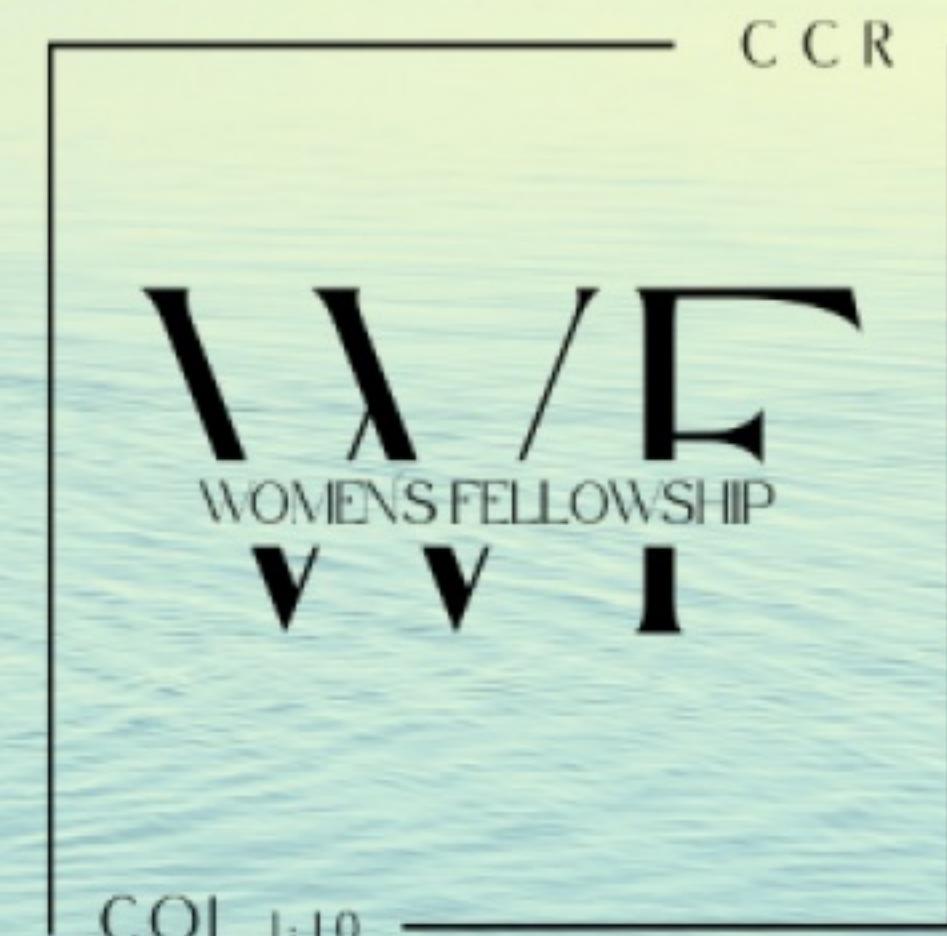




# The Book of **Mark**

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."







	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b>Text</b>	26:6-13	14:3-9	7:36-50	12:1-8
<b>Woman</b>	Anonymous	Anonymous	Anonymous	Mary (sister of Lazarus)
<b>When?</b>	2 days before Passover	2 days before Passover	Early in Jesus's ministry	6 days before Passover
<b>Where?</b>	Home of Simon the leper (Bethany)	Home of Simon the leper (Bethany)	Home of Simon the Pharisee (possibly town of Nain; see John 7:11)	Home unstated; Mary, Martha, and Lazarus involved (Bethany)
<b>Jesus's position</b>	Reclined at table	Reclined at table	Reclined at table	Unstated
<b>Anointing</b>	Perfume poured on head	Perfume poured on head	Ointment and tears on feet; wiped with hair	Perfume poured on feet; wiped with hair
<b>Ointment Case</b>	Alabaster flask	Alabaster flask	Alabaster flask	12oz jar
<b>Response of onlookers</b>	Disciples object	"Some" disciples object	Simon objects	Judas objects
<b>Primary objection</b>	Cost of perfume waster	Cost of perfume wasted	Sinfulness of woman	Cost of perfume wasted
<b>Response of Jesus</b>	Rebukes disciples	Rebukes disciples	Rebukes Simon	Rebukes Judas
<b>Next event</b>	Judas leaves, conspires with chief priests to turn Jesus over	Judas leaves, conspires with chief priests to turn Jesus over	Unstated	Chief priests conspire to kill Lazarus
<b>Jesus's conclusion</b>	She will be remembered & You always have the poor, but won't always have me	She will be remembered & You always have the poor, but won't always have me	She is forgiven; tells parable	You always have the poor, but won't always have me
<b>Reason for anointing</b>	For burial	For burial	Unstated (Presumably worship and repentance)	For burial

\*<https://canadianbibleguy.com/2022/04/21/how-many-times-was-jesus-anointed-a-comparison-of-the-four-gospels/>

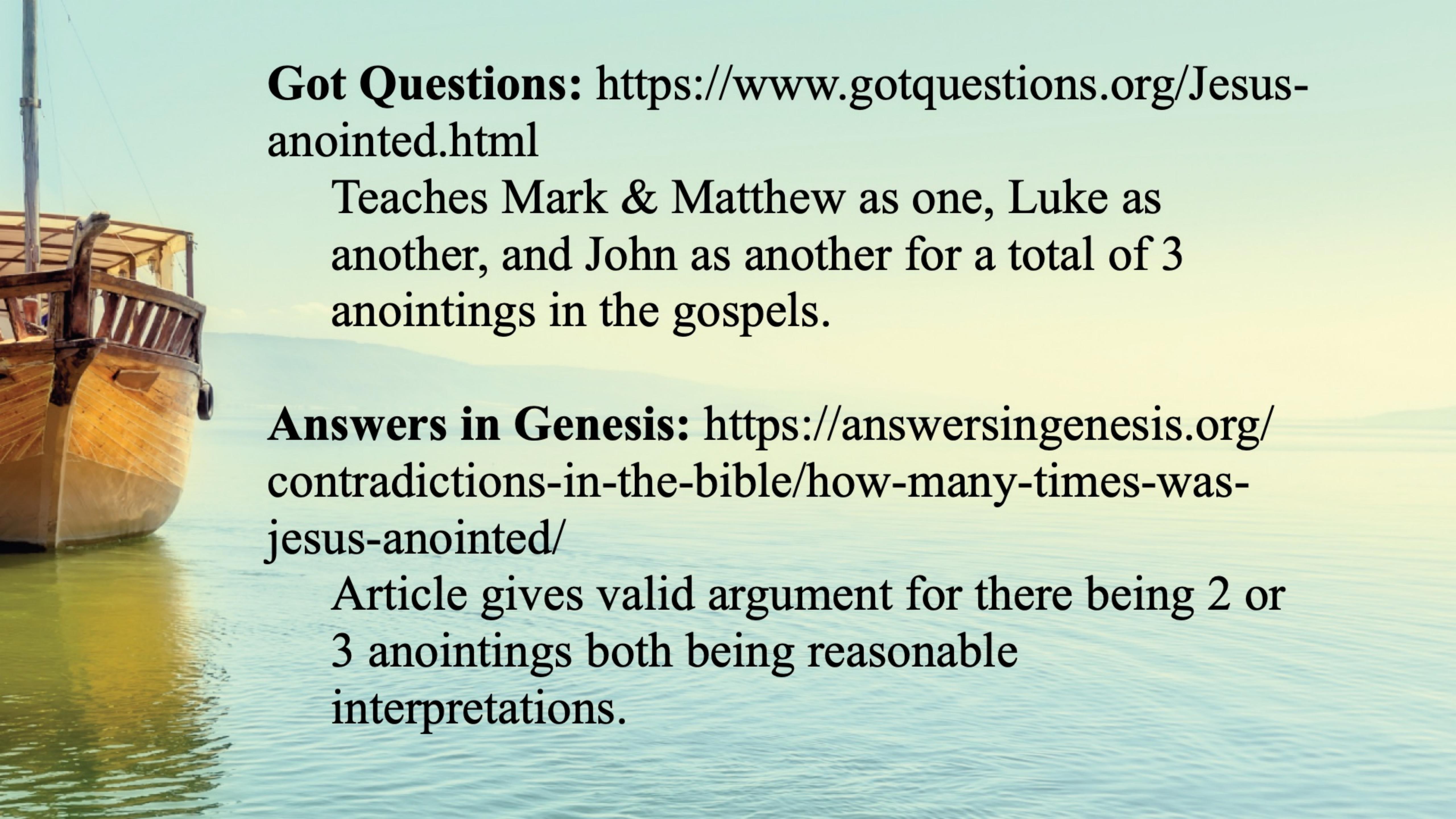


## **Cultural Context:**

Anointing the head of a respected priest/ leader was not uncommon in biblical times.

Alabaster Flask not uncommon (the amount used and quality of the oil was special)

(See: David Guzick commentary & [https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/anointing#google\\_vignette](https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/anointing#google_vignette))

A photograph of a traditional wooden boat, possibly a dhow, on a calm body of water. The boat is angled towards the left of the frame. In the background, there are hazy mountains under a clear sky.

**Got Questions:** <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-anointed.html>

Teaches Mark & Matthew as one, Luke as another, and John as another for a total of 3 anointings in the gospels.

**Answers in Genesis:** <https://answersingenesis.org/contradictions-in-the-bible/how-many-times-was-jesus-anointed/>

Article gives valid argument for there being 2 or 3 anointings both being reasonable interpretations.

