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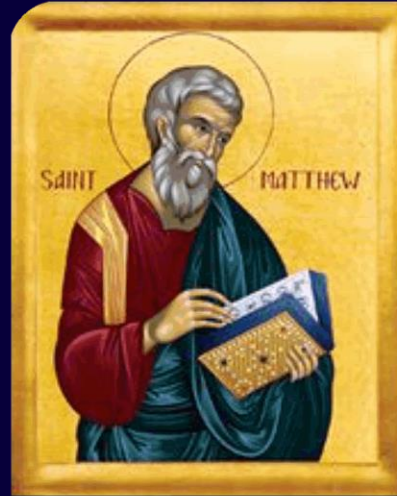
The Four Gospels

The Messiah

The Promised One is here; see His Credentials.

(To the Jew)

Matthew



Mark



Suffering Servant

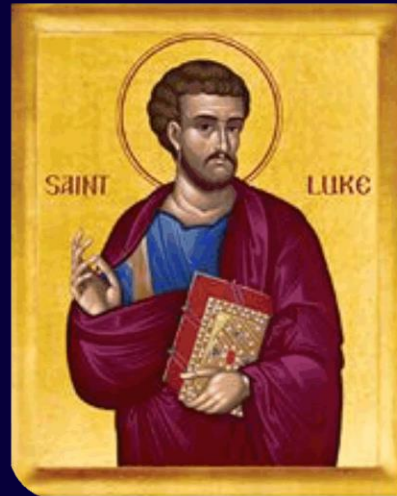
This is how He worked; see His Power

(To Romans)

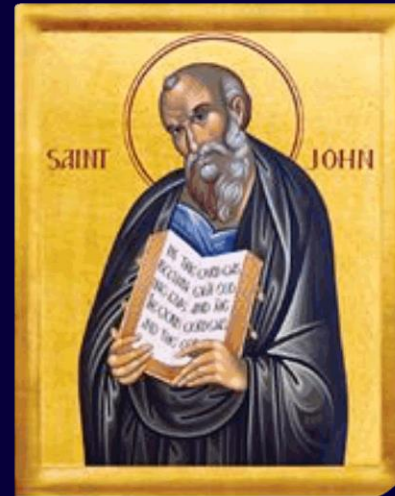
Son of Man

This what He was like; see His Nature.

(To the Greek)



Luke



John

Son of God

This is who He really was; see His Godship.

(To Christians)

Key Theme

JOHN

JESUS IS THE CHRIST: BELIEVE AND LIVE!

“³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹**but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**”

JOHN 20:31

Themes in the Gospel of John

1 Jesus is God,
the “I am”

He existed before creation. As the sent Son of God, he reflects the Sender.

2 Signs and
Wonders
Validate
Him

Signs, wonders, and witnesses validate that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ.

3 The Trinity

Father, Son, and Spirit are united in their work of revelation and redemption.

4 Salvation

Jesus' death is the basis of salvation, obtained through believing in the living Jesus as the Son of God.

5 Eternal Life

Jesus is the giver of eternal life. Believers through the Spirit can experience some of salvation's benefits in the present age.

6 Mission

Believers are called to continue Jesus' mission.

The Gospel of John

OPPORTUNITY

Christ presents Himself to:

- His disciples—1:19-2:12
- The Jews—2:13-3:36
- The Samaritans—4:1-54
- The Jewish leaders—5:1-47
- The multitudes—6:1-71

OPPOSITION

There is conflict with the Jewish leaders over:

- Moses—7:1-8:11
- Abraham—8:12-59
- Who Messiah is—9:1-10:42
- His miraculous power—11:1-12:36
- They would not believe on Him-12:37-50

OUTCOME

Christ's farewell message to His beloved disciples:

- The faith of the disciples—13-17
- The unbelief of the Jews—18-19
- The victory of Christ—20-21



The
GOSPEL
of JOHN

OPPORTUNITY

SUMMARY

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

GALILEE

CHAPTER 1

CHRIST THE WORD

“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.”



THE
Word
BECAME
Flesh

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● John identified seven names and titles of Jesus that identify Him as eternal God:

1. The **Word** (eternal, creative, incarnate)
2. The **Light**
3. The **Son of God**
4. The **Lamb of God**
5. The **Messiah**
6. The **King of Israel**
7. The **Son of Man**



Jesus of Nazareth
is **God**
come in the flesh!

God is here!



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CHAPTER 2

CHRIST THE CREATOR

The wedding at Cana is the first of
seven miracles John records.

Turning **water into fine wine** for the
wedding feast revealed **His glory!**



Cleansing the Temple revealed His zeal!

'The Merchants Chased from the Temple' by James Tissot, 1886-1894.

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

Teaching **spirituality** to the **Teacher of Israel** revealed His knowledge!

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

CHAPTER 3

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR



Jesus Christ the Teacher!

'His Mighty Hand' by Yongsung Kim, 2000.

'The Copper Serpent' by Bruni Fedor Antonovich, 1839



²⁵ Then there arose a dispute between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purification.

Jesus Christ the **Bridegroom!**

²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"



“Behold the **Lamb of God**, come to **take away** the sins of the world.”

“The Appearance of Christ Before the People” by Alexander Ivanov, 1837-1857.

He came from heaven.

He testifies what He has seen and heard.

He is authorised by the Father.



Jesus Christ the
witness to the **Truth!**

Through Him we may escape the wrath of God.

We either trust Him or we reject Him.

He offers a living, loving, learning relationship.

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THE **GOSPEL**
OF **JOHN**

CHAPTER 4

CHRIST THE WATER OF LIFE

“Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.”

“You worship what you do not now; we know what we worship, for **salvation is of the Jews.**”

Jesus Christ ministers
to the **Samaritan woman!**




Jesus Christ ministers
to the Disciples!



Jesus Christ ministers
to the **Samaritans!**

“Come, see a Man who told me all things
that I ever did. **Could this be the Christ?**”



“Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.”

“Sir, come down before my child dies!”

“Go your way; your son lives.”

Jesus Christ ministers
to the Nobleman!

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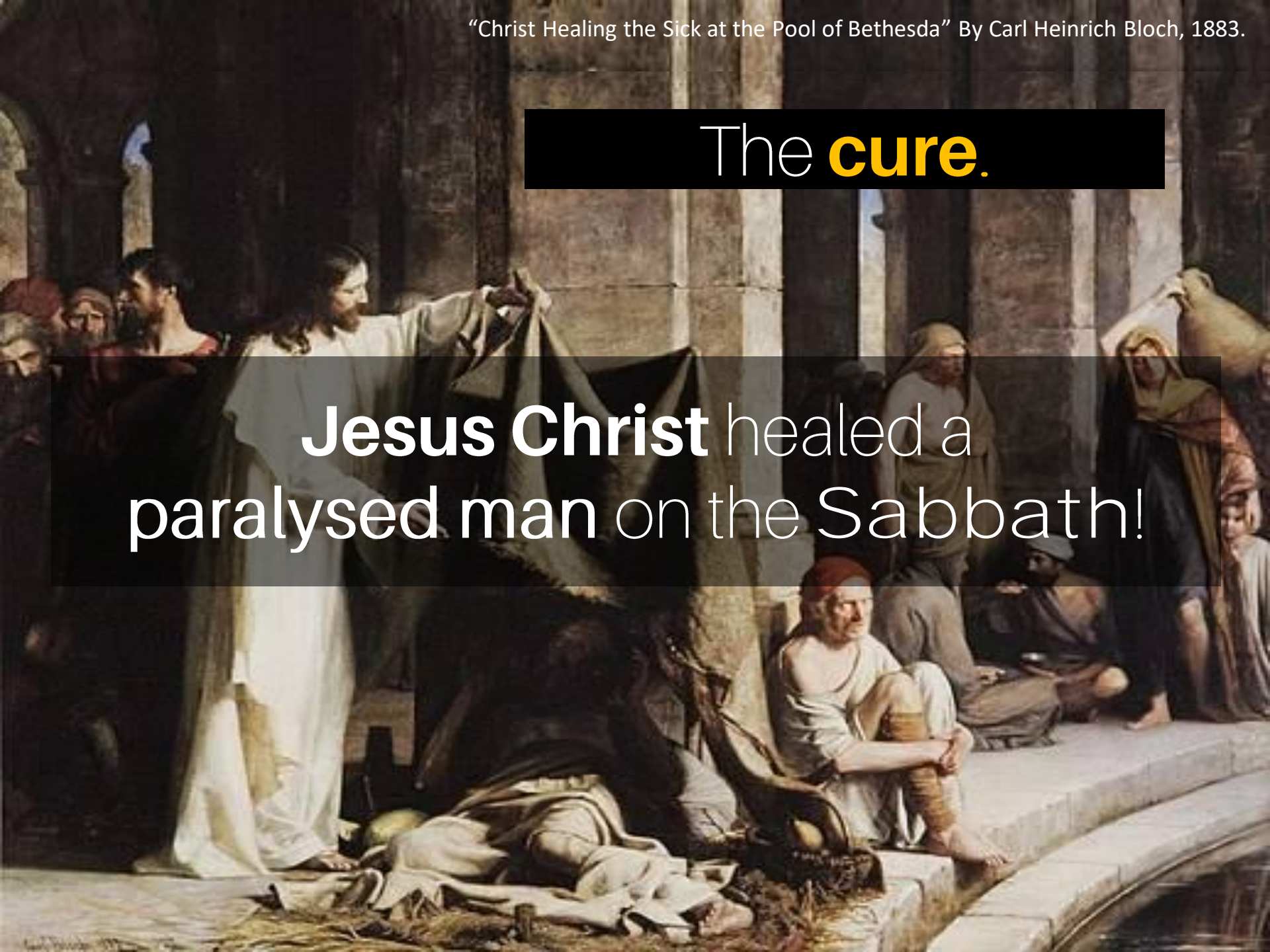
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

CHAPTER 5

CHRIST THE JUDGE

The **cure.**

Jesus Christ healed a
paralysed man on the Sabbath!





