

ACTS OF GOD #62

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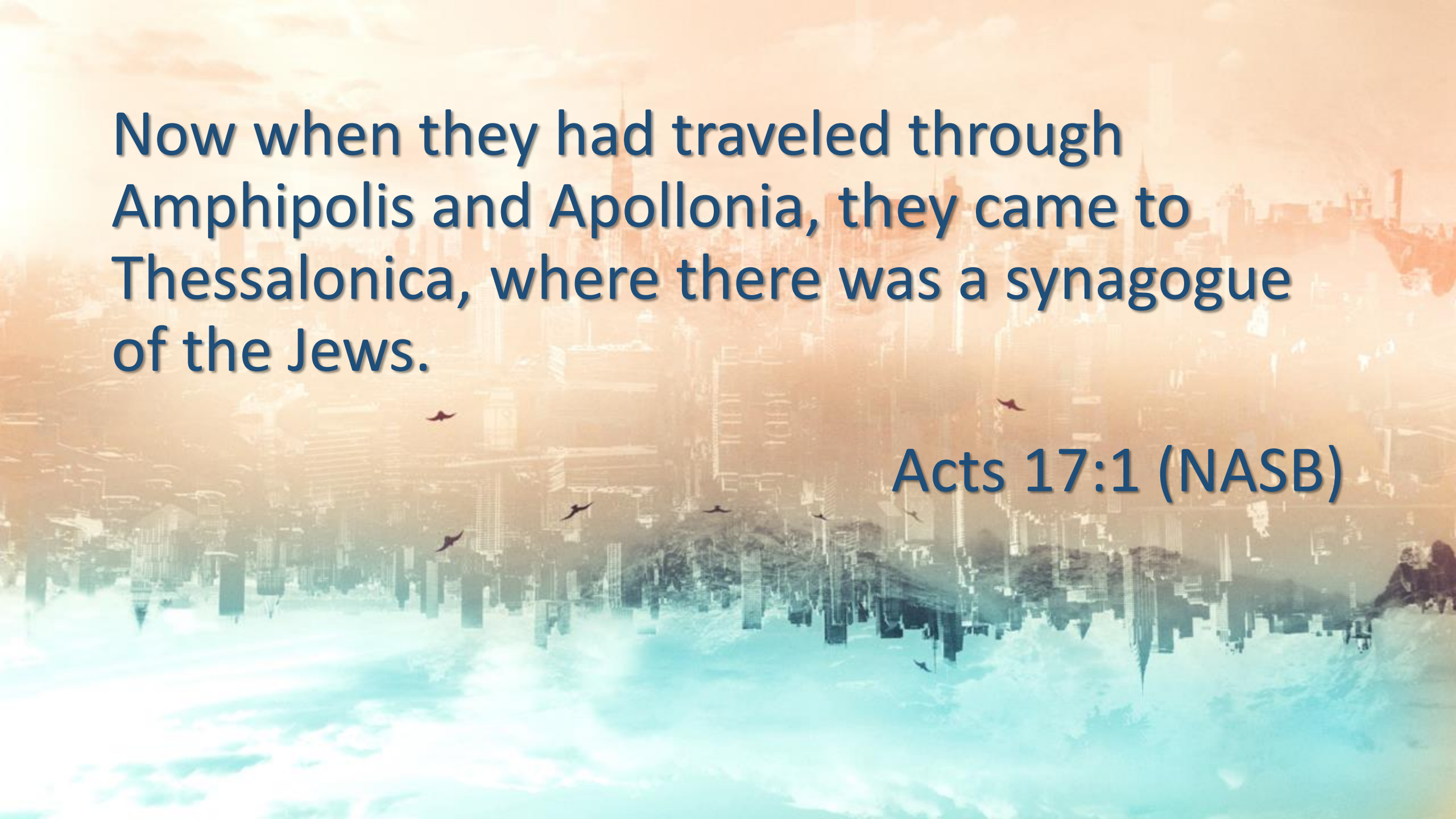
TURNING THE WORLD

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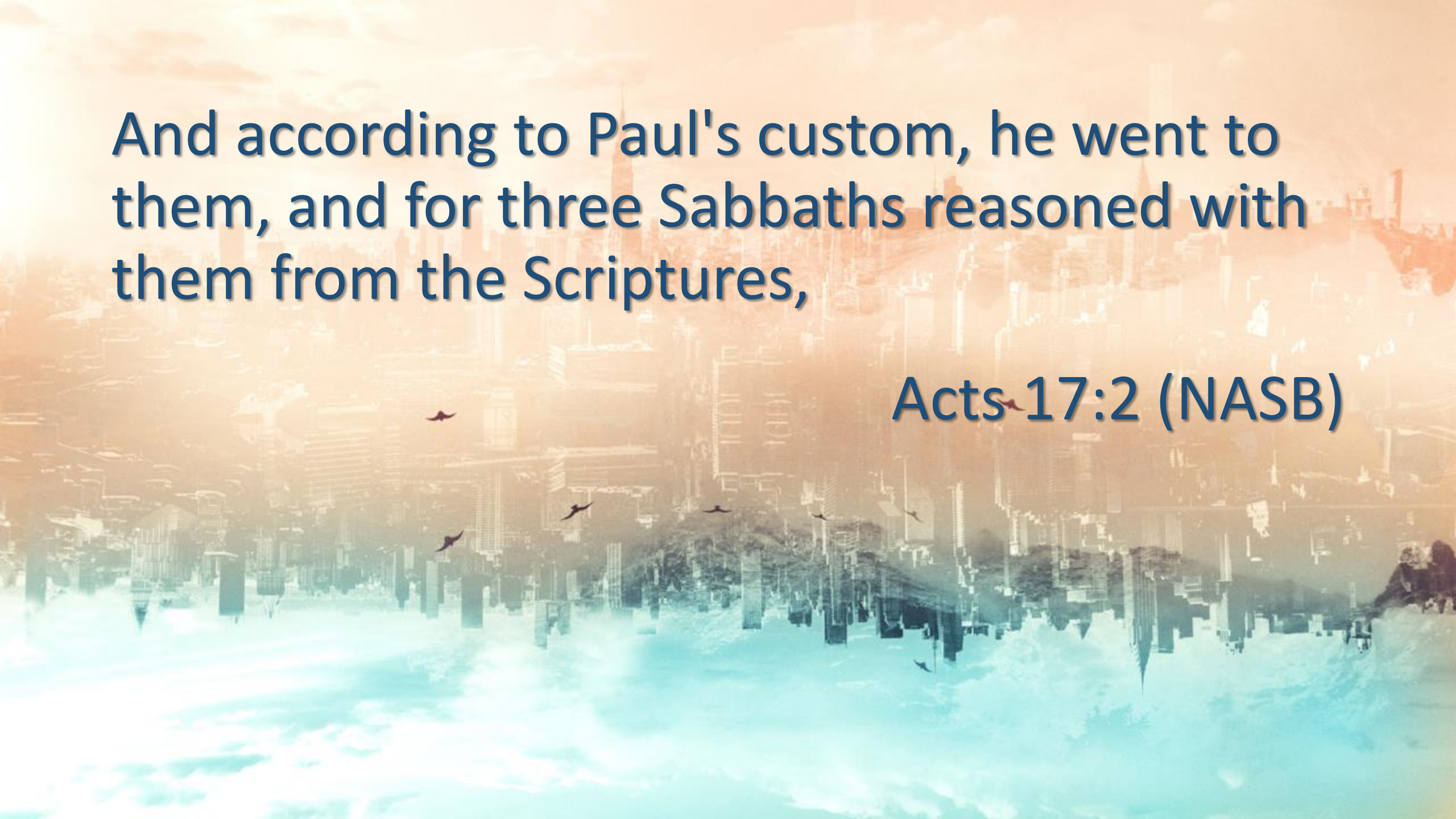
ACTS 17:1-9



A background image of a city skyline at sunset, with the city reflected in the water. Several birds are shown in flight over the water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

Now when they had traveled through  
Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to  
Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue  
of the Jews.

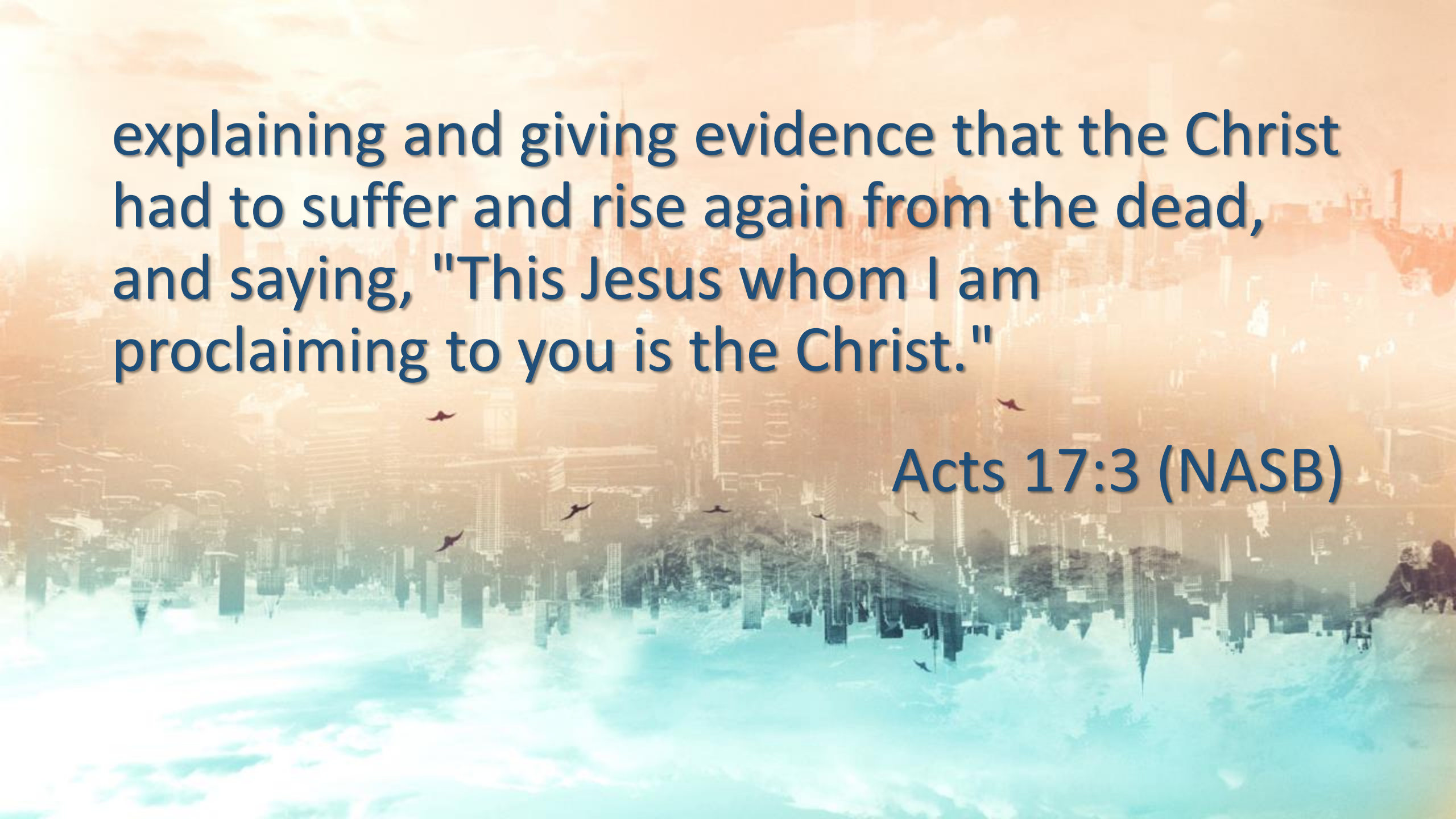
Acts 17:1 (NASB)

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top half shows a city skyline, likely New York City, with prominent skyscrapers like the Empire State Building. The bottom half shows a body of water with a clear reflection of the city above. Several birds are depicted in flight, scattered across the sky and water. The overall color palette is warm, with oranges and yellows in the sky and cooler blues and greys in the water and city buildings.

