

# The Tumultuous Path to Pentecost



**Shall We Ponder It?**

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## The Meeting in the Morning at the Empty Tomb

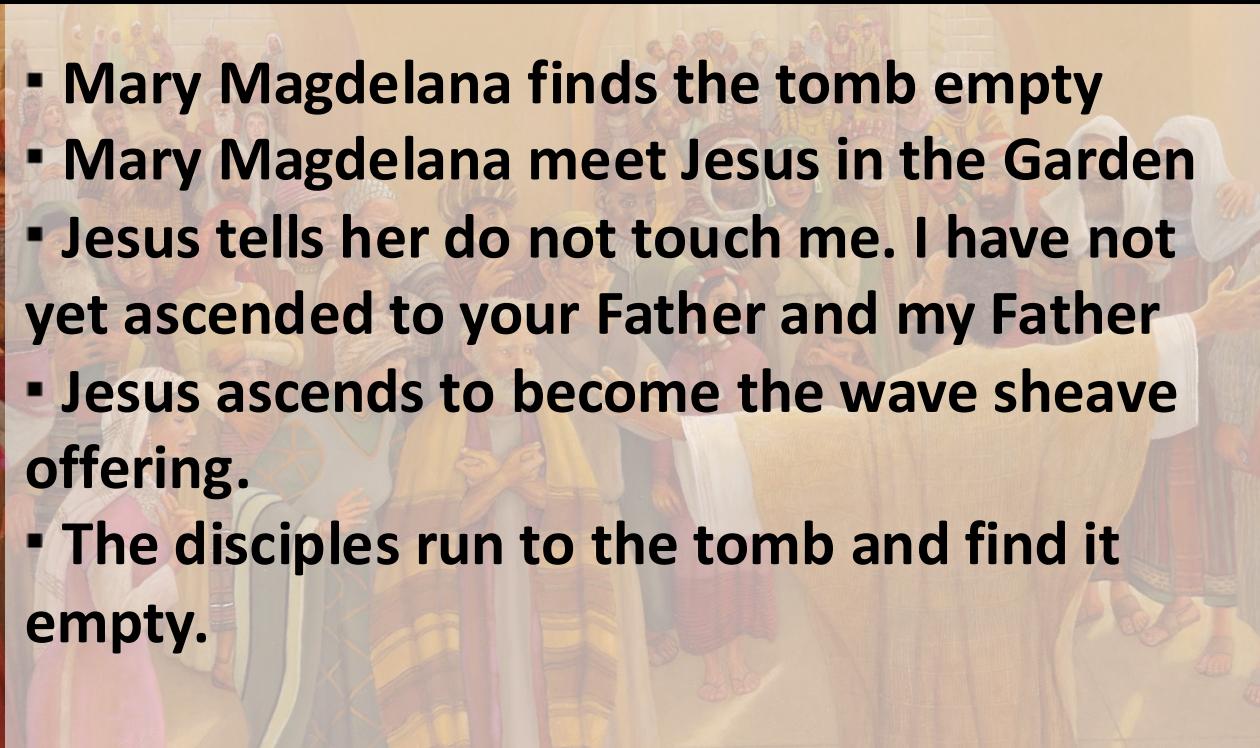


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## The Meeting in the Morning at the Empty Tomb

- Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty
- Mary Magdalene meets Jesus in the Garden
- Jesus tells her do not touch me. I have not yet ascended to your Father and my Father
- Jesus ascends to become the wave sheave offering.
- The disciples run to the tomb and find it empty.



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## The Encounter on Emmaus Road



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## The Encounter on Emmaus Road

- Two disciples walk with Jesus to Emmaus
- He expounded the Scriptures from Moses and the Prophets concerning Himself
- He broke bread and then vanished.
- “Did not our heart burn within ourselves while talked with us on the way...”
- They ran back the seven miles to Jerusalem tell the disciples.
- Jesus appears: “Peace to you!”

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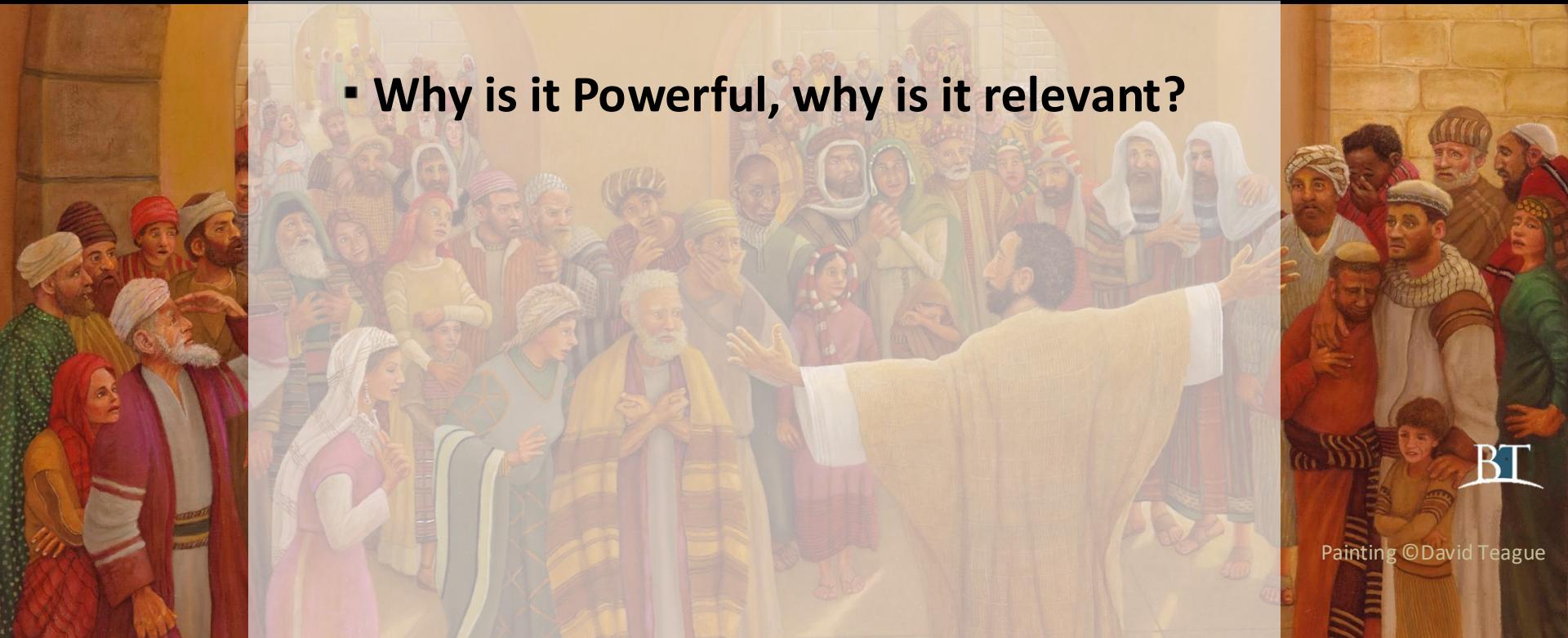
## The 500 Witnesses & the Power of the Resurrection



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## The Power of the Resurrection

- Why is it Powerful, why is it relevant?



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## The Power of the Resurrection

- Why is it Powerful, why is it relevant?

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11 KJV

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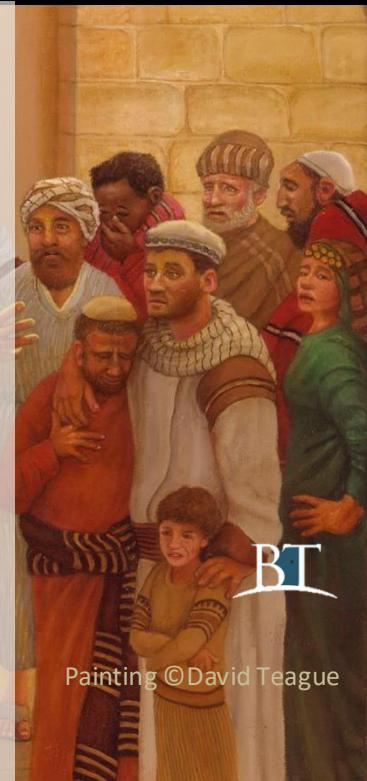
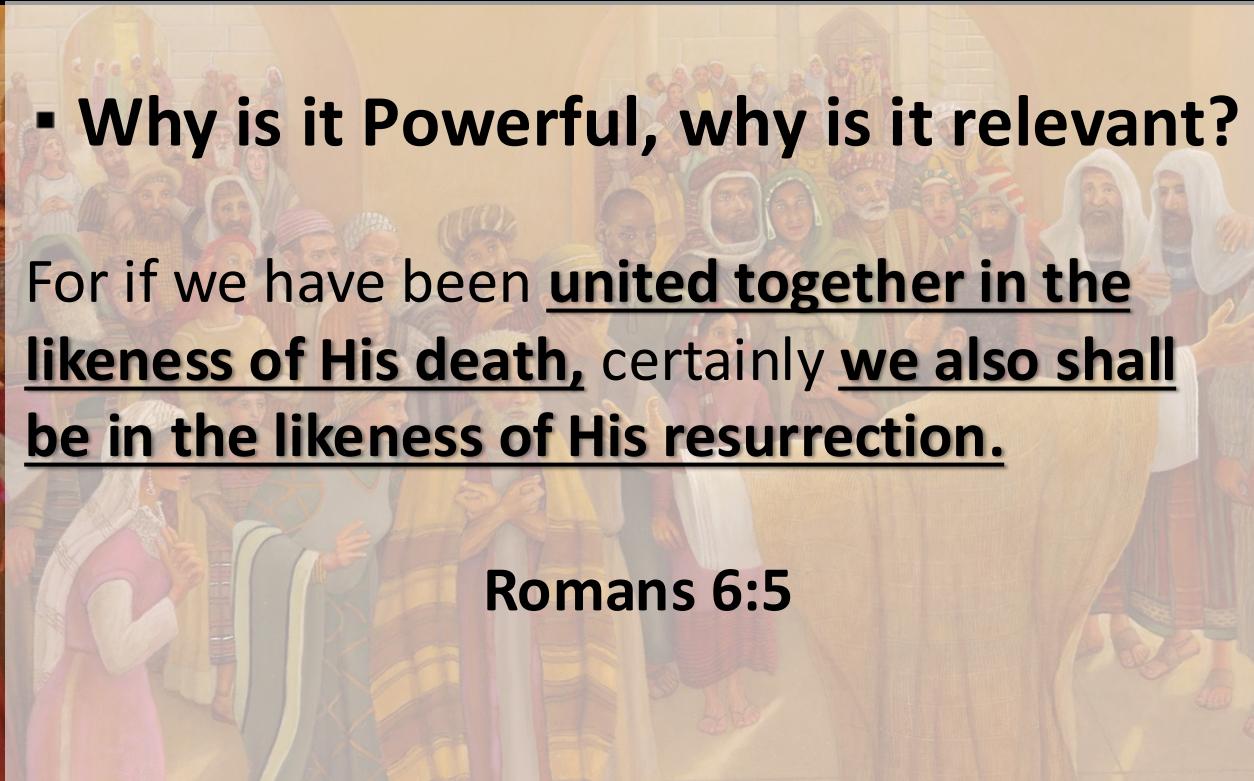
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## The Power of the Resurrection

- Why is it Powerful, why is it relevant?

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

**Romans 6:5**



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## The Power of the Resurrection

- Why is it Powerful, why is it relevant?

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ...

