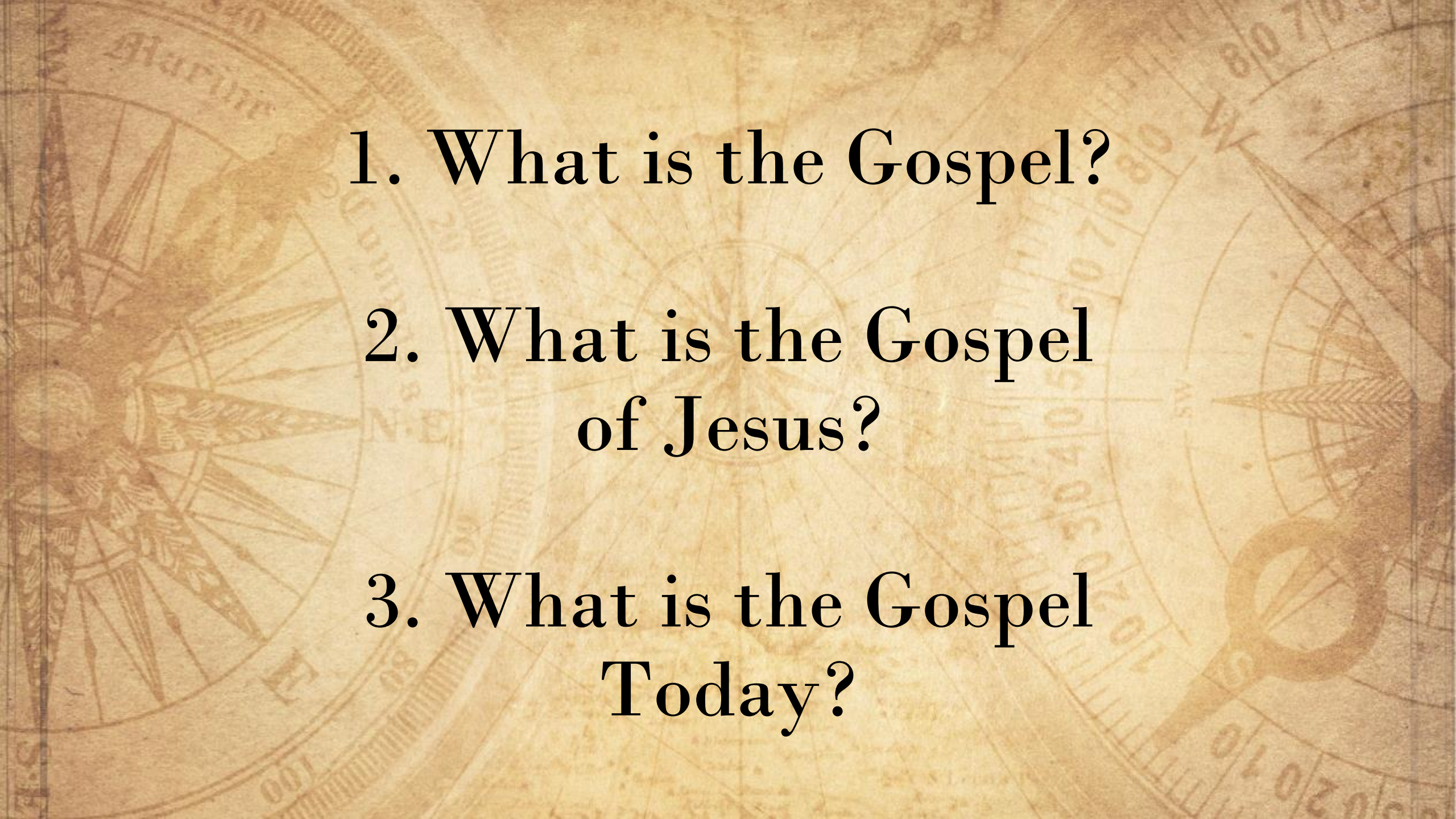


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The Gospel & The Four Gospels

The First and the Last Words of Jesus



1. What is the Gospel?

**2. What is the Gospel
of Jesus?**

**3. What is the Gospel
Today?**



1. What is the Gospel?

**Principally, it's a term of the
Roman Empire**

1. What is the The Gospel?

An inscription found in Priene, in modern-day Turkey, referring to Caesar Augustus says:

“the birthday of [Augustus] has been for the whole world the beginning of the *gospel* (*euangelion*) concerning him.”

