


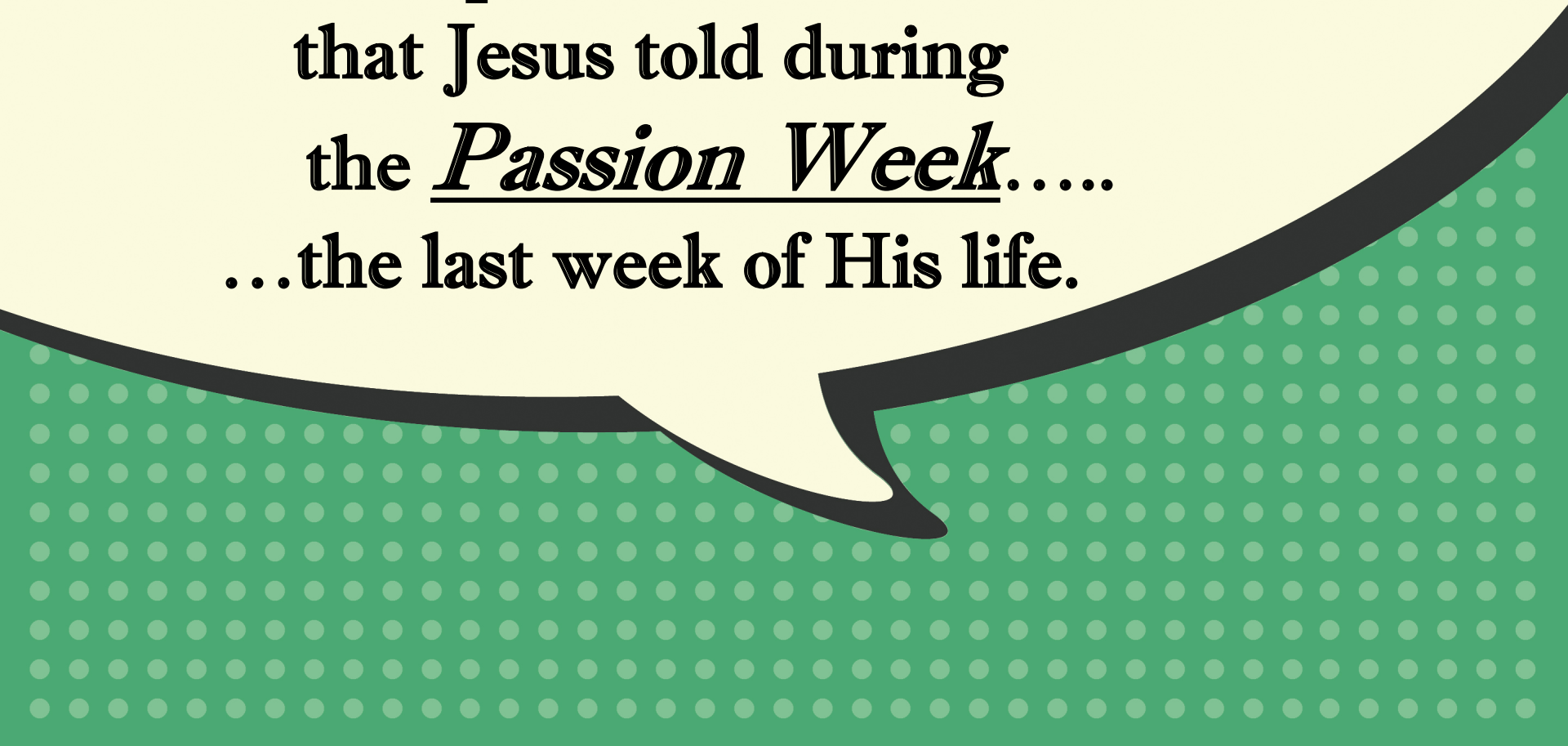
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