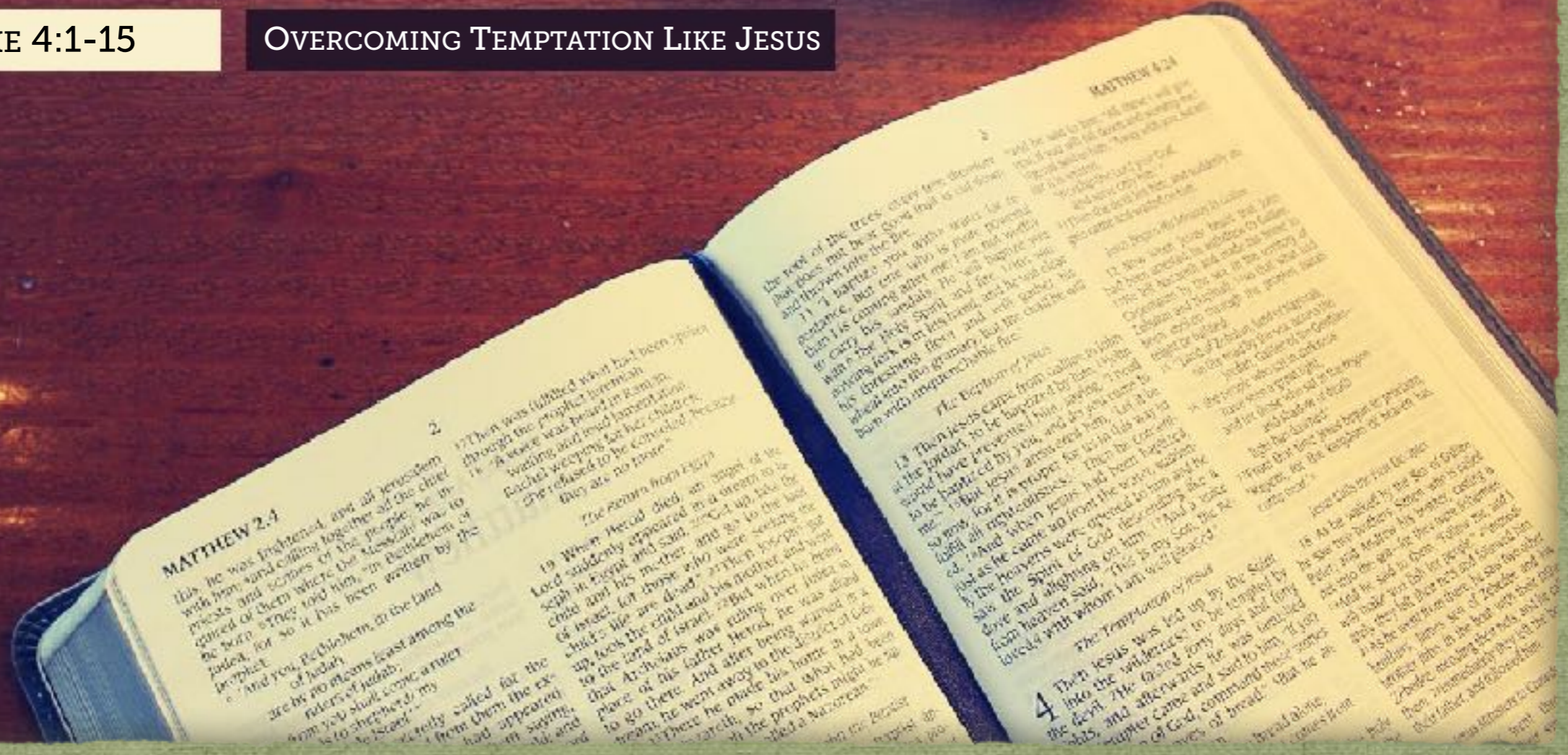


THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 90 DAYS

#3: LUKE 4:1-15

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION LIKE JESUS



Overview

1. Reading Review

- ▶ Mark 13 – Luke 15

2. Luke Chapter 4:1-15

- ▶ Overcoming Temptation Like Jesus

3. Turning Knowledge into Wisdom

- ▶ What Can I Learn From This?

4. This Week's Reading

- ▶ Luke 16 – John 12



#1 - Bible Reading Review

Mark 13 – Luke 15

Bible Reading

- What did you learned from your devotions last week?
- How did you do with time management?





