



WHAT THE  
BIBLE  
IS ABOUT

2021  
**1**  
SESSION  
TERM 4

# WHAT THE BIBLE IS ABOUT



# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

ETSI  
DOCTRINA  
NON DARETUR

(As if doctrine is not given)

# The Four Gospels

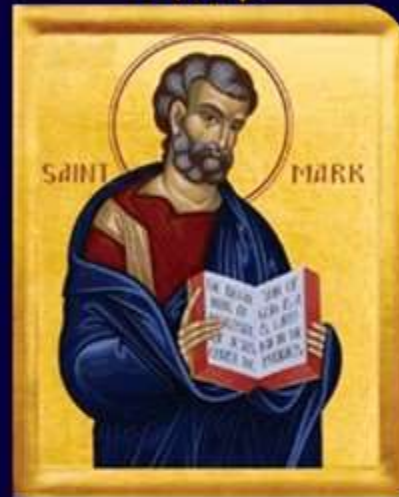
## The Messiah

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

Matthew



Mark

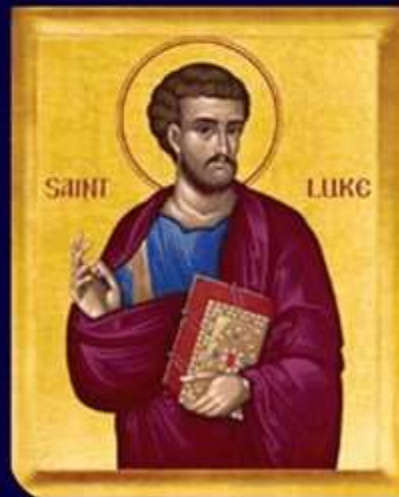


## Suffering Servant

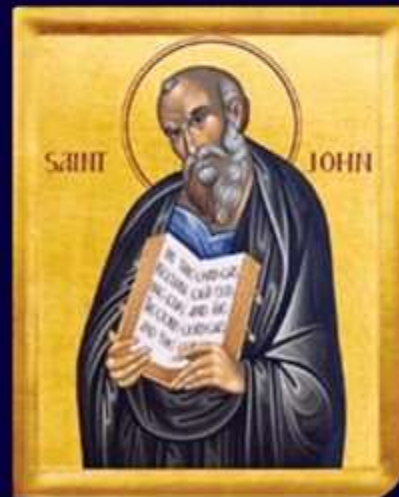
This is how He worked; see His Power  
(To Romans)

## 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!

“<sup>30</sup>And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>**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*  
GOSPEL  
*of* JOHN

OPPORTUNITY

# SUMMARY

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

### CHRIST THE LOGOS (WORD)





λόγος

logos

“The Word”

(a universal, divine reason; the mind of God)

“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*

# 7

● 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**

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

**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.

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

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



**SUMMARY**

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

**CHAPTER 3**

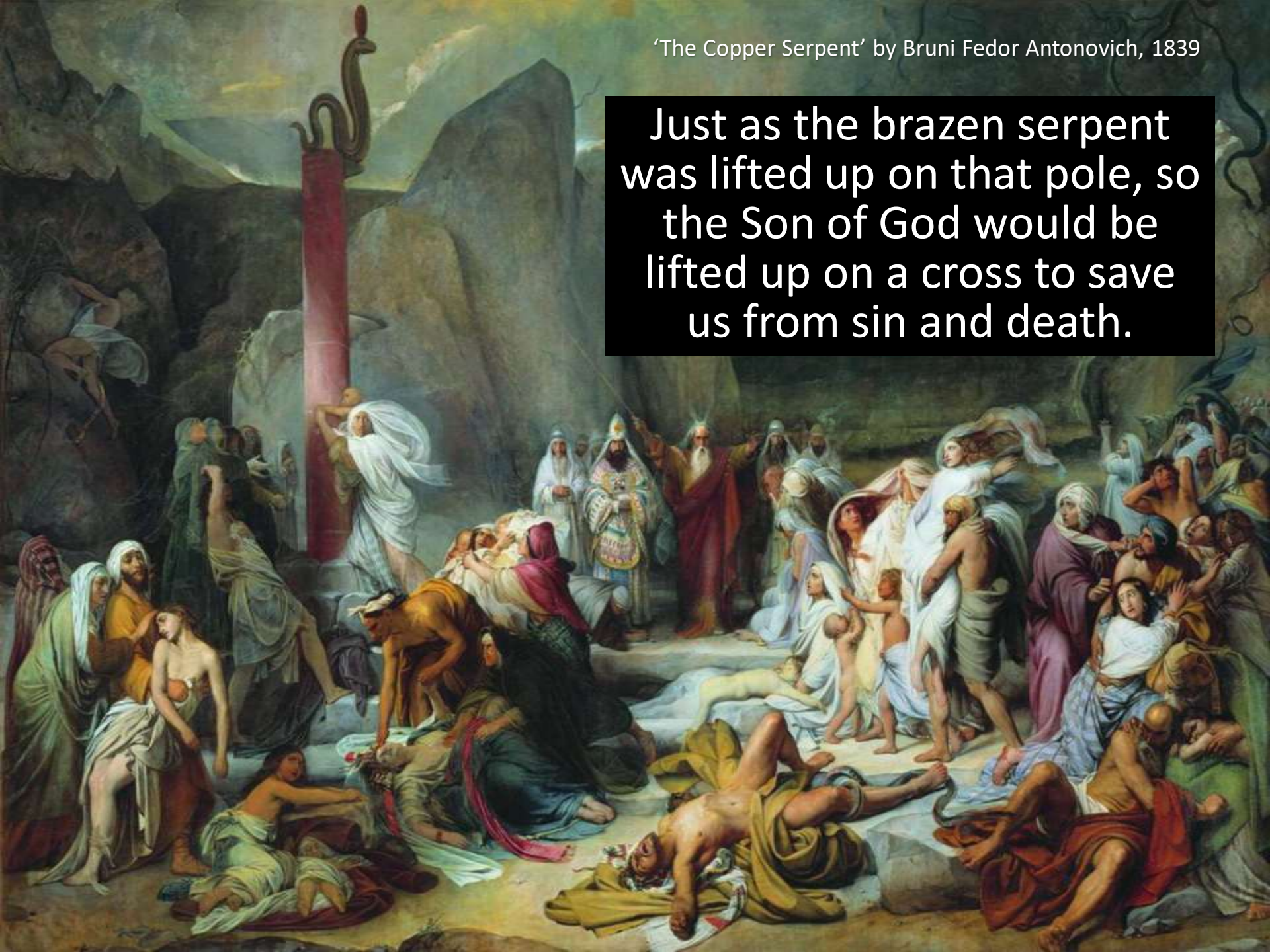
**CHRIST THE SAVIOUR**



# Jesus Christ the Teacher!

'His Mighty Hand' by Yongsung Kim, 2000.


Just as the brazen serpent was lifted up on that pole, so the Son of God would be lifted up on a cross to save us from sin and death.



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

Jesus Christ the **Bridegroom!**

<sup>26</sup> 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.

**SUMMARY**

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!

**SUMMARY**

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

**CHAPTER 5**

**CHRIST THE JUDGE**

The cure.

Jesus Christ healed a  
paralysed man on the Sabbath!





The controversy.

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 1812 DIED OCTOBER 1851  
AGED 39 YEARS  
Wife of Sarah Ann Ryan  
GEO WILLIAM RYAN  
BORN 1814 DIED FEBRUARY 23 1840  
AGED 26 YEARS  
DIED DENISE RYAN  
BORN 1817 DIED 1848 AGED 31 YEARS

PHILLIP HARRIS RYAN  
BORN 1818 DIED 1851 AGED 33 YEARS  
WIFE MARGARET RYAN  
BORN 1818 DIED 1851 AGED 33 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**