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**David Guzik & Chuck Smith Commentary BLB:**  
Teach Matthew, Mark, and John as 1 event and  
Luke another (total of 2)

**Pastor Mike Winger at Bible Thinker:** [https://  
www.youtube.com/live/-GAGA9wnJ7k?  
si=B82bGDgouAI6Epxg](https://www.youtube.com/live/-GAGA9wnJ7k?si=B82bGDgouAI6Epxg)

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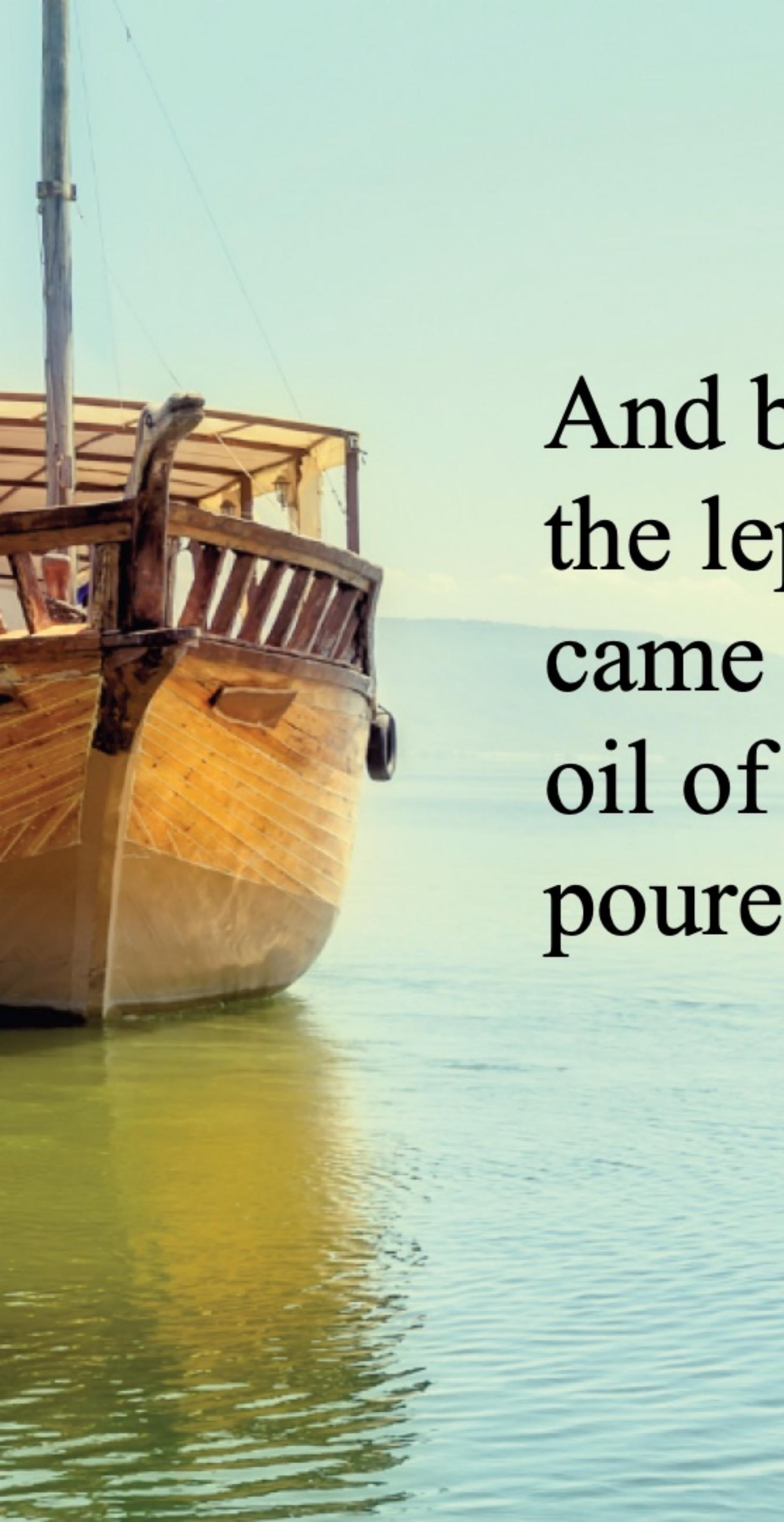


1) Look for other context clues (cultural, translation, etc.)

2) Understand harmony/ perspective can complement the account but be varied slightly.

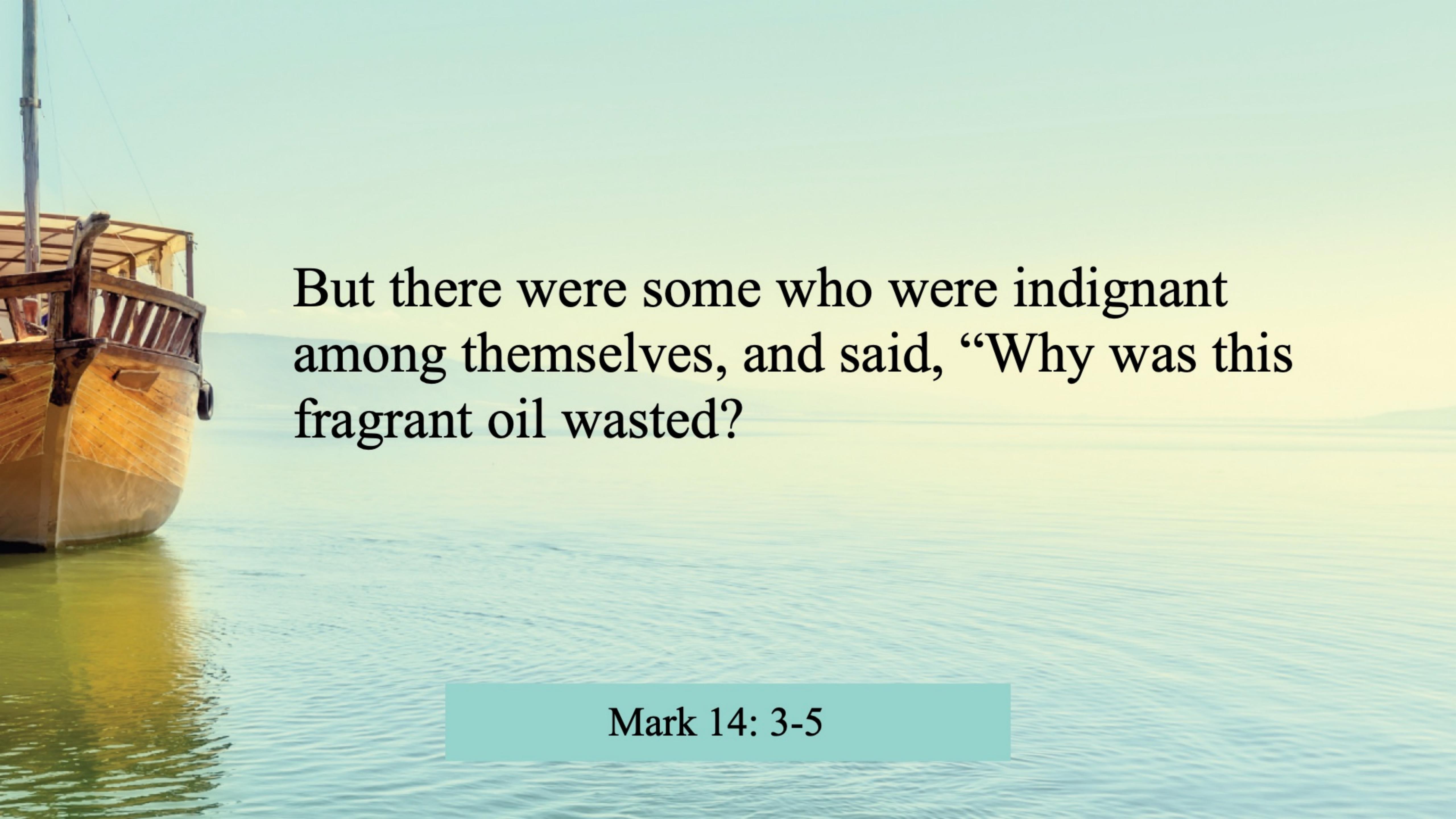
3) A closer look will usually clear up our understanding of our inability to fully understand God until we are face to face.

4) Don't be dismissive or quick to call something an error, further study usually clears it up.

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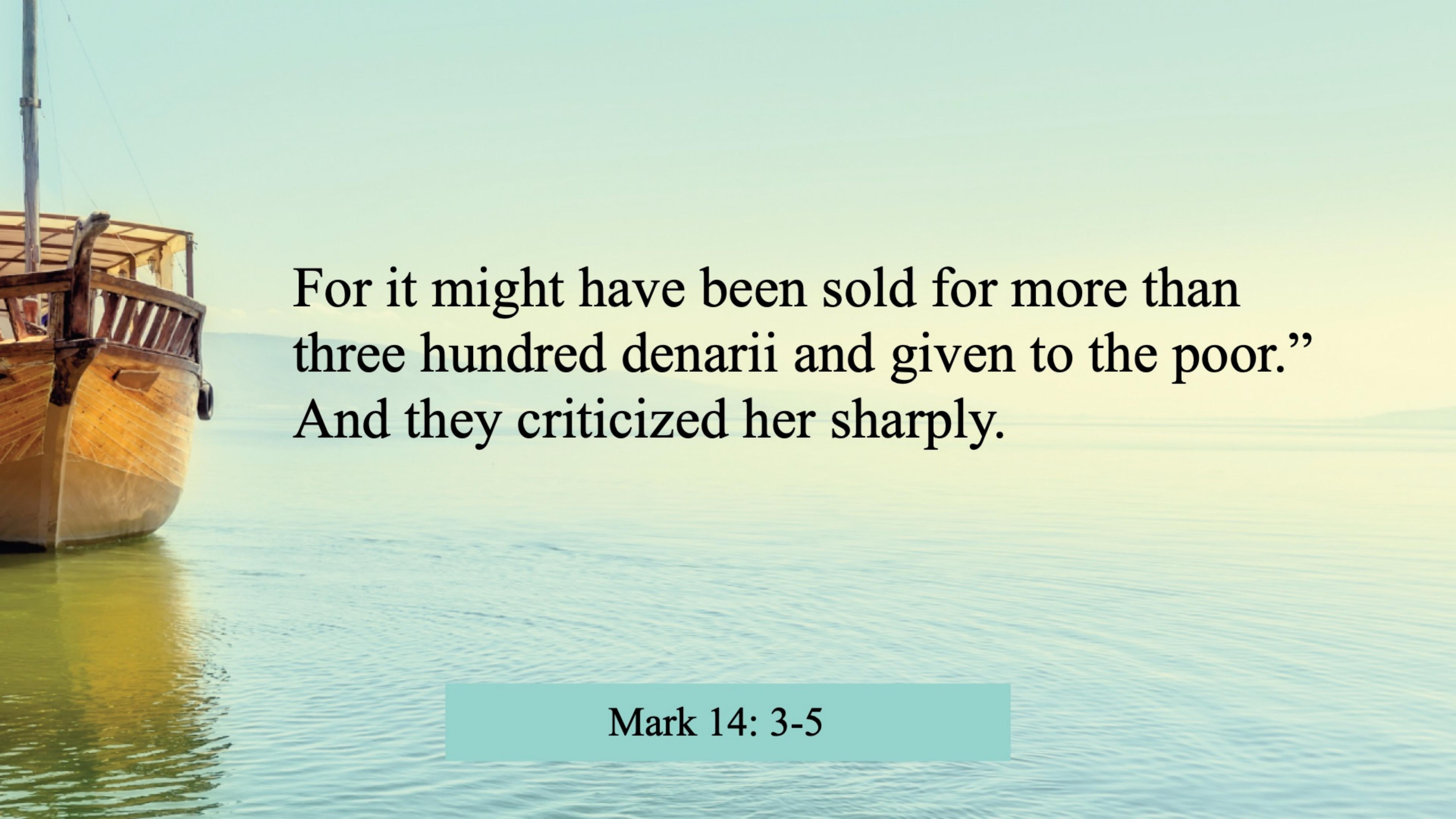
And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

