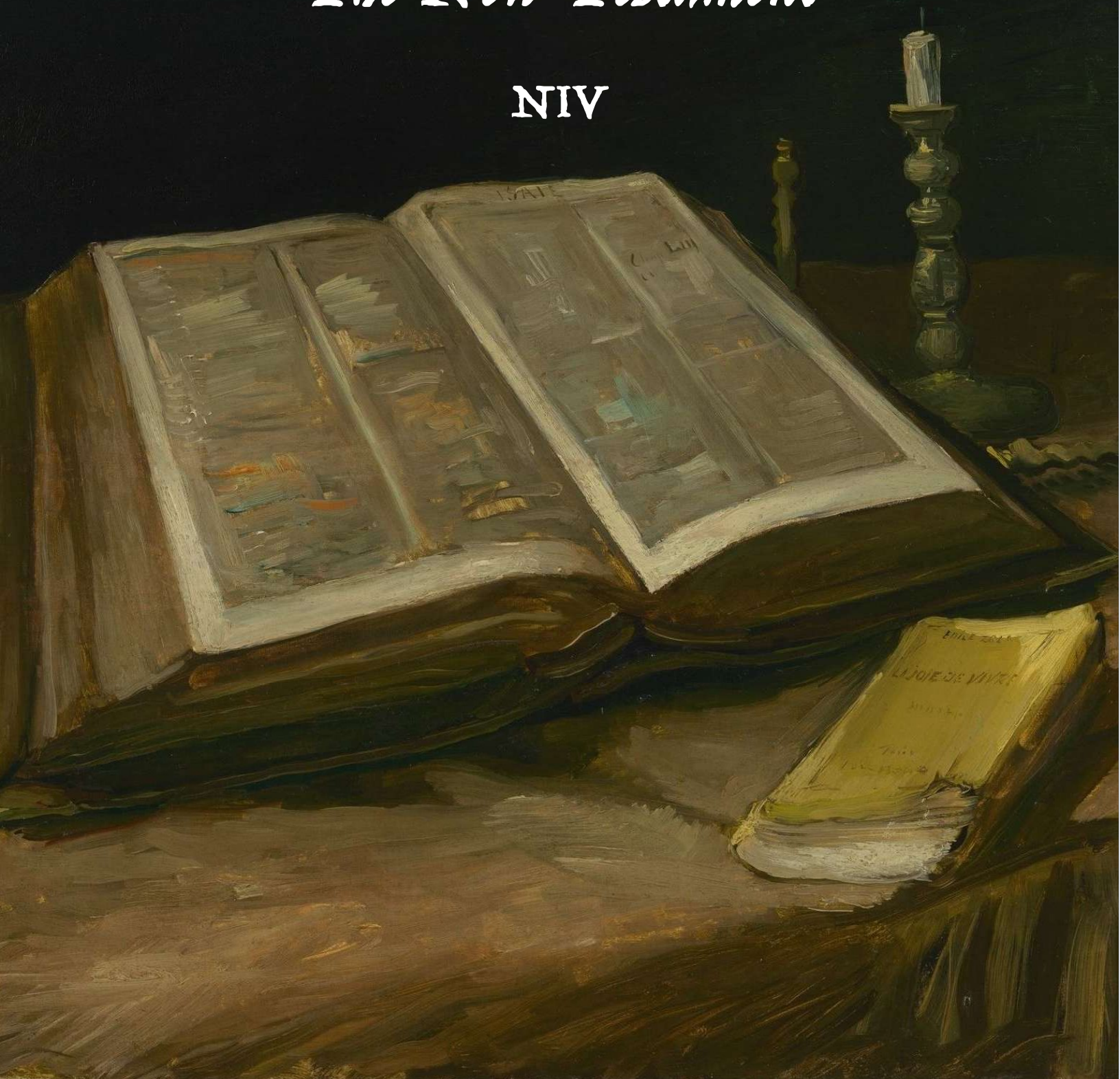
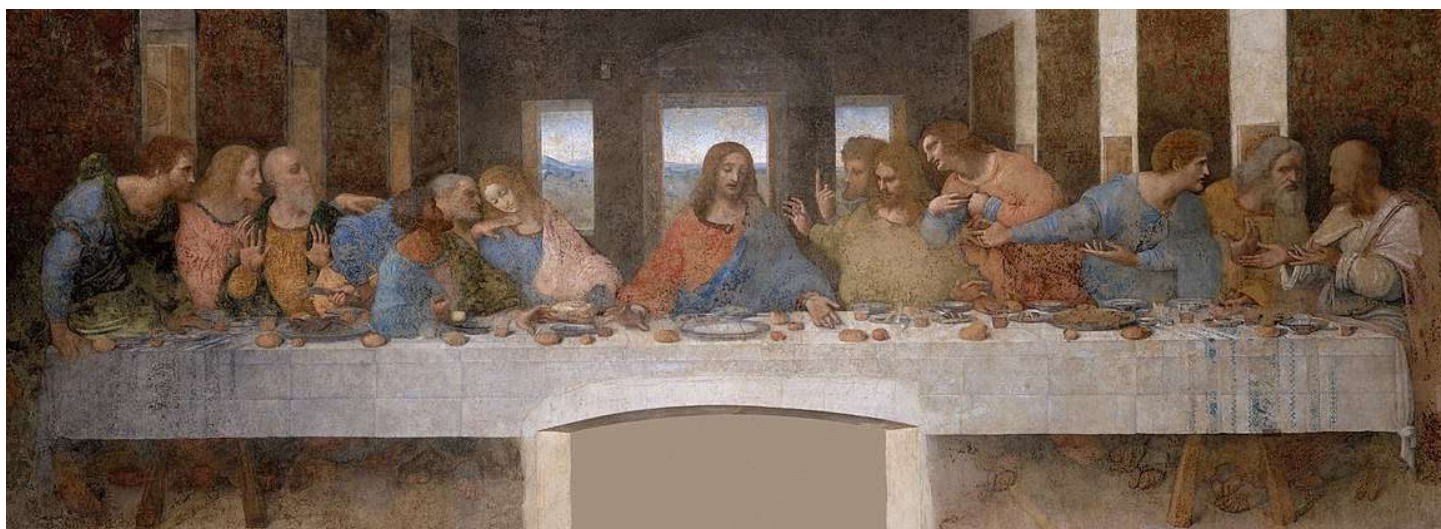


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*Still Life with Bible (1885) ~ Vincent van Gogh*



*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, & he will establish your plans.*

*~ Proverbs 16:3 NIV ~*

In March 2025, I was given the opportunity to speak at my local church in South Texas. I am not a preacher. However, I am a teacher & believer, so it was an honor to share a Sunday message with my friends & family. I spoke on the Garden of Gethsemane, using paintings such as Heinrich Hofmann's "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane", Caravaggio's "Taking of Christ", & da Vinci's "Last Supper" to highlight points in the lesson. The positive reception, specifically regarding the paintings, sparked an idea to create a list of my favorite pieces of Biblical art to share with my church. The list got longer than expected. I kept discovering more wonderful artwork & artists the more I researched. So, I kept going & kept researching & this eBook, Art of the Bible, was the result.

The book is a list of around 500 paintings, sculptures, photos, woodcuts, stained glass, & a quilt covering the Old & New Testament. The art is paired with the verses which inspired them, to visually tell the story of the Bible. The goal is to bring more awareness to the art, artists, & stories featured within by offering this book for **FREE** to the public. Most artwork included are classical paintings already available in the public domain, but featuring contemporary artists in the book was an important goal for this project as well. Several artists graciously allowed their work to be showcased. Please visit their websites to support them on the next page.

I hope you learn something, see something new, & are inspired by the work of the many amazing artists featured ahead. I also pray the Biblical wisdom within will be a blessing to all observers & will be received with an open heart. This book is dedicated to my wife & daughter, Ariel & Faith. Thank you & God Bless Y'all!

Sincerely,

Caleb Johnson

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*~ Ephesians 2:10 NIV ~*

# ~ Special Thanks ~

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1. LUKE 1:11-12 ~ NIV

*The Angel Gabriel Appearing to Zechariah (1824) ~ Alexander Ivanov*



*Then, to the right of the incense altar, an angel of the Lord appeared to him. Zechariah was troubled & overcome with fear.*

2. LUKE 1:13-14 ~ NIV

*The Birth of John the Baptist announced to Zacharias (1635) ~ Massimo Stanzione*



*"Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife Elizabeth will have a son, & you will name him John.  
He will be your pride & joy, & many people will be glad that he was born."*



3. LUKE 1:19-20 ~ NIV

*The Vision of Zacharias (1886-94) ~ James Tissot*



*“I’m Gabriel! I stand in God’s presence.*

*God sent me to tell you this good news.*

*But because you didn’t believe what I said,*

*you will be unable to talk until the day this happens.*

*Everything will come true at the right time.”*



4. LUKE 1:28 ~ NIV

*The Annunciation, with Saint Emidius (1486) ~ Carlo Crivelli*



When the angel entered her home, he greeted her  
& said,  
“You are favored by the Lord!  
The Lord is with you.”

5. LUKE 1:31-32 ~ NIV

*Annunciation (1472-76) ~ Leonardo da Vinci*



You will conceive and give birth to a son, & you are to call him Jesus.  
He will be great & will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,



6. LUKE 1:35 ~ NIV

*The Immaculate Conception (1619) ~ Diego Velázquez*



*“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, & the power of the Most High will overshadow you;  
for that reason also the holy child will be called  
the Son of God.”*

7. LUKE 1:38 ~ NIV

*The Annunciation* (1898) ~ Henry Ossawa Tanner



*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."*

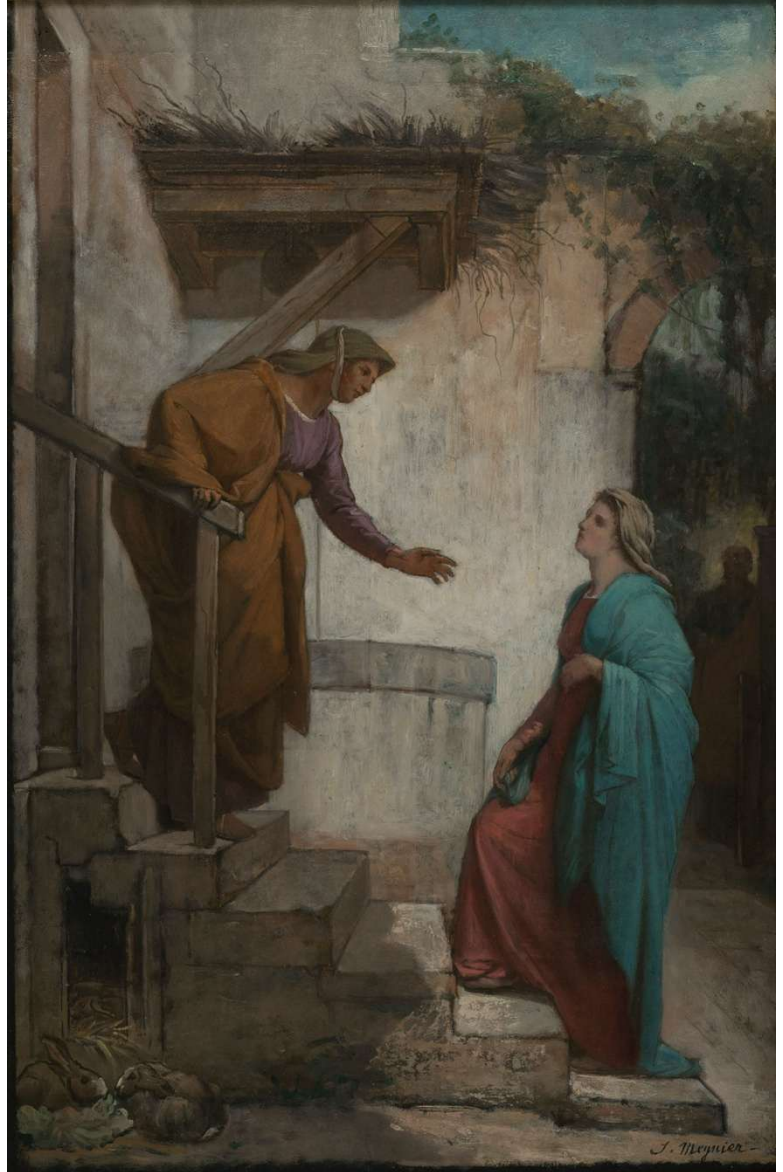


8. LUKE 1:42-44 ~ NIV

*The Meeting of Mary and Elisabeth (1866) ~ Carl Bloch*



*La Visitation (1872) ~ Jules-Joseph Meynier*



*“Blessed are you among women, & blessed is the child you will bear!  
But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the baby in my womb leaped for joy.”*

9. LUKE 1:46-47 ~ NIV

*The Virgin in Prayer (1640-50) ~ Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato*



*“My soul exalts the Lord,  
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”*



10. MATTHEW 1:20 ~ NIV

*The Dream of St Joseph (1642-43) ~ Philippe de Champaigne*

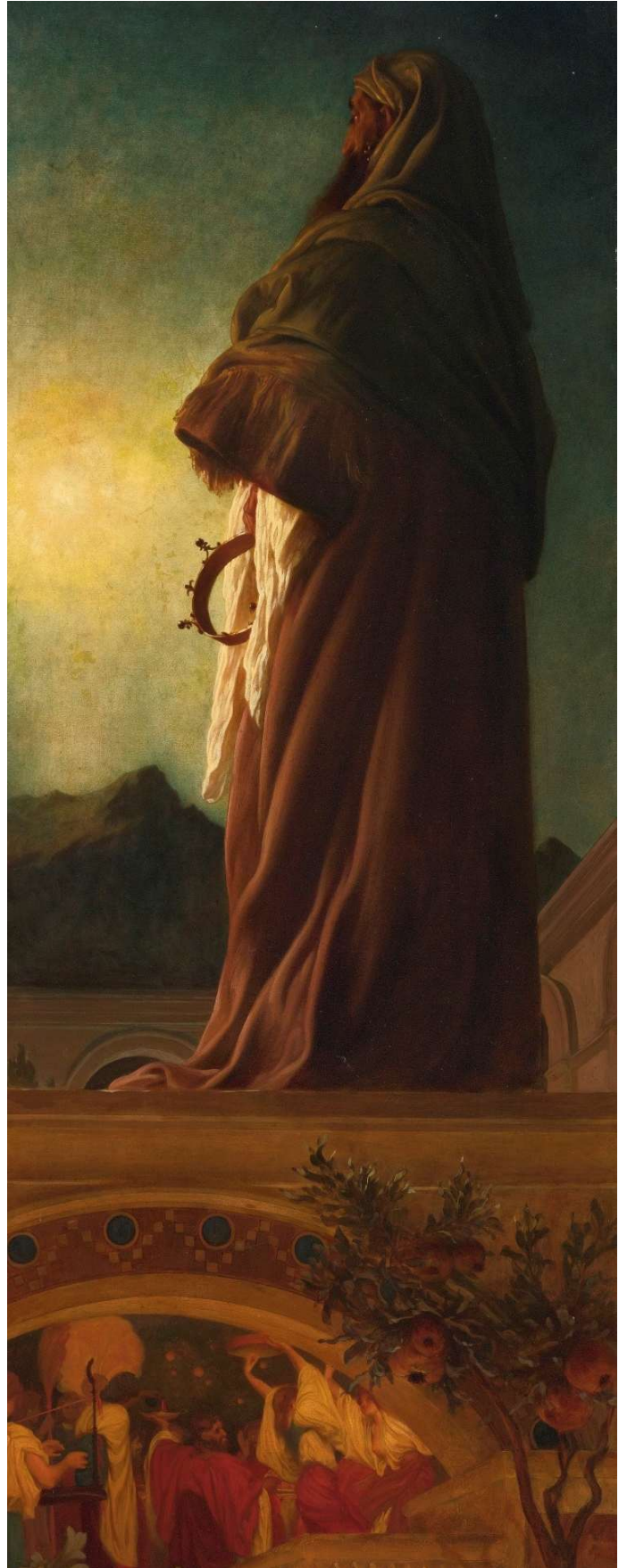


*“Joseph son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife,  
because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”*

11. MATTHEW 2:9-10 ~ NIV

*The Star of Bethlehem (1862) ~ Frederic Leighton*

*...and the star they had seen  
when it rose went ahead of them  
until it stopped over the place  
where the child was.  
When they saw the star,  
they were overjoyed.*





12. LUKE 1:63-64 ~ NIV

*The Birth of Saint John the Baptist (1633-35) ~ Artemisia Gentileschi*



He asked for a writing tablet, & to everyone's astonishment he wrote, 'His name is John.'

