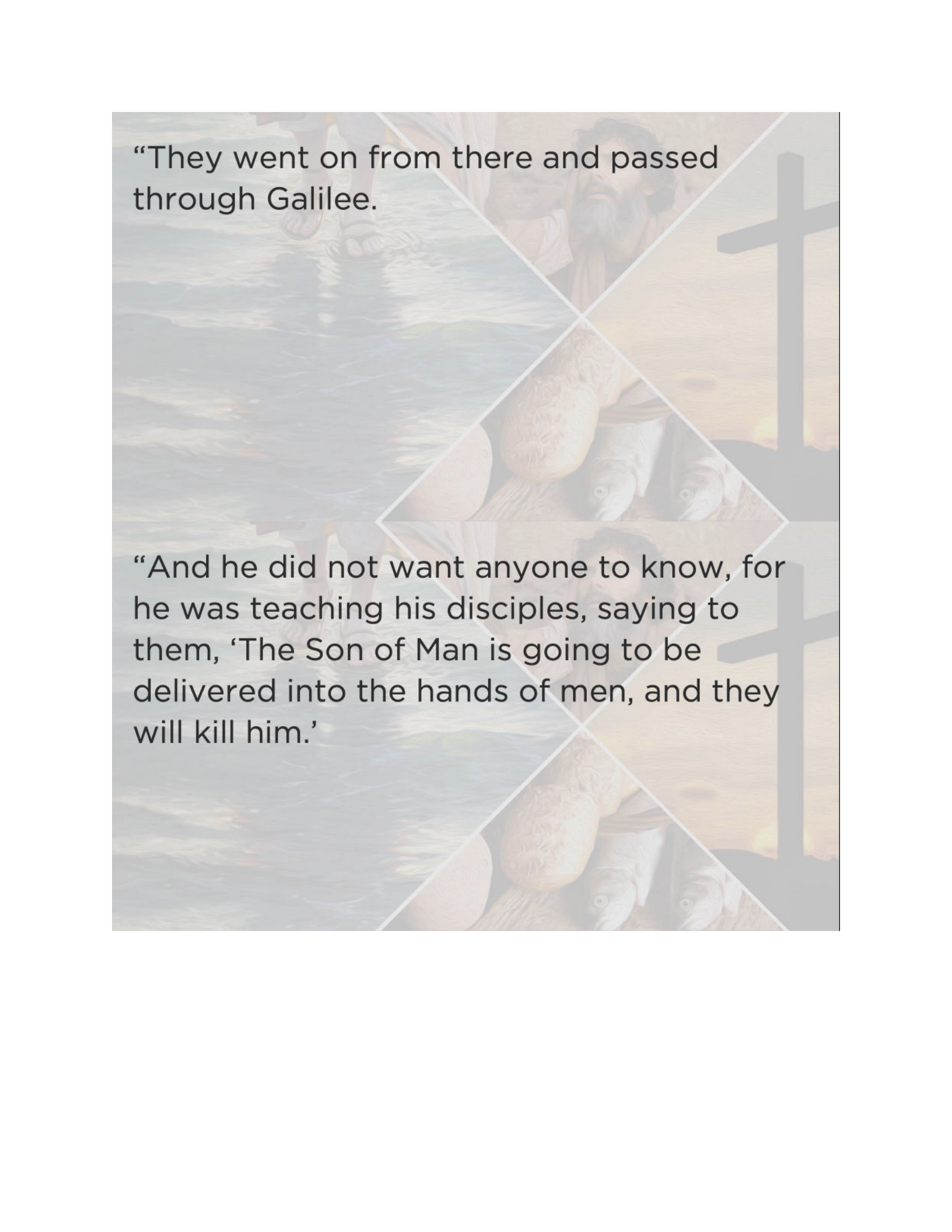


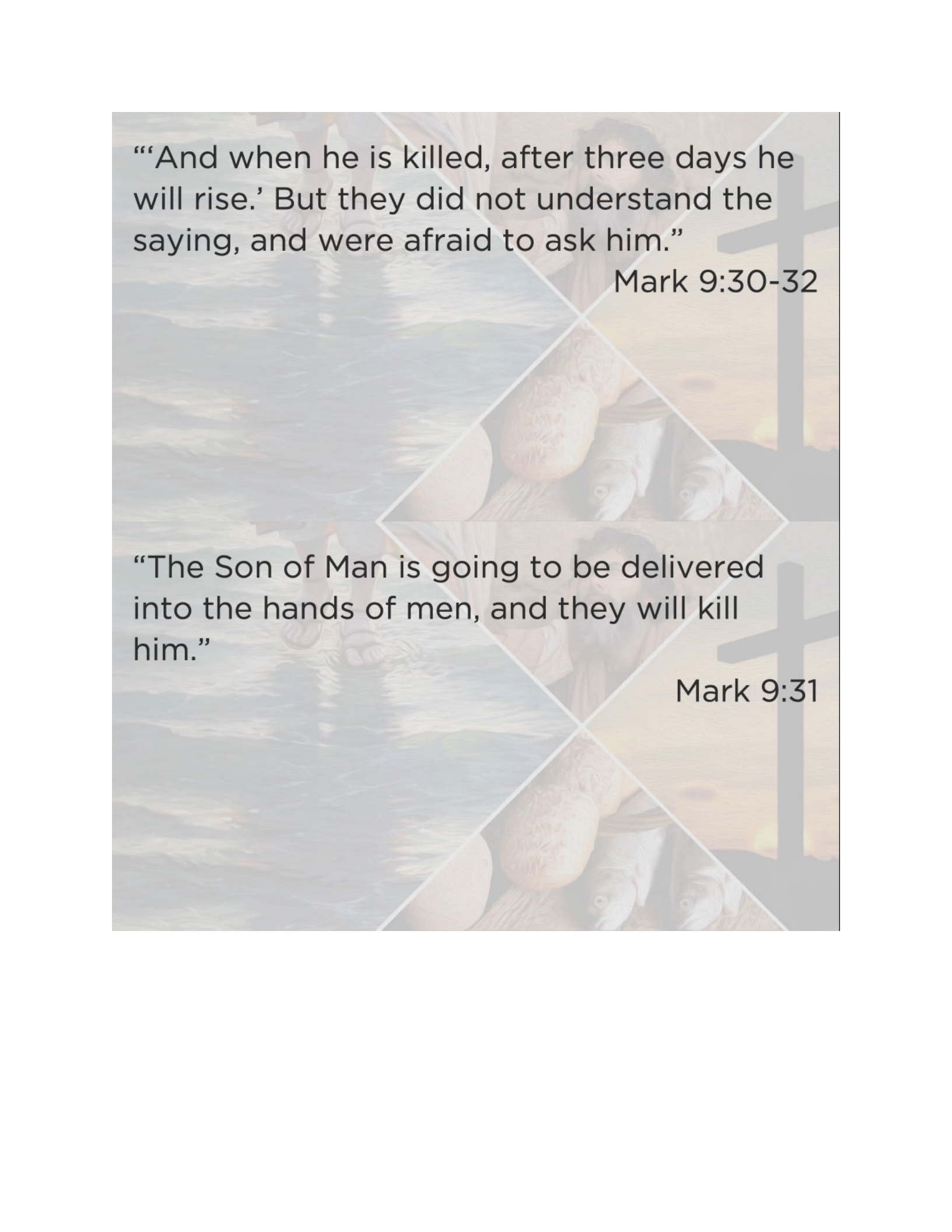
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What we know can keep us from
understanding what we don't know.