#2 - Passage

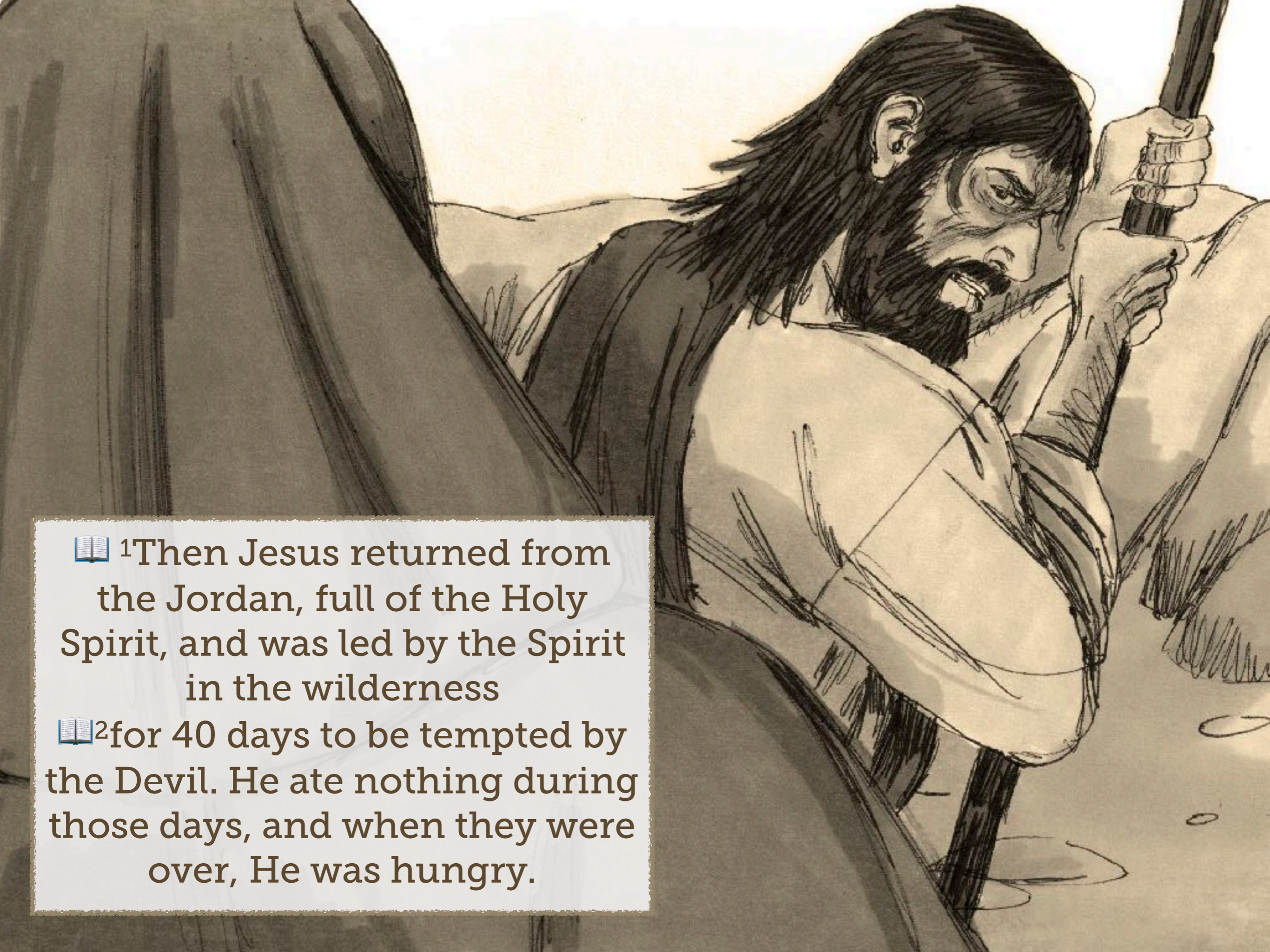
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Context: Setting The Stage

Jesus had just been baptized and the Father Himself said He was pleased!

God the Father said that Jesus was His Son - so Satan is going to challenge that fact.



📖 ¹Then Jesus returned from the Jordan, full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness

📖 ²for 40 days to be tempted by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over, He was hungry.

Why 40 Days?



The nation Israel had failed to follow God and were forced to wander in the wilderness for 40 years – the whole time they sinned and failed...



Jesus was going through the same "Wilderness wandering" but unlike Israel – was going to come out without sinning...

Temptation: Quick Fix

- ▶ Jesus is hungry and is on a supernatural fast.
- ▶ Satan will offer Jesus food to ease His physical pain...

