

What Are You Missing in the Mass?

Thursdays, 7PM
Parish Center

Dates and Topics

- * April 8 - Readings for April 11 - Sunday of Divine Mercy - Before Going to Mass
- * April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - 1st Communion - Introductory Rites
- * April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Penitential Act / Kyrie
- * April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Word
- * **May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Homily / Profession of Faith / Prayers of Faithful**
- * May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Eucharist
- * May 20 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion Rite
- * May 27 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Sending Forth



Continuously ask your
guardian angel for
help. Your guardian
angel has to become
your best friend.

—Blessed Carlo Acutis



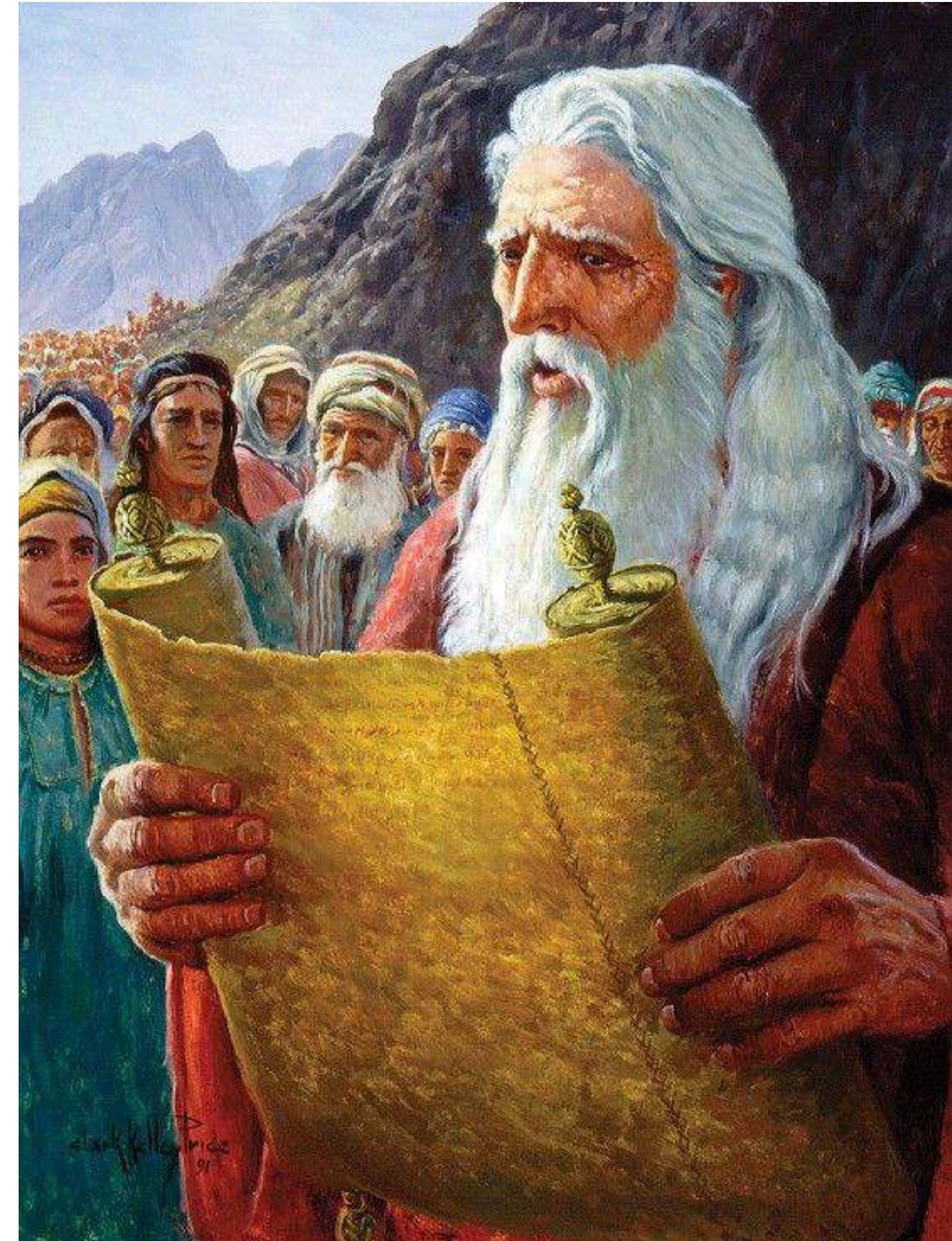
The more Eucharist
we receive, the more
we will become like
Jesus, so that on
earth we will have a
foretaste of heaven.

