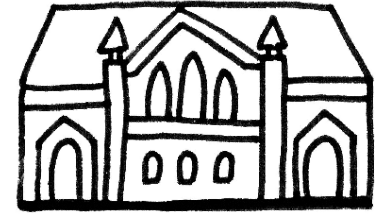


Welcome to Calvary Church, Brighton



Today 12th May 2019 speaker Philip Wells,
Matthew 10:11-15

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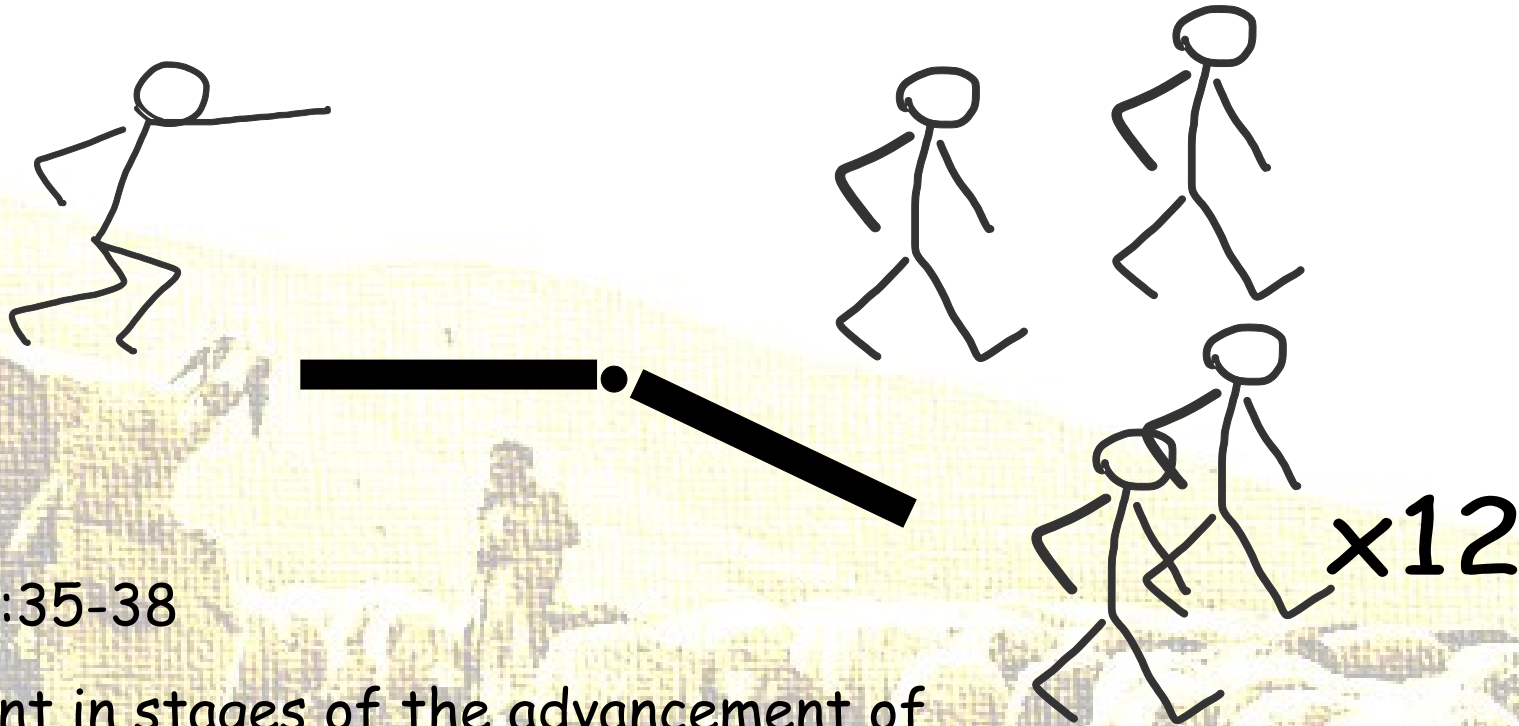
How do we encounter Jesus?