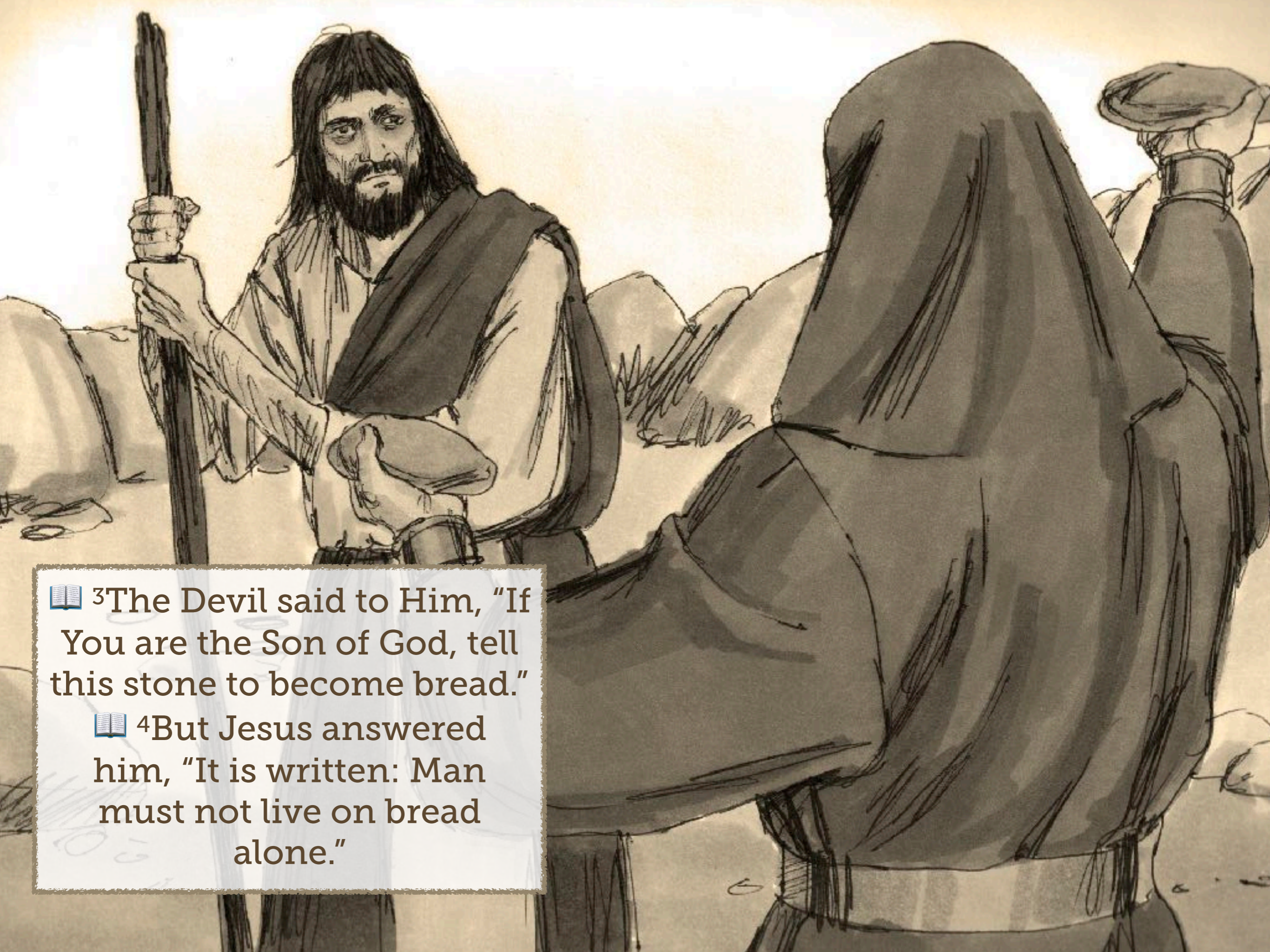


Temptation

Temptation #1

- ▶ Satan's first temptation to Jesus: If you are God's Son – prove it!
- ▶ Satan hopes that Jesus will doubt His identity as the Son of God, and break His fast!





📖 ³The Devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

📖 ⁴But Jesus answered him, "It is written: Man must not live on bread alone."

Answer #One

- ▶ Jesus is not fooled by the temptation but quotes the end of Deuteronomy 8:3



"So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE; BUT MAN LIVES BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD."

Overcame 1st Temptation!

- ▶ God said Jesus was the Beloved Son – so Jesus did not have to test that fact...
- ▶ Jesus said that man should live by what God says...
- ▶ In other words, Jesus had faith in the Father's word.