1. What is the The Gospel?

Coin inscription in British Museum
from the time of Jesus:

"Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine
Augustus",
claiming that after his death Augustus had become
a god.

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Another coin in the British Museum:

The connection between “father” and “son” is conveyed by the legends, Julius Caesar is called “Julius the god”, Octavian 'Caesar son of the god'.

1. What is the The Gospel?

This inscription is found on a government building dating from 6 B.C. on how the Romans understood the “gospel” concerning Caesar Augustus:

The most *divine* Caesar . . . we should consider equal to the Beginning of all things . . . for when everything was falling (into disorder) and tending toward dissolution, he restored it once more and gave the whole world a new aura; Caesar . . . the common good Fortune of all . . . The beginning of life and vitality . . . All the cities unanimously adopt the birthday of the divine Caesar as the new beginning of the year . . . Whereas the Providence which has regulated our whole existence . . . *has brought our life to the climax of perfection in giving to us (the emperor) Augustus* . . . who being sent to us and our descendents as *Savior*, has put an end to war and has set all things in order; and (whereas,) having become (god) manifest, Caesar has fulfilled all the hopes of earlier times.

1. What is the The Gospel?

“Kaiser Kurios” = “Caesar is Lord.

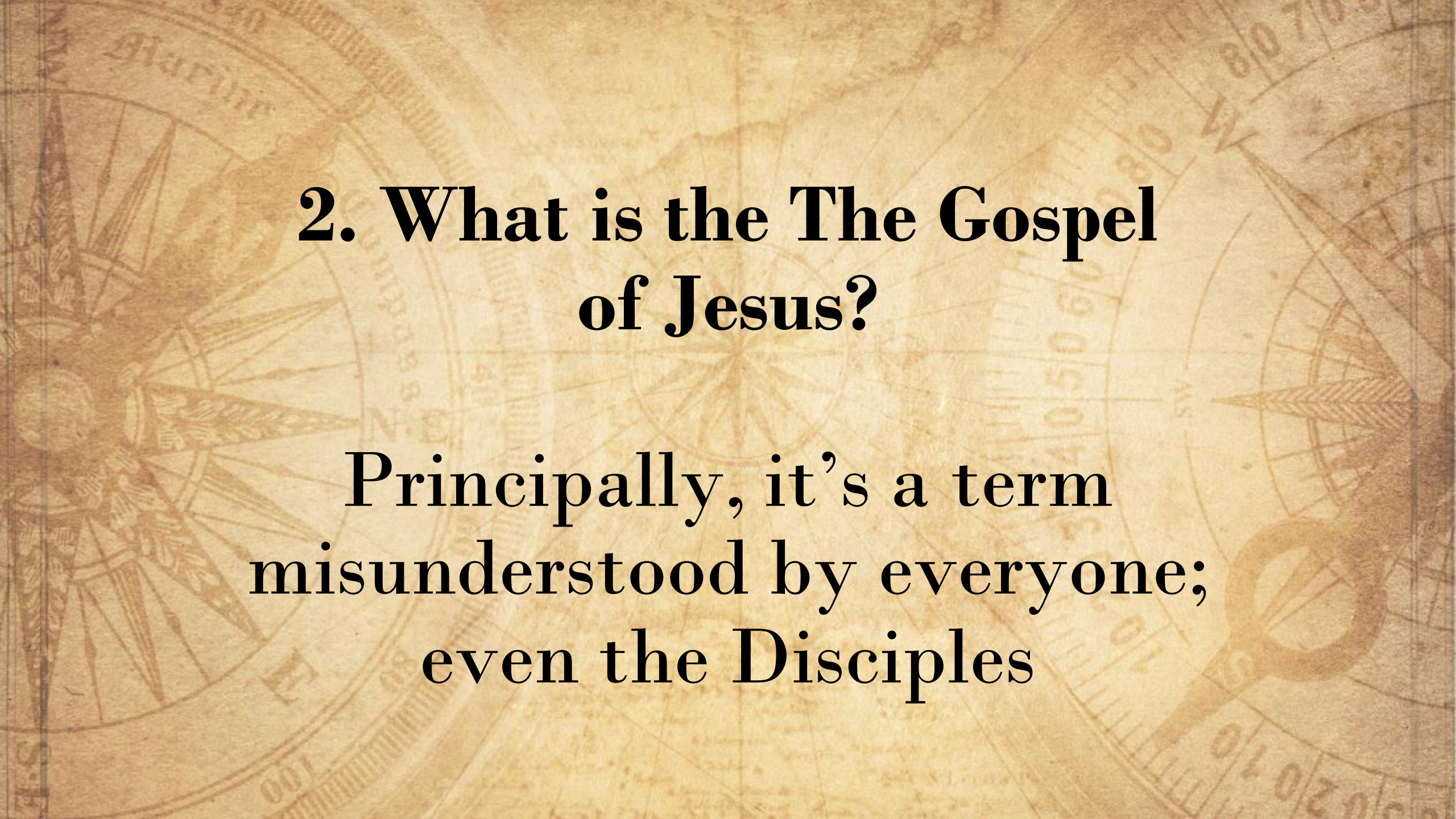
Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (Turkey - b. 69AD and d. in 155AD) was a disciple of the Apostle John. The Romans tortured local Christians until they forfeited his location.

