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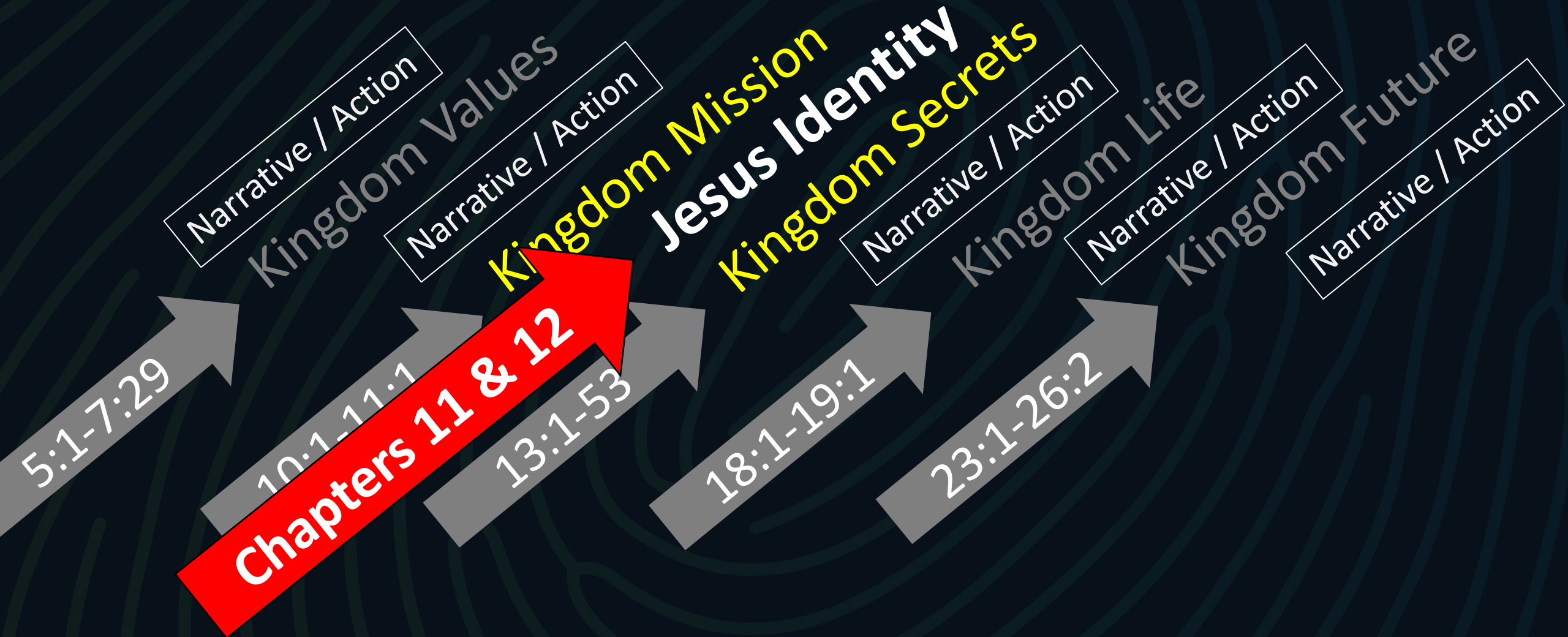
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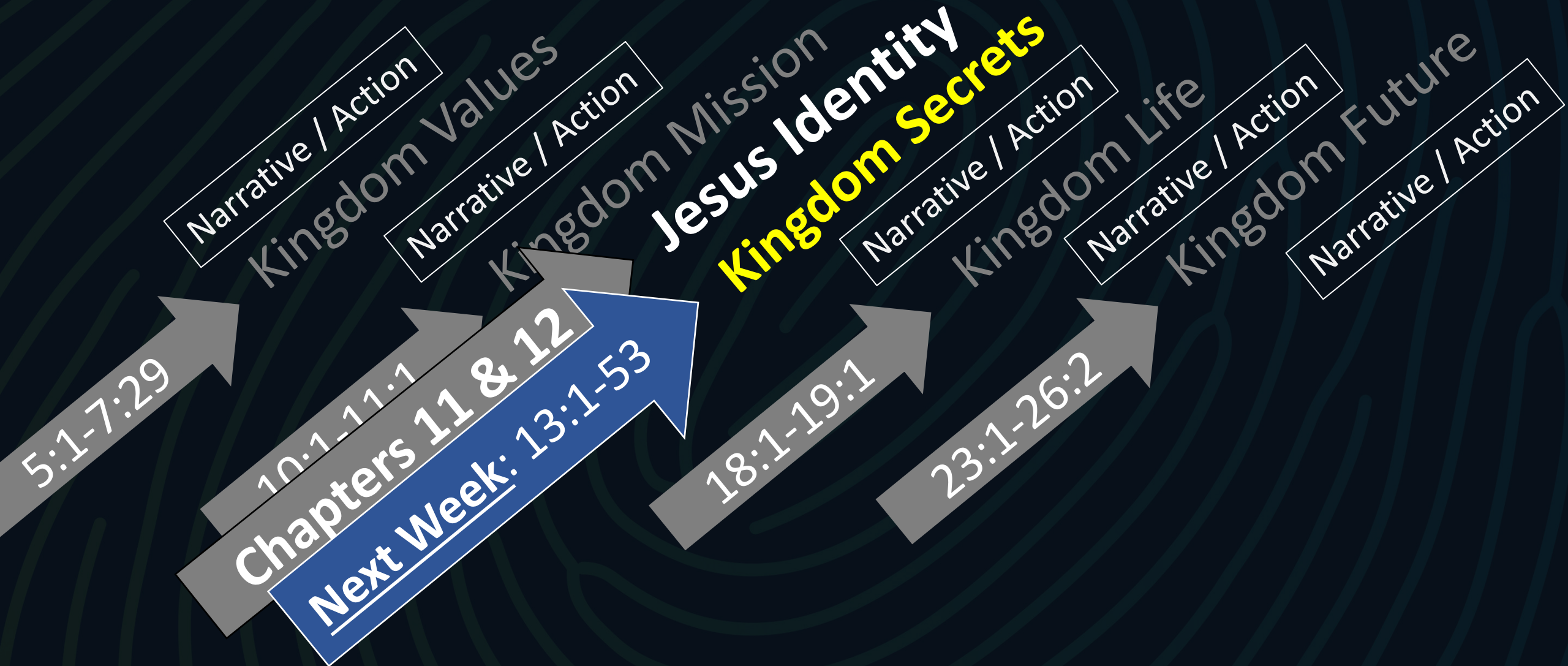


