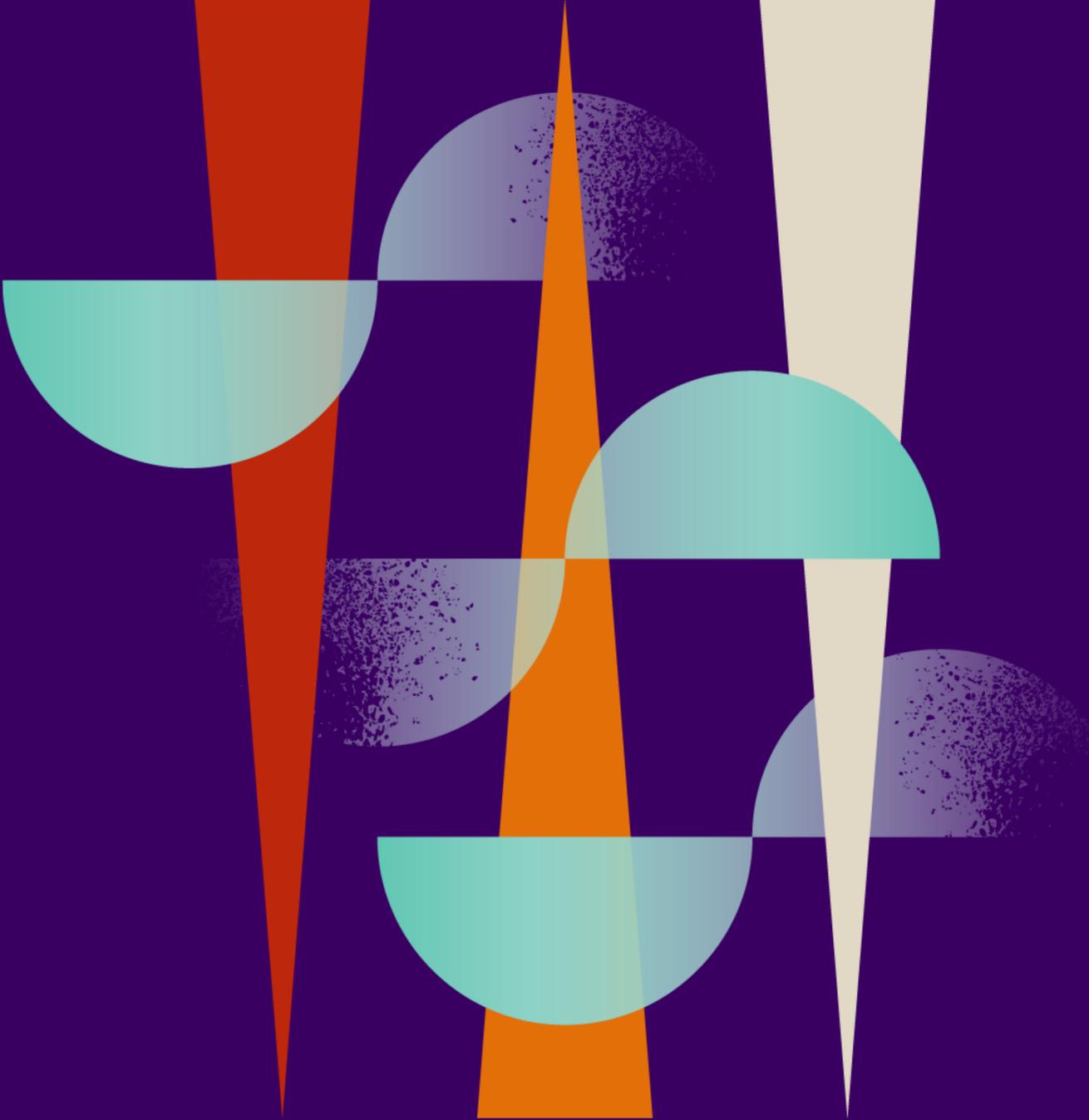
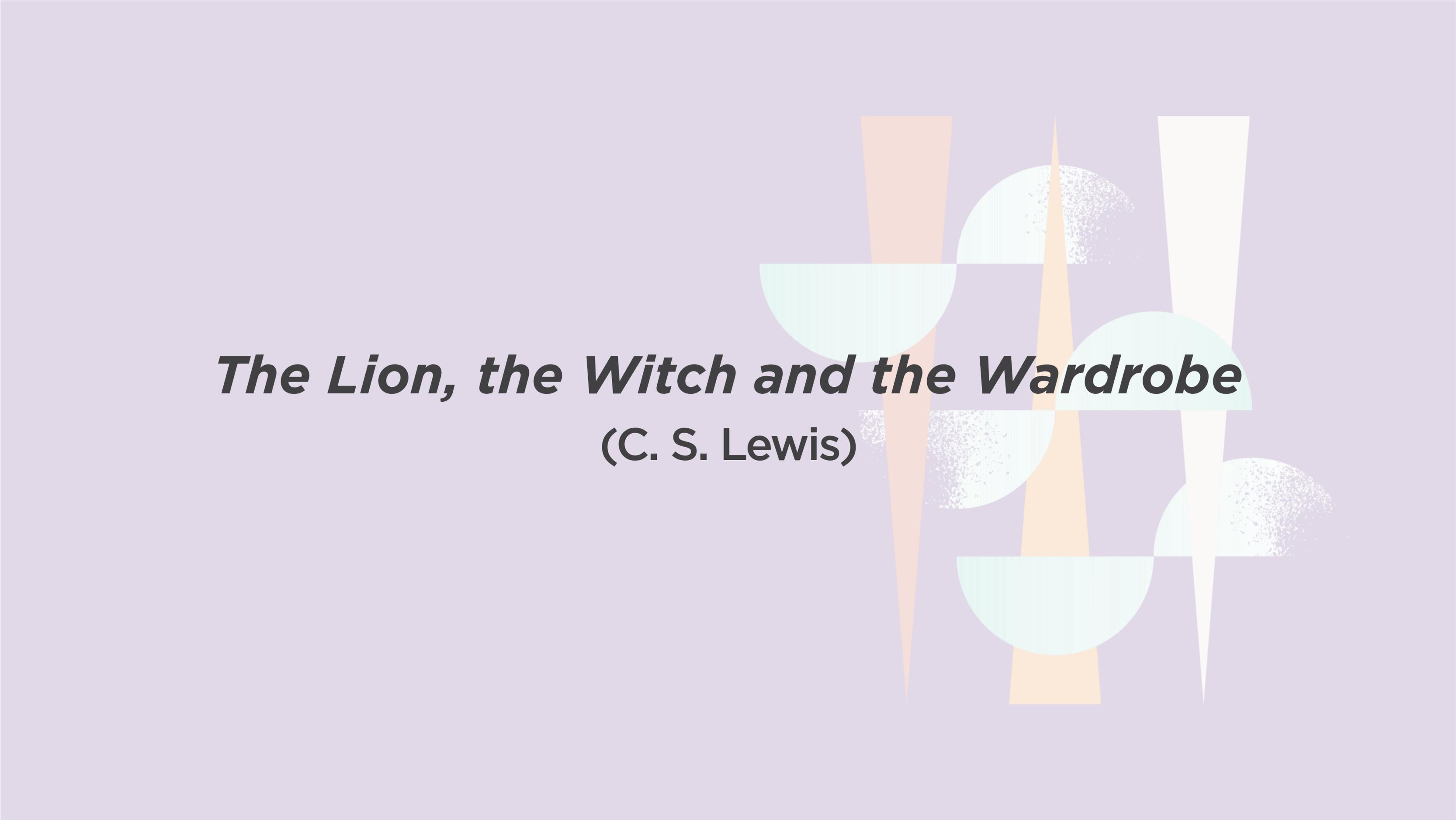