“They went on from there and passed through Galilee.

“And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him.’

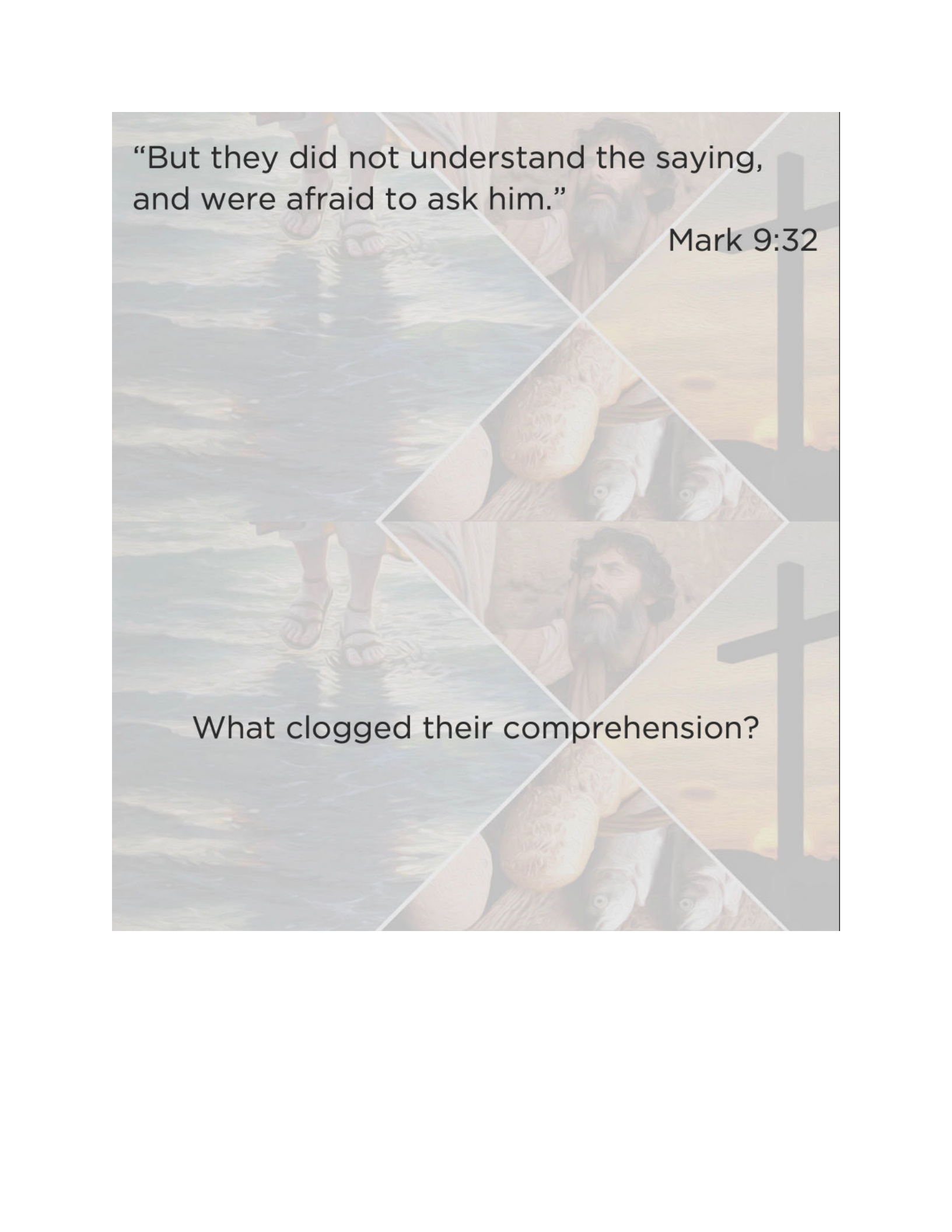
The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a depiction of Jesus walking on water, with his feet visible above the surface. On the right, there is a scene of Jesus with several large fish, likely the miracle of the loaves and fishes. A large, faint cross is visible on the right side of the slide, partially overlapping the text.

“‘And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.’ But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.”

Mark 9:30-32

“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him.”

