



*The  
Gospel of Mark*

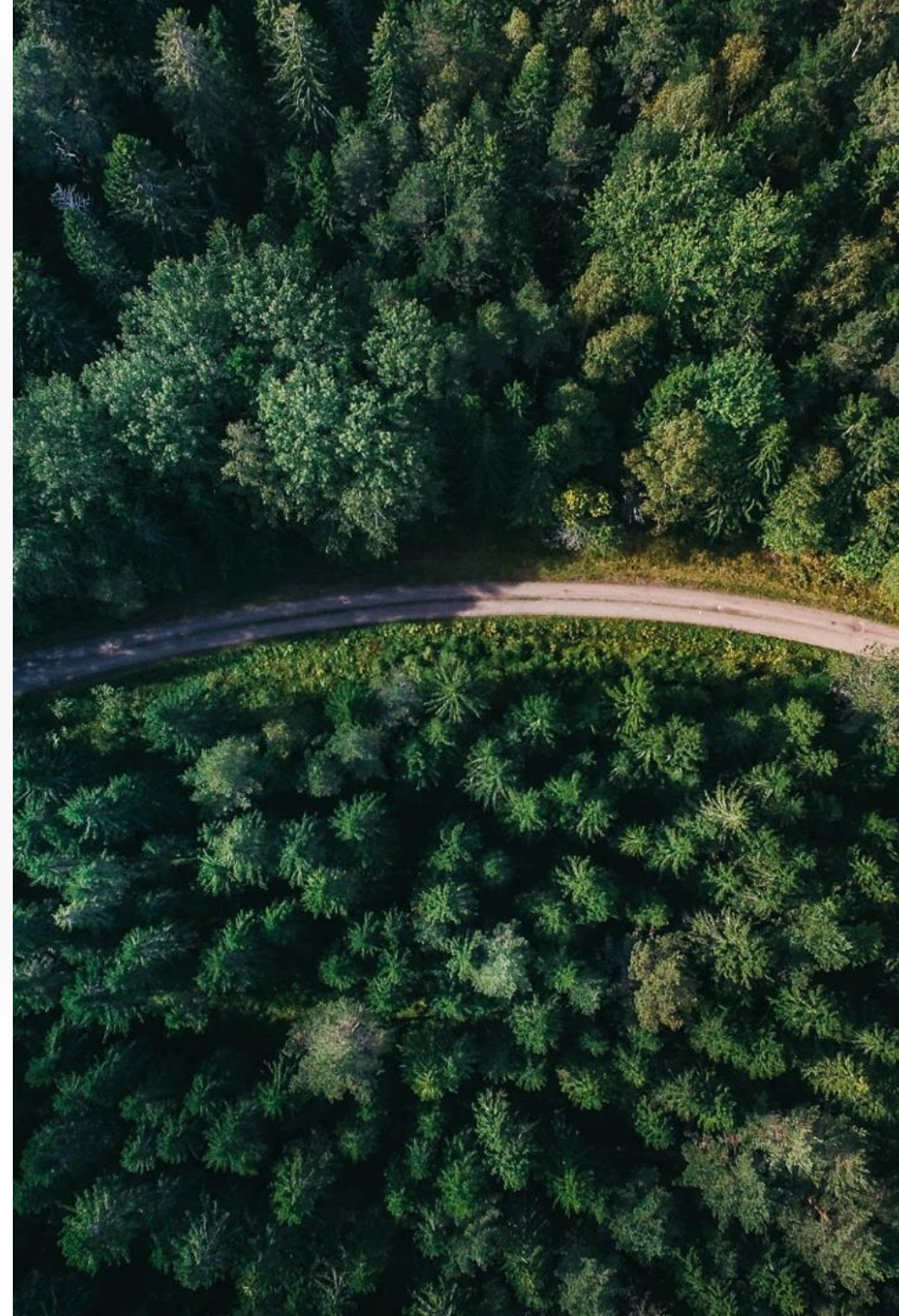
## Understanding the Loaves

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