



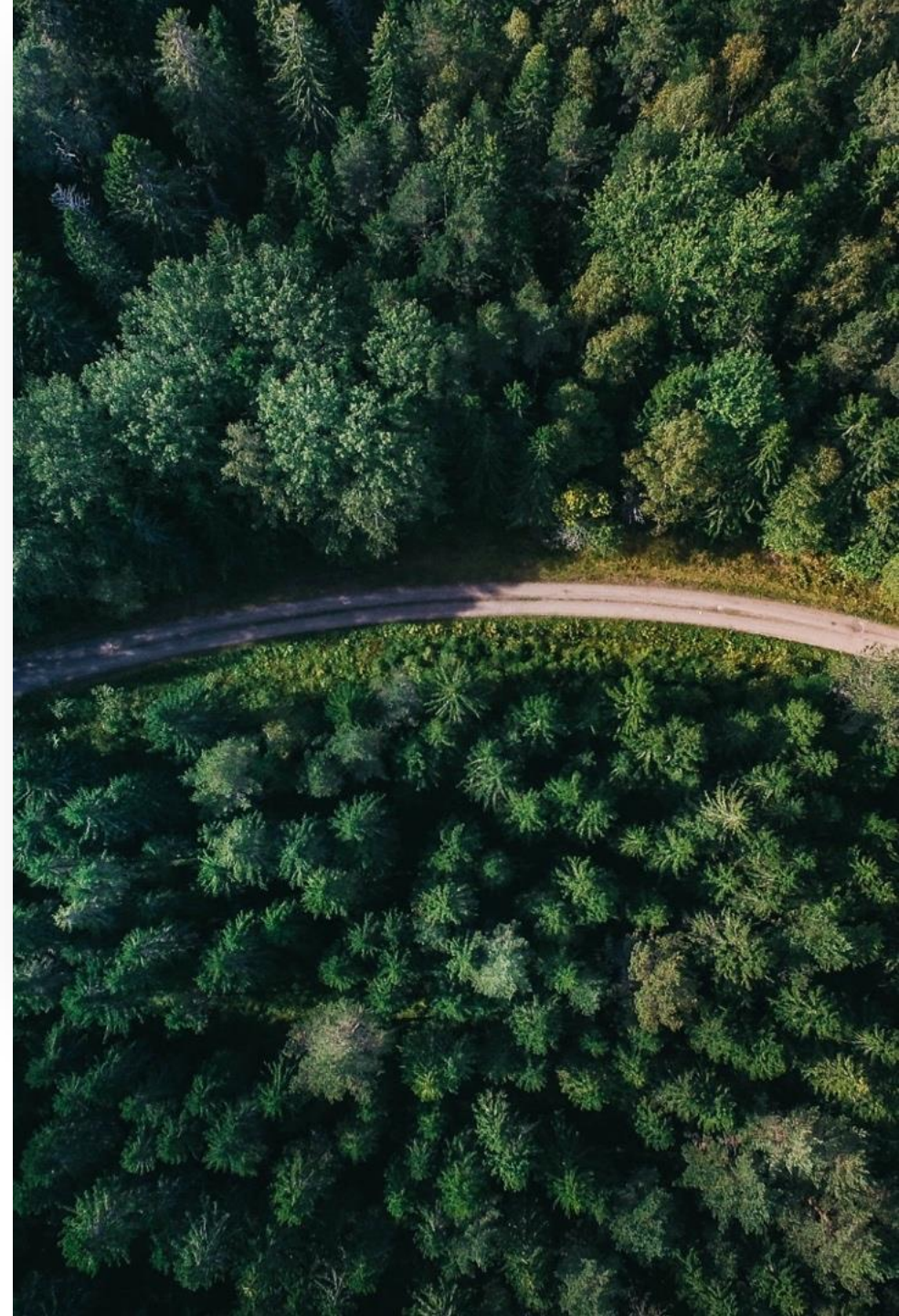
*The
Gospel of Mark*

“Why have you come, friend?”
(Jesus to Judas)

Mark 14:43-50

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Expressions of
First Century Judaism