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

**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."

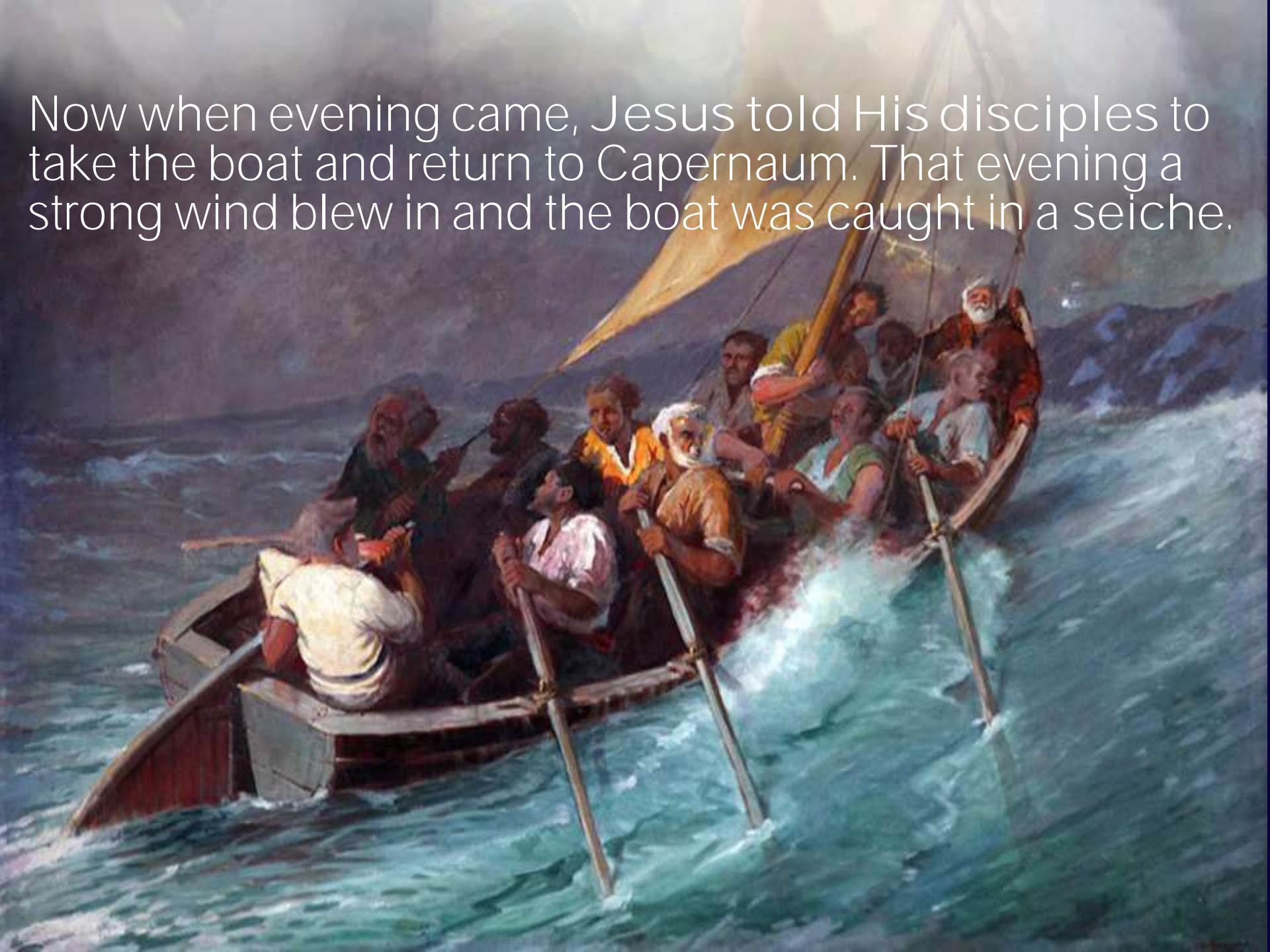
Jesus Christ **feeds** the Multitudes!





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.



Jesus Christ **teaches** the  
Multitudes!

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



The people were seeking.

'Manna being gathered' by James Tissot.

“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

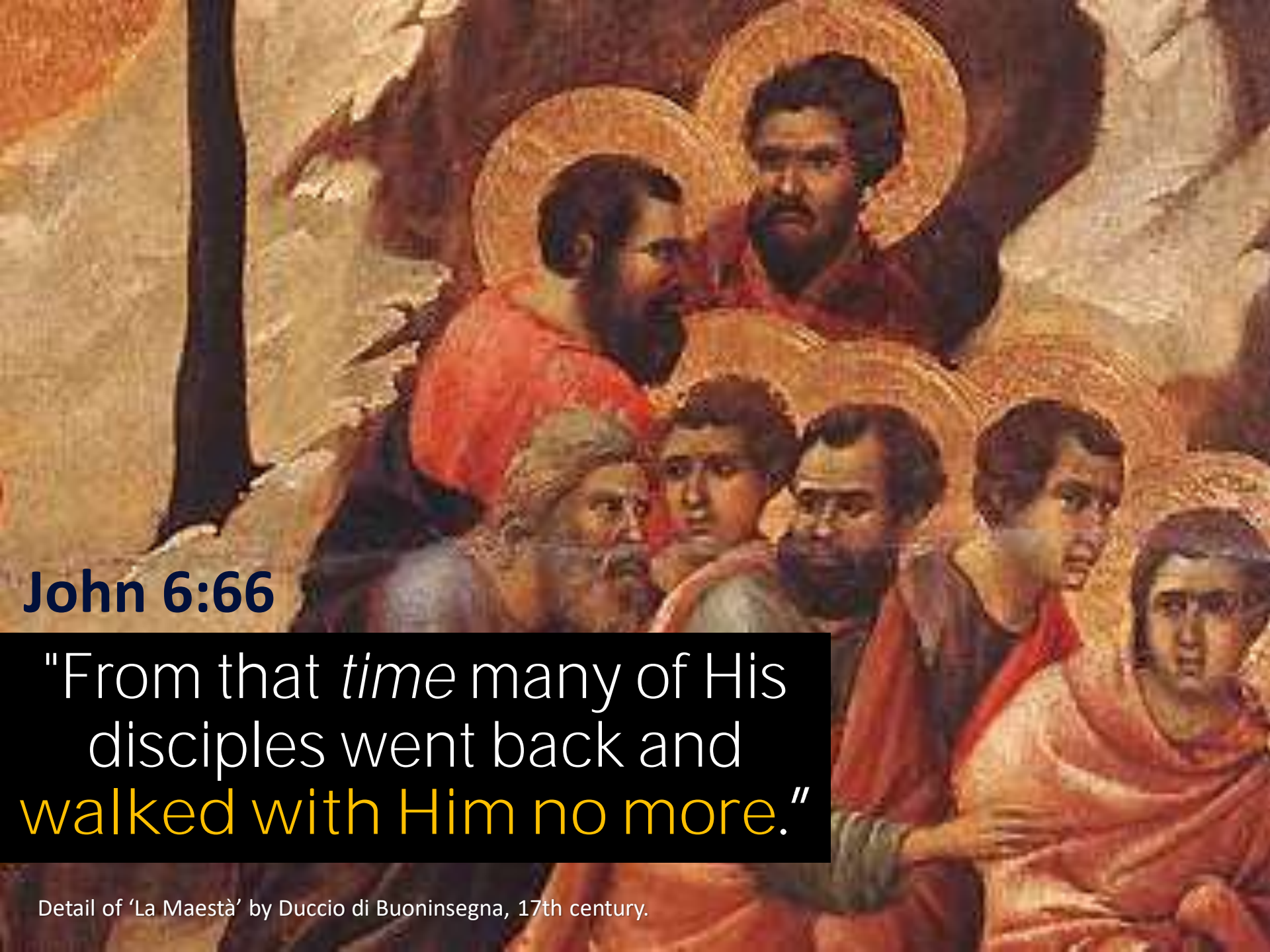


Of all He has given  
Me I should lose  
nothing, but should  
**raise it up at the  
last day.**

Everyone who  
sees the Son and  
believes in Him may  
have everlasting life;  
and **I will raise him  
up at the last day."**