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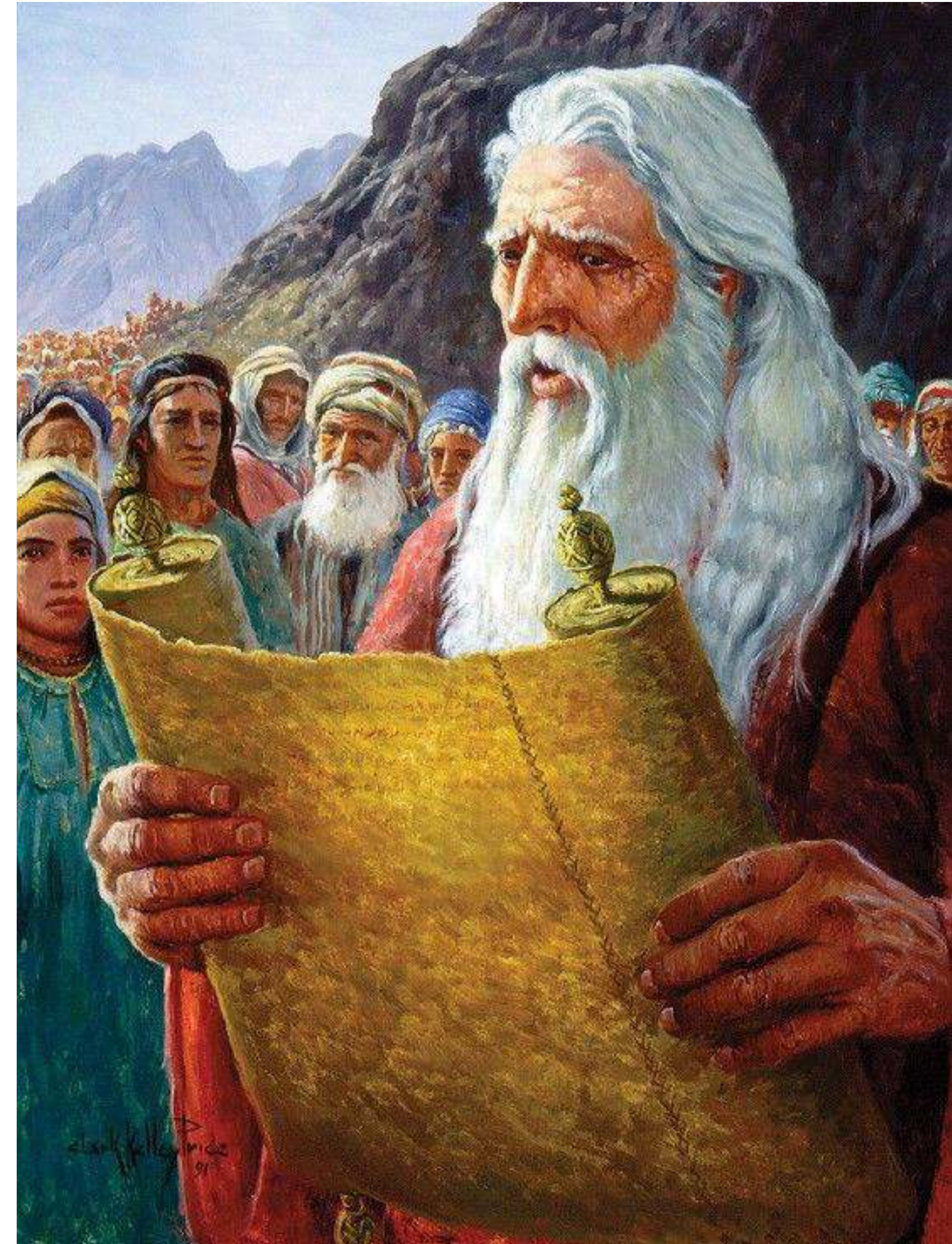
Homily

Taking the book of the covenant,
he read it aloud to the people, who
answered, **"All that the LORD has
said, we will hear and do."**

שְׁמַע = hear *and* do
"semah"

