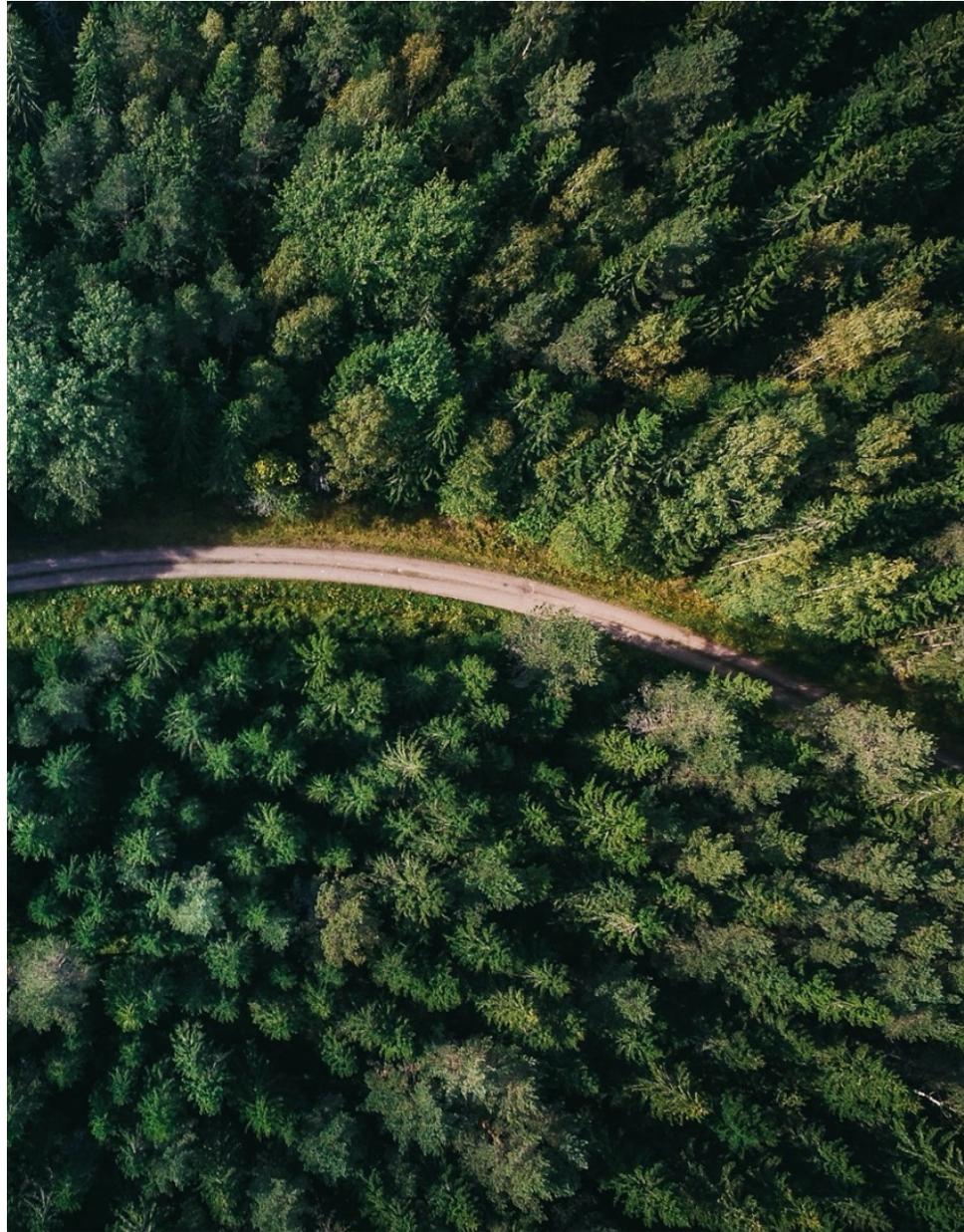




*The
Gospel of Mark*

From Man or From God?

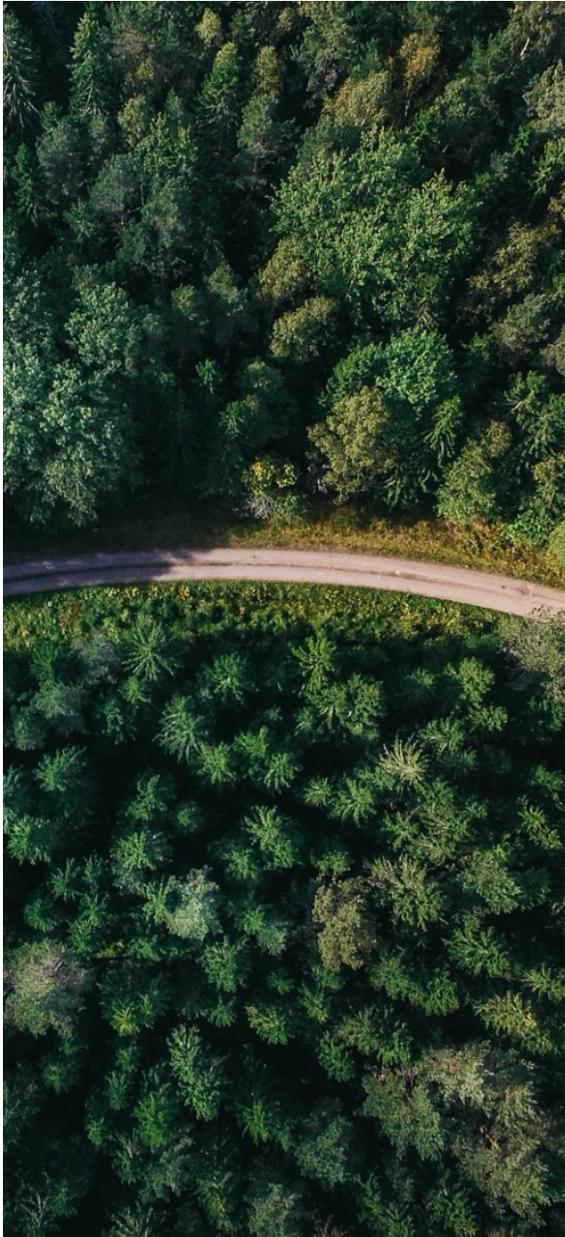
Mark 12:35-37



Matthew 22:41-42

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.



