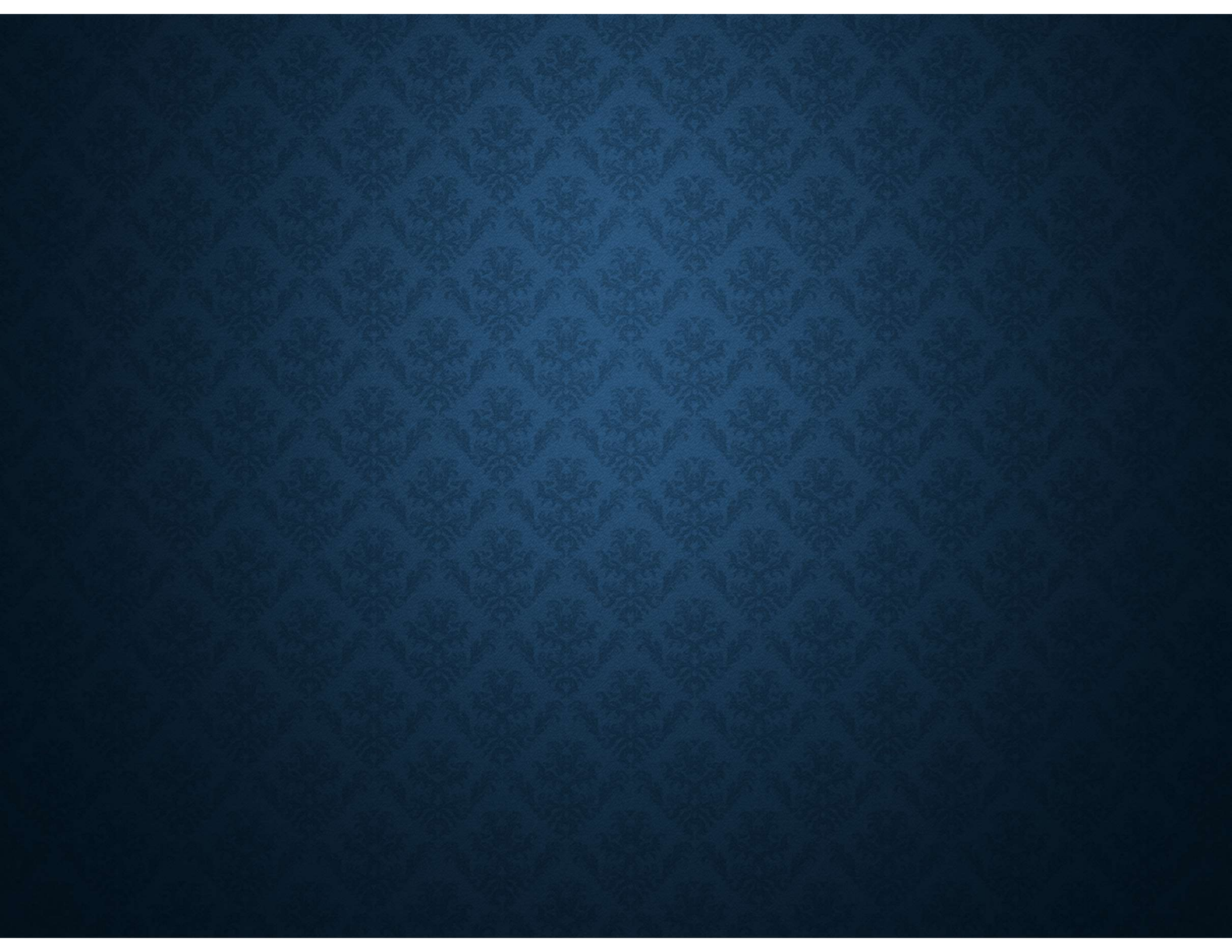


Mark 11: 1-11

Never Off Script



1 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 2 and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied *there*, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*.

