




The Book of Mark

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







	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Text	26:6-13	14:3-9	7:36-50	12:1-8
Woman	Anonymous	Anonymous	Anonymous	Mary (sister of Lazarus)
When?	2 days before Passover	2 days before Passover	Early in Jesus's ministry	6 days before Passover
Where?	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)
Jesus's position	Reclined at table	Reclined at table	Reclined at table	Unstated
Anointing	Perfume poured on head	Perfume poured on head	Ointment and tears on feet; wiped with hair	Perfume poured on feet; wiped with hair
Ointment Case	Alabaster flask	Alabaster flask	Alabaster flask	12oz jar
Response of onlookers	Disciples object	"Some" disciples object	Simon objects	Judas objects
Primary objection	Cost of perfume waster	Cost of perfume wasted	Sinfulness of woman	Cost of perfume wasted
Response of Jesus	Rebukes disciples	Rebukes disciples	Rebukes Simon	Rebukes Judas
Next event	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
Jesus's conclusion	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
Reason for anointing	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/>

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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 Guzik commentary & https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/anointing#google_vignette)

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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.

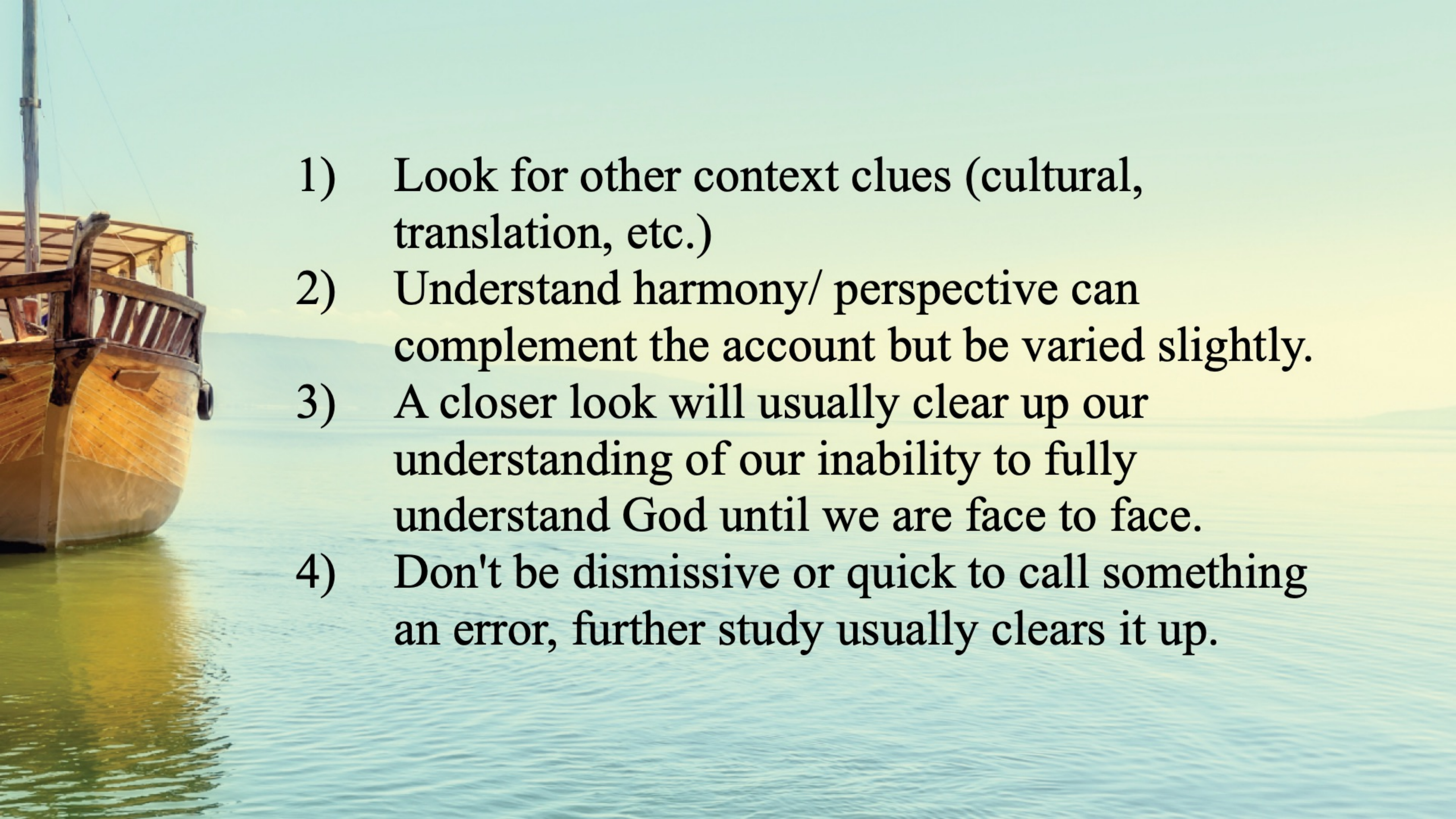
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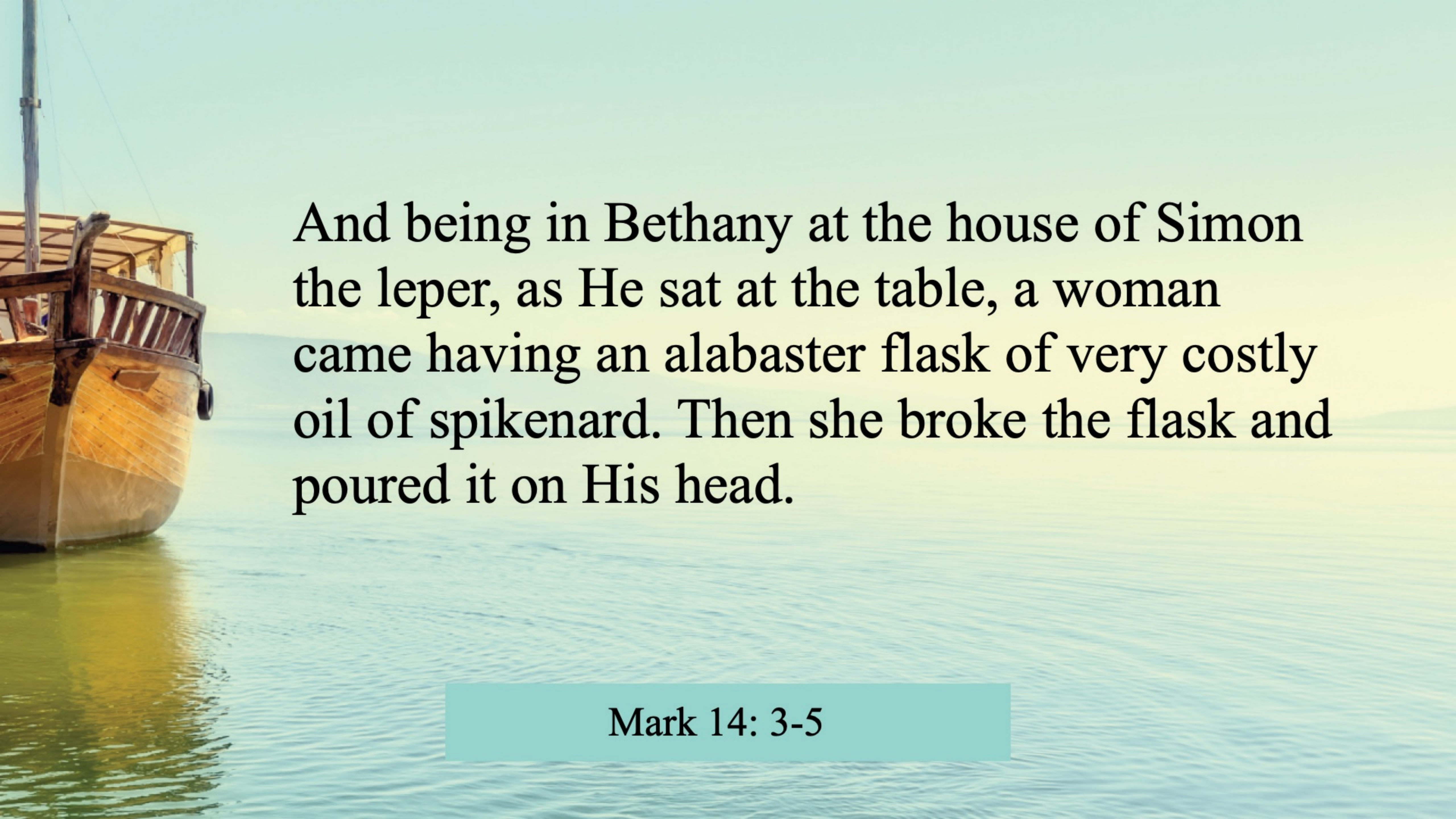
David Guzik & Chuck Smith Commentary BLB:

