

**Sermons from  
the Gospel  
of Luke**



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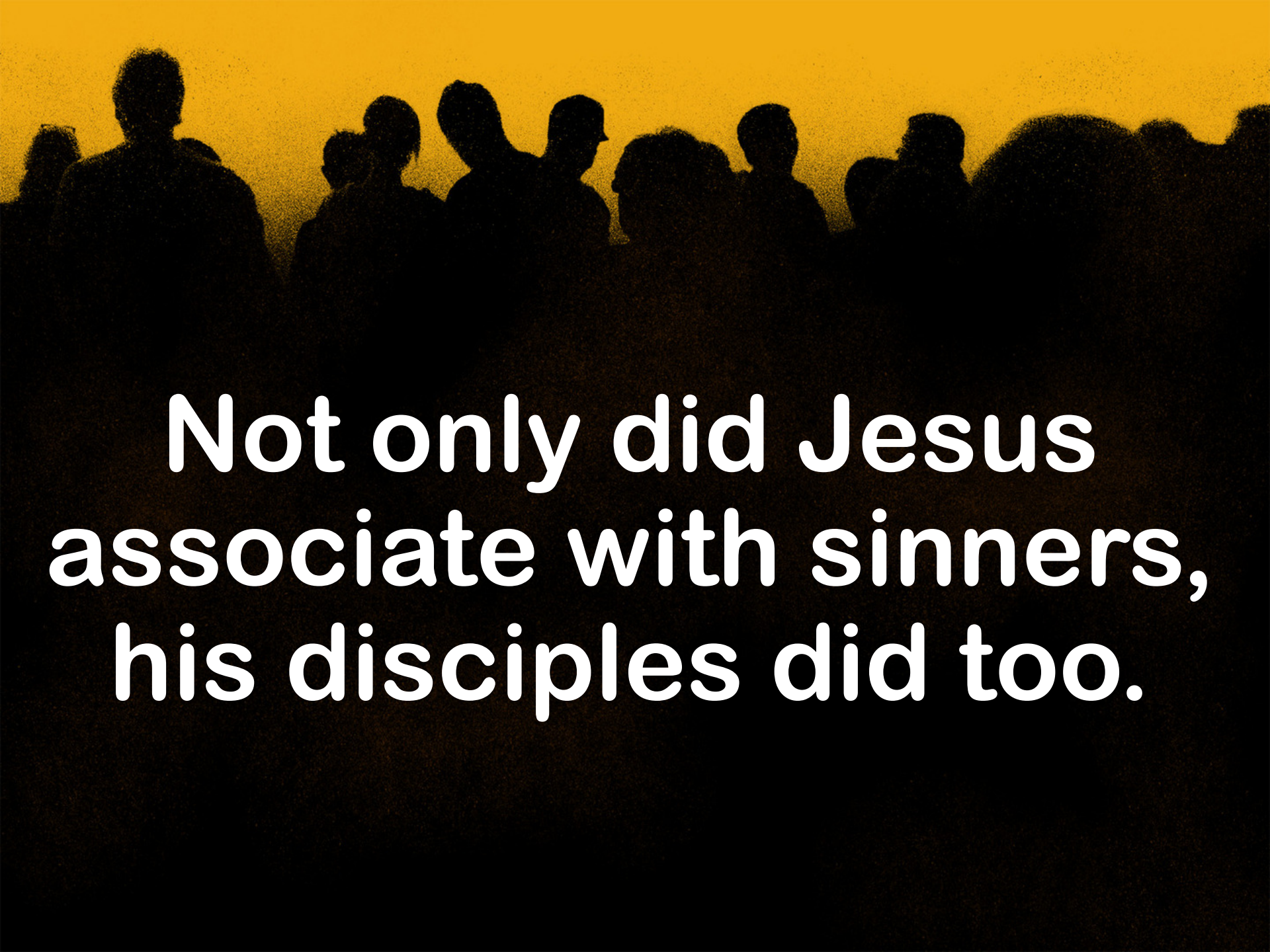
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**1. Jesus defines his mission as being specifically for sinners and rebukes religion where the righteous separate from the sinners.**




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**Jesus sought out  
and initiated  
relationships with  
sinners and traitors.**

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**Not only did Jesus  
associate with sinners,  
his disciples did too.**

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Am I more like the  
Pharisees or am I more  
like Jesus and his  
disciples in how I  
relate to sinners and  
“traitors?”

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**2. Through his relationships with sinners, Jesus demonstrated God's love, compassion, and grace while calling sinners to live a new life.**



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**Jesus sought the  
presence of sinners in  
a setting that  
communicated a sense  
of intimacy and  
acceptance.**





Jesus invited sinners to reorient their lives **OFF** the things and ways of this world and **TO** the ways and purposes of God. This is repentance.




