

One of the twelve disciples – the one named Judas Iscariot – went to the chief priests and asked, “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?” They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him. From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

The bag of silver coins is hung on the cross

When Judas, the traitor, learned that Jesus had been condemned, he repented and took back the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned by betraying an innocent man to death!” he said.

“What do we care about that?” they answered.

“That is your business!”

Judas threw the coins down in the Temple and left; then he went off and hanged himself.

Let us say the prayer on screen:

Lord Jesus, as we remember your betrayal by Judas we are reminded that we betray you, too. Forgive us we pray, and confirm in us the knowledge that you will never betray us. Amen.

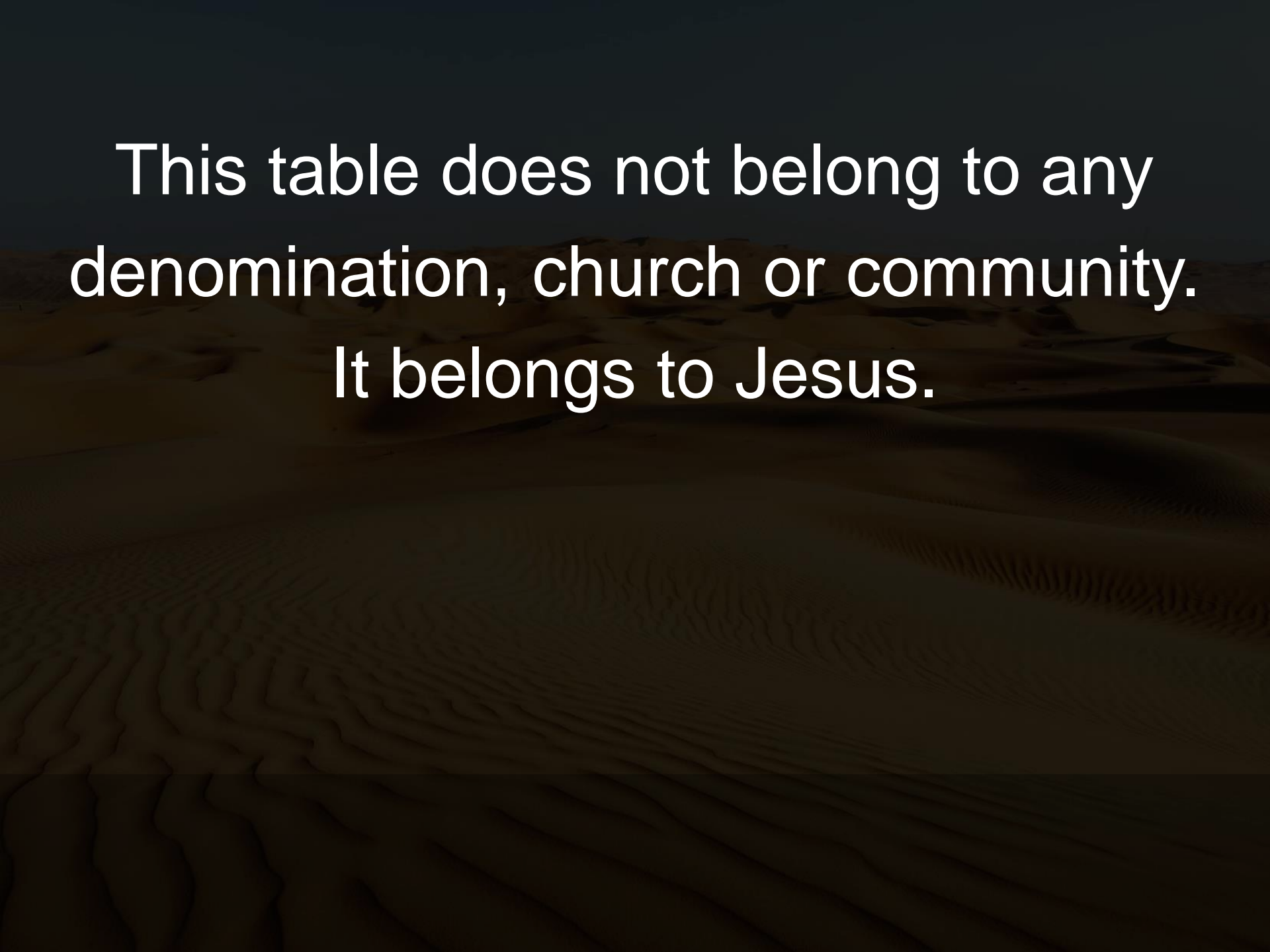
A vast desert landscape with rolling sand dunes under a clear sky. The dunes are golden-brown and have a textured, rippled surface. The sky is a pale, clear blue. The overall scene is serene and expansive.

Live by

Obedience

not by feelings





This table does not belong to any
denomination, church or community.
It belongs to Jesus.

It was at table that he met people,
heard their stories and shared his.

It was at table
that he deepened his friendship
with poor people and prostitutes,
the business class and puzzled
bystanders.

It was at table

that he shared profound insights
into who God is and what God wants.