The **controversary.**

Pharisees sought to kill **Jesus Christ**
for working on the Sabbath!

The **claims.**

Jesus Christ is the **Son of God!**

FOR THE FATHER HAS COMMITTED ALL

JUDGEMENT

TO THE SON




**Giving life: Son of God
Judgment: Son of Man
(The Kinsman-redeemer)**

PHILLIP RYAN.
BORN 1818. DIED OCTOBER 1887.
AGED 70 YEARS.
Wife of the late Mrs. J. Ryan.
SON WILLIAM RYAN.
DIED 1878. DURATION 25 YEARS.
DAUGHTER DENIS RYAN.
DIED 1877. DURATION 24 YEARS.

PHILLIP HARNEY RYAN.
DIED 1877. DURATION 24 YEARS.
WIFE MARGARET RYAN.
DIED 1877. DURATION 24 YEARS.



John presents a **four-fold witness** that
Jesus Christ is the Son of God!



John the Baptist
Jesus' works
The Father
The Scriptures

If you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"



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CHAPTER 6

CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST



- Jesus **Feeds** the Multitude
- Jesus **Leaves** the Multitude
- Jesus **Teaches** the Multitude



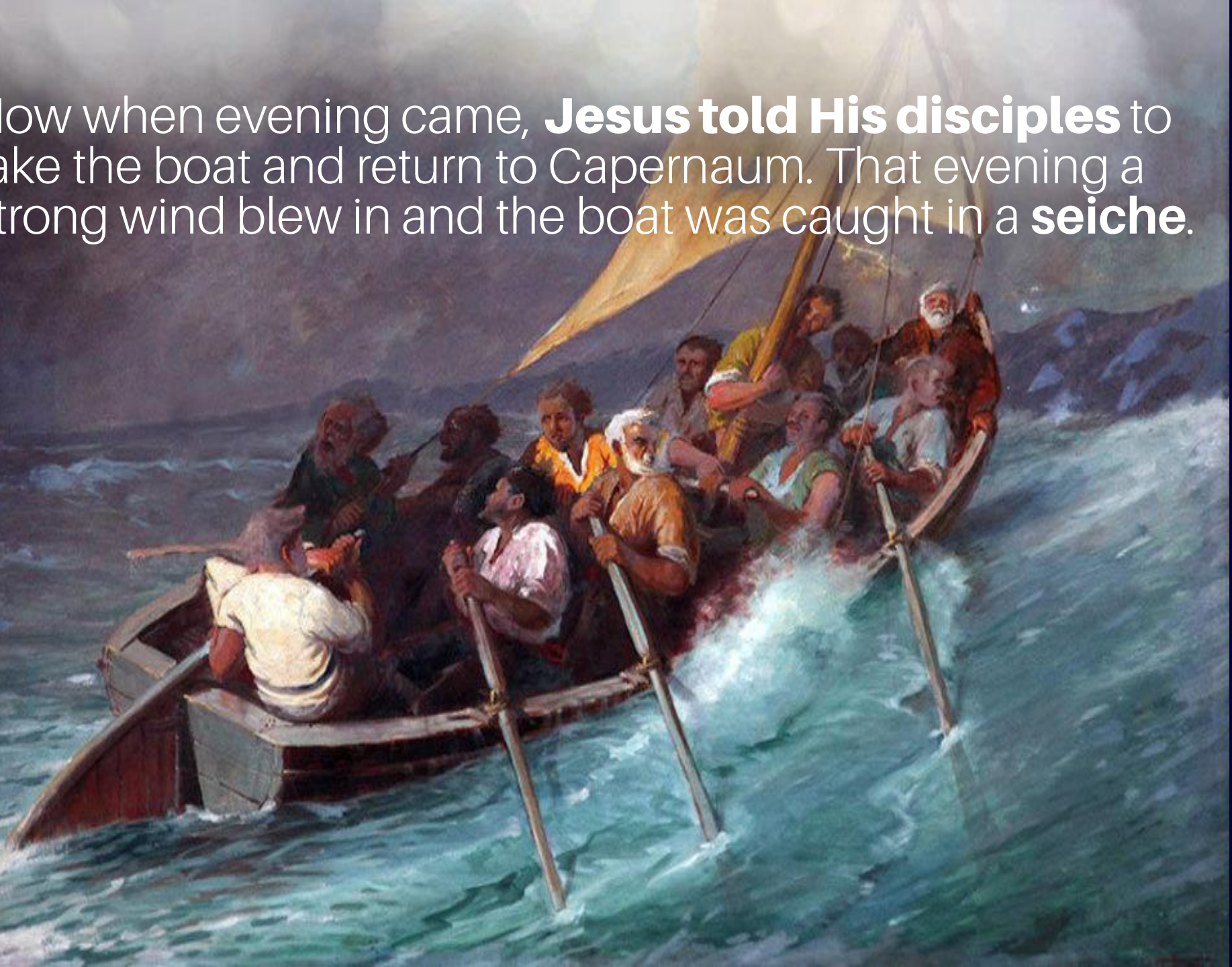
Jesus fed the multitude with **five loaves of bread** and **two fish**, "Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled **twelve baskets** with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten."

Jesus Christ feeds the Multitudes!

A painting depicting Jesus Christ in a rugged, mountainous landscape. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a white robe, looking down with a somber expression. The background features steep, rocky cliffs and sparse vegetation. The text "Jesus Christ leaves the Multitudes!" is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font, with the word "leaves" highlighted in yellow.

Jesus Christ leaves the
Multitudes!

Now when evening came, **Jesus told His disciples** to take the boat and return to Capernaum. That evening a strong wind blew in and the boat was caught in a **seiche**.



When they were
halfway across
they saw Jesus
walking on the water.

**“It is I;
do not be
afraid.”**

“Jesus walks on water”
by Ivan Aivazovsky, 1888.





The **Multitudes found** **Jesus Christ**
at the Synagogue in Capernaum!

'The sermon at Capernaum' by Wilhelm Kotarbinski, c. 1880.

A charcoal-style illustration of Jesus Christ standing in a doorway, holding a book. He is wearing a white robe and a white shawl. To his left, a man in a turban and white robe stands with his back to the viewer. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is gathered, many with their heads bowed. The room has stone walls and a window on the right. The text "Jesus Christ teaches the Multitudes!" is overlaid on the image in white and yellow font.

Jesus Christ **teaches** the
Multitudes!

This is the work of God,
that you **believe**
in Him whom He sent.”



Jesus Christ teaches the
Multitudes!

The people were **seeking.**

“Moses did **not** give you the bread from heaven, but **My Father gives** you the **true bread from heaven.**”

“Lord, give **us** this bread always.”



‘The gathering of the manna in the desert’ by Giuseppe Angeli, .

AND JESUS SAID TO THEM,
"I AM THE **BREAD OF LIFE**.
HE WHO COMES TO ME
SHALL **NEVER HUNGER**,
AND HE WHO BELIEVES
IN ME SHALL
NEVER THIRST."