3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back here.” 4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it. 5 Some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”

6 They spoke to them just as Jesus had told *them*, and they gave them permission. 7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

9 Those who went in front and
those who followed were shouting:

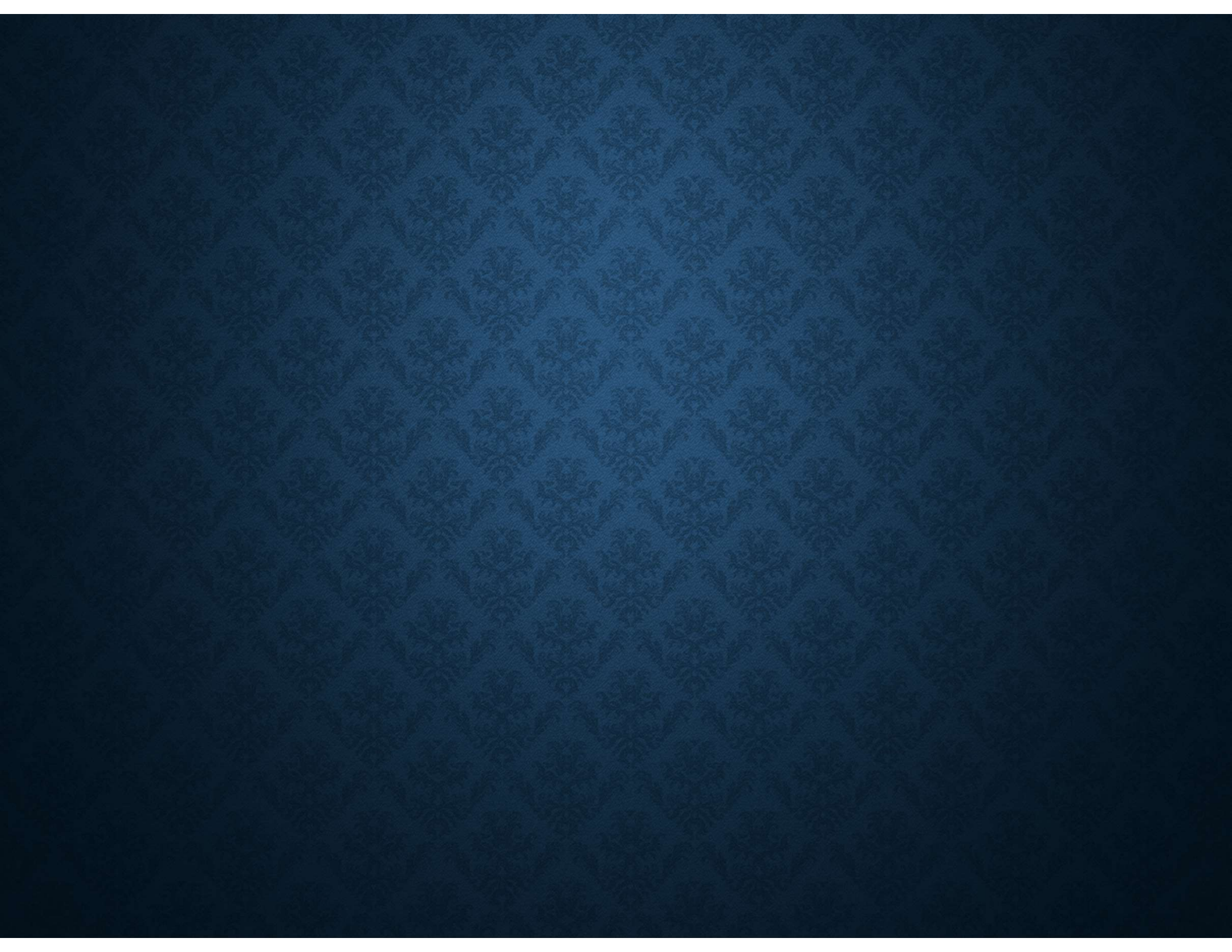
(Ps 118:25-26)

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord;

10 Blessed *is* the coming kingdom
of our father David;

- Hosanna in the highest!”

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem *and came* into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.



The unusual DETAILS of this narrative point to the reality that Jesus was NEVER OFF SCRIPT.

v. 1-2 There was a plan in place.

The eternal plan of Salvation
unfolds before them in the routine
details of Jesus entrance into
Jerusalem.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of
Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;
He is just and endowed with salvation,
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,
• Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

While we celebrate Advent at the time of Jesus' birth, this prophecy celebrates the advent or coming of the King as he rides into Jerusalem, humble mounted on a donkey.