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Pastor Mike Winger at Bible Thinker: [https://
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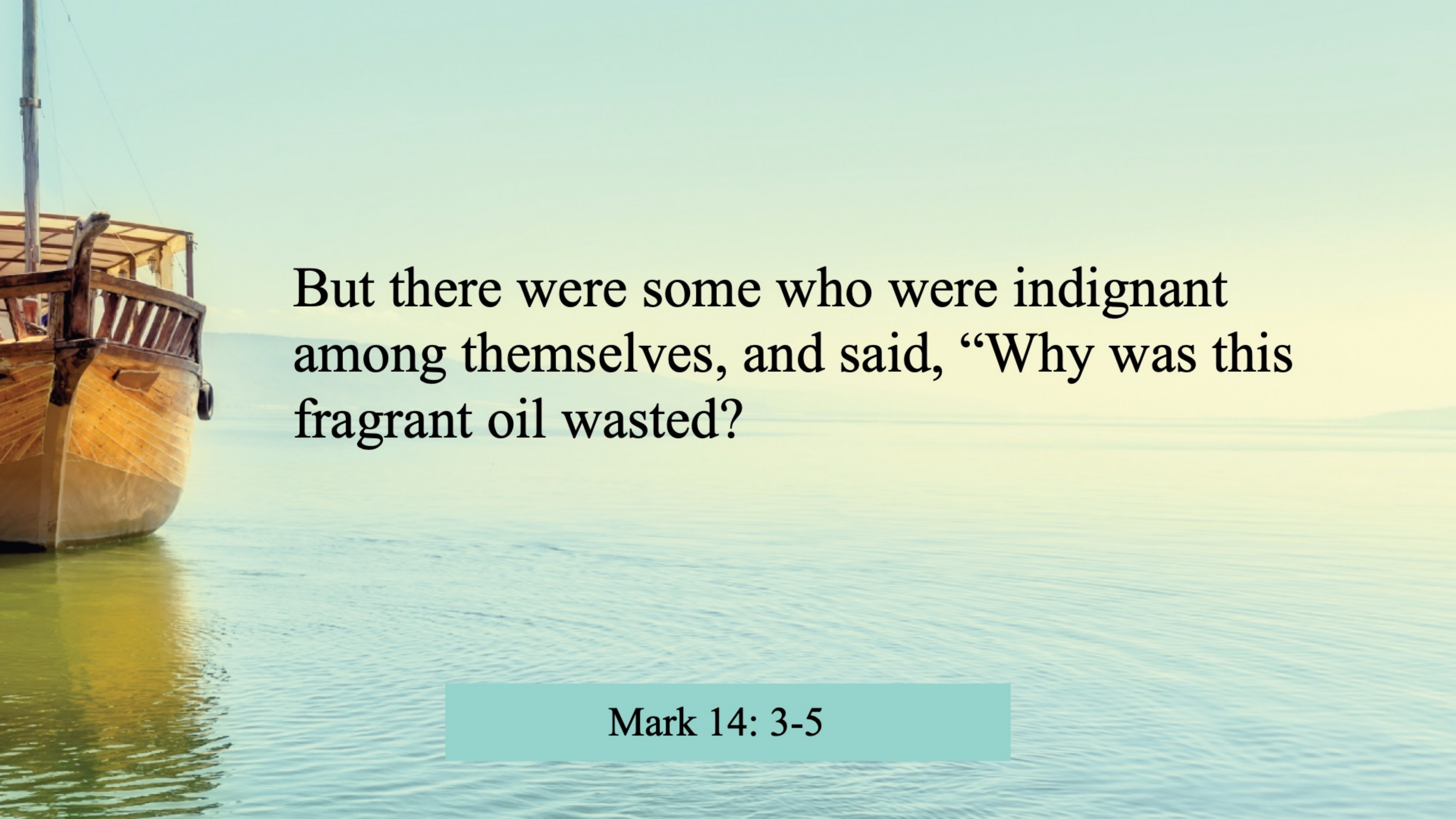
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- 1) Look for other context clues (cultural, translation, etc.)
 - 2) Understand harmony/ perspective can complement the account but be varied slightly.
 - 3) A closer look will usually clear up our understanding of our inability to fully understand 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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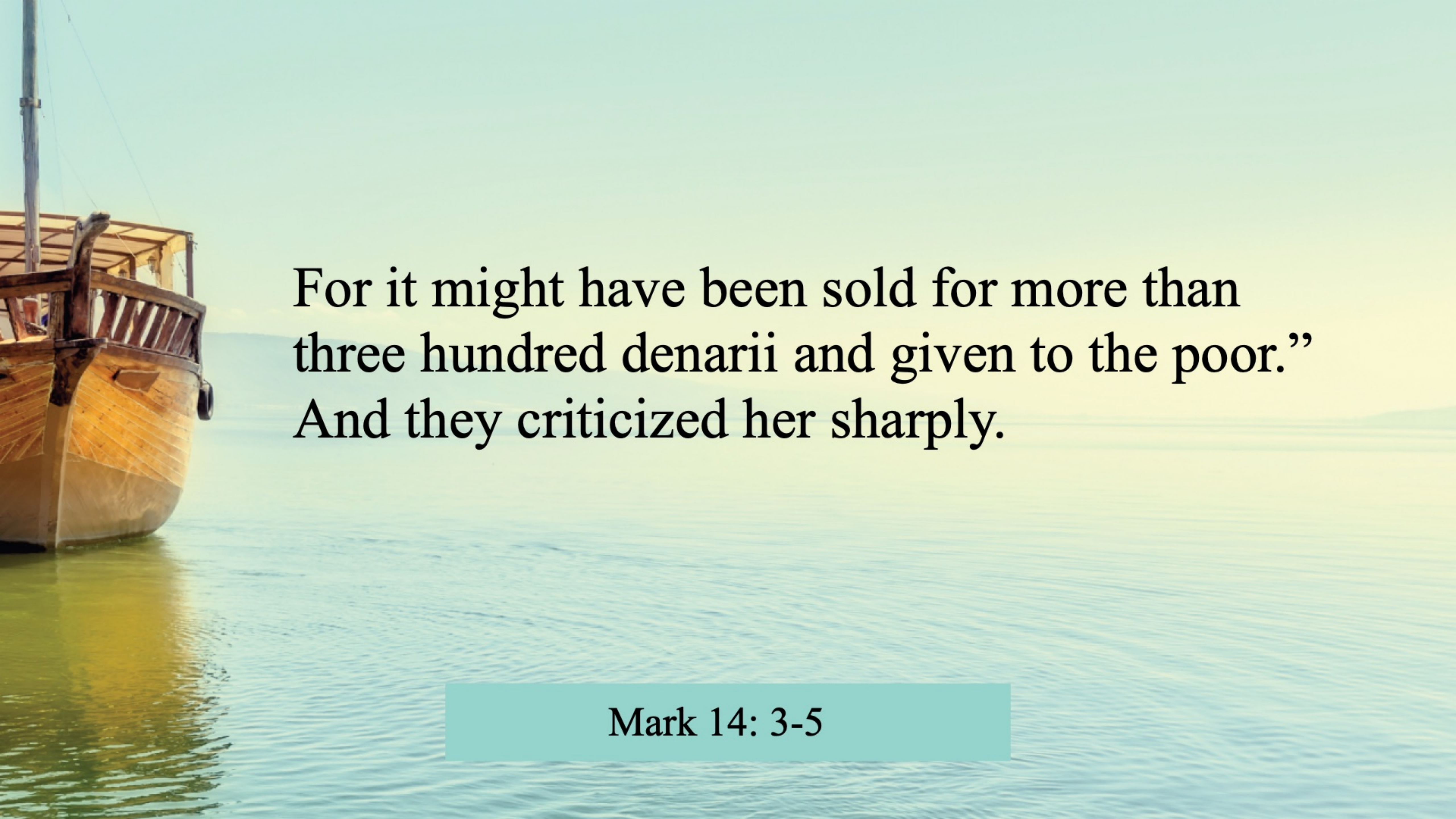
And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