1. Corinthians 15:14 - 15

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## The Power of the Resurrection

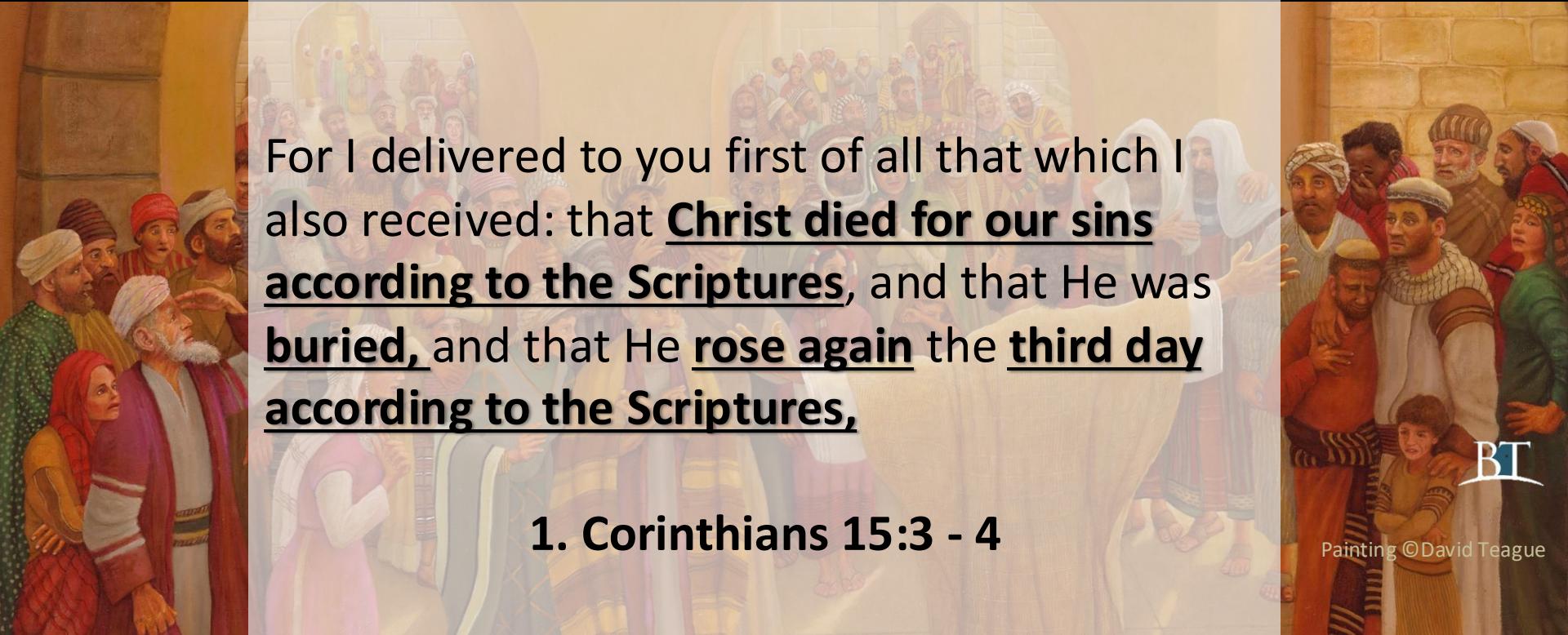
- Why is it Powerful, why is it relevant?

For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. **And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile;** you are **still in your sins!**

1. Corinthians 15:16 - 17

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## THE GOSPEL: A Death & Resurrection in accordance with Scriptures



For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, and that He was **buried**, and that He **rose again the third day according to the Scriptures**,

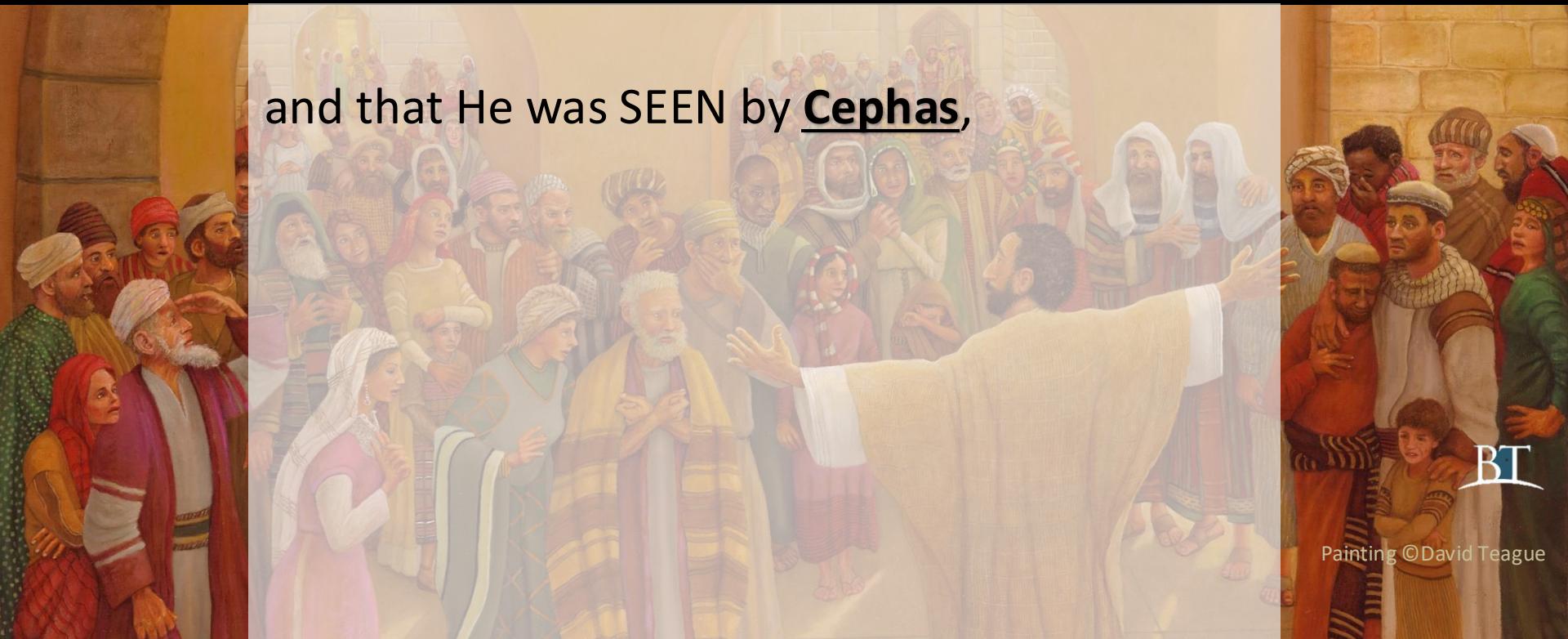
1. Corinthians 15:3 - 4

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# The Evidence of Things SEEN

## Calling the Witnesses: Cephas (Peter)

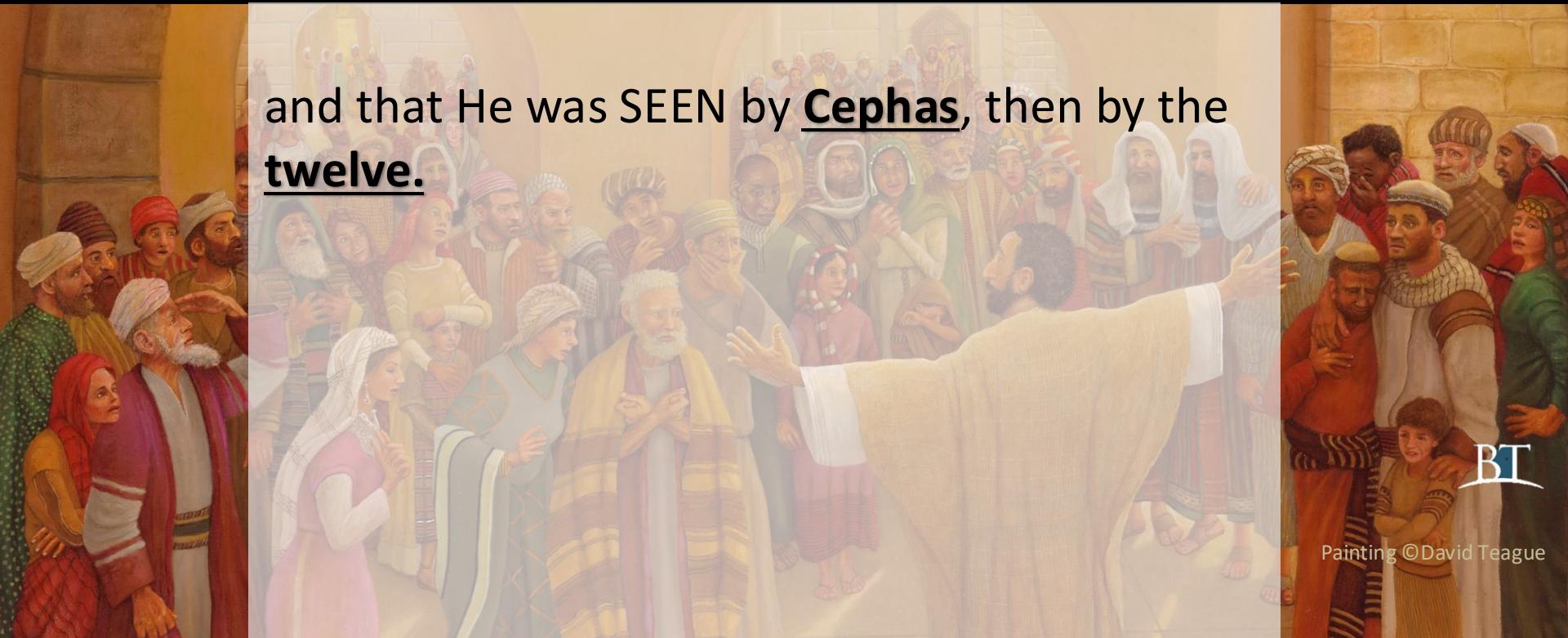


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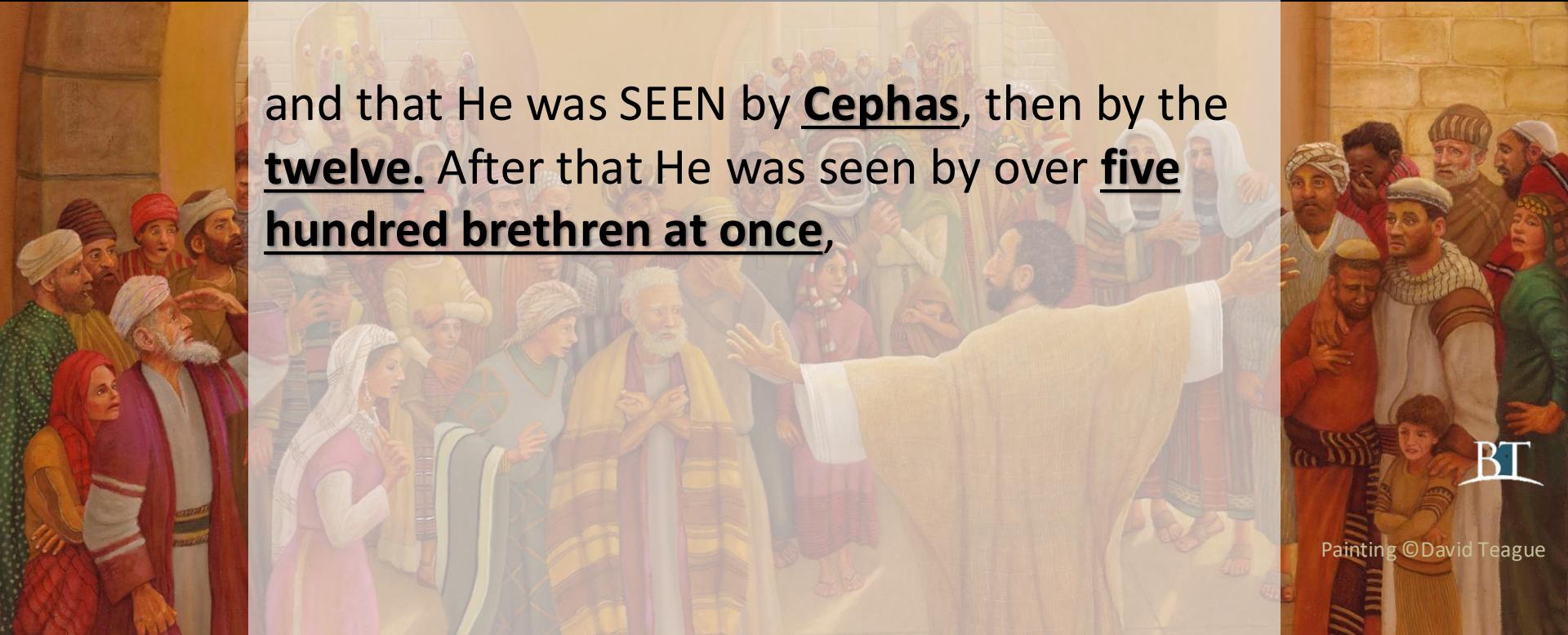


