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**5 signs you're
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- Who is Jesus?
- Who is Jesus to you?

Mark 6:1-29

He went away from there and came to his hometown,
and his disciples followed him. 2 **And on the Sabbath he
began to teach in the synagogue,**

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and many who heard him were astonished, saying,
“Where did this man get these things? What is the
wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done
by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of
Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and
Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?”

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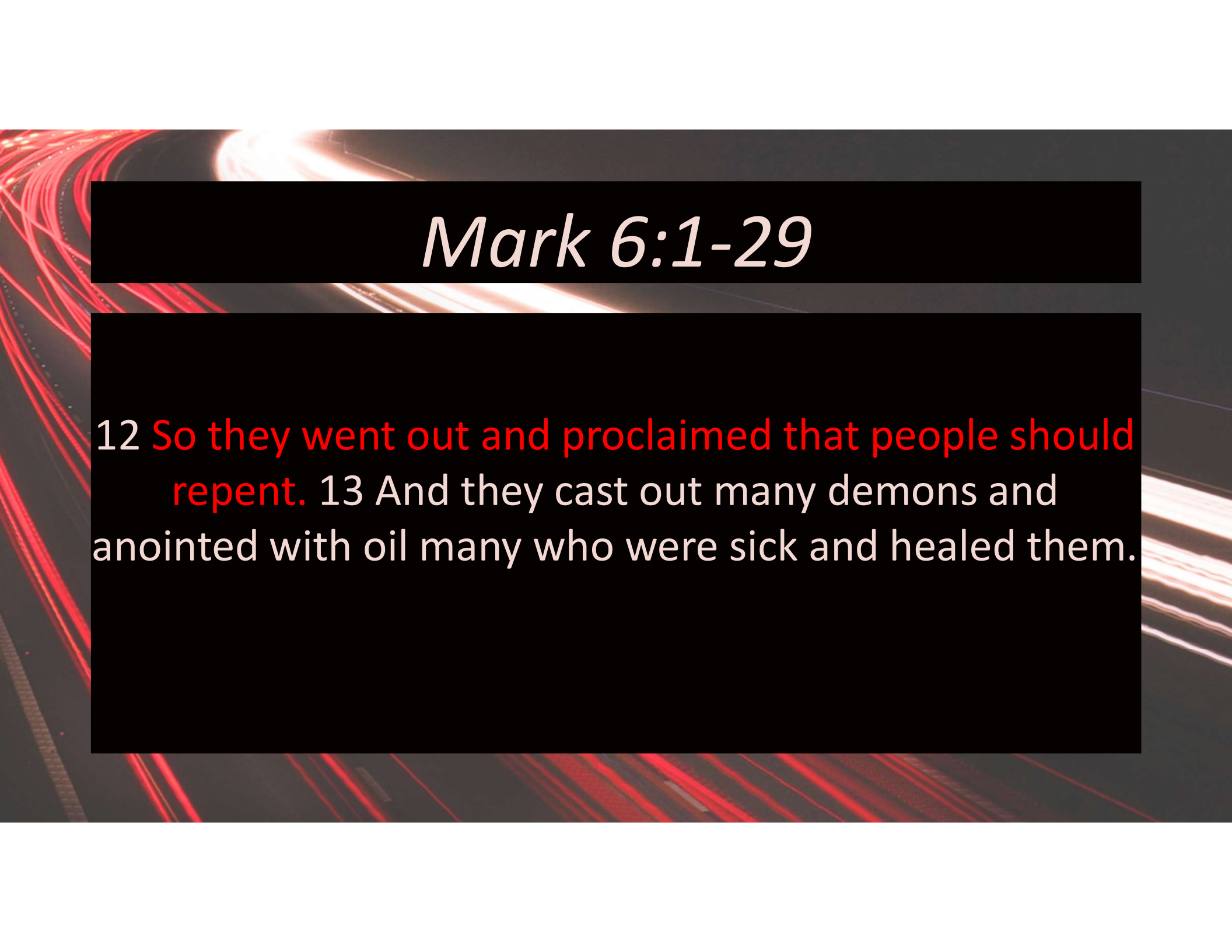
And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 **And he could do no mighty work there,** except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 **And he marveled because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

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And he went about among the villages teaching. 7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out **two by two**, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 **He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.**

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10 And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, **stay there until you depart from there.** 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, **shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”**

The background of the slide features a dark, textured surface with numerous bright, glowing streaks of red and white light. These streaks are curved and radiating, creating a sense of dynamic energy and movement. They appear to be light trails from a long-exposure photograph or a digital effect.

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12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should
repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and
anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” 15 But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”

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16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, “**John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.**” 17 For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. 18 **For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.”**

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19 And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, **knowing that he was a righteous and holy man**, and he kept him safe. **When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.**

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21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 22 For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. **And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you."**

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23 And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." 24 **And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?"** **And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."** 25 And she came in **immediately with haste** to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

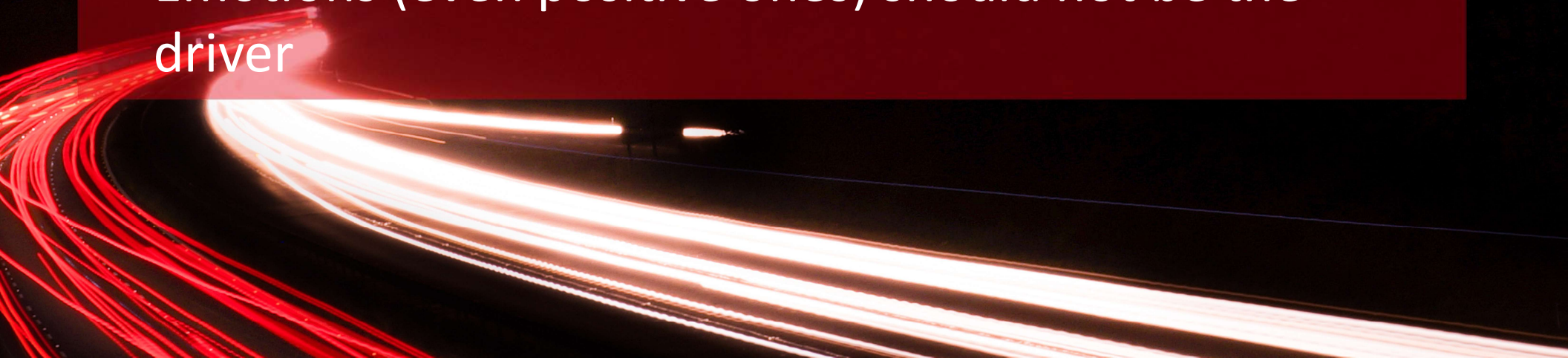
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26 **And the king was exceedingly sorry,** but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.

27 And **immediately** the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison
28 and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

So What?

- Whom might you be overlooking because “you knew them when”?
- We all need a travel buddy (or two, or three, or...)
- Are you close to giving up on someone?
- Emotions (even positive ones) should not be the driver



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available at both entrances.

2 Corinthians 9:7

