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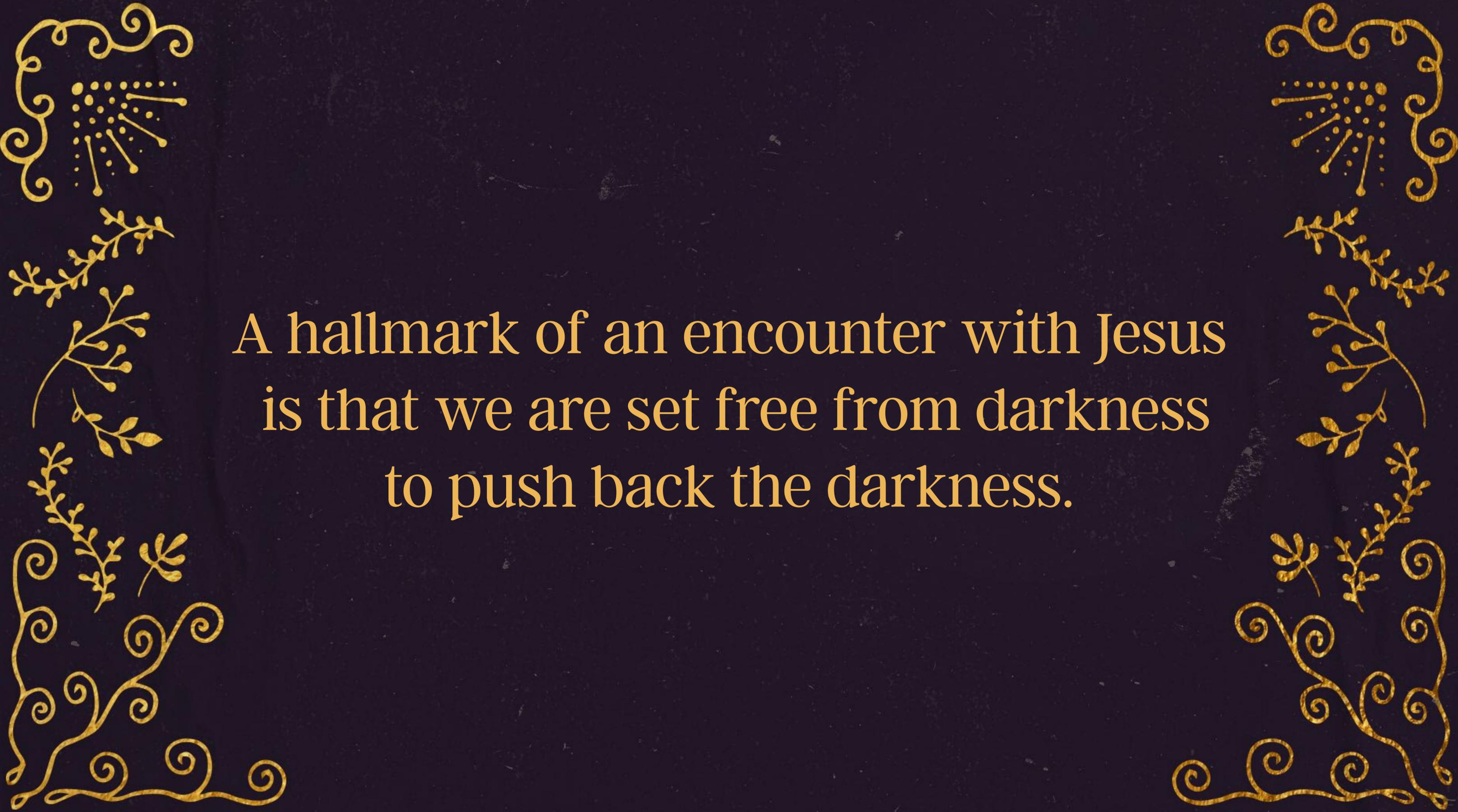




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A hallmark of an encounter with Jesus
is that we are set free from darkness
to push back the darkness.

