



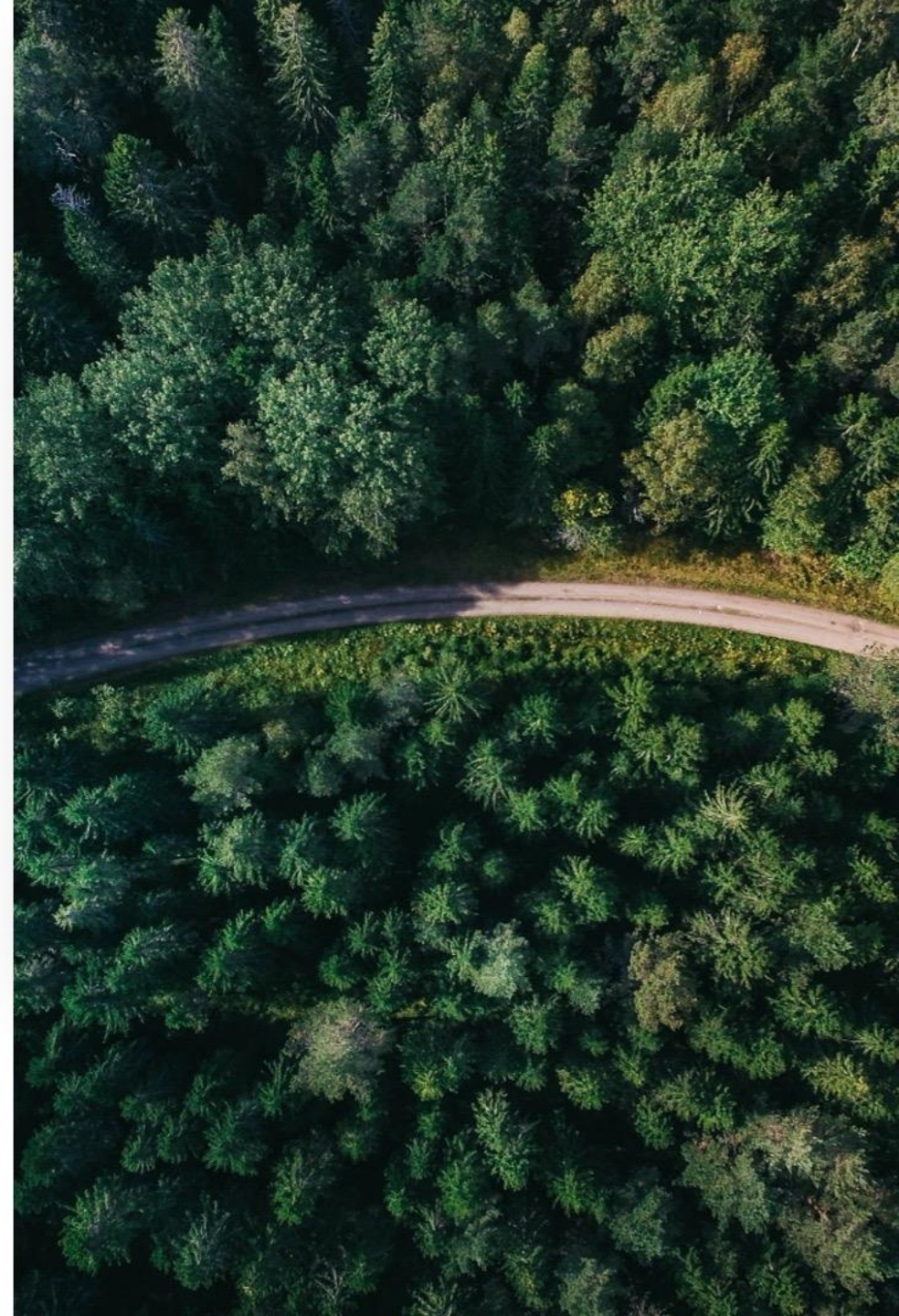
*The
Gospel of Mark*

An Anchor for our Soul: Who Jesus Is

Mark 7:31-37

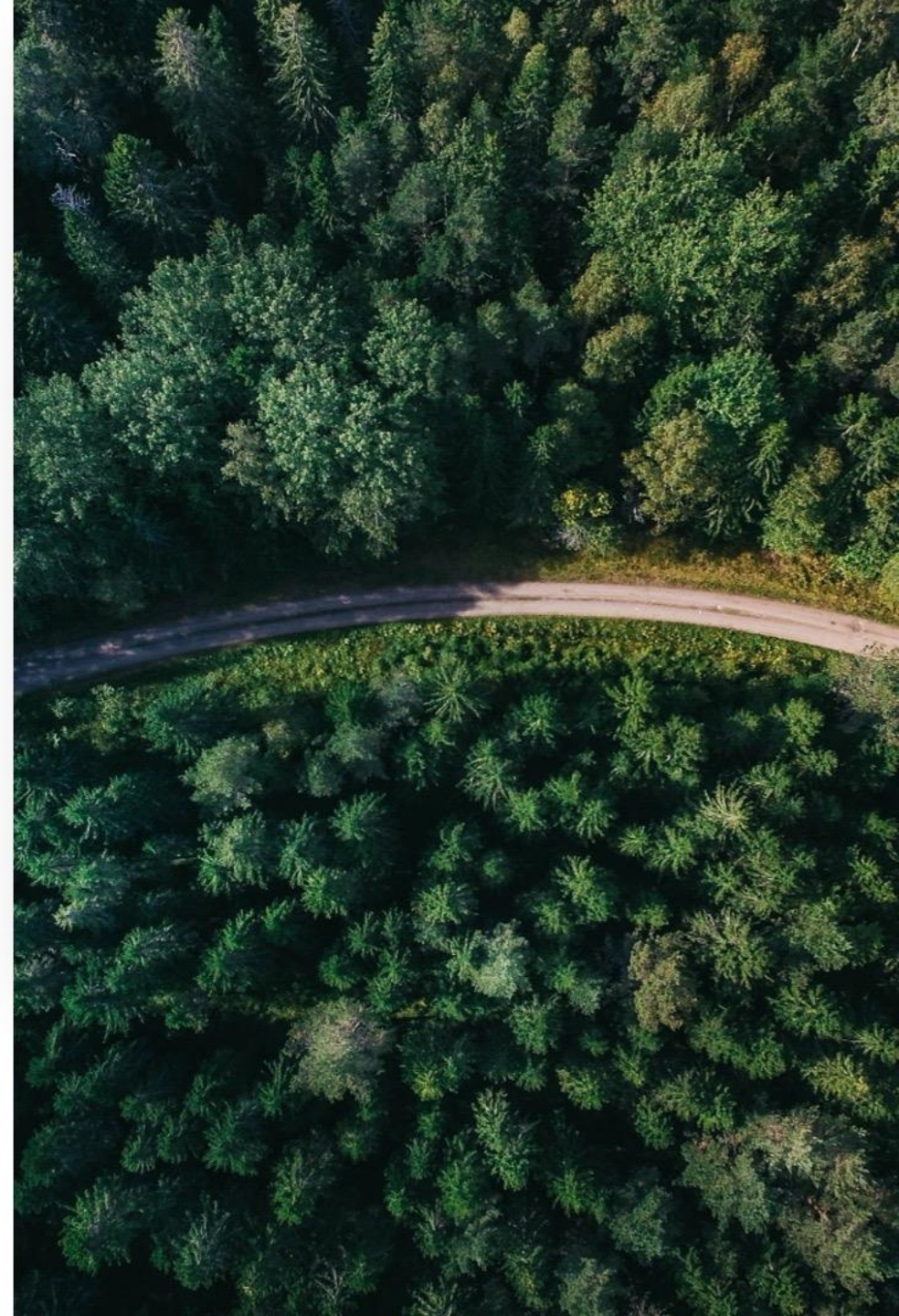
Mark 7:31-32 (NIV)

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the **Decapolis**. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.



Mark 7:33-35 (NIV)

³³ After he **took him aside, away** from the crowd, Jesus put his **fingers into the man's ears**. Then he spit and **touched the man's tongue**. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a **deep sigh** said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was **loosened and he began to speak plainly**.