Sermon Series



# Lent





***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***

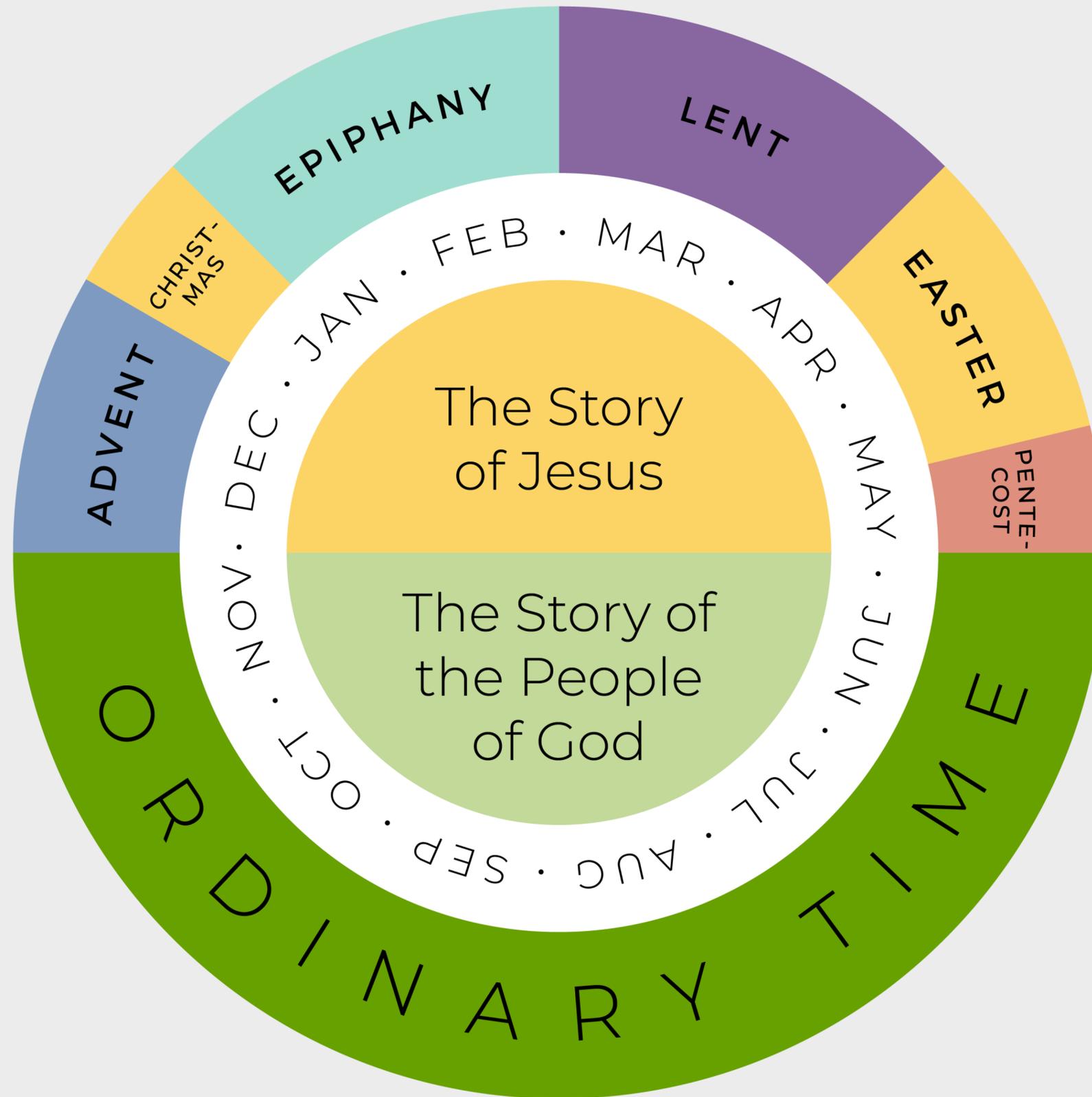
**(C. S. Lewis)**

**And we were frozen in our steps  
But the light gave us a breath  
Vision changed from black to gold**

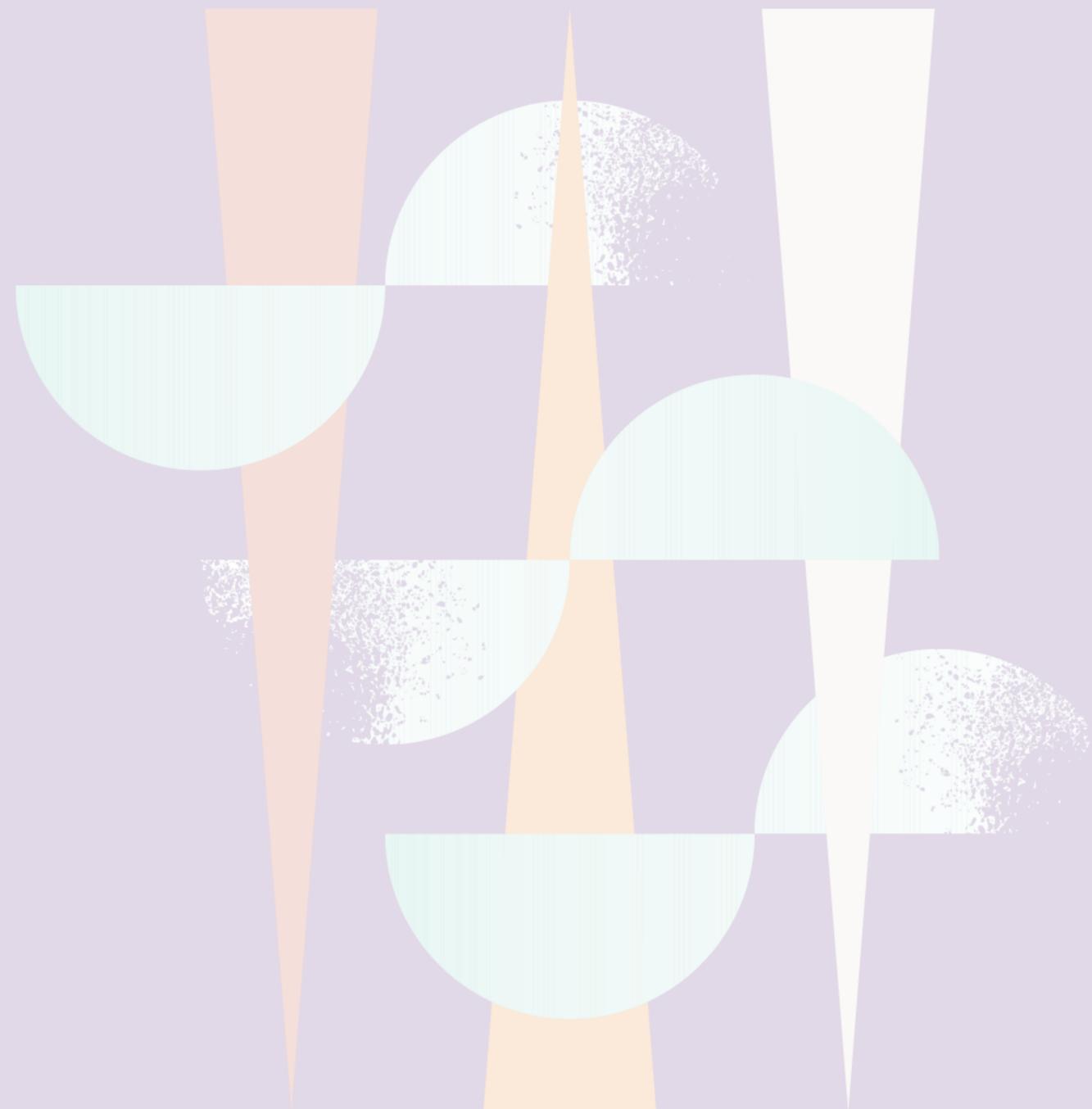
**Ground below us shaking  
Air we breathe is changing  
Clouds above us clearing**

**Dear Rouge**





# Matthew 21:1-11







**“Children are made of awe. We have much to learn from them, but we seldom aim to. When we encounter the freedom of a child, we can choose to participate in their liberation, or we can grow to resent the freedom in them.”**

