

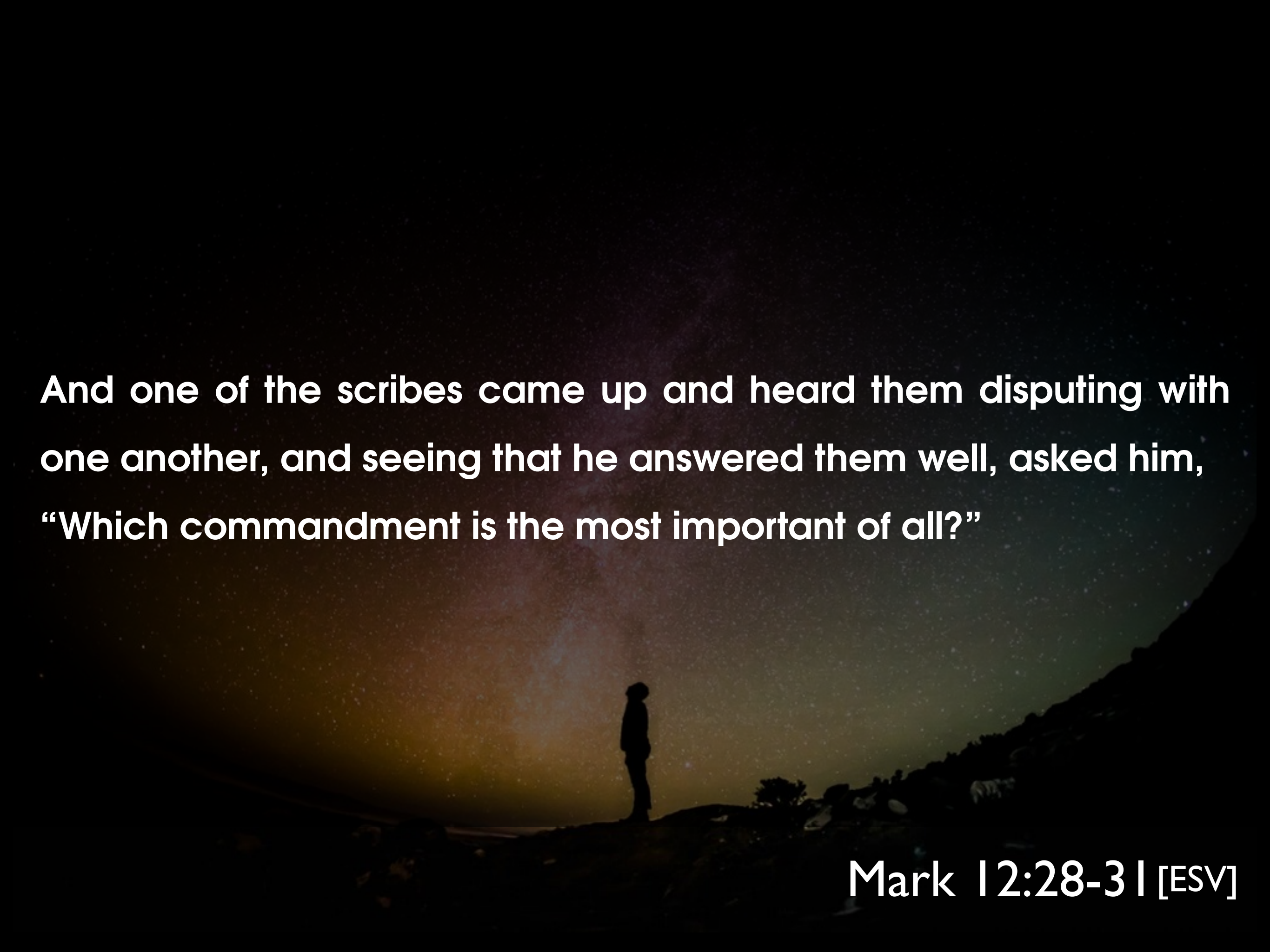
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QUESTIONS OF LIFE



A person stands in silhouette on a dark, rocky ridge, looking up at a vast night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the frame with a bright, yellowish-white core and a colorful, pinkish-purple nebula. The sky is filled with numerous stars, and the overall scene is dark and atmospheric.

