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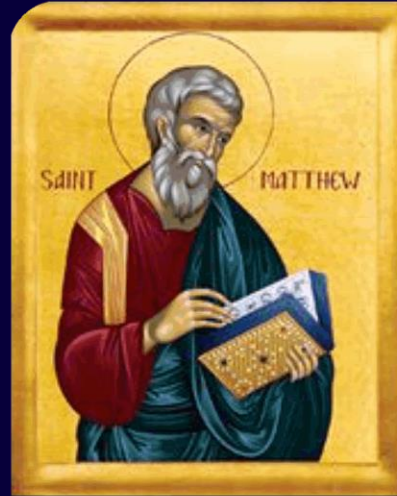
THE GOSPEL OF **J**OHN

The Four Gospels

The Messiah

The Promised One is here; see His Credentials.
(To the Jew)

Matthew



Mark

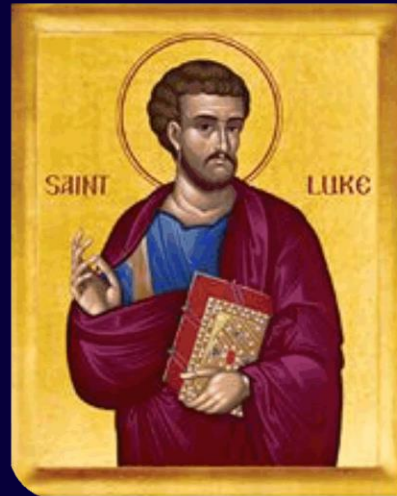


Suffering Servant

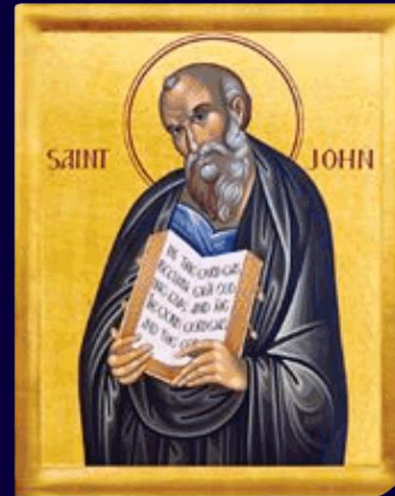
This is how He worked; see His Power
(To Romans)

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

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
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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!



SUMMARY

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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!

SUMMARY

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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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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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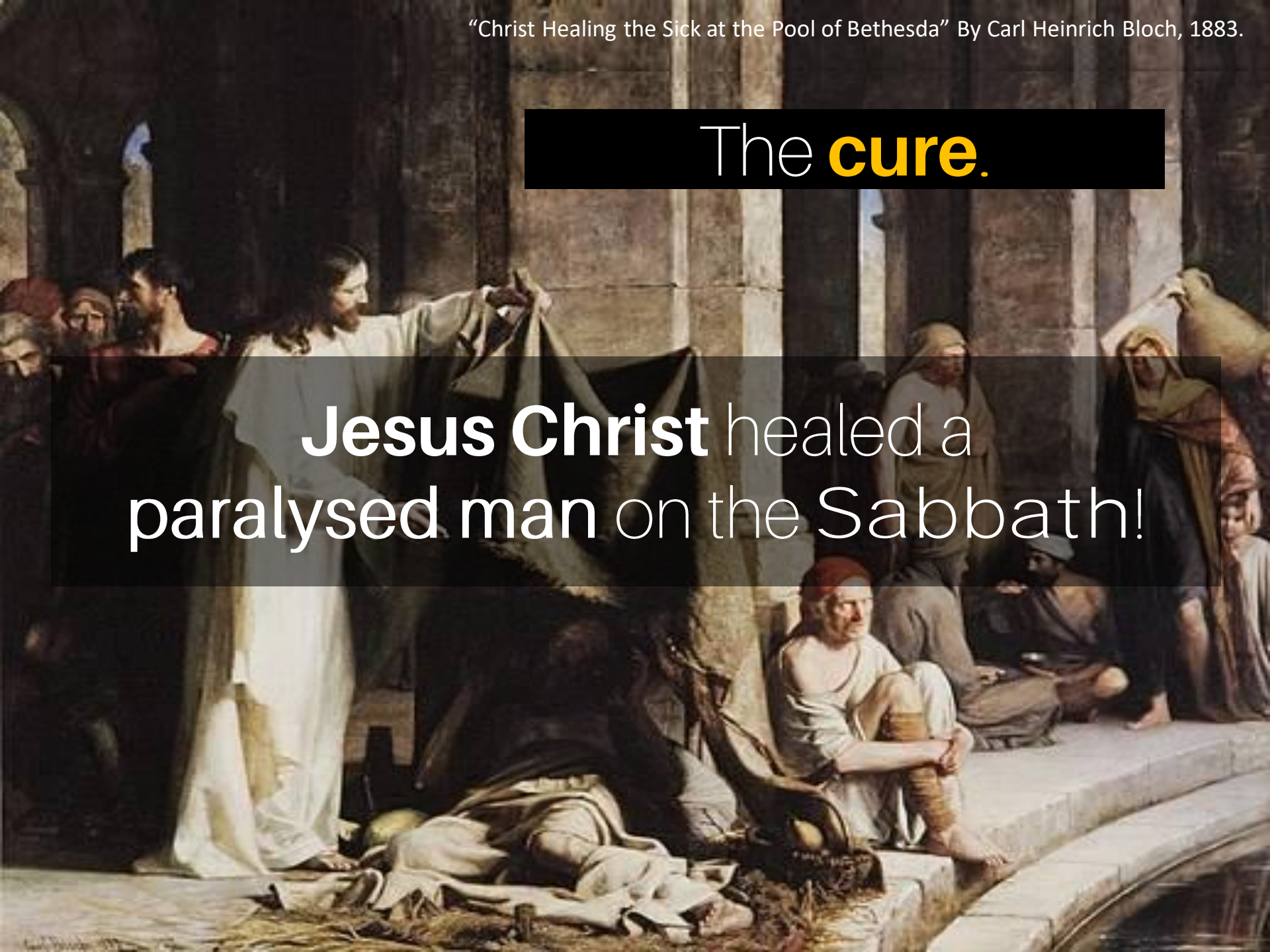
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CHAPTER 5

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 PHILLIP RYAN.
SON WILLIAM RYAN.
DIED 1878. AGED 25 YEARS.
DAUGHTER DENIS RYAN.
DIED 1877. AGED 18 YEARS.

PHILLIP HARNEY RYAN.
BORN 1818. DIED 1887. AGED 70 YEARS.
Wife of the late PHILLIP HARNEY RYAN.
DAUGHTER MARGARET RYAN.
DIED 1877. AGED 18 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?"



SUMMARY

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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



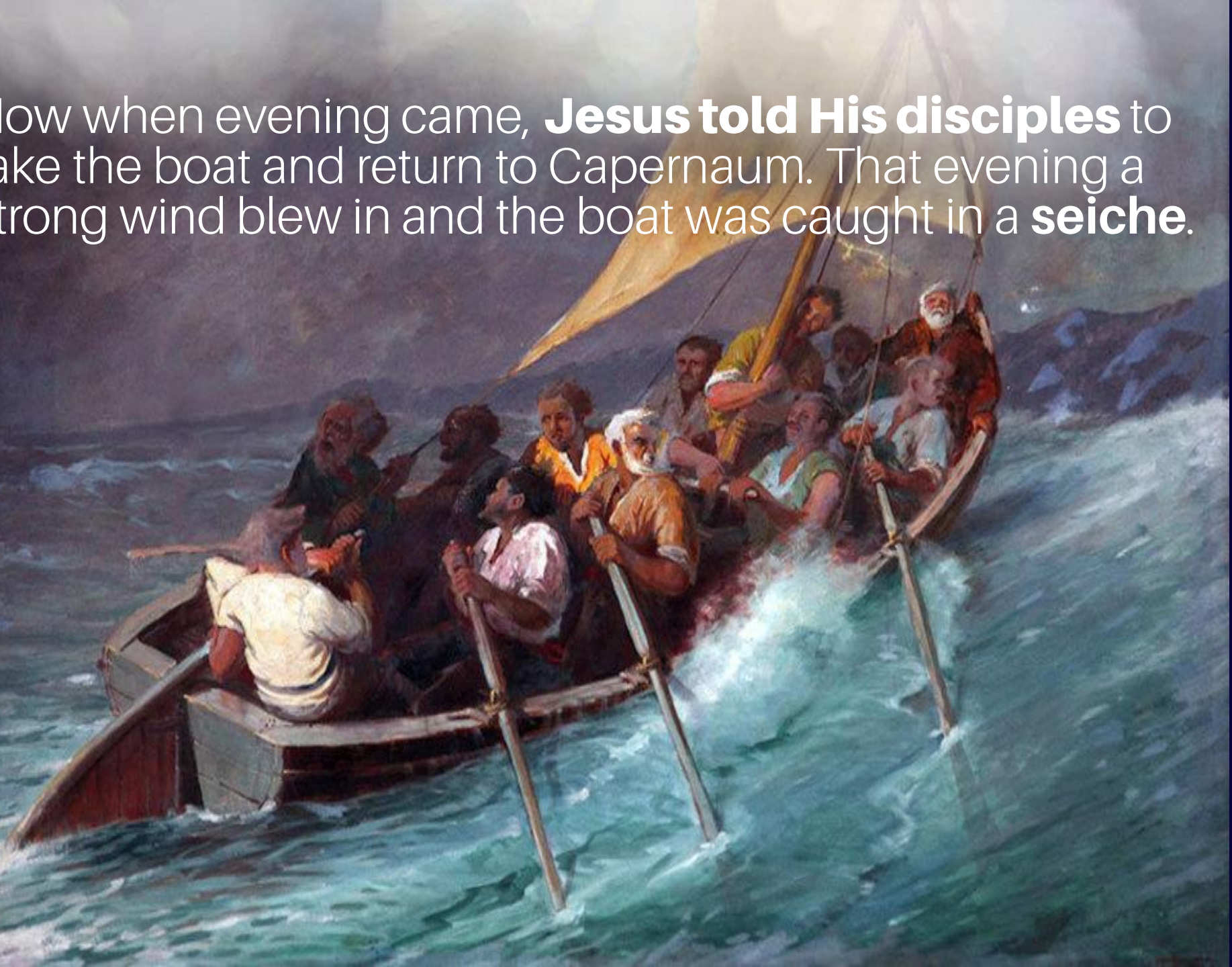
Jesus fed the multitude with **five loaves of bread** and **two fish**, "Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled **twelve baskets** with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten."

Jesus Christ feeds the Multitudes!

