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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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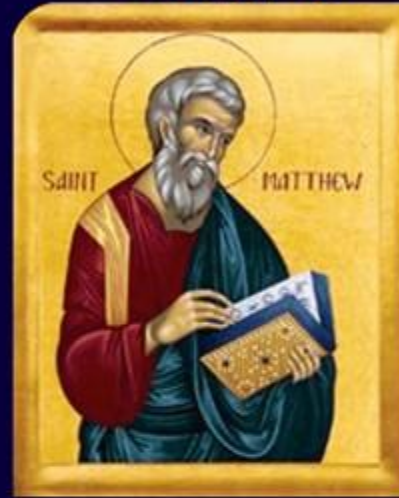
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The Four Gospels

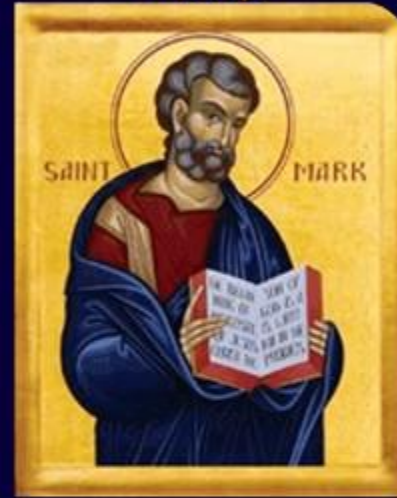
The Messiah

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

Matthew



Mark

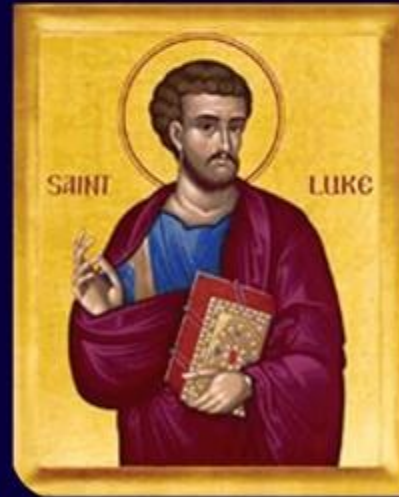


Suffering Servant

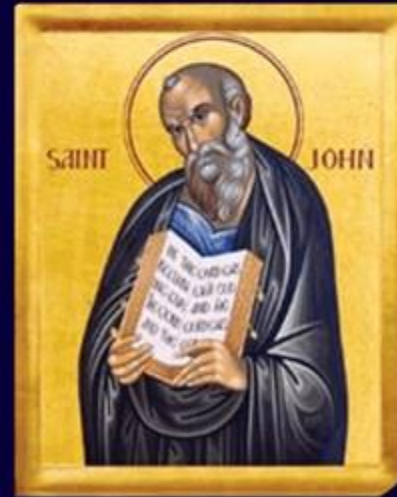
This is how He worked; see His Power
(To Romans)

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

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

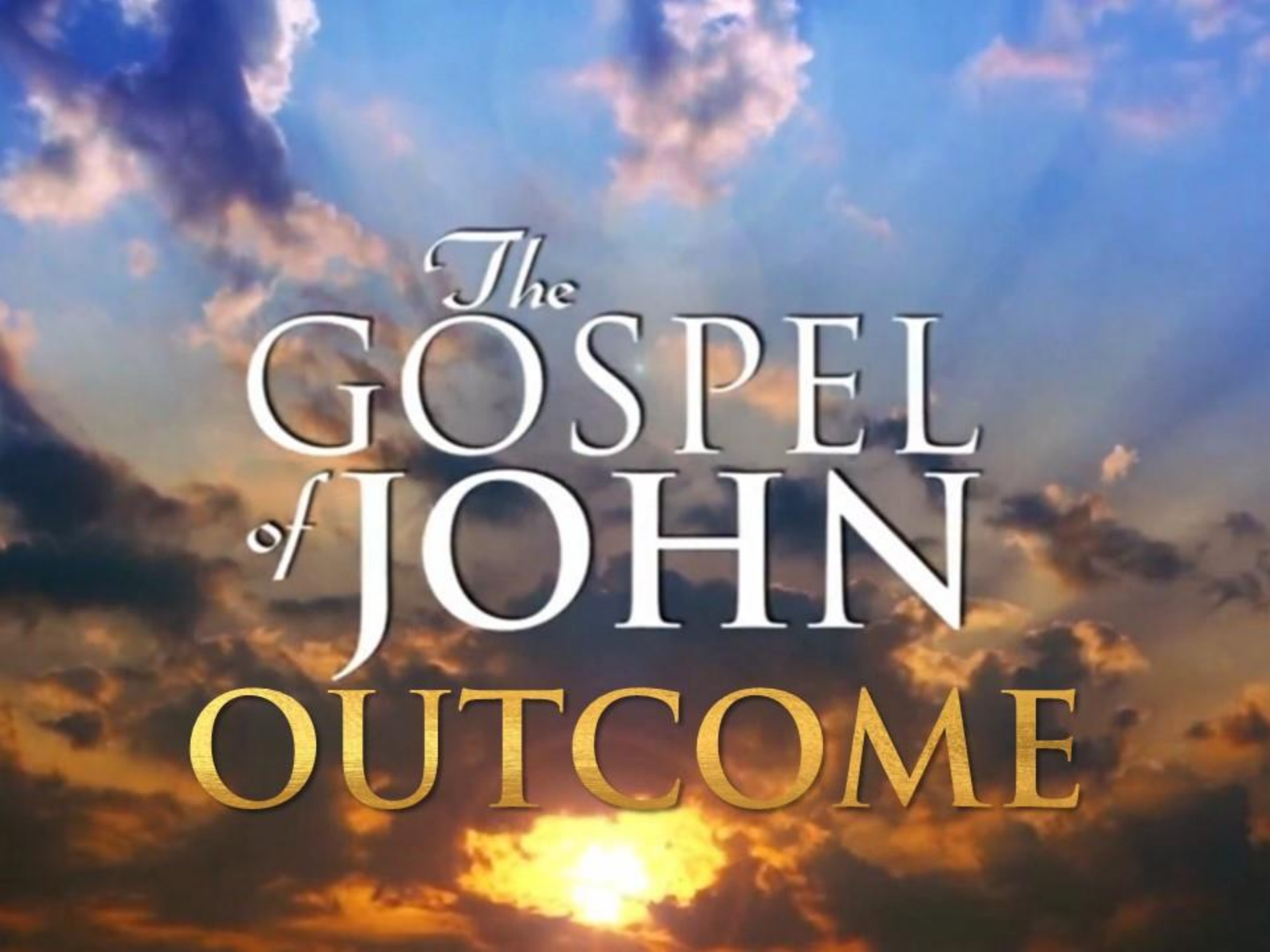
There is conflict
with the Jewish
leaders over:

- 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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OUTCOME

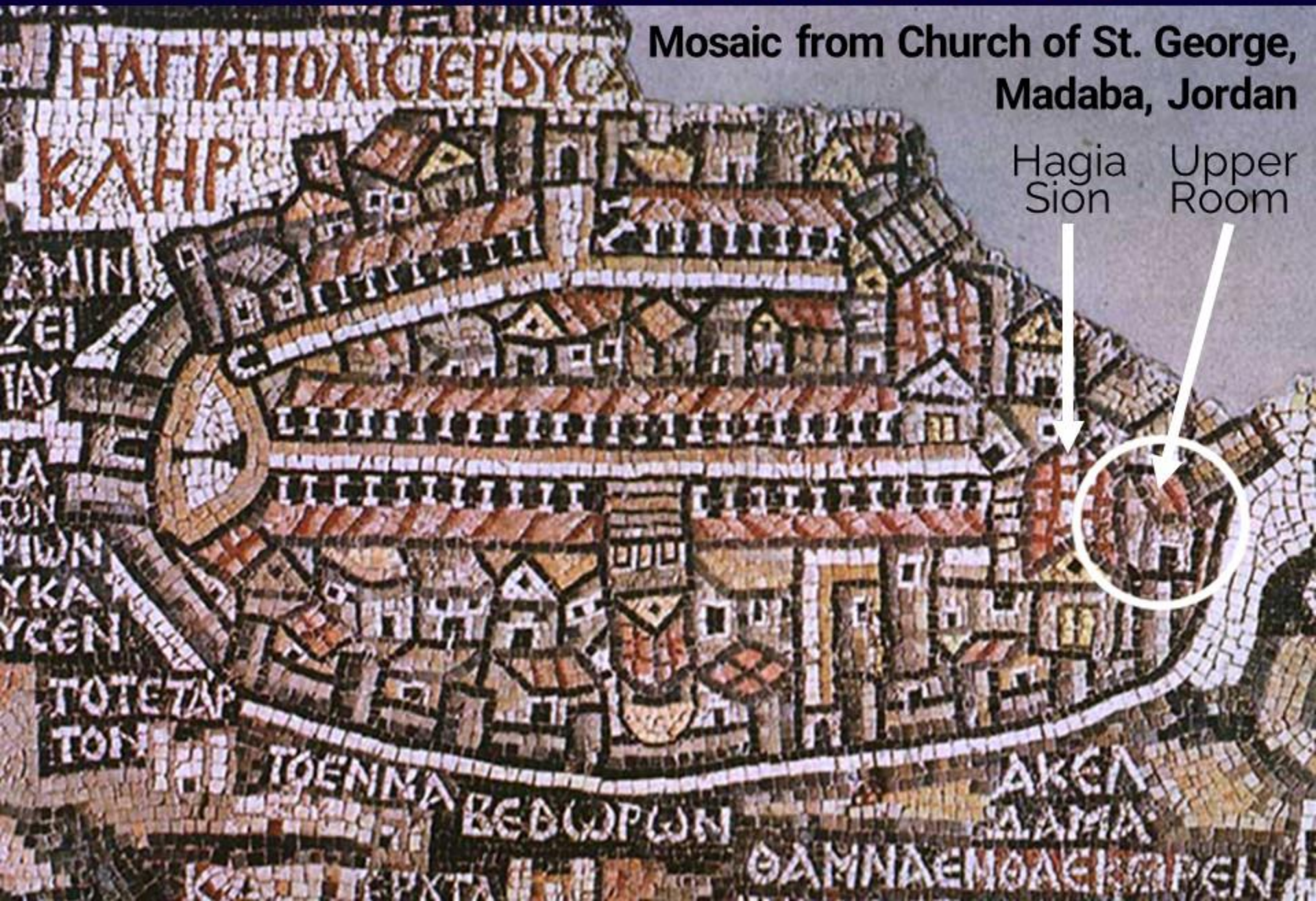
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CHAPTER 13