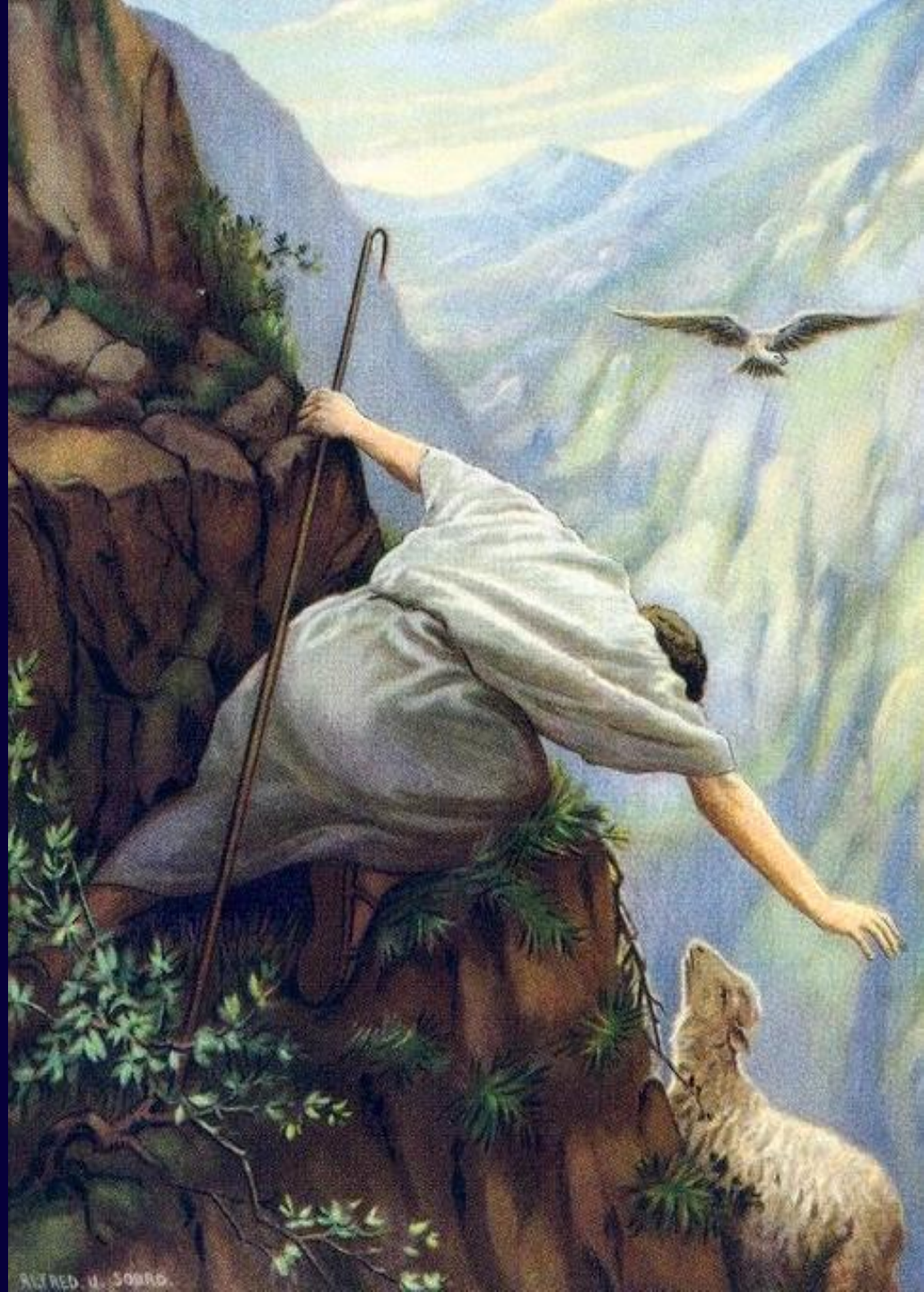
JOHN 6:35



³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should **raise it up at the last day.**

⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and **I will raise him up at the last day.**”

‘The Lost Sheep’ by Alfred U. Soord



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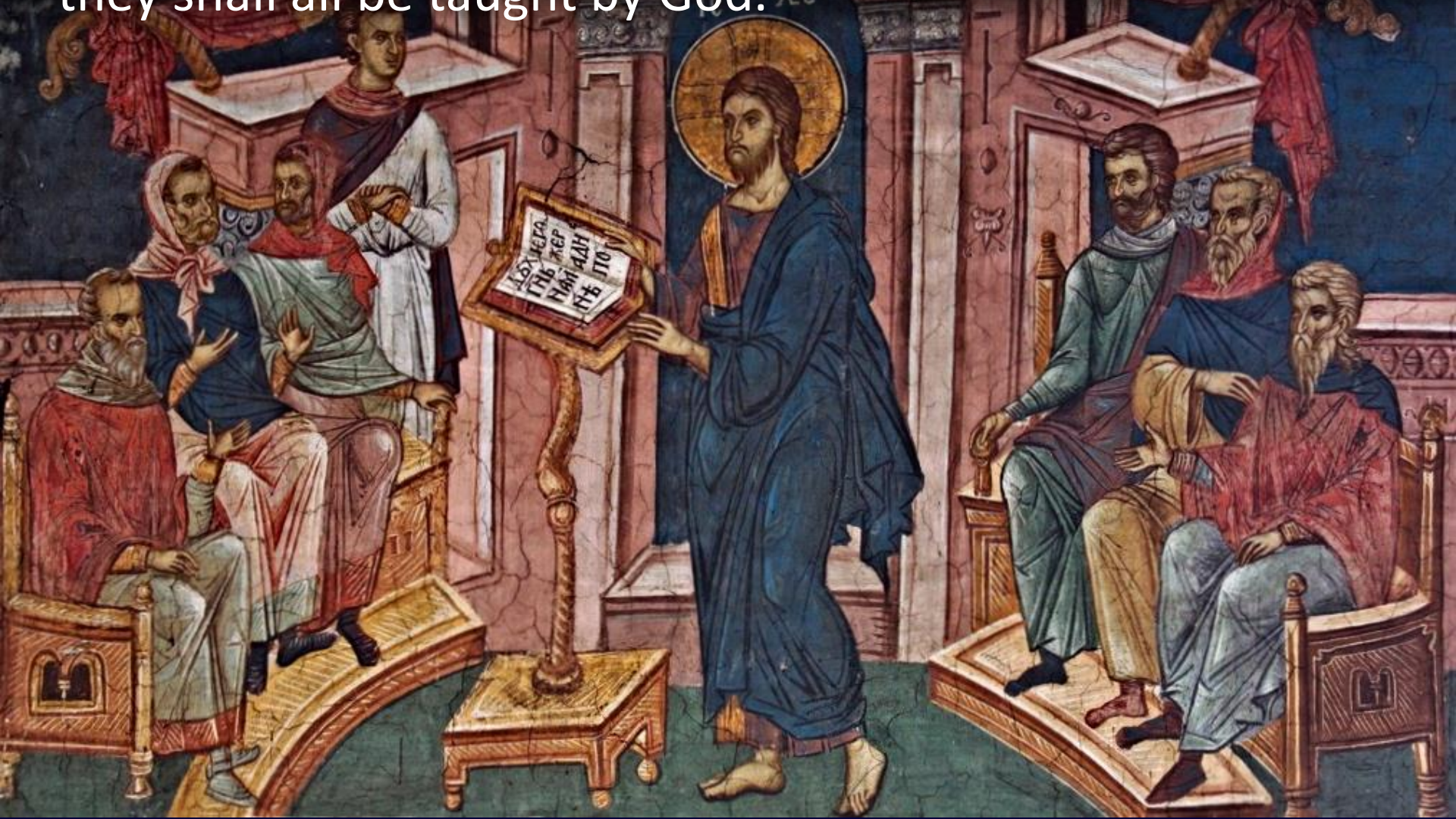
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⁴¹ The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” ⁴² And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”



'Youth of our Lord' by John Rogers Herbert

⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and **I will raise him up at the last day.** ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’



Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.



**He who believes
in Me has
everlasting life.**

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven.



'Miracle of the loaves and fishes' by Giovanni Lanfranco, 1620

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I AM the Bread of Life

I AM the light of the world (John 8:12)

I AM the door (10:9)

I AM the good shepherd (10:11)

I AM the resurrection and the life (11:35)

I AM the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)

I AM the true vine (Jn 15:1)

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

⁵² The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us *His* flesh to eat?”



⁵³ Then Jesus said to them,

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever **eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.**

⁵⁵ For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.

⁵⁶ He who **eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.**

57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who **feeds on** Me will live because of Me.

58 This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who **eats** this bread will live forever.”



This is the bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers ate [*phágō*] the manna, and are dead.

He who **eats** [*trōgō*] this bread shall live for ever.



Φάγω (*phágō*). To eat (literally or figuratively).
Aorist tense. A single act, once and for all.

τρώγω (*trōgō*). To eat; to gnaw, crunch, or chew.
Present active participle, emphasizing continual or habitual eating. Continual satisfying of spiritual appetite through constantly or habitually feasting on Christ; constant communion/indwelling union with Him.

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.



Many Disciples Turn Away

⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

“Just as you take food and drink within your body and it becomes a part of you, so you must continually receive Me within your innermost being so that I can give you life.”