A painting of Jesus Christ in a rocky, mountainous landscape, looking down. The text "Jesus Christ leaves the Multitudes!" is overlaid on the image. The word "leaves" is highlighted in yellow. The background shows a rugged, rocky terrain with some greenery and a blue sky.

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 is overlaid on a dark grey rectangular background.

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



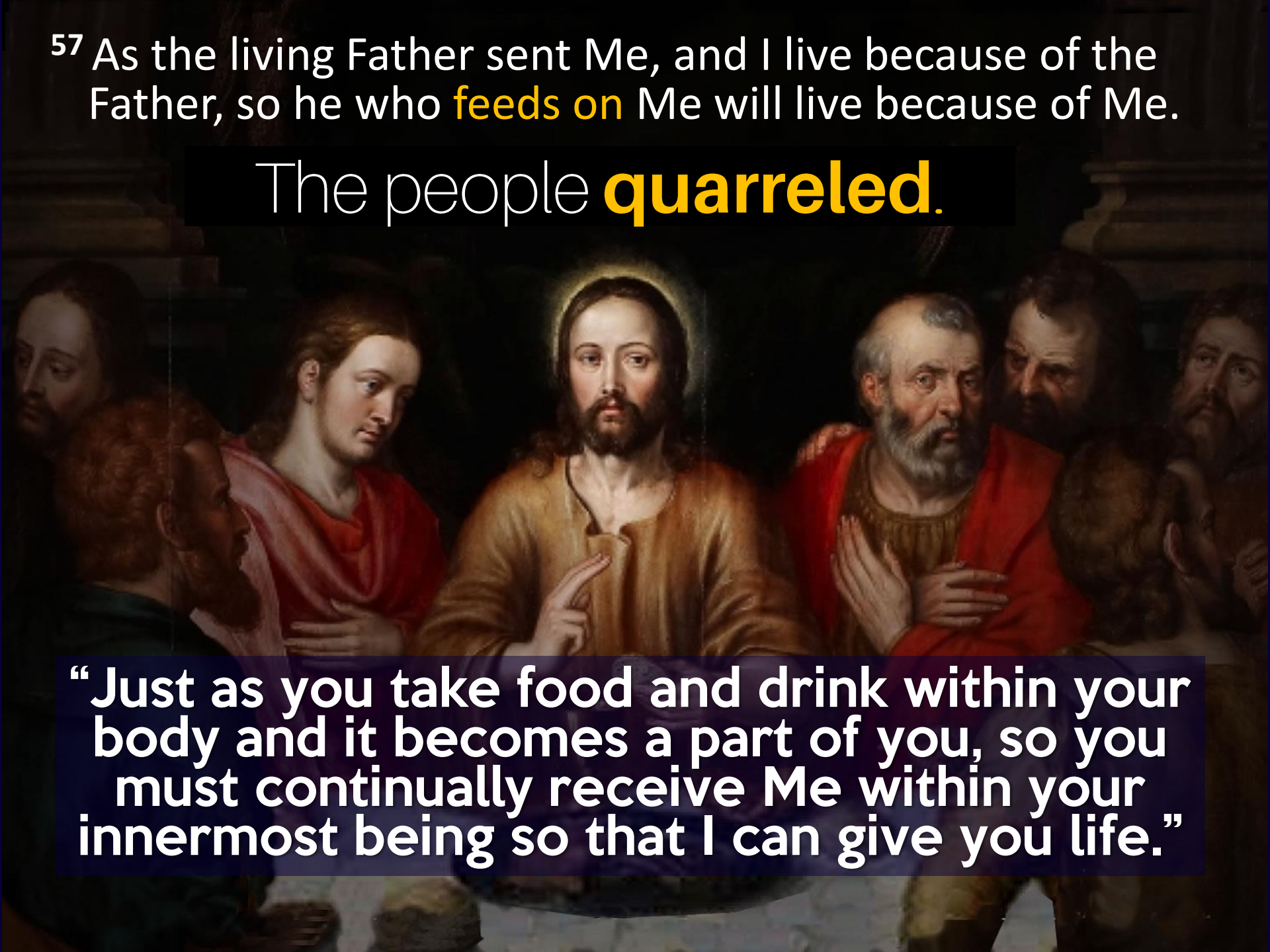


Jesus Christ teaches the
Multitudes!

The people **murmured.**

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.

The people **quarreled**.



“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.”

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

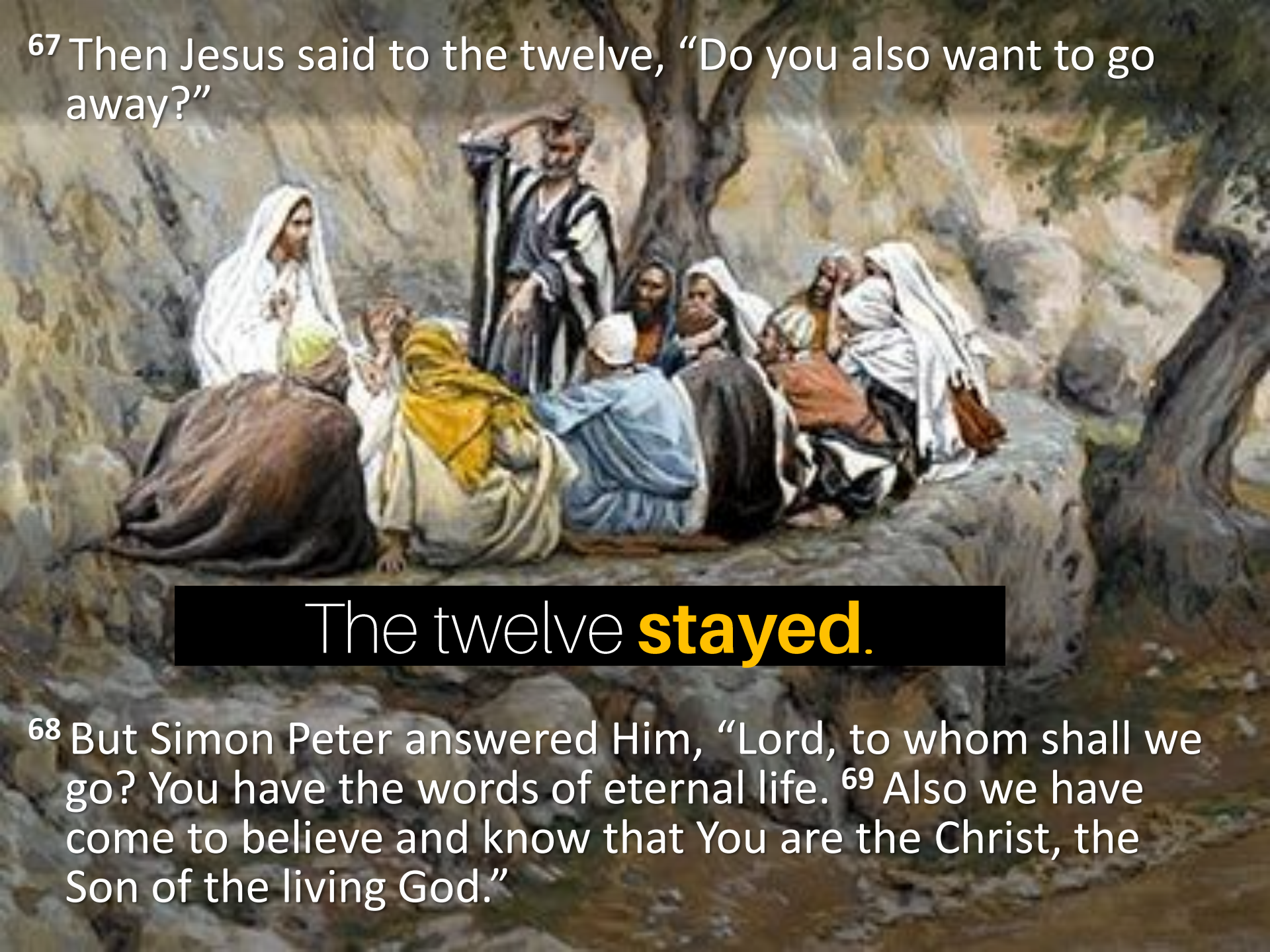


Many disciples **departed.**



'Unbelievers' by Seth Powers

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



The twelve **stayed.**

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.”



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of JOHN
OPPOSITION

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OF **JOHN**

CHAPTER 7

CHRIST THE HEAVENLY ONE



Before the Feast of Tabernacles
Disbelief!

For even His brothers **did not believe** in Him.
So Jesus went in secret to Jerusalem for the feast.

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?"

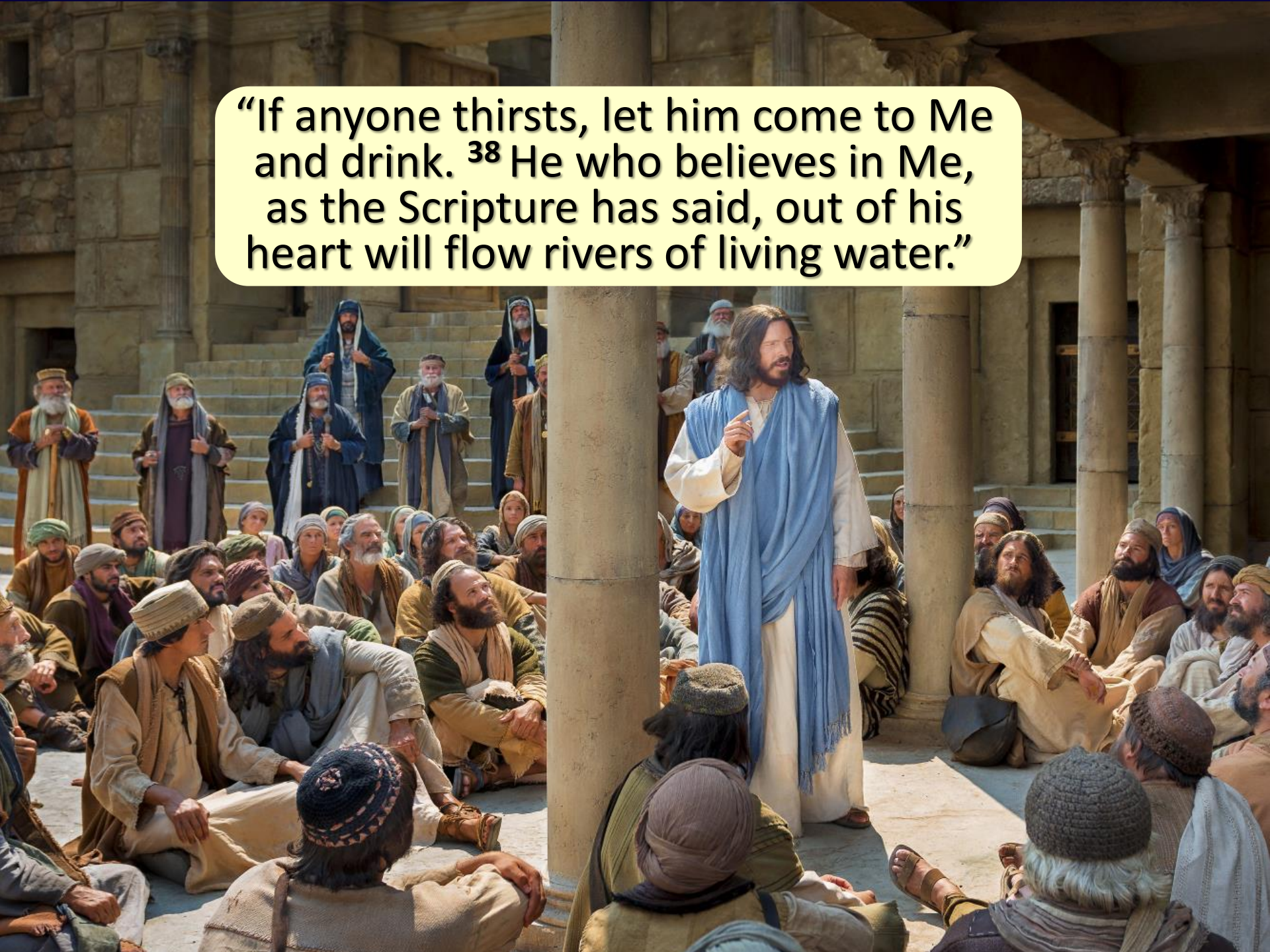
'Jesus teaches in Temple' by James Tissot.