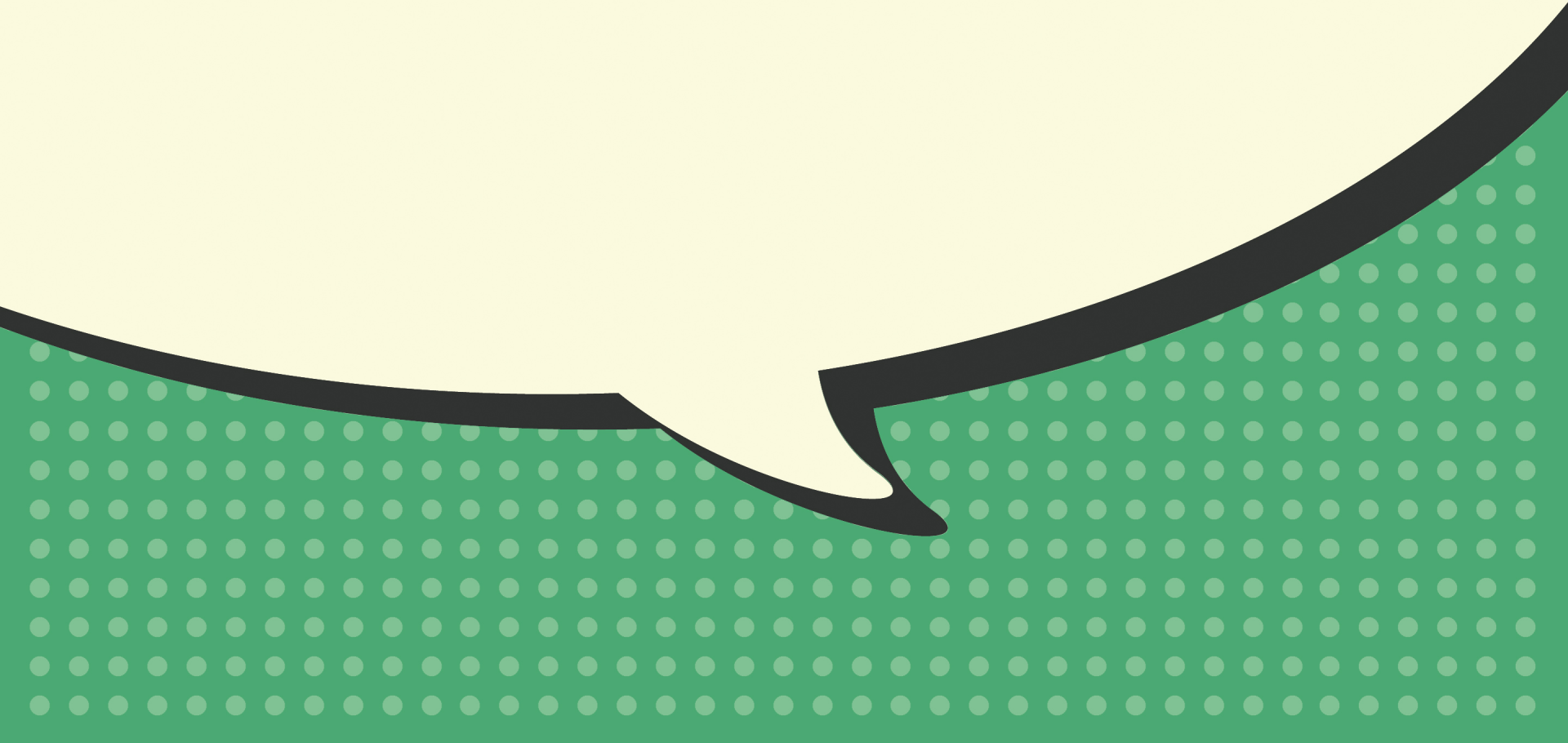