FAITH

Temptation #Two

- ▶ If Jesus worships Satan - then Jesus would receive all power on earth - instantly...
- ▶ Jesus knew that He would have everything one day – what Satan was offering was instant gratification.
- ▶ All He would have to do is worship Satan and could rule without going to the cross...

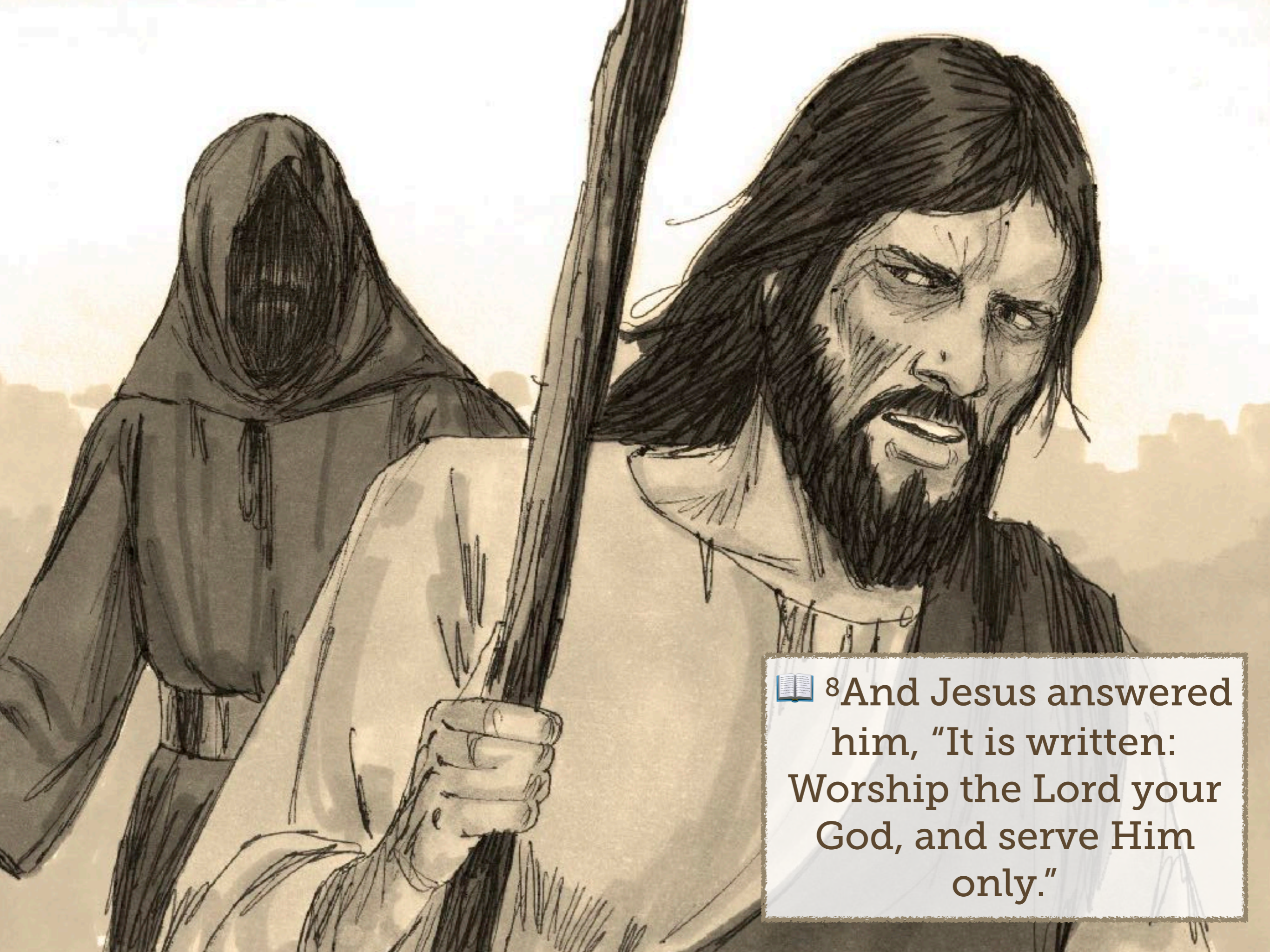




📖 ⁵So he took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

📖 ⁶The Devil said to Him, "I will give You their splendor and all this authority, because it has been given over to me, and I can give it to anyone I want.

📖 ⁷If You, then, will worship me, all will be Yours."



📖 ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."

Answer #Two

- ▶ He overcomes temptation once again by quoting Deuteronomy – this time 6:13

📖 You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.

Overcame 2nd Temptation!