A painting by Ernst Zimmermann titled 'Christ and the pharisees' depicting Jesus seated and surrounded by Pharisees in a debate. Jesus is seated on the right, wearing a blue robe, looking towards the left. Several Pharisees are gathered around him, some standing and some seated, engaged in conversation. The background shows a stone building and a palm tree. The text 'During the Feast of Tabernacles Debate!' is overlaid on the image.

During the Feast of Tabernacles
Debate!

'Christ and the pharisees' by Ernst Zimmermann, c. 1895.

“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.”







After the Feast of Tabernacles
Division!

'The Chief Priests Take Counsel Together' by James Tissot

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.



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OF **JOHN**

END OF REVIEW

The Pericope de Adultera Controversary



In Euangelio secundum Iohannem in multis et Graecis et Latinis codicibus inuenitur de adultera muliere, quae accusata est apud Dominum.

(Jerome, Adversus Pelagianos 2.17, AD 415)



“Many Greek and Latin books of John’s gospel include the story about the adulterous woman who was accused before the Lord.”

(Jerome, Against the Pelagians 2.17, AD 415)

27th Pericope: The woman caught in adultery (8:1-11)

A
8:1-5

Jesus was teaching in the Temple when Scribes brought an adulteress to Him; “The Law says to stone her; what do You say?” (8:1-5)

B
8:6

Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. (8:6)

C
8:7

“He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” (8:7)

B'
8:8

“And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.” (8:8)

A'
8:9-11

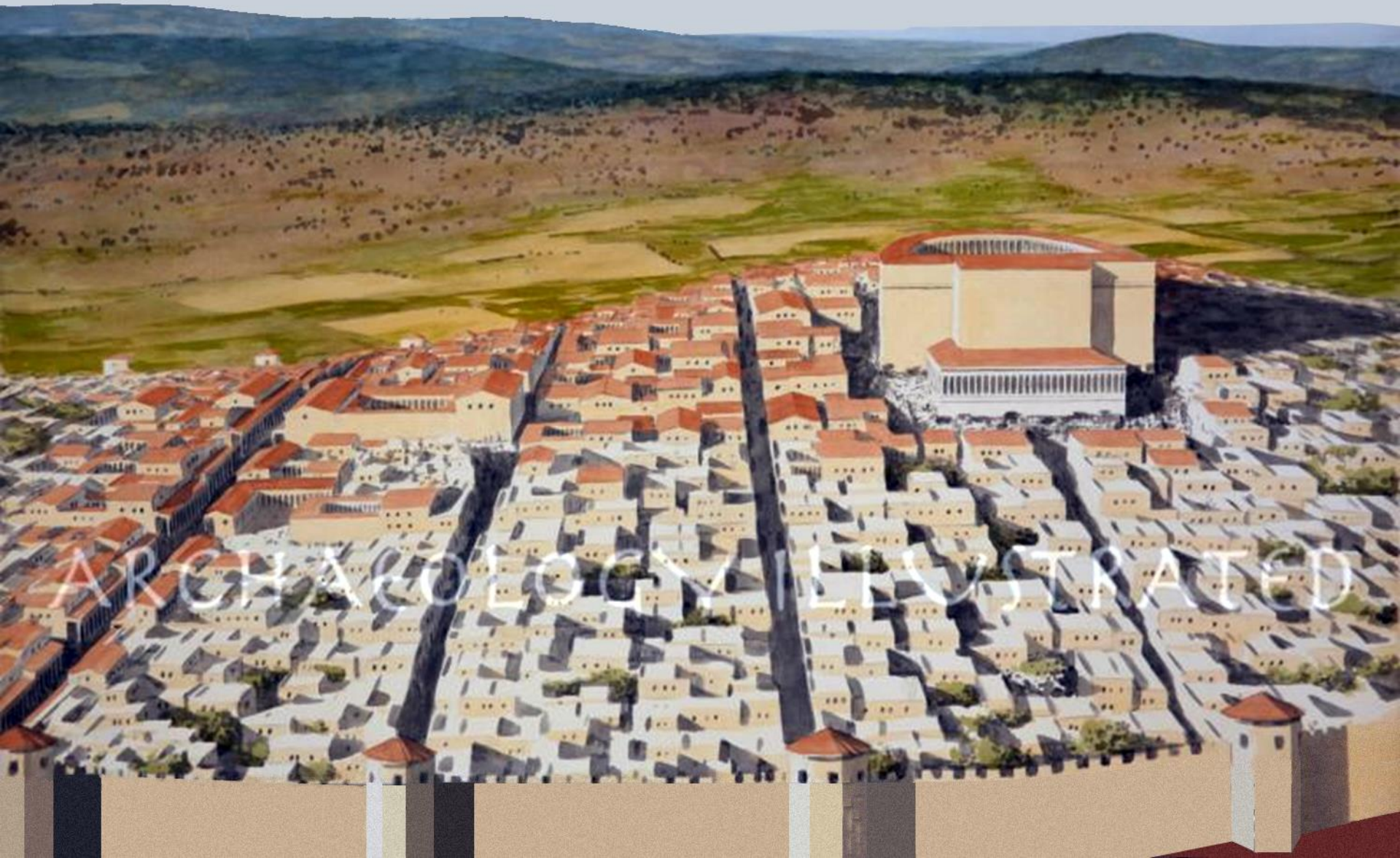
Ashamed, her accusers slipped away. “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.” (8:11)





“Christ in the House of His Parents” by John Millais, 1849-50.

Sepphoris 5km from Nazareth



ARCHAEOLOGY ILLUSTRATED

Sepphoris 5km from Nazareth



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OF **JOHN**

CHAPTER 8

CHRIST THE TRUTH

8 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.



'Jesus Speaks Near the Treasury' by James Tissot

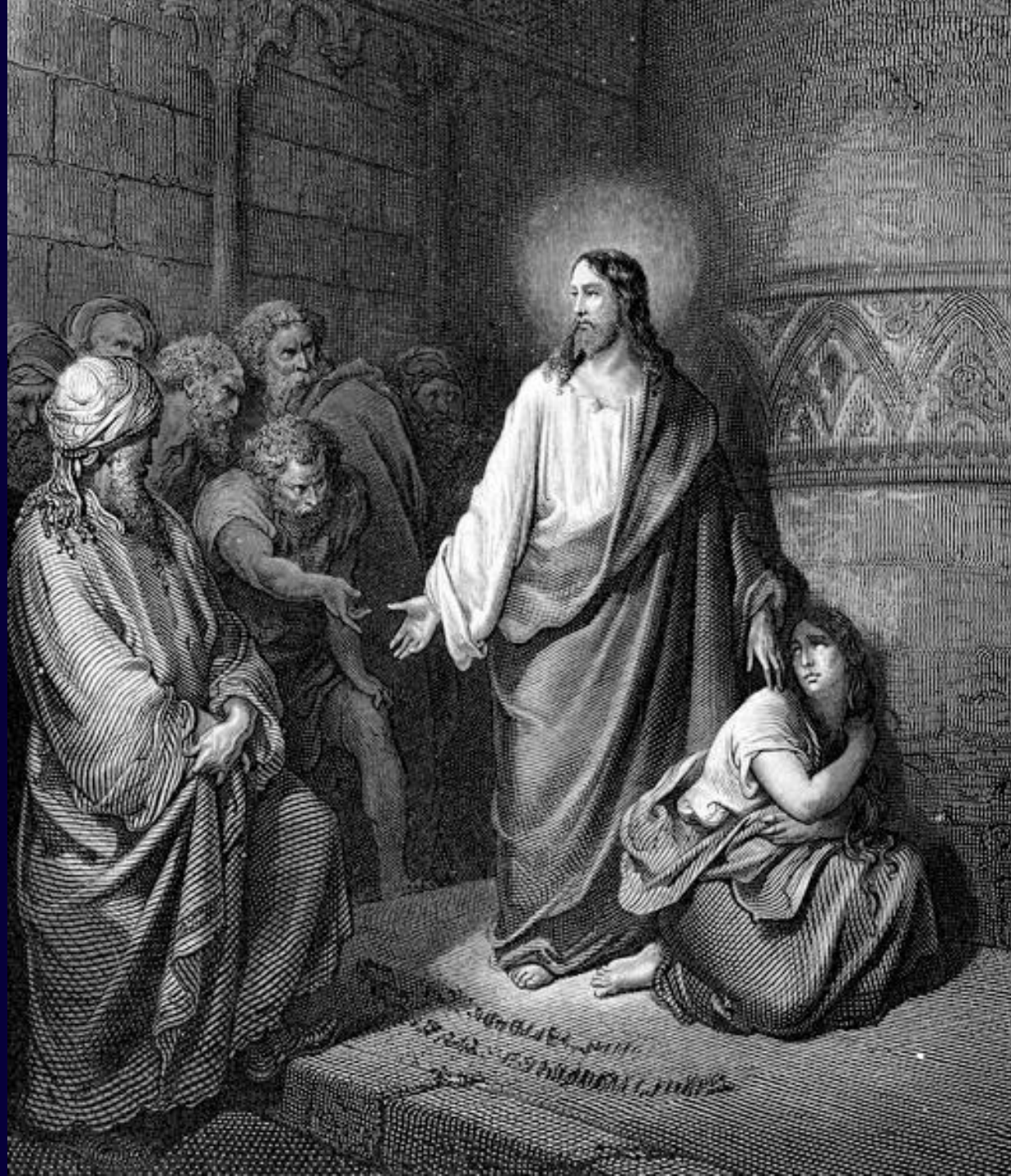
3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery.

