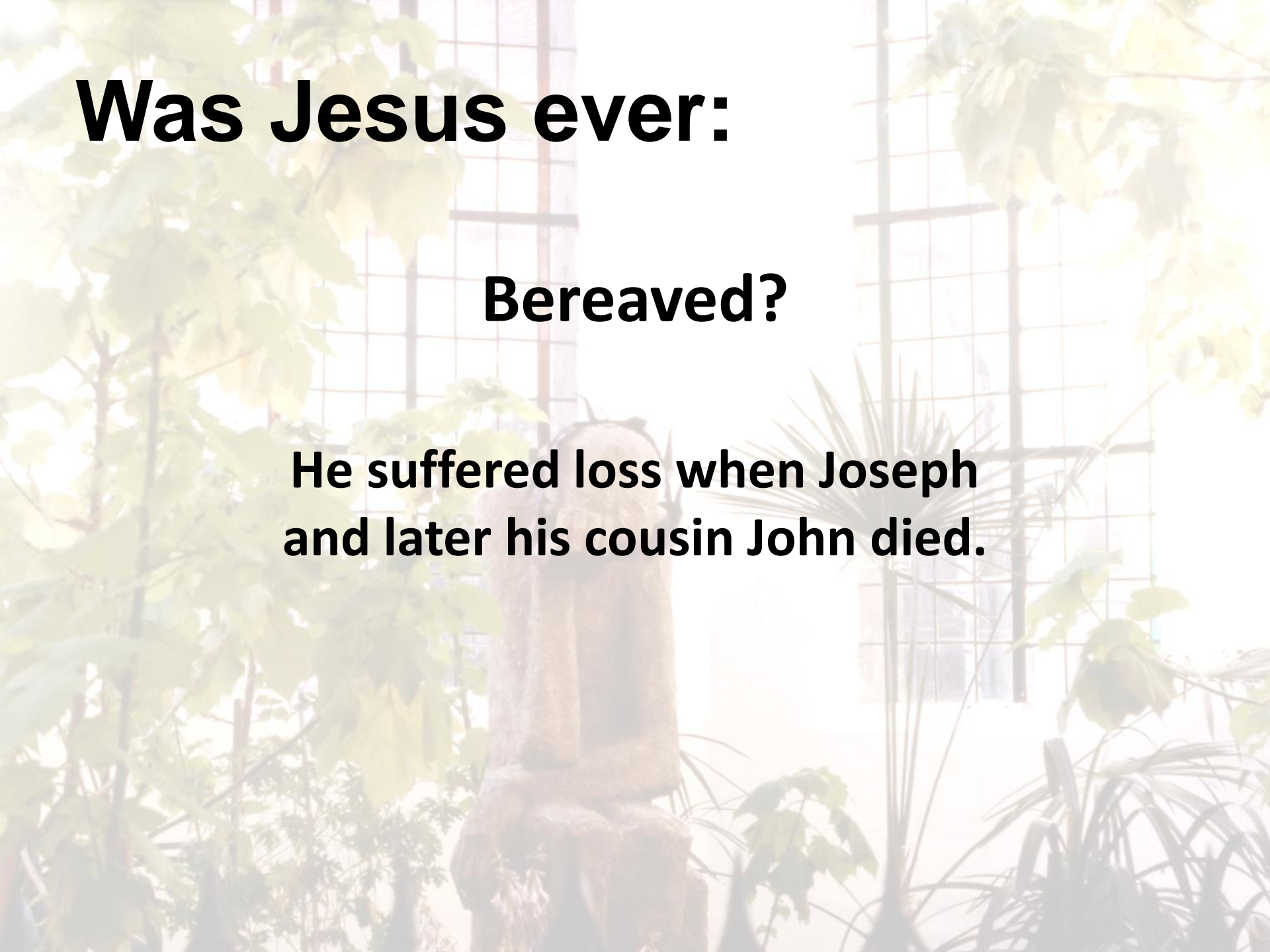




# Jesus & Tough Times

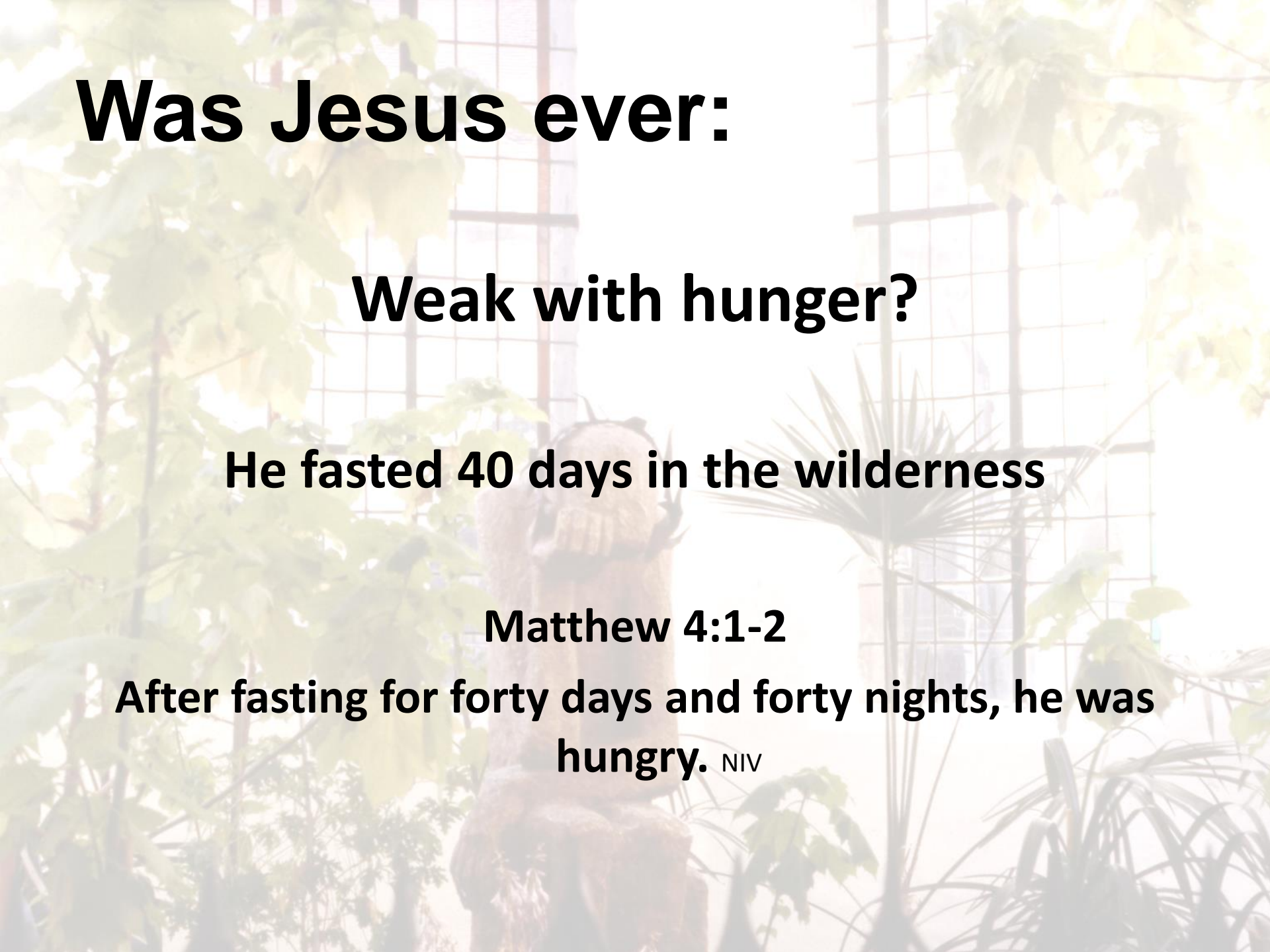
**Did Jesus Ever  
Suffer?**



**Was Jesus ever:**

**Bereaved?**

**He suffered loss when Joseph  
and later his cousin John died.**



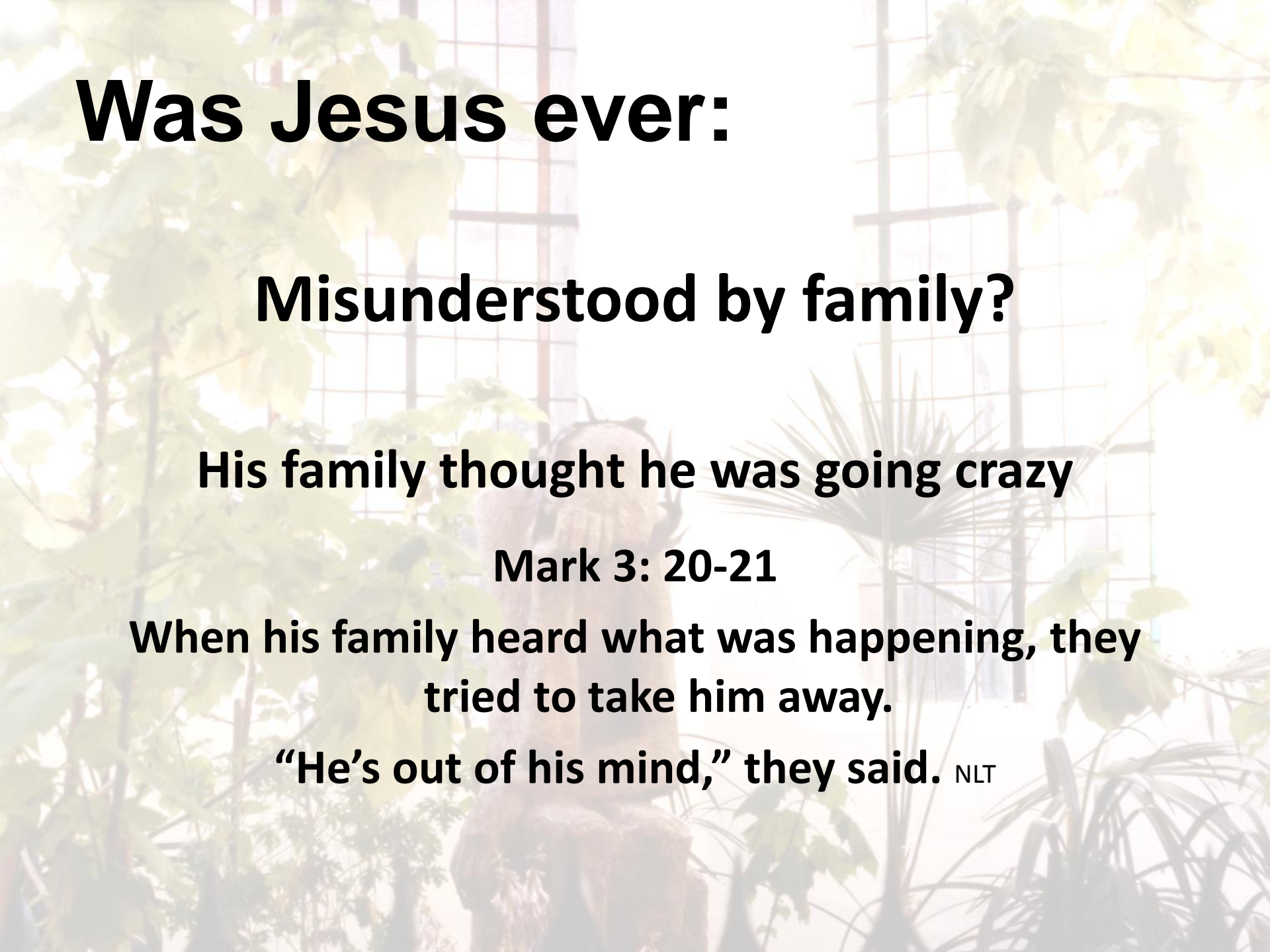
**Was Jesus ever:**

**Weak with hunger?**

**He fasted 40 days in the wilderness**

**Matthew 4:1-2**

**After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was  
hungry. NIV**



**Was Jesus ever:**

**Misunderstood by family?**

**His family thought he was going crazy**

**Mark 3: 20-21**

**When his family heard what was happening, they  
tried to take him away.**