Mark 14: 3-5

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

Mark 14: 3-5

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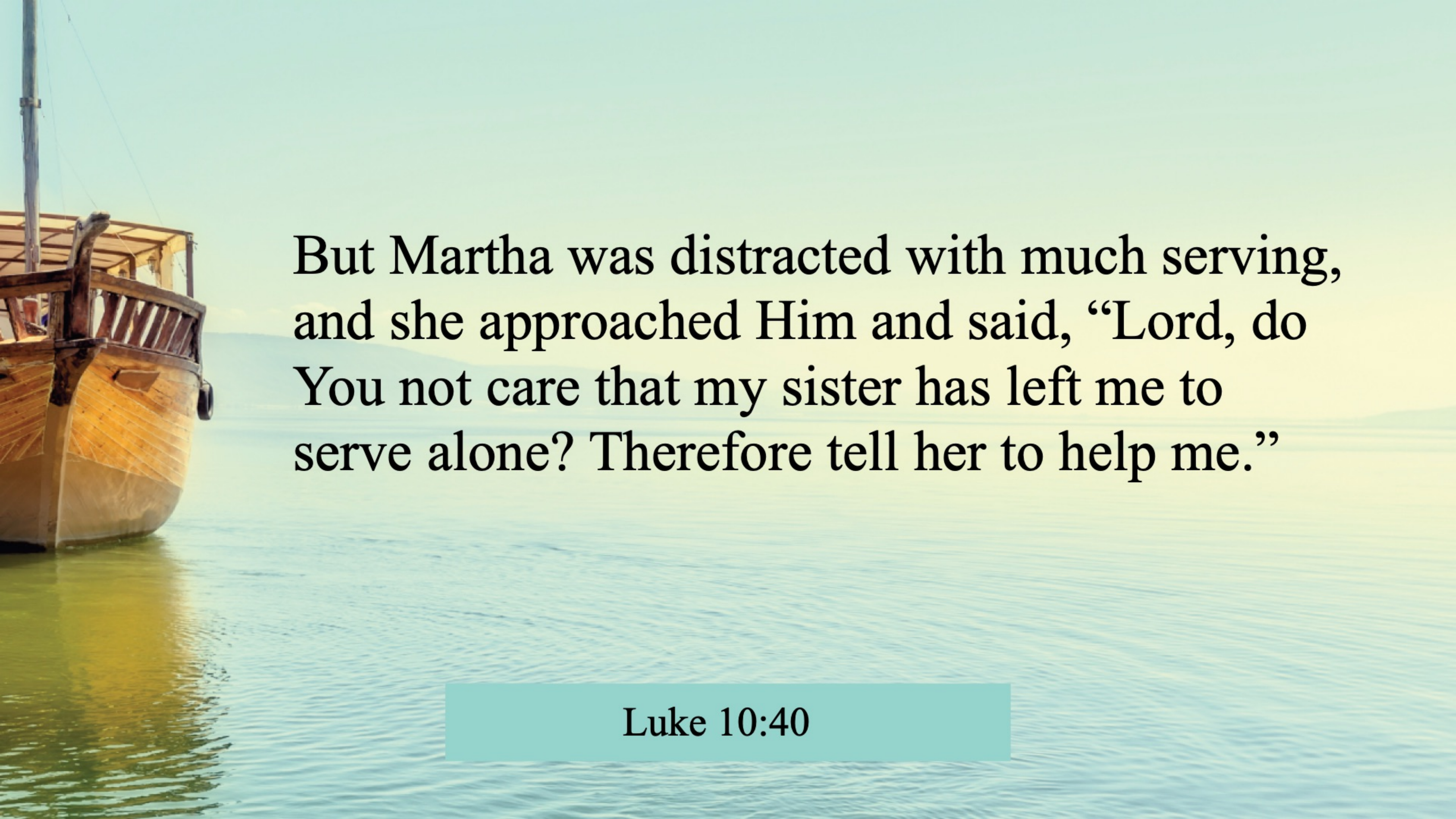
For it might have been sold for more than
three hundred denarii and given to the poor.”
And they criticized her sharply.

Mark 14: 3-5

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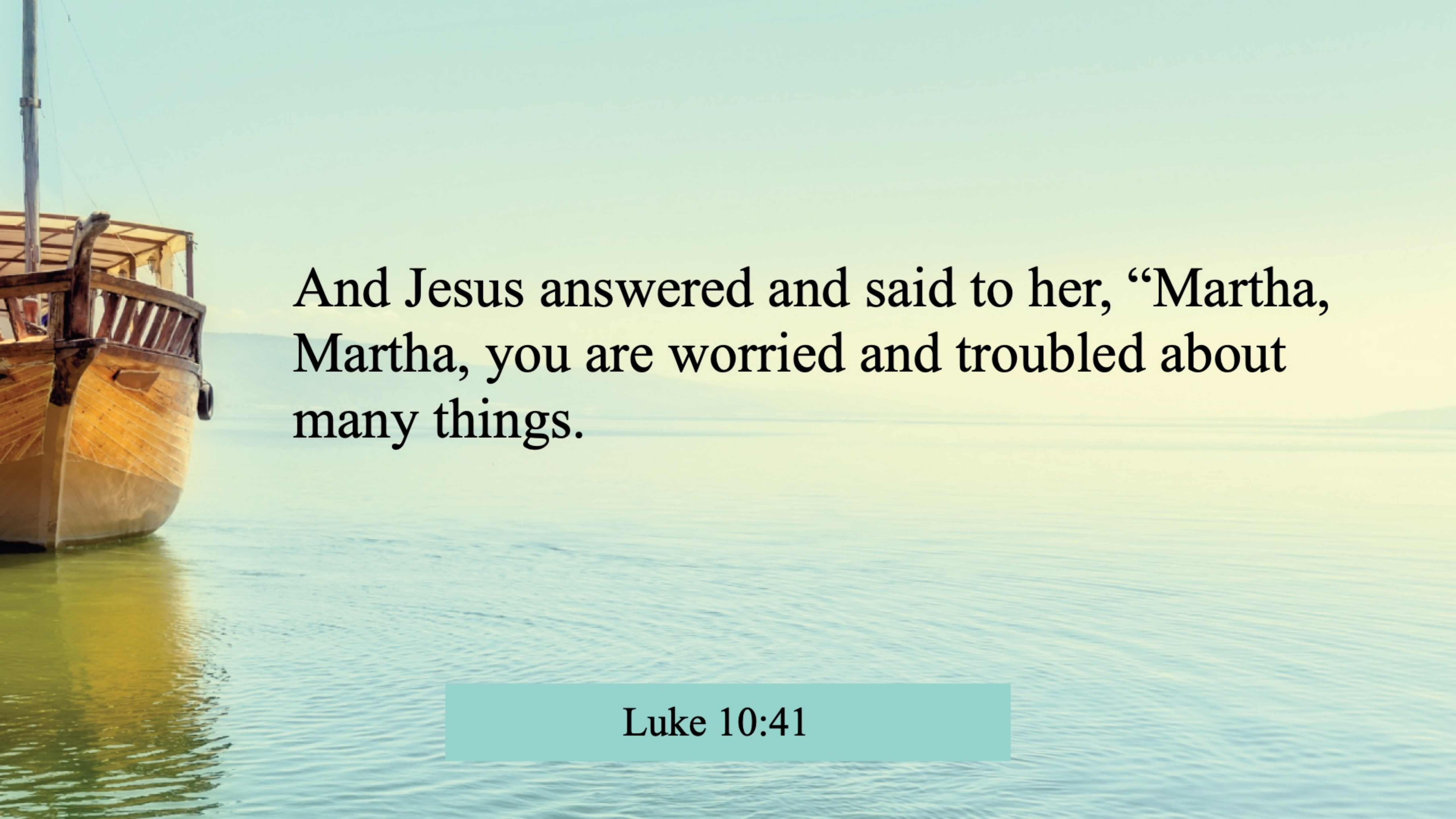
And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat
at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

Luke 10:39

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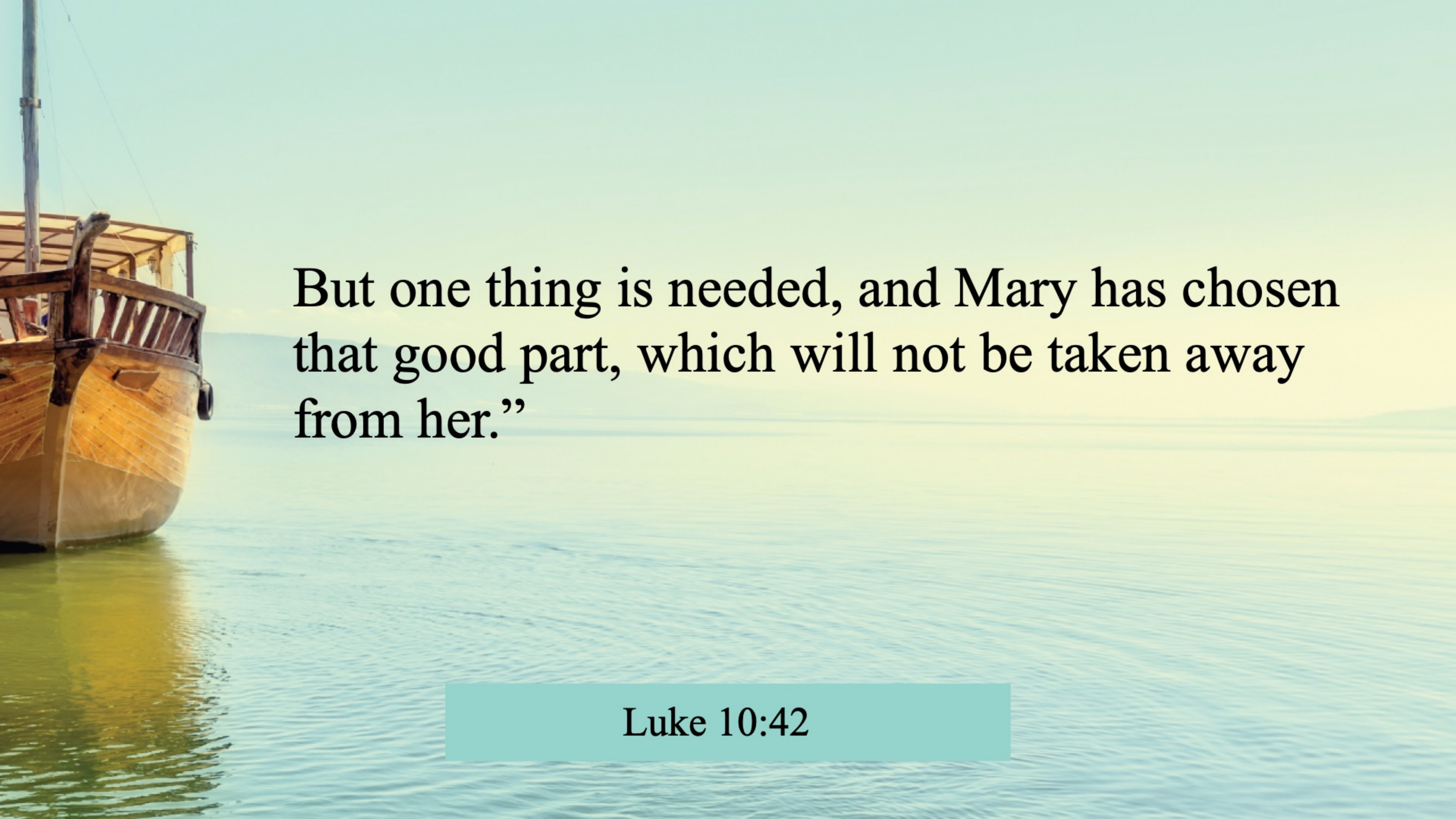
But Martha was distracted with much serving,
and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do
You not care that my sister has left me to
serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”

