

He Partook of the Same Things  
Hebrews 2:14-18

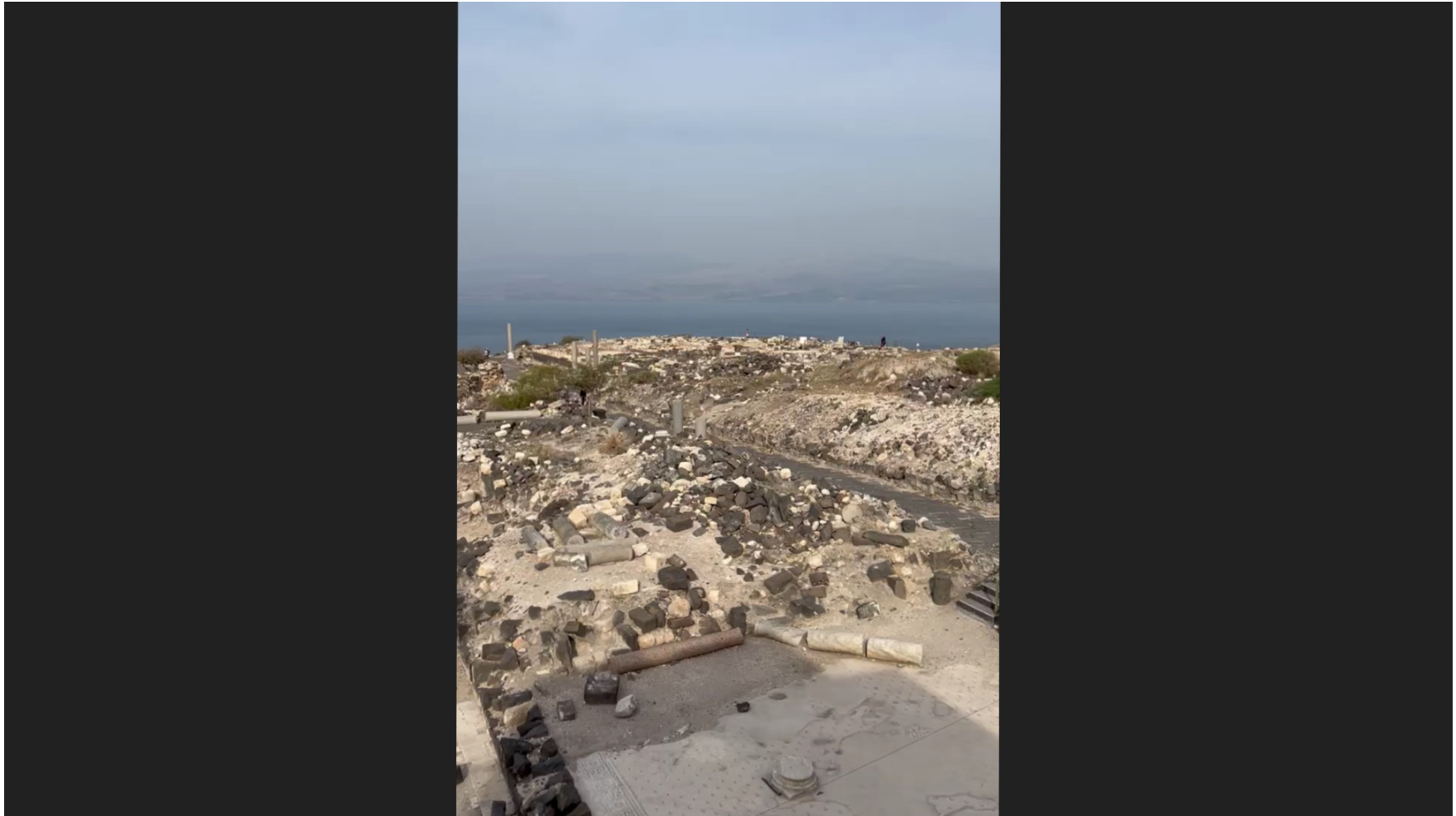






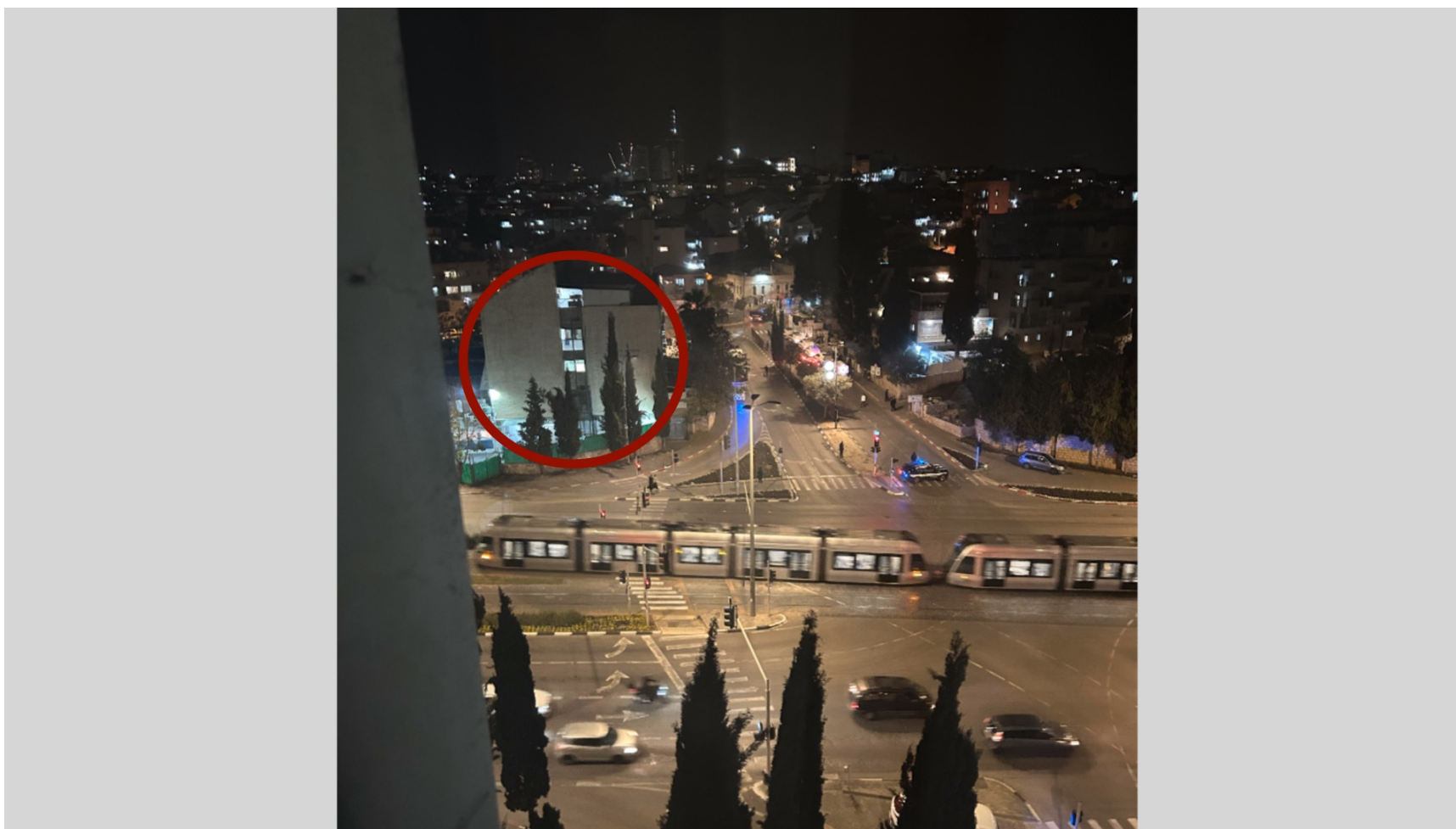














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\* Jesus became **fully human** so that we might become **fully human**.

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“For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.

“It has been testified somewhere,  
‘What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?

““You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.”” (5-8)

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“Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control.

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“At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.” (8b)

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“But we see him who for a little while was  
made lower than the angels, namely Jesus,

“crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.” (9)

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3. **strength** - Our **strength** is limited by **suffering**.

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“that through death he might destroy the  
one who has the power of death, that is, the  
devil,” (14)

“As man, He suffered, died, and was buried,  
and as man, He arose and returned from the  
realm of the dead.

“In the resurrection of Christ, it was proved that there was a man who could not be contained by death,

“could not be ruled by Satan, by the power of corruption, who was stronger than the grave and death and hell.

“In principle, therefore, Satan has as a matter of fact no longer the dominion over death. Christ by His death has overcome death (Heb. 2:14).”

Herman Bavinck

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“For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.” (15-16)