Immediately his mouth was opened & his tongue set free, & he began to speak, praising God.



13. LUKE 1:68-70 ~ NIV

*Birth of St John the Baptist (1563) ~ Tintoretto*



*“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people & redeemed them.  
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David  
(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),”*



14. LUKE 2:1 ~ NIV

*The Census at Bethlehem (1566) ~ Peter Bruegel the Elder*



*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.*



15. LUKE 2:4 ~ NIV

*The Difficult Journey or "Transition to Bethlehem" (1890) ~ Fritz von Uhde*



*So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,  
because he belonged to the house & line of David.*



16. LUKE 2:6-7 ~ NIV

*Nativité (1653) ~ Nicolas Poussin*



*She wrapped him in cloths & placed him in a manger,  
because there was no guest room available for them.*



17. MATTHEW 1:23 ~ NIV  
*Nativity (1603-05) ~ El Greco*



*The virgin will conceive & give birth to a son, & they will call him  
Immanuel  
(which means “God with us”).*



18. LUKE 2:9-10 ~ NIV

*The Angel Appearing to the Shepherds (1833-34) ~ Thomas Cole*



*"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."*

19. LUKE 2:13-14 ~ NIV

*Seeing Shepherds (2010) ~ Daniel Bonnell*

*"Glory to God  
in the highest  
heaven,  
& on earth  
peace  
to those on whom  
his favor rests."*





20. LUKE 2:17-18 ~ NIV

*Adoration of the Shepherds (1596) ~ El Greco*



*When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,  
& all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*



21. LUKE 2:19 ~ NIV

*Adoration of the Shepherds (1622) ~ Gerard van Honthorst*



*But Mary treasured up all these things & pondered them in her heart.*

22. LUKE 2:20 ~ NIV

*Adoration of the Shepherds (1769) ~ Christian Wilhelm Ernst Dietrich*



*The shepherds returned, glorifying & praising God for all the things they had heard & seen, which were just as they had been told.*

23. LUKE 2:34-35 ~ NIV

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (1631) ~ Rembrandt

*“This child is destined to cause the falling & rising of many in Israel,*

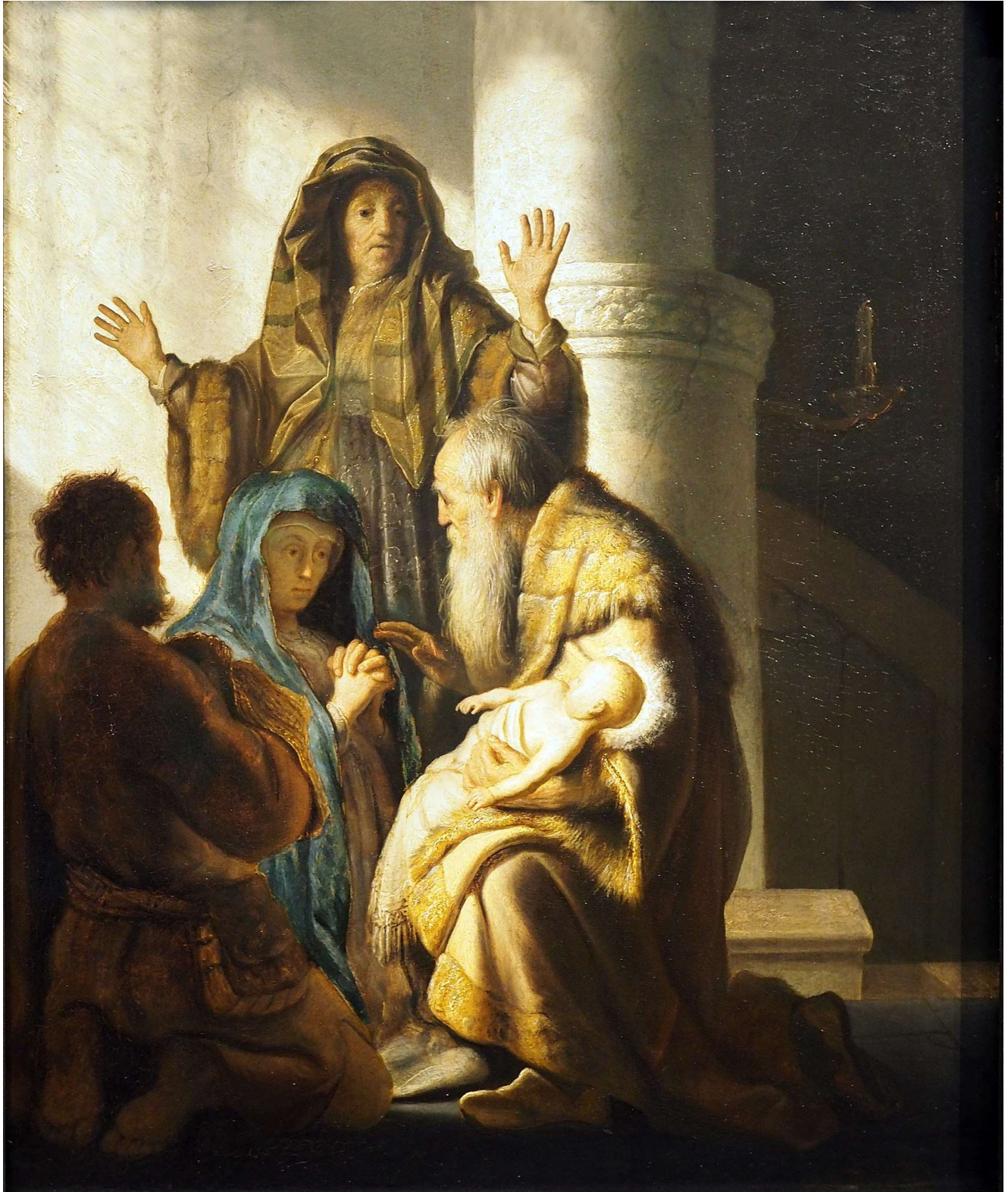


*& to be a sign that will be spoken against,  
so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.  
And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”*



24. LUKE 2:30-32 ~ NIV

*Simeon and Anna Recognize the Lord in Jesus (1629) ~ Rembrandt*



*"For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, & the glory of your people Israel."*



25. MATTHEW 2:2 ~ NIV

*The Magi in the House of Herod (1896-1902) ~ James Tissot*



*“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?  
We saw his star when it rose & have come to worship him.”*



26. MATTHEW 2:10-11 ~ NIV

*The Adoration of the Magi (1475-76) ~ Sandro Botticelli*

\*\*\* The Italian Renaissance master included a self-portrait staring back at the viewer on the bottom right. \*\*\*



*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house,  
they saw the child with his mother Mary, & they bowed down & worshiped him.*



27. MATTHEW 2:11 ~ NIV

*A Adoração dos Magos (1828) ~ Domingos Sequeira*



*Then they opened their treasures & presented him with gifts of  
gold, frankincense & myrrh.*



28. MATTHEW 2:12 ~ NIV

*Adoration of the Magi (1599-1660) ~ Diego Velázquez*



*And after being warned by God  
in a dream not to return to Herod,  
the magi left for their own country  
by another way.*

29. MATTHEW 2:13 ~ NIV

*Rest on the Flight into Egypt (1879) ~ Luc-Olivier Merson*



*“Arise, take the young child & His mother, flee to Egypt, & stay there until I bring you word;  
for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him.”*

30. MATTHEW 2:16 ~ NIV

*Scene of the Massacre of the Innocents (1824) ~ Léon Cogniet*



*When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious,  
& he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem & its vicinity who were two years old & under,  
in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.*



31. MATTHEW 2:18 ~ NIV

*Massacre of Innocents (1612) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
Lamentation, weeping, & great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
Refusing to be comforted,  
Because they are no more.”*



32. MATTHEW 2:14-15 ~ NIV

*The Flight into Egypt (1883) ~ Edwin Long*



*When he arose, he took the young child & His mother by night & departed for Egypt, & was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."*

33. MARK 6:3 ~ NIV

*Christ in the House of His Parents (1849-50) ~ John Everett Millais*



*"Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary, & the brother of James & Joses & Judas & Simon? Are His sisters not here with us? "*



34. LUKE 2:46 ~ NIV

*Christ Among the Doctors (1560) ~ Paolo Veronese*



*Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
both listening to them & asking them questions.*

35. LUKE 2:47 ~ NIV

*Jesus in the Temple (1881) ~ Heinrich Hofmann*



*And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding & His answers.*



36. LUKE 2:49 ~ NIV

*Twelve-Year-Old Jesus in the Temple (1869) ~ Carl Bloch*



*“Why is it that you were looking for Me?  
Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?”*



37. MATTHEW 3:2 ~ NIV

*St. John the Baptist (1513-16) ~ Leonardo da Vinci*



*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

38. MATTHEW 3:3 ~ NIV

*Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness (1604) ~ Caravaggio*



*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
Make His paths straight.’ ”*



39. LUKE 3:16 ~ NIV

*The Sermon of Saint John the Baptist (1566) ~ Pieter Bruegel the Elder*



*“As for me, I baptize you with water; but He is coming who is mightier than I,  
    & I am not fit to untie the straps of His sandals;  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit & fire.”*

40. JOHN 1:29 ~ NIV

*The Baptism of Christ (1475) ~ Andrea del Verrocchio & his pupil, Leonardo da Vinci*



*“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”*



41. MATTHEW 3:16-17 ~ NIV

*Baptism of Christ (1710) ~ Aernt de Gelder*



*He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove & alighting upon Him.*

*And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying,*

*“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*



42. MATTHEW 4:1-2 ~ NIV

*Christ in the Desert (1872) ~ Ivan Kramskoi*



*"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.  
And when He had fasted 40 days & 40 nights, afterward He was hungry."*



43. MATTHEW 4:6-7 ~ NIV

*Jesus Carried up to a Pinnacle of the Temple (1886-94) ~ James Tissot*

*“If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:*



*‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ & ‘In their hands they shall bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”*

*Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ ”*



**44. MATTHEW, MARK, & LUKE**

*The Temptations of Christ (1480-82) ~ Sandro Botticelli*

*\*\*\* Located in the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City. \*\*\**

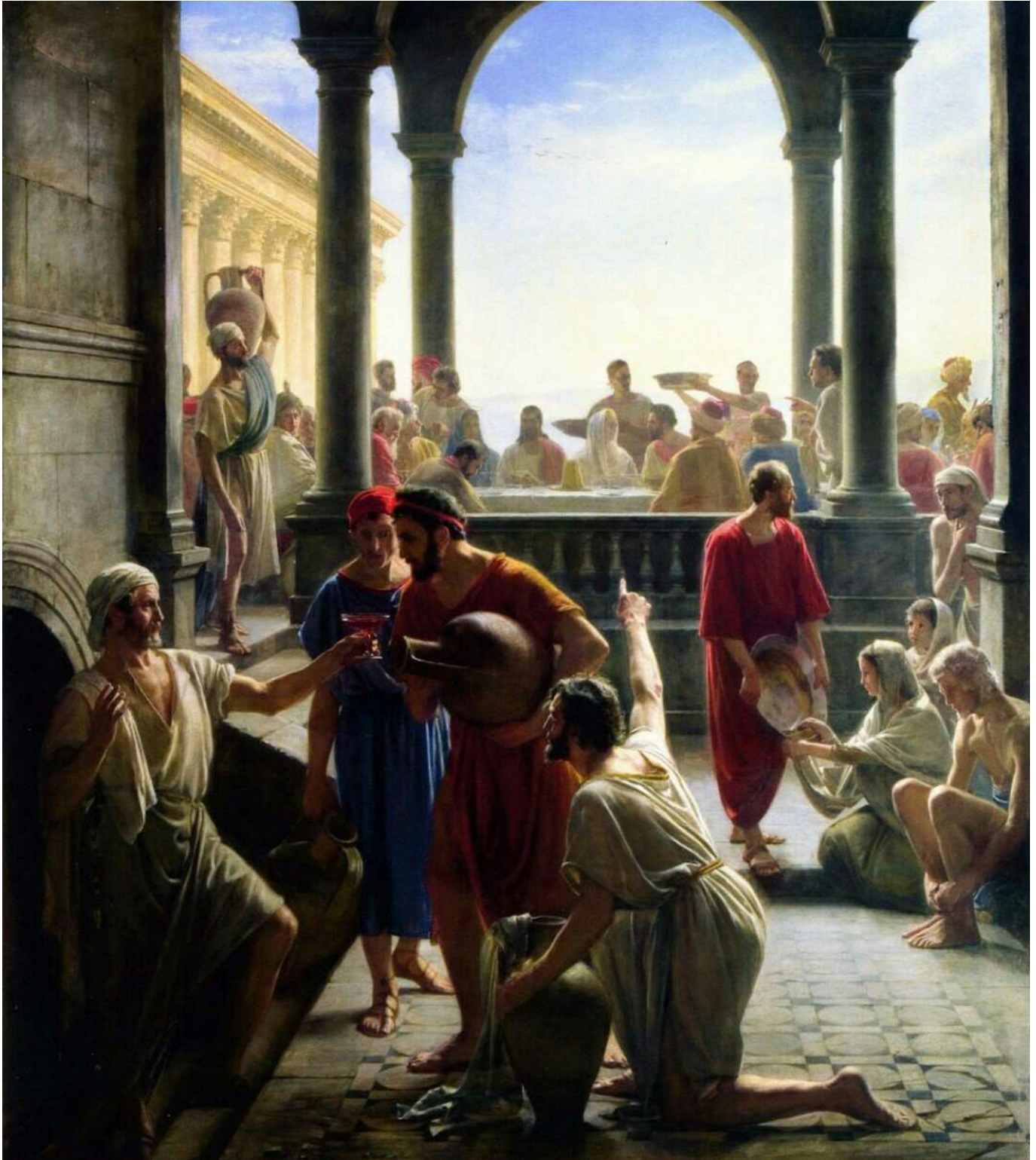


*\*\*\* The three temptations of Christ hover overhead, while in the foreground,  
a man later healed of leprosy by Jesus presents himself to be declared clean in the Temple of Jerusalem. \*\*\**



45. JOHN 2:10 ~ NIV

*Wedding at Cana (1870) ~ Carl Bloch*



*“Everyone serves the good wine first,  
& when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine.  
But you have kept the good wine until now.”*



46. JOHN 2:11 ~ NIV

*The Wedding at Cana (1563) ~ Paolo Veronese*

*\*\*\* Located across from the Mona Lisa, at The Louvre Museum in Paris, France. \*\*\**



*This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee & manifested his glory.*