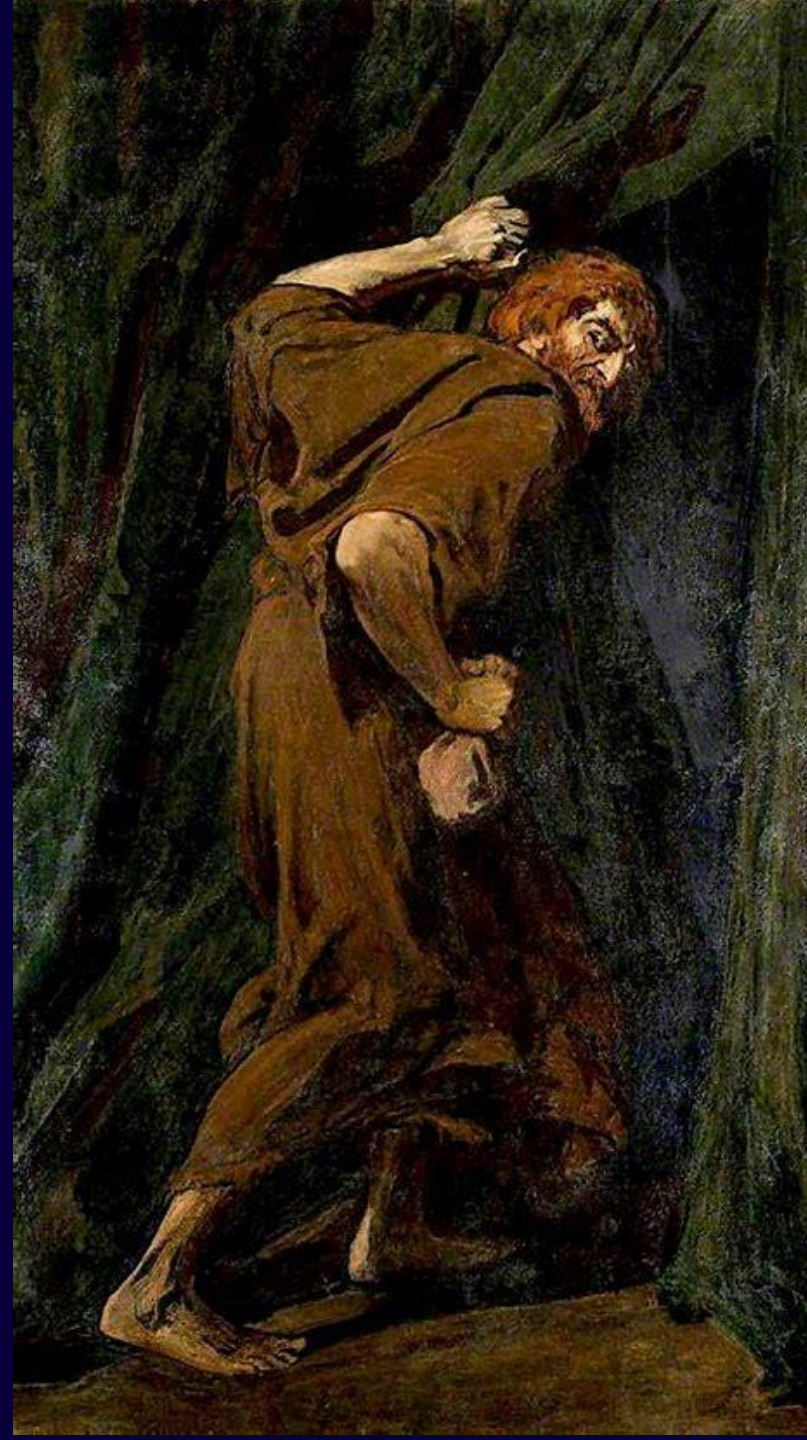


⁶¹ When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them,

“Does this offend you? ⁶² What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.”

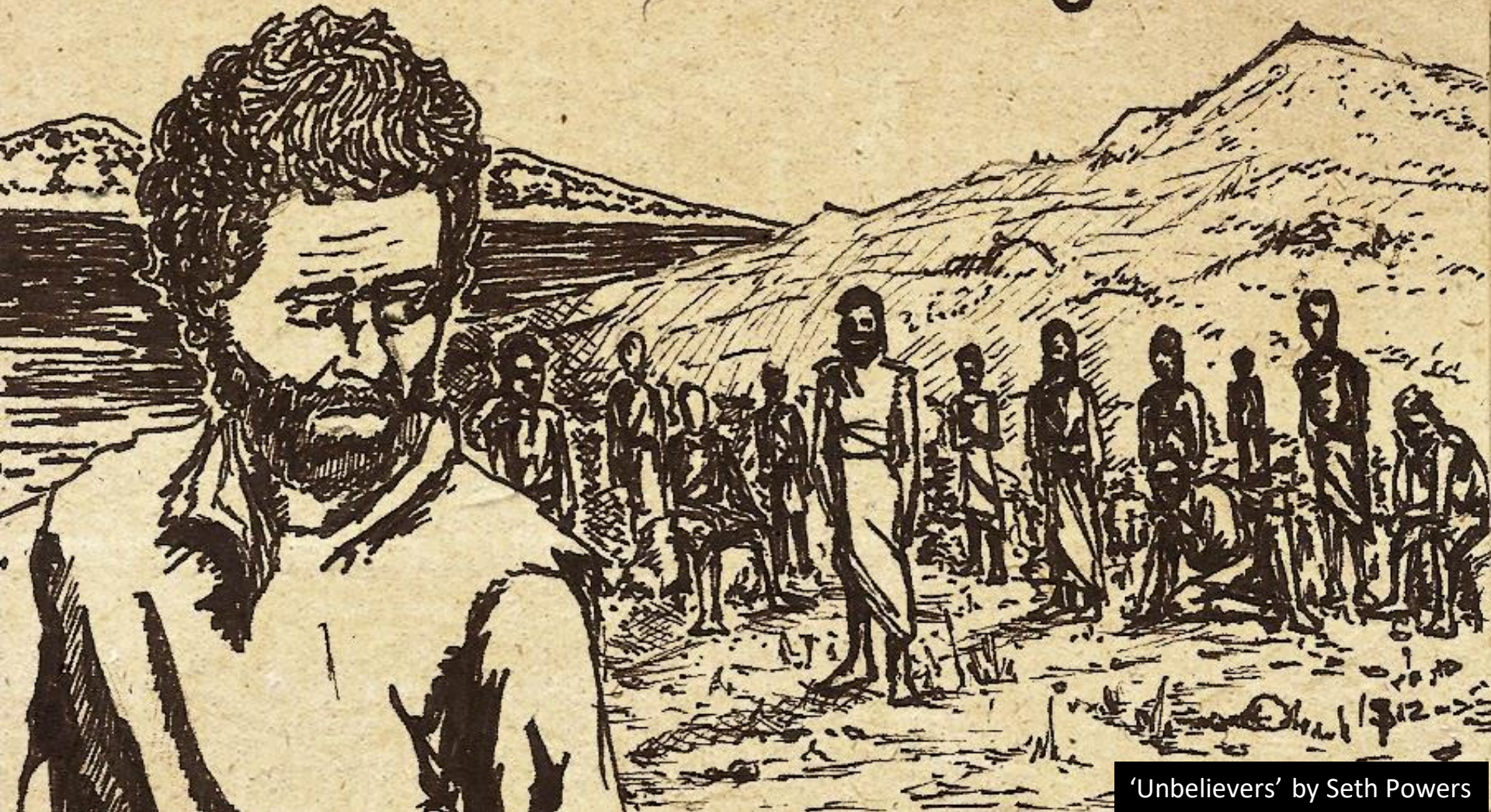
For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

‘Judas the Iscariot – And It Was Night’ by Christopher Williams

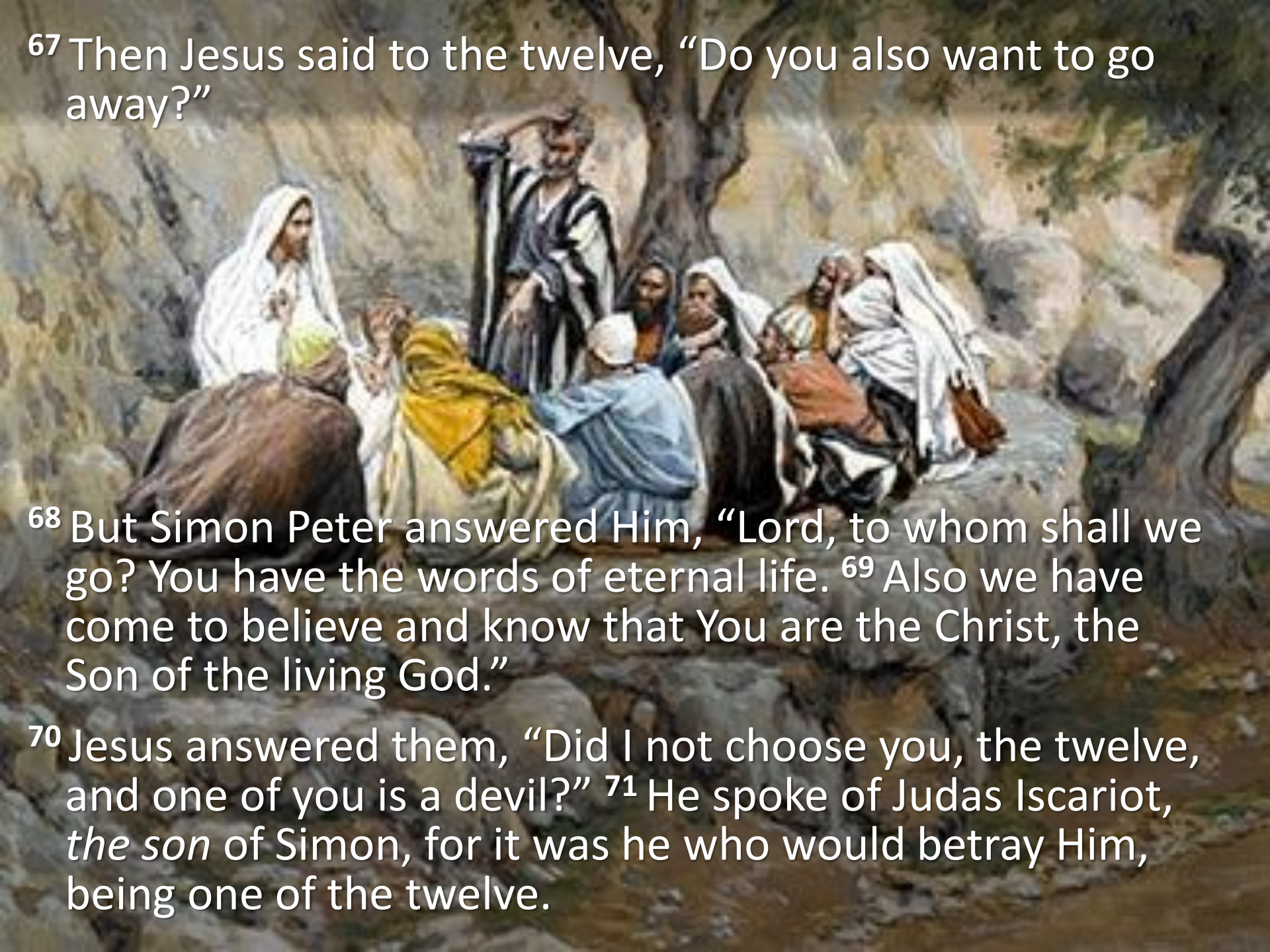


⁶⁵ And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

⁶⁶ From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.