 Hellenism

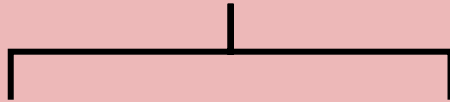
 Hellenism

 Priestly Line

Essenes
(Qumran Community)

Sadducees
(inc. Chief Priests – *Zadokim*)

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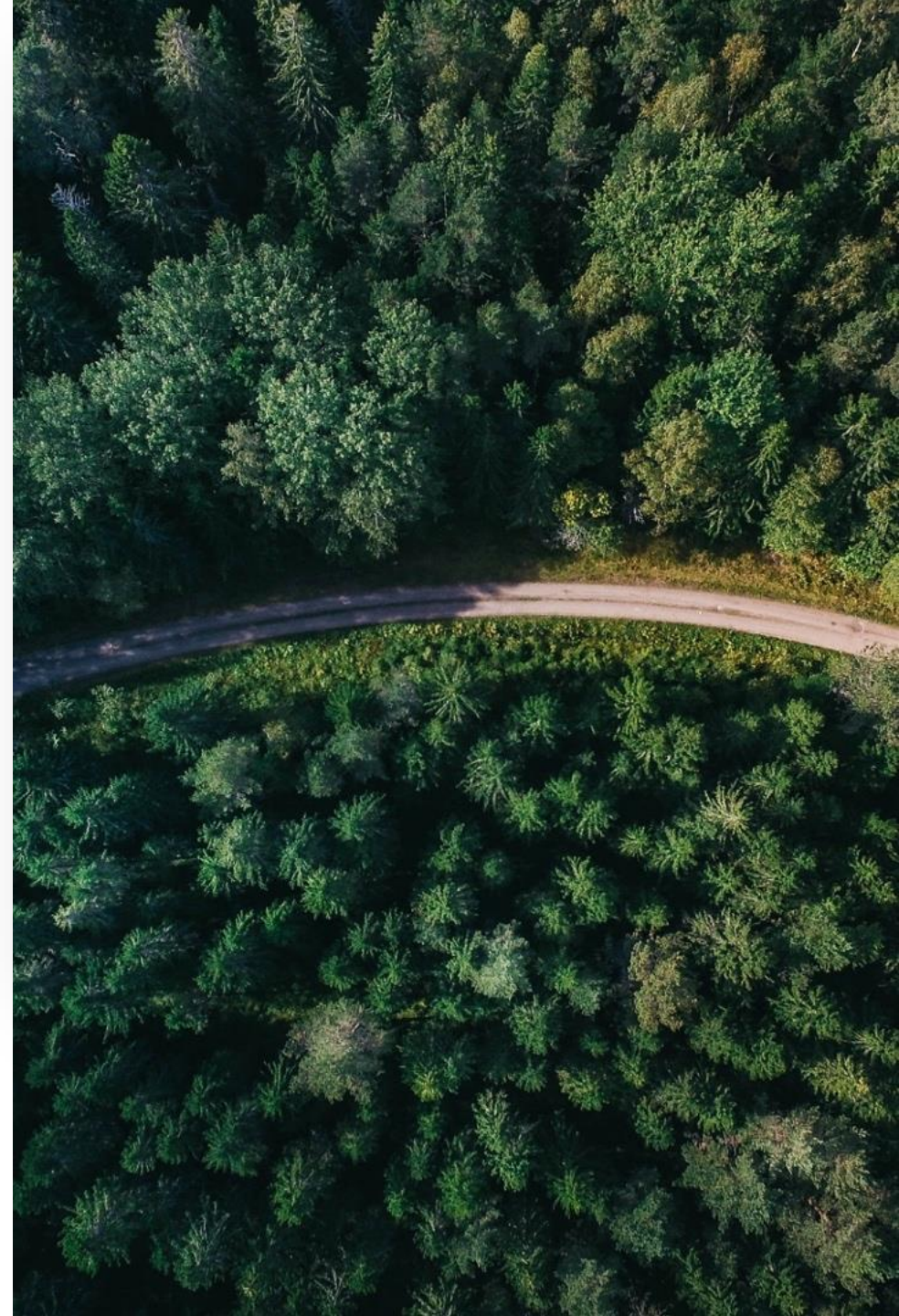
Hasadim
("Pious Ones")

