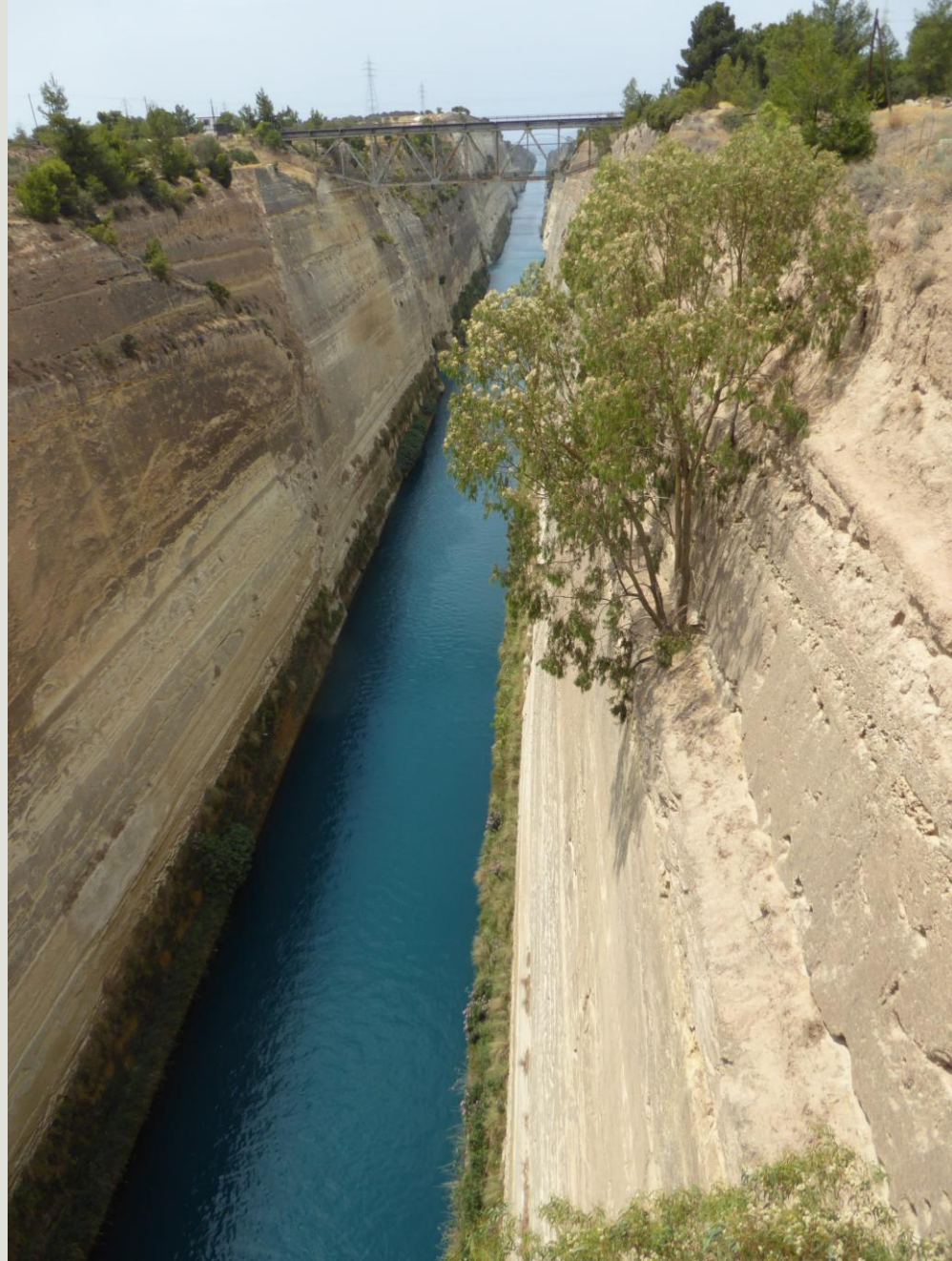


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The Apostles point to Jesus Christ

Philippians 2:5-11

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