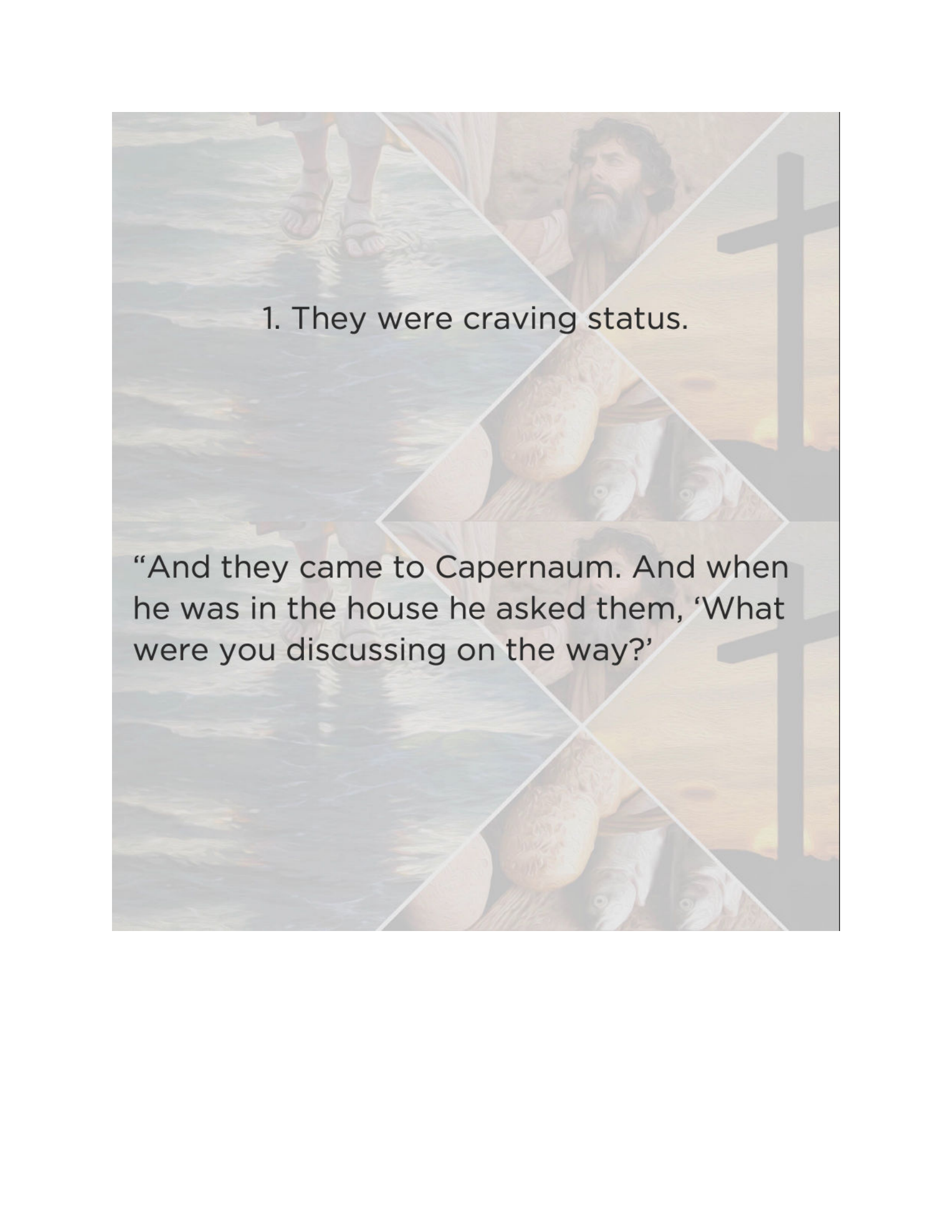
Mark 9:31

The background of the slide is a collage of religious images. It features a central image of Jesus walking on water, with his feet visible above the surface. To the right, there is a portrait of a man with a beard, likely Jesus, looking upwards. A large, faint cross is visible on the right side of the slide. The images are overlaid with a grid of white lines.

“But they did not understand the saying,
and were afraid to ask him.”

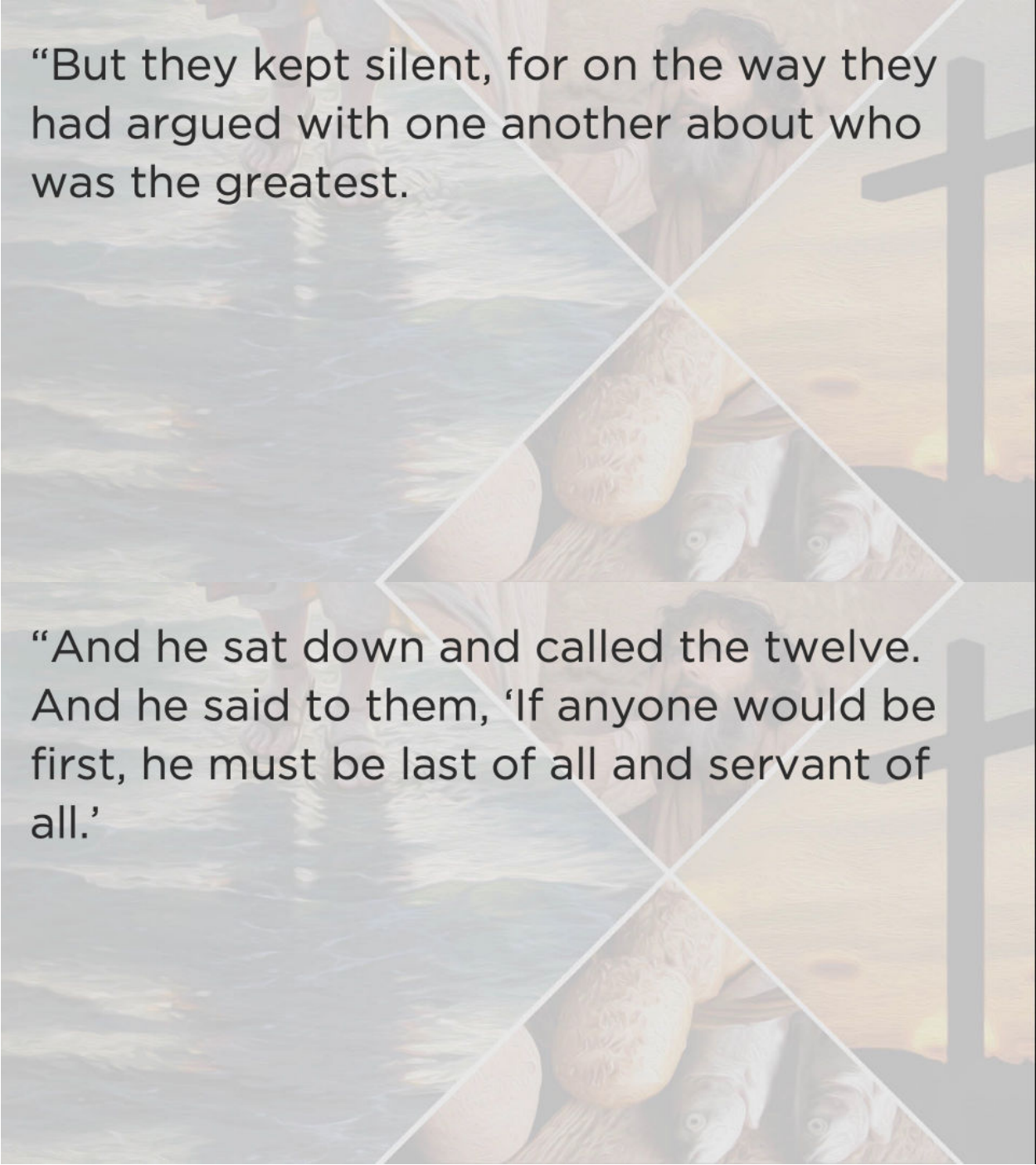
Mark 9:32

What clogged their comprehension?

The background is a collage of religious-themed images. On the right, a large, faint grey cross is visible. On the left, there's a scene of a person's feet in sandals standing on water. In the center, there's a portrait of a bearded man, likely Jesus, with his hand to his ear. Below that, there's a scene of a large fish being pulled out of the water. The entire collage is overlaid with a large, faint 'X' shape.

