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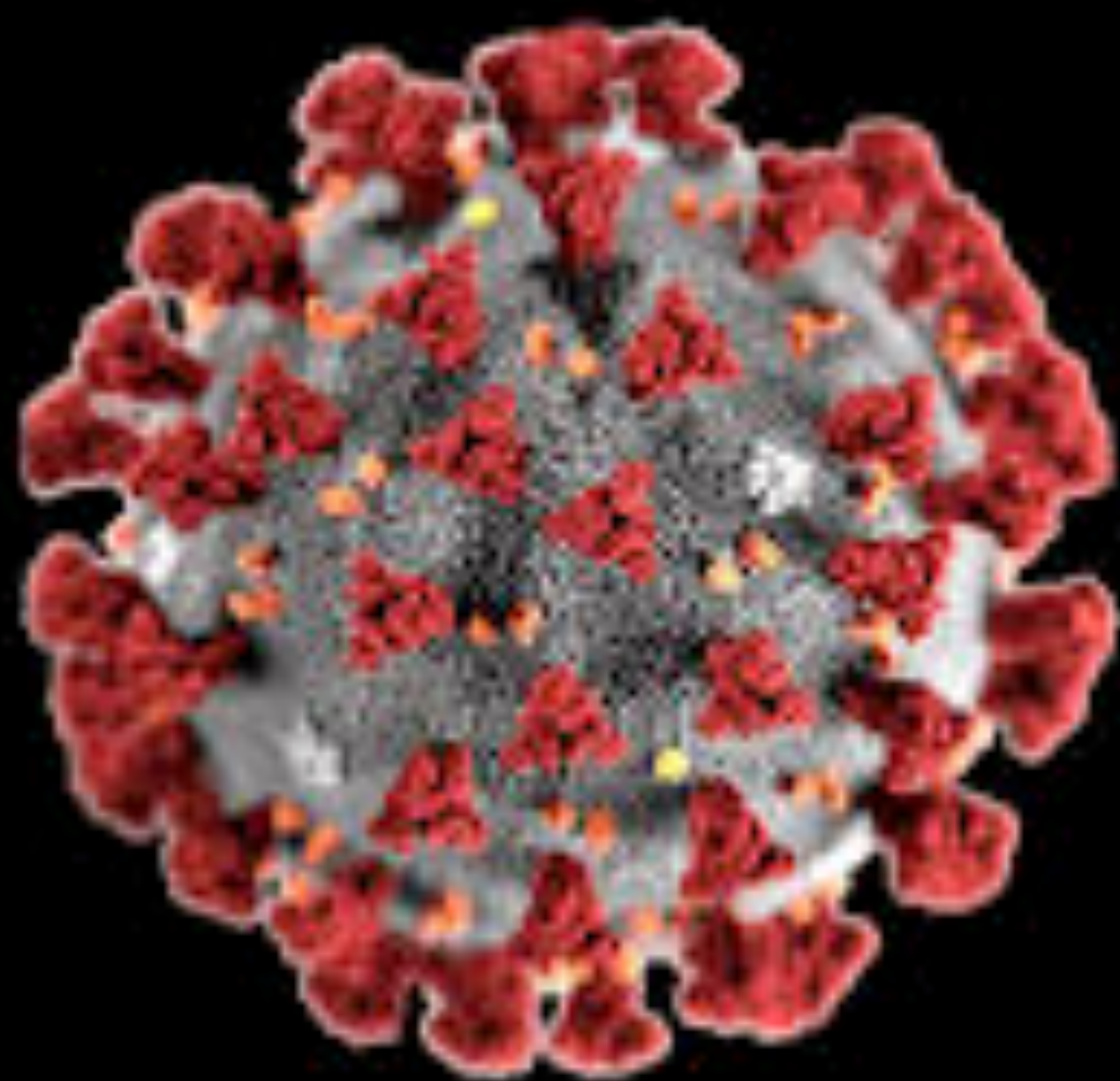
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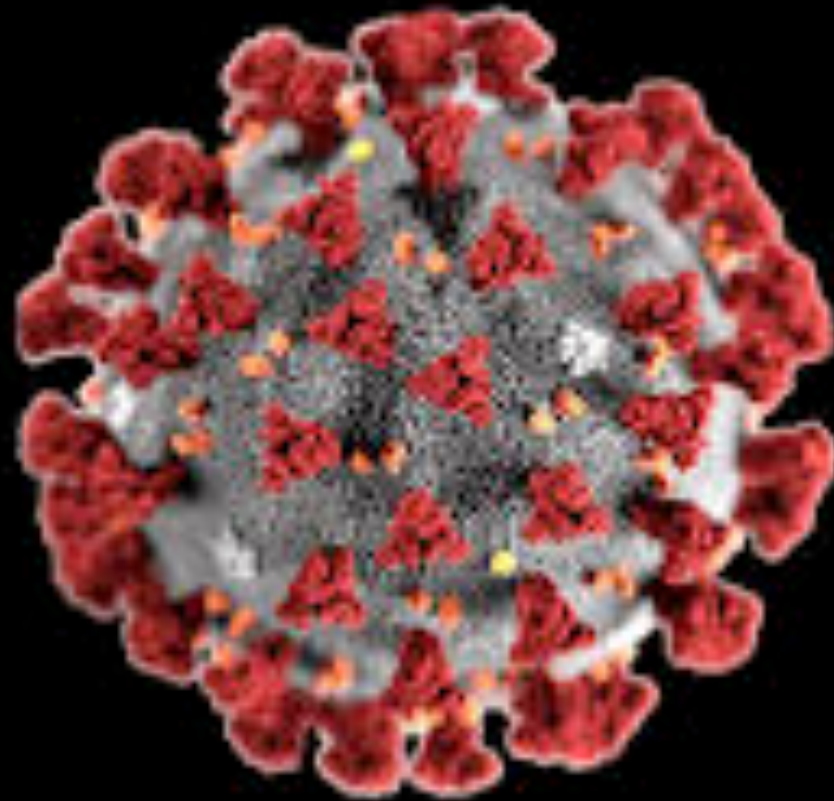
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Matthew 19:16