Mark 14: 3-5



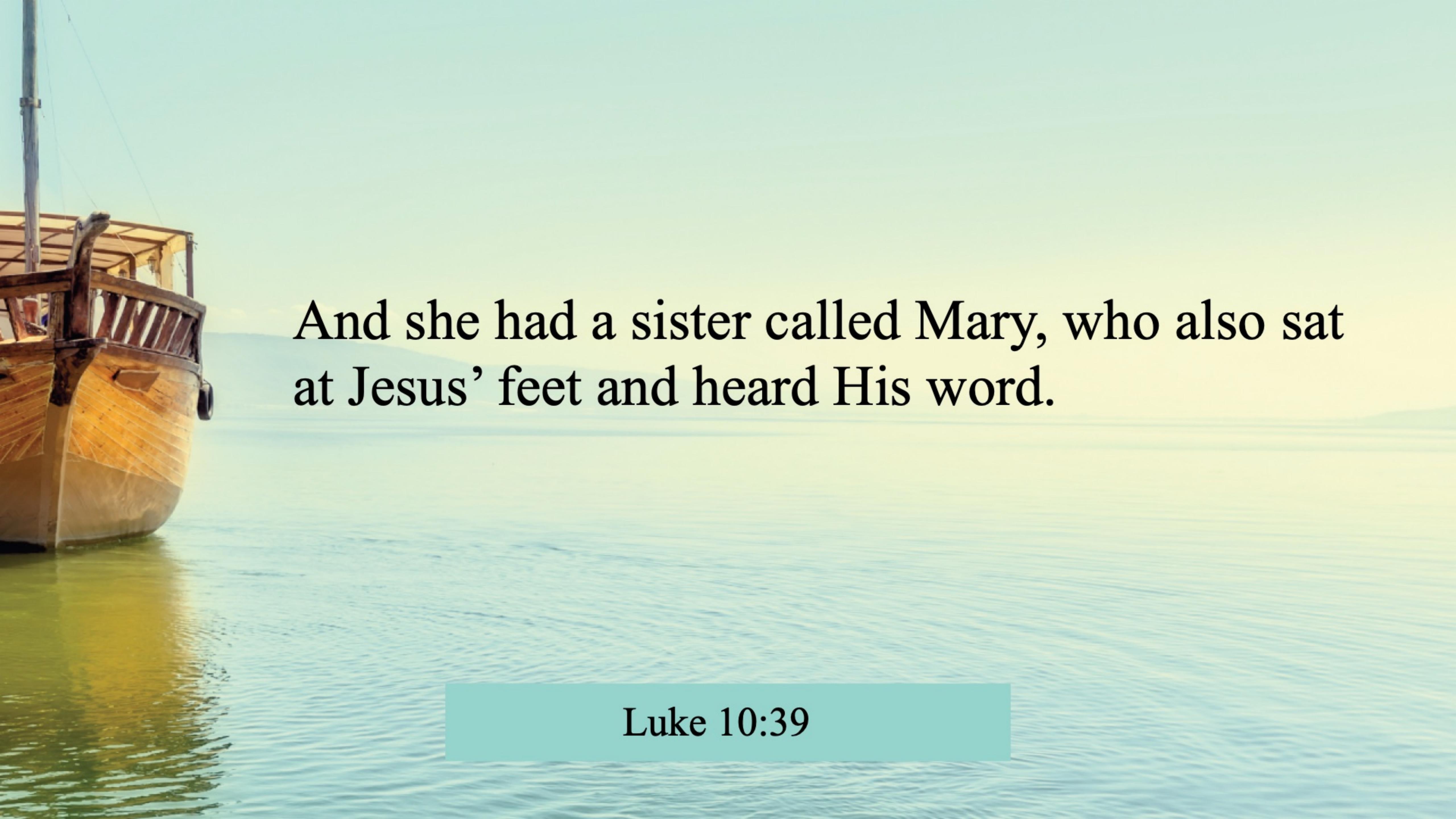
But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted?

Mark 14: 3-5



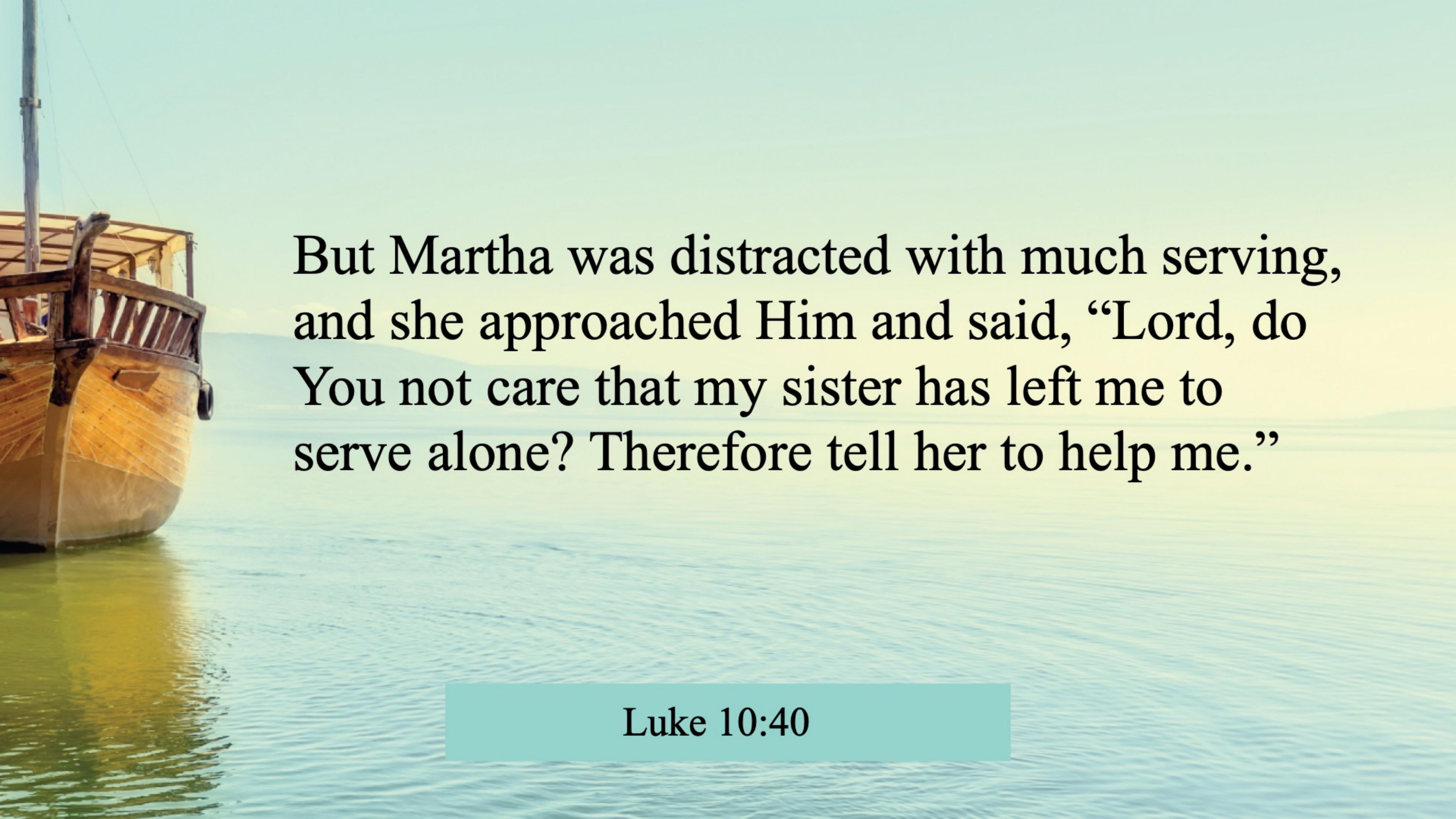
For it might have been sold for more than  
three hundred denarii and given to the poor.”  
And they criticized her sharply.