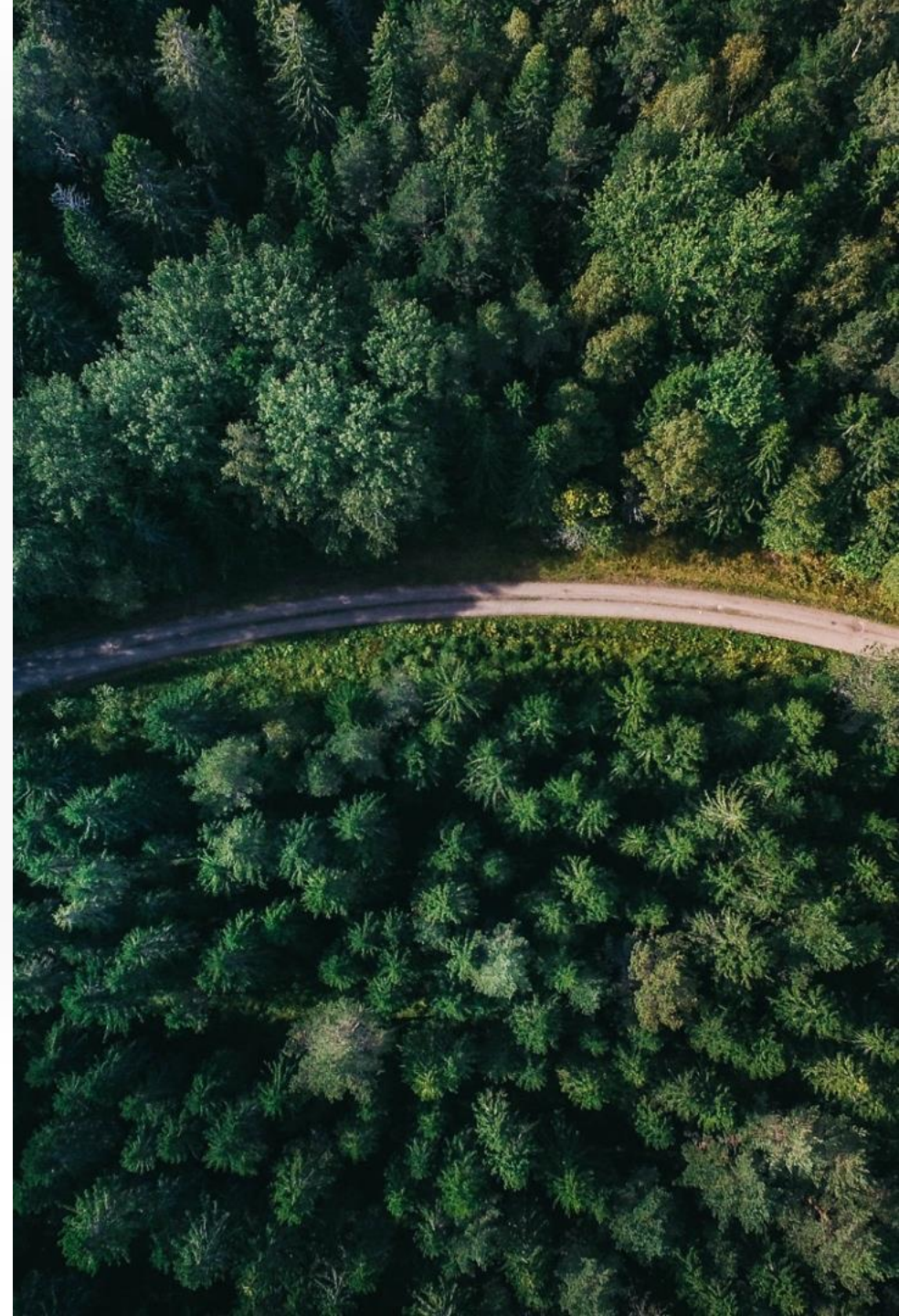
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