⁶⁷ Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”



⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” ⁷¹ He spoke of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.



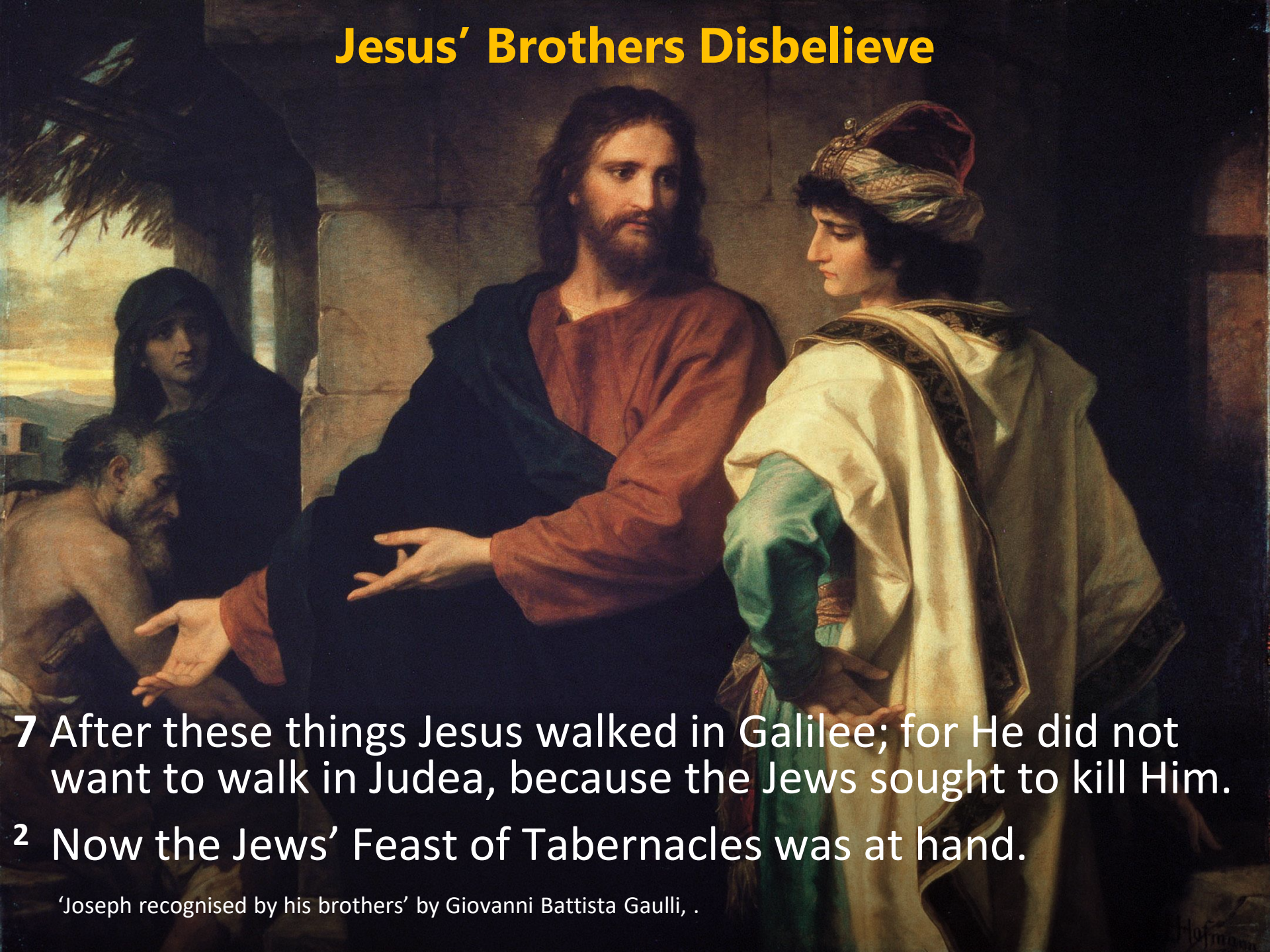
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CHAPTER 7

CHRIST THE HEAVENLY ONE

Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve



- 7 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.
- 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.

³ His brothers therefore said to Him,

“Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. ⁴ For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.”

⁵ For even His brothers **did not believe** in Him.

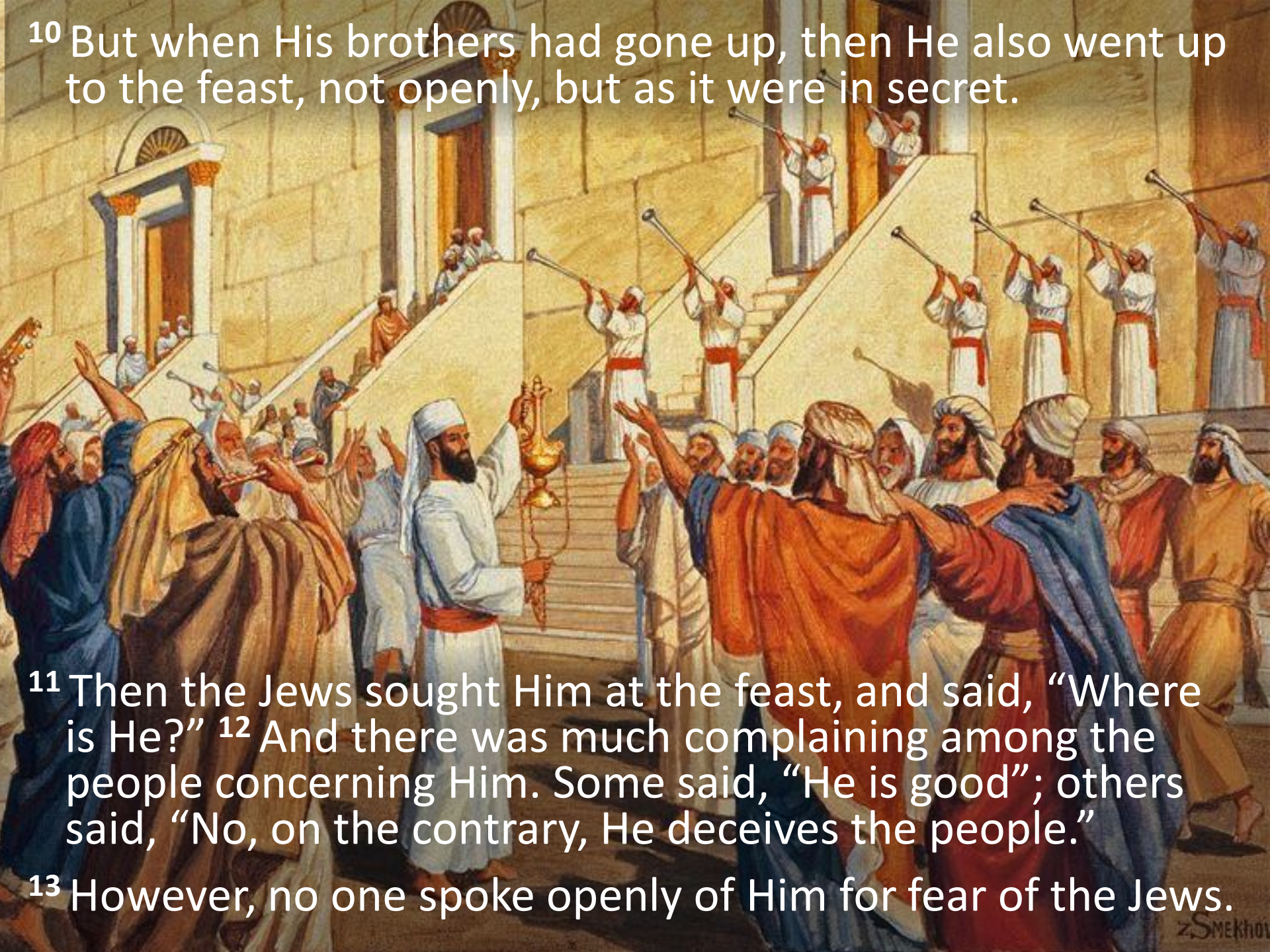


⁶ Then Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.”

⁹ When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.



¹⁰ But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.



¹¹ Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" ¹² And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."

¹³ However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴ Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.



