



1 Samuel 8-11

The People's Choice Of King



A large crowd of people is shown in grayscale, creating a sense of a vast, anonymous group. In the center of the crowd, a man with a beard and short hair stands out, wearing a bright yellow jacket. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is filled with many other people, their faces blurred, emphasizing the man in the foreground.

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Exodus 19:1-6

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt – on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

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³ Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

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⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

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A man with a beard and a yellow jacket stands in the center of a large, out-of-focus crowd of people. The crowd is dense and fills the background, creating a sense of being part of a large gathering. The man is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression.

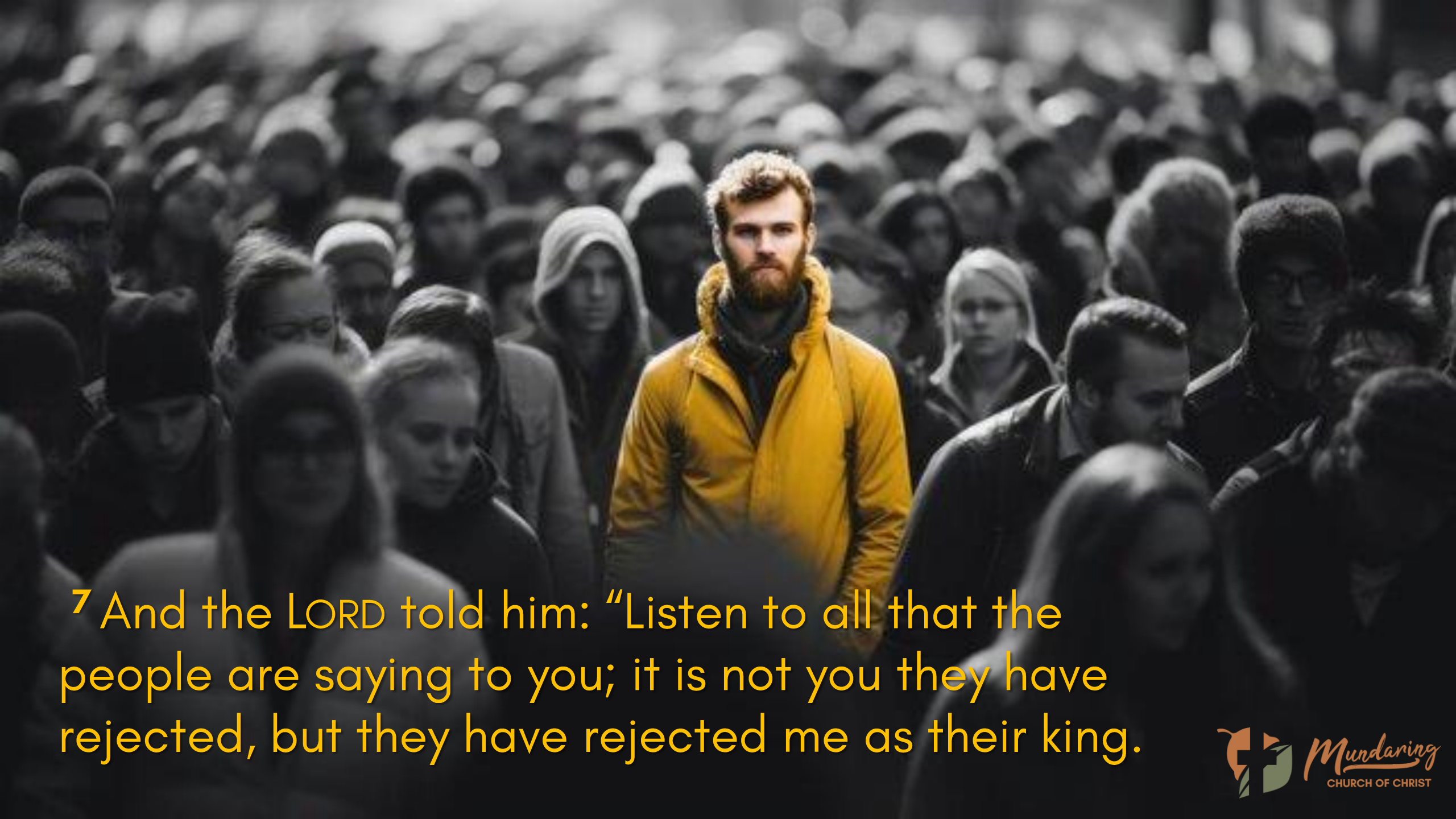
The Problem

- Samuel was old.
- His sons were no good.

