

Part 6

**7 HABITS OF
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
CHURCHES**

Revelation 3:7-13



Hold Fast Till Jesus Comes!

To the Church in Philadelphia

Revelation 3:1-6

modern day
TURKEY

Pergamos

Smyrna

Ephesus

Laodicea

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia



Observations

All seven churches were most likely planted during Paul's Ephesian ministry (Acts 19:10), around AD 50s-60s.

Revelation was written by John the Apostle around AD 95—none of the churches had celebrated their 50th anniversary yet!

Observations

Ephesians— “*I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*”

Pergamum—*influenced by the teachings of Balaam and Nicolaitans*

Observations

Thyatira—tolerating Jezebel—like woman and her immoral practices

Sardis—a dead church—“ I will come against you!”

Laodicea—a lukewarm church—“I will spit you out of my mouth!”

Jesus and His Church

***All true churches belong to Jesus—
“walks among the seven golden
lampstands (churches).”***

***Jesus “knows” each of His church
intimately.***

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Satan and the Church

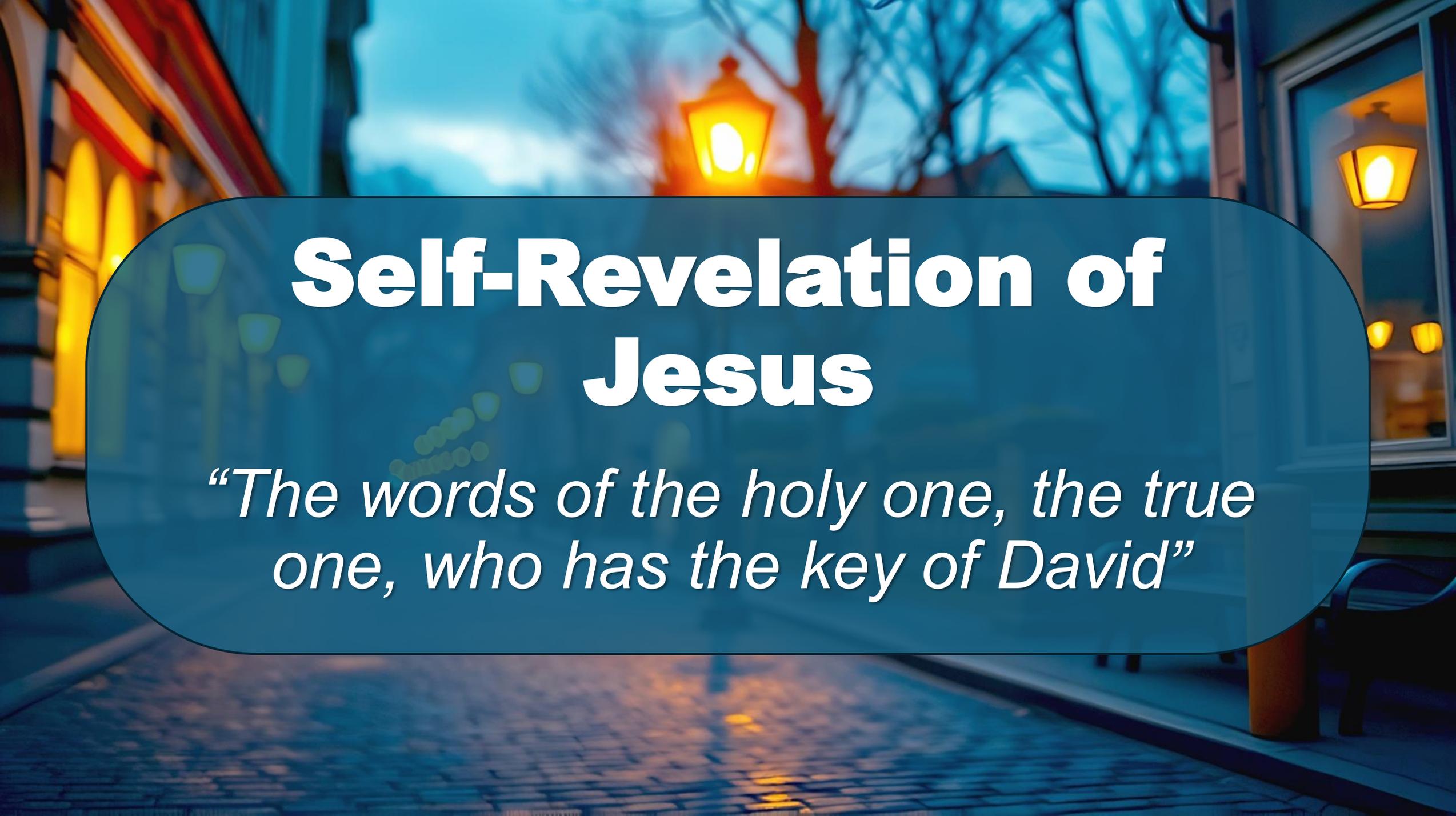
Satan also takes notice of Jesus' church.