Luke 10:40

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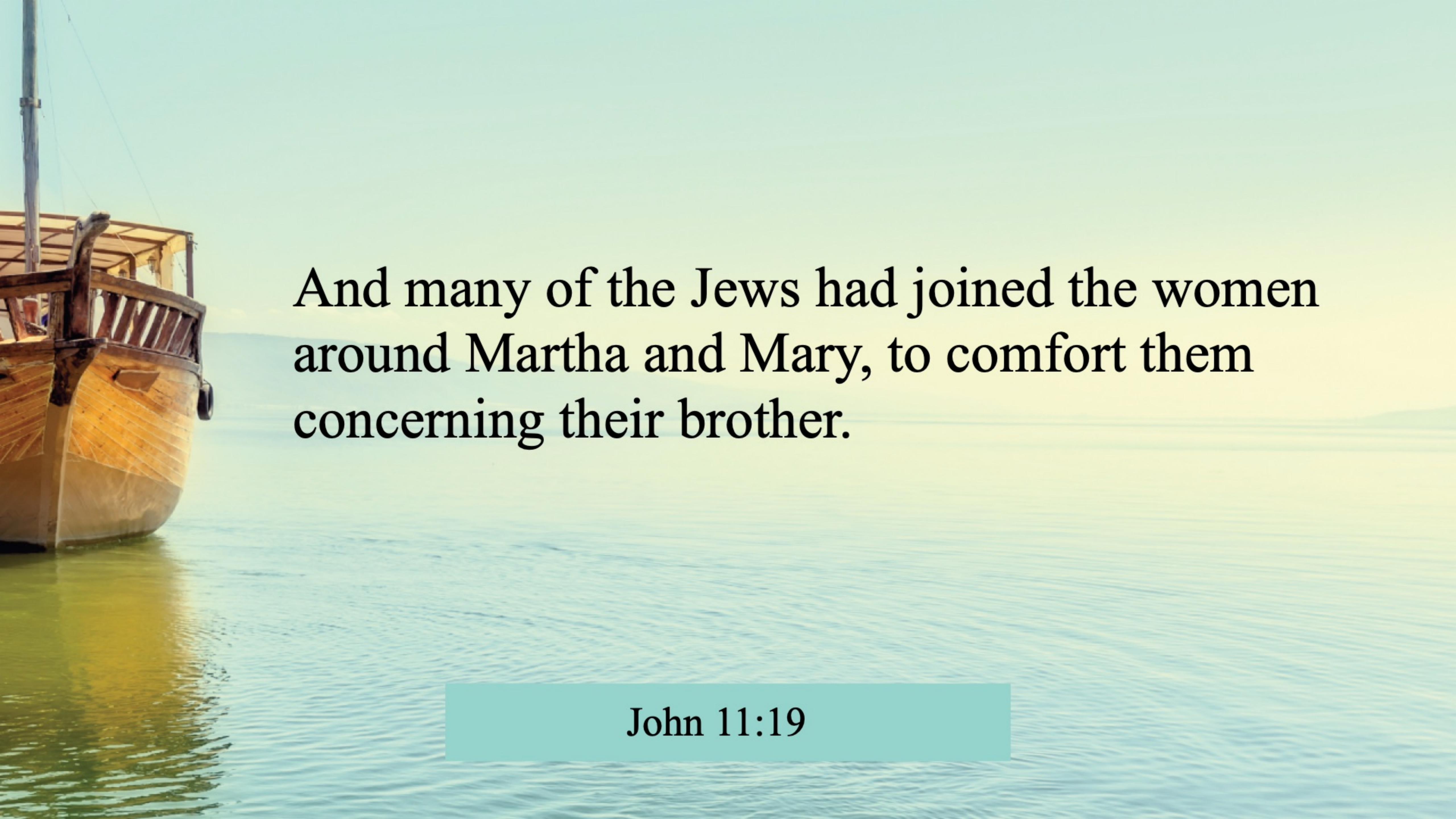
And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

Luke 10:41

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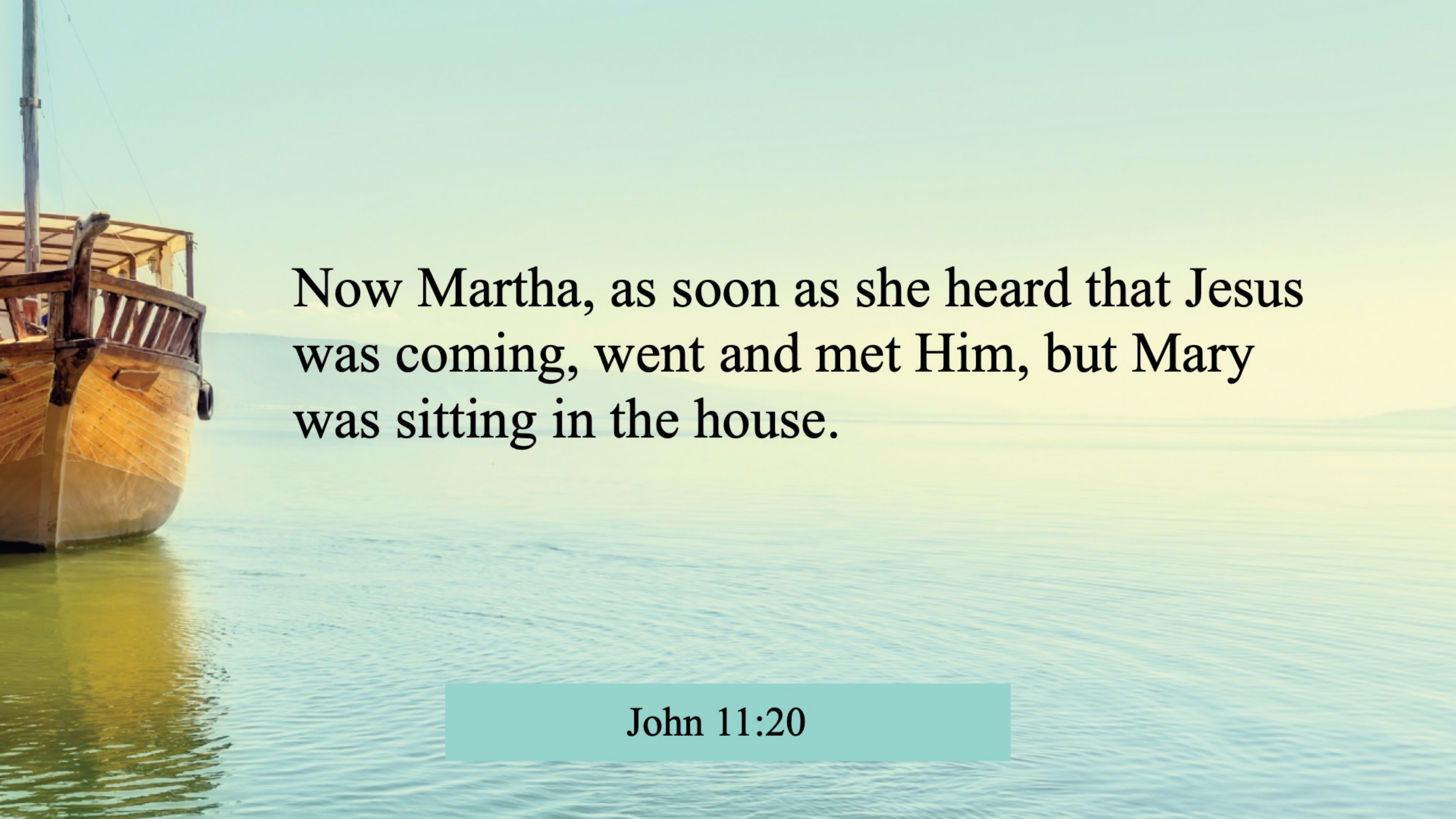
But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:42

