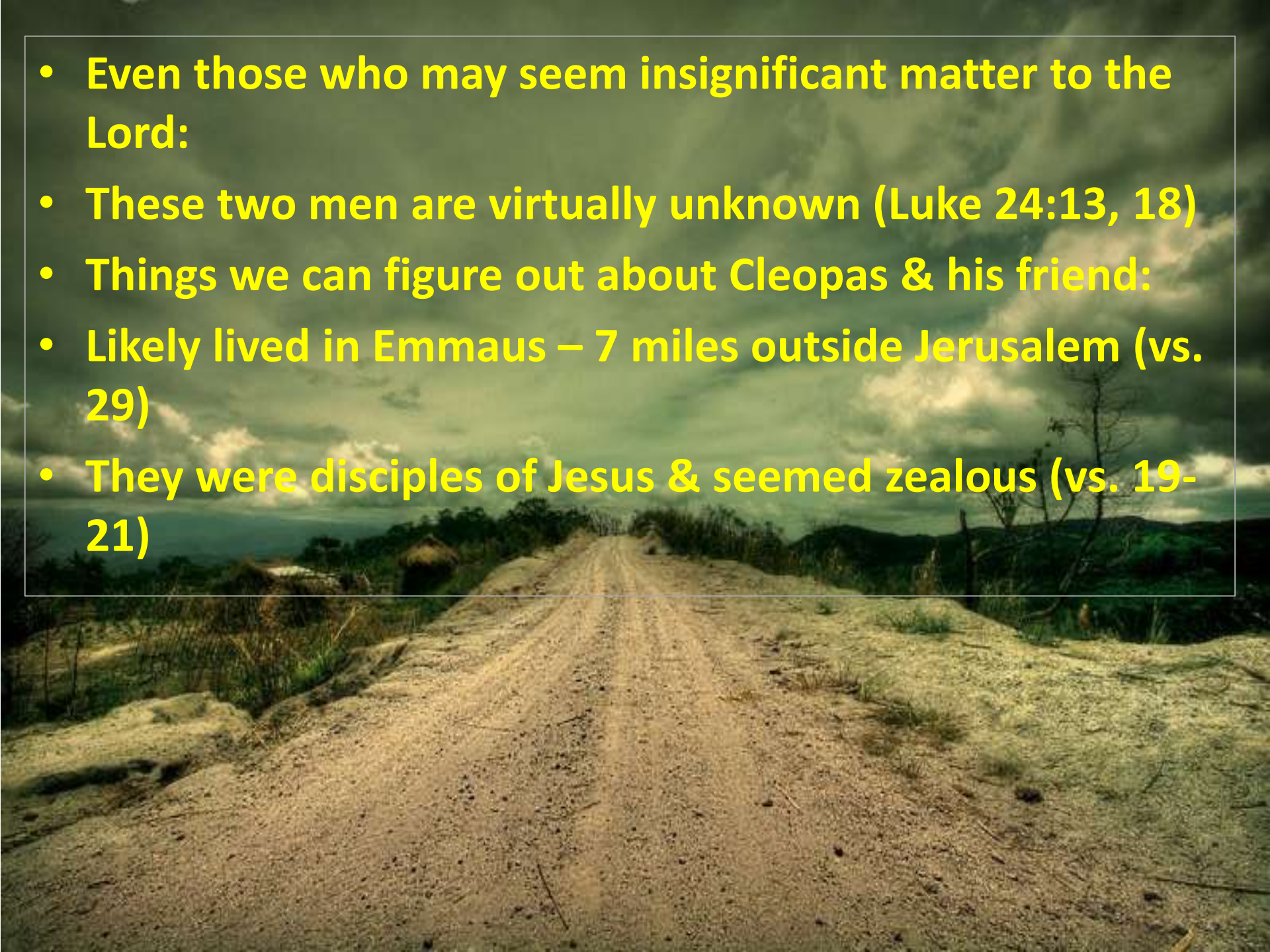
A scenic view of a stone-paved path leading up a hillside, flanked by stone walls, under a blue sky with white clouds. The path is made of flat stones and is bordered by low stone walls. The hillside is covered in green grass and some trees. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds.

