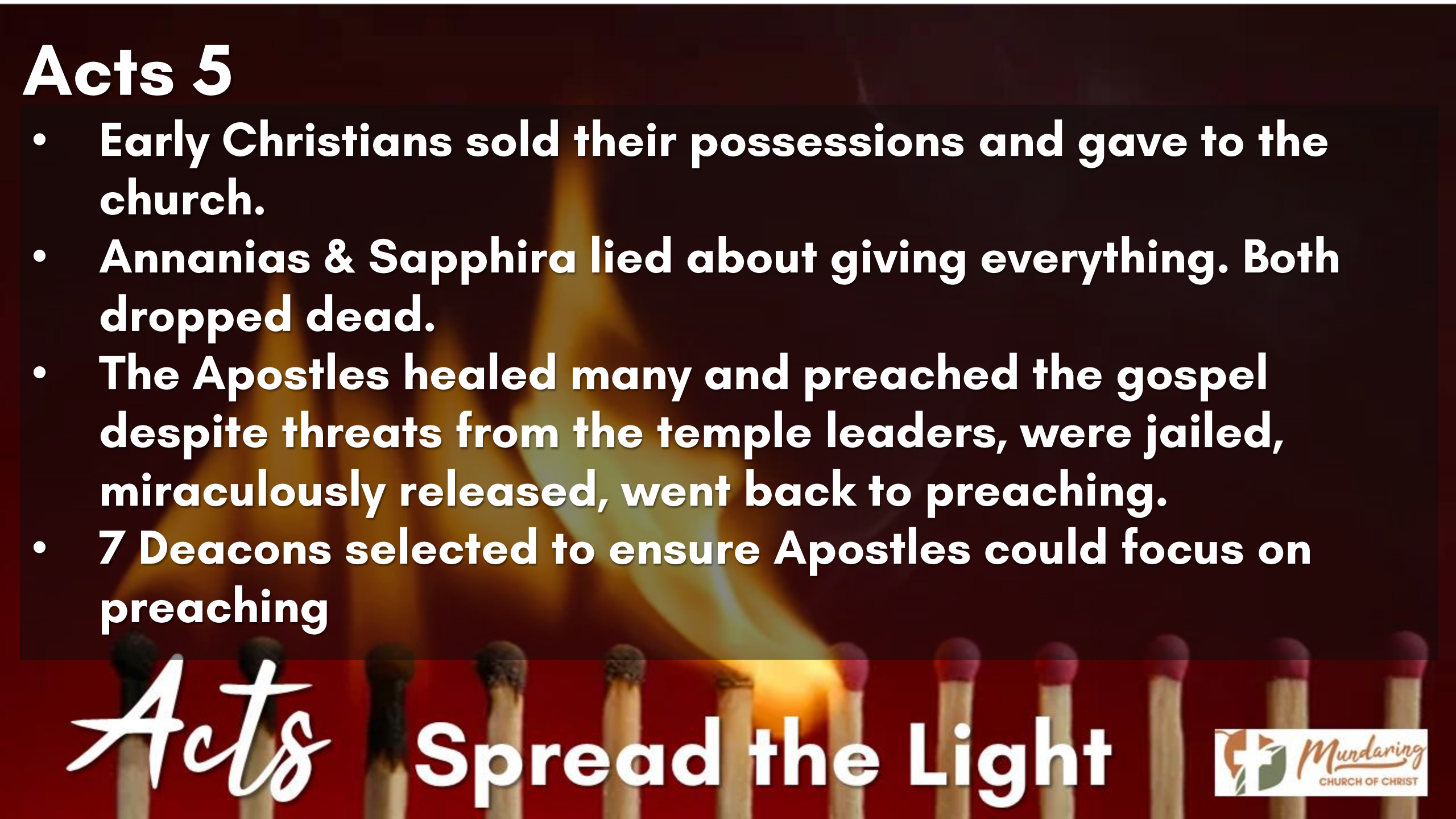
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- Early Christians sold their possessions and gave to the church.
- Annanias & Sapphira lied about giving everything. Both dropped dead.
- The Apostles healed many and preached the gospel despite threats from the temple leaders, were jailed, miraculously released, went back to preaching.
- 7 Deacons selected to ensure Apostles could focus on preaching




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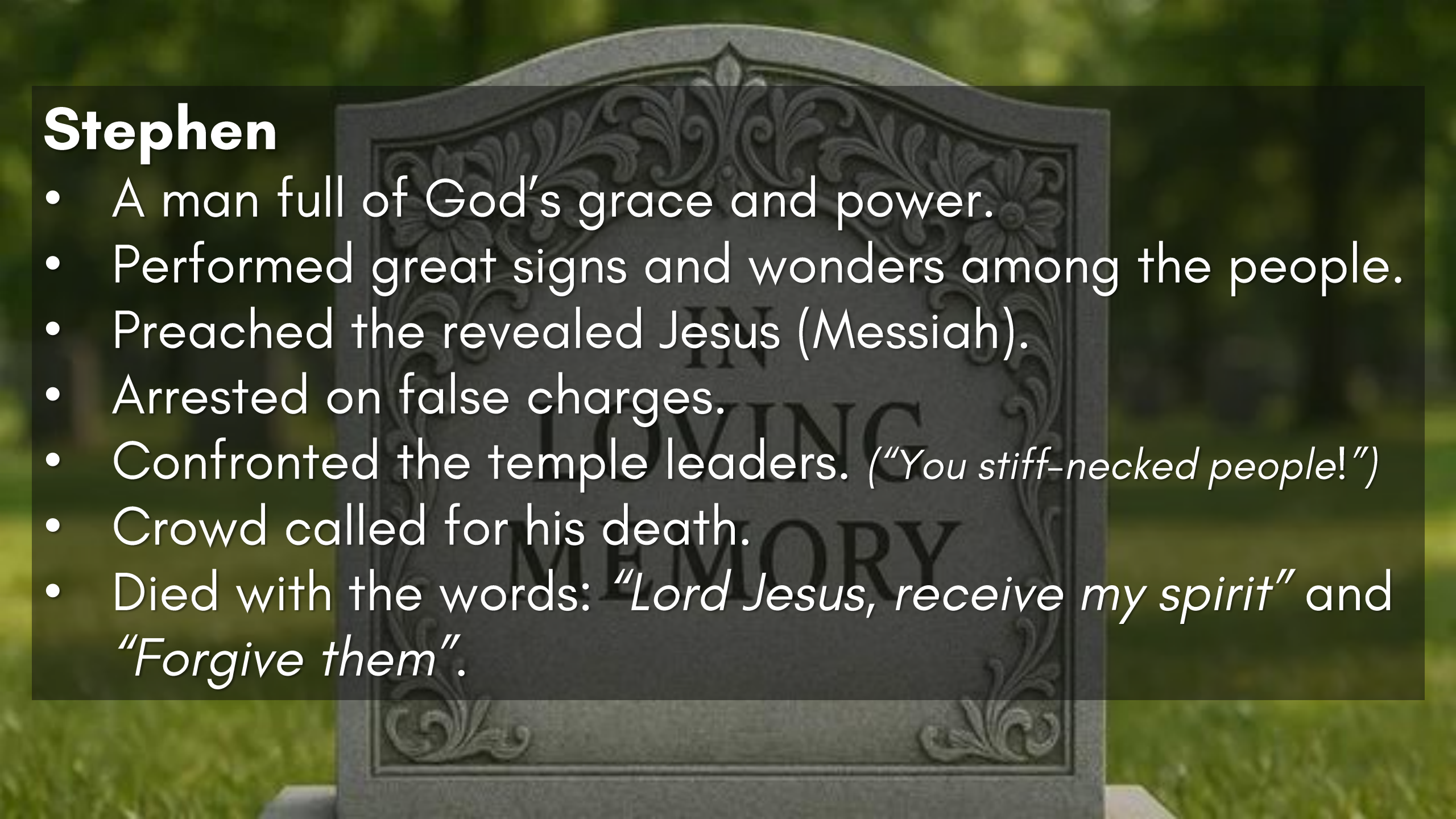
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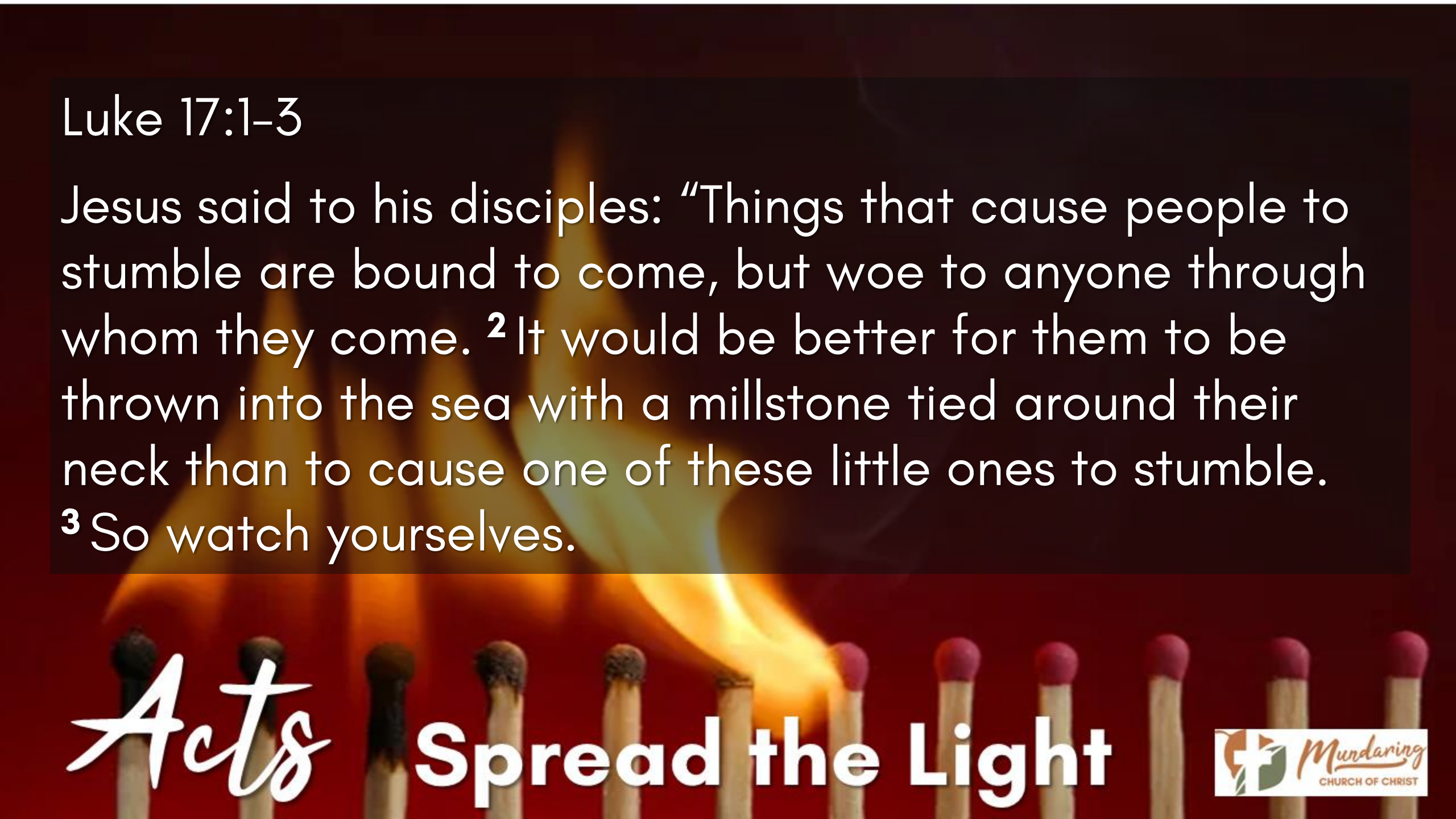
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- Preached the revealed Jesus (Messiah).
- Arrested on false charges.
- Confronted the temple leaders. *("You stiff-necked people!")*
- Crowd called for his death.
- Died with the words: *"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit"* and *"Forgive them"*.

Someone full of God's grace and power...

- **LOVE**- selfless.
- **JOY**- inner contentment.
- **PEACE**- confidence in God/relational harmony.
- **PATIENCE**- slow to anger/extends mercy.
- **KINDNESS**- compassion to others.
- **GOODNESS**- moral integrity.
- **FAITHFULNESS**- trustworthy, steadfast.
- **GENTLENESS**- tender, strength under control.
- **SELF CONTROL**- disciplined personal desires.

Luke 17:1-3

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. 2 It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 So watch yourselves.



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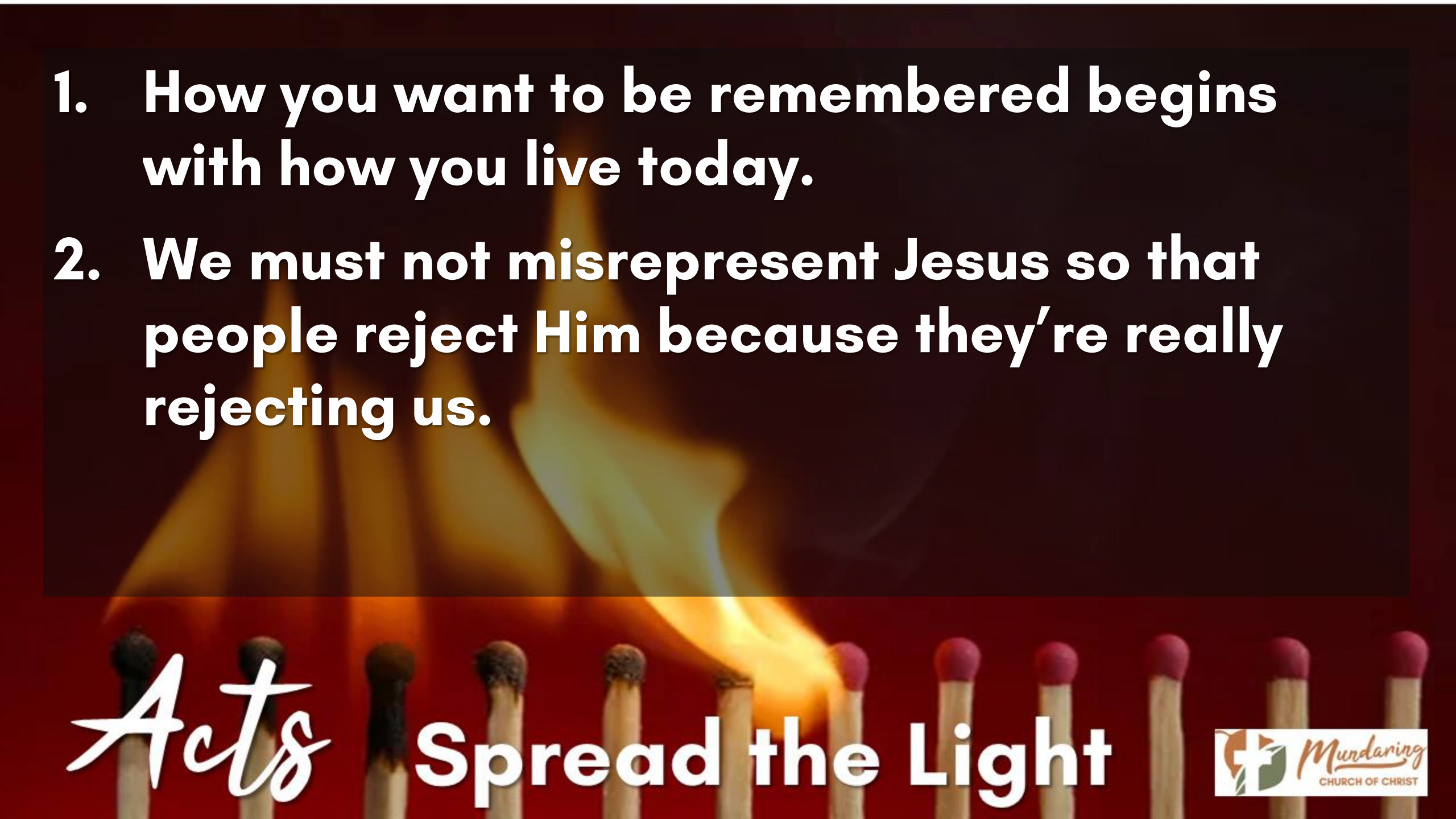
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