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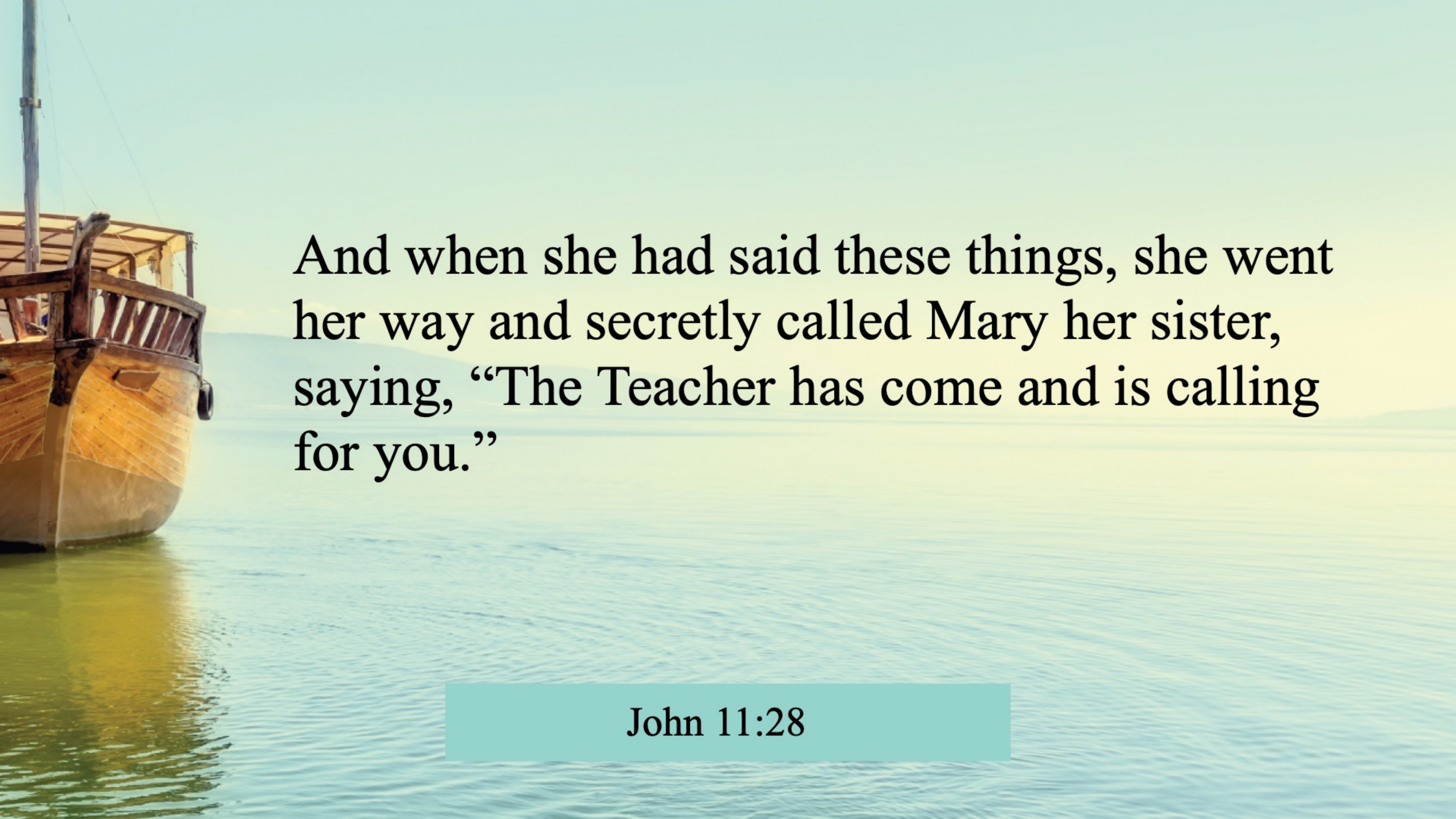
And many of the Jews had joined the women
around Martha and Mary, to comfort them
concerning their brother.

John 11:19

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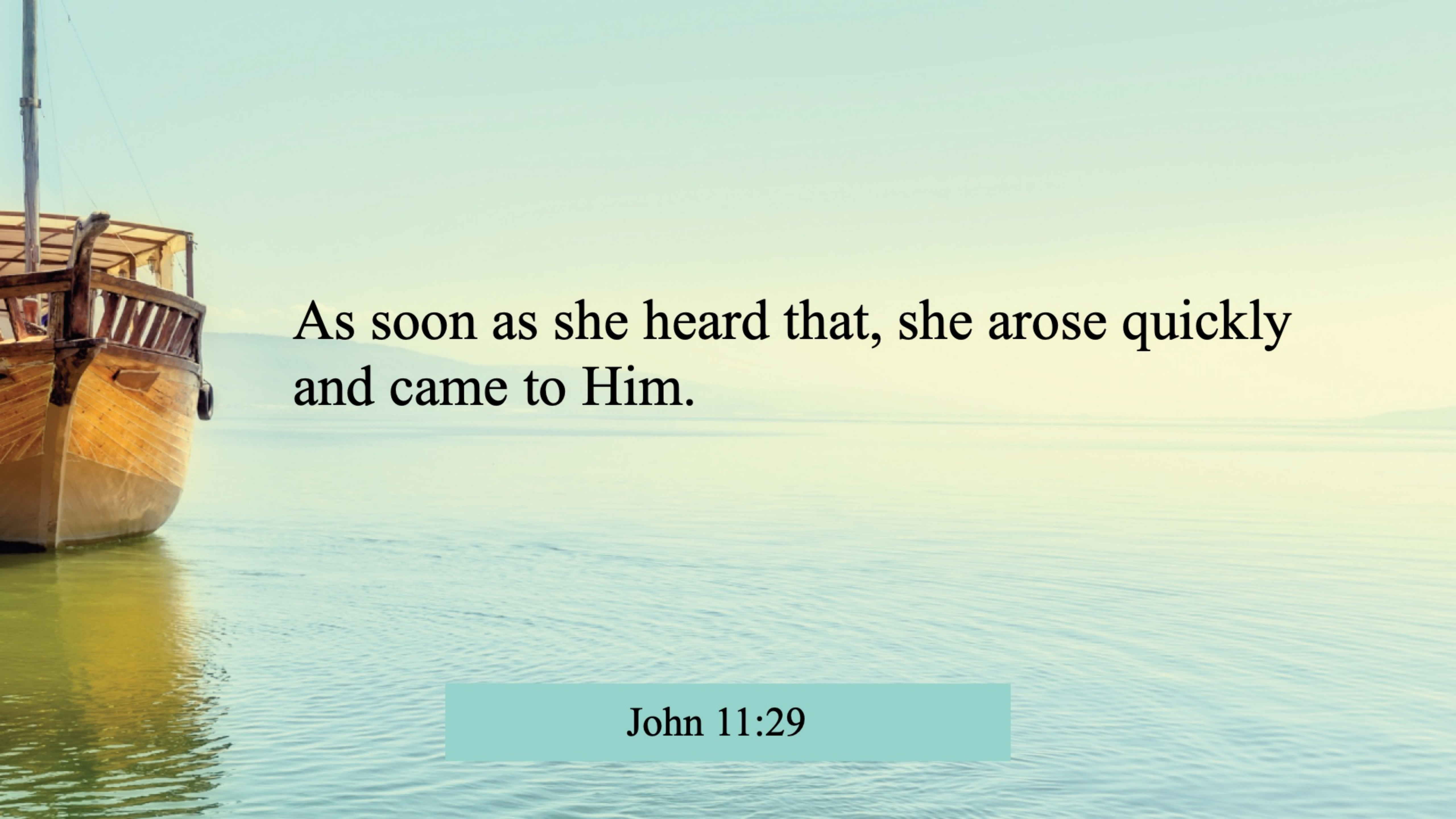
Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