- This is like Advent in April.

v. 3 -7 “The Lord”

Jesus instructs the disciples to
give a message...THE MASTER
needs it, not the master needs
it.

v. 8-10 The response of the crowd – a “red-carpet” treatment as Jesus rode into the city.

v. 9 Those who went in front
and those who followed were
shouting:

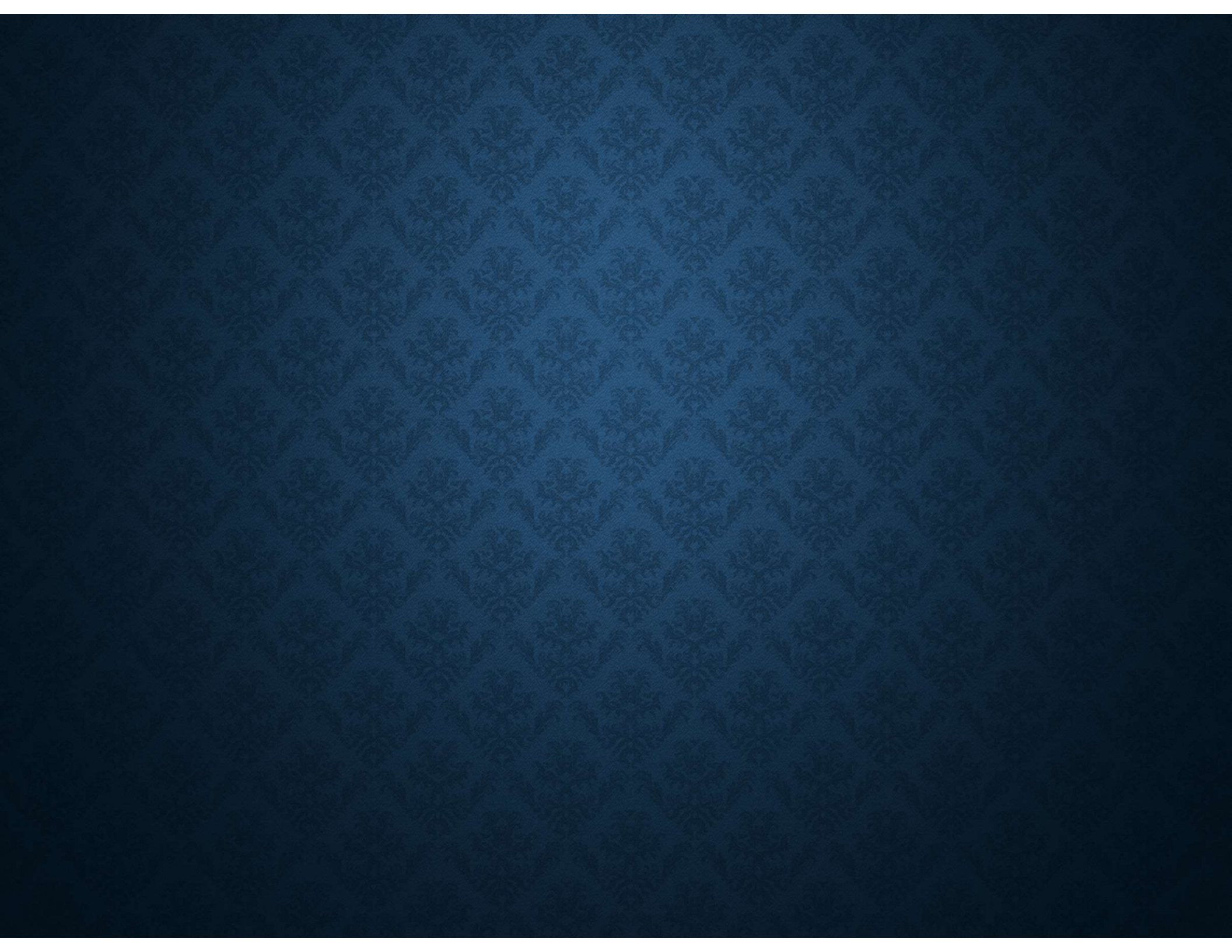
Psalms 118:25-26

“Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in
the name of the Lord;

Blessed *is* the coming
kingdom of our father David;

Hosanna in the highest!”



Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' ” Matt 23:37-39

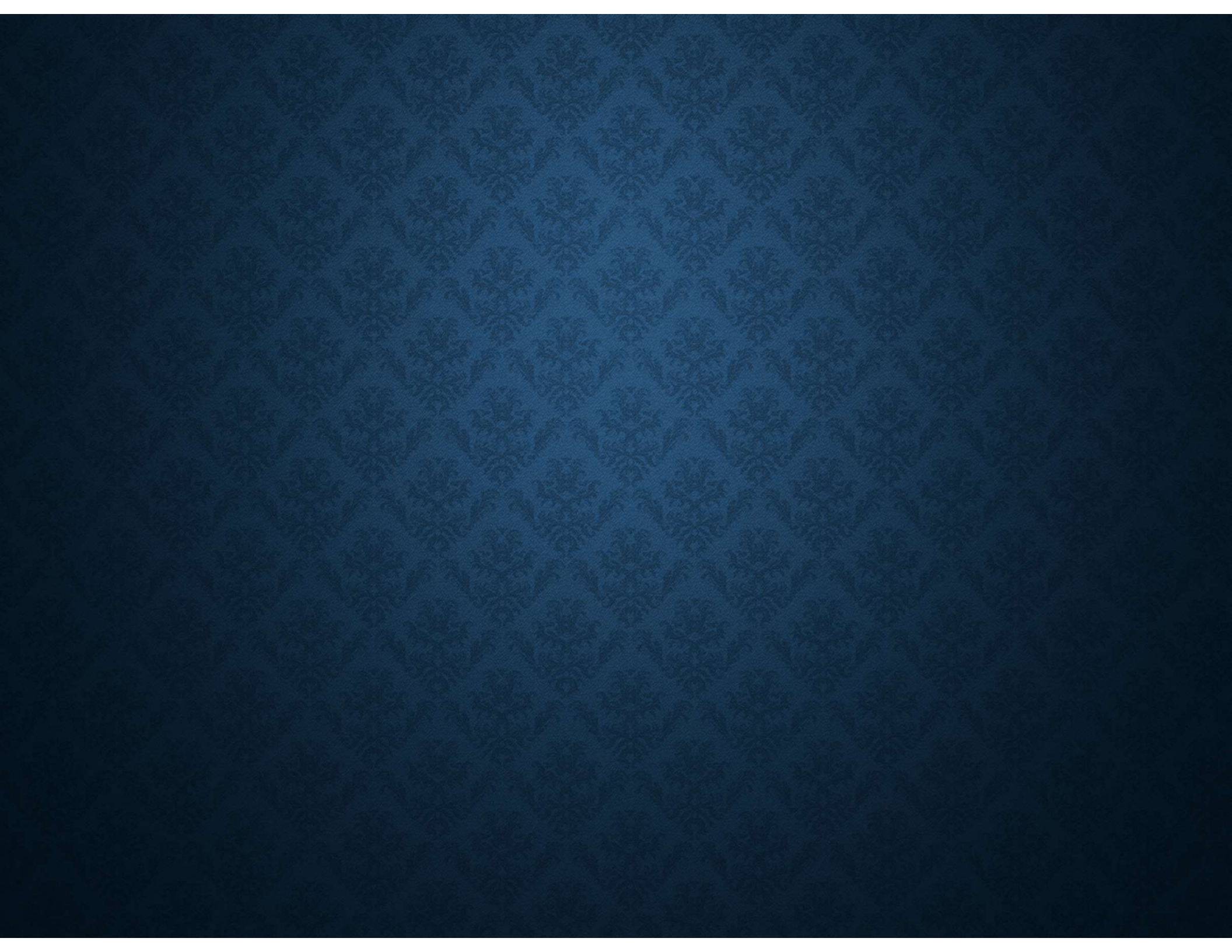
V. 11 – Mark's narrative ends rather abruptly.

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem *and came* into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

Jesus was going to the Temple
because HE REPRESENTED THE
PRESENCE OF GOD AMONG HIS
PEOPLE.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). Then a little bit later in the prologue, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

That phrase, “He dwelt among us,” literally says, “He tabernacled among us.”