And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

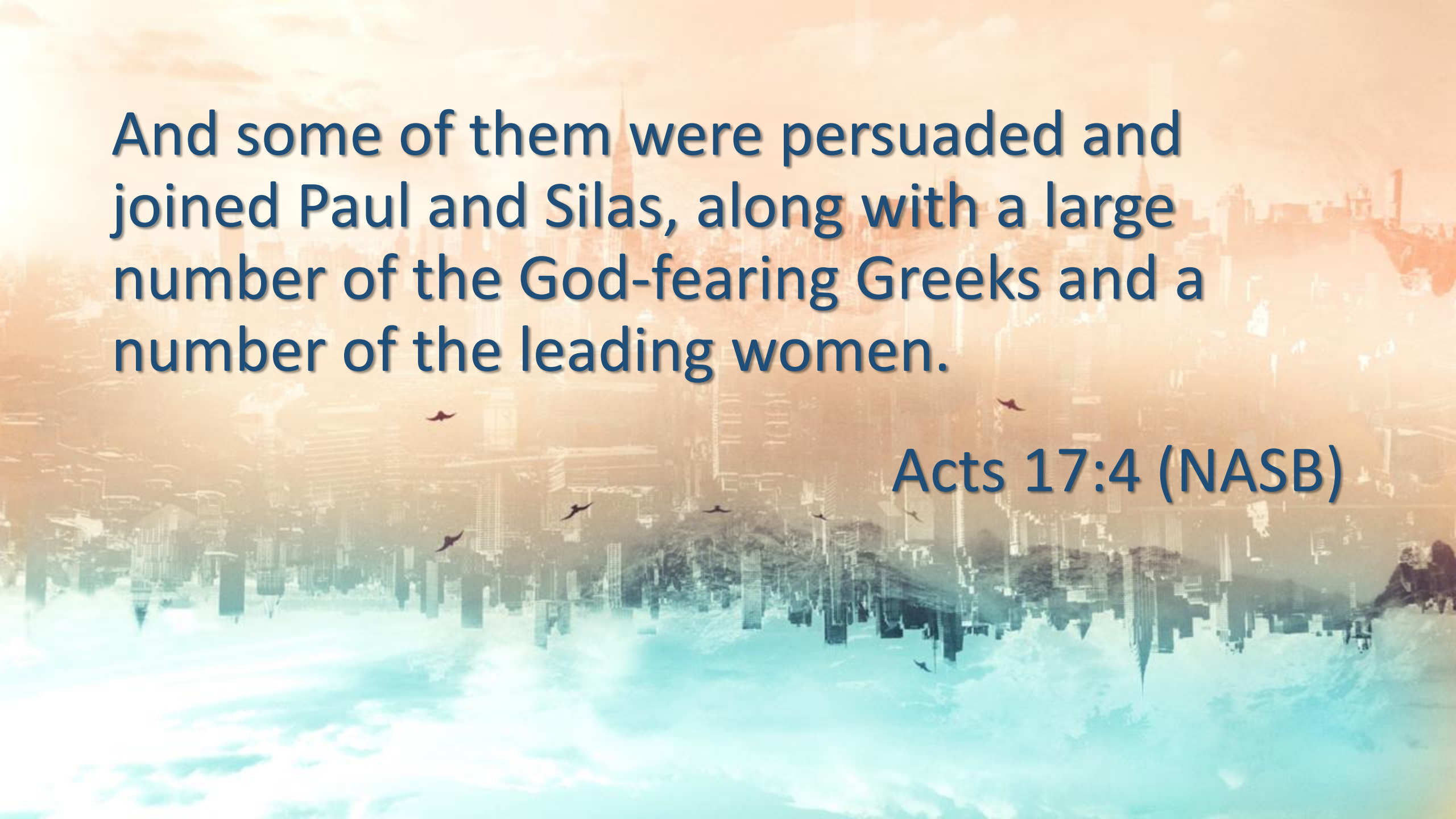
Acts 17:2 (NASB)



The background of the image is a composite of a city skyline and its reflection in water. The skyline is rendered in a light, hazy blue and white, with various skyscrapers and buildings visible. The water below is a deep blue, showing a clear reflection of the city above. Several birds are depicted in flight, scattered across the sky and water, adding a sense of movement to the scene. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and whites, with a soft, ethereal quality.

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had to suffer and rise again from the dead,  
and saying, "This Jesus whom I am  
proclaiming to you is the Christ."

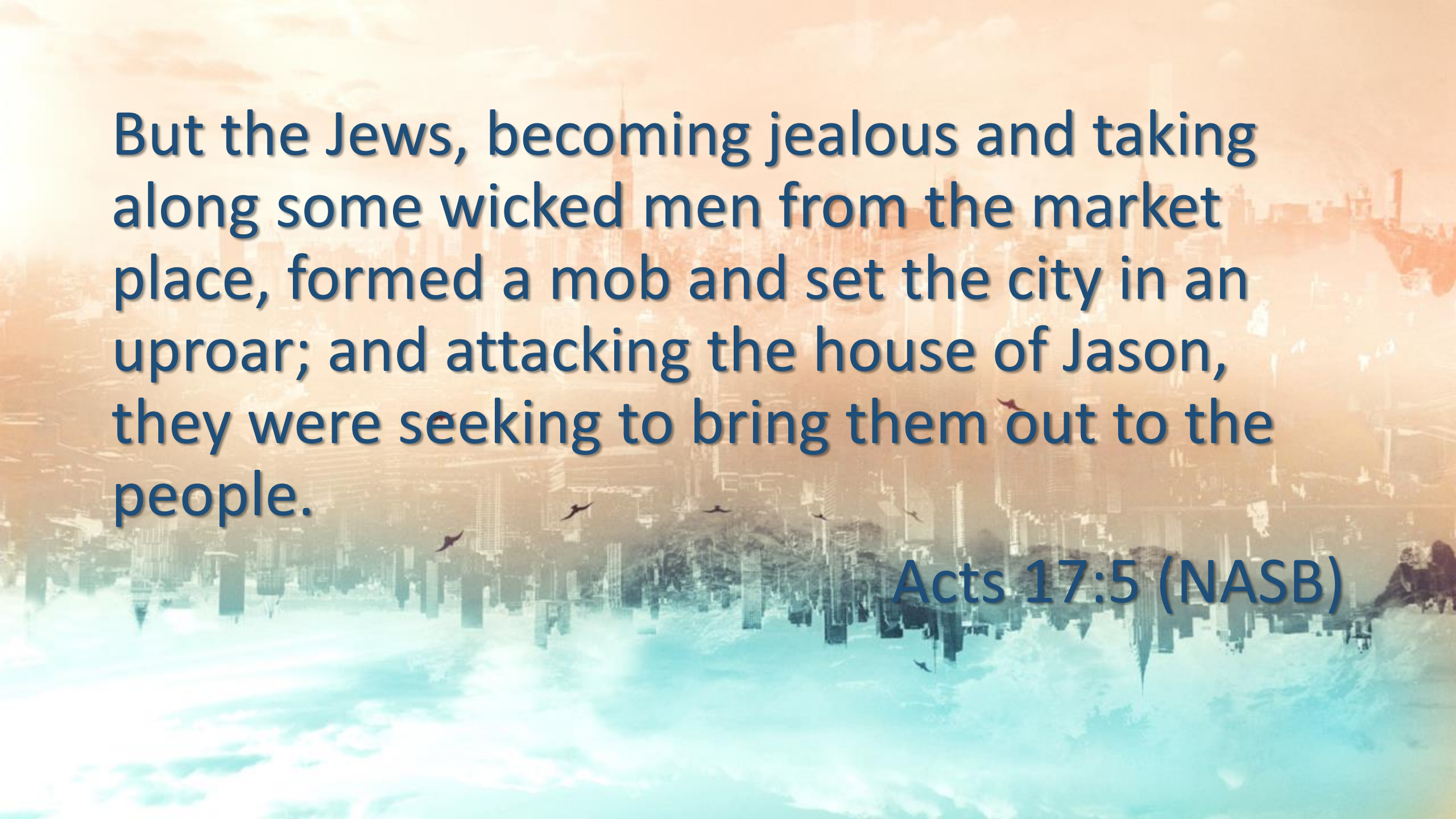
Acts 17:3 (NASB)

A background image showing a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, with silhouettes of skyscrapers. In the foreground, there's a body of water reflecting the city lights, and several birds are flying over it.

