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Matthew 22:1-3

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to summon those invited to the banquet, but they didn't want to come"

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Religious leaders of Israel

- Chief priests
- Teachers of the Law
- Elders
- Pharisees

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Matthew 22:8-10

⁸ "Then he told his servants, 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go then to where the roads exit the city and invite everyone you find to the banquet.' ¹⁰ So those servants went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding banquet was filled with guests."

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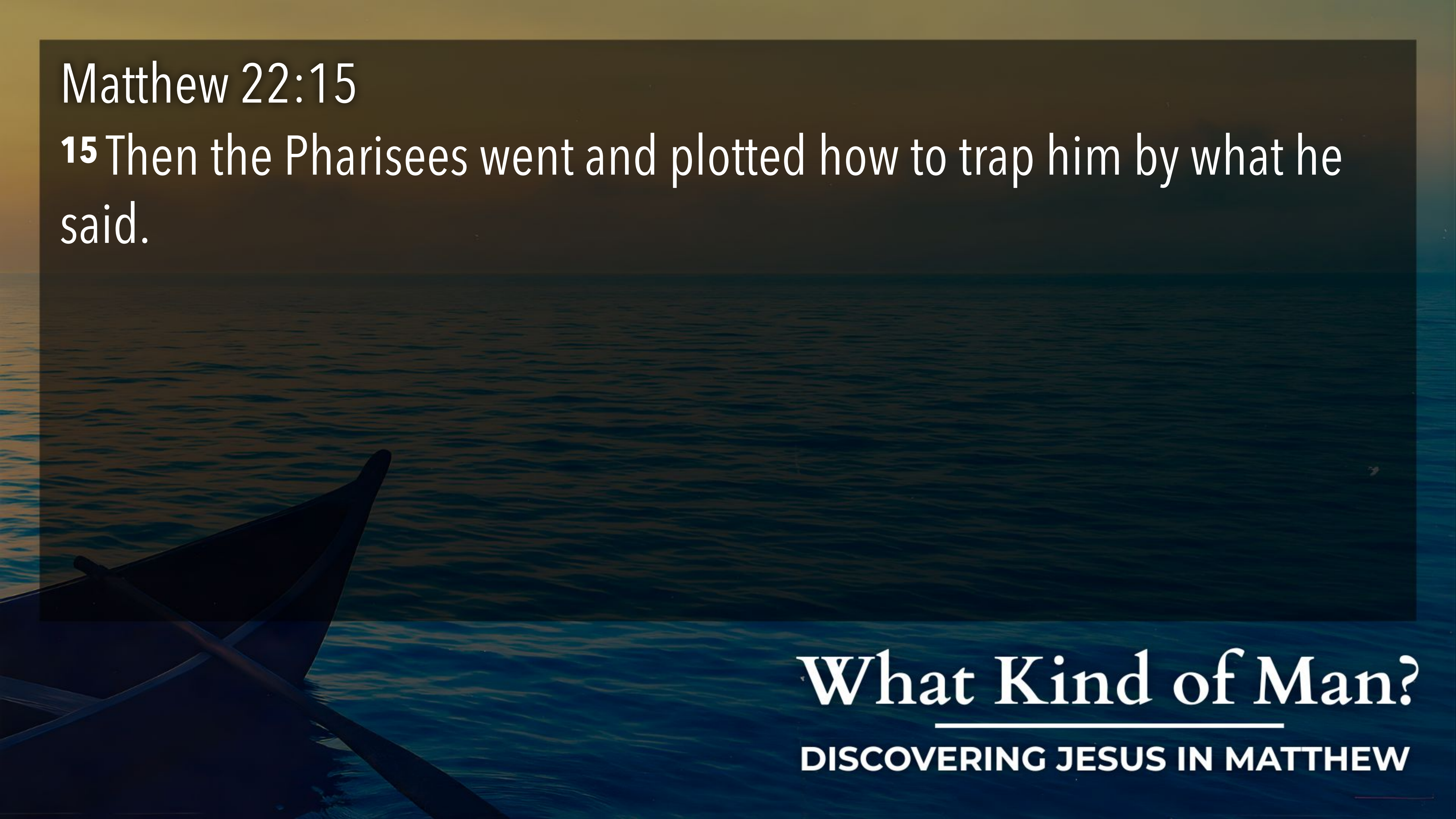
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Matthew 22:11,12

11 "When the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed for a wedding. **12** So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless."

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Matthew 22:15

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to trap him by what he said.