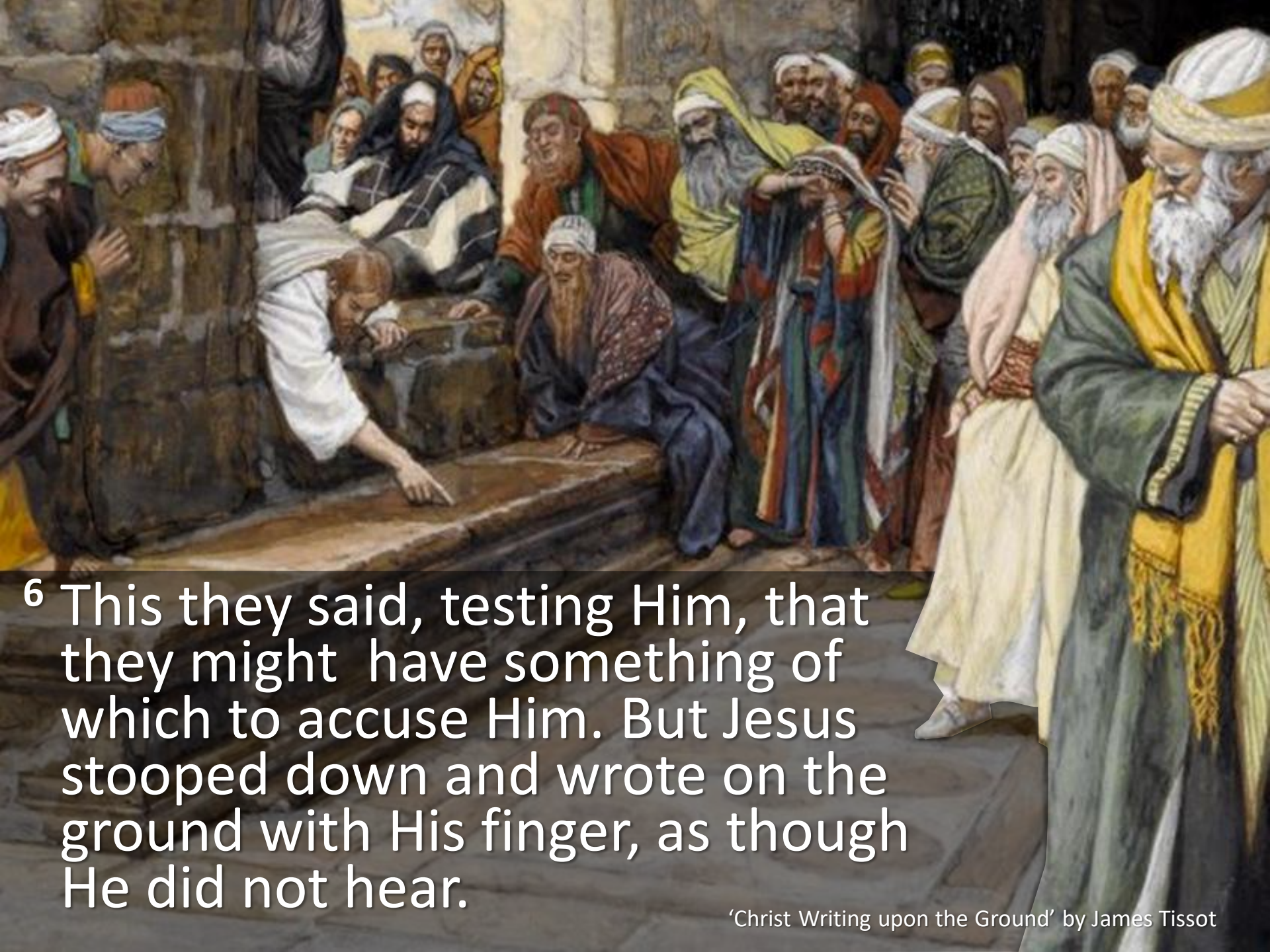


"Jesus and the Sinner," by Vasily Polenov, 1888.

And when they had set her in the midst,⁴ they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.⁵ Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?”

"Jesus and the Woman Taken in Adultery" by Gustave Doré



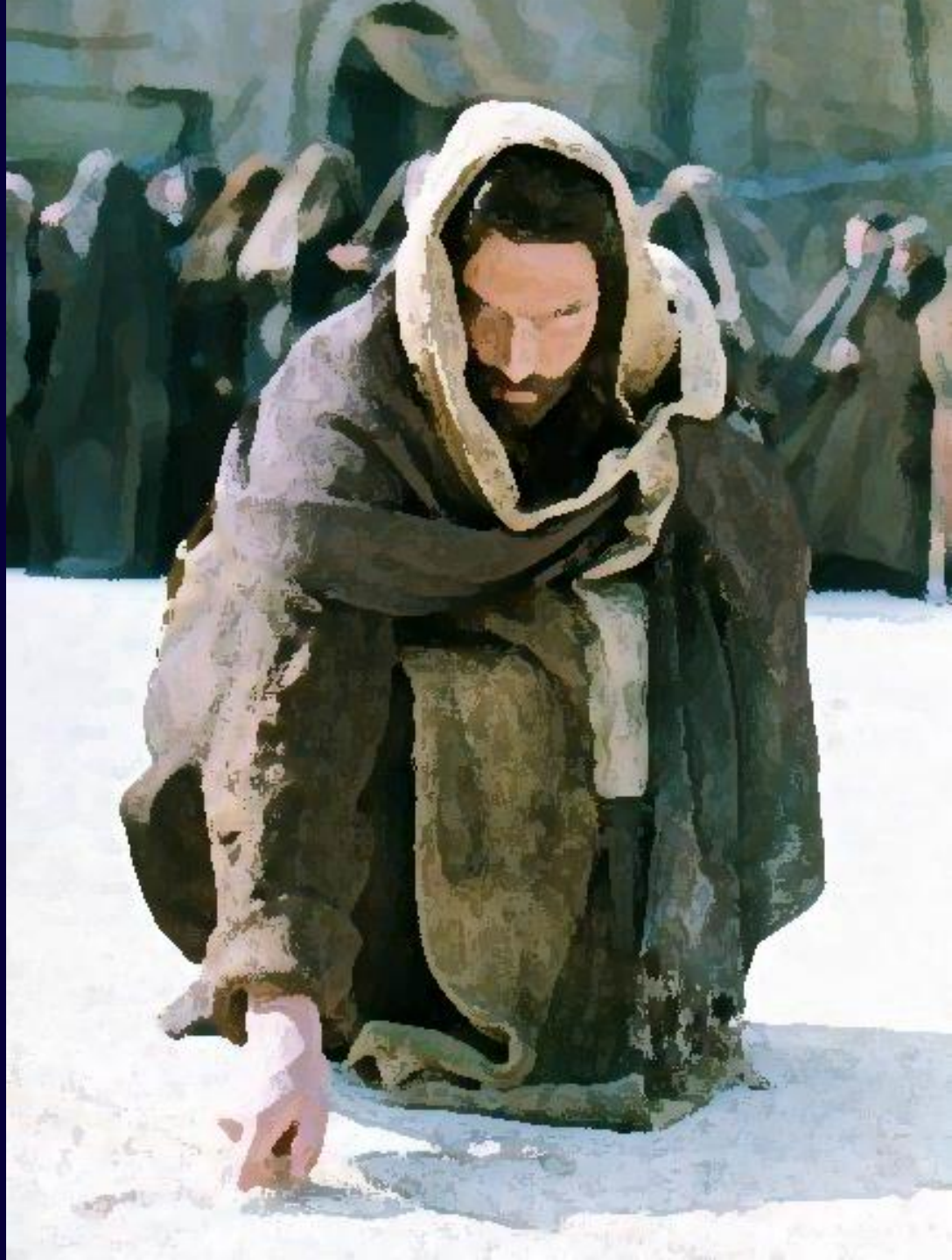


⁶ This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

⁷ So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them,

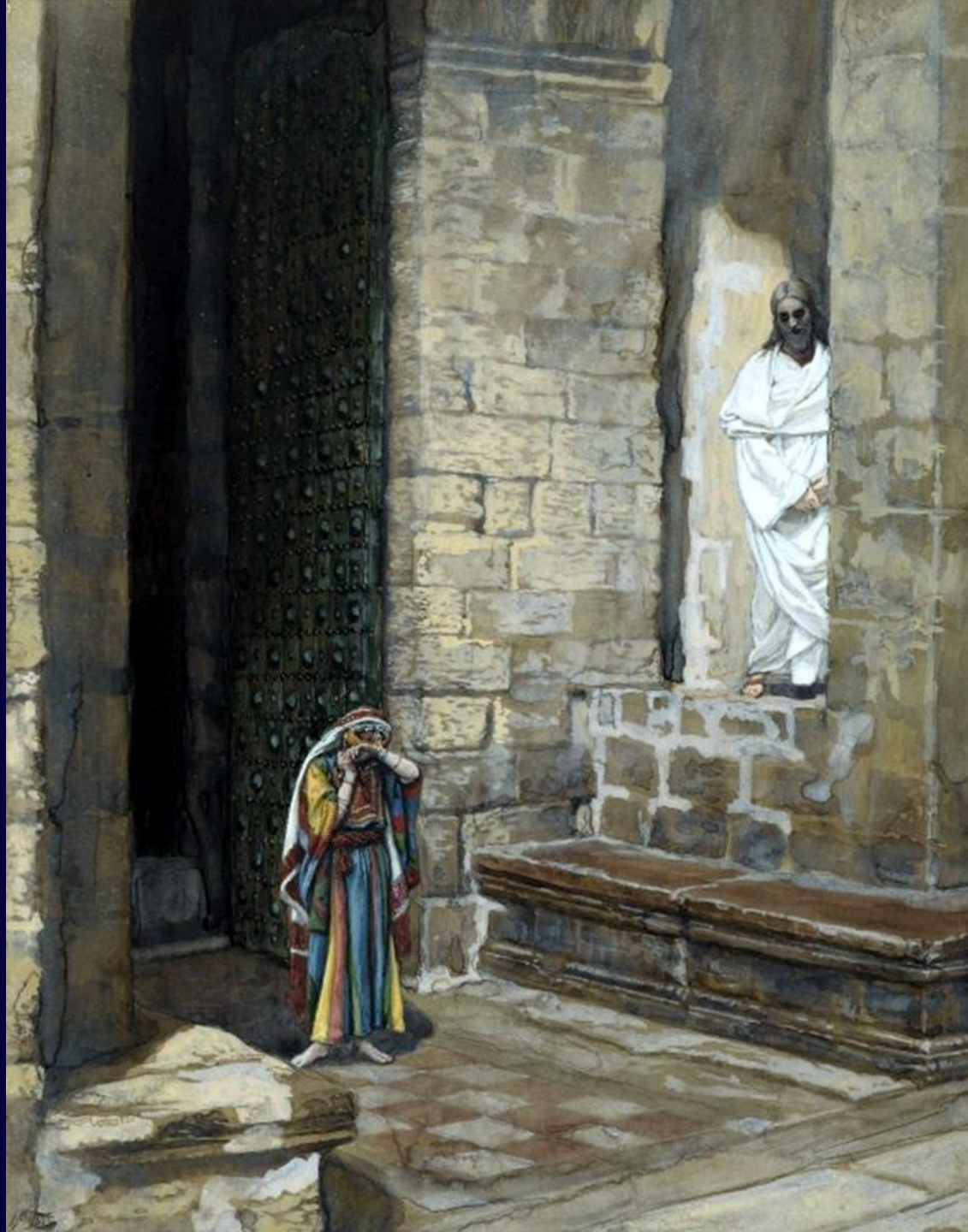
“He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.”