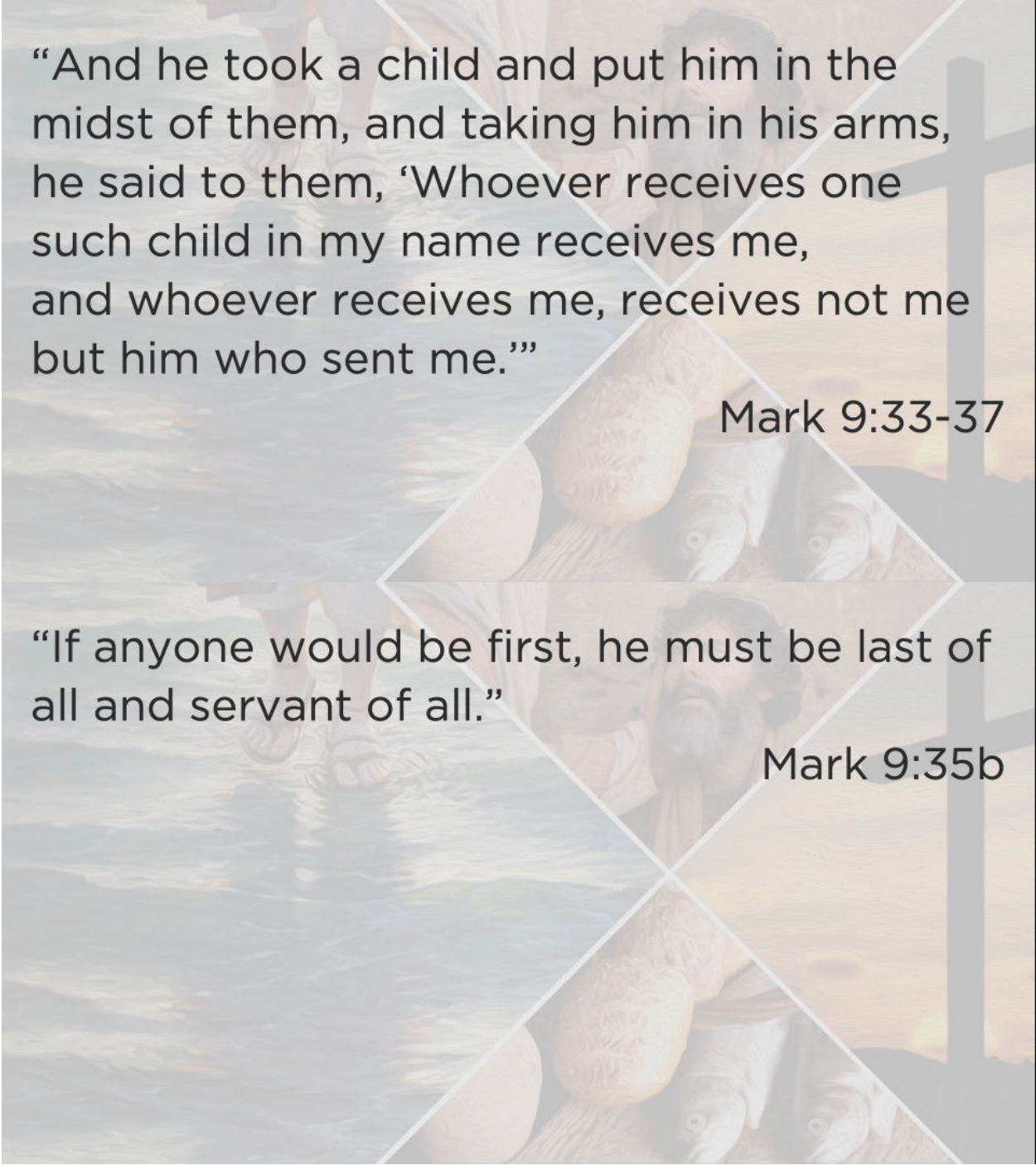
1. They were craving status.

“And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you discussing on the way?’

The background of the slide features a composite image. On the left, there is a depiction of a body of water with ripples. On the right, there is a scene with a large, dark cross against a warm, orange-hued sky. In the center, overlapping these elements, is a close-up of Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe. He is holding several large, white fish. The entire image is divided into four quadrants by two white diagonal lines that intersect in the center.

“But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

“And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, ‘If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.’

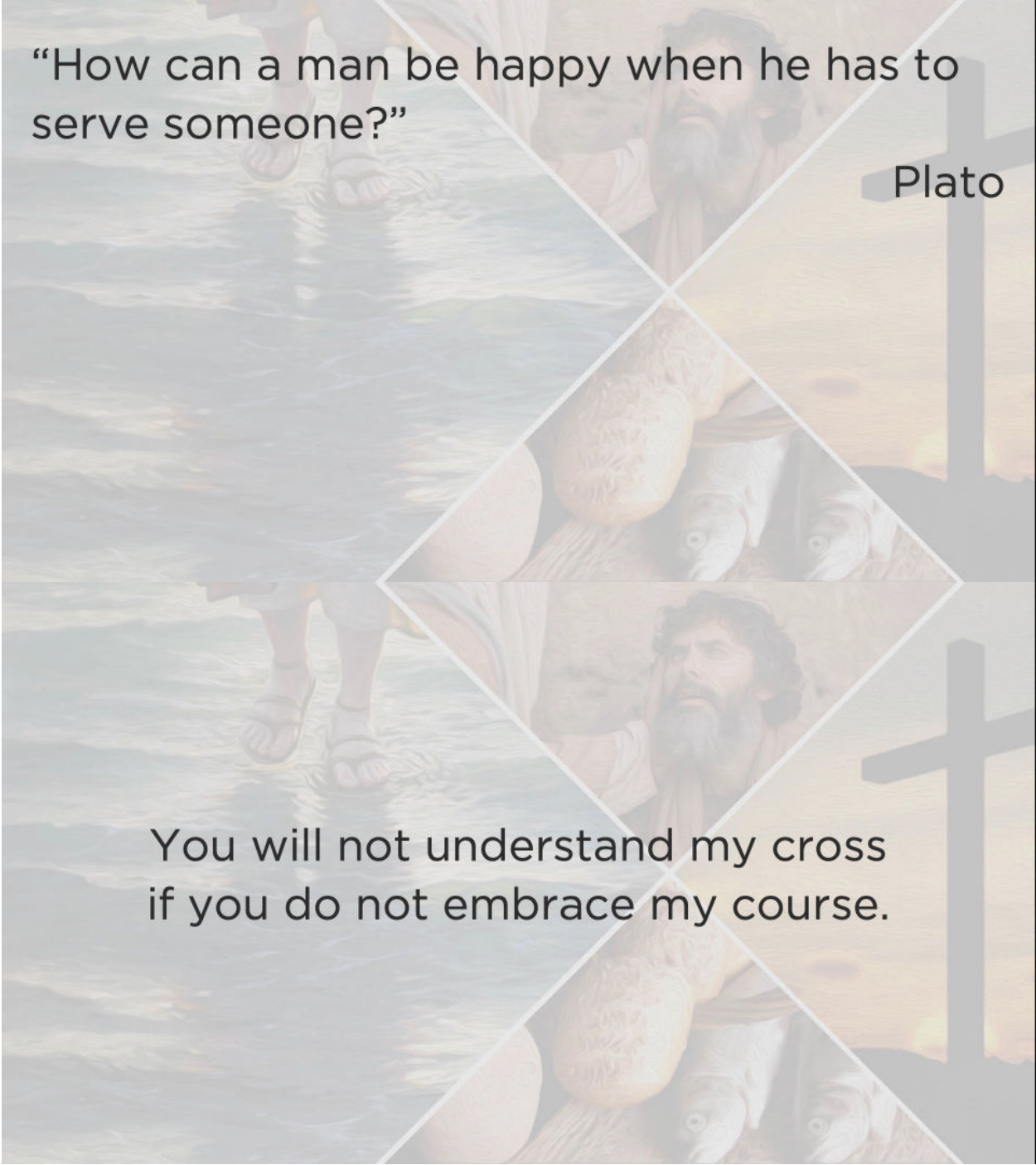
The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a painting of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, holding a young child in his arms. On the right, there is a photograph of a large fish, possibly a cod, lying on a wooden surface. The entire background is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent white cross.

“And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.’”

Mark 9:33-37

“If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

Mark 9:35b



“How can a man be happy when he has to
serve someone?”

