

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A narrow, light-colored dirt road or path winds through the trees, curving from the left towards the right. The text "The Gospel of Mark" is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive script with a soft green glow. The word "The" is smaller and positioned above "Gospel".

The Gospel of Mark

Jesus, John the Baptist and some perspective.

Mark 6:14-29

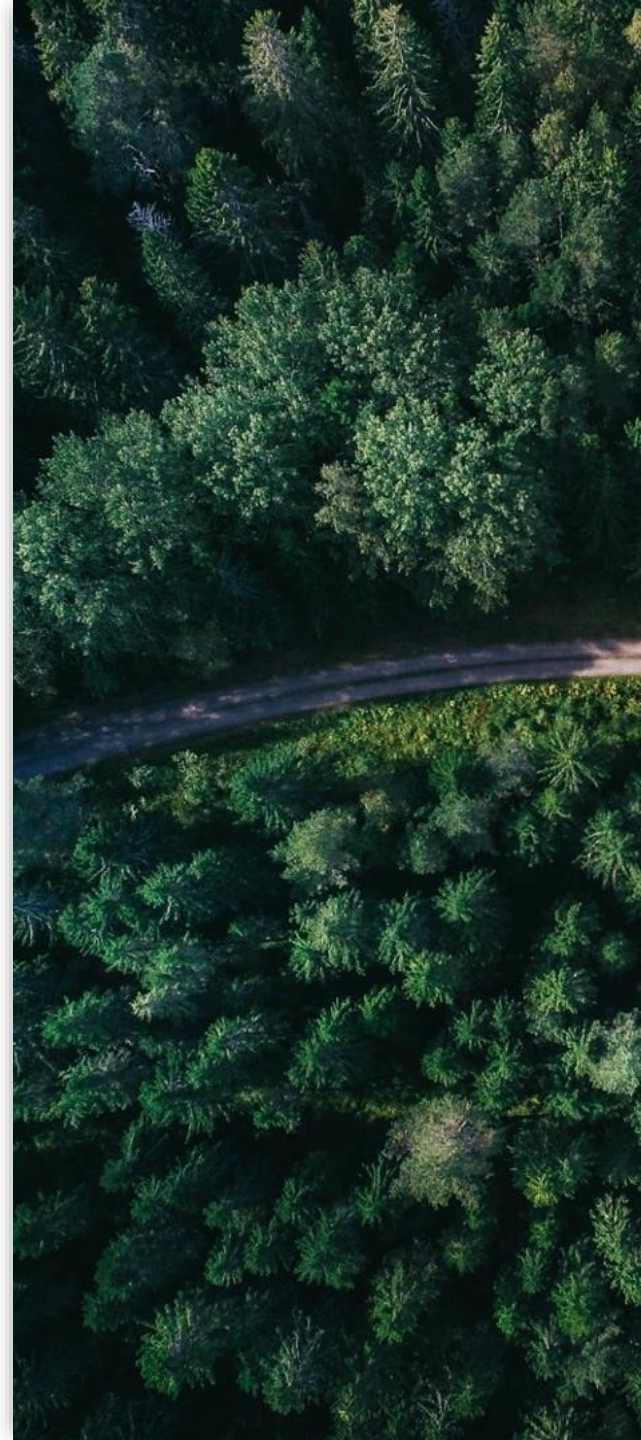
Mark 6:14-29 (NIV)

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah."