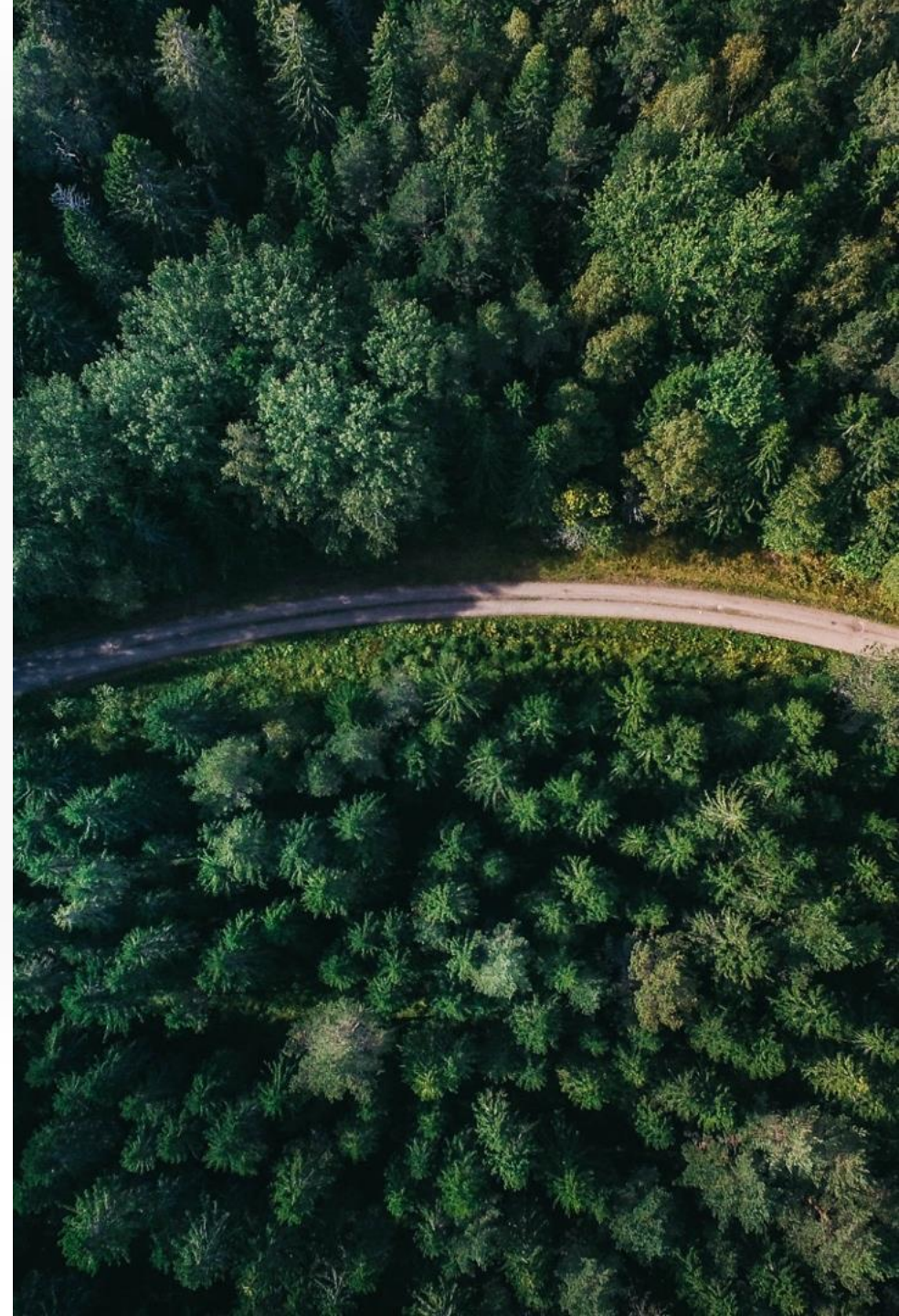
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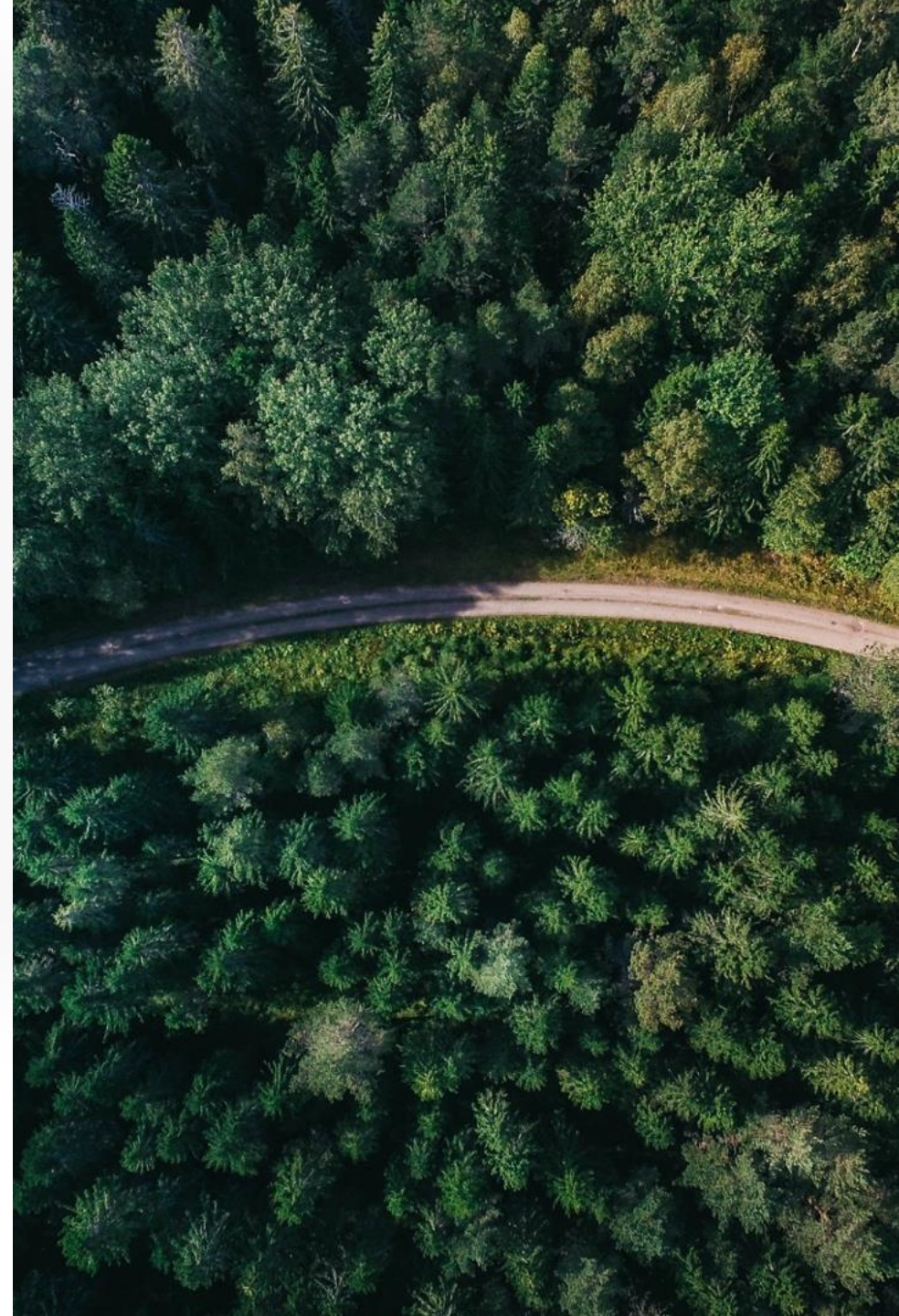