- ▶ Jesus' love for the Father overcame His desire for instant gratification.
- ▶ He loved the Father more than He loved Himself, and was going to pass up instant pleasure and suffer – knowing that He would one day be worshiped by all!

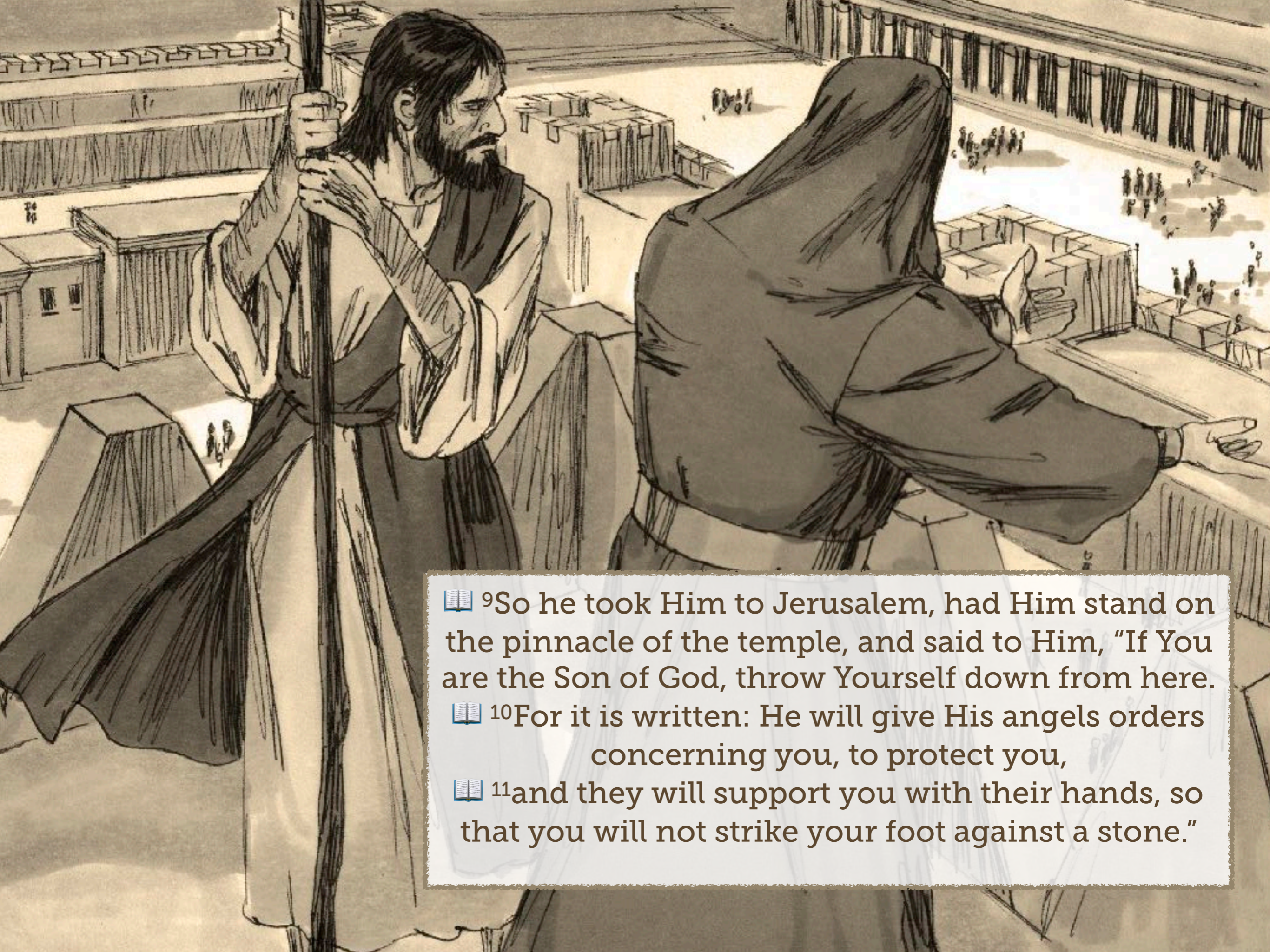


LOVE

Temptation #3

- ▶ Satan knows scripture too – so in his next temptation he twists scripture to ask Jesus to prove if He is the Son again.
- ▶ Satan thinks appealing to pride will help overcome Jesus.