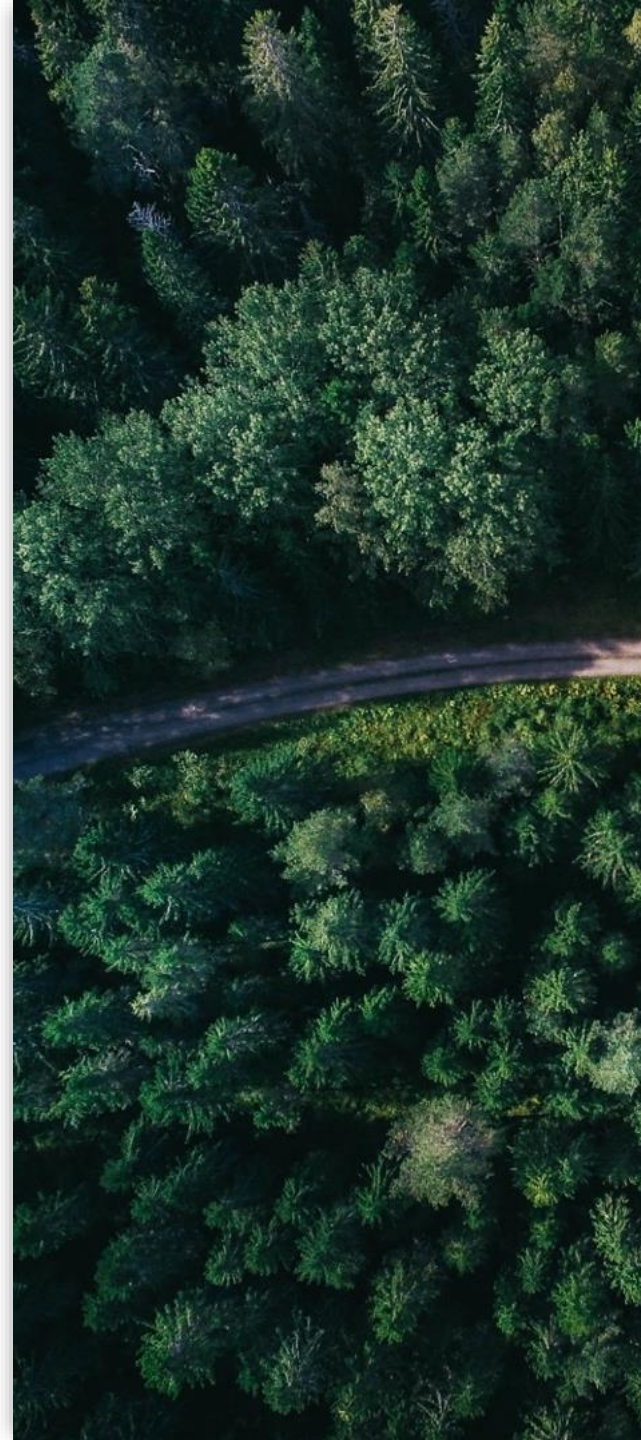
And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"



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¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.



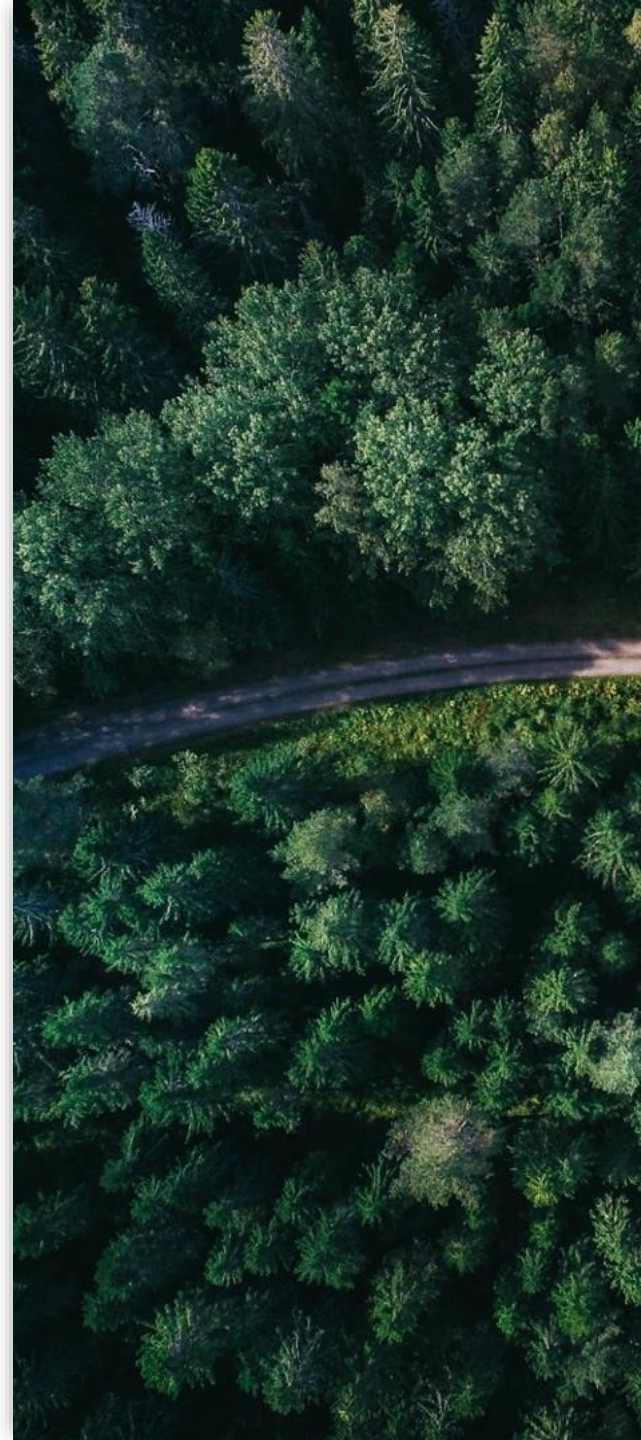
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²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.” ²³ And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?”