“ *How do we treat those of other faiths?* ”

A silhouette of a person stands on a dark, rocky hill, looking up at a vast night sky. The sky is filled with stars, and the Milky Way galaxy is visible as a bright, hazy band of light stretching across the upper half of the frame. The person is positioned in the lower center of the image, their form dark against the lighter, star-filled background.

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

Mark 12:28-31 [ESV]



Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:28-31 [ESV]

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

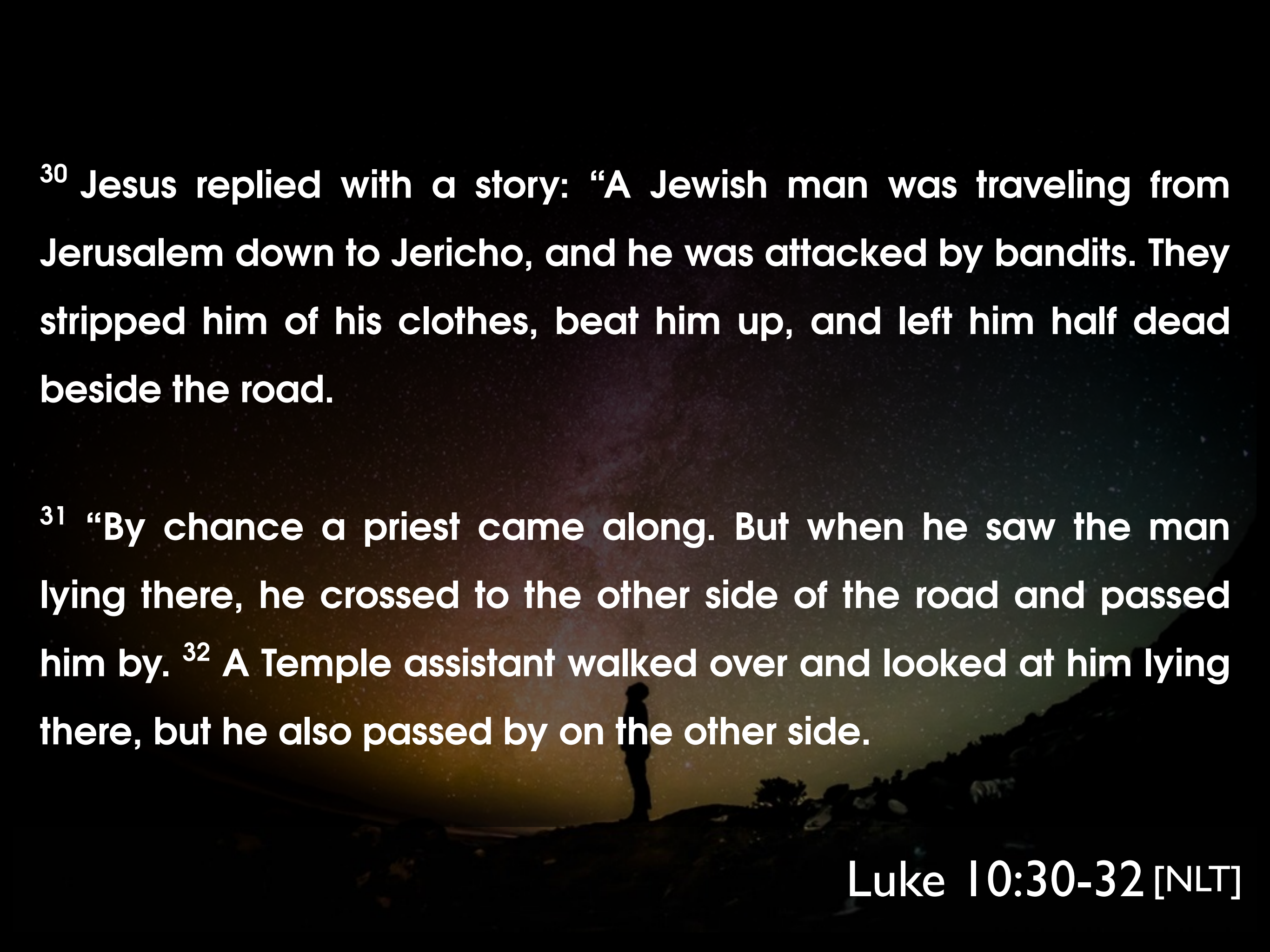
26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