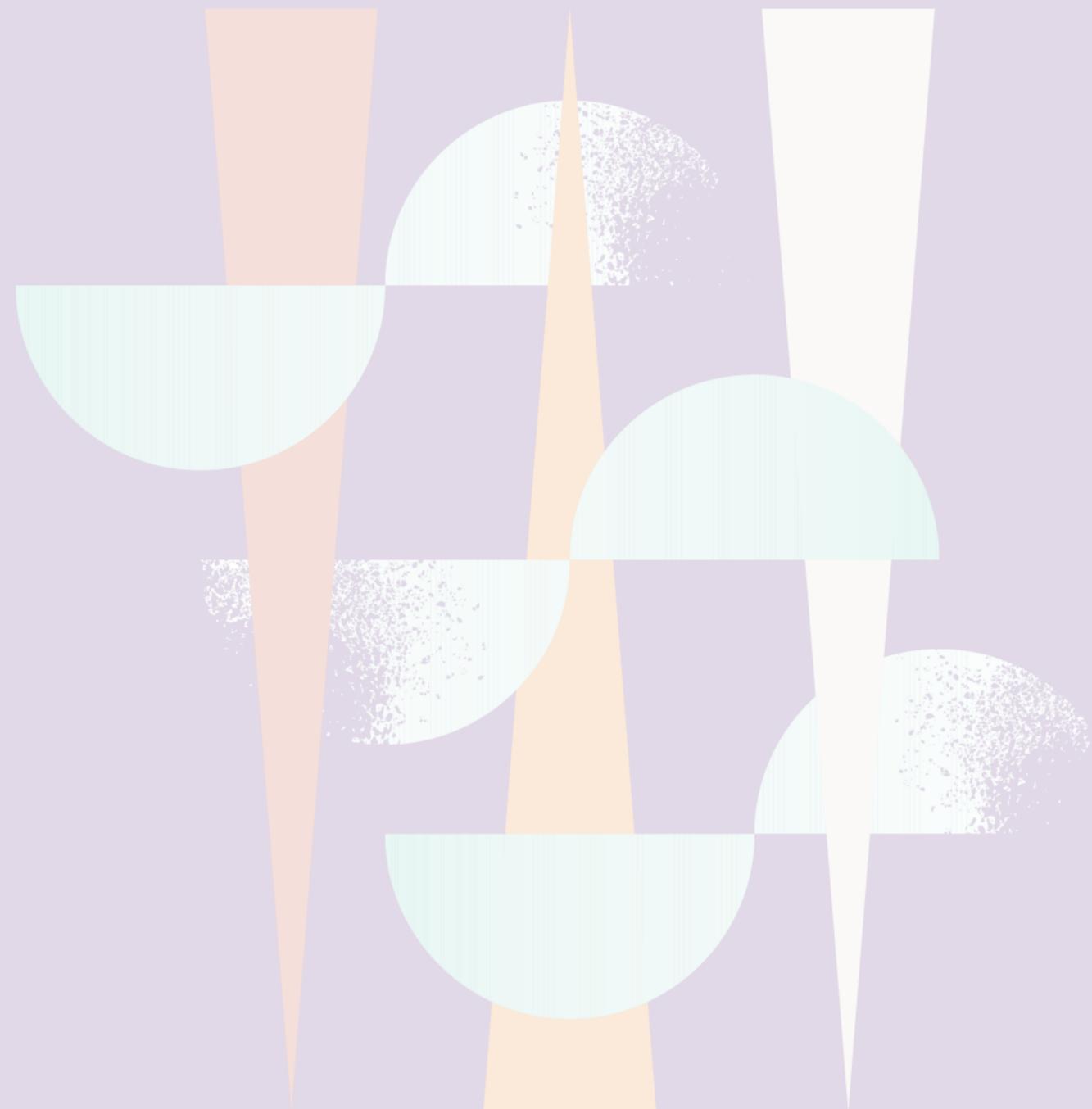
**Cole Arthur Riley**



**“To reclaim the awe of our child-selves, to allow ourselves to be taken by the beauty of a thing, allows goodness to take up the space it’s often denied in our interior worlds.”**

**Cole Arthur Riley**

# Matthew 21:1-11





**If Jesus came to our city today, what would you want to do with him?**

**“Watch shows. Play Uno.”**

Simone (6)



**“Play with him. Is he going to be our Sunday School teacher next week? He would be a good Sunday School teacher.”**

Florence (4)



**“I’d want to go out for lunch with him and talk with him. First, I would ask him a bunch of questions. I would ask him what heaven is like.”**

Leo (9)



**“I would want to ask him  
why he didn't save himself  
from the cross if he is  
God.”**

Riley (8)



**“Ummmmm...”**

Finley (2)



**“The first thing I would do is give him a big hug. And I would actually feel nervous too, because he’s so important. I would also feel peace and calmness. I’d feel a lot of different emotions at the same time.”**

Maisy (11)



**“I would ask him to stop the war in Ukraine. Also, I would like to take him to the Aquarium, so he sees the sharks.”**

Adriana (7)

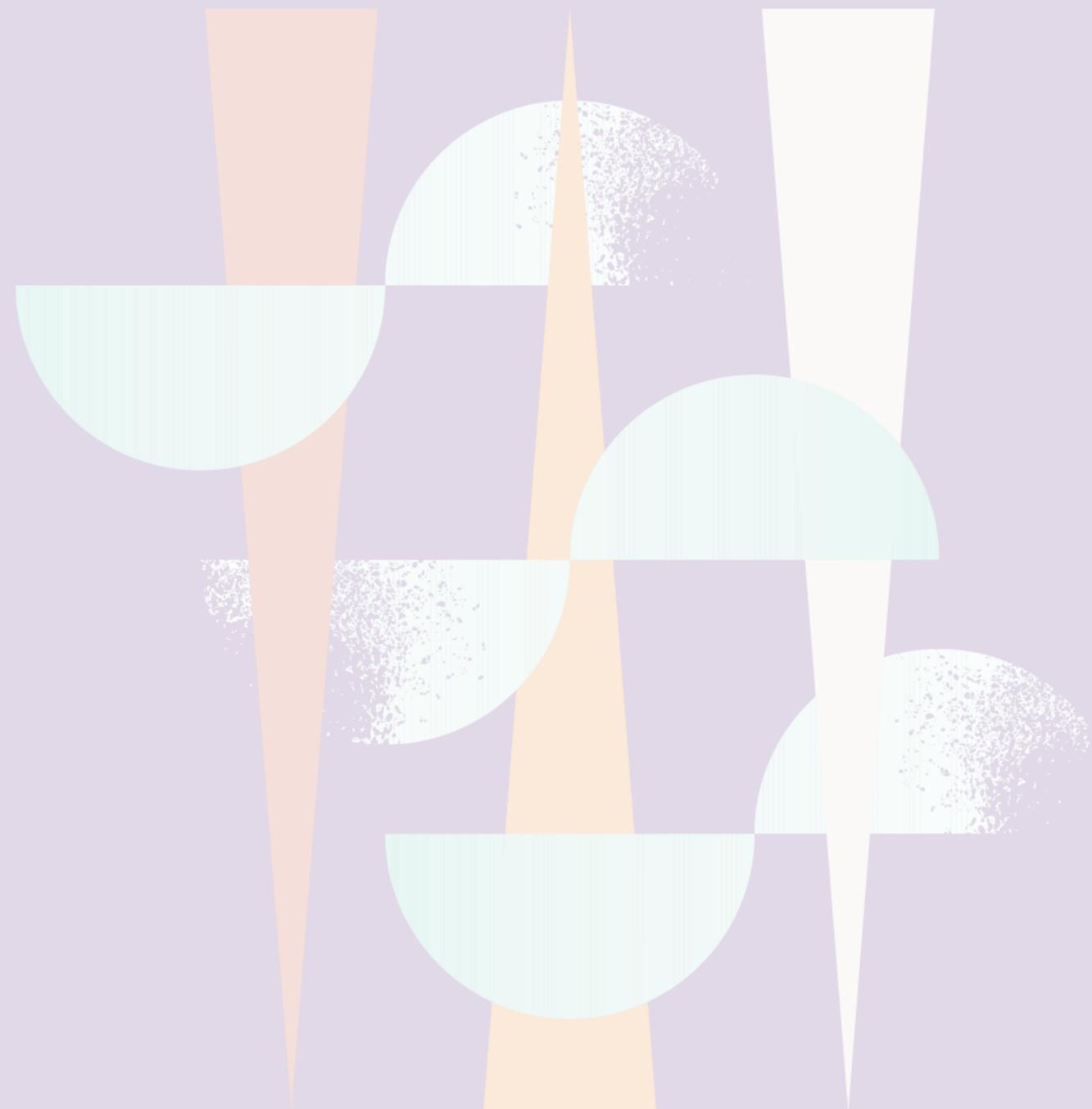


**“If Jesus was here I would  
say thank you.”**

Ruby (5)