Mark 14: 3-5



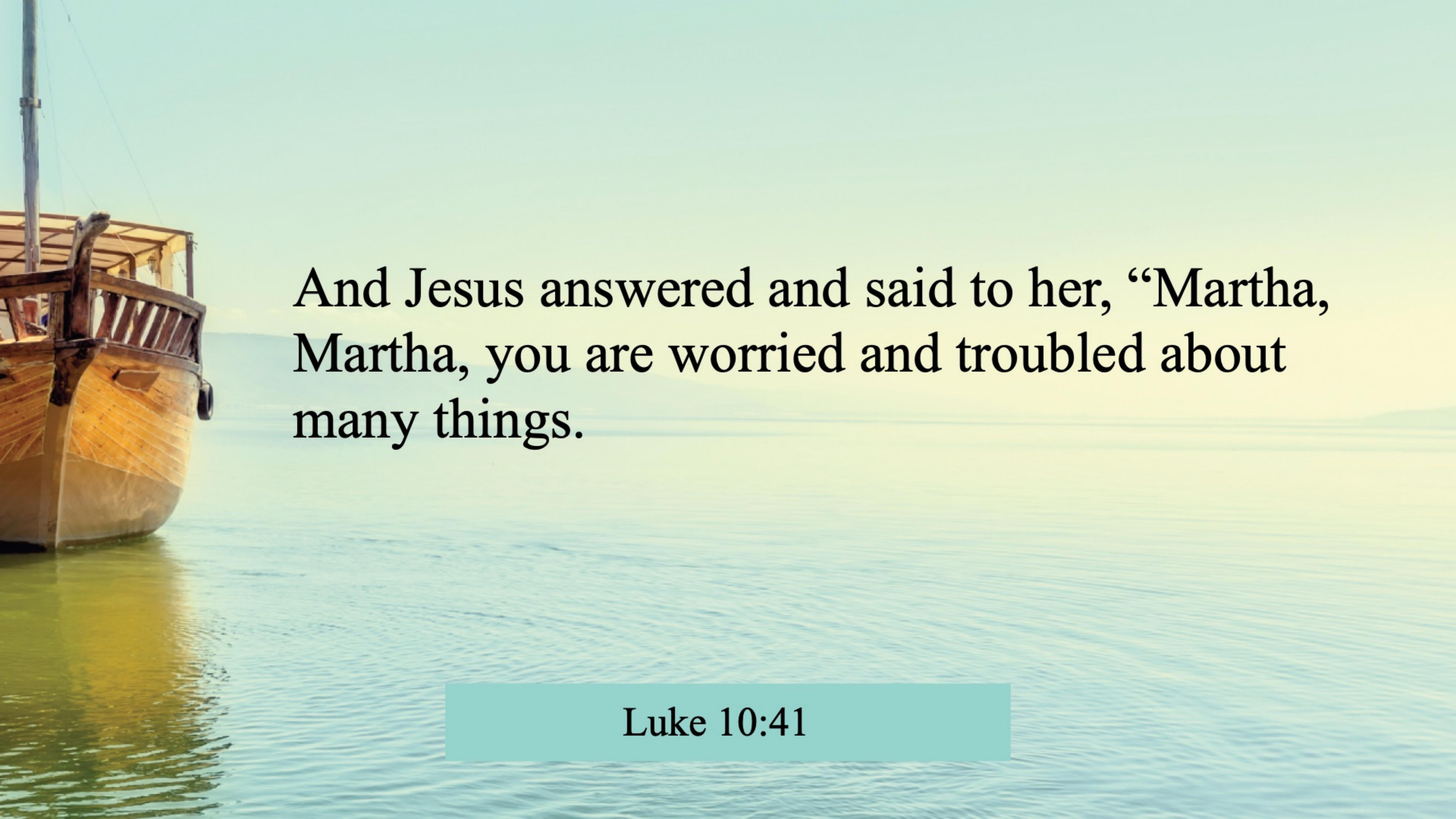
And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

Luke 10:39

A photograph of a traditional wooden boat, possibly a dhow, docked on a calm sea. The boat is made of light-colored wood and has a simple wooden railing. The water is a light blue-green color, and the sky is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

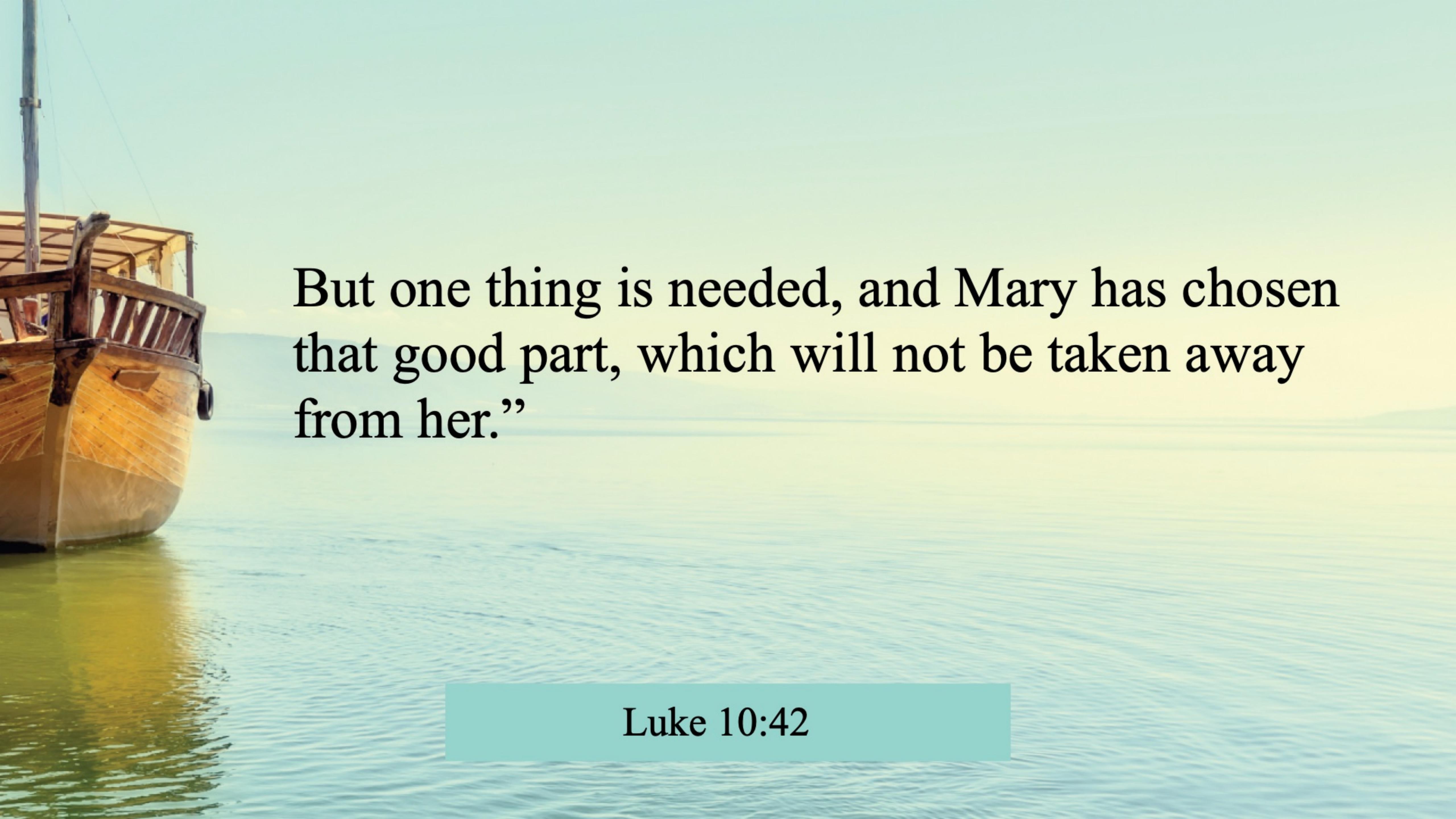
But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”

Luke 10:40

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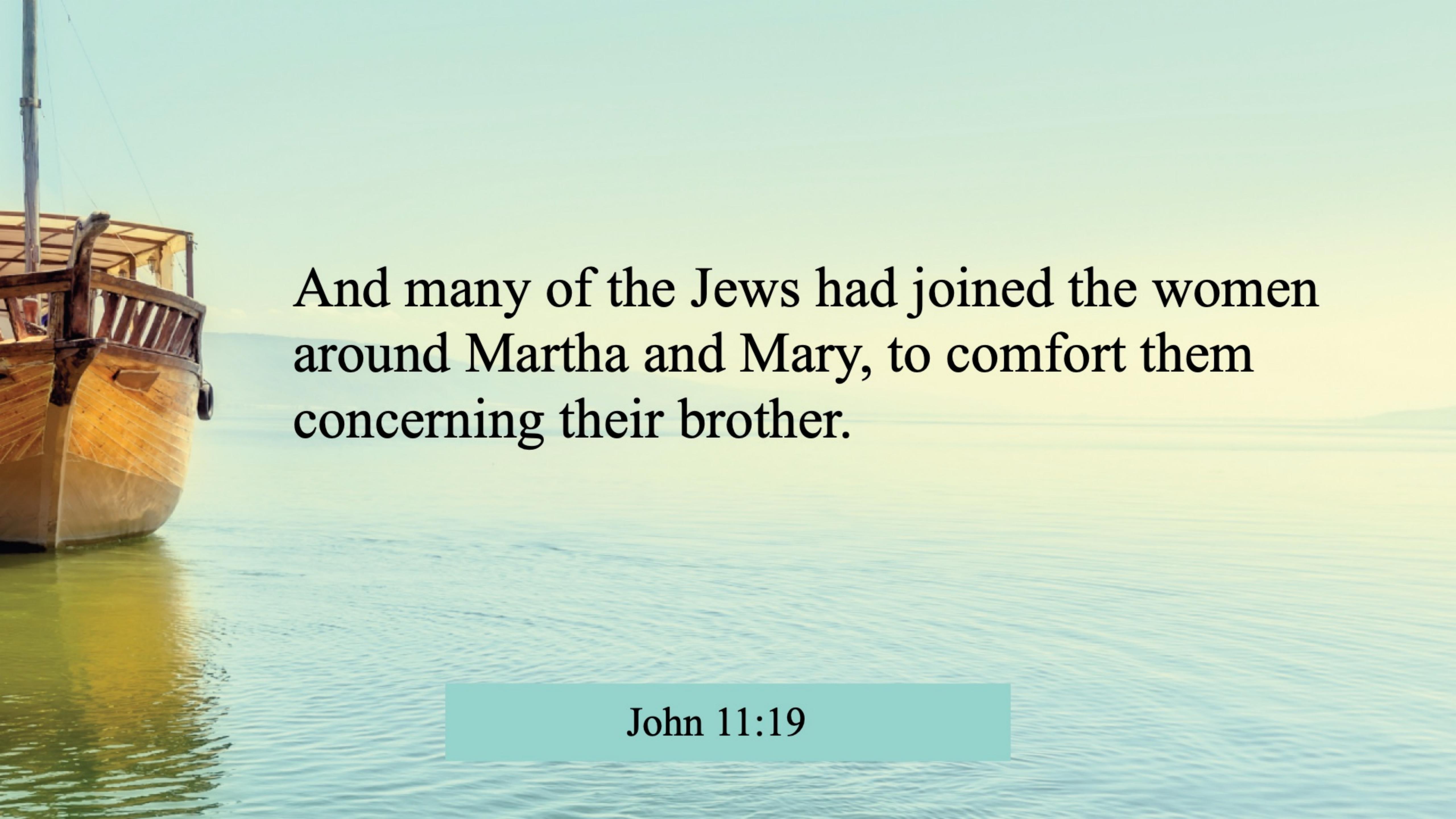
And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha,  
Martha, you are worried and troubled about  
many things.