The sparring so far...

Jesus Enters Jerusalem as King

Jesus Clears the Temple

Authority of John the Baptist

The Parable of Tenants

Paying Imperial Tax

Resurrection of the Dead

The Greatest Commandment

JESUS CHALLENGES

All Religious Groups

Chief Priests

All Religious Groups

All Religious Groups

Pharisees and Herodians

Sadducees

School of Shammai (Pharisees)

And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. (Mark 12:34b)

Mark 12:35-37

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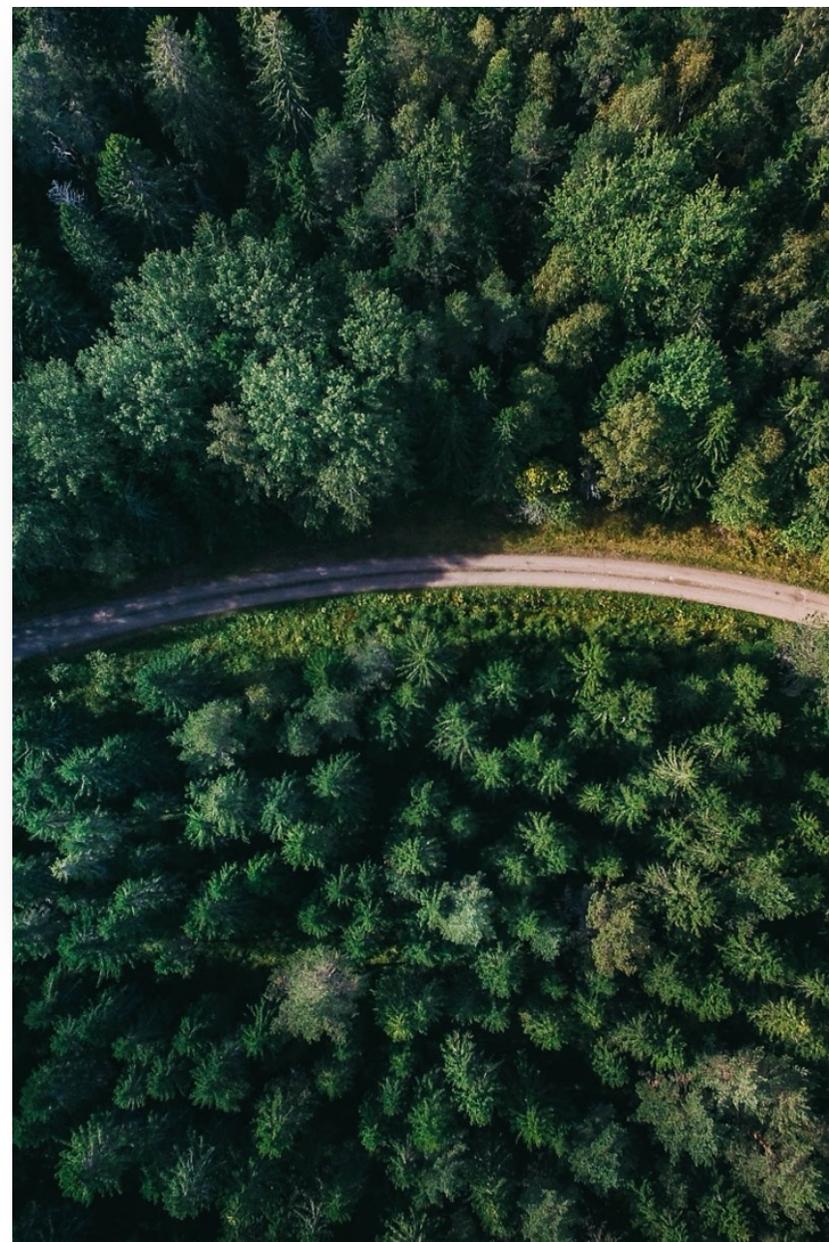
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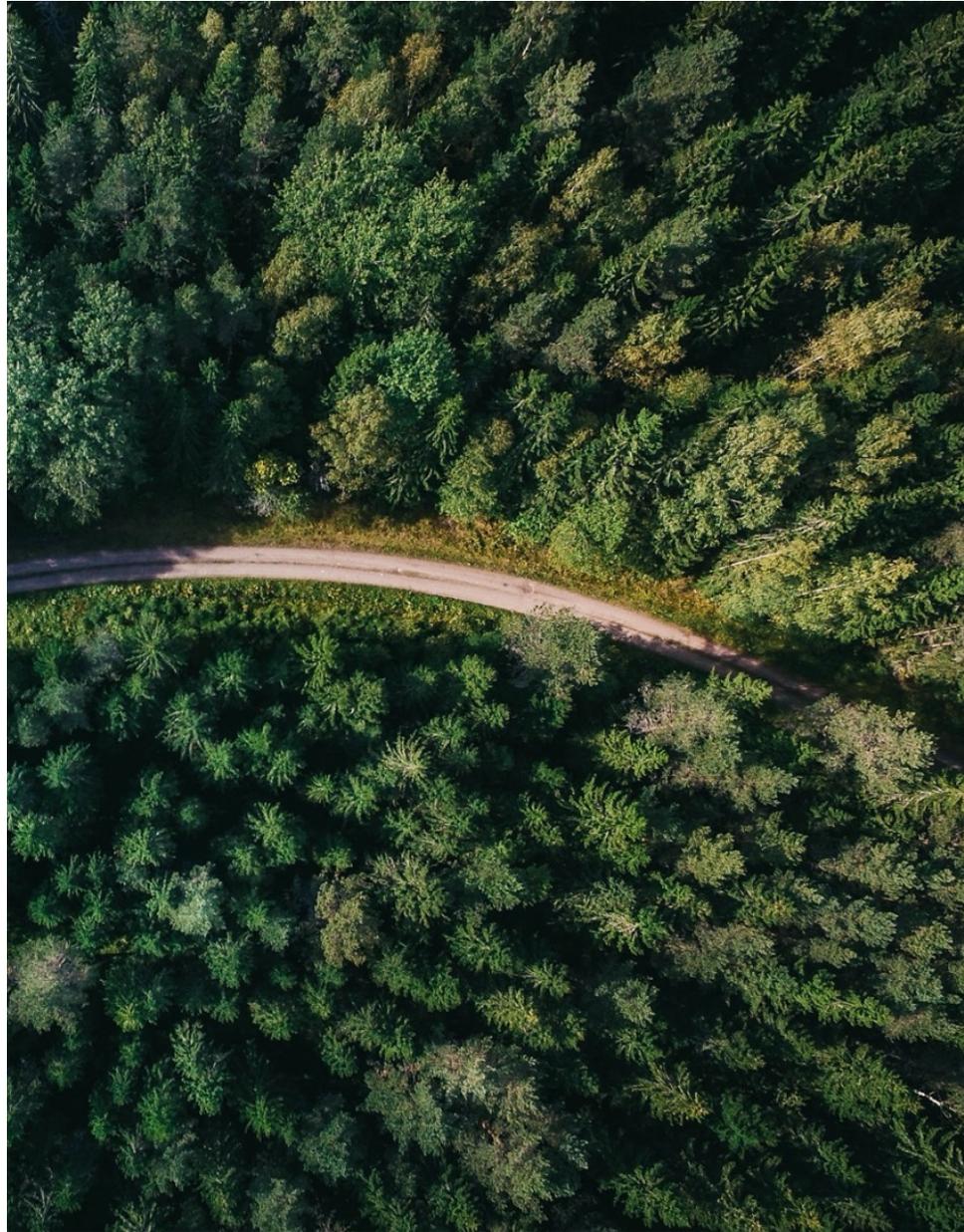
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The large crowd **listened to him with delight.**





