



A church service scene with a band performing on stage and a congregation in the foreground. The band consists of a keyboardist, a guitarist, and a singer. A large screen in the background displays lyrics. The text "Invitation" and "Sunday" is overlaid in large white font with a red outline.

Invitation Sunday

Sunday 1.25

Your Spiritual Journey

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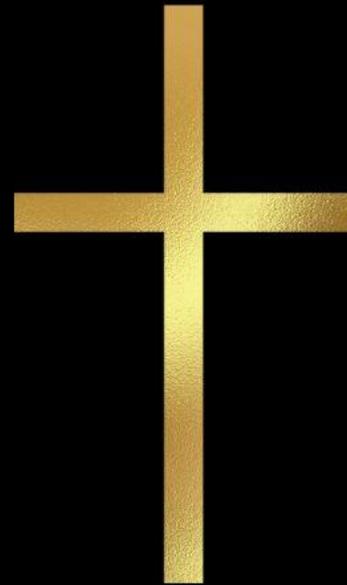
Making Disciples

Curiously Seeking

Growing in Community

Searching Assertively

Experiencing New Life



Faith Commitment

*Welcoming
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Disney

BEAUTY
AND
THE BEAST

Mark 6:1-6

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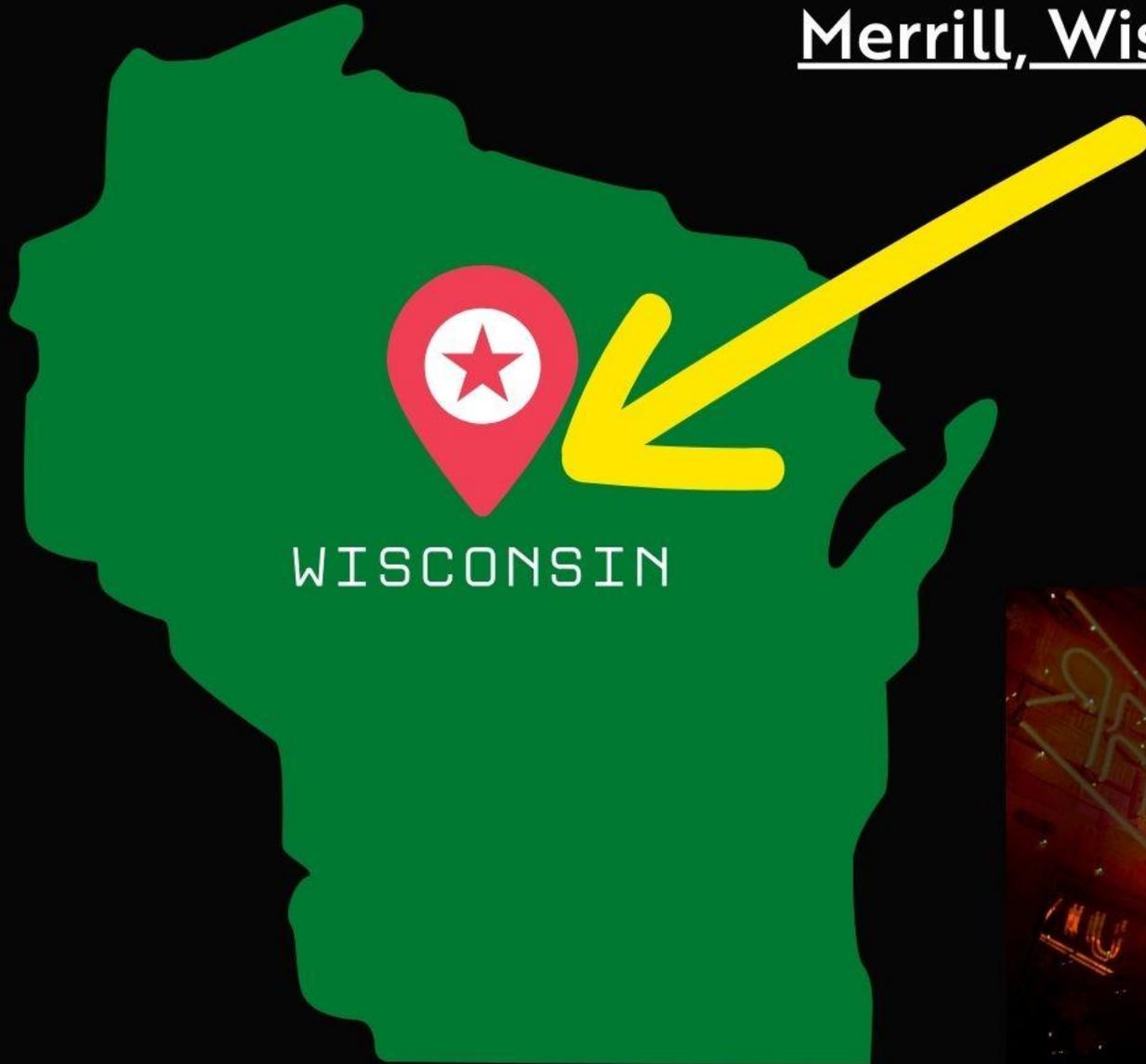
4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

