



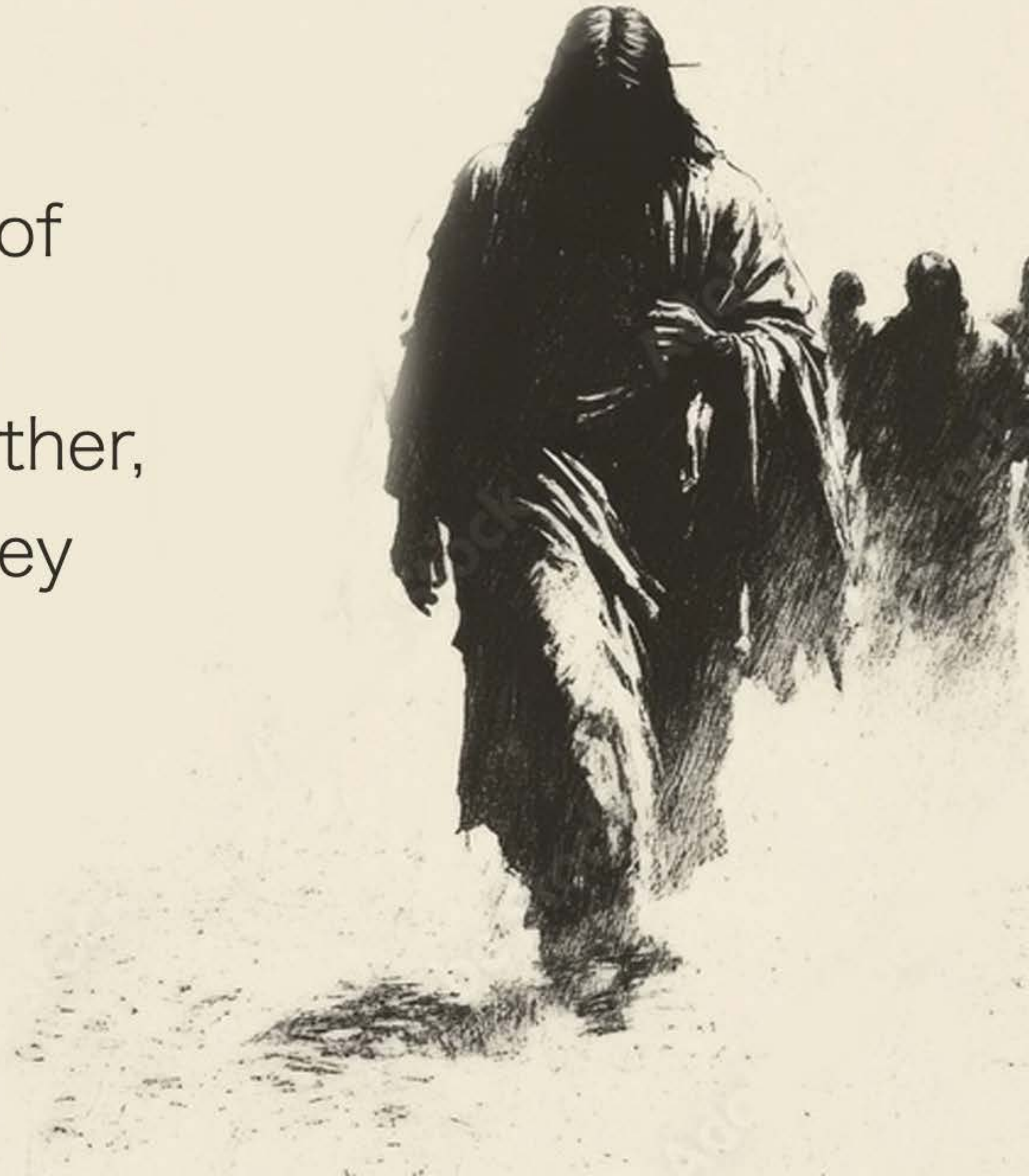
FOLLOW ME

- **The Call** — Jesus invites us to follow Him.
- **The Cost** — Following Him requires surrender.
- **The Change** — Jesus transforms those who follow Him.



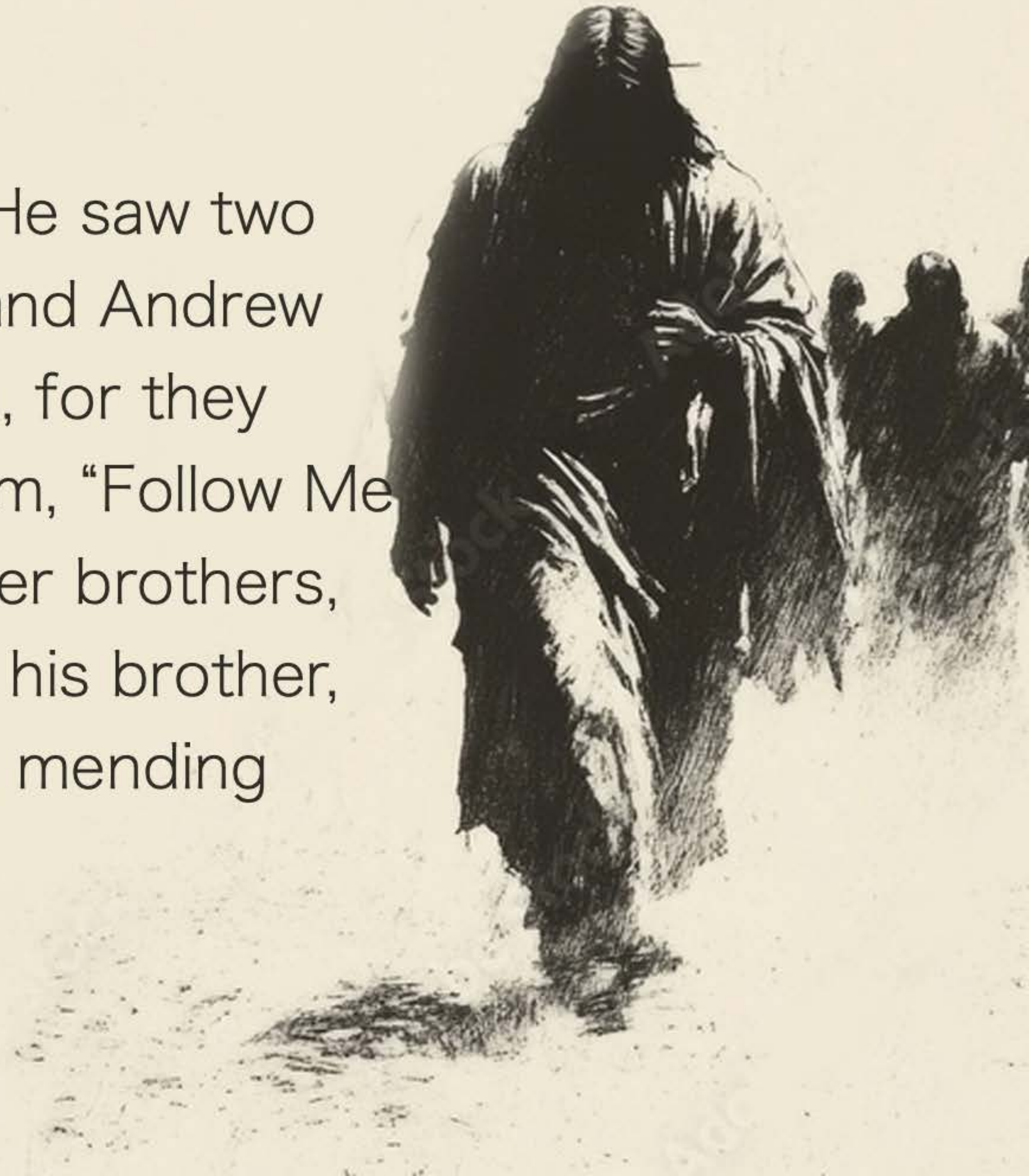
¹⁸And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

MATTHEW 4:18



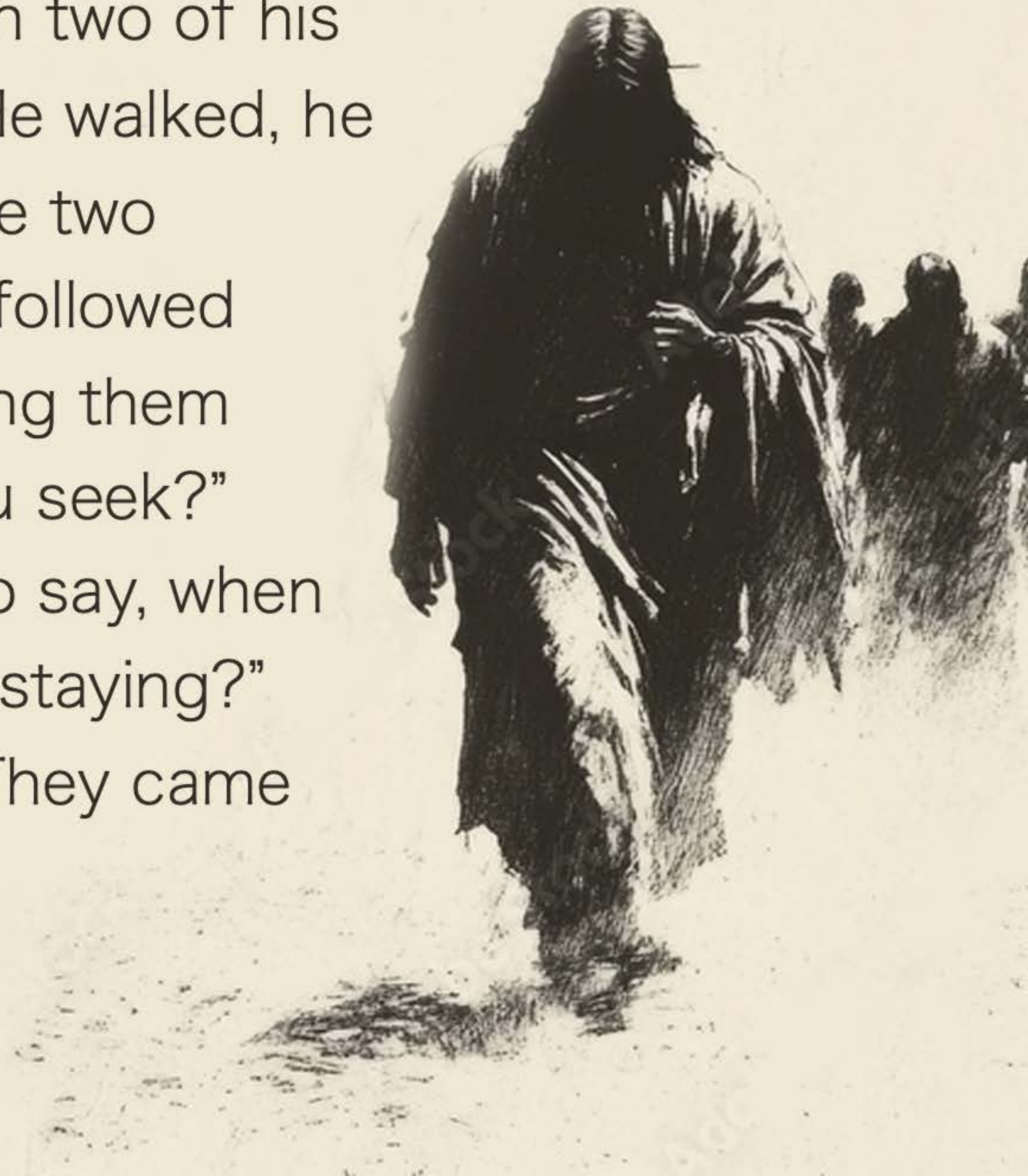
THE CALL (Matthew 4:18-19)