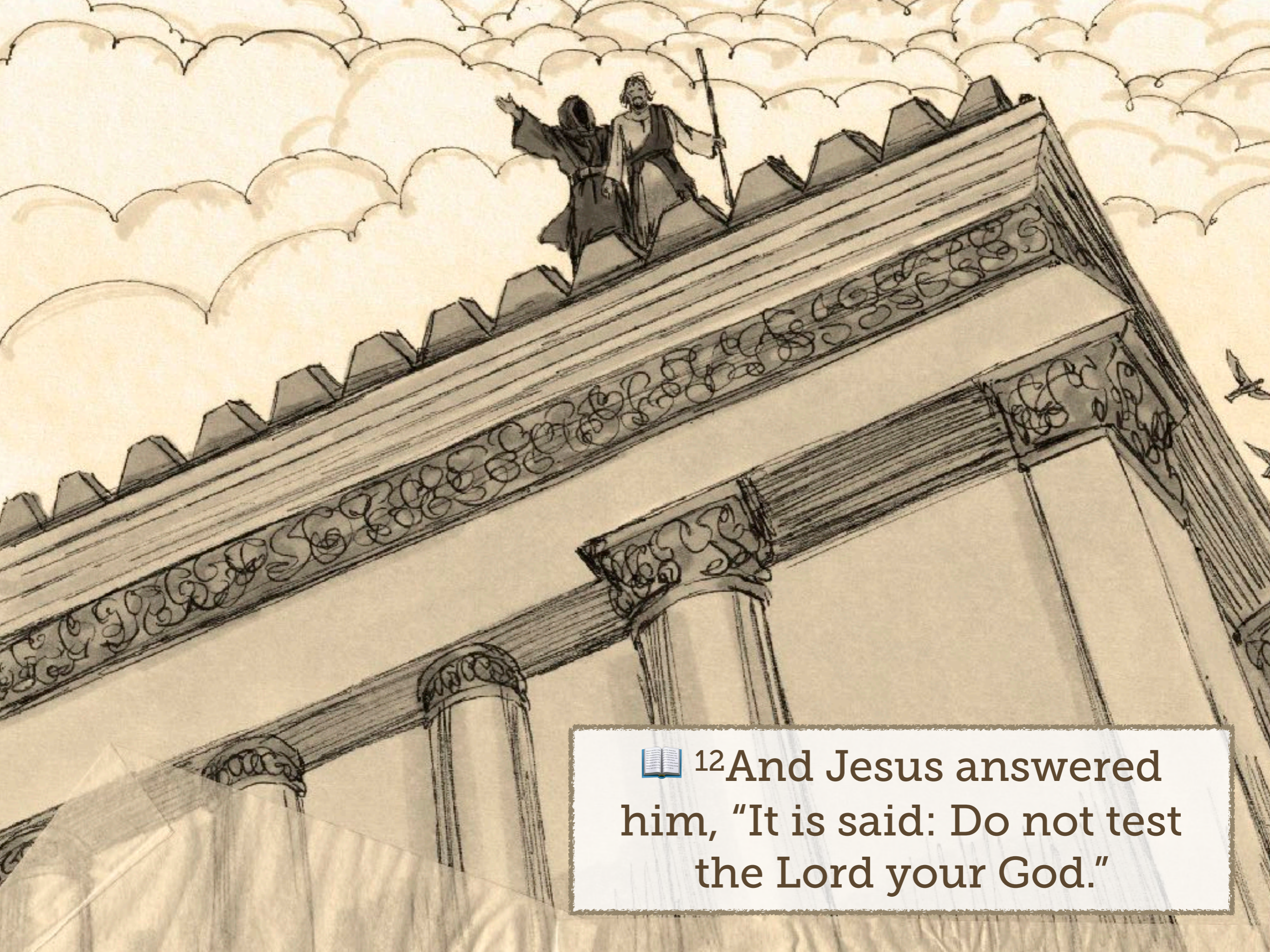





📖 ⁹So he took Him to Jerusalem, had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

📖 ¹⁰For it is written: He will give His angels orders concerning you, to protect you,

📖 ¹¹and they will support you with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."



 ¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said: Do not test the Lord your God."

