

# The Tough and Tender Jesus





# Compassion

- “Peter directed his gaze at him” (Acts 3:4)
- A missionary isn’t someone who crosses the seas, but someone who sees the cross



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- A: First woe (v. 13) — failing to recognize Jesus as the Messiah
  - B: Second woe (v. 15) — superficially zealous, yet doing more harm than good
    - C: Third woe (vv. 16–22) — misguided use of the Scripture
      - D: Fourth woe (vv. 23–24) — fundamental failure to discern the thrust of Scripture
    - C': Fifth woe (vv. 25–26) — misguided use of the Scripture
  - B': Sixth woe (vv. 27–28) — superficially zealous, yet doing more harm than good
- A': Seventh woe (vv. 29–32) — descendants of those who failed to recognize the prophets

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# 2. Jesus Focused on Essential Matters - 23:16-24

- Blind guides (16-22)
- Stressed the gold of the temple over the temple
- Stressed the sacrifice on the altar more than the altar
- Weightier matters (23-24)



# 3. Jesus Can Truly Change a Person from Within - 23:25-28

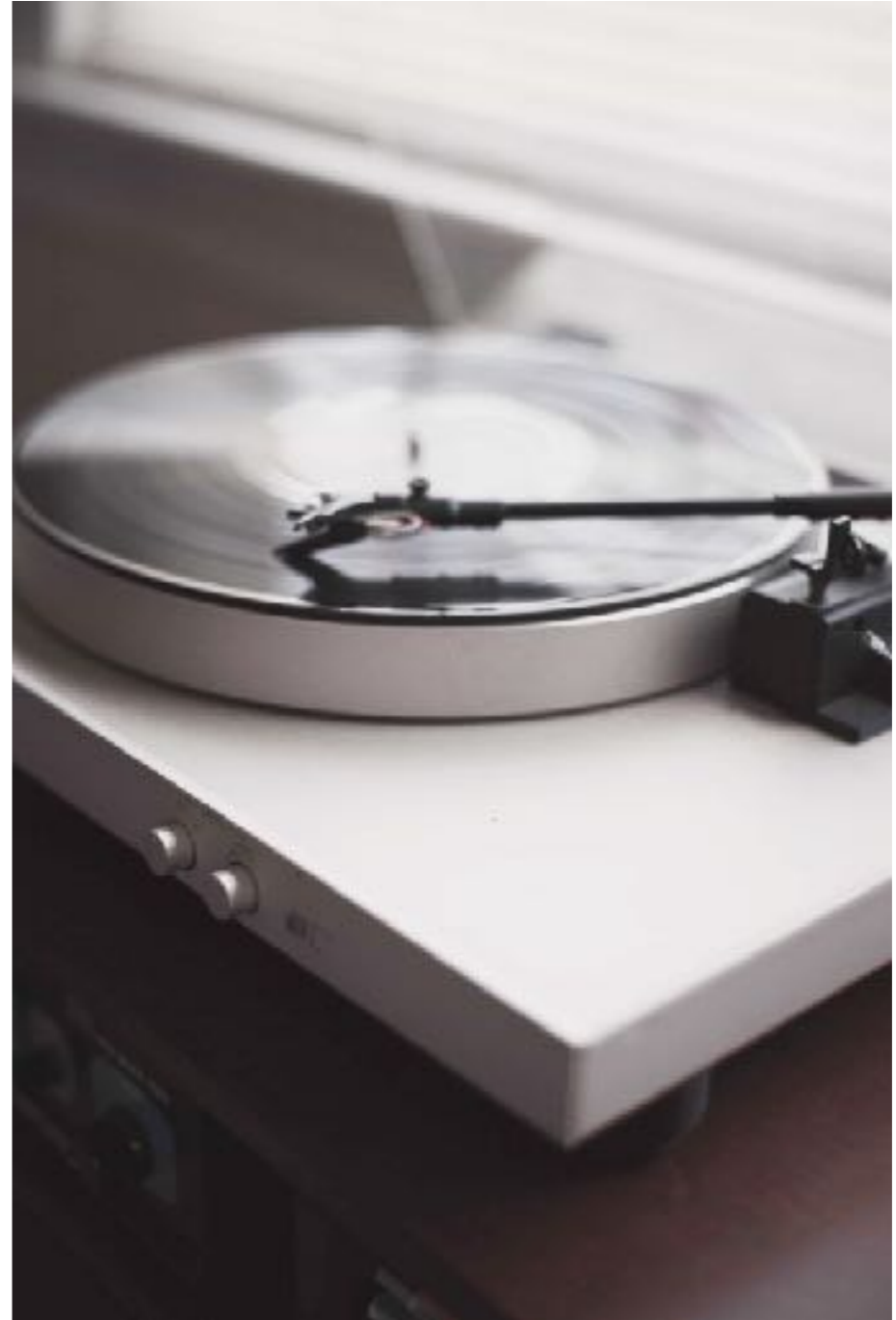
- Clean outside, filthy inside (25-26)
- Whitewashed graves (27-28)
- Real change must happen from within