27 The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

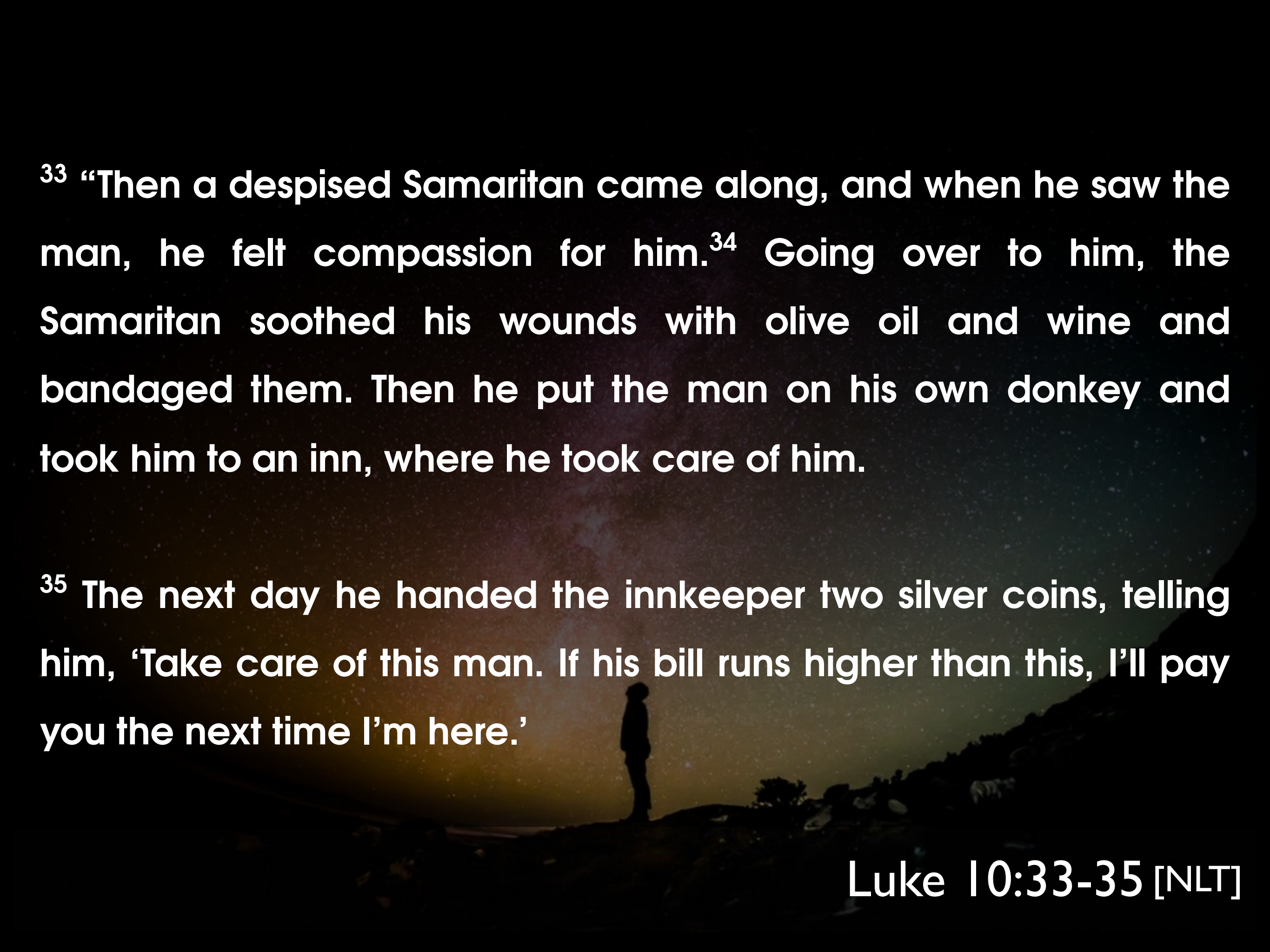
Luke 10:25-29 [NLT]



³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:30-32 [NLT]



³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him.³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