Pharisees **Zealots**

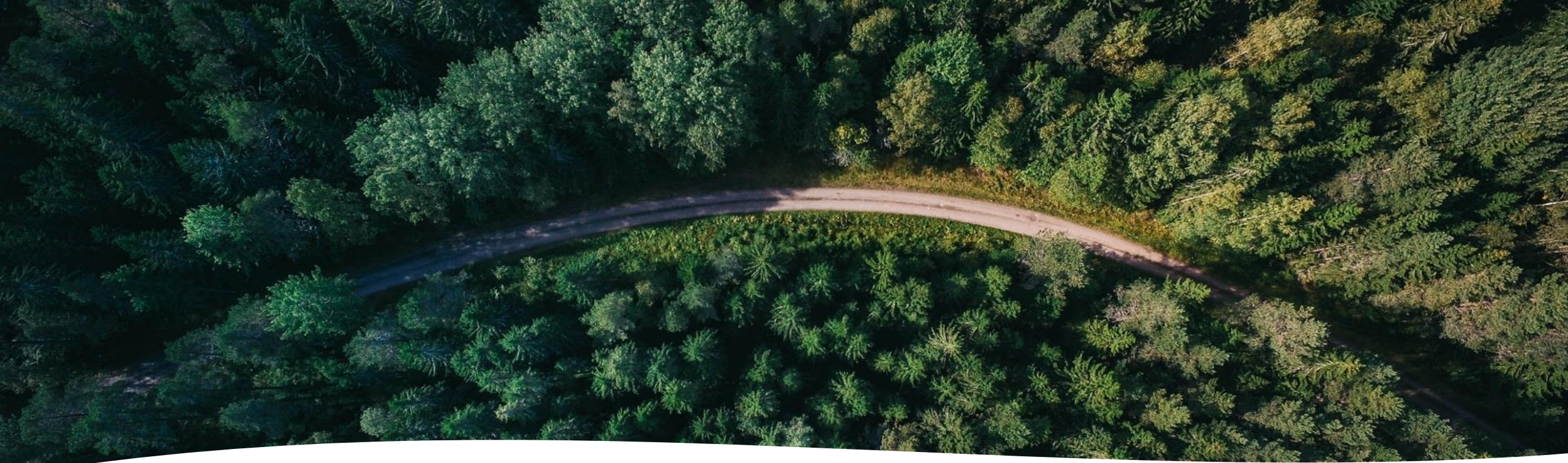
Herodians
(Hellenistic Judaism)

Mark 14:44-45

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We are all at risk of **only following a version of Jesus** we're comfortable with.

Am I following Jesus... or am I trying to make Jesus follow me?

An aerial photograph of a dense forest. A dirt road curves through the trees, starting from the left and moving towards the right. The trees are mostly green, with some showing signs of autumn. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

