"HE WAS NOT AFRAID OF DOUBTERS"
Matthew11:1-19

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Why do I doubt?

What do I do with my doubt?

Big Idea:

Part 4 in the series "*The Jesus I Thought I Knew*" by Bobby Pruitt, 11/23/08

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever struggle with doubts related to your faith? What form do they take?

2. When you see God answer one of your personal prayers in someone else's life instead of your own, what is your first thought/emotion? Why?

3. Where do you go with your doubts? How do you deal with your doubts?

4. How can you use the example of Jesus in Matthew 11:1-19 to help others in doubt?

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Week 4: He was not afraid of doubters.

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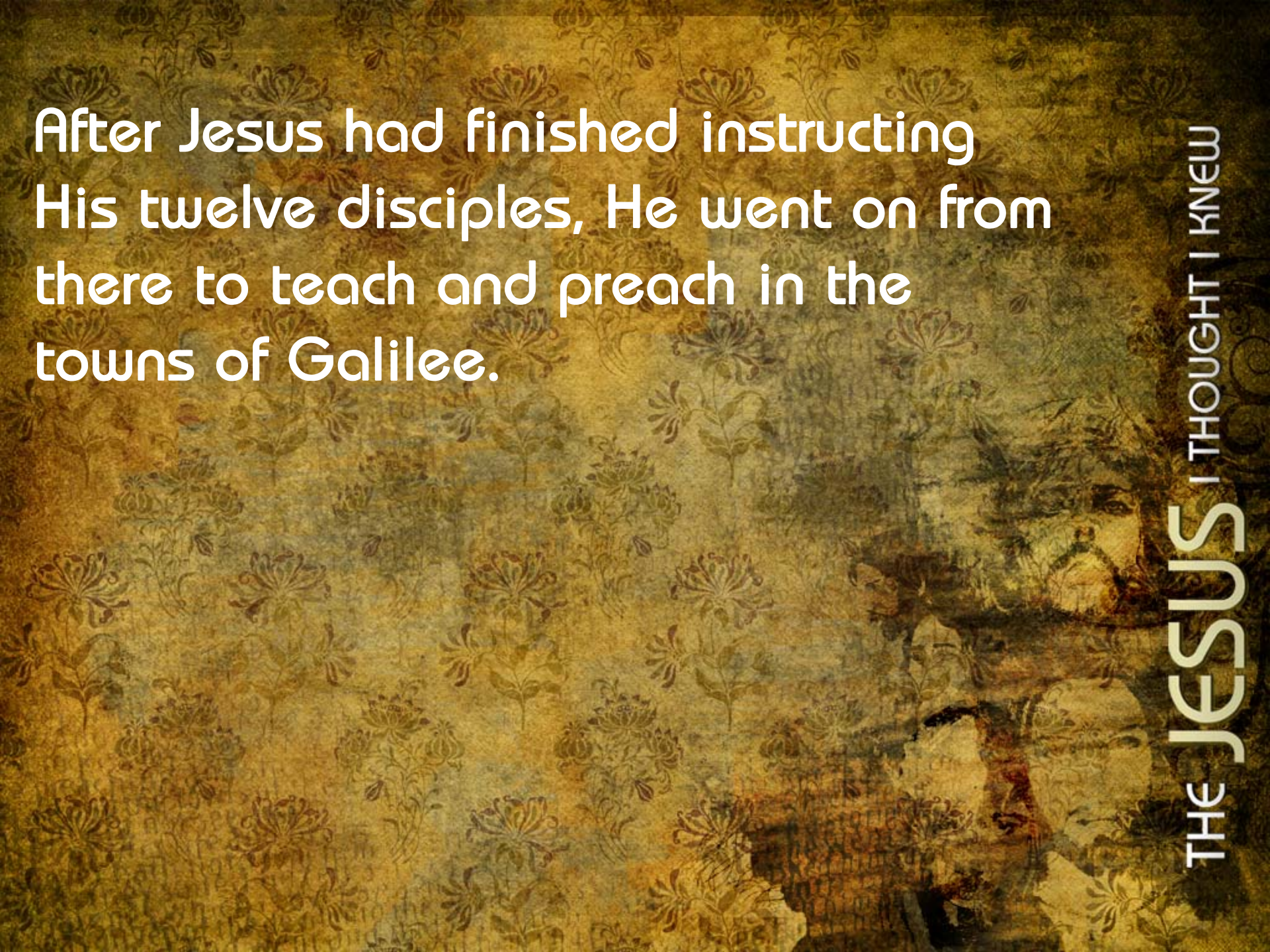
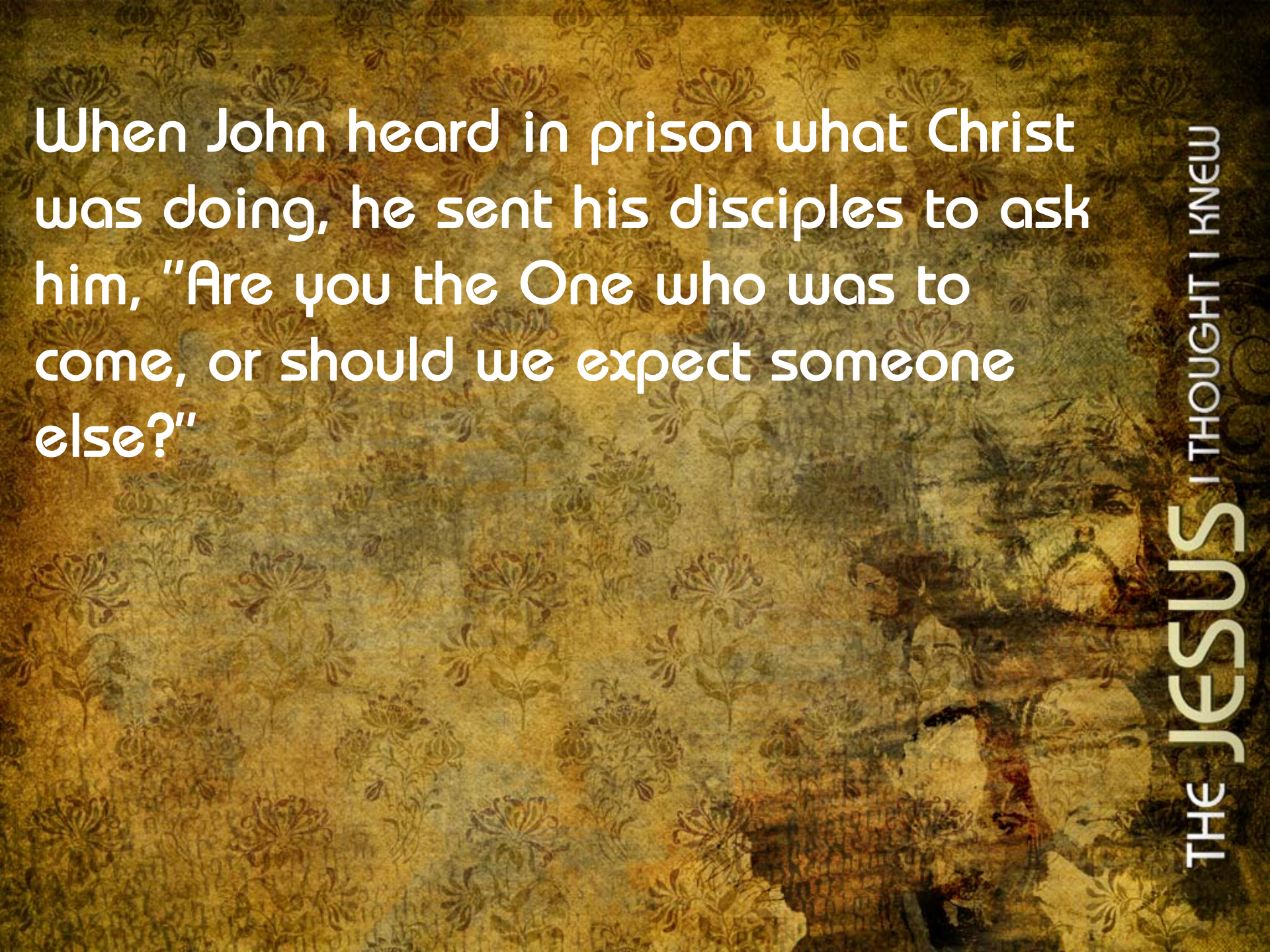
After Jesus had finished instructing His twelve disciples, He went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.



When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the One who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"



Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of Me."

Matthew 11:1-6

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As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

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This is the one about whom it is written:

'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'
I tell you the truth: Among those born
of women there has not risen anyone
greater than John the Baptist."