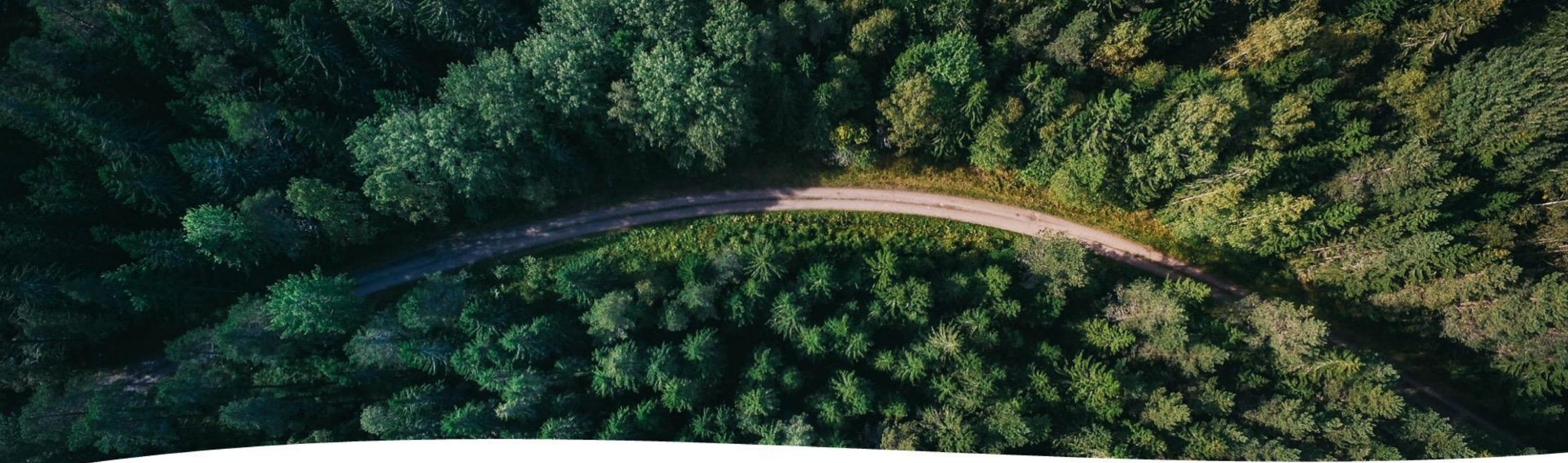


Στενάζω - *stenazō*

a sigh, to groan

Romans 8:22-23

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan [*stenazō*]** inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.



