

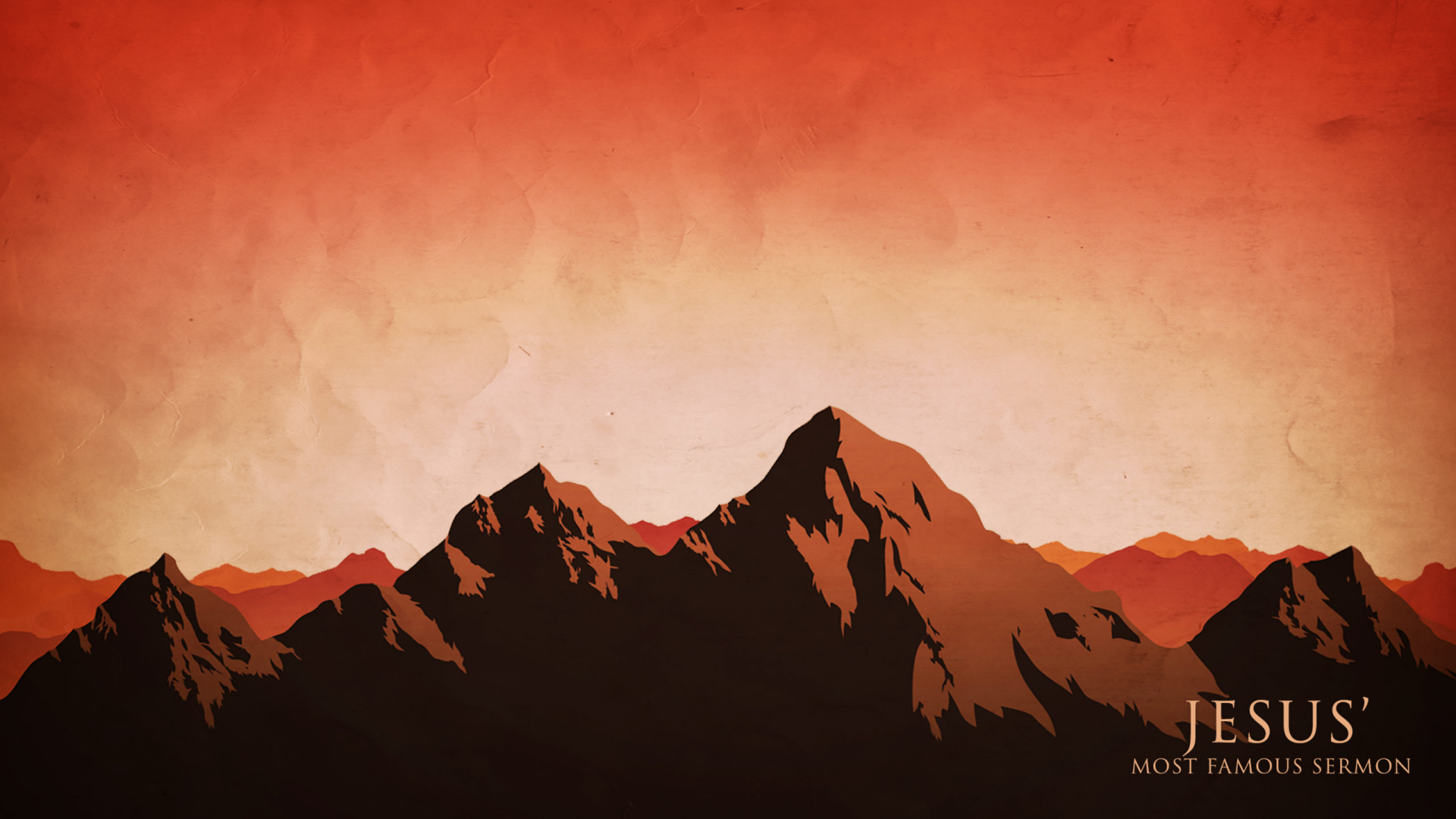
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Matthew 5:17-26

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¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

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¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least

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in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices
and teaches these commands will be called great
in the kingdom of heaven.

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²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

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²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

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Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

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²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

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²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar.
First go and be reconciled to them;
then come and offer your gift.

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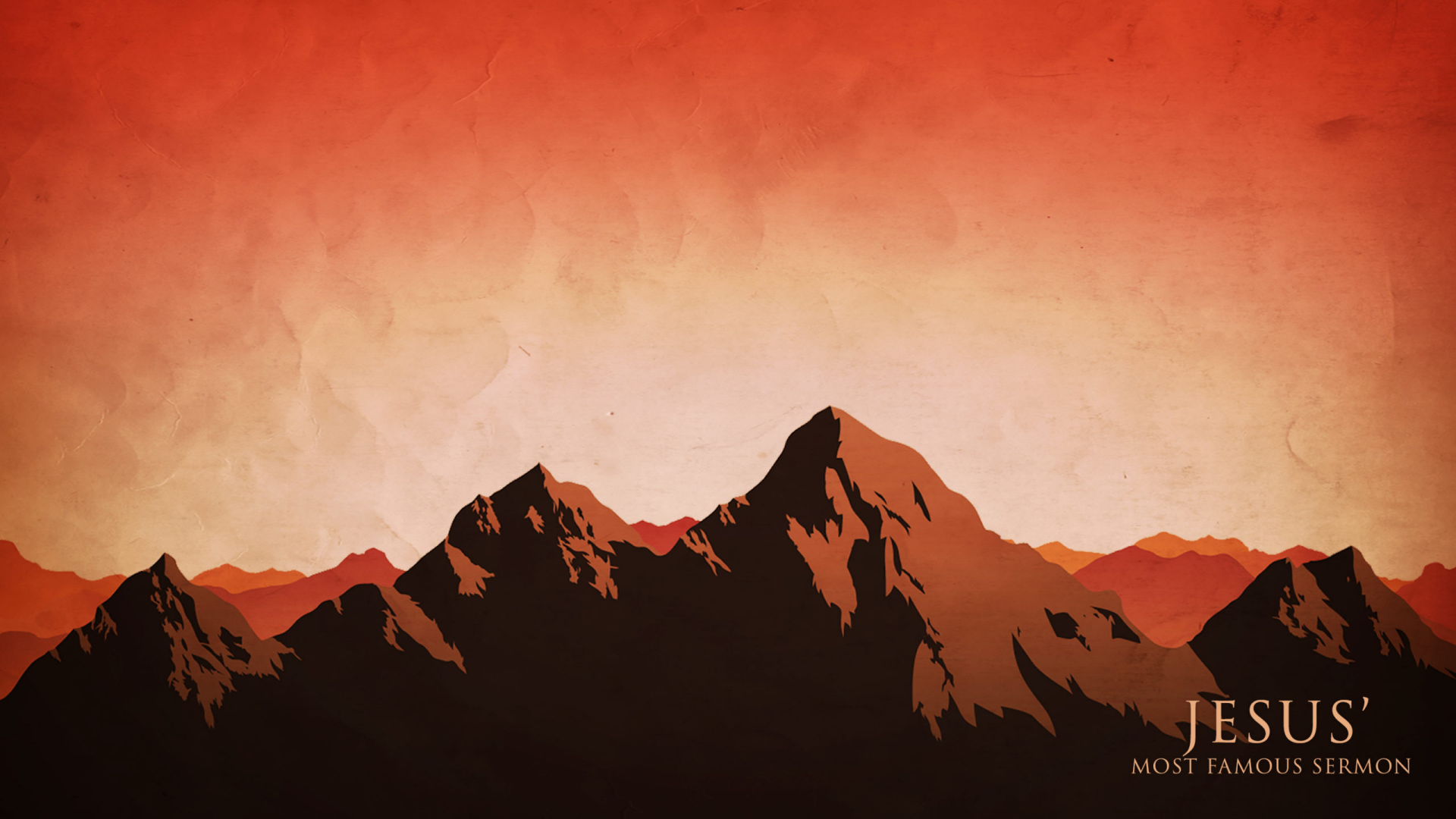
²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court.