Answer #Three

- ▶ Once again Jesus quotes Deuteronomy to the devil – this time Deuteronomy 6:16

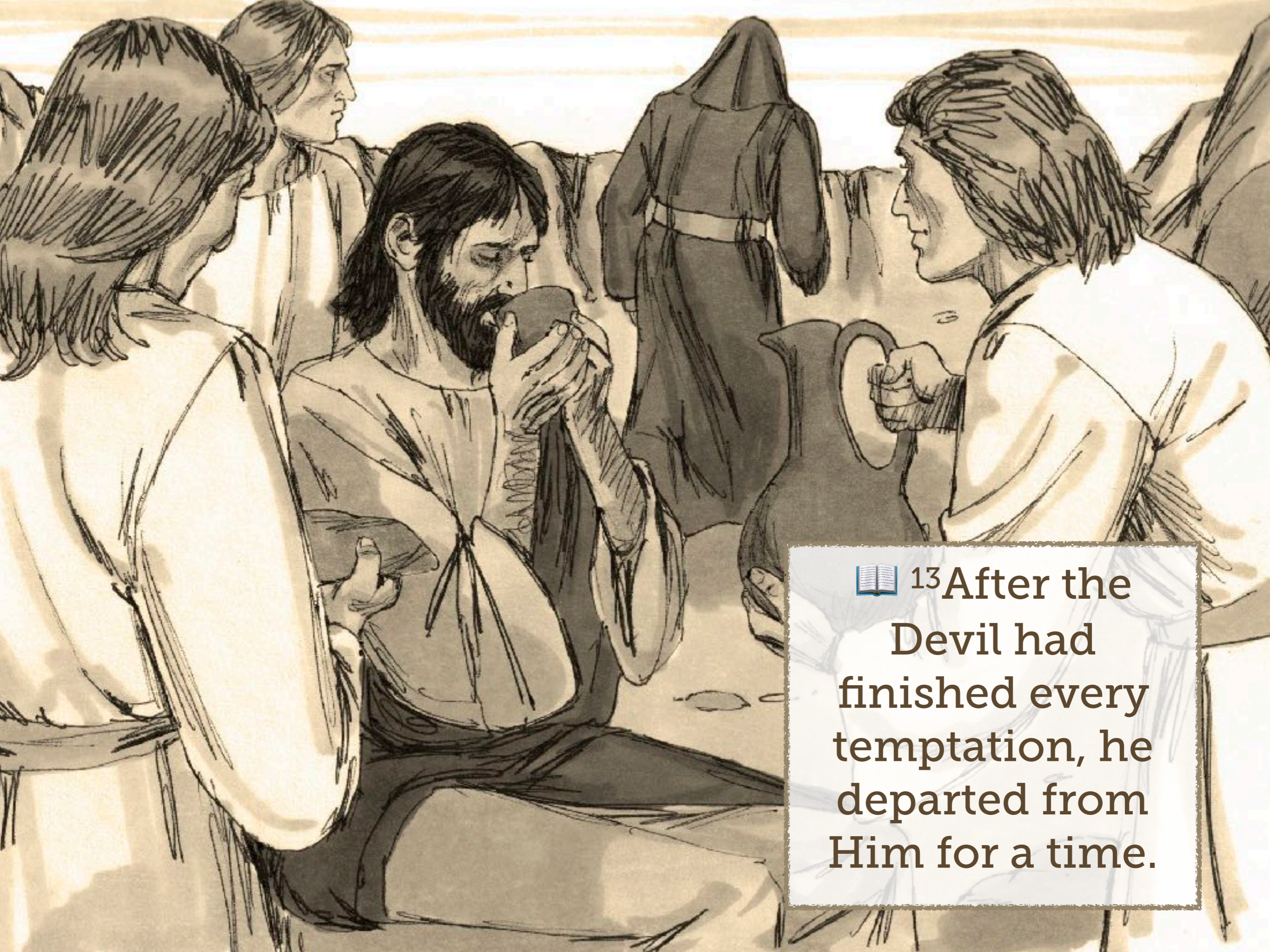
📖 “You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted Him in Massah.”


Overcame 3rd Temptation!

- ▶ Jesus trusted God, so there was no need to jump to prove it...
- ▶ Jesus knew that jumping would show a mistrust between Him and the Father, so there was no need to tempt the Father – only trust Him...



TRUST



 **13** After the Devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time.



📖 14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread throughout the entire vicinity.

📖 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, being acclaimed by everyone.

FAITH



He Overcame!

Jesus overcame all these temptations so Satan left defeated...

LOVE



He would later return at a better time...

TRUST



When you come to Jesus He understands you because He has been tempted.

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

- Hebrews 4:15

**"HAVE FAITH IN GOD'S WORD,
LOVE & TRUST HIM,
& YOU WILL OVERCOME
TEMPTATION"**

Main Point



#3 - Turning Knowledge Into Wisdom

○ Luke Chapter 4:1-15

Your Identity Tested...

Hello
my name is

Christian

- ▶ God Himself said that Jesus was His son so Satan had to test Jesus' identity.
- ▶ Your identity is found in Christ – and Satan will harass you with temptations and persecution to see if you will keep your identity...