**“He’s out of his mind,” they said. NLT**

# **Was Jesus ever:**

## **Rejected?**

**He was rejected by many, including some he had known since he was a child.**

**Isaiah 53:3**

**He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**

# Was Jesus ever:

## Despised?

- **He was despised and rejected by many.**

**Mark 15: 29**

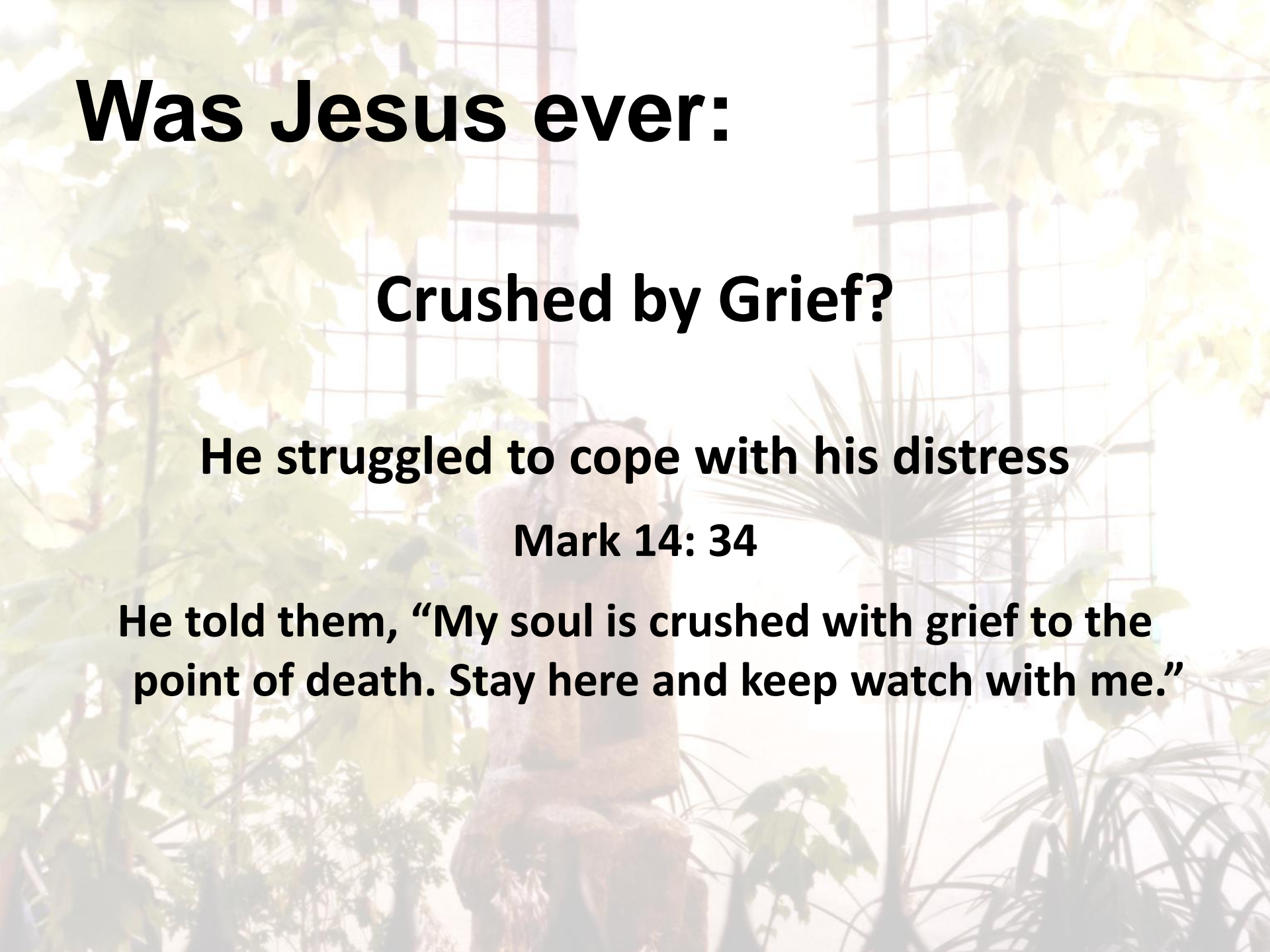
**The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery.** NLT

# **Was Jesus ever:**

## **Verbally abused?**

**He was called:**

- **Criminal - (John 18: 30)**
- **Sorcerer**
- **Troublemaker - (Luke 23: 5)**
- **Friend of the Devil - (Mark 3: 22)**
- **Deceiver - (Matt 27: 63)**



**Was Jesus ever:**

**Crushed by Grief?**

**He struggled to cope with his distress**

**Mark 14: 34**

**He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”**



# **Was Jesus ever:**

## **Betrayed?**

**He was betrayed by some of his closest friends.**

**Matthew 26:14-16**

**Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, “How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?” And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus. NLT**



**Was Jesus ever:**

**Disowned?**

**He was disowned by his friends when he most needed them.**

**Matthew 26:56**

**Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.**

**Was Jesus ever:**

**Physically abused?**

**He was beaten up by the Roman soldiers**

**John 19:1-3**

**Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and ...they slapped him across the face.**

NLT

# **Was Jesus ever:**

## **Treated unjustly?**

**He was sentenced to death for a crime he never committed.**

**Mark 14:55-56**

**The entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other.** NLT

**Was Jesus ever:**

**Tortured?**

**He was crucified, an agonizing way to die**

**Mark 15: 22-39**



**Was Jesus ever:**

**Restored?**

**Psalm 16:10; Psalm 49:15**

**because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**

**God will redeem my life. He will snatch me from the power of the grave.**







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