Gergesenes



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MARK 5:1

They went across the lake to the region
of the Gerasesenes.



MARK 5:2

When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.



MARK 5:3

This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.



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MARK 5:4

For he had often been chained hand and foot,
but he tore the chains apart...



MARK 5:4

...and broke the irons on his feet.
No one was strong enough to subdue him.



MARK 5:5

Night and day among the tombs and in the hills...



MARK 5:5

...he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

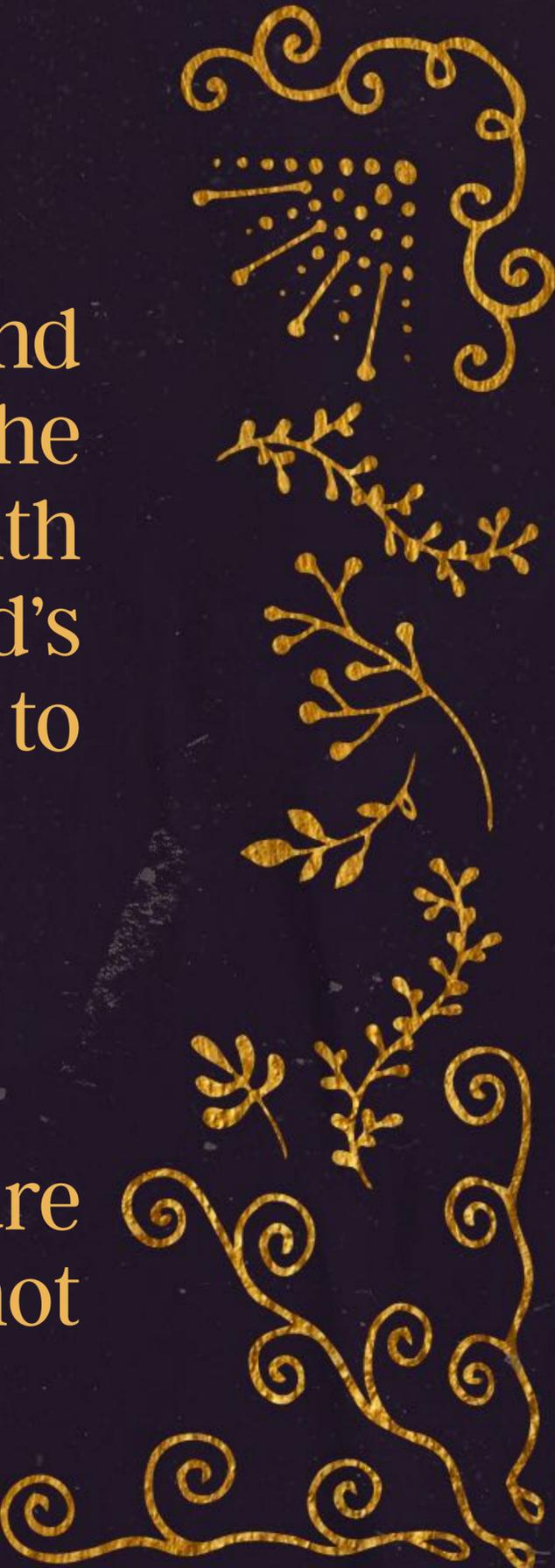


MARK 5:6-10

When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.





MARK 5:11-12

A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them."



MARK 5:13A

He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs.



MARK 5:13B

The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.