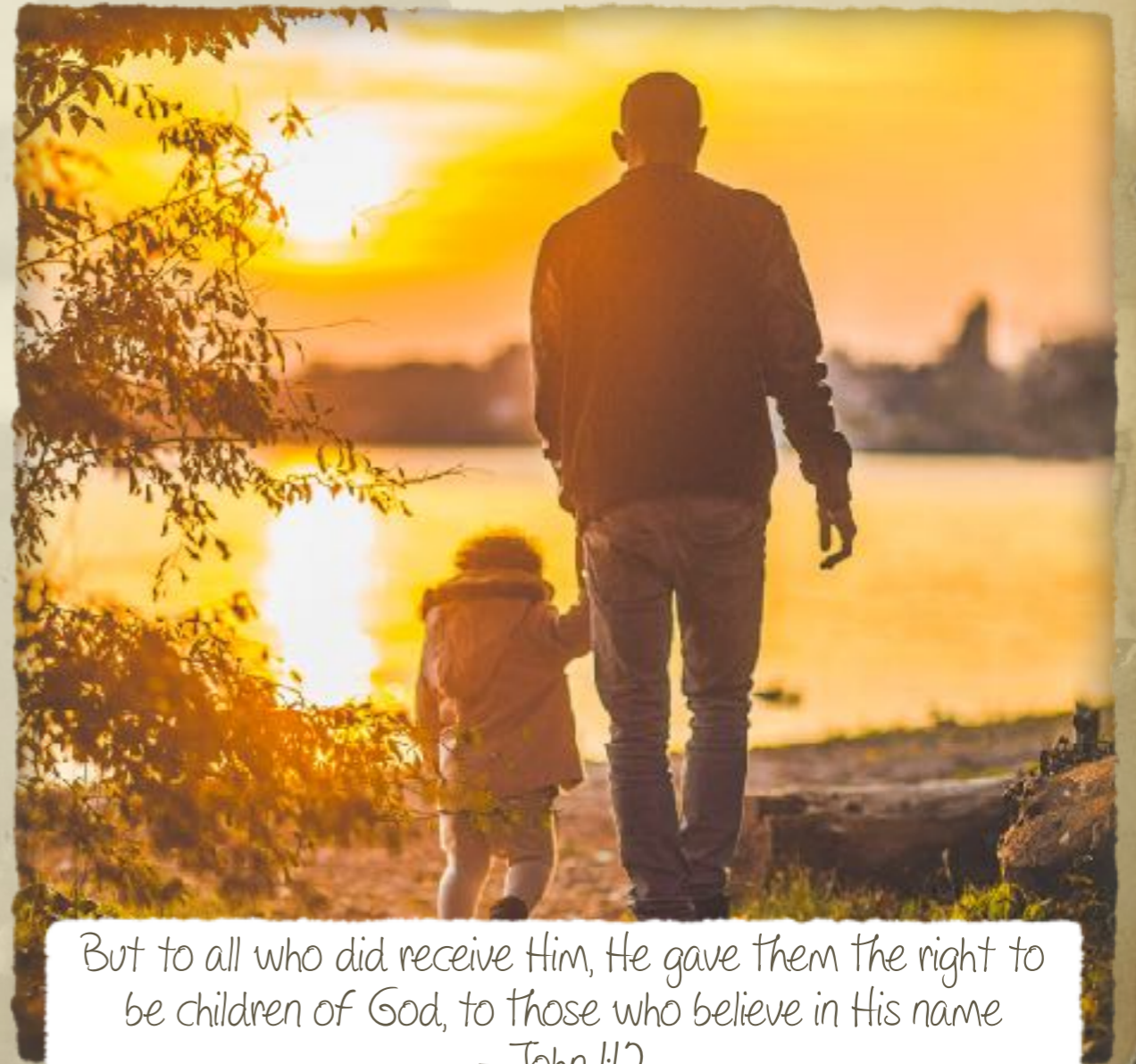
Think About It...

- ▶ When you stand up for Christ and are doing what is right – Satan will hit you as hard as he can - to take your eyes off the Father and onto yourself (think of Jesus' Temptations.)
- ▶ What are some ways Satan has caused you to stop serving God and has tempted you to focus on yourself?



Obey God - Don't Prove Yourself

- Satan's main temptation to Jesus was "prove who You are."
- As a Christians you should know who you are in Christ and never feel the need to "prove to others" that you are righteous because pride steps in.
- In a world of "Prove it!" Take comfort that God knows who you are, so love and obey Him, and don't worry about impressing people.



*But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in His name
- John 1:12*



#4 - This Week's Reading

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