John 11:20

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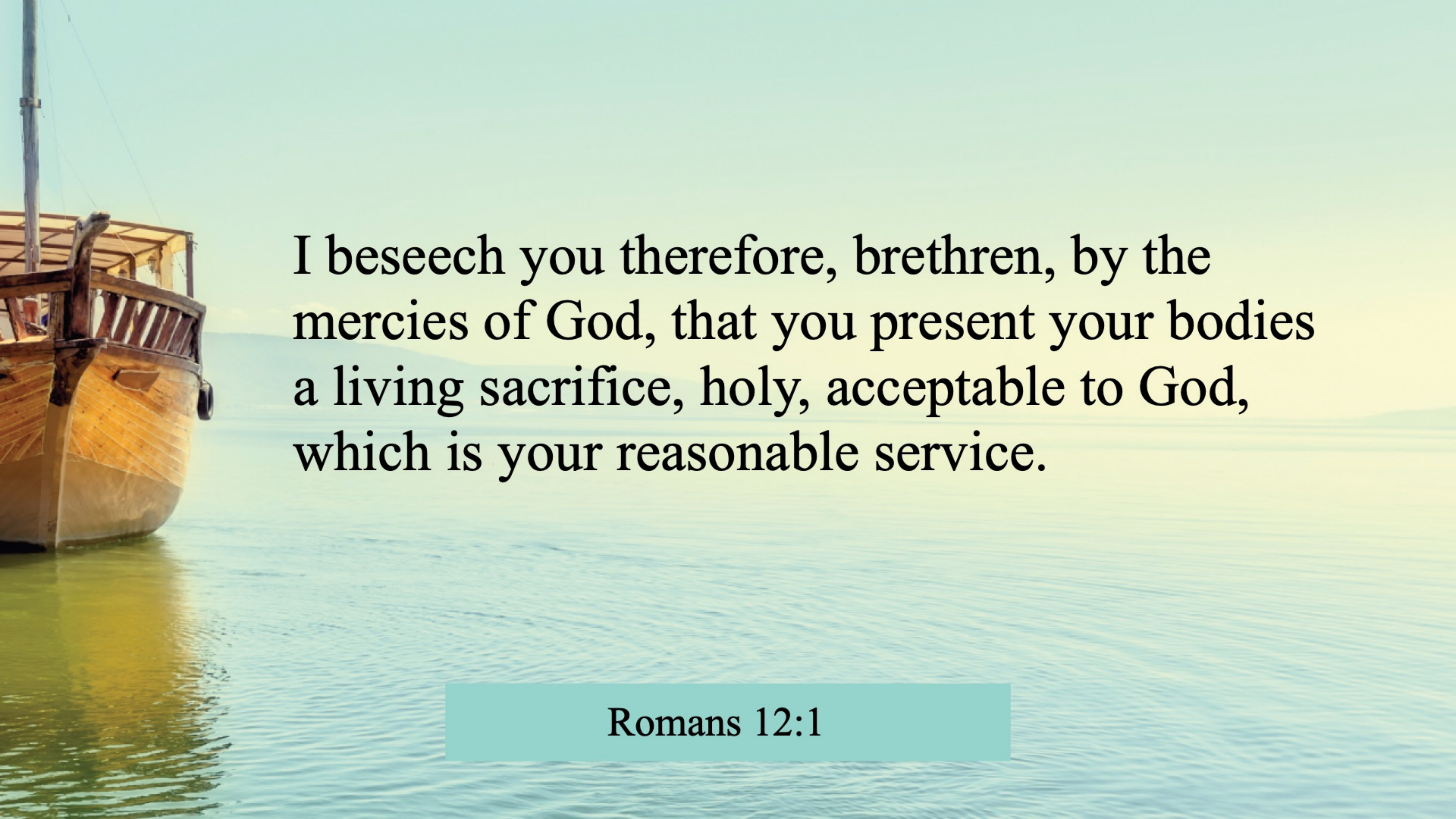
And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, “The Teacher has come and is calling for you.”

John 11:28

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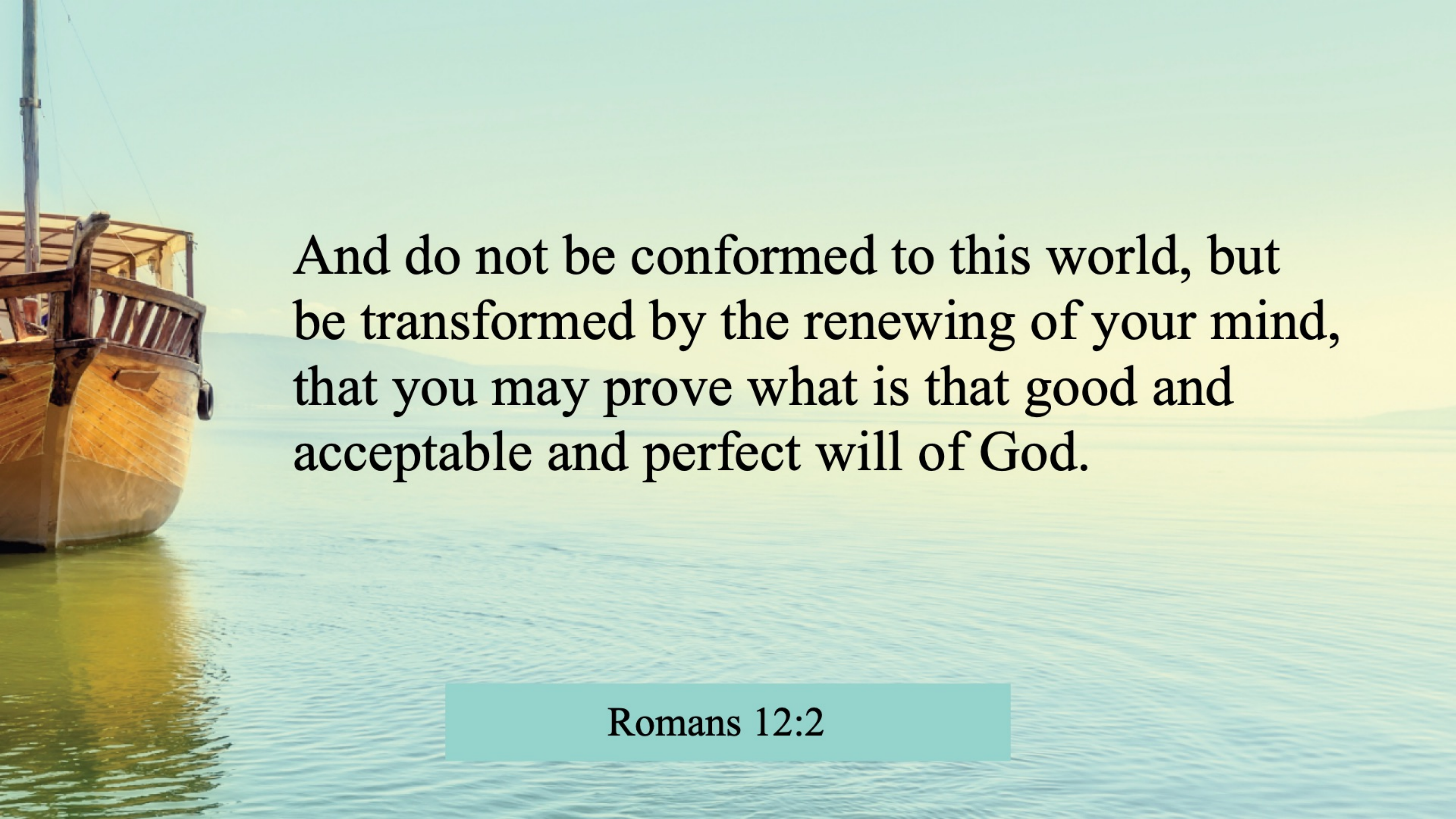
As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly
and came to Him.