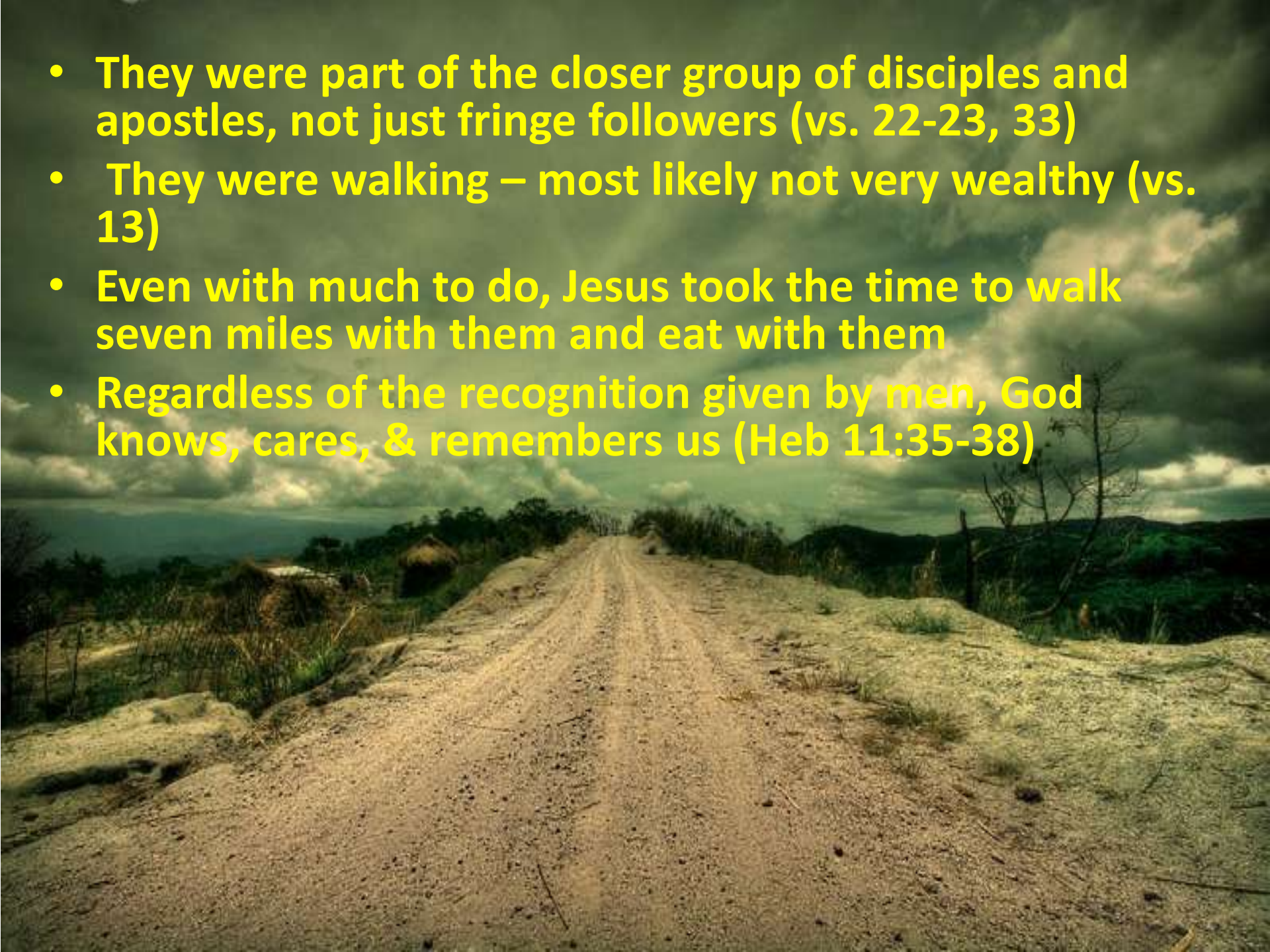
The Emmaus Road

Luke 24:13-33

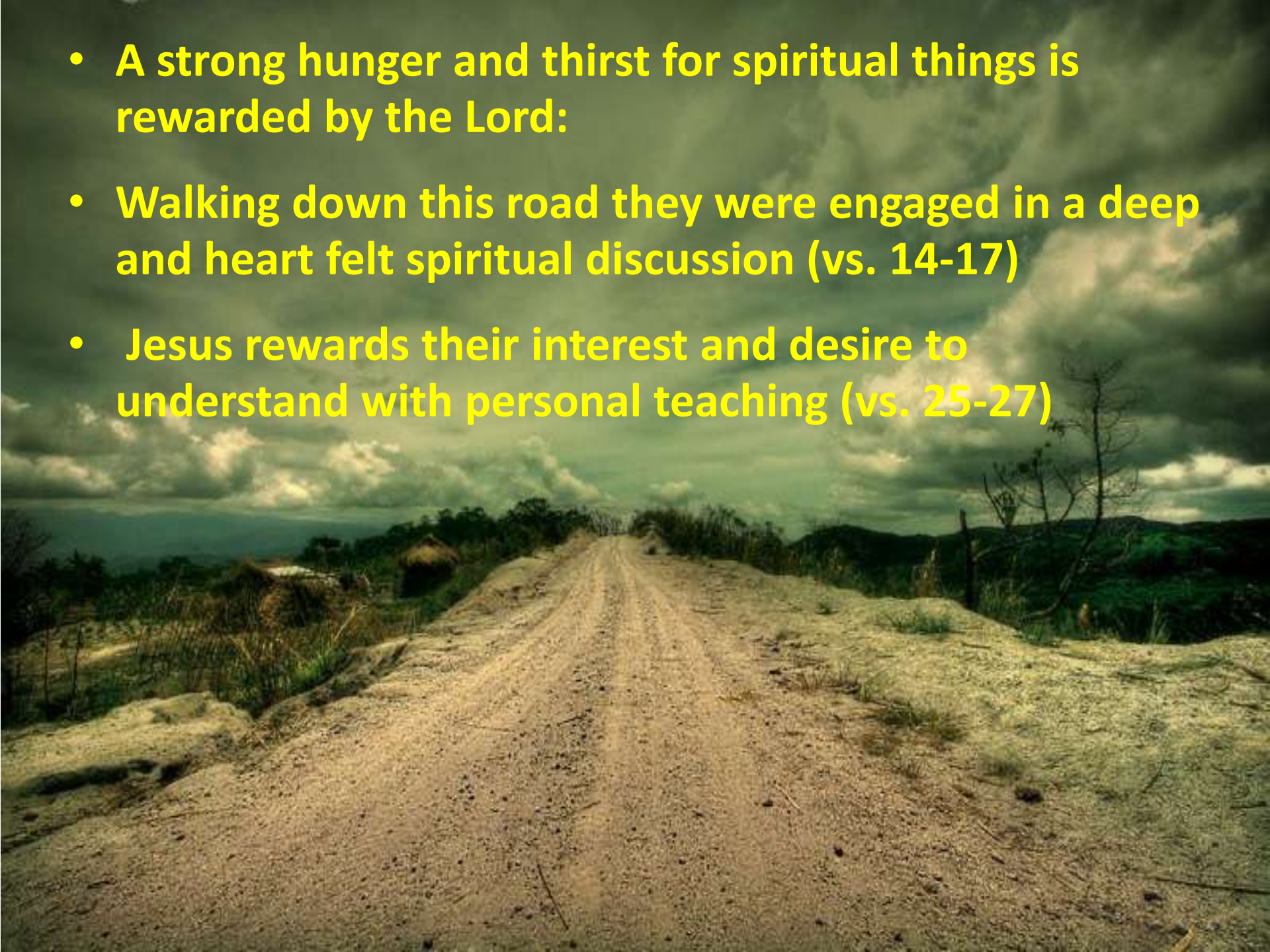
- **Even those who may seem insignificant matter to the Lord:**
- **These two men are virtually unknown (Luke 24:13, 18)**
- **Things we can figure out about Cleopas & his friend:**
- **Likely lived in Emmaus – 7 miles outside Jerusalem (vs. 29)**
- **They were disciples of Jesus & seemed zealous (vs. 19-21)**