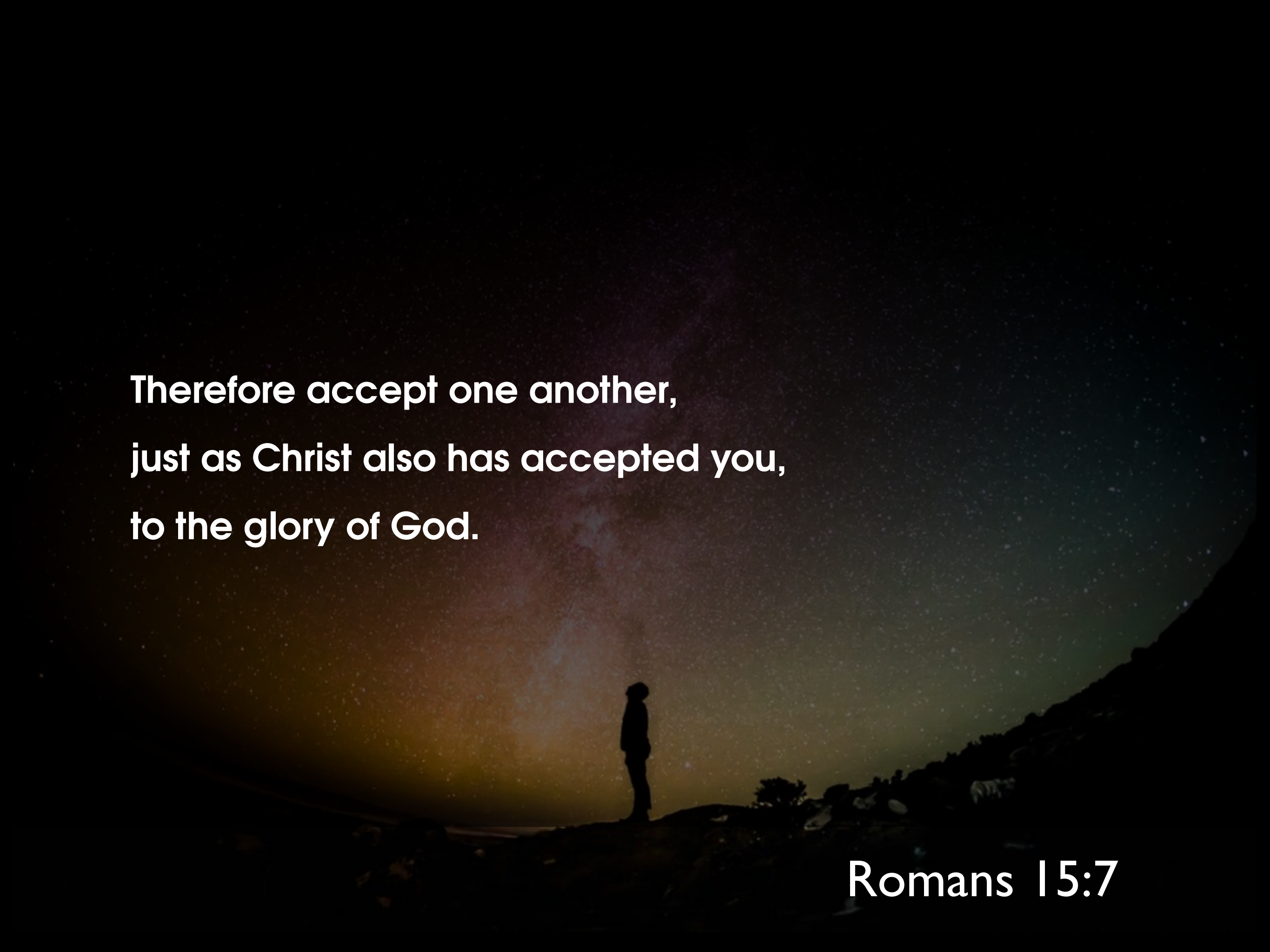
Luke 10:33-35 [NLT]

36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

Luke 10:36-37 [NLT]

A person stands in silhouette on a dark, rocky hill under a vast night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible as a bright, hazy band of light stretching across the sky. The scene is dark and atmospheric, with the person's figure providing a point of scale against the cosmic background.