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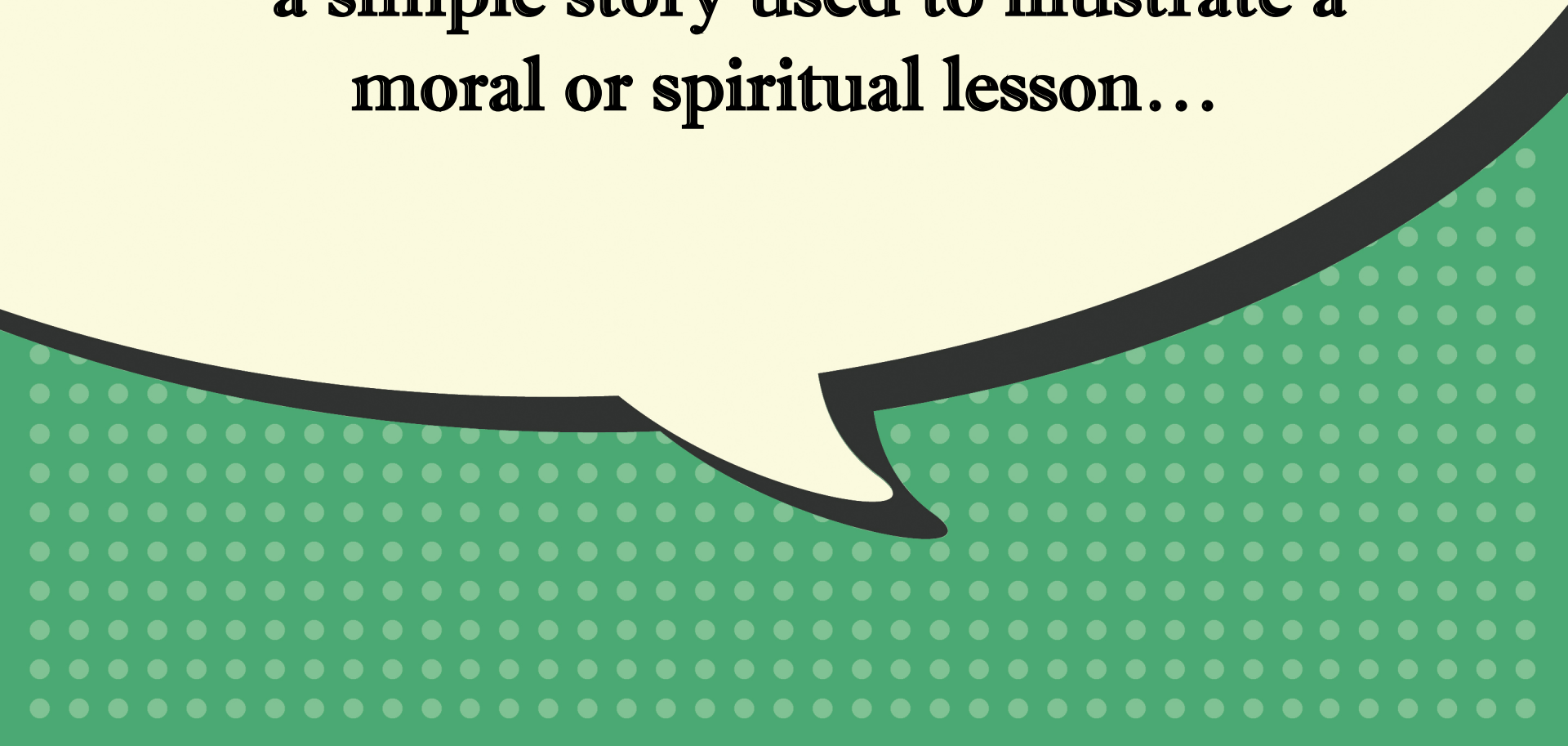


