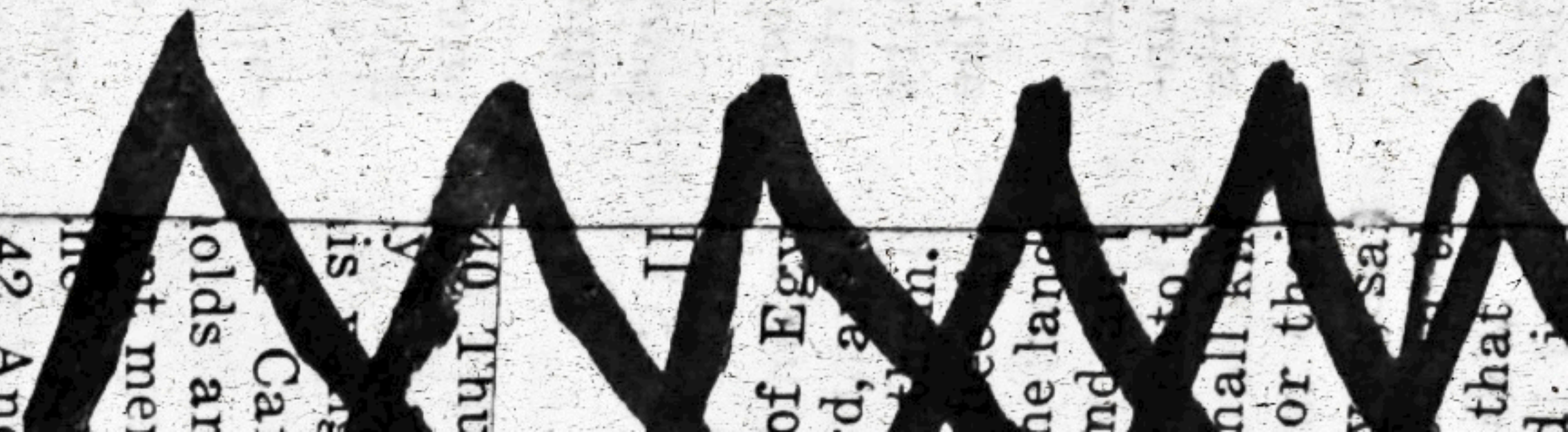


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Last Is First

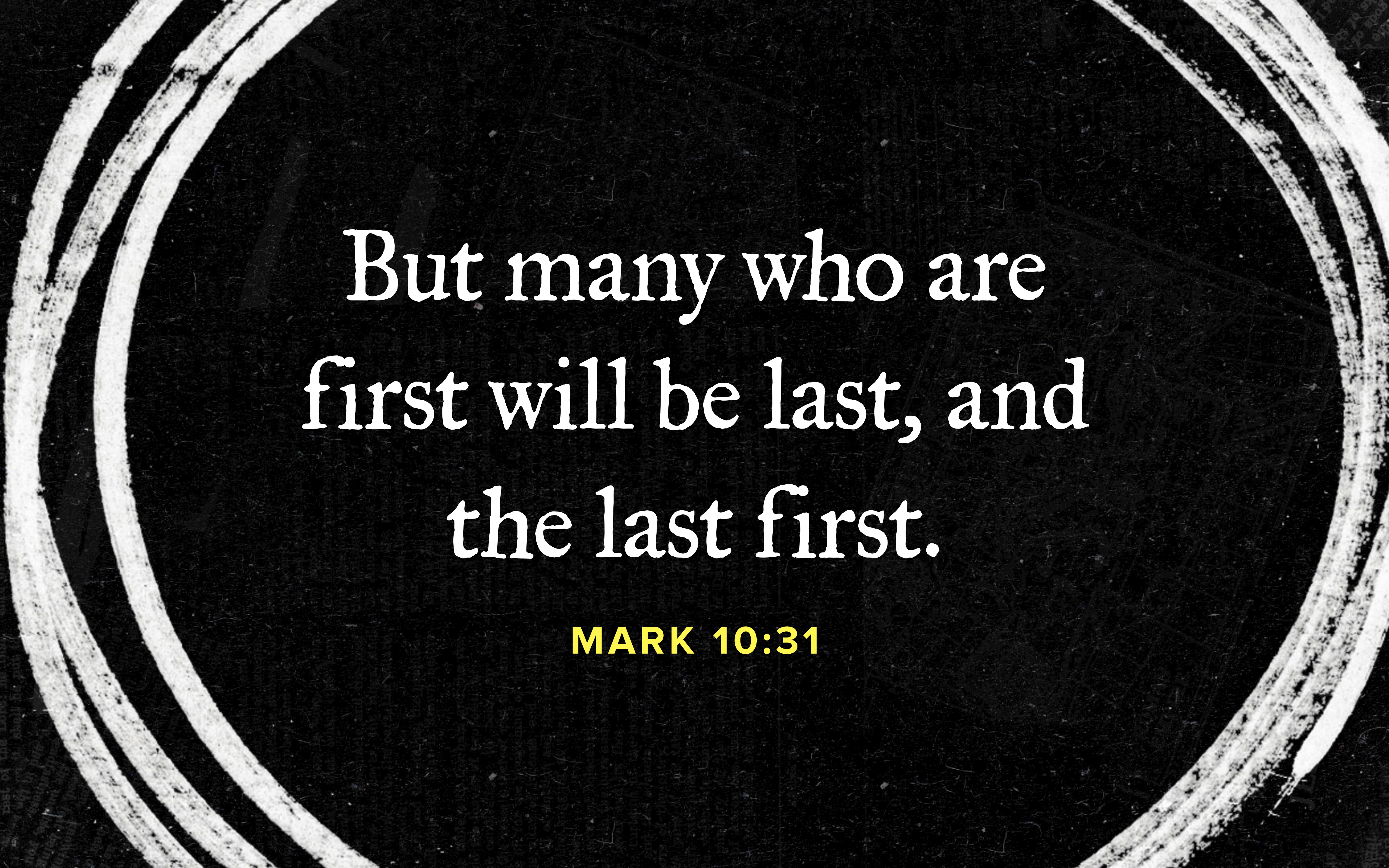


MARK 10:28-31

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” ²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel

MARK 10:28-31

³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.



But many who are
first will be last, and
the last first.

MARK 10:31

Life with God would not make sense
without an eternal perspective.

MARK 10:30

“...this present age ... eternal life.”

Life with God would not make sense
without an eternal perspective.

‡ The present age...

Life with God would not make sense
without an eternal perspective.

‡ The present age...

‡ The age to come...

II CORINTHIANS 4:17-18

¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Sacrifice for God would not be joyful
without an abundance perspective.

MARK 10:30

“...a hundred times as much in this present age”

Sacrifice for God would not be joyful
without an abundance perspective.

✚ What sacrifice?

Sacrifice for God would not be joyful
without an abundance perspective.

⚡ What sacrifice?

⚡ Do the math!

MARK 10:29,30

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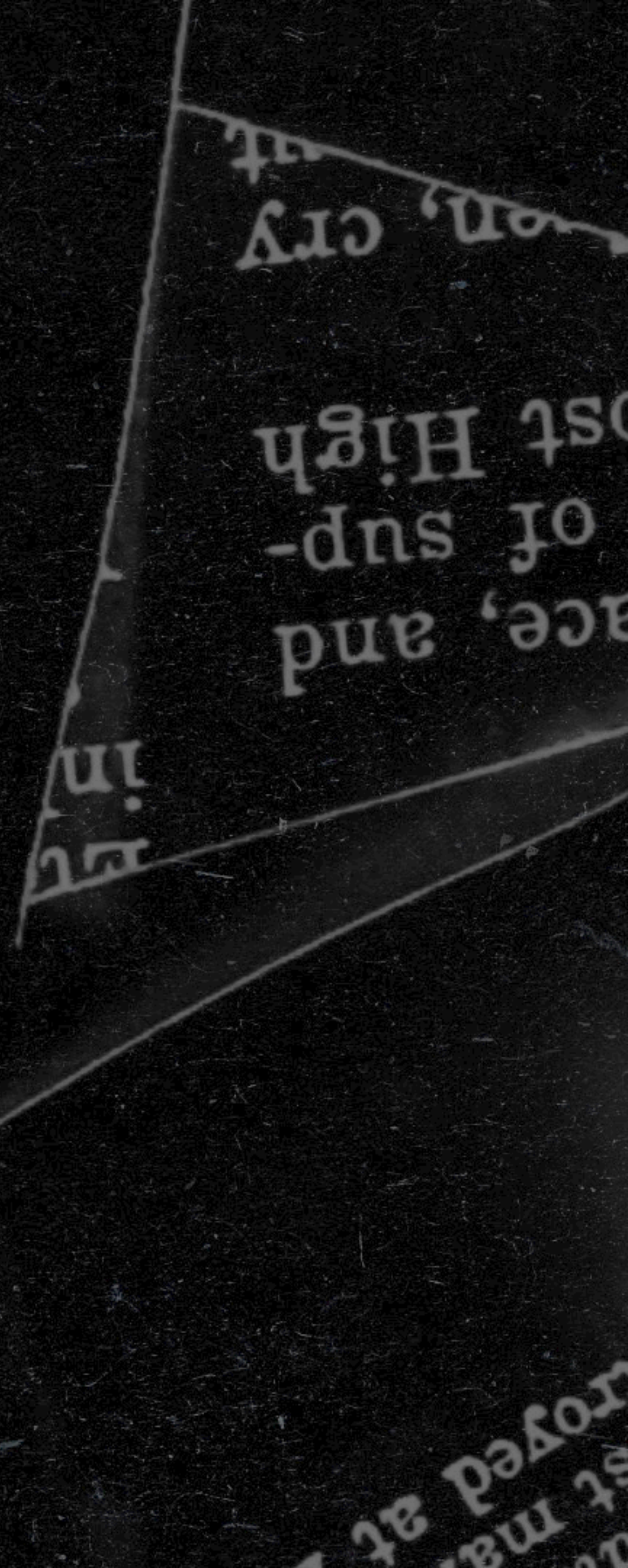
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A Parable of Grace...

MATTHEW 20:1-16



MATTHEW 20:13-16

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.

MATTHEW 20:13-16

¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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