Therefore accept one another,
just as Christ also has accepted you,
to the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Matt 22:39 (NLT)

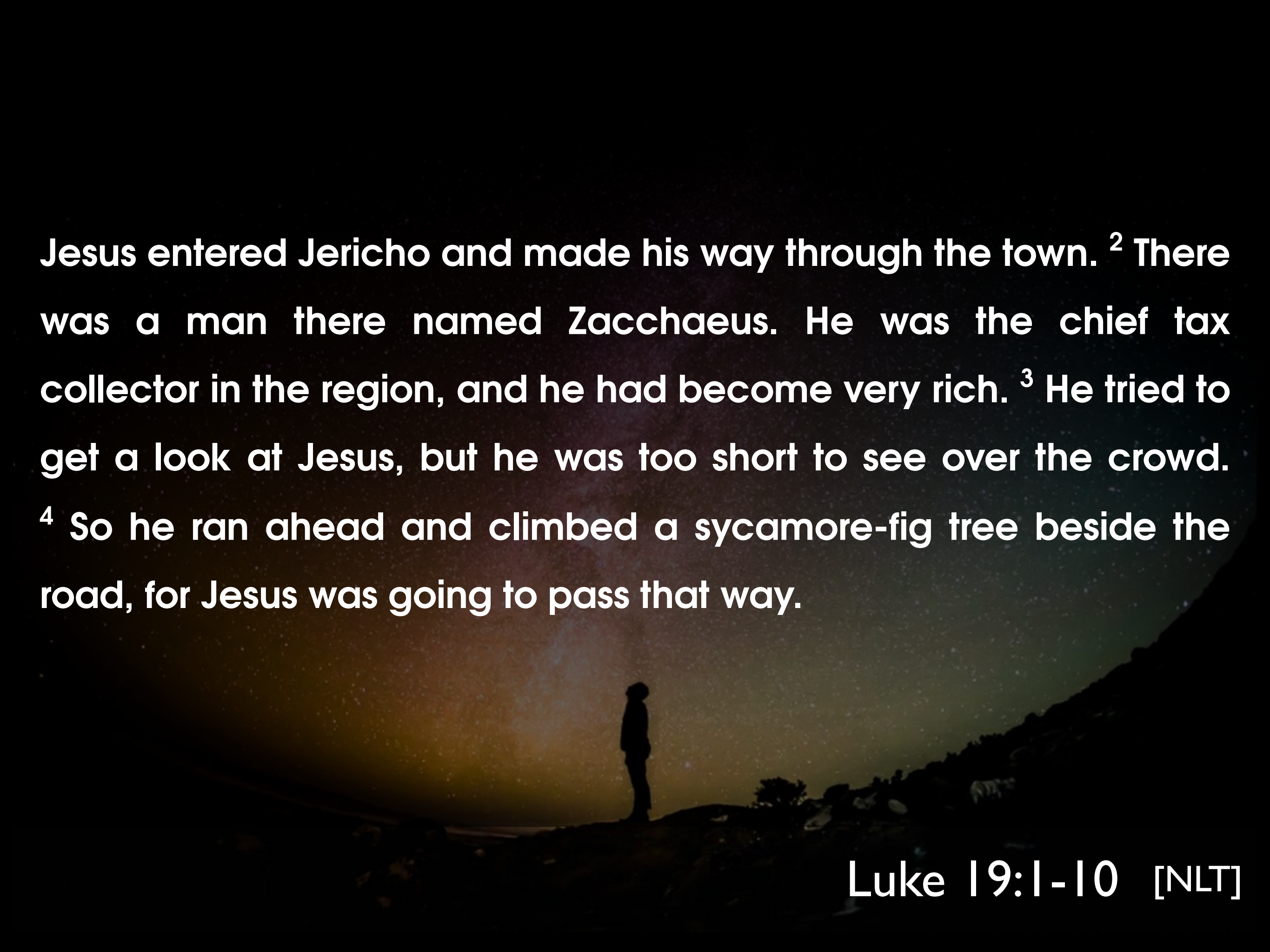
**Do not withhold good from those who deserve it
when it's in your power to help them.**

**If you can help your neighbour now, don't say,
"Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."**

Proverbs 3:27-28 (NLT)