Matthew 11:7-11

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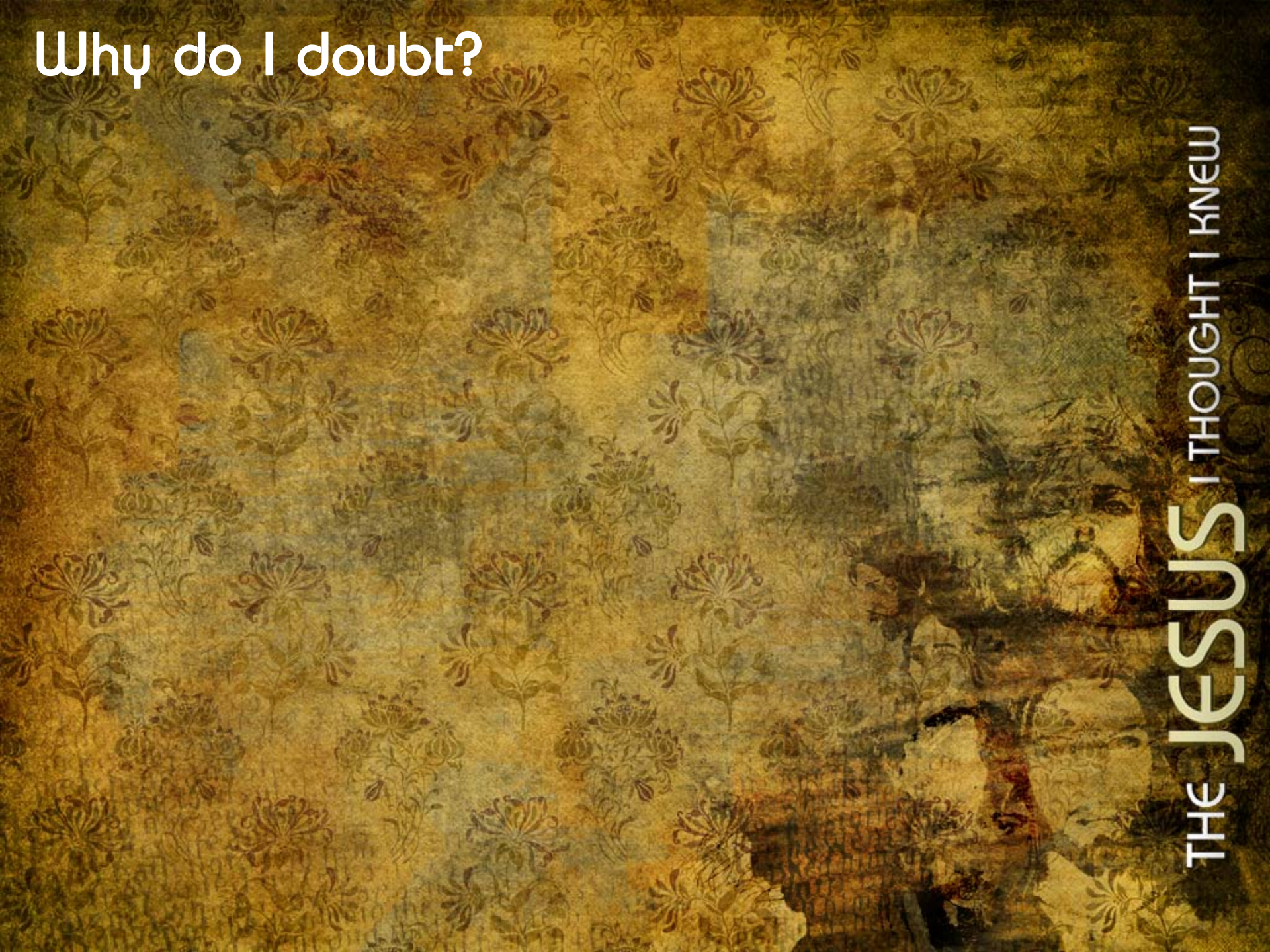

Why do I doubt?

We doubt when
God doesn't line up
with our expectations.

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Why do I doubt?

We doubt when
our lives don't line up
with the Word.