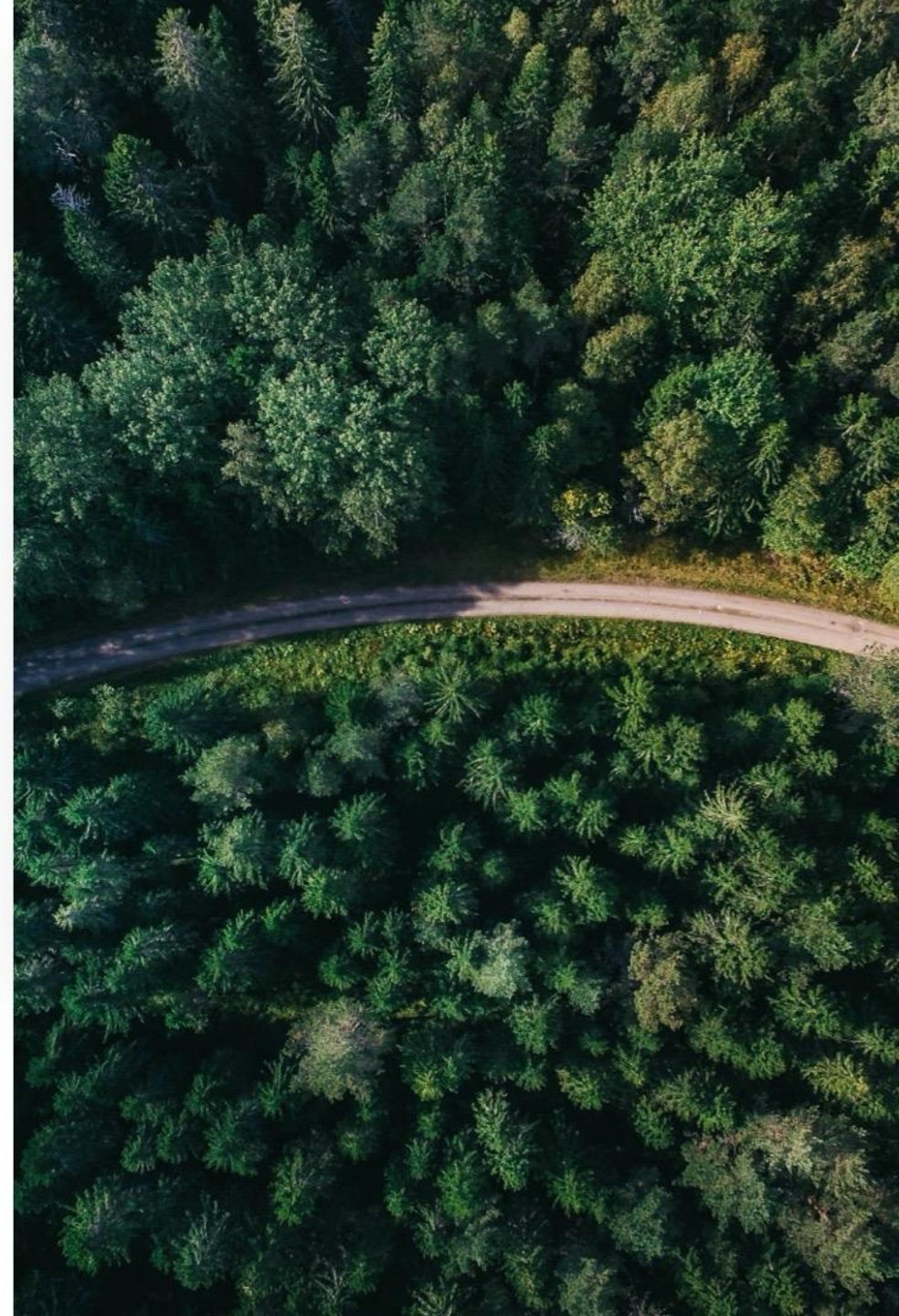
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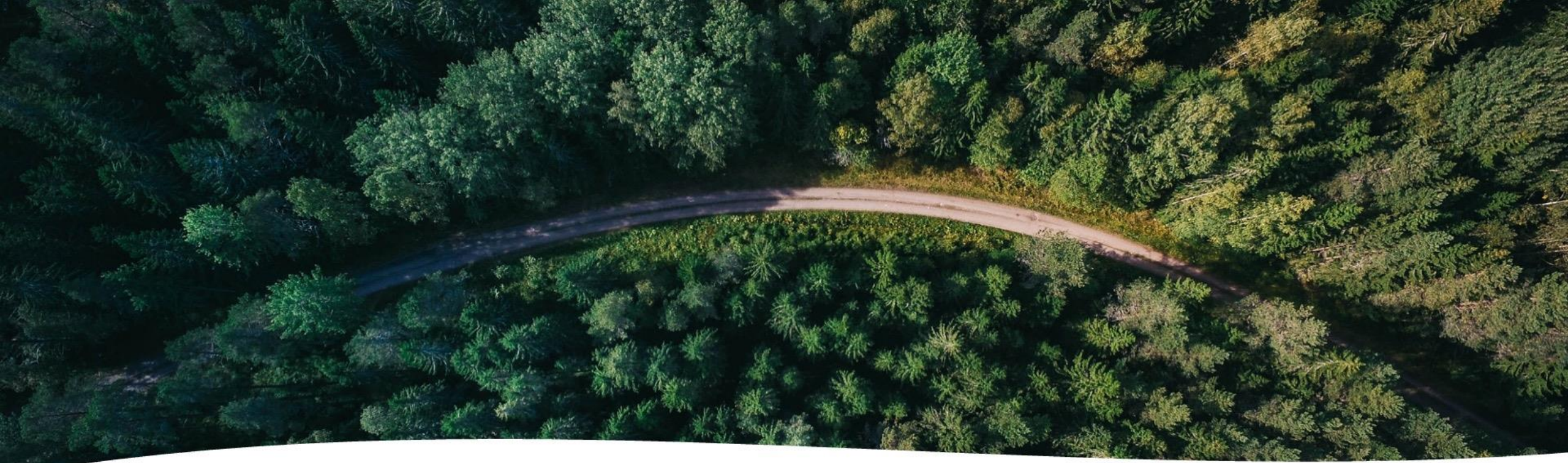
**A powerful, personal, leader who joins in our
struggle and our groaning.**