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Is your claim to be a “Christian”



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...hypocritical...



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...or genuine?

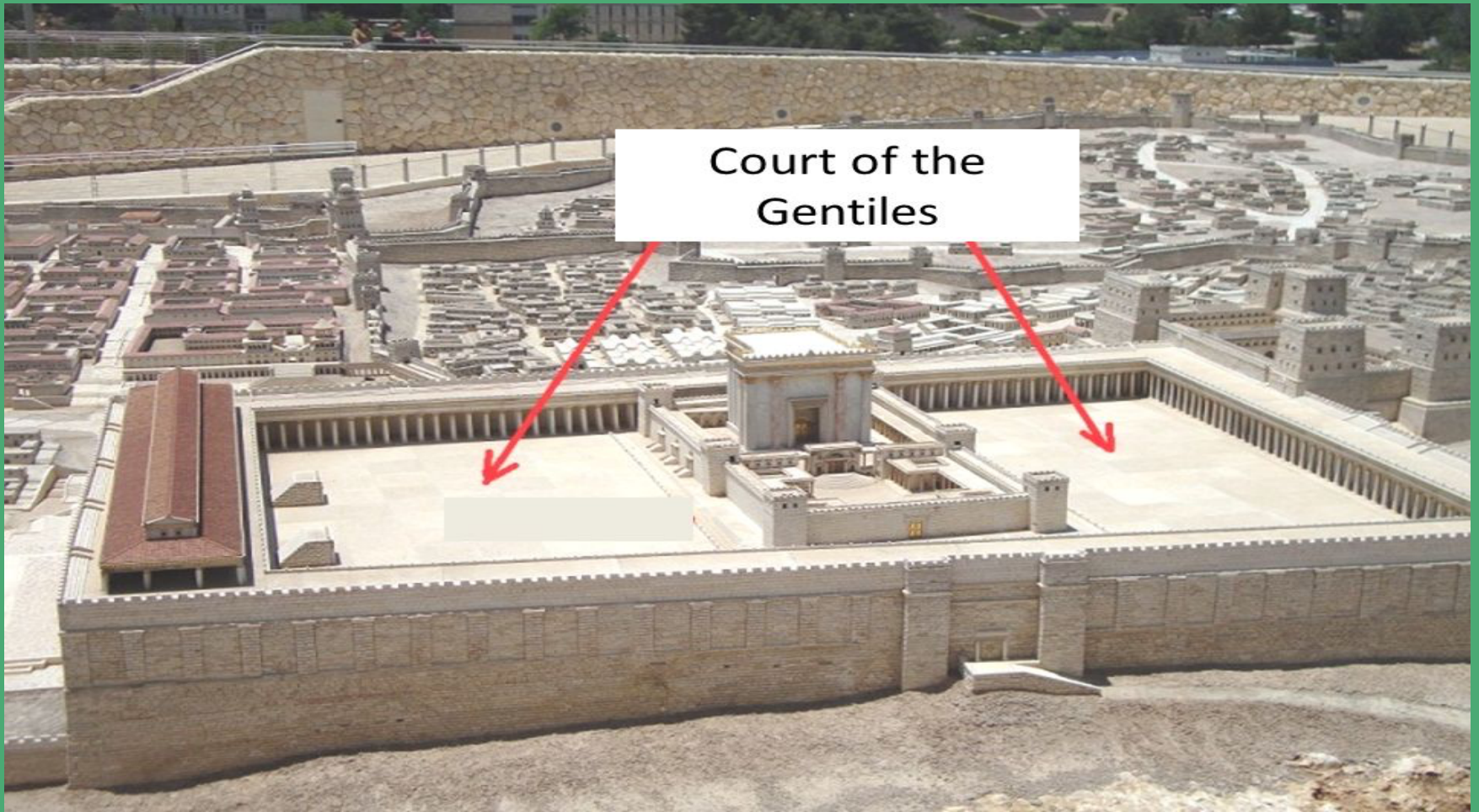


MATTHEW

21:23-32

Is our relationship with God based on honestly dealing with our disrespect for God and allowing that to change our mind concerning Him, or do we give Him respect with lip service but then actually do whatever we want to do and pass it off as 'religious'?