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Merrill, Wisconsin



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Who is Jesus? Mark 1-5

- Son of God (Mark 1:11, 3:11)
- The "Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24)
- Healer, cleanser, forgiver of sins
- Friend of Sinners (Mark 2:17)
- Son of Man / Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:27)
- Power over Nature, Evil, Disease, Death (Mark 4-5)

Ann Arbor Town

Local boy makes good

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It's a crowning point in an Ann Arbor version of the old local-boy-makes-good story.

Following his performance at Detroit's Cobo Arena Saturday, rock star and Ann Arbor native Bob Seger received an official key to the city.

Stephen Pysz, personnel manager of the local band Vantage Point, represented Mayor Lewis

also will presented Seger with a framed copy of a mayoral proclamation which declared Saturday Bob Seger Day in Ann Arbor.

Seger, known as a songwriter as well as a recording star, has made 12 albums in the past 12 years, the last three of which have achieved "double platinum" status in sales.

His current album "Against

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And they took offense at him," says Mark. The word for "offense" comes from Gk. skandalon, meaning a "stumbling block." The verb (Gk. skandalizein) means to "cause to stumble," and in the present context to be "put off" or even "repelled" by Jesus. Skandalizein occurs eight times in the Gospel of Mark; in each instance it designates obstructions that prevent one from coming to faith and following Jesus. A stumbling block to faith, a signature motif in Mark, is a grave problem. The "offense" of v. 3 verifies that the amazement of the people in Nazareth is not one of faith but of incredulity and opposition.

What happens when you ask AI for a pic of "Jesus flipping over tables". 😂😂😂





“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves” Jesus



Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

“Great Moral Teacher / Example” Jesus



2nd Corinthians 5:21

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

“Partisan” Jesus



Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

John 18:33-37

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

“Life Coach” Jesus



OLD ME

NEW ME



Ephesians 4:17-24

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

Ephesians 4:17-24

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

“Prosperity” Jesus



Romans 8:28-29

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

John 16:33

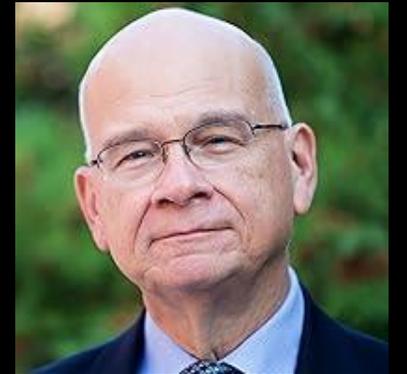
33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.



Romans 5:8-10

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

“ If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.



Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*



Interested in starting?

a conversation
to explore faith
a relationship with Jesus



Gospel Response

Start:

Jesus is inviting you into a life-giving relationship. Be reconciled to God!

Strengthen:

Refuse caricatures & be shaped by remembering the real Jesus.