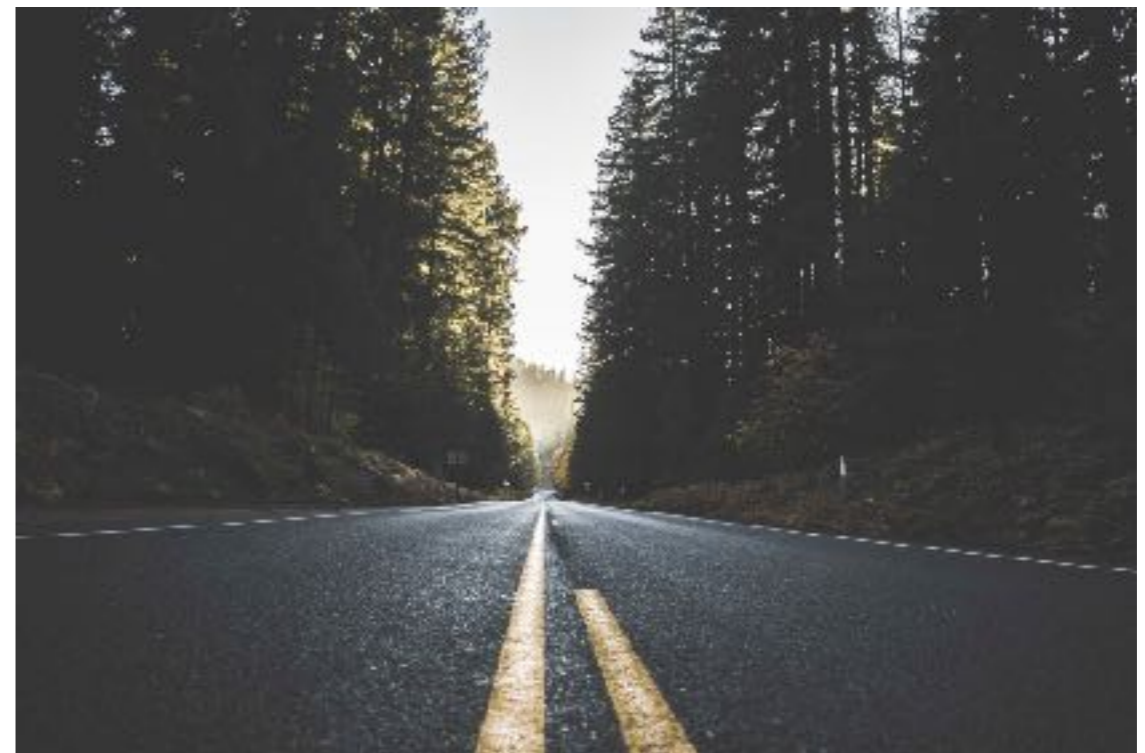
# 4. Jesus Exposes Our Blind Spots - 23:29-32

- “Go on then, finish up what your ancestors have started” (GNB)