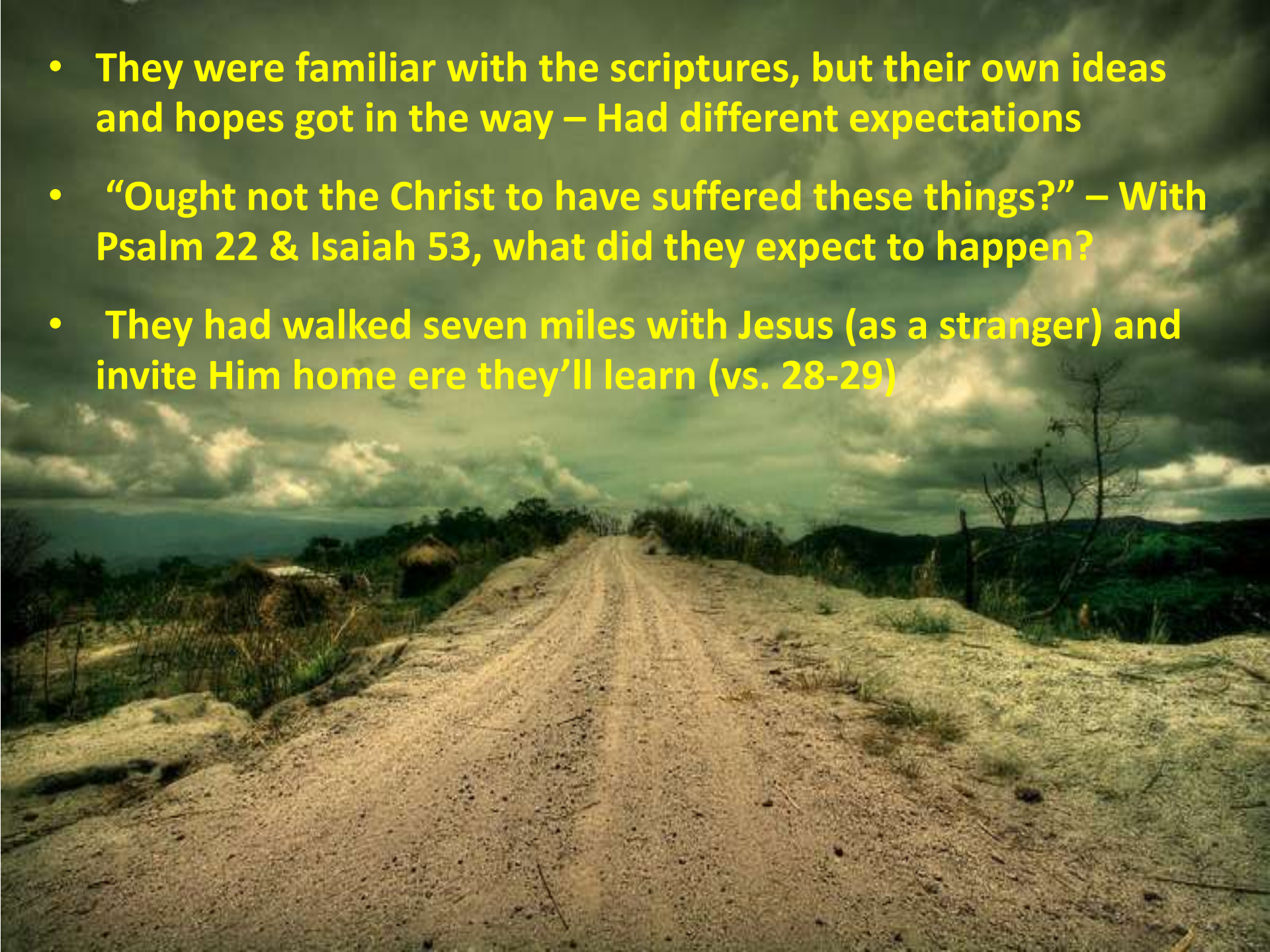
- They were part of the closer group of disciples and apostles, not just fringe followers (vs. 22-23, 33)
- They were walking – most likely not very wealthy (vs. 13)
- Even with much to do, Jesus took the time to walk seven miles with them and eat with them
- Regardless of the recognition given by men, God knows, cares, & remembers us (Heb 11:35-38)



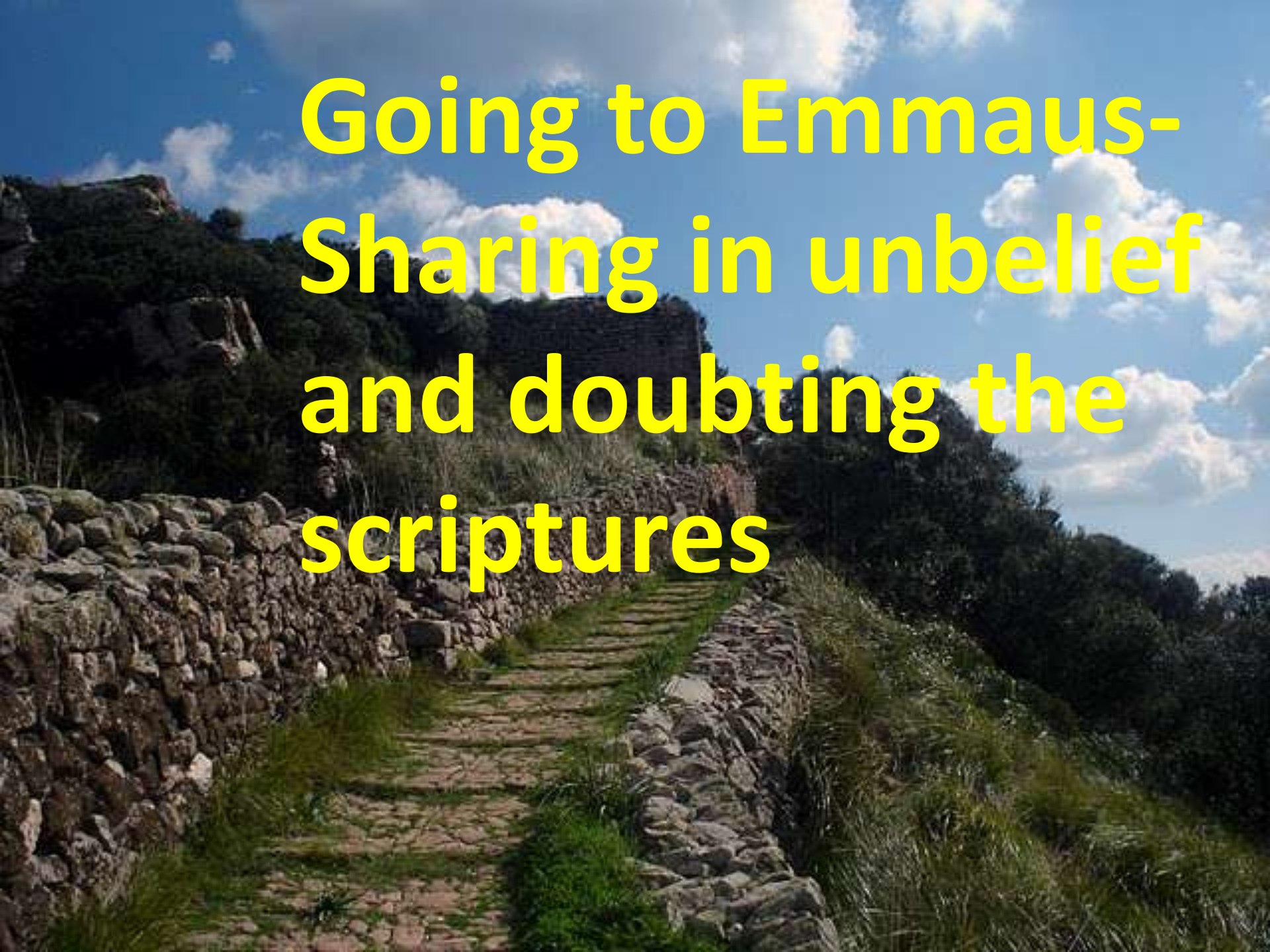
- **A strong hunger and thirst for spiritual things is rewarded by the Lord:**
- **Walking down this road they were engaged in a deep and heart felt spiritual discussion (vs. 14-17)**
- **Jesus rewards their interest and desire to understand with personal teaching (vs. 25-27)**