A Messiah from Man

The Saviour we want

- **2 Samuel 7:12-16** - God promises David, “I will raise up your offspring after you... and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”
- **Psalms 89:3-4** - “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, ‘I will establish your line forever.’”
- **Isaiah 11:1** - “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”
- **Jeremiah 23:5** - “The days are coming... when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch a King who will reign wisely.”

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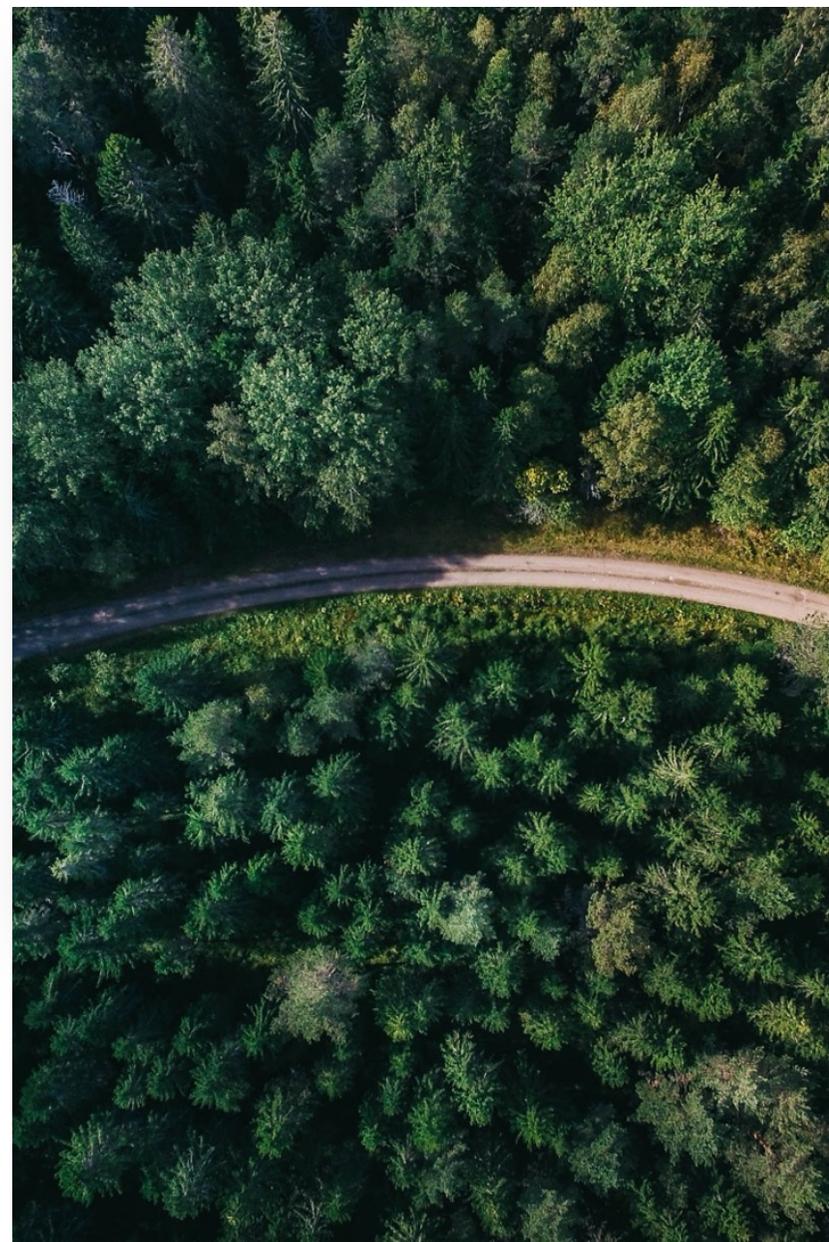
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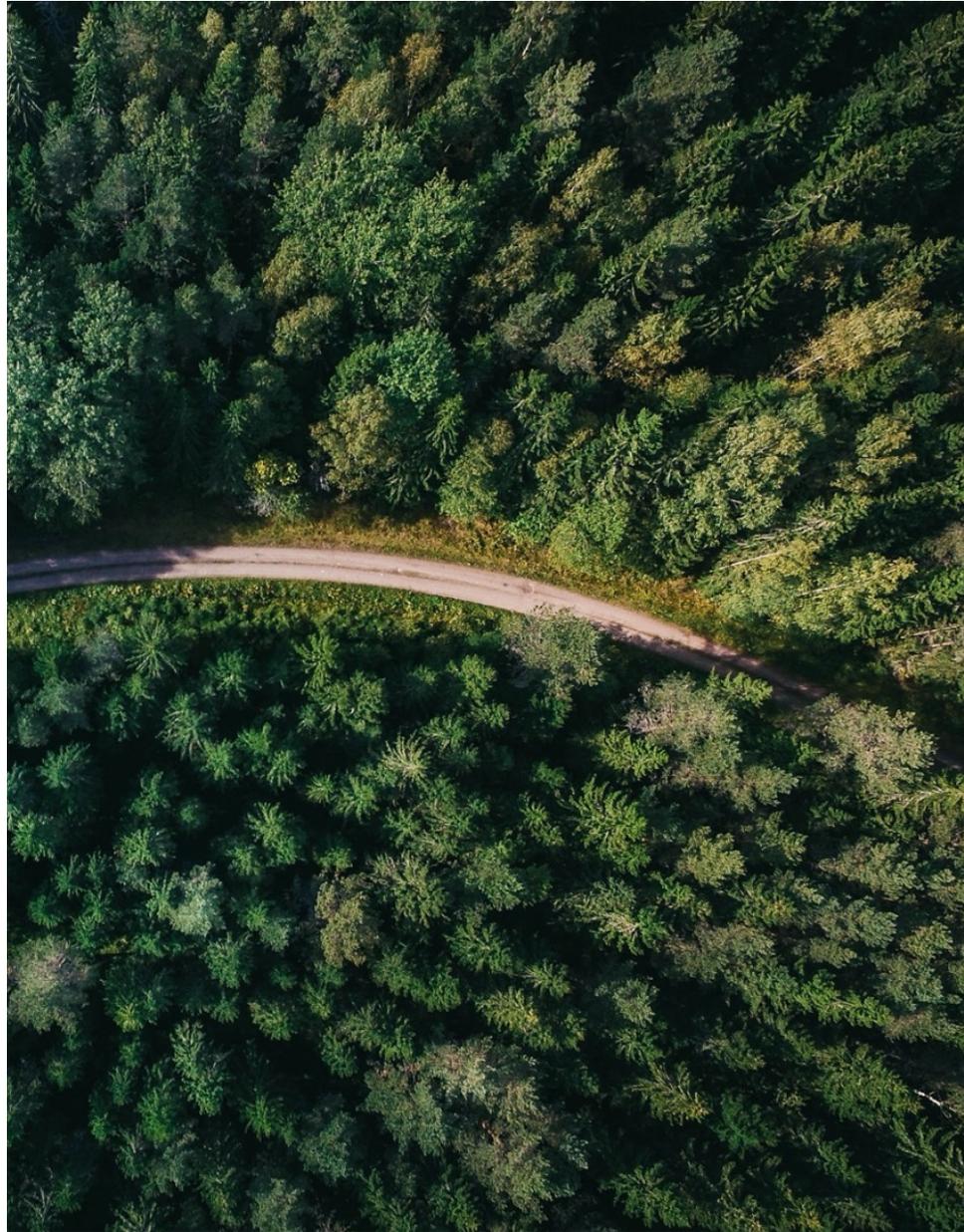
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Human saviours can only offer
human solutions.

*“Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit
departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.”
(Psalm 146:3-4)*



Psalm 110

Of David. A psalm.