CHRIST THE ADVOCATE



Mosaic Map of Jerusalem, AD 560-565



Mosaic from Church of St. George,
Madaba, Jordan

Hagia
Sion

Upper
Room

HIERSALEM



Cast of Sarcophagus in the Vatican, c. AD 350-375

UPPER ROOM



Cast of Sarcophagus in the Vatican, c. AD 350-375



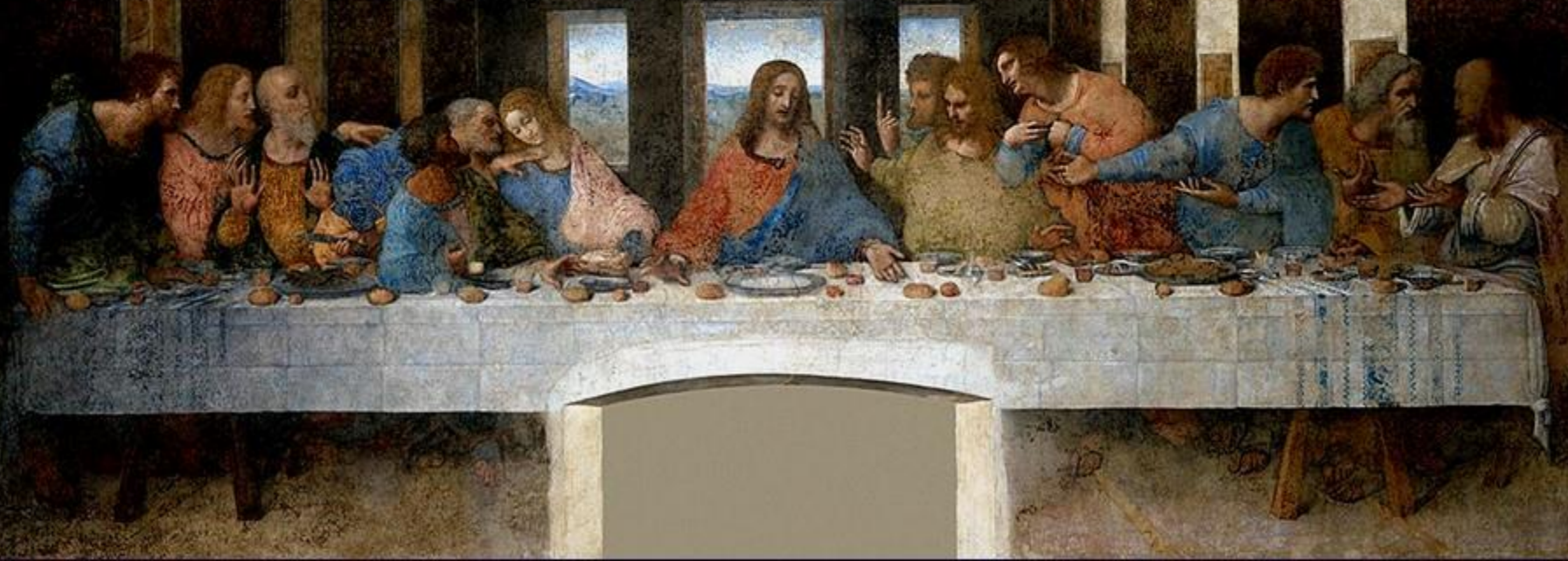






Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.



Humility



² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him.

³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

'Jesus washes the feet of his disciples'
by Albert Edelfelt, 1898.

Holiness



“Lord,
are You
washing
my feet?”

⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶ Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?”

⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”

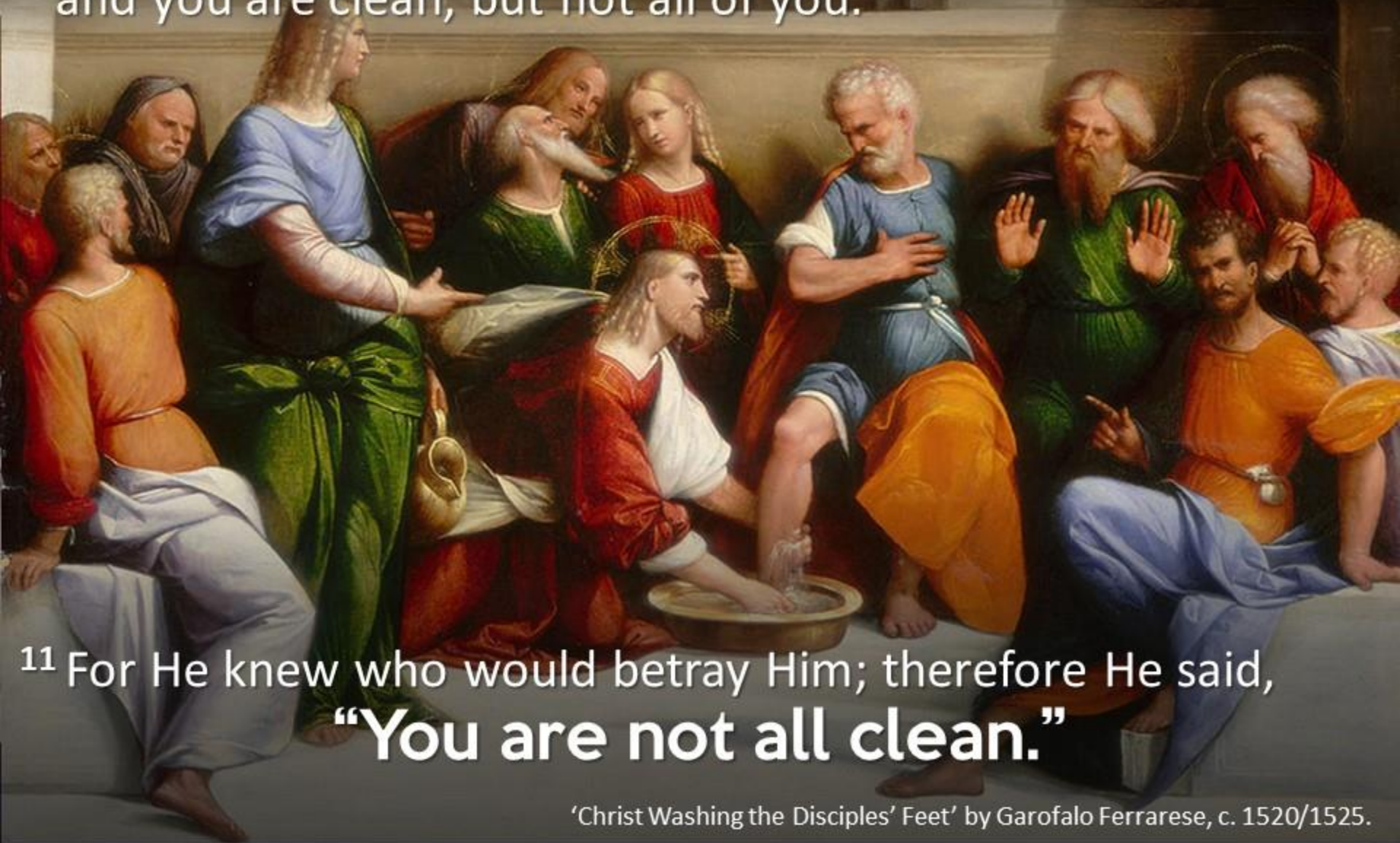


⁸ Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!”

Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

‘Jesus Washing Peter’s Feet’
by Sieger Köder (1925–2015).

⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head!*” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash *his feet*, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”



¹¹ For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said,
“You are not all clean.”

¹² So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them,
“Do you know what I have done to you?”

Do **you understand?**

Happiness



¹² So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them,

“Do you know what I have done to you?”

¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

“teacher” (διδάσκαλος, didáskalos)
teacher, doctor, master)

“Lord” (κύριος, kýrios)
Lord, lord, master, sir

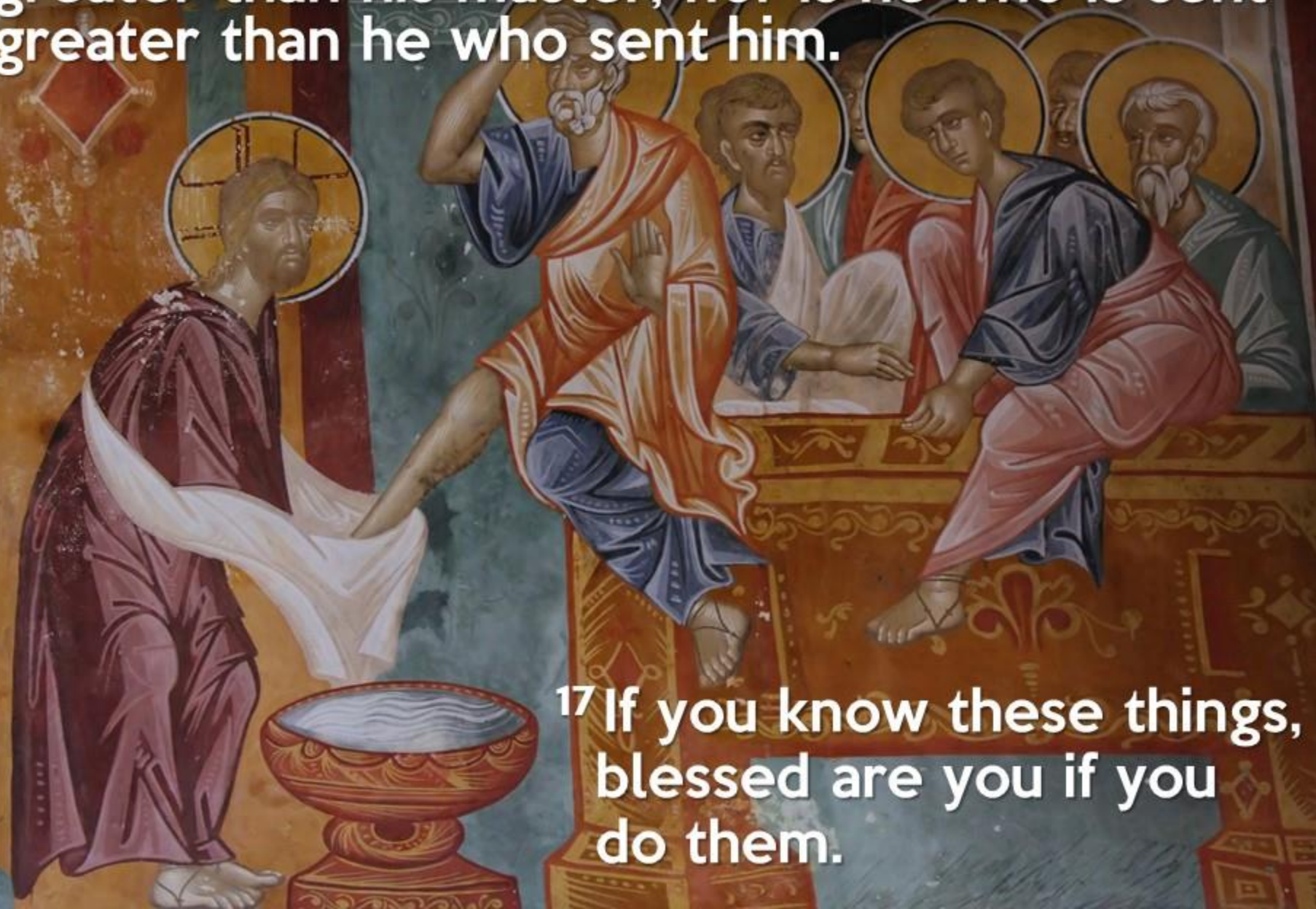


¹⁴ If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.