MARK 5:14

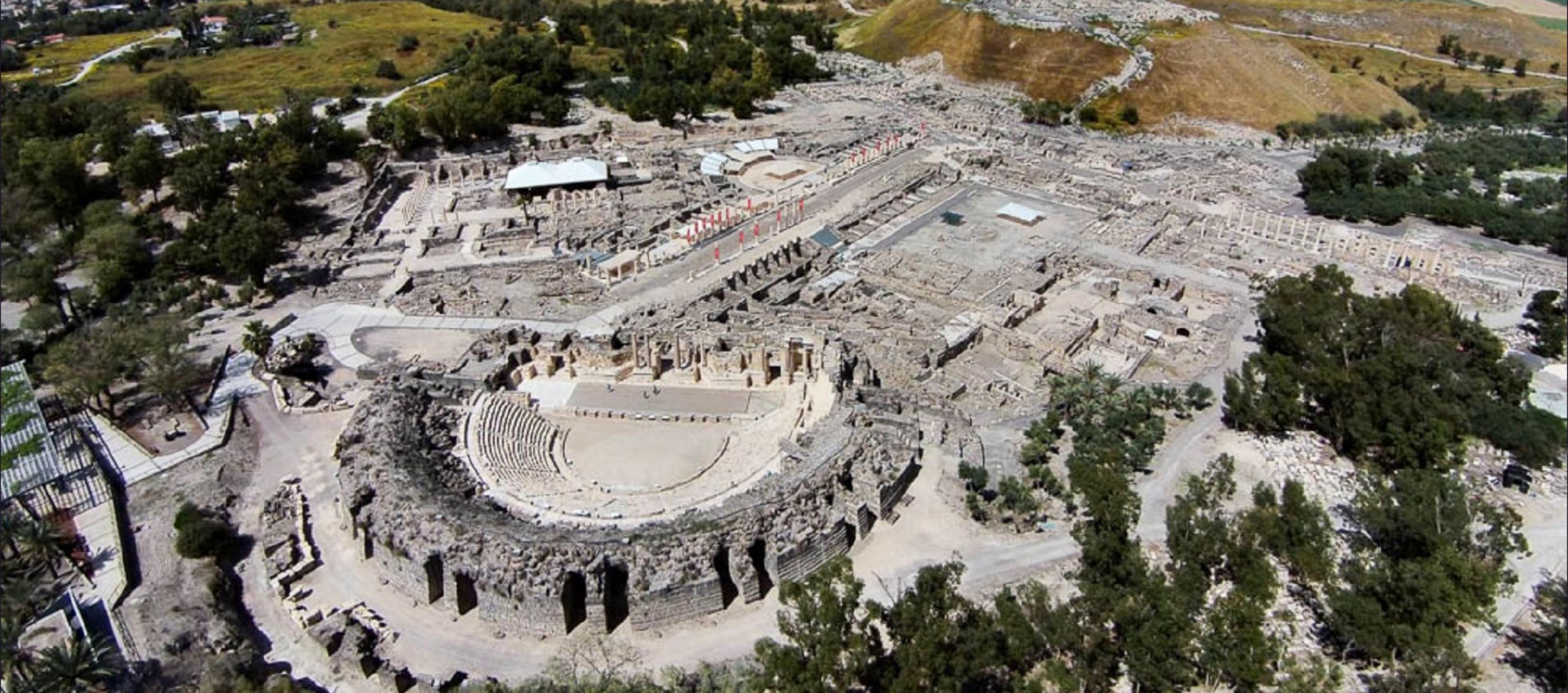
Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.



MARK 5:15-19

When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”



