

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

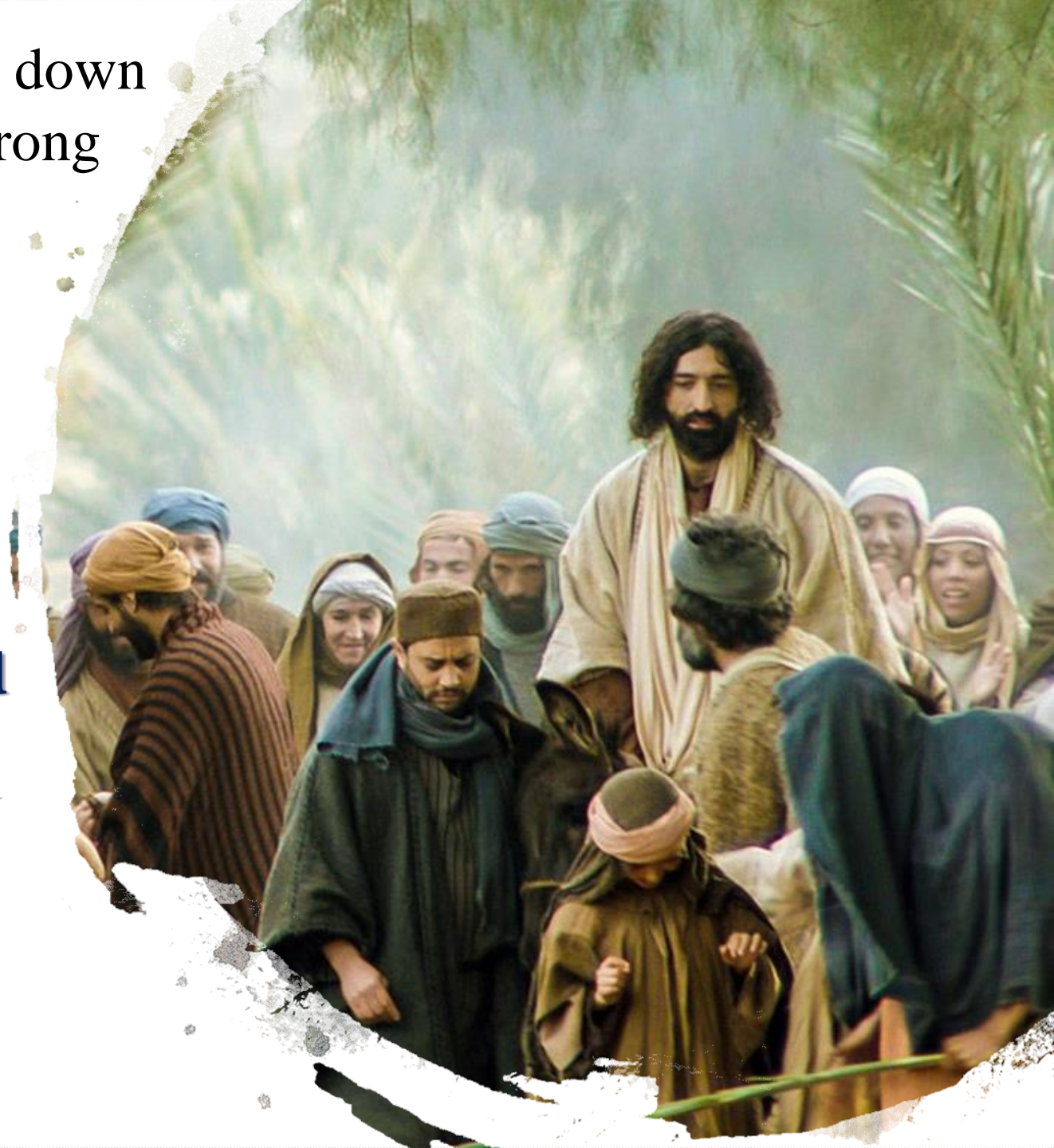
Luke 19:37-40

“The Presence of Christ”



³⁷ As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen.

1. Scripture memories, life stories, and meeting Jesus the Christ created a sense of wonder, inquisitiveness, and hope in the people who lived near.
2. Humble interaction, gentle words, and an accepting presence built the bridge to create a young faith.