- Via dreams, visions, impressions, feelings
- ... via the words he gave to his apostles?
- i.e. through the Book?

How important are the apostolic writings?

- i.e. can we truly say "I follow Jesus, but have a problem with the rest of the New Testament e.g. Paul?"

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Context: 9:35-38

a hinge point in stages of the advancement of the kingdom

- *From* catalogue of Messiah's single-handed works
- *To* instructions for Messiah's multiple workers
- it's made of compassion
- The 12 are remarkable & unique extensions of Jesus' own ministry

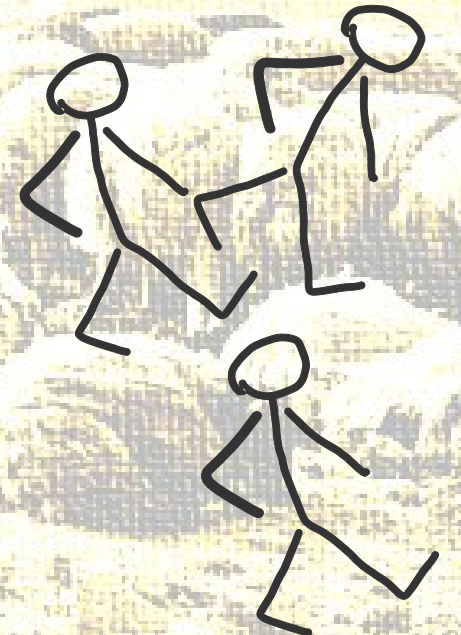
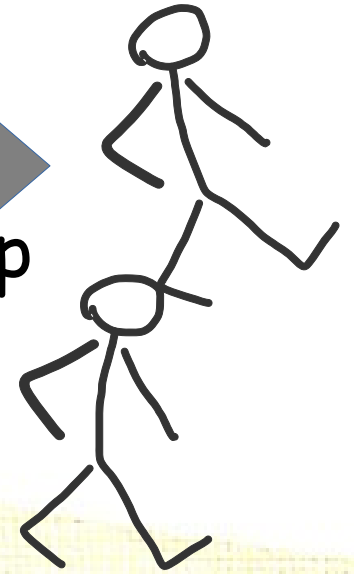
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Further stages

x12



- NEXT: To all nations (not just lost sheep of Israel)
- THEN: Via all disciples (not just the 12)



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Instructions:

- Preach "the Kingdom of heaven draws-close"
 - Do we have exactly the same good news?
 - Christ died for our sins, rose, and is coming back.
- They demonstrate the signs of the imminent kingdom
- In this passage... travelling and accommodation instructions at this stage of mission