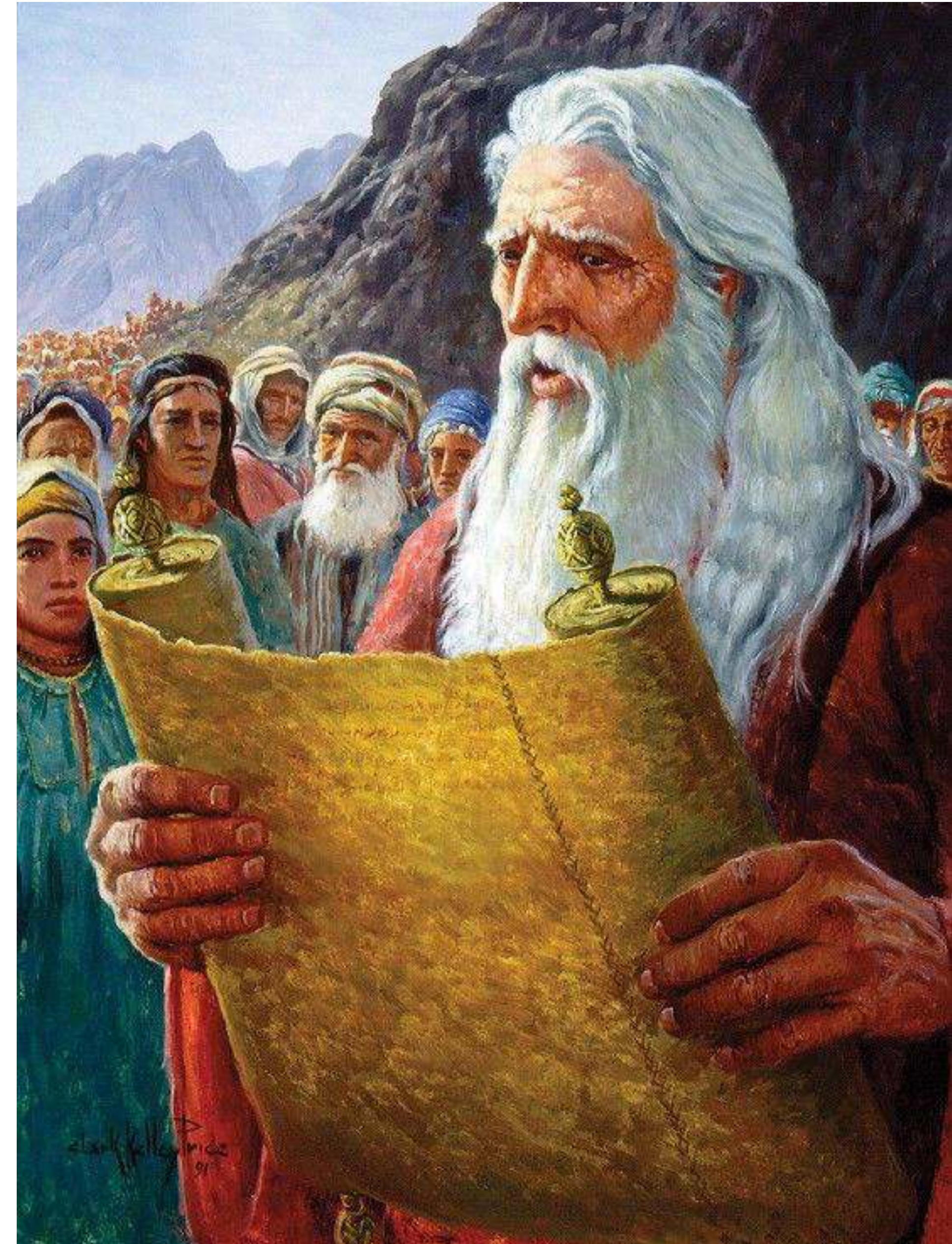


We have just heard the
Word of God, how will
we respond?



Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.



believe.

1) hold as an opinion; think or suppose

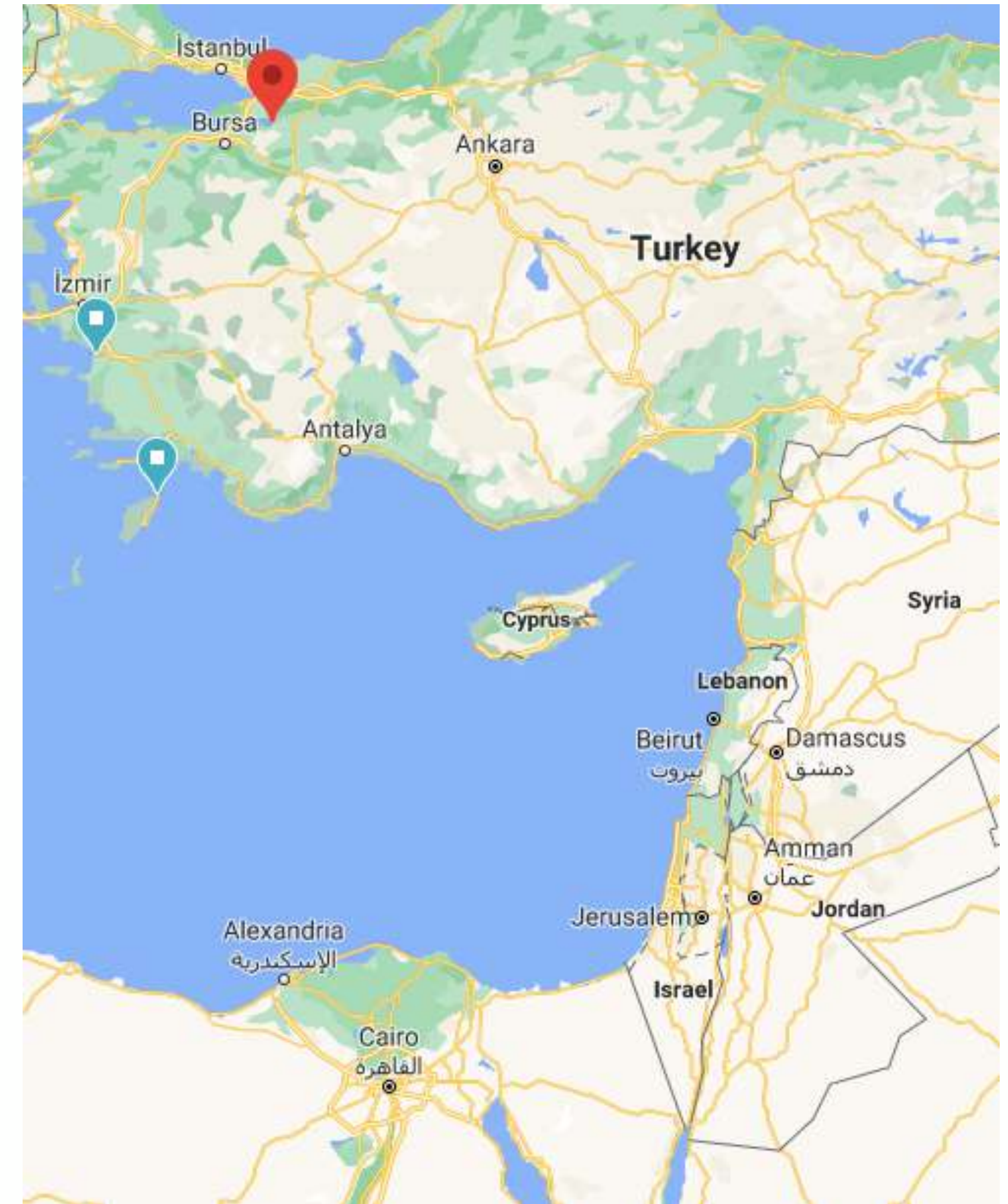
2) accept as true; feel sure of the truth of