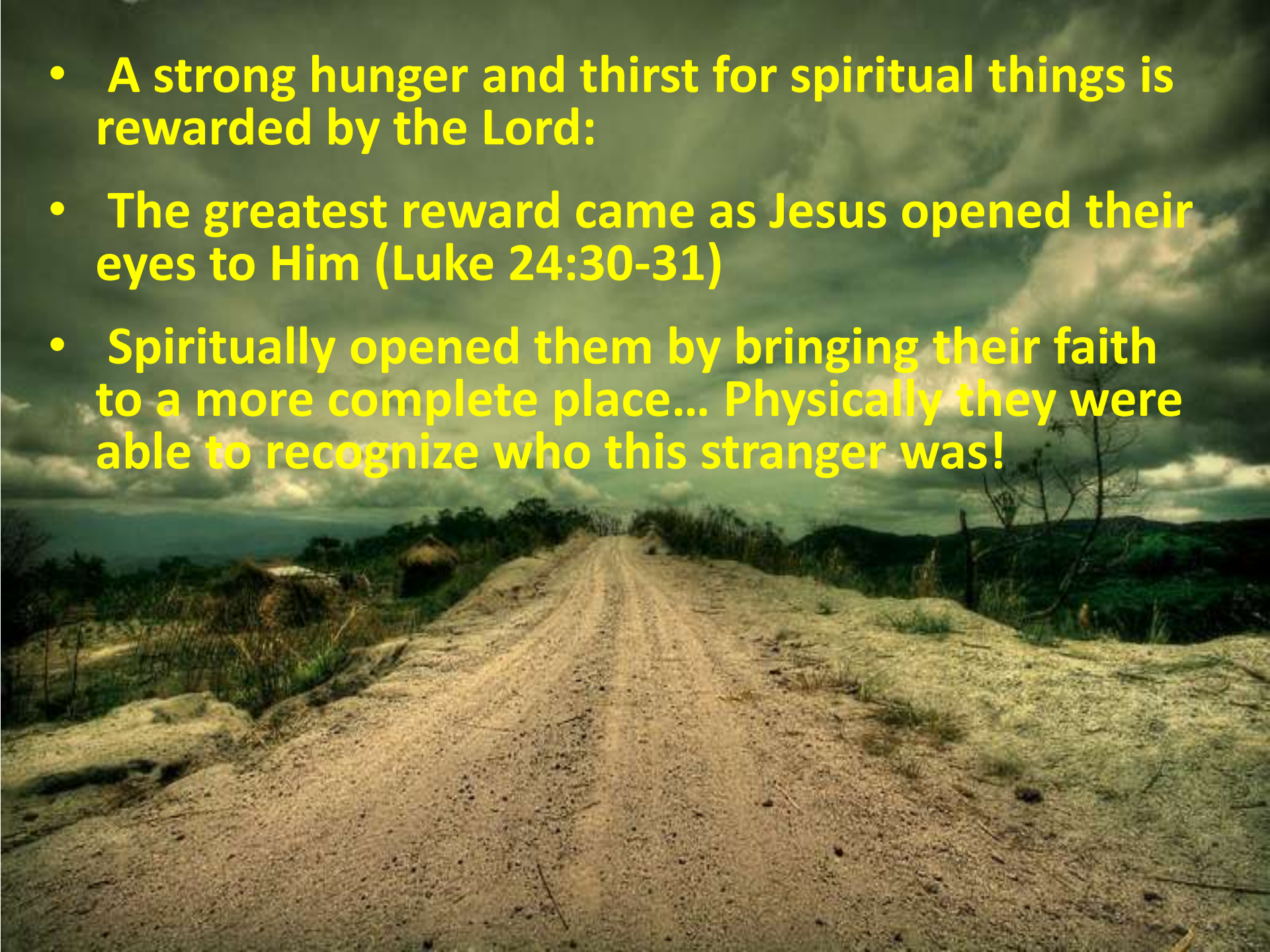
- They were familiar with the scriptures, but their own ideas and hopes got in the way – Had different expectations
- “Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things?” – With Psalm 22 & Isaiah 53, what did they expect to happen?
- They had walked seven miles with Jesus (as a stranger) and invite Him home ere they’ll learn (vs. 28-29)



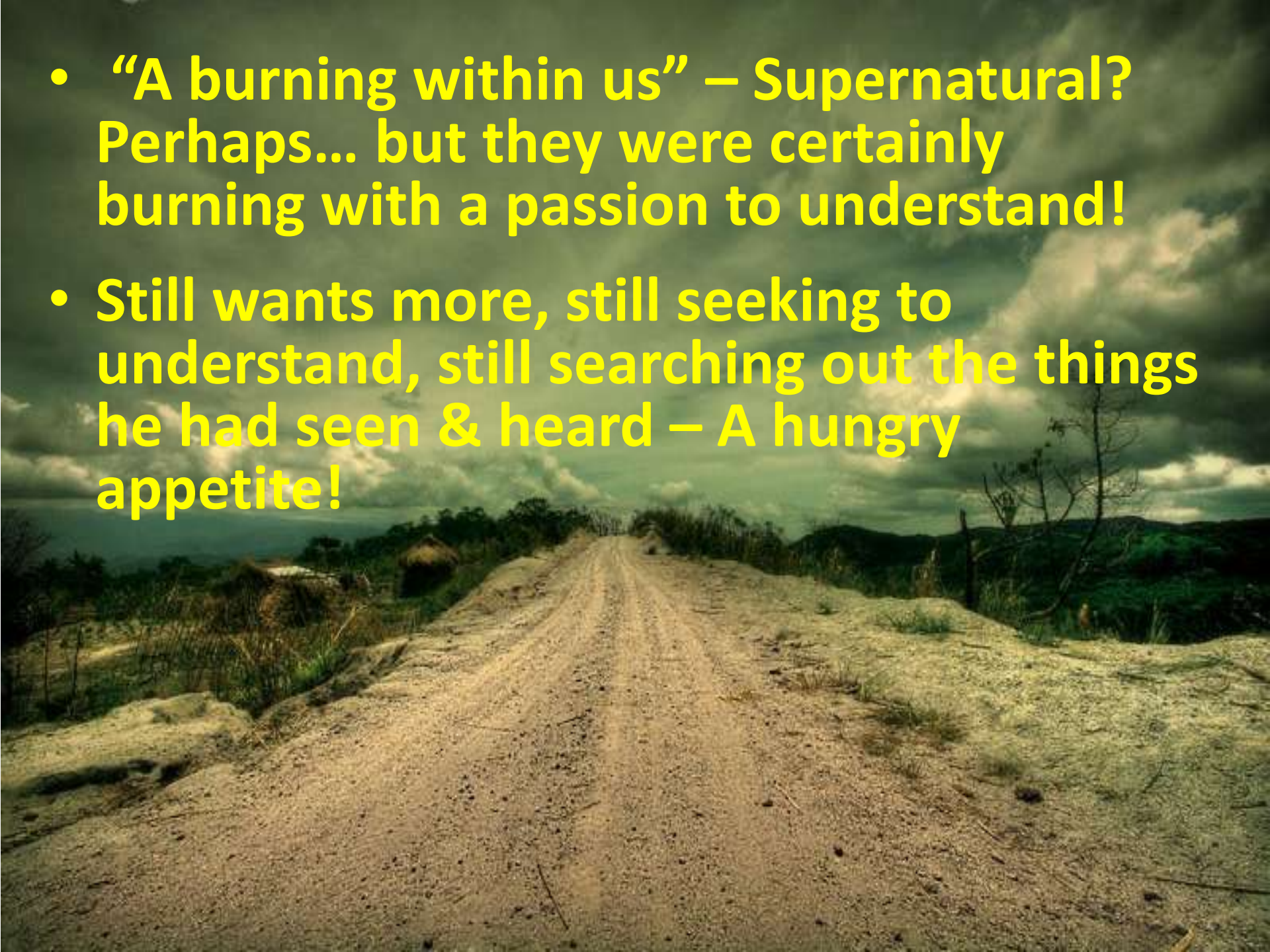
**Going to Emmaus-
Sharing in unbelief
and doubting the
scriptures**