*And his disciples believed in him.*



47. LUKE 5:6 ~ NIV

*Miraculous Catch of Fish (1704-61) ~ Johann Georg Platzer*



*...they caught such a huge number of fish that their nets began to break.*

48. LUKE 5:10-11 ~ NIV

*The Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew (1606) ~ Caravaggio*



*Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."*

*So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything & followed him.*

**49. MARK 1:31 ~ NIV**

*Christ Healing the Mother of Simon Peter's Wife (1839) ~ John Bridges*



*So he went to her, took her hand, & helped her up.*

*The fever left her & she began to wait on them.*



50. JOHN 3:16-17 ~ NIV

*Nicodemus Visiting Christ (1899) ~ Henry Ossawa Tanner*

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one & only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*



*“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*



51. JOHN 4:24 ~ NIV

*Christ and the Samaritan Woman or "The Woman at the Well" (1593-94) ~ Annibale Carracci*



*"God is spirit, & those who worship him must worship in spirit & truth."*

52. JOHN 5:6 ~ NIV

*Christ Healing the Sick at Bethesda (1883) ~ Carl Bloch*



*"Do you want to get well? "*



**53. MATTHEW 12:34 ~ NIV**

*St. John the Baptist Preaching (1665) ~ Willem Reuter*



*"You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."*

**54. LUKE 3:19-20 ~ NIV**

*Saint John the Baptist Preaching before Herod Antipas (1600-53) ~ Pieter de Grebber*



*But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife,  
& all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.*



55. MATTHEW 5:3-5 ~ NIV

*The Sermon on the Mount (1896) ~ James Tissot*



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."*



56. MATTHEW 6:9-10 ~ NIV

*Sermon on the Mount (1877) ~ Carl Bloch*



*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.”*



57. LUKE 7:9 ~ NIV

*Jesus Healing the Servant of a Centurion (1585) ~ Paolo Veronese*



*“I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.”*

58. MATTHEW 8:2-3 ~ NIV

*The Healing of the Sick (1885) ~ Gebhard Fugel*

*“Lord, if you  
are willing,  
you can make  
me clean.”  
Jesus reached  
out his hand  
& touched the  
man.*



*“I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!”*



59. MATTHEW 9:12-13 ~ NIV

*The Calling of St. Matthew (1600) ~ Caravaggio*



*“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go & learn what this means:*

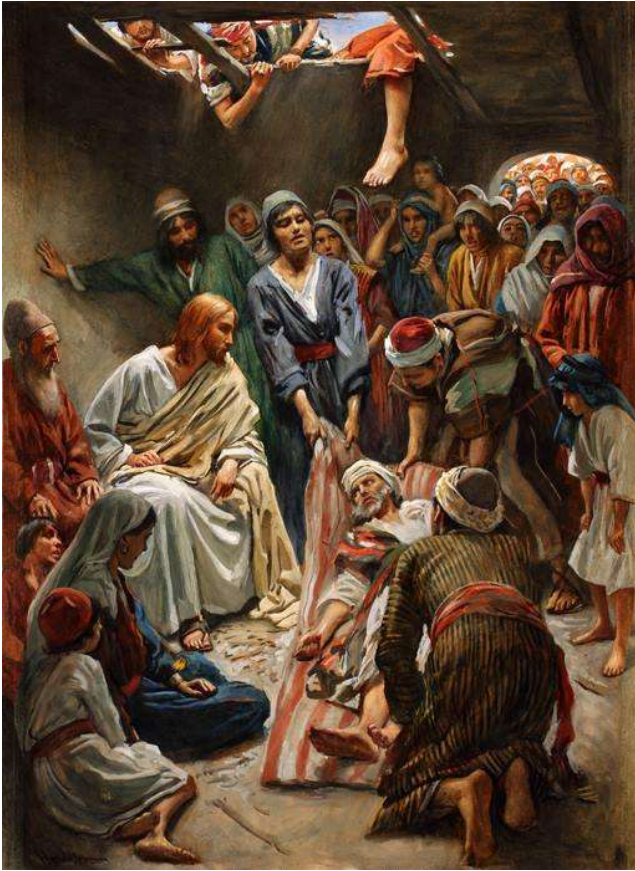
*‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’*

*For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*



60. MATTHEW 9:5 ~ NIV

*Jesus Heals the Paralytic (1910) ~ Harold Copping*



*“Which is easier: to say,  
‘Your sins are forgiven,’  
or to say,  
‘Get up & walk’?”*

61. MATTHEW 17:27 ~ NIV

*The Tribute Money (1425) ~ Masaccio*



*“Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth & you will find a four-drachma coin.  
Take it & give it to them for my tax & yours.”*



62. MATTHEW 14:5 ~ NIV

*St. John the Baptist in the Prison (1567) ~ Juan Fernández de Navarrete*



*He would have killed John but he was afraid of the people.  
The people thought John was one who spoke for God.*



63. MARK 5:34 ~ NIV

*The Healing of a Bleeding Woman (4<sup>th</sup> Century A.D.) ~ artist unknown; Roman Catacombs*

\*\*\* One of the earliest depictions of Christ portrayed him beardless & in a Roman toga when a woman with an issue of blood touched the hem of his garment. It was found in a catacomb outside of Rome in the tomb of Christian martyrs, Marcellinus & Peter. \*\*\*



*“Daughter,  
your faith has healed you.  
Go in peace & be freed from your suffering.”*



64. MARK 5:39 ~ NIV

*Resurrection of Jairus' Daughter (1871) ~ Vasily Polenov*



*He went in and said to them,*

*“Why all this commotion & wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.”*

65. LUKE 7:14-15 ~ NIV

*Jesus Resurrecting the Son of the Widow of Nain (1817) ~ Pierre Bouillon*



*“Young man, I say to you, get up!”*

*The dead man sat up & began to talk, & Jesus gave him back to his mother.*



66. LUKE 8:24 ~ NIV

*Christ Asleep in His Boat (1879) ~ Jules Joseph Meynier*



*The disciples went & woke him, saying,*

*“Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”*

*He got up & rebuked the wind & the raging waters; the storm subsided, & all was calm.*

67. LUKE 8:25 ~ NIV

*The Storm on the Sea of Galilee (1633) ~ Rembrandt*

*\*\*\* Rembrandt created over 300 pieces of Biblically themed art. This might be the Dutch master's most famous & only seascape. \*\*\**



*“Where is your faith? ”*

*he asked his disciples. In fear & amazement they asked one another,  
“Who is this? He commands even the winds & the water, & they obey him.”*



68. LUKE 8:30-31 ~ NIV

*The Gerasene Demoniac (1653) ~ Sebastian Bourdon*



*Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him.  
And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.*

69. LUKE 8:38-39 ~ NIV

*The Swine Driven into the Sea (1886-96) ~ James Tissot*

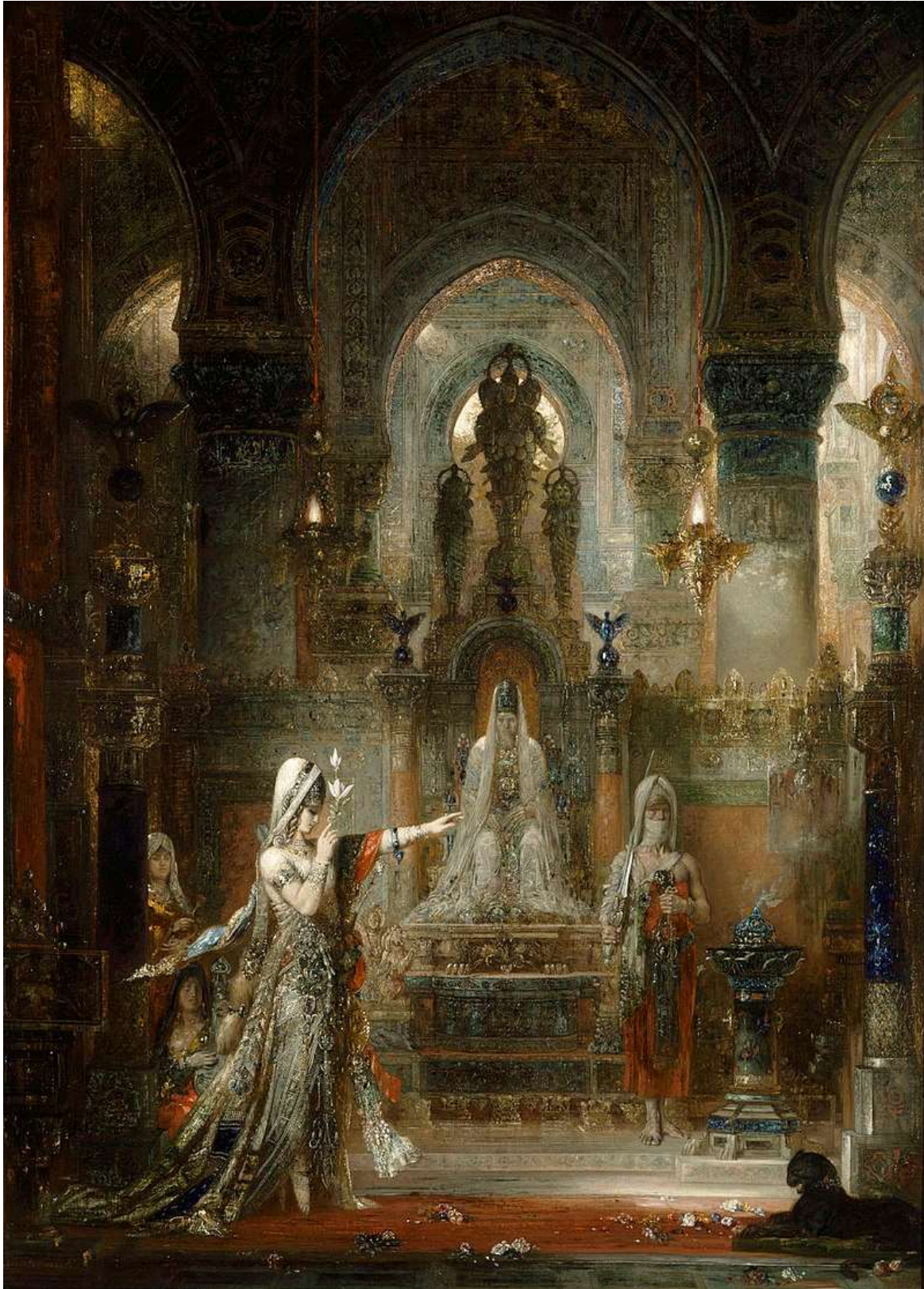


*The man from whom the demons had gone out  
begged to go with him,  
but Jesus sent him away,  
saying,  
“Return home & tell how much  
God has done for you.”*



70. MARK 6:22 ~ NIV

*Salome Dancing before Herod (1876) ~ Gustave Moreau*



*When the daughter of Herodias came in & danced,  
she pleased Herod & his dinner guests.*



71. MARK 6:22-23 ~ NIV

*Salome (1870) ~ Henri Regnault*



*The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, & I'll give it to you."*

*And he promised her with an oath,*

*"Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."*

72. MATTHEW 14:8-10 ~ NIV

*The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist (1614-60) ~ Gérard Douffet*

*Prompted by her mother, she said,*

*“Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”*



*The king was distressed, but because of his oaths & his dinner guests,  
he ordered that her request be granted & had John beheaded in the prison.*



73. MARK 6:28 ~ NIV

*Salome with the Head of John the Baptist (1607) ~ Caravaggio*



*...and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, & she gave it to her mother.*



74. MATTHEW 14:16-18 ~ NIV

*The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes (1579-81) ~ Tintoretto*



Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread & two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said.

75. MATTHEW 14:20 ~ NIV

*The Feeding of the Five Thousand (1510) ~ Joachim Patenier*

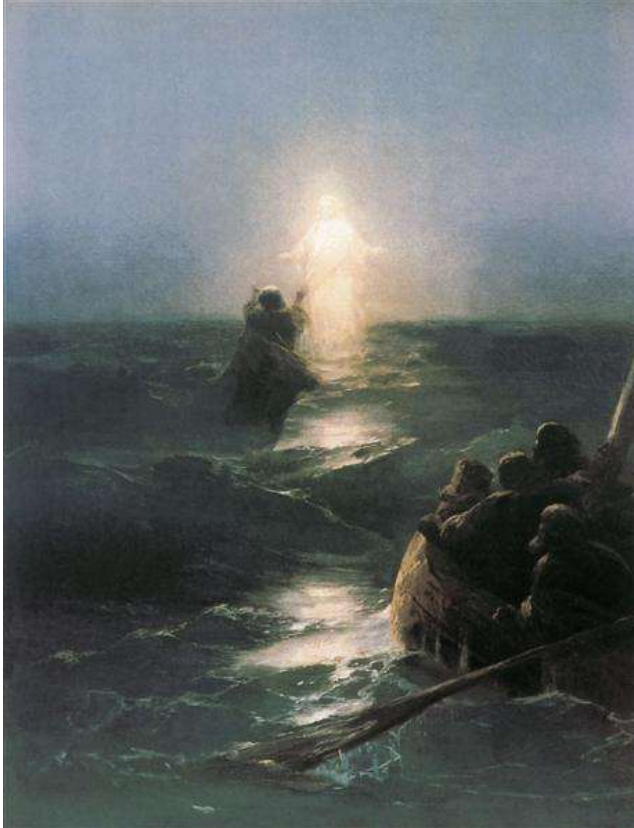


They all ate & were satisfied, & the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.



76. MATTHEW 14:26 ~ NIV

*Jesus Walks on Water (1888) ~ Ivan Aivazovsky*



*When the disciples saw him  
walking on the lake,  
they were terrified.  
“It’s a ghost,”  
they said, &  
cried out  
in fear.*

77. MATTHEW 14:29 ~ NIV

*Jesus and Peter on the Water (1863) ~ Gustave Brion*



*“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water & came toward Jesus.*

78. MATTHEW 14:30-31 ~ NIV

*Hand of God (2015) ~ Yongsung Kim*



*"Lord, save me!"*

*Immediately Jesus reached out his hand & caught him.*

*"You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"*



79. LUKE 10:41-42 ~ NIV

*Christ in the House of Martha and Mary (1654-55) ~ Johannes Vermeer*

*“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried & upset about many things,*



*but few things are needed ~ or indeed only one.*

*Mary has chosen what is better, & it will not be taken away from her.”*



80. MATTHEW 16:17-18 ~ NIV

*Delivery of Keys (1481-82) ~ Pierre Perugino*

*\*\*\* Located in the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City \*\*\**



*“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh & blood, but by my Father in heaven.  
And I tell you that you are Peter, & on this rock I will build my church,  
& the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*



81. MATTHEW 16:19 ~ NIV

*Christ Giving the Keys to Saint Peter (1614) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
& whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

## *The Transfiguration (1520) ~ Raphael*



*His face shone like the sun, & his clothes became as white as the light.  
Just then there appeared before them Moses & Elijah, talking with Jesus.*