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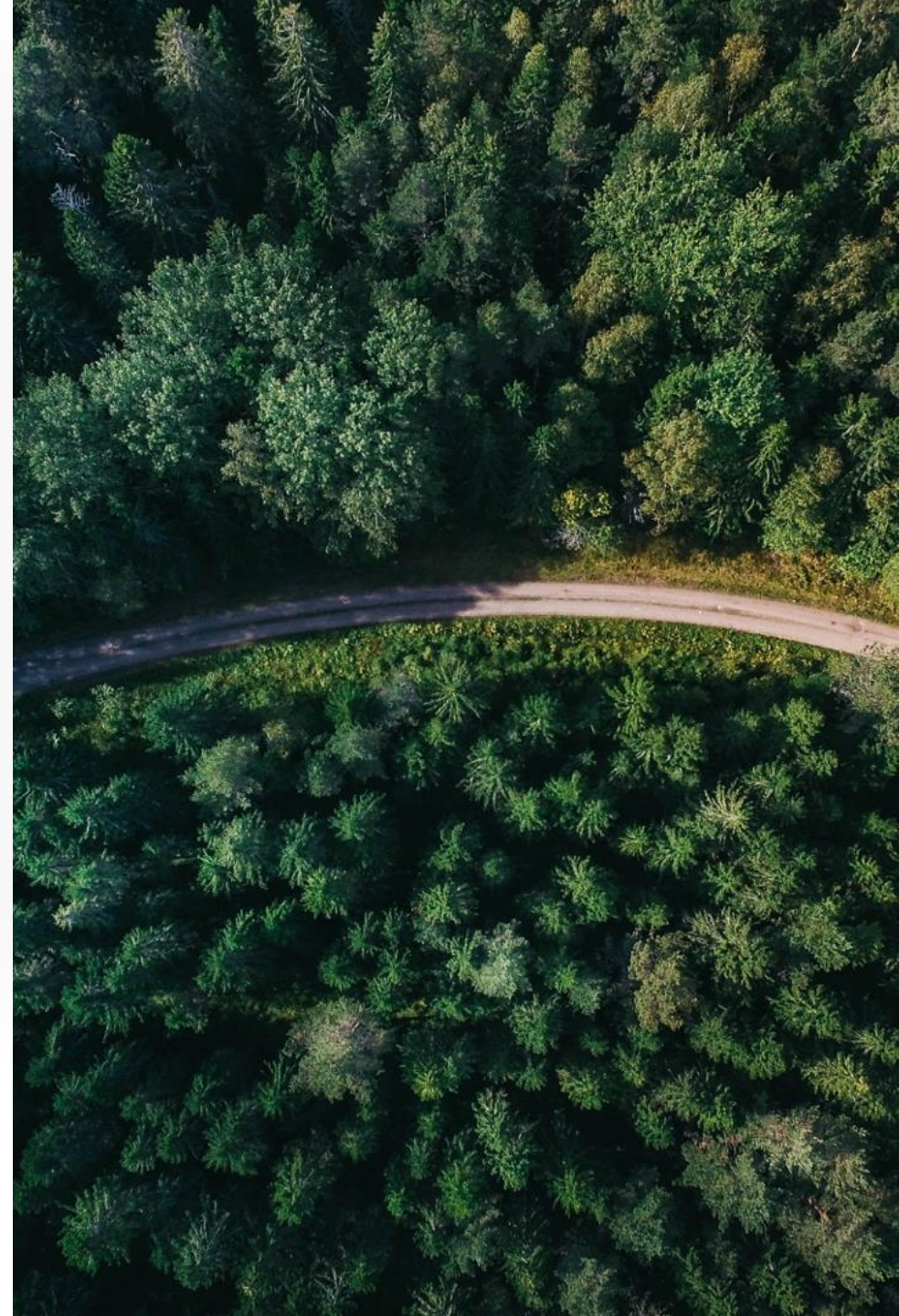