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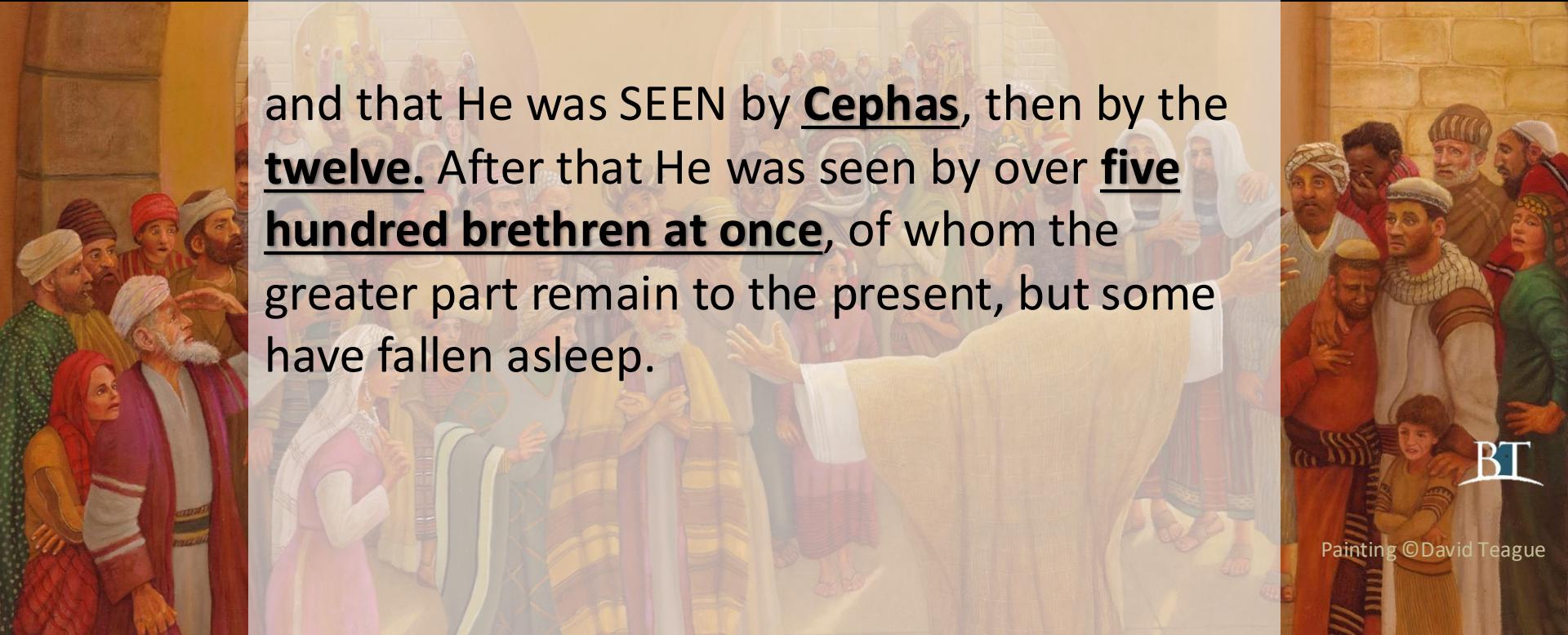
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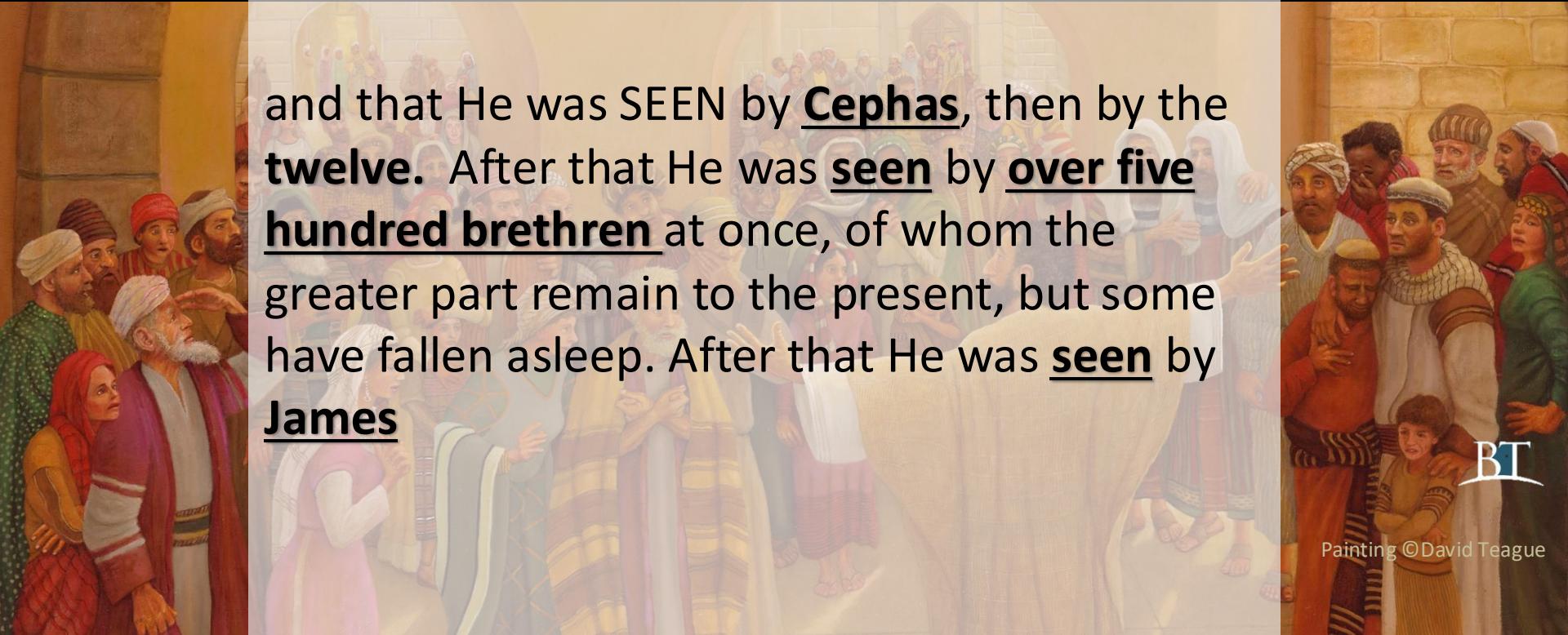
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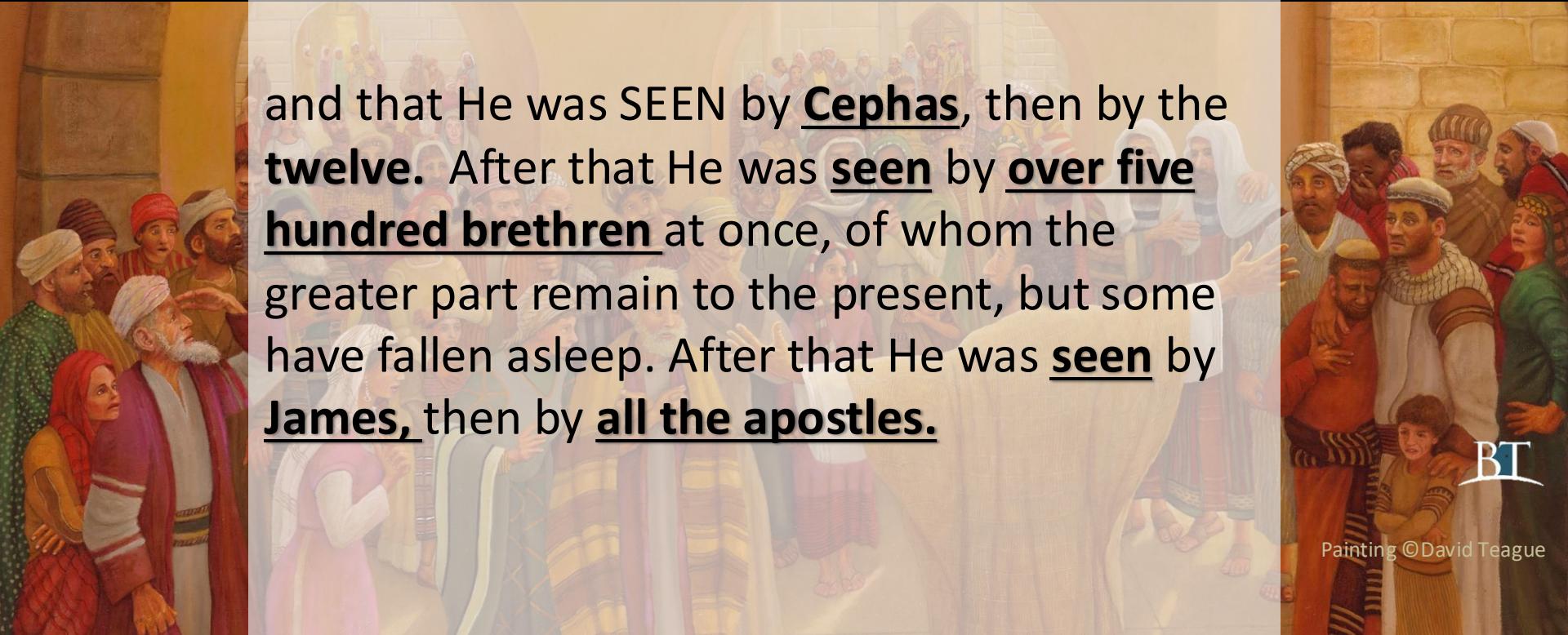
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# The Evidence of Things SEEN

