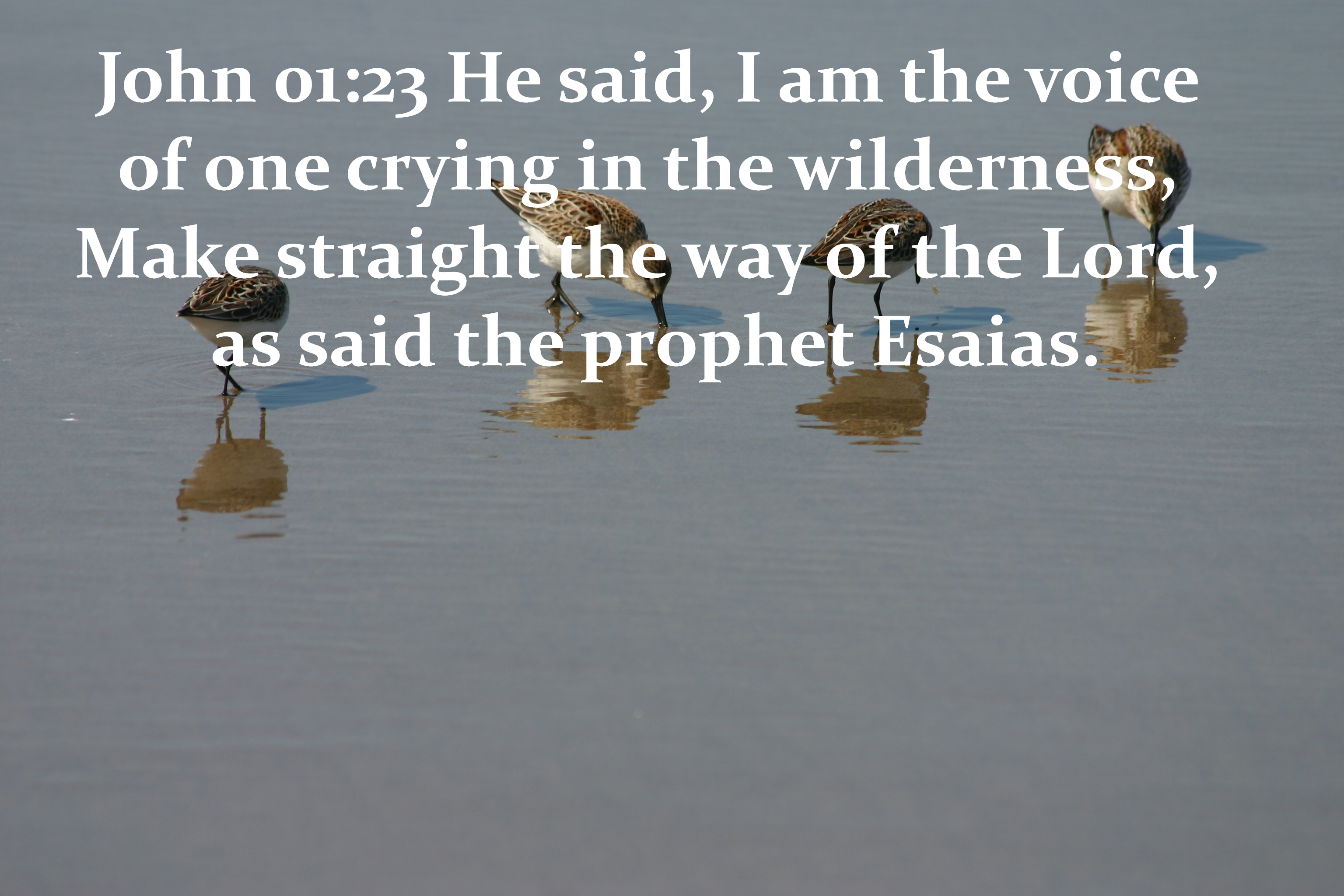


John 01:23 He said, I am the voice  
of one crying in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord,  
as said the prophet Esaias.

The background of the image shows four shorebirds, likely sandpipers or similar species, wading in shallow, calm water. The birds are positioned across the middle ground, with their reflections clearly visible in the still water. The overall scene is peaceful and naturalistic, providing a visual metaphor for the text overlaid on it.