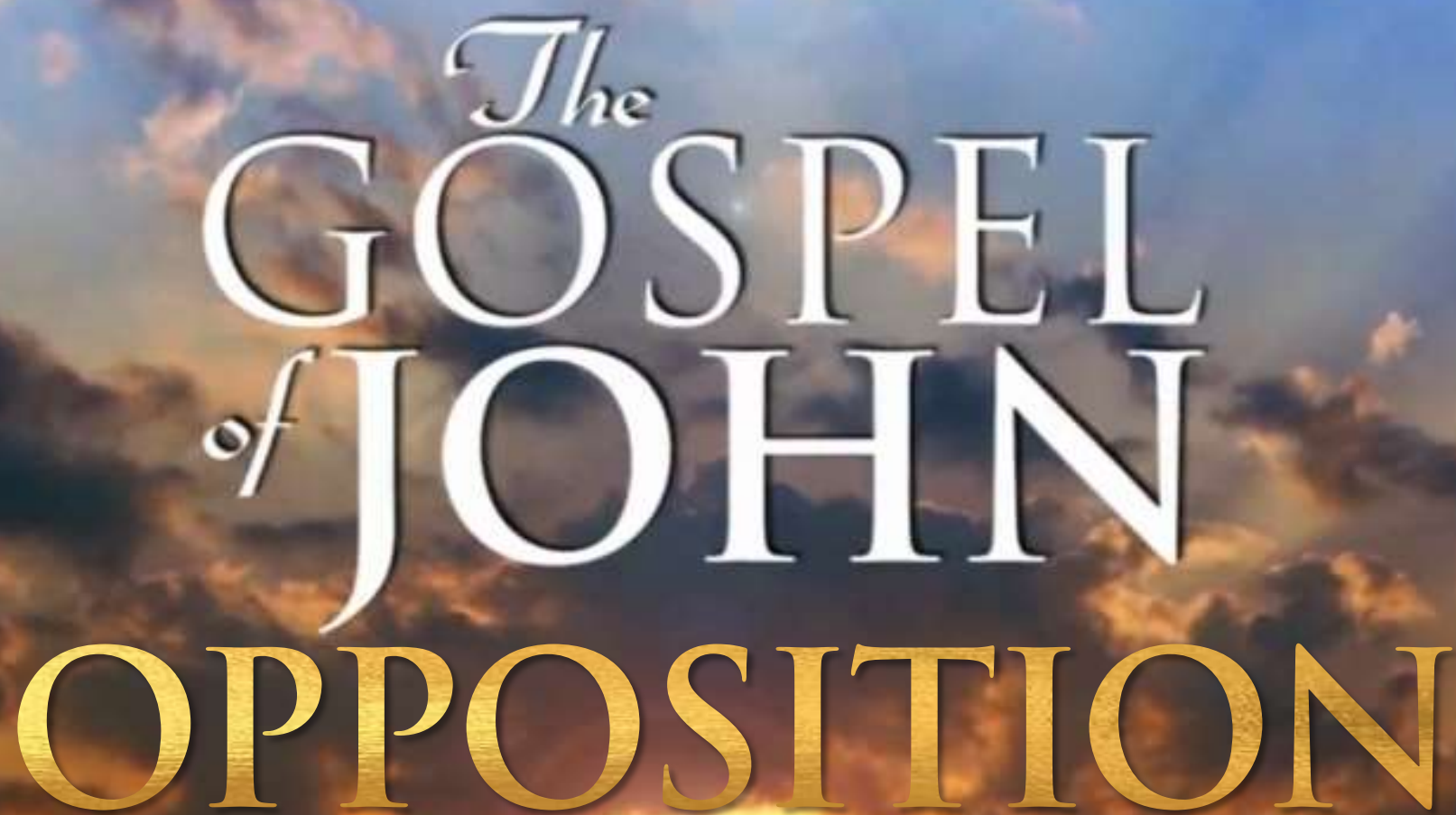
'The Lost Sheep' by Alfred U. Soord





## John 6:66

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



*The*  
GOSPEL  
*of* JOHN  
OPPOSITION



THE **GOSPEL**  
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.



How does this man know letters?

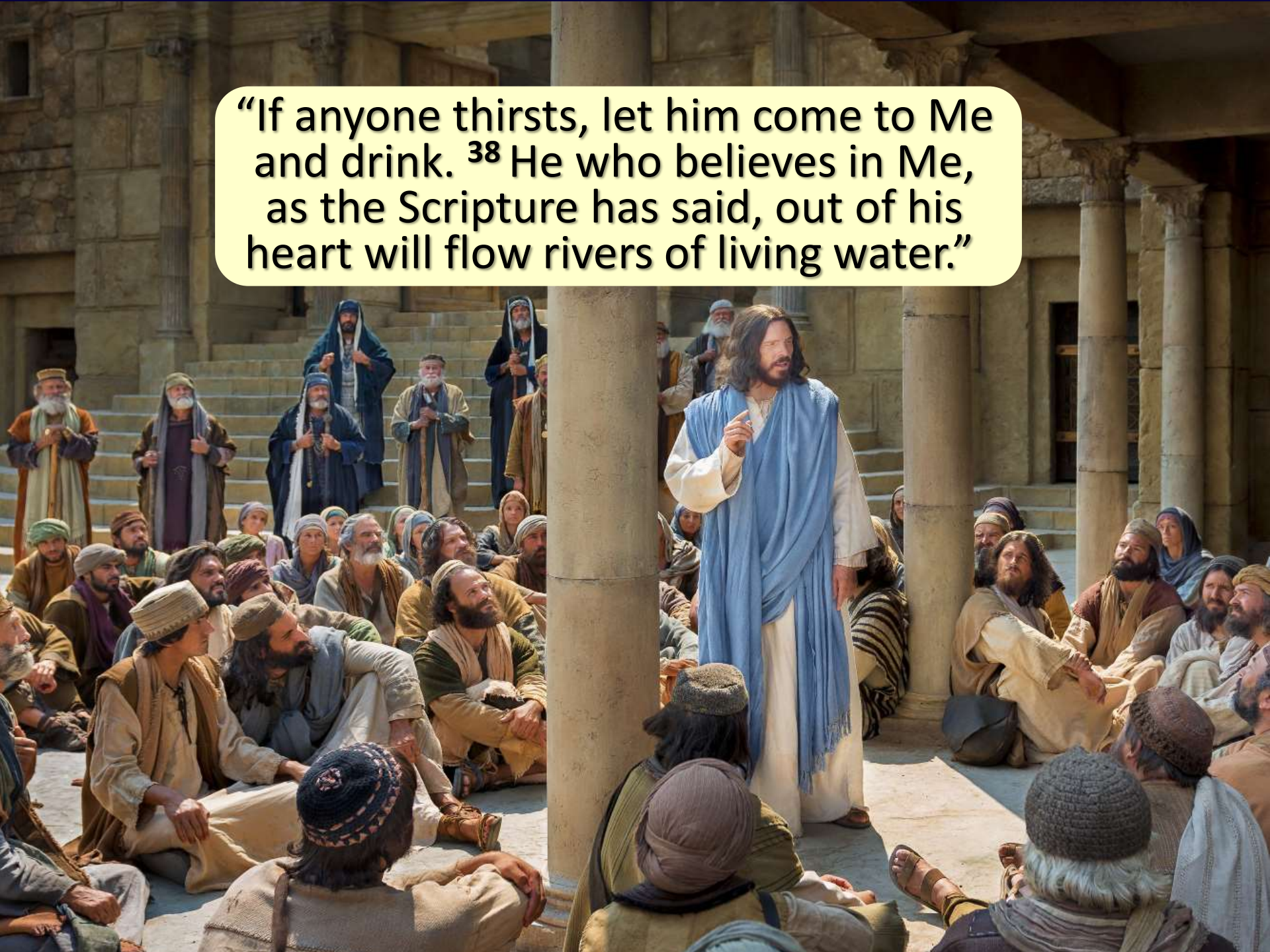
'Jesus teaches in Temple' by James Tissot.



# 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. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”





He prophesied of the  
**Holy Spirit.**



After the Feast of Tabernacles  
Division!

'The Chief Priests Take Counsel Together' by James Tissot

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

**CHAPTER 8**

**CHRIST THE TRUTH**





# Grace versus Law!

“Jesus and the Sinner,” by Vasily Polenov, 1888.

Go and **sin no more.**



“Jesus and Adulterous Woman,” by James Tissot

Light versus Darkness!

I AM the  
light of the world.



If you had known **Me**, you would  
have known **the Father** also!



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

# Life and Death!





When you lift up the **Son of Man**,  
then you will know that **I AM!**



# Freedom and Bondage!



Whoever commits a sin,  
is a slave of sin!





Why do you not understand  
My speech? Because you are  
not able to listen to My word.

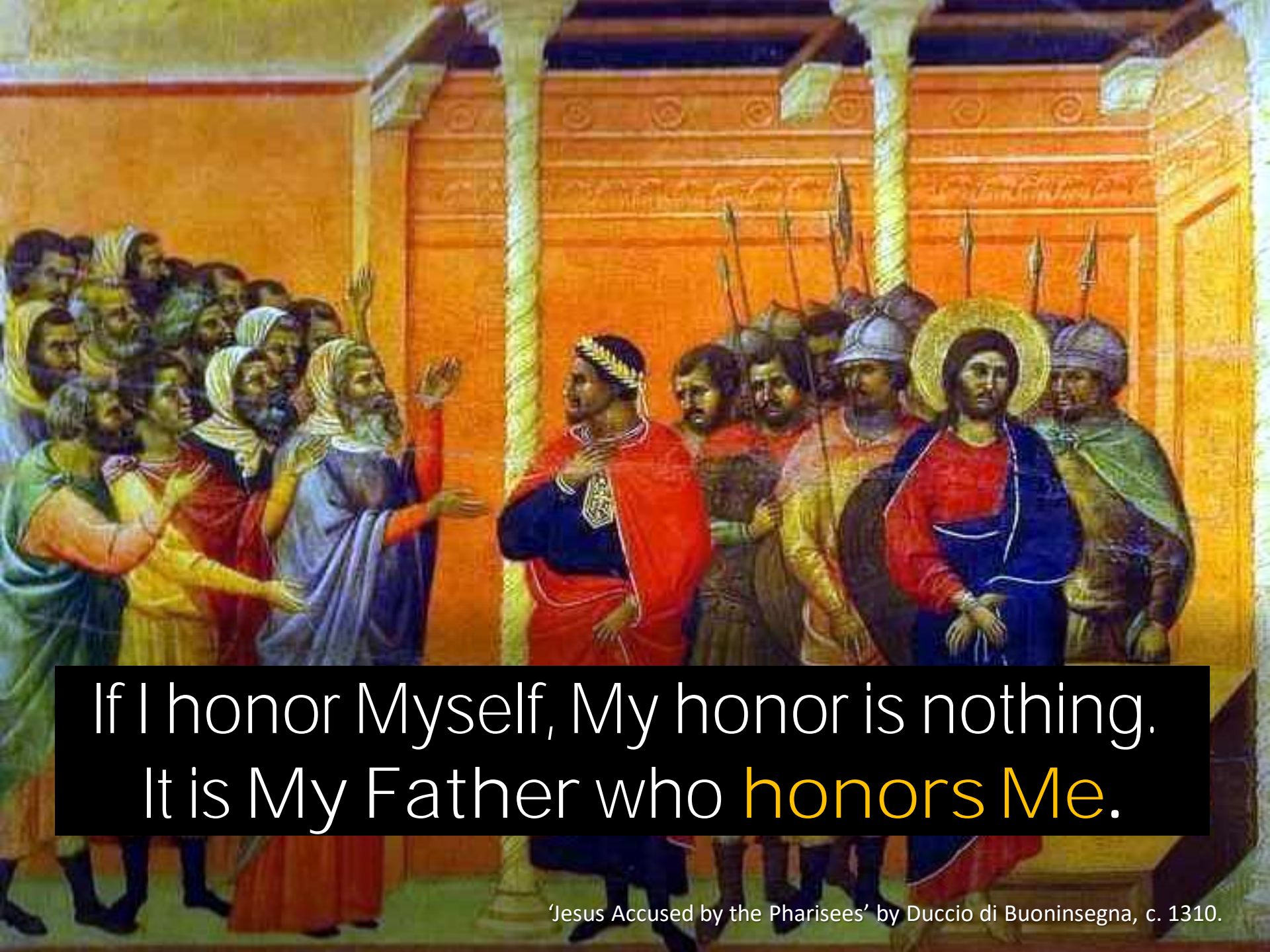
If the Son makes you free,  
you shall be free indeed!