- 1. Example of humility** (John 13:14)
- 2. Rebuke to pride** (Luke 22:24-27)
- 3. Picture of our daily cleansing**
(John 13:10)
- 4. Warning to Judas Iscariot**
(John 13:18)
- 5. Picture of His humility**
(Philippians 2:5-11)
- 6. Reminder of His union and communion with believers**
(John 13:8)

16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

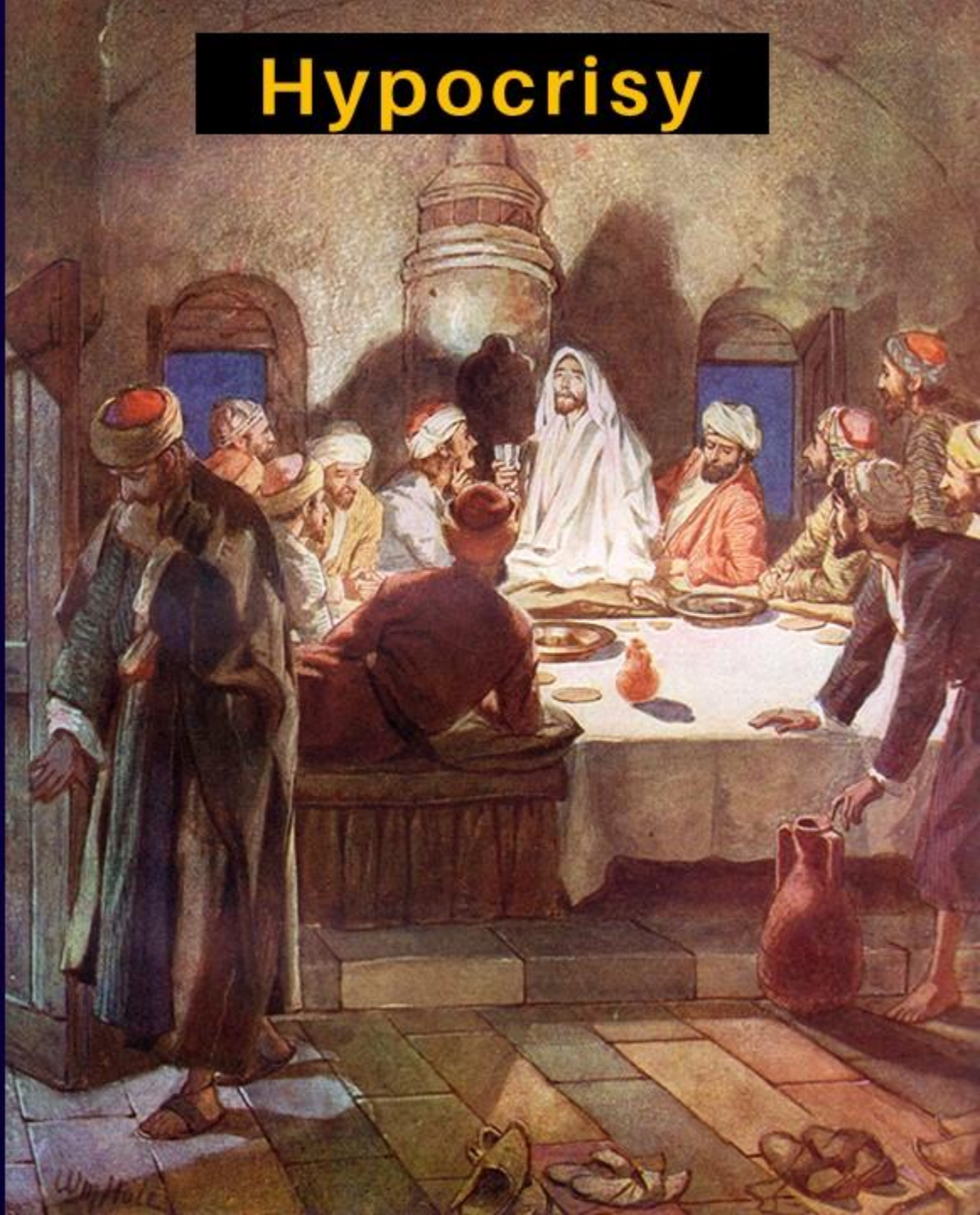


17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Hypocrisy

¹⁸ “I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.’

¹⁹ Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*.



‘The Last Supper’ by William Hole



²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

²¹ When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

²² Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

²³ Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

²⁵ Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"



'Judas Iscariot' by Giovanni Battista Piazzetta, c. 1725.

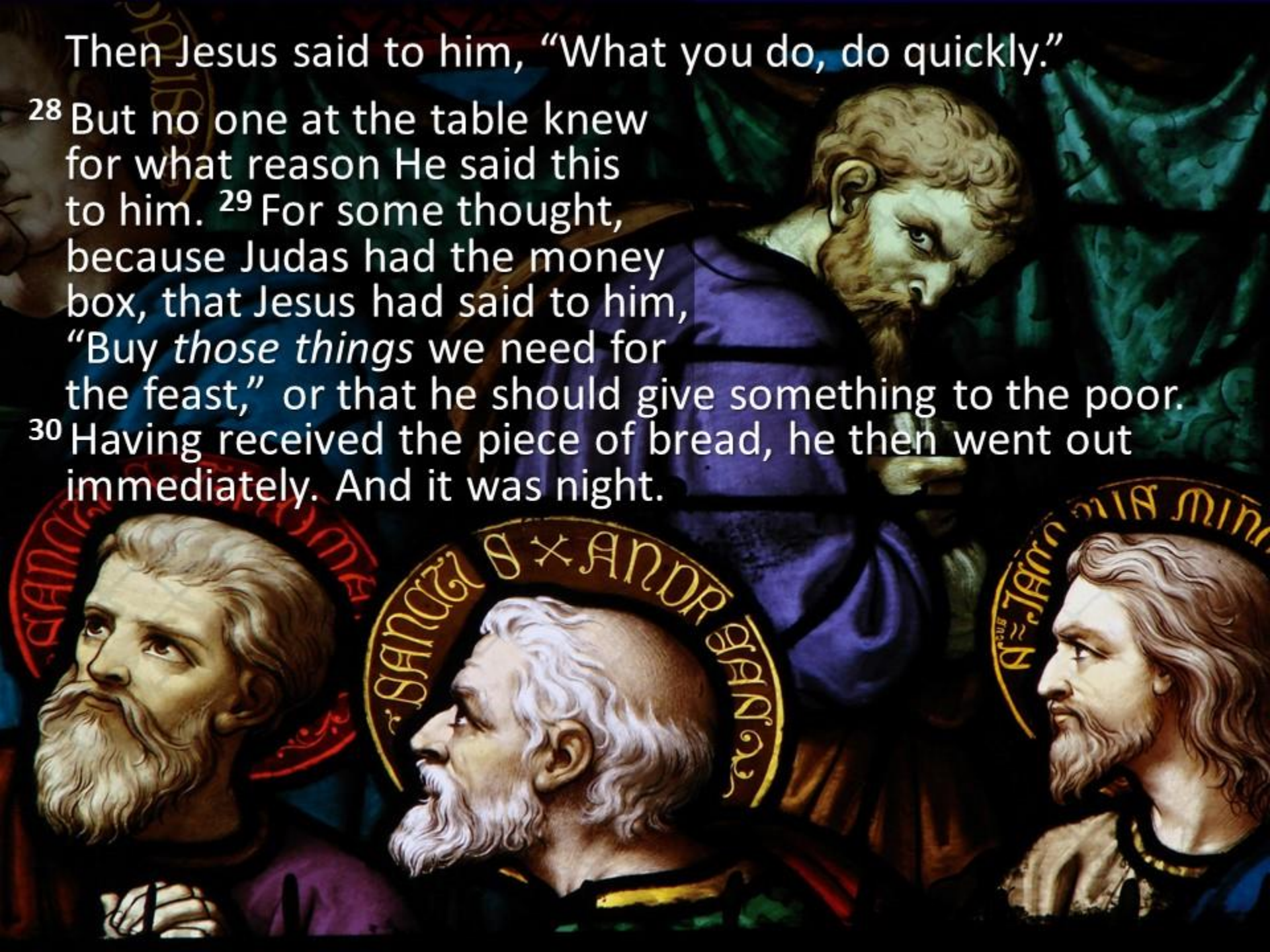
²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it*."

And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. ²⁷ Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.



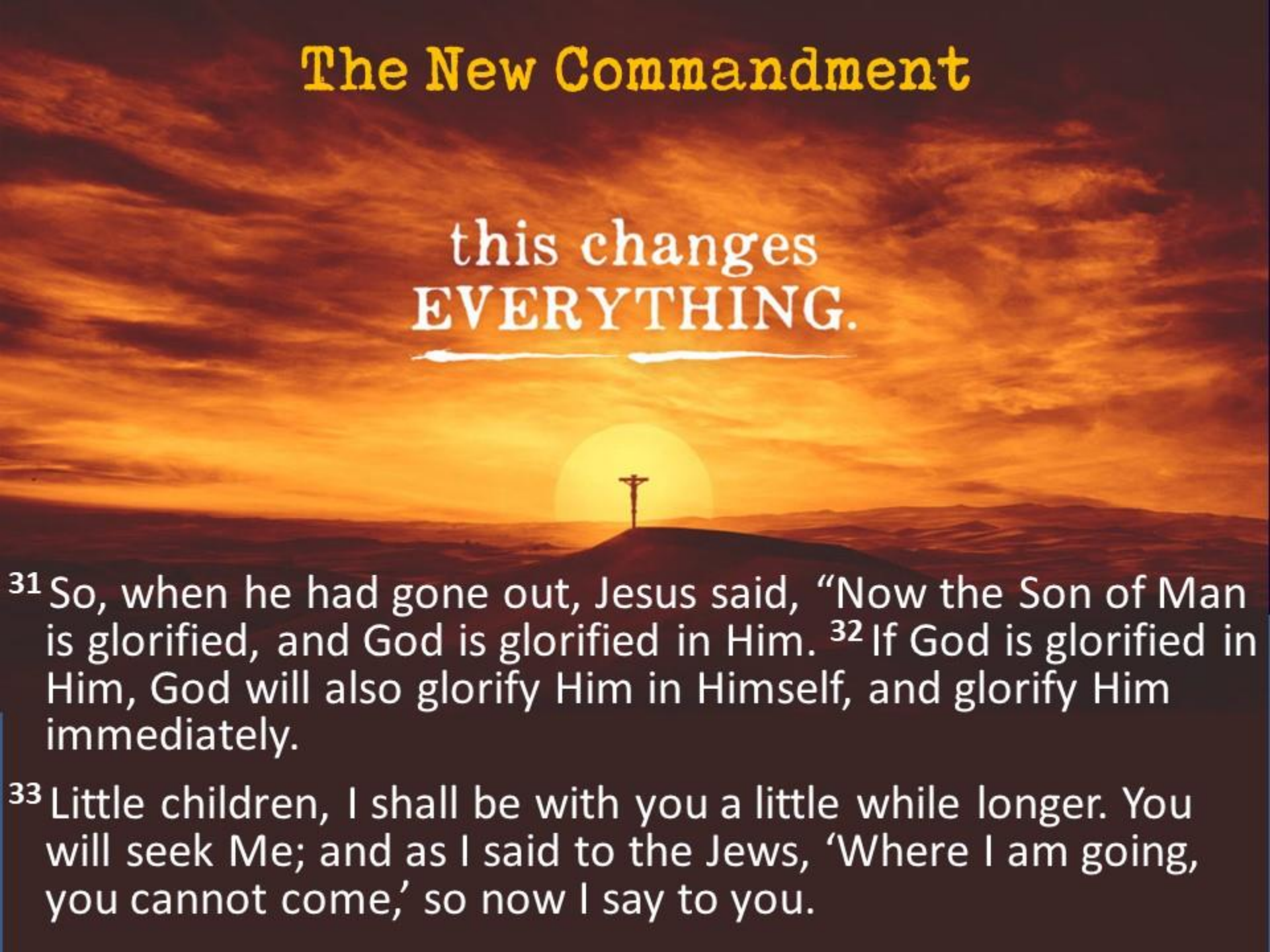
Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

²⁸ But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. ²⁹ For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.