Satan also “walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

(1 Peter 5:8).

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Self-Revelation of Jesus

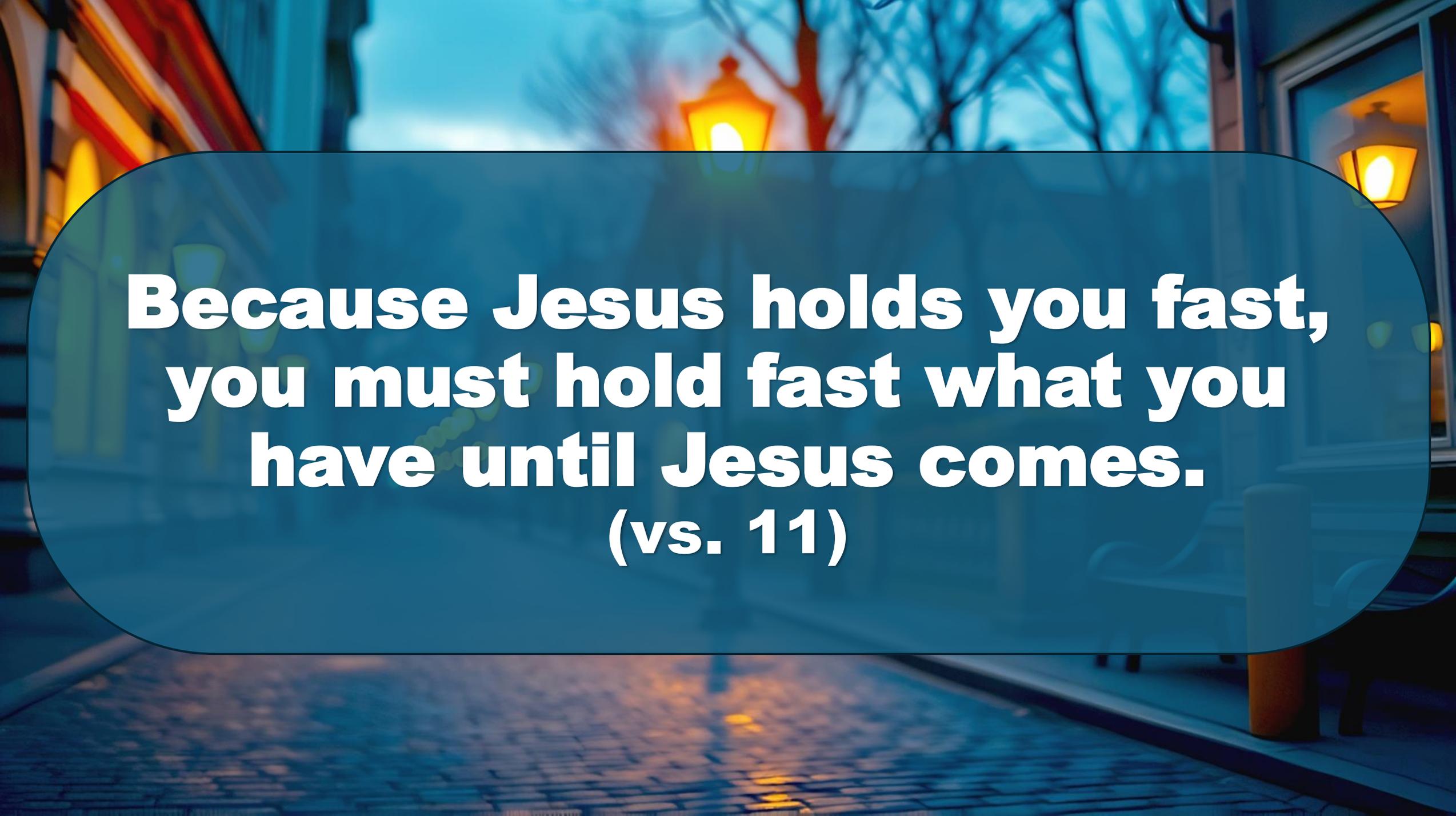
“The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David”