38 They said, “Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”

1. The actions of the people to Jesus the Christ was an exponential response to the Humble, Gentle, Accepting, Hearing, presence of Jesus in their midst.

1. The world hungers for a Compassionate God.

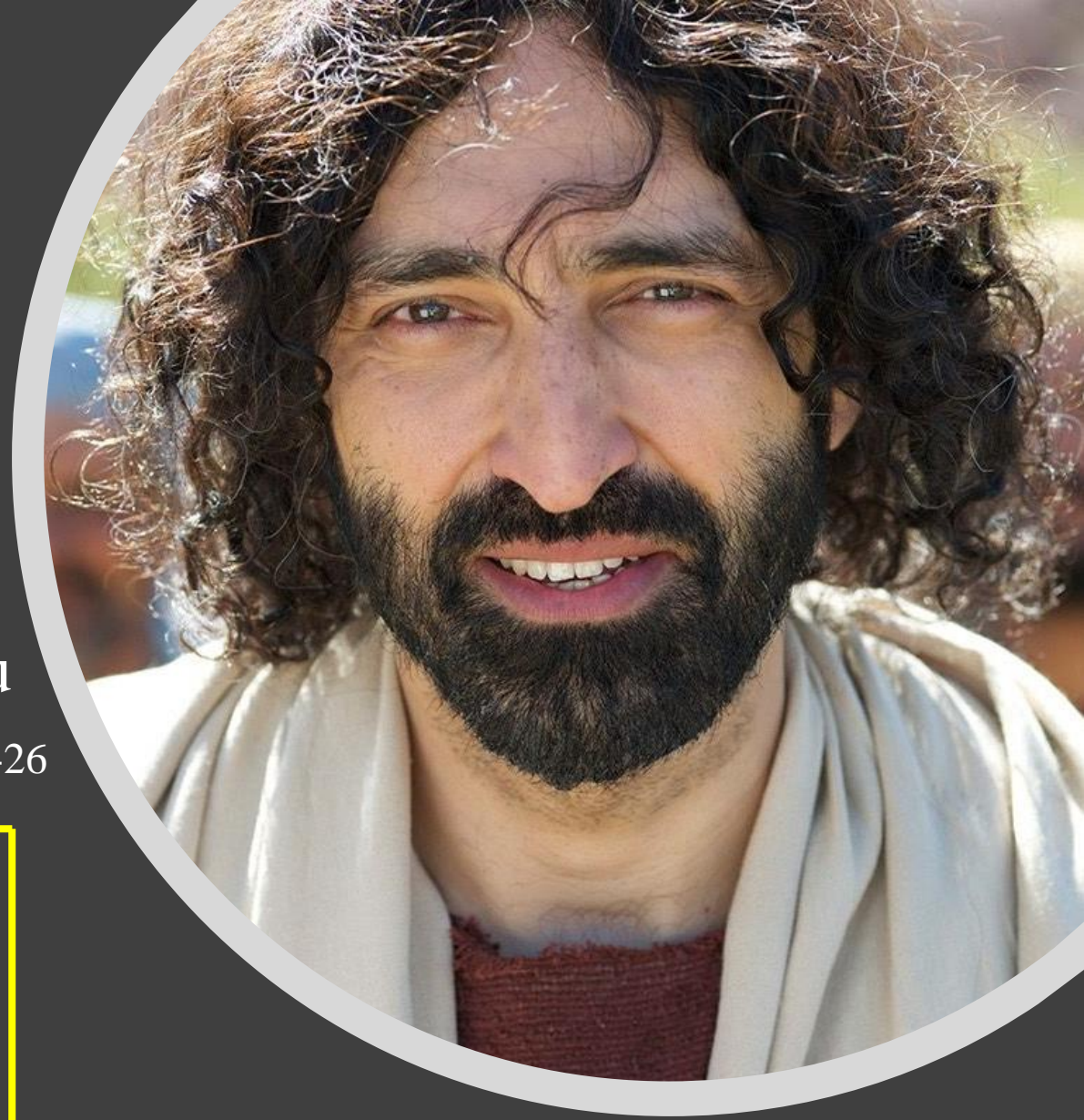
2. Compassion is a central part of God’s self revelation.