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Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison.

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²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out
until you have paid the last penny.

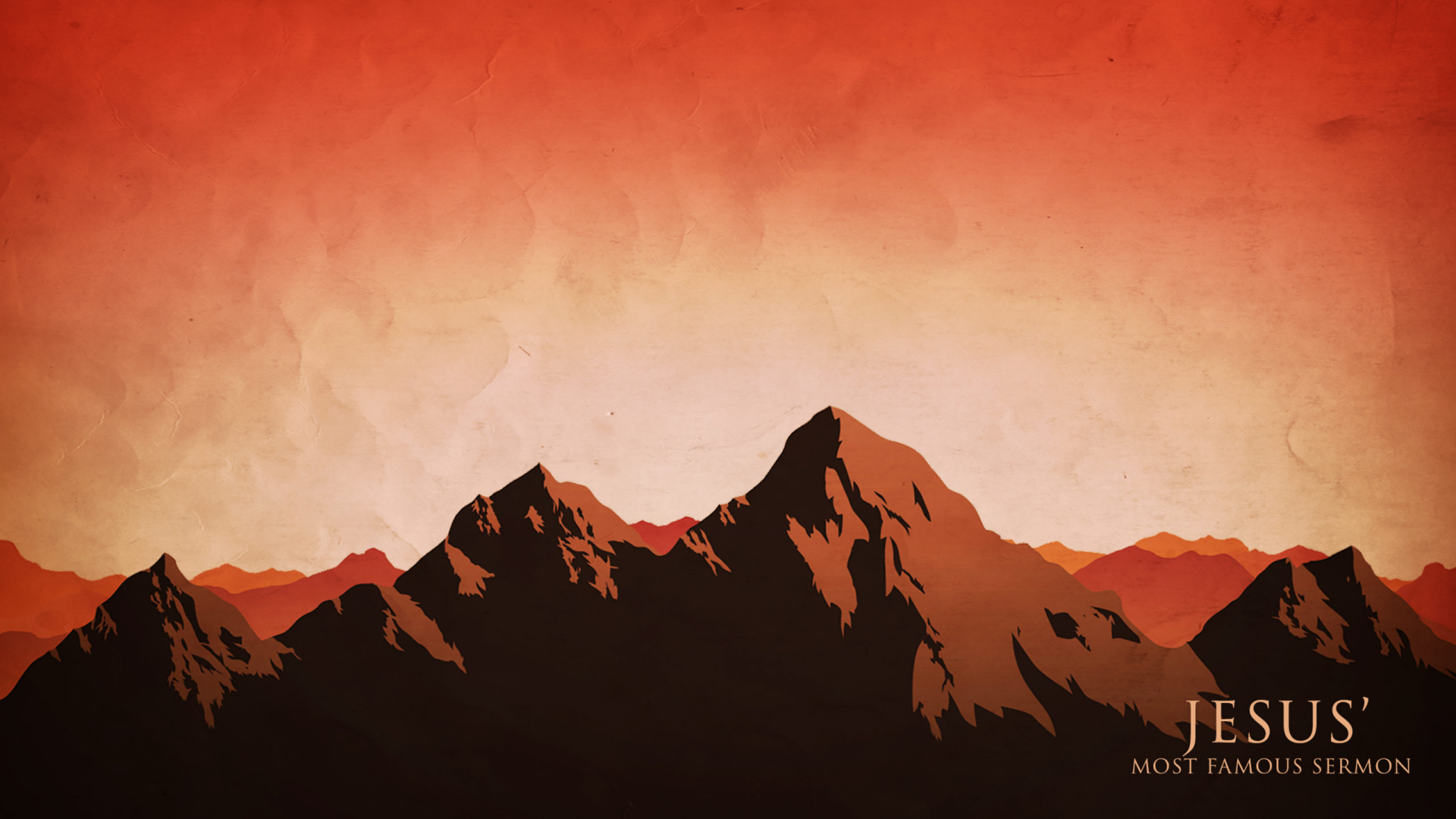


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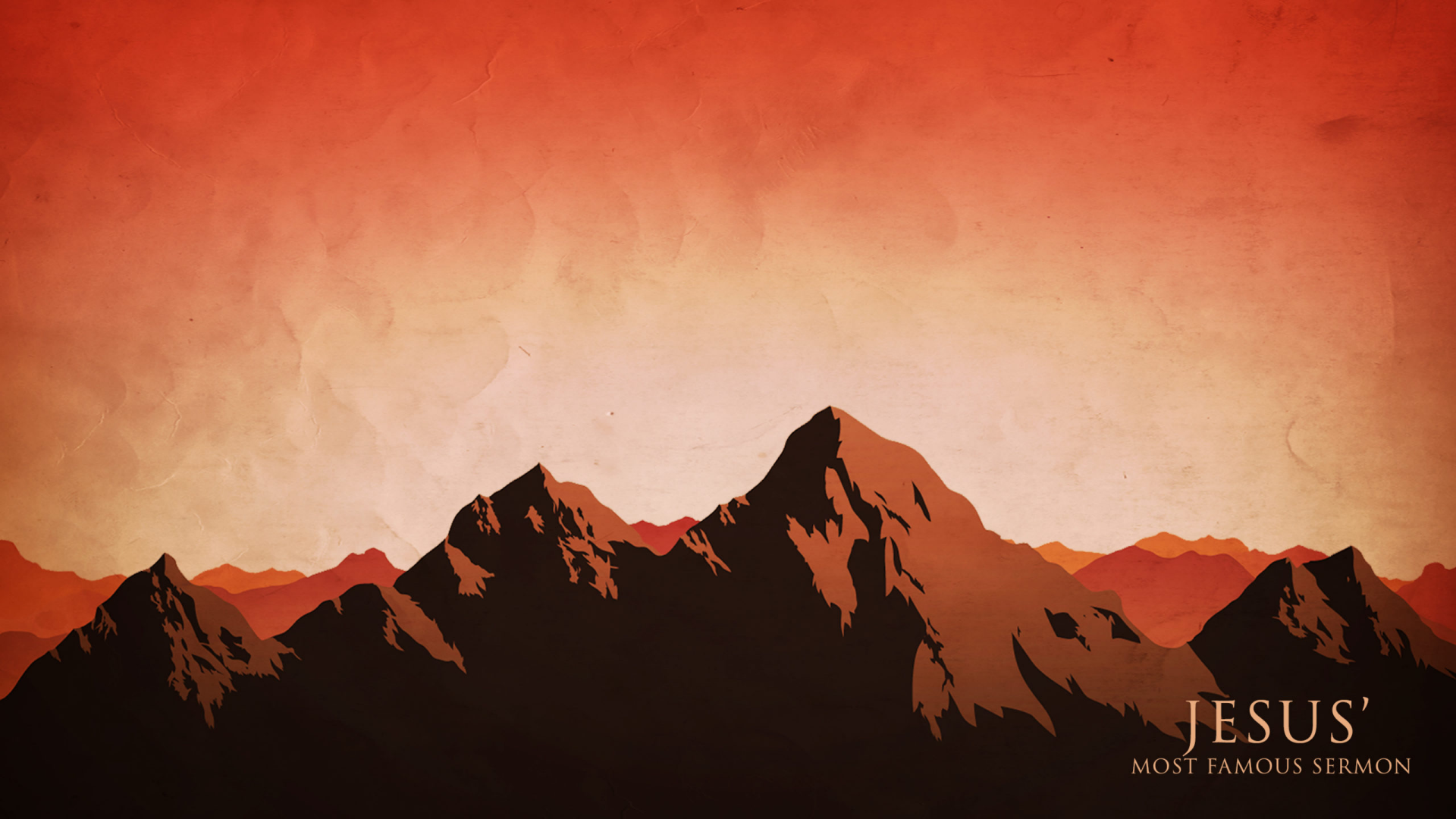
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Matthew 23:1-4

¹ Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ² “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.