Luke 10:41

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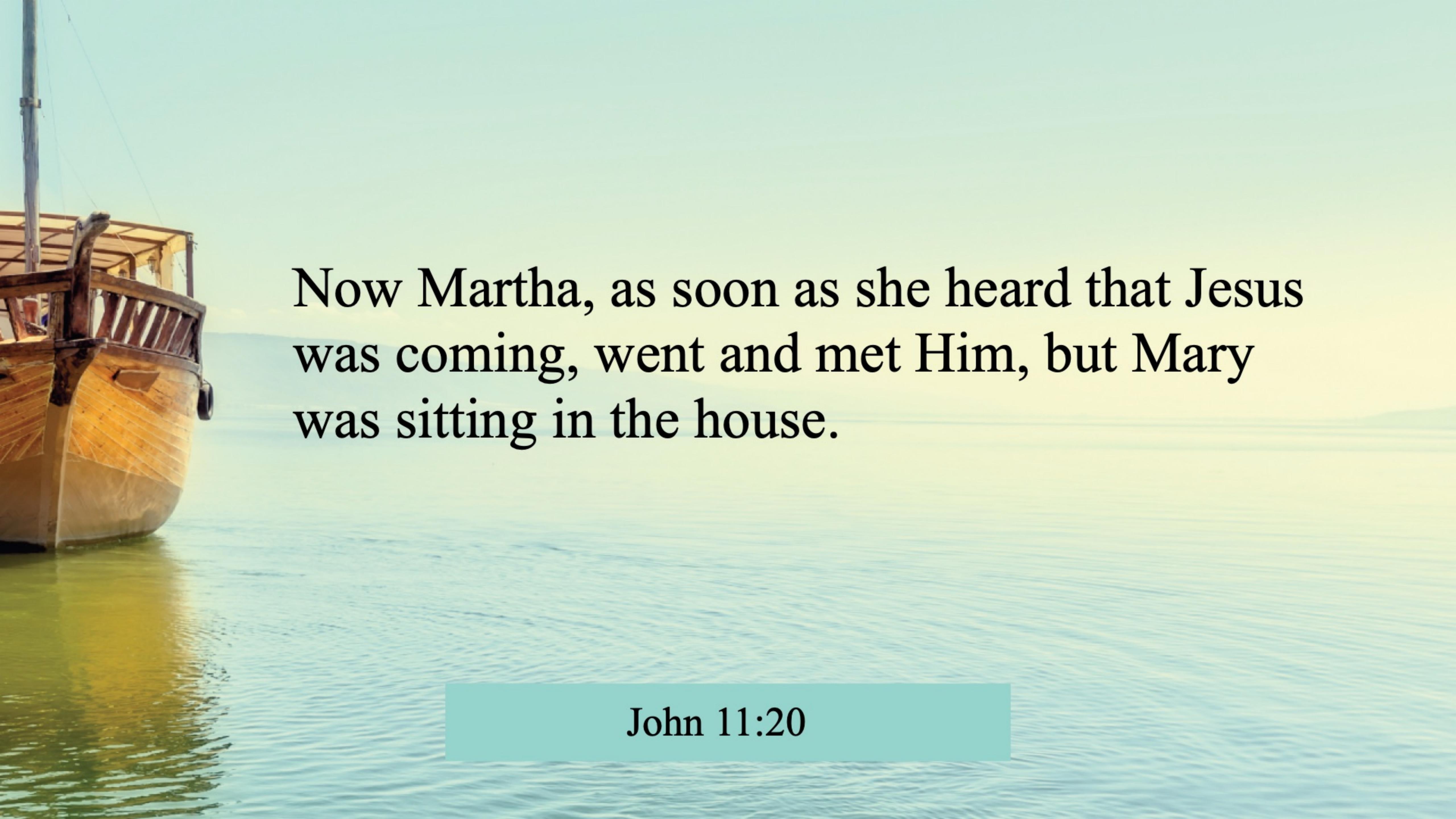
But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:42

A photograph of a traditional wooden boat, possibly a dhow, docked on a calm, light blue sea. The boat's hull is a warm, golden-brown color. The sky is a bright, pale yellow, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

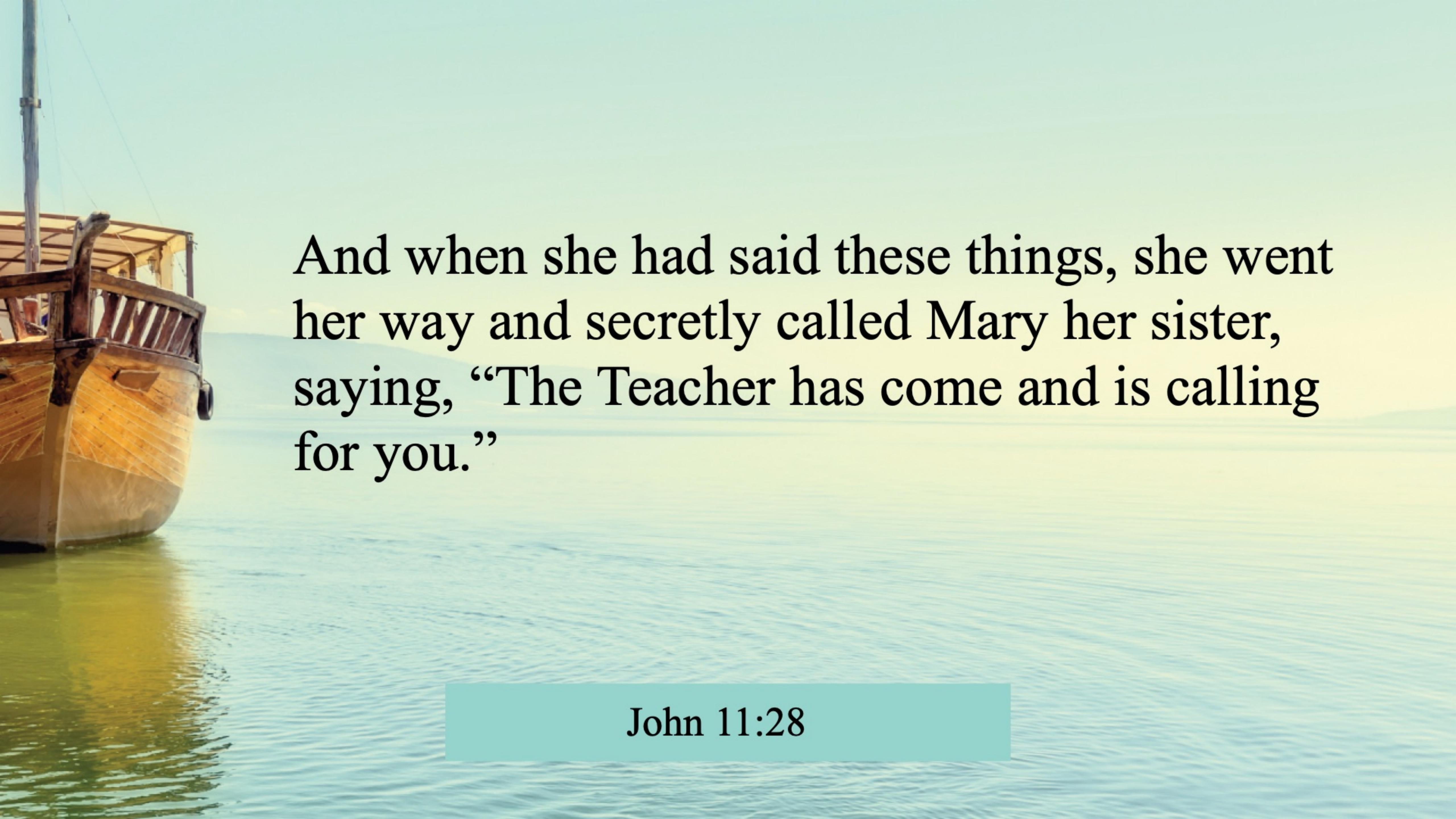
And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