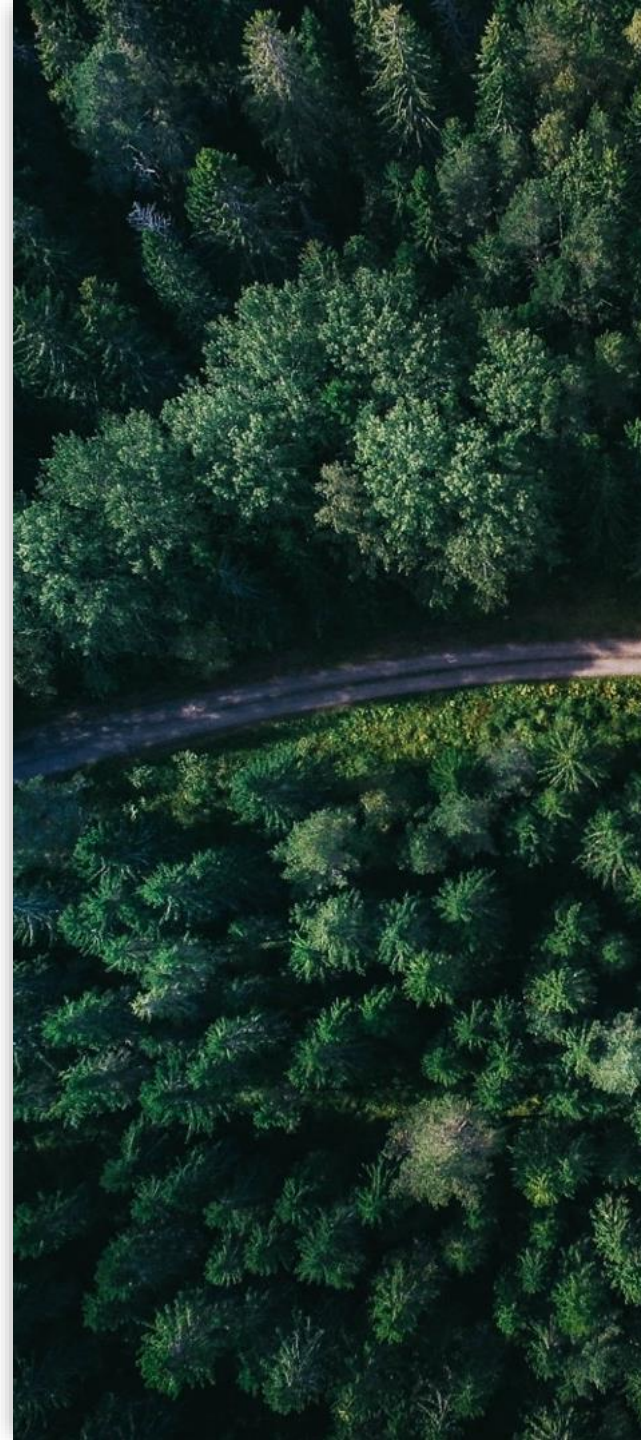
“The head of John the Baptist,” she answered.