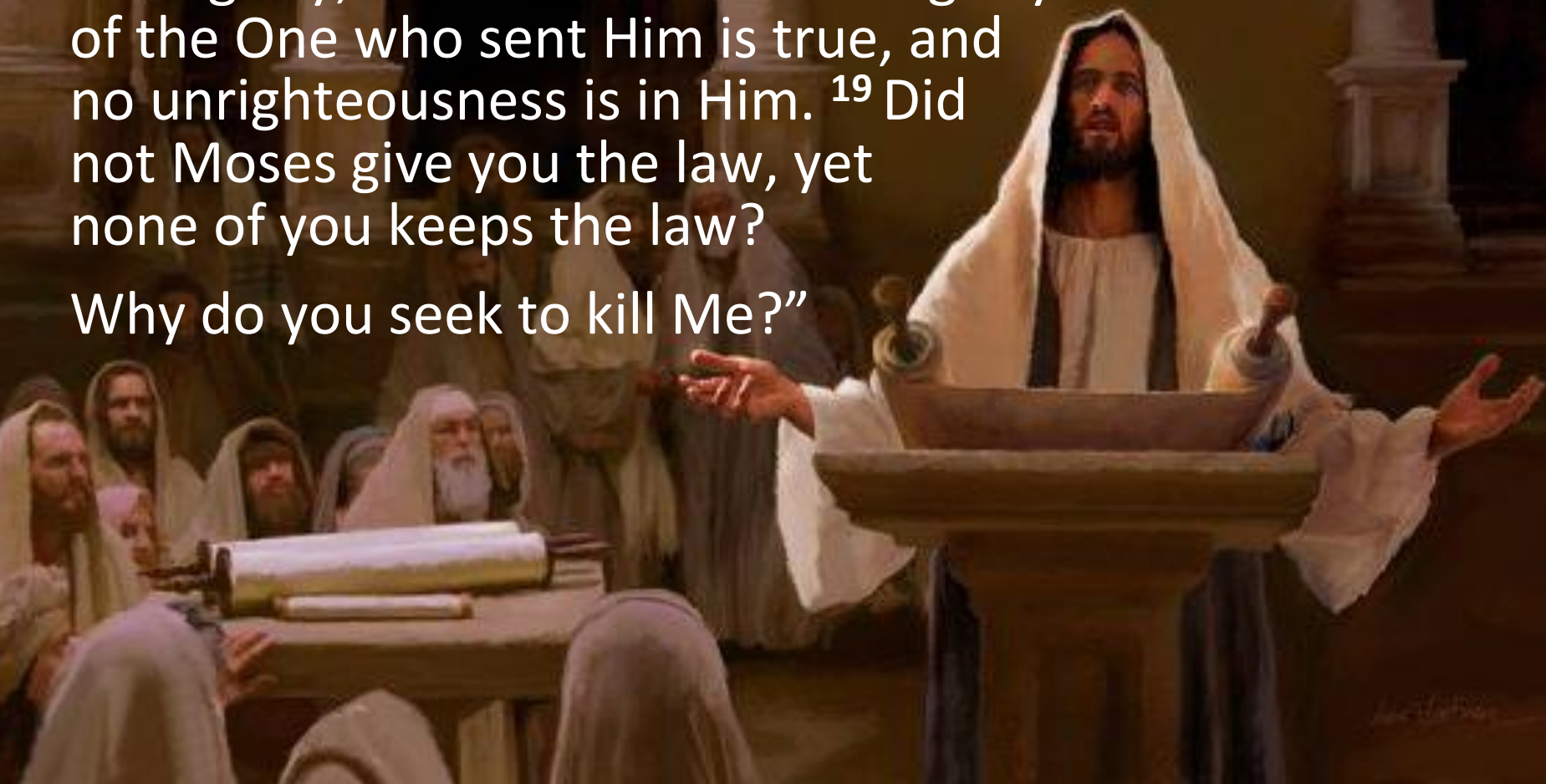
¹⁵ And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

'Jesus teaches in Temple' by James Tissot.

¹⁶ Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. ¹⁷ If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*.

¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. ¹⁹ Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law?

Why do you seek to kill Me?”

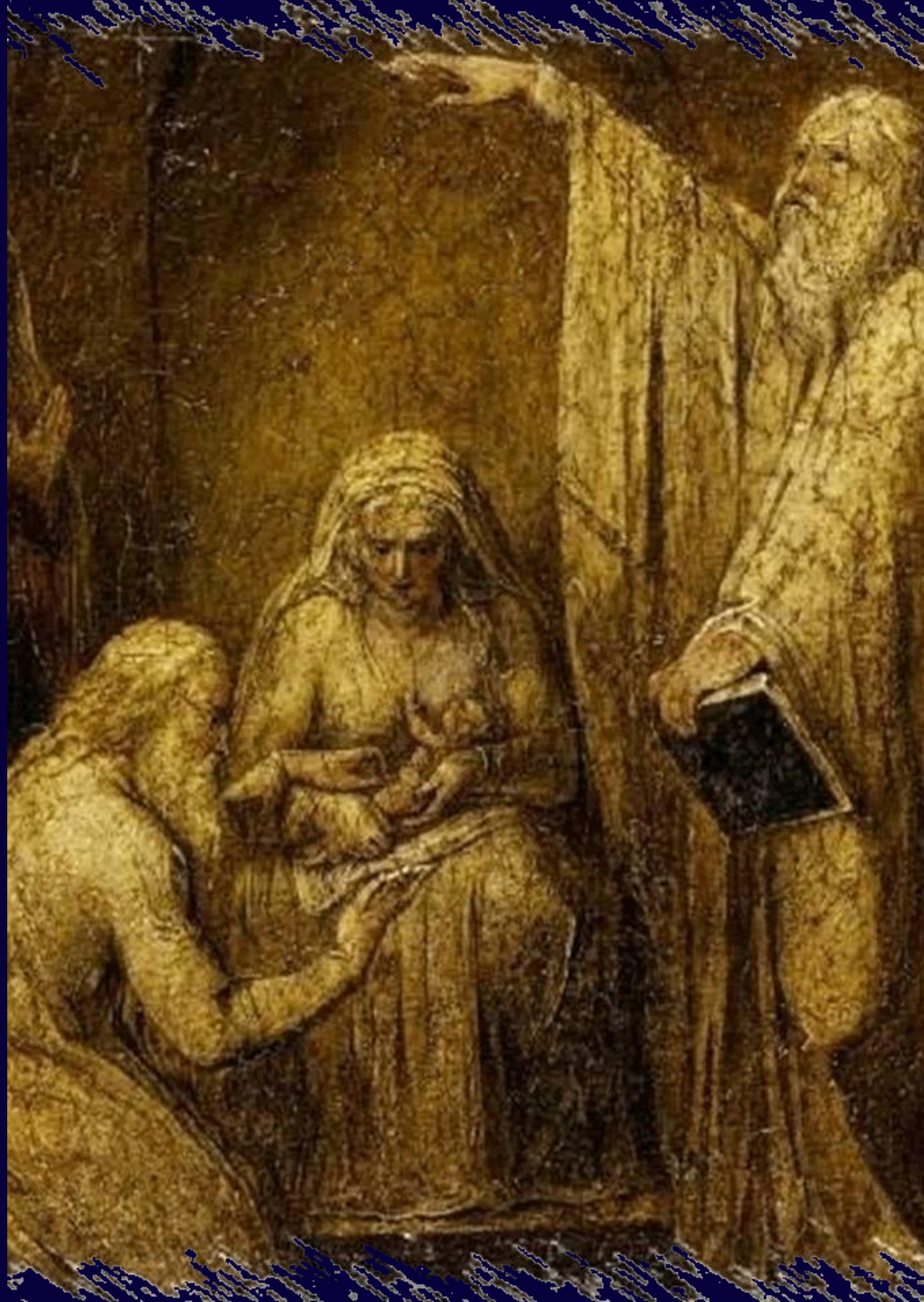


²⁰ The people answered and said,

“You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?”

²¹ Jesus answered and said to them,

“I did one work, and you all marvel. ²² Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.



‘The Circumcision’ by William Blake, 1799.

²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?



²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Could This Be the Christ?

²⁵ Now some of them from Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to kill?”

²⁶ But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?

²⁷ However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.”



‘The Immaculate Conception’ by Guido Reni, 1627.

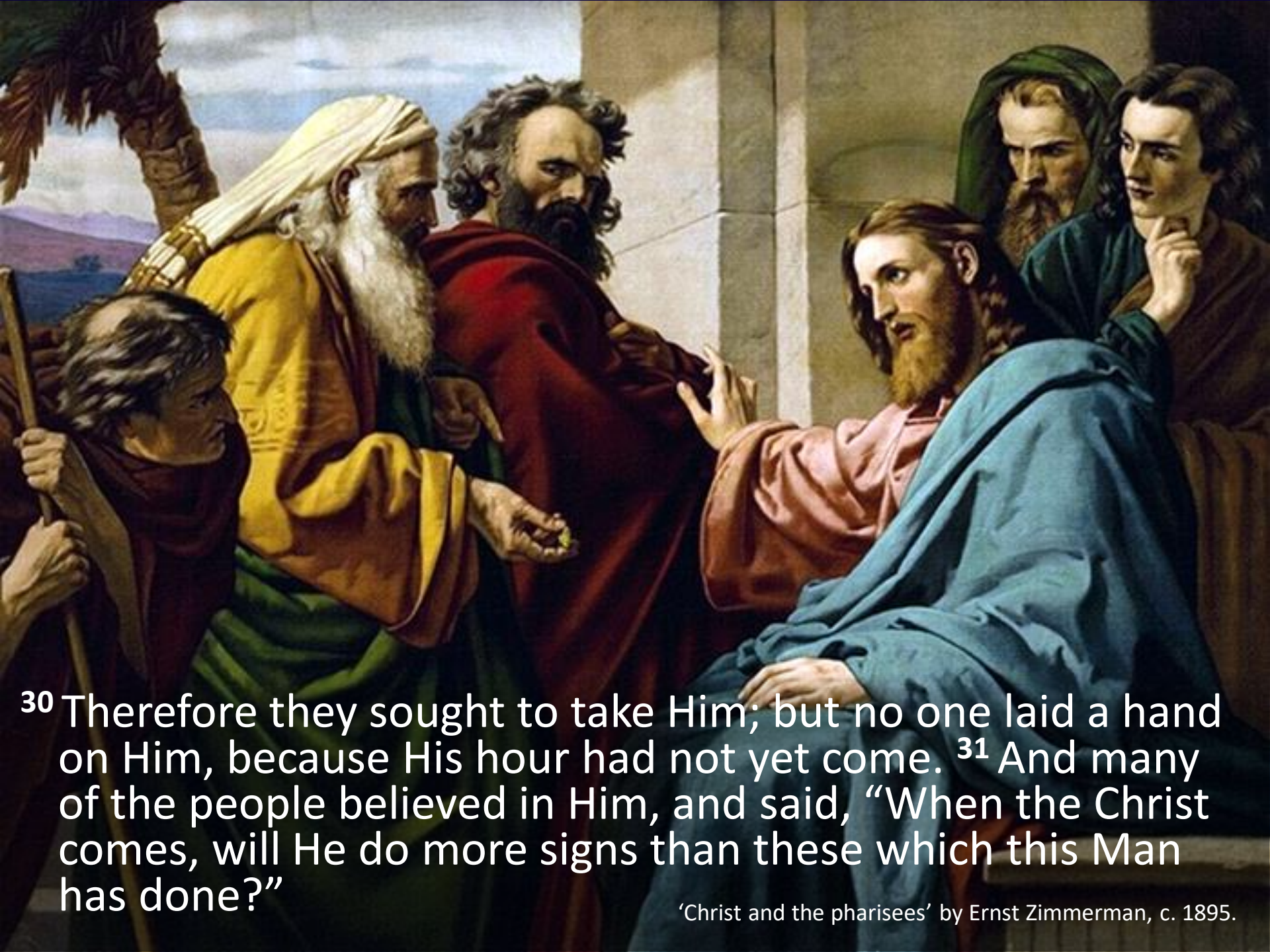
²⁸ Then Jesus cried out,
as He taught in the
temple, saying,