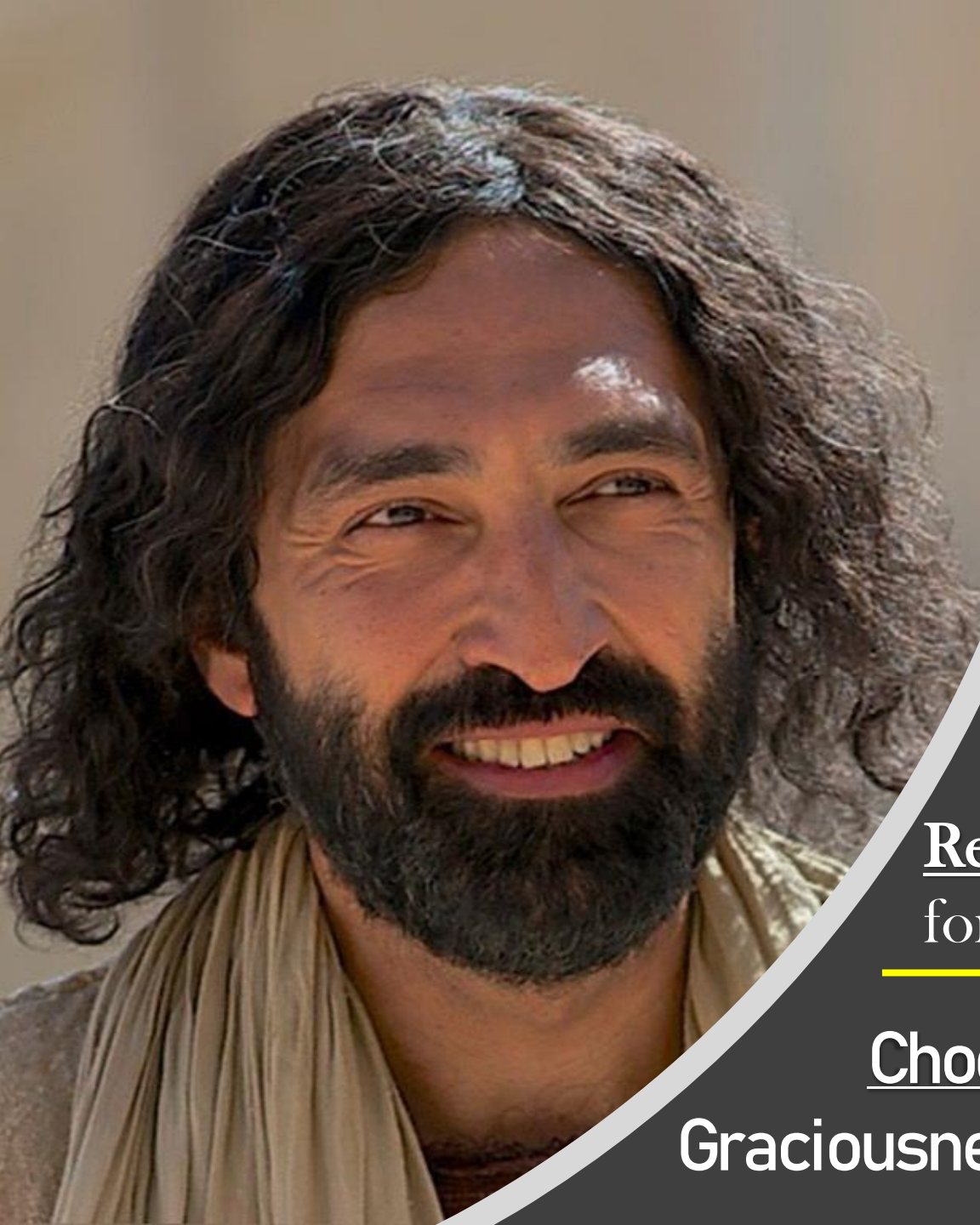


Practice Mirroring the Presence of Christ

The Lord bless you and protect you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his face to you
and grant you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

The expression
that says “you matter”.
that conveys peace to wounded soul.
that says “come over here”.
that conveys safety to a fearful soul.





Practiced Memory of the Presence of Christ

Remember scripture stories of God's restoring graciousness.

Remember stories of Gracious People of God.

Remember specifically of what we have been forgiven.

Choose memories & thoughts of God's Graciousness, Love, Kindness, & Gentleness.