Their Solution

“Give us a king like all the other nations.”

1 Samuel 8

A black and white photograph of a large crowd of people. In the center, a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a bright yellow jacket, stands out from the crowd. He is looking directly at the camera. The other people in the crowd are out of focus and have a desaturated, monochromatic appearance.

⁷ And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

Your new king will...

- TAKE your sons
- TAKE your daughters
- TAKE the best crops
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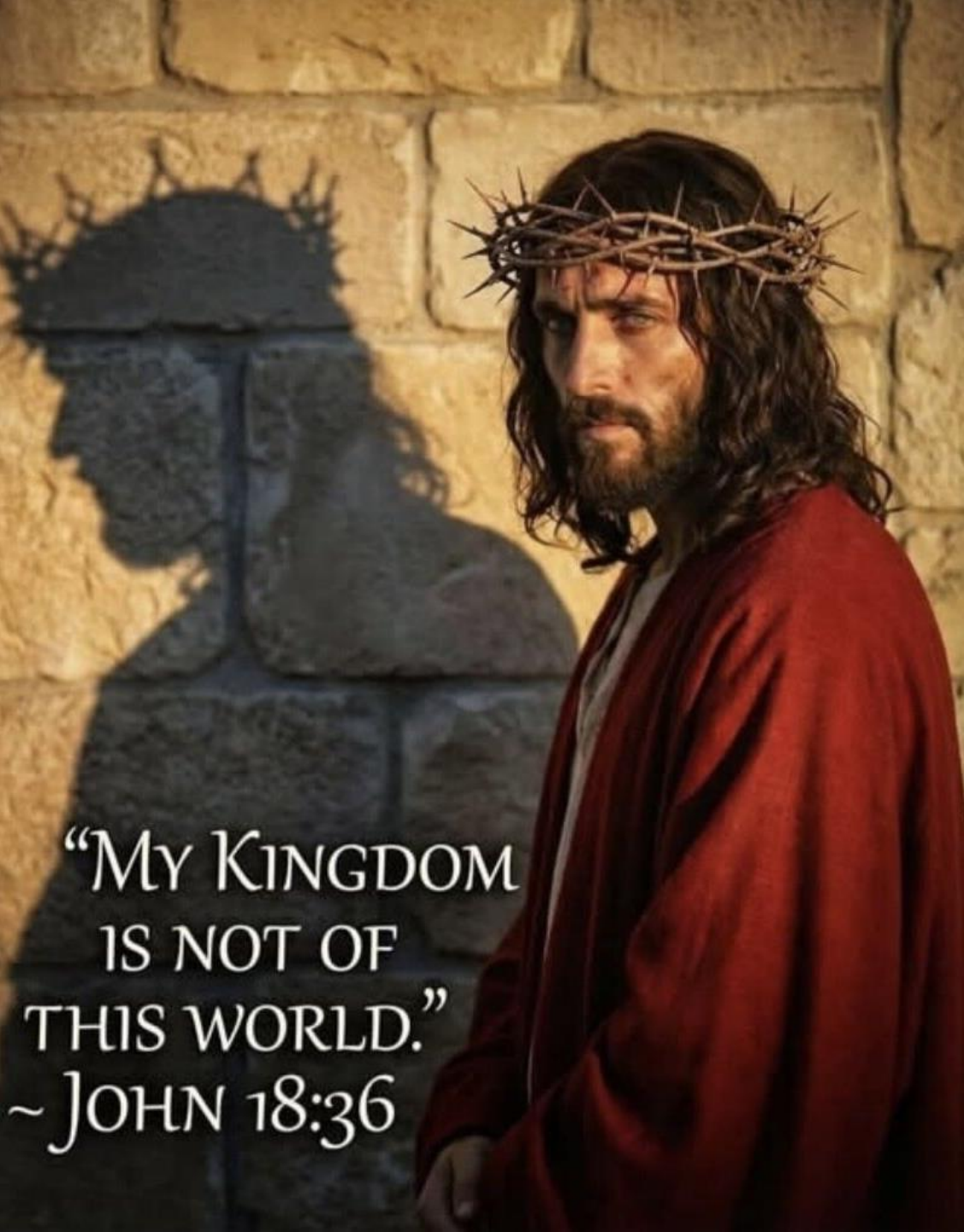
Covenant Blessings

- GIVE you identity
- GIVE you a place
- GIVE you provision
- GIVE you protection
- GIVE you purpose
- GIVE MYSELF for you