# “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).



Honor and Dishonor!



If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing.  
It is My Father who honors Me.

Are **you** greater than our father Abraham, who is dead?



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

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

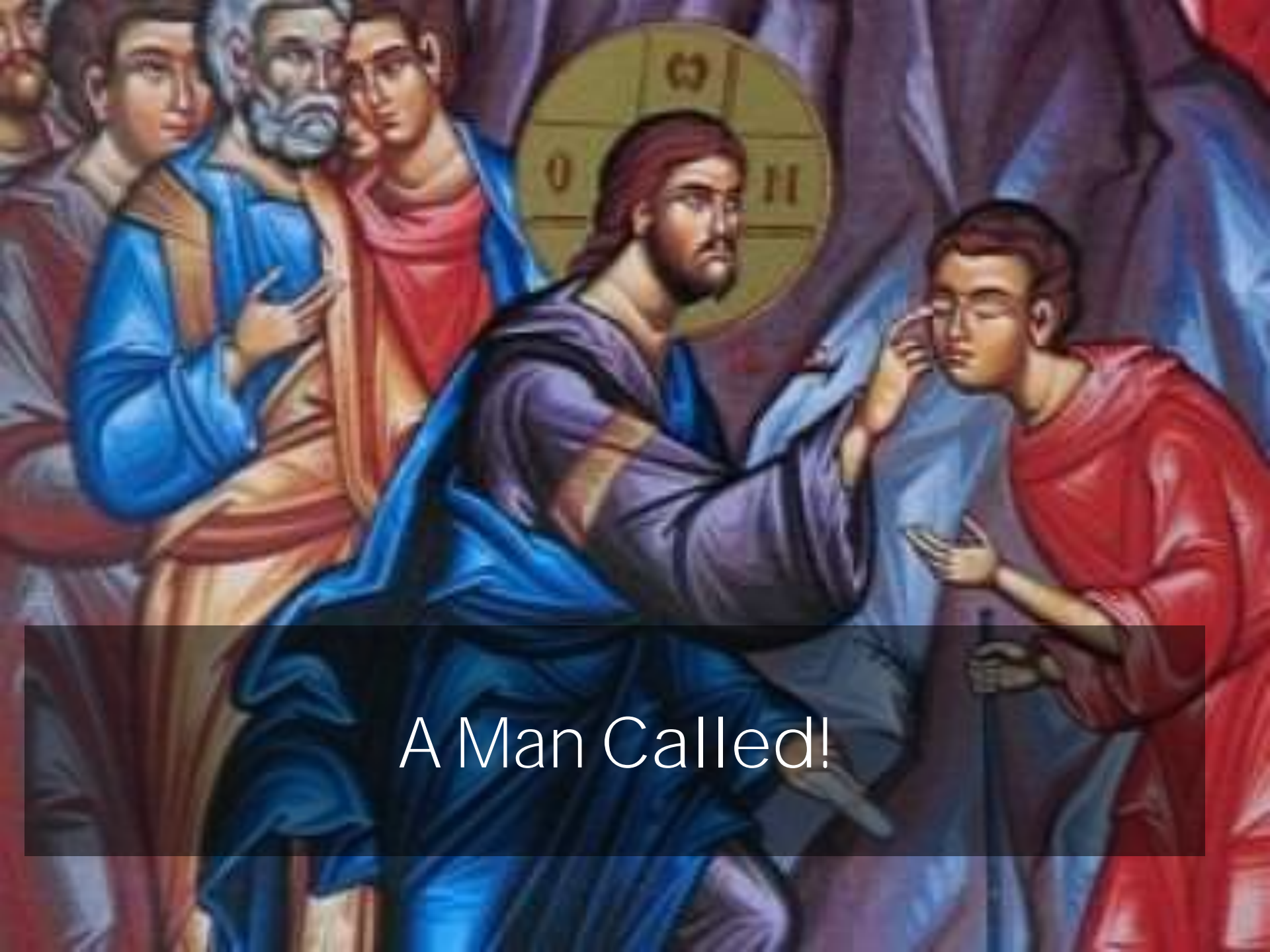
BREAD OF LIFE  
RESURRECTION THE WAY  
THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
TRUE VINE **TRUTH**  
LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
**LIFE**  
GOOD SHEPHERD  
THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE  
TRUE VINE BREAD OF LIFE  
LIGHT THE WAY **TRUE**  
OF THE WORLD THE TRUTH **VINE**  
GOOD THE LIFE BREAD OF LIFE  
SHEPHERD **DOOR**  
THE DOOR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

Before Abraham was, **I AM!**

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


**CHAPTER 9**

**CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**



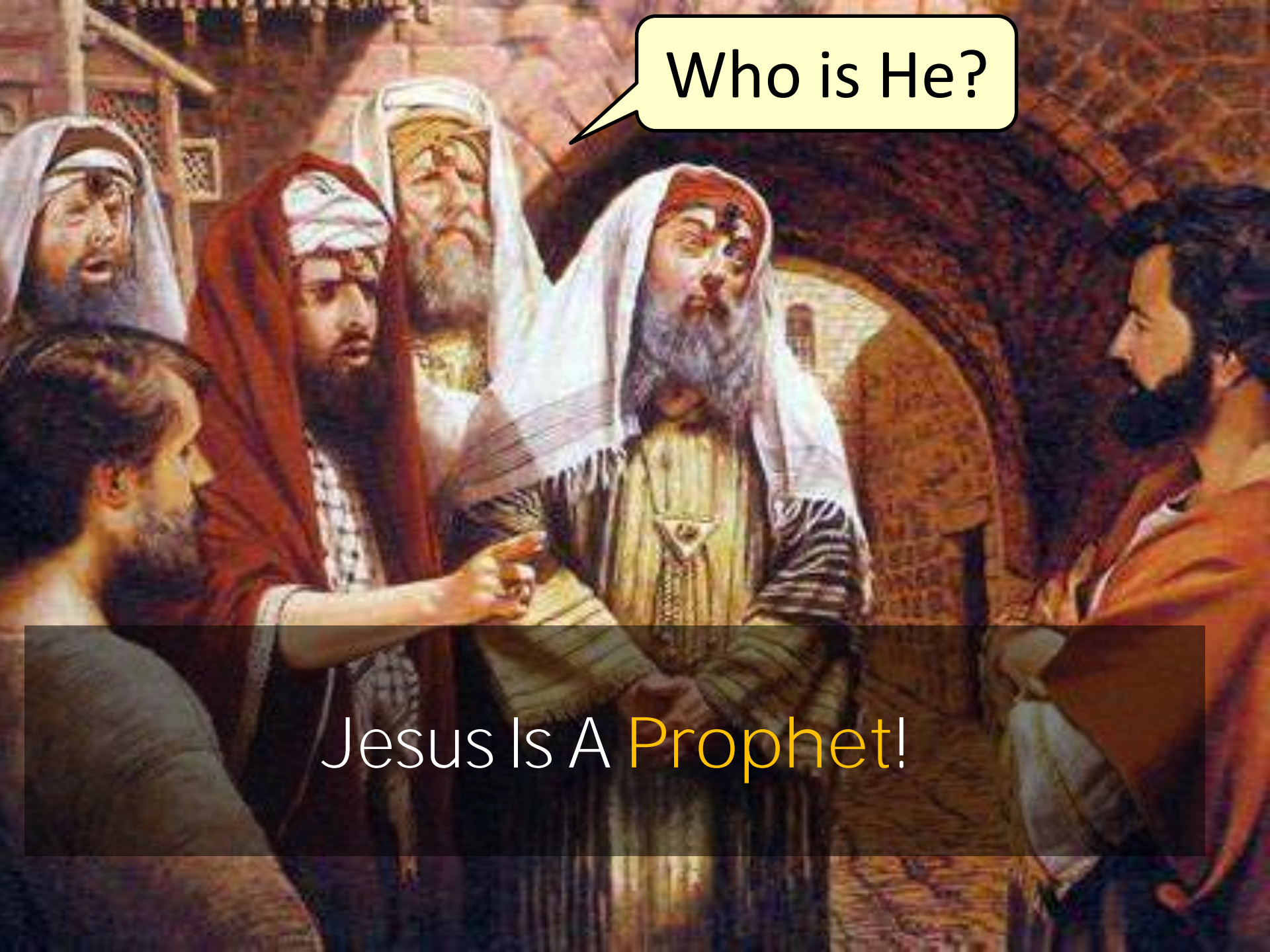
A Man Called!