Once arrested, Polycarp was brought to Rome.

The proconsul pressed him and encouraged him to denounce Christ by declaring Caesar as lord.”

Polycarp reasoned with them,

“Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never did me any injury: how then can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?”

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2. What is the The Gospel of Jesus?

**Principally, it's a term
misunderstood by everyone;
even the Disciples**

Jesus?

Isaiah 40:9

**You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.**

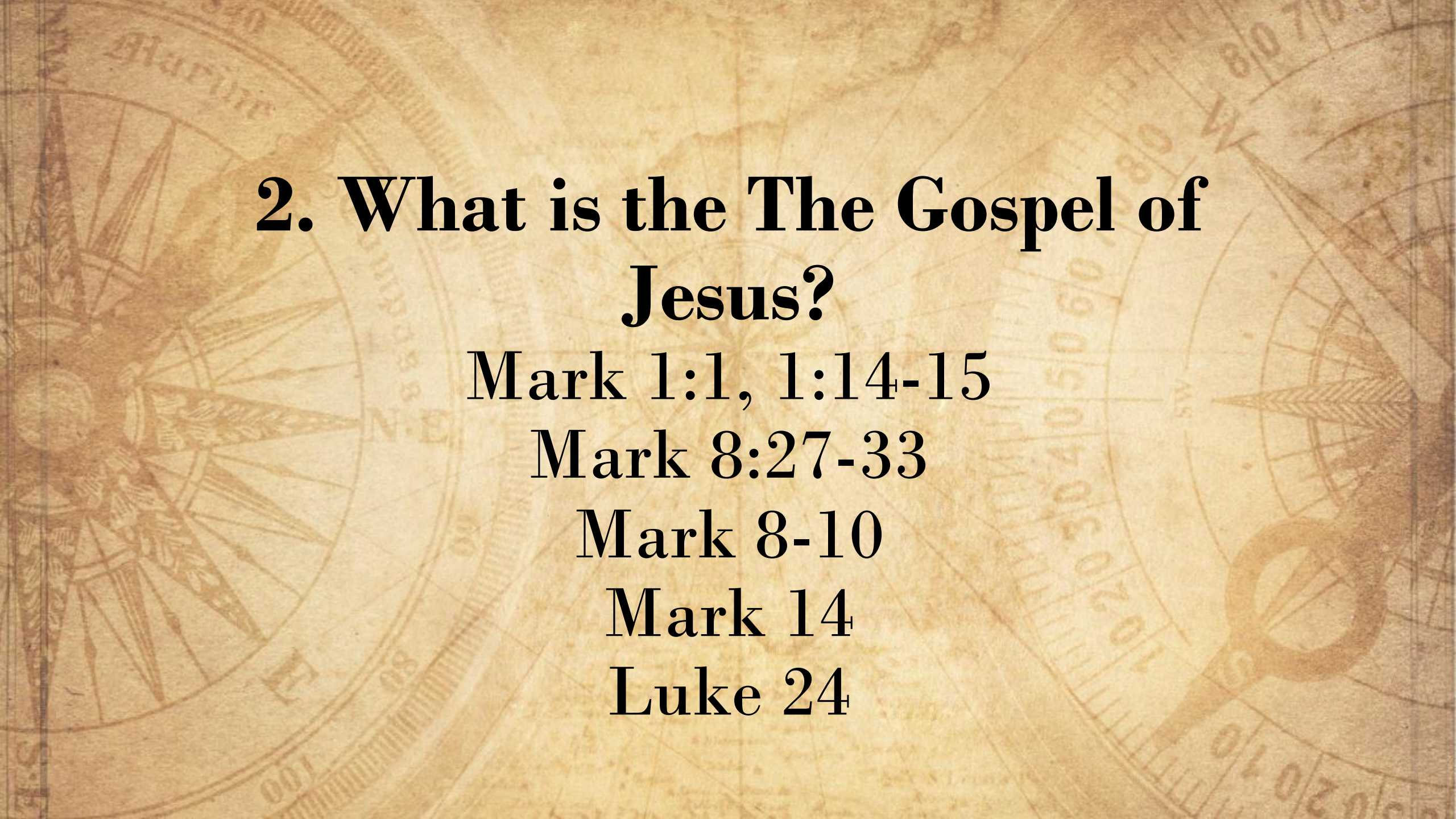
**You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”**