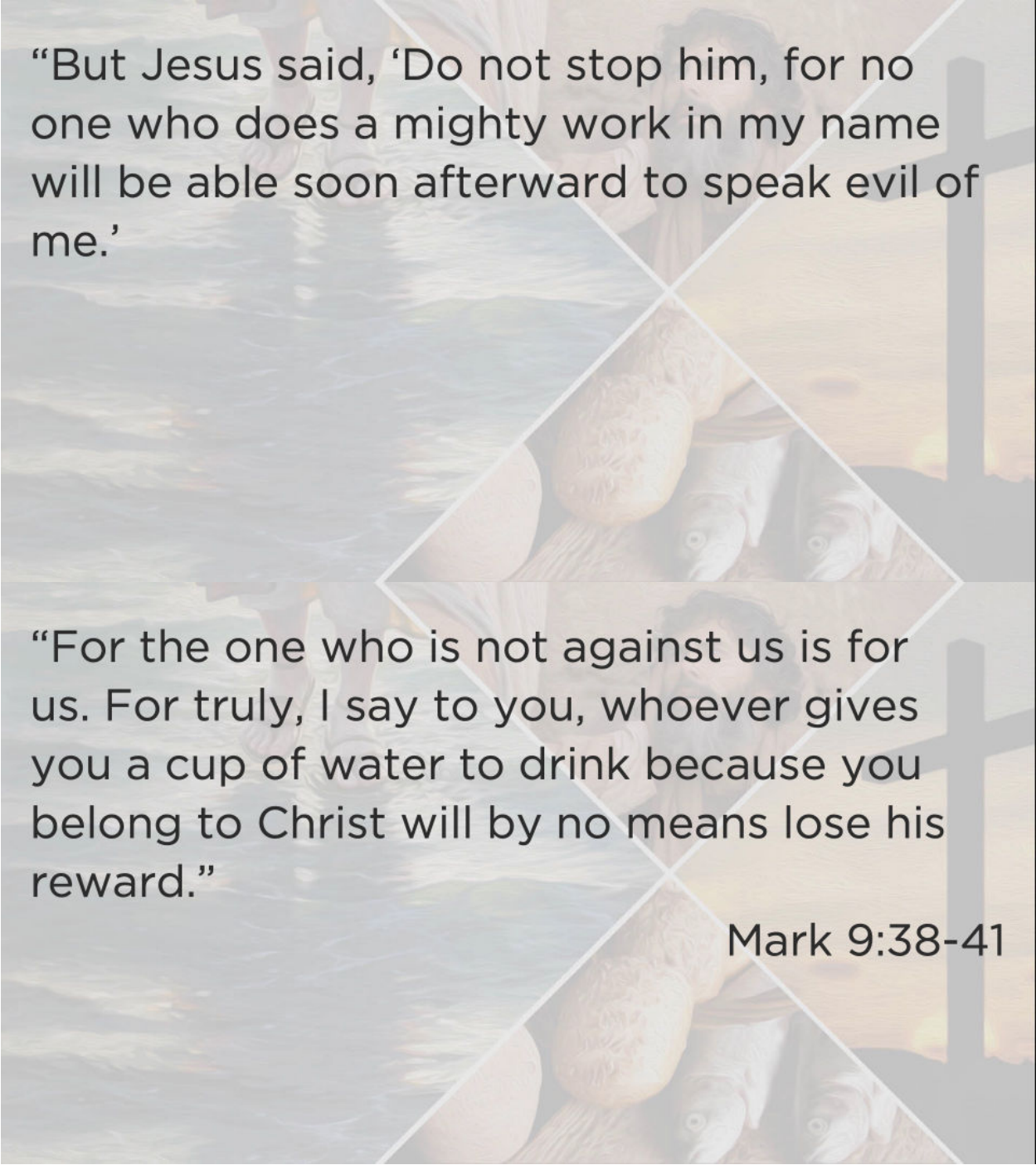
Plato

You will not understand my cross
if you do not embrace my course.



2. They are devaluing strangers.

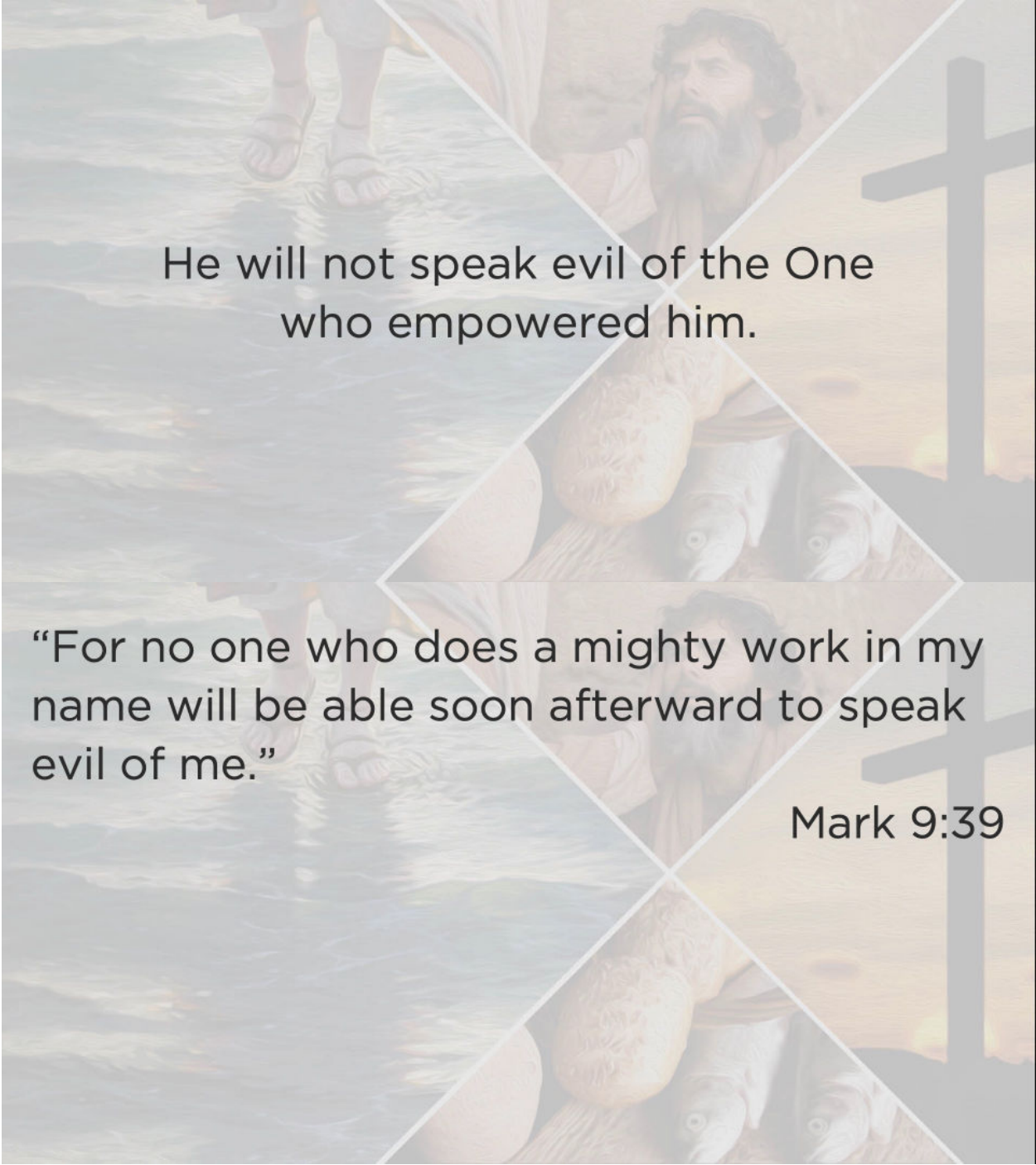
“John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’



“But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.’