Court of the
Gentiles



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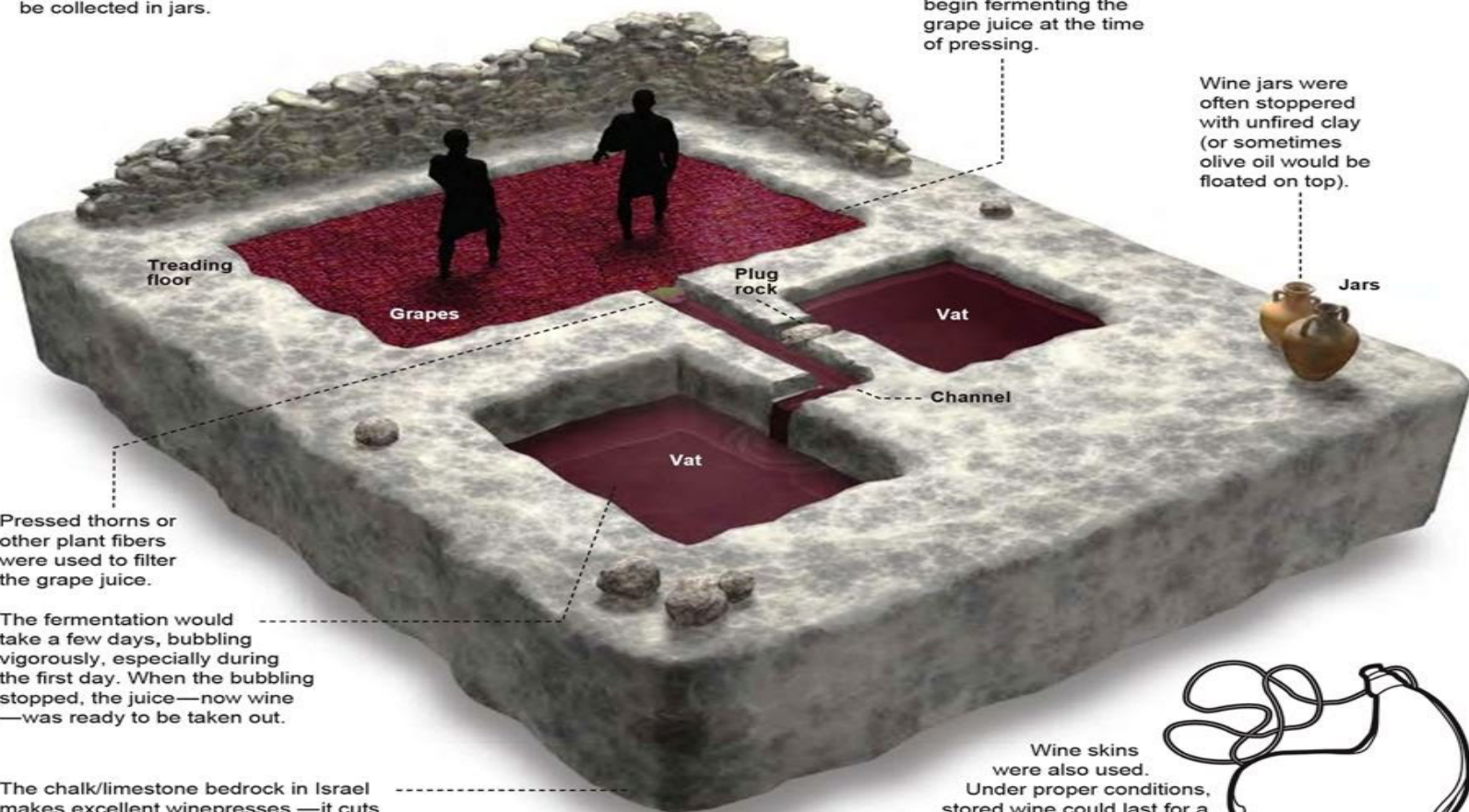
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A Winepress in Ancient Israel

An ancient winepress was a rock-hewn open-air system. Grapes were pressed by being trodden underfoot in a treading floor. The juice would pour through a channel into a vat, where it would ferment. It would then be collected in jars.

The yeast from the skin of the grapes would begin fermenting the grape juice at the time of pressing.

Wine jars were often stoppered with unfired clay (or sometimes olive oil would be floated on top).

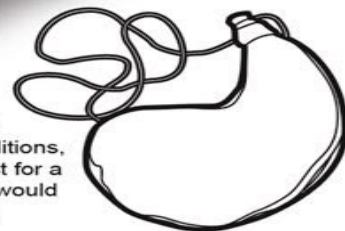


Pressed thorns or other plant fibers were used to filter the grape juice.

The fermentation would take a few days, bubbling vigorously, especially during the first day. When the bubbling stopped, the juice—now wine—was ready to be taken out.

The chalk/limestone bedrock in Israel makes excellent winepresses—it cuts easily and holds liquid well.