## Calling the Witnesses: All the Apostles



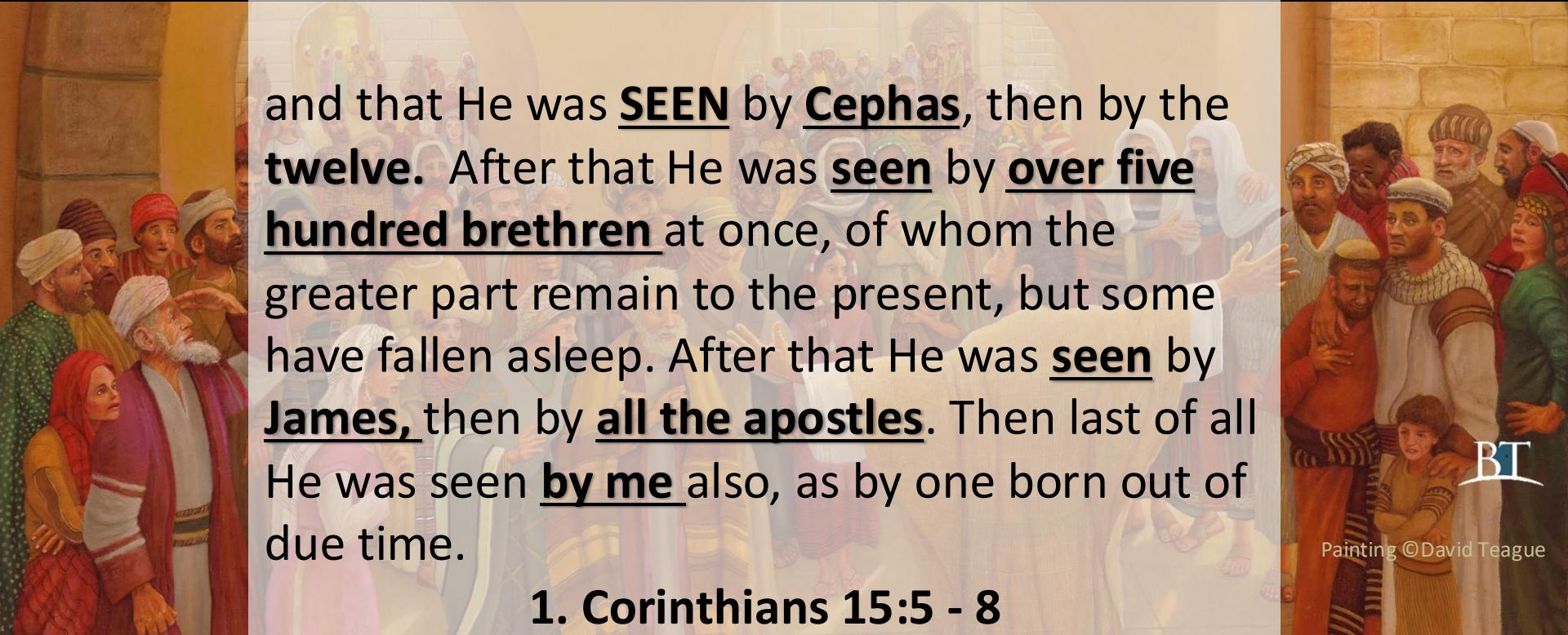
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## Calling the Witnesses: Paul



and that He was SEEN by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

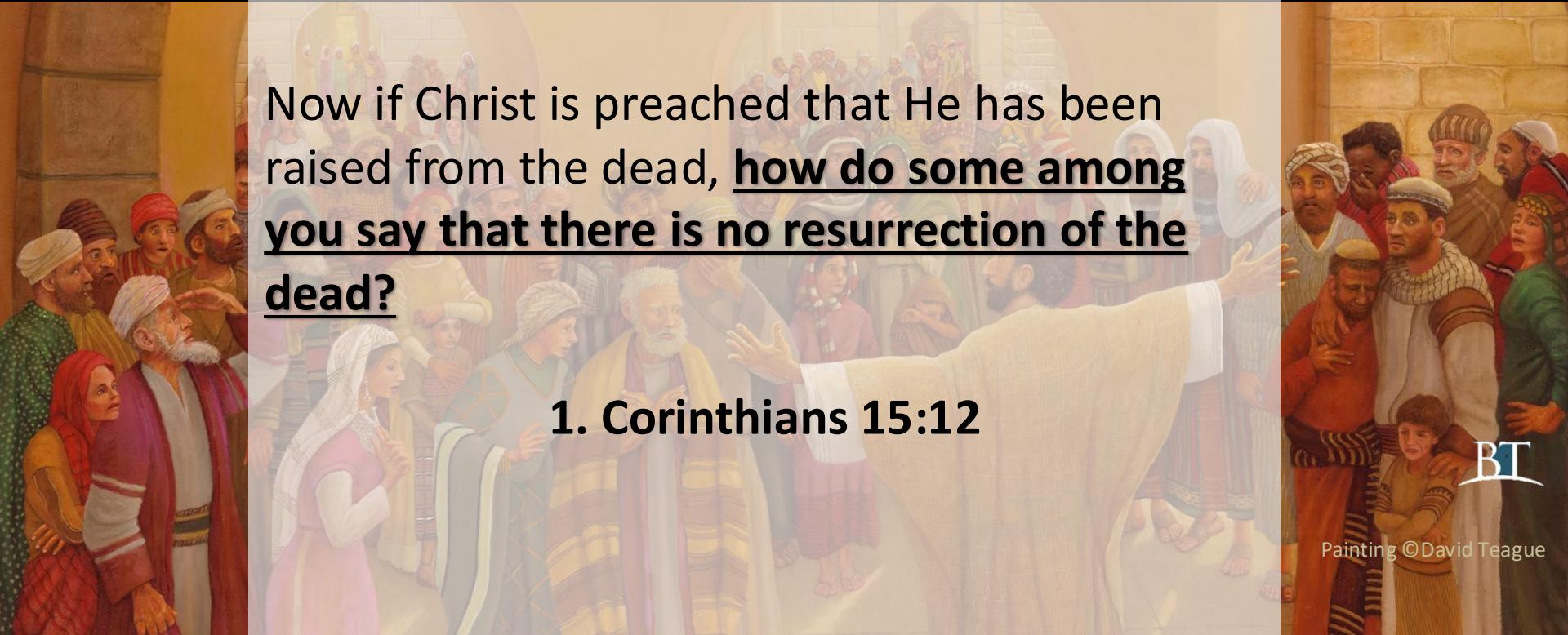
1. Corinthians 15:5 - 8

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# The Evidence of Things SEEN

The Age Old Issue: Unbelief despite the Evidence



Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, **how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?**

1. Corinthians 15:12

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# The Evidence of Things SEEN

## The Age Old Issue: Unbelief despite the Evidence



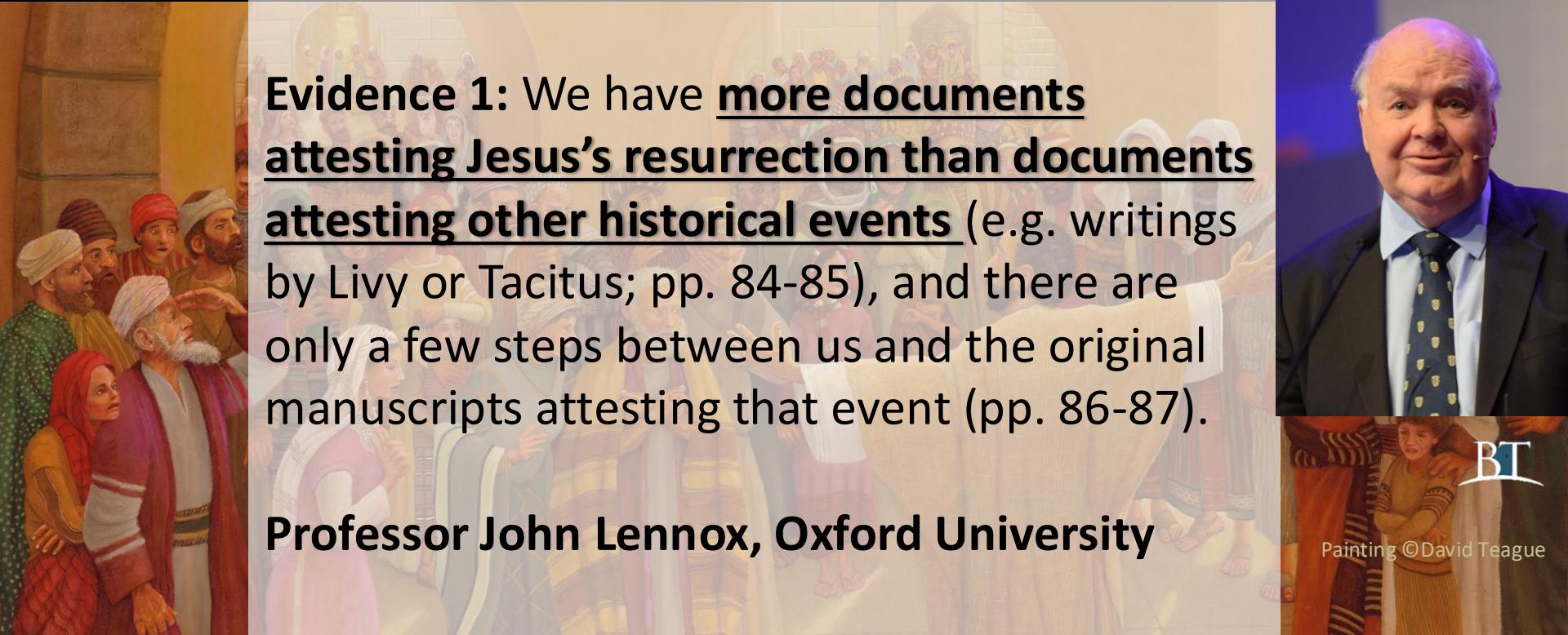
'People believe in the Resurrection not because of good evidence (there isn't any) but because, if the Resurrection is not true, Christianity becomes null and void, and their life, they think, meaningless. From this it is grotesquely false logic to conclude that therefore the Resurrection must be true.'

Richard Dawkins



# The Evidence of Things SEEN

## The Testimony of Contemporary Scientists



**Evidence 1: We have more documents attesting Jesus's resurrection than documents attesting other historical events** (e.g. writings by Livy or Tacitus; pp. 84-85), and there are only a few steps between us and the original manuscripts attesting that event (pp. 86-87).

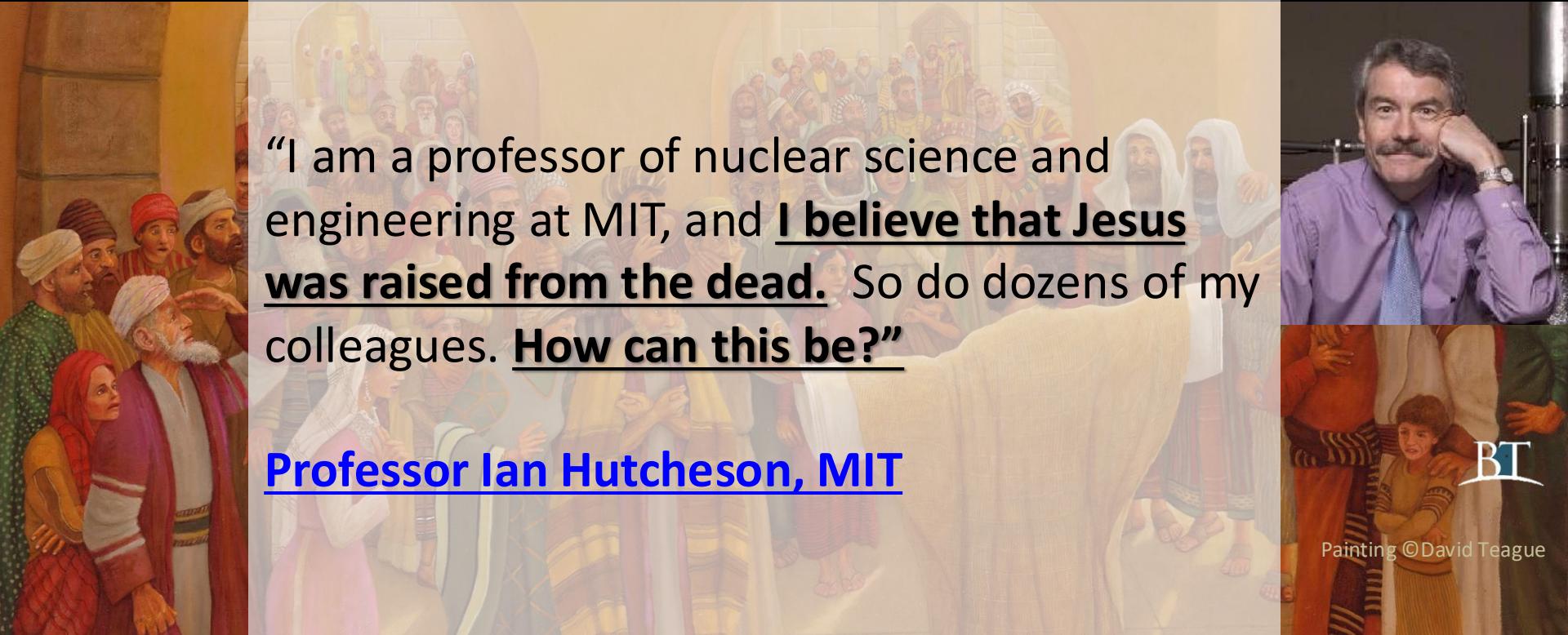
**Professor John Lennox, Oxford University**