"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen." Then He said to them, "Follow Me." Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them



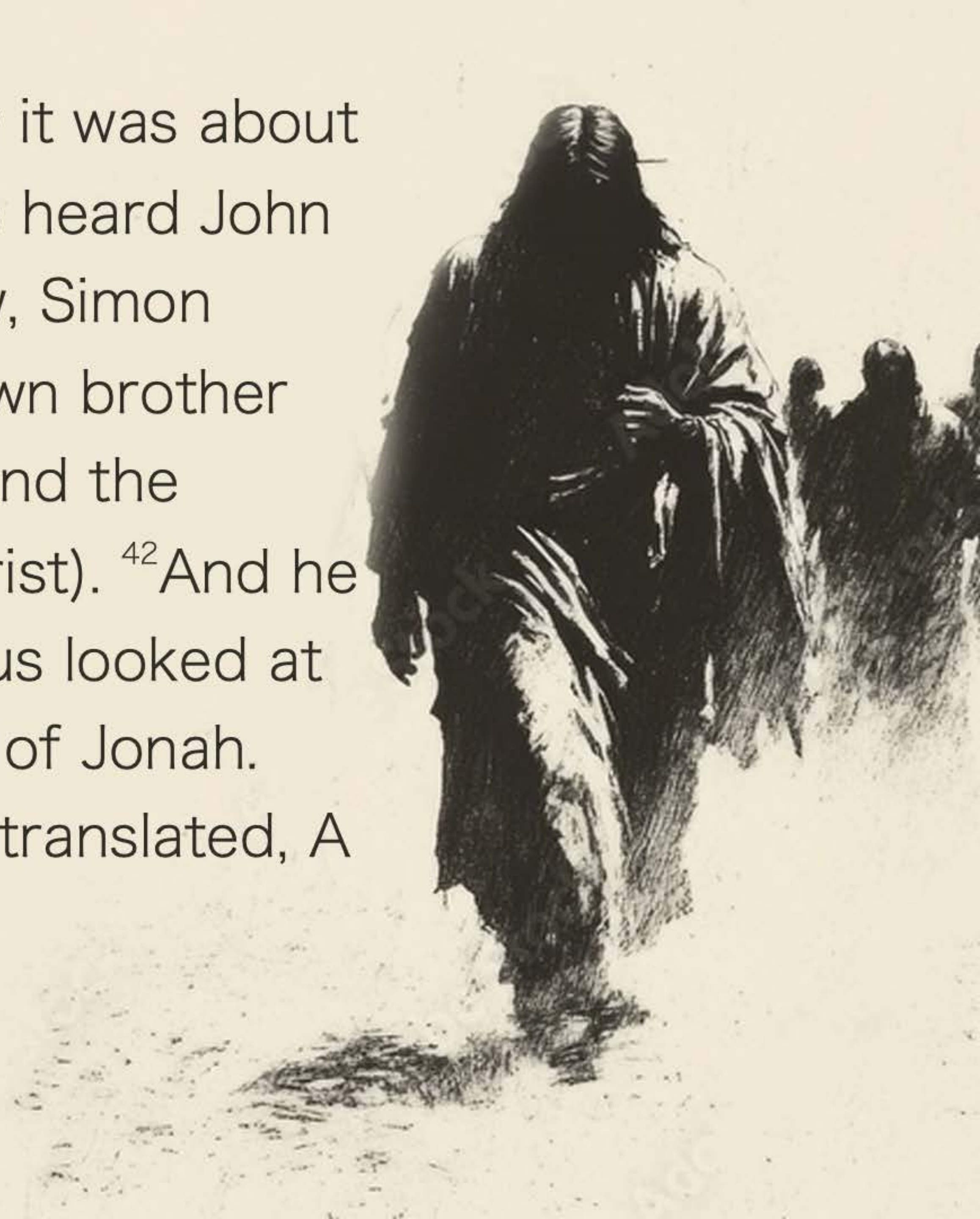
³⁵Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying,

JOHN 1:35-42



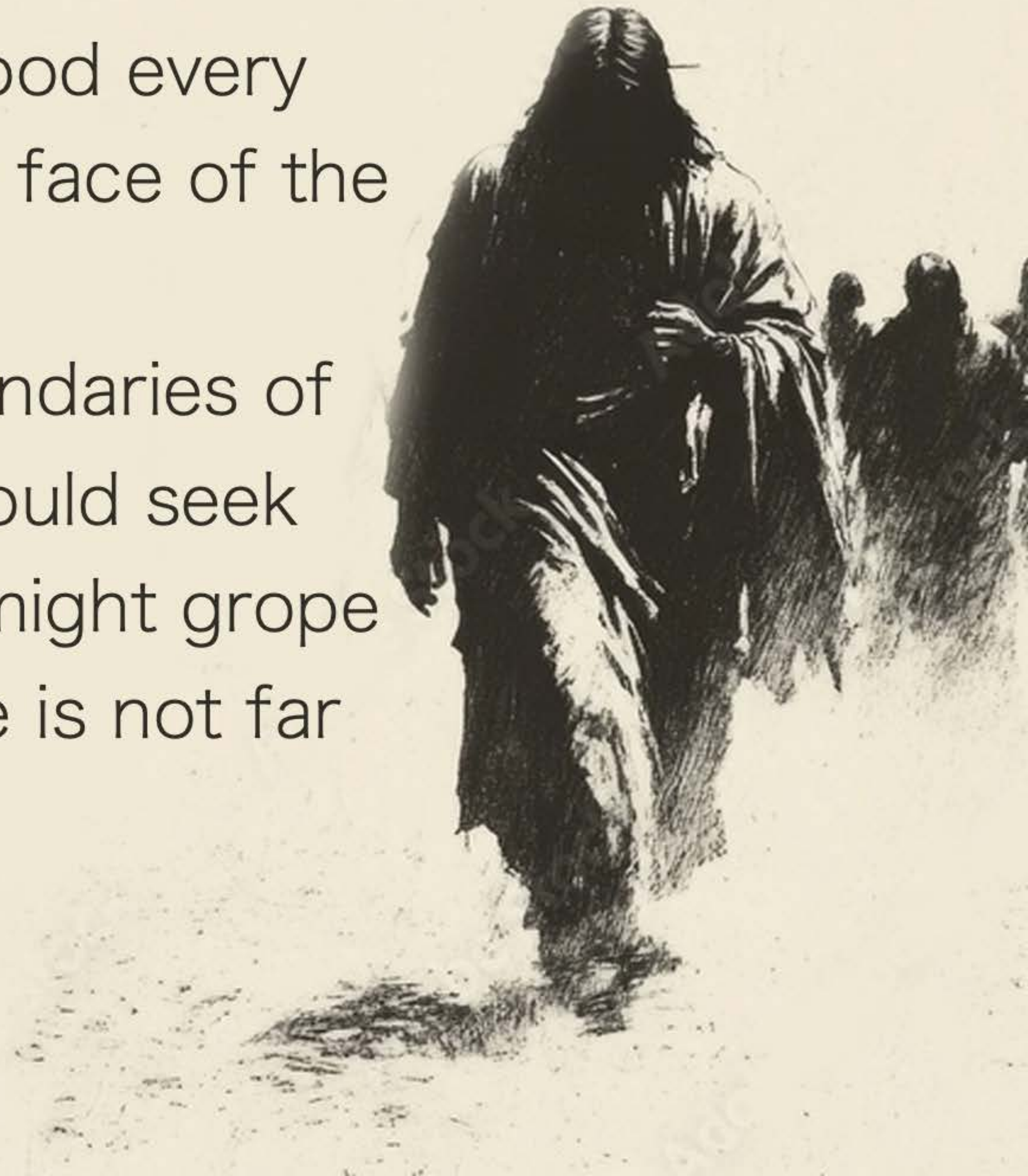
and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