Matthew 26:48-50a

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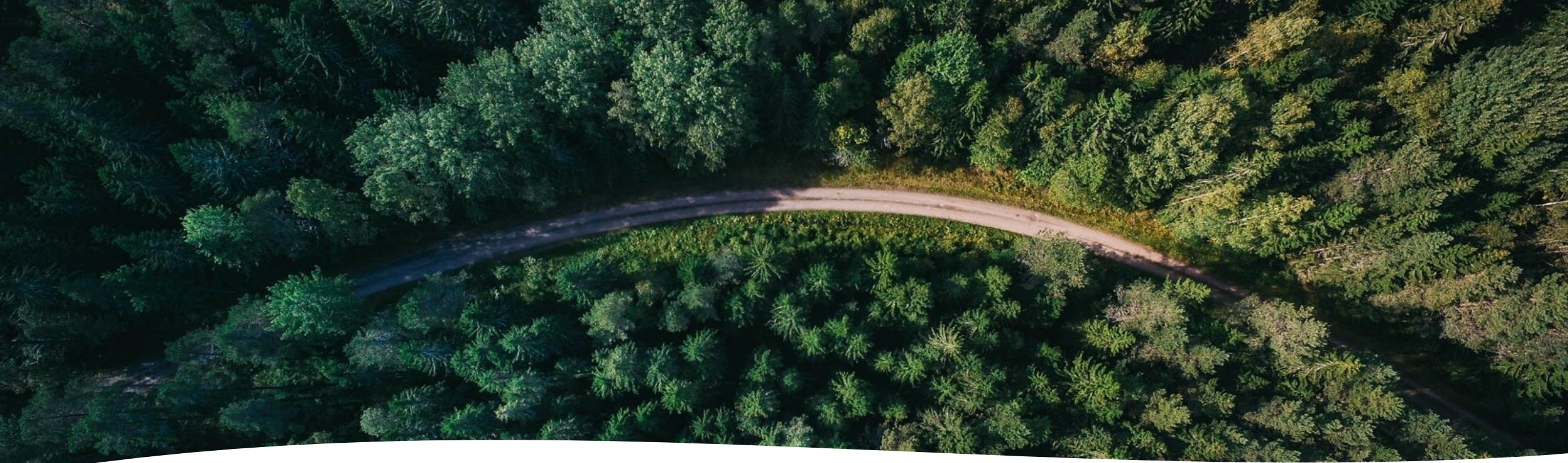
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Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and **arrested him.**

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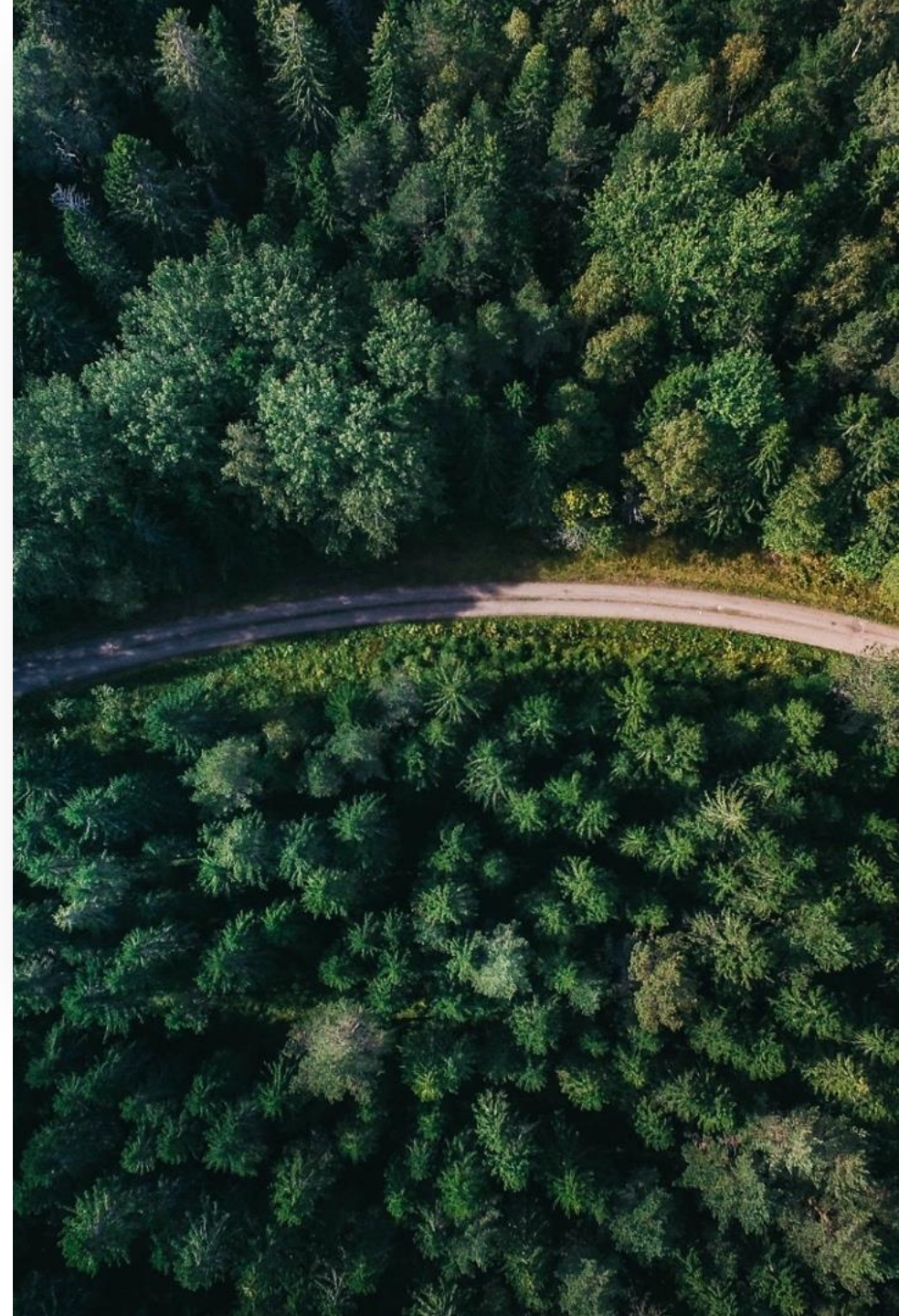
In love, Jesus **refuses to become** the
Messiah we want him to be.