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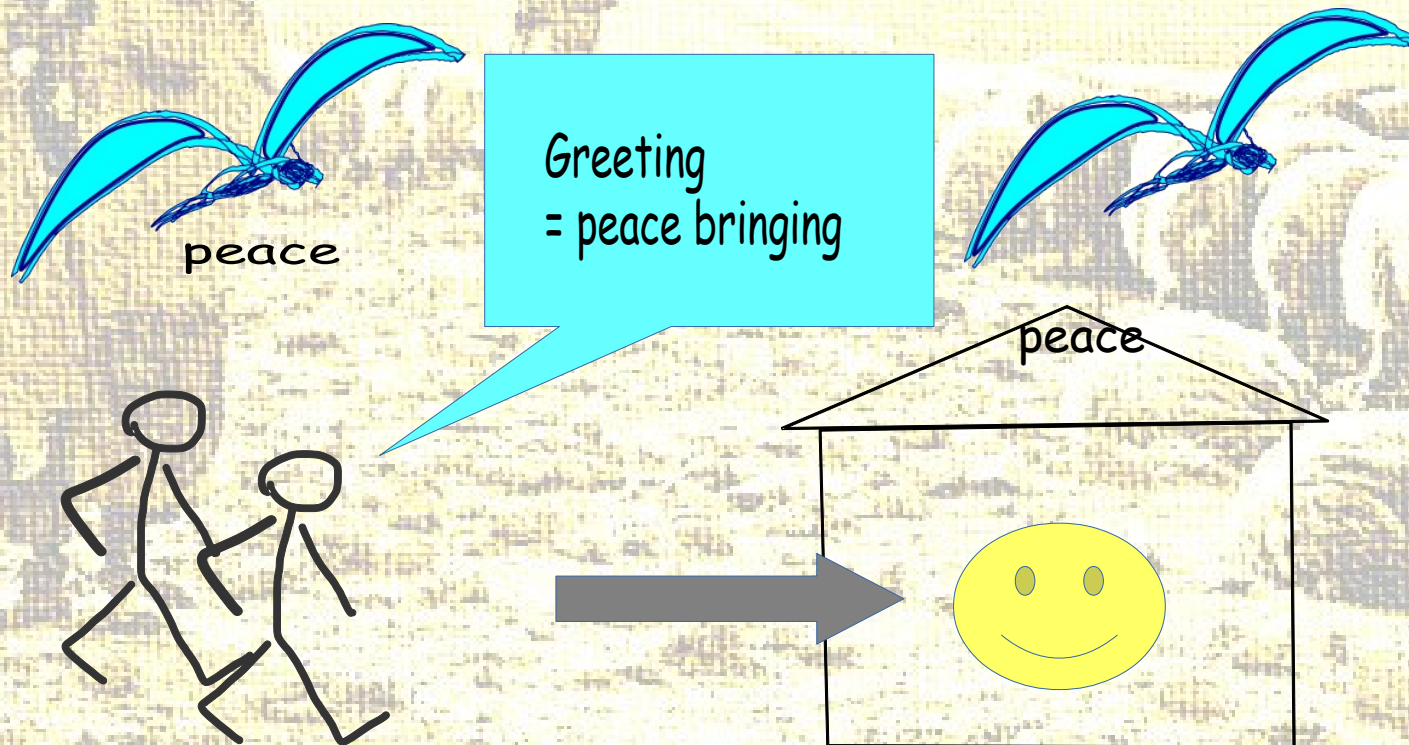
Much the same thing said in 2 different ways as they go to "Jacobsville-on-sea":

a. greeting of peace brought and received

Enquire for a "worthy" house [in the village]

- house = people
- Worthy = ?? most suitable for the kingdom
- See also: 10:10 "worthy of wages" 10:37,38 "worthy of me"

Greet ...