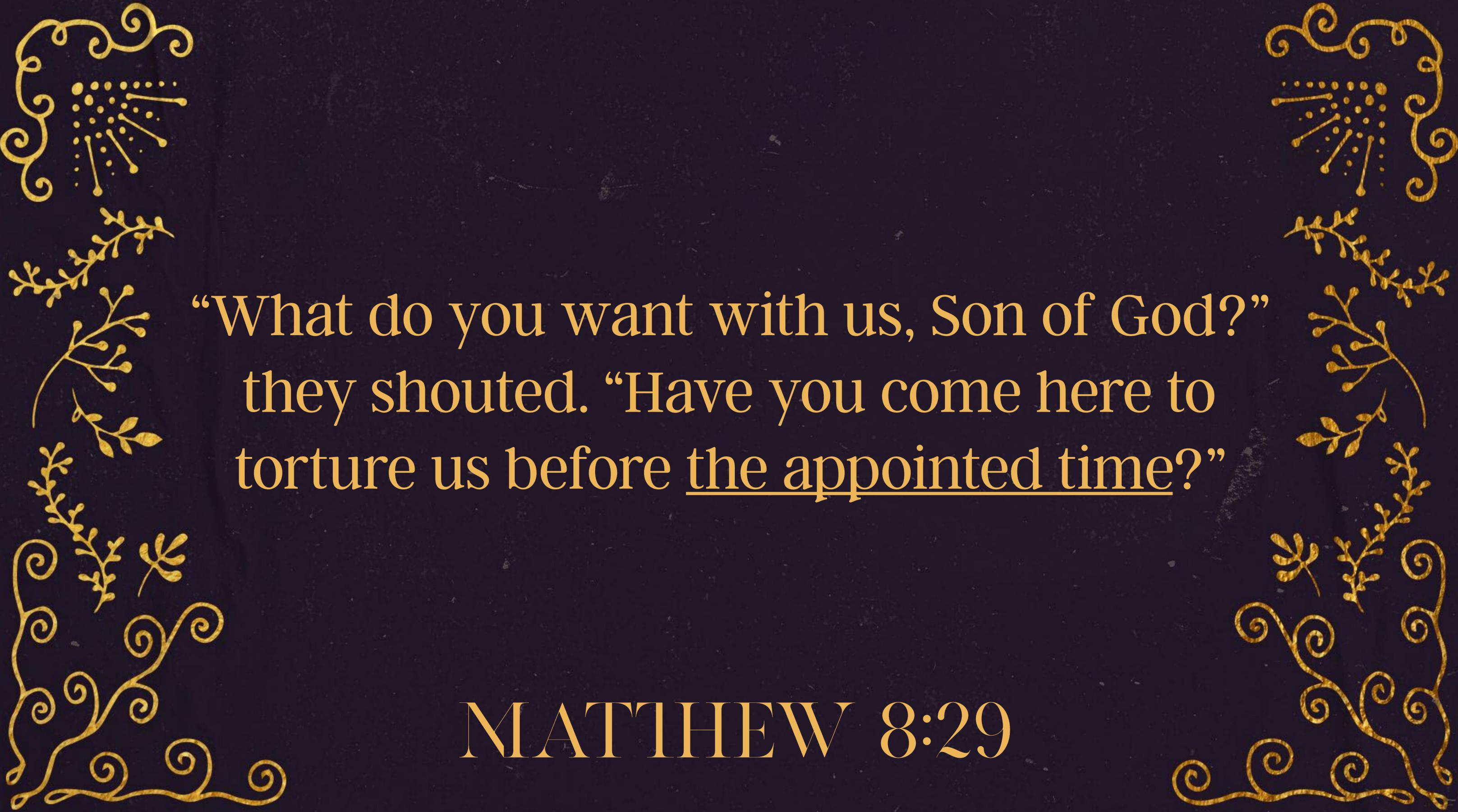


MARK 5:20

So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