- **A strong hunger and thirst for spiritual things is rewarded by the Lord:**
- **The greatest reward came as Jesus opened their eyes to Him (Luke 24:30-31)**
- **Spiritually opened them by bringing their faith to a more complete place... Physically they were able to recognize who this stranger was!**



- **“A burning within us” – Supernatural? Perhaps... but they were certainly burning with a passion to understand!**
- **Still wants more, still seeking to understand, still searching out the things he had seen & heard – A hungry appetite!**

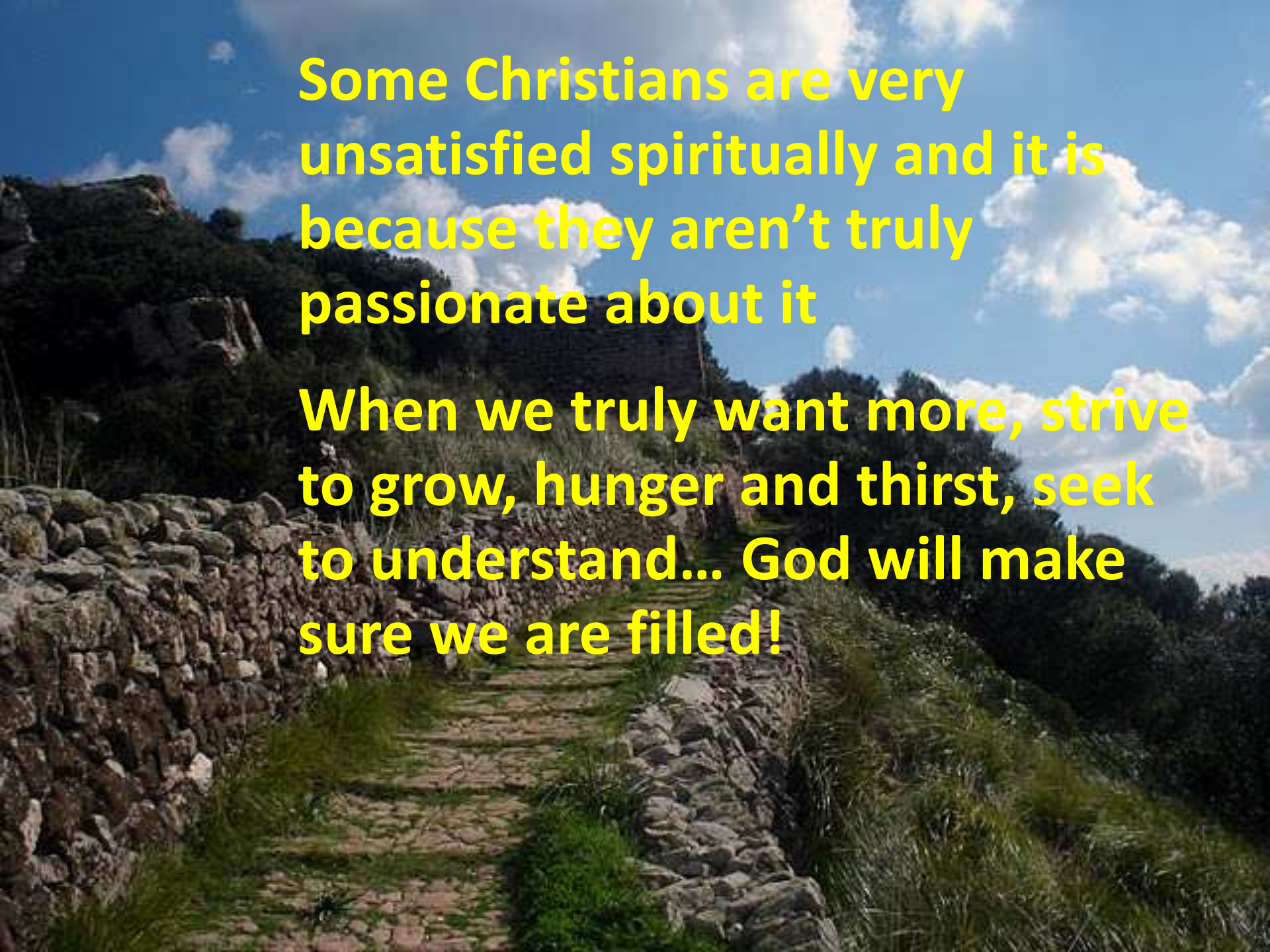


A scenic landscape featuring a stone path that winds up a hillside. The path is flanked by low stone walls. The background shows a blue sky with scattered white clouds and a forested hillside.

A strong hunger and thirst for spiritual things is rewarded by the Lord:

Where does our spiritual interest rank in our hearts?

Do we hunger and thirst after spiritual things? Do we desire it like a newborn desiring to be fed? (Mt 5:6; I Pet 2:2)