- **How and when** is Jesus going to get to where he directed the disciples to go?
- Why were the disciples instructed to take **a boat**?
- Why do they need to row **overnight**?

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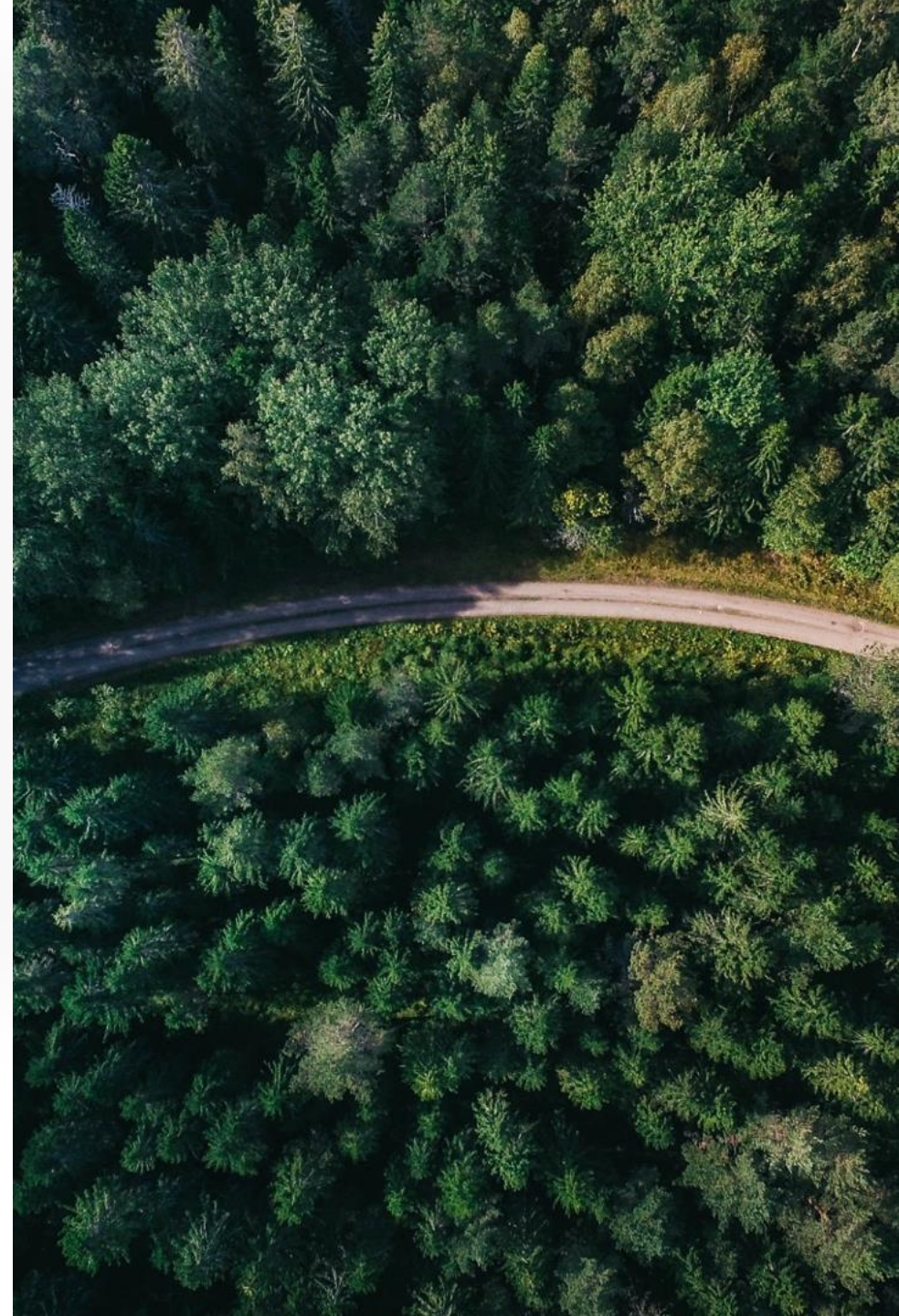
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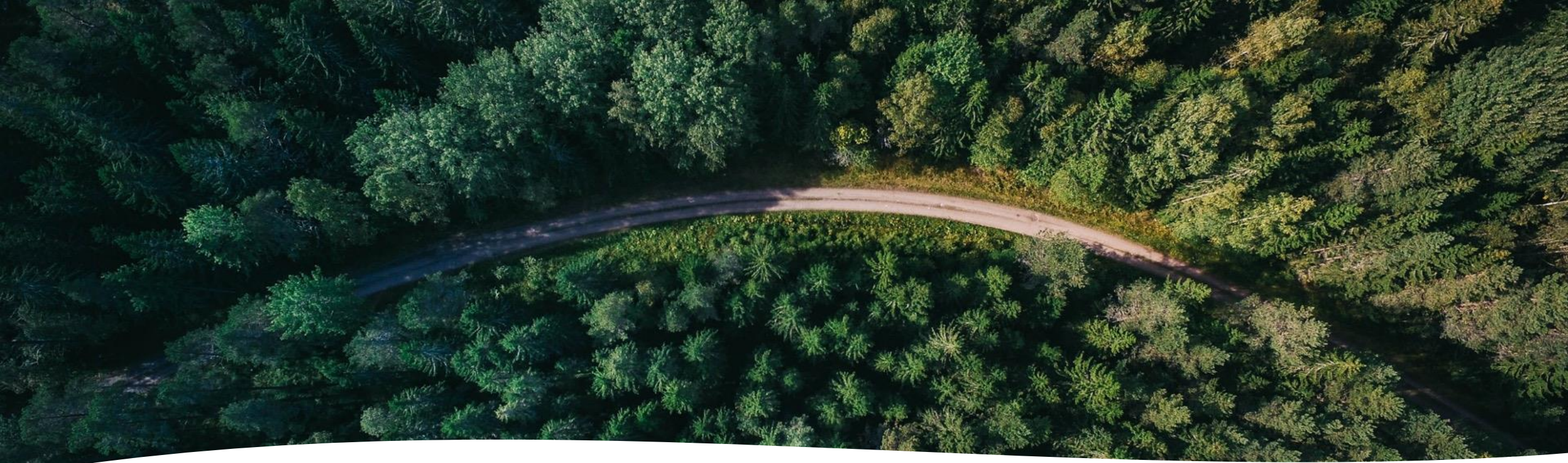




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STRAINING THE OARS

How long have His disciples  
been out there?

