

Sending the Seventy-Two

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Why did Jesus choose 72?

Moses chose 72

Numbers 11:16-26

Sanhedrin: 71 Elders

Genesis 10 - seventy names

Nicodemus - John 3:1

Jesus tried - Luke 22:66





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Three Questions:

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Would you want to
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3

Is the Harvest Plentiful?



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Would you want to
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on Your **GOALS**
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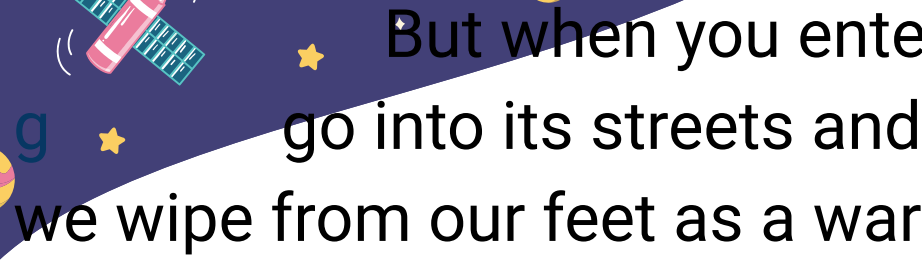
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Luke 10: 10-13



g But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: **The kingdom of God has come near.**' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

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We are in a spiritual war





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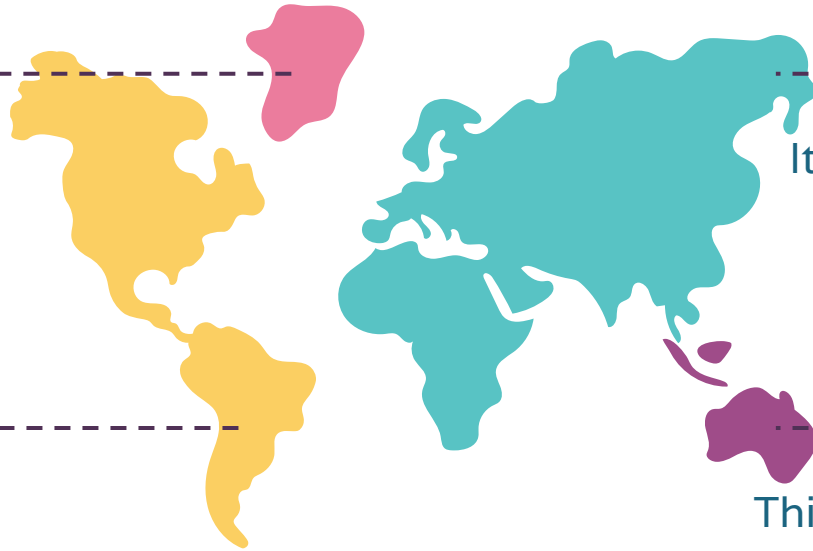
What do we think about being sent?



Too cold, I could never survive the summers, let alone the winters!



That's a dangerous jungle: snakes, panthers, poisonous spiders ...



It's Isolated and barren out here - so lonely



This is way too far away; I'd never get to come home!

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In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