Practice Inviting the Presence of Christ

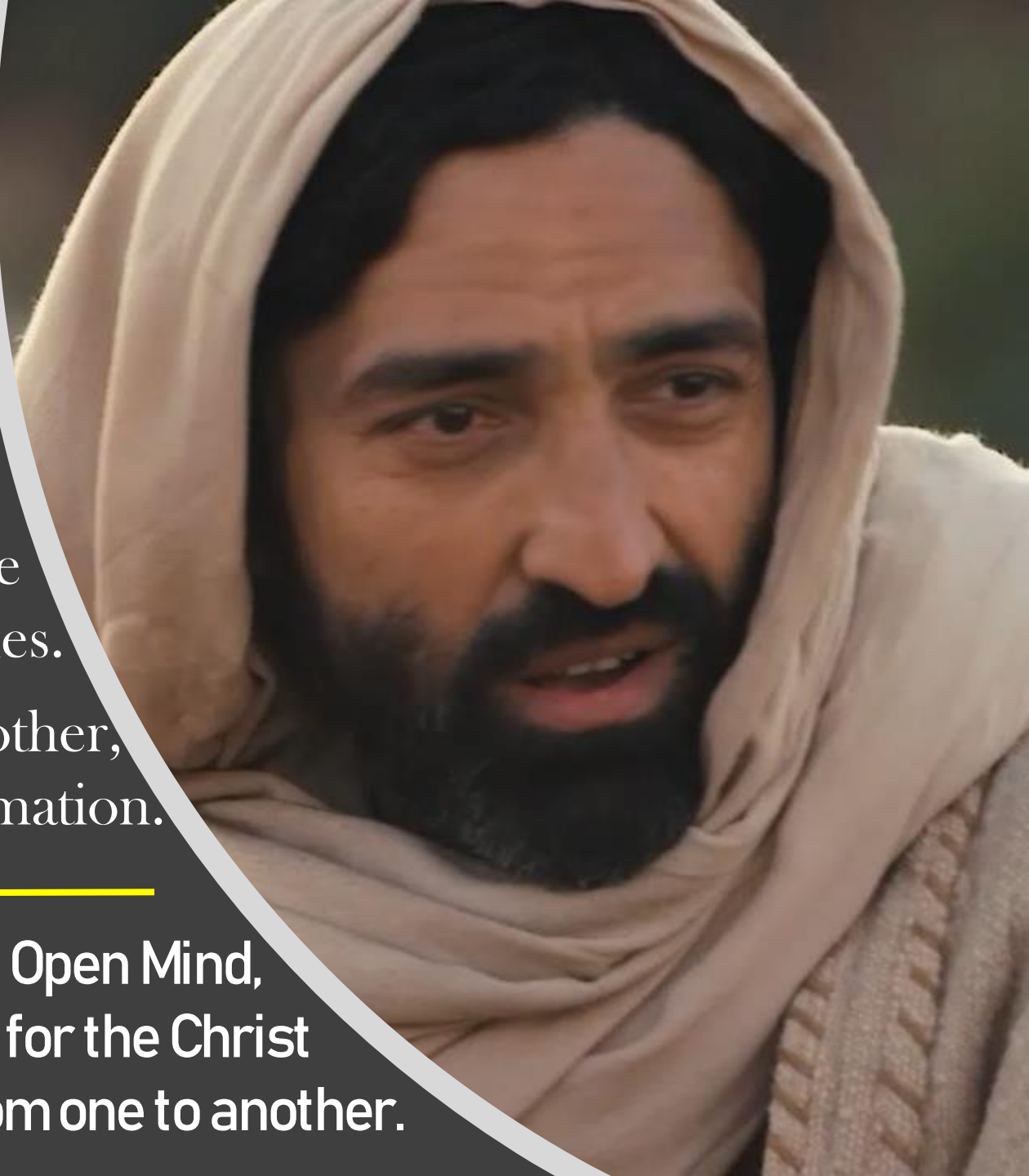
Be curious of the stories of others.

Invite them to share with you.

Invite others to contribute
to your life with their life stories.

Focus on the life of another,
digest the story, ponder the information.

An Open Heart, coupled with an Open Mind,
will Open the Door for the Christ
to pass from one to another.