And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

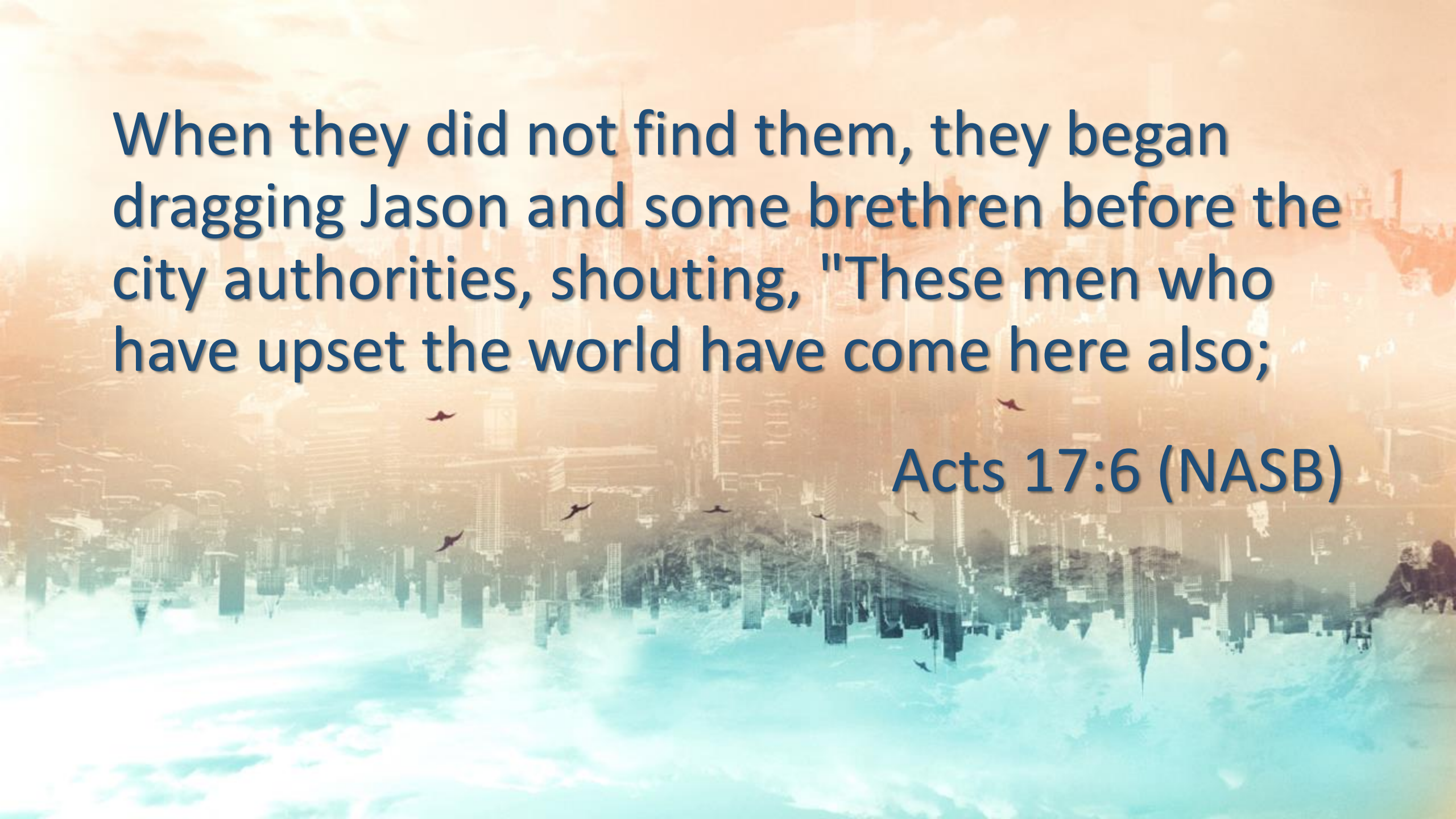
Acts 17:4 (NASB)





But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and attacking the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people.

Acts 17:5 (NASB)

The background of the image is a composite of two photographs. The top half shows a city skyline, likely New York City, with prominent skyscrapers like the Empire State Building. The bottom half shows a body of water, possibly the Hudson River, with the city skyline reflected in it. Several birds are captured in flight, scattered across the sky and water. The overall color palette is a mix of warm oranges and yellows from the sky and cooler blues and greys from the water and buildings.

When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset the world have come here also;

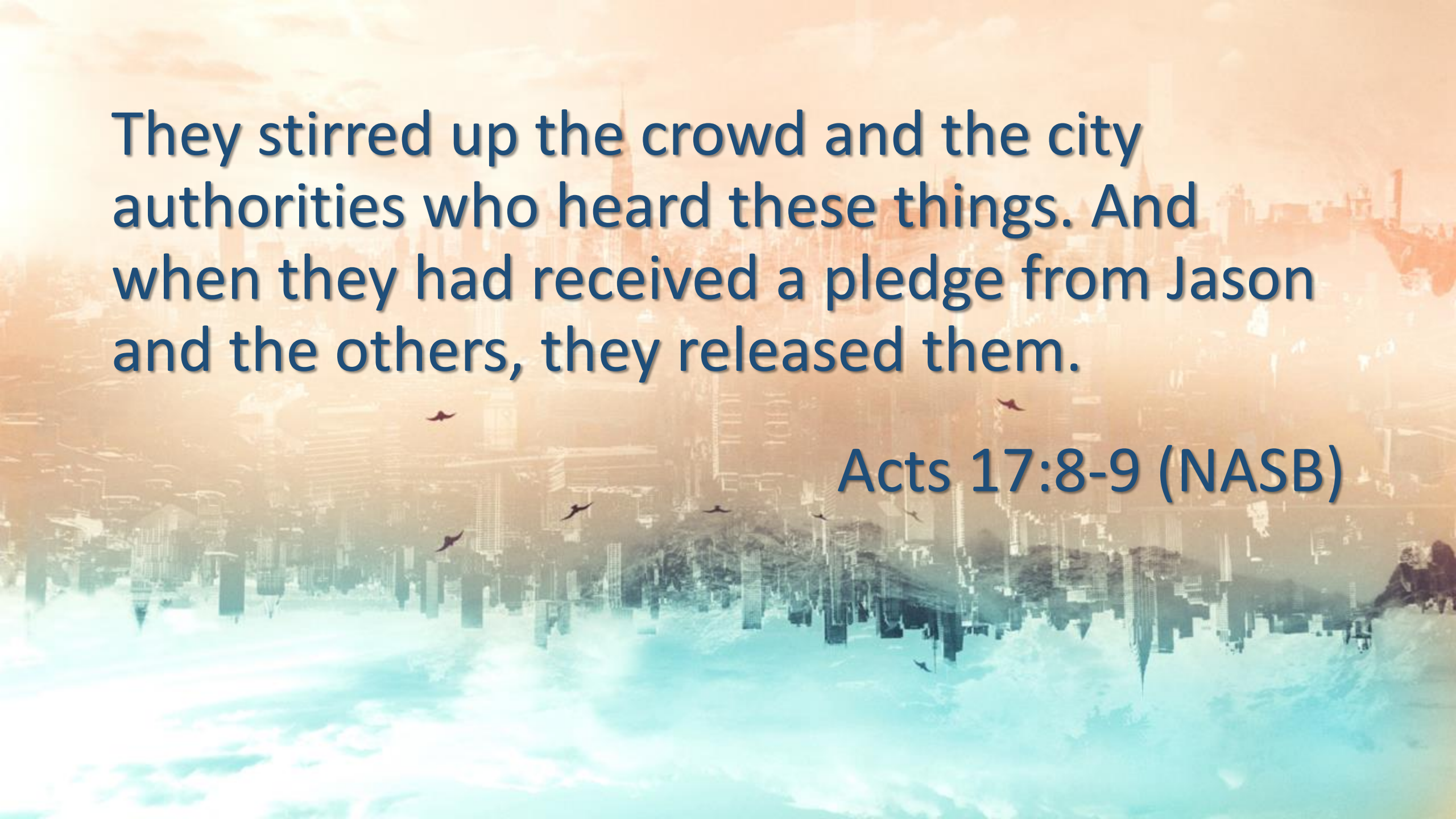
Acts 17:6 (NASB)



and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

Acts 17:7 (NASB)



The background of the slide features a stylized, artistic representation of a city skyline. The city is depicted in a hazy, orange-toned upper half, with its buildings and structures mirrored in a bright, cyan-colored lower half that resembles water. Several dark silhouettes of birds are scattered across the scene, appearing to fly between the city and its reflection. The overall aesthetic is ethereal and modern.

They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

Acts 17:8-9 (NASB)



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ACTS 17:1-9





"These who have  
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Acts 17:6 NKJV

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# 1. Message Delivered [1-3]





## a) Journey (1)





## b) Message (2-3)





# 1) 3-Fold Witness

- Reasoned
- Explained
- Evidence



## α. Reasoned - διαλέγομαι

what are other  
words for  
well-reasoned?



logical, rational, intelligent,  
wise, practical,  
well-thought-out, sound,  
down-to-earth, shrewd





## b. Explained - διανοίγω

what are other  
words for  
explained?



interpreted, elucidated,  
related, told, clarified,  
determined, rationalized,  
made clear, explicated





## c. Evidence - παρατίθημι

what are other  
words for  
evidence?



show, demonstrate, manifest,  
proof, prove, testimony,  
confirmation, attest,  
attestation, exhibit





## 2) 3 Propositions

what are other  
words for  
proposition?



proposal, suggestion, premise,  
hypothesis, plan, project,  
thesis, theorem, motion, offer



## a. Suffered



**...he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,  
explaining and proving that the Messiah  
had to suffer and rise from the dead.**

**“This Jesus I am proclaiming to you  
is the Messiah,” he said.**

**Acts 17:2-3**



## b. Resurrected



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explaining and proving that the Messiah  
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## c. Christ/Messiah



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**Acts 17:2-3**



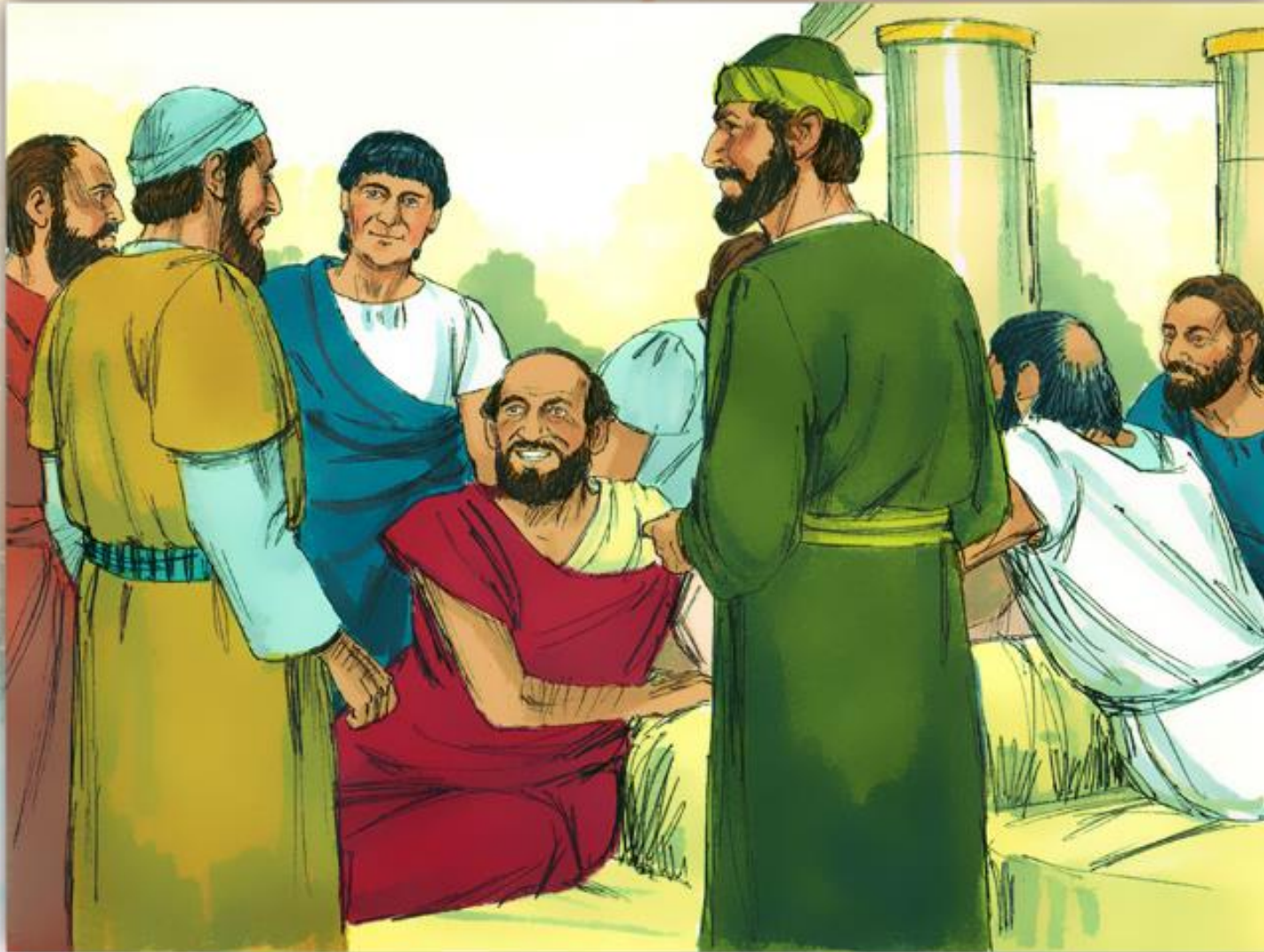
## 2. Message Received [4]

Some of the Jews were persuaded  
and joined Paul and Silas, as did  
a large number of God-fearing  
Greeks and not a few prominent  
women.