⁸ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.



⁹ Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last.

And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.



¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her,

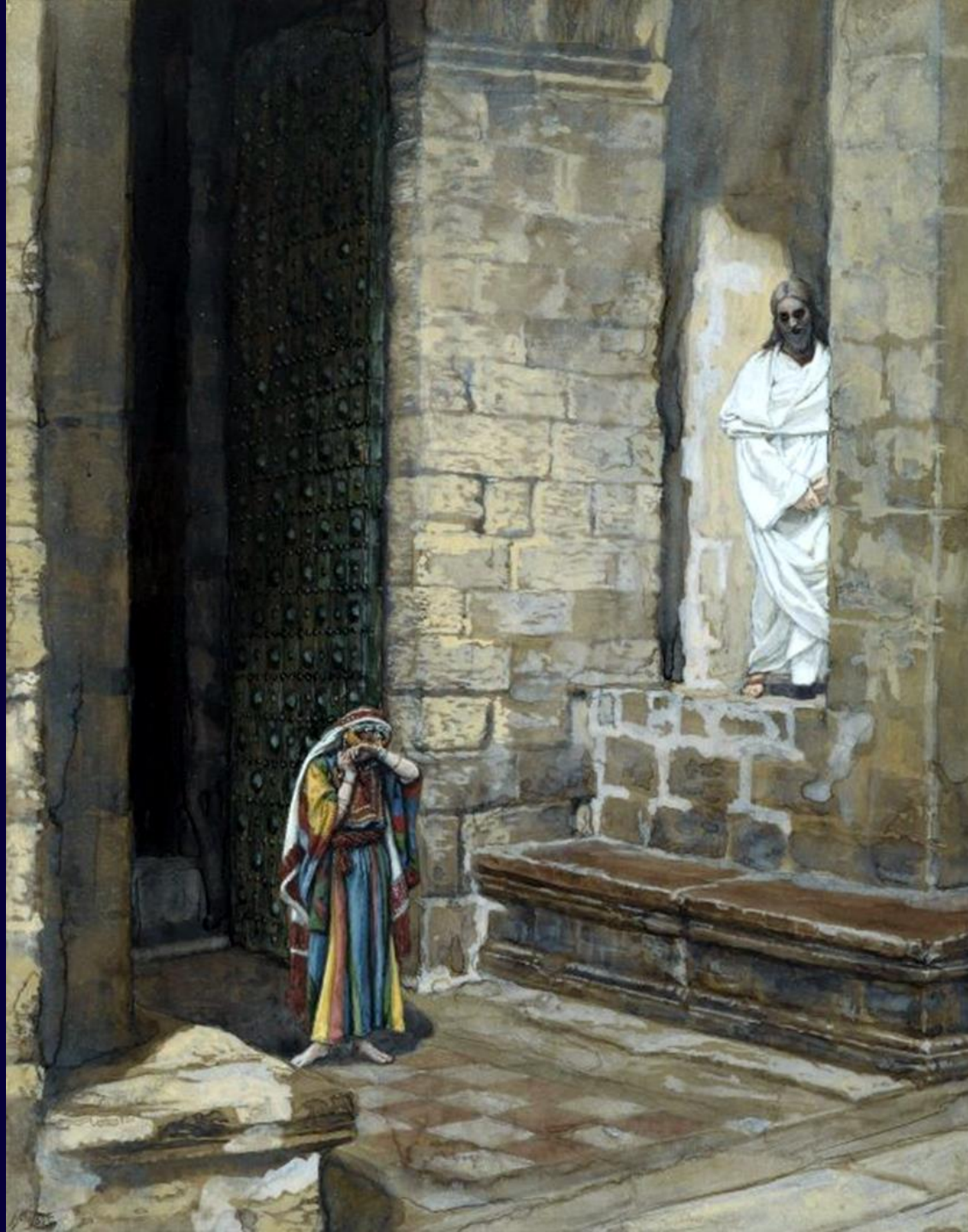
“Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ She said,

“No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her,

“Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”



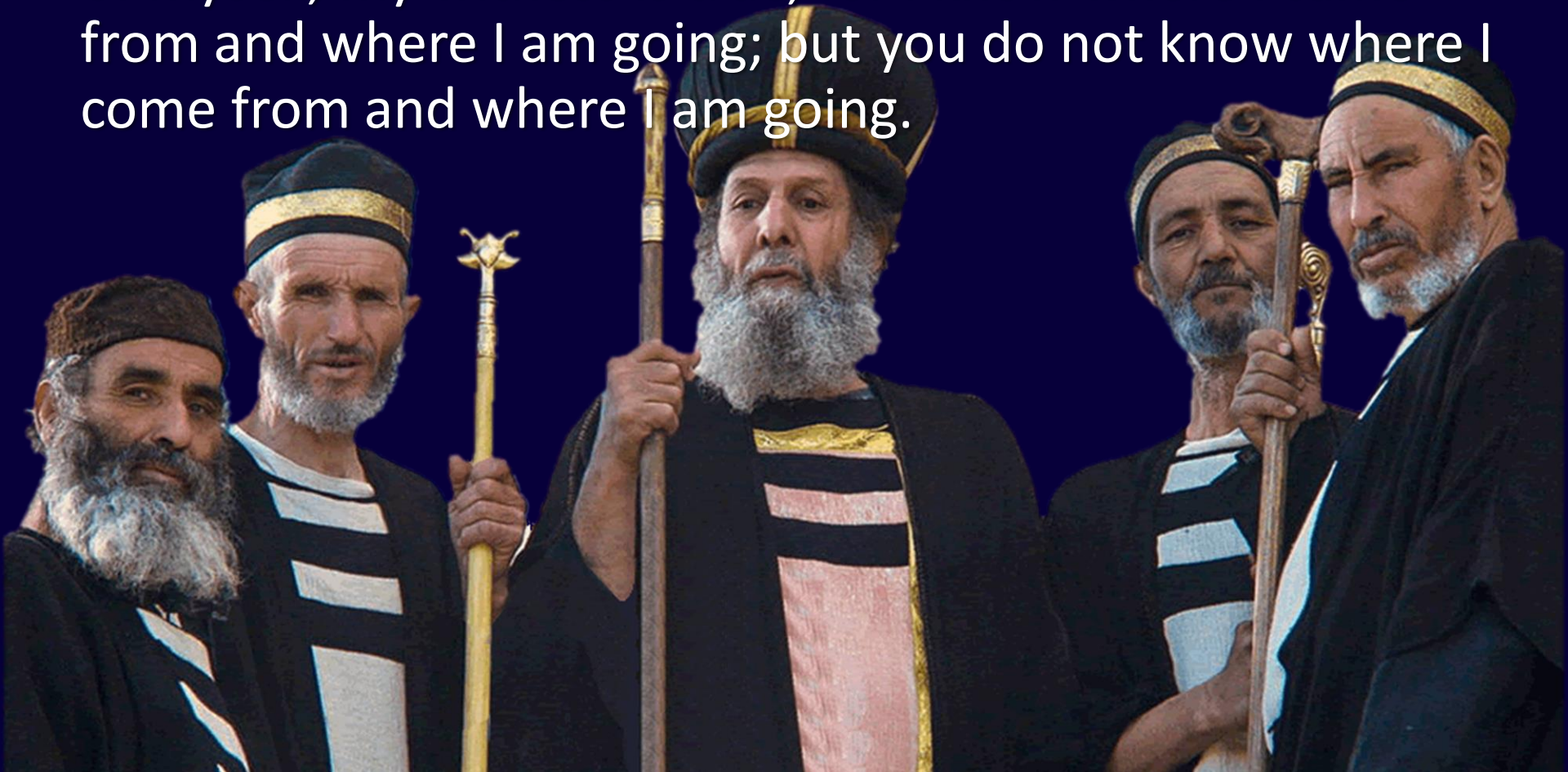
12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying,
“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not
walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”



Jesus Defends His Self-Witness

¹³ The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.”

¹⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going.



¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.