**¹⁰ See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.**

2. What is the The Gospel of Jesus?

Isaiah 54:7

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring **good news**,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”



2. What is the The Gospel of Jesus?

Mark 1:1, 1:14-15

Mark 8:27-33

Mark 8-10

Mark 14

Luke 24

Jesus?

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

2. What is the The Gospel of Jesus?

³¹ He then *began to teach them* that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. *“Get behind me, Satan!”* he said.

“You *do not have in mind* the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

3. What is the Gospel today?

**Principally, it's a term
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even Us**

3. What is the Gospel today?

In theology and in practical ministry;
**We have disconnected
Conversion from Discipleship**

**4. What Problem (in your life)
is the Gospel Solving?**

**Principally, it's Much Bigger
than we can guess.
So Don't!**



**4. What Problem (in your life)
is the Gospel Solving?**

1. Release of your guilt?
2. Forgiveness of your sins?

Matthew 28

¹⁹ Therefore go and
make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of
the Son and of
the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and
teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you.

Matthew 28

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said,
**All authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to me.**

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given **authority, glory**

and sovereign power;

all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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Gospel = Our God Reigns

**Specifically
Jesus is King**

Colossians 1

1⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **1⁶** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **1⁷** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1

¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven..

Ephesians 1

⁷ In him [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Daniel 7:15-18

¹⁵ “I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this.

“So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ ‘The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ **But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom** and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.’

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Genesis 1

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters...

Genesis 1

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our **likeness**, so that they may *rule* over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own **image**, in the **image** of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1

28 God blessed them and said to them,
“Be fruitful and increase in number;
fill the earth and subdue it.
Rule over the
fish in the sea and
the birds in the sky and
over every living creature that moves
on the ground.”

Genesis 2

⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being...

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 9

9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.

2 The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; *they are given into your hands.* **3** Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, *I now give you everything.*

Exodus 19

³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said,

“This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me *a kingdom of priests* and a *holy nation*.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

Psalm 8

What is man that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You made them *rulers* over the works of your hands;
you put everything *under their feet*:

⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,

⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

Daniel 7

¹⁹ “Then I wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast... ²⁰ I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up... ²¹ As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom...

Daniel 7

²³ “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. ... ²⁵ He will speak against the Most High and *oppress his holy people* and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.

²⁶ “‘But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. ²⁷ *Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High.* His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.’

