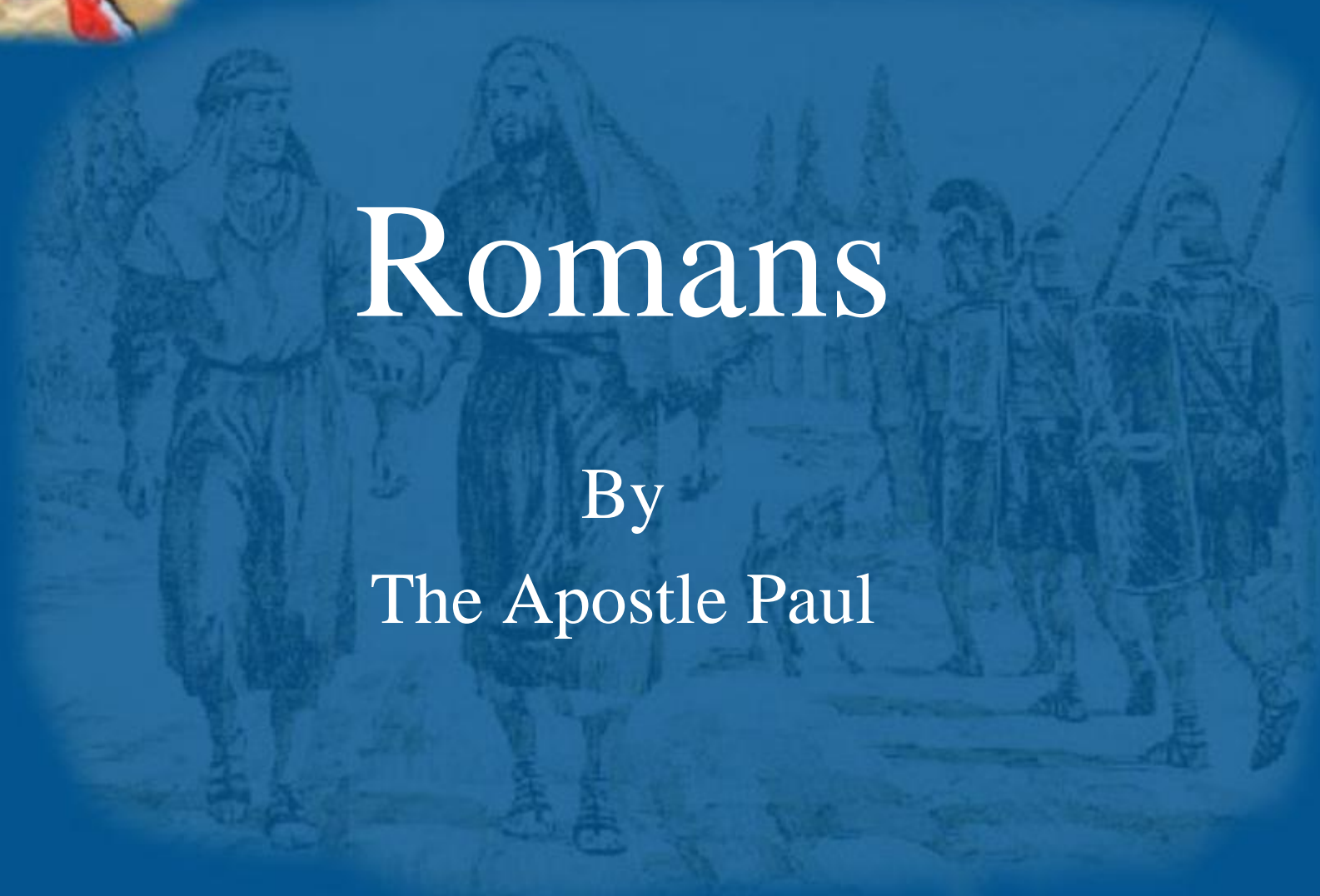




Romans

By

The Apostle Paul





Romans

- **ROM 1:1-17**
- Last week: Why Paul wrote the epistle
 - Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles
 - Rome was the hub of the Gentile world
 - Despite multiple efforts he had failed to get there
 - The world was hearing about this church
 - Paul desired to establish them in the truth



Greetings to the Romans

- Structure of a Roman Epistle
 - Author (From)
 - Recipient (To)
 - Greeting (Dear...)
 - Subject
- EPH 1; COL 1
- One or more of the elements may be purposefully expanded
- GAL 1



Greetings to the Romans

- 1TH 1 Why so little about the author?
 - Church at Thessalonica was founded by Paul & Silas
- **ROM 1:1-6** Why so much about the author?
 - Paul was not their founder nor had he met most of them



Greetings to the Romans

- Note how Paul ends the book in Chapter 16
- If I were sent by Westbrooke to Siberia to teach and I wrote back to you
 - Say Hi to Larry and Julie Phillips, my brother & sister in Christ.... Oh, and Greg and Julie Wenger
 - How would you feel?
- **1TH 5:25-28**
- Paul needed to lay some basis for writing the believers in Rome



Greetings to the Romans

- **ROM 1:1**
- So what did Paul tell the Romans about himself?
 - His name was Paul
 - A Slave of Christ Jesus – doulos
 - Called as an Apostle
 - Specific responsibility: The Gospel of God