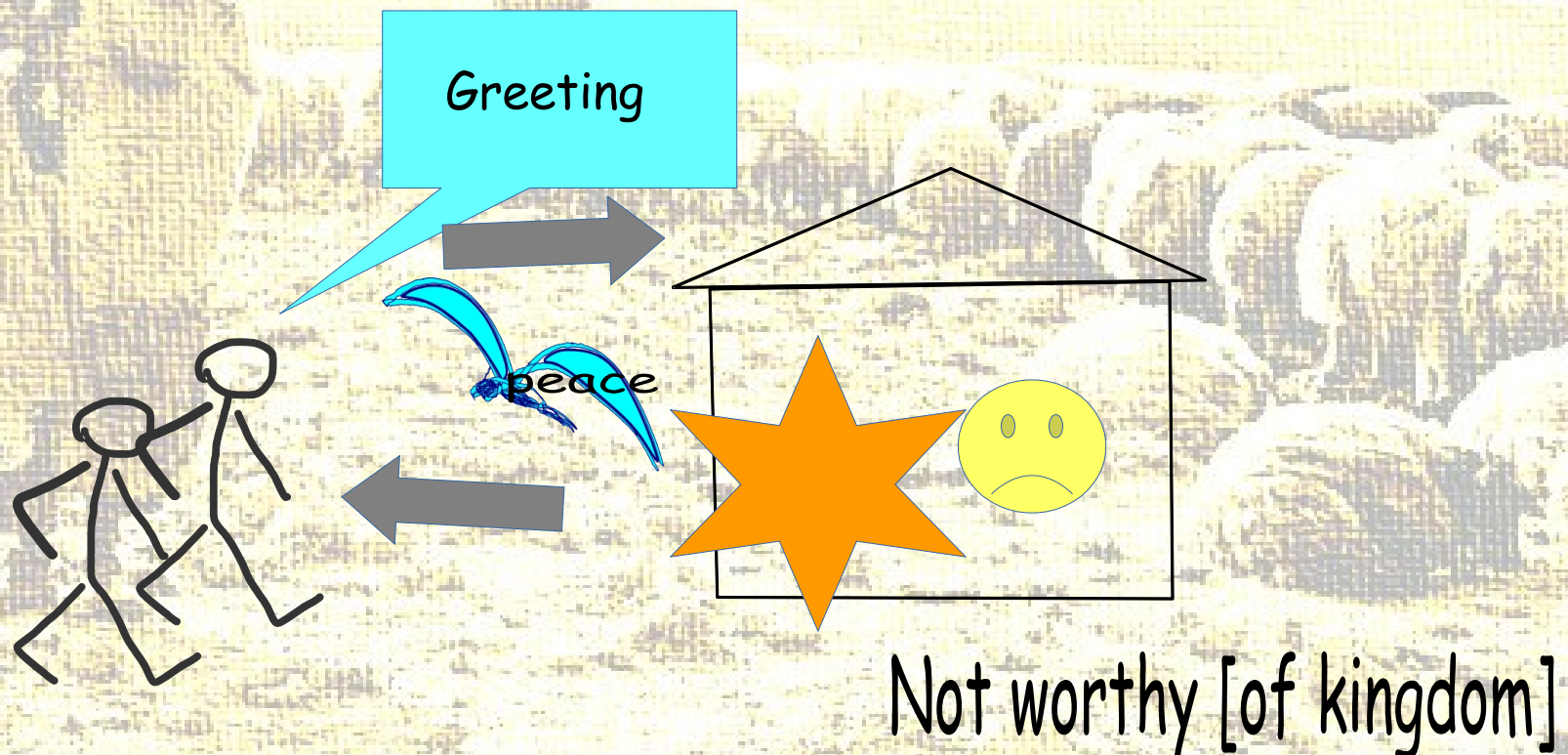
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Much the same thing said in 2 different ways:

a. peace not received - but not wasted

"Worthy house" is actually not worthy

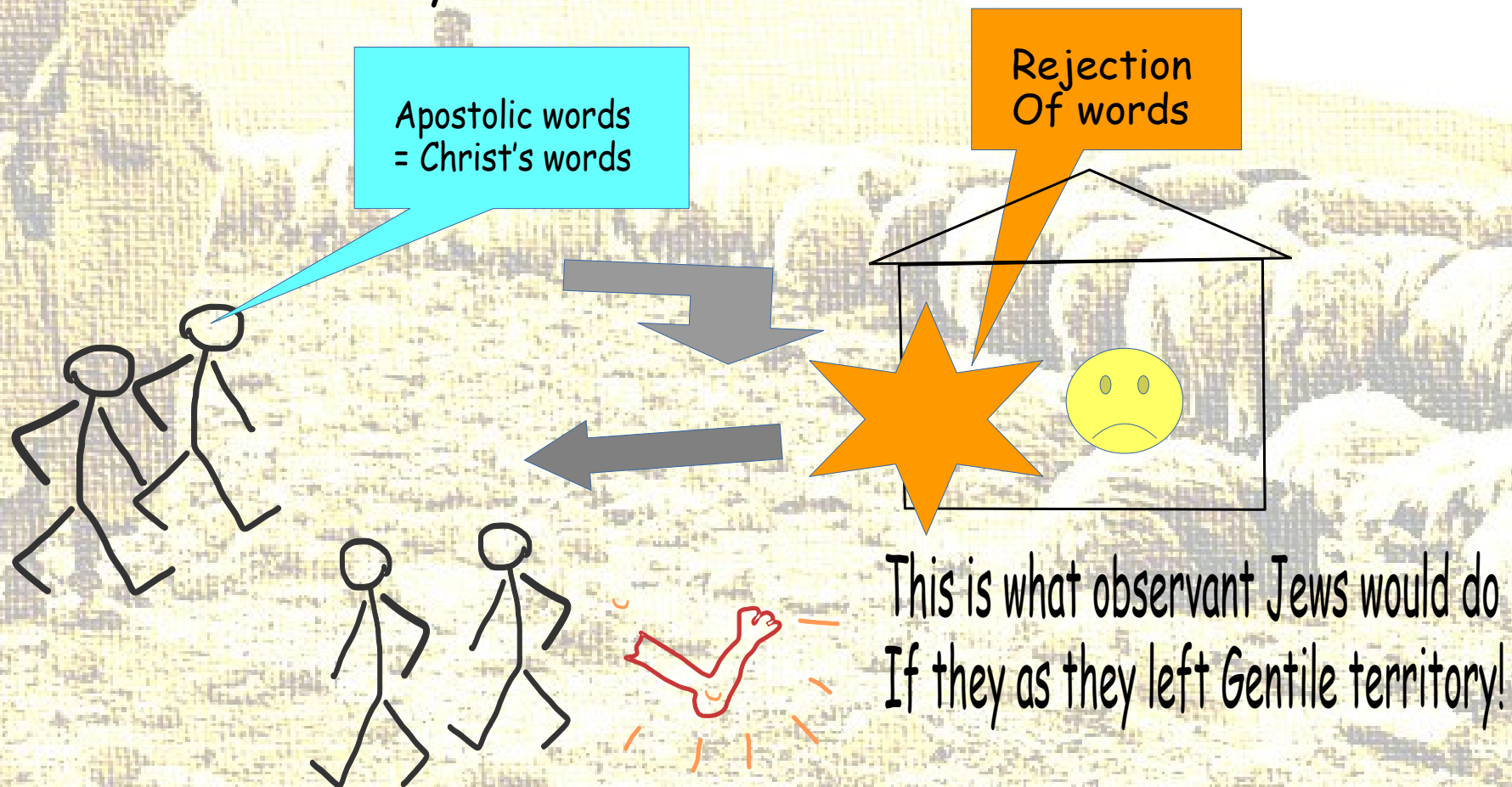
- Not Worthy = most suitable for the kingdom
- i.e. a crisis / life deciding encounter!