Wine skins were also used. Under proper conditions, stored wine could last for a year. If left exposed, it would soon turn to vinegar.





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- 34 When the season for fruit drew near,
he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.
- 35 And the tenants took his servants
and beat one,
killed another,
and stoned another.
- 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first.
And they did the same to them.

MATTHEW

21:33-46

37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying,
'They will respect my son.'

38 But when the tenants saw the son,
they said to themselves,

*'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and
have his inheritance.'*

39 *And they took him and threw him out of
the vineyard and killed him.*

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40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

41 They said to him,

"He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

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PSALM 118:

22-23

21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

*22 The stone that the builders rejected has
become the cornerstone.*

*23 This is the LORD'S doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let
us rejoice and be glad in it.

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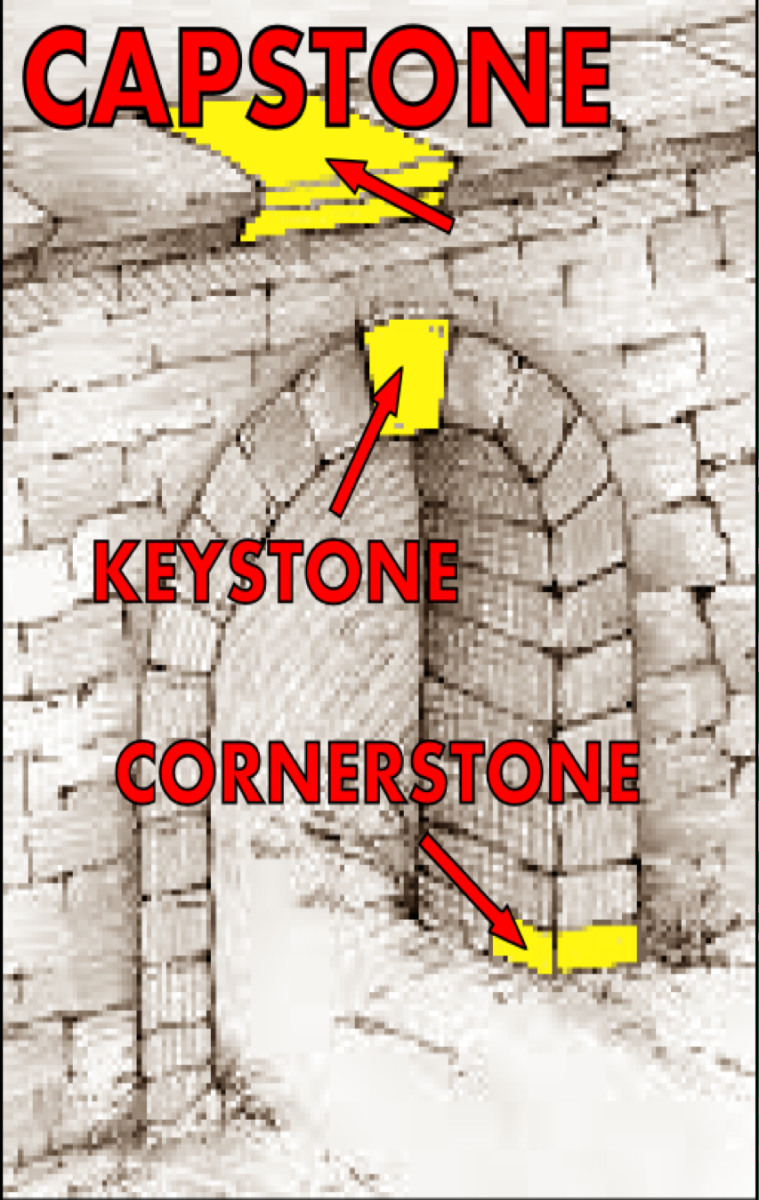
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44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces;
and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”



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- 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them.
- 46 And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