Greetings to the Romans

- Do you think that had heard of Paul?
 - Yes, but also most likely his background as Saul
 - Saul was very proud of his Jewish heritage, but he willingly gave it up for his ministry
- Why tell them he is a slave of Christ Jesus?
 - He was a willing slave
 - He too is under the authority of their Lord
 - Paul never lords it over the churches
 - Implications of slavery run throughout this book



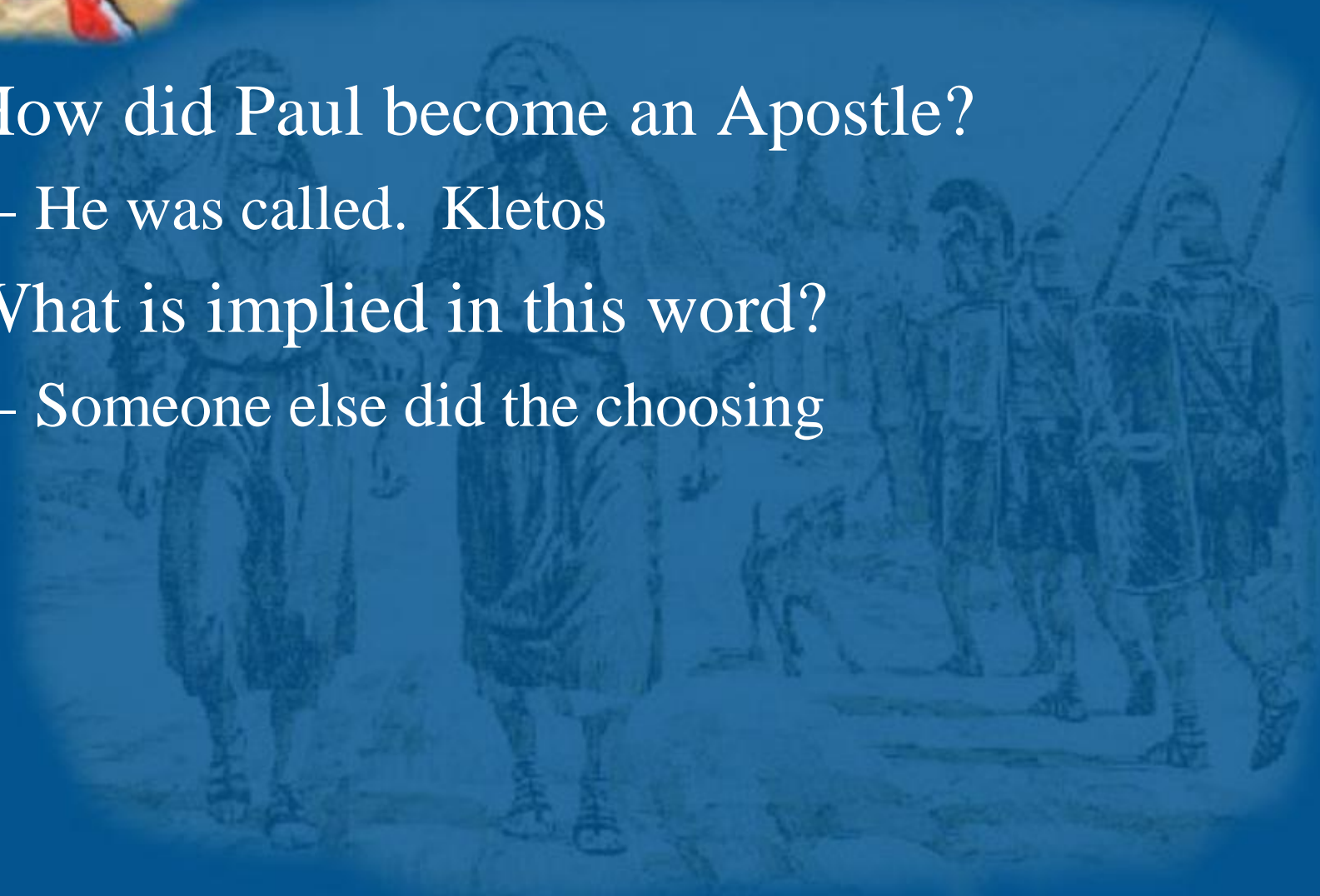
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- Why tell them he is an Apostle?
 - He has authority to teach them
 - His words are to be viewed differently
 - His words carry the authority of the Lord
- What is an apostle?
- Apostle is one given authority by the Lord Jesus, directly MAT 10:1-2
- They were the foundation layers of the church
EPH 2



Greetings to the Romans

- How did Paul become an Apostle?
 - He was called. Kletos
- What is implied in this word?
 - Someone else did the choosing





Greetings to the Romans

- Why tell them that he was set apart for the Gospel? (Aphorizo - marked off, boundaries set)
 - This should be their first clue as to the topic
 - But also, there is no other person with a more clear authority
 - So whatever they (we) were taught needs to square with this letter
 - This was the ministry given to him by the Lord
 - GAL 1:15; ACT 13:1-3



Romans: The Assignment

- ROM 1:16-17