Mark 7:35-36 (NIV)

³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ **Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone.** But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.





Jesus is....

More than a miracle worker.



Mark 5:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them **how much the Lord has done** for you, and how **he has had mercy** on you.”



Matthew 11:2-5 (NIV)

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.”



Isaiah 35:4b-6a (NIV)

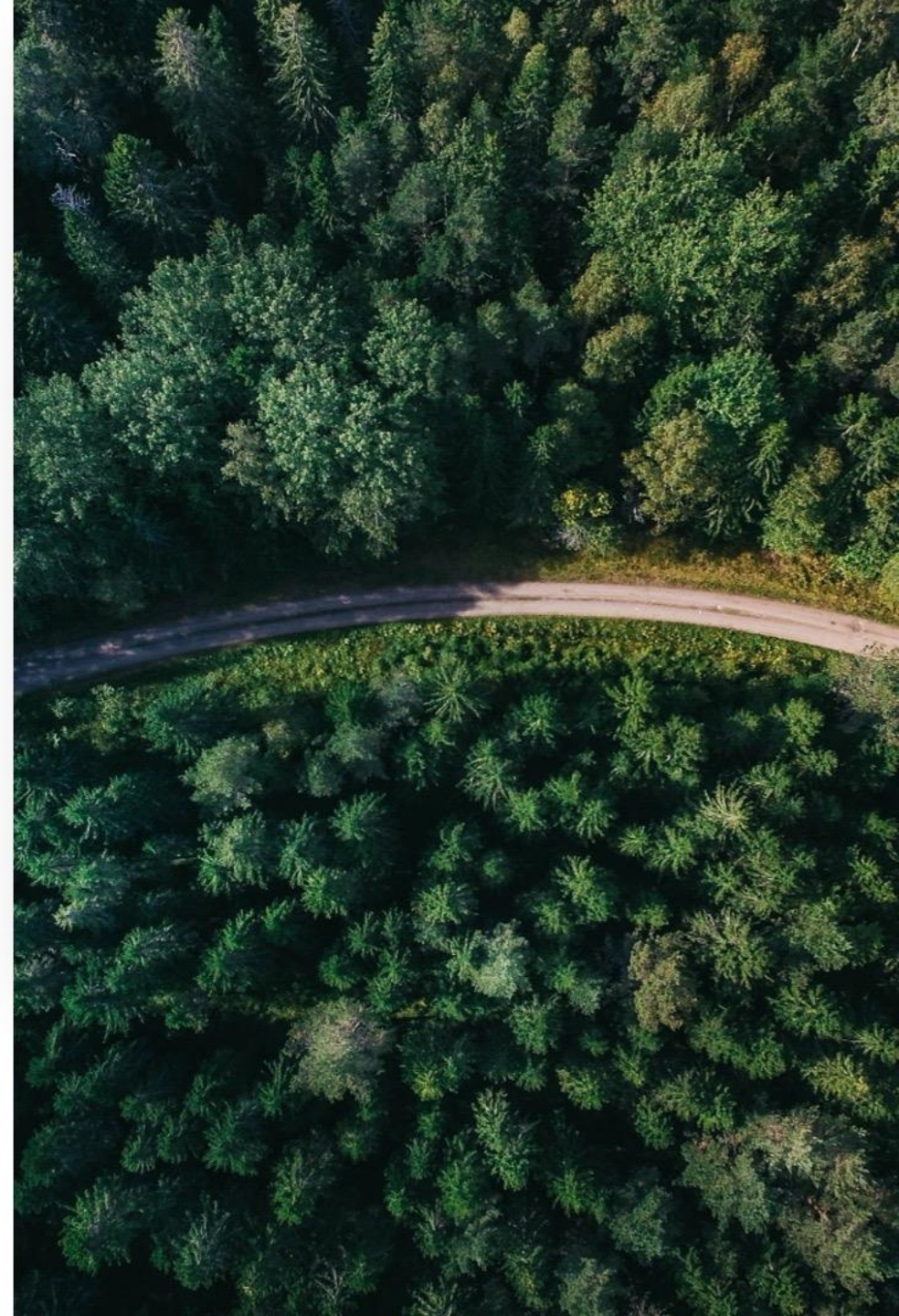
^{4b} “Be strong, do not fear;
your **God will come**, he will come with
vengeance; with divine retribution **he will
come to save you.**”