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He said to Him, “Which ones?”

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Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:23





And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 19:24





When His disciples heard *it*, they  
were greatly astonished, saying,  
“Who then can be saved?”

Matthew 19:25





But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26





Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

Matthew 19:27





So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:28





And everyone who has left houses  
or brothers or sisters or father or  
mother or wife or children  
or lands, for My name's sake, shall  
receive a hundredfold, and inherit  
eternal life.

Matthew 19:29





But many *who are* first will be  
last, and the last first.

Matthew 19:30





But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.

So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

Matthew 19:30; 20:16





The grief of riches:





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Matthew 20:25-26a





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But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:9-10





. . . I will pull down my barns and  
build greater, and there I will store all  
my crops and my goods.

Luke 12:18b





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At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

Matthew 18:1





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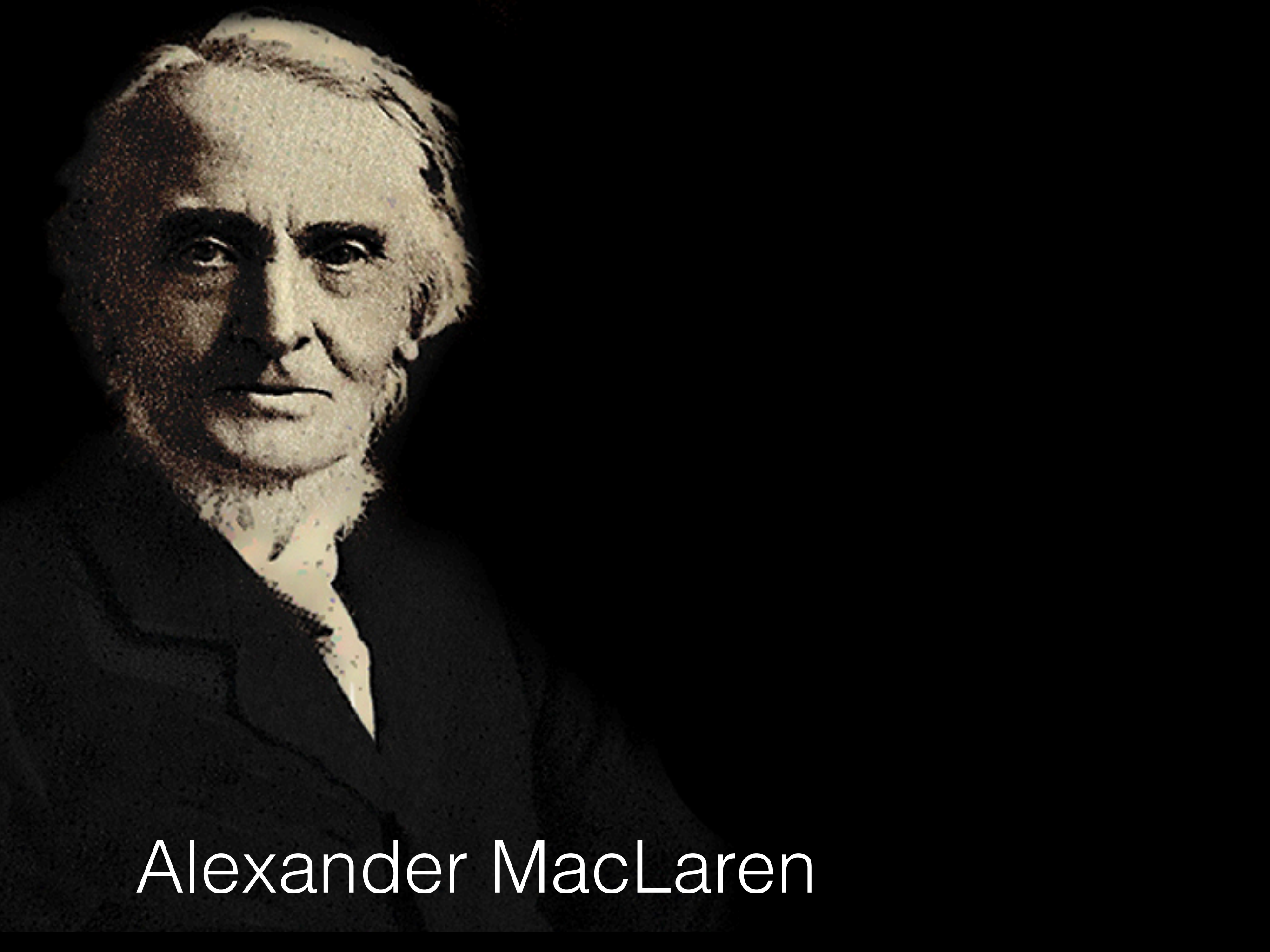