JOHN 1:35-42

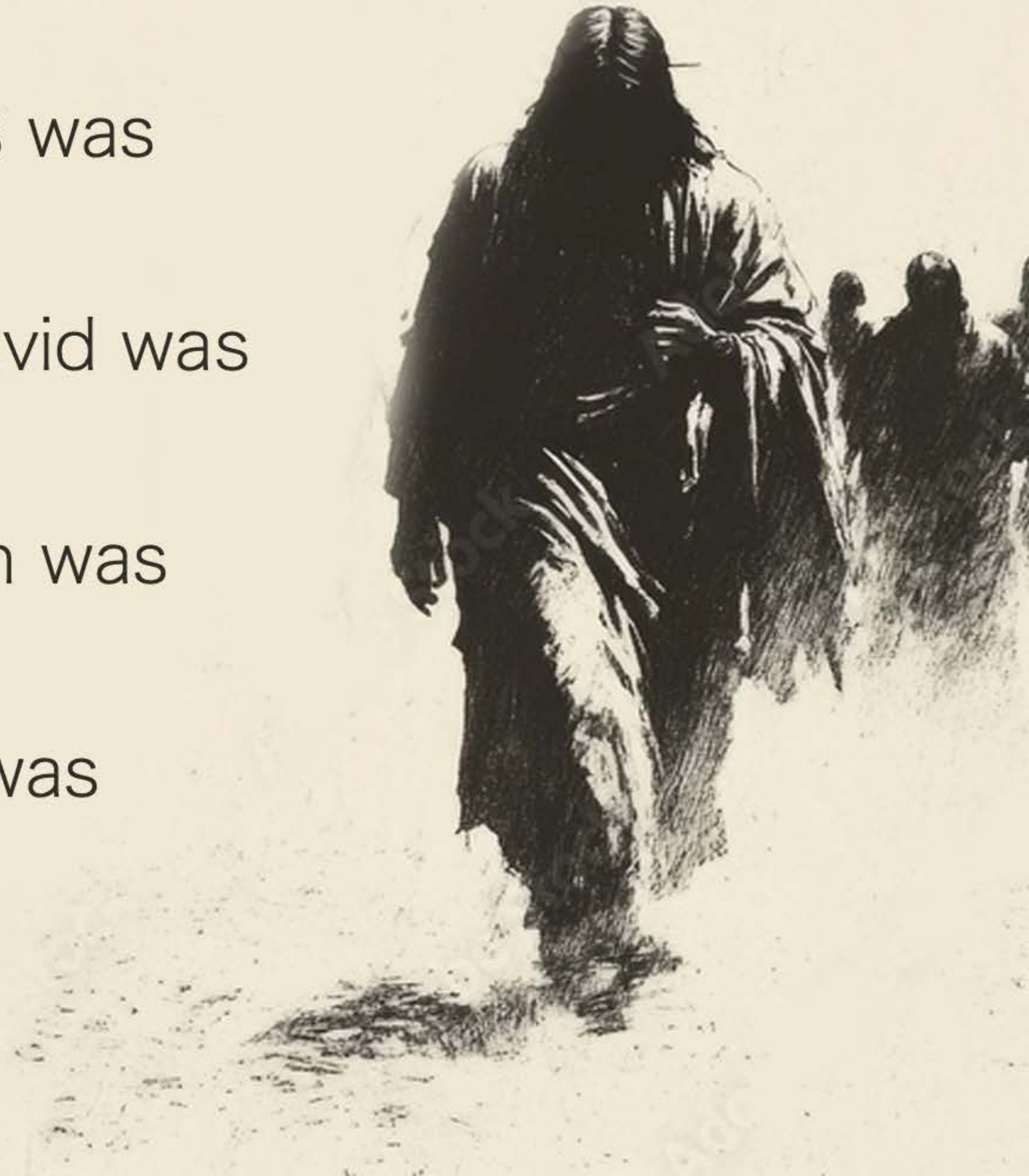


²⁶And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

ACTS 17:26-27

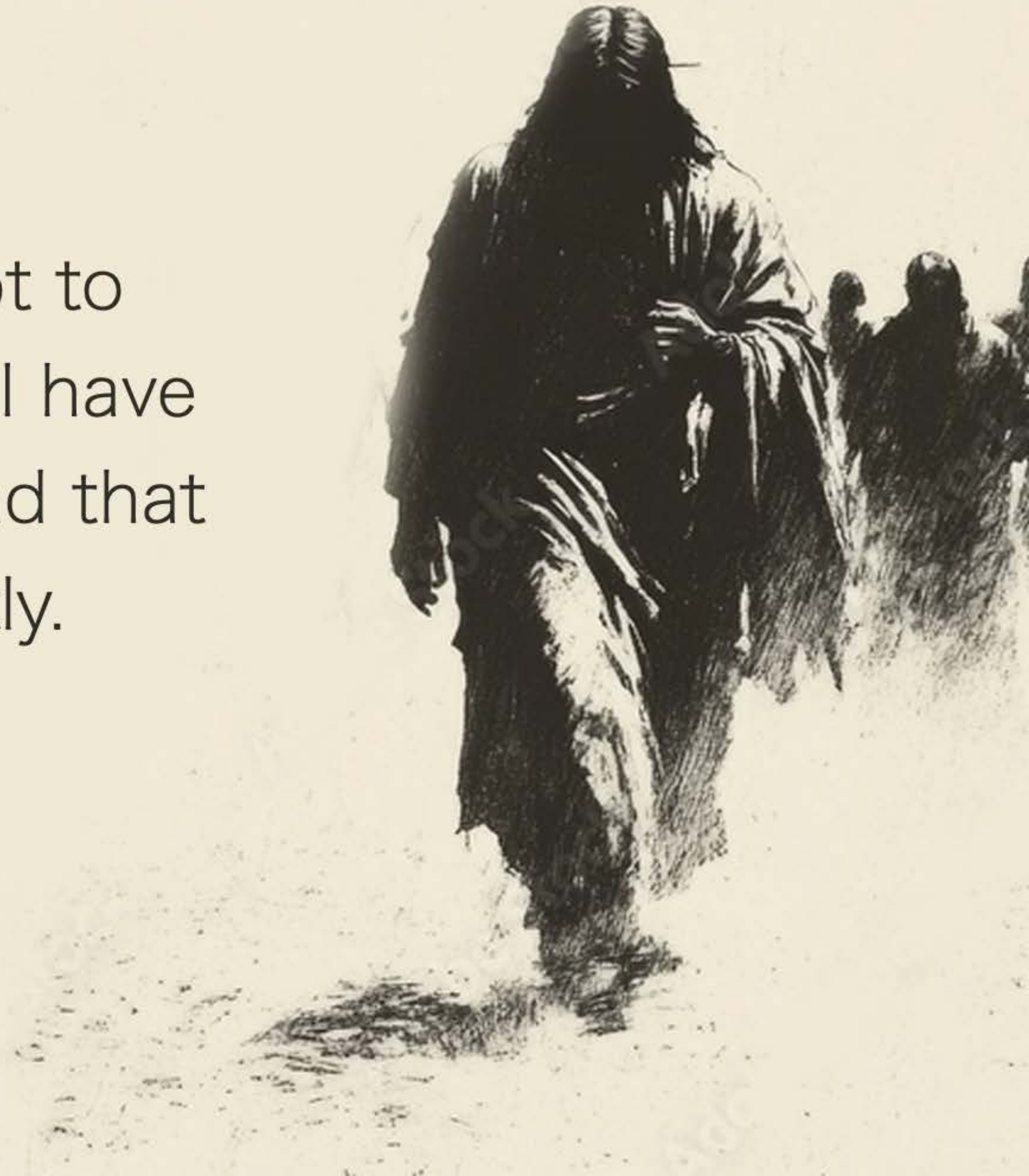


- In **Exodus 31:1-14** Moses was tending sheep.
- In **1 Samuel 17:34-37** David was watching sheep.
- In **Judges 6:11-15** Gideon was threshing wheat.
- In **Matthew 9:9** Matthew was collecting taxes.



¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

JOHN 10:10

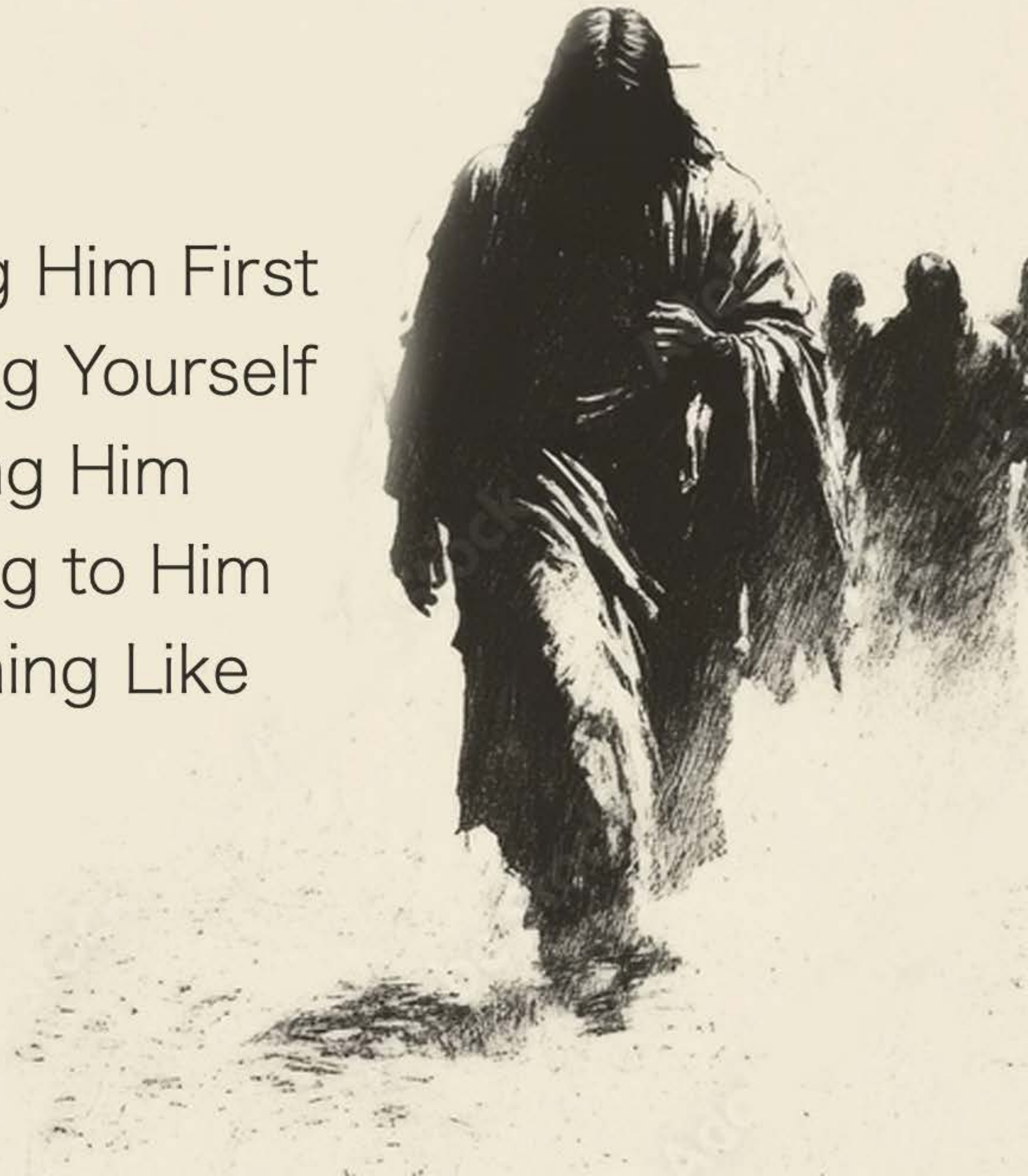


³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

MATTHEW 6:33

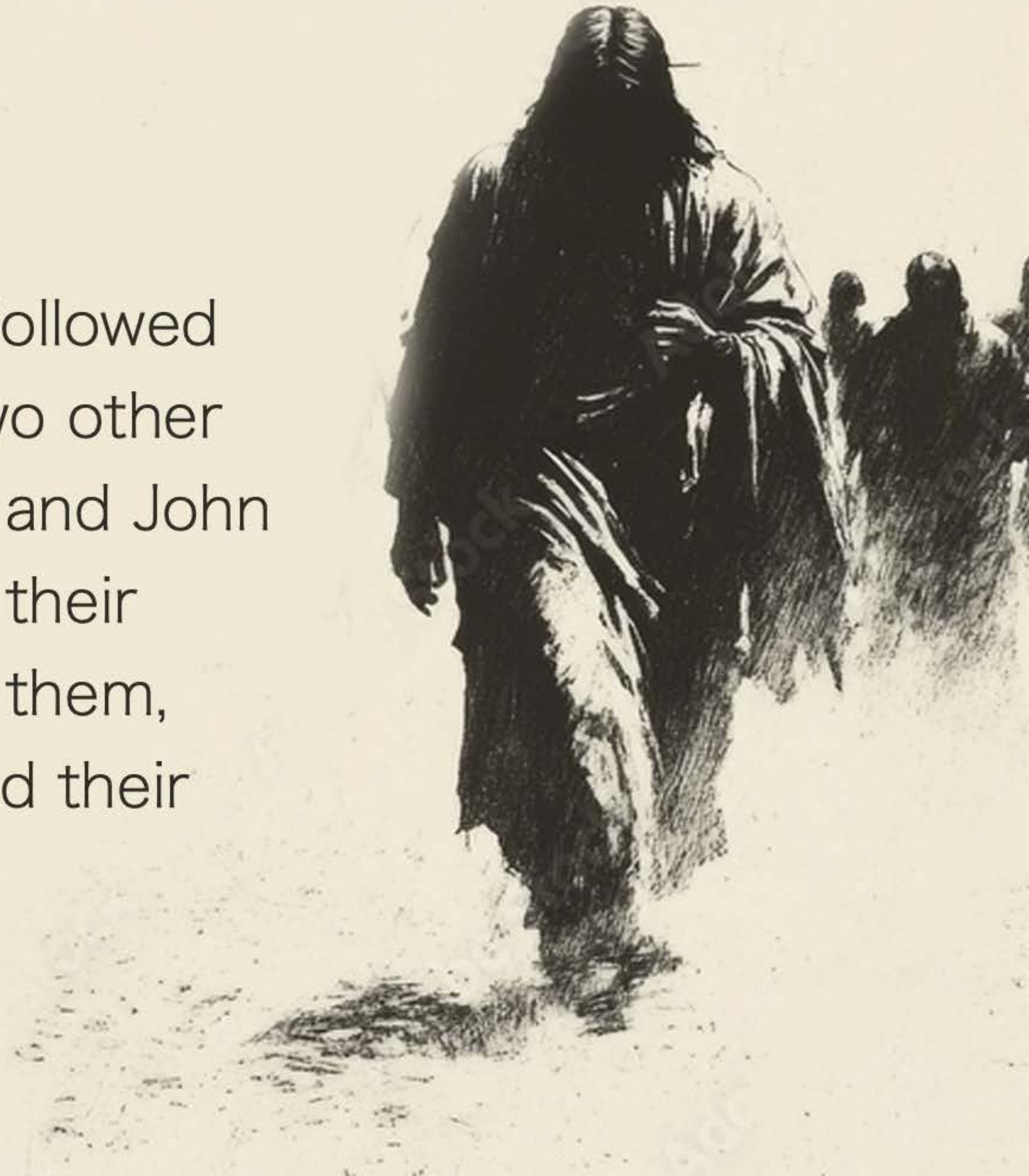


1. Following Jesus Means Putting Him First
2. Following Jesus Means Denying Yourself
3. Following Jesus Means Obeying Him
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5. Following Jesus Means Becoming Like Him



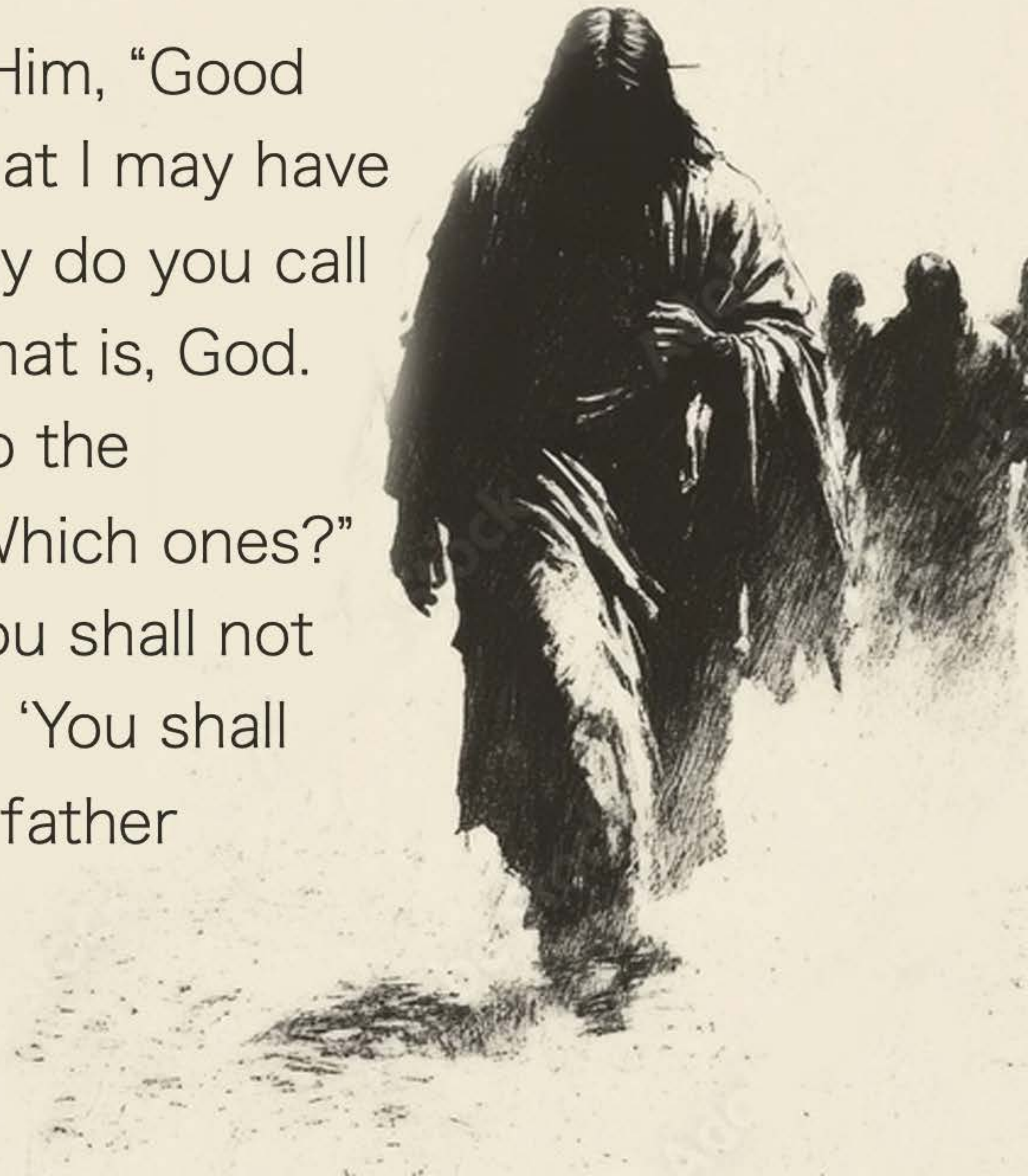
THE COST (Matthew 4:20-22)

They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.