(Genesis 12:2-3)

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**¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel.
“No!” they said. “We want a king over us.”**



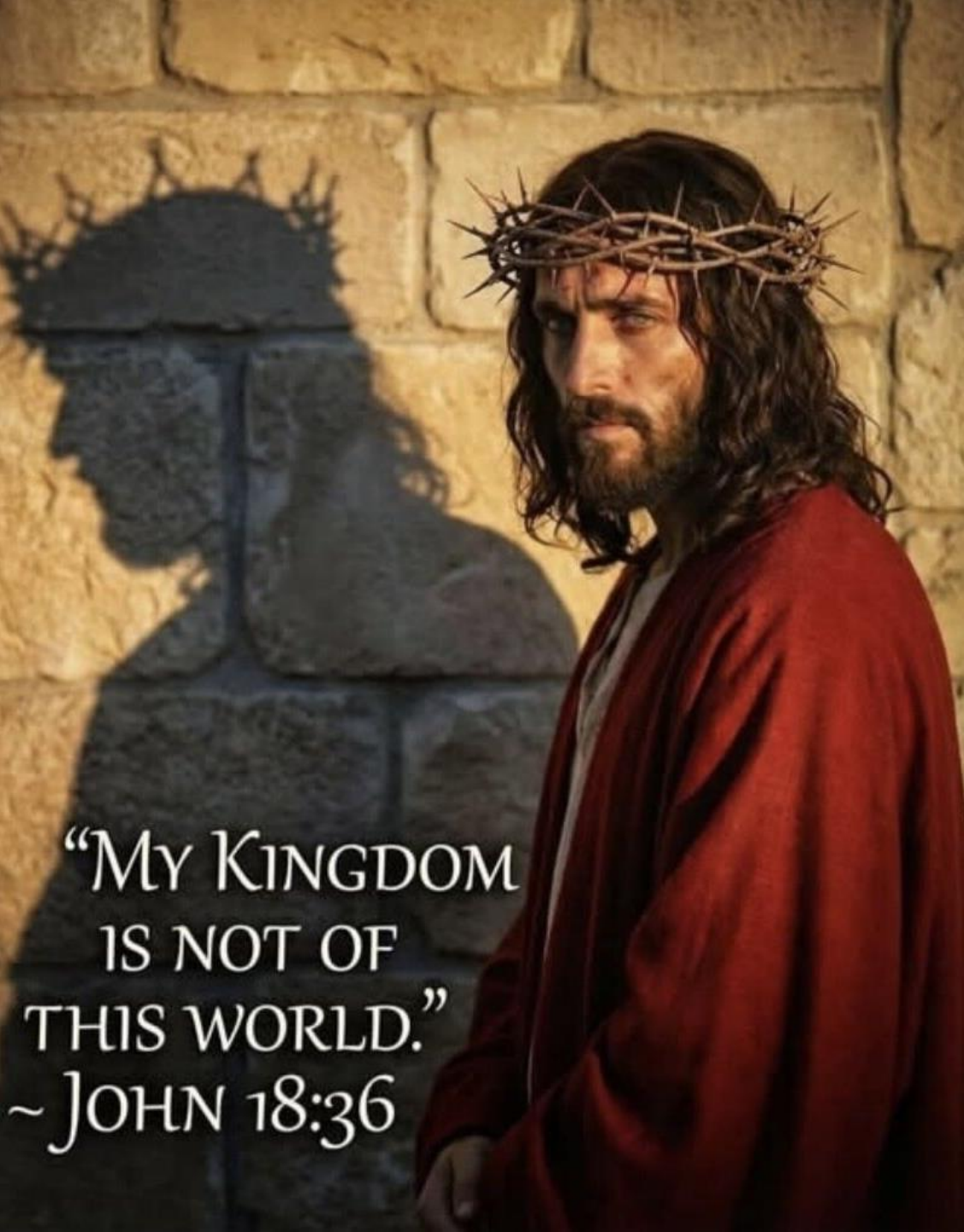
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~ JOHN 18:36

John 18:33-36

³³ Pilate then... summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”



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³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

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**It's foolish to think that a king "like
all the nations" would be good for us!**



The Strange Story About Lost Donkeys... (1 Samuel 9-10)

- Saul- best looking guy around!
- Taller than anyone else.
- Dad a 'man of standing'.