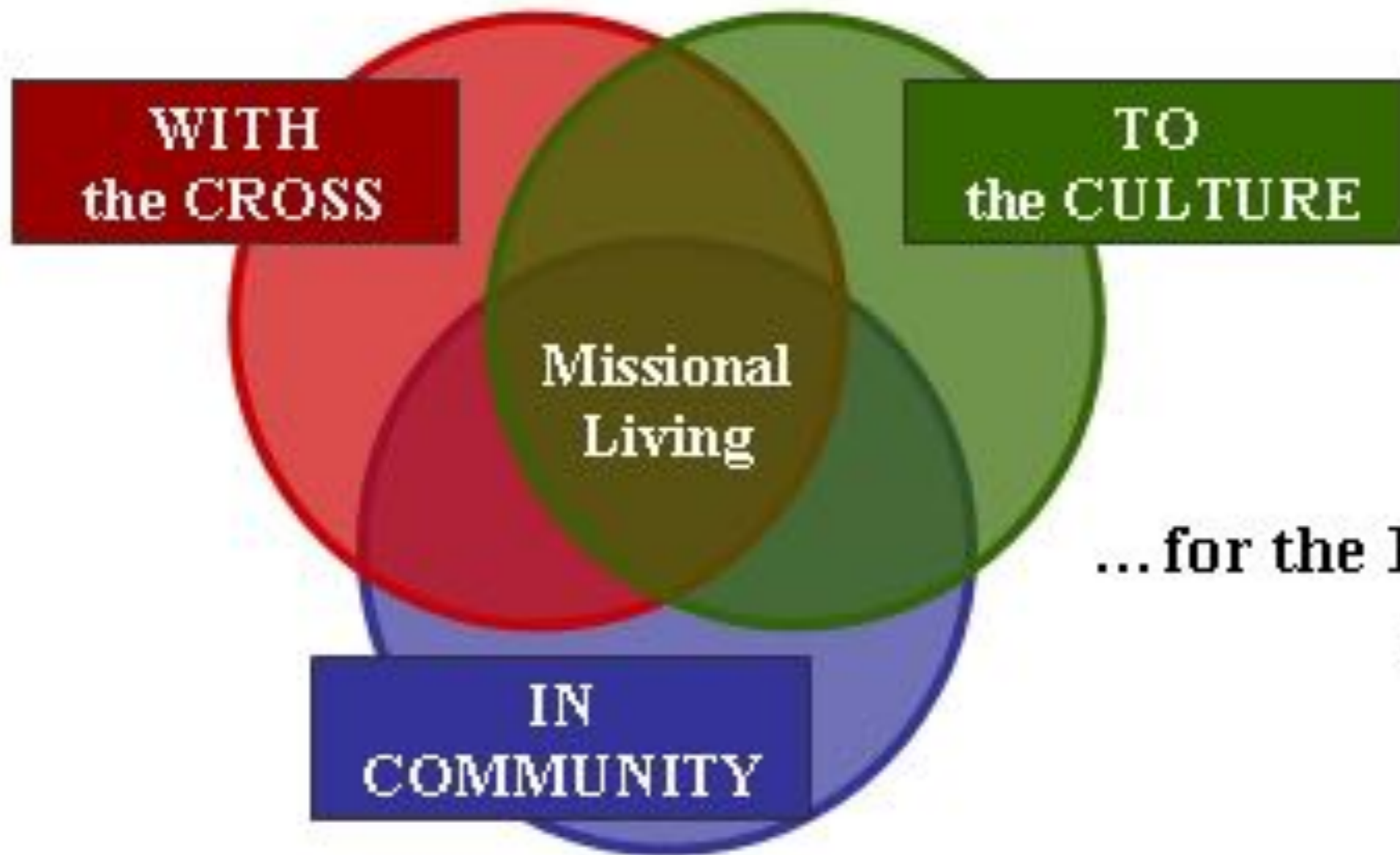
# 5. Jesus Invites Us To Bow Before Him as Lord- 23:33-39

- I send you prophets
- I say to you - all these things will come on this generation
- I would have gathered your children
- I tell you - you will not see me again...



# A Missional Perspective

Every Believer Sent by Jesus...



... for the King and  
His Kingdom