The creed celebrates our belief and absolute trust in God.

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

- *Developed in 325 AD / expanded 381 AD
- *318 bishops from Rome, Jerusalem, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Greece, Asia Minor
- *Met in Nicaea (present-day Iznik, Turkey)
- *Request of Emperor Constantine
- *Recognized by Catholics, Orthodox, some Protestants
- *Professed Sundays and holy days after the homily



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.



Compendium of Catechism of the Catholic Church

43. What does it mean to believe in only one God?

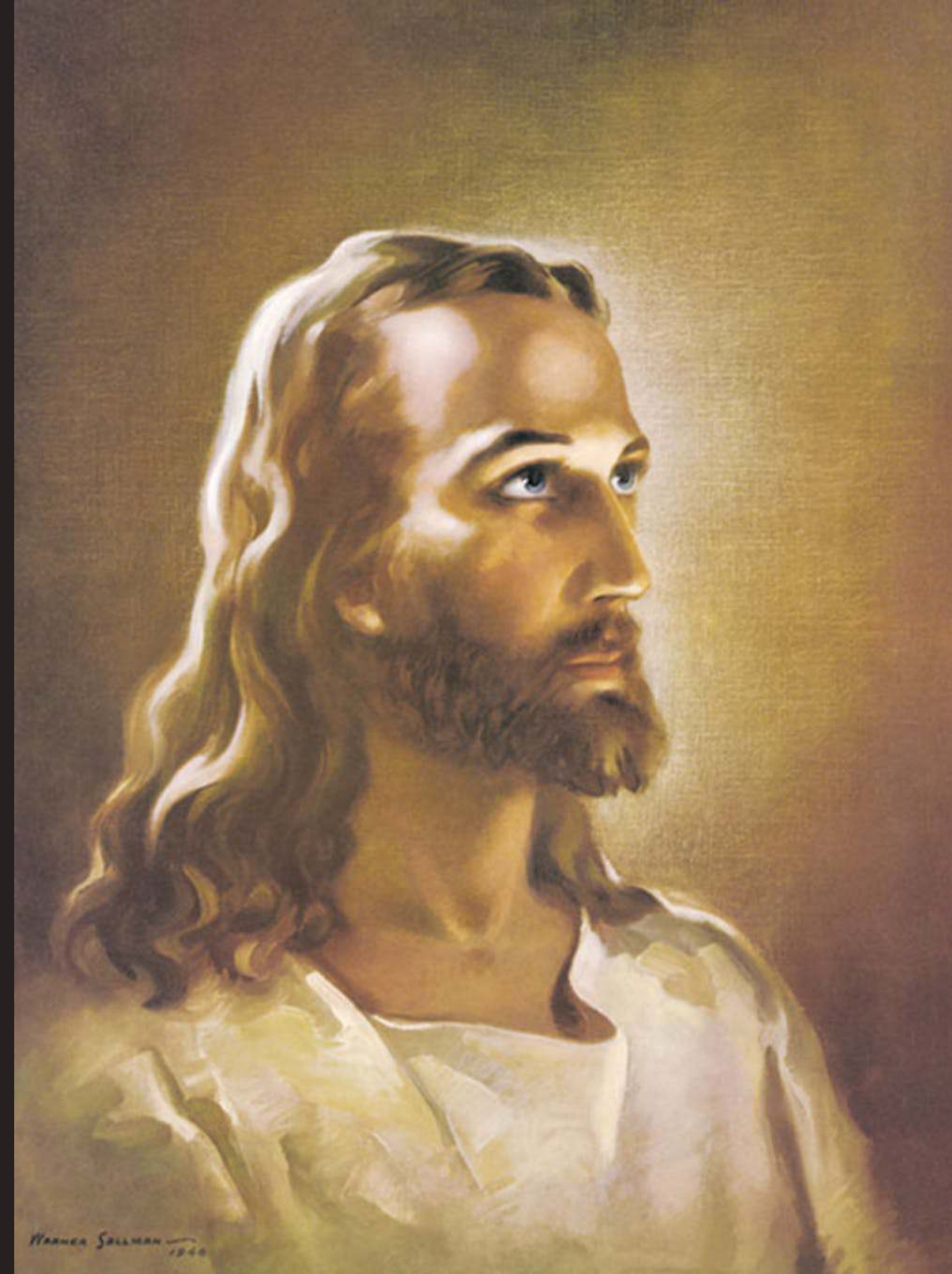
To believe in the one and only God involves coming to know **his greatness and majesty**. It involves **living in thanksgiving** and **trusting always in him**, even in adversity. It involves knowing the unity and **true dignity of all human beings**, created in his image. It involves **making good use** of the things which he has created.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