83. MATTHEW 17:5 ~ NIV

*Transfiguration (1872) ~ Carl Bloch*

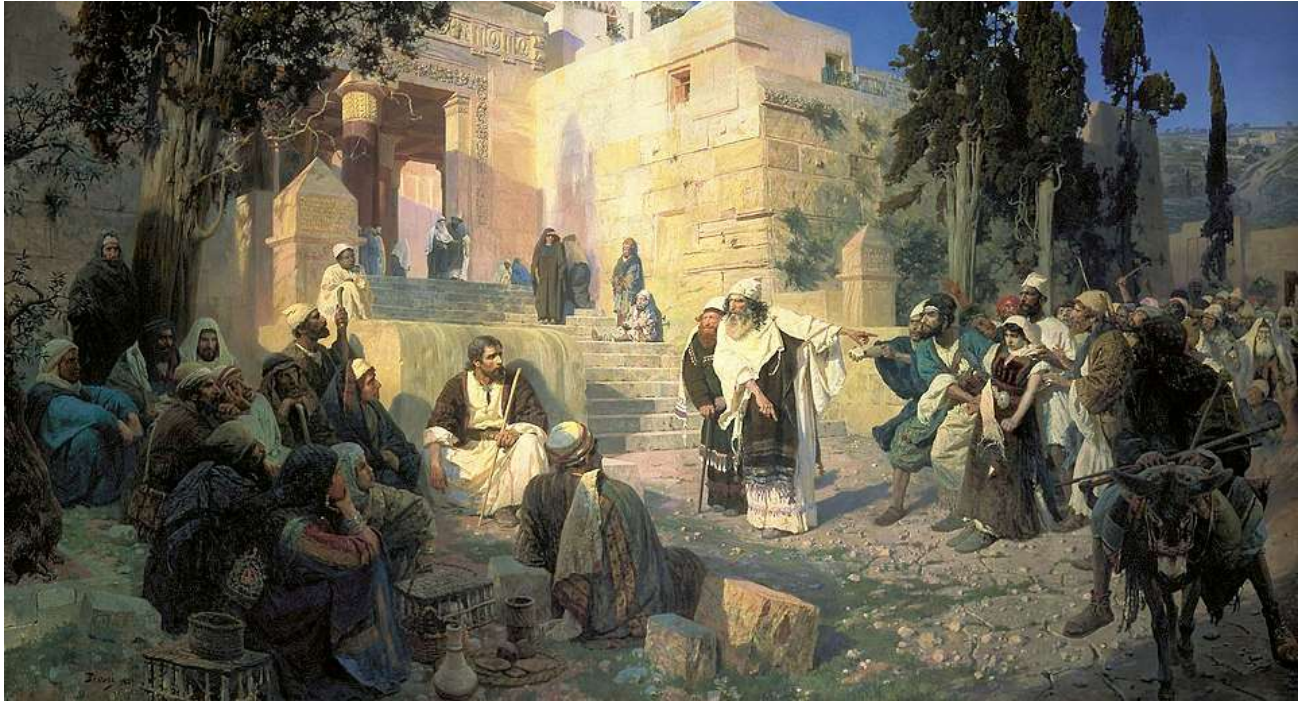


*“This is my Son, whom I love;  
with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”*



84. JOHN 8:4-5 ~ NIV

*Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery (1888) ~ Vasily Polenov*



*“Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses, commanded us to stone such women.  
Now what do you say?”*

85. JOHN 8:7 ~ NIV

*Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery (1653) ~ Nicolas Poussin*



*“Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”*



86. JOHN 8:10-11 ~ NIV

*Christ with the Woman Taken in Adultery (1621) ~ Guercino*



*“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”*

*“No one, sir,” she said.*

*“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now & leave your life of sin.”*



87. LUKE 17:13-14 ~ NIV

*Christ and the Lepers (1920) ~ Gebhard Fugel*



*“Jesus, Master,  
have pity on us!”  
When he saw them,  
he said,  
“Go, show yourselves  
to the priests.”  
And as they went,  
they were cleansed.*

88. JOHN 9:5-6 ~ NIV

*Christ Healing the Blind (1570) ~ El Greco*



*“While I am in the  
world,  
I am the light of the  
world.”*

*After saying this,  
he spit on the ground,  
made some mud  
with the saliva, & put  
it on the man’s eyes.*



89. LUKE 19:9-10 ~ NIV

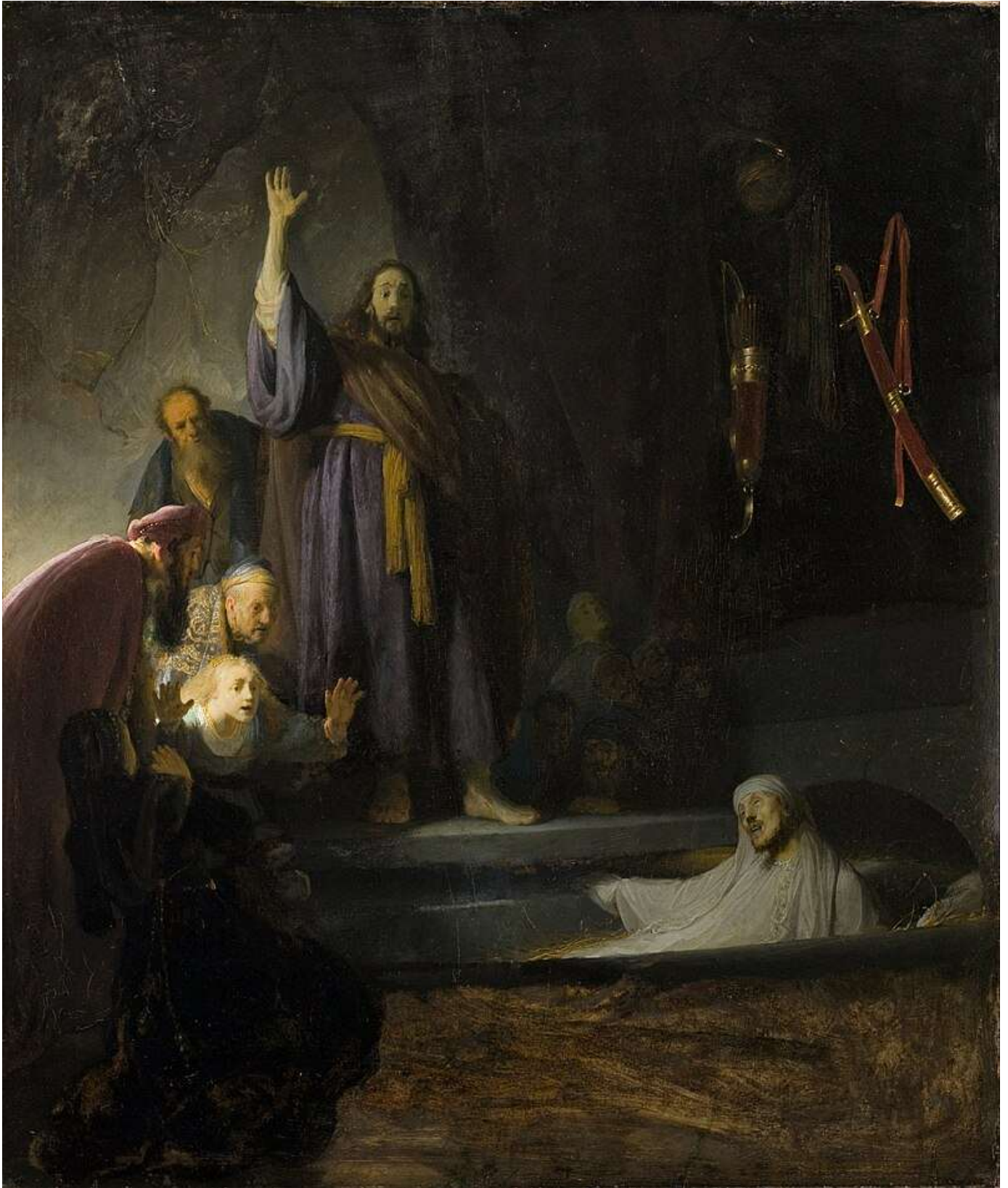
*calling of Zaccheus in a Fig Tree (1605-07) ~ Otto von Veen*



*“Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.  
For the Son of Man came to seek & to save the lost.”*

90. JOHN 11:43 ~ NIV

*The Raising of Lazarus (1630-32) ~ Rembrandt*



*Jesus called in a loud voice,  
“Lazarus, come out!”*



91. JOHN 11:25 ~ NIV

*The Raising of Lazarus (1890) ~ Vincent van Gogh; after Rembrandt*



*Jesus said to her,*

*“I am the One Who raises the dead & gives them life. Anyone who puts his trust in Me will live again, even if he dies.”*

92. JOHN 11:45-46 ~ NIV

*The Raising of Lazarus (1896) ~ Eduard von Gebhardt*



*Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, & had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.*

*But some of them went to the Pharisees & told them what Jesus had done.*

93. JOHN 11:47-48 ~ NIV

*Reconstruction of Jerusalem and the Temple of Herod (1886-94) ~ James Tissot*



*“Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him,  
& then the Romans will come & take away both our temple & our nation.”*

94. JOHN 11:49-50 ~ NIV

*Annas and Caiaphas ~ James Tissot*



*“You know nothing  
at all!  
You do not realize that  
it is better for you  
that one man die for the  
people than that the whole  
nation perish.”*



95. JOHN 12:7-8 ~ NIV

*Mary Magdalene Washing Christ's Feet or "The Anointing at Bethany" (1618-20) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*"Leave her alone," Jesus replied.*

*"It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.  
You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."*



96. LUKE 19:41 ~ NIV

*Élevé Super illam (1892) ~ Enriquer Simonet "He wept over it."*



*As he approached Jerusalem & saw the city, he wept over it*

97. LUKE 19:42 ~ NIV

*'If thou had'st known' (1885) ~ William Brassey Hole*



*"Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace!  
But now they are hidden from your eyes."*



98. MATTHEW 21:2-3 ~ NIV

*Entry of the Christ in Jerusalem (1897) ~ Jean-Léon Gérôme*



*“Go into the village in front of you, & immediately you will find a donkey tied, & a colt with her.  
Untie them & bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,  
‘The Lord needs them,’ & he will send them at once.”*

99. JOHN 12:13 ~ NIV

*The Procession in the Streets of Jerusalem (1886-94) ~ James Tissot*



*“Hosanna!”*

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*“Blessed is the king of Israel!”*



**100. MATTHEW 21:12 ~ NIV**

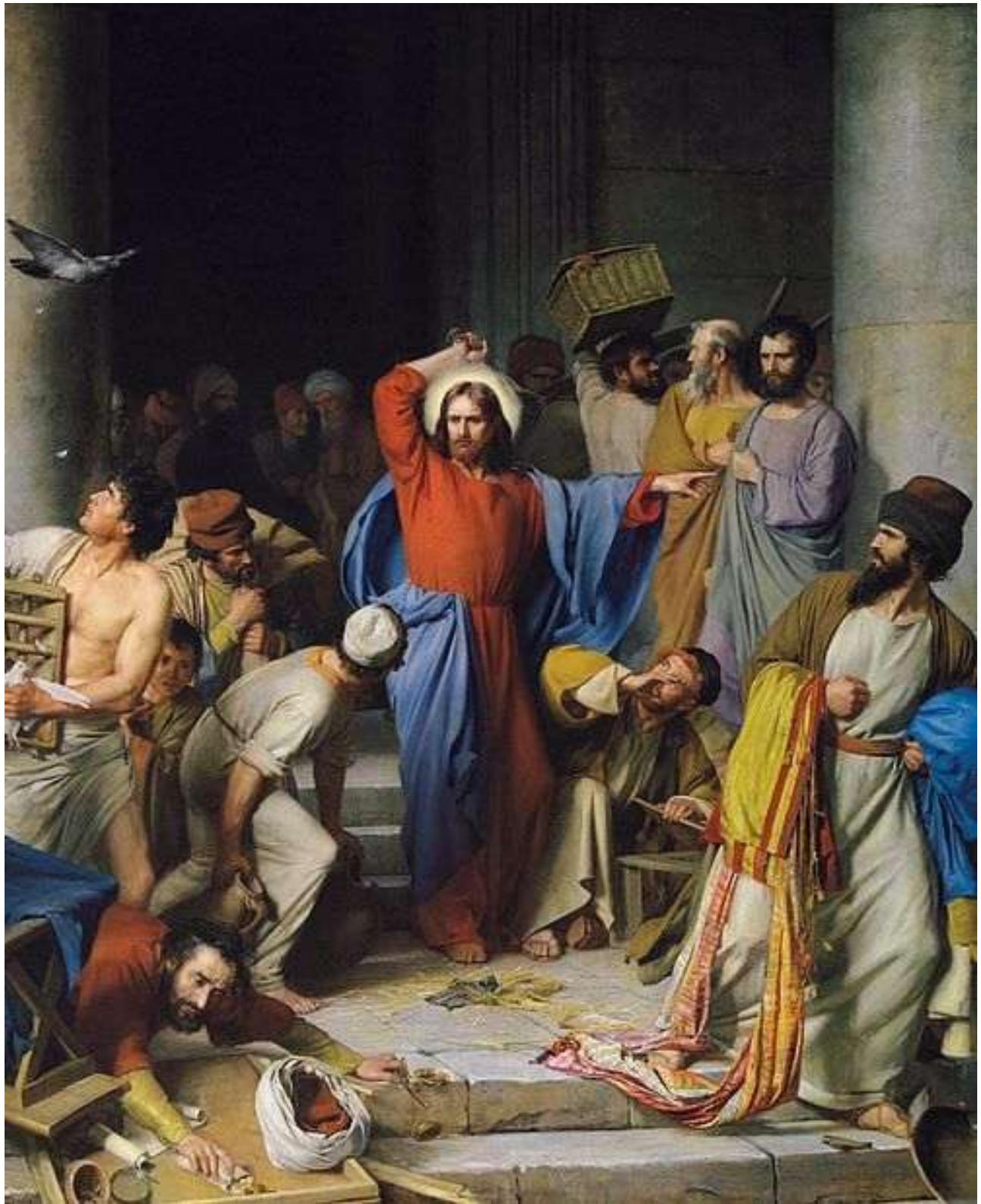
*Christ Driving the Money-Changers from the Temple (1650) ~ Theodoor Rombouts*



*Then Jesus entered the temple & drove out all who were selling & buying in the temple,  
& he overturned the tables of the money changers & the seats of those who sold doves.*

101. LUKE 19:46 ~ NIV

*Jesus Casting the Money Changers out of the Temple (1874) ~ Carl Bloch*



*"My house shall be called a house of prayer,  
but you are making it a den of robbers."*



102. LUKE 21:3-4 ~ NIV

*The Widow's Mite (1886-94) ~ James Tissot*



*“Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;  
for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God,  
but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”*