**How do I need to reorient  
my life today off the ways  
and concerns of this  
world and to the ways  
and purposes of God?**

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**3. Individually and collectively, Christians become something new in Christ.**




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**Jesus and his disciples  
did not demonstrate  
the acceptable and  
traditional religious  
behavior.**

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**New life in Christ involves  
new ways of living in the  
presence and power of  
God. People will become  
like Christ, not like one  
another.**

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**Some people will not  
accept new things in  
Christ and will miss out  
on God's kingdom as it  
advances.**



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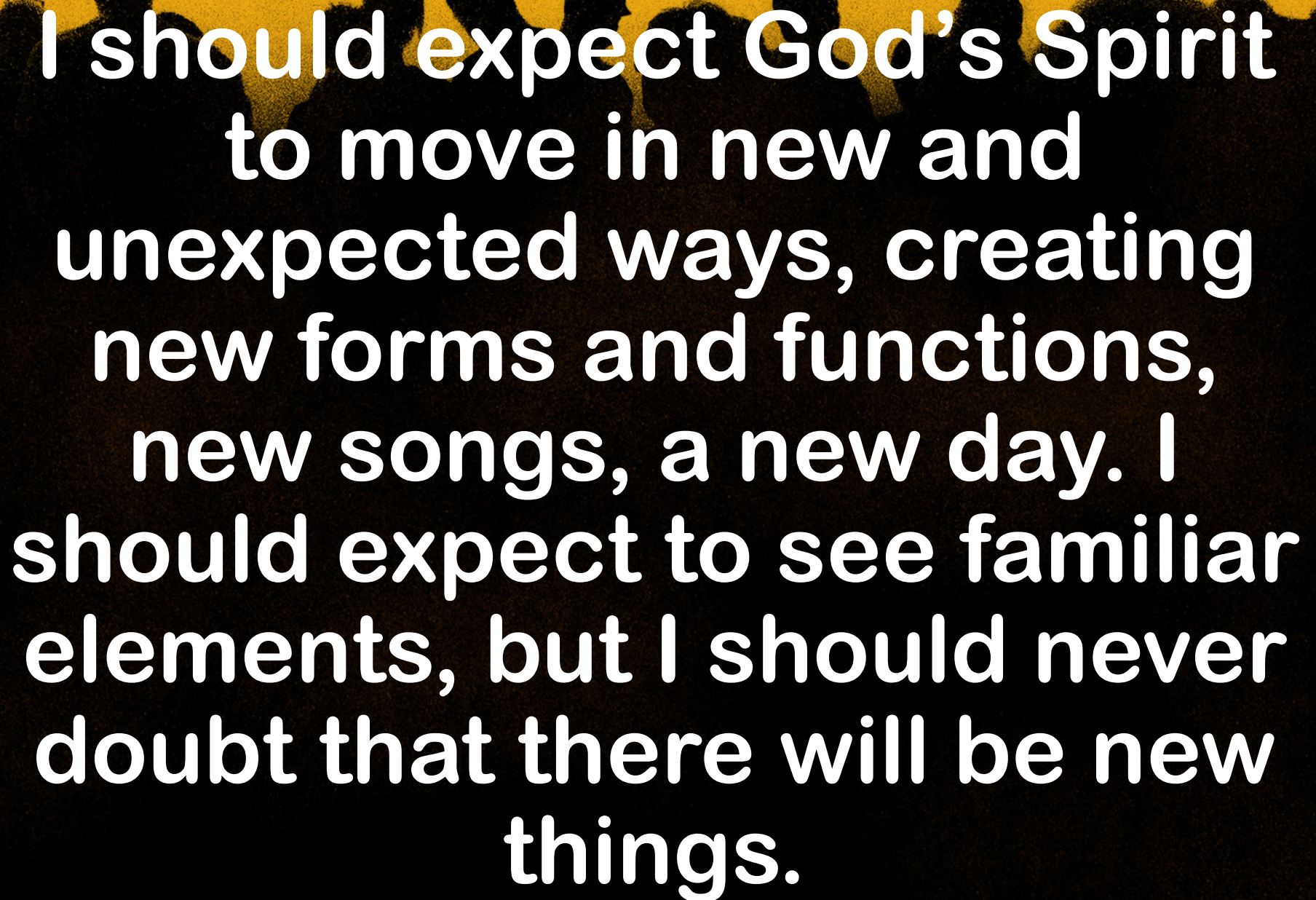
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I should expect God's Spirit  
to move in new and  
unexpected ways, creating  
new forms and functions,  
new songs, a new day. I  
should expect to see familiar  
elements, but I should never  
doubt that there will be new  
things.





The larger question  
is this: **am I being  
made new?**