- Belief in Jesus is still belief in one God
- One of original reasons for Council of Nicaea - heretical teaching / beliefs
 - Incarnate body
 - Nature before creation



Nicene Creed

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary,
and became man.**

- This is a mystery
- To simplify is heretical
- Peak of Creed
- Kneel / bow to honor supreme mystery
- Our salvation depends on incarnation



Nicene Creed

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered
death and was buried,**

- Reinforce the historicity of Jesus' Passion
 - Under Roman rule
 - Specific date in human history
- Symbol of political leaders who have persecuted Christians over the centuries
- Symbol of our participation in the Passion and death of Jesus



Nicene Creed

**and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.**

Jonah 2:1

Luke 9:22

Matthew 20:19

Matthew 16:21

Hosea 6:1-2

Mark 9:31

Luke 24:46

Luke 18:33

Matthew 17:23

Luke 24:7

Matthew 27:63

Mark 8:31



Nicene Creed

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.



- Church teaches twofold judgment:
 - Immediately after death
 - General judgment at Second Coming
- All sin - **Romans 5:12** - Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, *inasmuch as all sinned*
- All subject to death - **Romans 6:23** - For the *wages of sin is death*,
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**



- Spirit given to us at baptism
- Animates our Church

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.**

- The Lord founded a universal Church
- Built upon and spread by apostles
(Ephesians 2:20)
- Composed of believers around the world