103. MATTHEW 26:15-16 ~ NIV

*The Payment of Judas (1915) ~ (manner of) Gerard Seghers*



*They promised to pay him thirty pieces of silver.*

*From that time on Judas looked for a way to hand Jesus over to them.*



104. JOHN 13:8-9 ~ NIV

*Jesus Washing Peter's Feet (1876) ~ Ford Madox Brown*



*"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."*

*Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."*

*"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands & my head as well!"*

105. MATTHEW 26:26 ~ NIV

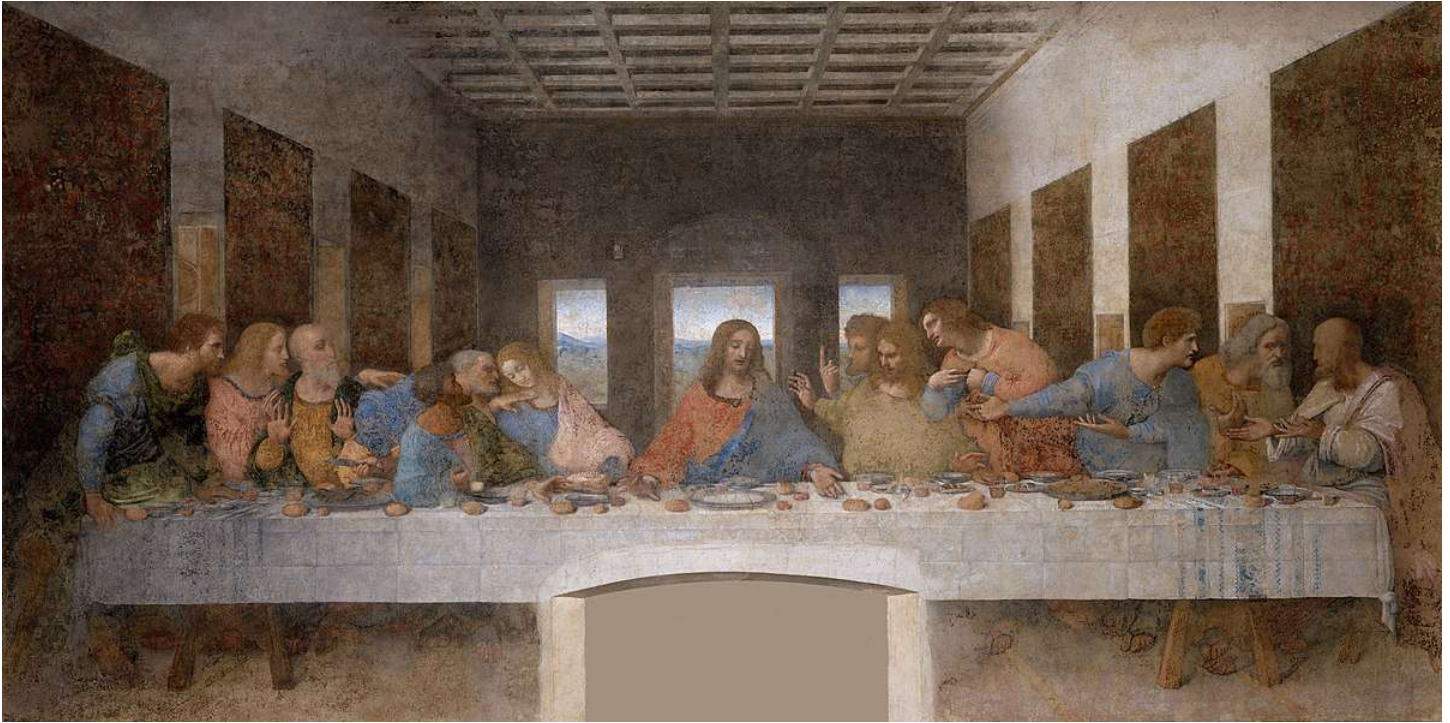
*The Last Supper (1592-94) ~ Jacopo Tintoretto*



*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, & when he had given thanks, he broke it & gave it to his disciples, saying,*  
*“Take & eat; this is my body.”*



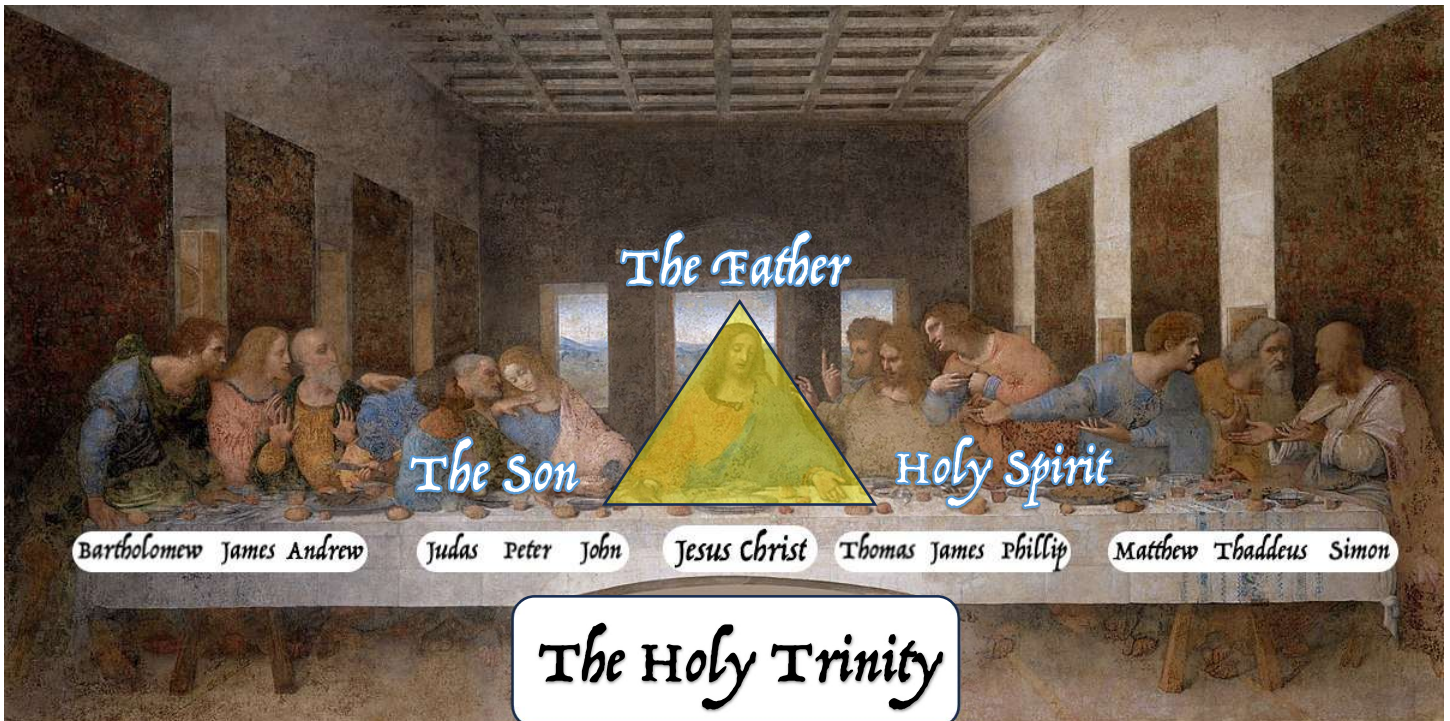
## The Last Supper (1498) ~ Leonardo da Vinci



*"Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."*

*They were very sad & began to say to him one after the other,*

*"Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"*



\*\*\* The disciples sit in threes. Peter is holding a knife hoping to find the traitor. Judas is about to dip bread in the same dish as Jesus while clutching his bag of silver. Finally, Judas has also spilled the salt, an ominous omen of bad luck to waste a valued spice. \*\*\*



107. JOHN 13:26-27 ~ NIV

*Last Supper* (1863) ~ Nikolai Ge



*Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.*

*As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.*

*So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly."*



**108. LUKE 22:37 ~ NIV**

*Christ & the Disciples Going out into the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper (1888) ~ Nikolai Ge*



*"'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; & I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me."*

109. MATTHEW 26:41 ~ NIV

*Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane or "Agony in the Garden" (1890) ~ Heinrich Hofmann*



*"Watch & pray so that you will not fall into temptation.  
The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*



111. MATTHEW 26:40-41 ~ NIV

*The Sleeping Disciples (1923) ~ Henry Ossawa Tanner*

*“Were you not able to watch  
with Me one hour? Watch & pray  
so that you will not be tempted.  
Man’s spirit is willing, but the body  
does not have the power to do it.”*



110. LUKE 22:42 ~ NIV

*Christ in Gethsemane (1878) ~ Vasily Perov*



*“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”*

**112. LUKE 22:43 ~ NIV**

*An Angel Comforting Jesus before His Arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane (1873) ~ Carl Bloch*



*An angel from heaven appeared to him & strengthened him.*



113. MARK 14:41-42 ~ NIV

*In the Garden* (1869-80) ~ Nikolai Ge



*The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.*

*Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"*

114. LUKE 22:48 ~ NIV

*The Taking of Christ (1602) ~ Caravaggio*



*“Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”*



115. JOHN 18:10 ~ NIV

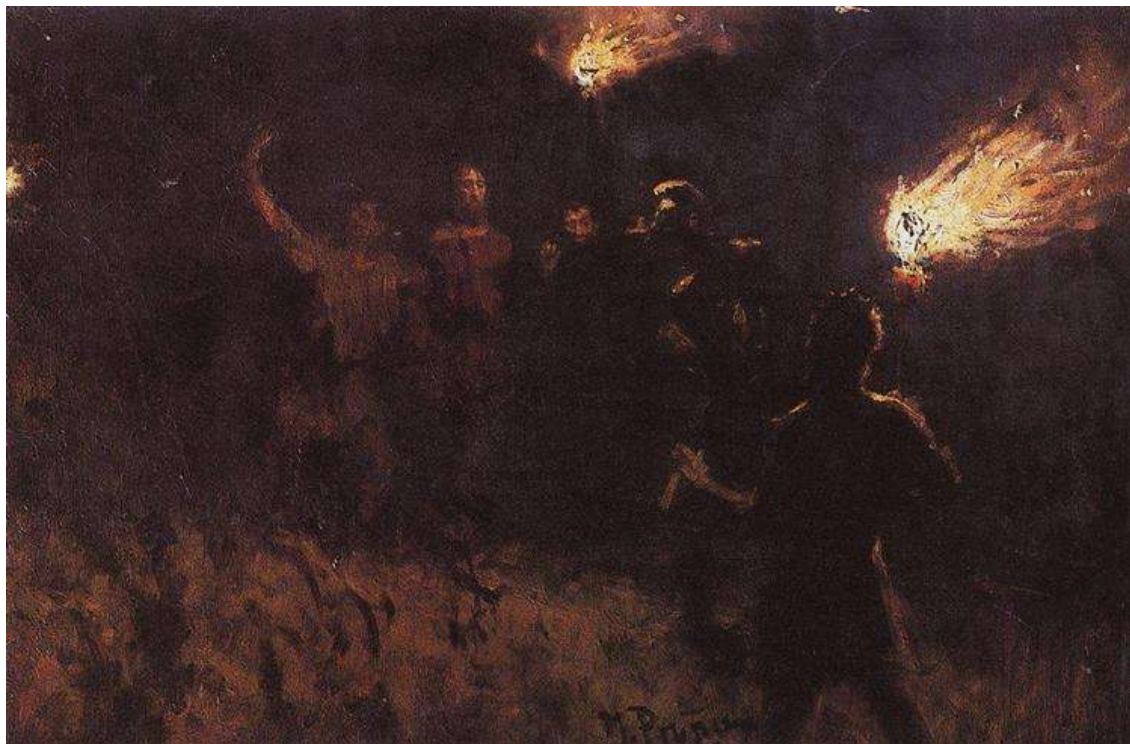
*The Taking of Christ with the Malchus Episode (1620) ~ Gérard Douffet*



*Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it & struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear.*

116. LUKE 22:53 ~ NIV

*Taking Christ into Custody (1886) ~ Ilya Repin*



*"Every day I was with you in the temple courts, & you did not lay a hand on me.  
But this is your hour ~ when darkness reigns."*

117. MATTHEW 26:56 ~ NIV

*Conscience* (1891) ~ Nikolai Ge



*Then all the disciples deserted him & fled.*



118. JOHN 18:14 ~ NIV

*Christ before Caiaphas (1633) ~ Mattias Stom*



*Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.*

119. LUKE 22:56-57 ~ NIV

*The Denial of Saint Peter (1610) ~ Caravaggio*



*A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him & said, "This man was with him." But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.*

120. LUKE 22:58 ~ NIV

*Denial of St. Peter (1620-25) ~ Gerard Seghers*



*A little later someone else saw him & said,*

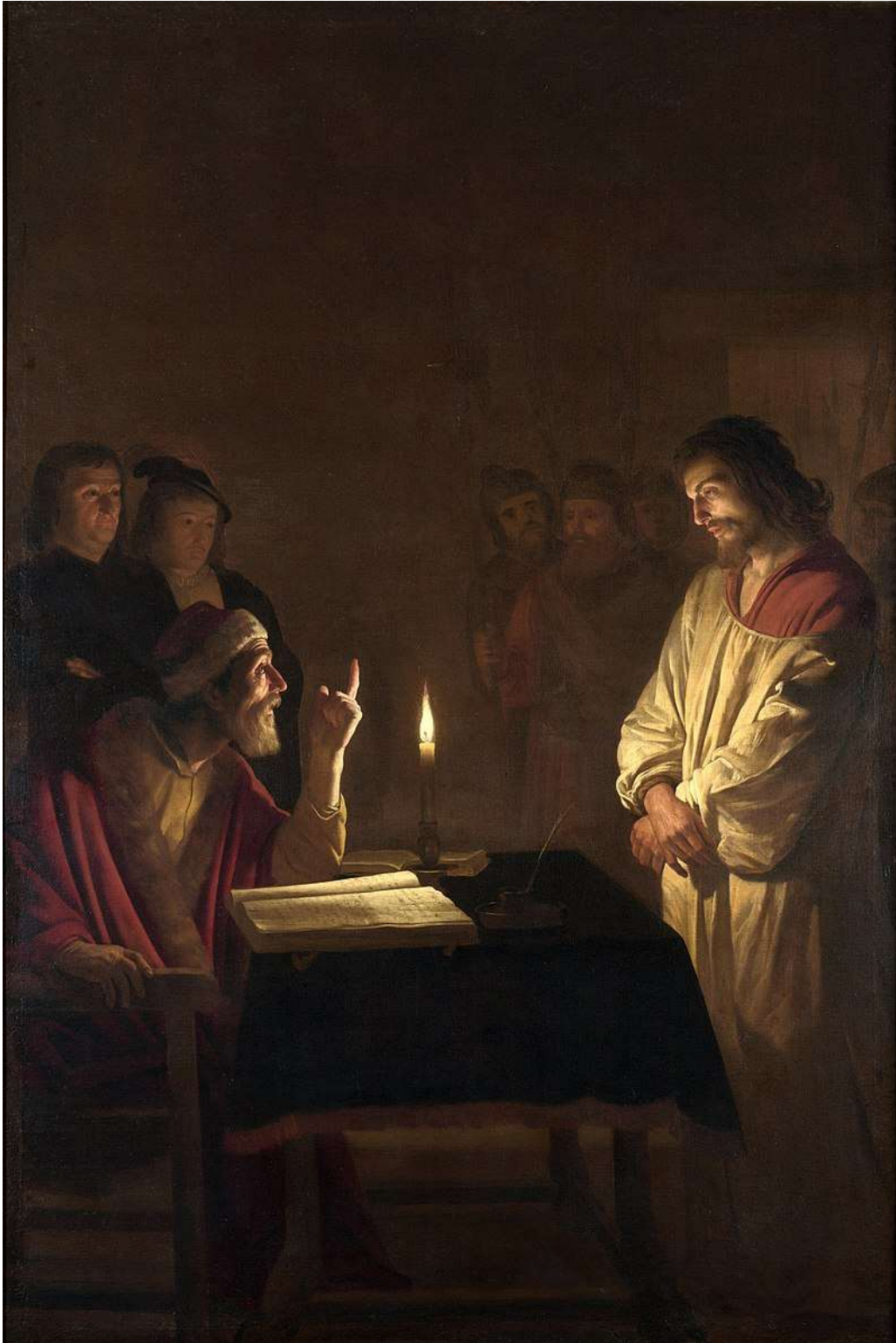
*“You also are one of them.”*

*“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.*



121. MARK 14:61-62 ~ NIV

*Christ before the High Priest (1617) ~ Gerard van Honthorst*



*“Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”*

*“I am,” said Jesus.*

*“And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One & coming on the clouds of heaven.”*

122. LUKE 22:61 ~ NIV

*Peter's Denial (1866) ~ Carl Bloch*



*The Lord turned & looked straight at Peter.*

*Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him:*

*“Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.”*



123. LUKE 22:62 ~ NIV

*Tears of St. Peter (1585) ~ El Greco*



*And he went outside & wept bitterly.*

124. LUKE 22:63-64 ~ NIV

*Judgment of the Sanhedrin (1892) ~ Nikolai Ge*



*The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking & beating him. They blindfolded him & demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?"*

125. MATTHEW 27:4 ~ NIV

*Judas Returning the Thirty Silver Pieces (1629) ~ Rembrandt*



*"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."  
"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."*



126. MATTHEW 27:11 ~ NIV

*Christ Before Pilate (1882) ~ Mihály Munkácsy*



*So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"*

*"You have said so," Jesus replied.*

127. LUKE 23:8 ~ NIV

*Christ before Herod (1509) ~ Albrecht Durer*

*When Herod saw Jesus,  
he was greatly pleased,  
because for a long time he had  
been wanting to see him.  
From what he had heard about him,  
he hoped to see him perform  
a sign of some sort.*





128. JOHN 19:1 ~ NIV

*Christ at the Column (1607) ~ Caravaggio*

*Then Pilate  
took Jesus &  
had him flogged.*



129. ISAIAH 52:14 ~ NIV

*The Flagellation of Christ (1611) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*"Just as there were many  
who were appalled at him ~  
his appearance was so disfigured  
beyond that of any human being  
& his form marred beyond  
human likeness"*



*Flagellation of Our Lord (1880) ~ William Bouguereau*



*“But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
& by his wounds we are healed.”*

131. MATTHEW 27:28-29 ~ NIV

*The Crowning with Thorns (1602-07) ~ Caravaggio*



*They stripped him & put a scarlet robe on him, & then twisted together a crown of thorns & set it on his head.*

132. MATTHEW 27:29 ~ NIV

*Mocking of Christ (1617) ~ Gerard van Honthorst*



*They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him & mocked him.*



133. MATTHEW 27:29 ~ NIV

*The Mocking of Christ (1880) ~ Carl Bloch*



“Hail,  
king of the Jews!”