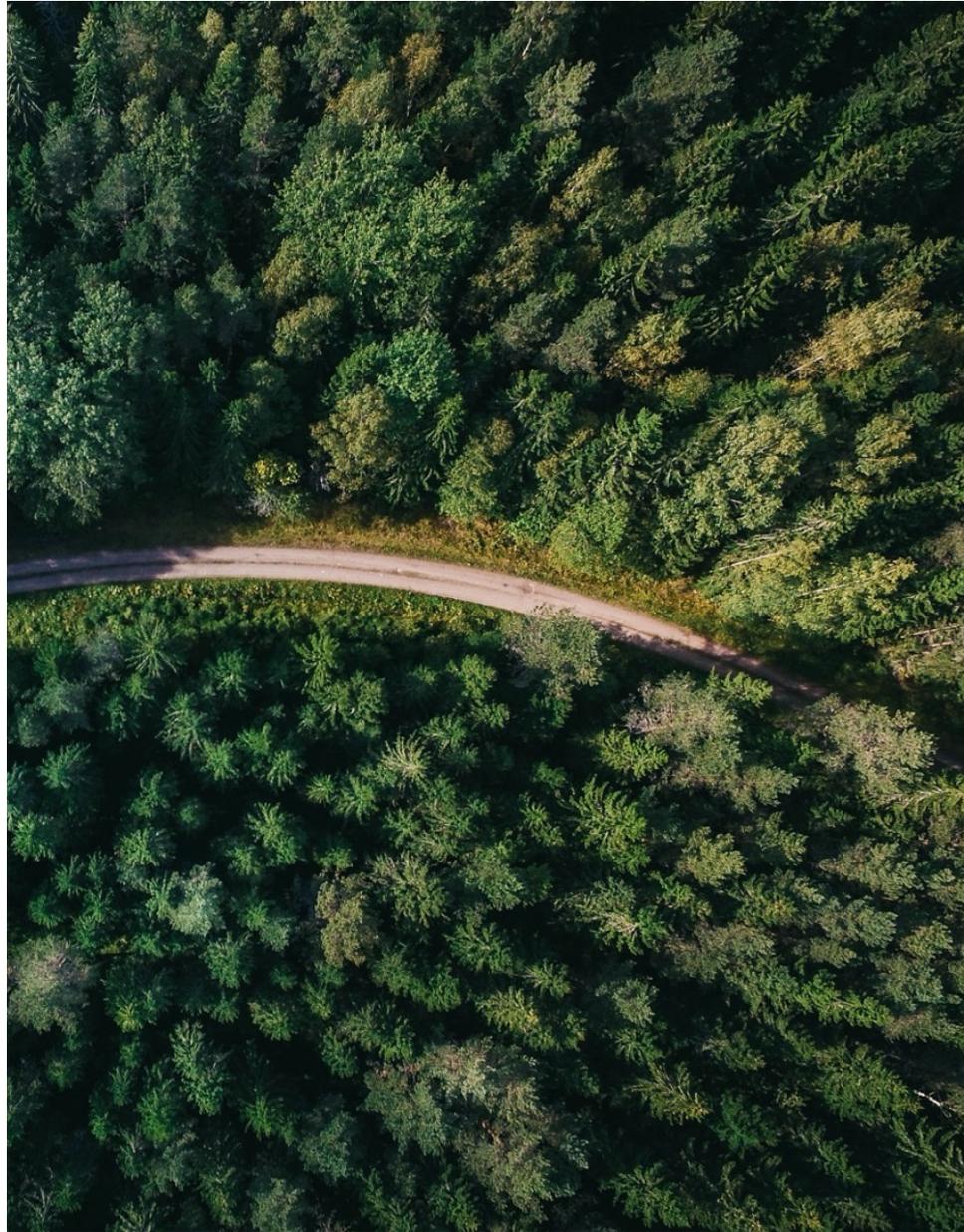
¹ The Lord says to my lord:

“Sit at my **right hand** until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

² The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,

“Rule in the midst of your enemies!”

³ Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning’s womb.



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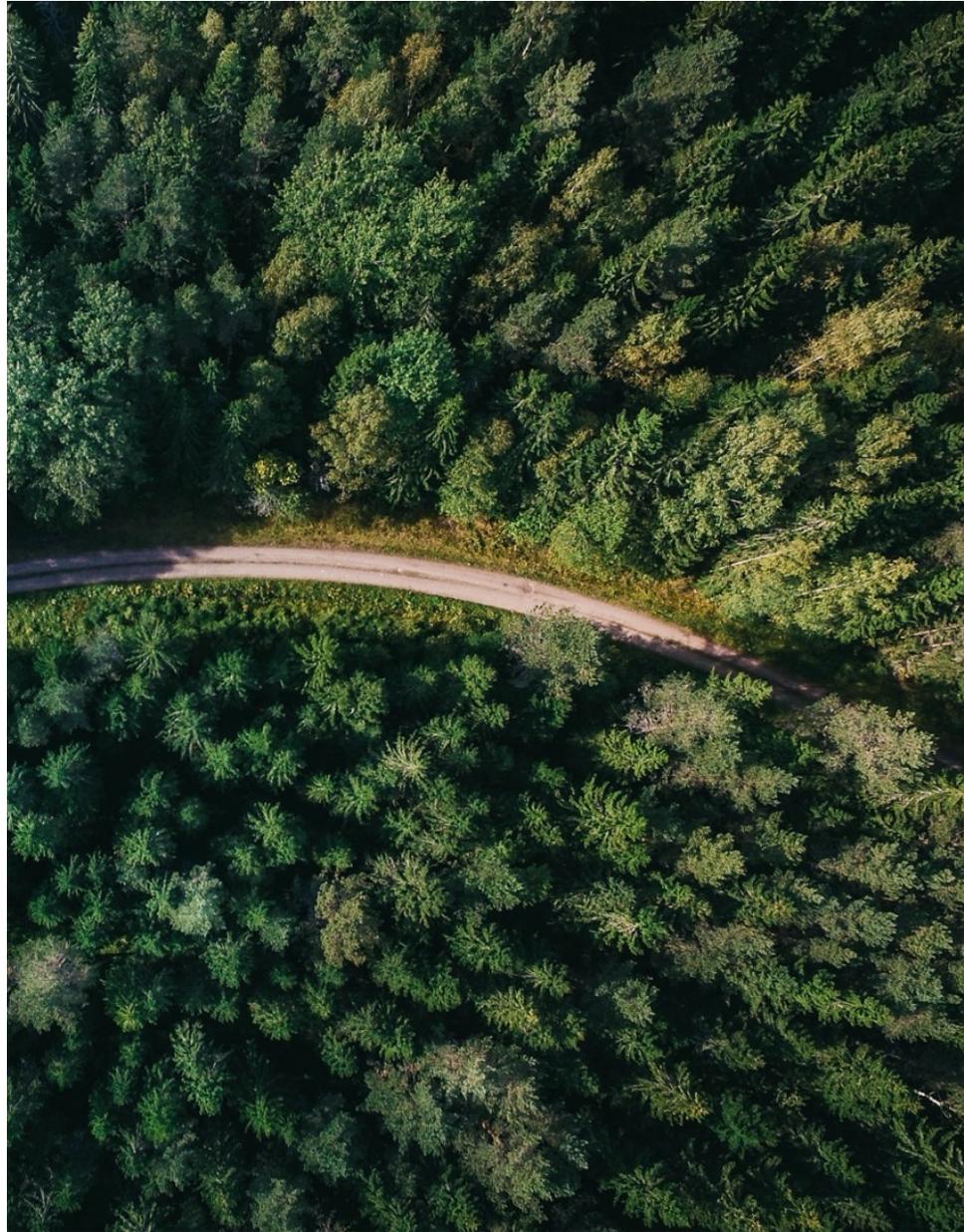
⁴ The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:

“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵ The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶ He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

⁷ He will drink from a brook along the way, and so he will lift his head high.



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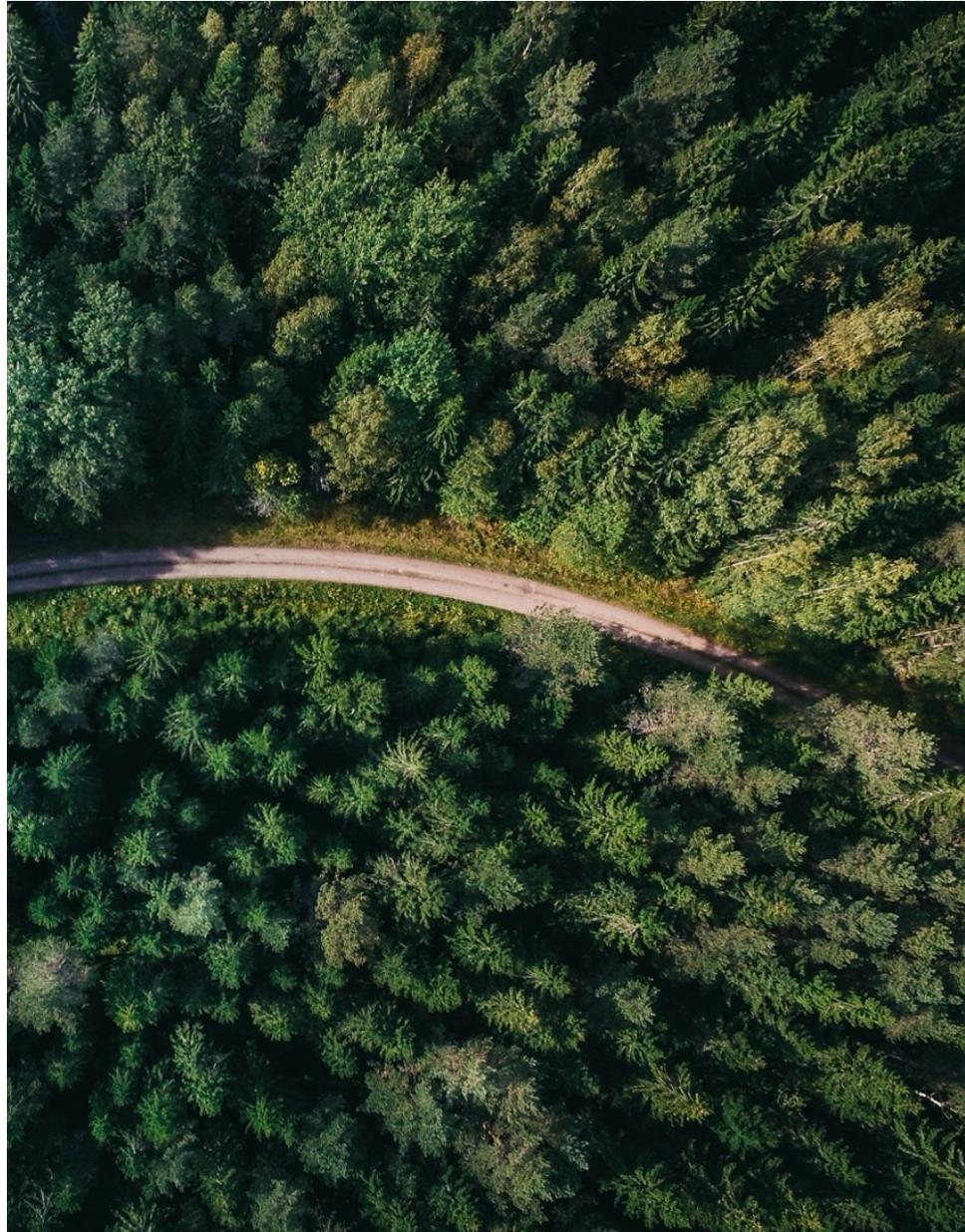
¹ *The Lord* [YHVH] says to *my lord* [adon]
“Sit at my right hand until I make your
enemies a footstool for your feet.”