Acts 17:4



## a) Jews






## b) God-Fearing Greeks

### Acts 17

<sup>4</sup> Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

## c) Prominent Women



*Not a few leading women!*

*Acts 17:4*

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Though not everyone can  
attend seminary, every Christian  
has a seminary between two  
covers – the Holy Bible.  
God's Word is a school that trains  
us for the work He has planned  
for us on earth.

DR. DAVID JEREMIAH

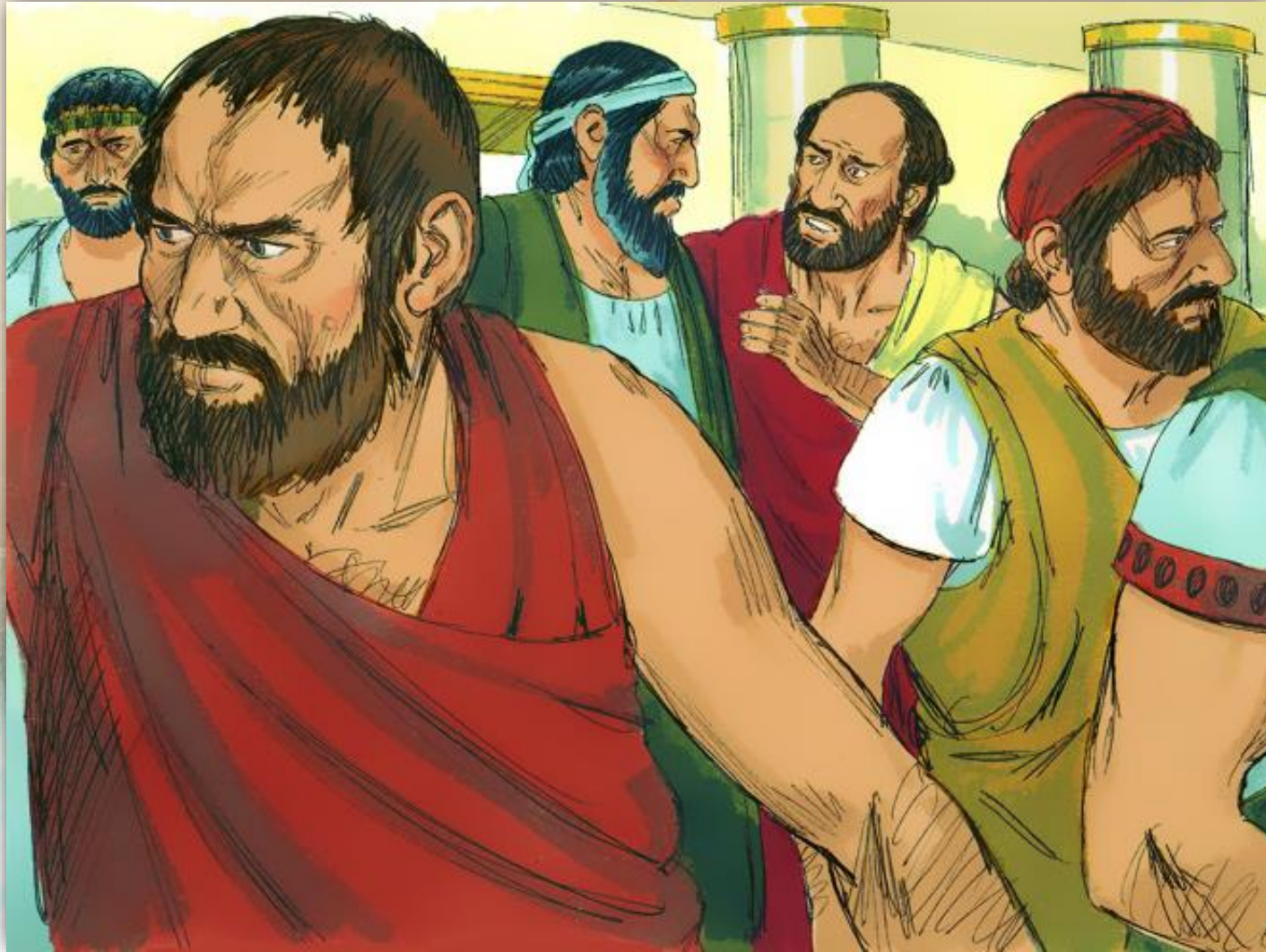
# THE Aroma of Christ

## 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

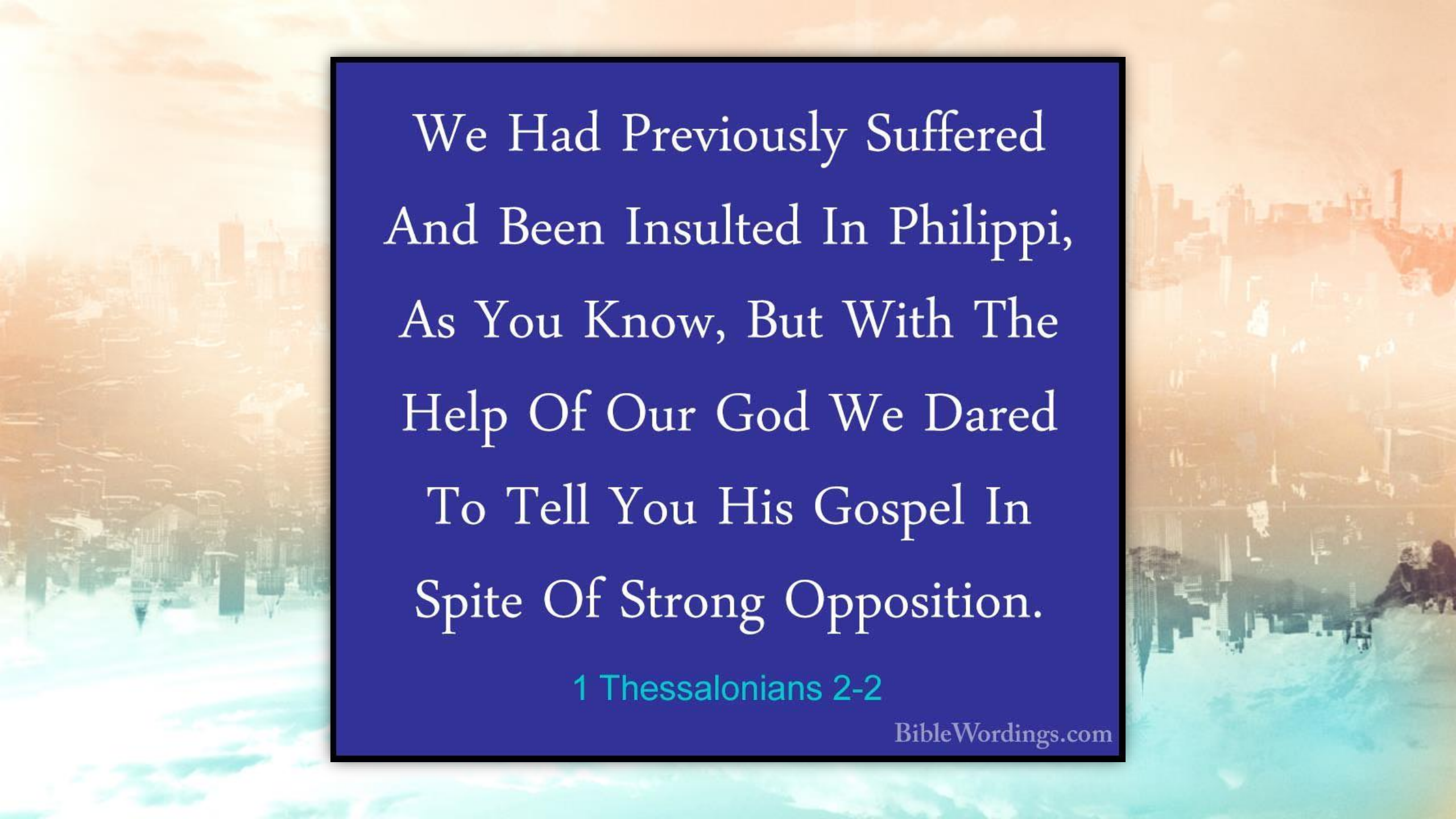
“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life.”



### 3. Message Rejected [5-9]







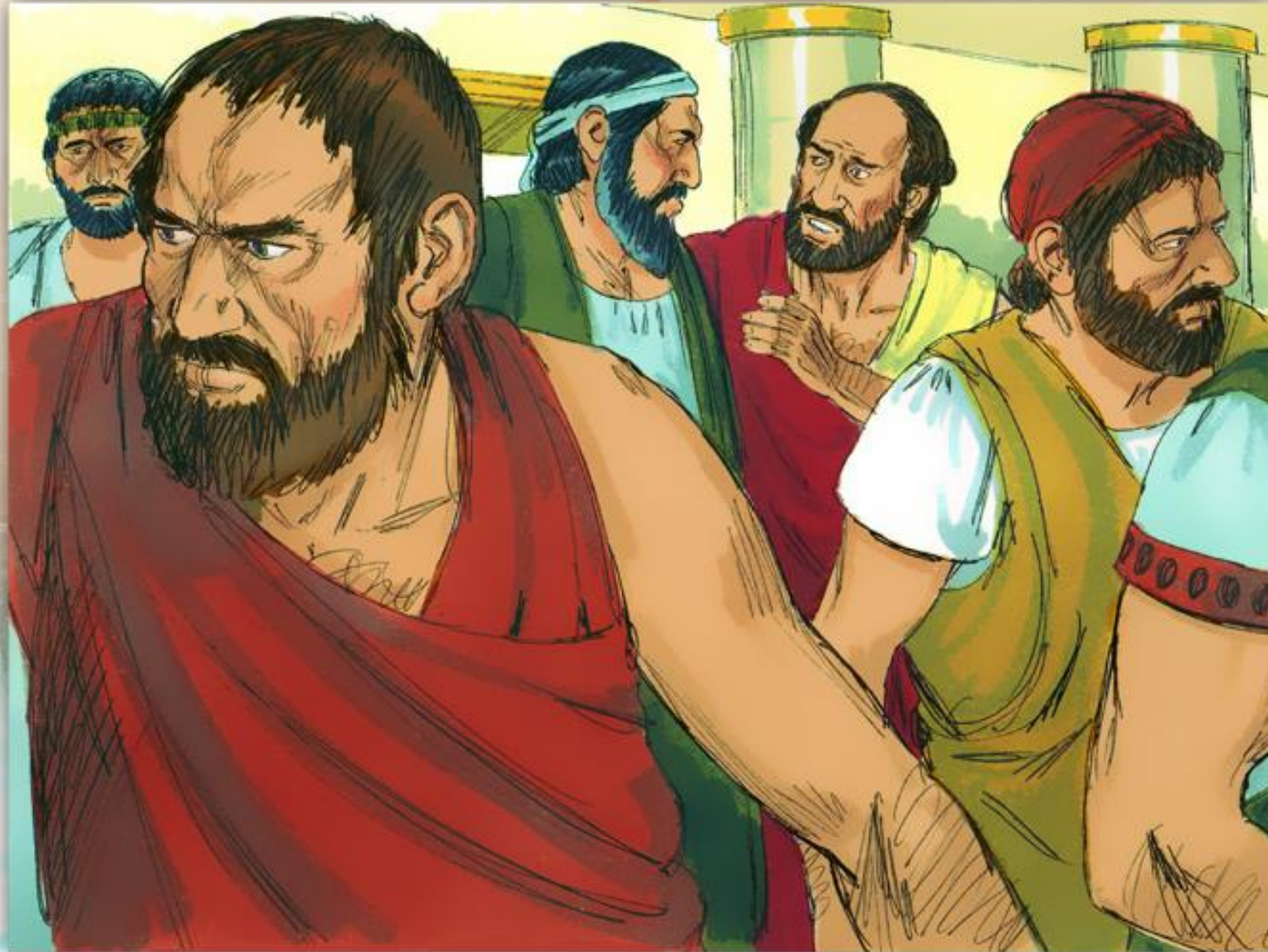
We Had Previously Suffered  
And Been Insulted In Philippi,  
As You Know, But With The  
Help Of Our God We Dared  
To Tell You His Gospel In  
Spite Of Strong Opposition.

