A person stands in a dark, shadowy environment, illuminated by a vertical beam of light that descends from the top of the frame. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right. The light creates a strong contrast between the illuminated area and the surrounding darkness.

THE GOSPEL OF  
**JOHN**

**The Light Shines  
in the Darkness**

CHAPTER 12:12-26

**“The Image of Triumph”**

## John 12

<sup>12</sup> The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors <sup>13</sup> took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, “Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of The Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!”

## John 12

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:<sup>15</sup> “Don’t be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey’s colt.” <sup>16</sup> His disciples didn’t understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy.

## John 12

But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him. <sup>17</sup> Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it.

## John 12

<sup>18</sup> That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. <sup>19</sup> Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There’s nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”

## John 12

<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration <sup>21</sup> paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.



## Zechariah 9

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice, O people of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you.

He is righteous and victorious,  
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey  
riding on a donkey's colt.



**We reflect the Kingdom when we  
walk in intentional humility**



## John 12

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## John 12

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. <sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

Jesus' sacrificial death paved the way to renewed and everlasting life



## Romans 5

<sup>18</sup> Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. <sup>19</sup> Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

## John 12

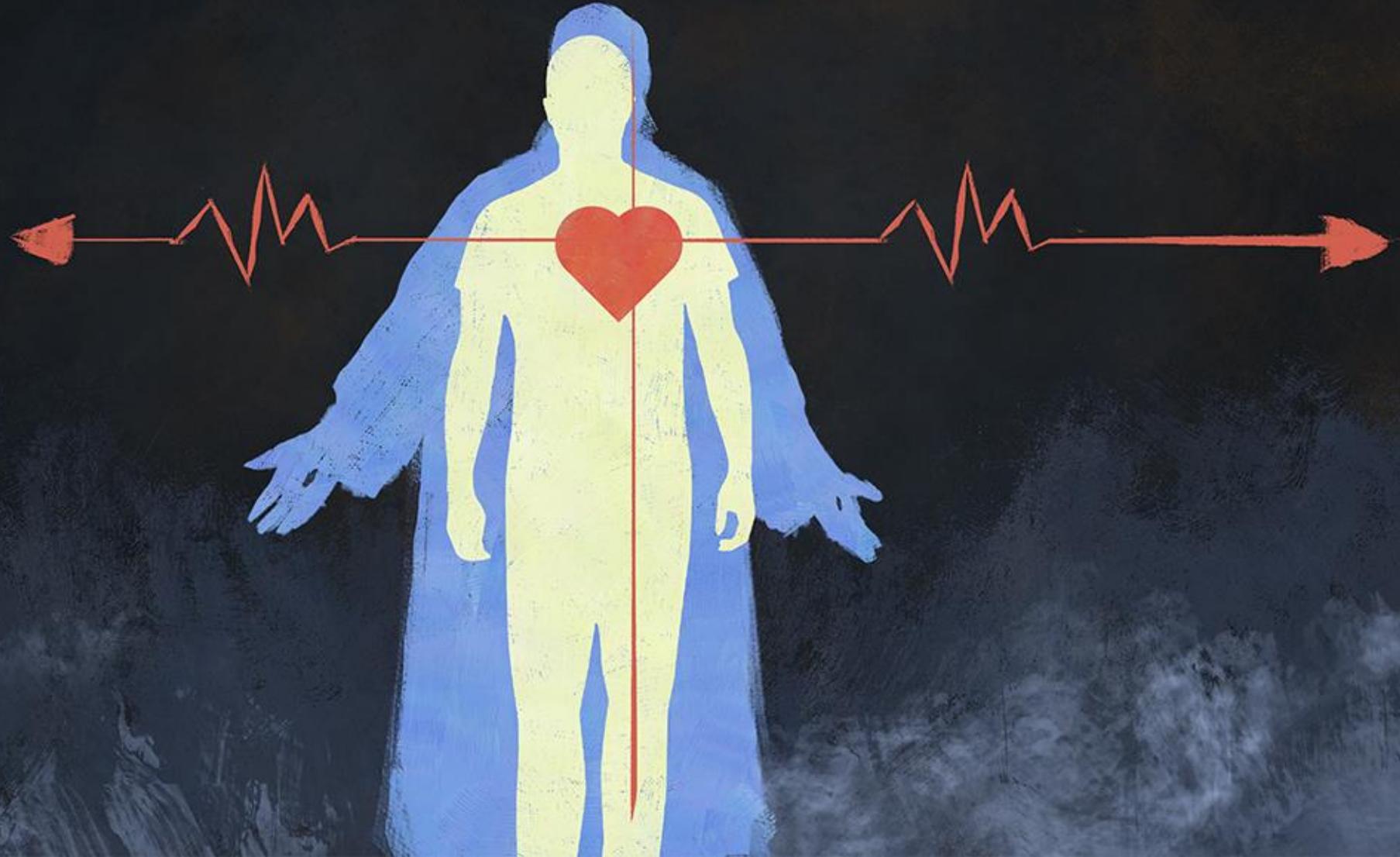
<sup>25</sup> Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. <sup>26</sup> Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

**We reflect the Kingdom by  
intentional sacrifice of self-will**





**A fulfilled life is found in  
sacrificial service to others**



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