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## The Testimony of Contemporary Scientists



“I am a professor of nuclear science and engineering at MIT, and **I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead.** So do dozens of my colleagues. **How can this be?**”

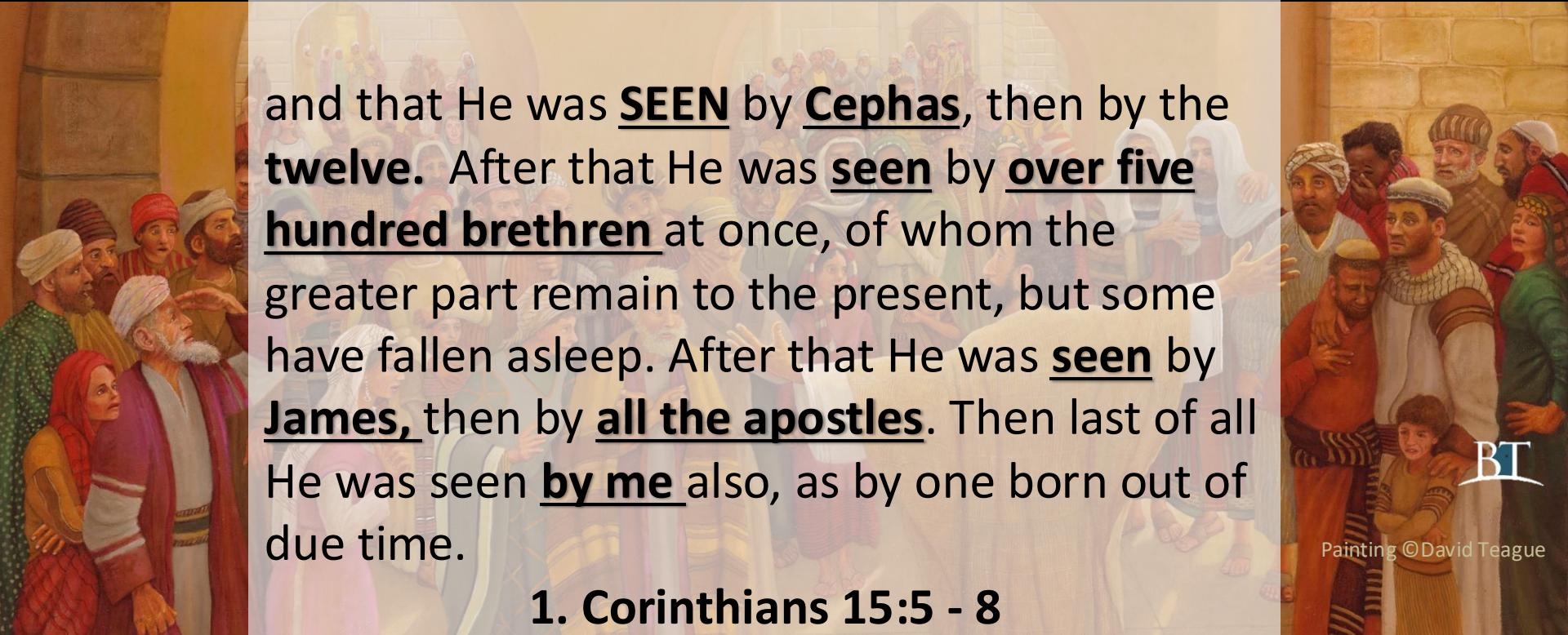
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## Calling the Witnesses: Who was SEEN, When & Where



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1. Corinthians 15:5 - 8

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# The Home Worksheet

# Pondering the Path to Pentecost

**Tarrying for the Power from on High**

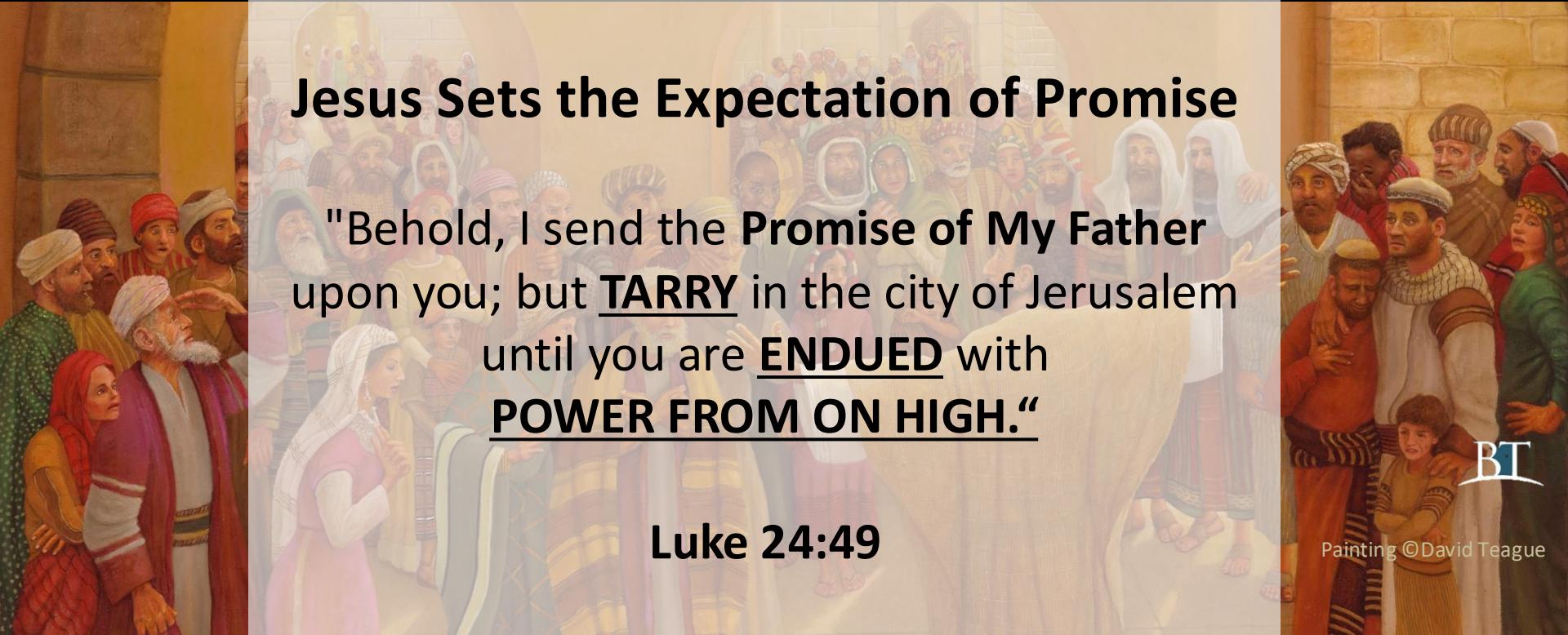


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# Pondering the Path to Pentecost

Tarrying for the POWER from on High



## Jesus Sets the Expectation of Promise

"Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father**  
upon you; but **TARRY** in the city of Jerusalem  
until you are **ENDUED** with  
**POWER FROM ON HIGH.**"

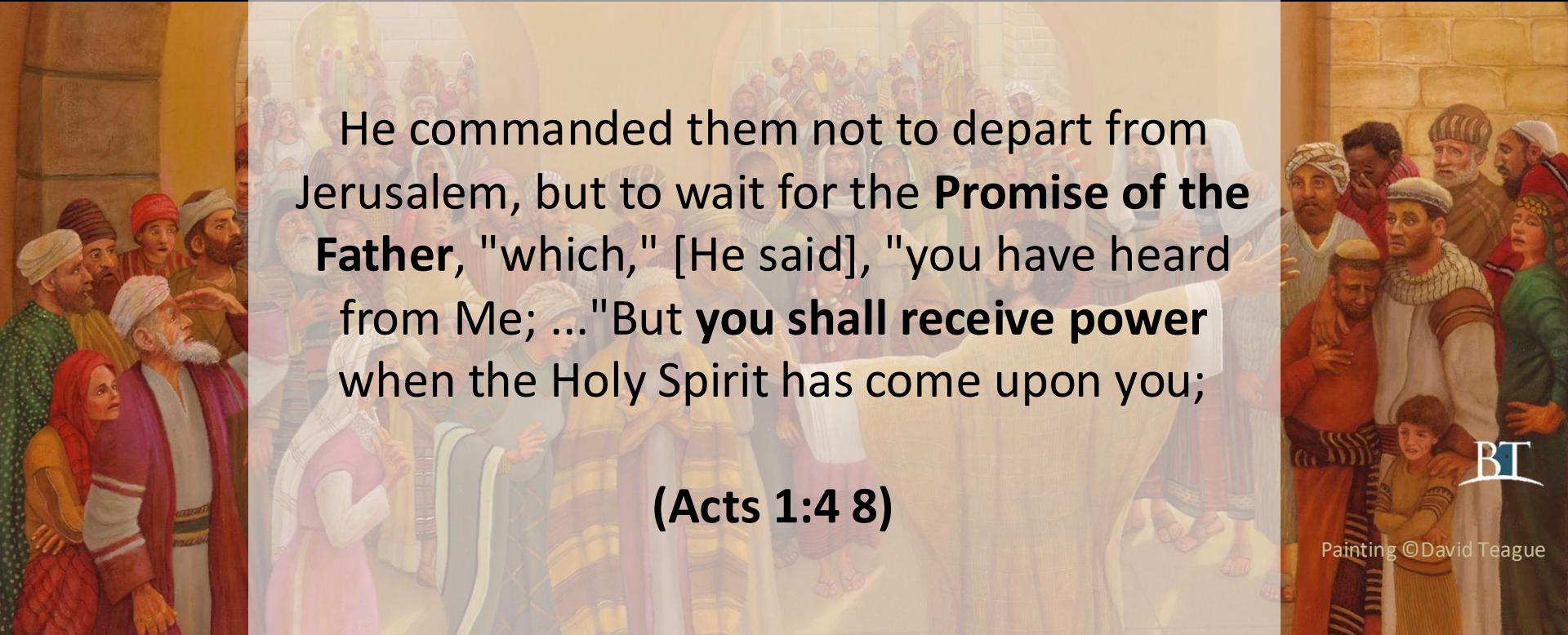
Luke 24:49

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Tarrying for the **POWER** from on High