# Matthew 21:1-7

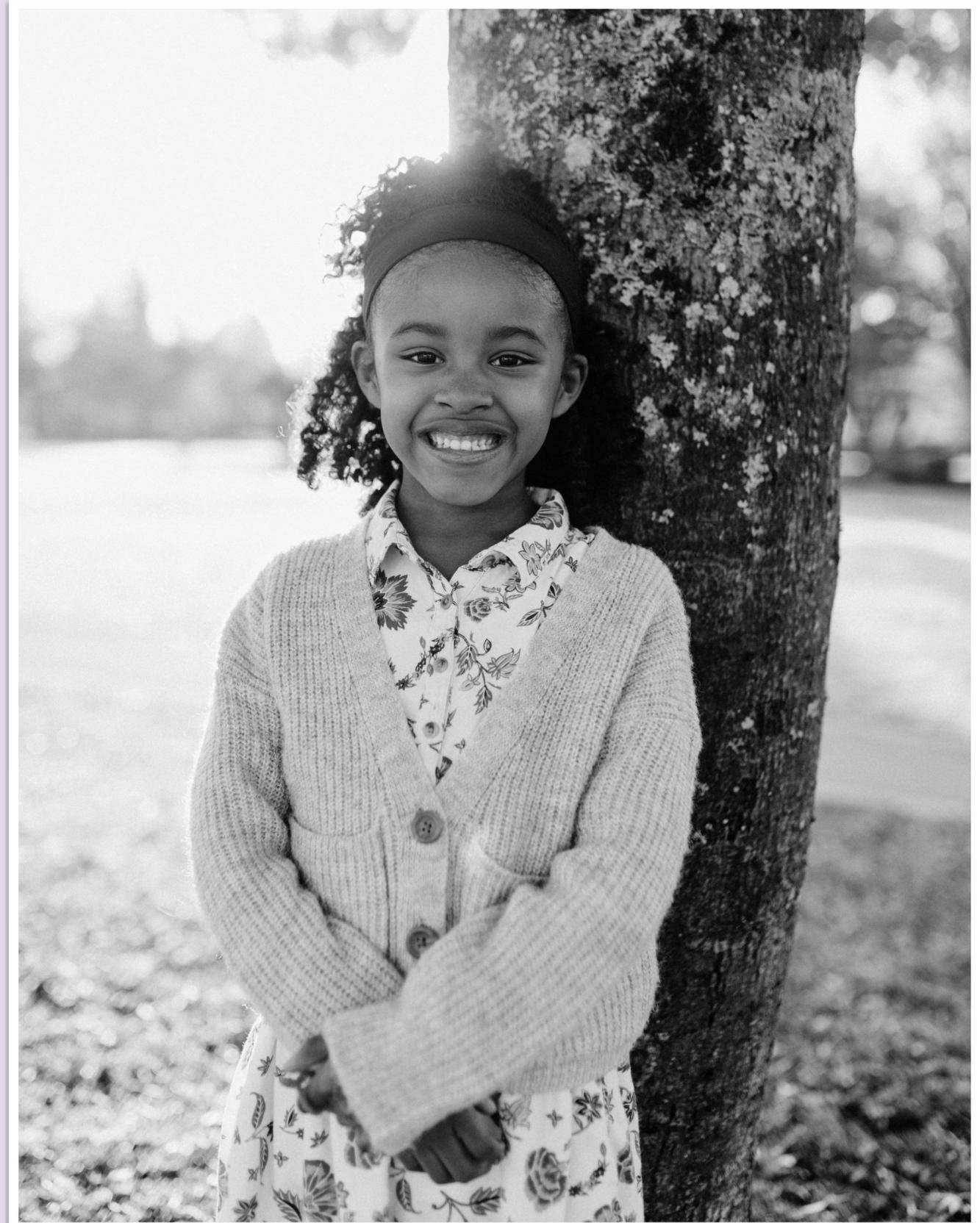


A scene from Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Luke Skywalker, with long brown hair and a beard, is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the right with a concerned expression. He is wearing a grey tunic. In the foreground, the back of a Wookiee's head and shoulder is visible, wearing a blue hooded garment. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a sandy ground and some structures.

“You will give us your donkey.”

**“If Jesus asked me to do that I would be wondering why. It would be hard to go ask someone I don’t know for a donkey.”**

Adriana (7)



**“I would be nervous the donkey would bite me.”**

Florence (4)



**“It would be easy for me to do because you just have to walk a little bit further to the donkey stable and ask the person for it.”**

Simone (6)

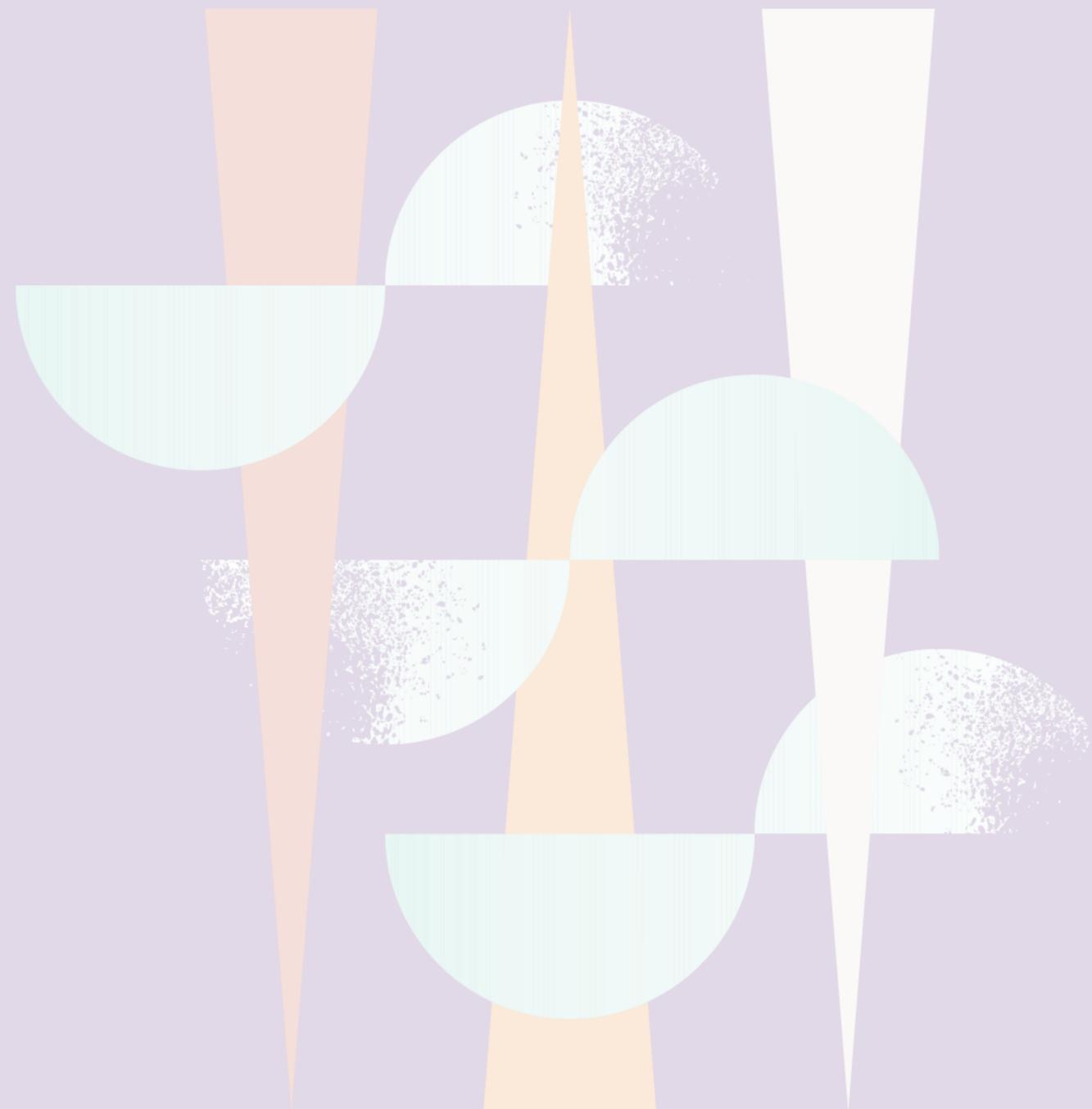


**“The donkey would feel  
happy that God was sitting  
on him.”**

Ruby (5)