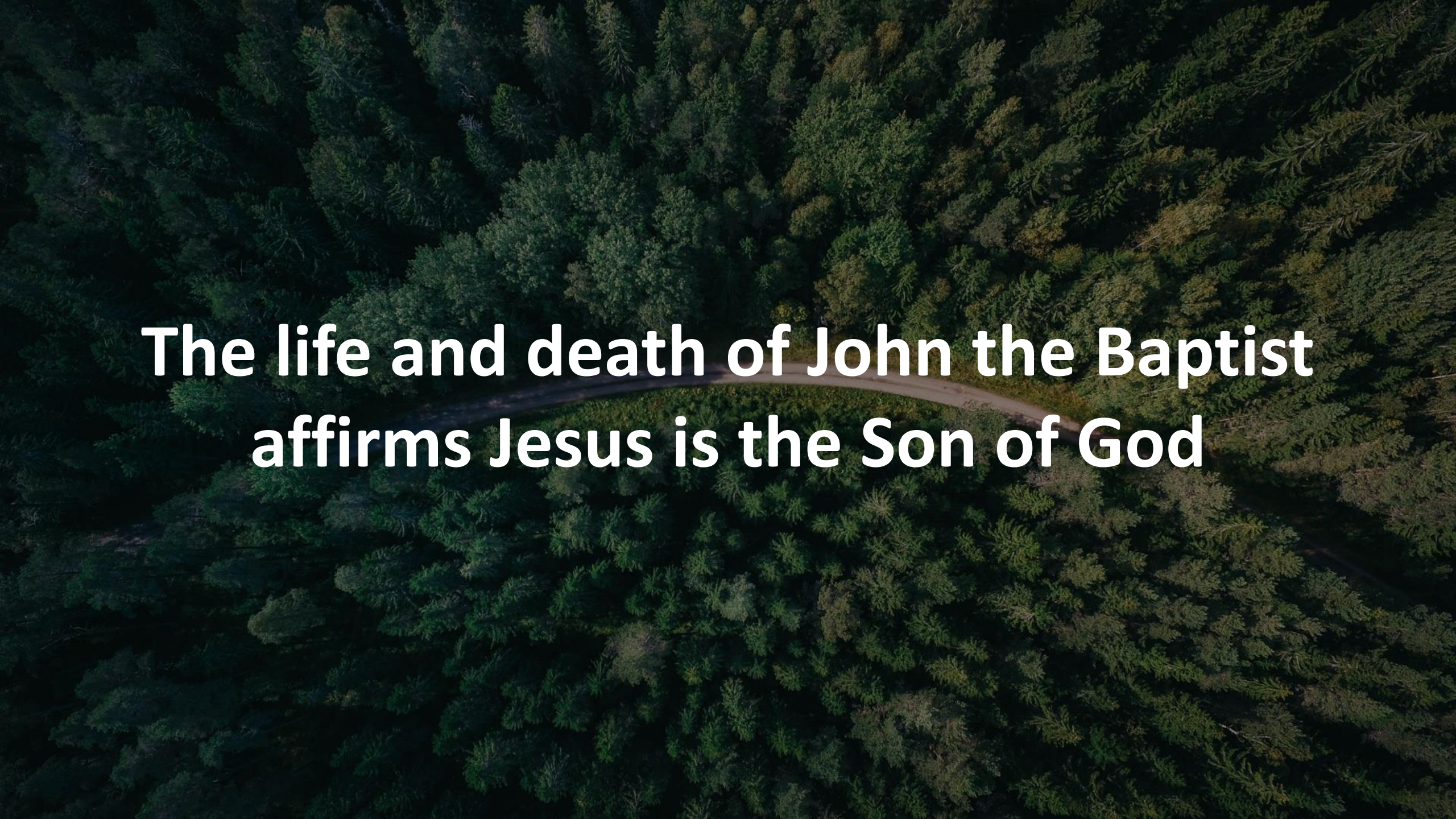


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²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John’s disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