1 Thessalonians 2-2

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## α) Stirred (5)





## **2 Thessalonians 3:10-11**

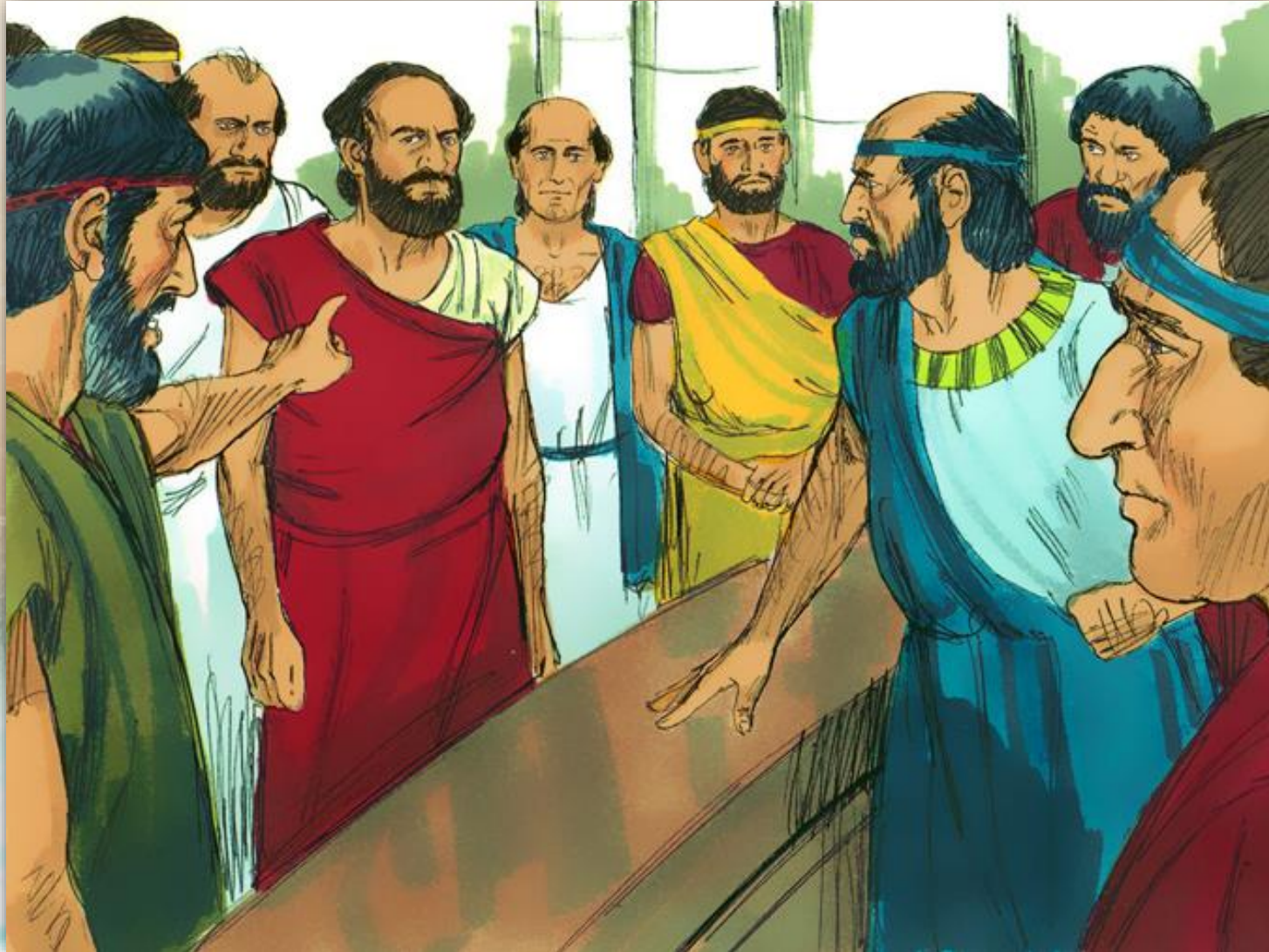
**“For even when we were with you we used to give you this order: if anyone will not work, neither let him eat. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.”**



## Romans 16:21

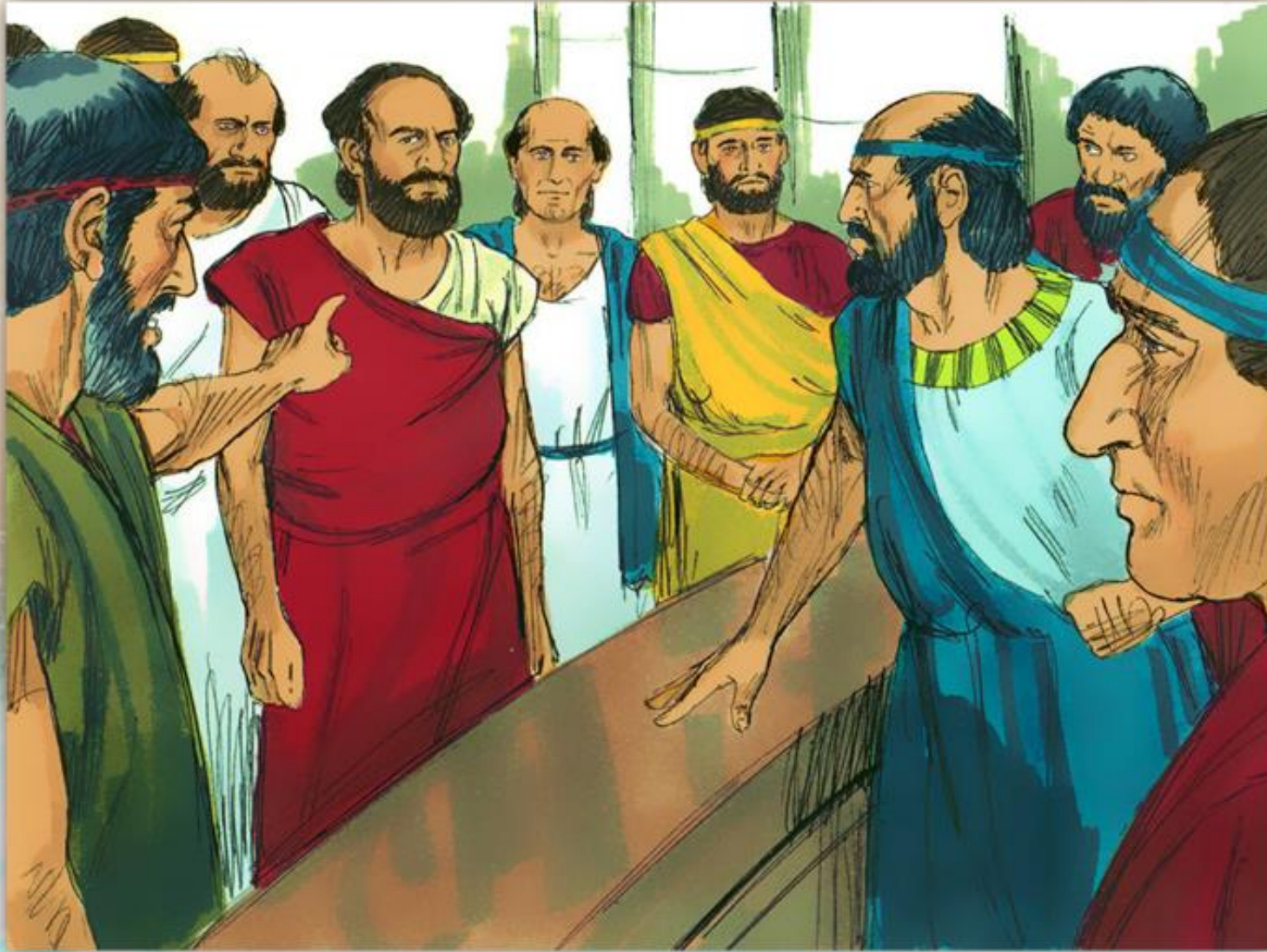
▶ *Timothy, my fellow worker,  
sends his greetings to you,  
as do Lucius, Jason and  
Sosipater, my relatives.*