“For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.”

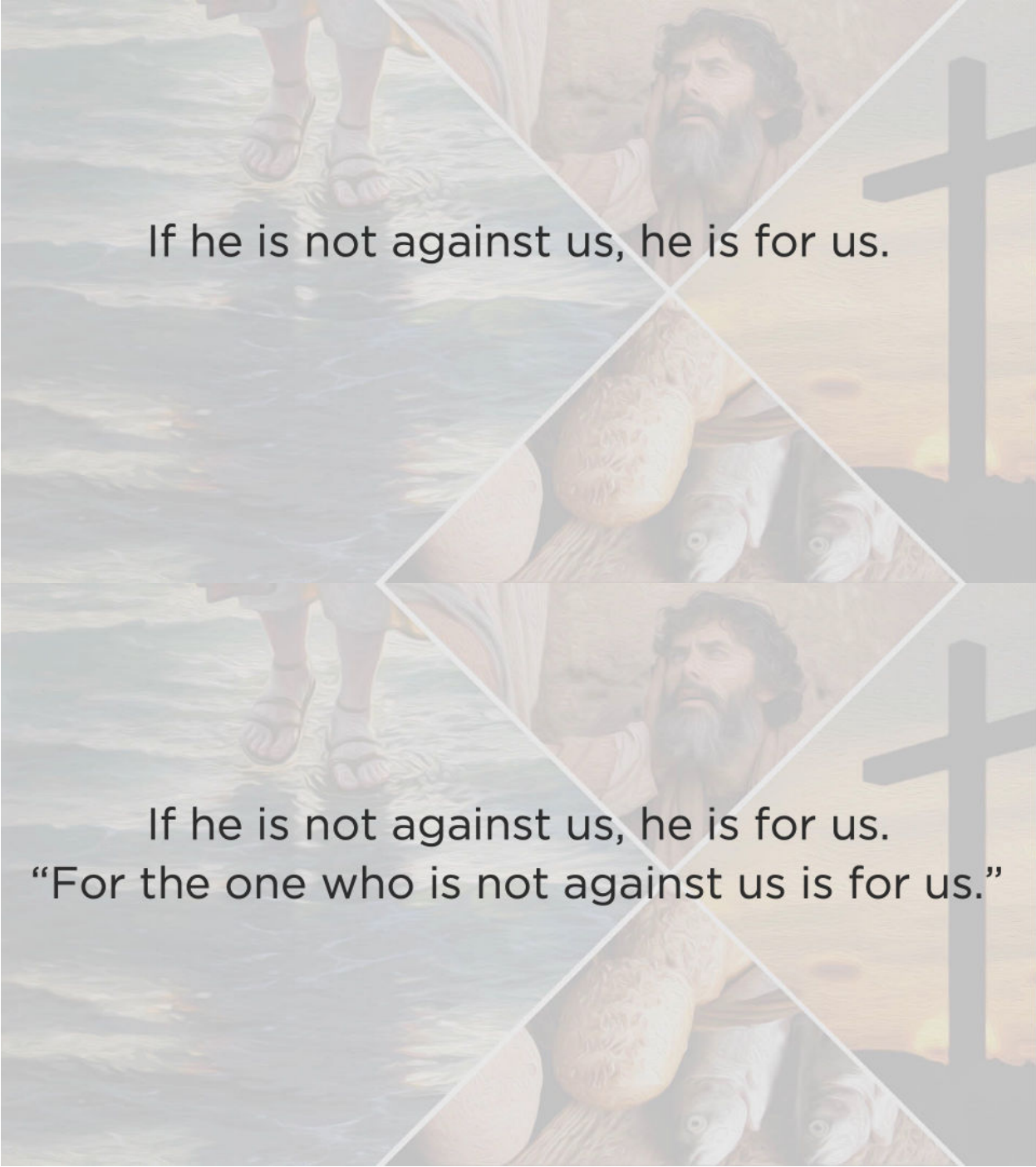
Mark 9:38-41



He will not speak evil of the One
who empowered him.

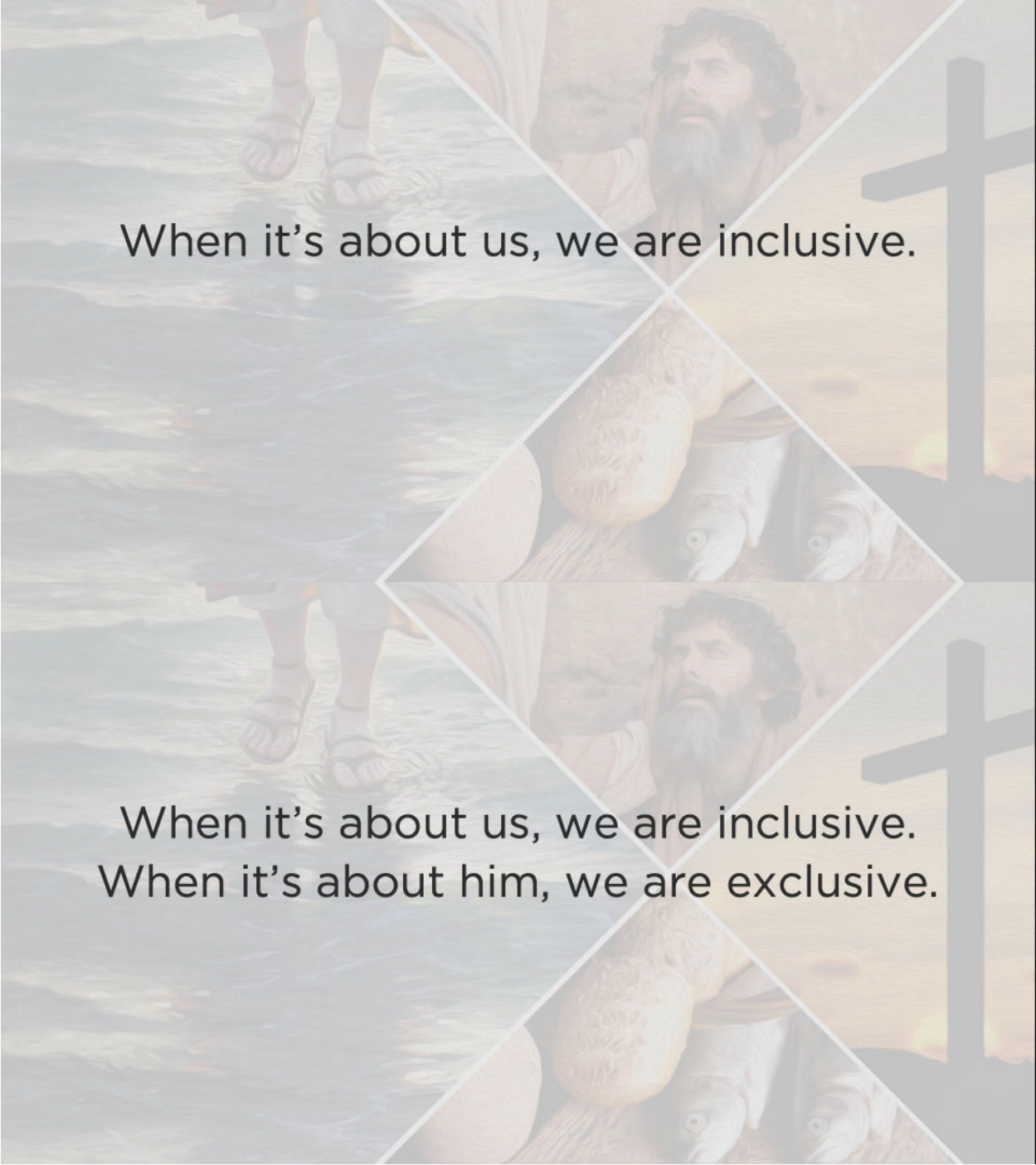
“For no one who does a mighty work in my
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evil of me.”