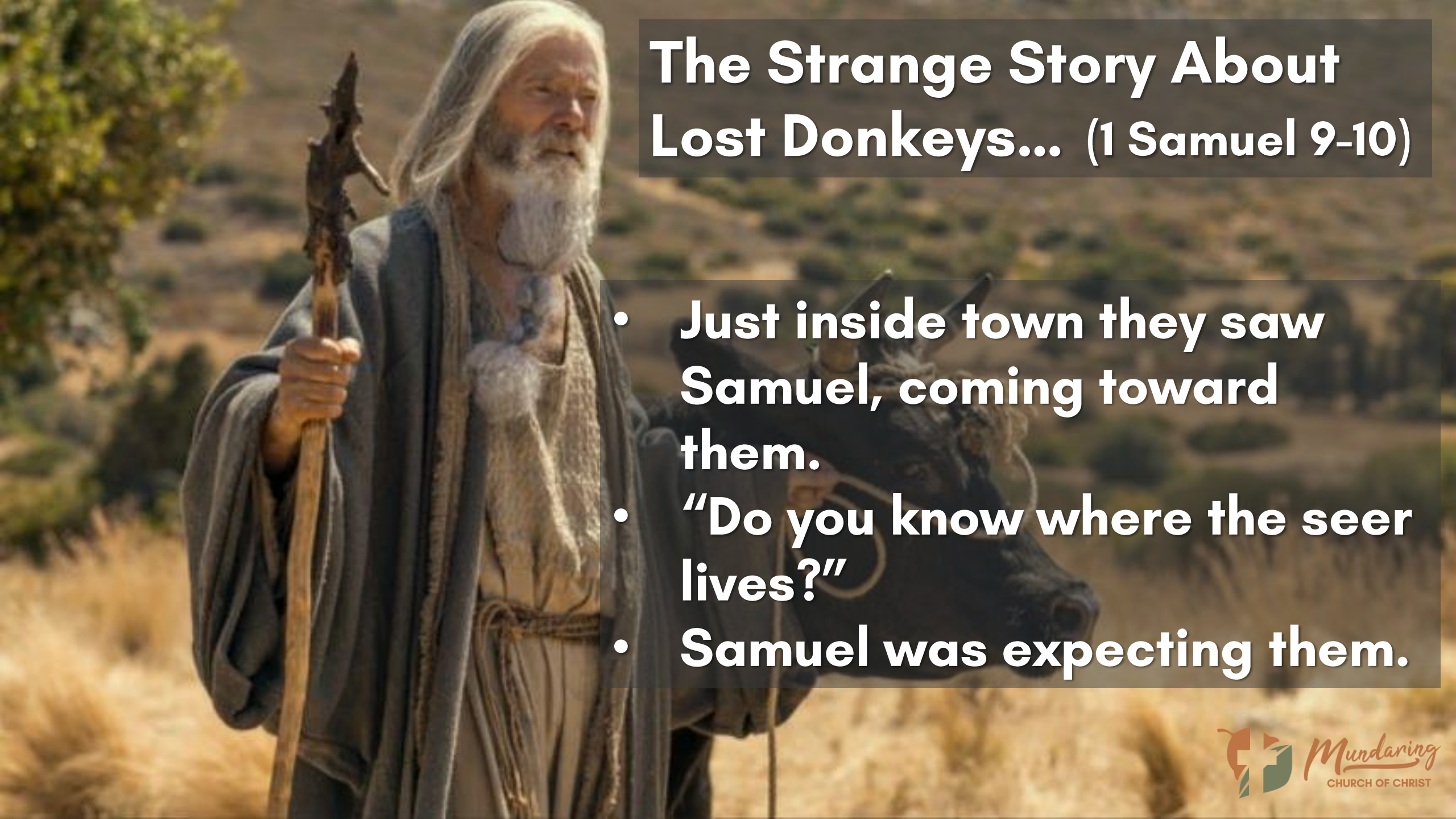
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- Sent to find Dad's lost donkeys.
- Wandered through lands.
- Came to Samuel's homeland.
- Servant knew about a 'seer'.
- Servant had silver coin offering.
- "Alright, let's go."



The Strange Story About Lost Donkeys... (1 Samuel 9-10)

- Happened to meet women getting water.
- The 'seer' is just ahead of you!
- "Go now and you'll catch him easily!"



The Strange Story About Lost Donkeys... (1 Samuel 9-10)

- Just inside town they saw Samuel, coming toward them.
- “Do you know where the seer lives?”
- Samuel was expecting them.



**Rejecting God's rule doesn't diminish
His sovereignty.**