He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Promise of the Father**, "which," [He said], "you have heard from Me; ..." **But you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

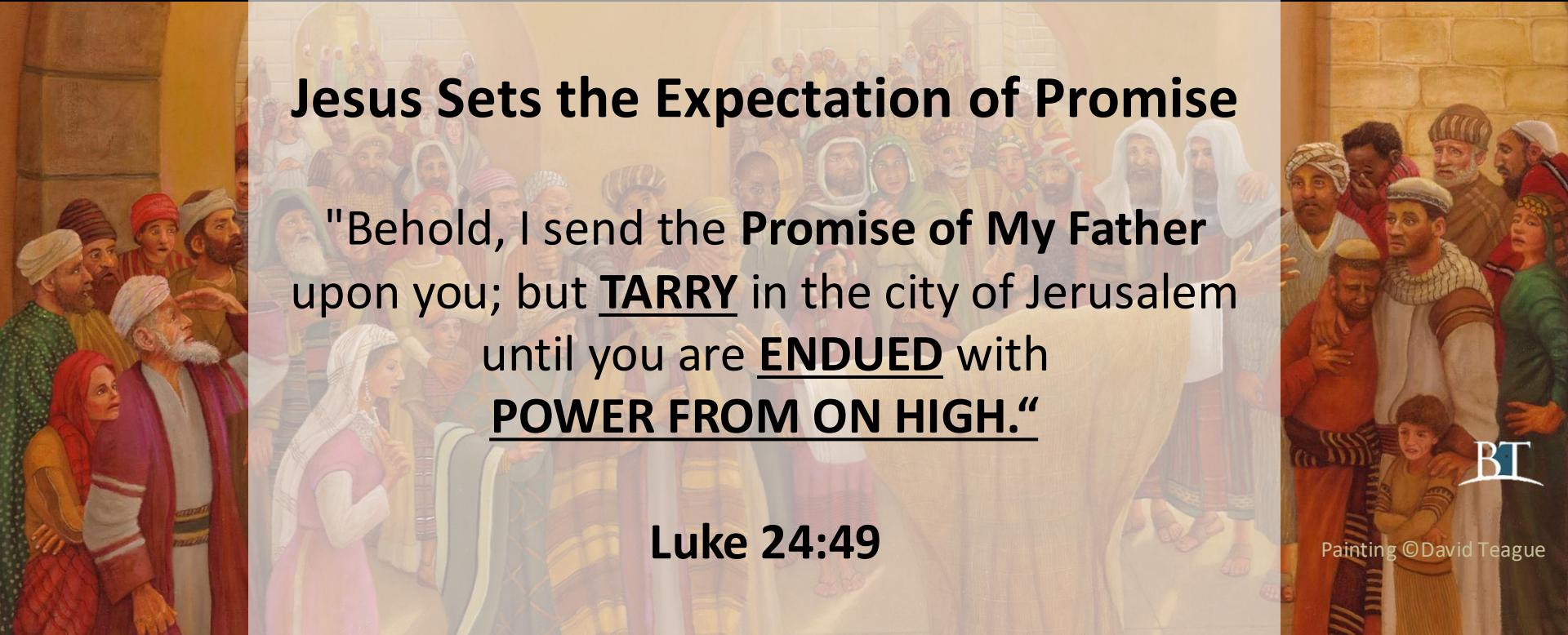
**(Acts 1:4 8)**

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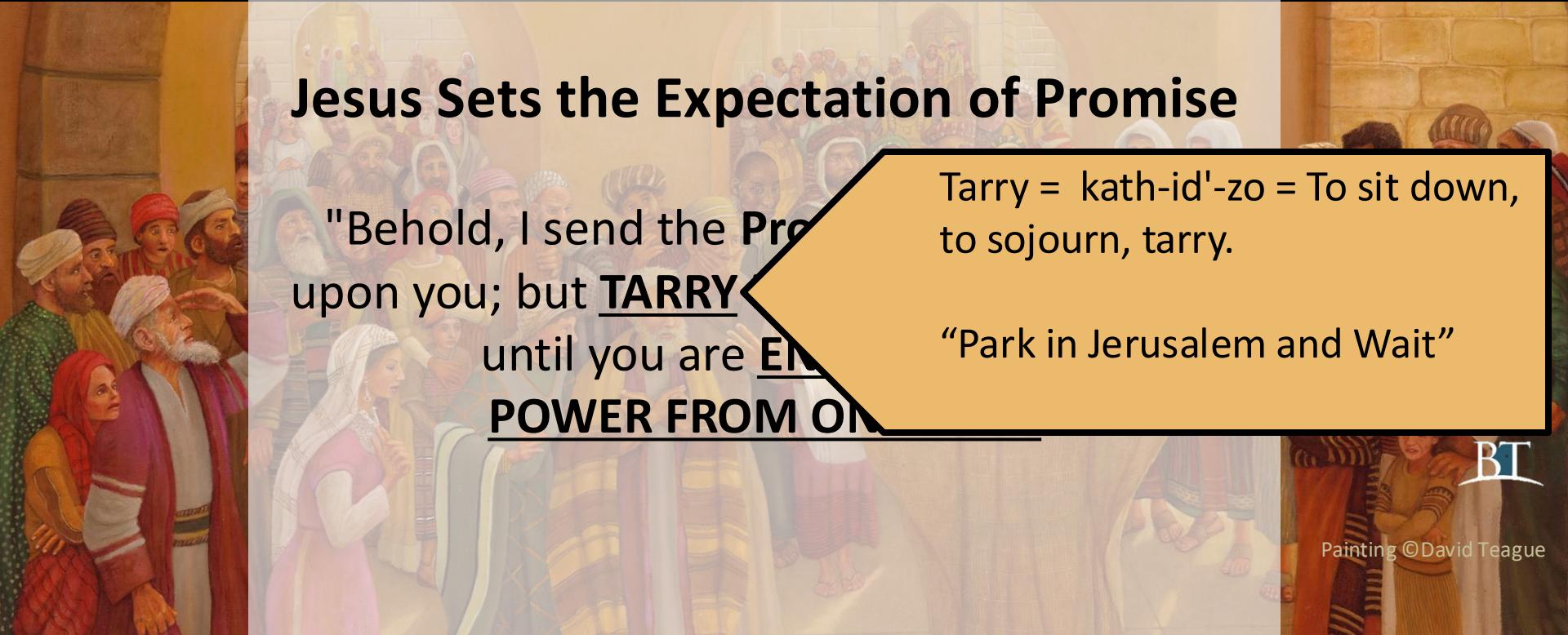
"Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father**  
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### Note this Distinction

Jesus sets an expectation to the disciples  
that they would be **endued with Power from on High**,  
not a visitation of a **Person from on High**.

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Tarrying for the POWER from on High



## Jesus Sets the Expectation of Promise

"Behold, I send the **Pro**phets  
upon you; but **TARRY**  
until you are **EN**thused by the  
**POWER FROM ON HIGH**"

Tarry = kath-id'-zo = To sit down,  
to sojourn, tarry.

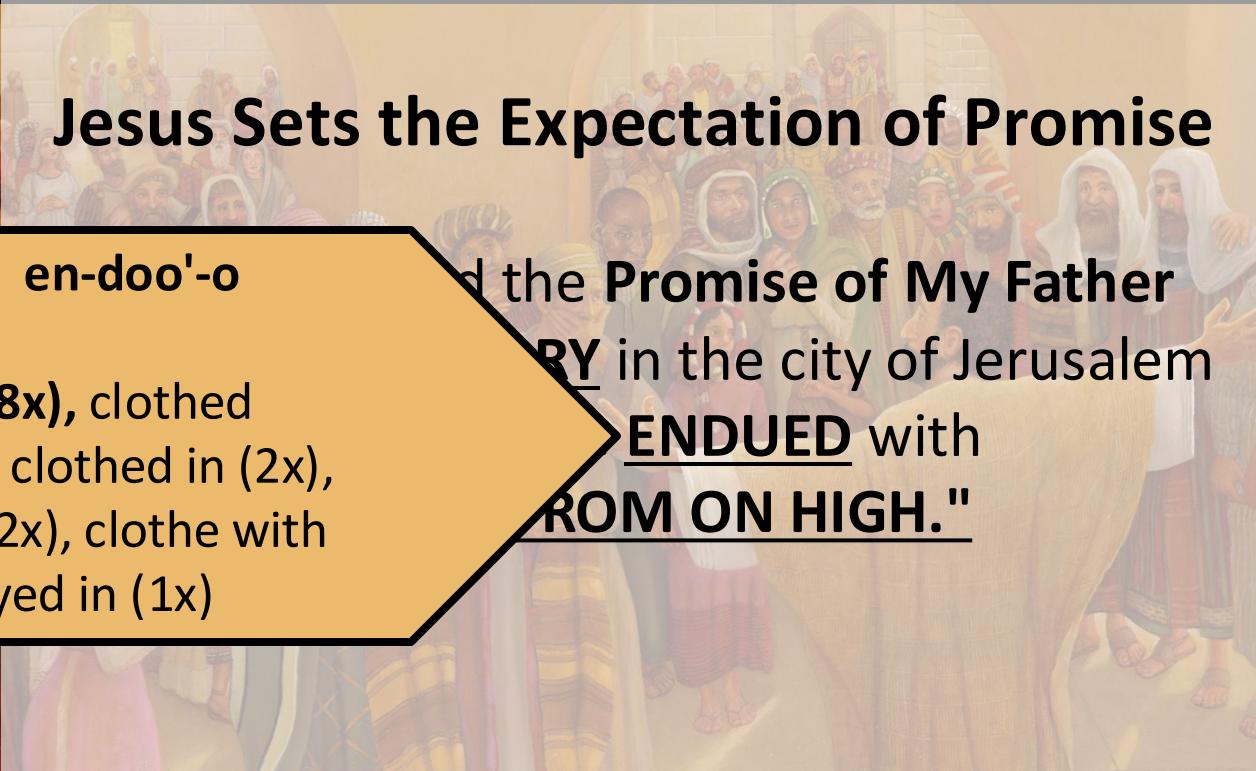
"Park in Jerusalem and Wait"

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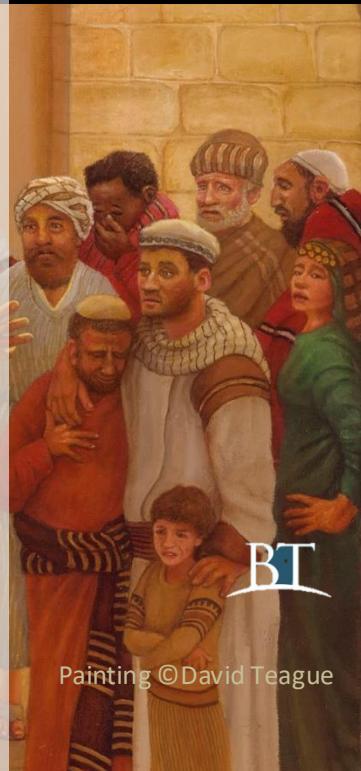


## Jesus Sets the Expectation of Promise

Endued = en-doo'-o

put on (18x), clothed  
with (2x), clothed in (2x),  
have on (2x), clothe with  
(1x), arrayed in (1x)