The men seized Jesus and arrested him. (Mark 14:46)

Mark 14:47-49

⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?” ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”





Zechariah 13:7

“Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the Lord Almighty.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

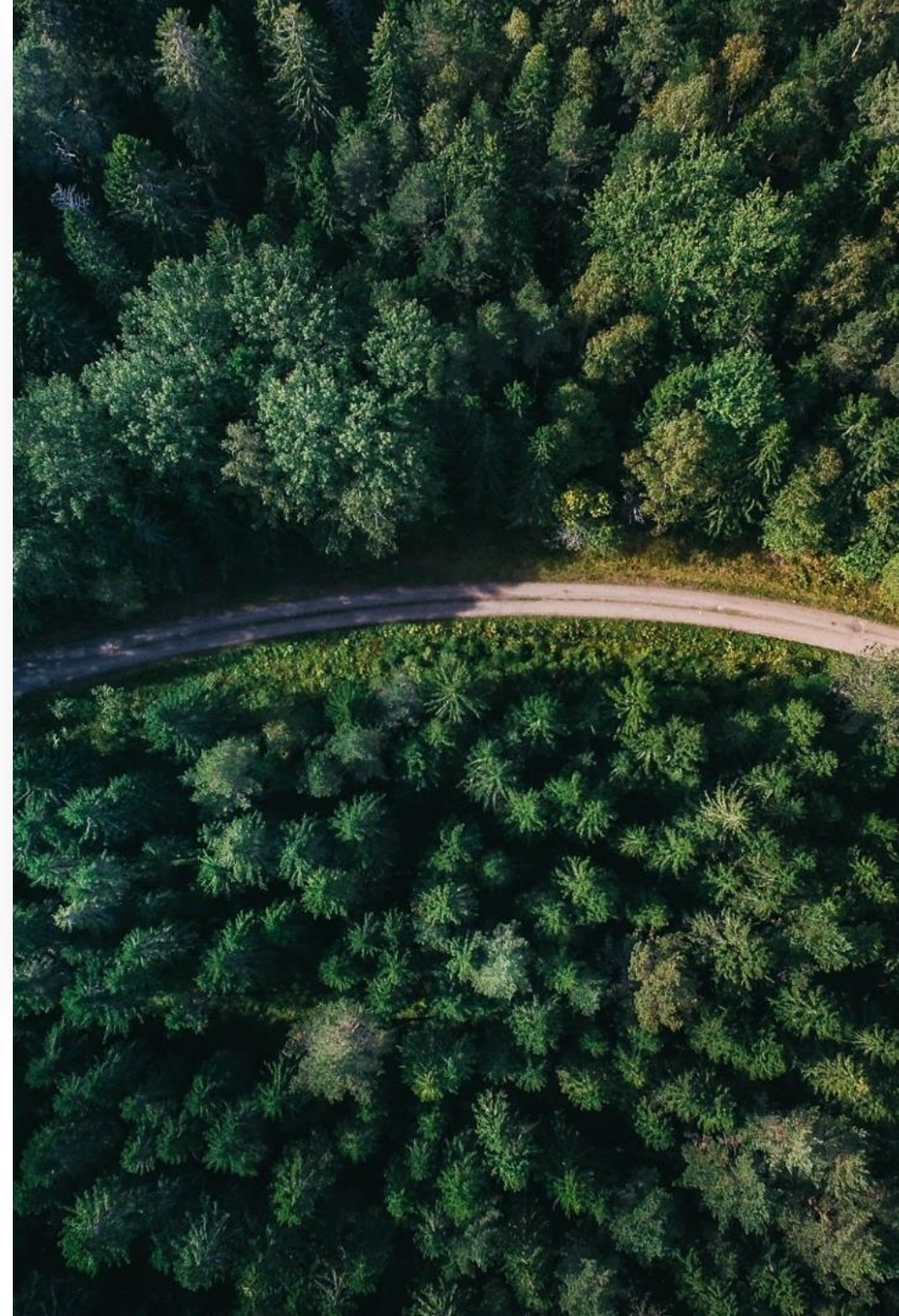