Revelation of Jesus

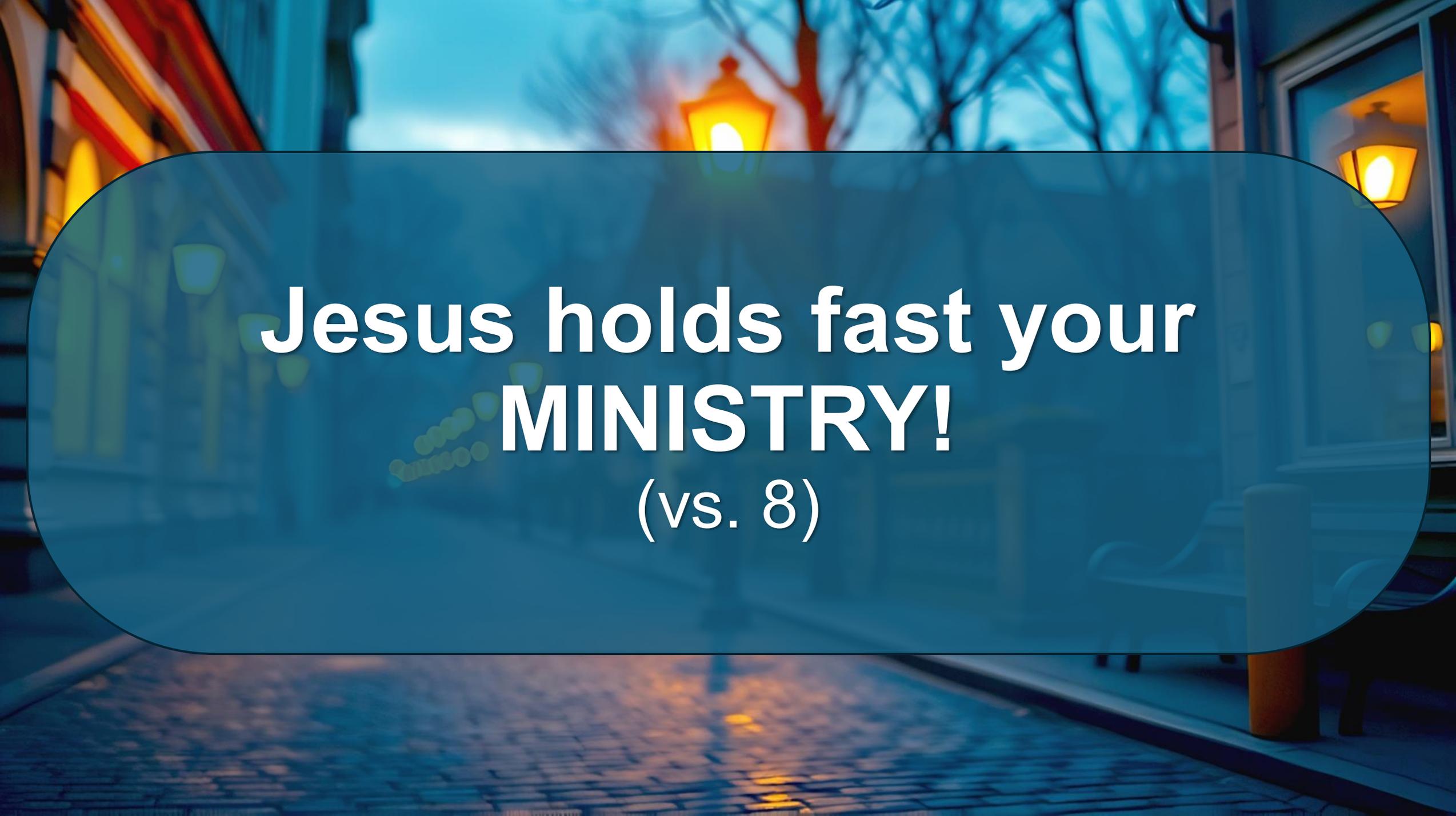
“the Holy One” (Ps. 99:3, 5, 9; Is. 6→John 12:41)
Incomparable, Perfect in every attribute, Unique God