A painting depicting a scene from the Bible. In the foreground, a man with dark hair, wearing a green and black striped tunic and a red sash, is kneeling on a stone ledge. He is leaning forward, with his hands near his face, appearing to be washing his eyes. To his left is a pool of water. A crowd of people in traditional, light-colored robes surrounds him, some looking on with interest. The background shows more people and a stone wall. The overall style is that of a classical painting.

I AM the  
light of the world.

'The blind man washes his eyes in the pool at Siloam' by Harold Copping.

A religious painting depicting Jesus surrounded by men in a stone archway. Jesus is in the center, wearing a white head covering and a striped tunic. He is being pointed to by a man in a red robe on the left. Other men in white and gold robes are looking on. A speech bubble points to Jesus with the text "Who is He?".

Who is He?

Jesus Is A Prophet!

# Jesus Is A Man of God!

He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know.  
One thing I do know, that though

**I was blind, now I see."**

John 9:25

And  
they  
cast  
him  
out.





“Lord, I believe.”

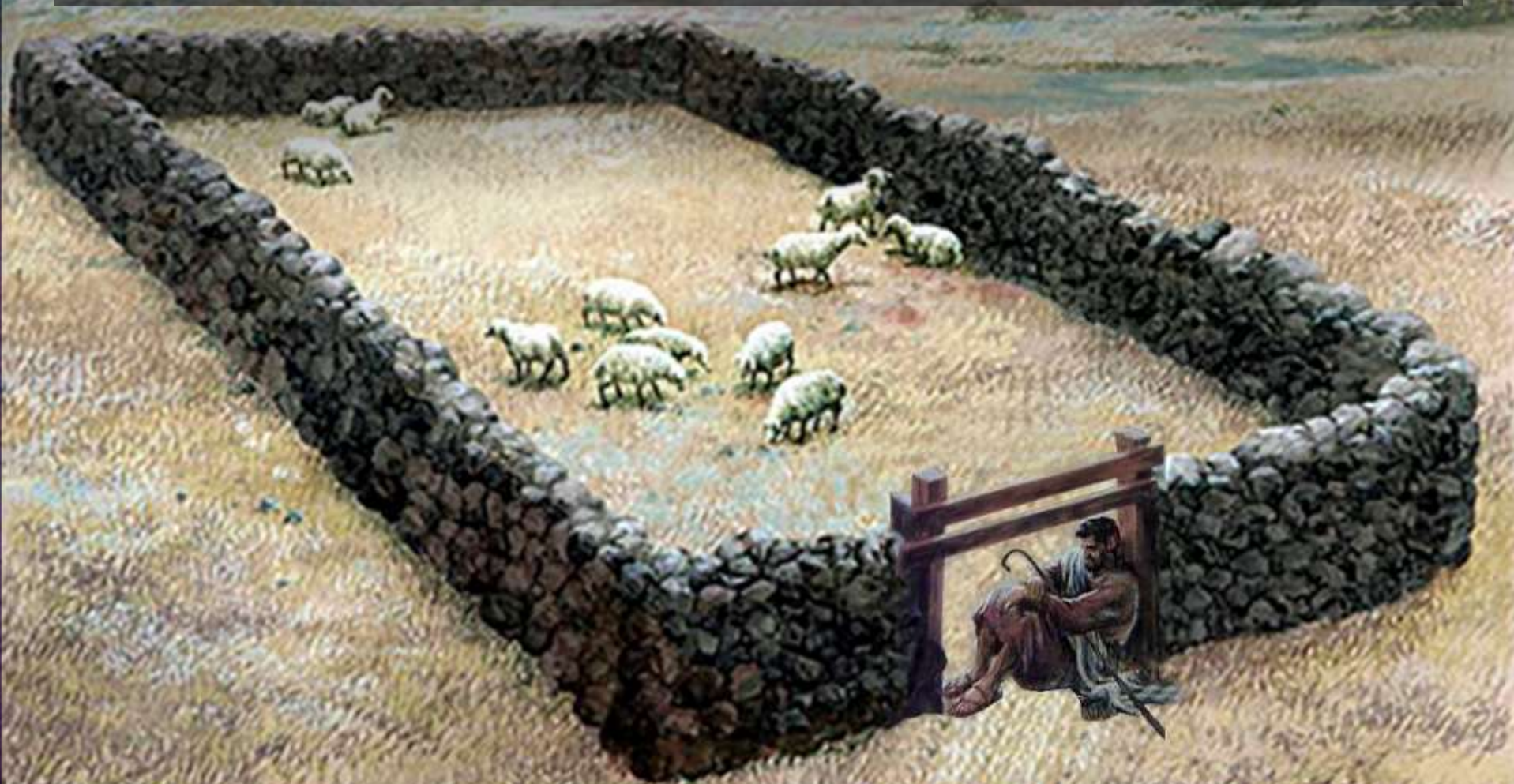
Jesus Is The Son of God!

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

**CHAPTER 10**

**CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

I AM The Door!





I AM The Good Shepherd!



Two and a Half Months Pass.



I AM The Son of God!





So They Take Up Stones  
to Stone Him.

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

**CHAPTER 11**

**CHRIST THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE**



# The Faith of the Disciples

'These Twelve Jesus Sent Forth' by Walter Rane

Faithful to my Lord's commands,  
I would choose the better part:  
Serve with careful Martha's hands  
And love with Mary's heart.

## The Faith of **Mary** and **Martha**



“But, Lord, he stinketh!”

The Faith of **Many People**

‘The Resurrection of Lazarus’ by Marco Pino, c. 1570).

# The Faith of Jewish Leaders



“Then, from that day on,  
they plotted to put Him to death.”