The New Commandment

this changes
EVERYTHING.

A silhouette of a cross on a hill against a sunset sky. The sun is a large, bright yellow circle on the horizon, and the sky is filled with orange and red clouds. The cross is a simple wooden structure on a small hill in the foreground.

³¹ So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³² If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

³³ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you.

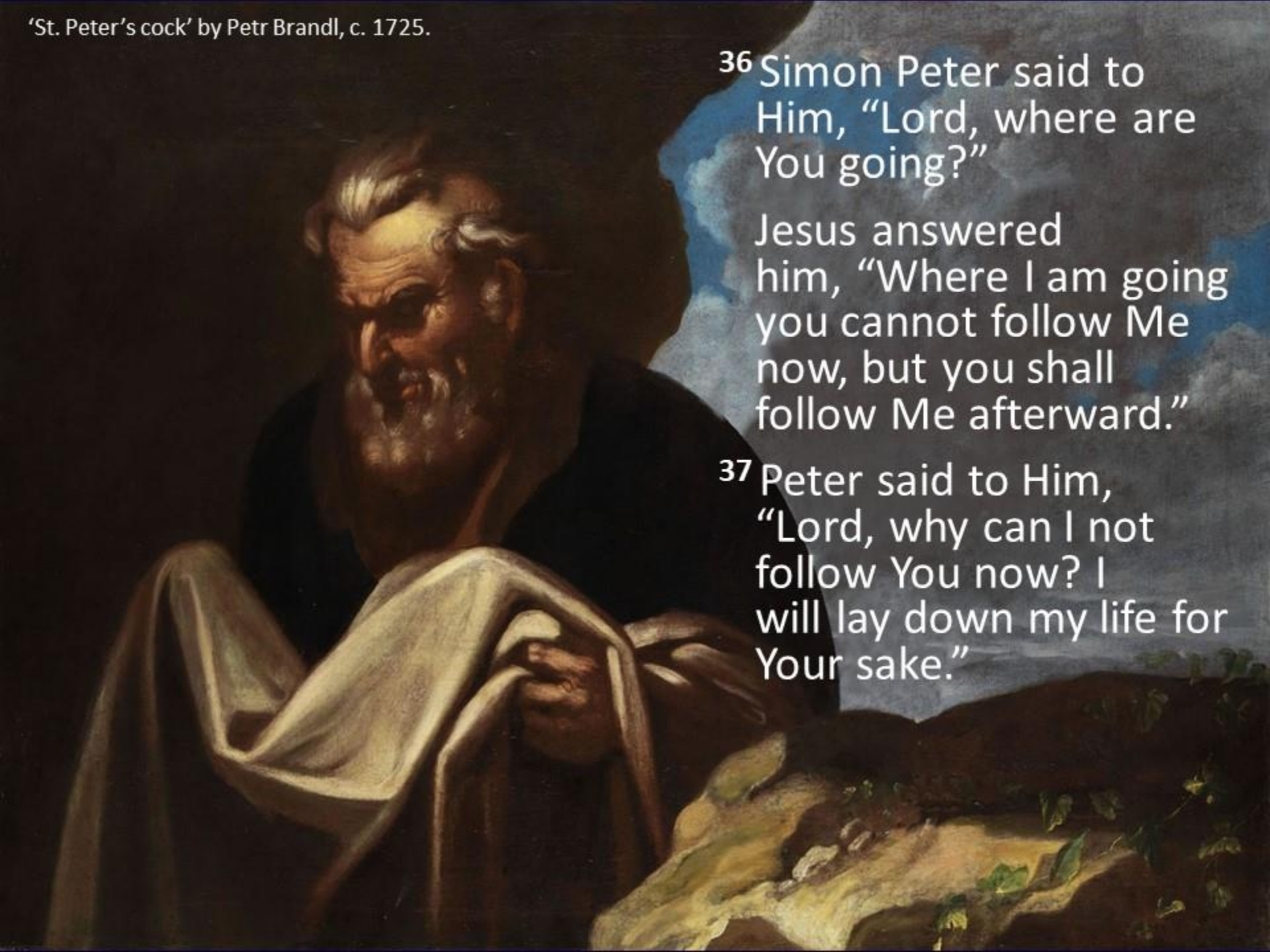


'Jesus Washes Feet' by J. Kirk Richards.

34
A NEW
COMMANDMENT
I GIVE TO YOU,
THAT YOU
LOVE

ONE ANOTHER;
AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU,
THAT YOU ALSO
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

35 By this all will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another."

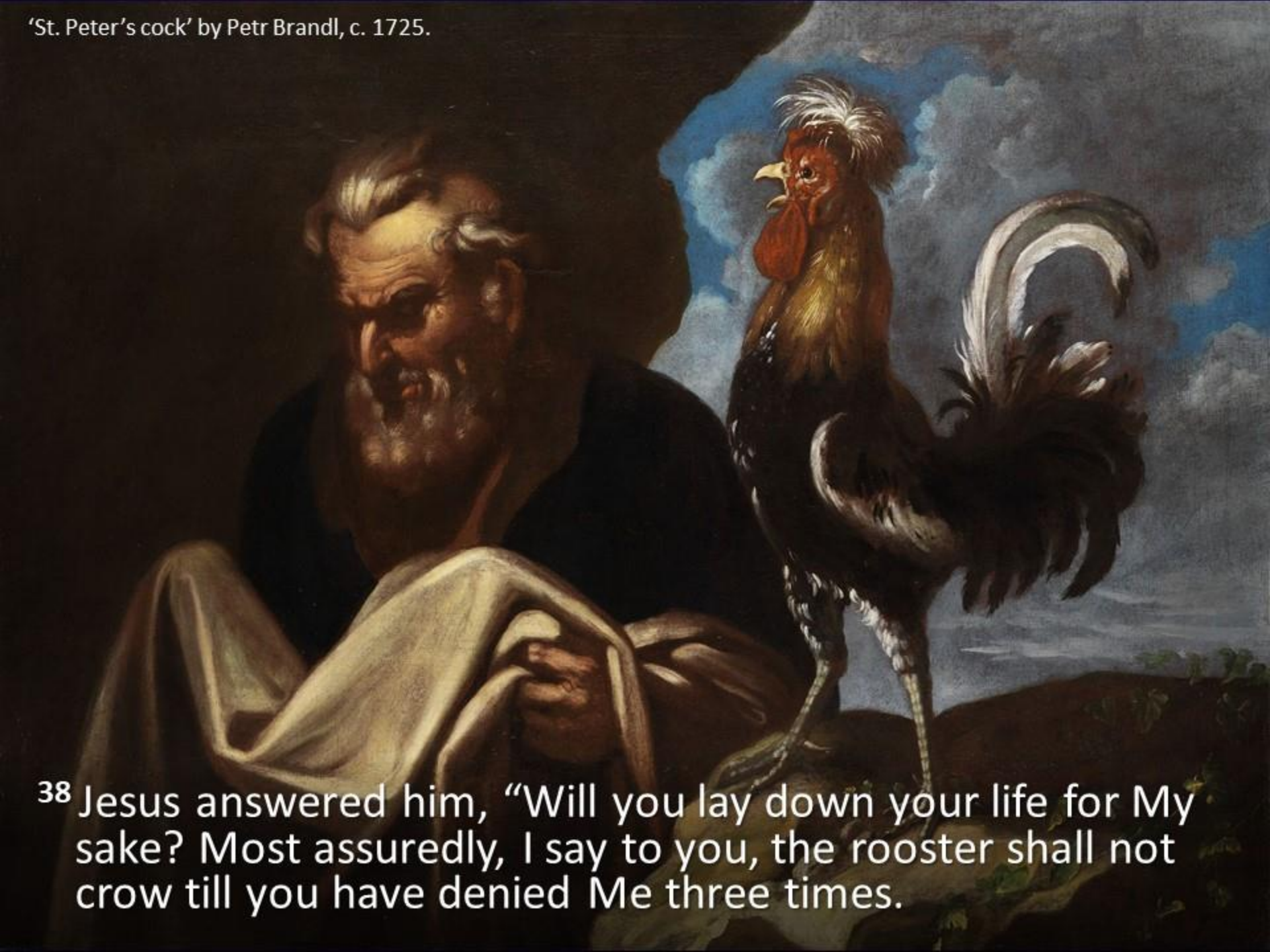


³⁶ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?"

Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

³⁷ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

'St. Peter's cock' by Petr Brandl, c. 1725.