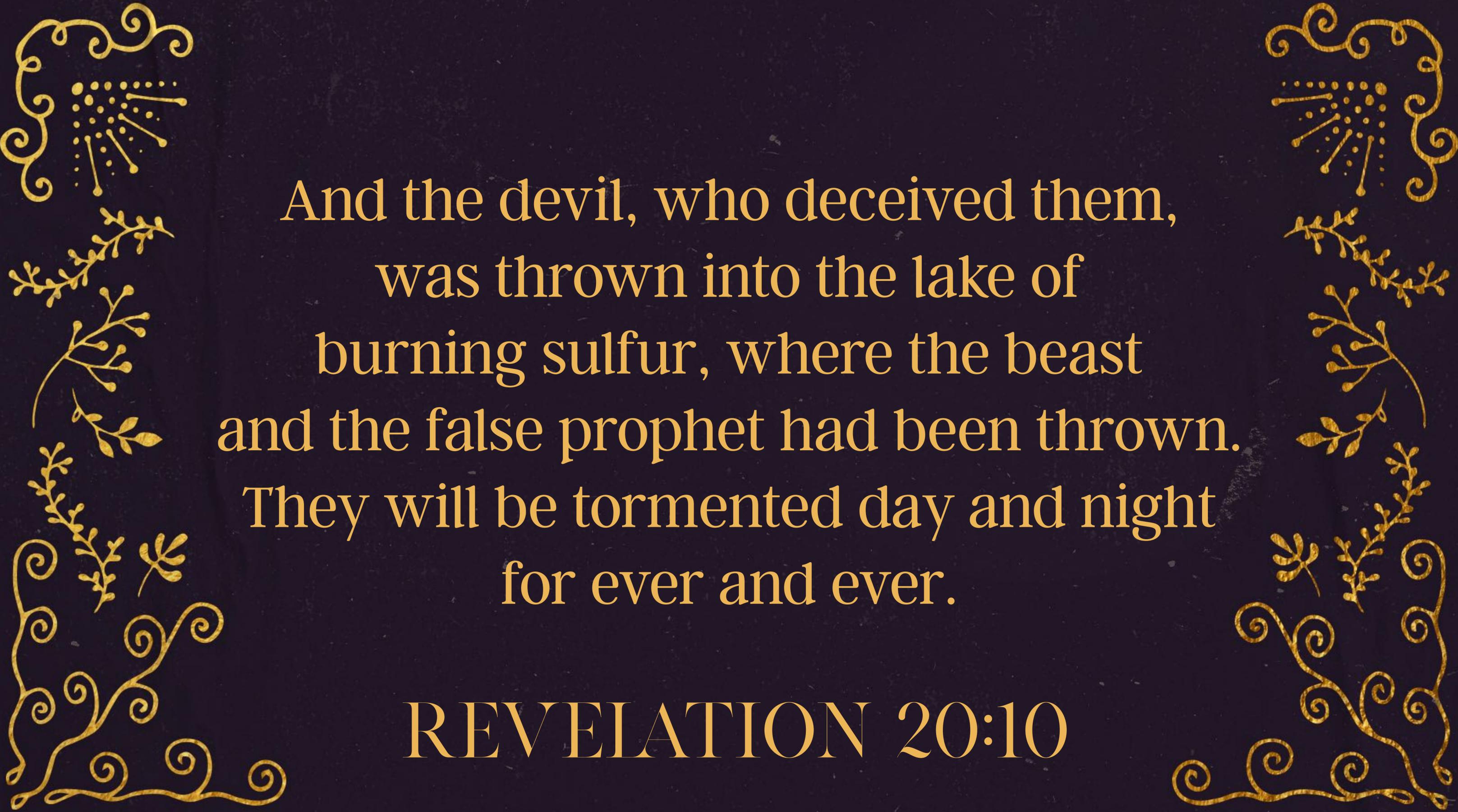
JESUS IS LORD





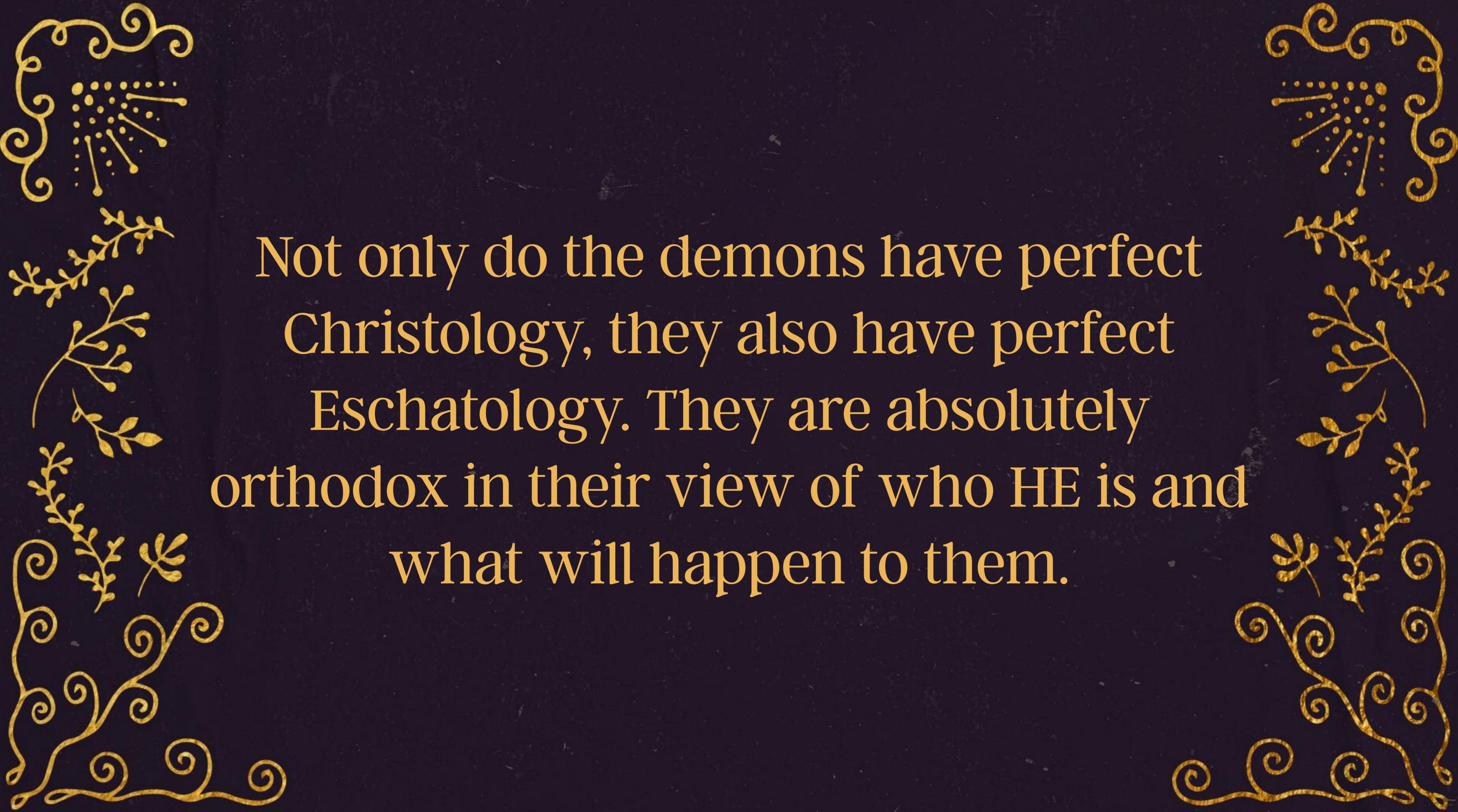
“What do you want with us, Son of God?”
they shouted. “Have you come here to
torture us before the appointed time?”