And it was at table, with bread and
wine,

that he initiated the sacrament
we now celebrate.

So come to this table.

Leave behind any baggage of
arrogance or unworthiness.

Do not think, 'This is not for me.

Think rather of Jesus saying,
'I am for you'.

and accept his invitation to be the friend
he cherishes and longs to feed.

Holy and gracious God,
we give you thanks and praise
that in the fullness of time
you gave your only Son
to share our human nature
and to be tempted

in every way as we are, yet without sin;
Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.

We remember the way that Jesus
showed us His love:

On the evening before He died,
He had supper with His friends.

He took the loaf of bread,
Gave thanks for it, broke it, and then
passed it around , saying:

‘This is my body for you.
Eat this and remember me.’

In the same way
he took the cup of wine, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my
blood.

Do this, whenever you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'



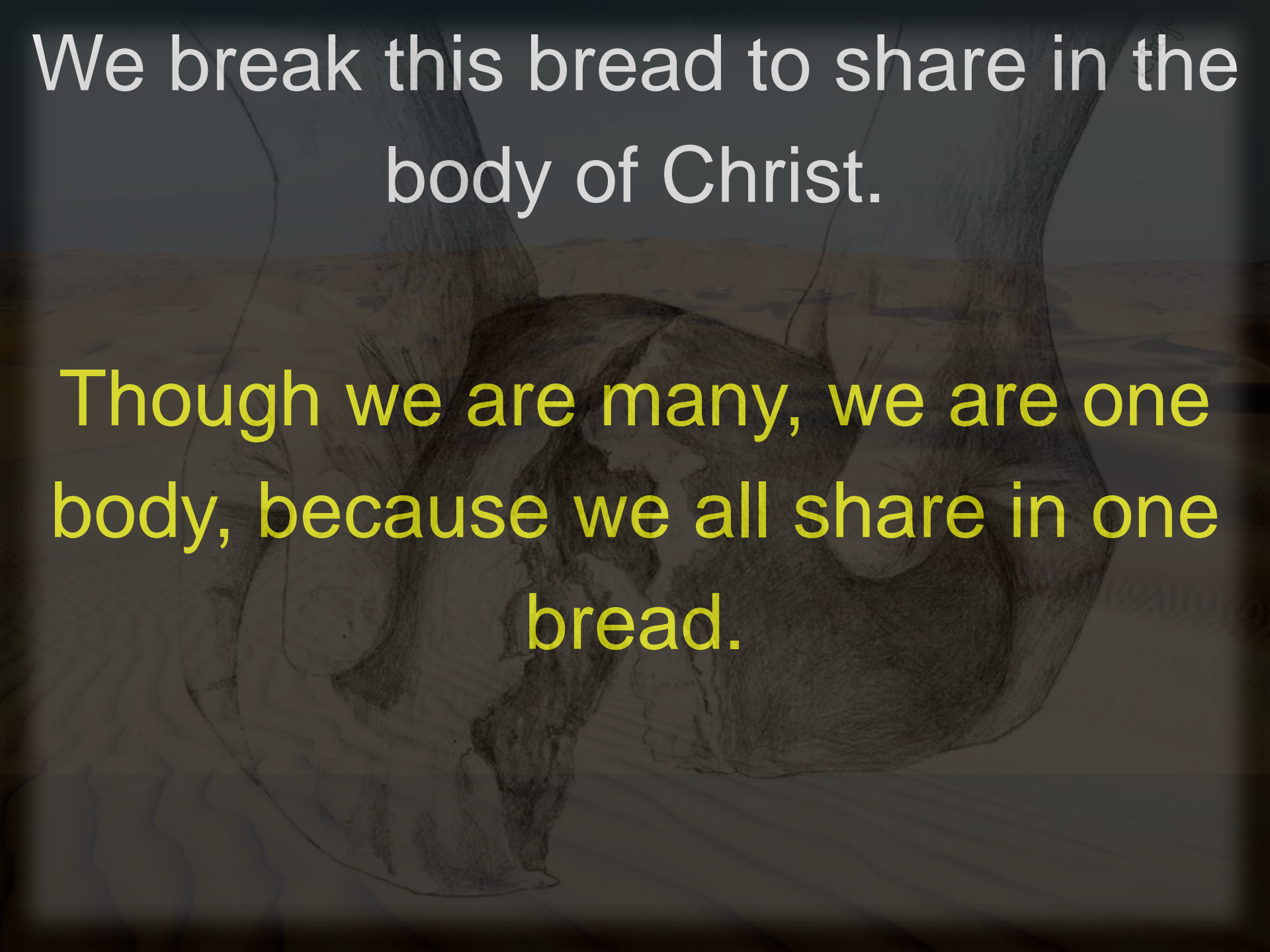
Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Send now your Spirit among us
and upon this bread and wine,
That we may taste and see your
goodness,

Be embraced by your love,
and be engaged in your service.



We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.



Jesus Said: 'I am the bread of life.

Those who come to me
shall not hunger
and those who believe in me
shall never thirst.'