John 11:19

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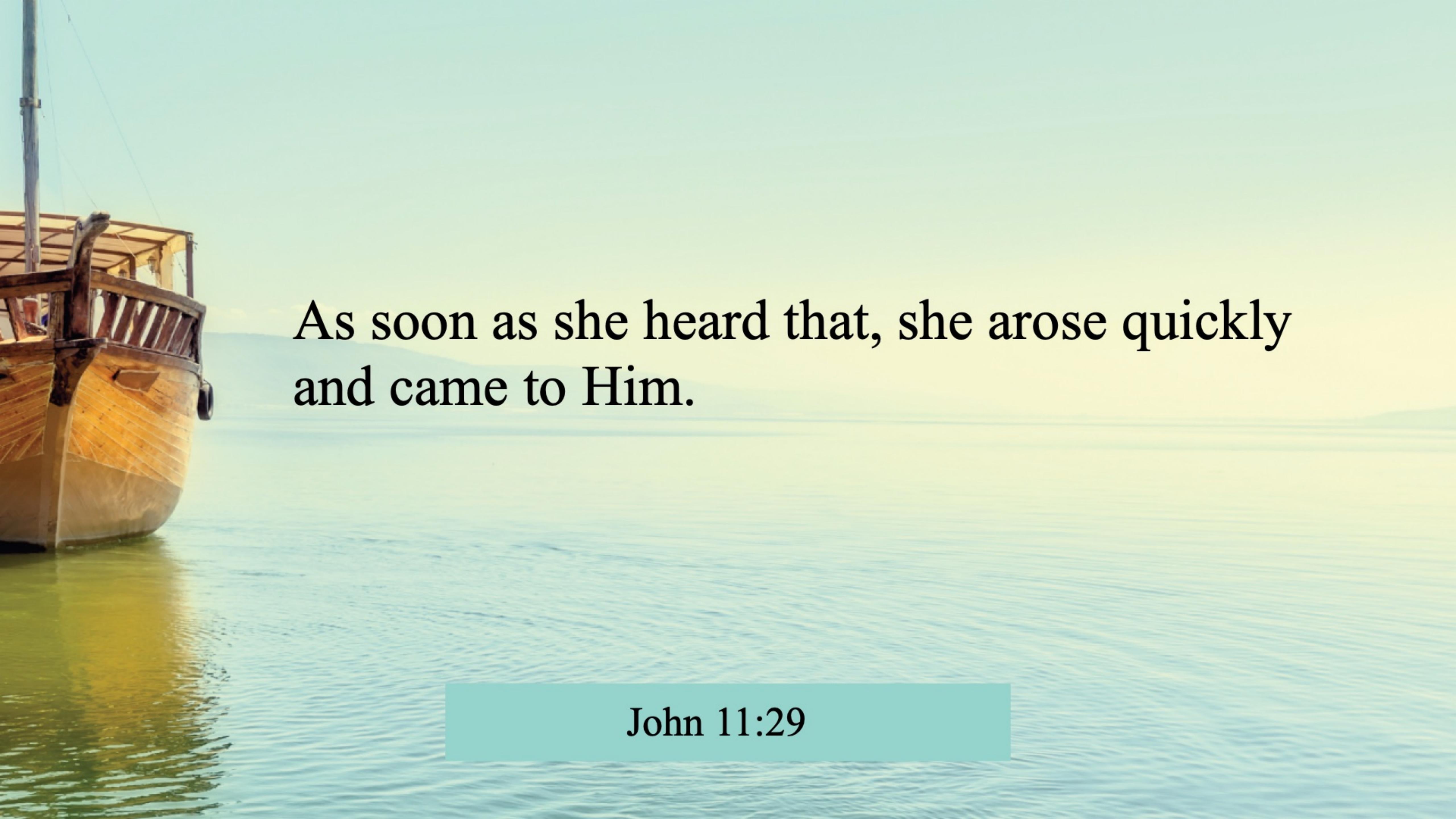
Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

John 11:20

A photograph of a traditional wooden boat, possibly a dhow, docked on a calm sea. The boat is made of light-colored wood and has a simple wooden railing. The water is a light blue-green color, and the sky is bright and clear. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and suggests a coastal or maritime setting.

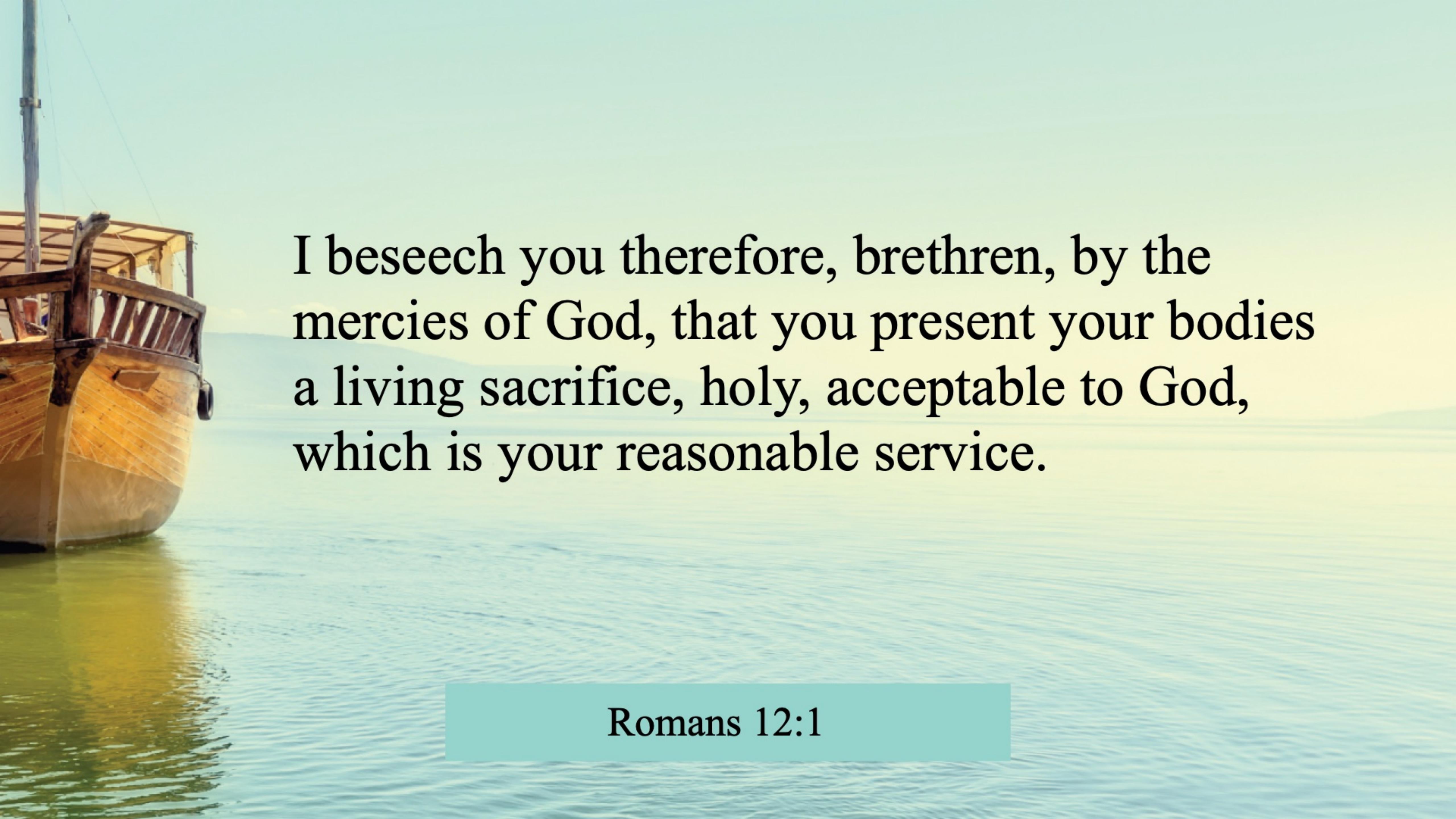
And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, “The Teacher has come and is calling for you.”

John 11:28

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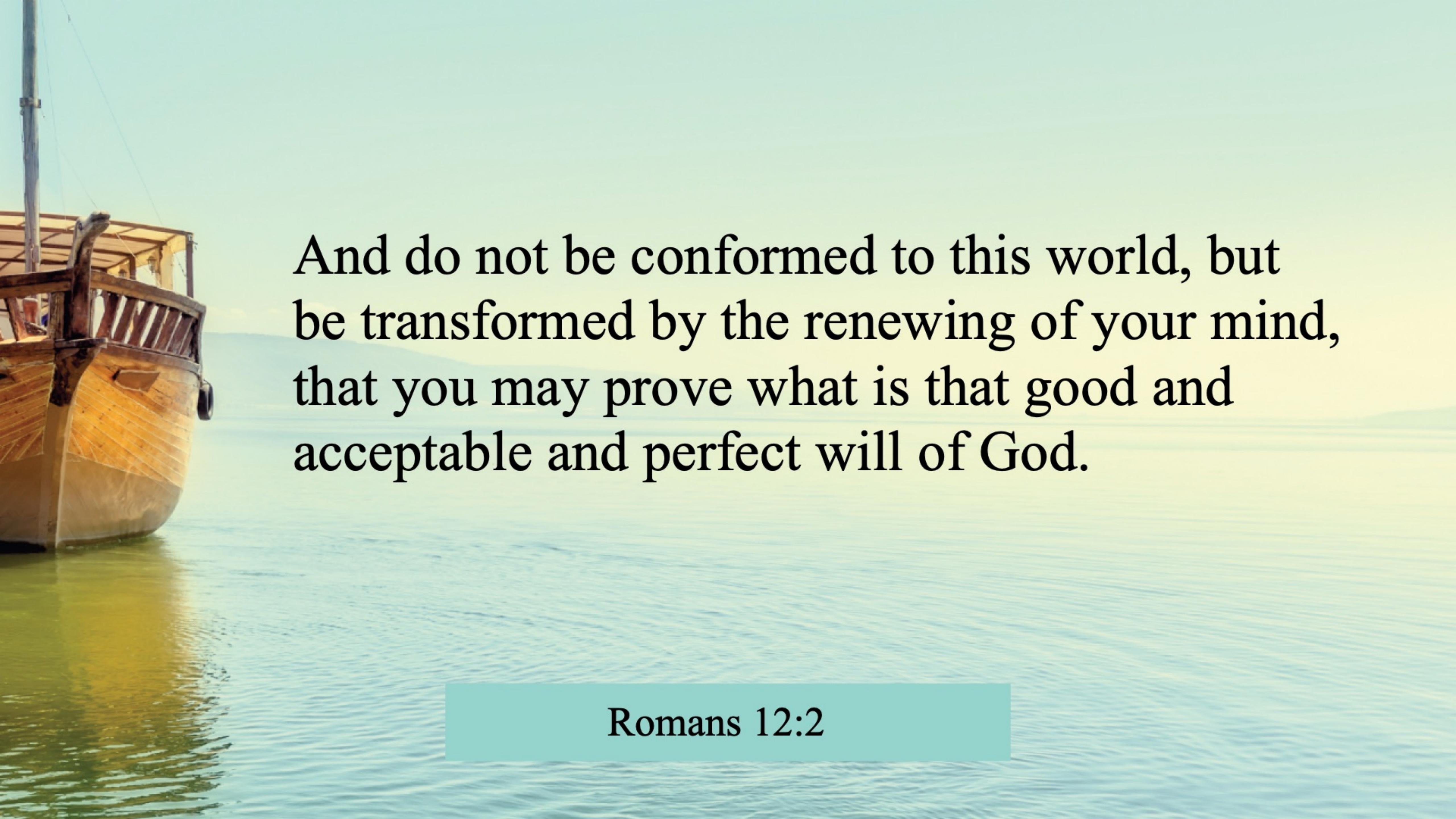
As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly  
and came to Him.