John 11:29

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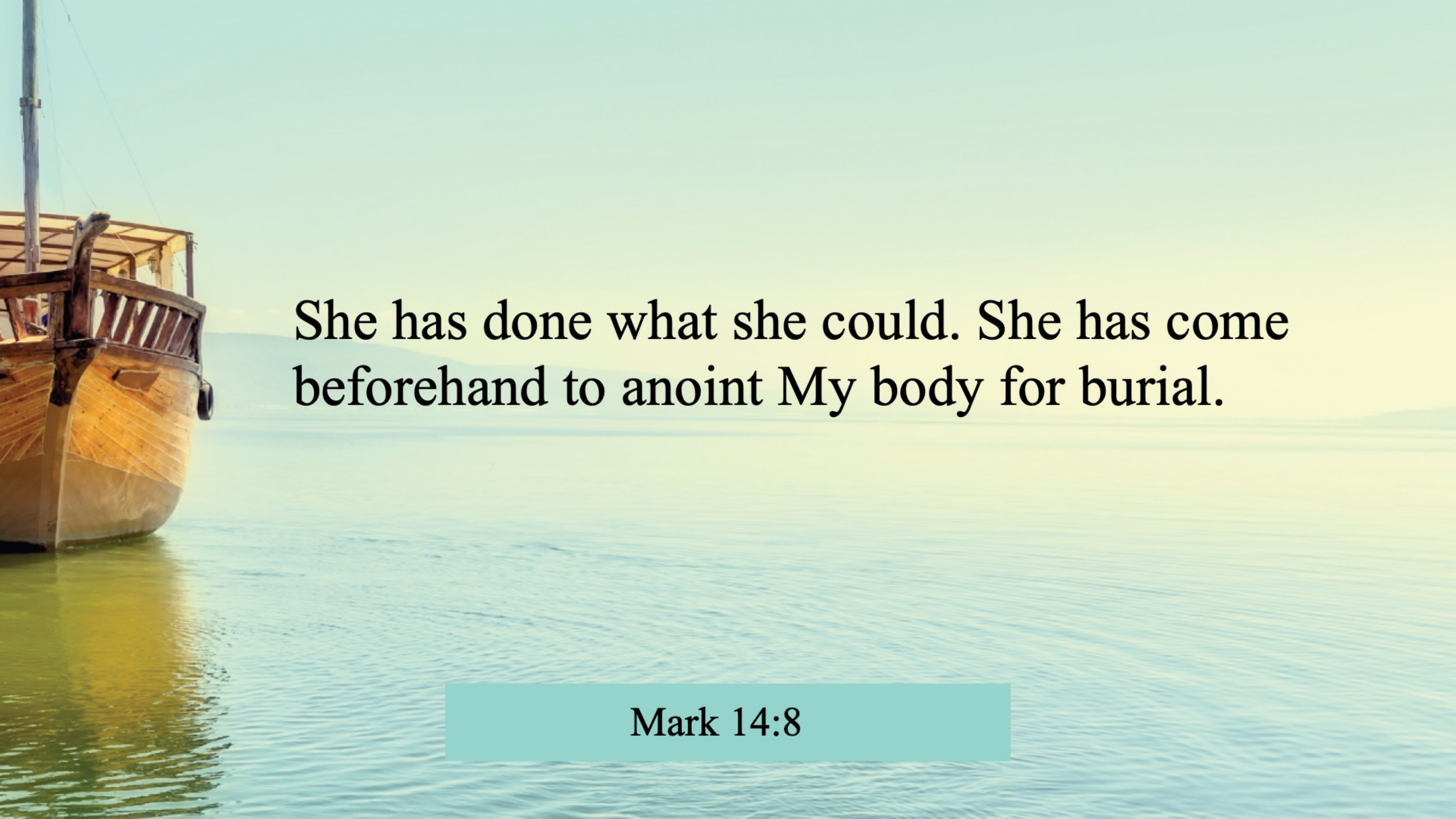
I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

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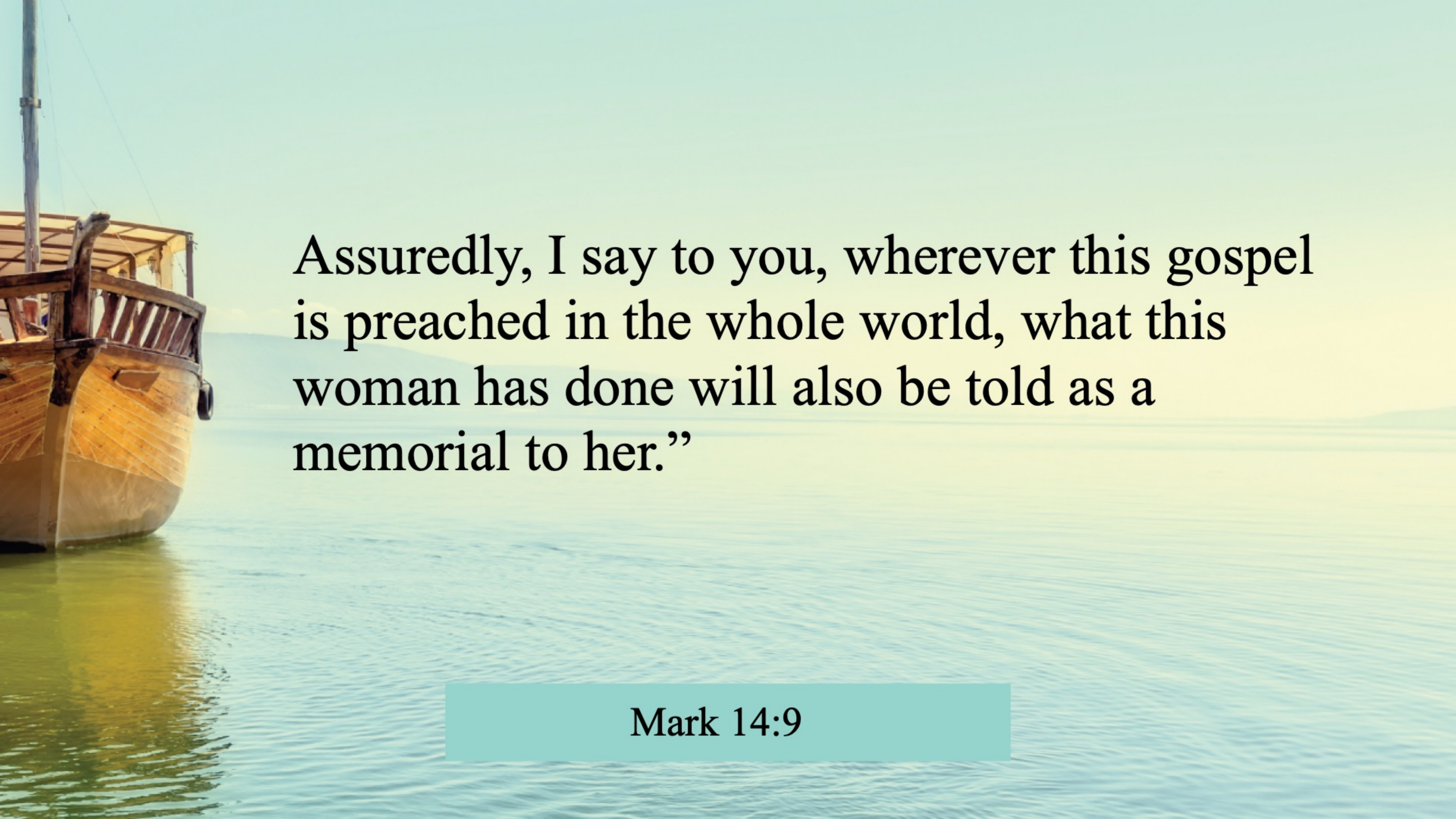
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

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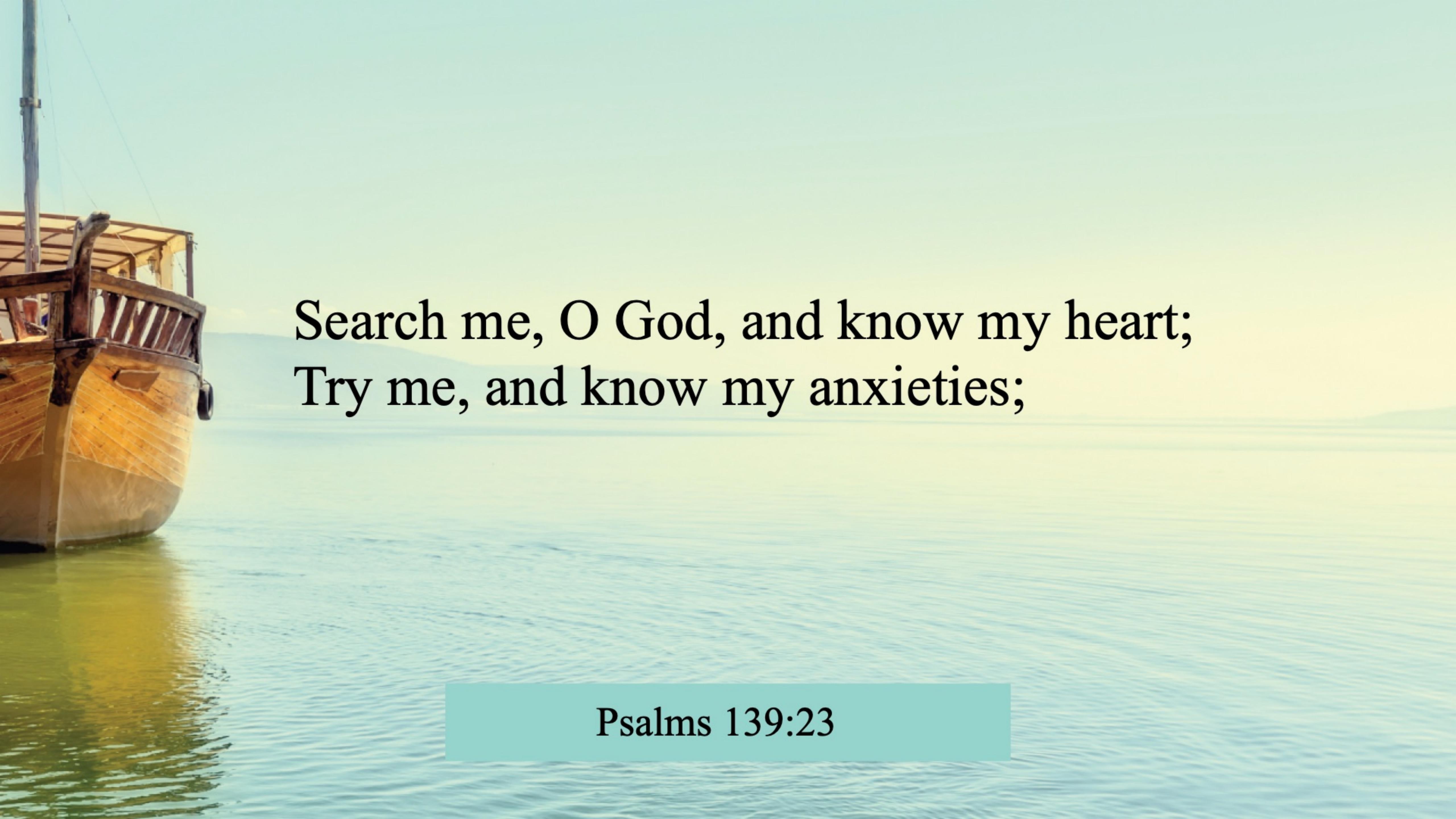
She has done what she could. She has come
beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