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Round 1 – Paying Taxes to Caesar

Matthew 22:16,17

16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are truthful and teach truthfully the way of God. You don't care what anyone thinks nor do you show partiality. **17** Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

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Matthew 22:18-21

18 Perceiving their malicious intent, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, hypocrites? **19** Show me the coin used for the tax." They brought him a denarius. **20** "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked them.

21 "Caesar's," they said to him.

Then he said to them, "Give, then, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

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Round 2 – Marriage in the Resurrection

Matthew 22:23-25

23 That same day some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came up to him and questioned him: **24** "Teacher, Moses said, **if a man dies, having no children, his brother is to marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.** **25** Now there were seven brothers among us. The first got married and died. Having no offspring, he left his wife to his brother."

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Matthew 22:29-32

29 Jesus answered them, "You are mistaken, because you don't know the Scriptures or the power of God. **30** For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven. **31** Now concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven't you read what was spoken to you by God: **32 I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?** He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

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Round 3 – The Greatest Command

Matthew 22:34-36

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. **35** And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: **36** "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"

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Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷ He said to him, "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.** ³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command. ³⁹ The second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.** ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

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Round 4 – Jesus asks them a question!

Matthew 22:42-44

42 "What do you think about the Messiah?

Whose son is he?"

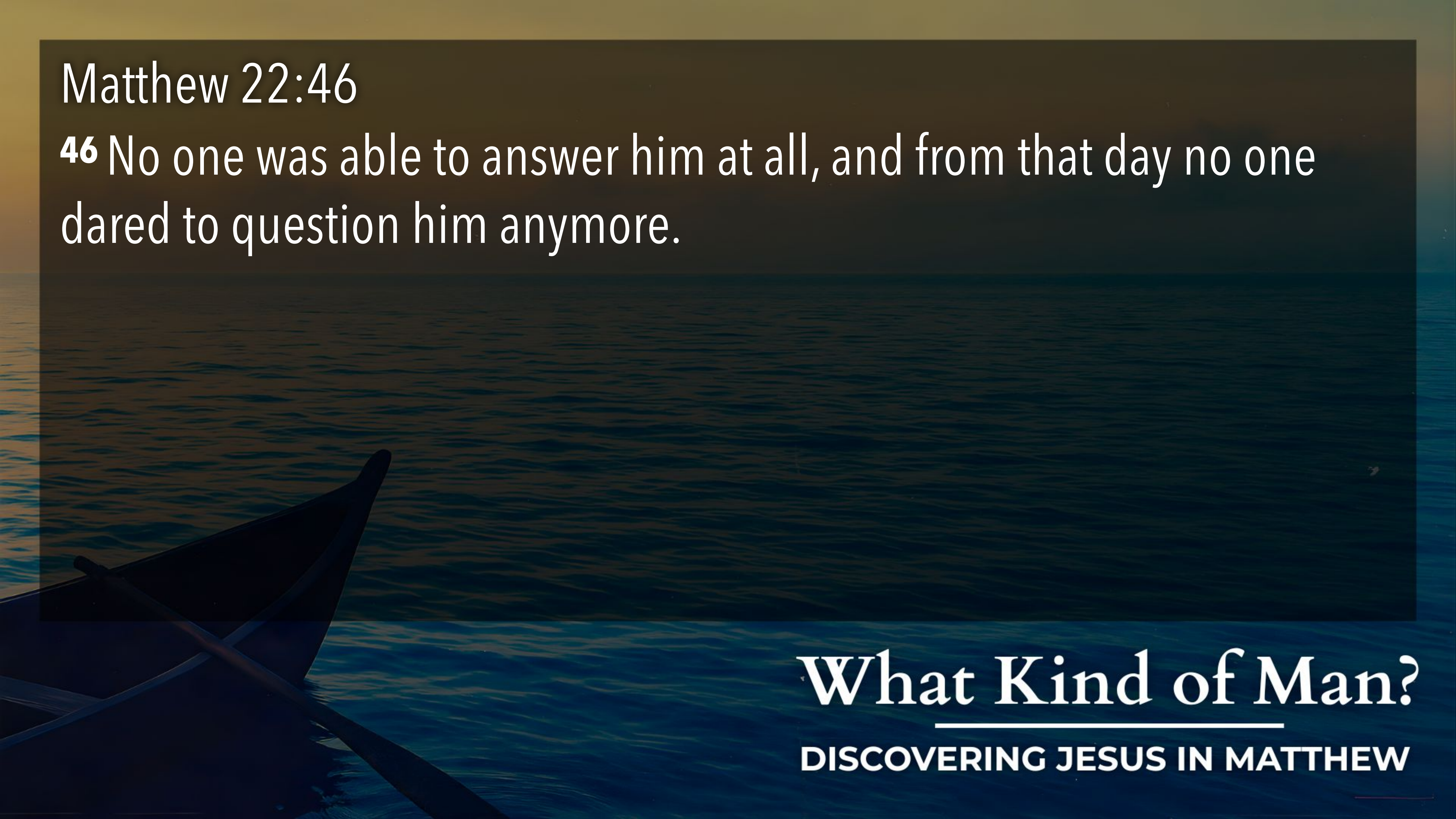
They replied, "David's."