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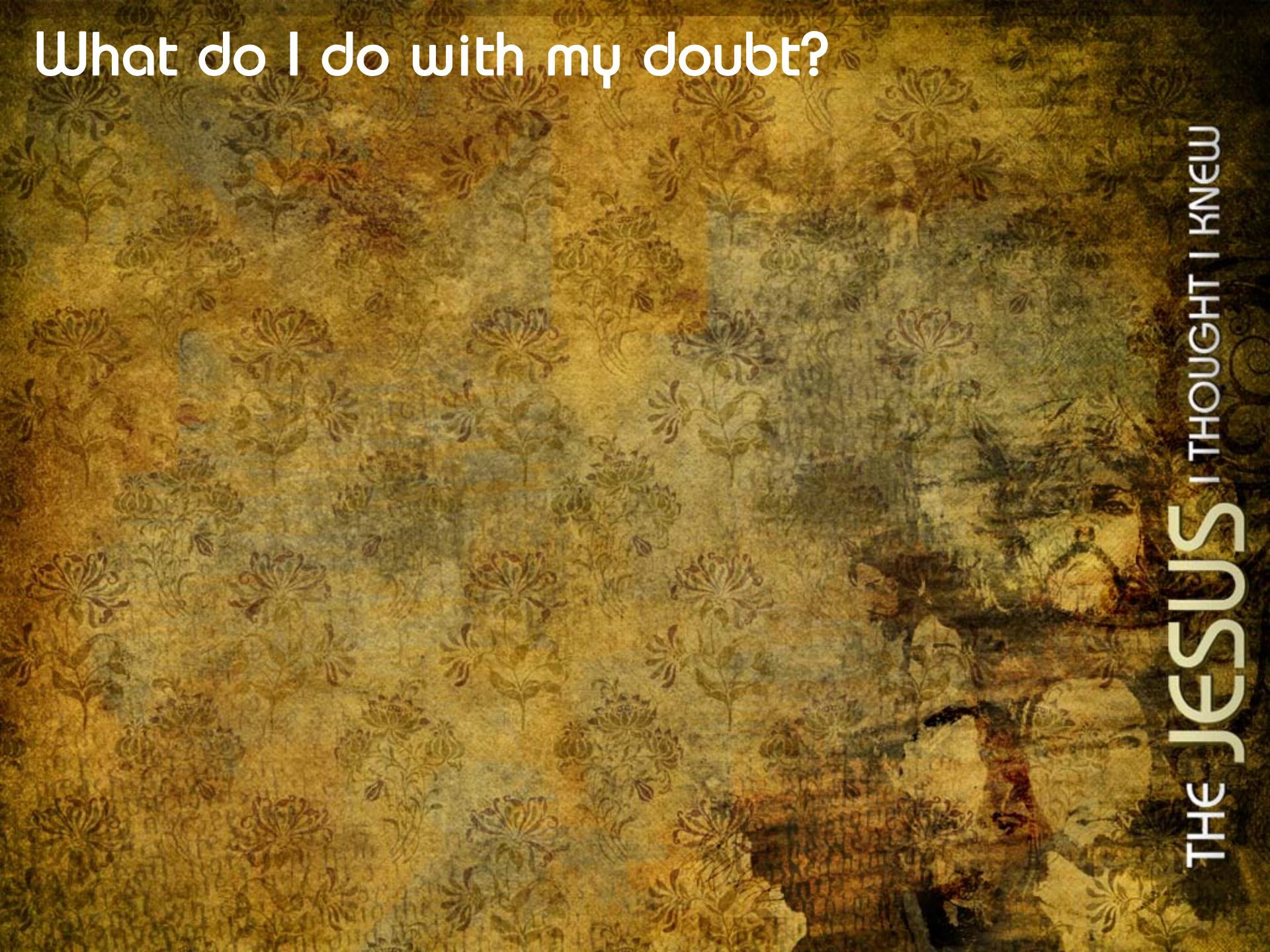
Why do I doubt?

We doubt when
our beliefs don't line up
with popular opinion.

What do I do with my doubt?



What do I do with my doubt?

Change to way
you view your doubt.

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What do I do with my doubt?

Understand that God can handle your doubt.

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God whispers in our pleasures,
speaks in our conscience
but shouts in our pain:
It is His megaphone
to rouse a deaf world.

C.S. Lewis - The Problem of Pain

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Big Idea:

When in doubt,
look at what He's done!

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Don't confuse life with God.

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Don't confuse life with God.

Don't confuse earth with heaven.

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There have been times when I think that we do not desire heaven; but more often I find myself wondering whether, in our heart of hearts, we have ever desired anything else.

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It is the secret signature of each soul, the incommunicable and unappeasable want, the thing we desired before we met our wives or made our friends, or chose our work, and which we shall still desire on our deathbeds, when the mind no longer knows wife or friend or work.

All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of your consciousness.

The day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it.

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Make note of your "God sightings."

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