Mark 14:8

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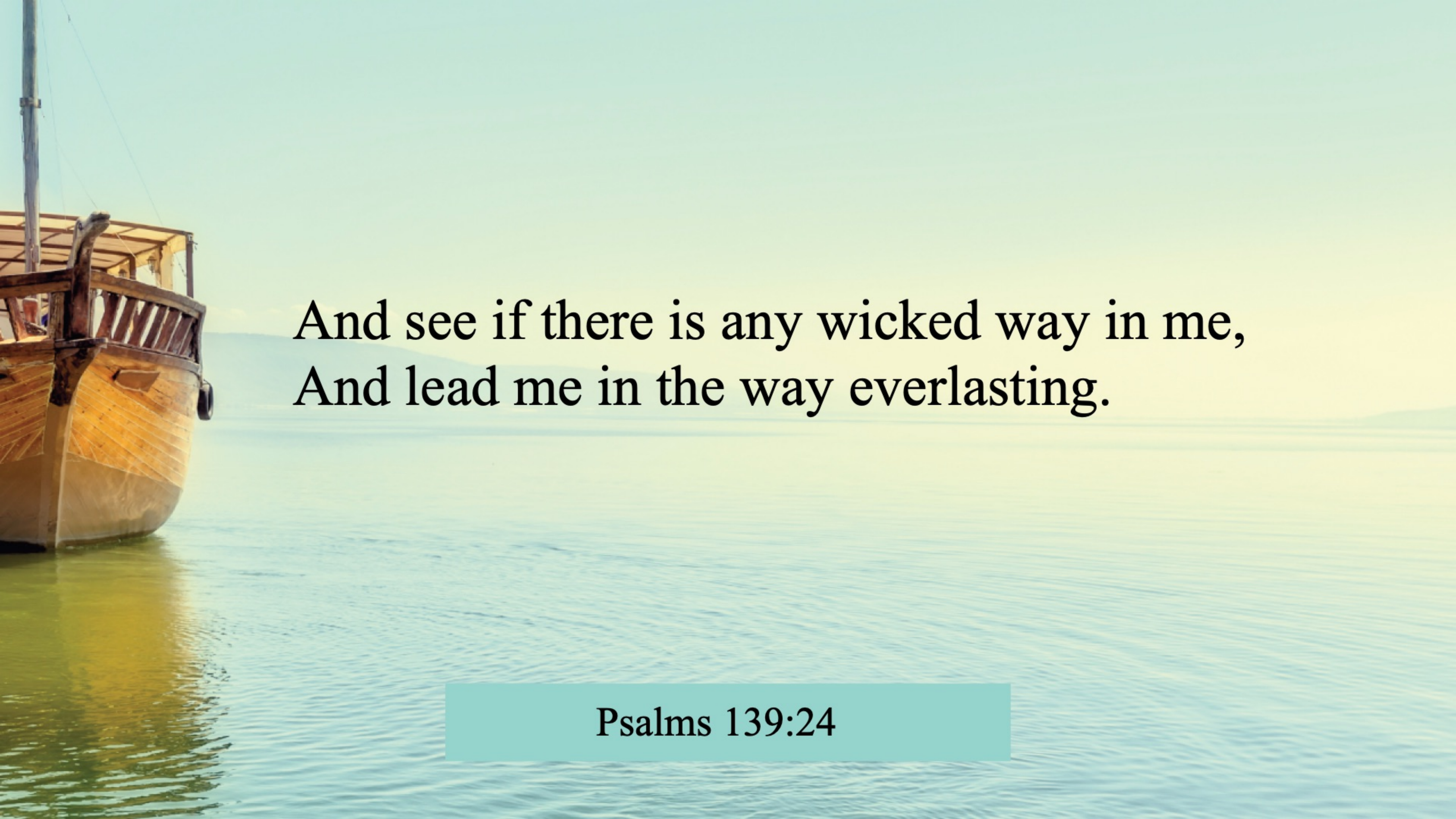
Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

Mark 14:9

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

Psalms 139:23

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

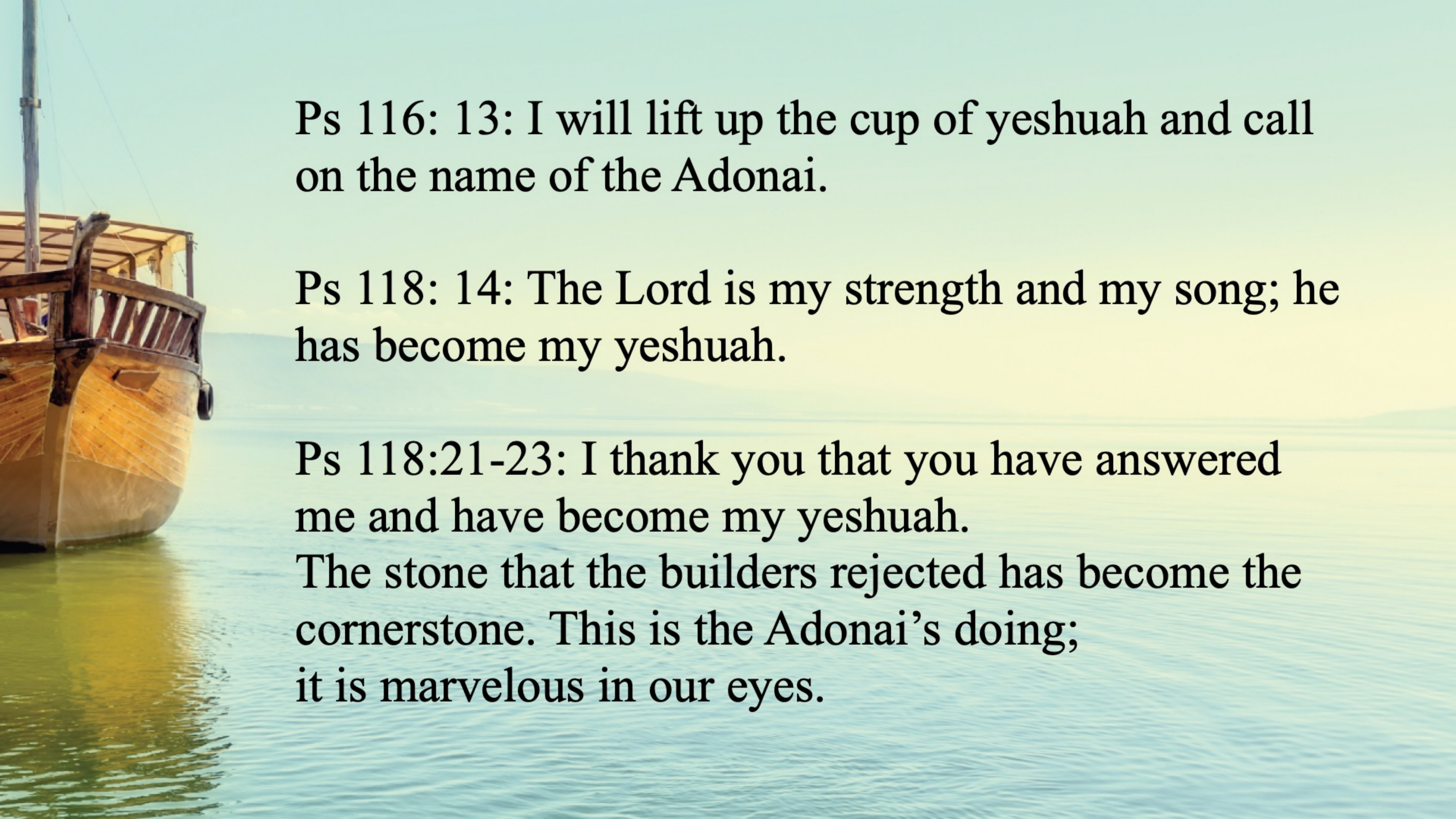
Psalms 139:24

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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.

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Watch: γρηγορέω to be alert ⇔ be awake

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