Nicene Creed

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

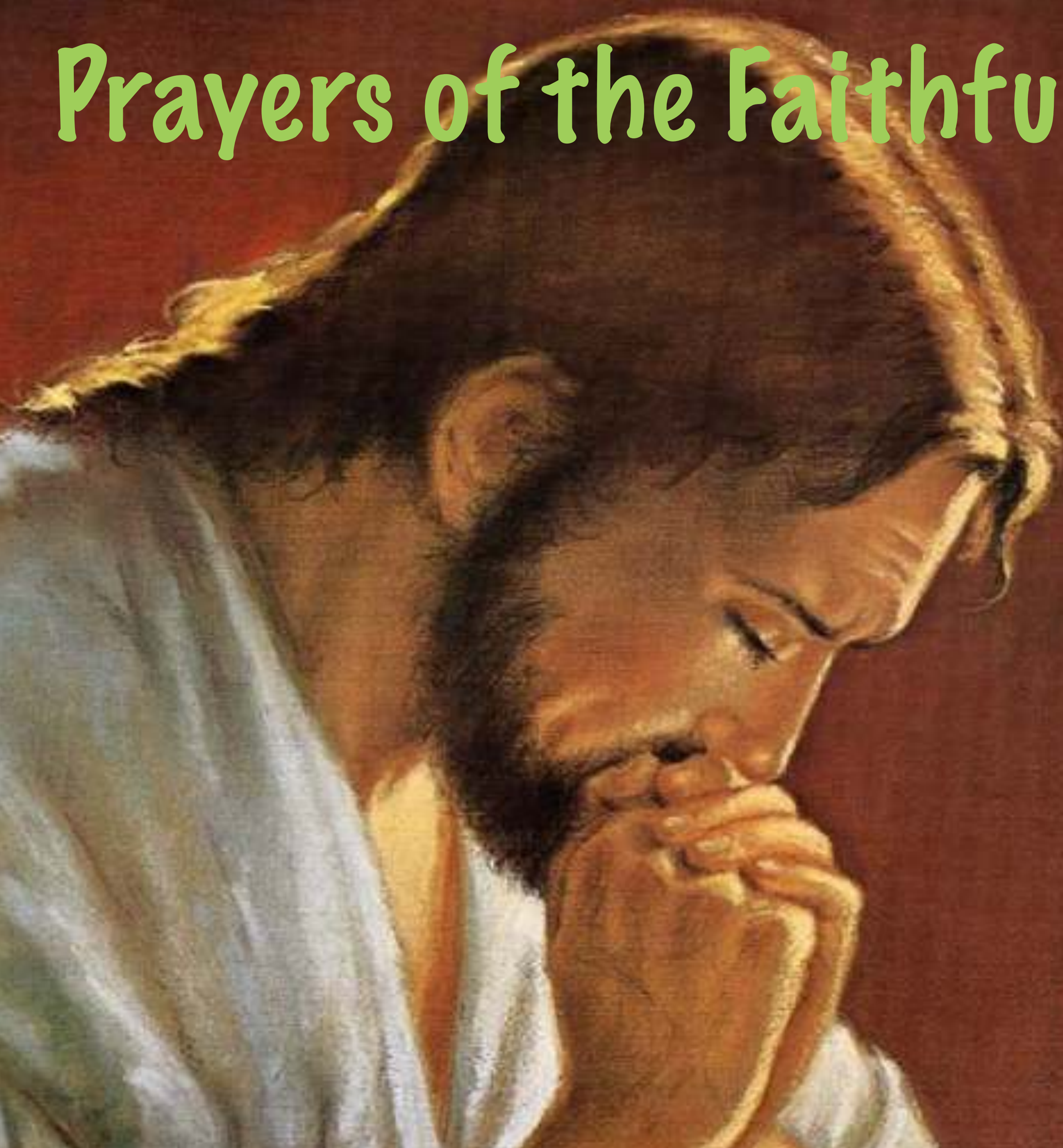


- To confess is "to adhere to"
- Through Baptism we enter the Church → we become disciples of the Lord Jesus
- We believe God will raise our bodies from the dead
- St. Augustine supposed that all would be 33 in Heaven
- The body is important - to be cared for as a temple of the Holy Spirit

Faith...

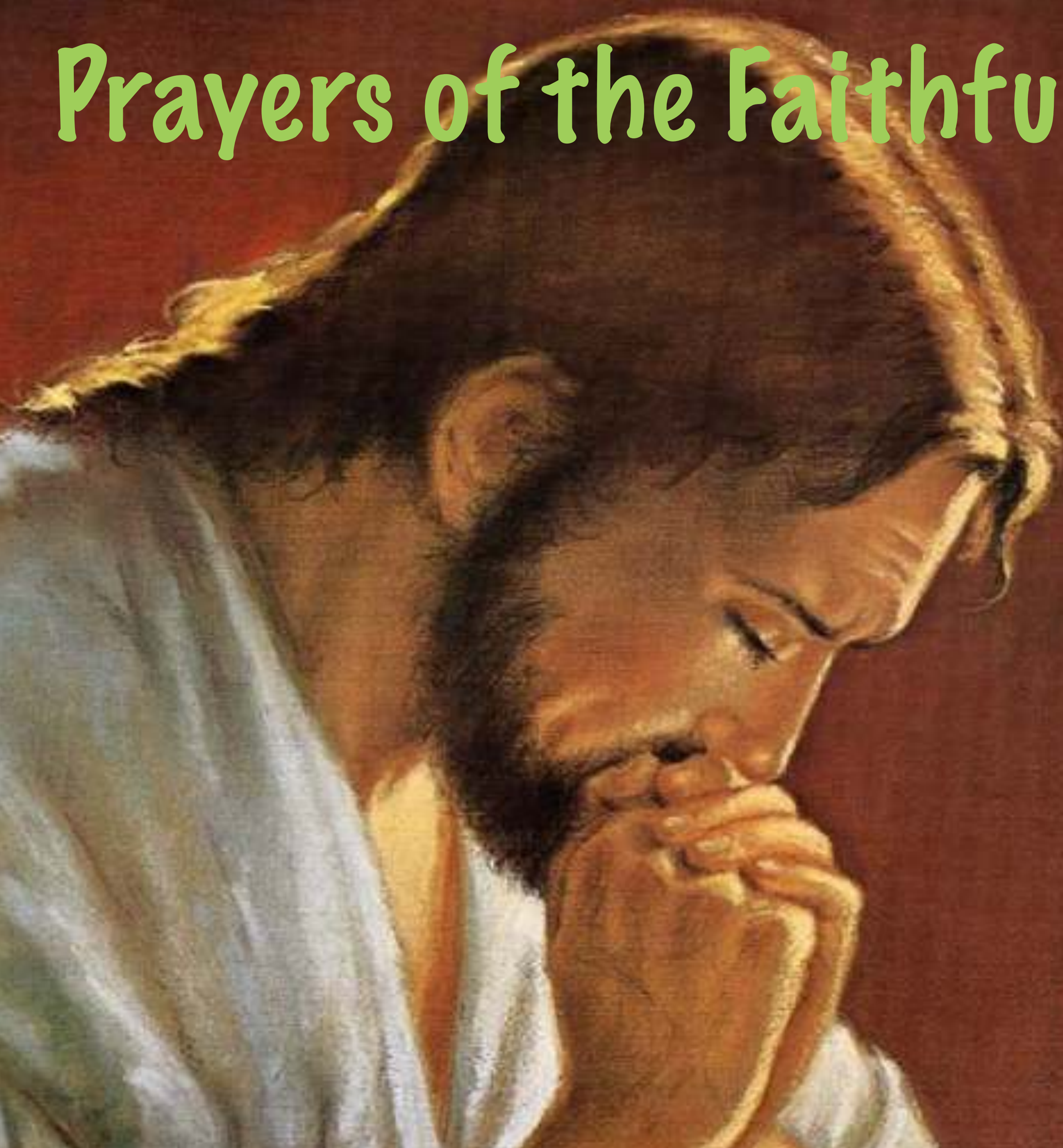
- * Our response to (acceptance of) what we have heard
- * Summary of Scripture
- * Summary of everything we believe
- * Still relevant today as 1,700 years ago
- * As in Constantine's time, we are surrounded by people who don't believe Catholic teaching
- * Easy to get caught up in material / things of this world
- * Need Creed to bring us back to the roots of our faith