Matthew 19

²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

Luke 22

⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

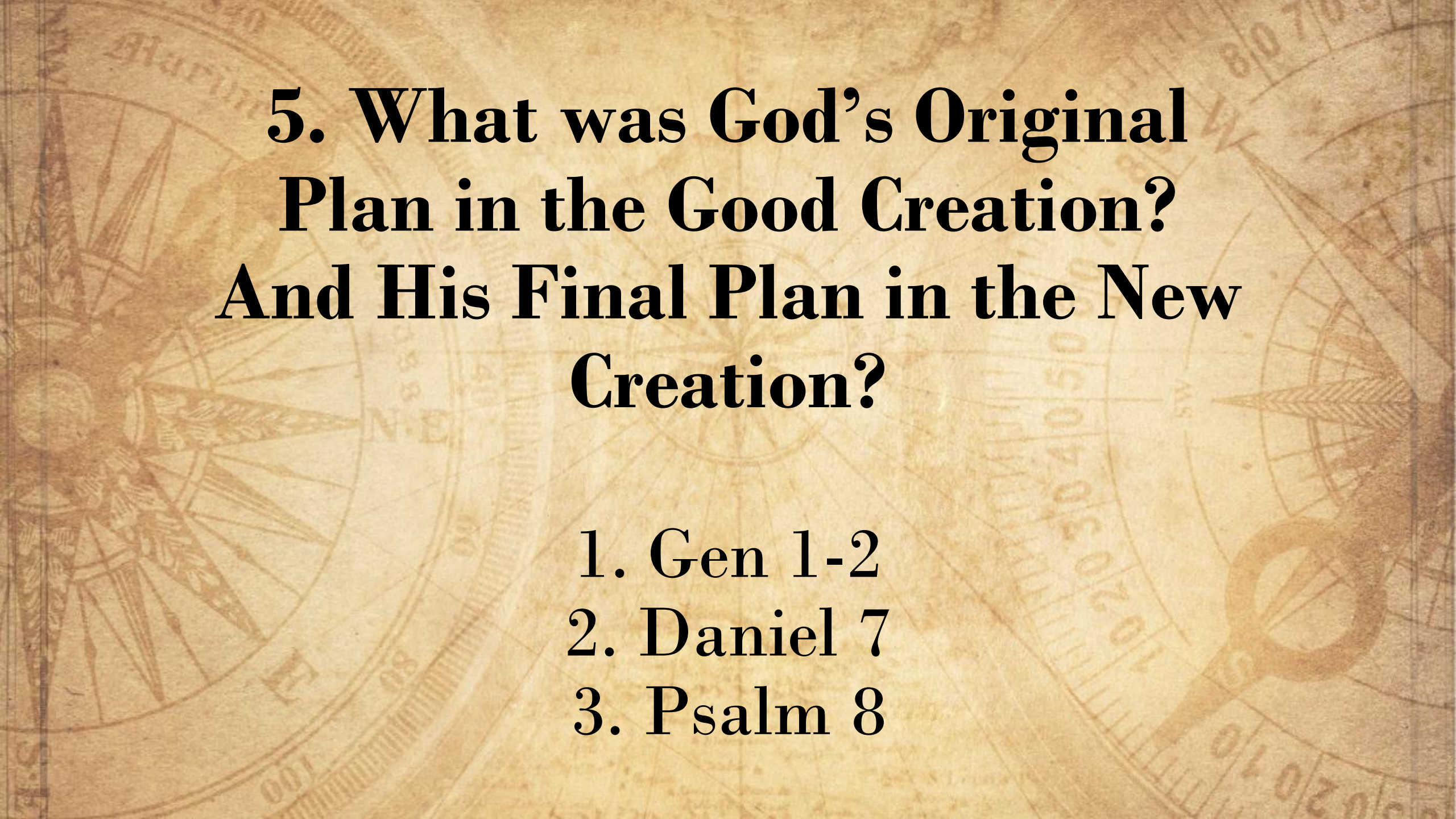
1 Corinthians 6

¹If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people? ² Or *do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world?* And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

Revelation 20

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but *they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him* for a thousand years.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And *they will reign for ever and ever.*



**5. What was God's Original
Plan in the Good Creation?
And His Final Plan in the New
Creation?**

- 1. Gen 1-2**
- 2. Daniel 7**
- 3. Psalm 8**

Philippians 1

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi,
together with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1

²⁷ Whatever happens,
conduct yourselves in a manner worthy
of the **gospel of Christ**.

[So that]

Then, whether I come and see you or
only hear about you in my absence,
I will know (lit: hear) that
you stand firm in the one Spirit,
striving together as one
for the **faith of the gospel**

Philippians 1

²⁷ Whatever happens,
conduct yourselves in a manner worthy
of the **gospel of Christ**.

²⁸ without being frightened in any way
by those who oppose you.

This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed,
but that you will be saved—and that by God.

²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ
not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,

³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and
now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1

³ I thank my God every time I remember you.

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of **your partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and **confirming the gospel**, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1

⁹ And this is my prayer:

that your love may abound more and more
in knowledge and depth of insight,

¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best
and

may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ —

to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served **to advance the gospel**. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more **to proclaim the gospel** without fear.

Philippians 1

¹⁵ It is true that some *preach Christ* out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here **for the defense of the gospel**. ¹⁷ The former *preach Christ* out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, *Christ is preached*. And because of this I rejoice.

Philippians 1

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my *deliverance*. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Philippians 3

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious