

Go Ye and Teach

The Falling Away

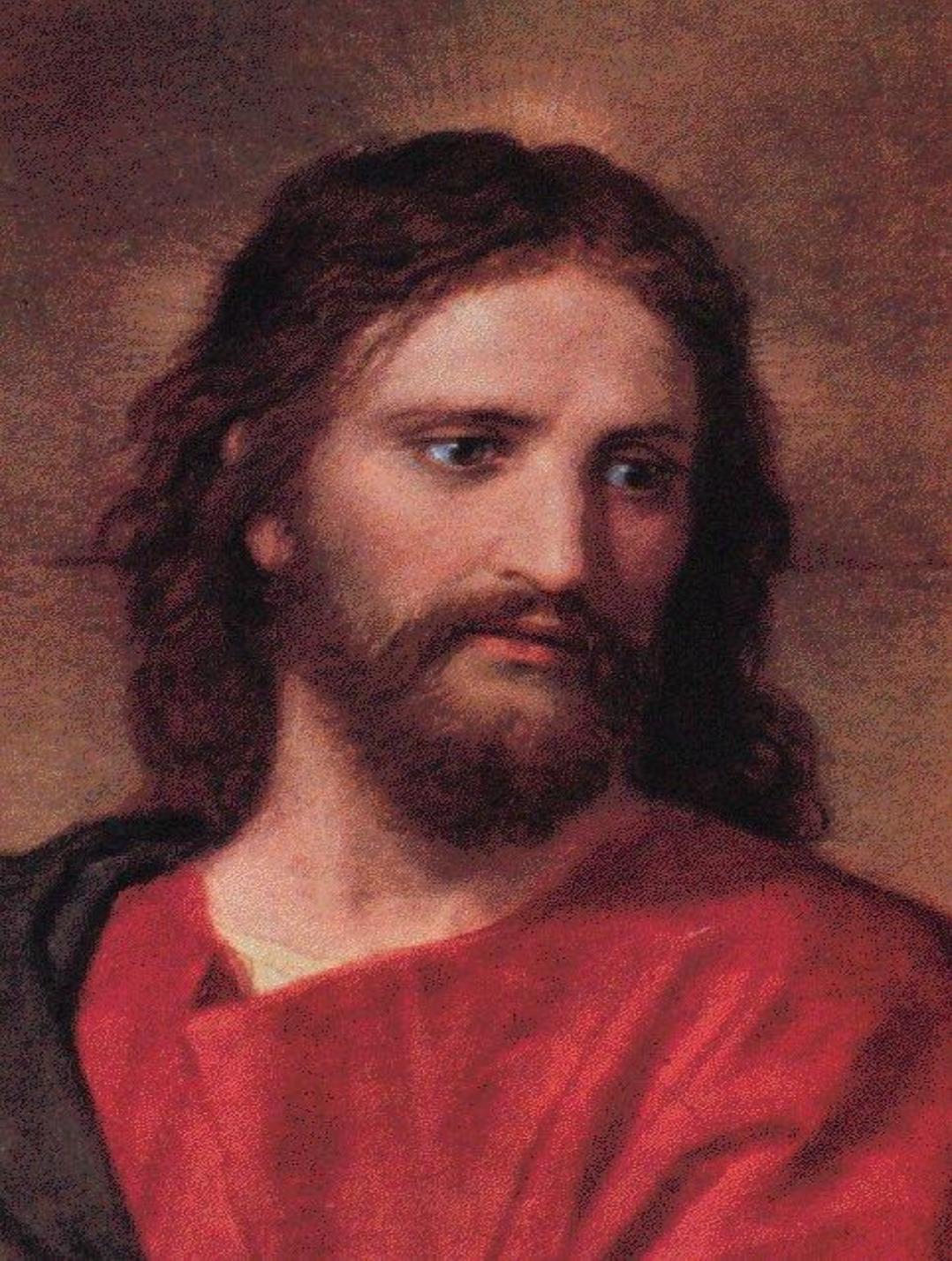
Part 1

Events in the Apostasy

- ❑ Christ crucified unjustly
 - Arose on the third day
- ❑ Christ foretold an apostasy
- ❑ Christianity departed from God's truth
 - Church grew rapidly after He departed
 - » For a short while
- ❑ Christian doctrines and practices were changed
 - Taught and believed perverted doctrine

Preface

- ❑ Reformation led to further division
- ❑ Further perverted doctrines arose
- ❑ Christian message profoundly diluted
- ❑ Witness is divided
- ❑ Christ promised to restore His church



□ Jesus Christ

- Center of all we believe
- Son of God
- Prince of Peace



ROCK OF REVELATION

- ❑ The Church of Christ
 - Complete
- ❑ Foundation
- ❑ Chief Cornerstone
- ❑ Priesthood
- ❑ Gifts of the Spirit
- ❑ Doctrines of
 - Laying on of Hands
 - Resurrection of the Dead
 - Eternal Judgment
- ❑ Stewardship
- ❑ Pure love of God



- ❑ The Triumphal Entry
- ❑ Matthew 21: 5-7
- ❑ Multitudes followed Christ
 - Wonderment at miracles
 - Respect for miracles
 - Mistaken belief that Christ would
 - » Overthrow Romans
 - » Become an earthly king



- ❑ The Last Supper
- ❑ Luke 22:8-20
- ❑ Disciples re-dedicated themselves to follow Him
- ❑ Commanded to do this frequently
- ❑ Always in remembrance of Him
- ❑ Baptized members seem to be the only ones who partook of the Lord's Supper
- ❑ Sets precedent for His church



- Gethsemane
- Matthew 26:36-46
- Christ in the Garden



- ❑ The Betrayal and Arrest
- ❑ Matthew 26:47-56
- ❑ Judas betrayed Christ
- ❑ Religious leaders arrested Christ
 - Not civil leaders



- ❑ The Trial before Jewish Authorities
- ❑ Mark 14:53-64



- ❑ Jesus Before the Mob
- ❑ Mark 15:1-14
- ❑ Matthew 27:11-24
- ❑ Under Jewish law
 - Blasphemy is punishable by death
 - Requires Roman governor's sentence as well
- ❑ Pilate could not find Christ guilty
- ❑ Mob insisted Christ die
- ❑ Pilate washes his hands



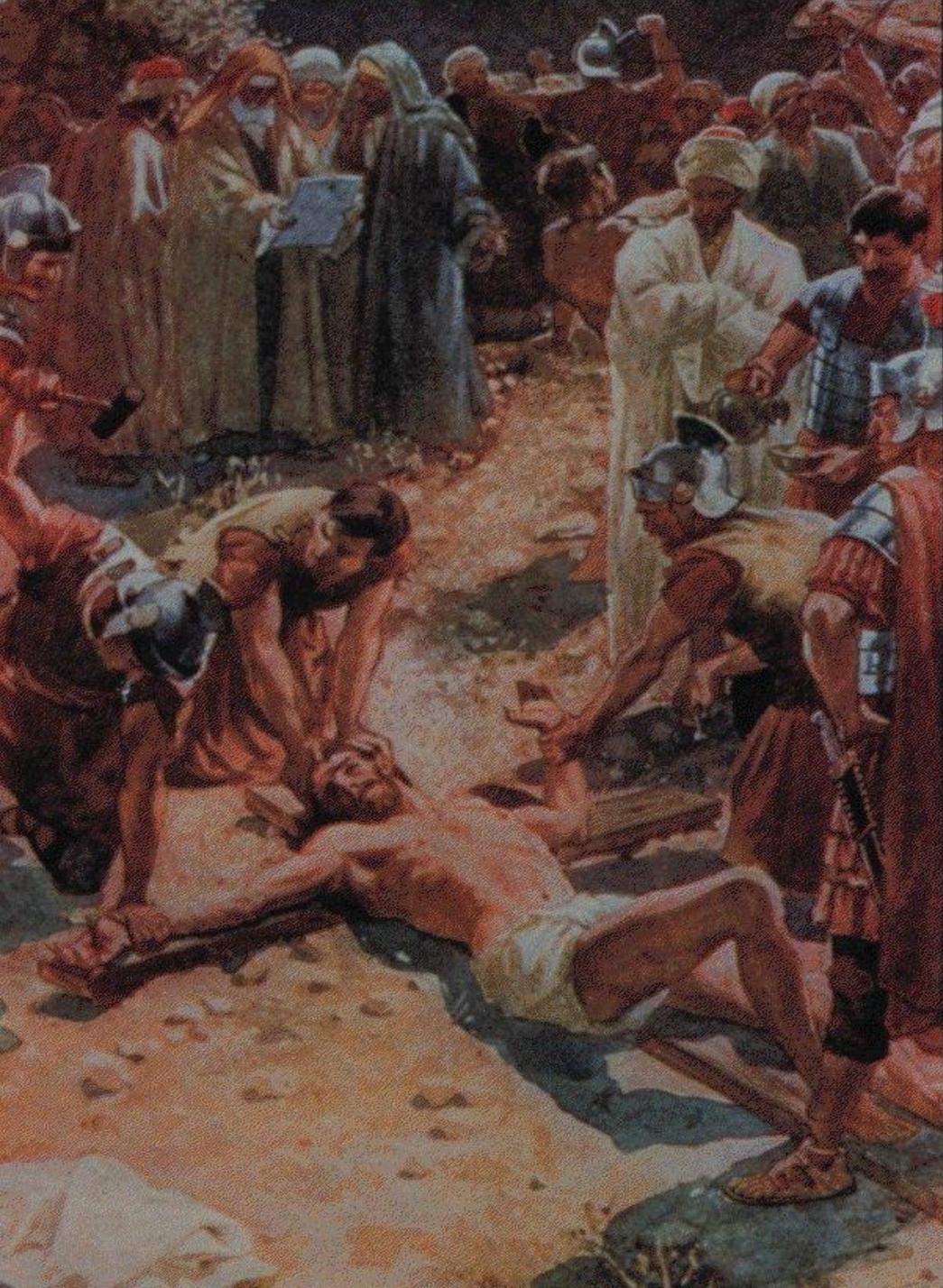
- ❑ Christ Scourged
- ❑ Mark 15:15



- ❑ Jesus, King of the Jews
- ❑ Mark 15:17-20
- ❑ Crown of thorns
- ❑ Mocked by soldiers



- ❑ Journey to Golgotha
- ❑ Luke 23:26
- ❑ Christ stumbles under the weight of the cross
- ❑ Simon of Cyrene compelled to carry it the rest of the way



- ❑ Jesus on the Cross
- ❑ Matthew 27:33-37
- ❑ Nails pierce His hands and feet



- ❑ The Crucifixion
- ❑ Matthew 27:38-40
- ❑ Hung on the Cross
 - Until dead
- ❑ Falsely
 - accused
 - condemned
 - crucified
- ❑ Would they follow their king to the cross?
- ❑ Would we follow Christ to the cross?
- ❑ Will we stand by Him?



□ It Is Finished

- Luke 23:44-46
- John 19:30
- Matthew 27:51, 54

□ Three hours

- intense darkness
- terrible earthquakes
- during daylight hours
- convinced even the ridiculers that Jesus was the Son of God



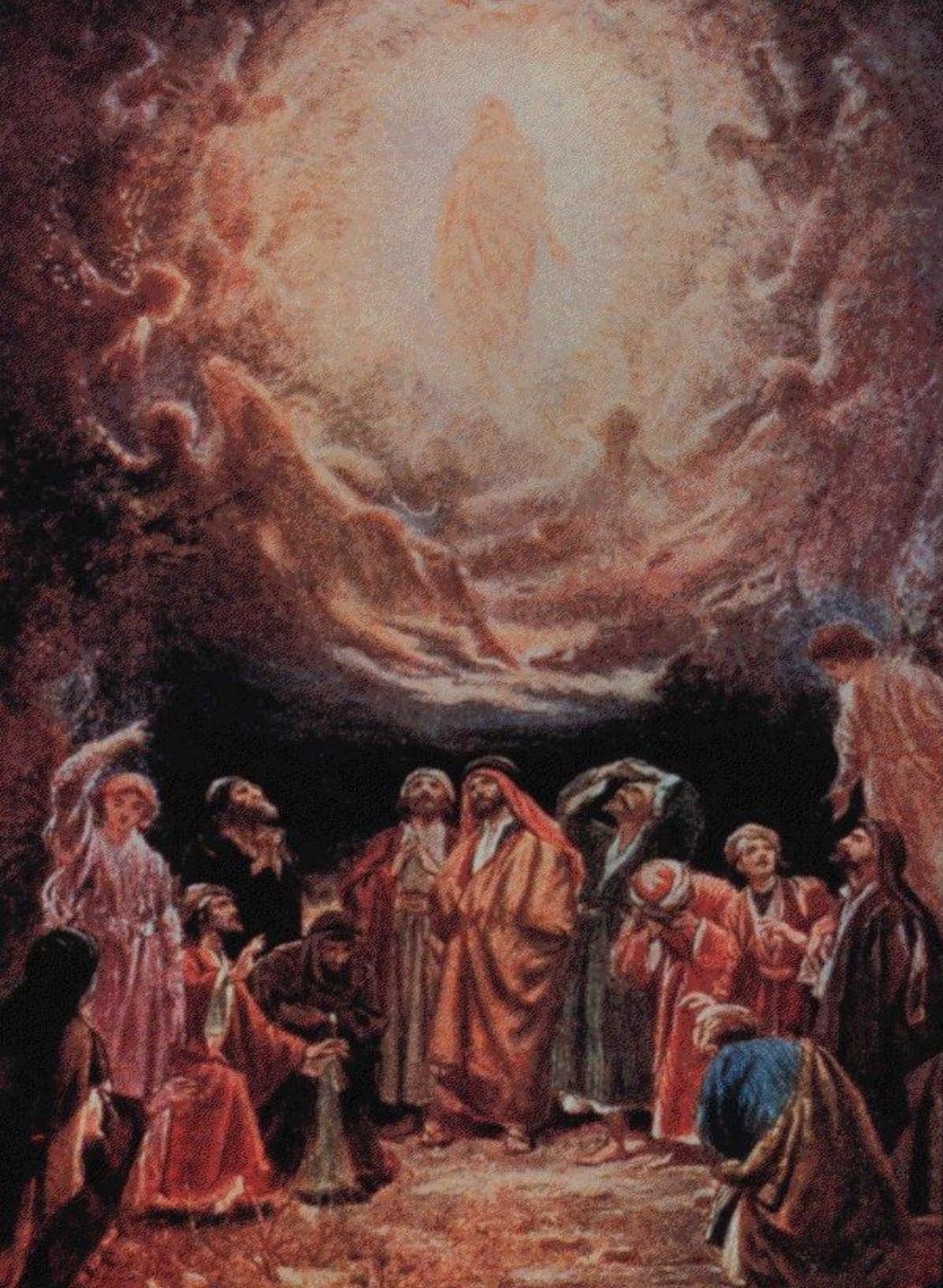
- ❑ Resurrection Morning
- ❑ Luke 24:1-9
- ❑ Jesus was resurrected
 - Just as He prophesied



- ❑ The Unbelief of Thomas
- ❑ John 20:19-29
- ❑ Many of us are like Thomas
 - Expect physical proof of everything spiritual
 - Some things we must believe without seeing with our natural eyes
 - Jesus appeared to people on other occasions after resurrection
 - » Luke 24:12-14
 - » John 21:1-14
 - » 1 Corinthians 15:4-8



- ❑ The Great Commission
- ❑ Matthew 28:18-20
- ❑ Mark 16:15-18
- ❑ Command to disciples
 - Teach all that Jesus taught
 - Baptize people in the name of Christ
 - Promise
 - » Christ is with us unto the ends of the world



- ❑ Jesus Ascends to Heaven
- ❑ Acts 1:9-11
- ❑ Angels repeat the promise that Jesus is to return
- ❑ His return will be in the same manner as His departure



- ❑ Pentecost
 - Acts 1:4,5
 - Acts 2:1-6
- ❑ Jesus fulfilled the promise of giving the Holy Ghost to the disciples
- ❑ Final evidence to the divinity of Christ
- ❑ Disciples went forth preaching mightily



- ❑ Christian Devotion
 - Acts 2:41-47
 - Acts 4:32, 33
- ❑ Outstanding devotion to Christ
- ❑ Recognition of stewardship responsibilities
- ❑ Giving Christ first place
- ❑ Selling possessions
 - laying the proceeds at the feet of the disciples



- ❑ Distribution to Every Man
 - Acts 4:34-35
- ❑ Funds that were turned in were distributed among the members, each as had need.

A Dark Day Foretold

- ❑ Micah 3:6, 7
- ❑ Had the Spirit continued with the disciples, all would have been well
- ❑ Micah foretold of a dark day ahead for the church
- ❑ Spiritual darkness is night

Spiritual Famine

- Amos 8:11, 12
- Spiritual darkness viewed by Amos as spiritual famine

Paul Sees This Time

- 2 Timothy 4:3, 4
- Paul sees this time of spiritual darkness and famine

Falling Away Prophesied

- ❑ 2 Thessalonians 2:2, 3
- ❑ Before Christ comes again
 - Must be a falling away first
 - ‘falling away’ is an apostasy

Caused from Within the Church

- ❑ Acts 20:29-31
- ❑ Falling away comes from within
- ❑ Men deliberately trying to deceive
- ❑ Urgent warning
 - Three years ... night and day with tears