“the True One” (Jer. 10:10)
Eternal Truth that does not shift (Matt. 24:35)

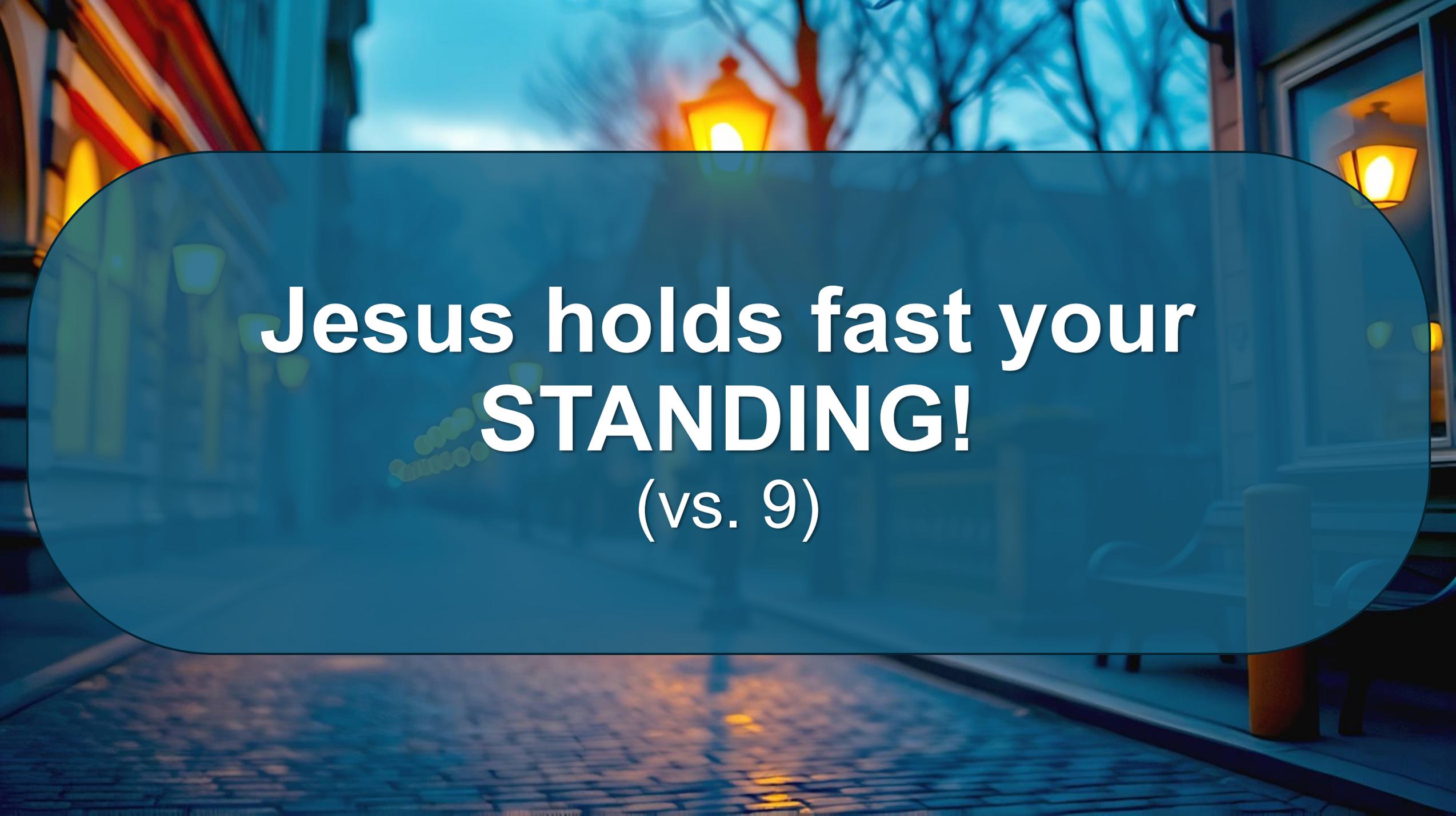
“who has the key of David” (Is. 22:22)
Authroity to establish His eternal Kingdom