# Matthew 21:8-9



**“They were saying ‘help  
our town!’”**

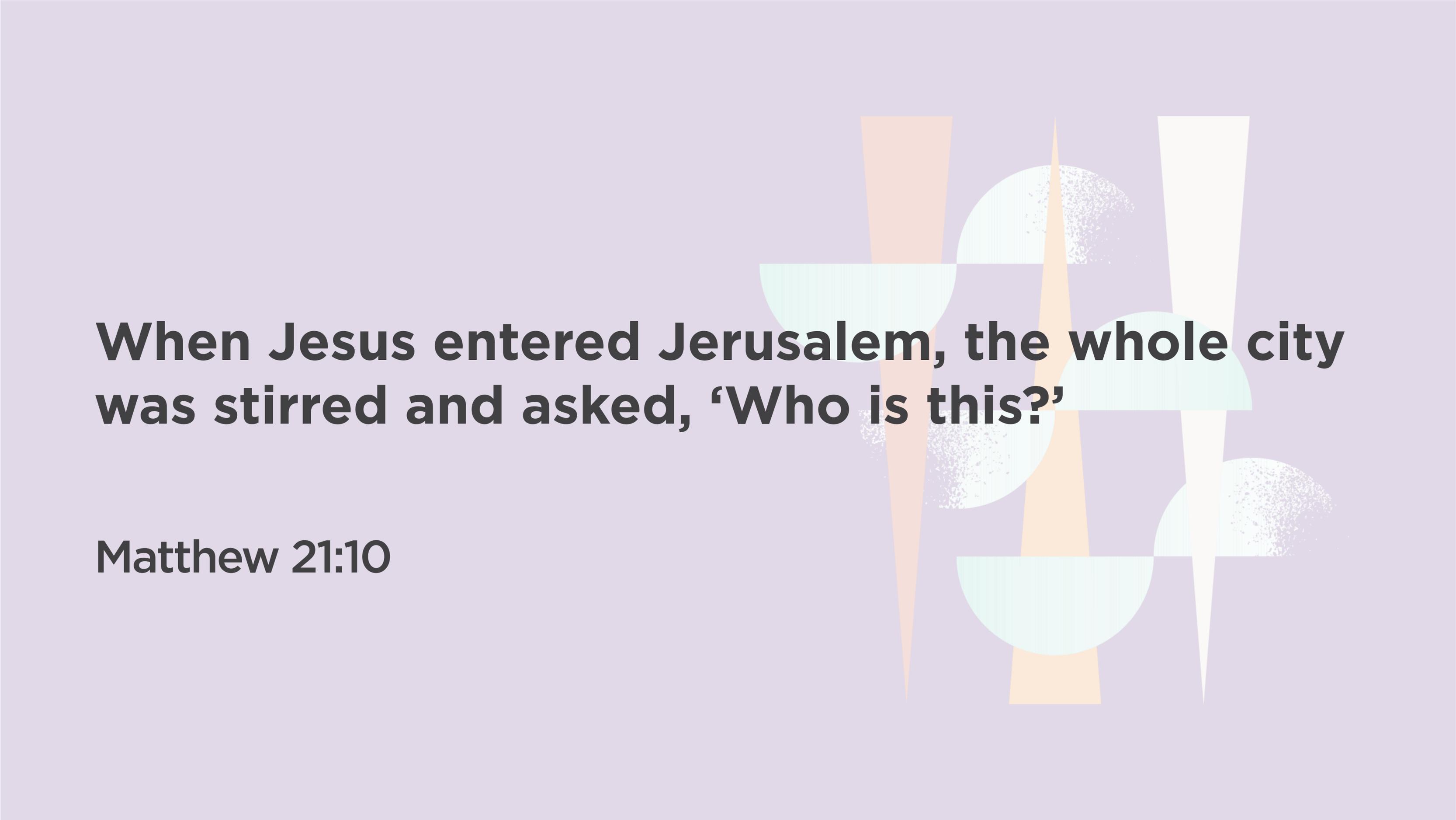
Leo (9)



**“They were saying it  
Because they needed help  
From God. They needed to  
be saved from sin but they  
didn’t know it.”**