“You both know Me,
and you know where
I am from; and I have
not come of Myself,
but He who sent Me
is true, whom you do
not know.

²⁹ But I know Him, for I
am from Him, and He
sent Me.”

‘God the Father’
by Ludovico Mazzolino, c. 1515.

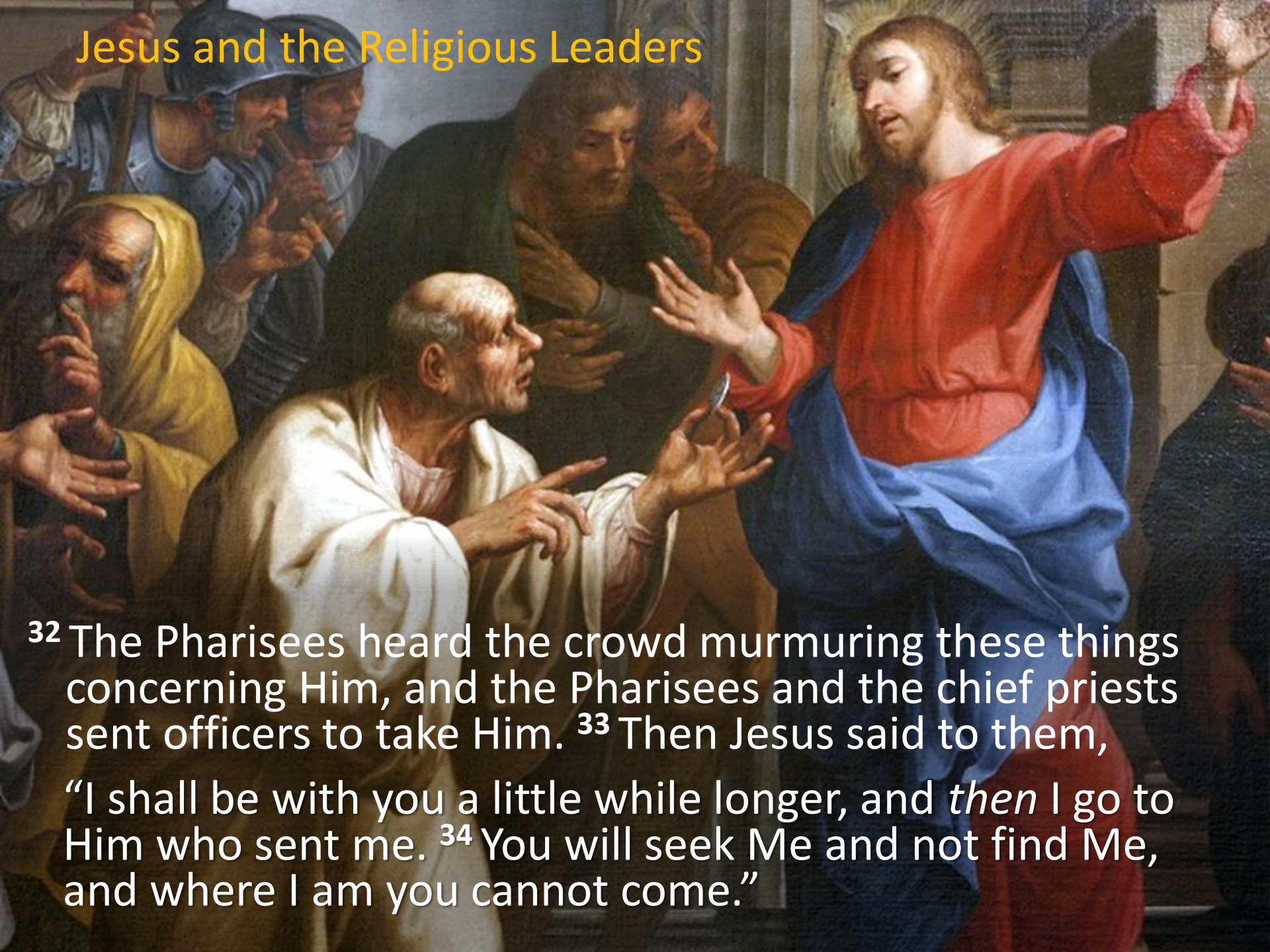




³⁰ Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹ And many of the people believed in Him, and said, “When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?”

‘Christ and the pharisees’ by Ernst Zimmerman, c. 1895.

Jesus and the Religious Leaders



³² The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. ³³ Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and *then* I go to Him who sent me. ³⁴ You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."



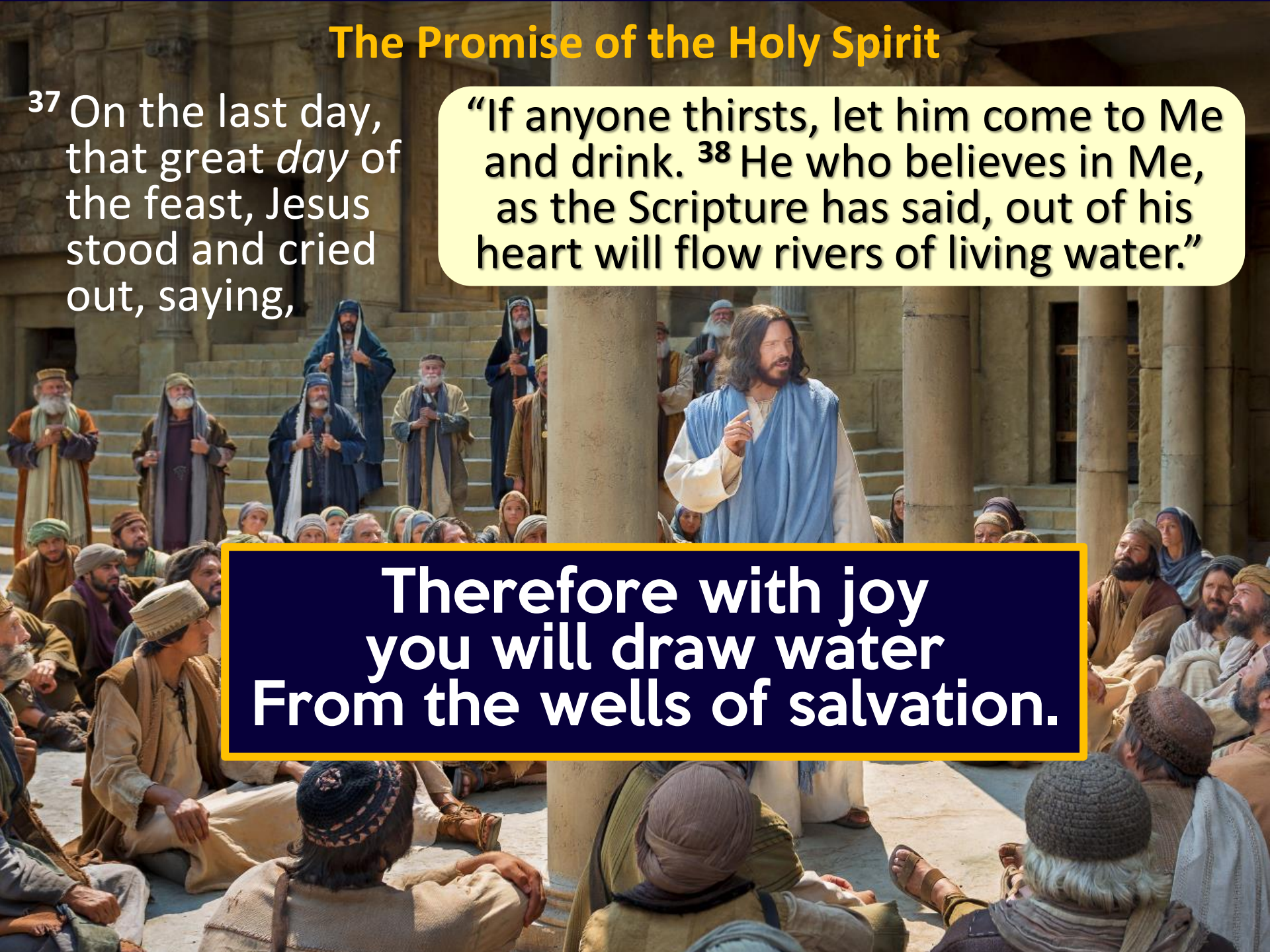
³⁵ Then the Jews said among themselves, “Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶ What is this thing that He said, ‘You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come’?”