Prayers of the Faithful



- One of the most ancient parts of Mass - 155 AD - Justin Martyr
- CCC 2635 - Intercessory prayer - characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy

Prayers of the Faithful



- **Acts 12:1-7** - all Jerusalem prayed for Peter in Herod's prison
- **1 Timothy 2:1-4** - Paul encouraged Timothy to intercede for all people
- We exercise our priestly function:
 - **1 Peter 2:9** - we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood"
 - **Revelation 1:5-6** - Christ has made us a "kingdom of priests"

Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

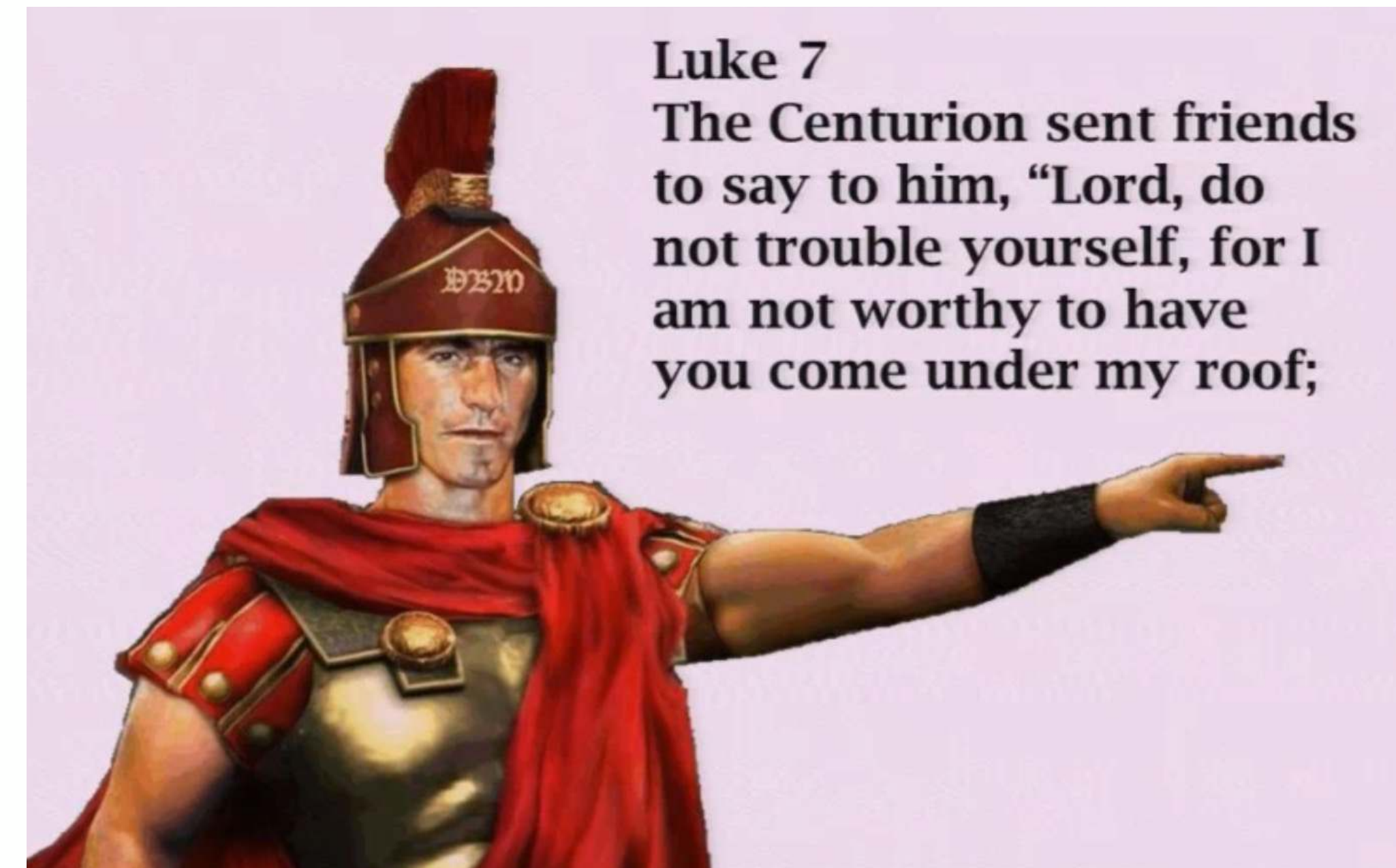


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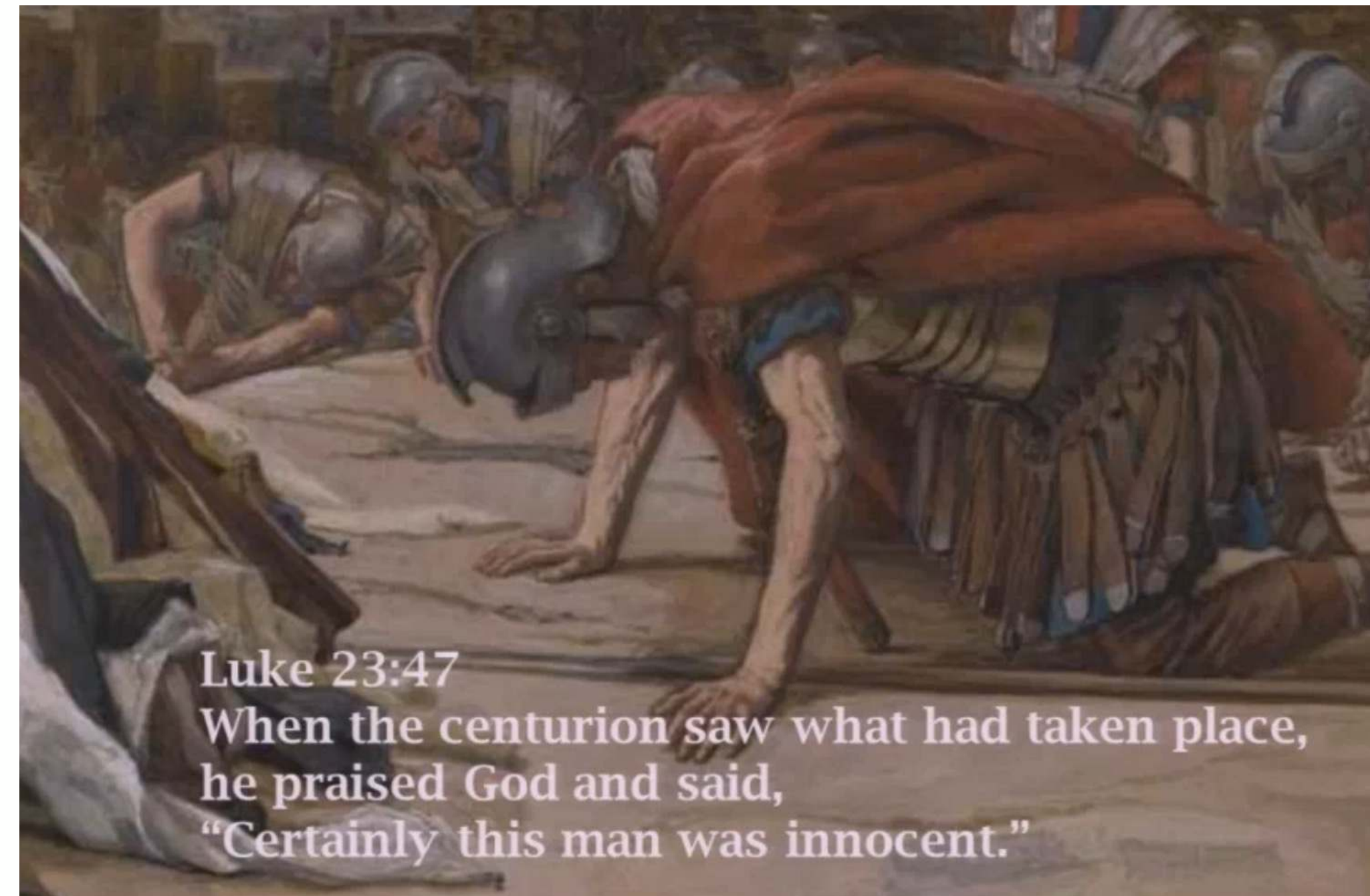
Who is Cornelius?

- Centurion = officer in the army of ancient Rome, commanded 100 men
- Important responsibilities: training, maintaining discipline, supervising building of fortifications, escorting prisoners, etc.
- Frequently sought honor and promotions
 - Wore military decorations as necklaces and bracelets
 - Earned pay 5x to 15x times
- Stood on front line, leading their troops
- Expected to be courageous, rallying the troops
- Cowards could be executed

Cornelius went on to be bishop of Ceasarea Maritima



Luke 7
The Centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;



Luke 23:47
When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."

First Reading

Humility:

Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Equality:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

The Holy Spirit fell upon all - Gentiles and Jews



Psalm

98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm. **R.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise. **R.**

**The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving
power.**



Psalm

**The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving
power.**

Celebrates God's victory

God's plan for all eternity was salvation for all!

Four - symbolic for four "corners" of the earth

It is upon us to choose to accept God's call and mercy



Second Reading



1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



Gospel

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Not only does Jesus die for us on the cross, but He gives us his eternal body and blood to consume every day. So that he can abide within us.



Our Father



Pater noster qui es in coelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum;
adveniat regnum tuum,
fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in coelo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie,
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.
et ne nos inducas in tentationem
sed libera nos a malo.

Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Questions and Discussion