“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,” (17a)

Two purpose clauses:

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“so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God” (17b)

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expiation = cancellation of sin

JOHN R.W. STOTT

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“So then, God himself is at the heart of our answer to all three questions about the divine propitiation.

“It is God himself who in holy wrath needs to be propitiated, God himself who in holy love undertook to do the propitiating,

“and God himself who in the person of his Son died for the propitiation of our sins.

“Thus God took his own loving initiative to appease his own righteous anger by bearing it his own self in his own Son when he took our place and died for us.

“There is no crudity here to evoke our  
ridicule, only the profundity of holy love to  
evoke our worship.”

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help = “to run to the cry,” provide aid

“Contrary to what we expect to be the case, therefore, the deeper into weakness and suffering and testing we go, the deeper Christ’s solidarity with us.

“As we go down in pain and anguish, we are descending ever deeper into Christ’s very heart, not away from it.

“Look to Christ. He deals gently with you. It’s the only way he knows how to be. He is the High Priest to end all high priests.

“As long as you fix your attention on your sin, you will fail to see how you can be safe. But as long as you look to this High Priest, you will fail to see how you can be in danger.

“Looking inside ourselves, we can anticipate only harshness from heaven. Looking out to Christ, we can anticipate only gentleness.”

Dane Ortlund

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