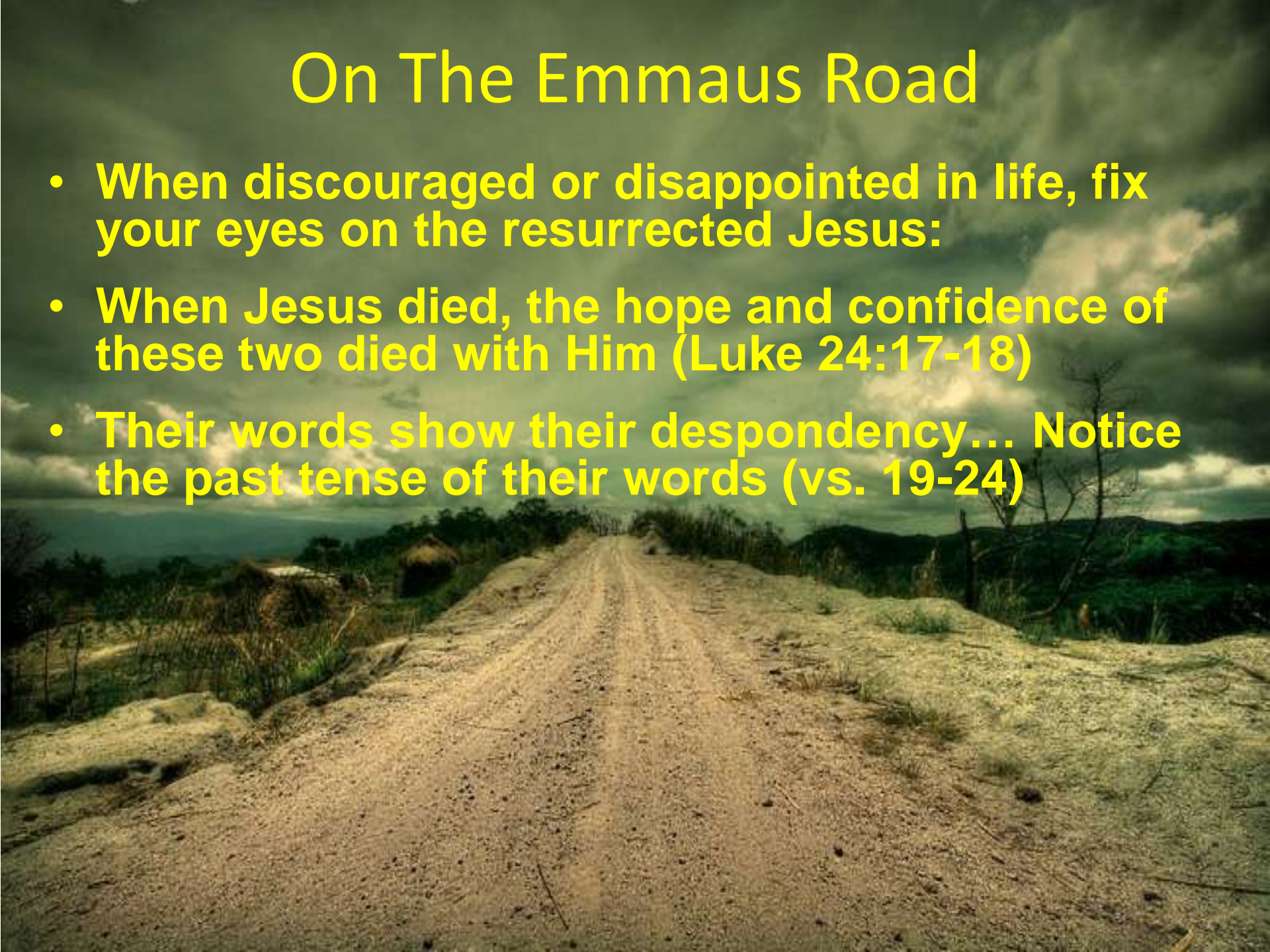
A scenic landscape featuring a stone wall on the left, a dirt path leading uphill, and a blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Some Christians are very
unsatisfied spiritually and it is
because they aren't truly
passionate about it**

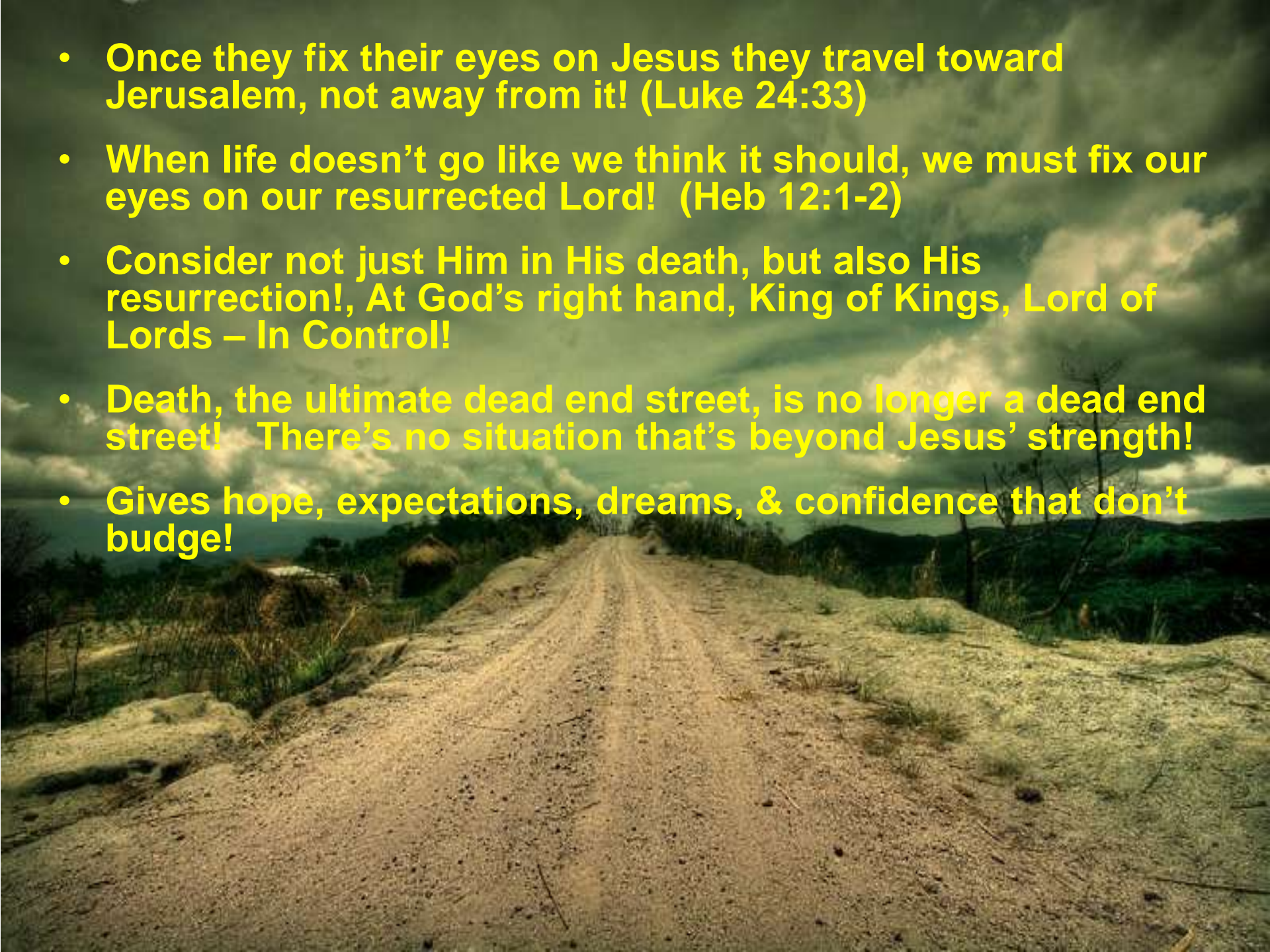
**When we truly want more, strive
to grow, hunger and thirst, seek
to understand... God will make
sure we are filled!**