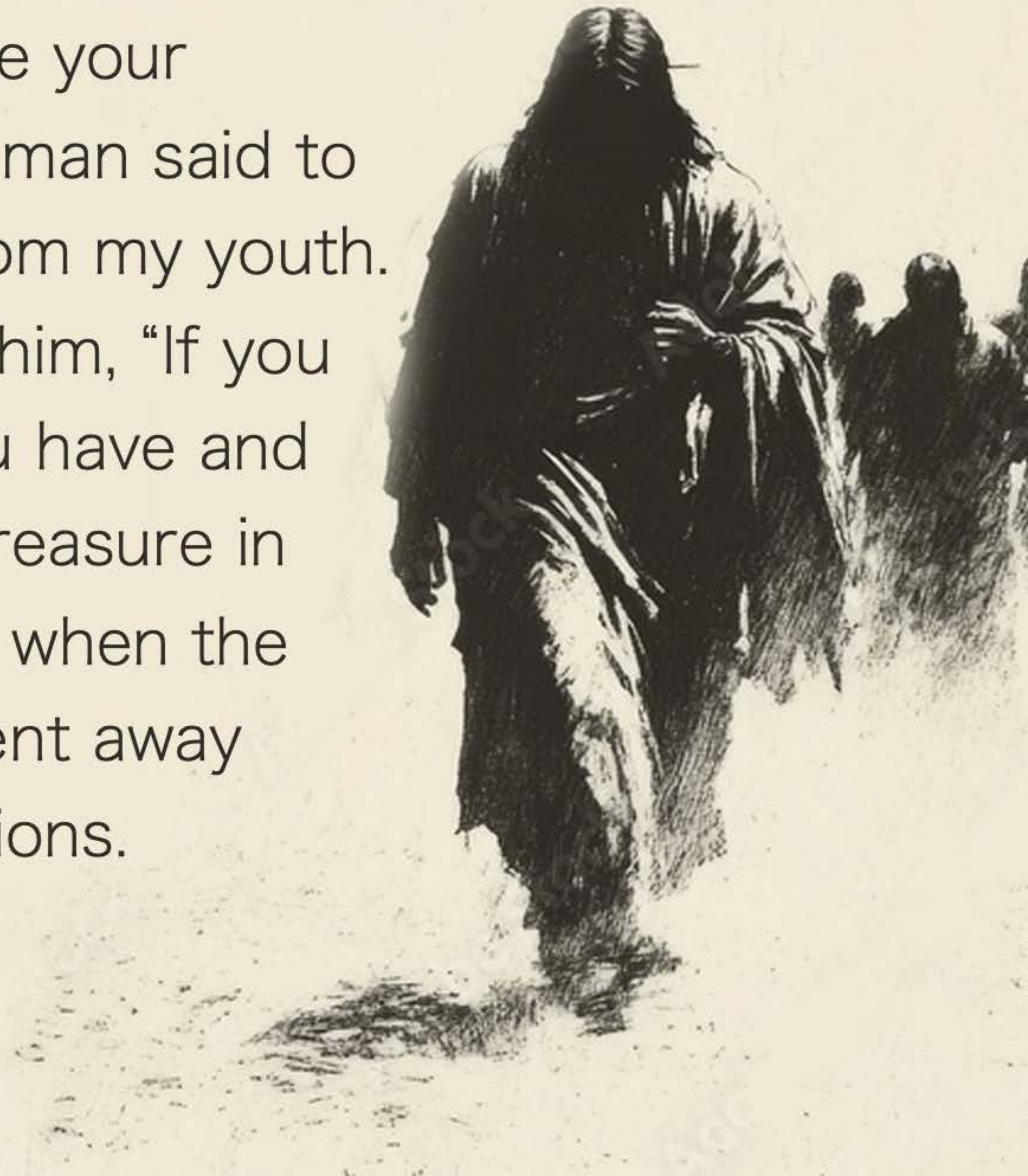
¹⁶Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” ¹⁷So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ¹⁹‘Honor your father

MATTHEW 19:16-22



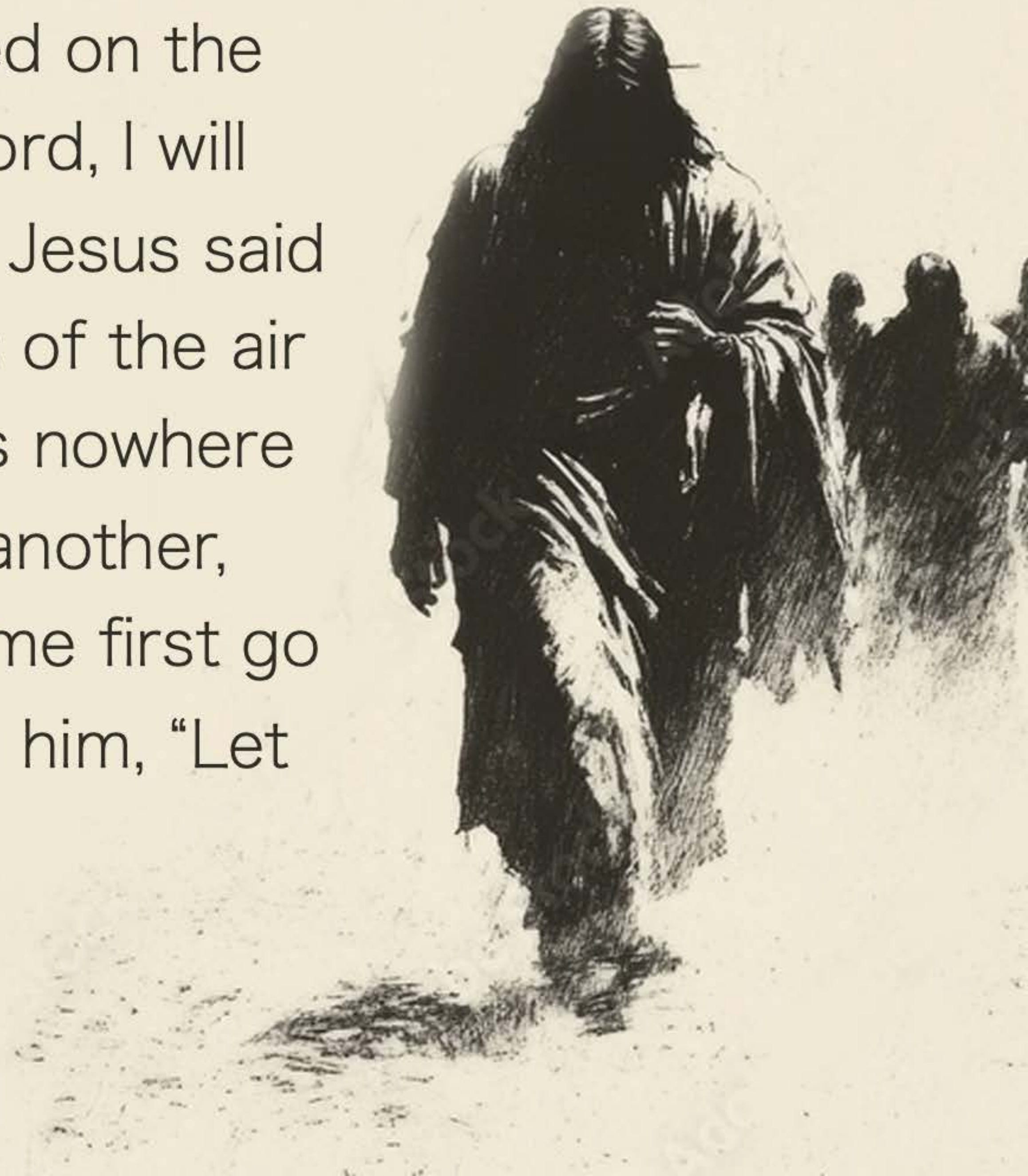
and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " ²⁰The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" ²¹Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²²But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

MATTHEW 19:16-22



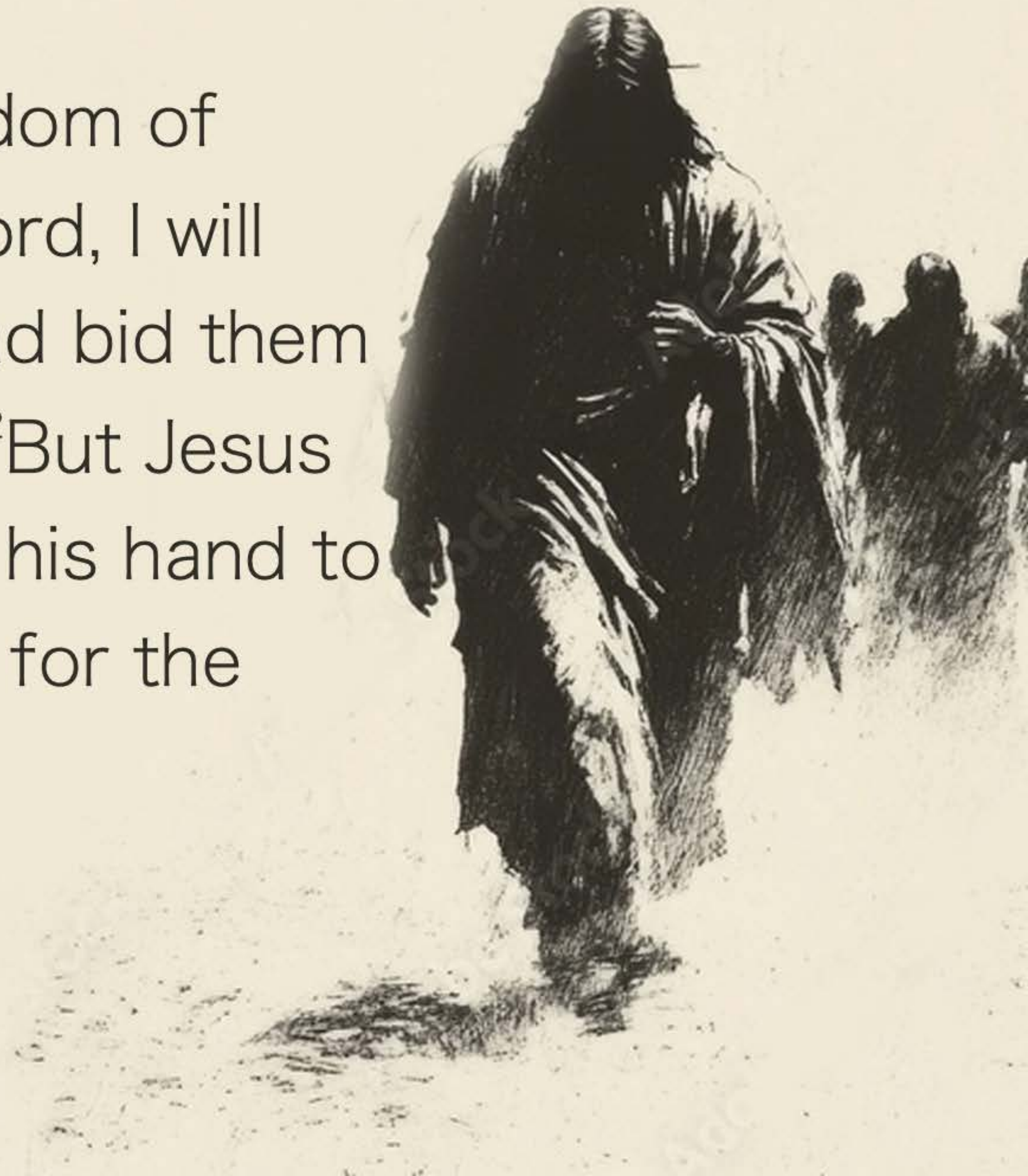
⁵⁷Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” ⁵⁹Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead,