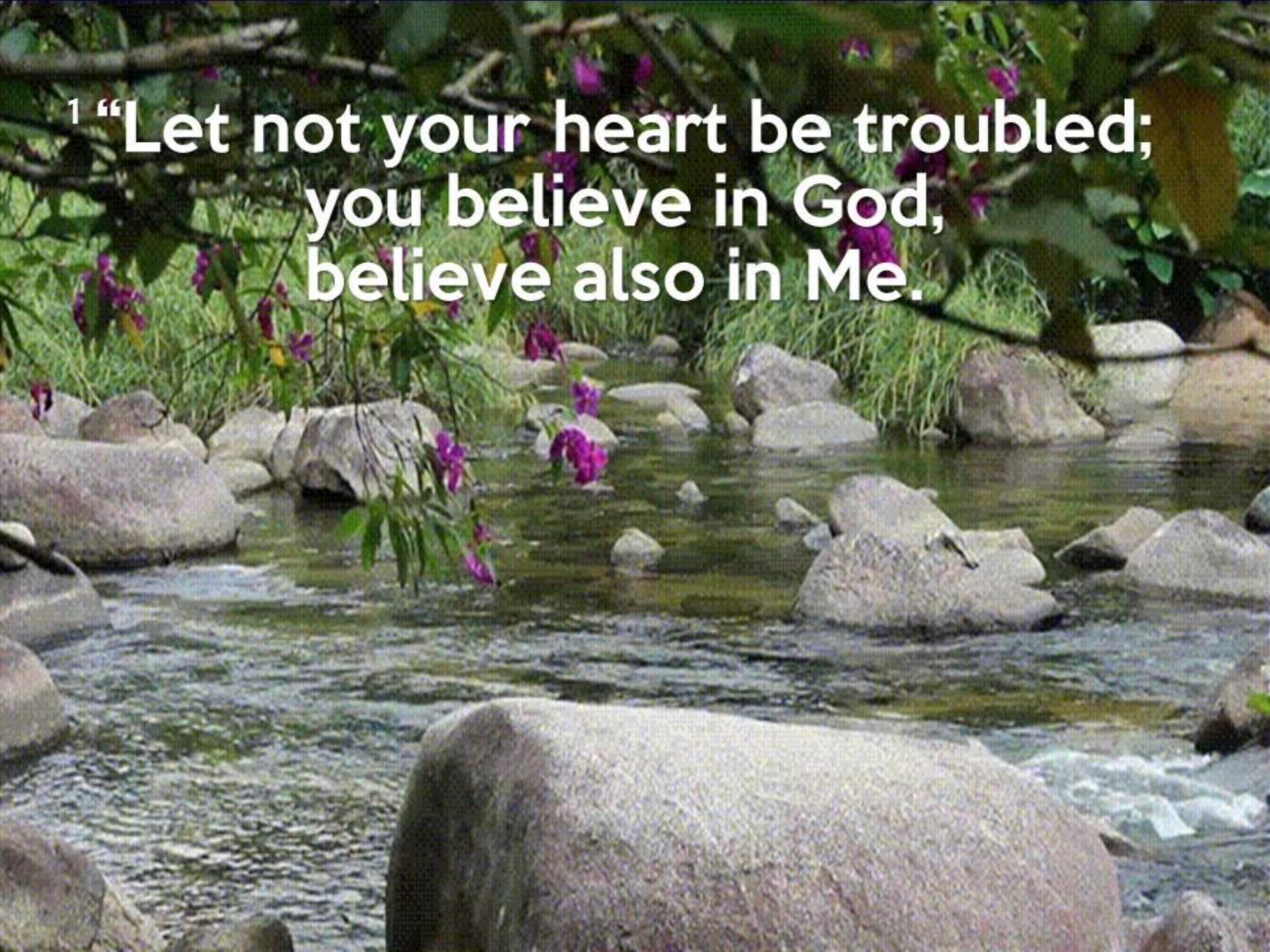
³⁸ Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

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CHAPTER 14

CHRIST THE COMING ONE

¹ “Let not your heart be troubled;
you believe in God,
believe also in Me.





²In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

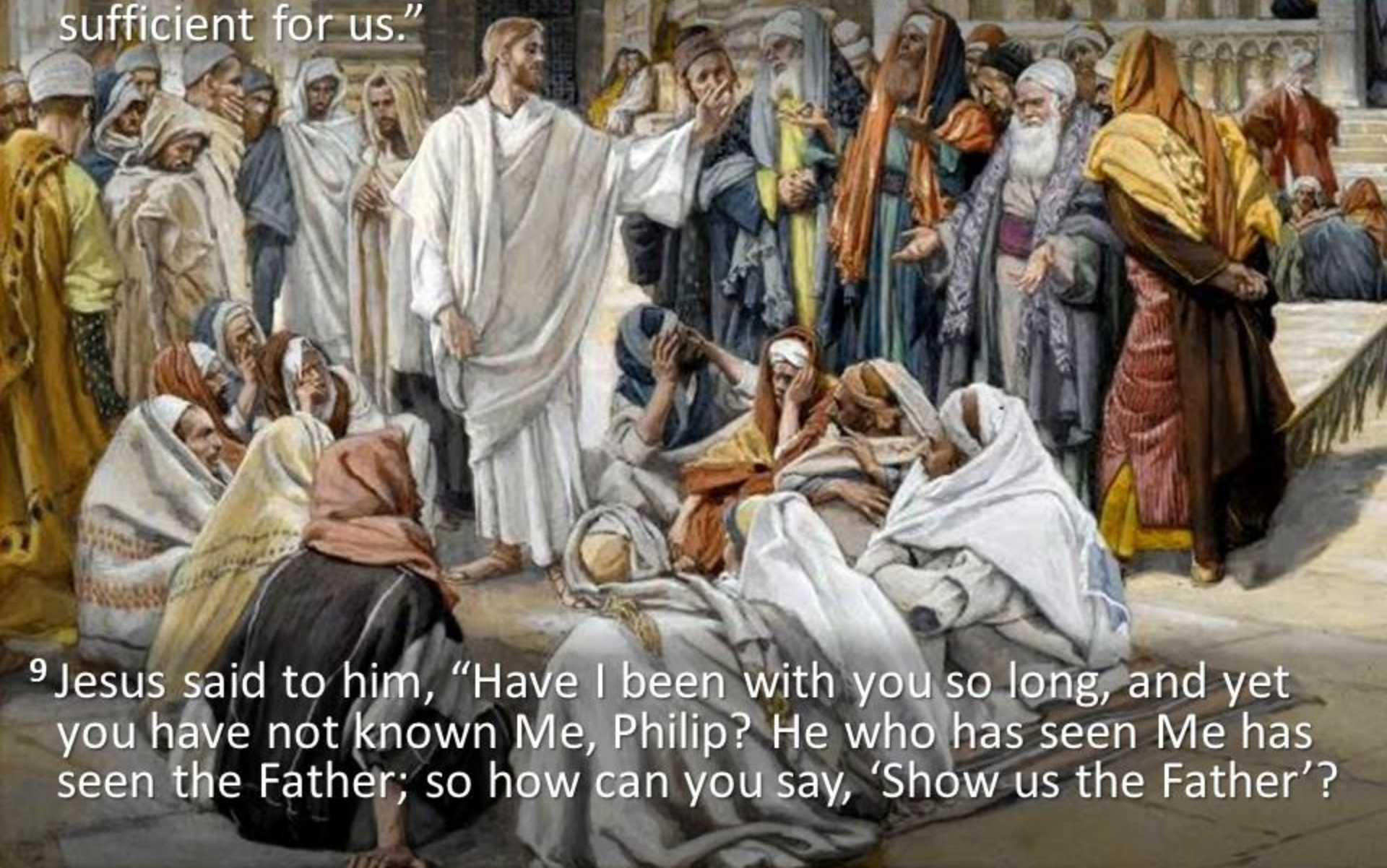
⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus said to him,

“I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.



⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."
⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."



⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.



¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹² “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ **If you ask
anything
in My name,
I will do it.”**

¹⁵ **If you love Me, keep My commandments.**

¹⁴ If **you** ask
anything
in My name,
I will do it.”

Required Heart Attitude

- **Give Glory To God**
- **Seek God's Will**
- **Believe In God**
- **Ask In Humility**

References

Matt. 6:9; 1 Cor. 10:31
Matt. 6:10; 1 John 3:22
Mark 11:24; James 1:6-8
John 14:13-14

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.



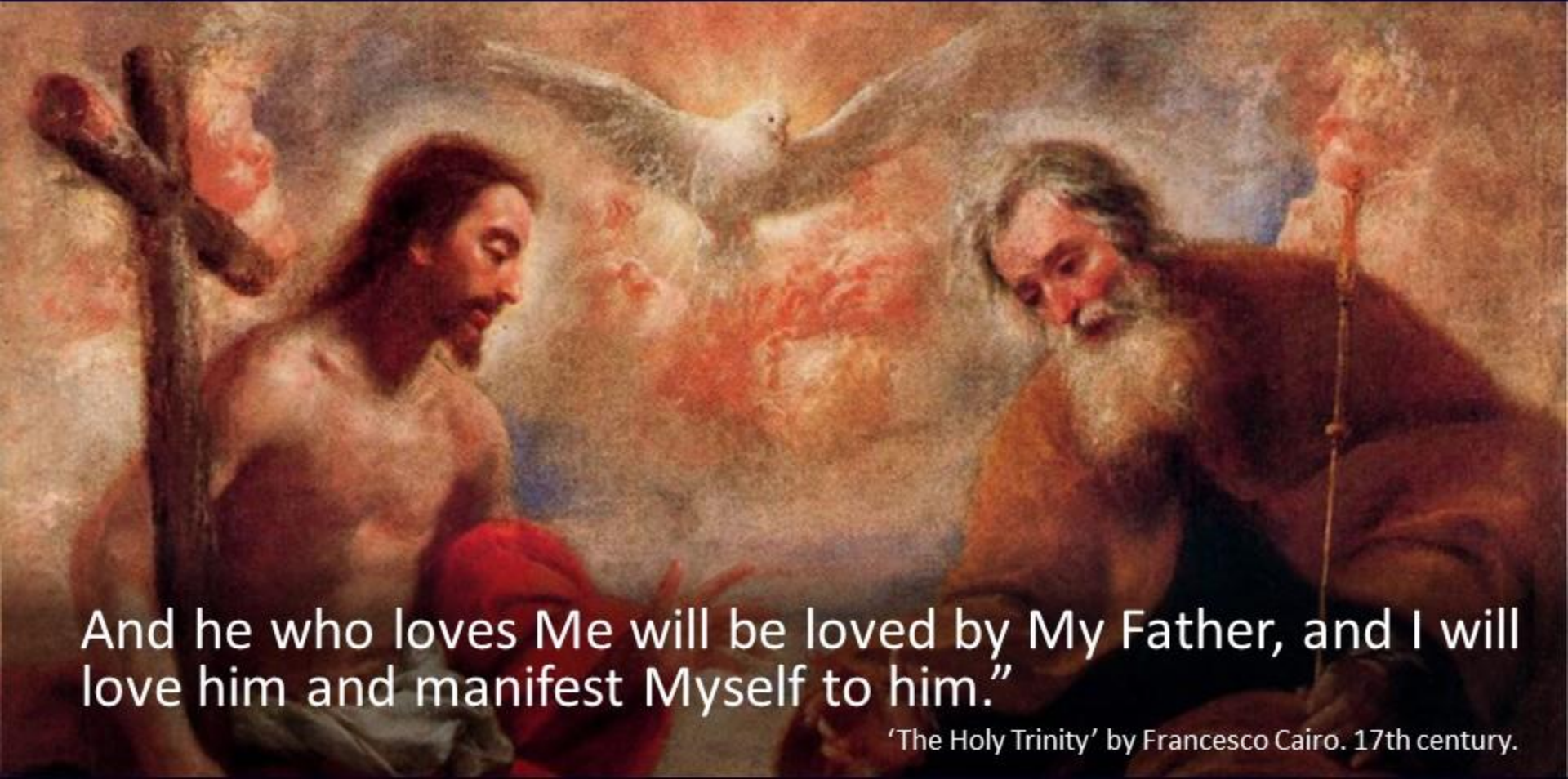
18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Indwelling of the Father and the Son