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³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

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⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

Matthew 23:15

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees,
you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea
to win a single convert,

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and when you have succeeded, you make them
twice as much a child of hell as you are.

Matthew 23:23-24

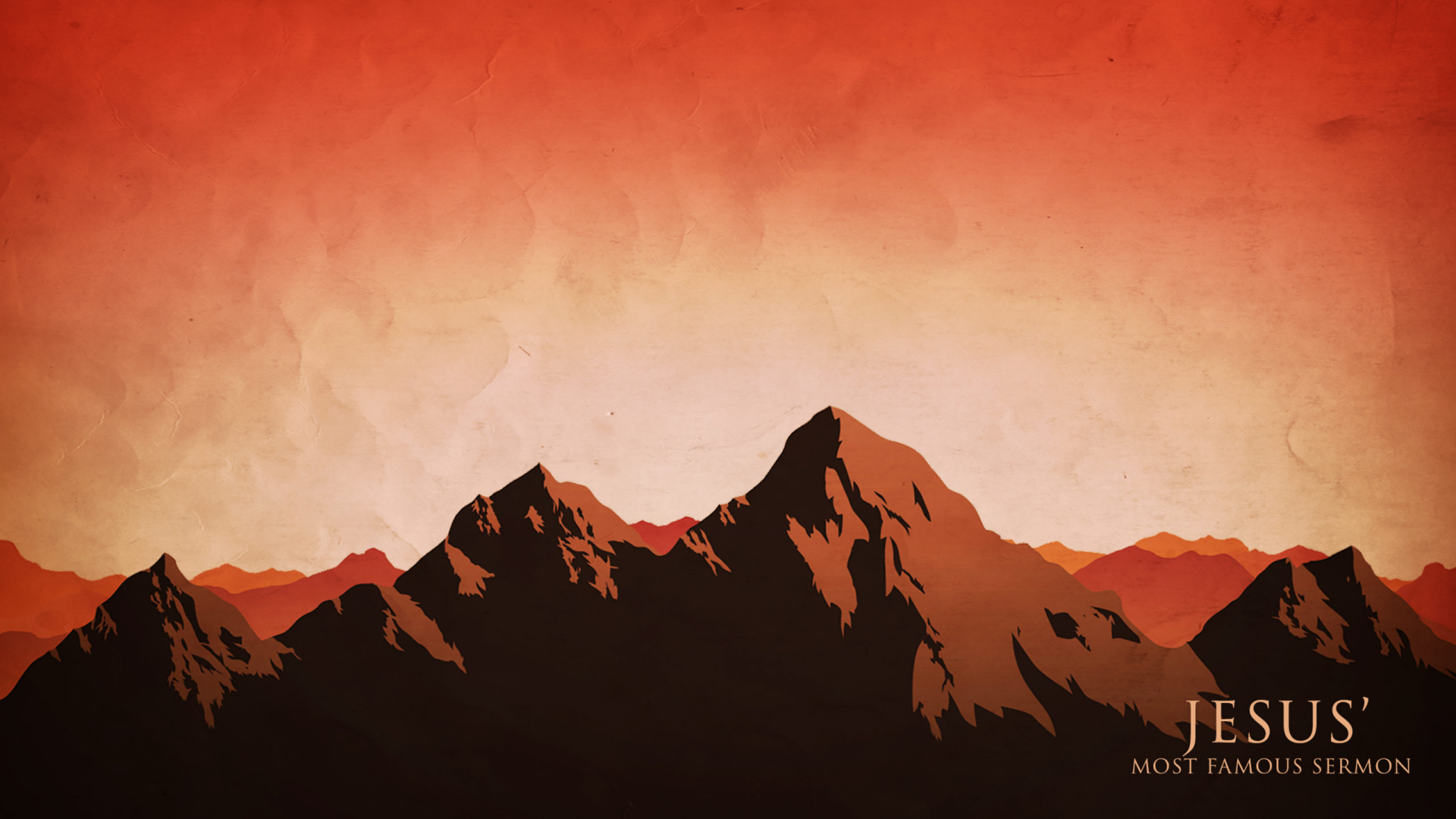
²³ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin.