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With a tone of hostility, the religious leaders challenge Jesus to  
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Matthew 12:38-50



**38** Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying,  
"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

**39** But He answered them,  
"An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign,  
but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

**40** For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

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## Jonah 3

**1** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

**2** "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

**3** So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

**4** Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

**5** And the people of Nineveh believed God.

They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.



- 6** The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
- 7** And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh,  
"By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water,
- 8** but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.
- 9** Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."
- 10** When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.

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## I Kings 10:1-10

- 1** Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions.
- 2** She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind.
- 3** And Solomon answered all her questions;  
there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her.
- 4** And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon,  
the house that he had built,
- 5** the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants,  
their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more breath in her.

**6** And she said to the king,

"The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom,

**7** but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it.

And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard.

**8** Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom!

**9** Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."

**10** Then she gave the king 120 talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices and precious stones. Never again came such an abundance of spices as these that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.



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**Your choices have consequences!!!**

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**Jesus' call is first and foremost for our allegiance to Him  
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***which includes honoring our families in the proper context.***



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***If I was Jesus*** by Toby Keith



**I was Jesus, I'd have some real long hair  
A robe and some sandals, is exactly what I'd wear  
I'd be the guy at the party, turnin' water to wine  
Yeah me and my disciples, we'd have a real good time.**

**I'd lay my life down for you  
And I show you who's the boss  
I'd forgive you and adore you  
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**If I was Jesus, I'd have some friends that were poor  
I'd run around with the wrong crowd, man I'd never be bored  
Then I'd heal me a blind man, get myself crucified  
By politicians and preachers, who got somethin' to hide.**

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And I'd walk on some water, just to mess with your head  
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