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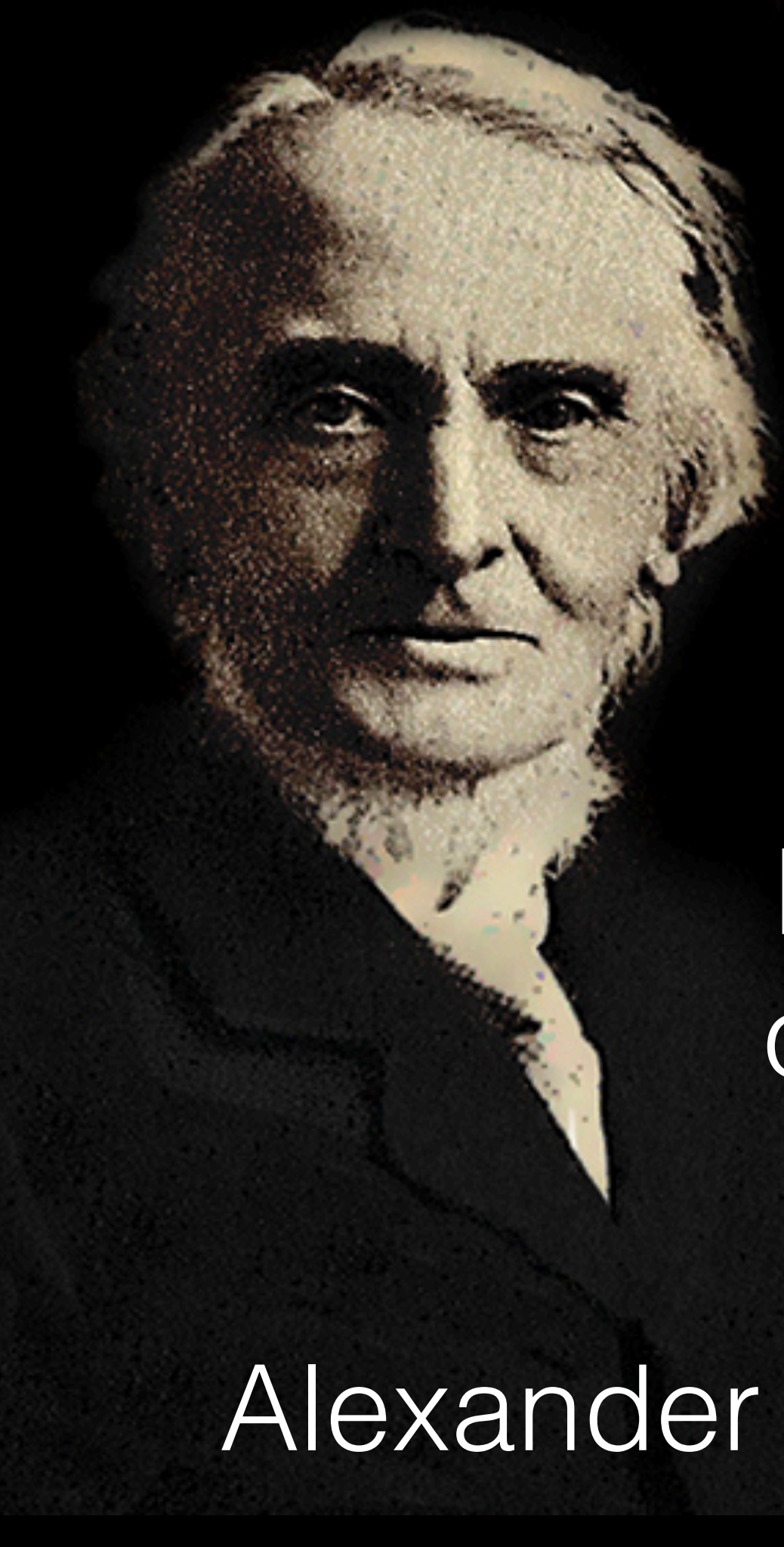
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Alexander MacLaren



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Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and **follow Me.**”

Matthew 16:14





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