# Motorist clings to tree for hours after car swept into Alice Springs' Todd River

By Stewart Brash

By Emma Haskin

ABC Alice Springs

Storms

Wed 10 Nov 2021



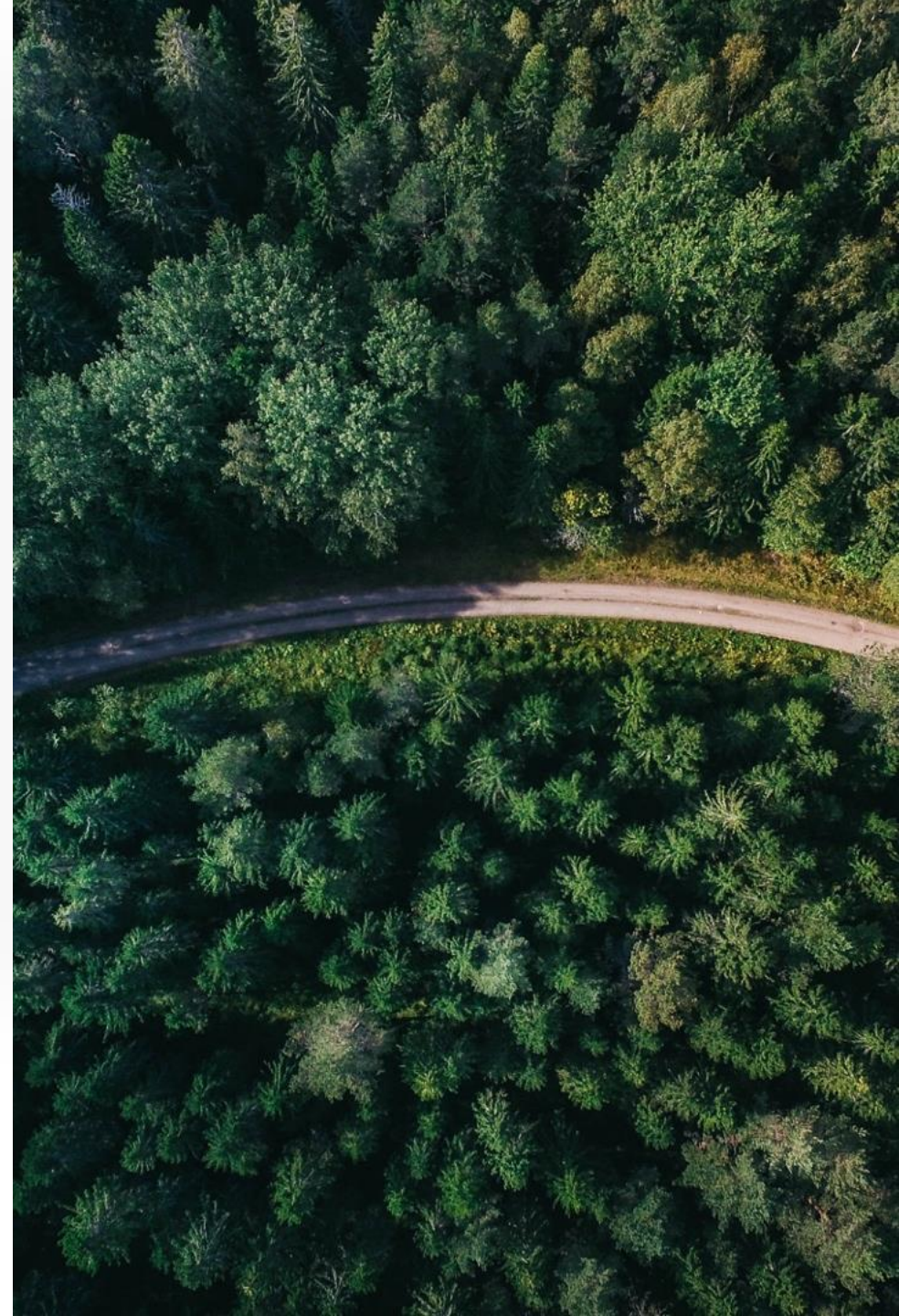
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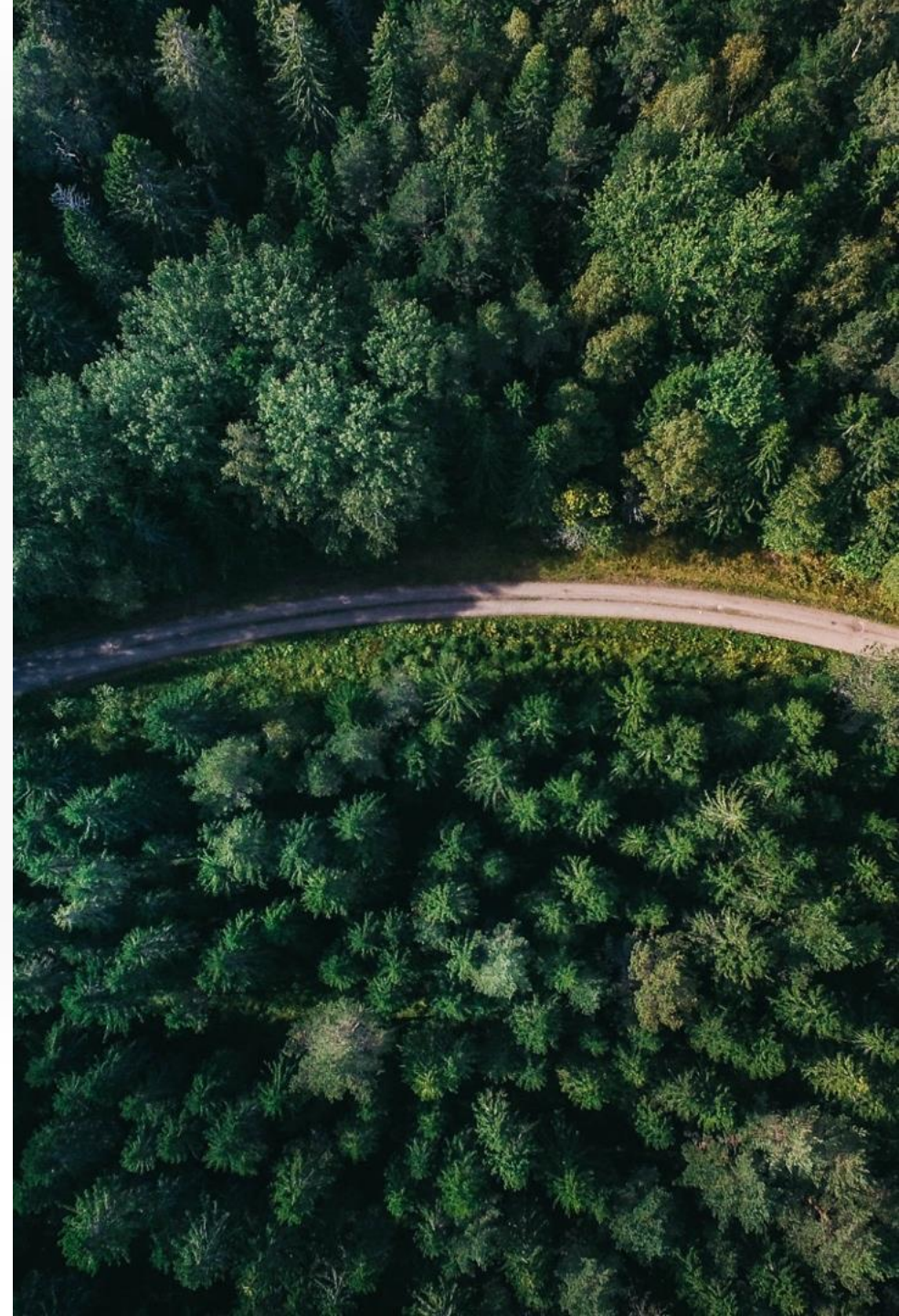
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## Mark 6:48b