MATTHEW 8:29

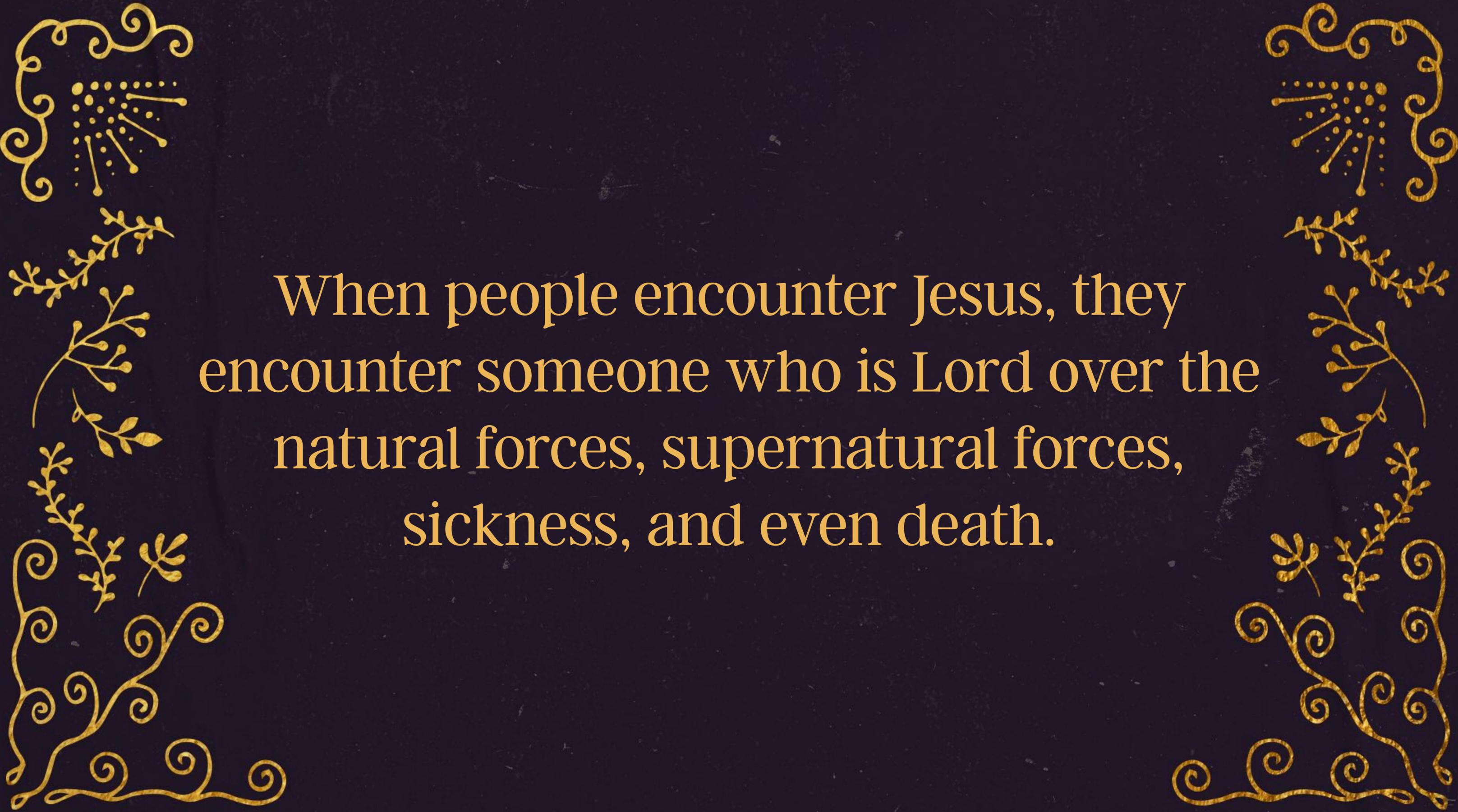


And the devil, who deceived them,
was thrown into the lake of
burning sulfur, where the beast
and the false prophet had been thrown.
They will be tormented day and night
for ever and ever.

REVELATION 20:10



Not only do the demons have perfect Christology, they also have perfect Eschatology. They are absolutely orthodox in their view of who HE is and what will happen to them.



When people encounter Jesus, they encounter someone who is Lord over the natural forces, supernatural forces, sickness, and even death.

No Life Is Too Far Gone.





Who sinned, this man or his parents?

JOHN 9:2





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Romans 5:9





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Romans 5:9
 3. We must not give the Devil a foothold in our lives.
Ephesians 4:27
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Everyone has a story—
which needs to be shared.

Jesus will not force HIS way in
where HE is not wanted.





Be alert and of sober mind.
Your enemy the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion looking
for someone to devour.

1 PETER 5:8







LOGOS HOPE

How is the Devil's work destroyed?





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1. The Cross

The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8

When I am lifted up...the prince of this world driven out. John 12:31





How is the Devil's work destroyed?

2. The Testimony of a Transformed Life

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

Revelation 12:11

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