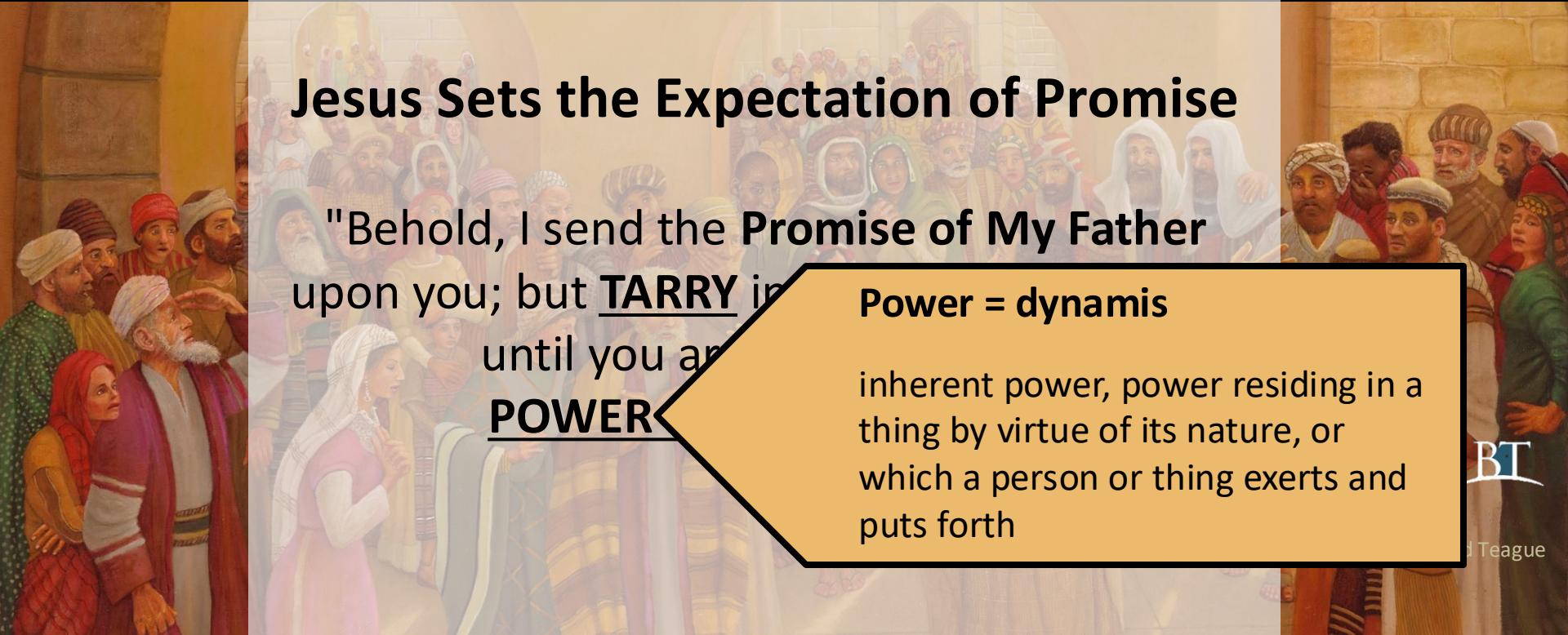
and the **Promise of My Father**  
**CRY** in the city of Jerusalem  
**ENDUED** with  
**ROM ON HIGH."**



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Tarrying for the POWER from on High



**Jesus Sets the Expectation of Promise**

"Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father**  
upon you; but **TARRY** in  
until you are  
**POWER**"

**Power = dynamis**

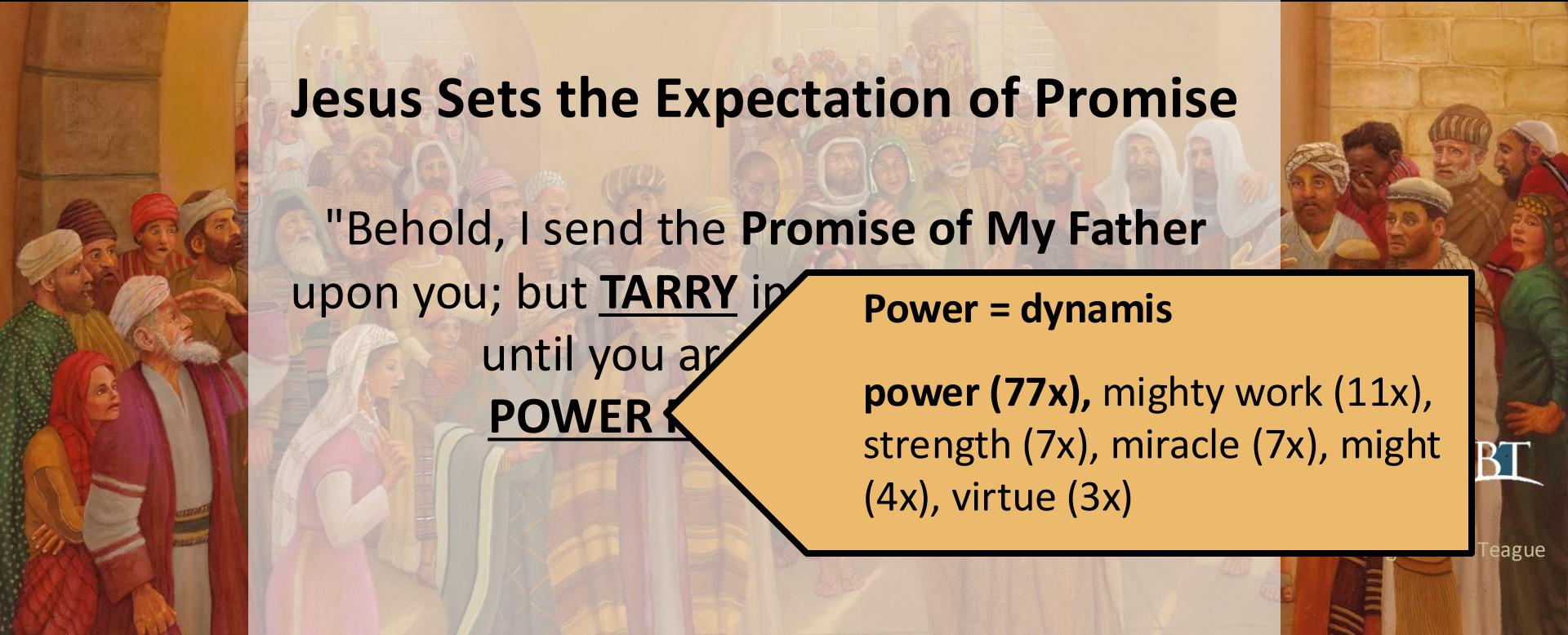
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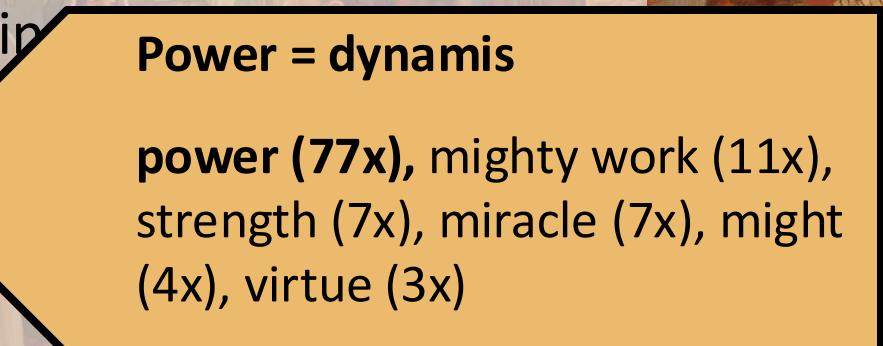
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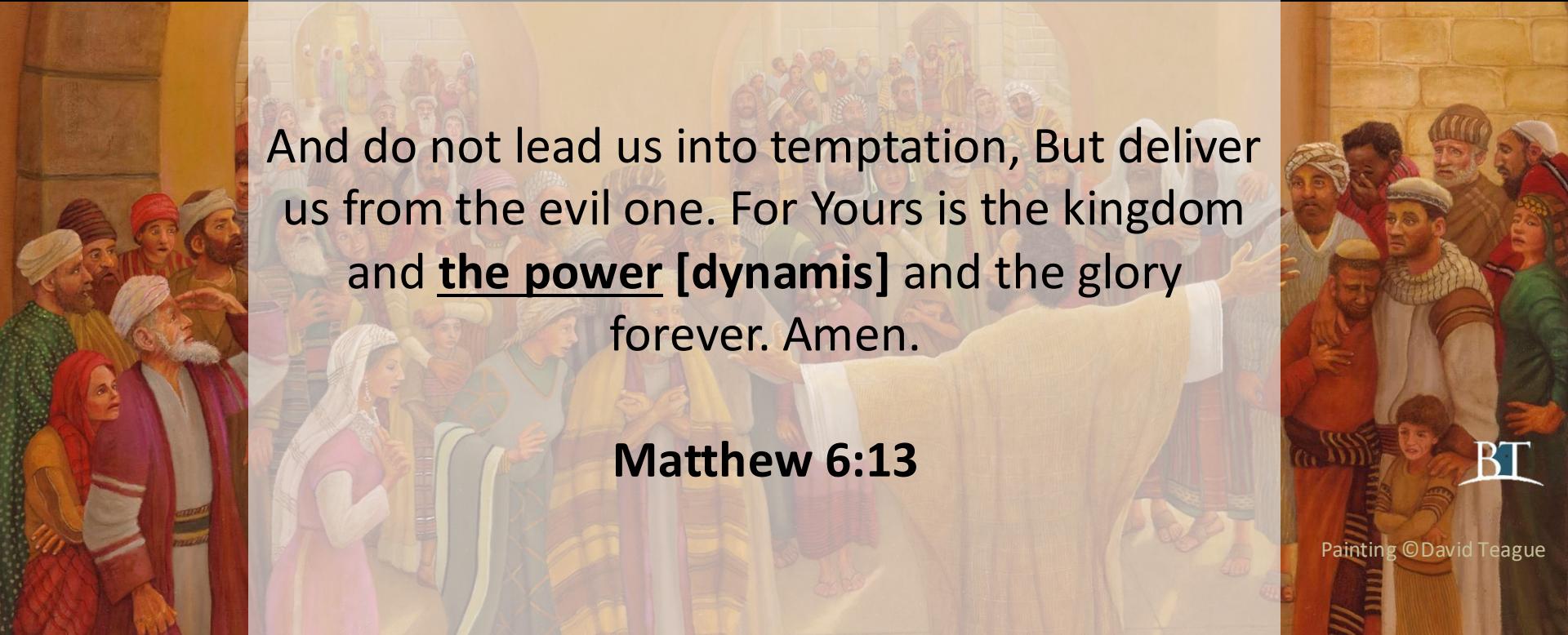
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until you are  
**POWER** 

Power = dynamis

power (77x), mighty work (11x),  
strength (7x), miracle (7x), might  
(4x), virtue (3x)

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## Key References to POWER



And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power [dynamis] and the glory forever. Amen.