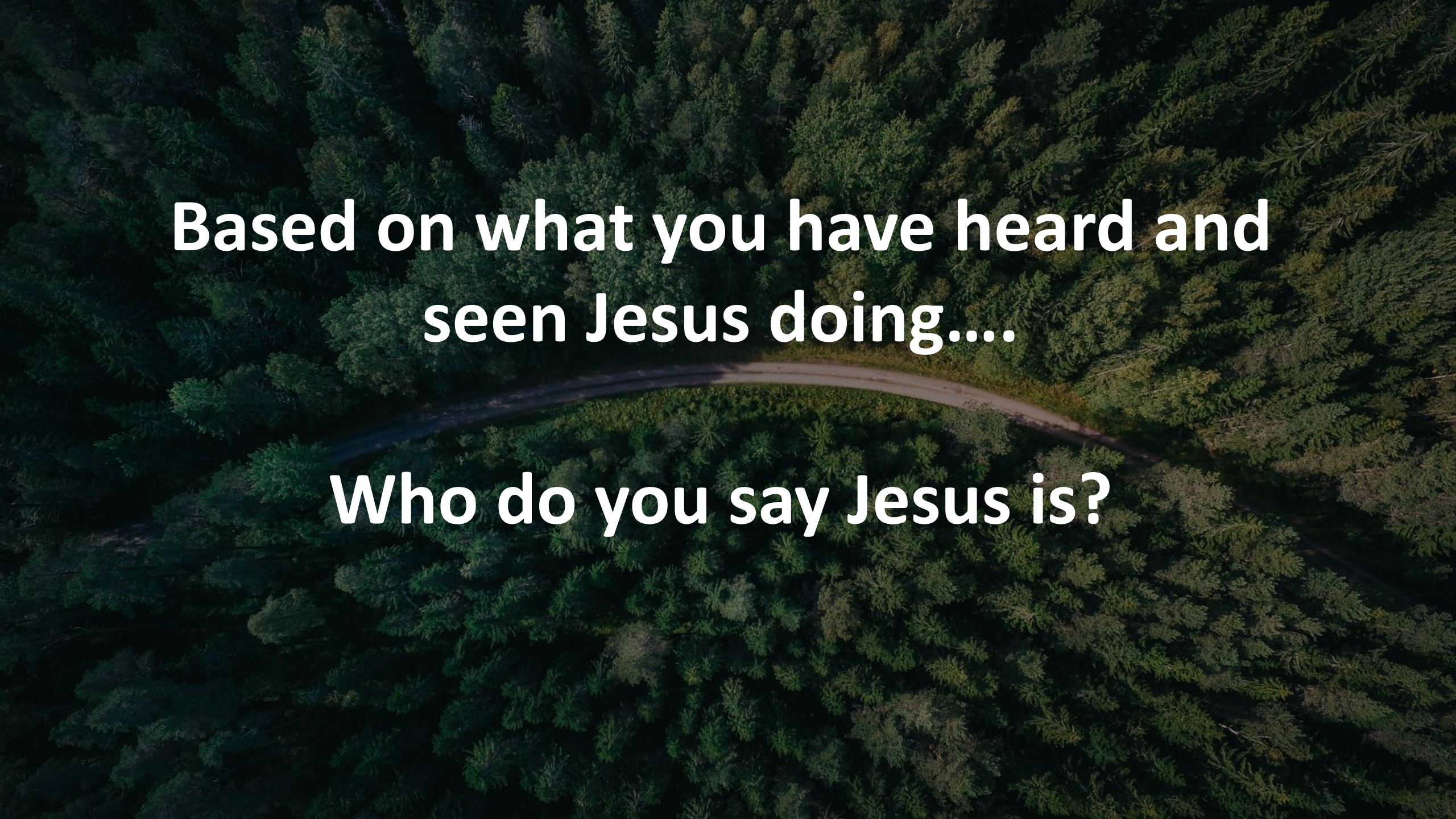


An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A narrow, light-colored road or path winds through the center of the image, curving from the left towards the right. The trees are tall and closely packed, creating a textured canopy of various shades of green. The lighting is soft, suggesting a slightly overcast day or the shade of the forest.