❑ The Hirelings Flee

❑ John 10:12-14

❑ Hirelings

- Do not own the sheep
- Hired to watch them for a wage
- Interests in the sheep do not arise out of love for them

❑ Shepherds in the Church

- Hirelings
- Lost their love for the sheep

☐ The Good Shepherd Gives His Life

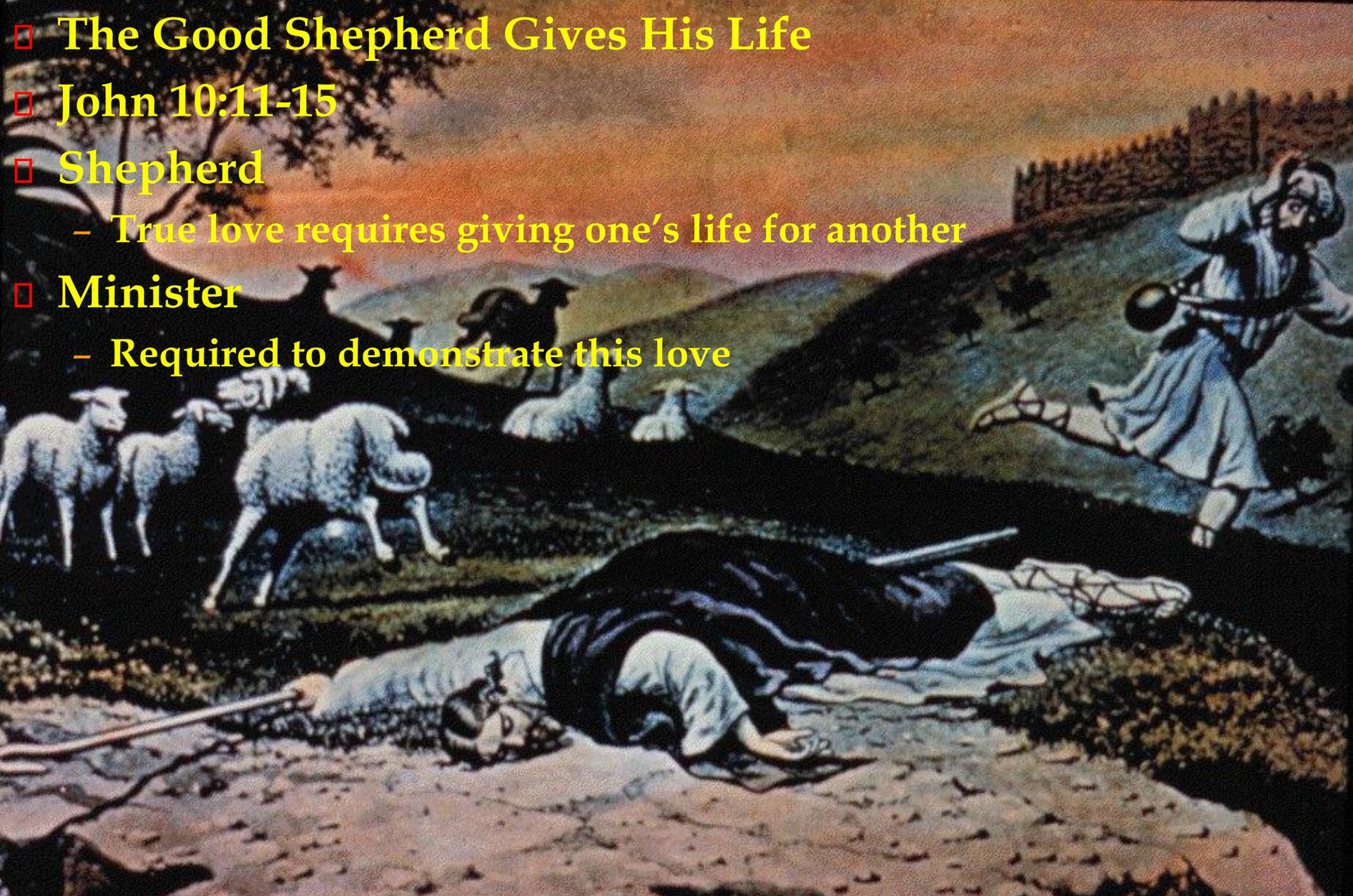
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☐ Shepherd

- True love requires giving one's life for another

☐ Minister

- Required to demonstrate this love





□ Savior is Knocking

- Gently knocking
- Door of our hearts
- Asking to come in

□ End of Falling Away, Part 1