Mark 9:39



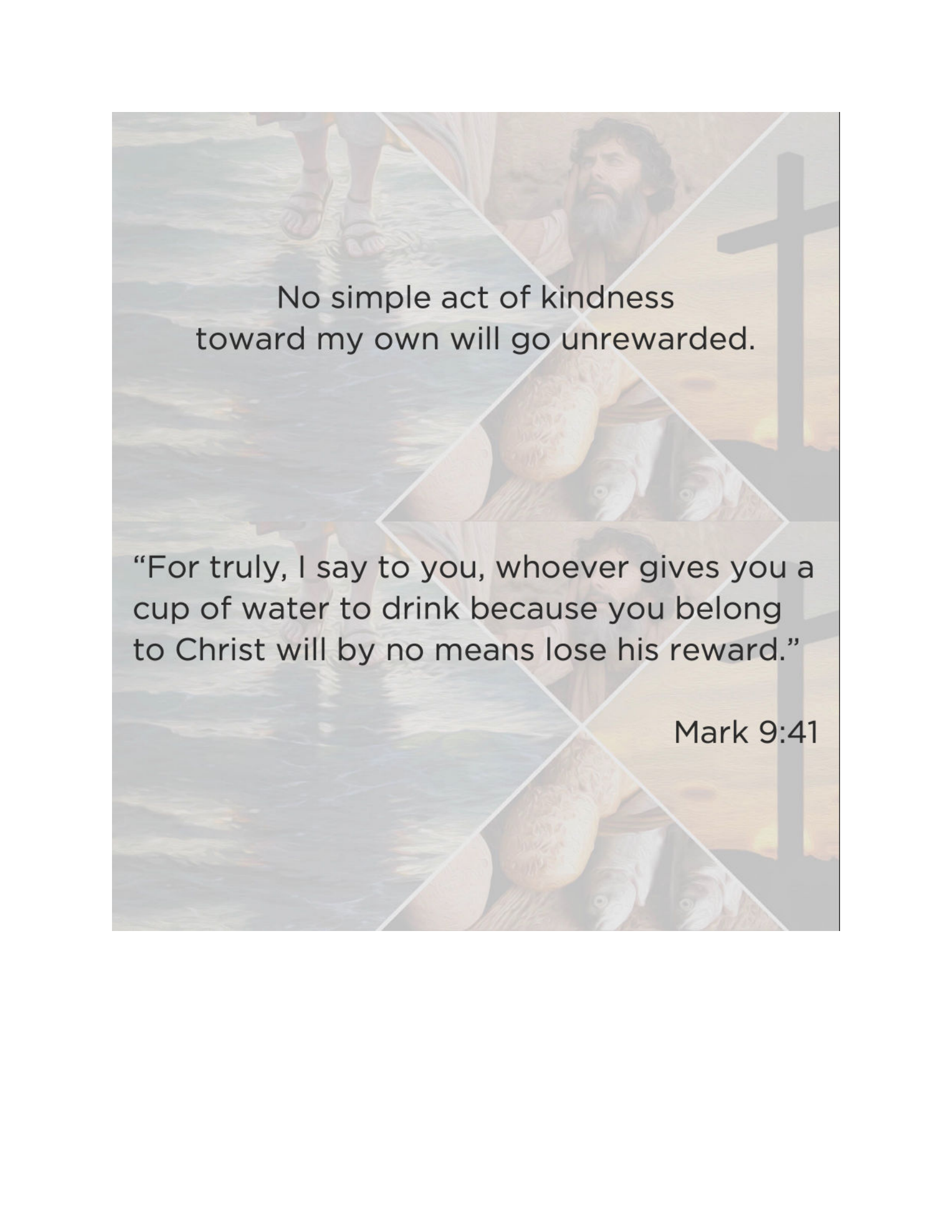
If he is not against us, he is for us.

If he is not against us, he is for us.
“For the one who is not against us is for us.”

The background image is a religious painting depicting Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, standing in water. He is holding a large, golden fish. To his right, a large, dark cross is visible against a sunset sky. The image is overlaid with a large, light-colored diamond shape that divides the scene into four quadrants.

When it's about us, we are inclusive.