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

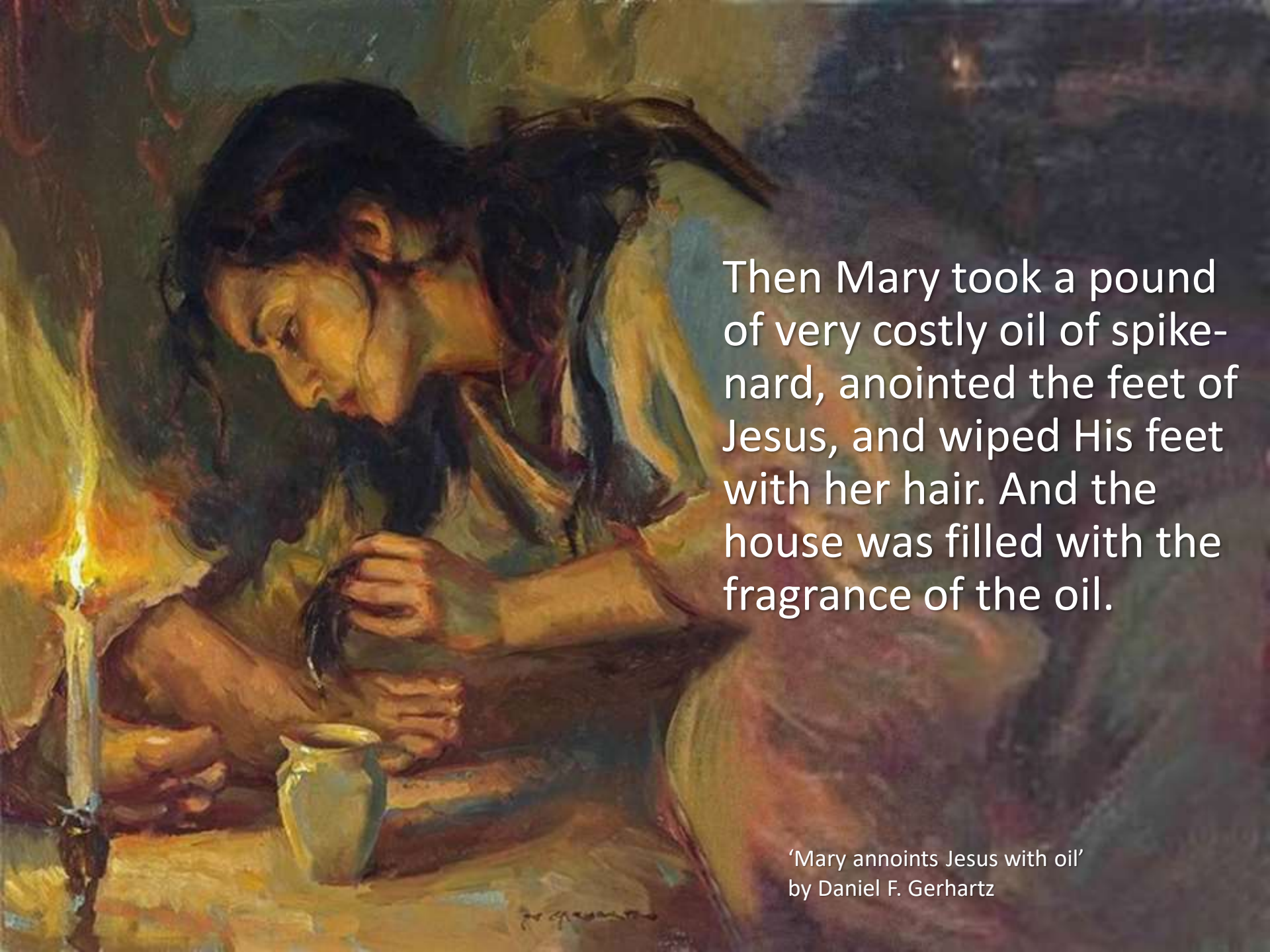
**CHAPTER 12**

**CHRIST THE CENTRE OF  
ATTRACTION**



# Jesus Christ with His Friends

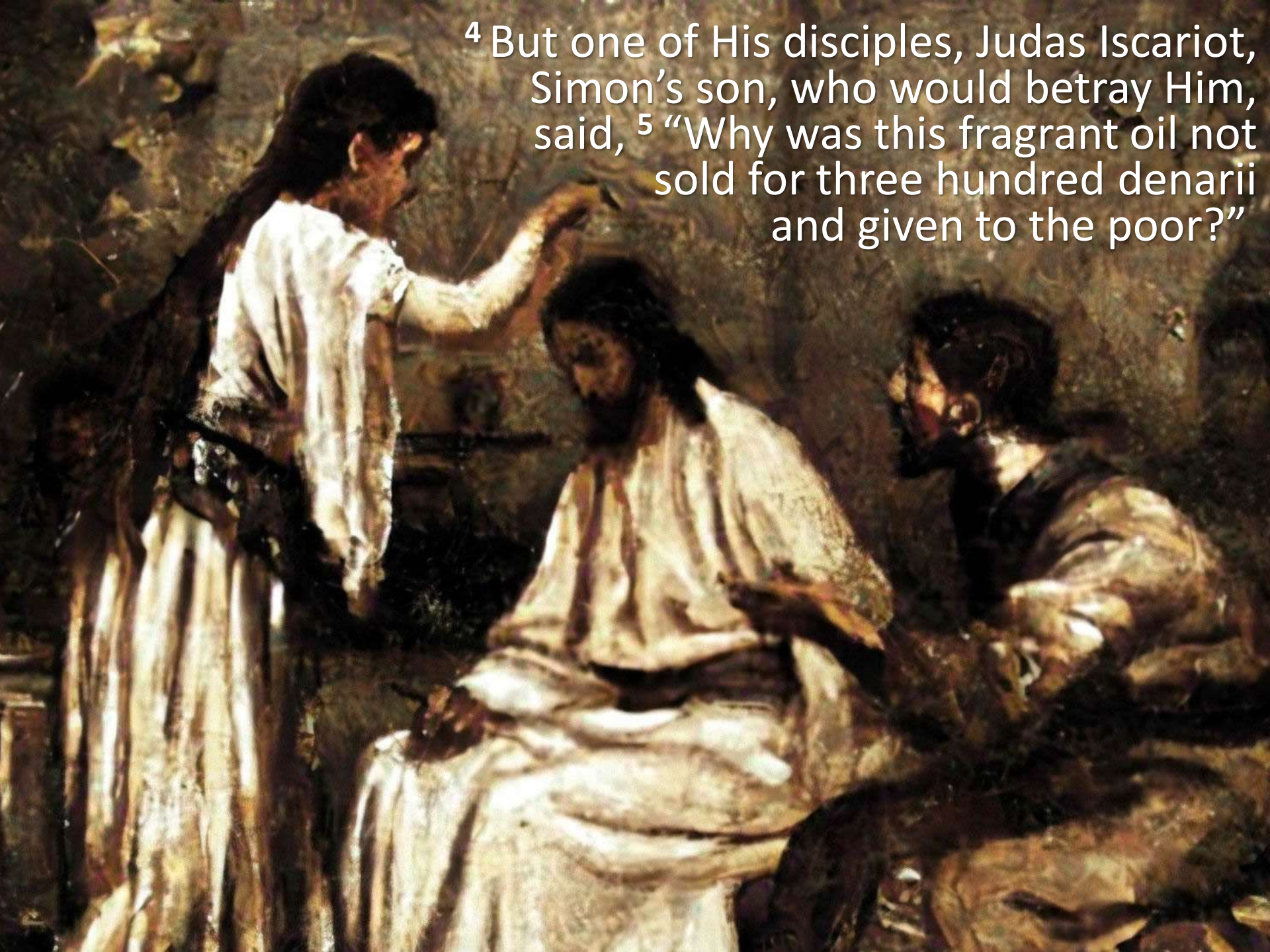
'At the banquet of the Pharisee Simon, Mary Magdalene anoints the feet of Christ' by Artus Wolffaerts, 1581.



Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spike-nard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

‘Mary anoints Jesus with oil’  
by Daniel F. Gerhartz

<sup>4</sup> But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"



Meanwhile, just a few miles away the Pharisees were plotting against Him.



'The Priests Take Counsel With the Herodians' by Alexandre Bida, 1874.

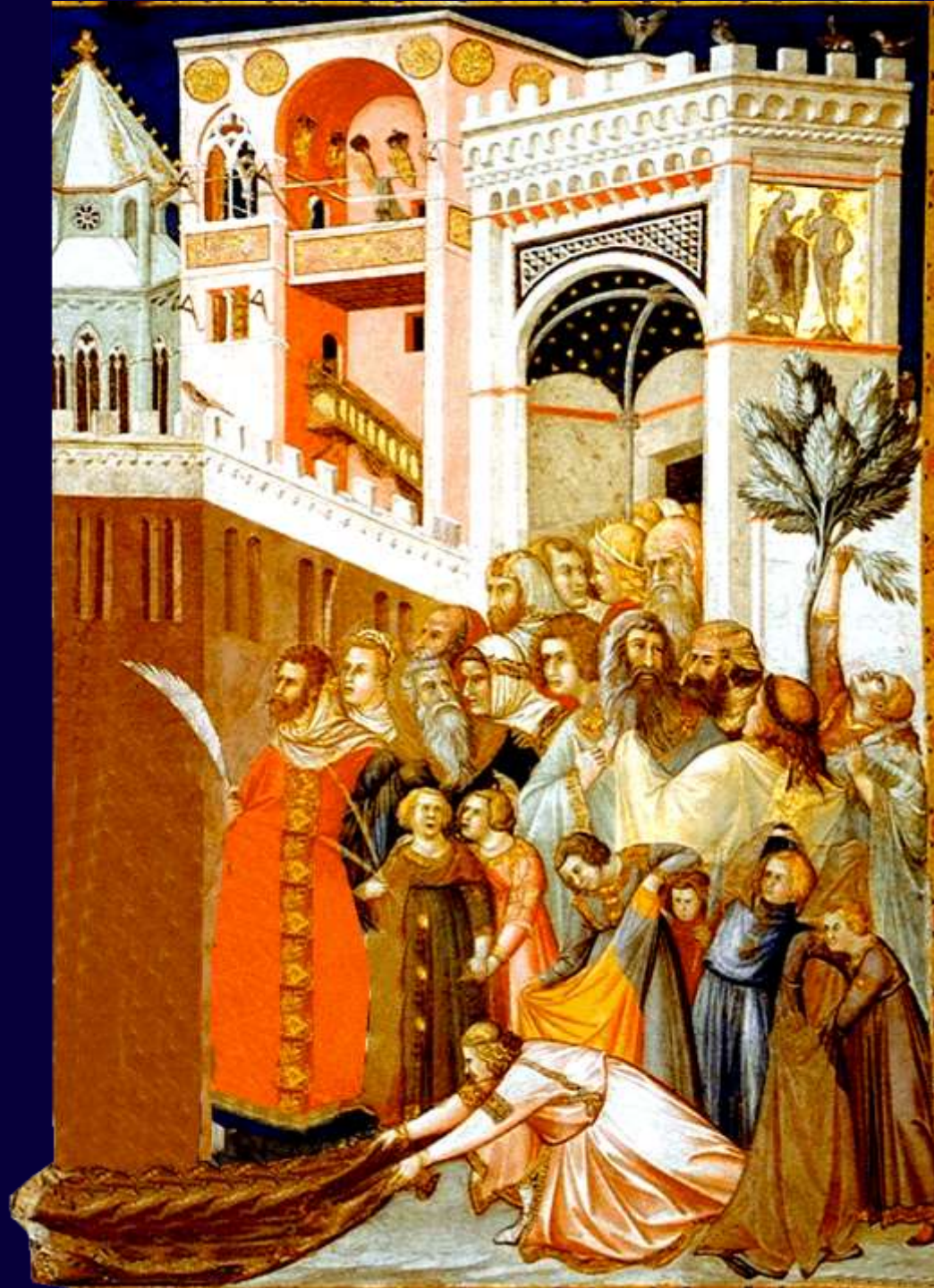
## The Triumphal Entry

<sup>12</sup> The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

**“Hosanna!**

*‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’*

**“The King of Israel!”**”



# The Triumphal Entry



## Jesus Christ and the **Passover Pilgrims**

'Triumphal Entry' by Bernhard Plockhorst, 1881.