LUKE 9:57-62



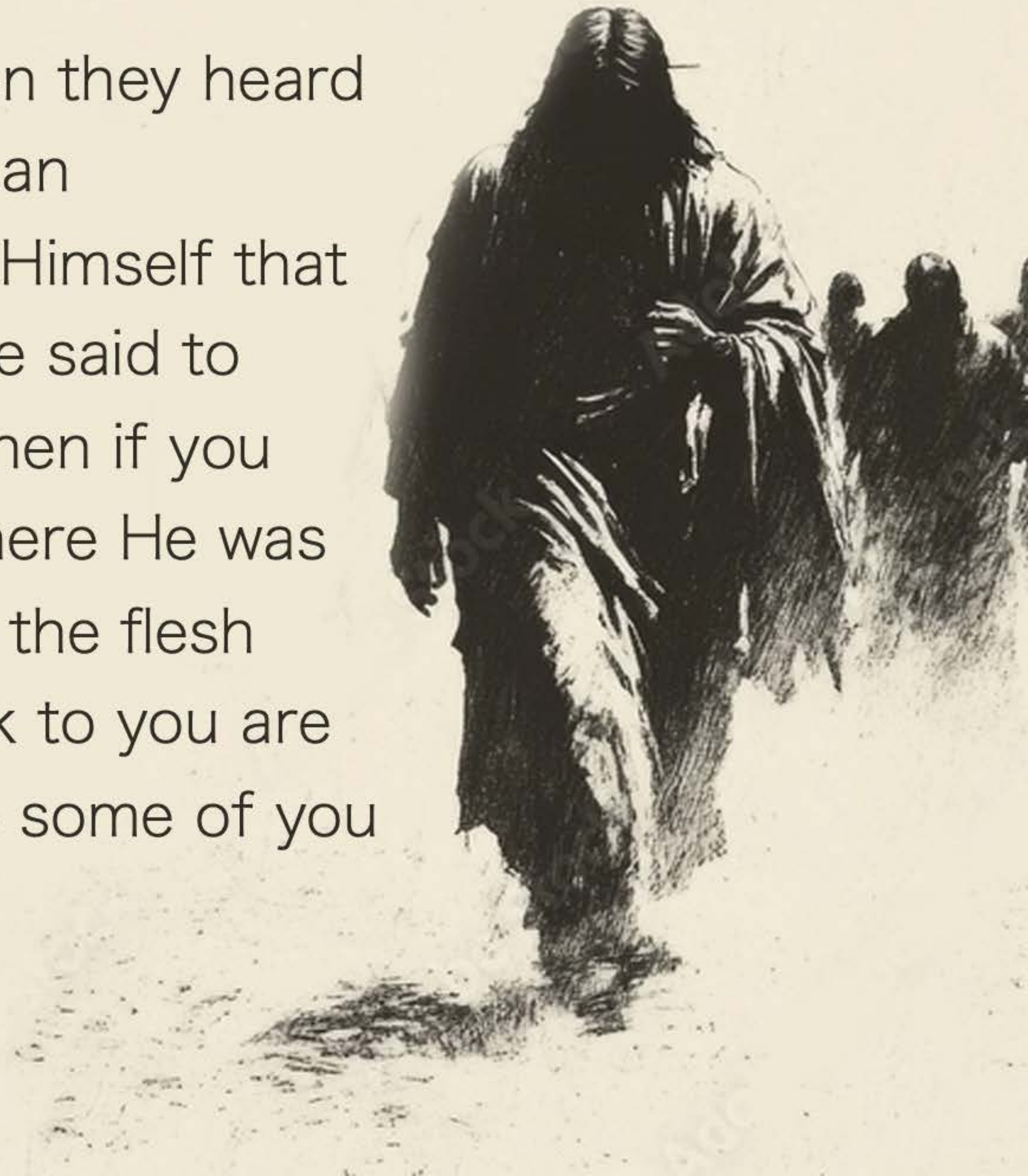
but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”⁶¹ And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.”⁶² But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

LUKE 9:57-62



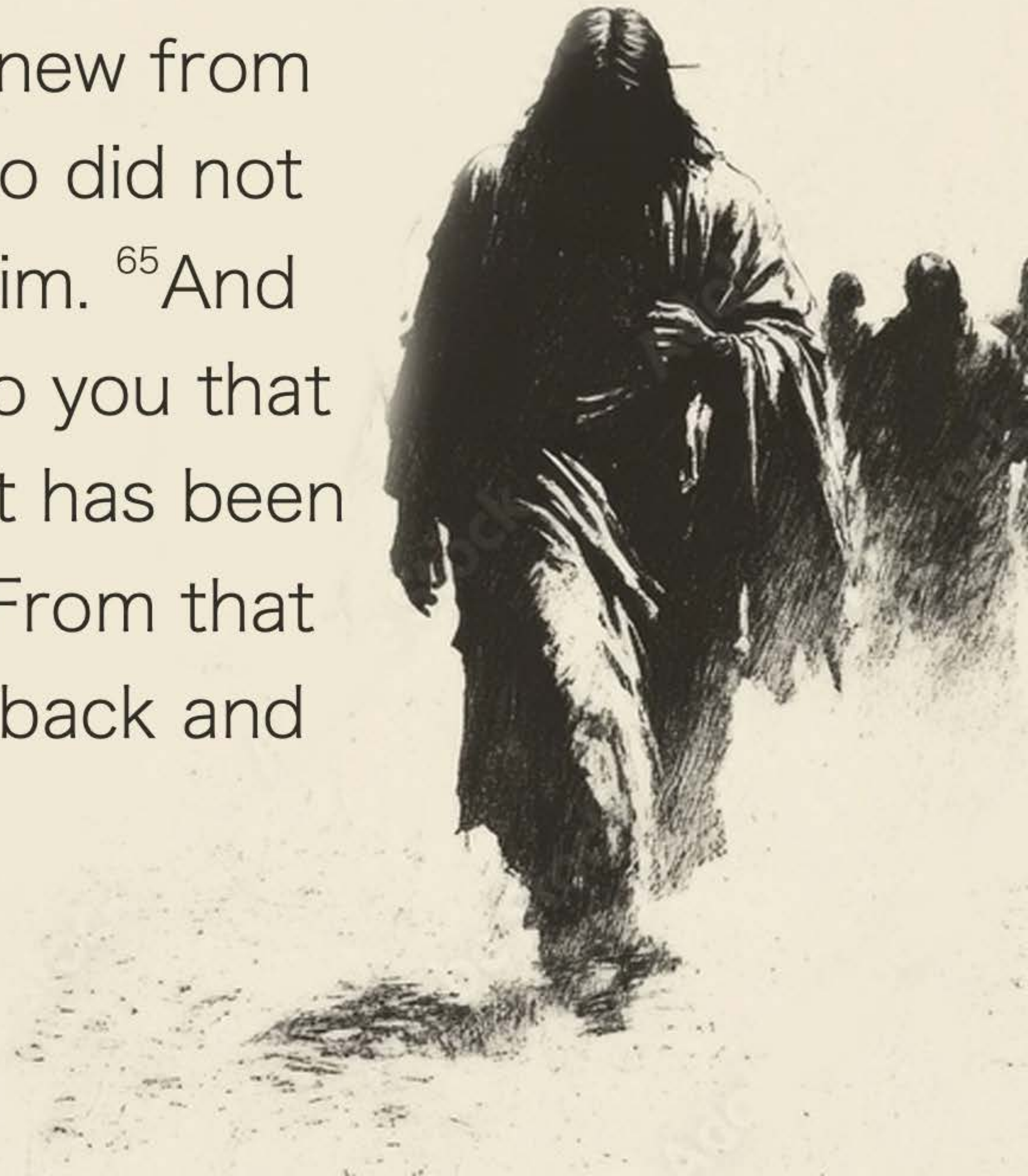
⁶⁰Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” ⁶¹When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you

JOHN 6:60-66



who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.⁶⁵ And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”⁶⁶ From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

JOHN 6:60-66



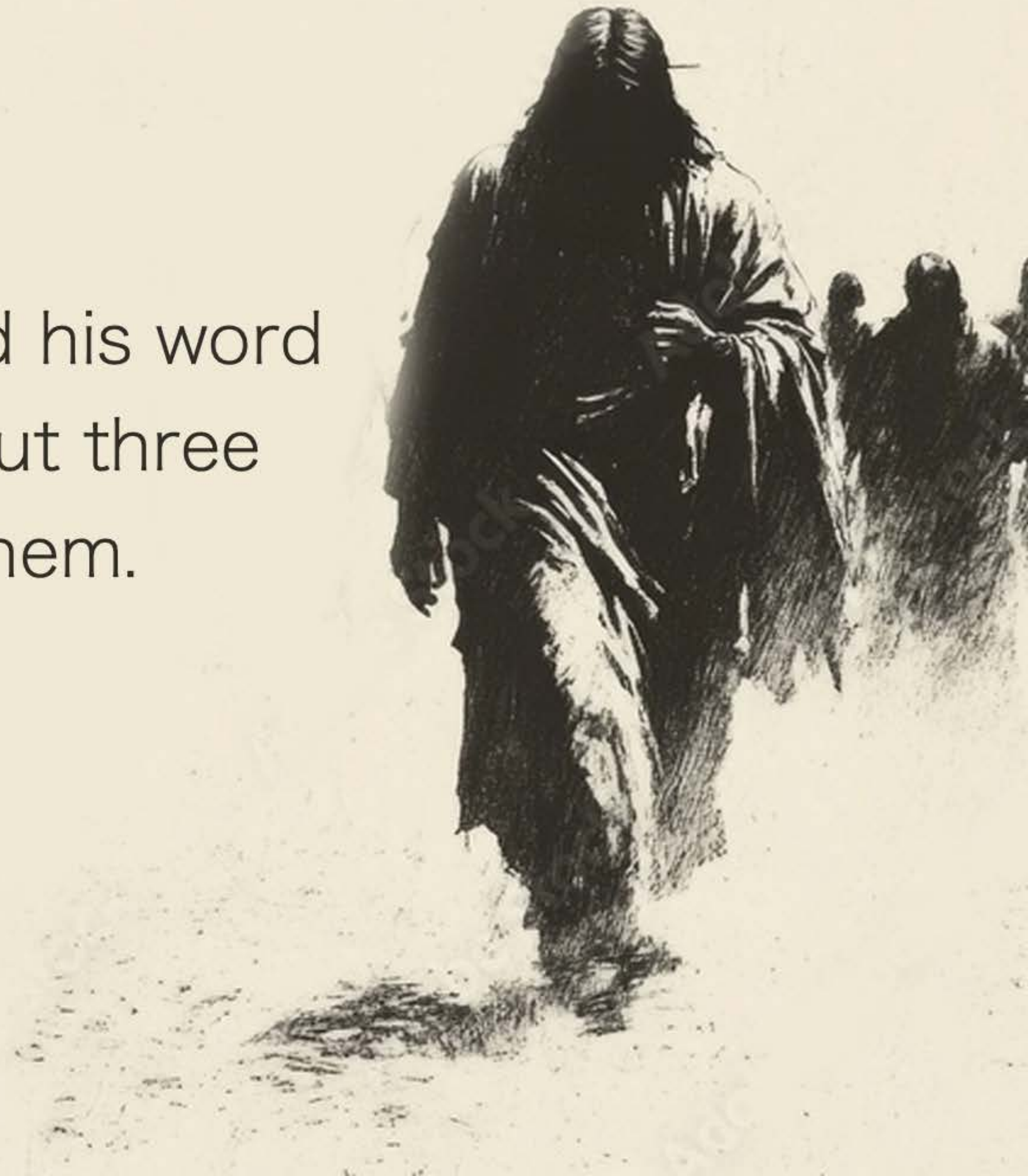
THE CHANGE (Matthew 4:19)

Then He said to them, "Follow Me,
and I will make you fishers of men.