43 He asked them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord':

44 The Lord declared to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

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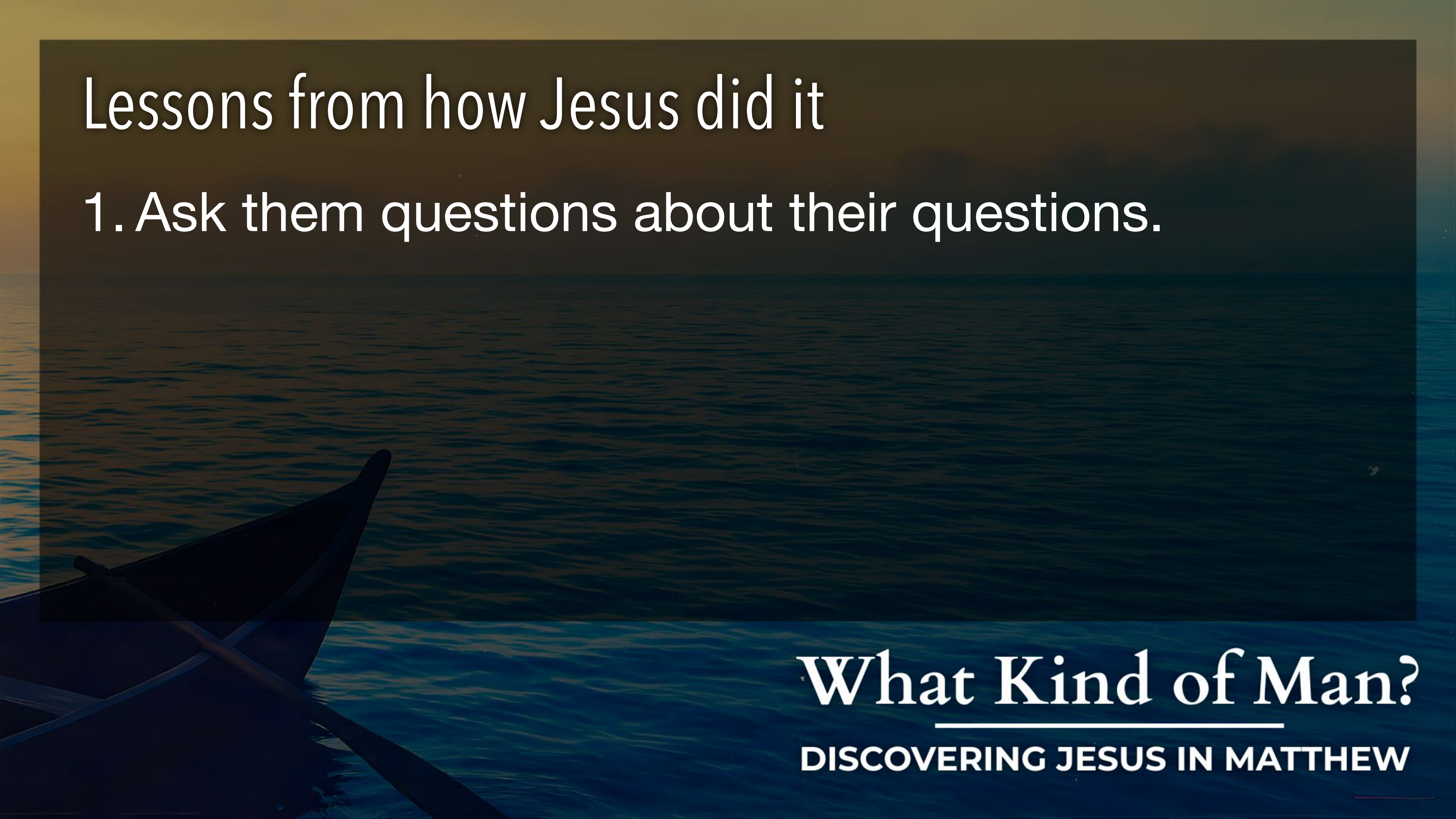
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Matthew 22:46