134. JOHN 18:37-38 ~ NIV

*What is Truth? Christ and Pilate (1890) ~ Nikolai Ge*



*Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king.*

*In fact, the reason I was born & came into the world is to testify to the truth.*

*Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*

*"What is truth?" retorted Pilate.*



135. JOHN 19:5 ~ NIV

*Ecce Homo* (1871) ~ Antonio Ciseri



*When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns & the purple robe,*

*Pilate said to them,*

***“Here is the man!”***



136. JOHN 19:6 ~ NIV

*Ecce Homo* (1605) ~ Caravaggio



*As soon as the chief priests & their officials saw him, they shouted,  
"Crucify! Crucify!"*



137. JOHN 19:10-11 ~ NIV

*Ecce Homo* (1896) ~ Mihály Munkácsy



*"Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"*

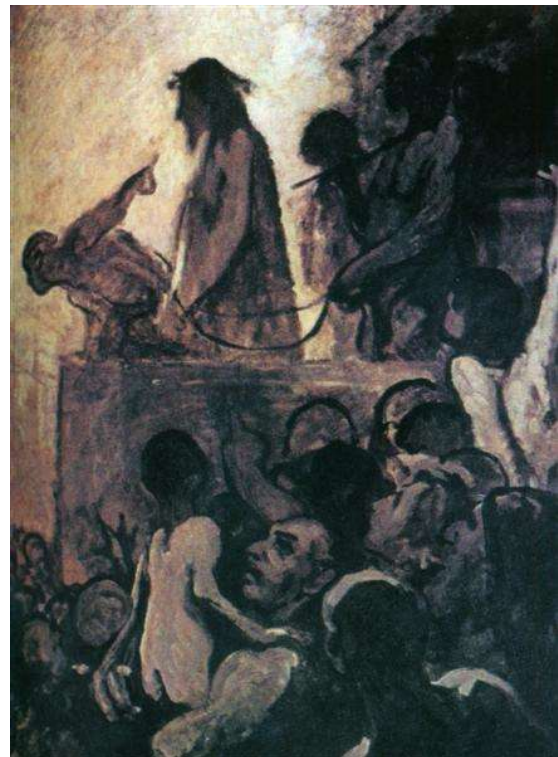
*Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."*

138. LUKE 23:18-19 ~ NIV

*We Want Barabbas* (1842-52) ~ Honoré Daumier

*But they all cried out together,  
"Away with this man, & release to us  
Barab'bas" ~*

*a man who had been thrown into prison  
for an insurrection started in the city,  
& for murder.*





139. MATTHEW 27:19 ~ NIV

*The Dream of Pilate's Wife (1879) ~ Alphonse François*



*While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message:*

140. MATTHEW 27:19 ~ NIV

*The Dream of Pilate's wife, Claudia Procula (1854-1916) ~ Erulo Erolì*



*“Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”*



141. MATTHEW 27:24 ~ NIV

*Pilate Washing his Hands* (1663) ~ Mattia Preti



*When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting,  
he took water & washed his hands in front of the crowd.*

*“I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”*

142. LUKE 23:20-21 ~ NIV

*Christ Leaving the Praetorium (1867-72) ~ Gustave Doré*



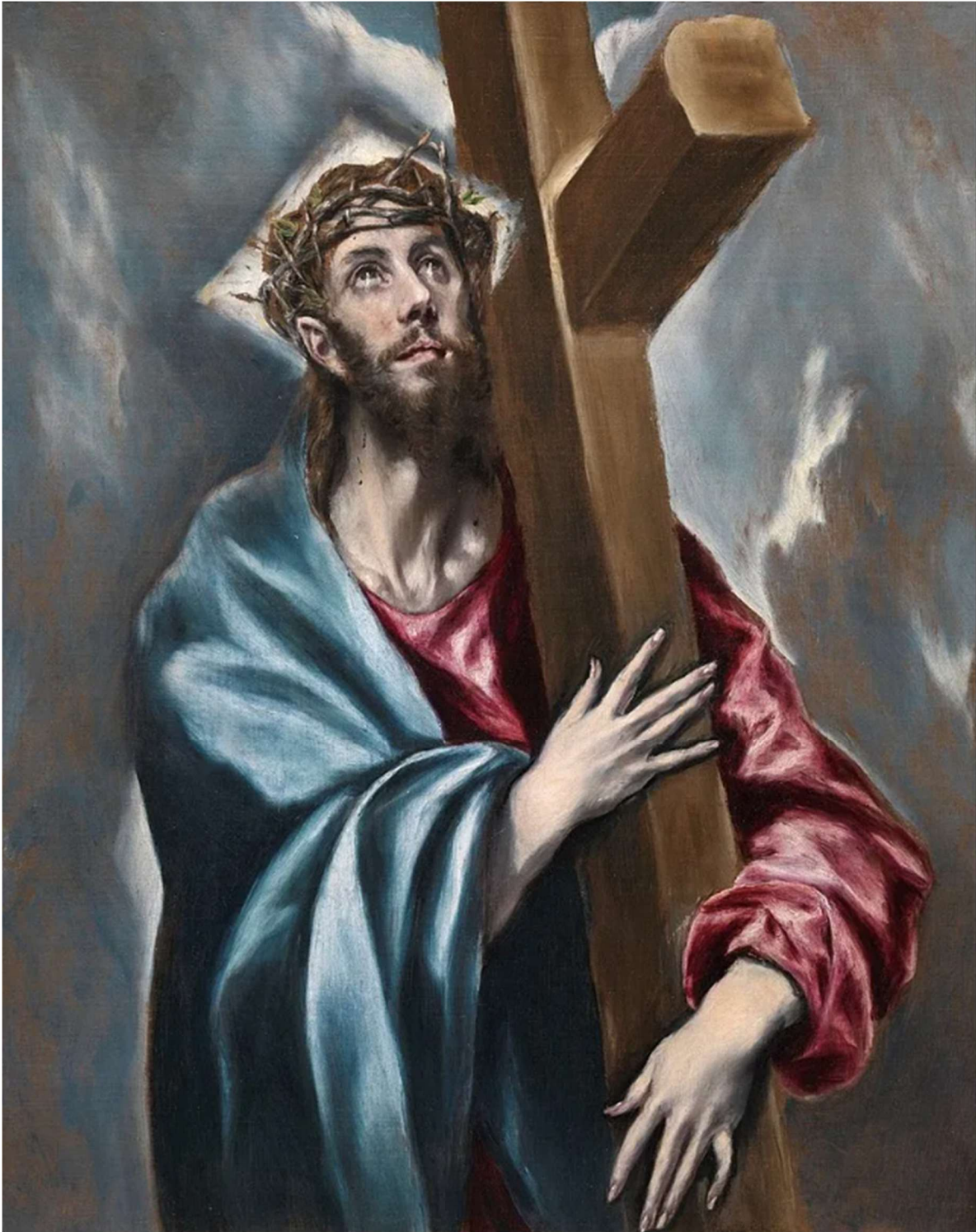
*Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus; but they shouted out,  
“crucify, crucify him!”*



143. LUKE 23:31 ~ NIV

*Christ carrying the Cross (1580) ~ El Greco*

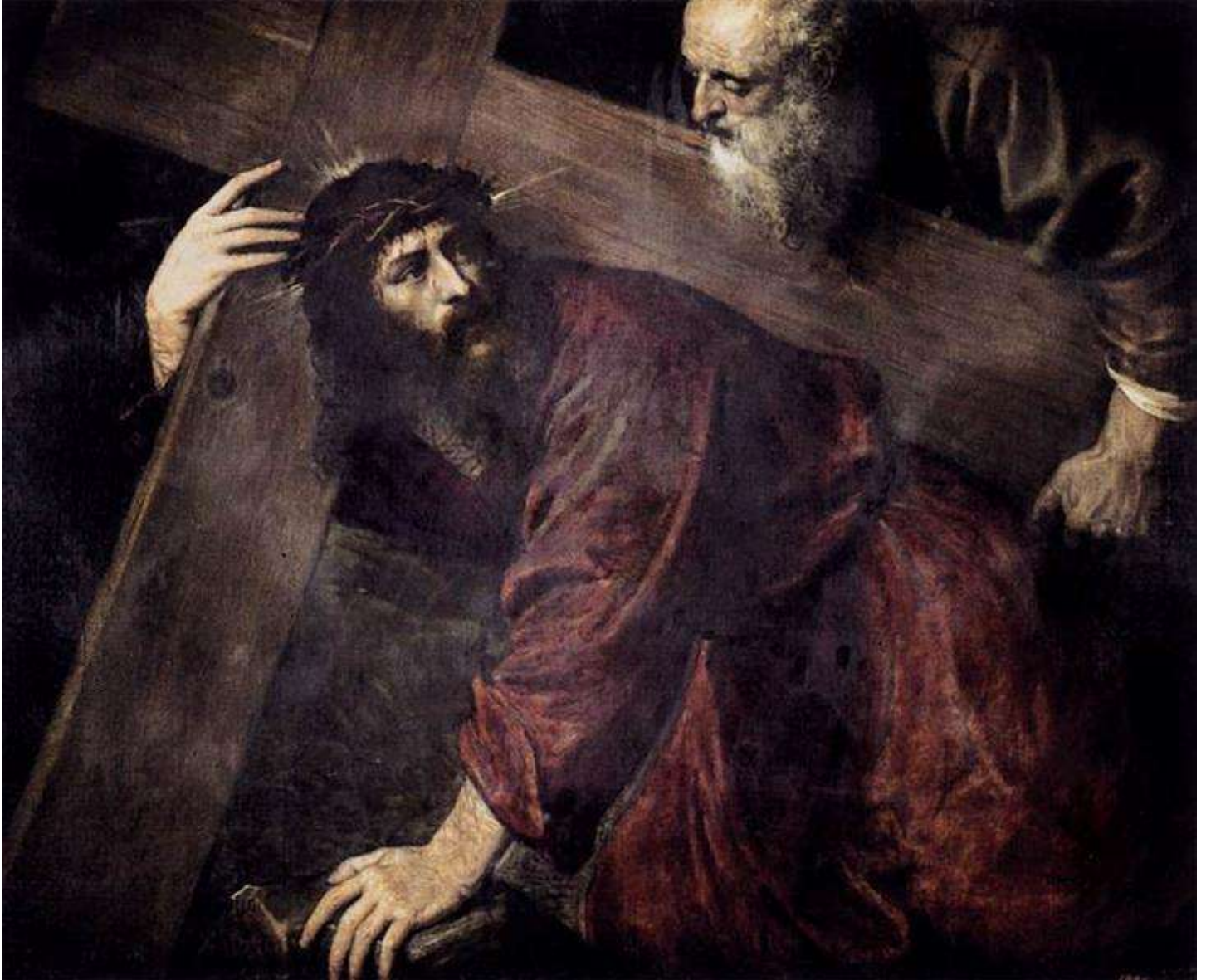
\*\*\* Featured several times in this book, El Greco or "The Greek" was just a pseudonym for Doménikos Theotokópoulos. He was a Greek artist, sculptor, & architect who made his mark during the Spanish Renaissance in Toledo, Spain. \*\*\*



*"For if they do this when the wood is green,  
what will happen when it is dry?"*

144. LUKE 23:26 ~ NIV

*Christ carrying the cross (1505) ~ Titian*



*And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene,  
who was coming in from the country, & laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.*



145. LUKE 23:27 ~ NIV

*Christ carrying the Cross (1684) ~ Pierre Mignard*



*And there followed him a great multitude of the people, & of women who bewailed & lamented him.*