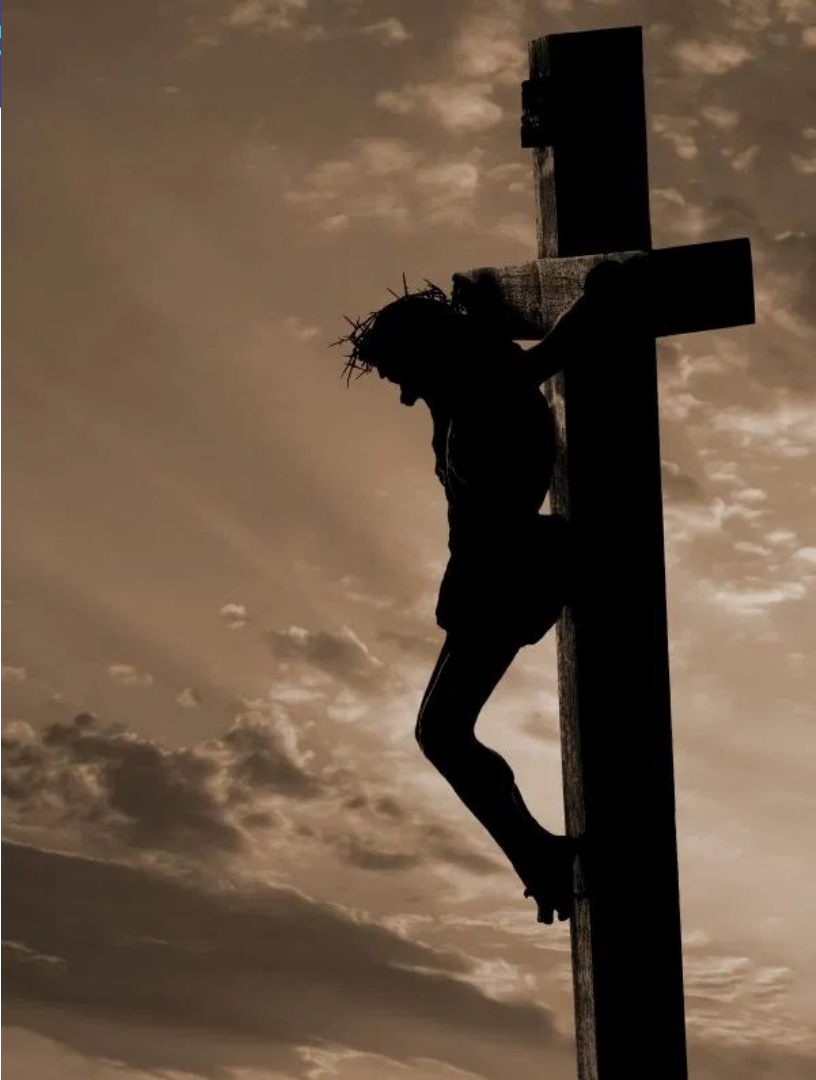
*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To take you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
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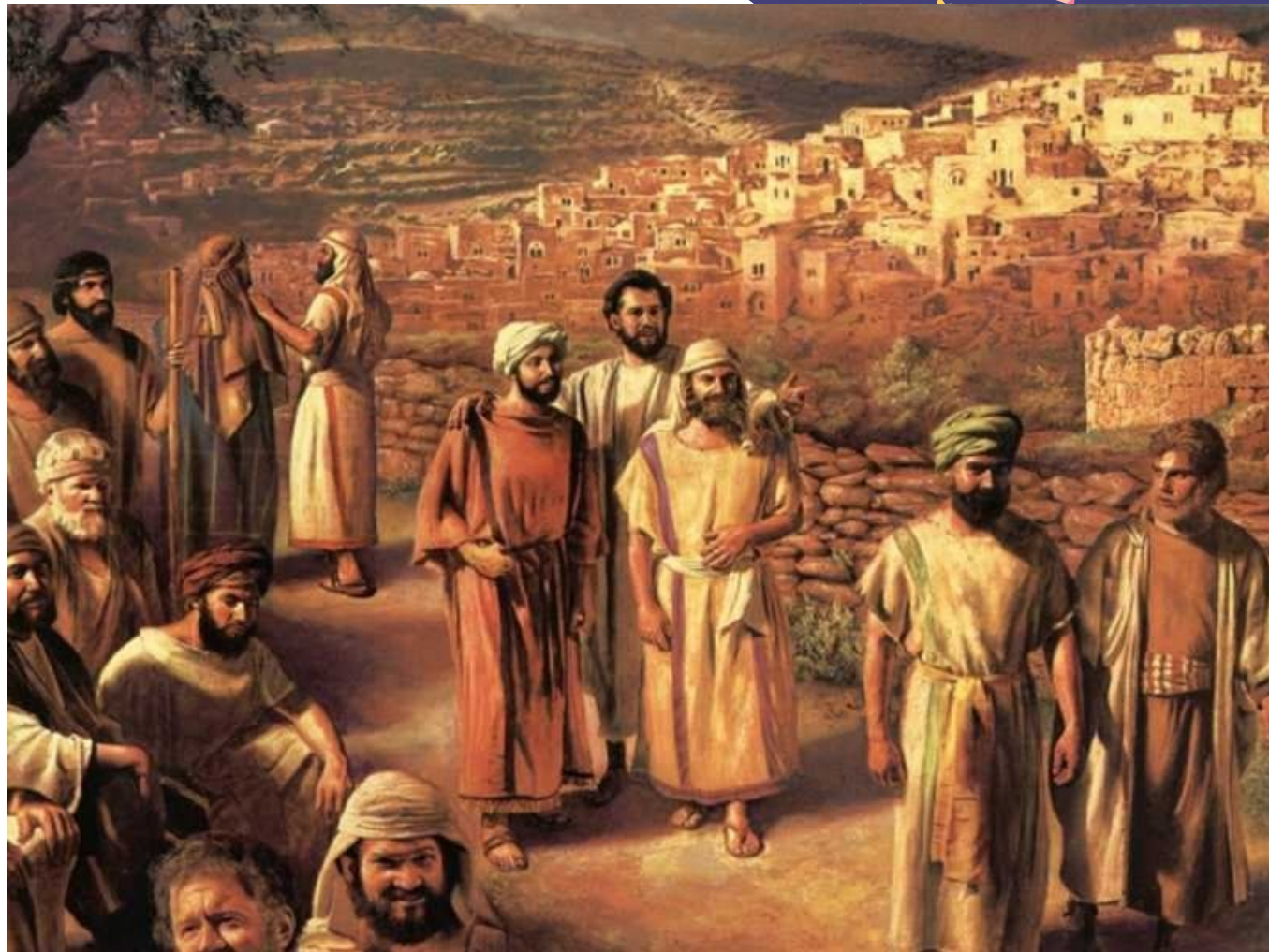
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Lest We Forget









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--- Jesus