On The Emmaus Road

- **When discouraged or disappointed in life, fix your eyes on the resurrected Jesus:**
- **When Jesus died, the hope and confidence of these two died with Him (Luke 24:17-18)**
- **Their words show their despondency... Notice the past tense of their words (vs. 19-24)**



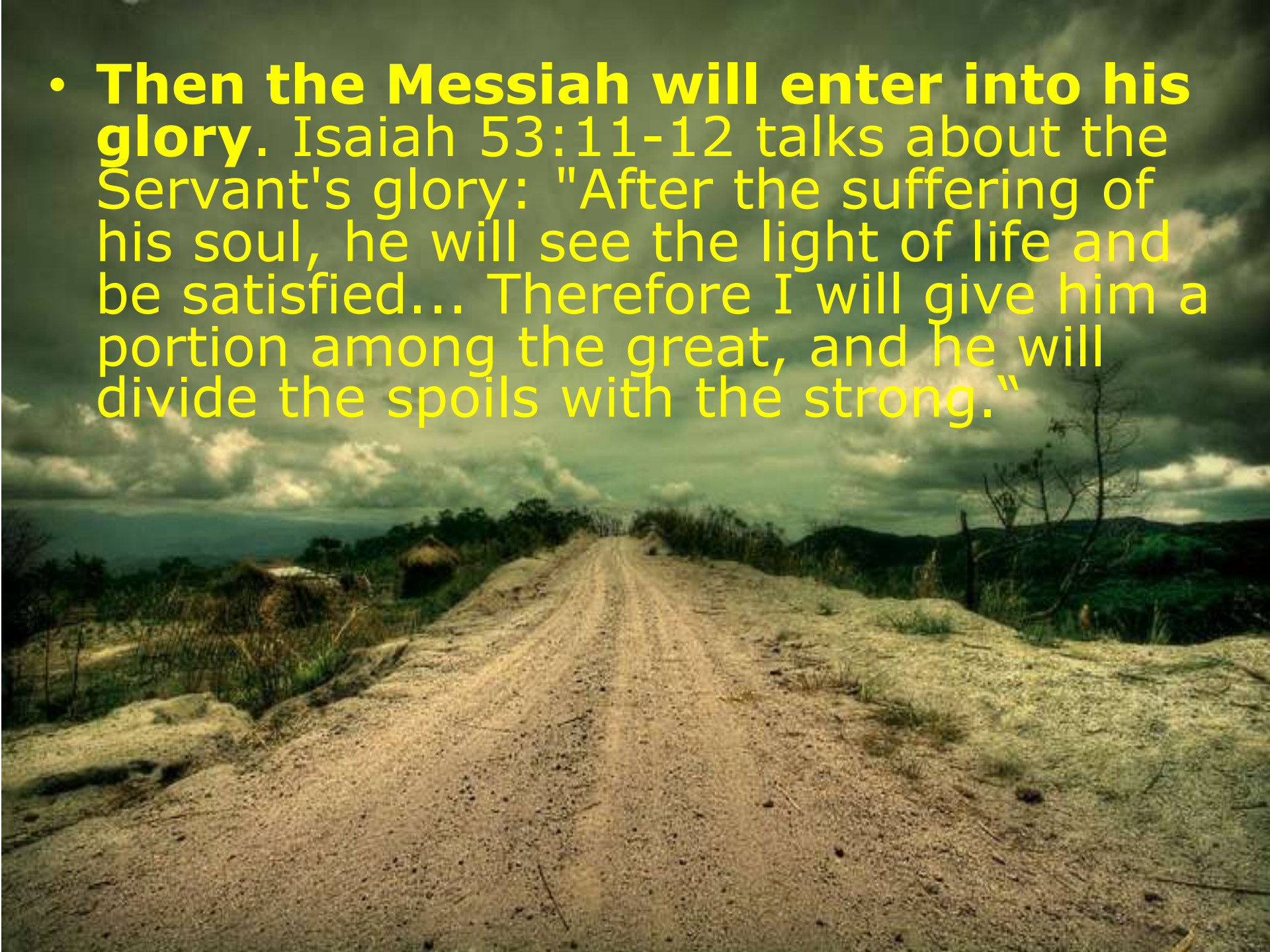
- **Once they fix their eyes on Jesus they travel toward Jerusalem, not away from it! (Luke 24:33)**
- **When life doesn't go like we think it should, we must fix our eyes on our resurrected Lord! (Heb 12:1-2)**
- **Consider not just Him in His death, but also His resurrection!, At God's right hand, King of Kings, Lord of Lords – In Control!**
- **Death, the ultimate dead end street, is no longer a dead end street! There's no situation that's beyond Jesus' strength!**
- **Gives hope, expectations, dreams, & confidence that don't budge!**