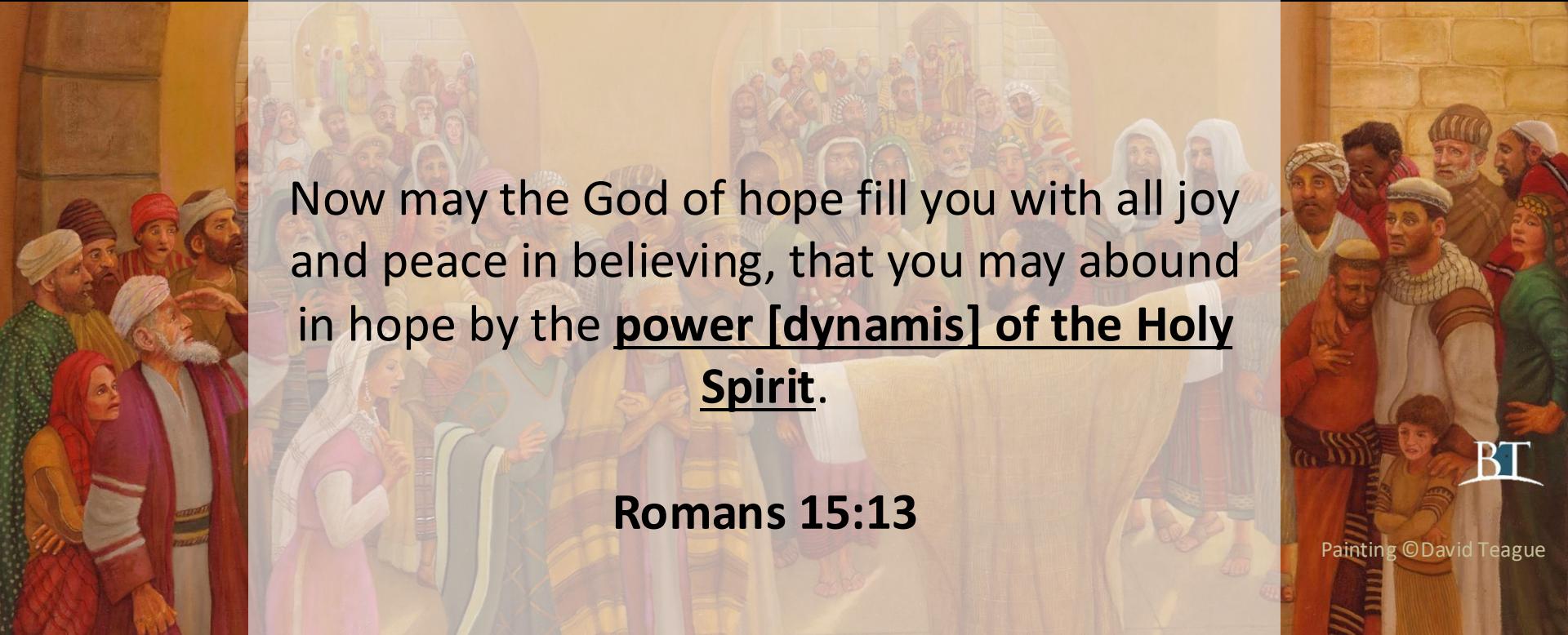
Matthew 6:13

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Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power [dynamis] of the Holy Spirit.

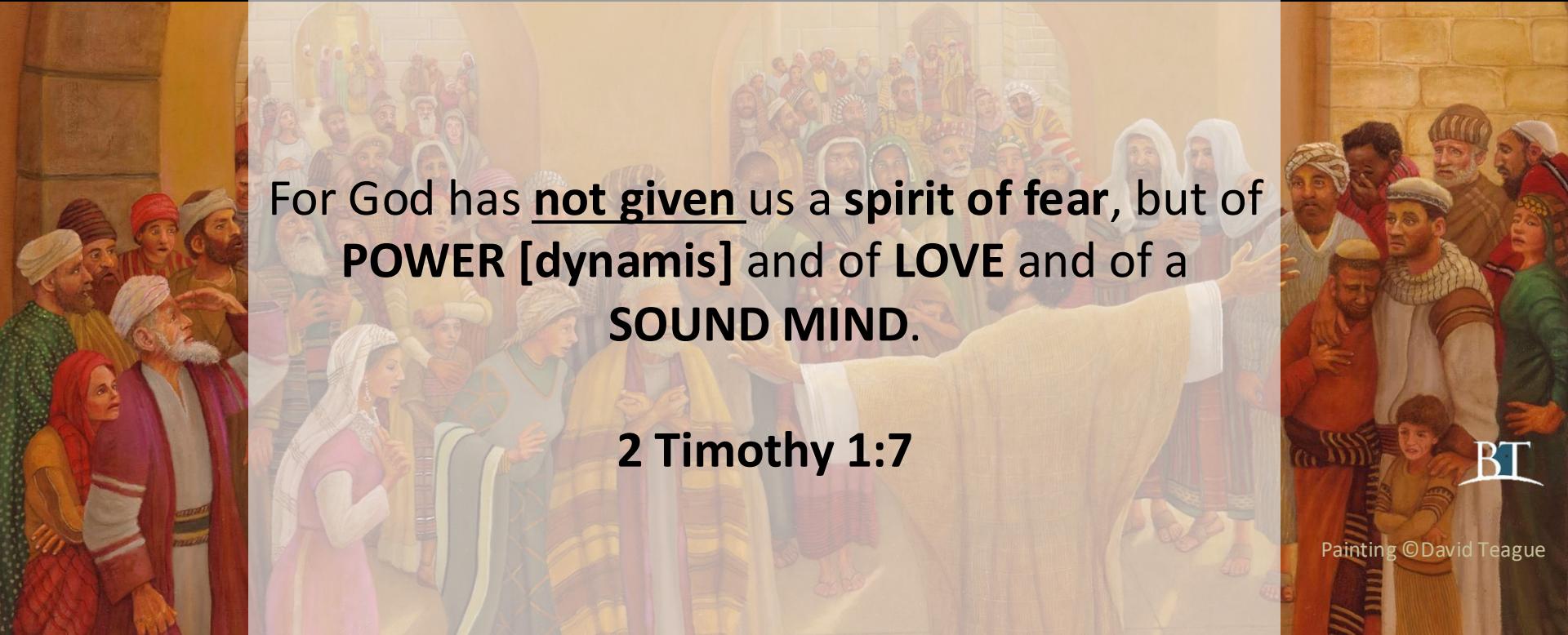
**Romans 15:13**

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## The SPIRIT Defined



For God has not given us a **spirit of fear**, but of **POWER [dynamis]** and of **LOVE** and of a **SOUND MIND**.

**2 Timothy 1:7**

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## The SPIRIT Defined

**Fear** = di-lee'-ah  
timidity, fearfulness,  
cowardice

spirit of fear, but of  
boldness, and of LOVE and of a  
SOUND MIND.

**2 Timothy 1:7**

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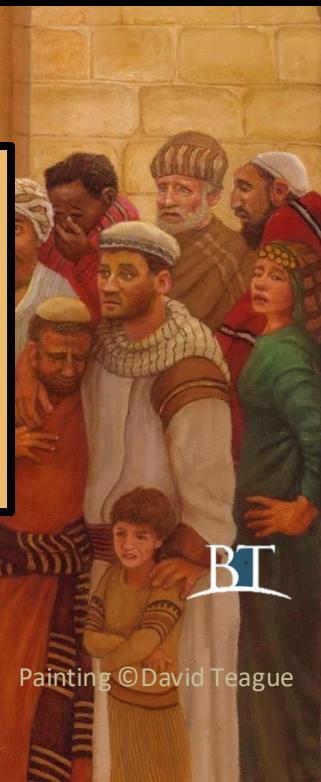


For God has now  
**POWER**

**Power = dynamis**

inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

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2 Timothy 1:7

**Sound Mind =**  
*sōphronismos*

A calling to soundness of mind, to moderation and self-control

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## The SPIRIT Defined

1) **dynamis**

**God's Power** -- Inherent Power

2) **agape**

**God's Love** -- Unconditional Love

3) **sōphronismos**

**God's Mind** -- Rational Self Control



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**Men and Brethren What Shall We Do?**



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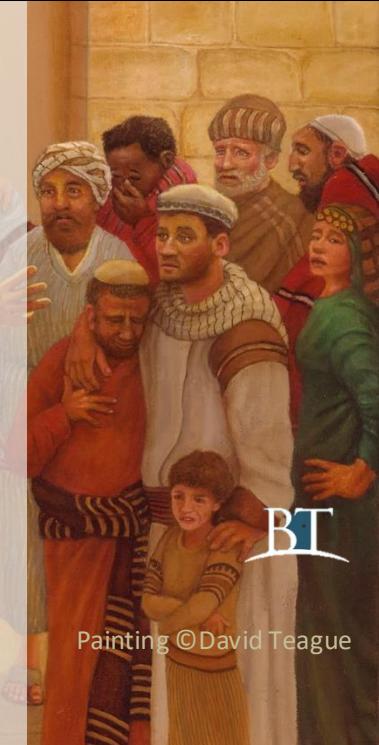
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## Men and Brethren What Shall We Do?

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard [this], they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "**Men [and] brethren, what shall we do?**

**Acts 2:36-37**

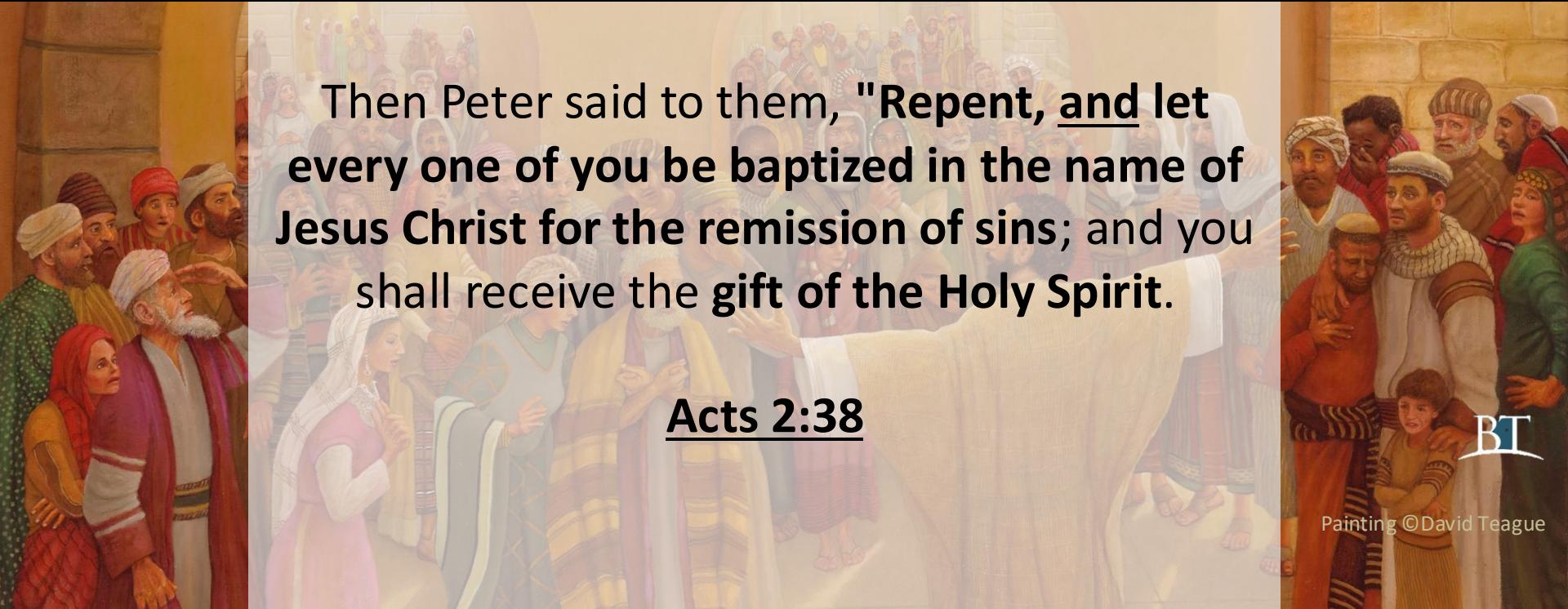


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**Men and Brethren What Shall We Do?**



Then Peter said to them, "**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**Acts 2:38**

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**Men and Brethren What Shall We Do?**

**What Moved Them?  
What Convicted Them?**

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**Shall We Ponder It?**