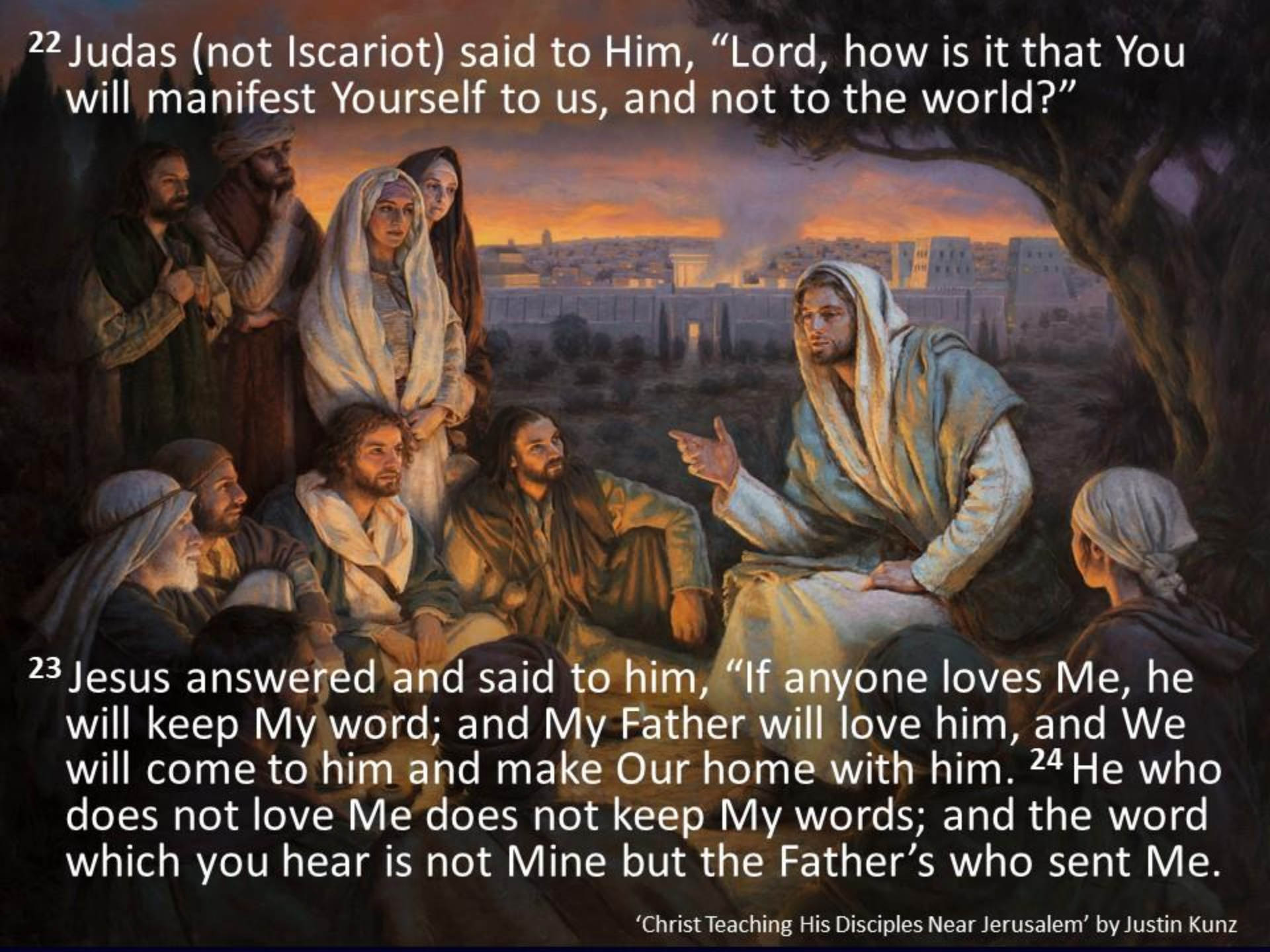
¹⁹ “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.

And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

‘The Holy Trinity’ by Francesco Cairo. 17th century.



²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

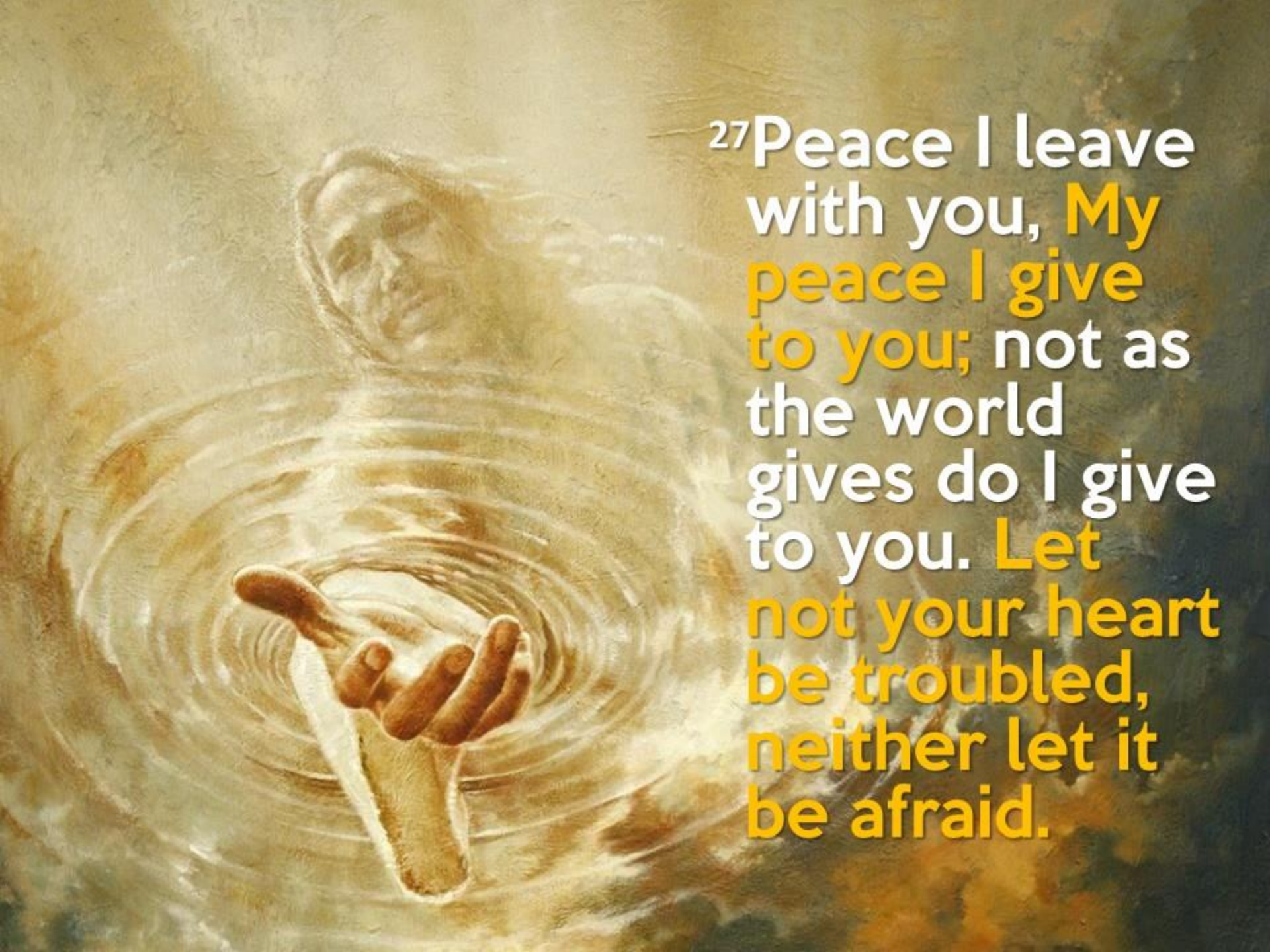


²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.



²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

A painting in a warm, golden-brown palette. In the upper left, a man's face is depicted with a serene expression, looking slightly to the right. Below the face, a hand is shown with fingers slightly curled, as if holding something or gesturing. The background consists of concentric, wavy lines that suggest ripples in water or a soft, ethereal glow. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

²⁷Peace I leave
with you, **My
peace I give
to you;** not as
the world
gives do I give
to you. **Let
not your heart
be troubled,
neither let it
be afraid.**

²⁸ You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

²⁹ And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.



**"I AM GOING TO
THE FATHER."**

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CHAPTER 15

CHRIST: VINE AND BRANCHES

The True Vine

15 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes (*kathairō*), that it may bear more fruit.

³ You are already clean (*katharos*) because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.



The True Vine

15 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes (*kathairei*), that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean (*katharoi*) because of the word which I have spoken to you.

φέρρον καρπὸν, αἶρει αὐτό, κ
φέρρον, **καθαίρει** αὐτὸ ἵνα καρ
ἤδη ὑμεῖς **καθαροί** ἐστε διὰ
ἵνα ὑμῖν. Ἰμείνατε ἐν ἐμοί, κ

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵”I am the vine, you are the branches.



He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

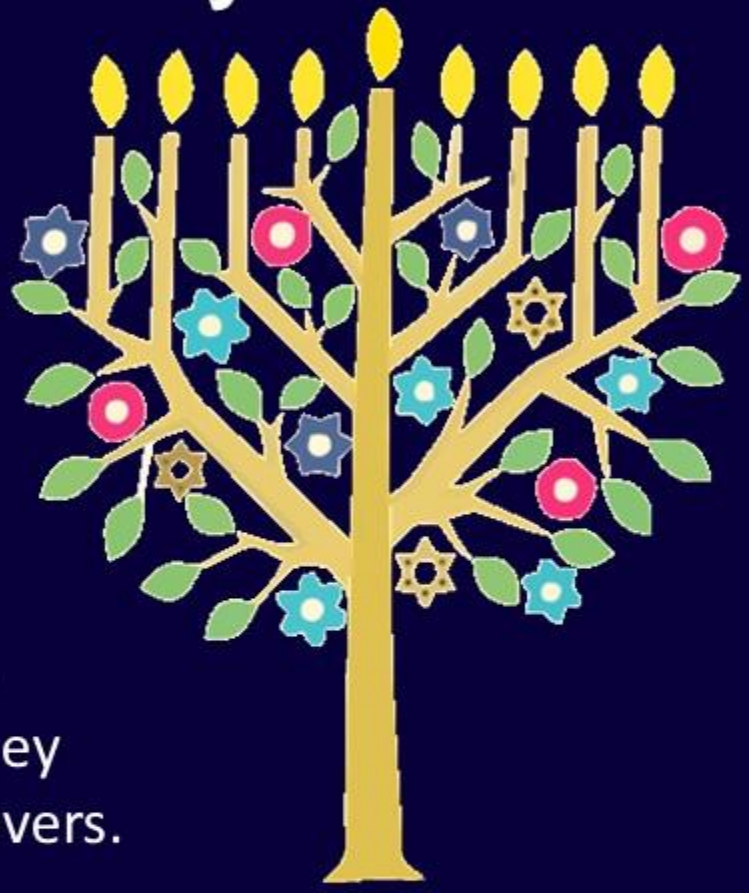
⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches."