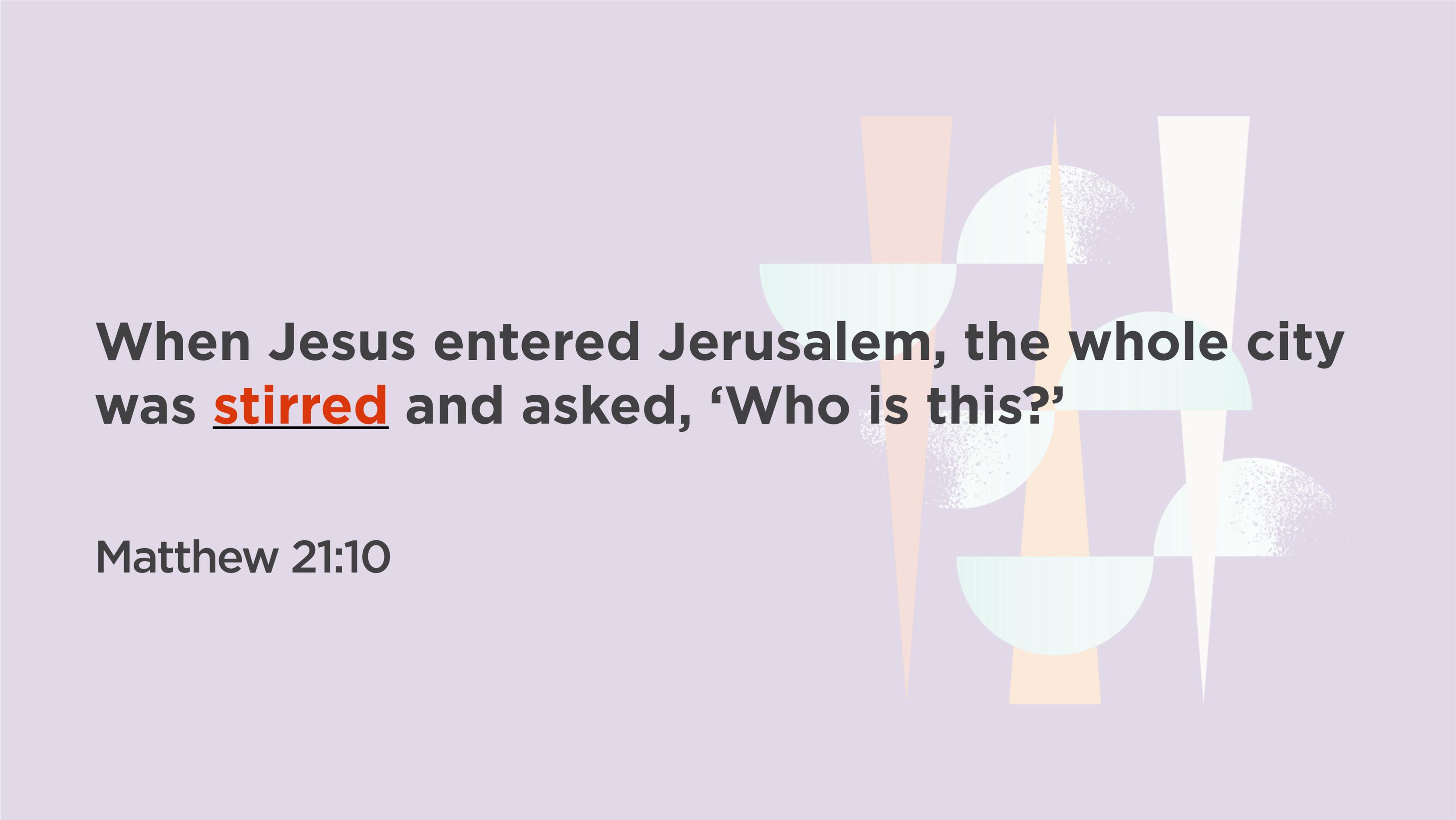
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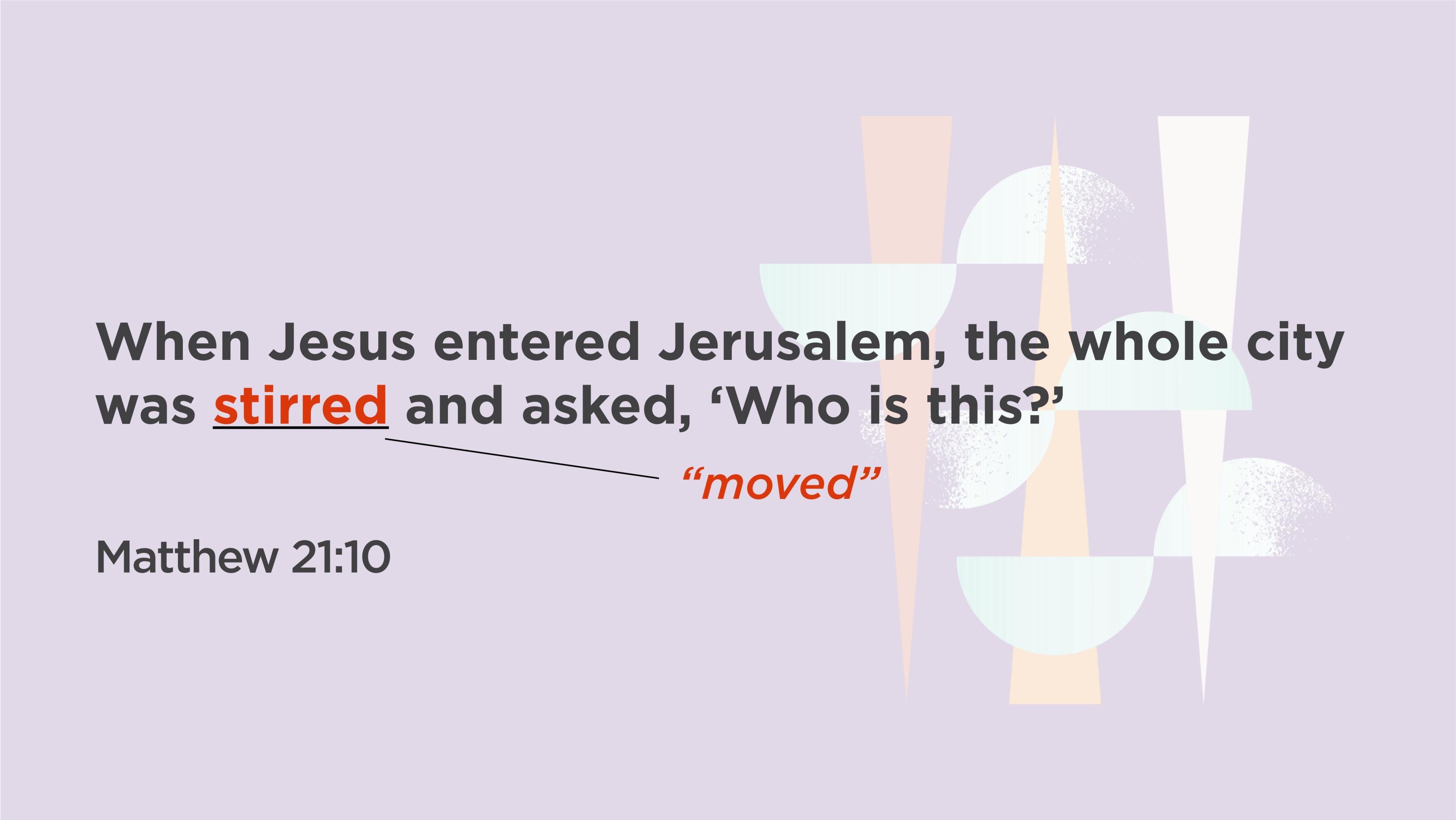
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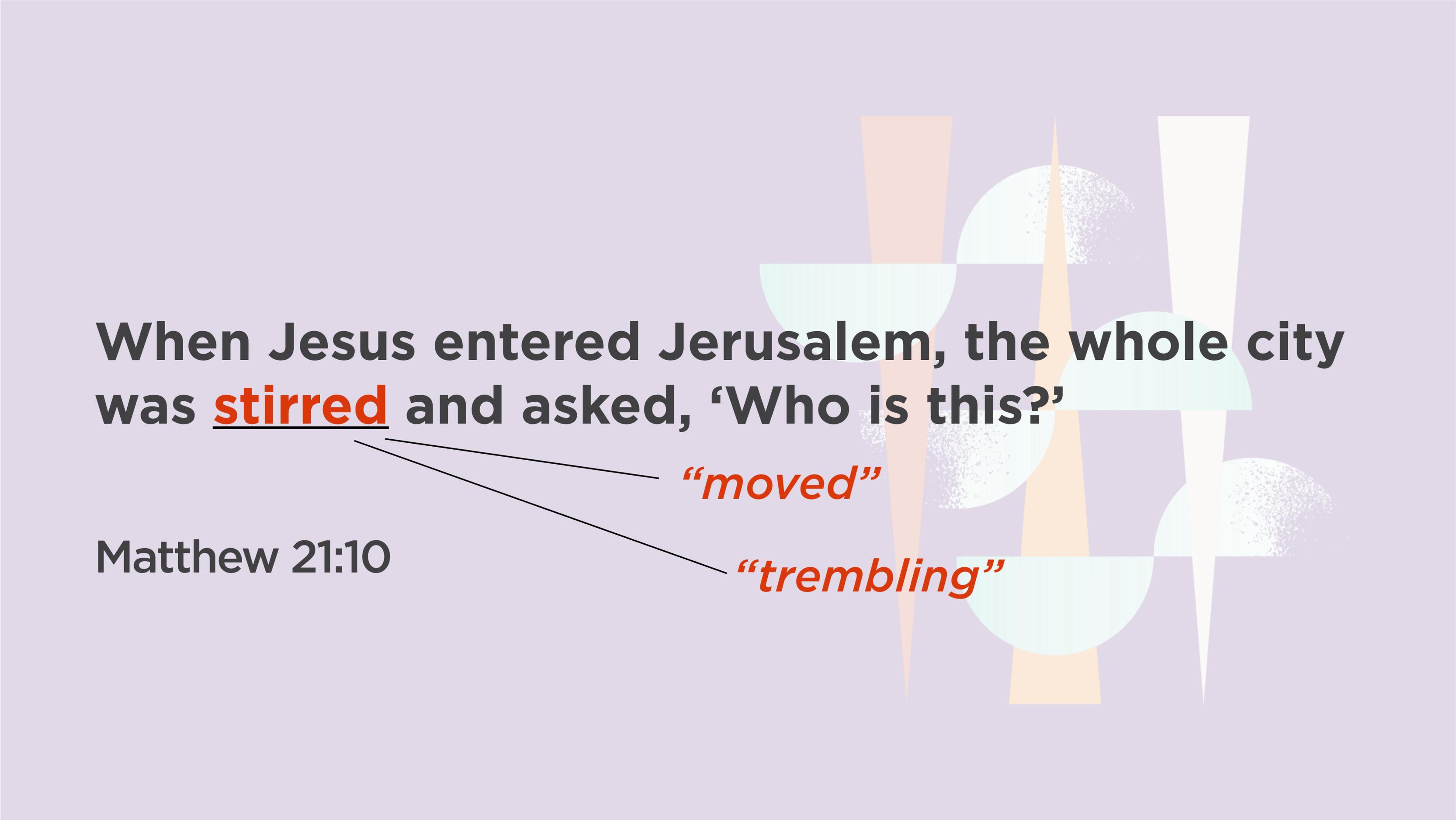
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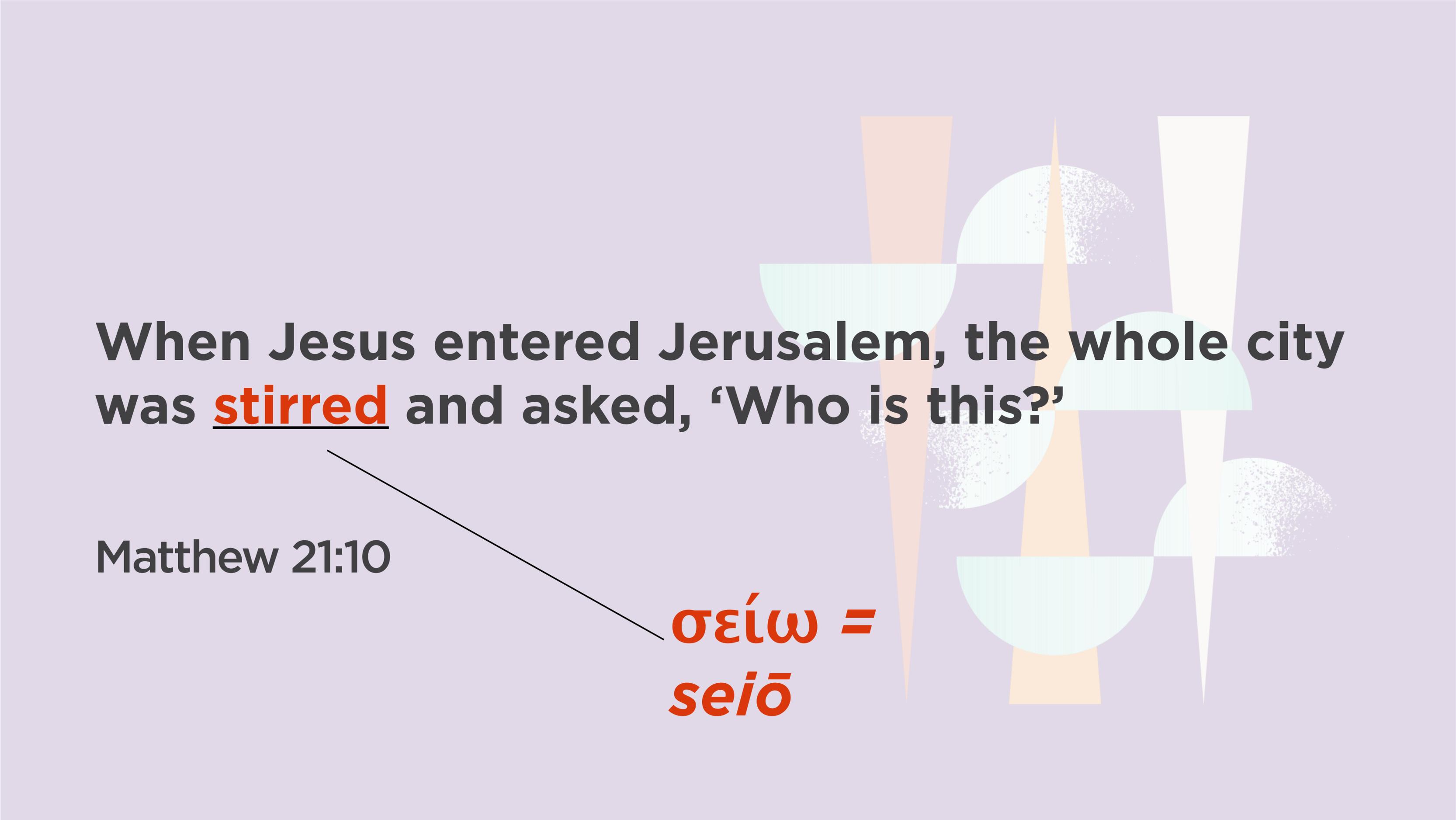
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σειώ =  
*seiō*