David is describing a conversation he overhears between God (YHVH) and another exalted figure [adon] who is *superior even to David* (himself).



This isn't going to be the messiah **we want**,
it's going to be the Messiah **we need**.

*David himself calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be [only] his son?"
(Mark 12:37)*



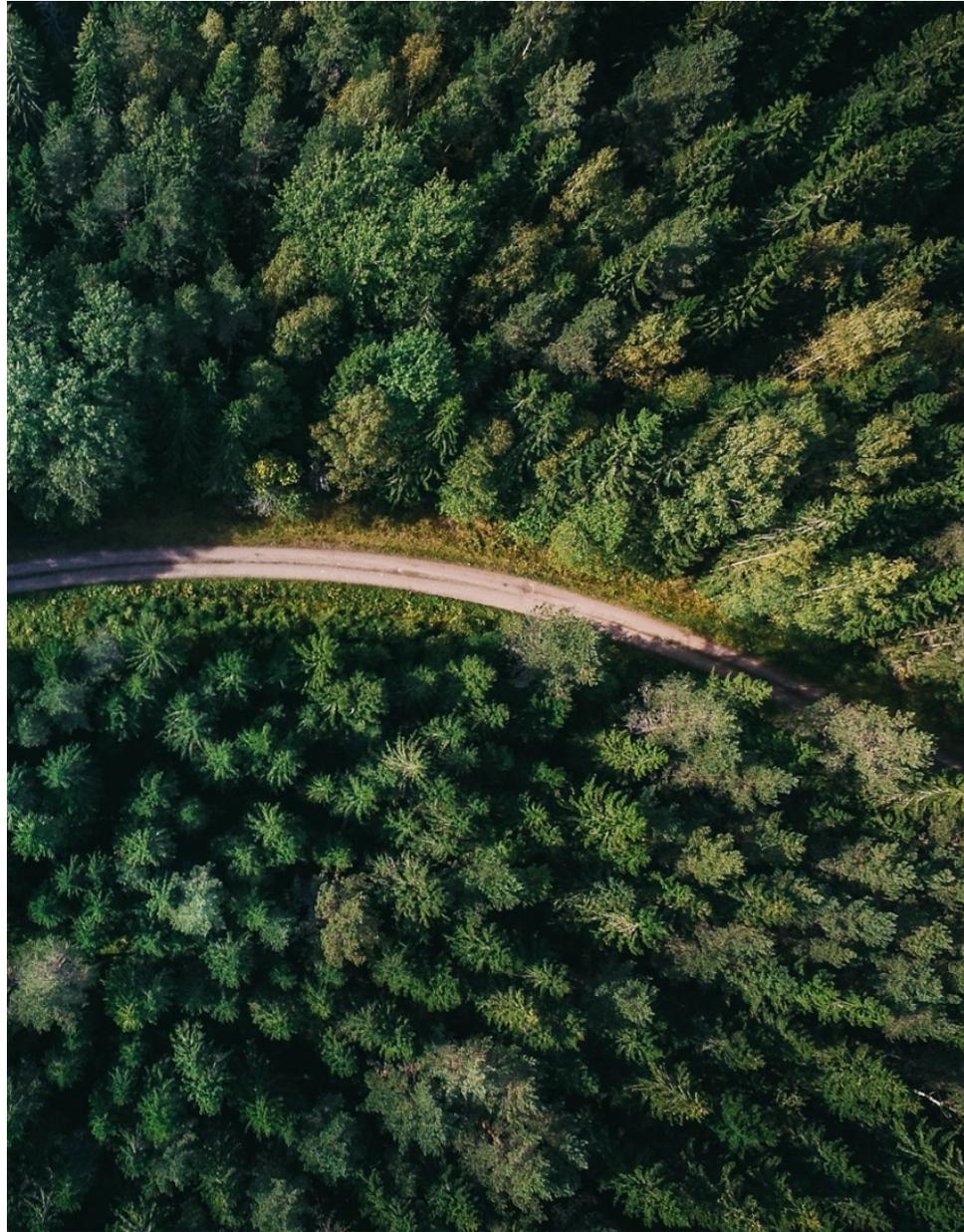
A Messiah from God

The Saviour we need

- **By humility** - born in weakness not splendour, a king riding in on a donkey.
- **By surrender** - not conquering armies like Caesar, but carrying a cross.
- **By grace** - not demanding payment, but giving Himself as the payment.

"I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God."

(Psalm 146:2, 5)