'The Procession in the Streets of Jerusalem' by James Tissot





Jesus Christ and  
the **Gentile Visitors**

**SIR,  
WE WISH TO SEE JESUS**

Whoever **loves** his life will **lose** it ...  
Father, **glorify** Your name.



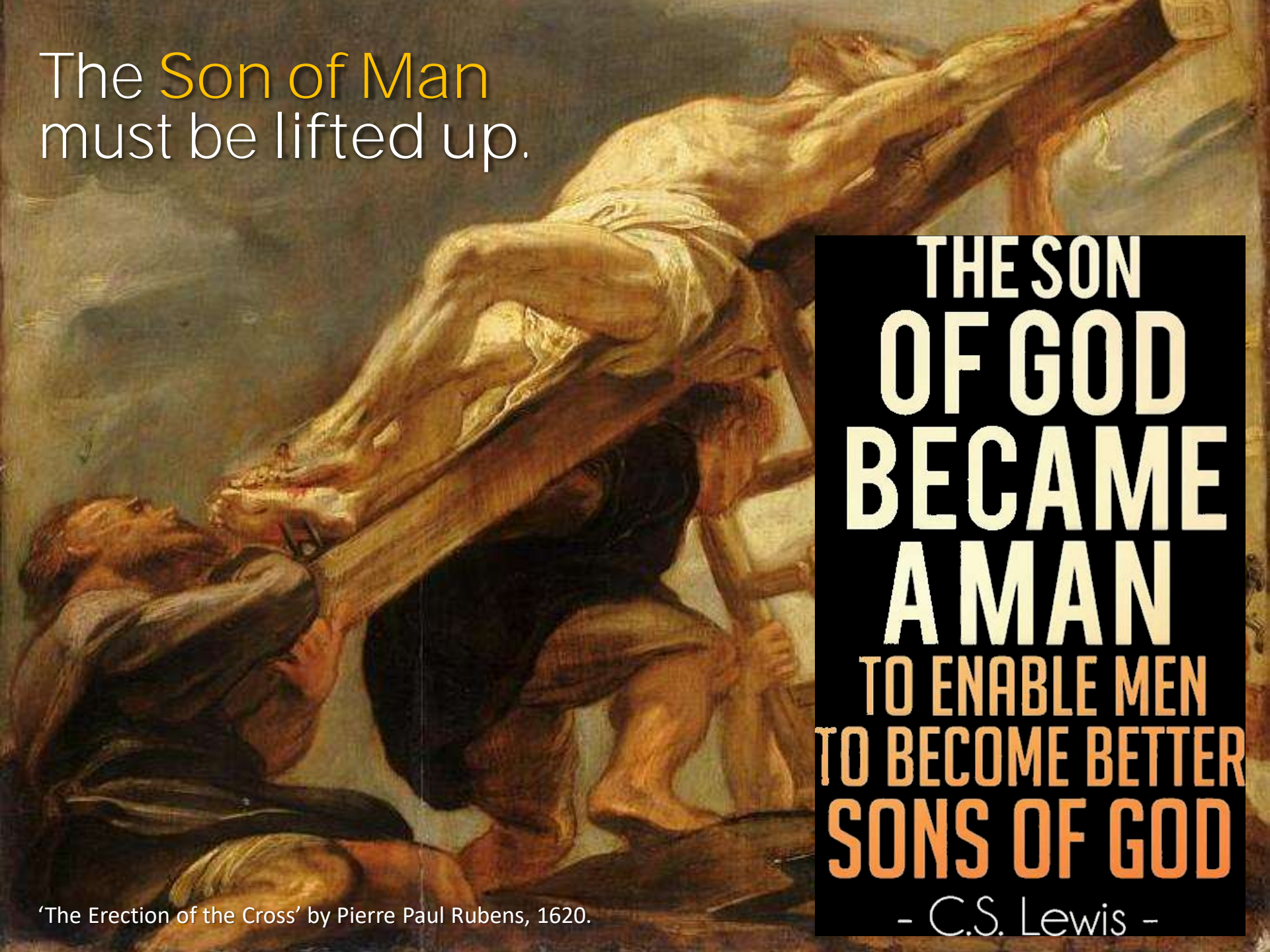
'God the Father' by Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano, c. 1517.

A voice came  
from **heaven...**

**"I have both  
glorified and  
will glorify it  
again."**



The **Son of Man**  
must be lifted up.



**THE SON  
OF GOD  
BECAME  
A MAN  
TO ENABLE MEN  
TO BECOME BETTER  
SONS OF GOD**  
- C.S. Lewis -

'The Erection of the Cross' by Pierre Paul Rubens, 1620.



Believe in the Light,  
That you may become sons of light.

“Lord, who has believed our report?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?” [Isa 53:1]



## Jesus Christ and the Unbelieving Jews

“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with *their* eyes, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.” [Isa 6:10]



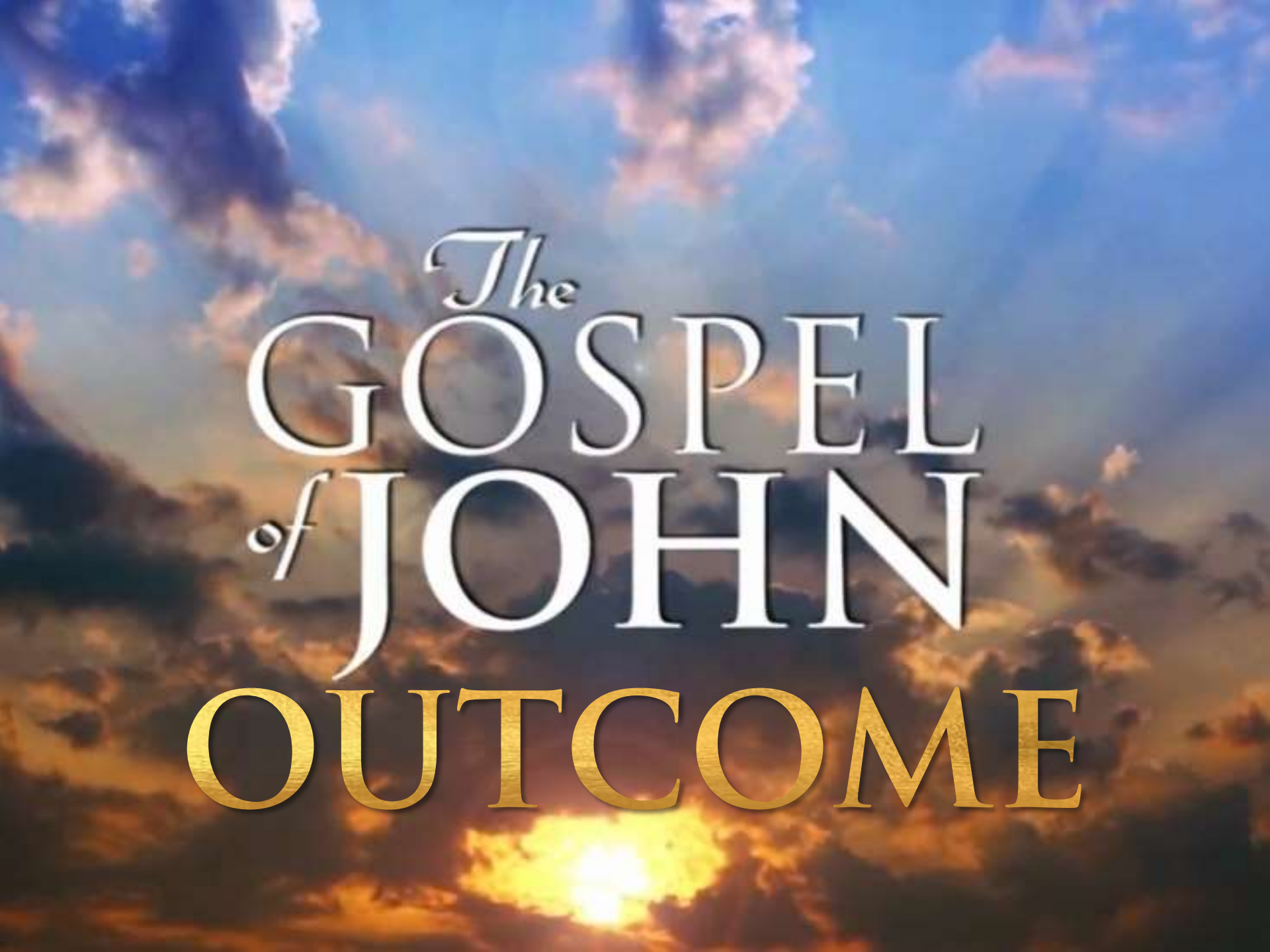
they loved the  
praise of men  
more than the  
praise of God.