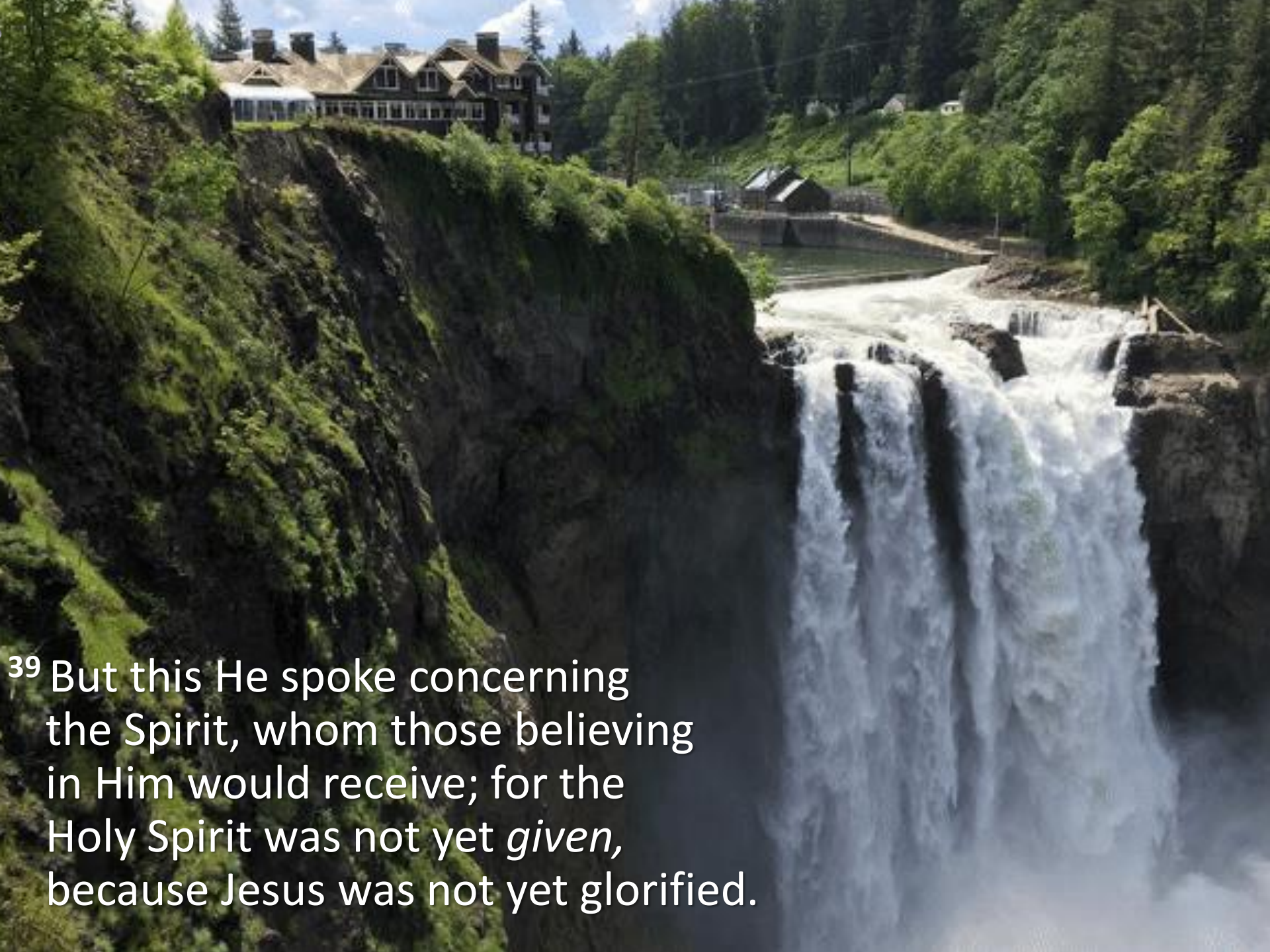
The Promise of the Holy Spirit

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying,

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Therefore with joy
you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.





³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Who Is He?

- 40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said,
“Truly this is the Prophet.”
- 41 Others said,
“This is the Christ.”
- But some said,
“Will the Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?”



“Christ Consolator” by Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1875.

Why this controversy?

Nazareth, where Joseph's family lived was distant from Bethlehem, where Joseph was born.

- 70 miles (113 km) as the crow flies
- 90 miles (145 km) via Perea

The family had travelled 4 or 5 days with Mary heavily pregnant only because the king demanded a census in the man's place of birth.

Thanks to the king, Jesus fulfilled both prophecies of the coming Messiah.



So there was a division among the people because of Him.


44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them,

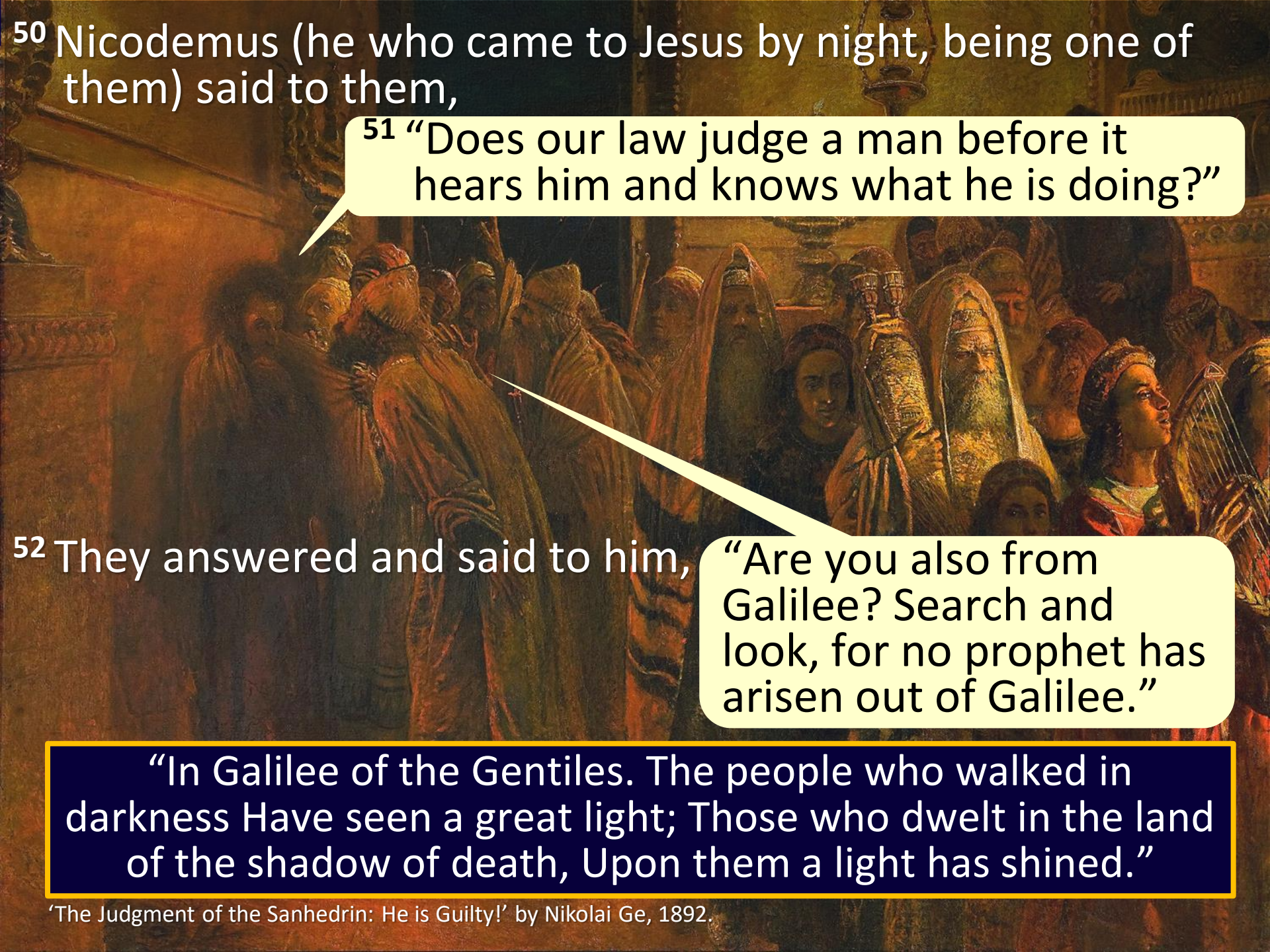
“Why have you not brought Him?”



Rejected by the Authorities



⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”
⁴⁷ Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? ⁴⁸ Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”



⁵⁰ Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,

⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?”

⁵² They answered and said to him,

“Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”

“In Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.”

An Adulteress Faces the Light of the World

⁵³ And everyone went to his *own* house.

Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus do not include John 7:53-8:11 about the woman caught in adultery.