**The life and death of John the Baptist
affirms Jesus is the Son of God**

An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest. A winding road or path is visible, curving through the middle of the image. The text is overlaid on the road.

The life and death of John the Baptist
is evidence of God doing something
KINGDOM through Jesus

An aerial photograph of a dense, dark green forest. A light-colored, winding road or path curves through the middle of the image, separating the upper and lower text sections. The trees are tightly packed, creating a textured, almost uniform green surface.

**Based on what you have heard and
seen Jesus doing....**

Who do you say Jesus is?

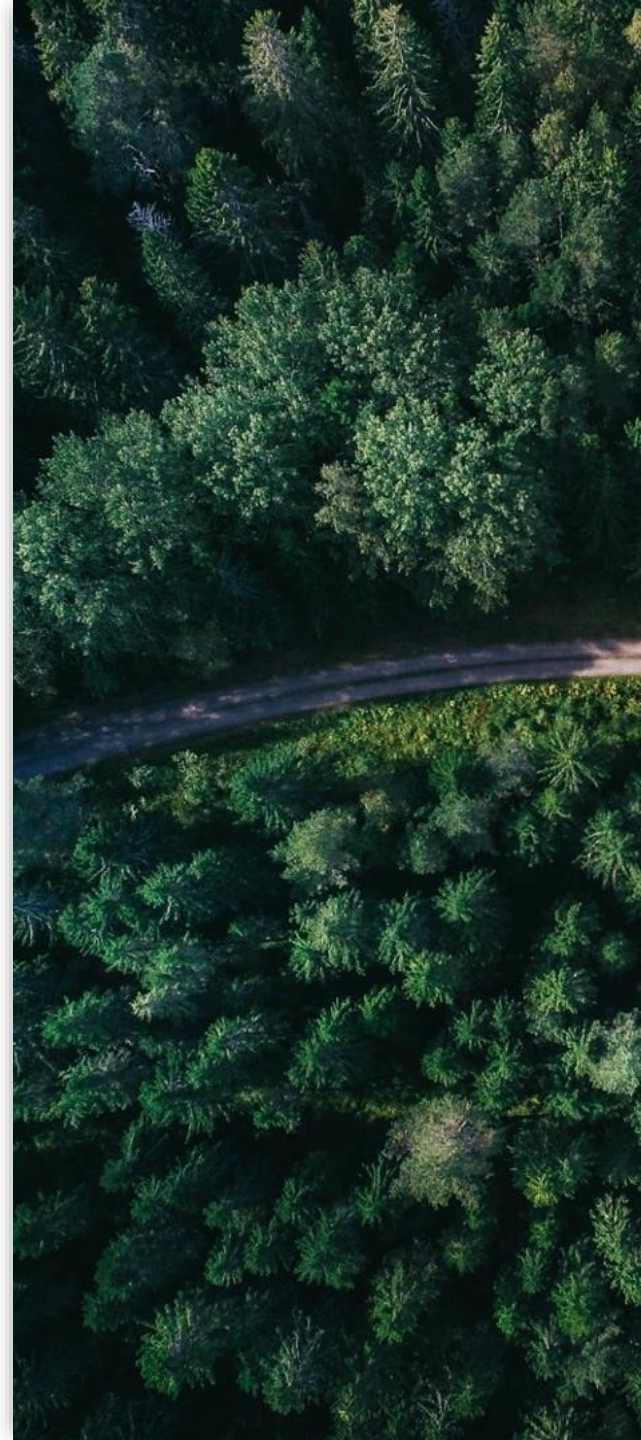
Mark 8:27-29 (NIV)