## b) Seized (6a)



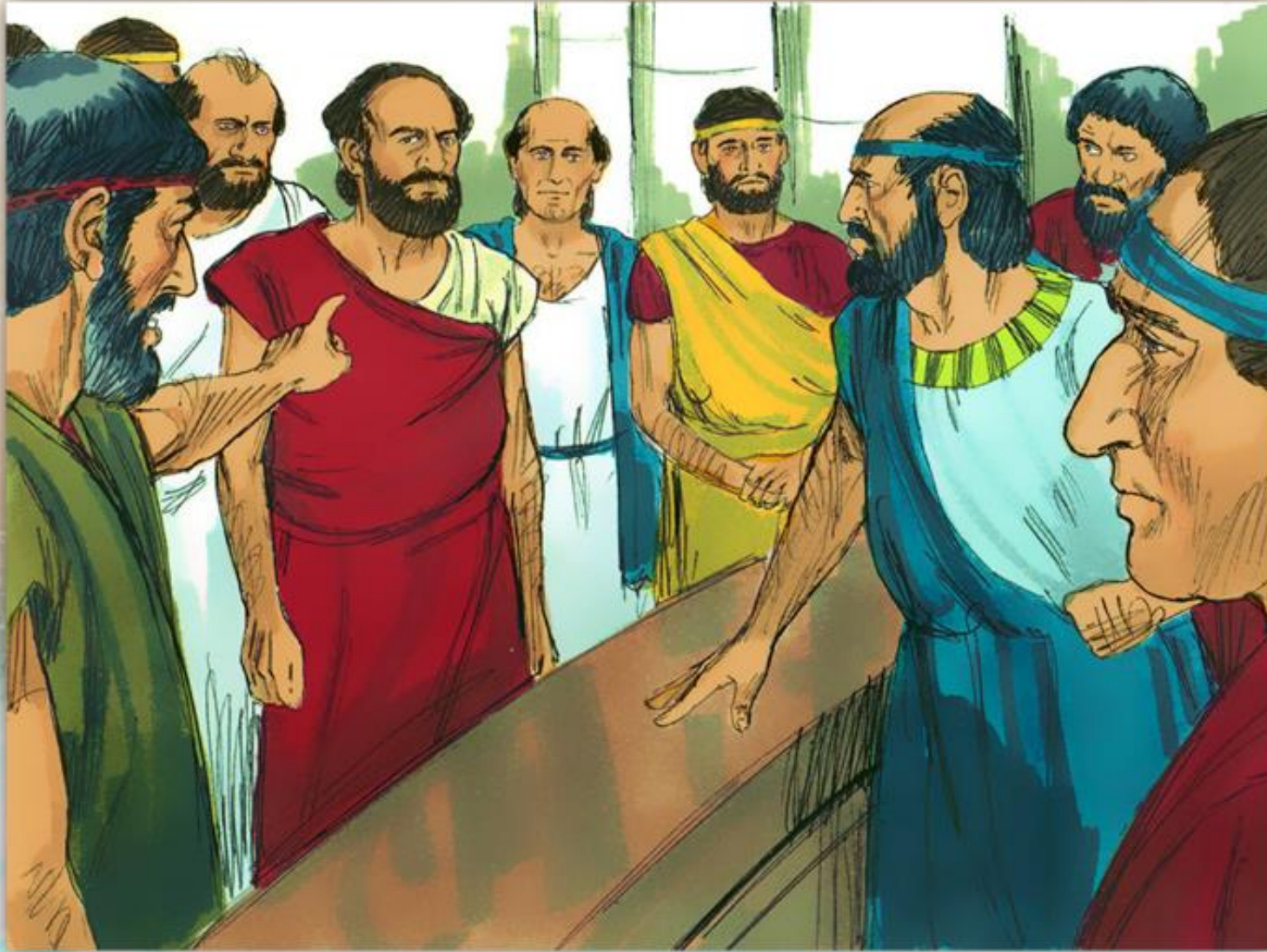


## c) Accused (6b-7b)






# 1) Troublemakers (6b-7a)





A close-up photograph of a hand holding a crystal ball. The crystal ball is held between the thumb and index finger, and it reflects a cityscape upside down. The background is a blurred city skyline with tall buildings under a bright sky.

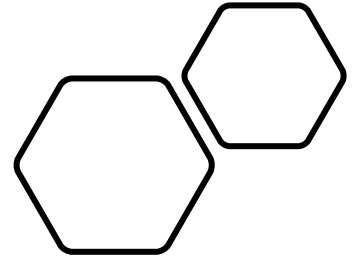
"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. Jason has harboured them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king-- Jesus."

Acts 17:6-7 NKJV

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We live in an upside-down world.  
People hate when they should  
love, quarrel when they should be  
friendly, fight when they should be  
peaceful, wound when they should  
heal, steal when they should  
share,  
do wrong when they should do  
right.

~ Billy Graham





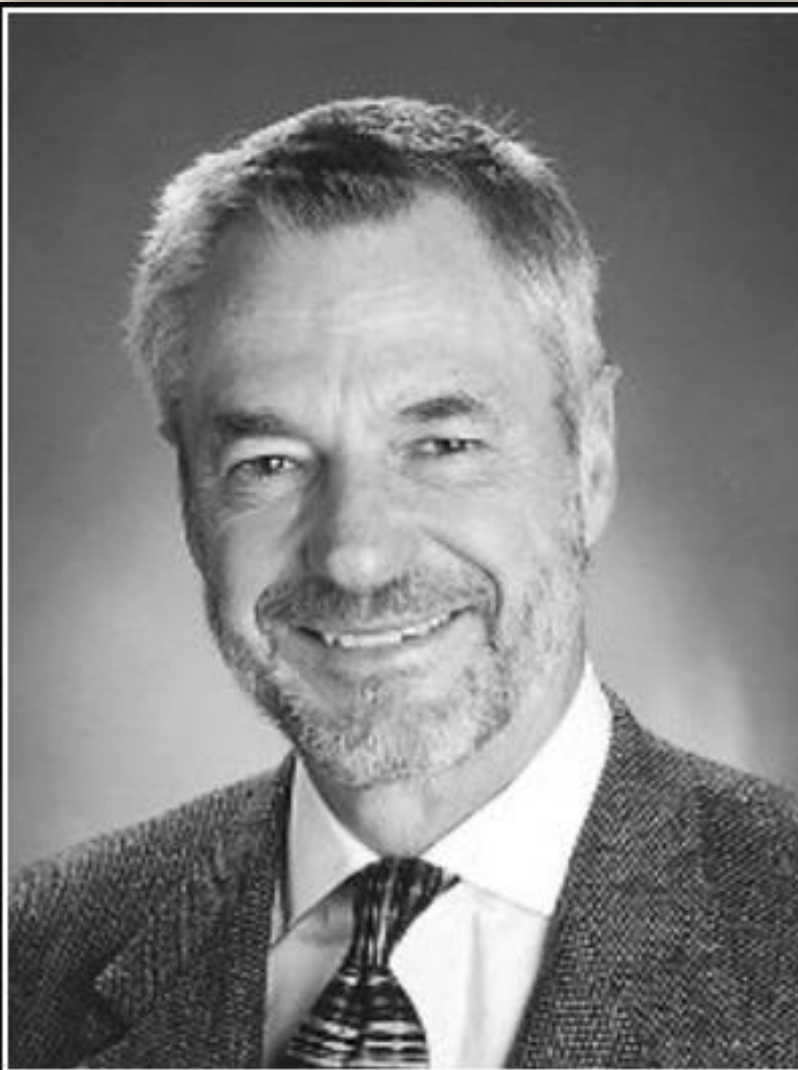


The world is wrong side up. It needs  
to be turned upside down in order  
to be right side up.

— *Billy Sunday* —

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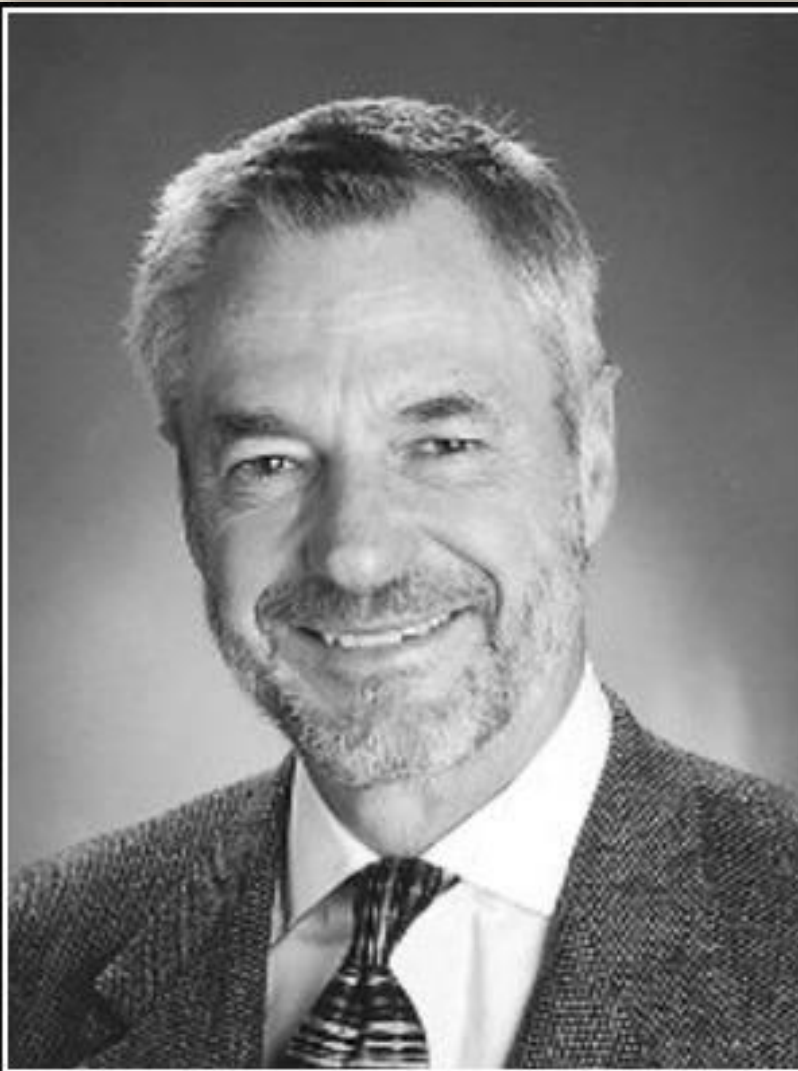
So when men and women in  
Thessalonica were turned around by  
Christ, everyone else saw them as  
upside-down. A believer lives right-  
side-up in a topsy-turvy world.

*R. Kent Hughes*



# 1 Thessalonians 2:13

*“For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”*



One thing is certain: Nothing will set you apart from culture more than the exclusive claims of Christianity. And it is here that we must intentionally set ourselves apart - because if we do not, we will have no message for the world!