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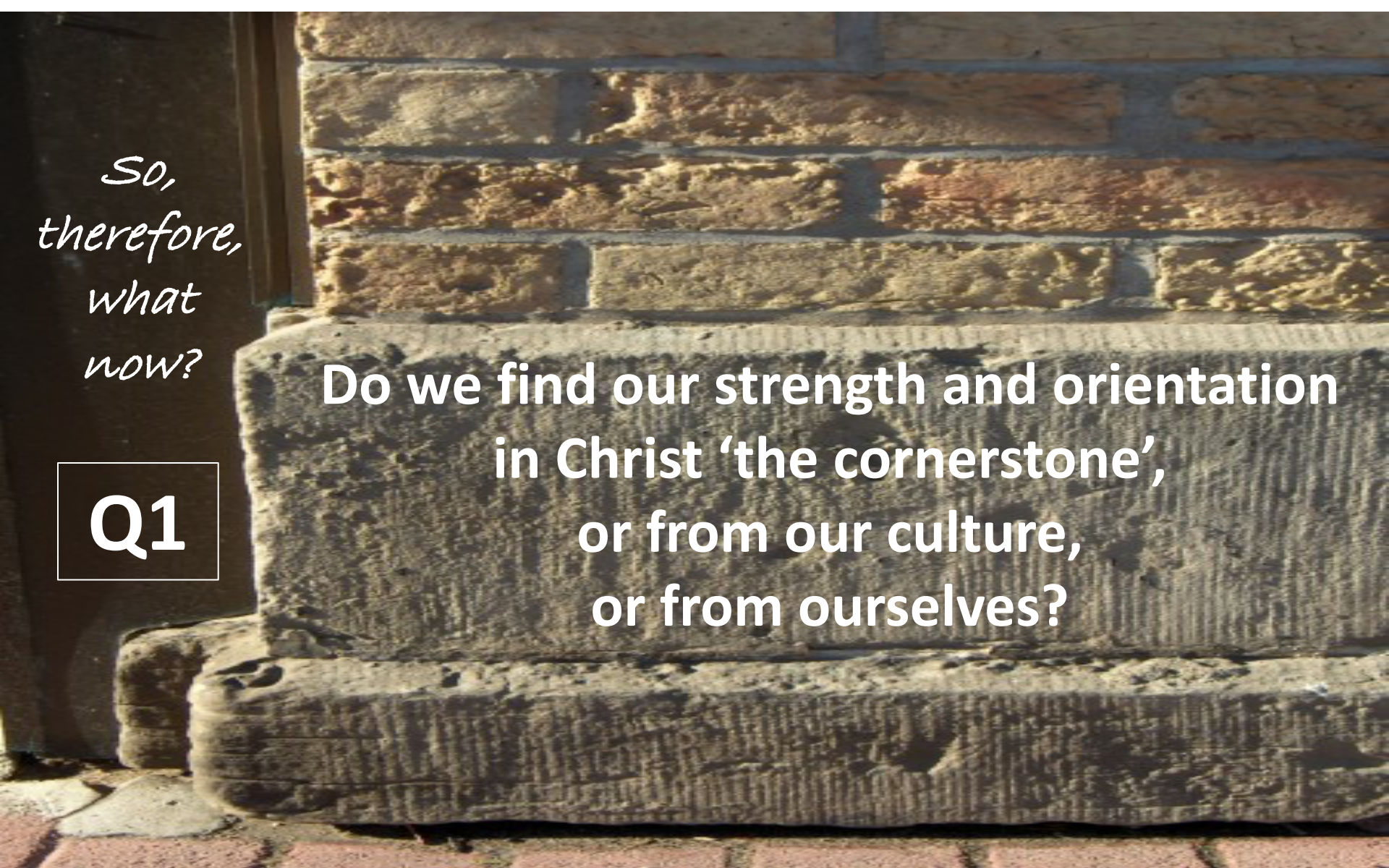
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Q1





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**Do we find our strength and orientation
in Christ 'the cornerstone',
or from our culture,
or from ourselves?**

*So,
therefore,
what
now?*

Q2



*So,
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Q2

When confronted with the reality of our rebellion in the face of the authority of Christ, are we afraid of people, or do we respect God?