**146. LUKE 23:32 ~ NIV**

*The Ascent to Calvary (1565-67) ~ Tintoretto*

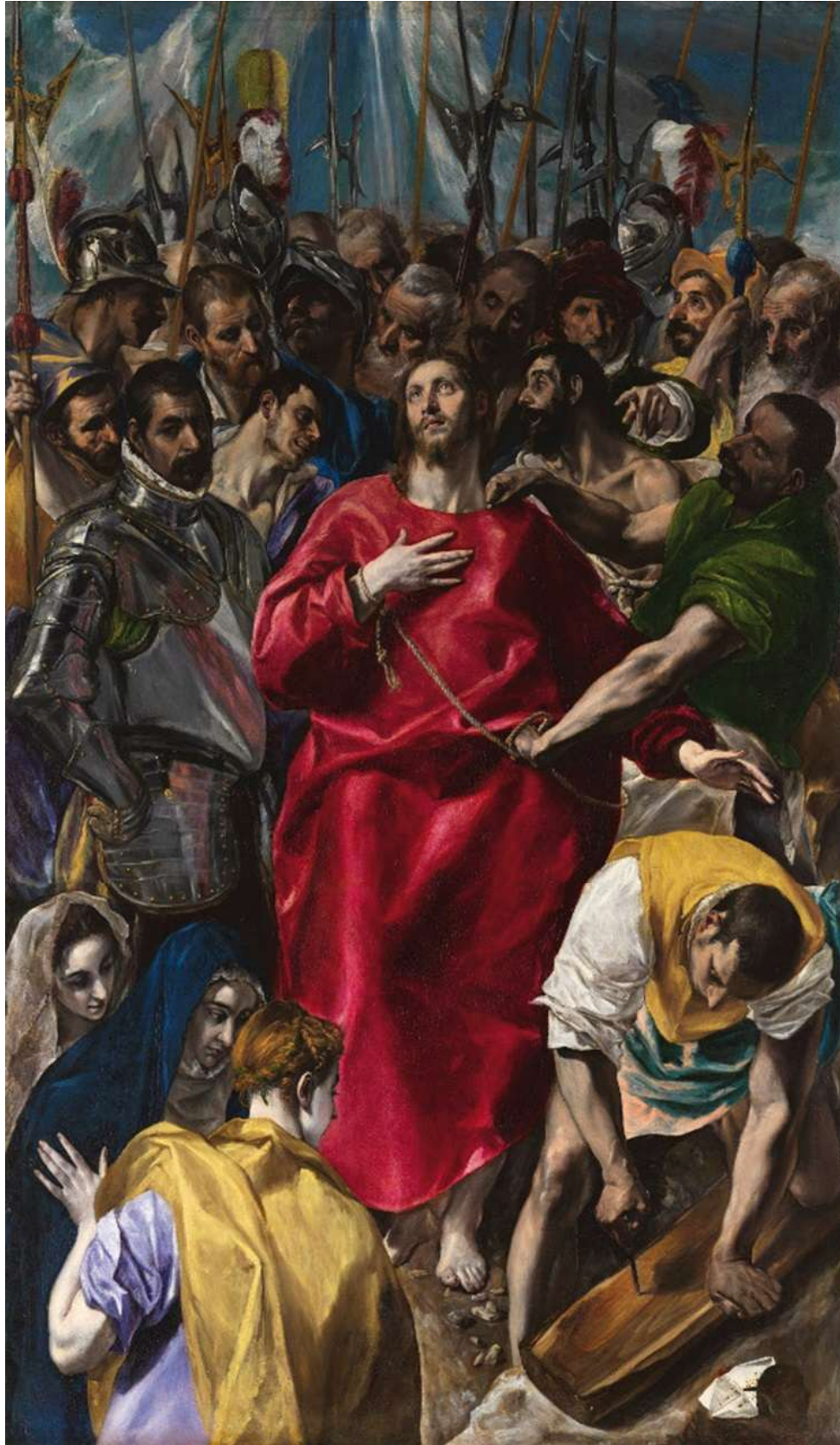


*Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.*



147. LUKE 23:33 ~ NIV

*The Disrobing of Christ (1577-79) ~ El Greco*

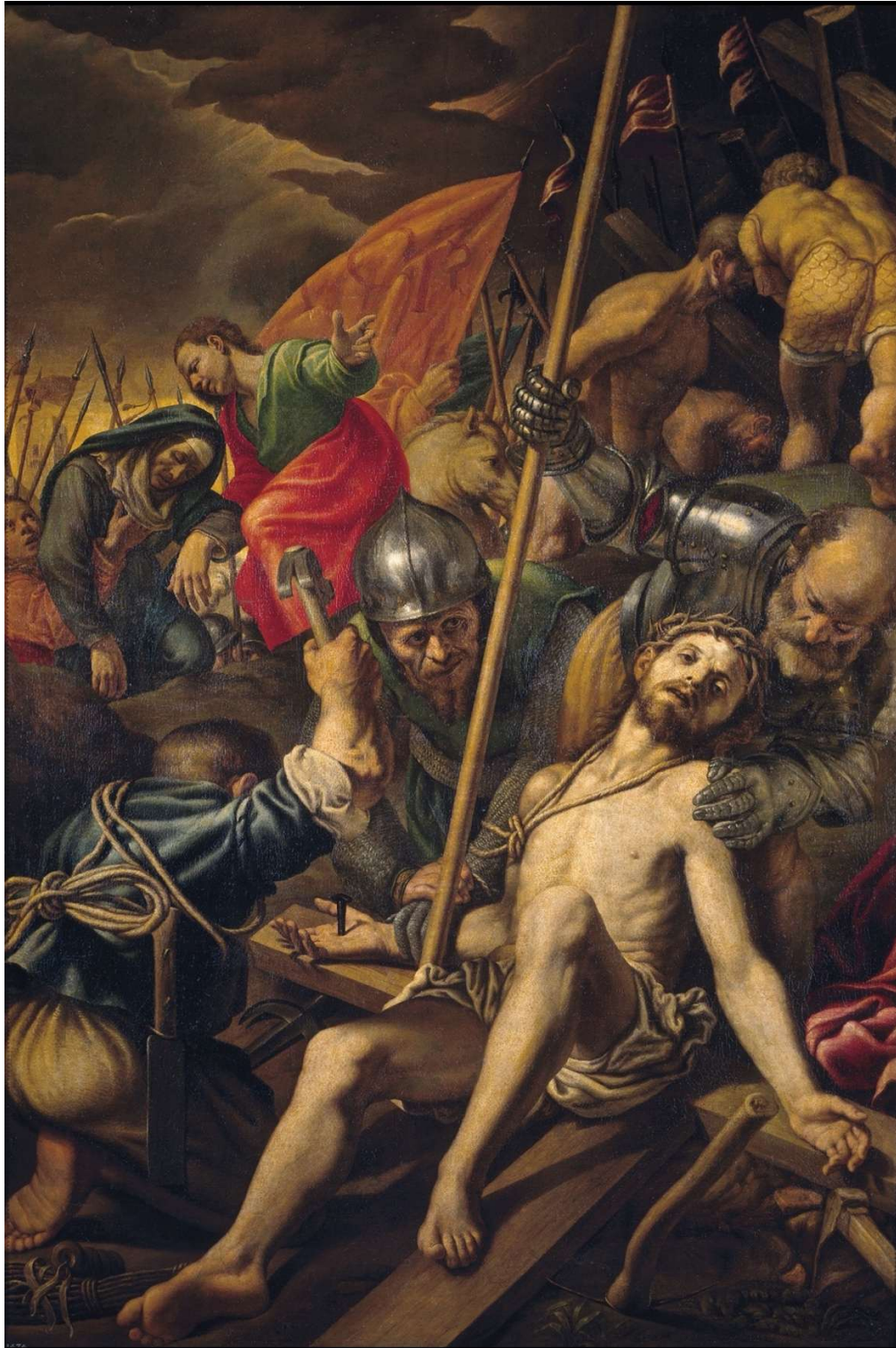


*When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there,  
along with the criminals ~ one on his right, the other on his left.*



148. PSALM 22:16 ~ NIV

*Christ nailed to the cross (1575) ~ Vincenzo Campi*



*Dogs surround me,  
a pack of villains encircles me;  
they pierce my hands & my feet.*



149. I PETER 2:24 ~ NIV

*Elevation of the Cross (1610) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross,  
so that we might die to sins & live for righteousness;*

150. I PETER 2:24 ~ NIV

*Crucifixion (1565) ~ Tintoretto*



*“by his wounds you have been healed.”*



151. ZECHARIAH 12:10 ~ NIV

*What Our Lord Saw from the Cross (1886-94) ~ James Tissot*

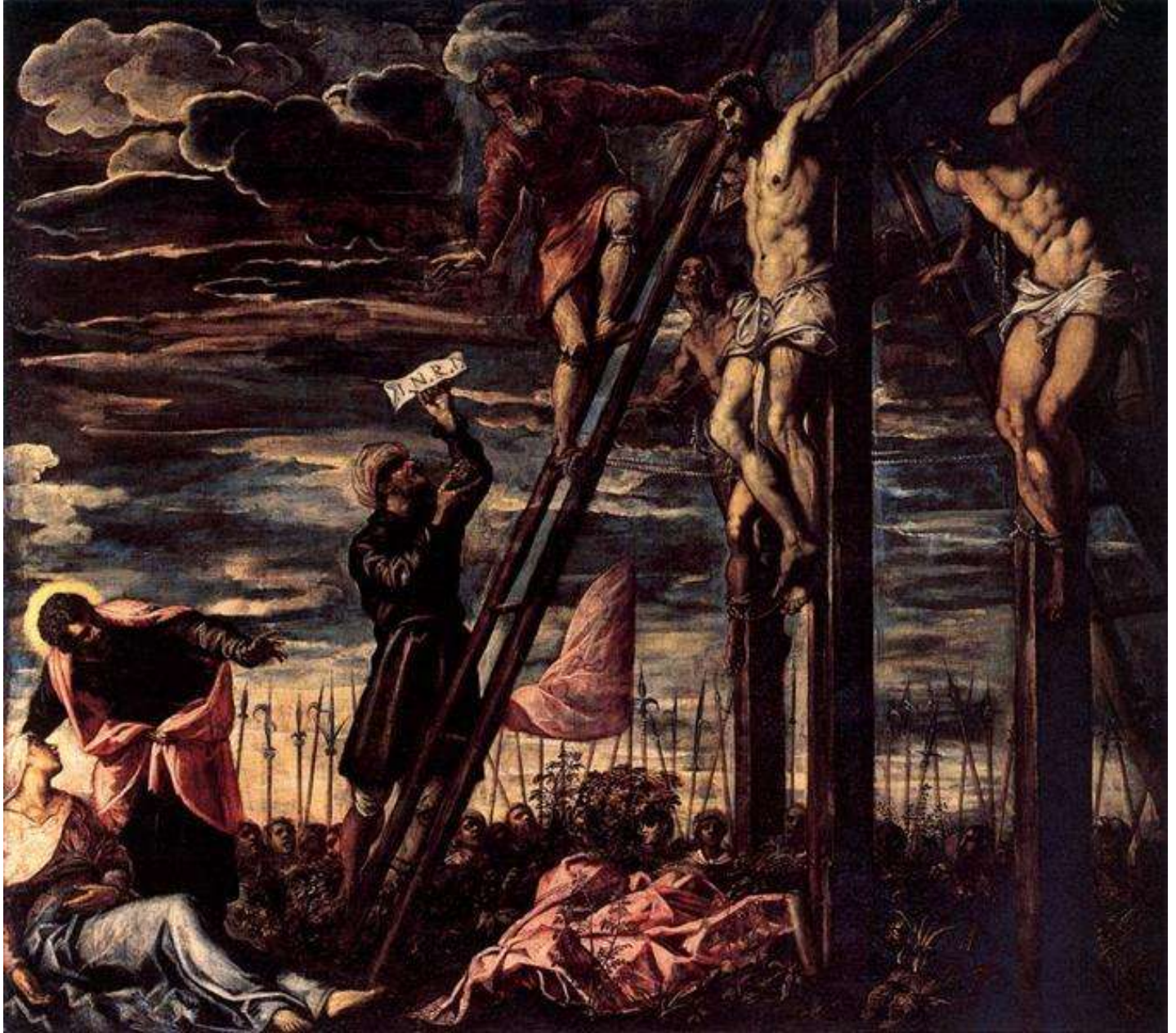


*They will look on me, the one they have pierced, & they will mourn for him  
as one mourns for an only child, & grieve bitterly for him  
as one grieves for a firstborn son.*



152. JOHN 19:19 ~ NIV

*The Crucifixion of Christ (1568) ~ Tintoretto*



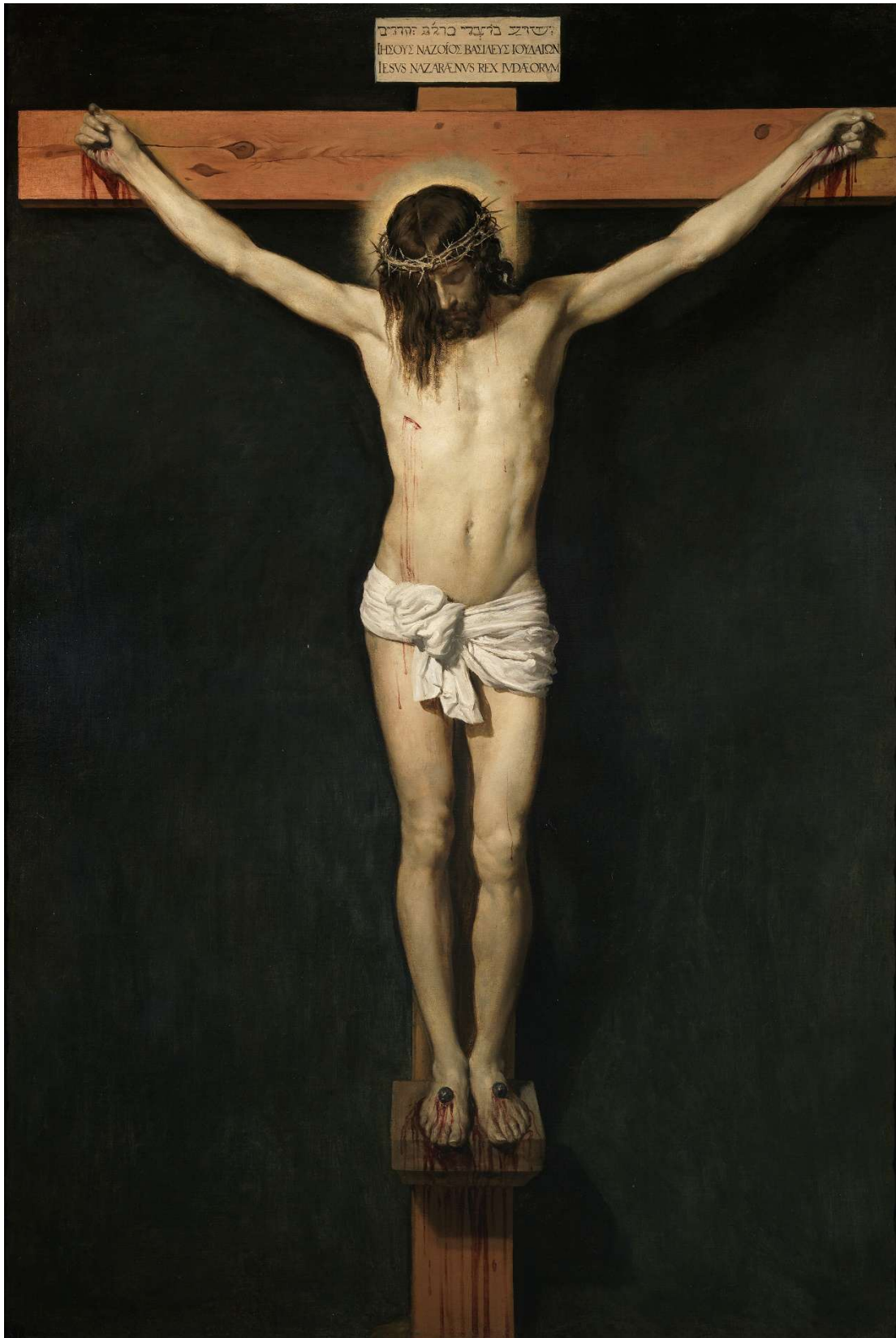
*Pilate had a notice prepared & fastened to the cross.*

*It read:*

**JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

153. JOHN 19:20 ~ NIV

*Christ Crucified (1632) ~ Diego Velázquez*



*Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, & the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin & Greek.*



154. MATTHEW 27:5 ~ NIV

*The Remorse of Judas (1880) ~ Almeida Júnior*



*So Judas threw the money into the temple & left. Then he went away & hanged himself.*

155. JOHN 19:21 ~ NIV

Crucifixion (1558) ~ Titian

\*\*\* INRI, above the cross is "Iesus Nazareus Rex Iudaeorum", Latin for "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". \*\*\*



*The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate,  
"Do not write 'The King of the Jews,'*



156. JOHN 19:22 ~ NIV

*Christ on the Cross (1627) ~ Francisco de Zurbarán*



*Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."*

## 157. *Christ of Saint John of the Cross* (1951) ~ Salvador Dalí

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*St. John of the Cross*  
(1550)



*Zurbarán*  
(1656)

\*\*\* Dalí's inspiration for an atypical perspective arose from a sketch of Jesus he admired in a local Spanish church. The sketch (left) was drawn by St. John of the Cross (right), a famous Catholic friar & Saint. \*\*\*



158. JOHN 19:24 ~ NIV

*'For My Vestments They did Cast Lots' (1895) ~ Charles Martin Hardie*



*“They divided my clothes among them & cast lots for my garment.”*

159. LUKE 23:42-43 ~ NIV

*Christ and the Good Thief (1566) ~ Titian*

*Then he said,  
“Jesus, remember me when you  
come into your kingdom.”*

*Jesus answered him,  
“Truly I tell you,  
today you will be with me in  
paradise.”*