Arminianism

Christians who do not abide lose their salvation.

Calvinism

Eternal security means once saved, always saved, so they weren't really believers.



3-part Salvation

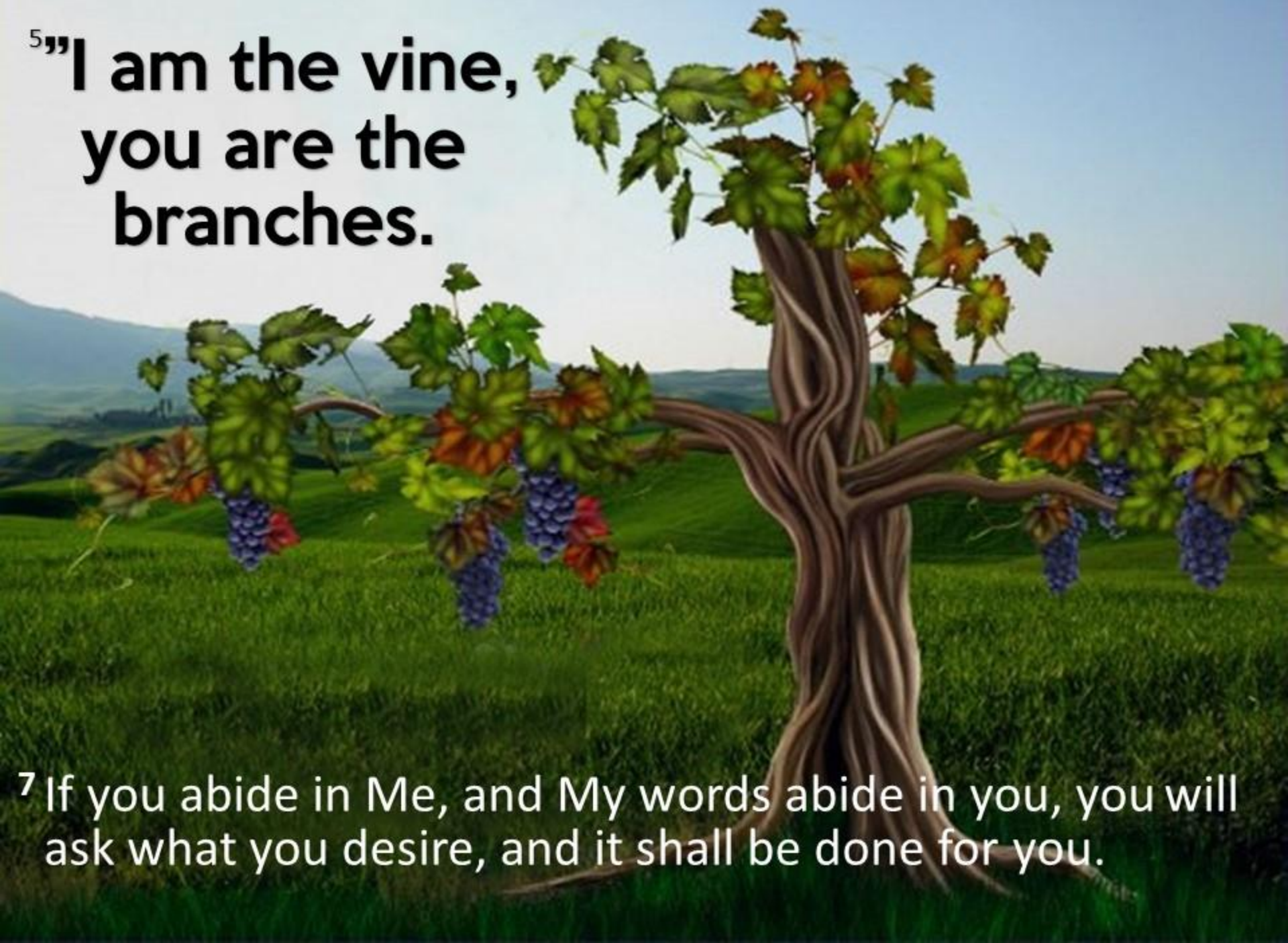
Justification not in question but fruit is for sanctification.

Encouragement

"Cast out" S/B "lift up" as God places branch in the sun to encourage fruit.

He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ **If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered;** and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁵”I am the vine,
you are the
branches.



⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Bearing Much Fruit

Fruit Brought Forth in Season:	Evidenced in:
1. The fruit of the Holy Spirit Galatians 5:22,23; Ephesians 5:9	Character
2. The fruit unto holiness Romans 6:22	Conduct
3. The fruit of righteousness Hebrews 12:11; Philippians 1:11	Contentment
4. The fruit of the lips Hebrews 13:15	Conversation
5. The fruit of our hands Proverb 31:16, 31; 1 Corinthians 3:10,14	Concrete service for God
6. The fruit of the righteous Proverb 11:30; Romans 1:13	Converts
7. The fruit of the womb implied in Romans 7:4	Children (spiritual)

⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Love and Joy Perfected

⁹ “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.



¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.”

JOY



I HAVE TOLD YOU THIS
SO THAT MY

JOY



MAY BE IN YOU

JOHN 15:11

¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.



GREATER LOVE
HAS NO ONE THAN THIS,
THAN TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE
FOR HIS FRIENDS.

¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another.



The World's Hatred

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated you*. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

~ John 15:18

²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Remember the word that I said to you,
'A servant is not greater than his master.'
If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.
If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

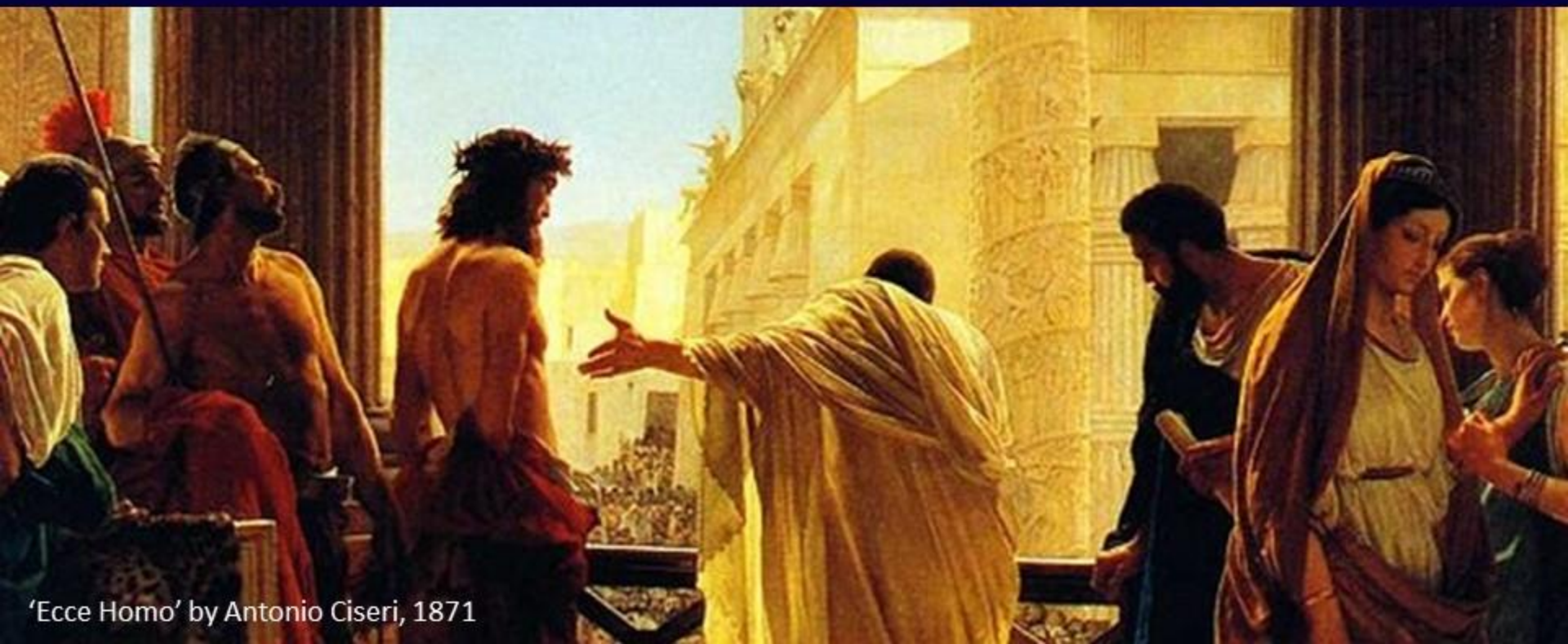
(JOHN 15:20)

²¹ But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates Me hates My Father also.

²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

²⁵ But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'



'Ecce Homo' by Antonio Ciseri, 1871

The Coming Rejection

- ²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
- ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”

‘Pentecost’ by Titian, 1541.