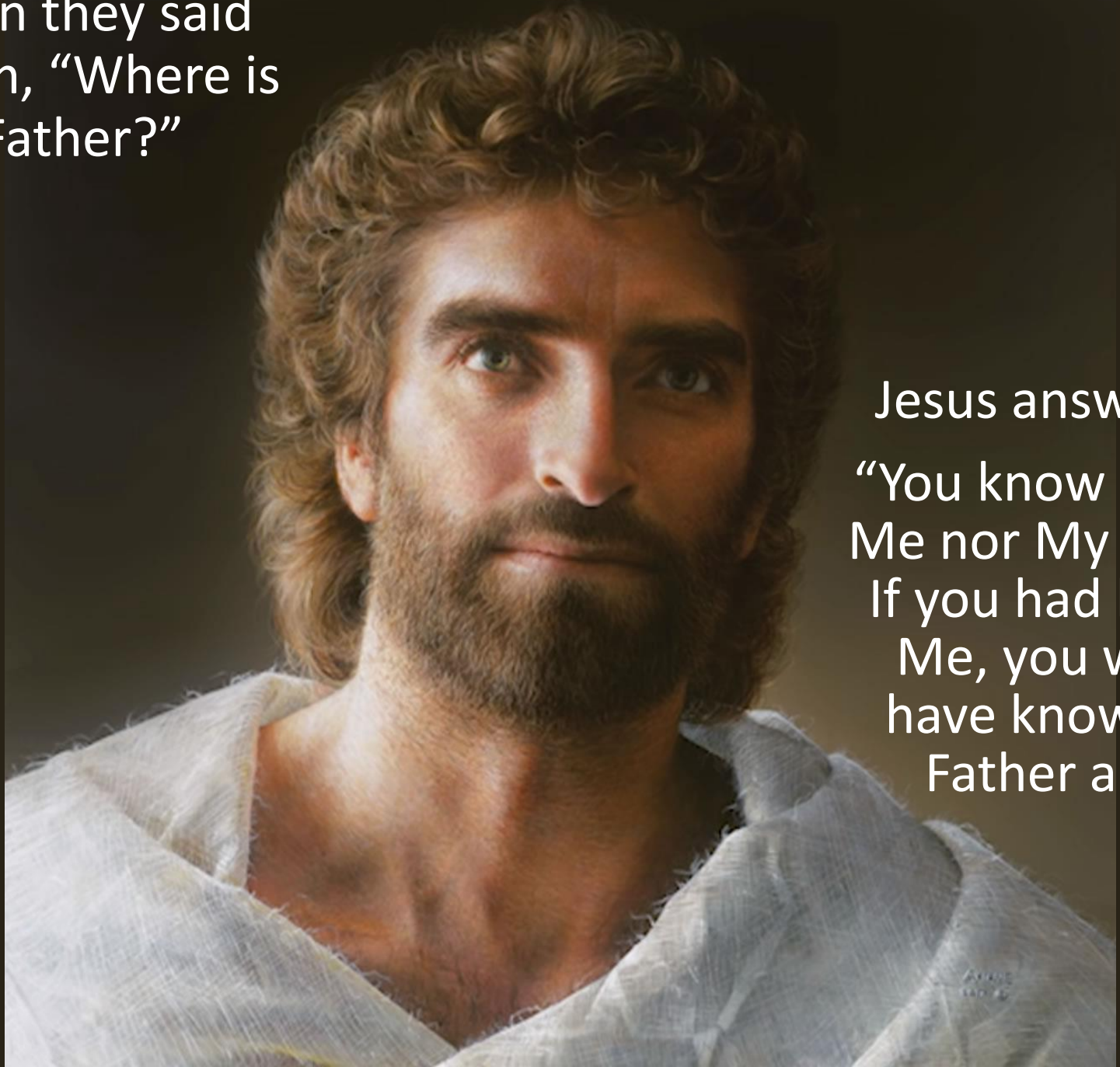
¹⁶ And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me.

¹⁷ It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. ¹⁸ I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”



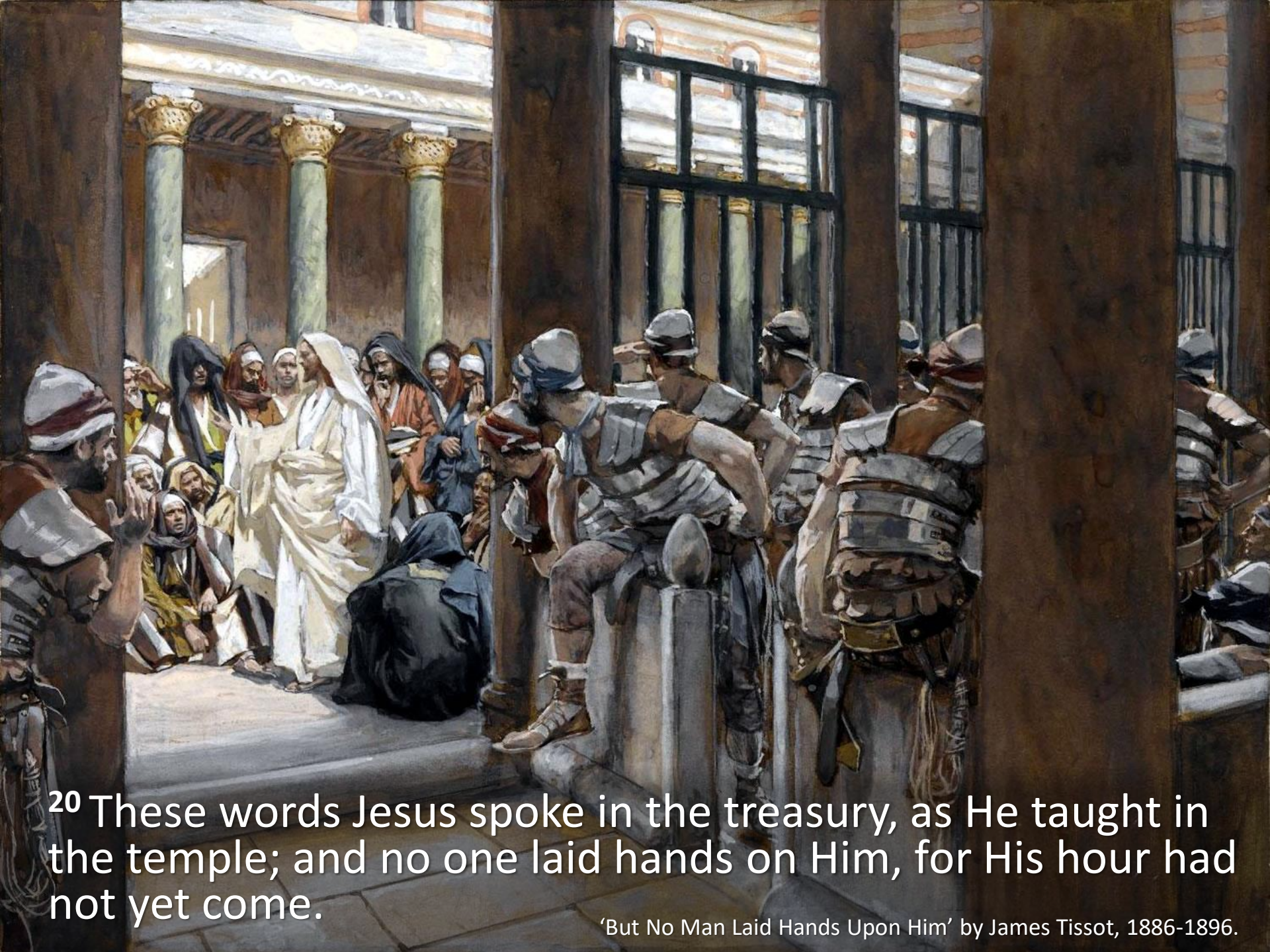
God the Father Painting by Giovanni Battista Cima

19 Then they said
to Him, “Where is
Your Father?”



Jesus answered,
“You know neither
Me nor My Father.
If you had known
Me, you would
have known My
Father also.”

‘Jesus’
by Akiane
Kramarik,
2017.



²⁰ These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

'But No Man Laid Hands Upon Him' by James Tissot, 1886-1896.

Jesus Predicts His Departure

²¹ Then Jesus said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.”

²² So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot come’?”

²³ And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.



²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

²⁵ Then they said to Him, “Who are You?”

And Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”

MY GOD
IS TRUE!

²⁷ They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

28 Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

The Truth Shall Make You Free

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”



³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free’?”



³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly I say to you,

**Whoever commits
sin is a slave of sin.**

³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

**“If the Son makes you free,
you shall be free indeed.”**

- 1. Free** from the **condemnation of sin**, the **penalty of the law** and the **wrath of God** (Isa 42:7; 60:1; Rom 8:1).
- 2. Free** from the **power of Satan** (Acts 26:18; Col 1:13; Heb 2:14,15).
- 3. Free** from the **bondage of sin** (Rom 6:14,18).
- 4. Free** from the **authority of man** (Gal 4:8,9; 5:1; Col 2:20-22).
- 5. Free to serve God** (1 Cor 7:22; Rom 6:16-18, 22).

Abraham's Seed and Satan's

³⁷ “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

³⁸ I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.”

³⁹ They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.”

“Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt” by József Molnár, 1861.