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But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

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²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out
a gnat but swallow a camel.



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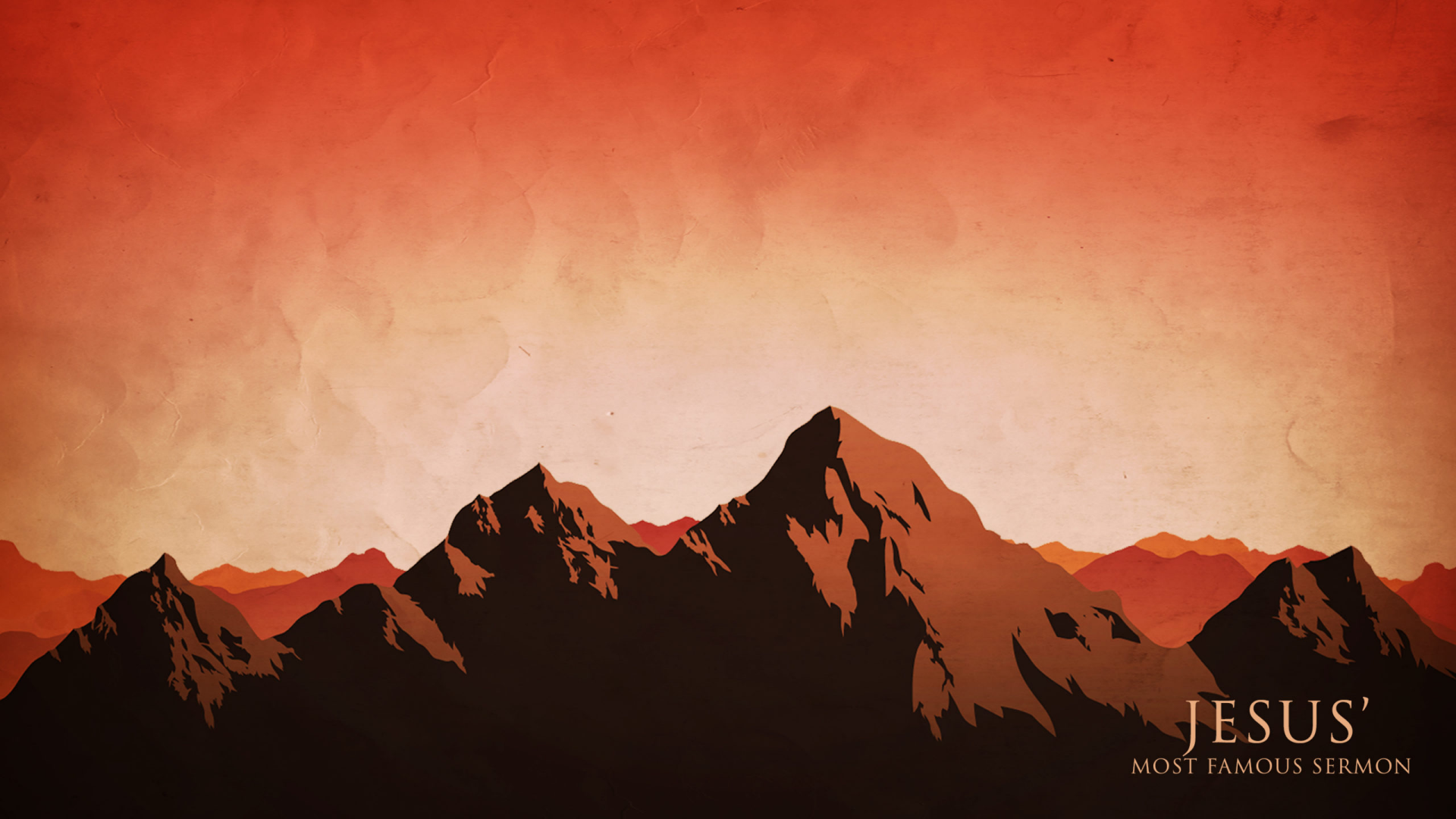
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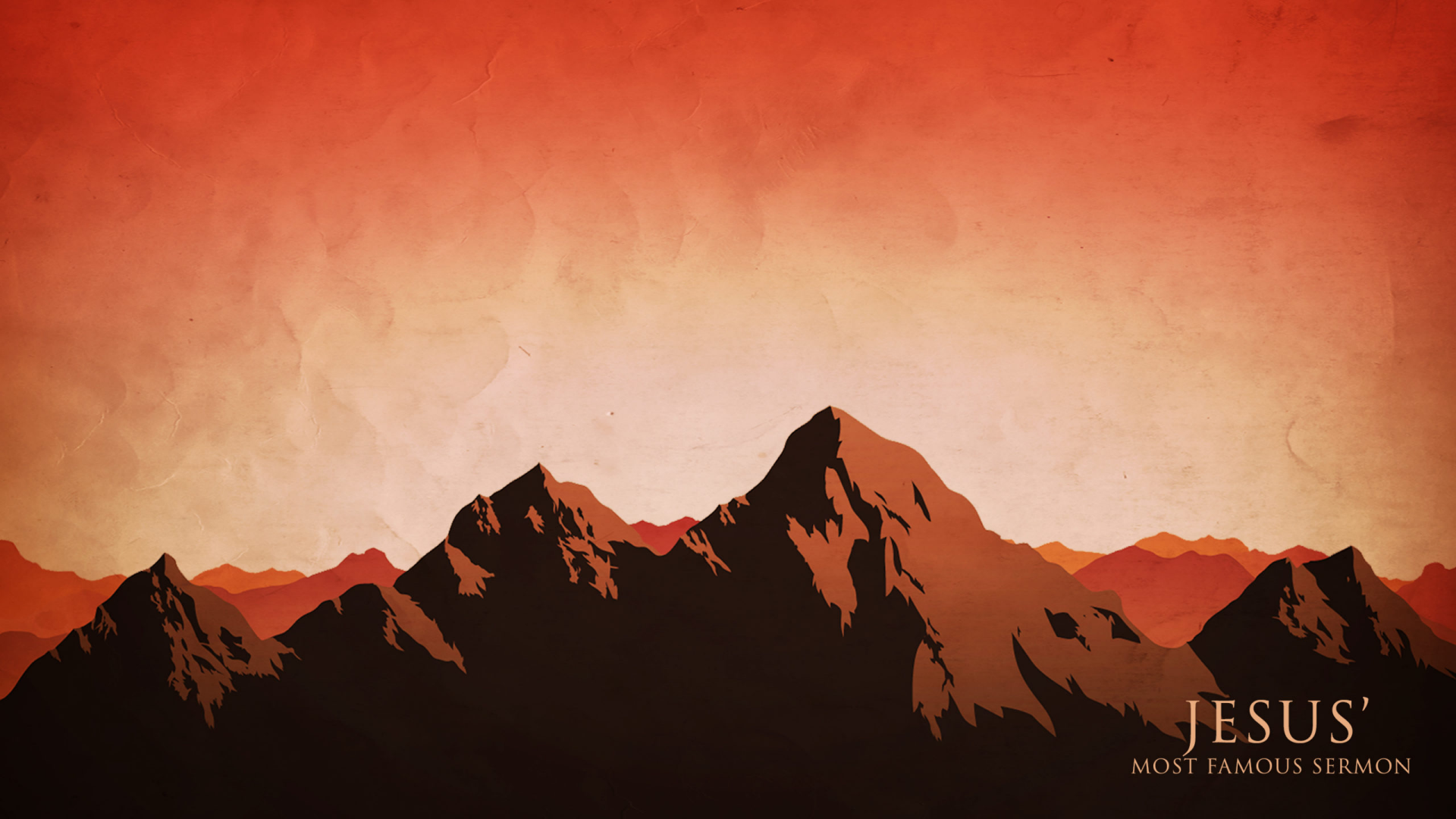
⁵ “Everything they do is done for people to see:
They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels
on their garments long;