**ESV** He meant to pass by them.

**KJV** and would have passed by them.

**MSG** He intended to go right by them.

**NLT** He intended to go past them.

**YLT** and wished to pass by them.

**Greek:** ἤθελεν παρελθεῖν  
(*thelen parelthein*)

1. to will, have in mind, intend
2. to be resolved or determined,
3. to desire, to wish
4. to like to do a thing, be fond of doing
5. to take delight in, have pleasure

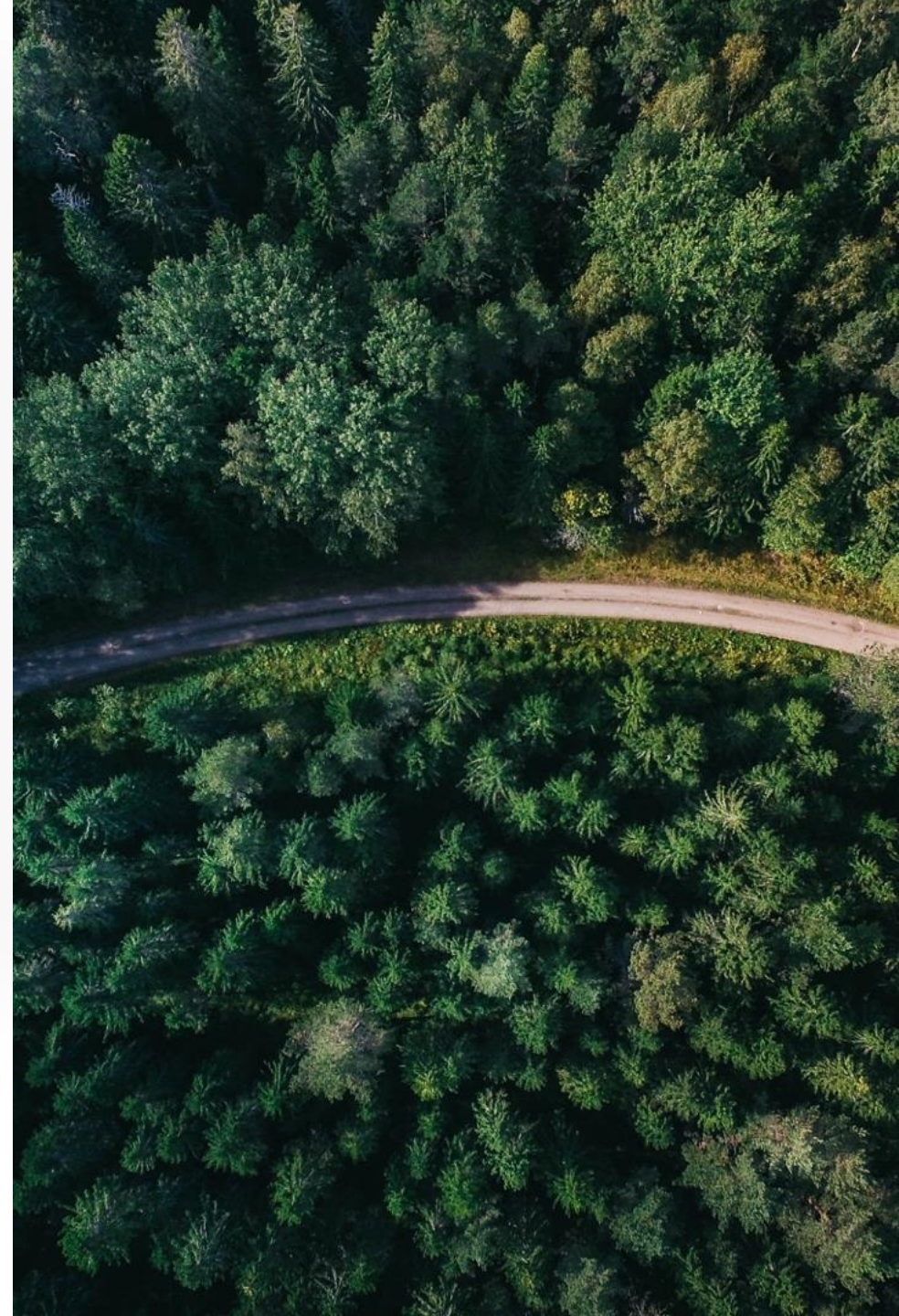
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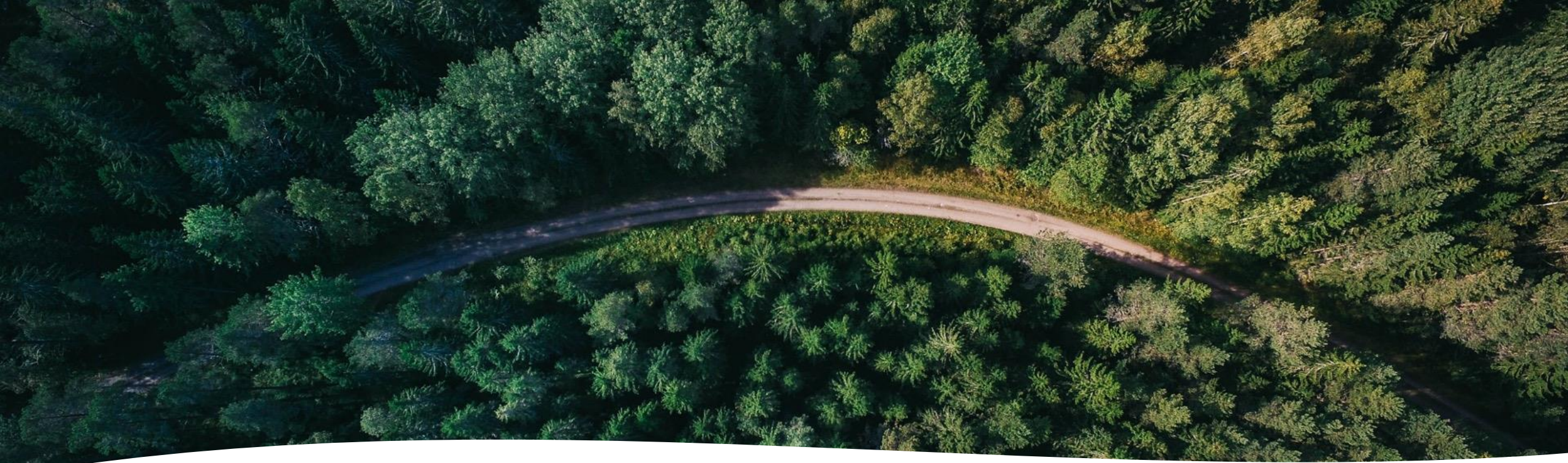