46 No one was able to answer him at all, and from that day no one dared to question him anymore.

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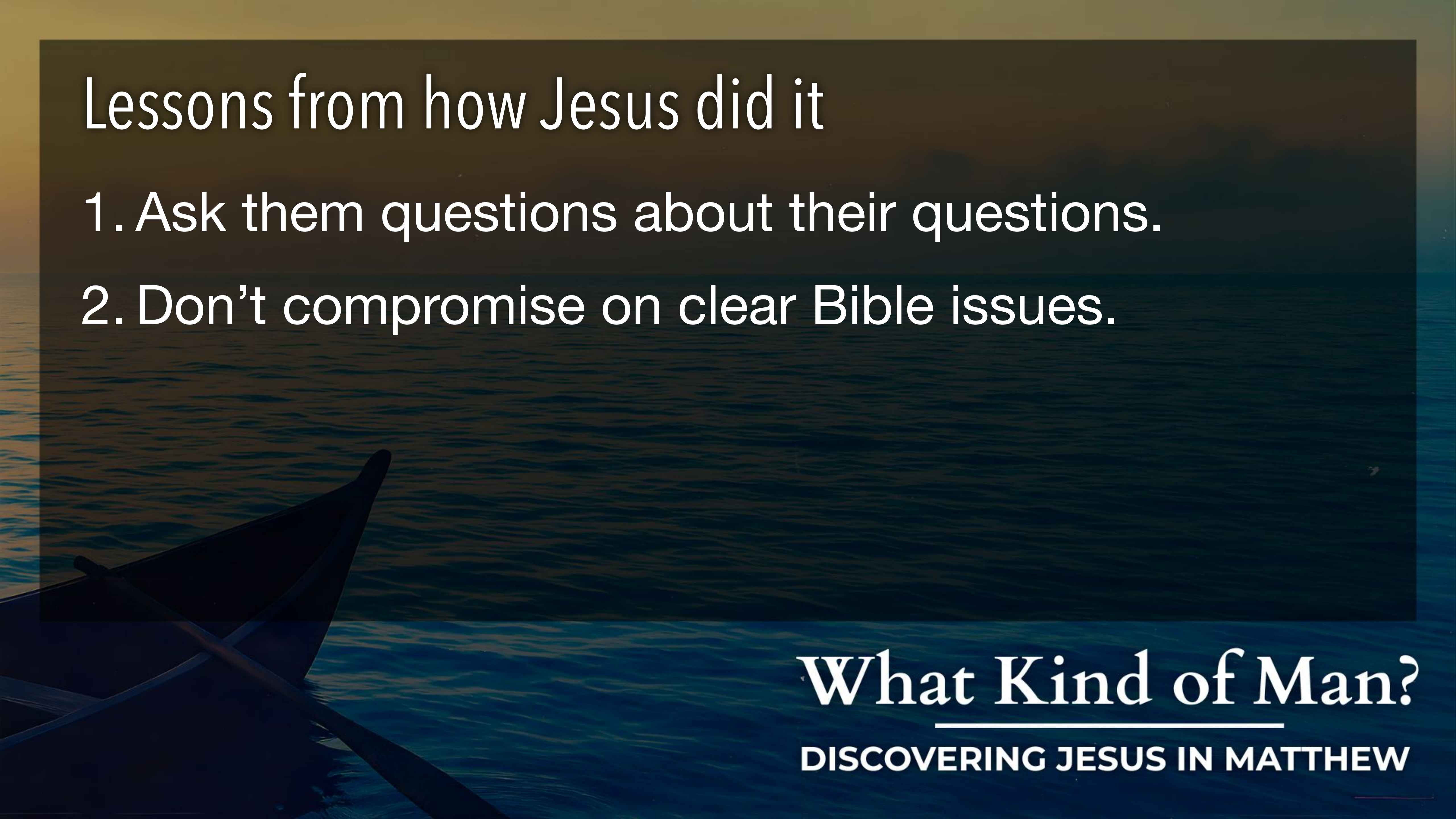


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The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 22

Matthew 5:34,44

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, **Love your neighbor** and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”

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Jesus loving his enemies in Matthew 22

- They were the first ones invited to his wedding.
- He told them the truth:

Give to God what is God's.

God is the God of the living.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

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- Jesus is the son whose father is preparing for his wedding.
- Jesus is the Teacher, who always spoke the right words.
- Jesus is our perfect example of speaking the truth in love.
- Jesus is the Son of David, and the Lord of David, because he is the God-Man.

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