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⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;

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⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.



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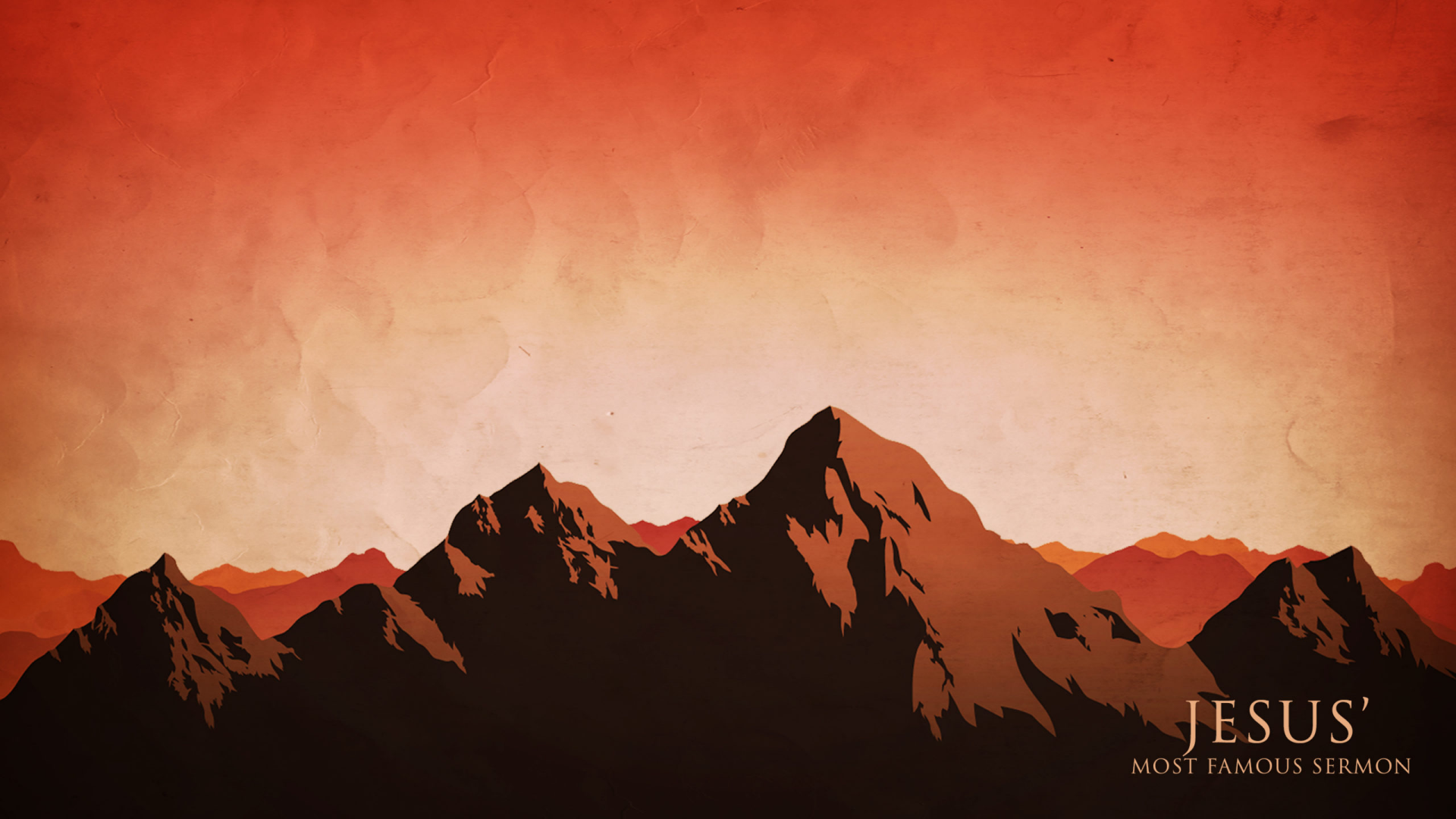
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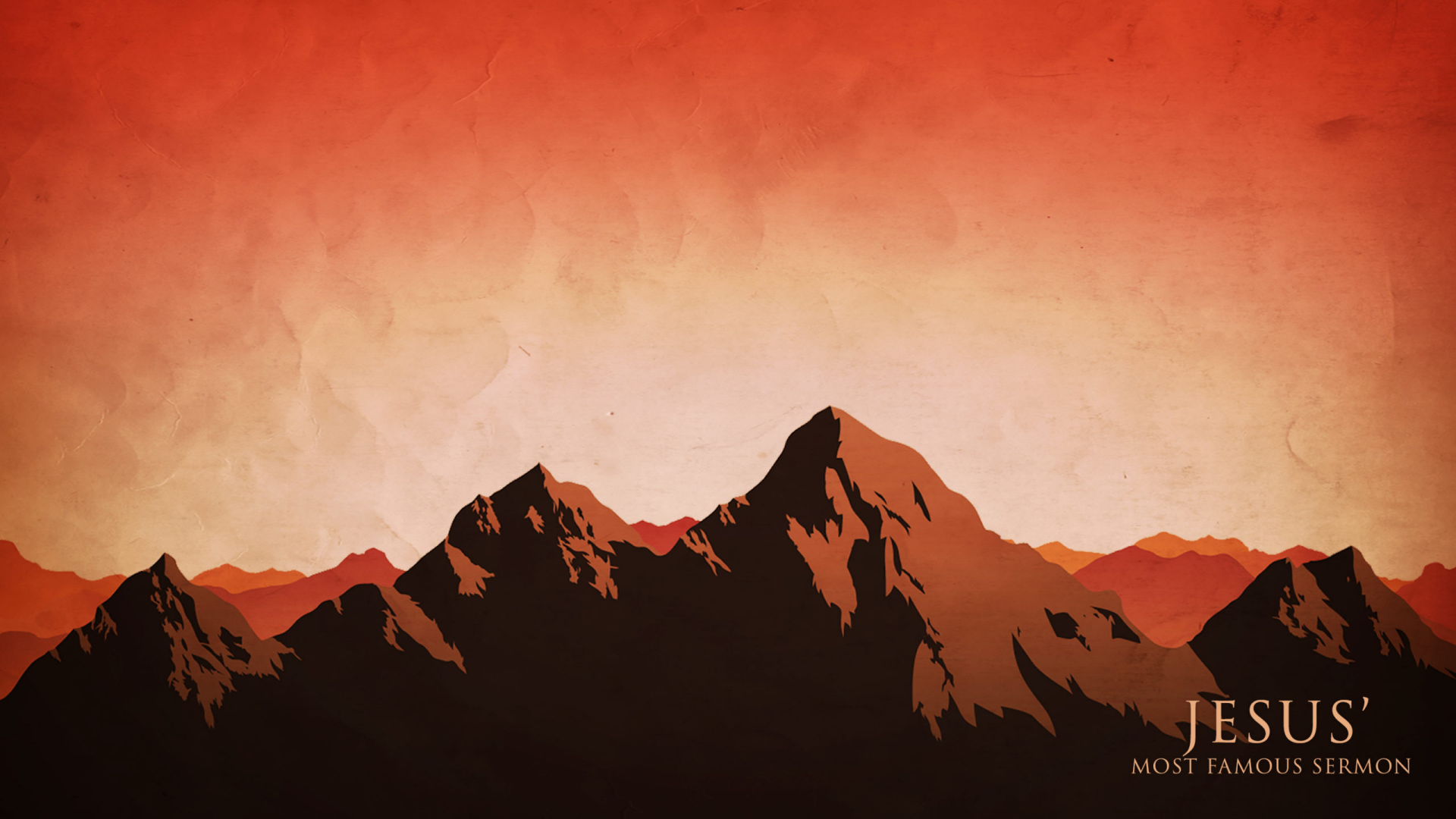