## Uses of **seiō** in Matthew:

“Just then the temple curtain was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth **shook** and the rocks were split apart.

Matthew 27:51

“The guards were **shaken** and became like dead men because they were so afraid of him.

Matthew 28:4

***Living between two passions***



**“We remember how soon the triumphal entry becomes trial before Pilate. We remember how ‘Hosanna’ becomes ‘Crucify.’ We remember how thoroughly the disciples fail him, and we consider how we too fail genuinely to welcome him. At that point surely any ‘Hurray’ must also fade from our lips. Surely a sober prayer, ‘Save us,’ is more fitting. Save us from our own failures to follow you. Turn our worlds upside down and, this year, help us to welcome you into our lives a little more completely.”**

**Stephen Farris**



# Hosanna Song

Paul Zach & Jon Guerra



**With one breath “Hosanna”, we cry  
With the next one we say, “Crucify”  
With one voice we praise your name  
With the same voice we condemn you  
to shame**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**  
**Hosanna to the Lord**

**With palm leaves we welcome your reign  
With twisted thorns we crown you with pain  
You wash our feet to show us your love  
We wash our hands of your innocent blood**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna to the Lord**

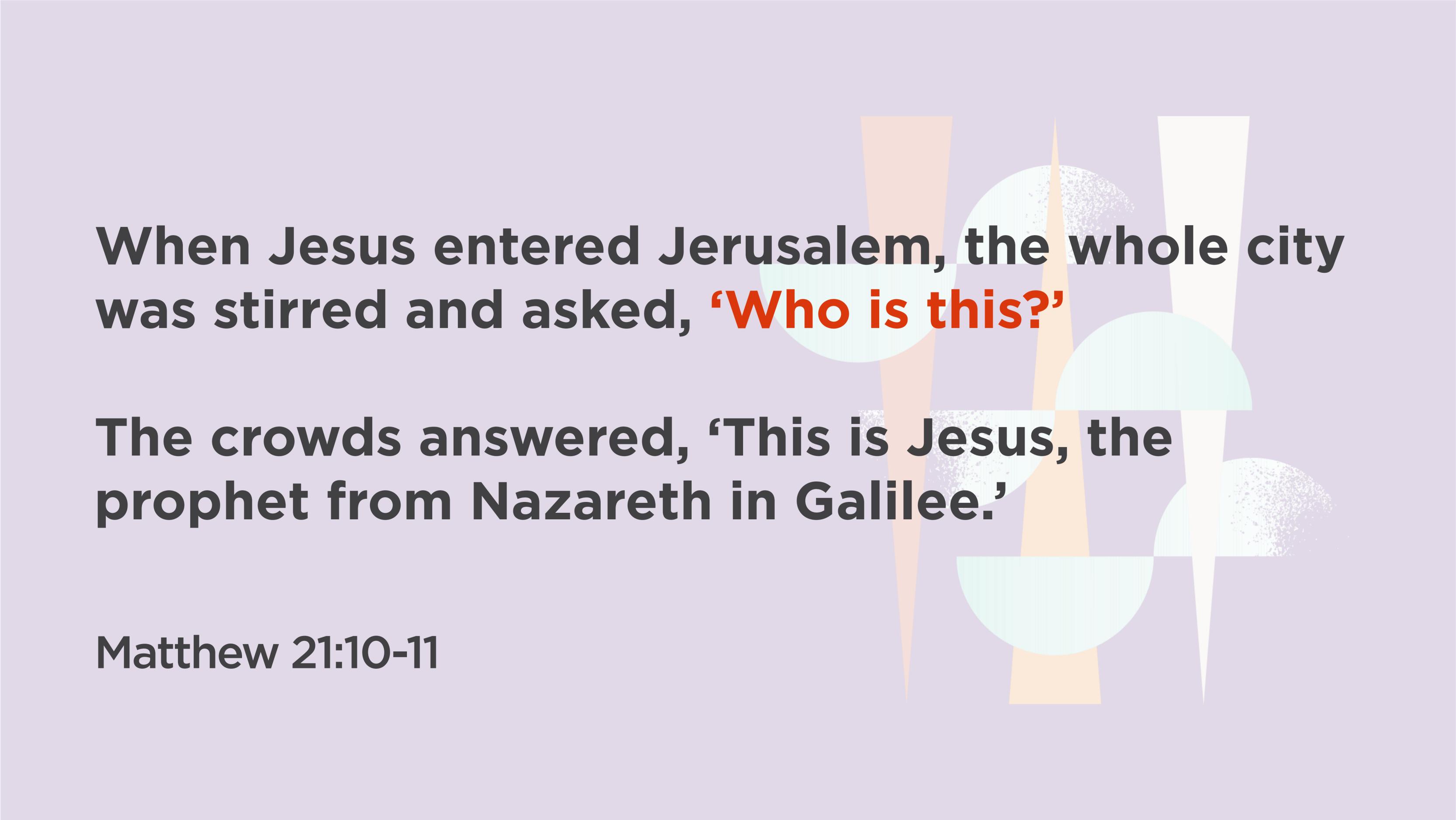
**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna to the Lord**

**We claim you when you come in power  
But we leave you in your terrible hour  
We hail you for victory won  
But we mock you as you say It is done**