John 11:29

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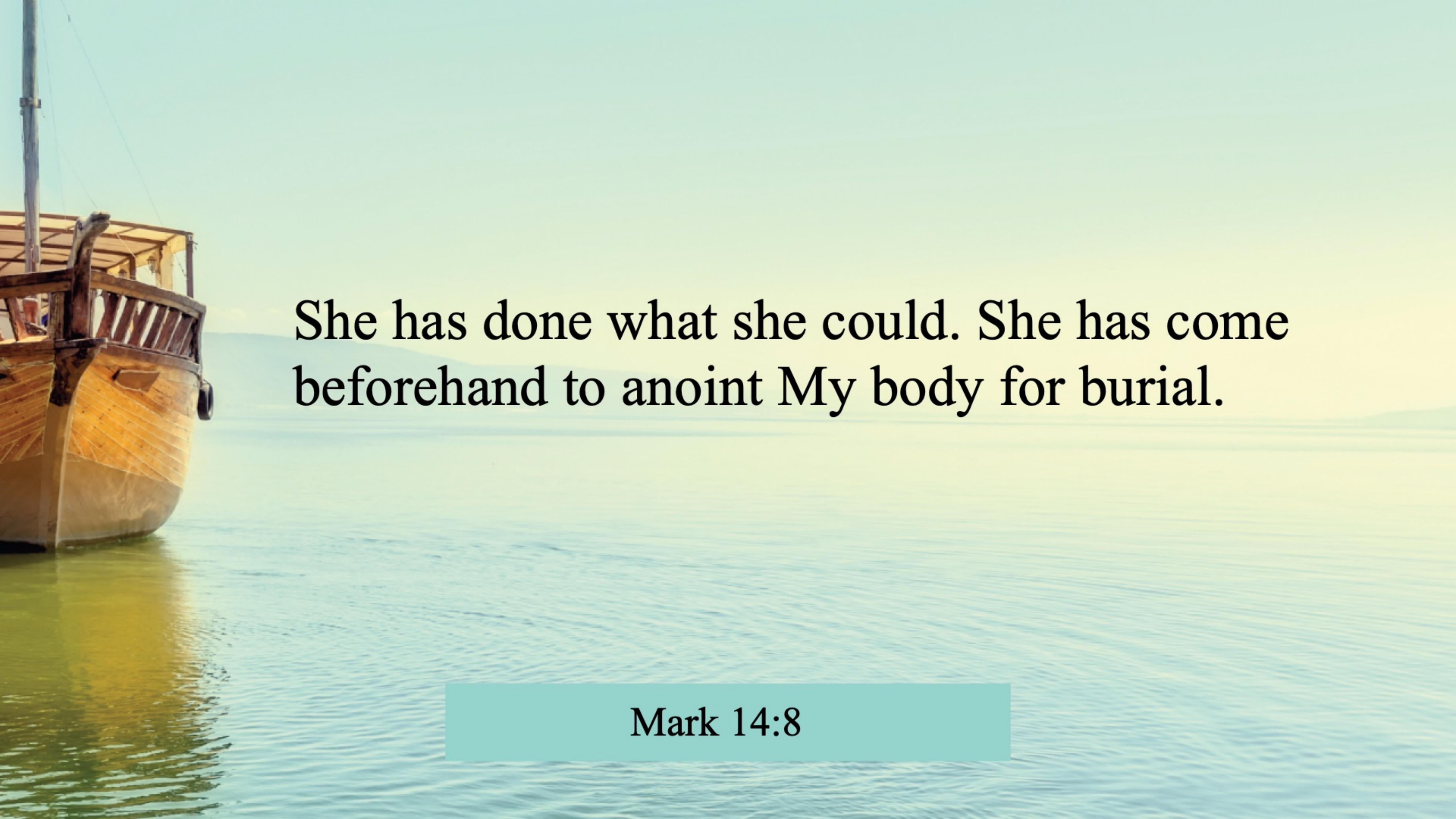
I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the  
mercies of God, that you present your bodies  
a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God,  
which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

A photograph of a traditional wooden boat, possibly a dhow, docked on a calm sea. The boat is illuminated by a warm, golden light, likely from the setting or rising sun. The water is a light blue-green color. The sky is clear and bright. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

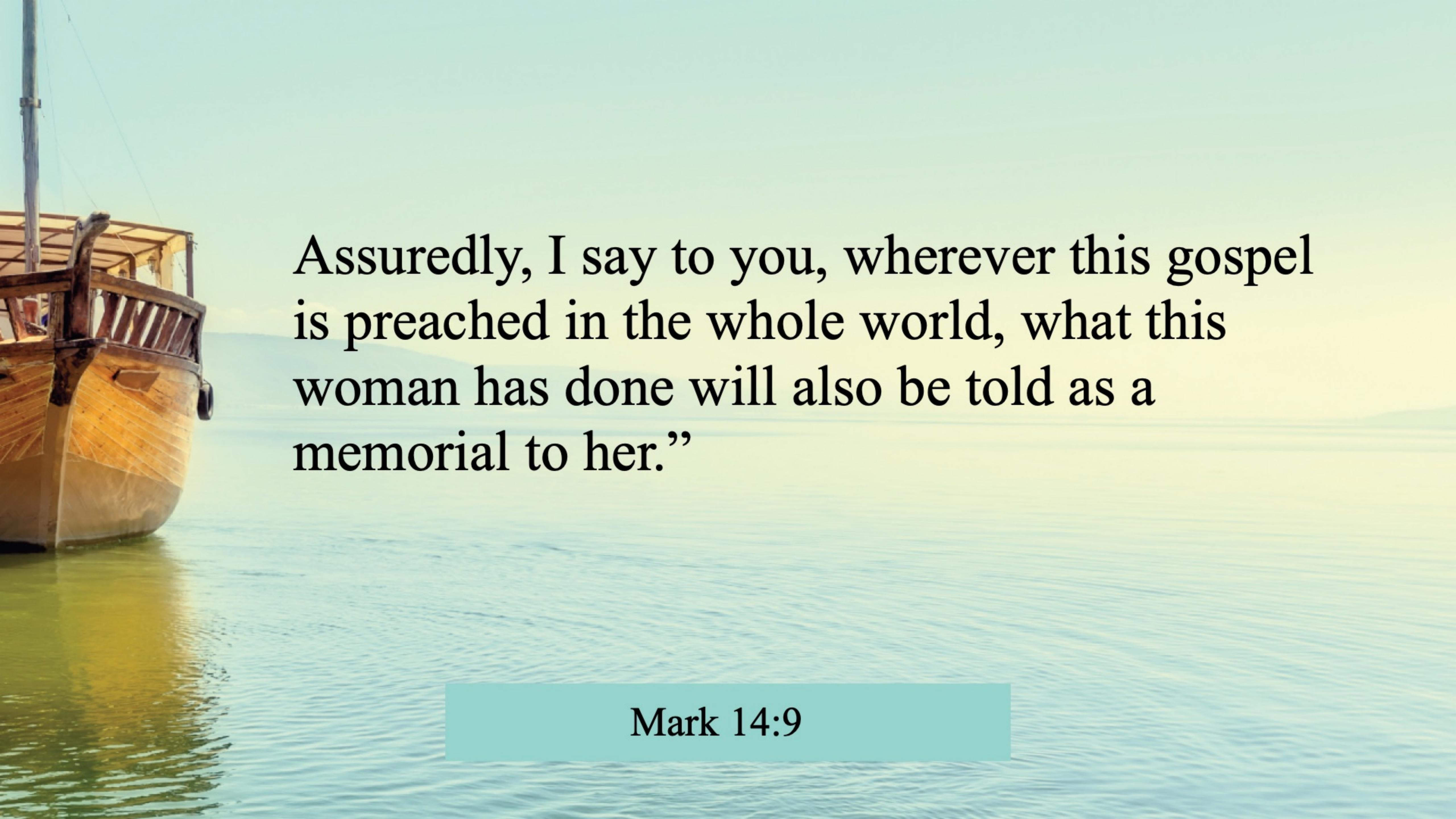
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

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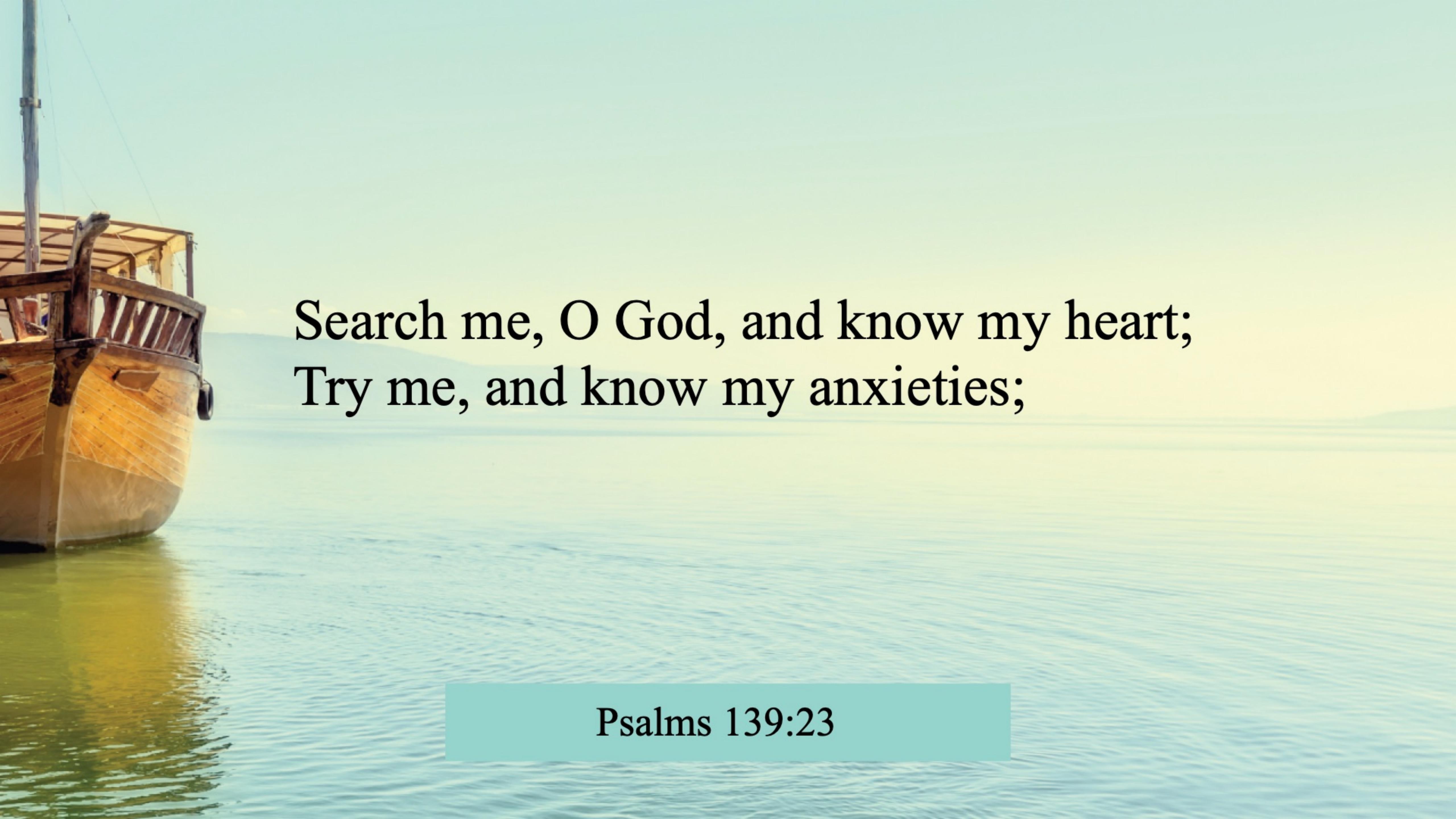
She has done what she could. She has come  
beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