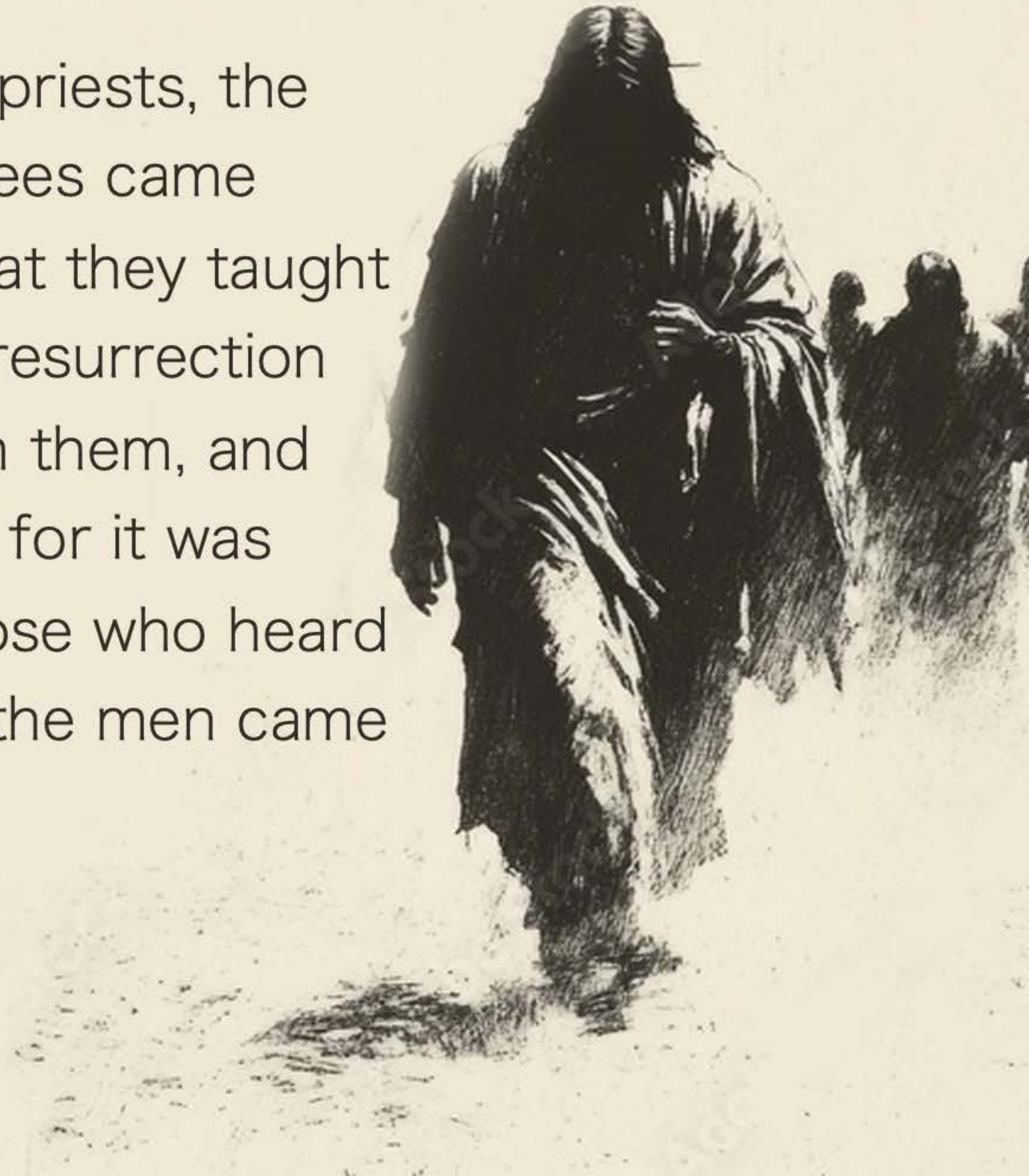
⁴¹Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

ACTS 2:41



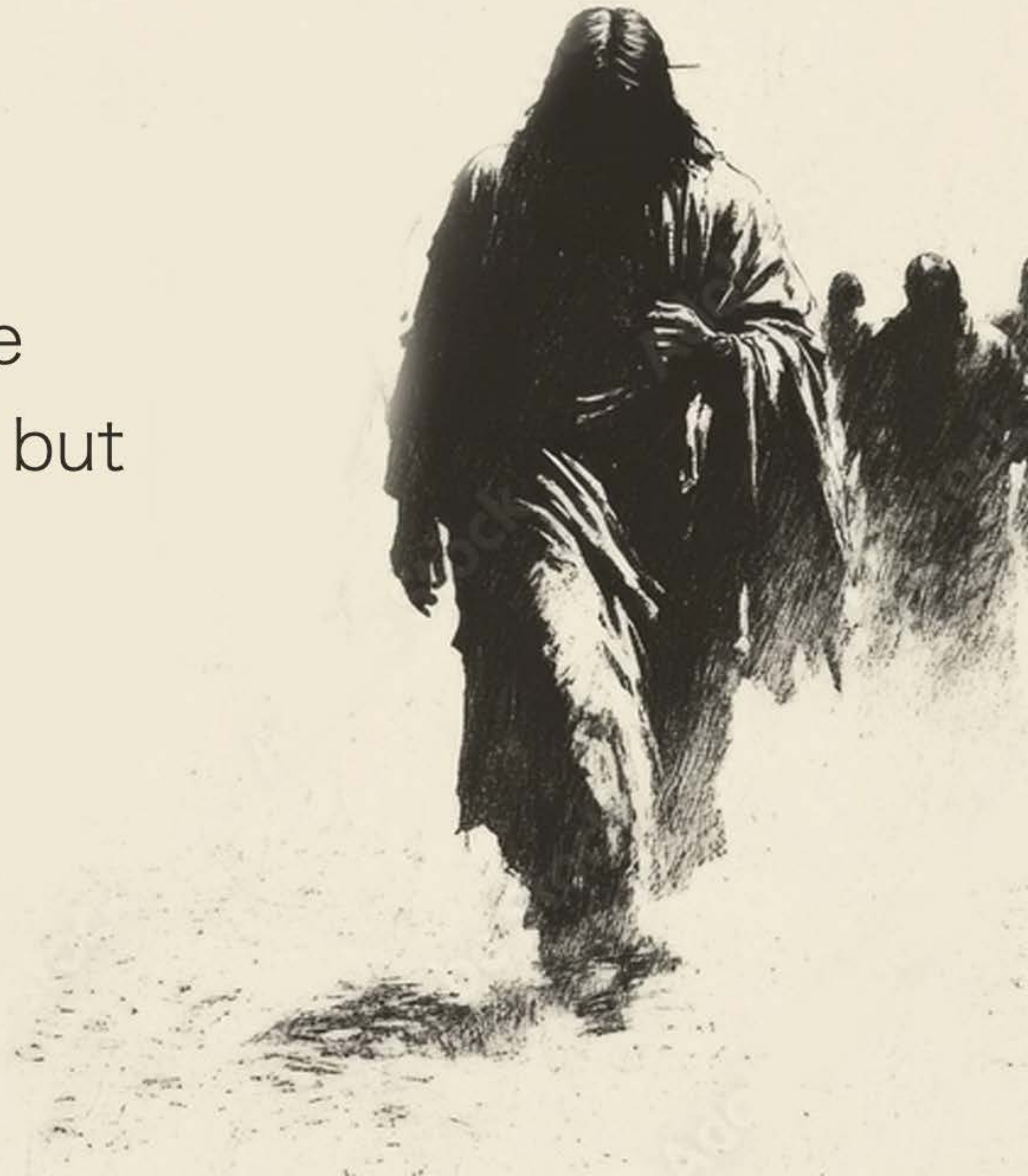
¹Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ²being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