I have come as a **light into the world**,  
that whoever believes in Me  
should not abide in darkness.

I did not come to  
judge the world but  
to **save the world**.



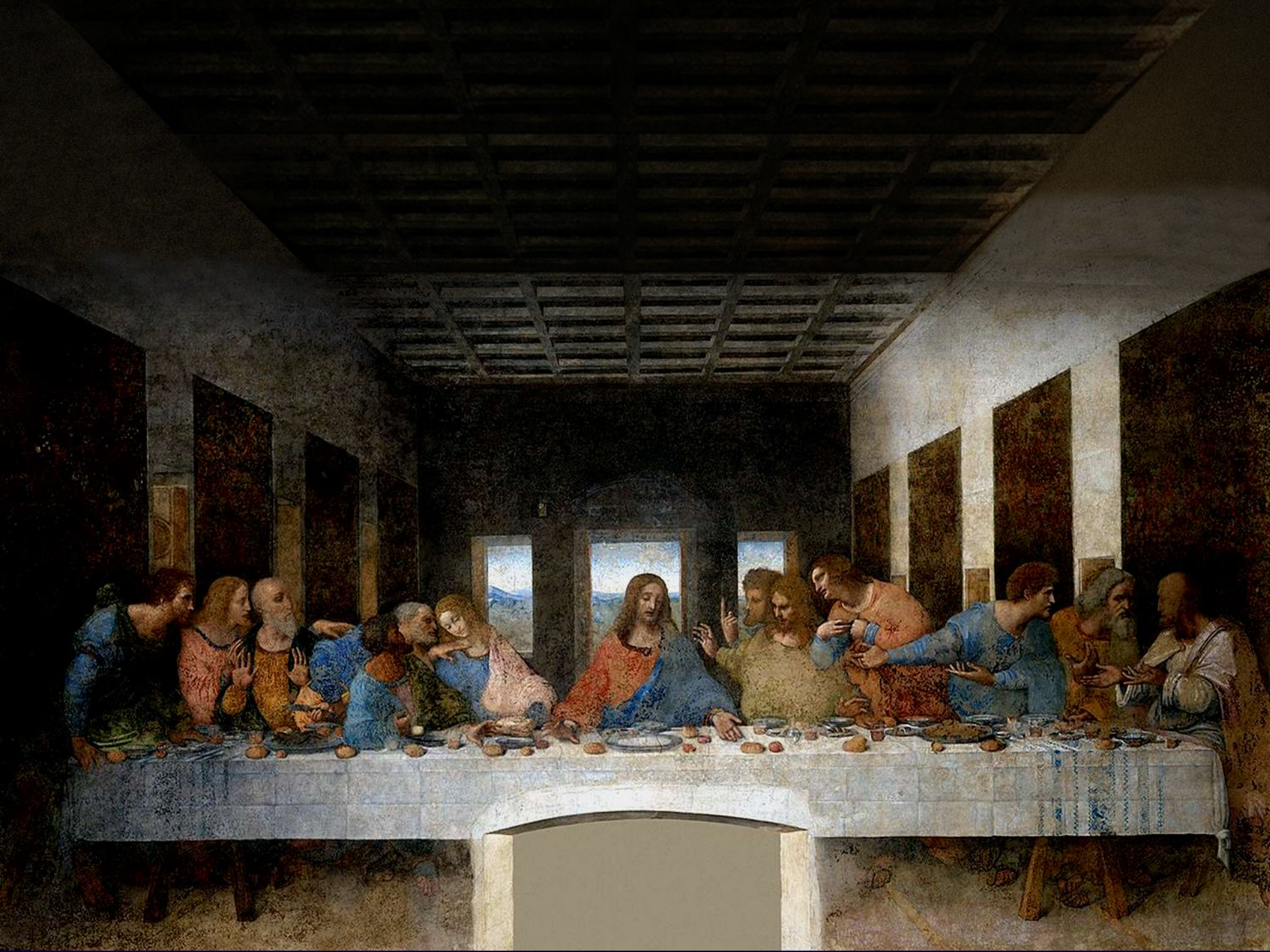


*The*  
GOSPEL  
*of* JOHN  
OUTCOME









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

**CHAPTER 13**

**CHRIST THE ADVOCATE**

# Humility to the Father



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

“You shall never wash my feet!”

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

“Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

“He who is bathed bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean.

“And you are clean, but **not all of you.**”

# Holiness To Simon Peter



‘Christ Washing the Disciples’ Feet’ by Garofalo Ferrarese, c. 1520/1525.



**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.**

**Do you understand?**

**Happiness  
with His disciples.**

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

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

# Hypocrisy by Judas



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

# The New Commandment

this changes  
**EVERYTHING.**

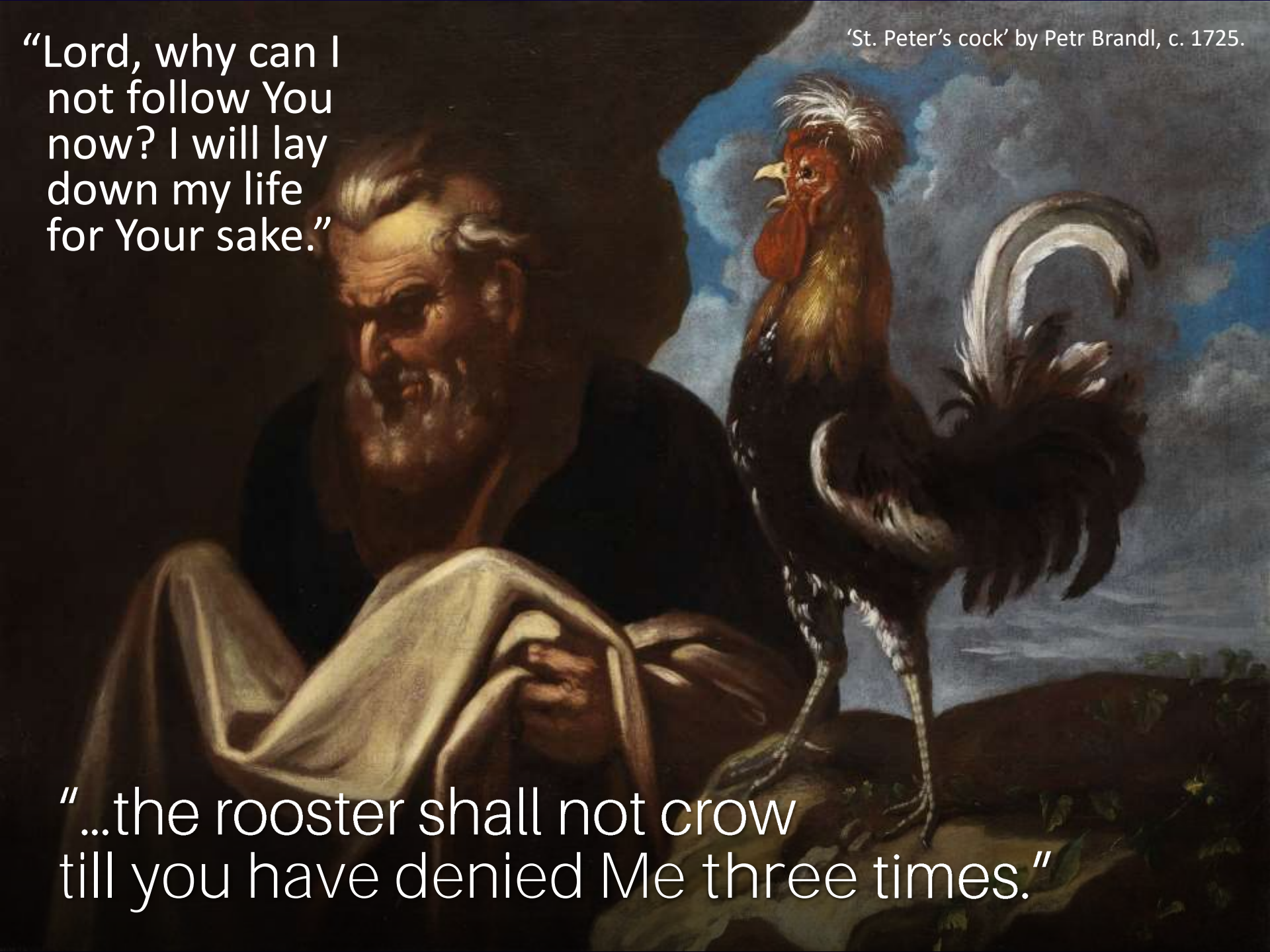
**A NEW  
COMMANDMENT  
I GIVE TO YOU,  
THAT YOU  
LOVE**

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

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

“Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.”

“...the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.”



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

**CHAPTER 14**

**CHRIST THE COMING ONE**



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