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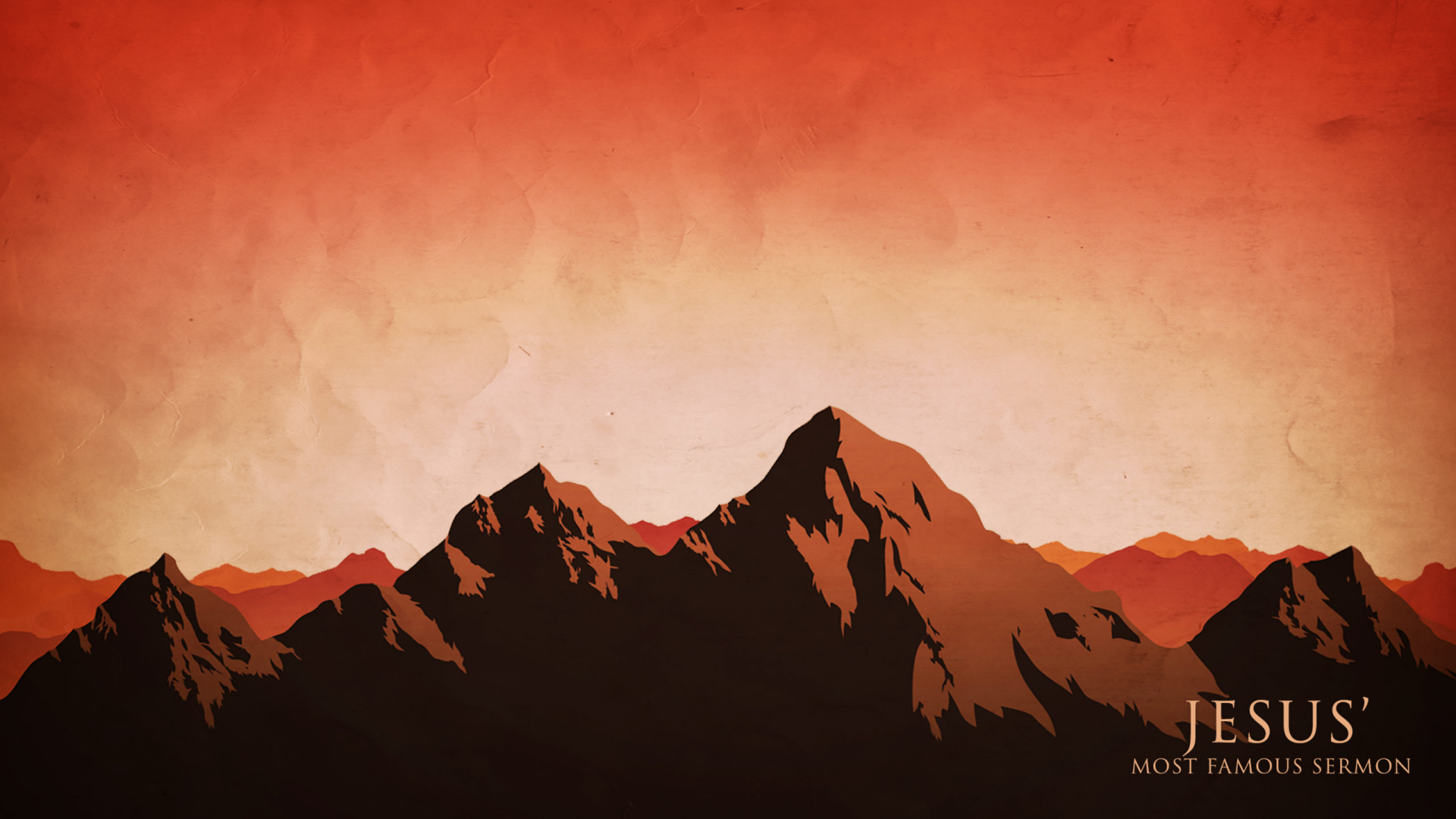
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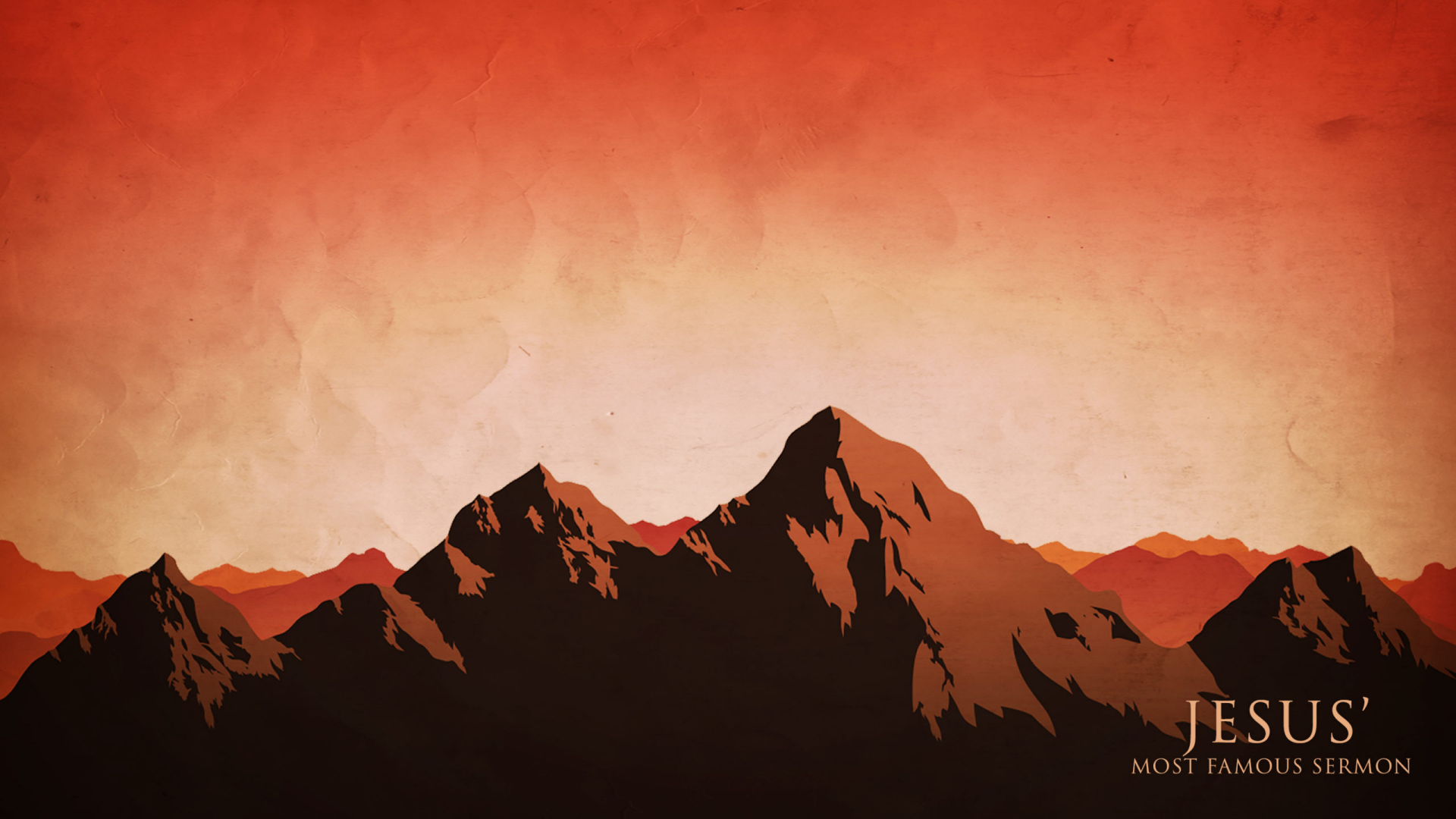