⁵ **Then** will the eyes of the blind be opened
and **the ears of the deaf unstopped.**

⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and **the
mute tongue shout for joy.**

Mark 7:37 (NIV)

³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. **“He has done everything well,”** they said. **“He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”**





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THE STORM THAT STOPPED

A TRUE STORY ABOUT WHO JESUS really IS

Then Jesus looked
at his friends.

WHY ARE YOU
SO AFRAID?
DO YOU STILL NOT
TRUST ME?

But they were terrified.
And they asked each other:

WHO IS THIS?
EVEN THE WAVES AND
WIND DO WHAT HE SAYS.



This is what Jesus
wanted to teach them.
He wanted them to
know who he really is.

The disciples already knew a lot
about God from his special book.
They knew that God made
EVERYTHING.

He made the world.
He made the sun and the
moon and the stars.

GOD

And he made the sea
and the wind as well.

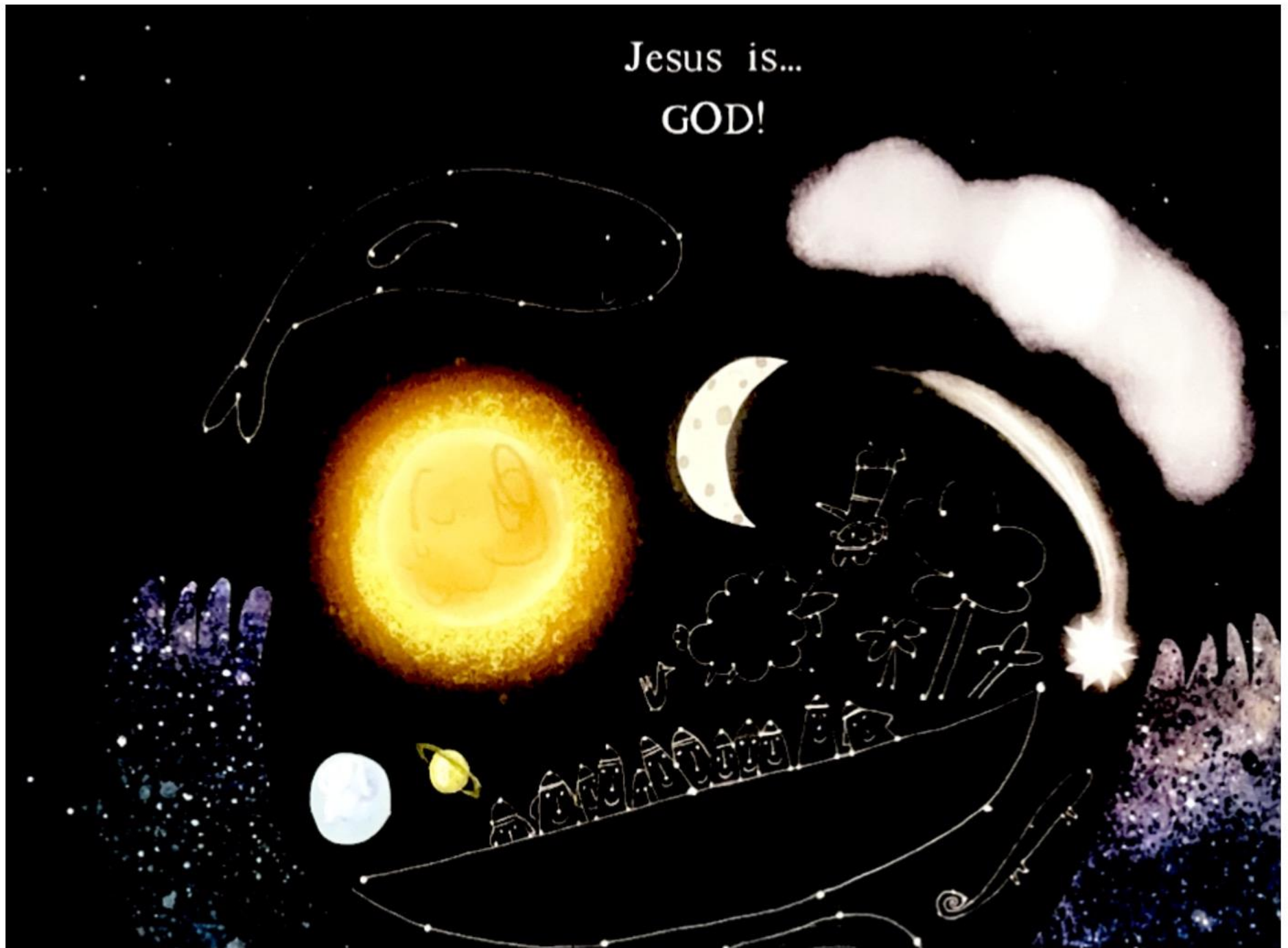
They knew that only God can tell
the sea what to do. That only God
can tell the wind when to blow or
the waves when to crash.
Only God can do these things.