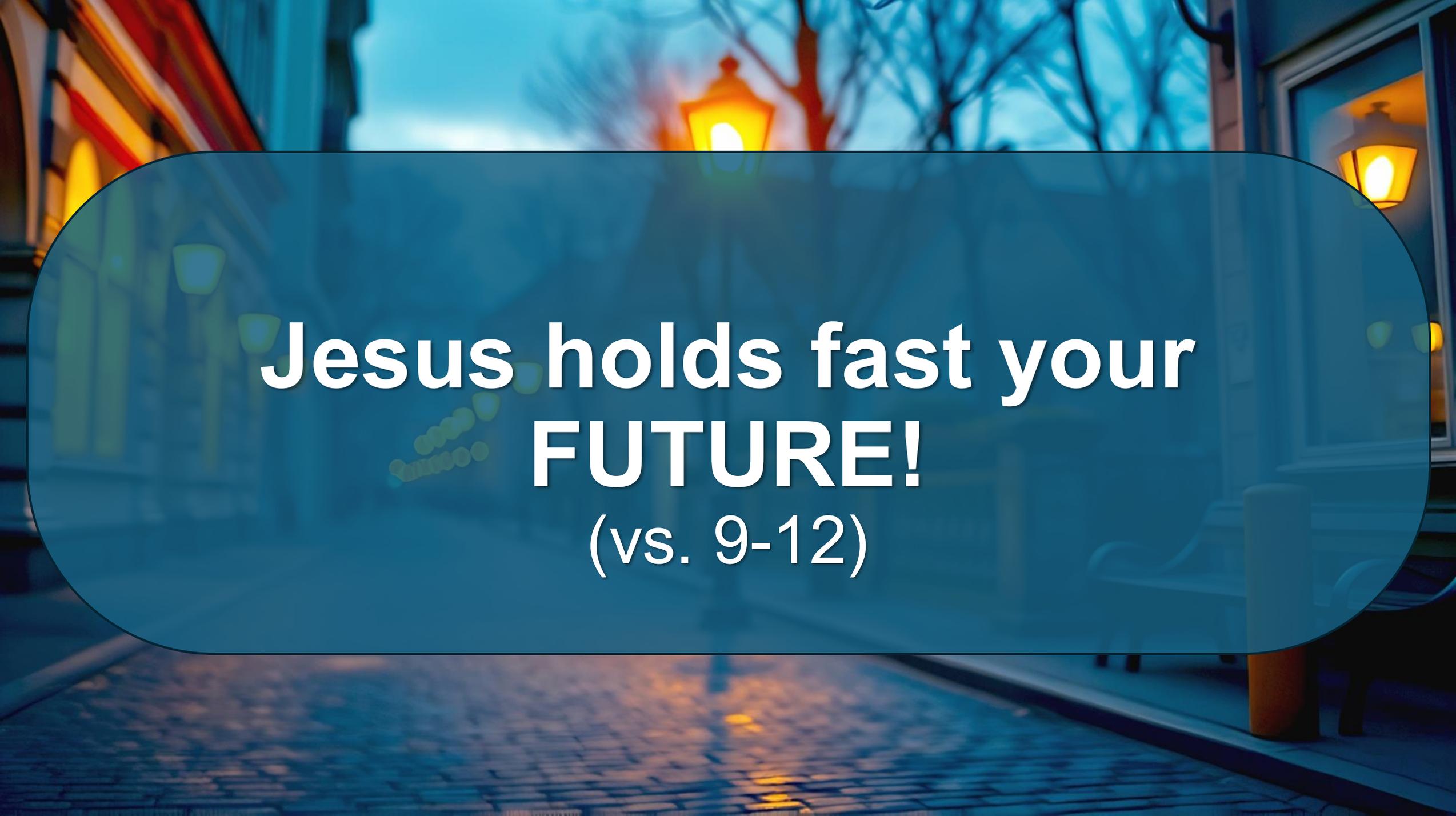
**Because Jesus holds you fast,
you must hold fast what you
have until Jesus comes.
(vs. 11)**