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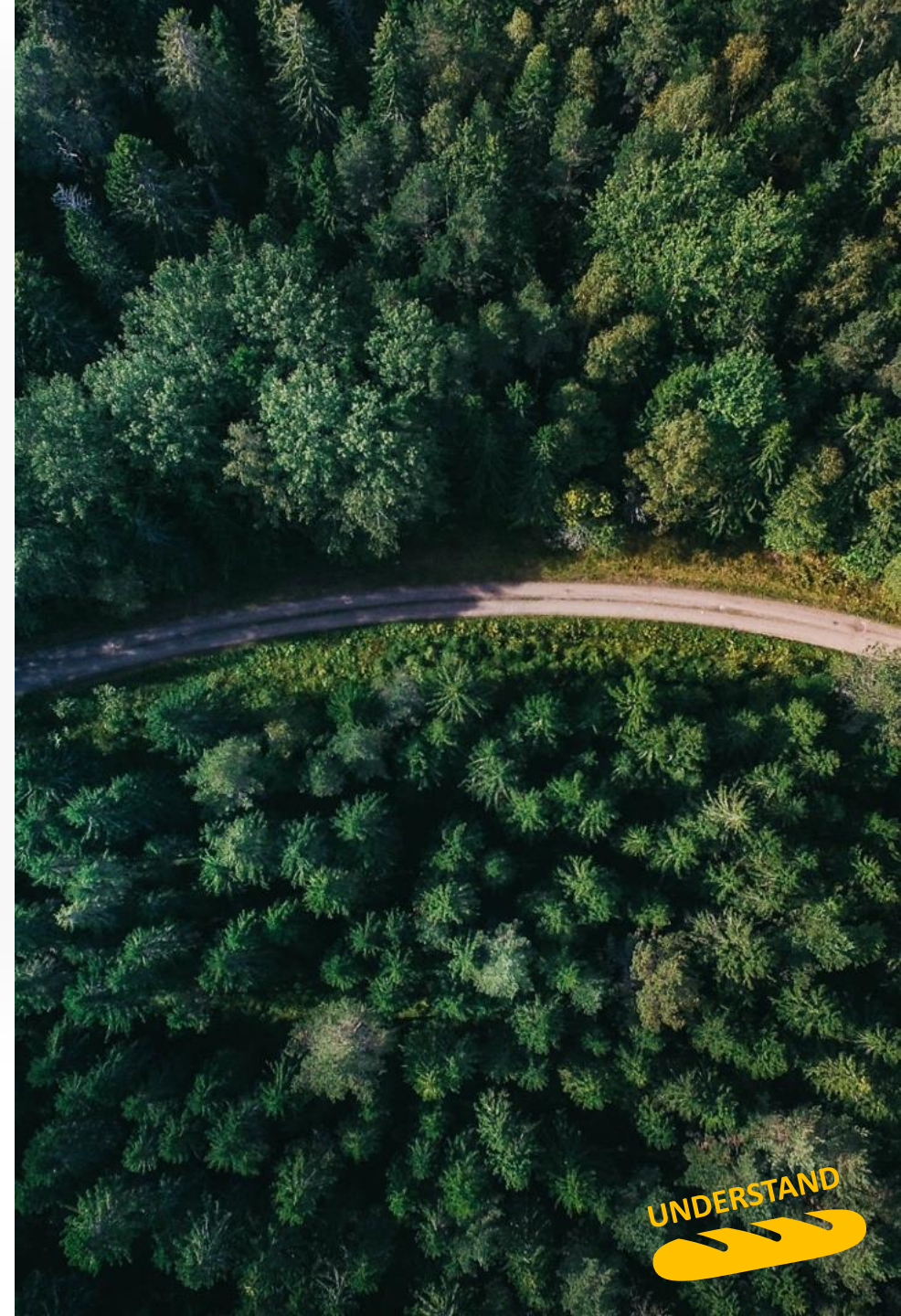
Jesus reminds us **who he is.**  
He **climbs in the boat** with us.



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In the **instruction**, in the **struggle**, in the **fear**...

Do you understand the loaves?



v34 – the crowd gathered

v35-36 – everyone needed to eat

v37 – You feed them. But we can't.

v38 – five loaves and two fish

**v39-40 – Jesus directed the people to sit down  
in groups on the green grass**

v41 – five loaves and two fish

v42 – You feed them. They can.

v43 – everyone ate and there was leftovers

v45-46 – the crowd was dismissed



## Psalm 23:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, **I lack nothing.**

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right  
paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, **for you are with me;** your rod and  
your staff, they comfort me.



## THE LESSON OF THE LOAVES

In your suffering, the **promise** isn't that Jesus will always swoop in and save the day...

He **may** (in divine power) feed the crowd, or

He **may** (in divine power) keep walking past

...but **he is always the Good Shepherd** who is **with us** in those struggles.



## Philippians 4:11-13

<sup>11b</sup> I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.**