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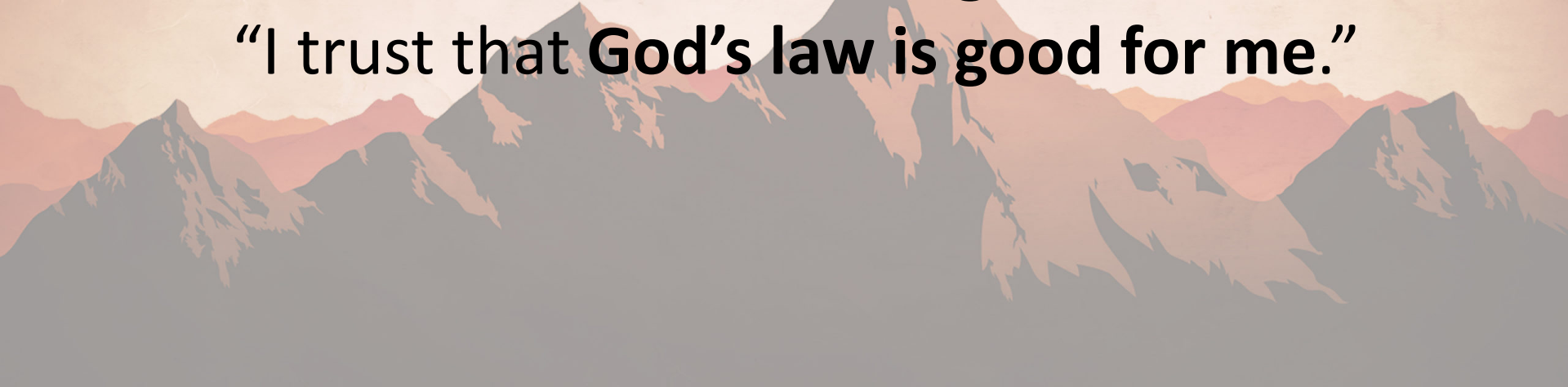
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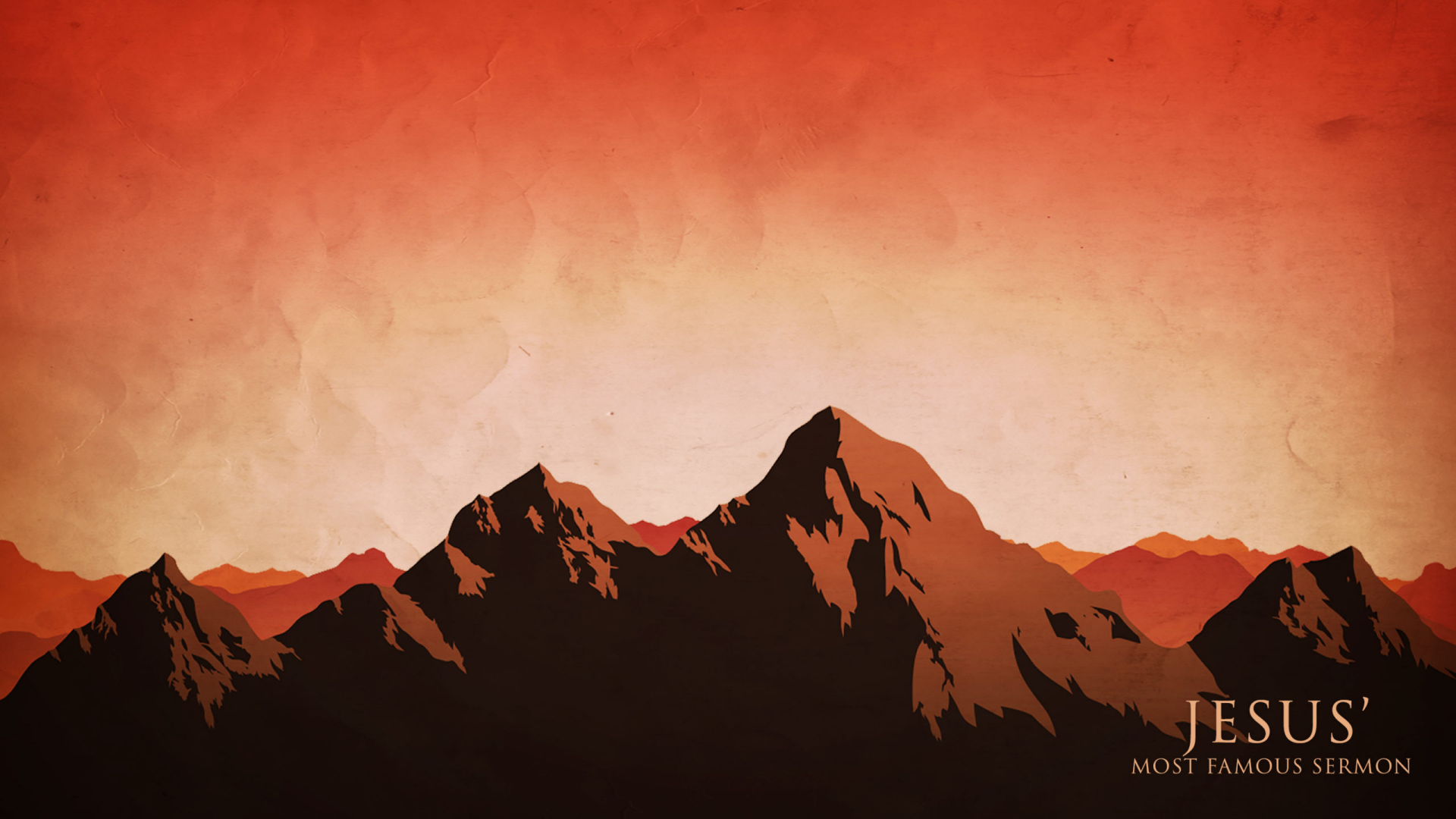


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