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Q3



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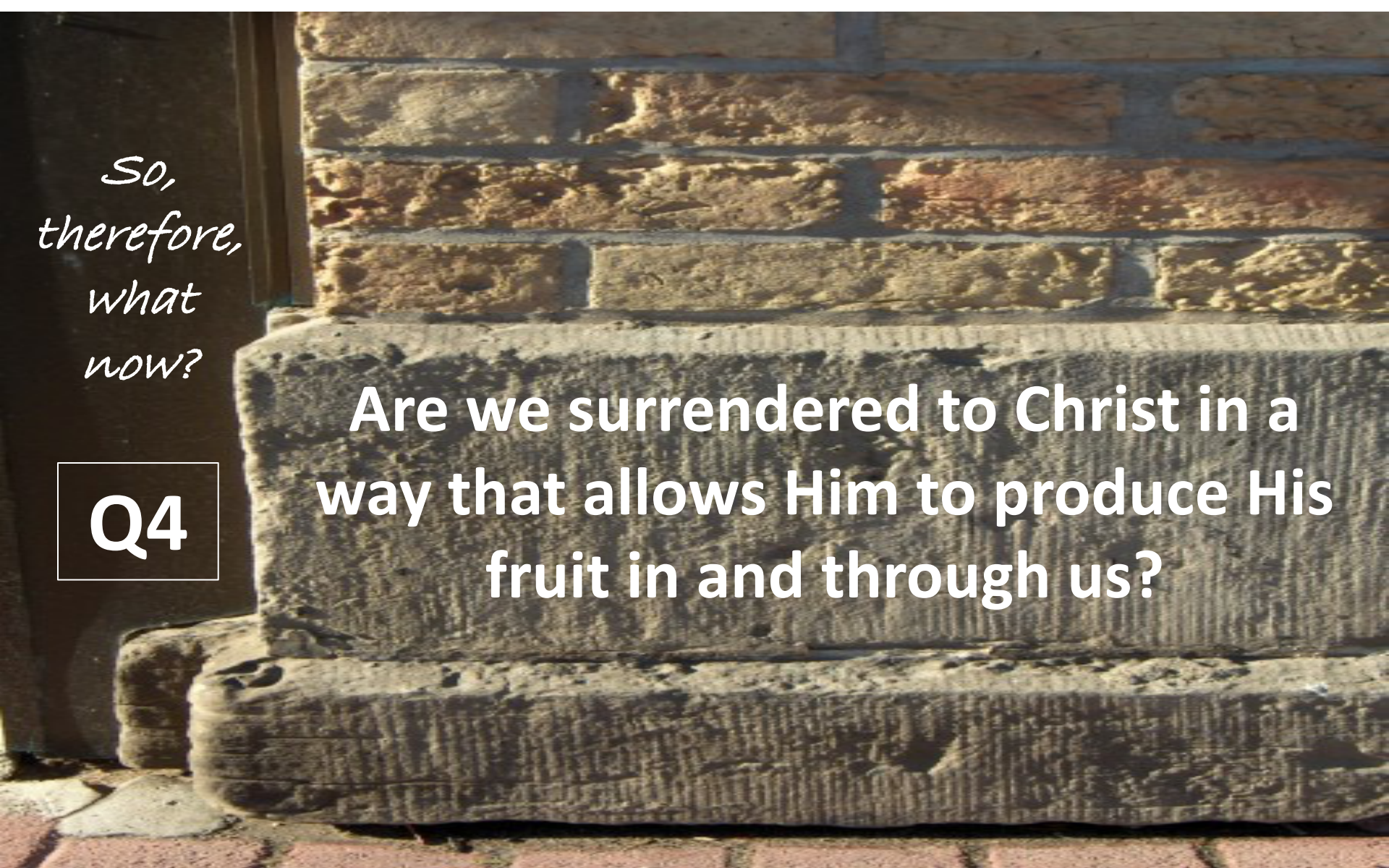
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**Are we willing to care for the
kingdom of God as faithful servants
of the rightful owner?**

*So,
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Q4





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Q4

Are we surrendered to Christ in a way that allows Him to produce His fruit in and through us?

*So,
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**“He is no fool who gives up
what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose.”**

Jim Elliot



*So,
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**“Well done,
good and faithful servant!”**

Jesus

**SO....THEREFORE
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