*R. Kent Hughes*



<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

**- Romans 1:18-19**

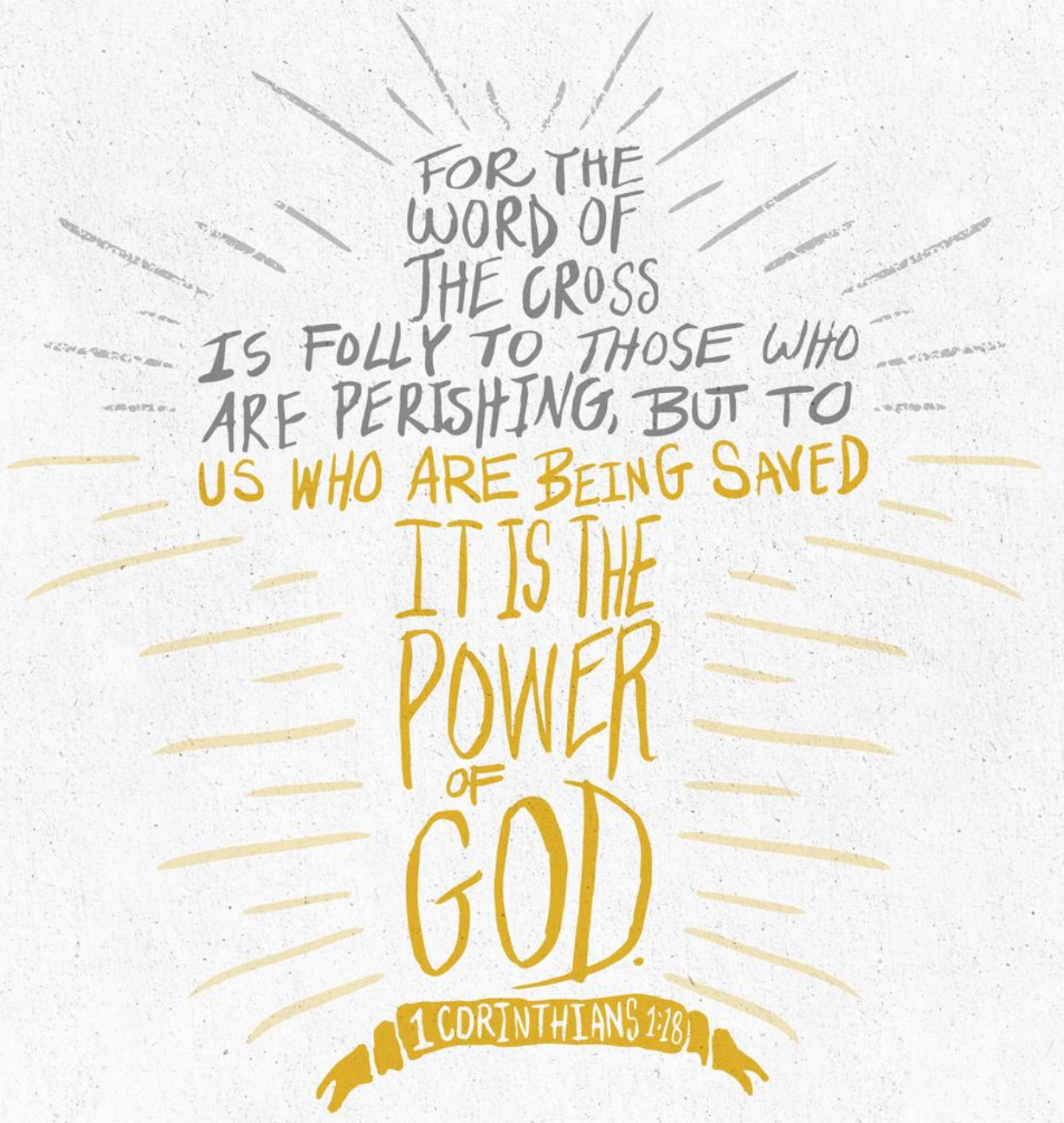










A hand-drawn illustration of a sun with rays. The top half of the sun is drawn with grey lines, and the bottom half with yellow lines. The text is written in a hand-drawn, slightly irregular font.

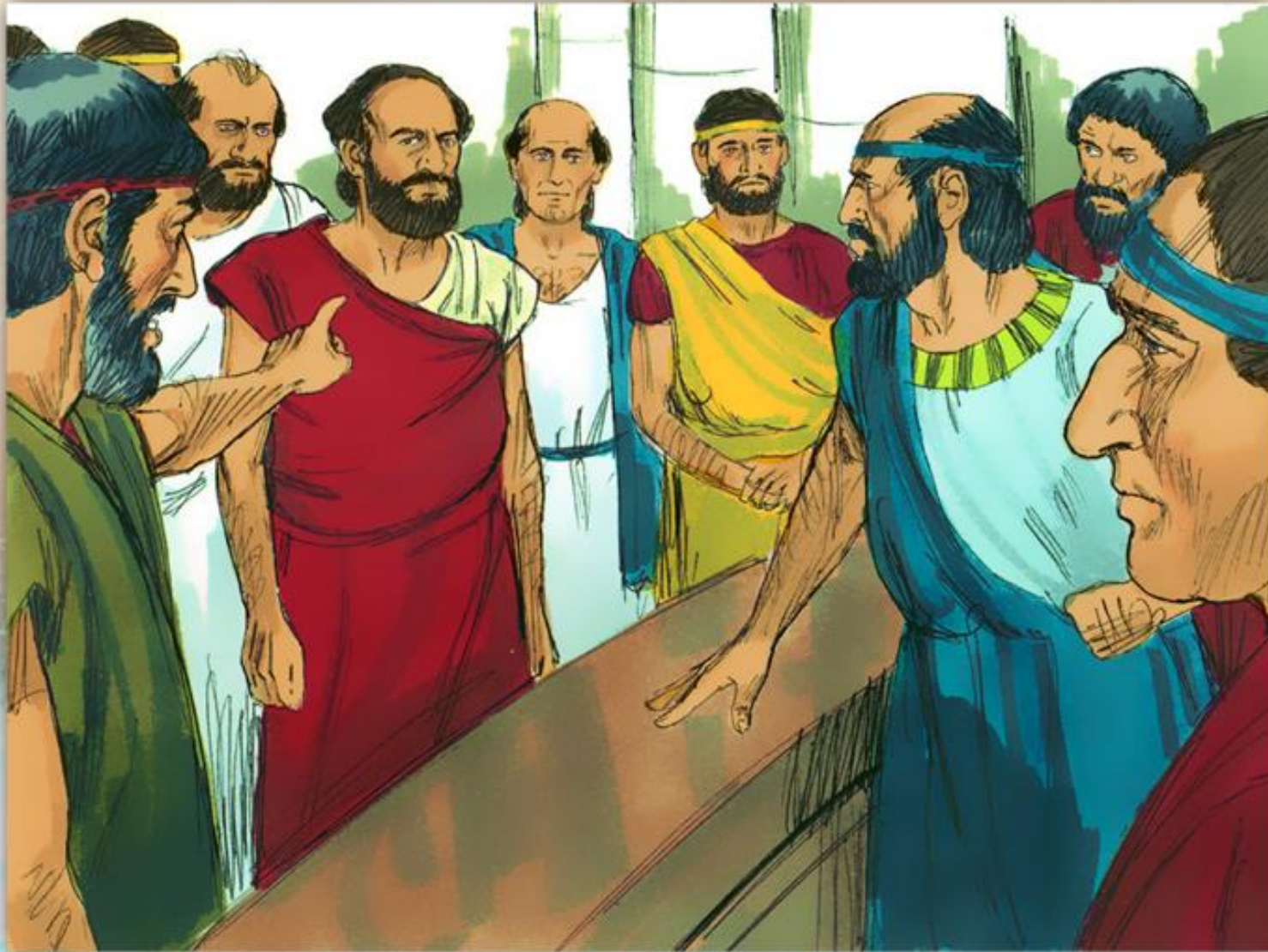
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ARE PERISHING, BUT TO  
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IT IS THE  
POWER  
OF  
GOD.


1 CORINTHIANS 1:18



## 2) Treason (7b)





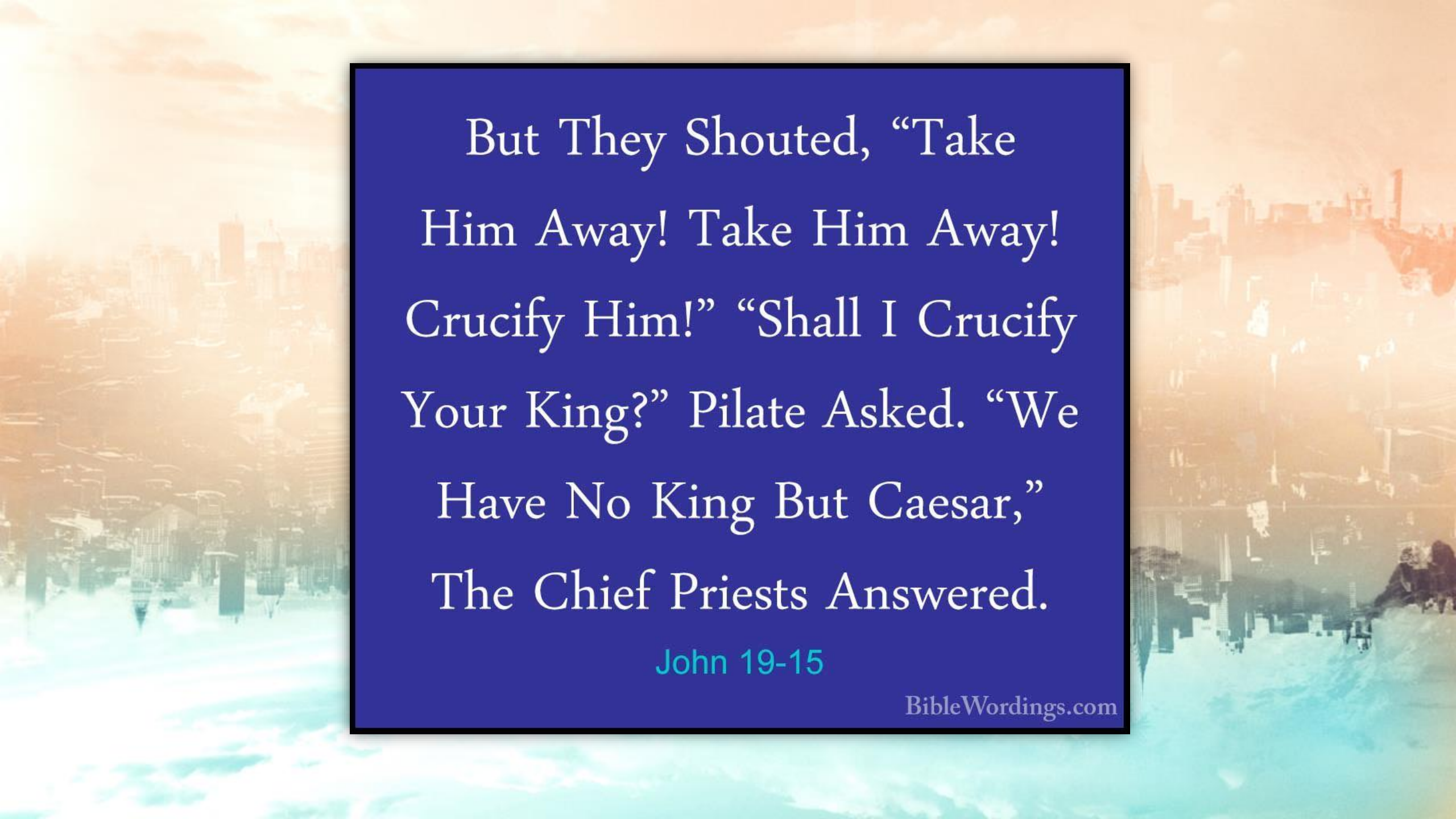


From Then On, Pilate Tried  
To Set Jesus Free, But The  
Jews Kept Shouting, “If You  
Let This Man Go, You Are  
No Friend Of Caesar. Anyone  
Who Claims To Be A King  
Opposes Caesar.”

John 19-12

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But They Shouted, “Take  
Him Away! Take Him Away!  
Crucify Him!” “Shall I Crucify  
Your King?” Pilate Asked. “We  
Have No King But Caesar,”  
The Chief Priests Answered.

John 19-15

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Jesus answered, “My **KINGDOM** is not of this world.  
If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have  
been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews.  
But my kingdom is not from the world.”