***Living between two passions***





**When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, **‘Who is this?’****

**The crowds answered, ‘This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.’**

**Matthew 21:10-11**

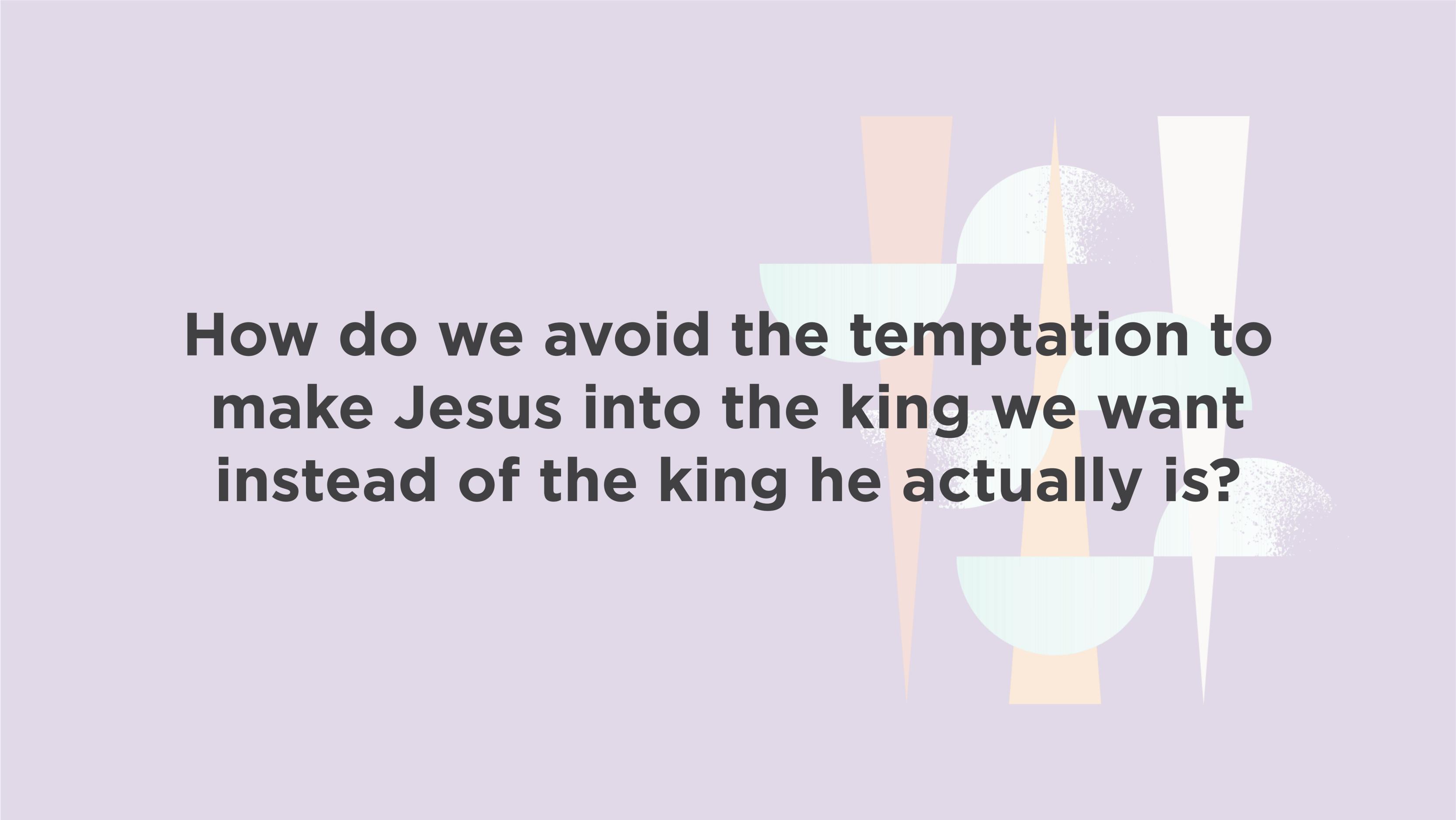
# Questions:

- In what ways do I put my agendas on Jesus' agenda?
- How am I making him the king I want him to be instead of the king he actually is?
- How am I making Jesus in my own image?



**“You can safely assume you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.”**

**Anne Lamott**



**How do we avoid the temptation to  
make Jesus into the king we want  
instead of the king he actually is?**

**“Jesus is a captain. He is the captain of the land and everything.”**

Florence (4)



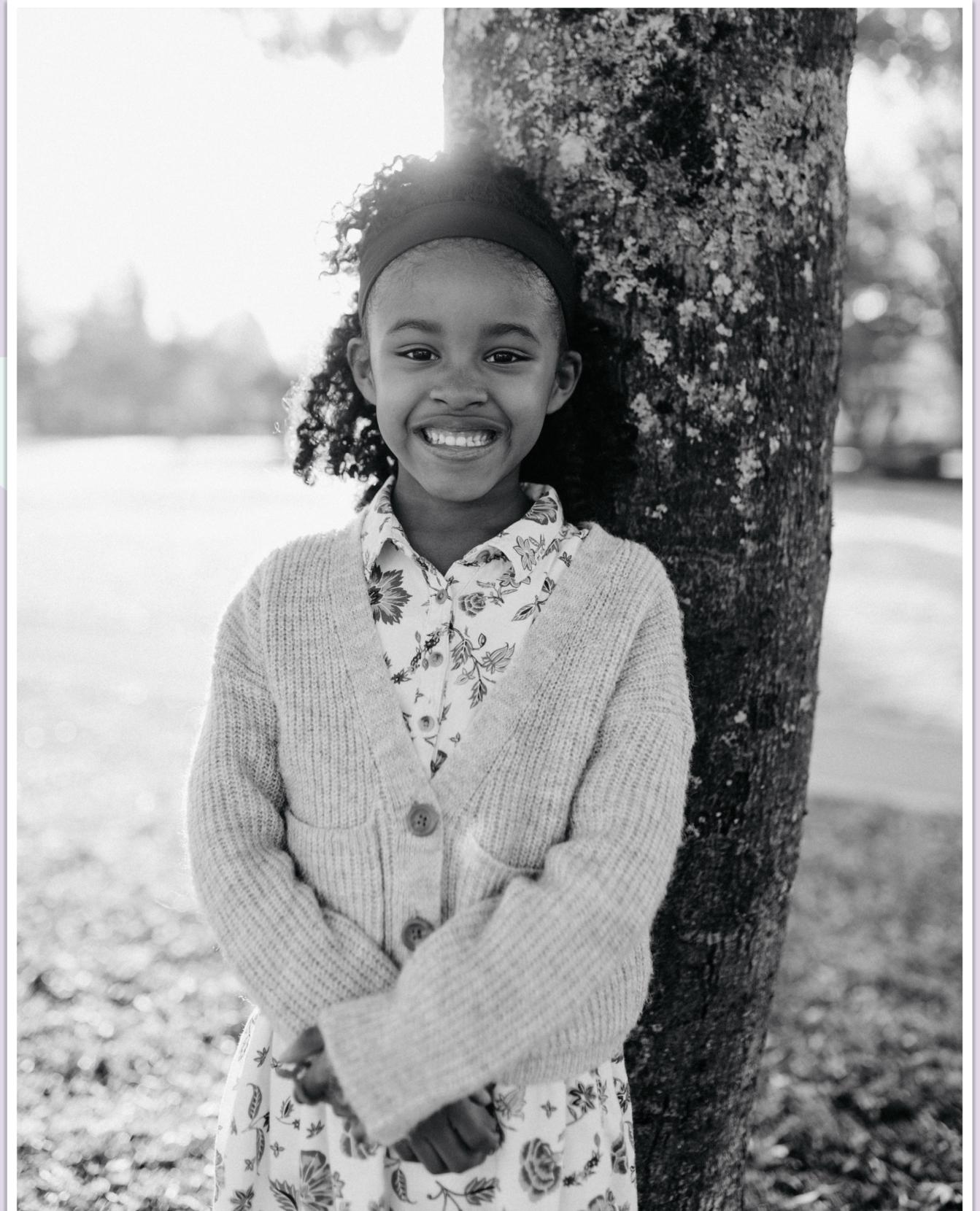
**“Jesus is important  
because he frees people  
and he is powerful and  
nice.”**

Riley (8)



**“Jesus is the lamb of God; He sacrificed himself to help other people. All the people, even people who make bad choices, like Donald Trump. Jesus is God and part of the cycle of God. Like God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Mom and Dad are like Jesus because they are caring, and kind and love me even when I don’t listen.**

Adriana (7)



**“Well obviously Jesus is important because he made the world, and without Jesus we might not even be here... or it could all just be because of the Big Bang... or the Big Bang and Jesus... Or Jesus might not be real.”**

Leo (9)



**“We need Jesus’ help  
because there’s too much  
pollution and God needs  
to help us.”**

Riley (8)



**“With pollution and climate change and homelessness. Because nobody should be homeless.”**

Maisy (11)



**“Sometimes you just need  
him for company and a  
spiritual hug.”**

Maisy (11)



**“Ya. Because if we have a problem, we can ask him. Because he is with us wherever we go. Like if we are in the pool, he is right beside us! And if I was drowning, he could help me.”**

Simone (6)



**“Sometimes. He helps me  
when I want to quit.  
Sometimes when I don’t  
want to finish lunch.**

**Jesus tells me to trust my  
body. He says ‘You can do  
it. I know you can.’”**

Florence (4)