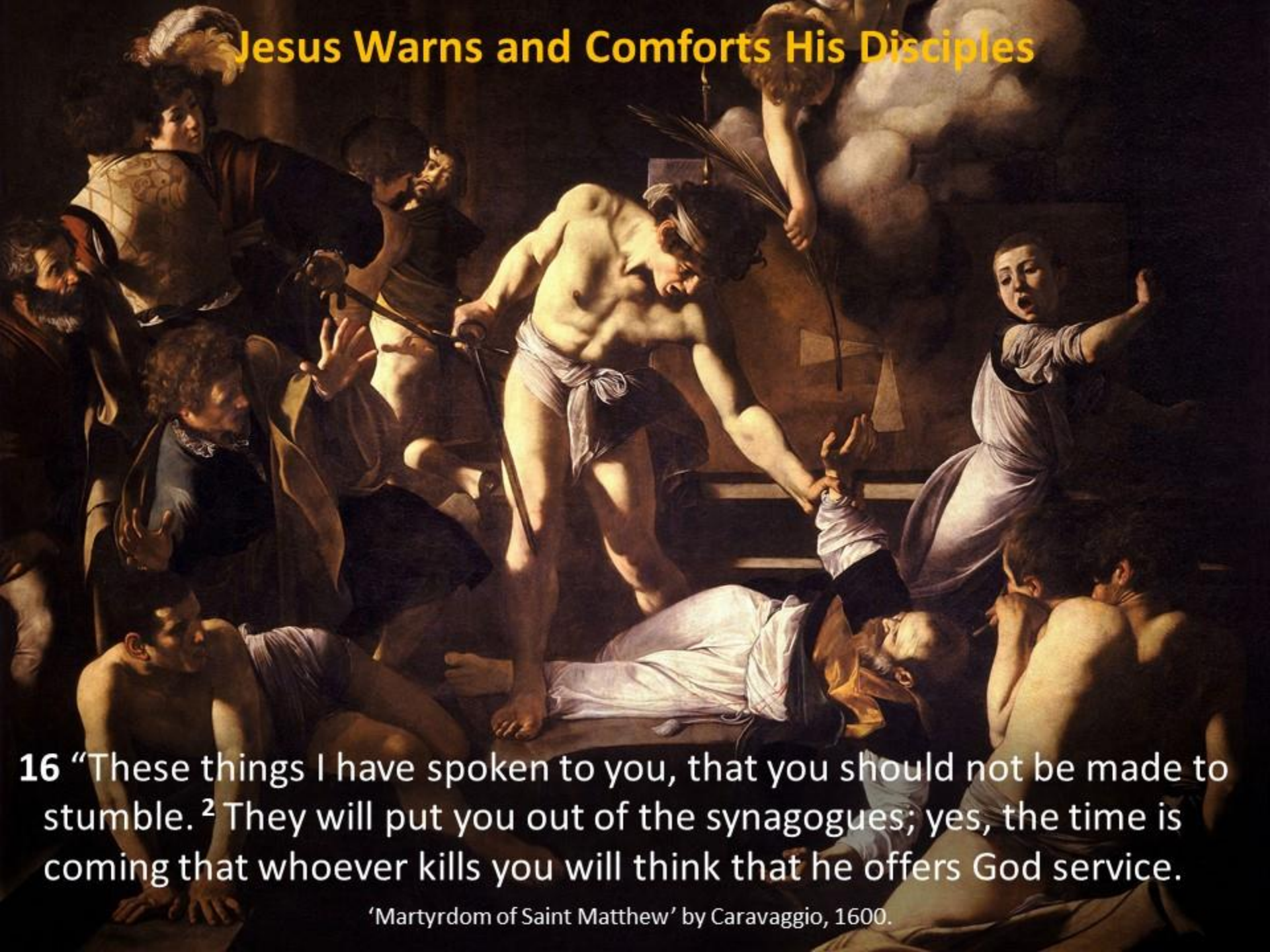


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CHAPTER 16

CHRIST THE PRE EMINENT ONE

Jesus Warns and Comforts His Disciples



16 “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.² They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

‘Martyrdom of Saint Matthew’ by Caravaggio, 1600.

³ And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

⁴ But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

“And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.”



The Work of the Holy Spirit

⁵ “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.



How the Holy Spirit Helps Us

John 16:5-11

⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.


The Holy Spirit will convict the world:

- of **sin** because they do not believe in Me
- of **righteousness** because I go to My Father and you see Me no more
- of **judgment** because the ruler of this world is judged

12 "I STILL HAVE **MANY THINGS** TO SAY TO YOU,
BUT YOU **CANNOT BEAR** THEM NOW."



¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare to you.

Holy Spirit's Seven-fold Ministry to Believers

- 1** He will act as the **Spirit of the Truth**.
- 2** He will **guide believers** into all truth.
- 3** He will **not speak of Himself**.
- 4** He will **speak what He heard**.
- 5** He will **show believers** things to come.
- 6** He will **Glorify Christ**.
- 7** He will **show the things of Christ** unto His People.

¹⁶ “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.”

¹⁷ Then *some* of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?”

¹⁸ They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.”

Sorrow Will Turn to Joy



¹⁹ Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?" ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.



²¹ A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

²² Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

'The Delivery (oh my baby! oh, my baby!!)'
by Amanda Greavette, The Birth Project, 2010.



²³ “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.



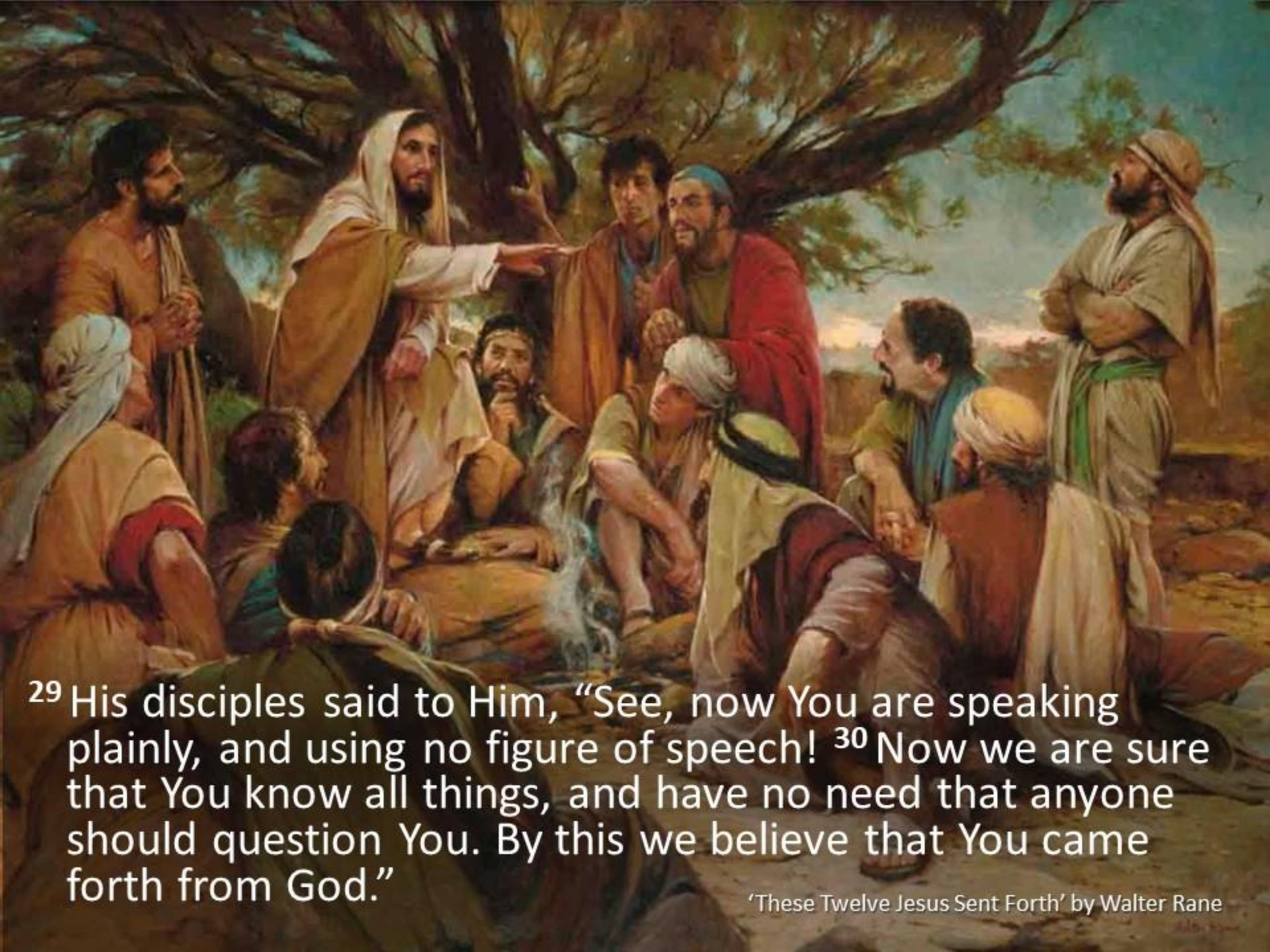
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Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.

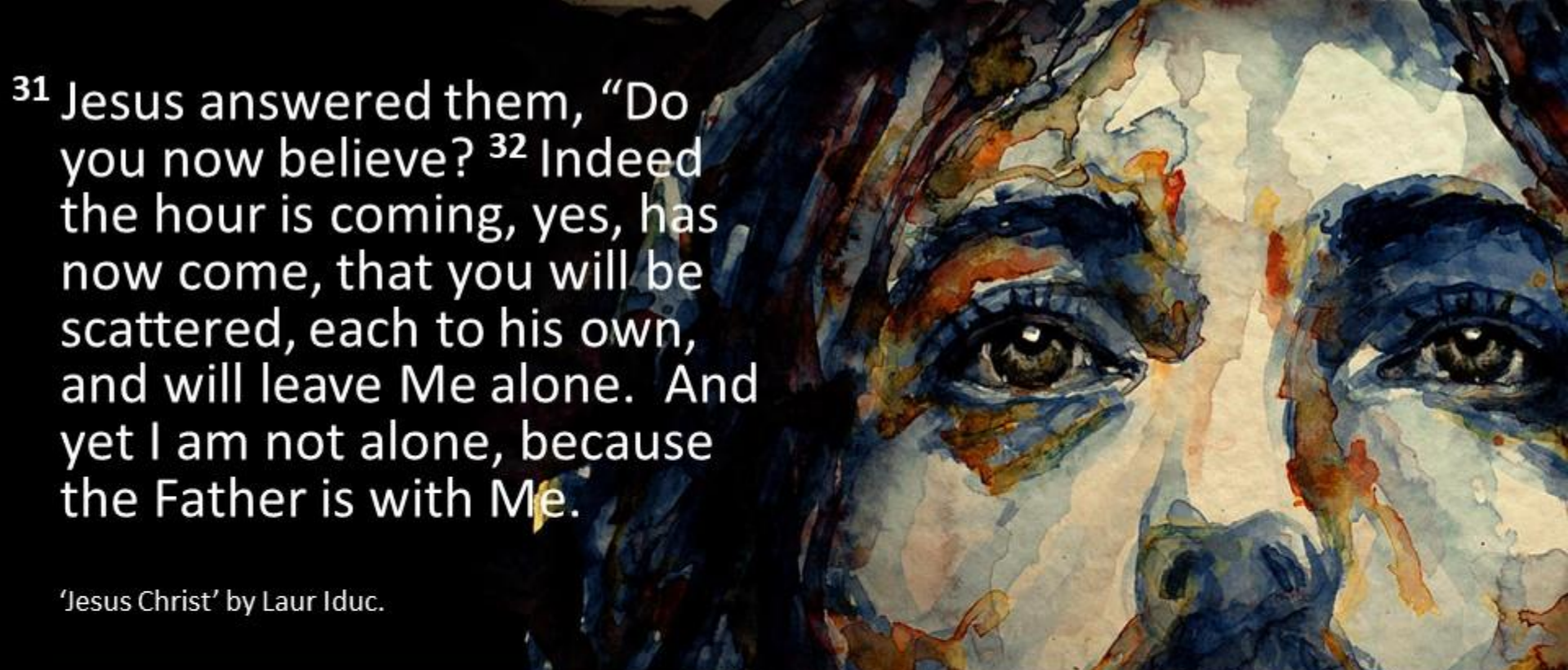
²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. ²⁸ I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”





29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

'These Twelve Jesus Sent Forth' by Walter Rane



³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

‘Jesus Christ’ by Laur Iduc.

³³ “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have **peace**. In the world you will have **tribulation**; but be of **good cheer**, I have overcome the world.”