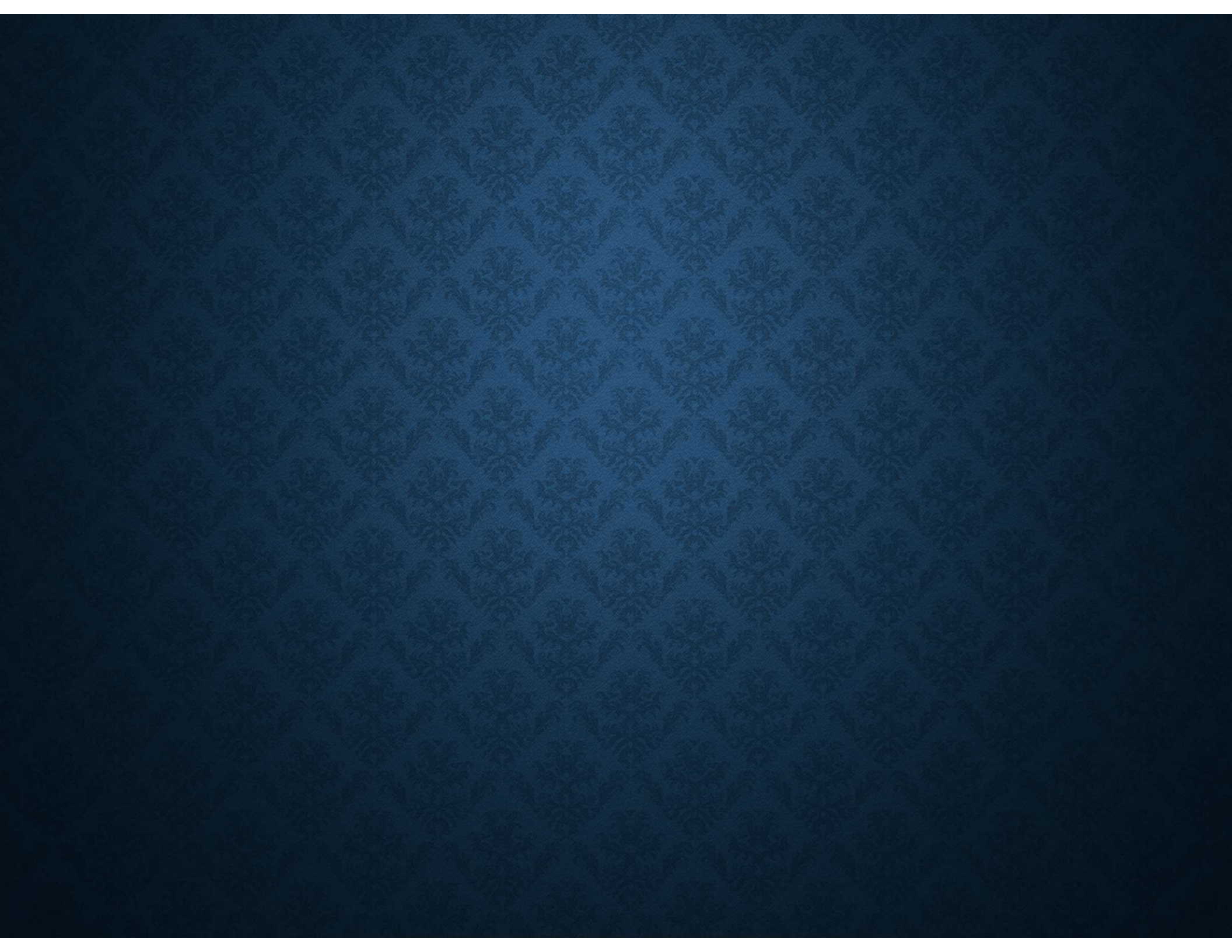
Luke 19 – while riding into Jerusalem

- Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” 40 But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”

v. 41

When He approached *Jerusalem*, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

43 For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, 44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”



This is the perfect time to
embrace Jesus and cry out,
“Hosanna! Save me! Blessed is
He who comes in the name of
Lord.”