Mark 14:27

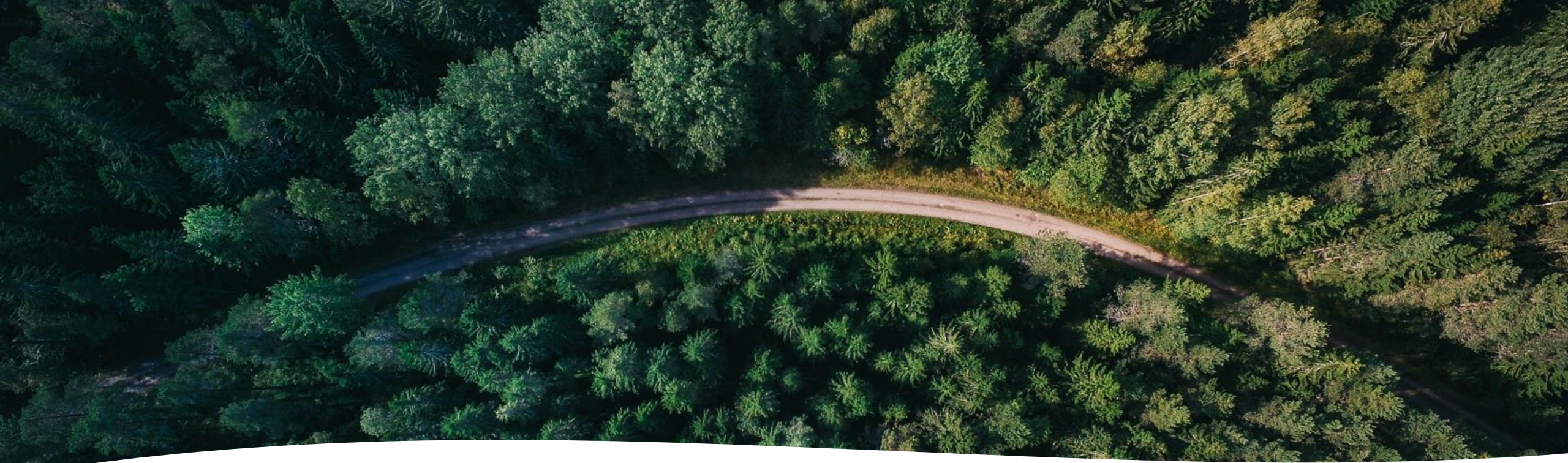
“You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:

“I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.””

Mark 14:50

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When Jesus refuses to be the Messiah
we want, **we have a choice.**

Then everyone deserted him and fled. (Mark 14:50)