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

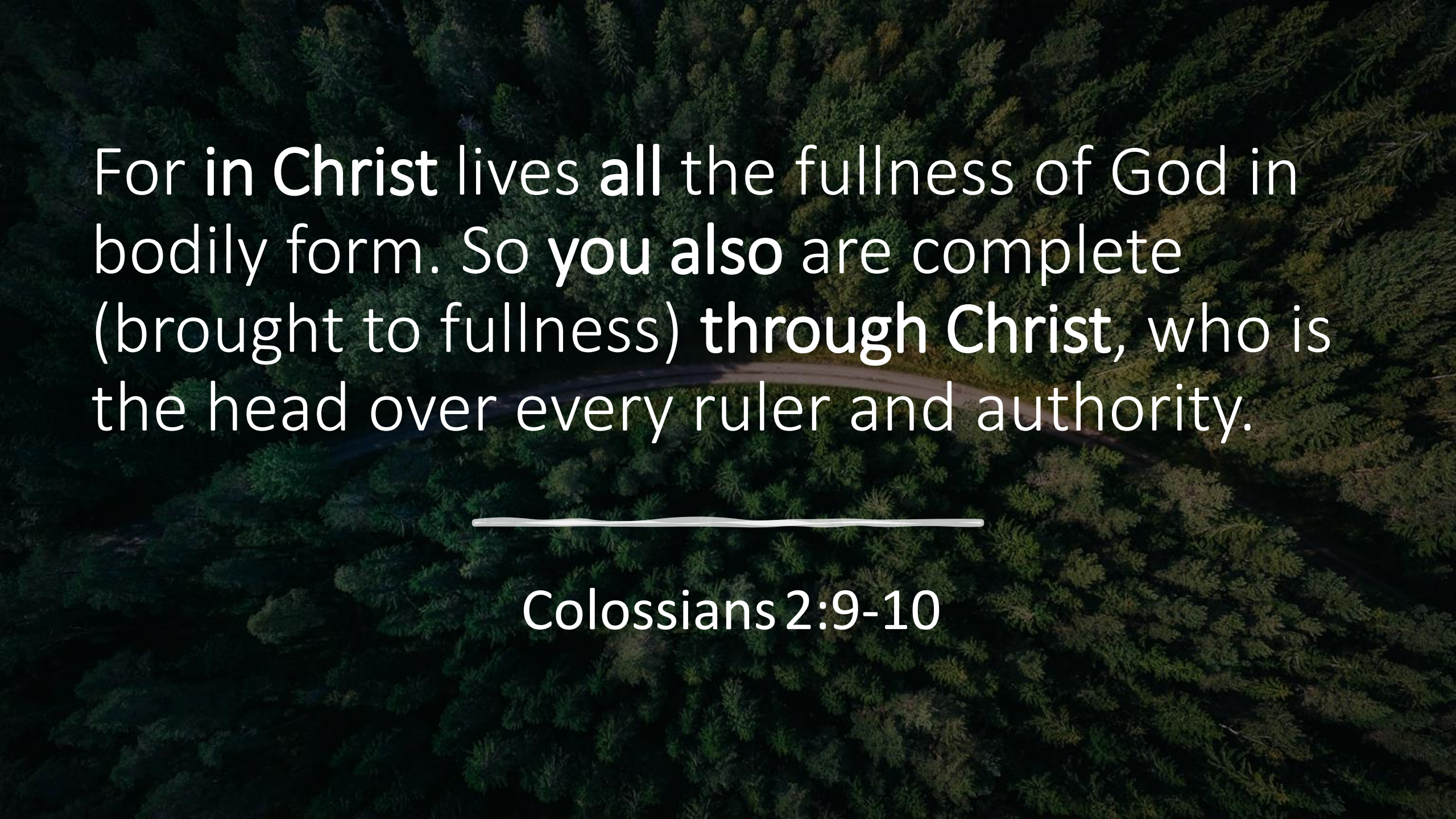


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**Based on what others hear and see us
doing....**

Who do you think they say Jesus is?



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For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in
bodily form. So you also are complete
(brought to fullness) through Christ, who is
the head over every ruler and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10

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Kingdom of God is the big thing

We can trust Jesus is who he says he is

**Our words and deeds impact who others
think Jesus is – let's walk in fullness!**