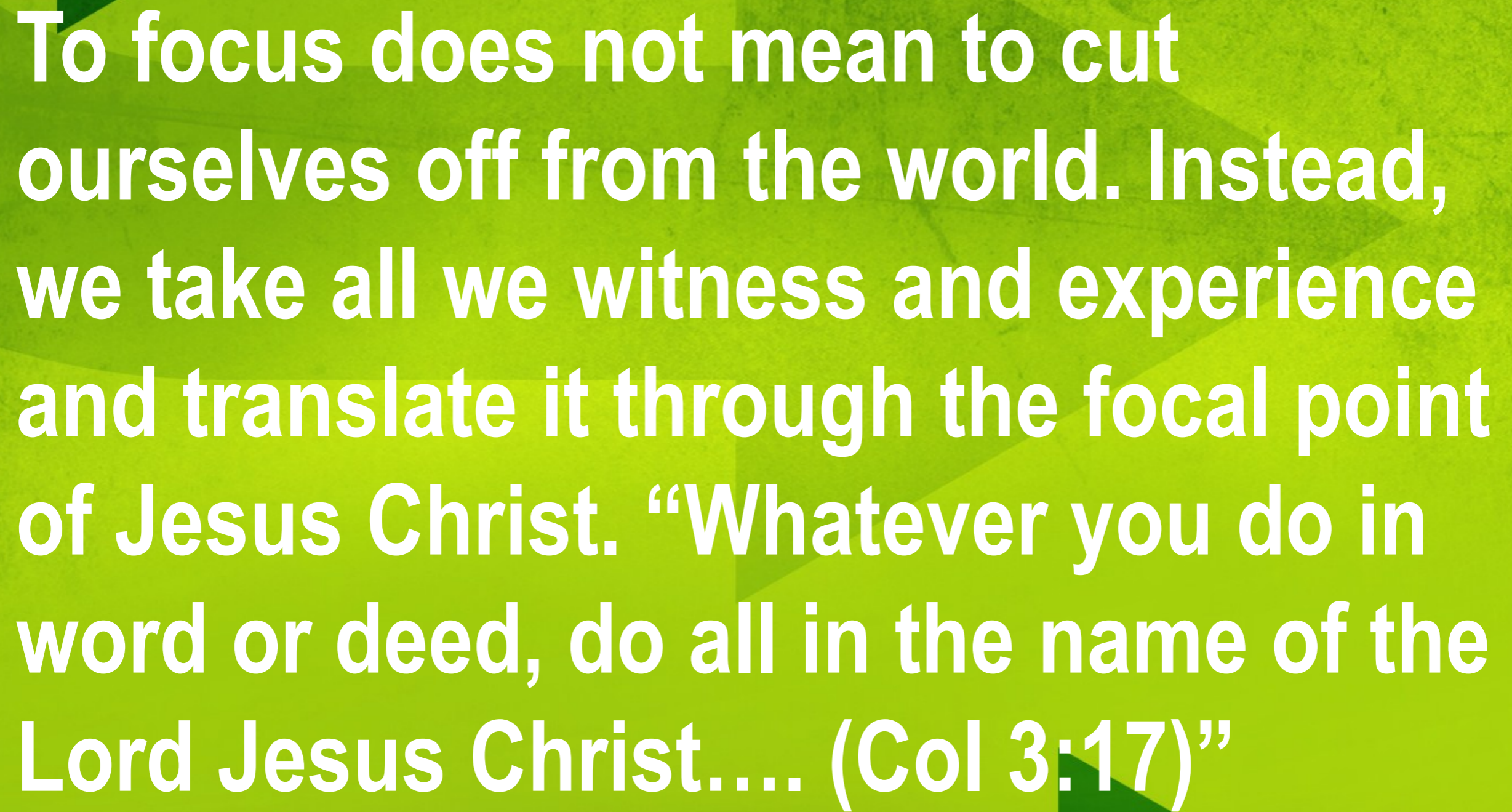
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Three Things that Kill Focus:

1. Fear

2. Loss of Vision

3. Apathy




To focus does not mean to cut ourselves off from the world. Instead, we take all we witness and experience and translate it through the focal point of Jesus Christ. “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.... (Col 3:17)”

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Our Focus

1. Listen to Jesus Christ
2. Believe in Jesus Christ
3. Commit to Jesus Christ
4. Share Jesus Christ
5. Glorify God through Jesus Christ



How we fulfill this focus
is dependent on
God's equipping and
God's leading.