..... John 18:36 .....



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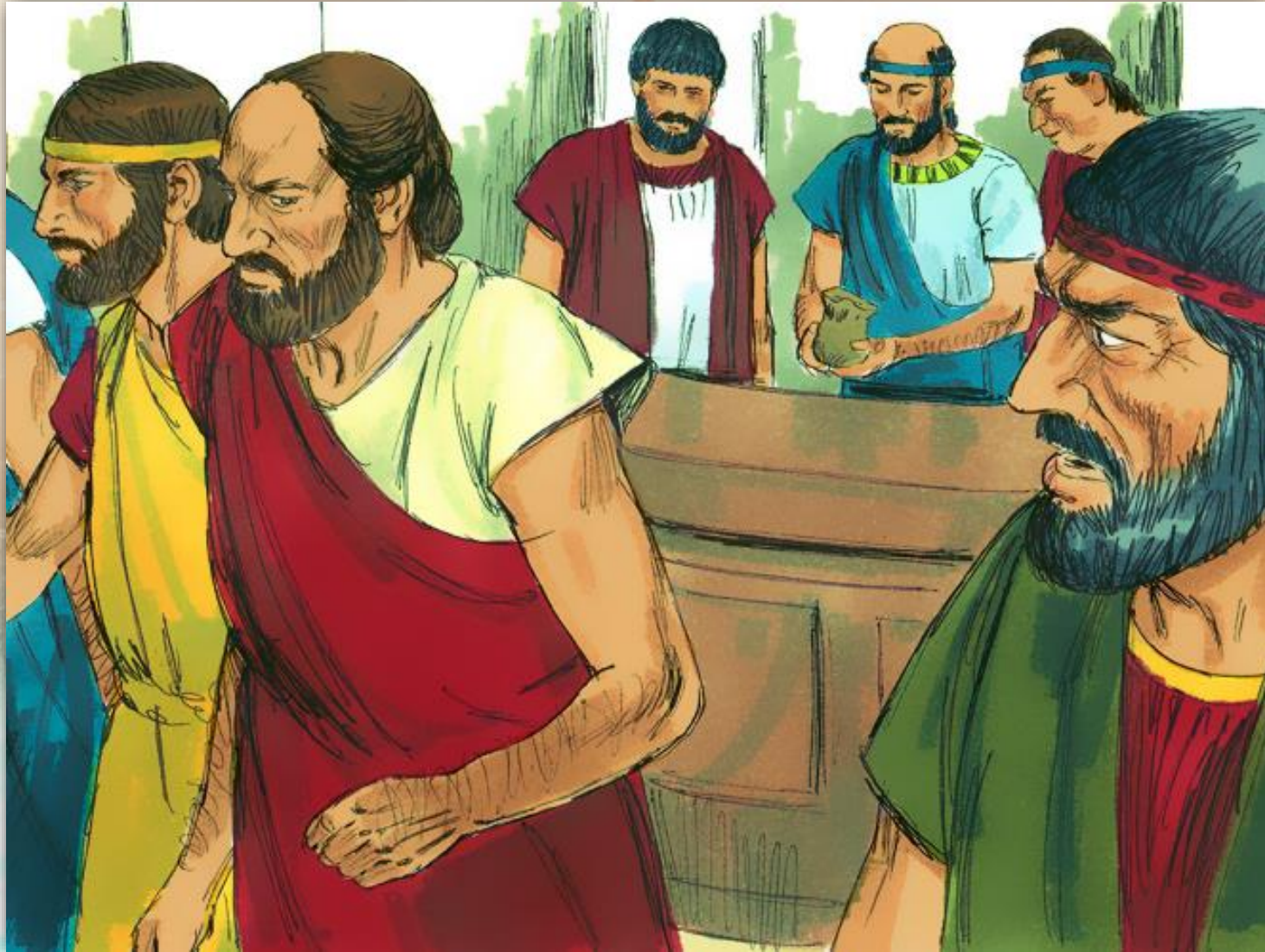
Jesus answered,

You say that I am a king.  
For this purpose I was born &  
for this purpose I have come  
into the world—to bear  
witness to the truth.  
Everyone who is of the truth  
listens to my voice.

JOHN 18:37



## d) Released (8-9)





<sup>8</sup> They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things.

<sup>9</sup> And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

**- Acts 17:8-9**



Someday this upside-down world  
will be turned right side up. Nothing  
in all eternity will turn it back again.  
If we are wise, we will use our brief  
lives on earth positioning ourselves  
for the turn.

— *Randy Alcorn* —

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Am I willing to risk imprisonment  
and death for Christ? ... Many  
professing believers are not willing!

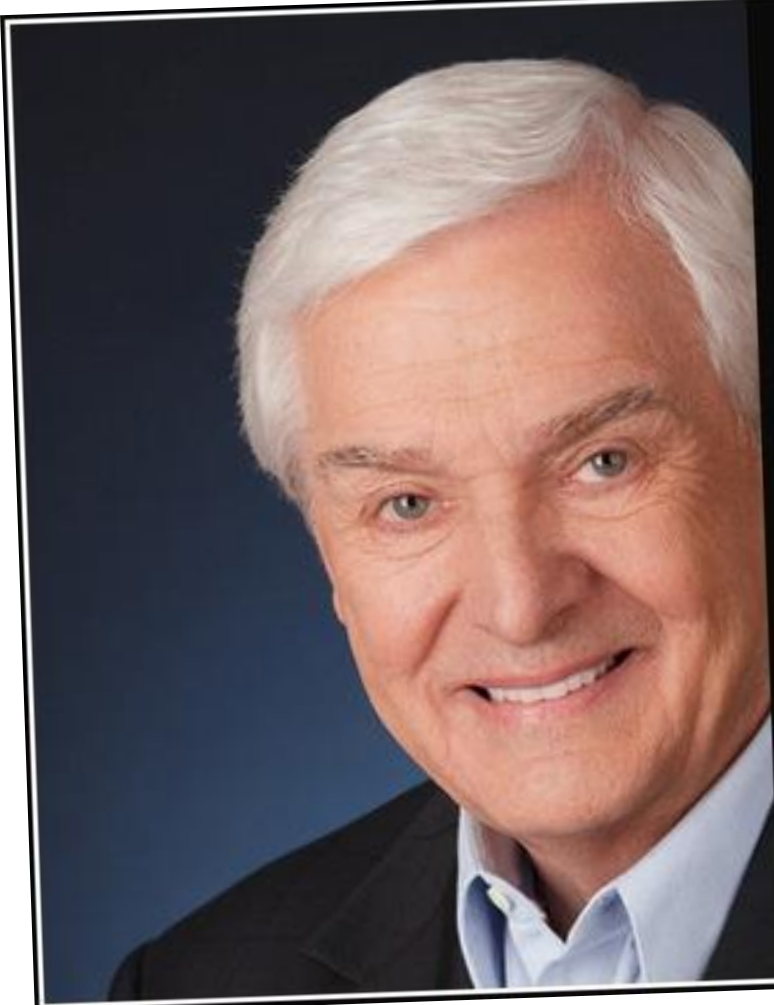
*Dr. John White*



The first Christians were walking torches who weren't afraid to share their faith, spread their news, praise their Lord, and set their world on fire.

*Robert J. Morgan*

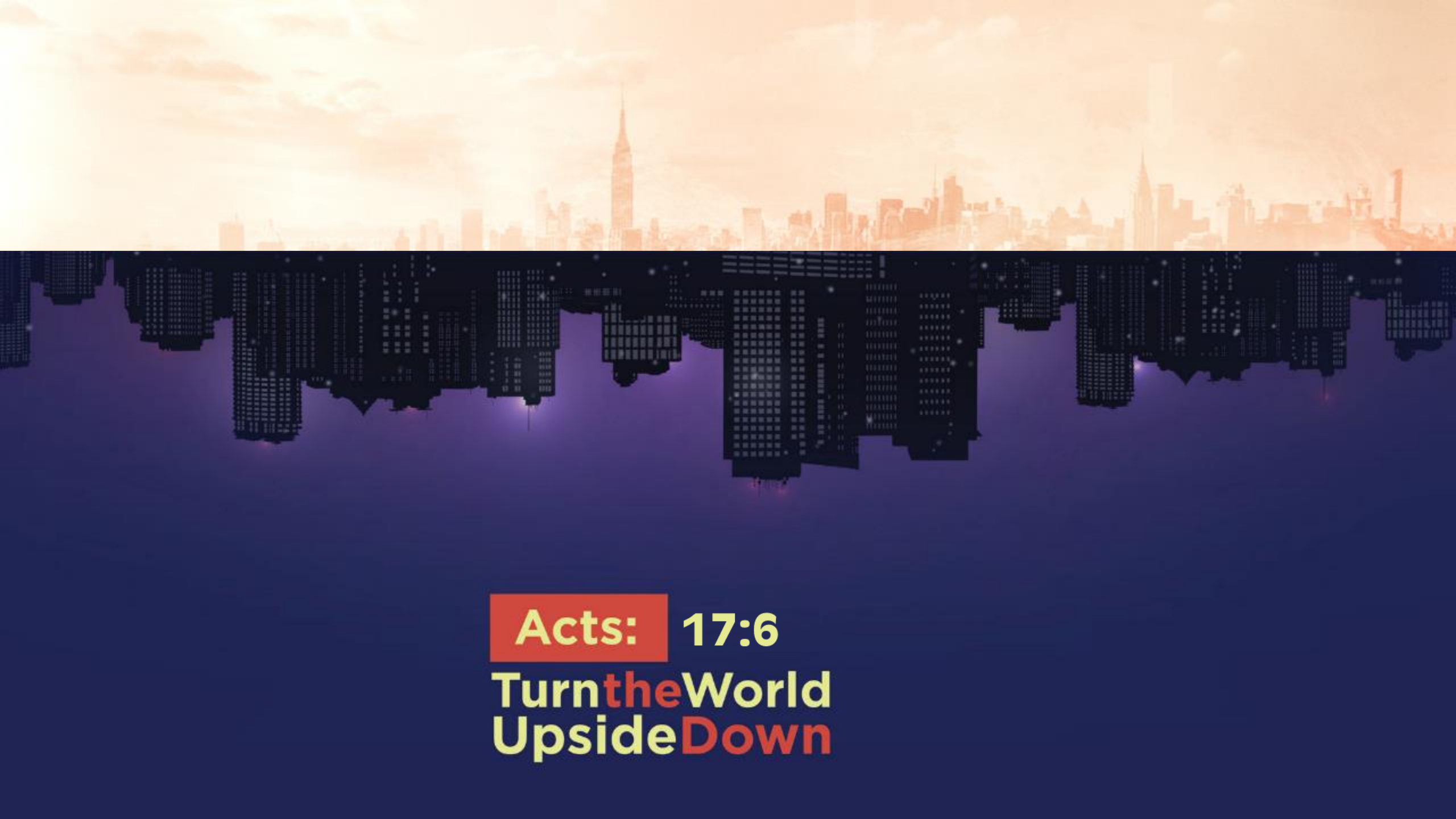




We can still turn the world upside down. We can be living torches for Christ today.

— *David Jeremiah* —

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**Acts:** 17:6  
**Turn**theWorld  
Upside**Down**