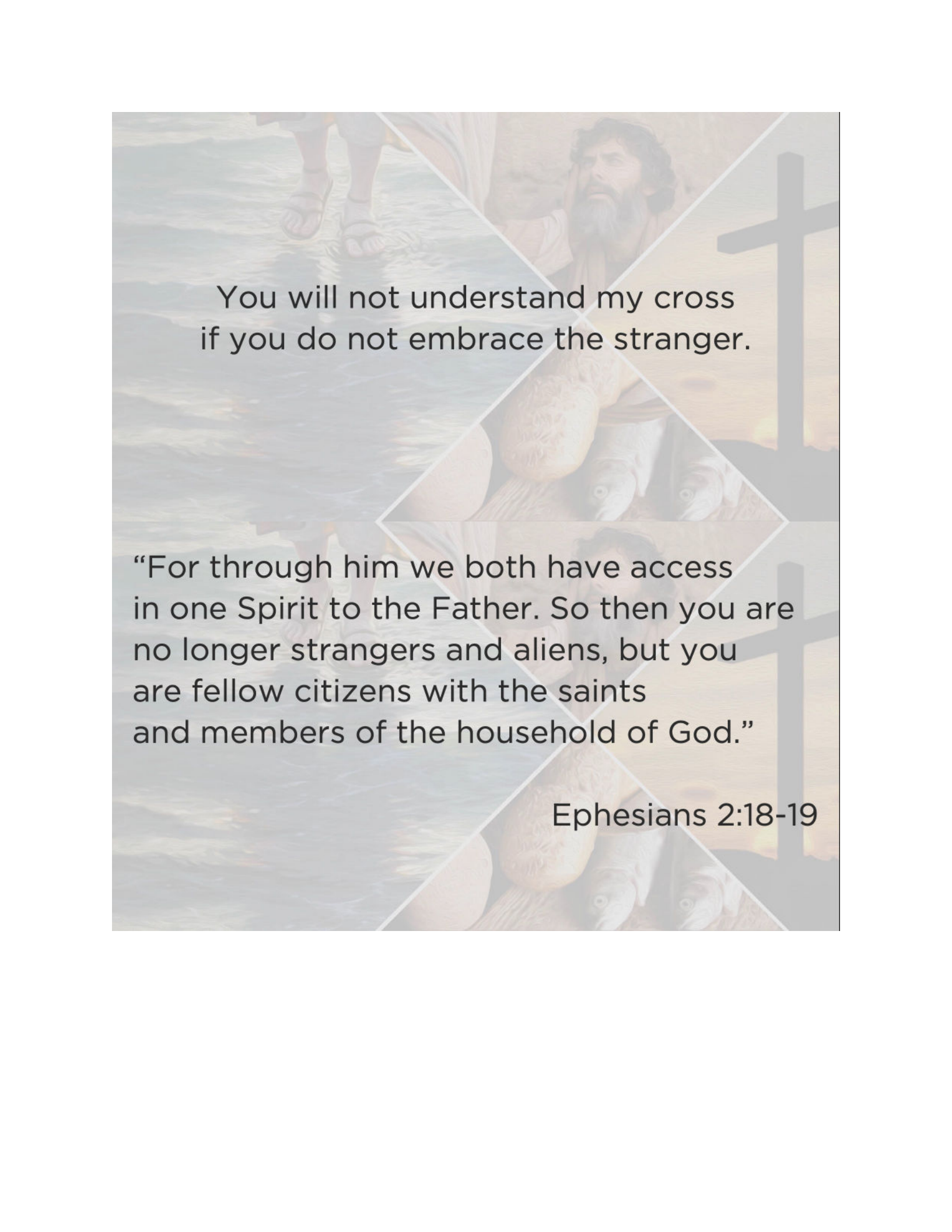
When it's about us, we are inclusive.
When it's about him, we are exclusive.



No simple act of kindness
toward my own will go unrewarded.

“For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a
cup of water to drink because you belong
to Christ will by no means lose his reward.”

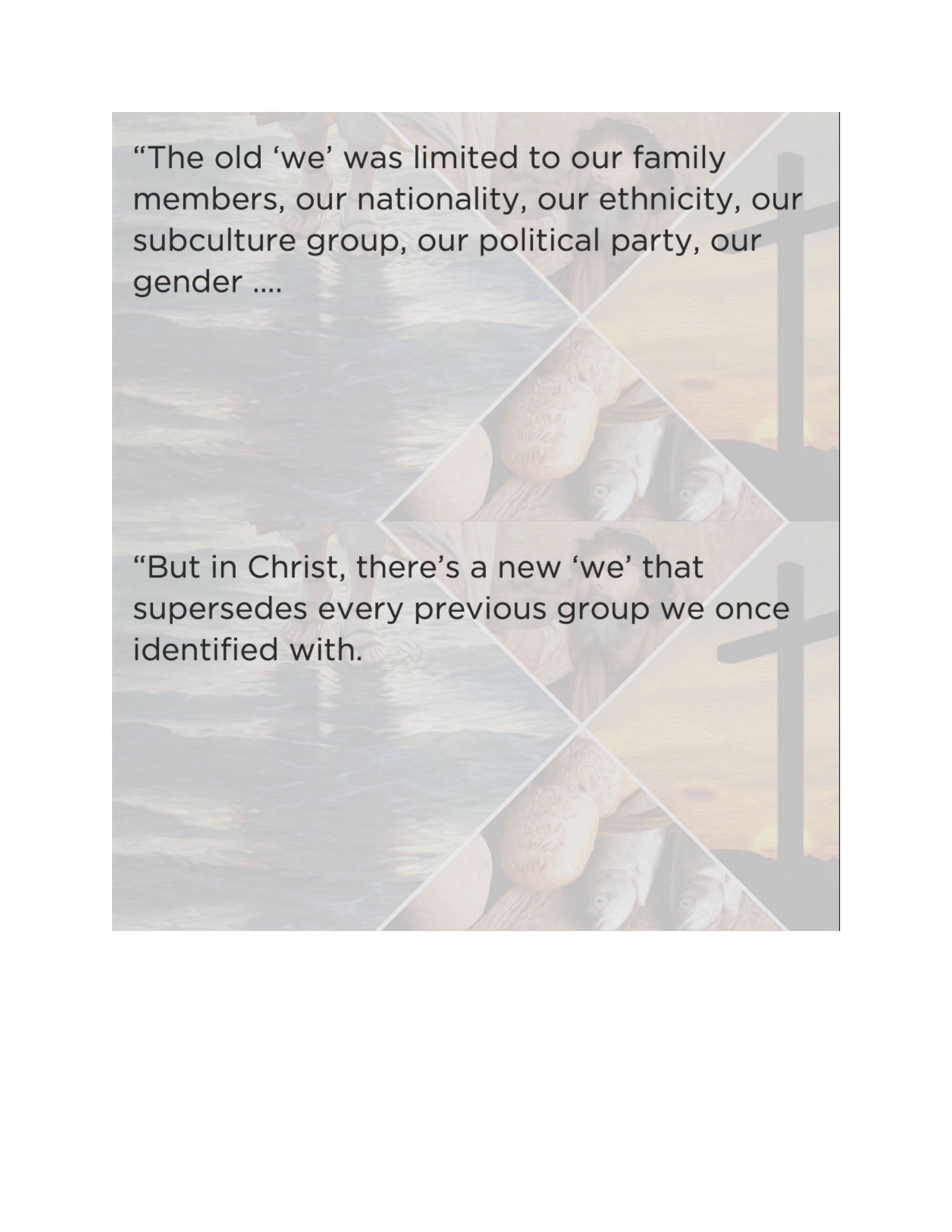
Mark 9:41

The background is a composite of three images. The top left shows a person's feet being baptized in water. The top right shows a man with a beard, possibly Jesus, looking upwards. The bottom right shows a large wooden cross against a sunset sky. The entire image is divided into four quadrants by white diagonal lines.

You will not understand my cross
if you do not embrace the stranger.

“For through him we both have access
in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are
no longer strangers and aliens, but you
are fellow citizens with the saints
and members of the household of God.”

Ephesians 2:18-19

The background of the slide is a collage. On the right side, there is a large, faint, grey cross. Overlaid on the left and center is a painting of a fisherman, likely Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe. He is holding a large, golden fish. The background of the painting is a blue and white sea. The entire slide has a light beige background.

“The old ‘we’ was limited to our family members, our nationality, our ethnicity, our subculture group, our political party, our gender

“But in Christ, there’s a new ‘we’ that supersedes every previous group we once identified with.

“And this new ‘we’ is diverse.
Extraordinarily diverse.”