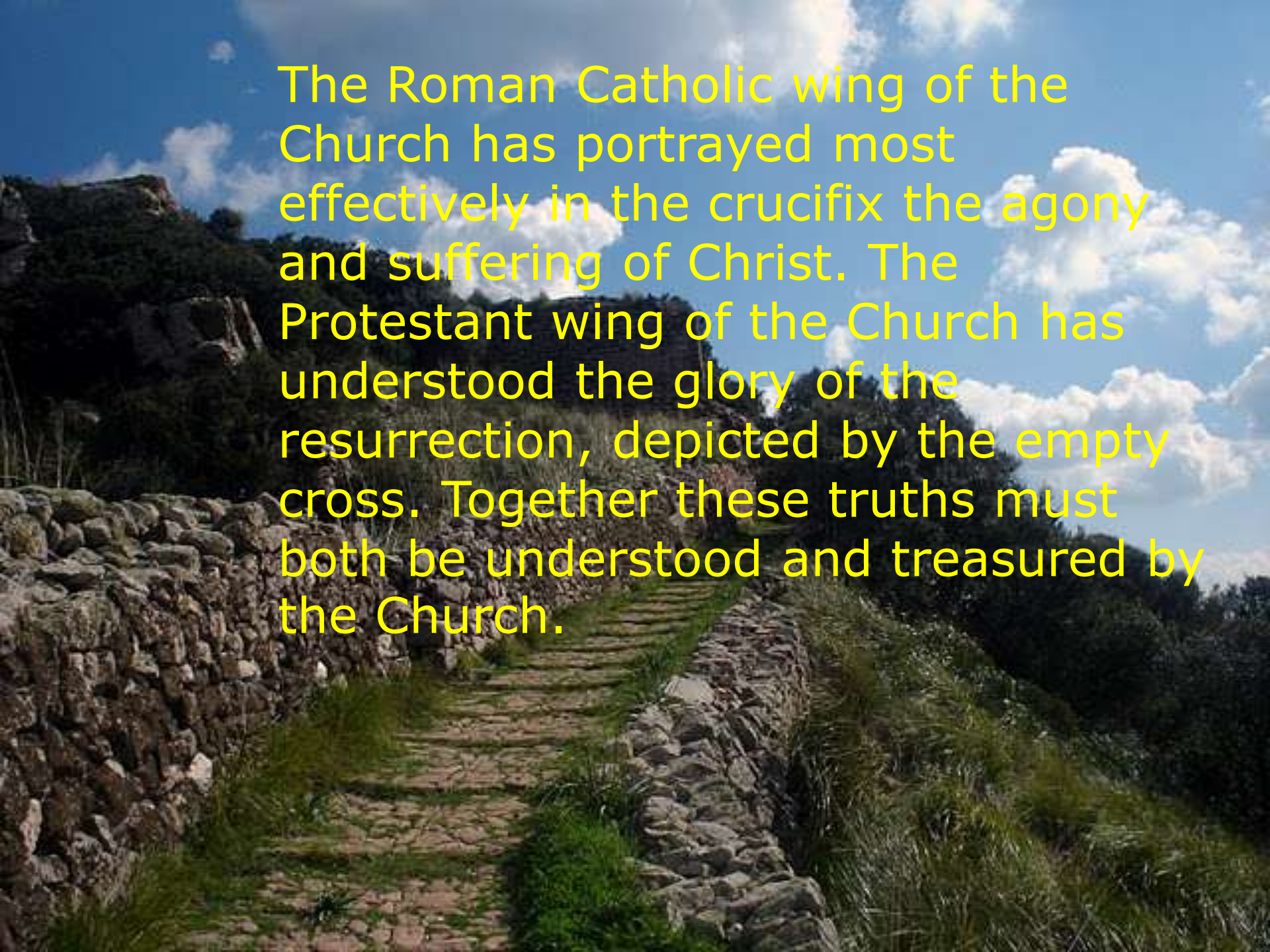


Lessons for Disciples


- The Messiah must suffer. This is not some convenient rationalization by disciples. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that the Old Testament teaches it. True, Jewish scholars had not seen it, but it is there in scripture .

- **Then the Messiah will enter into his glory.** Isaiah 53:11-12 talks about the Servant's glory: "After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied... Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong."

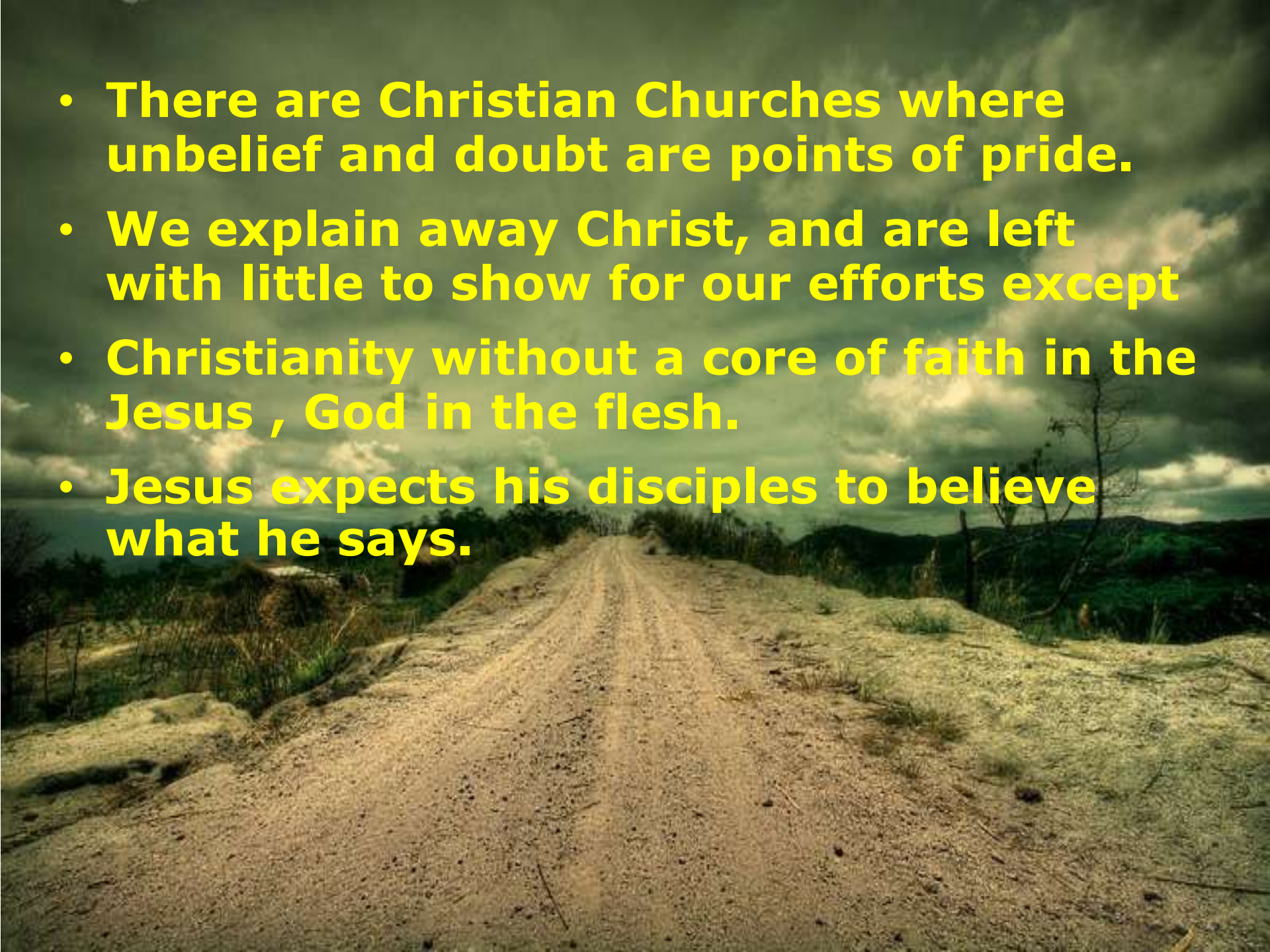


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The Roman Catholic wing of the Church has portrayed most effectively in the crucifix the agony and suffering of Christ. The Protestant wing of the Church has understood the glory of the resurrection, depicted by the empty cross. Together these truths must both be understood and treasured by the Church.

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- A dirt road winds through a landscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with some light breaking through near the horizon. The road is unpaved and leads towards the distance. The surrounding landscape is hilly and appears to be a natural, somewhat rugged area.
- **Our unbelief should be our shame, not our pride.**
 - **Jesus isn't very tolerant of his disciples' unbelief in the face of the Scriptures and the events of the day. "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!" he says.**

- **There are Christian Churches where unbelief and doubt are points of pride.**
- **We explain away Christ, and are left with little to show for our efforts except**
- **Christianity without a core of faith in the Jesus , God in the flesh.**
- **Jesus expects his disciples to believe what he says.**



- Jesus may walk beside us unrecognized.
- Just as Jesus isn't recognized by the travellers to Emmaus, he can be with us and even encourage us in our struggles, even though we aren't aware that he is present.
- The risen Christ is not limited, as we are, by geography or time.