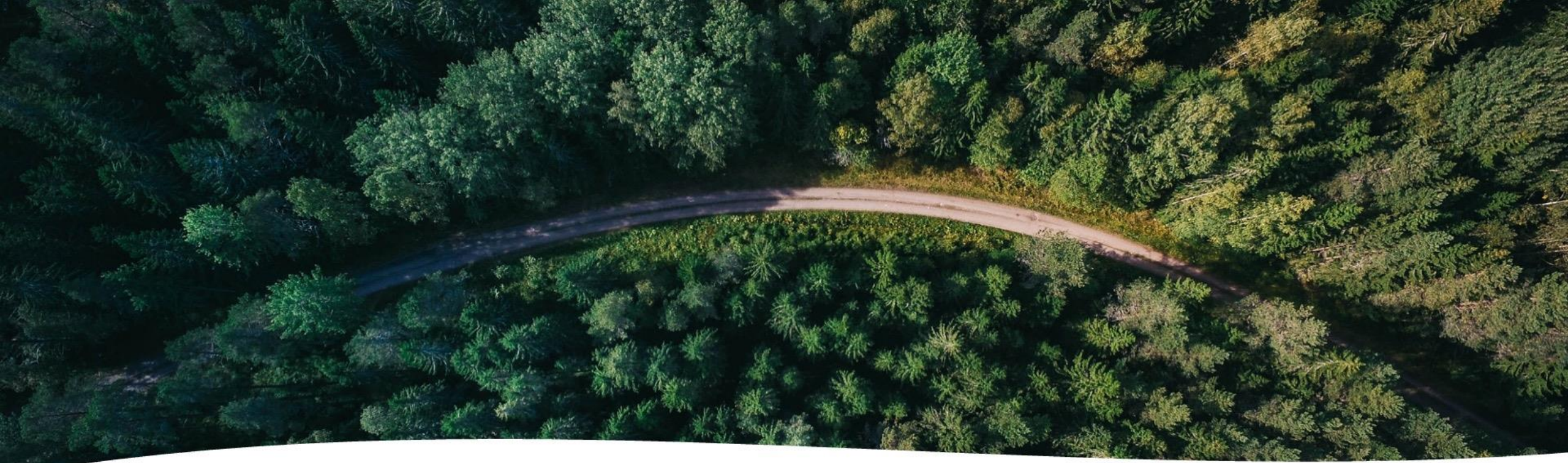


But the disciples had just
seen Jesus do the same
things God can do!



So what is the answer
to their question?
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