Practice Appreciating the Presence of Christ

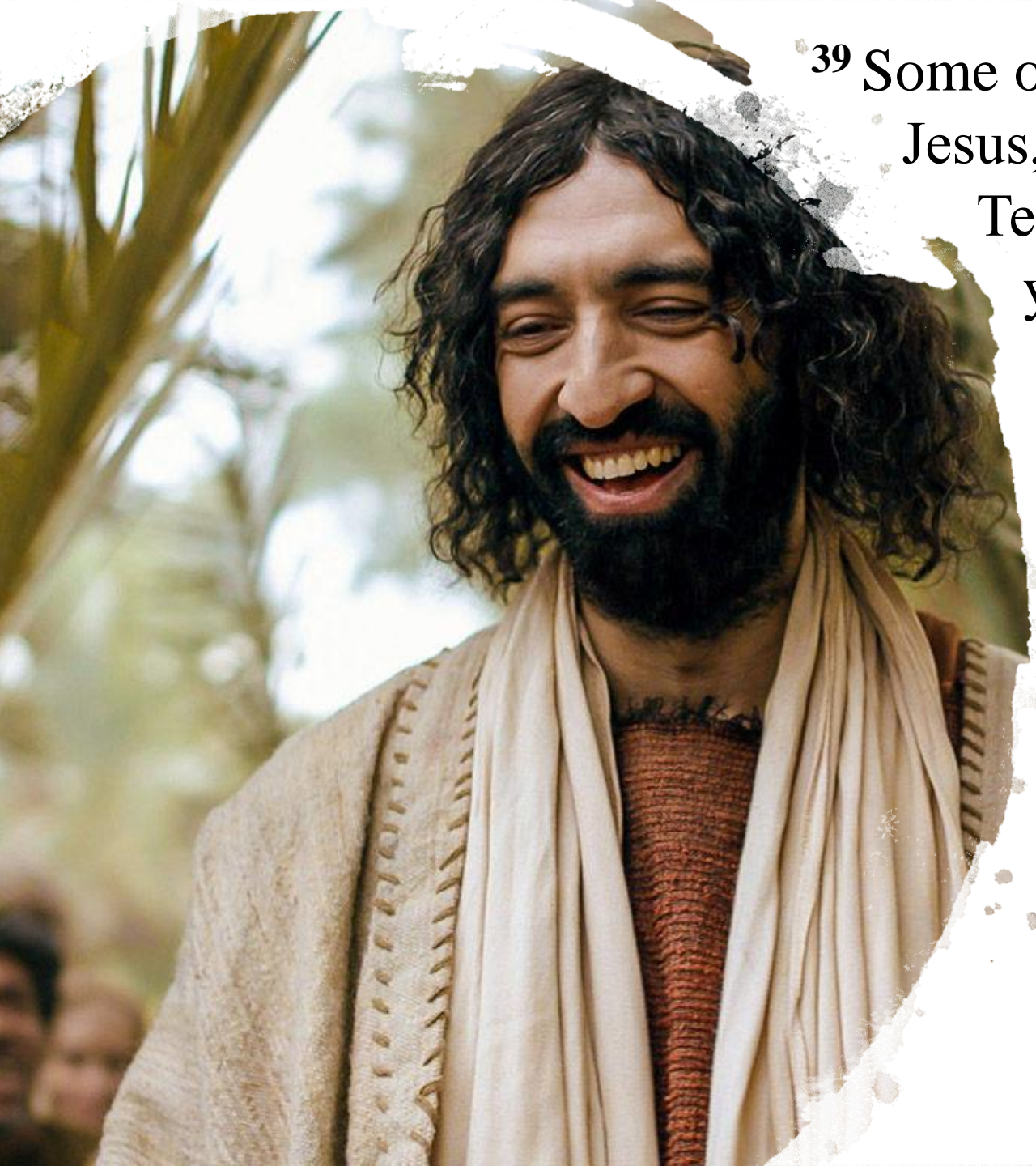
Become a Charitable Listener,
receive what you hear.

Ask questions,
rather than make statements.

Discover how difference
shapes dreams.

Seeing Christ in another's story
without judgement, defense, criticism,
or correction....we lose nothing...
we gain perspective.





³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!” He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

Living like Jesus
is not about living without sin.
God seems to like & accept sinners.
God seems to get upset with those
who think that they are not sinners.