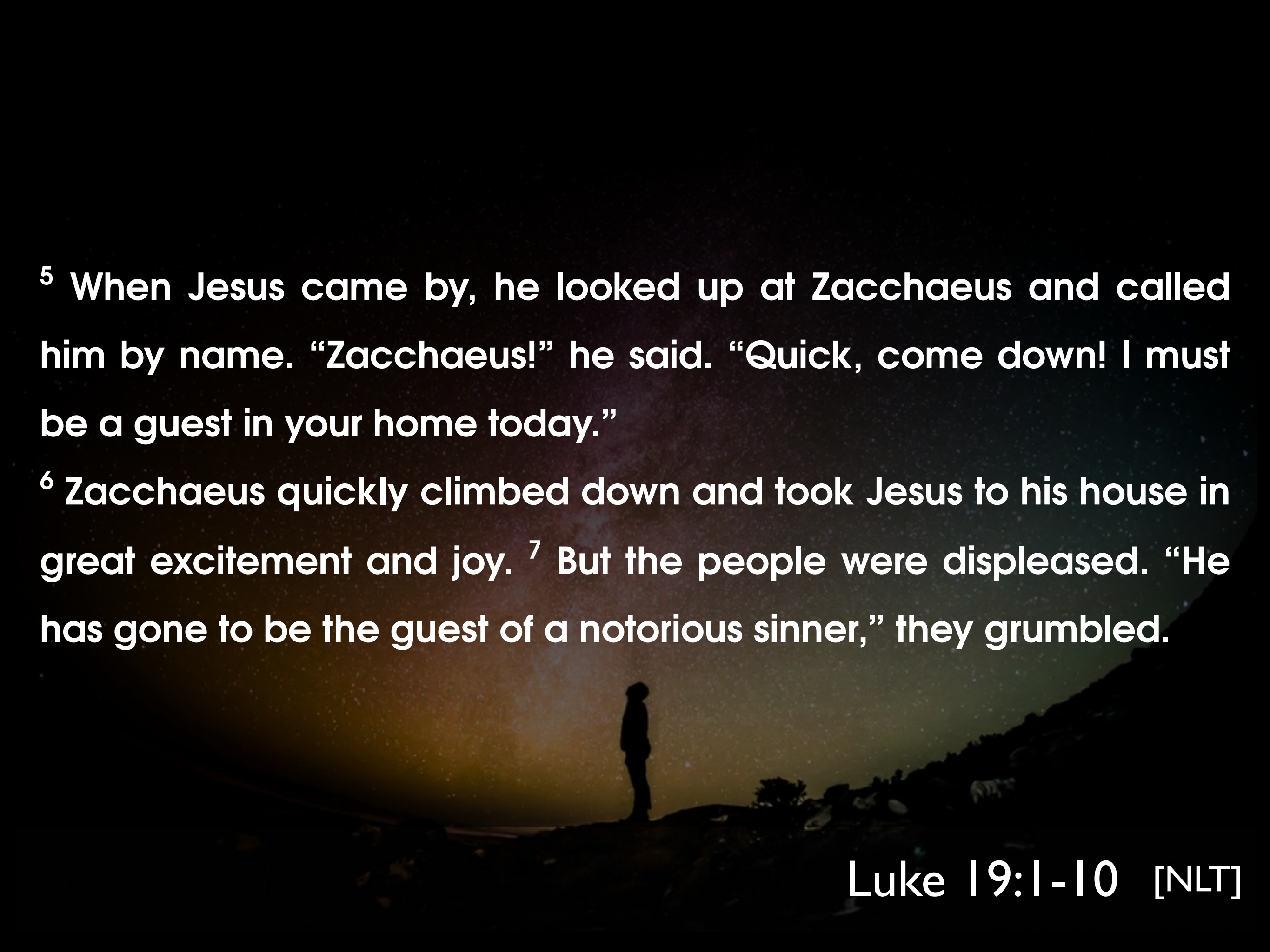
**It is a sin to despise one's neighbour,
but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.**

Proverbs 14:21 (NIV)

A silhouette of a person stands on a dark, rocky hill, looking up at a vast night sky filled with stars. A bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or moon, is visible on the horizon, casting a warm, yellowish glow across the lower part of the sky. The person's shadow is cast on the ground in front of them.

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

Luke 19:1-10 [NLT]



⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”

⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

Luke 19:1-10 [NLT]

⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

⁹ Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Luke 19:1-10 [NLT]