Mark 14:8

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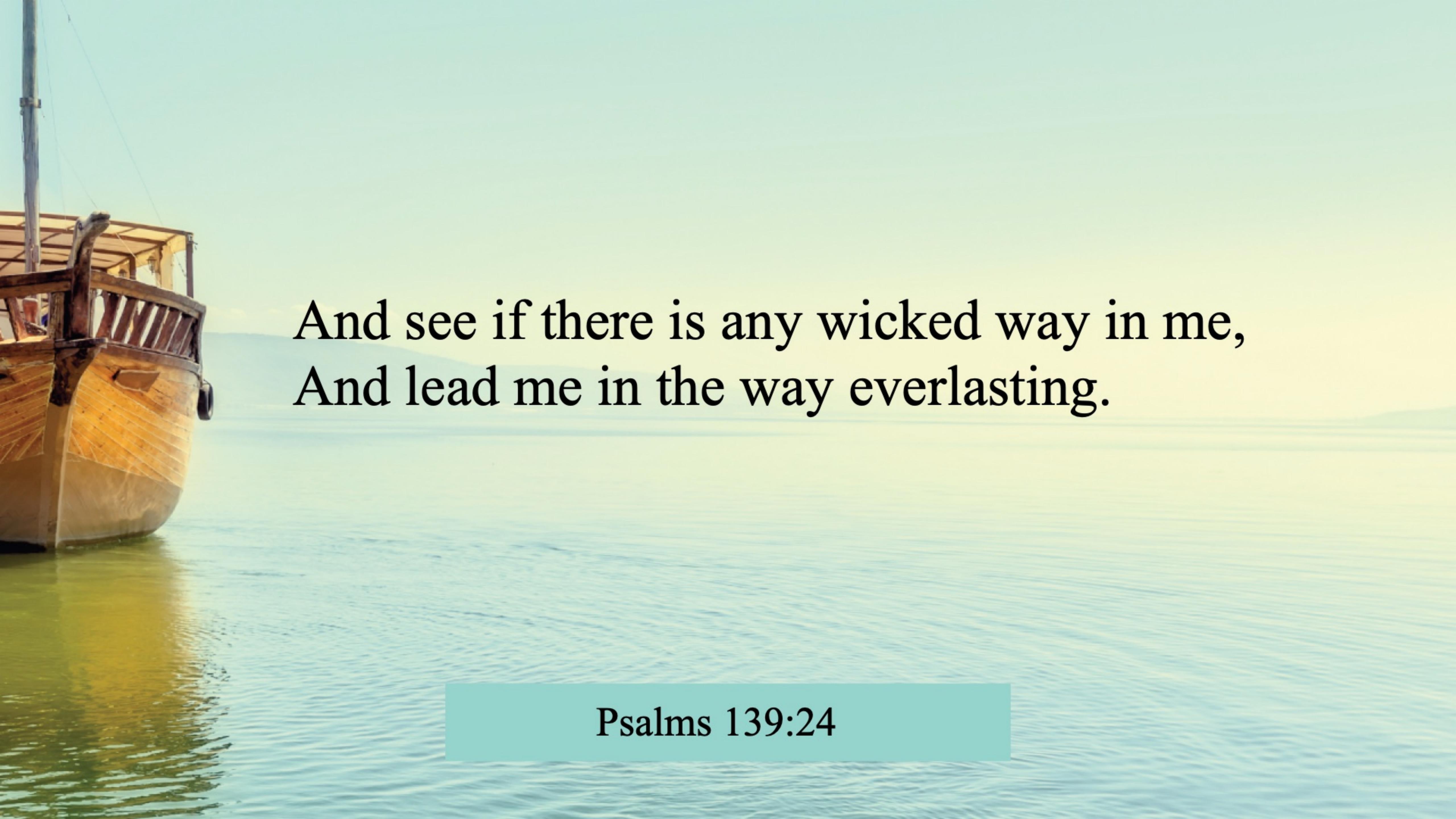
Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

Mark 14:9



Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me, and know my anxieties;

Psalms 139:23



And see if there is any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 139:24



**Hebrew Word for Salvation: yeshuah**

Hebrew name of Jesus: pronounced slightly different  
root of this same word. yeshua

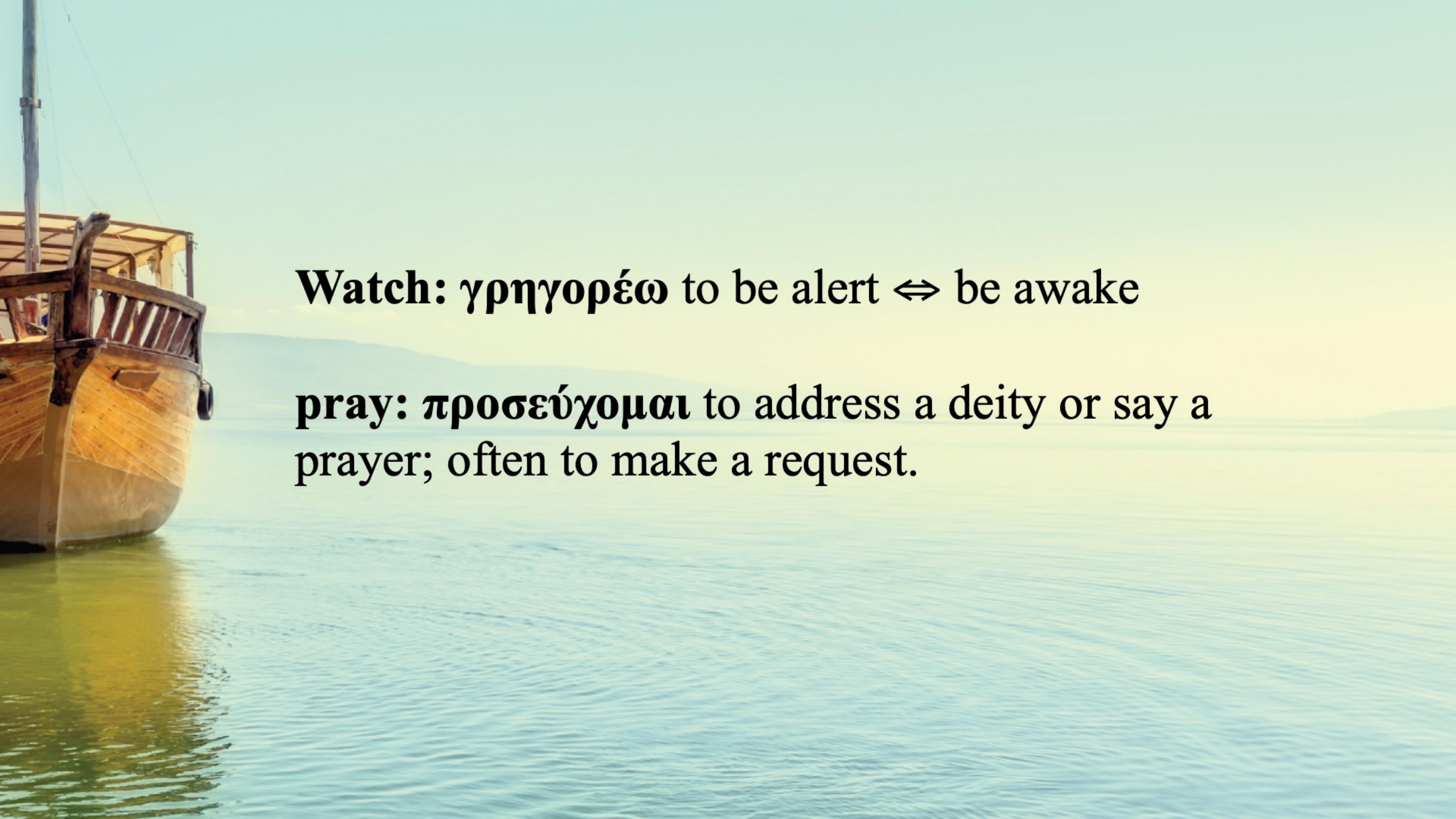
The Lord: Adonai

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Ps 116: 13: I will lift up the cup of yeshuah and call on the name of the Adonai.

Ps 118: 14: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my yeshuah.

Ps 118:21-23: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my yeshuah.  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Adonai's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

A photograph of a traditional wooden boat, possibly a dhow, docked on a calm, light blue sea. The boat's hull is visible on the left, showing its wooden planks and a small cabin structure. In the background, there are hazy, greenish-blue mountains under a clear sky.

**Watch:** *γρηγορέω* to be alert ⇔ be awake

**pray:** *προσεύχομαι* to address a deity or say a prayer; often to make a request.