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b. words not received

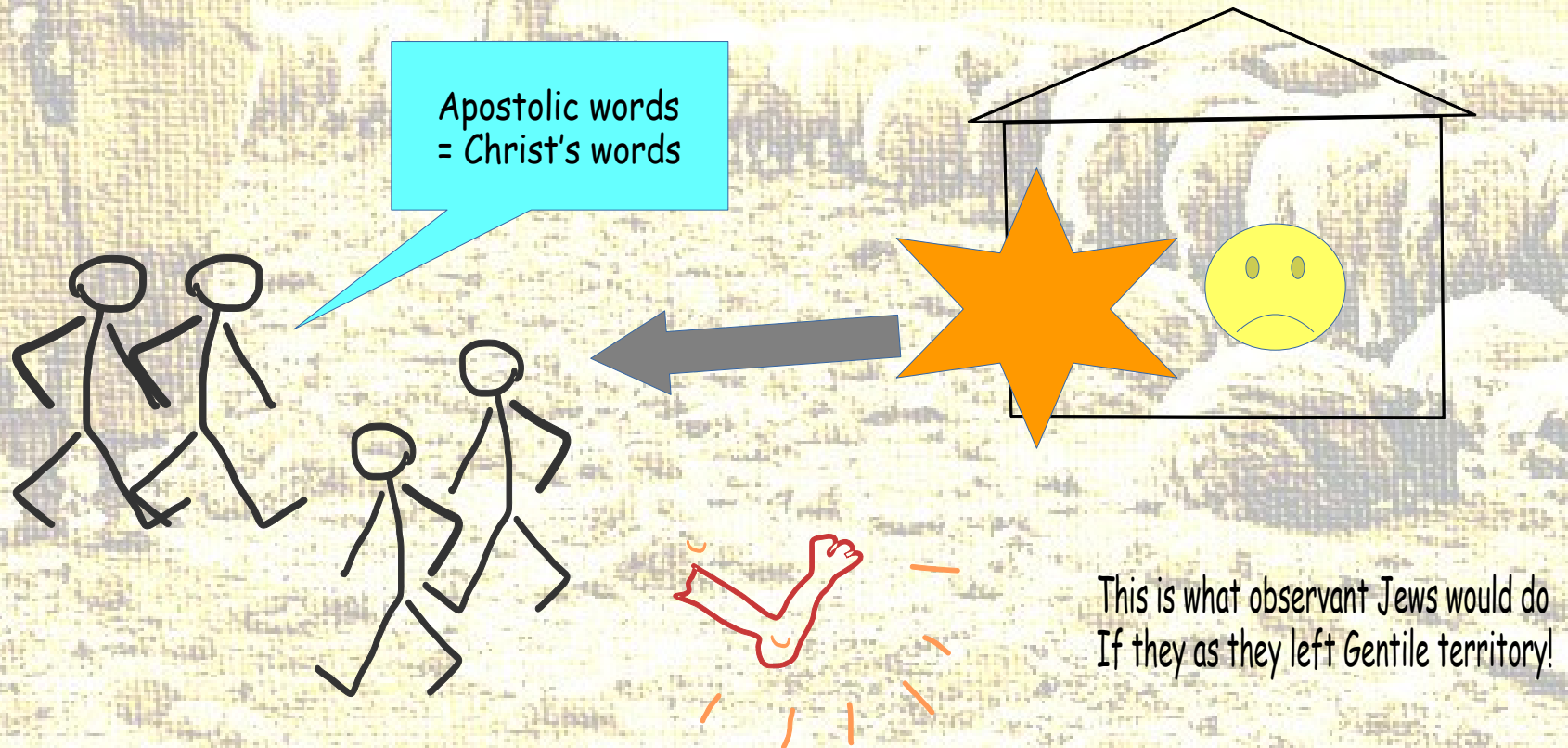
- If they don't welcome you and-not hear your words
- [N.B. person <> word]
- "Shake the dust off your feet"



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b. words not received

- If they don't welcome you and-not hear your words
- More bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah



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1. there was a historic last chance decision-time given to Israel

- This was almost totally rejected

==> there is such a thing as last chance

e.g. health, mental ability, opportunity

N.B. "count the cost" takes time!

But, if you can see the issues clearly, don't delay any further

N.B. Jewish people are still welcome, made jealous by the grace shown to the Gentiles

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2. rejection of privilege is tremblingly blameworthy

"shake the dust off your feet" v.14

- = treat them as a *Gentile* city

"more tolerable for *Sodom and Gomorrah* on the day of judgment"

Blameworthiness: Sodom and Gomorrah were wicked cities, the most notable sin being homosexual rape

BUT "Jacobsville-on-sea" will face greater judgment

- Because of the privilege they had, but rejected!
- Likewise the imaginary cathedral city of "Rochester-in-the-woods" which has had 900 years of Christian witness but had rejected the faith
- Or western europe
- Or children brought up in a Christian family

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3. the last chance comes in the form of the apostles and the apostolic words

- i.e. you can't separate
 - Christ from his words
 - The apostles from Christ
 - The apostles from their words
- *Q: is it not completely impossible then to claim to have Christ while simultaneously rejecting the words of the apostles??*
- e.g. "Paul got it wrong about sexual ethics"
- e.g. "Paul got it wrong about the wrath-bearing nature of the atonement"

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4. the overtures / approaches / invitations of the kingdom are not wasted

- Peace can be rejected
- But the peace does not disappear, it returns to the sender

??? maybe more than that

- Rejection in one place leads to blessing in another
- Rejection by the villages of Israel led to rejoicing in the cities of the nations

Let us appreciate and daily stand on the gospel!

Let's be active spreading "peace of the gospel"

Let's be optimistic that even rejection is not wasted.