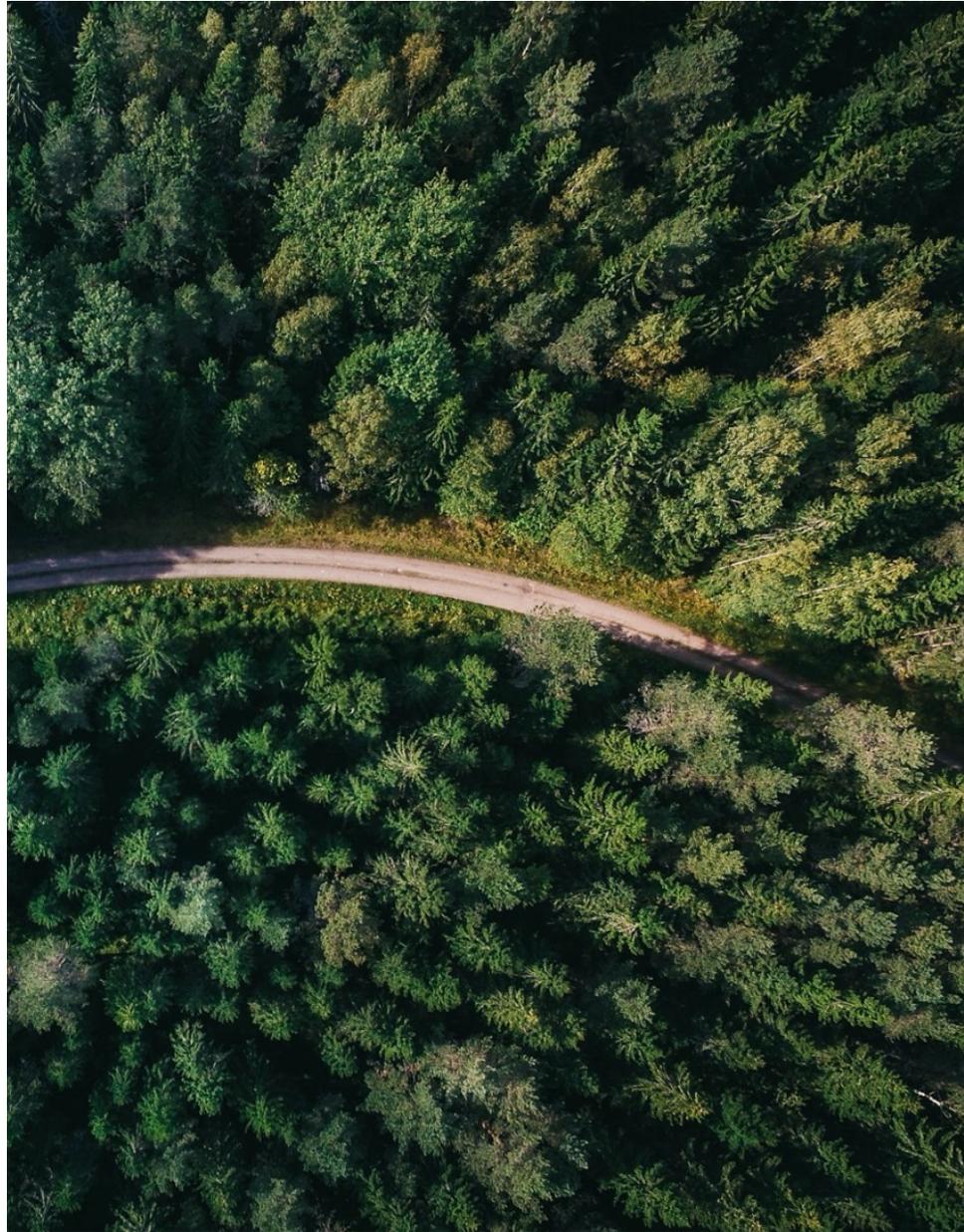
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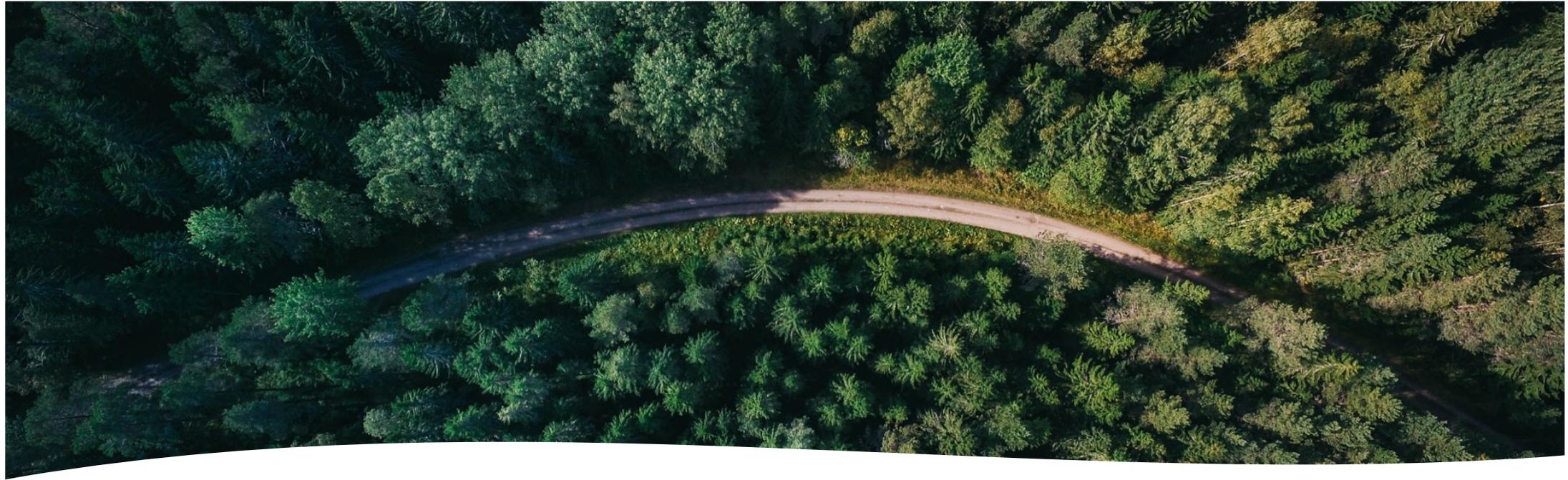
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AS GOSPEL READERS

Does this sound like anyone
you know?



WE ARE INVITED TO ASK

What kind of Messiah are you
looking for?