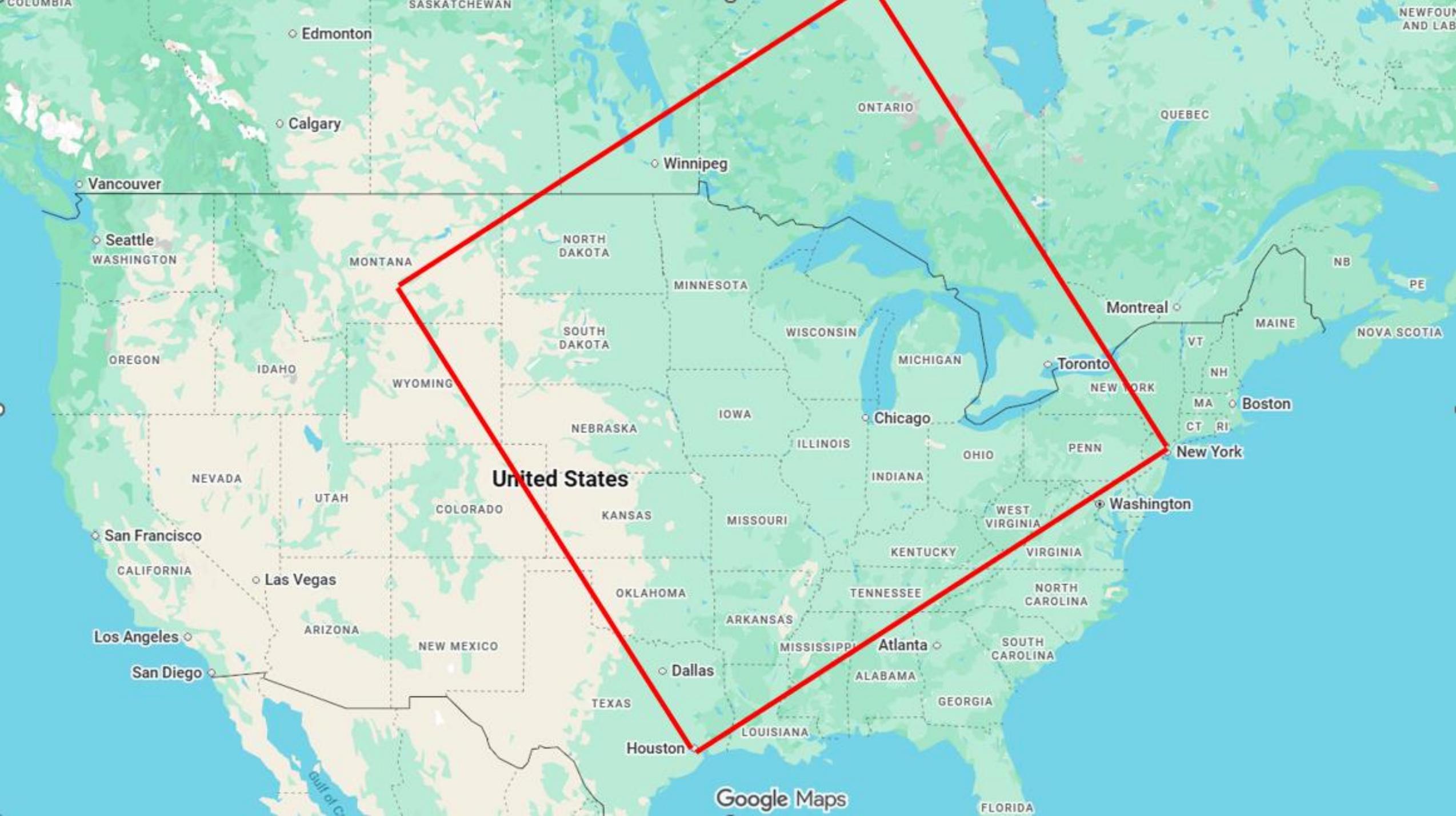
**Jesus holds fast your
MINISTRY!**
(vs. 8)



**Jesus holds fast your
STANDING!**
(vs. 9)



**Jesus holds fast your
FUTURE!**
(vs. 9-12)



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- 1. What are you focusing on when you're discouraged/worried?**
- 2. How do you evaluate your ministry?**
- 3. How does the promise of the coming of Christ affect your everyday life?**

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Reflective Take Home Questions