

PORTRAIT OF THE *King*

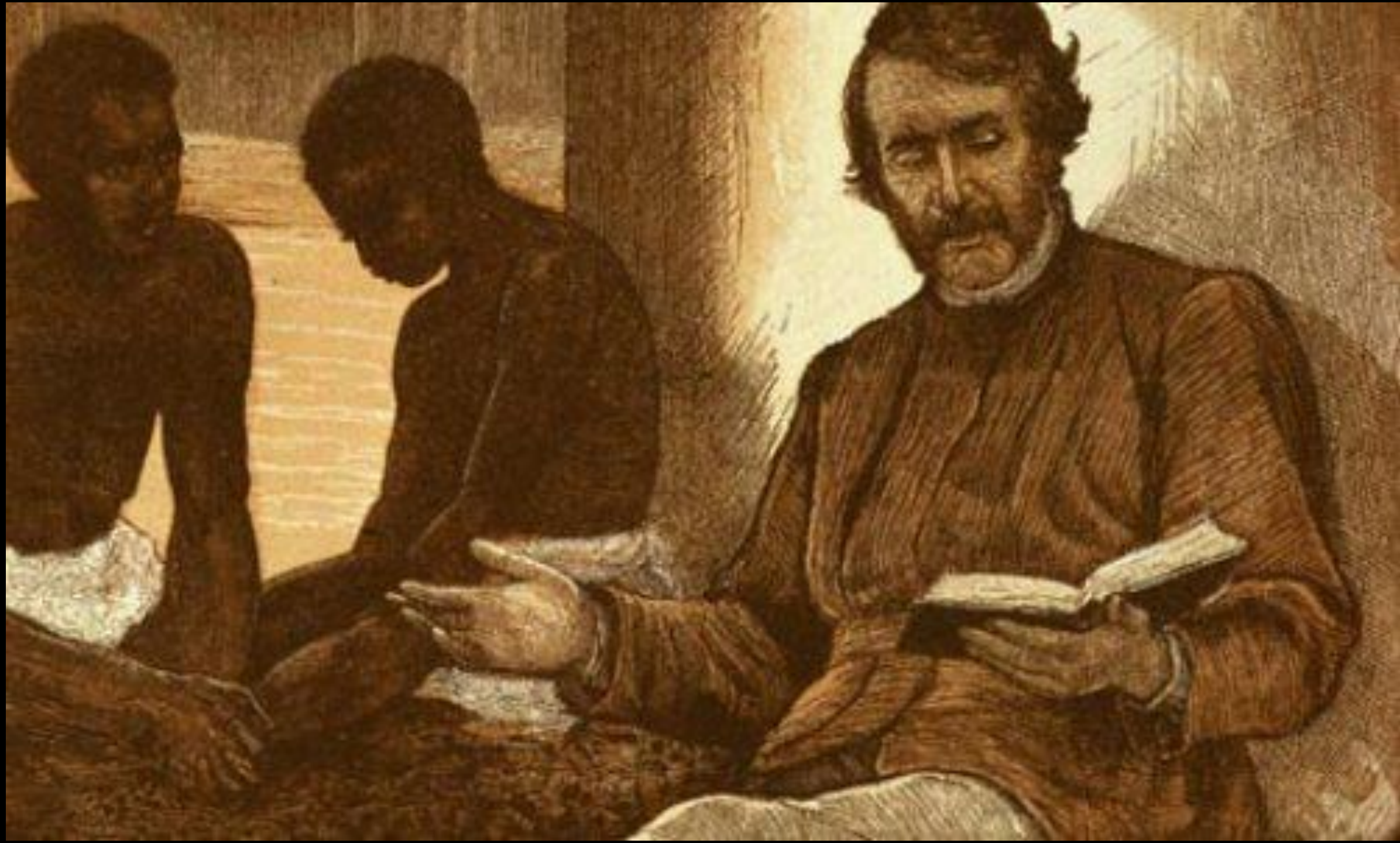
ADVERSARIES

A black silhouette of a person standing with their arms raised in a cross shape, set against a background of a bright, glowing orange and yellow sun or fire. The silhouette is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

“Jesus, Our Humble King”

MATTHEW 17:22-27





“People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply acknowledging a great debt we owe to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny...

David Livingstone



“... ? It is emphatically no sacrifice.

Rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, danger, foregoing the common conveniences of this life—these may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing compared with the glory which shall later be revealed in and through us ...

David Livingstone



“... . I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk, when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us.”

David Livingstone



- Who humbled Himself to take on the form of man
- Who humbled Himself to take on human limitations
- Who humbled Himself to allow temptation
- Who humbled Himself by giving His precious time

The Humility of Jesus



KEY POINT:

We must put the needs of others before our own,
because that is what Jesus did.



1. Jesus gave up His life for us (vs. 22-23).

Why Must We Put Others'
Needs First?



“He who did not spare his own Son BUT GAVE HIM UP for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:32



“... ‘Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when THE BRIDEGROOM IS TAKEN AWAY from them, ...’”

Matthew 9:15



“For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, SO WILL THE SON OF MAN BE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH.”

Matthew 12:40



“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that HE MUST GO TO JERUSALEM AND SUFFER many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Matthew 16:21



*“But I tell you that Elijah has already come,
and they did not recognize him,
but did to him whatever they pleased. So also THE SON
OF MAN WILL CERTAINLY SUFFER at their hands.”*

Matthew 17:12



“¹¹ I am the good shepherd. THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE for the sheep... ¹⁵ Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I LAY DOWN MY LIFE for the sheep... ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I LAY DOWN MY LIFE that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I LAY IT DOWN of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have ...”

John 10:11, 15, 17-18



*“ ... authority to take it up again.
This charge I have received from my Father?”*

John 10:11, 15, 17-18



“The contrast is striking. We deserve the curse. He did not. We could not escape the curse on our own. He took it on voluntarily. We are born into the curse and daily confirm the rightness of it. He had to become a curse, for it had no natural hold on him. But the most important contrast is that we could never satisfy the curse. We, in fact, can never be punished as much as our sins deserve. But he not only satisfied the curse; he exhausted it.”

**Mark Dever and Michael
Lawrence, *It Is Well***



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2. Jesus gave up His rights as to not offend (vs. 24-27).

Why Must We Put Others'
Needs First?



- Every Jew at the age of 20 was expected, but not necessarily required, to pay a tax to the temple (Exodus 30:11-16)
- These taxes helped pay salaries of temple workers, rabbis, supplies for the temple, washing garments and linens, scribes, repairs, etc.
- Amount - 2 drachmas, about ½ day's wage

Paying Taxes



*“To the weak I became weak,
that I might win the weak. I have become all things to
all people, that by all means I might save some.”*

I Corinthians 9:22



“God’s rights undoubtedly we ought never to give up; but we may sometimes safely give up our own. It may sound very fine and seem very heroic to be always standing out tenaciously for our rights. But it may well be doubted, with such a passage as this, whether such tenacity is always wise, and shows the mind of Christ. There are occasions, when it shows more grace in a Christian to submit than to resist.”

**J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts
on the Gospel of Matthew***



*“¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being
of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from
selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count ...*

Philippians 2:1-5



*“... others more significant than yourselves.
⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but
also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among
yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,”*

Philippians 2:1-5



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- Pray often for others.

Ways to Soften Your Heart



- Pray often for others.
- Pat others on the back (Proverbs 27:2).

Ways to Soften Your Heart



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