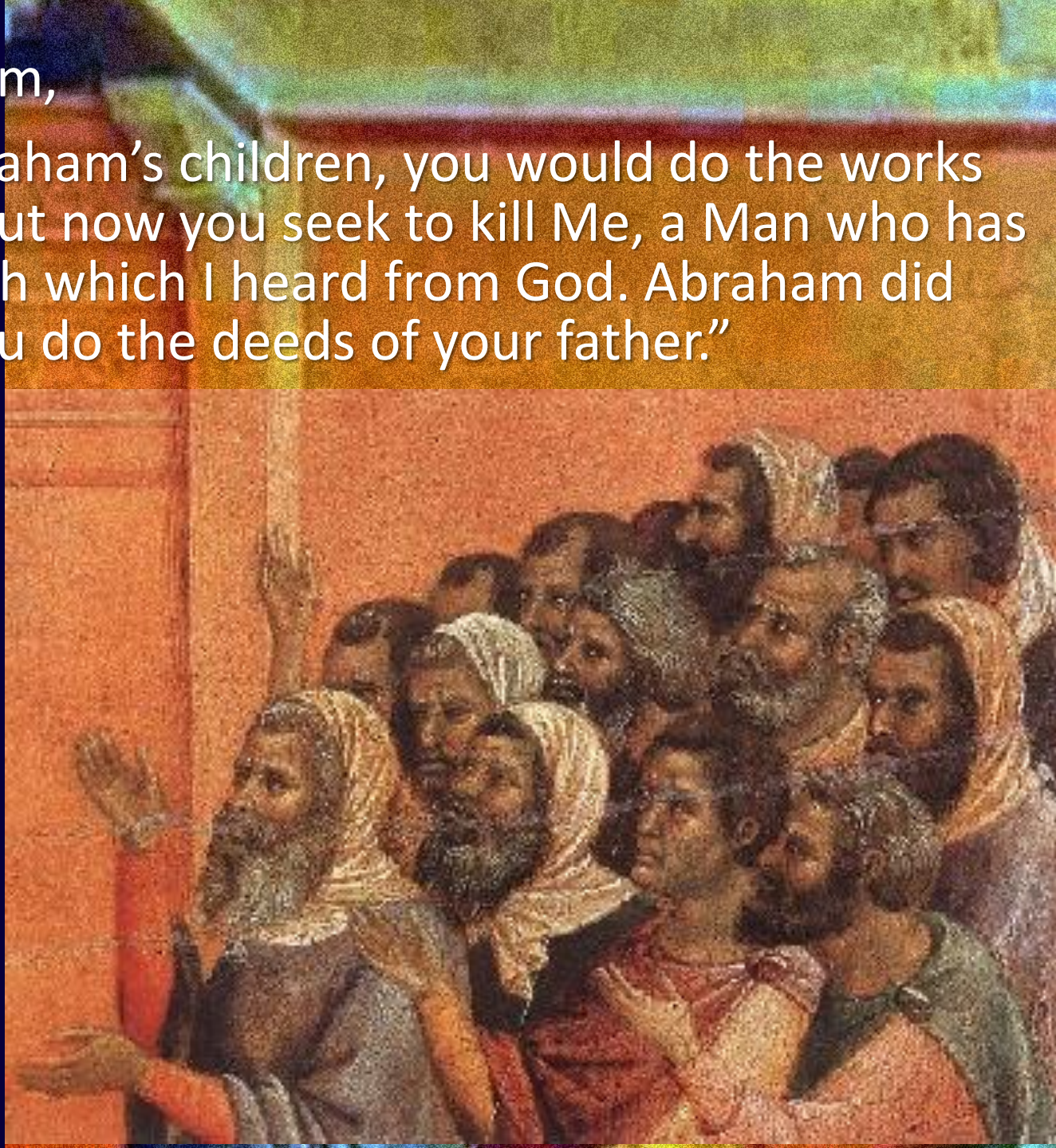
Jesus said to them,

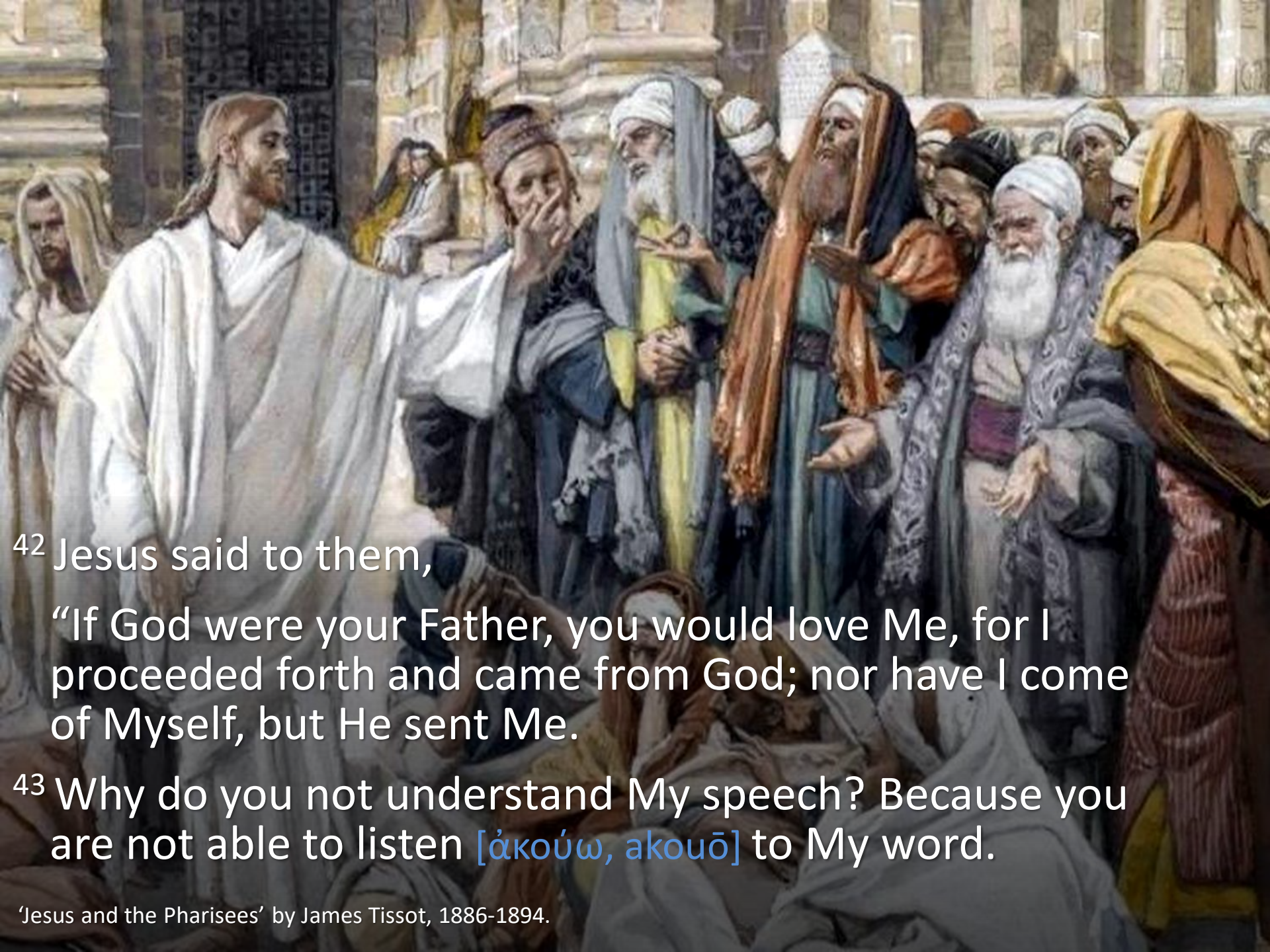
“If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹ You do the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to Him,

“We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”

Extract from
‘Jesus Accused by the Pharisees’
by Duccio di Buoninsegna, c. 1310.





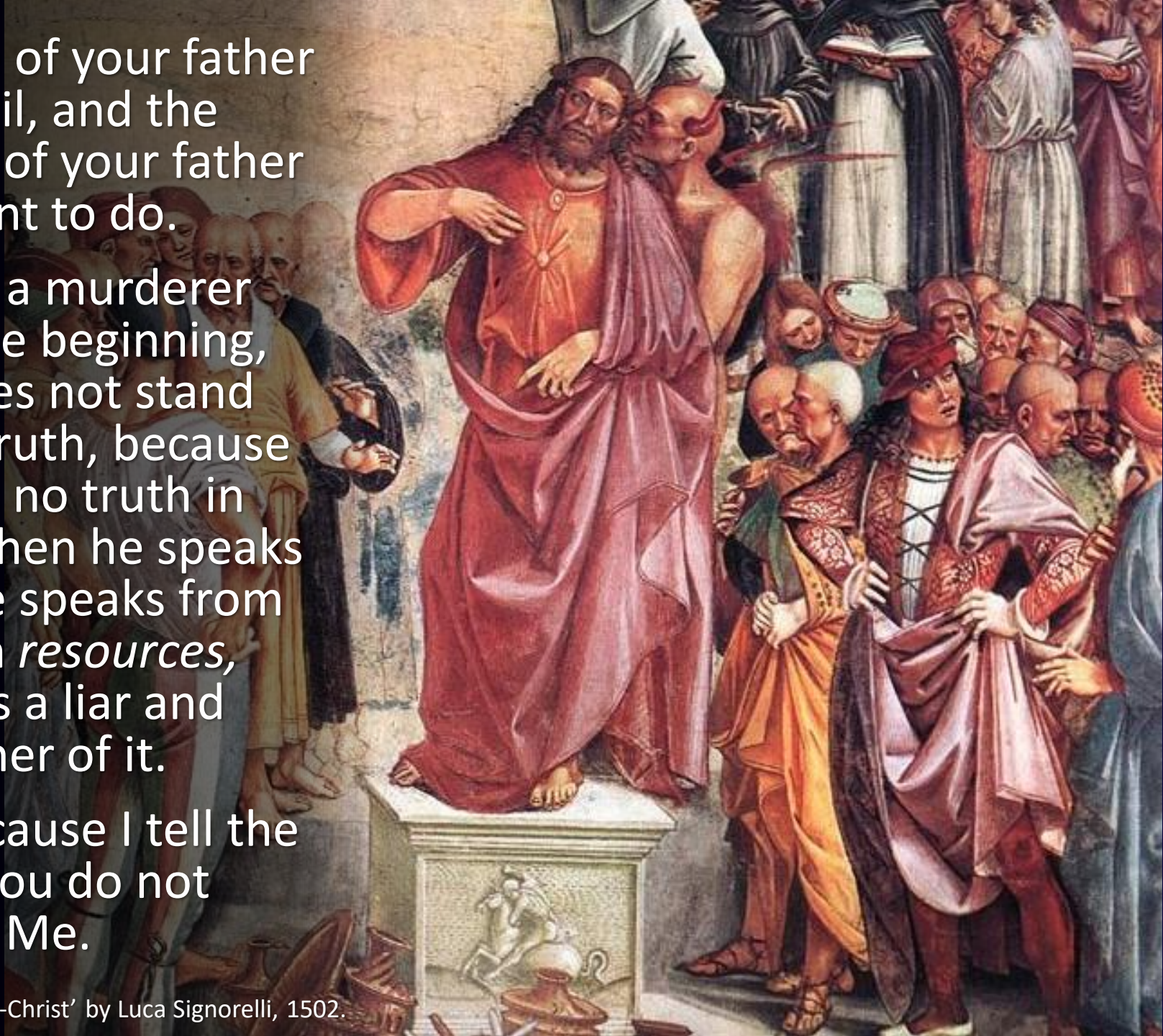
⁴² Jesus said to them,
“If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I
proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come
of Myself, but He sent Me.

⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you
are not able to listen [*ἀκούω, akouō*] to My word.

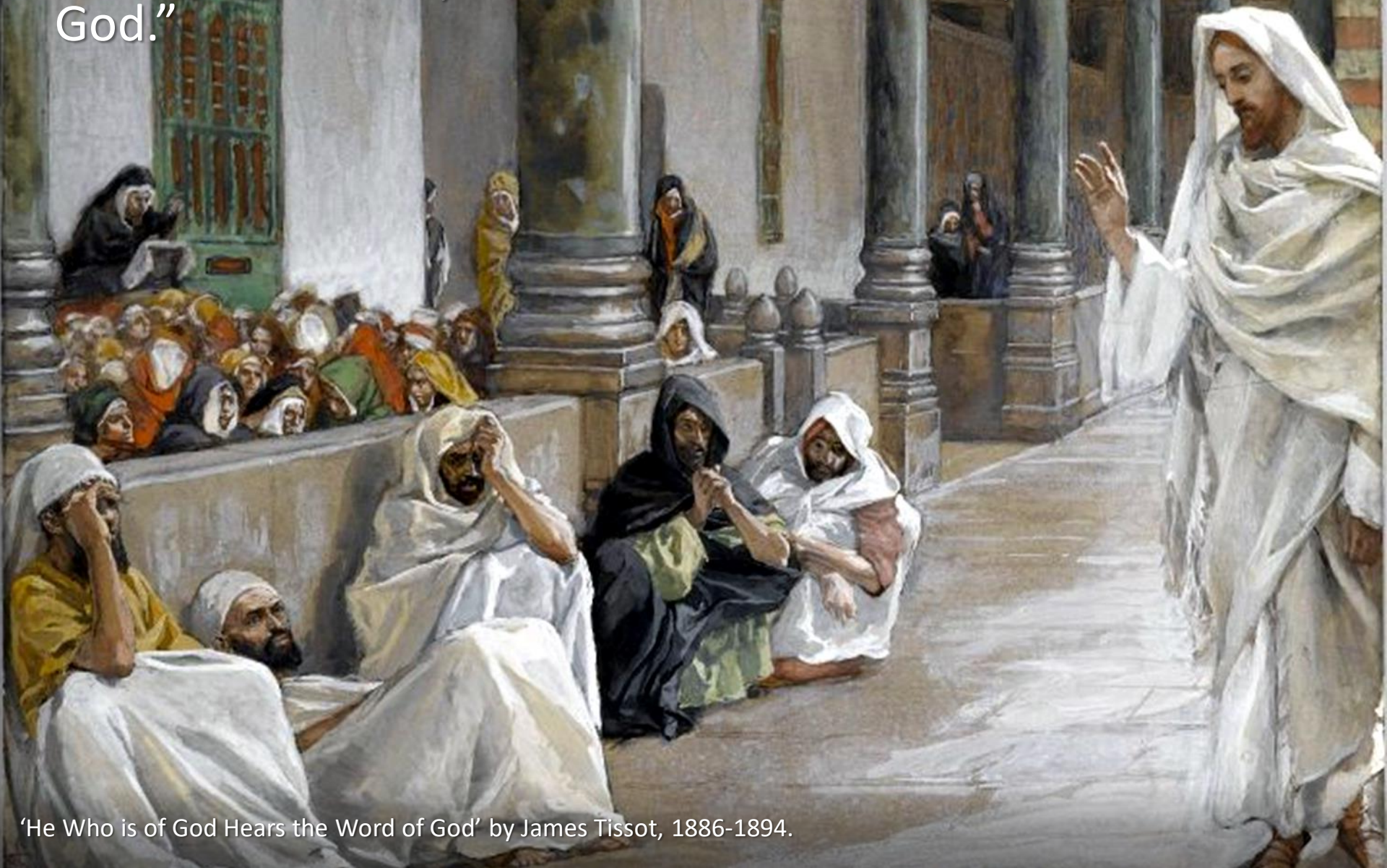
44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.



⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."



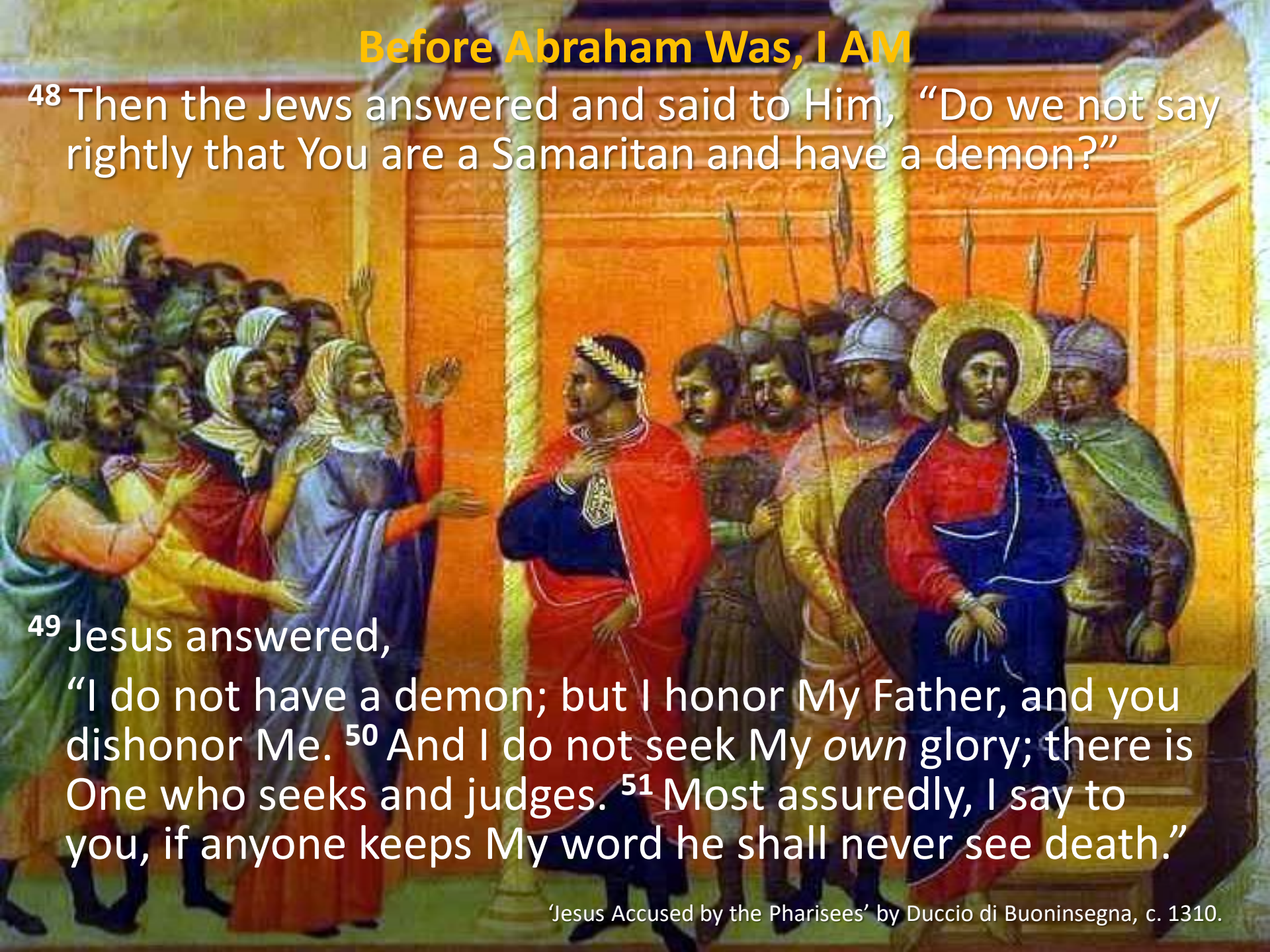
'He Who is of God Hears the Word of God' by James Tissot, 1886-1894.

Before Abraham Was, I AM

⁴⁸ Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

⁴⁹ Jesus answered,

“I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”



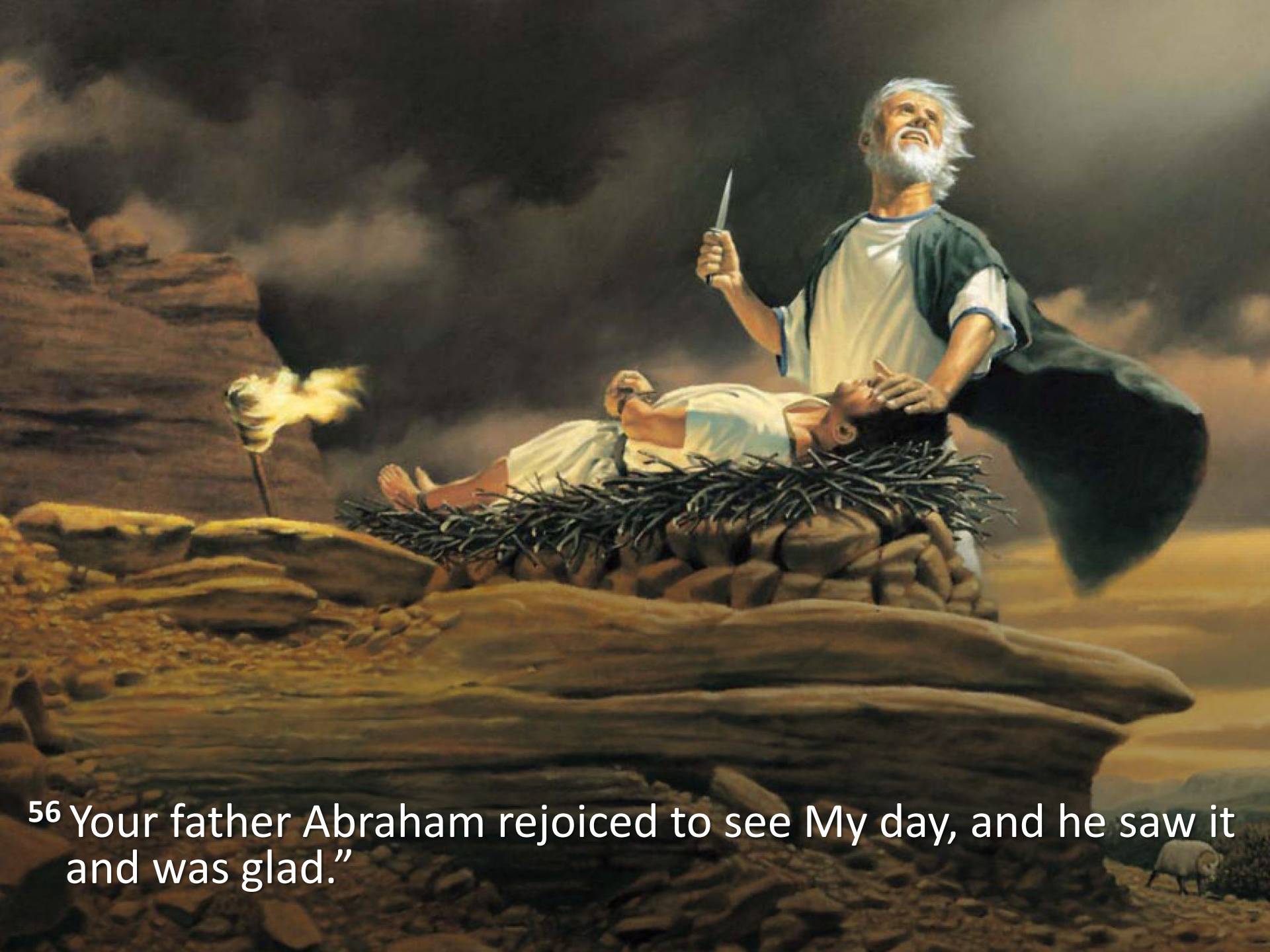
52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ **53** Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”



54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

55 Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.





⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

GOOD SHEPHERD
BREAD OF LIFE
TRUE VINE
RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
THE DOOR
LIGHT
OF THE WORLD
WAY
TRUTH
AND THE LIFE
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THE DOOR RESURRECTION

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

55 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**”



⁵⁹ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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CHAPTER 9

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



As a young child my myopic eyes saw the world as colourful blobs. I thought that was how everyone saw things. To compensate, my hearing was exceptional. I was nearly five and had started preschool when the school identified that I couldn't read anything written on the chalkboard, even when forced to sit in front. An optometrist visited our Indian Reservation School and tested all the kids. I was legally blind.





A month or so later a present arrived. A “Sunday School kid,” I was already a Christian, as much as a five-year old can be. I was outdoors at the mailbox when my first glasses arrived. It was a nice sunny day with light clouds and song birds in the trees.

I had no expectations when I brought the glasses to my eyes and so was absolutely blown away by the beauty of God’s creation. I have never doubted God’s existence since.