ACTS 4:1-4



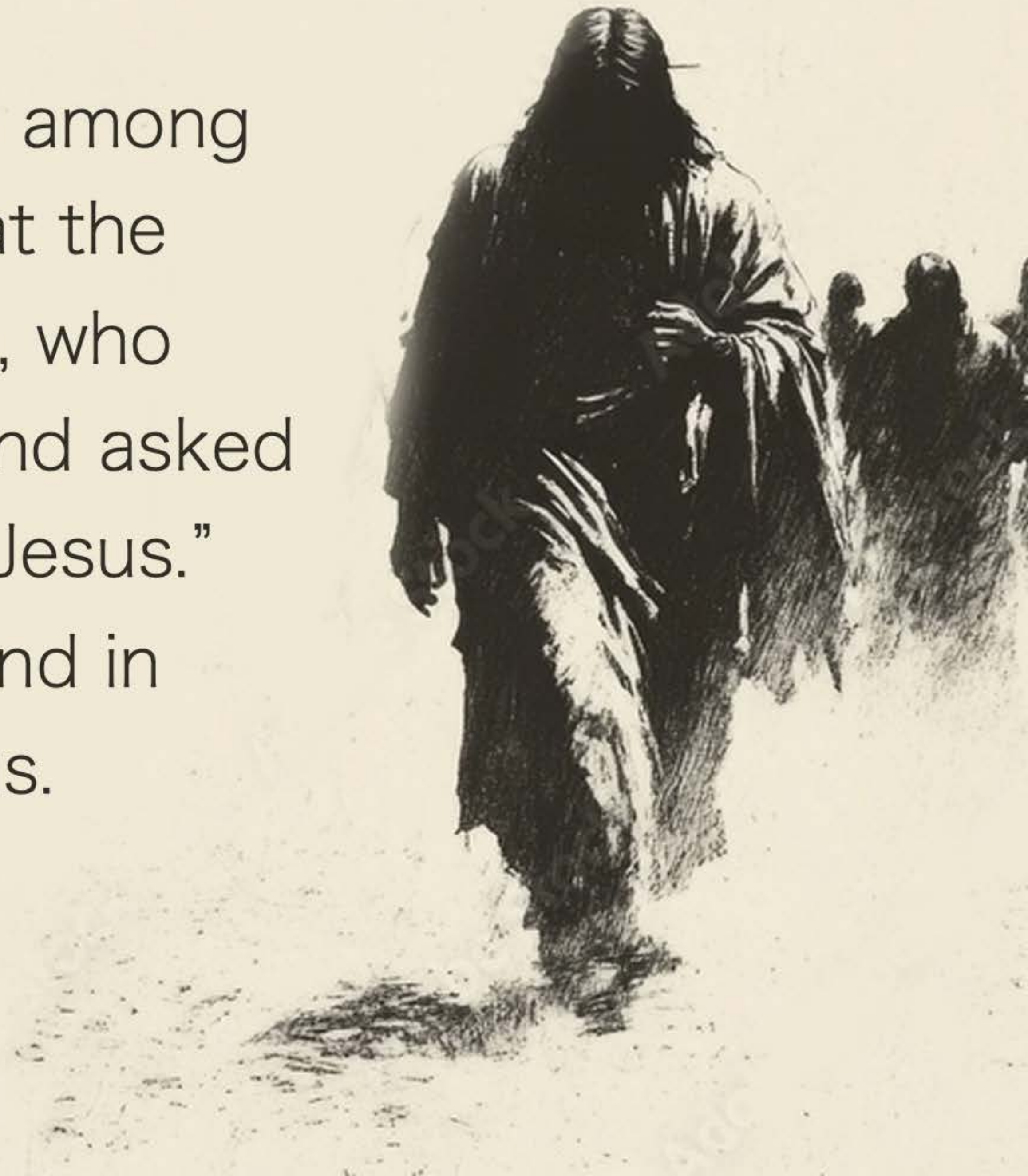
⁹“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

JOHN 6:9



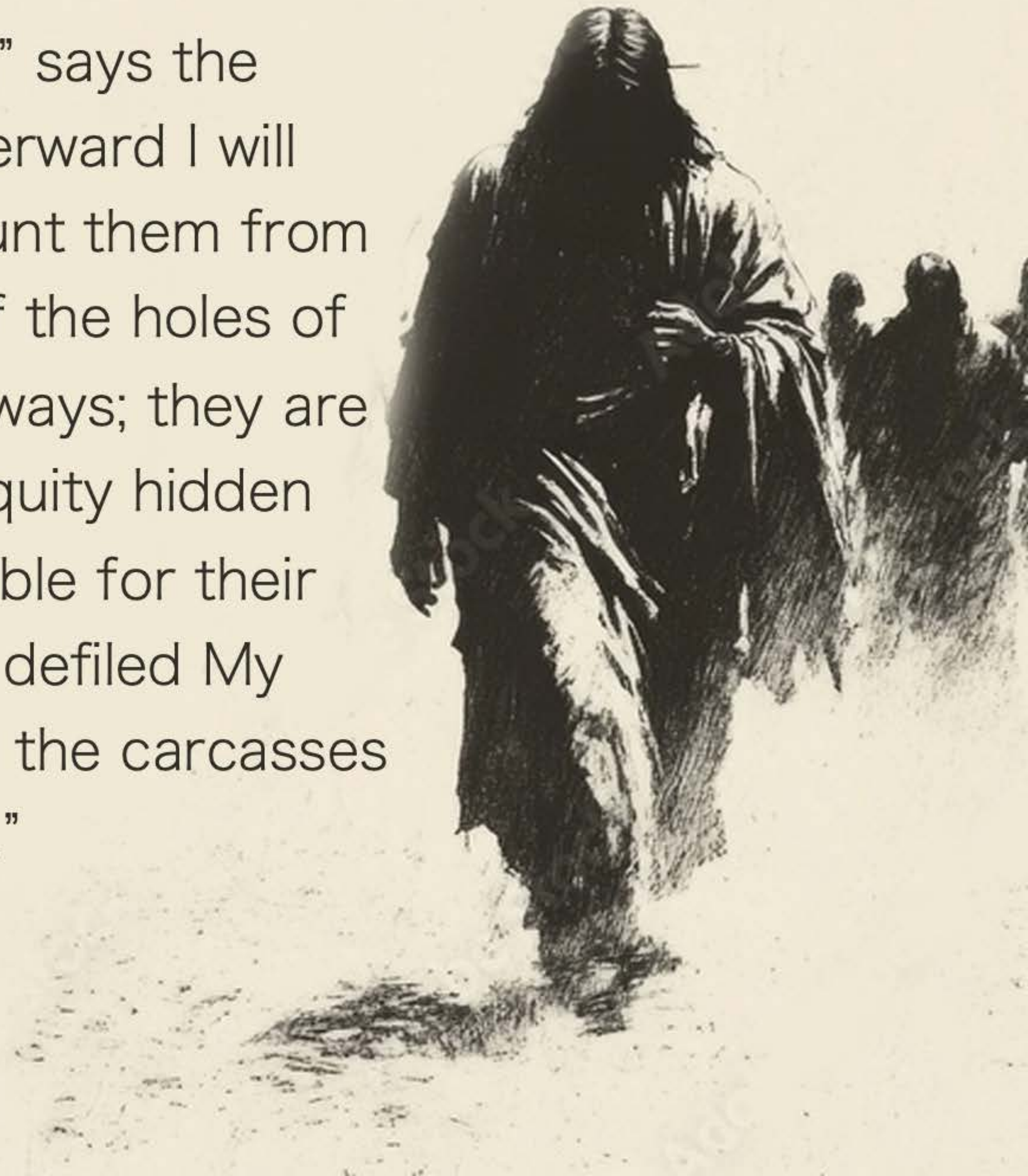
²⁰Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. ²¹Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”
²²Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

JOHN 12:20-22



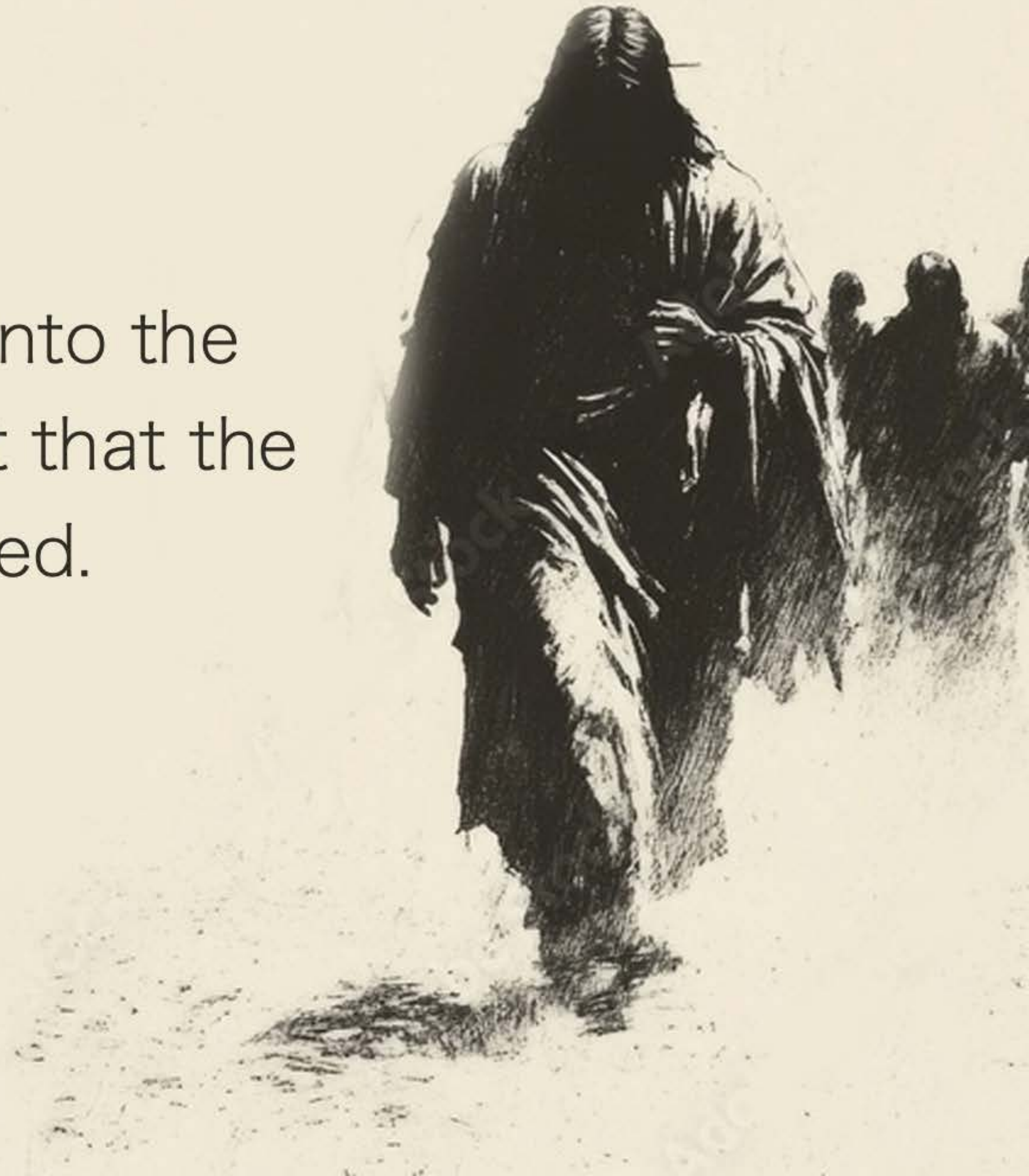
¹⁶“Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the LORD, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols.”

JEREMIAH 16:16-18



¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

JOHN 3:17



¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