160. JOHN 19:26-27 ~ NIV

*Woman, Behold Thy Son (1886-94) ~ James Tissot*



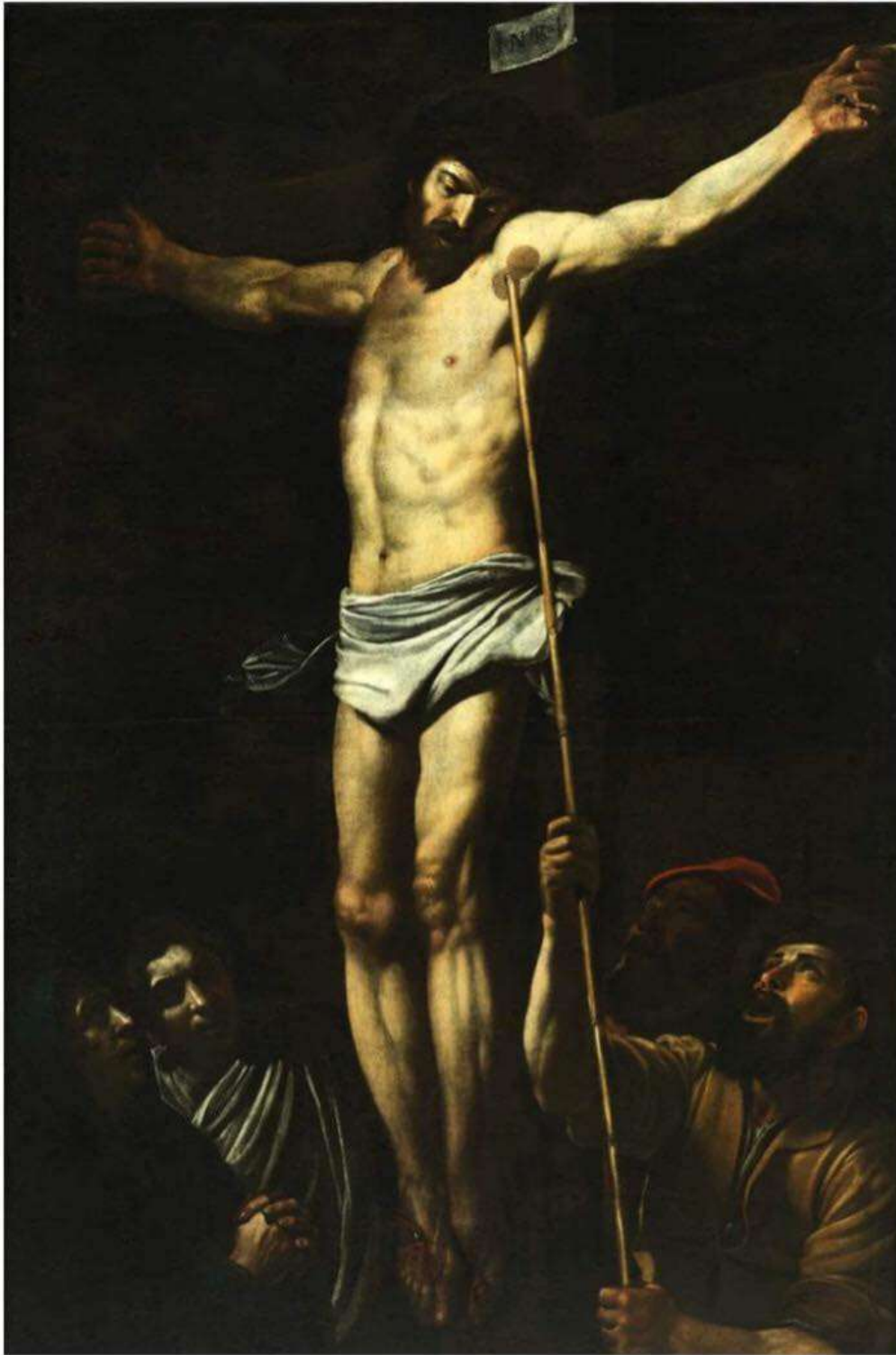
*When Jesus saw his mother there, & the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her,  
“Woman, here is your son,” & to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”*



161. JOHN 19:28-29 ~ NIV

CRUCIFIXION (1600-10) ~ Battistello Caracciolo

*(Christ receives the "Sacred Sponge" soaked in vinegar or sour wine)*



*“I am thirsty.”*

*A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it,  
put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, & lifted it to Jesus' lips.*

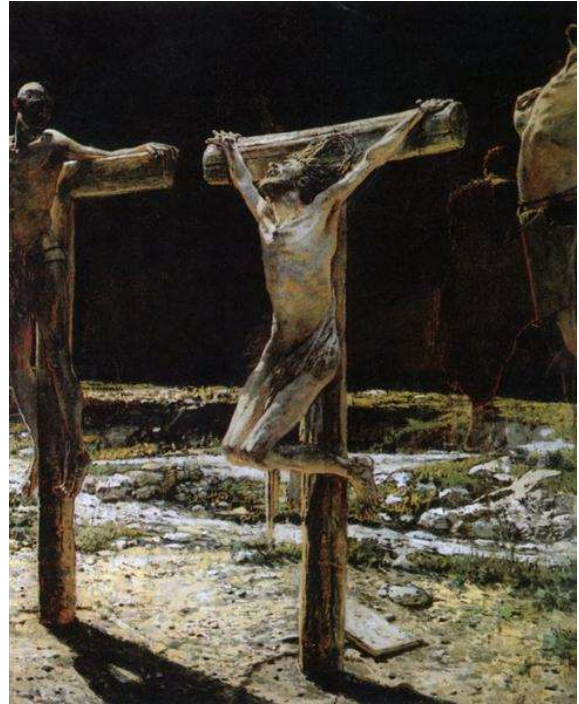
162. MATTHEW 27:46 ~ NIV

*Golgotha (1894) ~ Nikolai Ge*

*“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”*

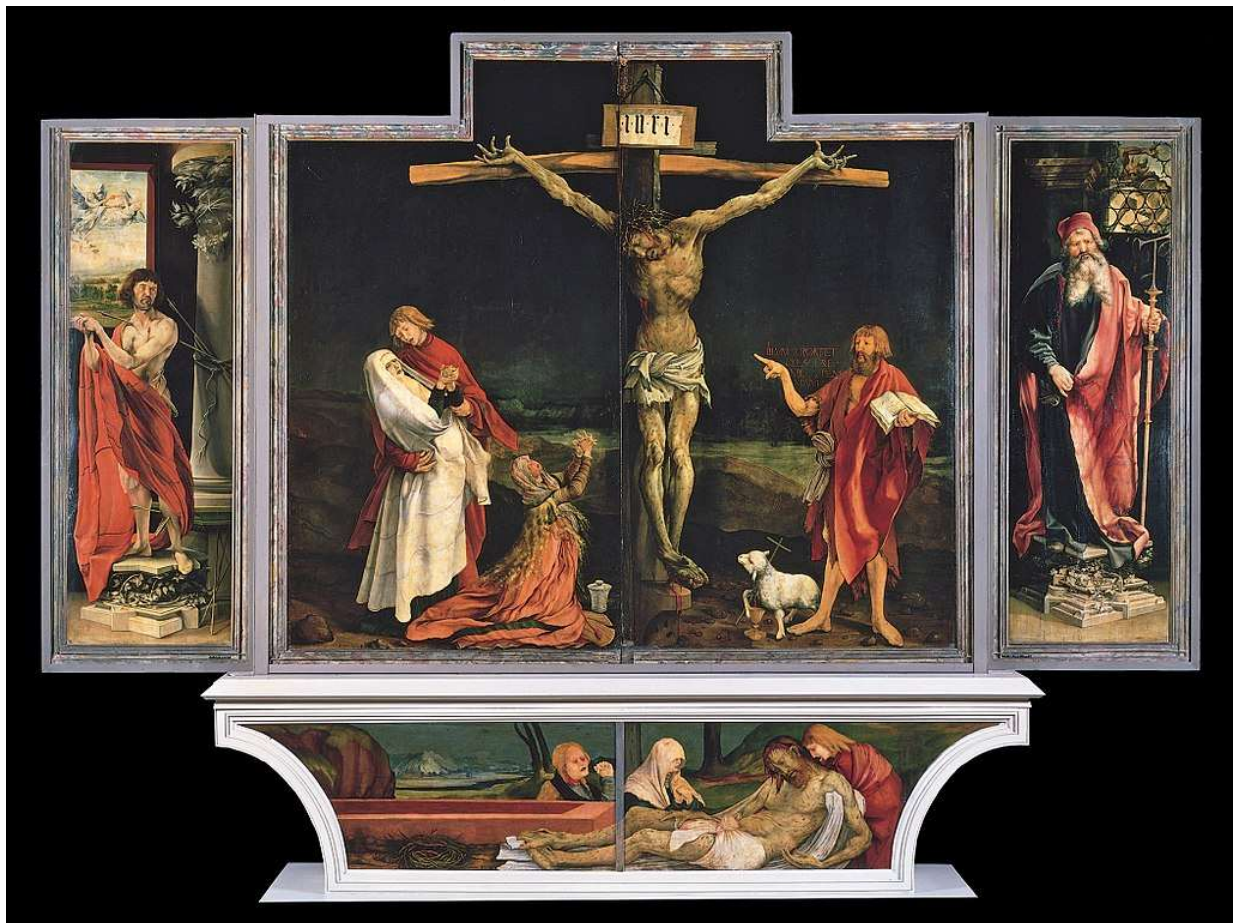
*which means*

*“My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?”*



163. THE GOSPELS

*The Isenheim Altarpiece (1512-16) ~ Matthias Grünewald*



\*\*\* The last hours Jesus' life are often referred to as The Passion, from the Latin word 'patior' which means to suffer or endure. \*\*\*



164. JOHN 19:30 ~ NIV

*The Last Sigh of Christ (1840) ~ Julien-Michel Gué*

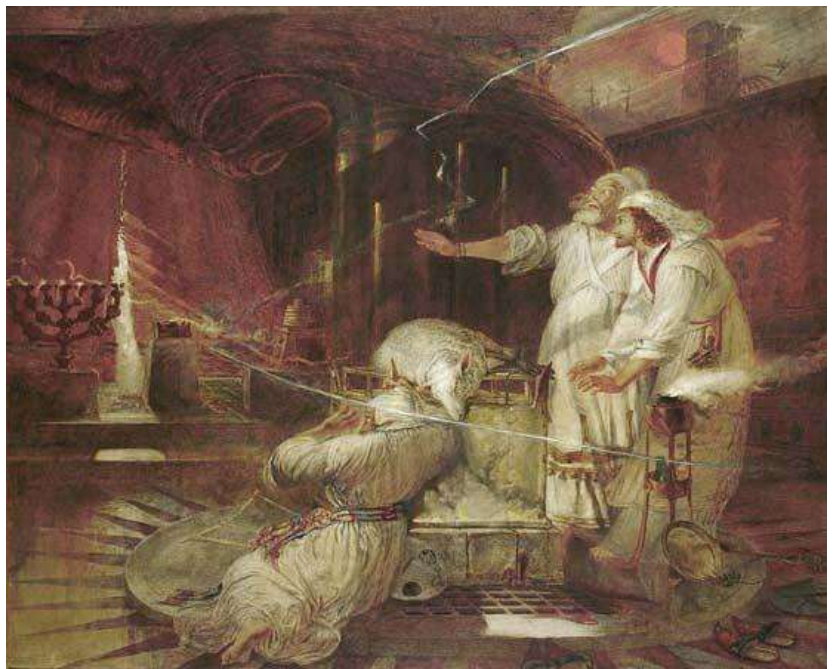


*“It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head & gave up his spirit.*

165. LUKE 23:44-45 ~ NIV

*Rending of the Veil (1869) ~ William Bell Scott*

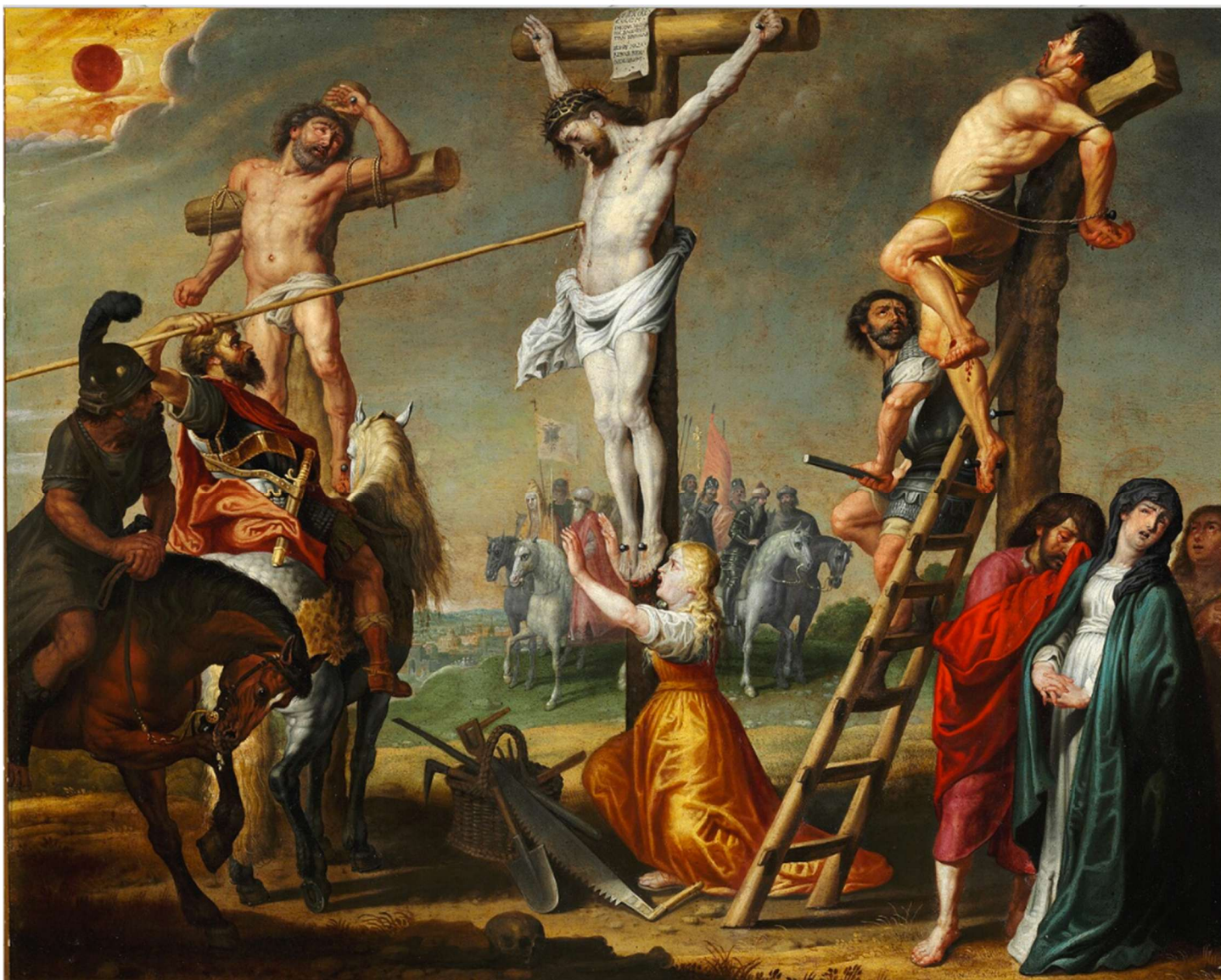
*It was now about noon, &  
darkness came over the whole  
land until three in the afternoon,  
for the sun stopped shining.  
And the curtain of the temple  
was torn in two.*





166. JOHN 19:33-34 ~ NIV

*Longinus Piercing Christ's Side with a Spear (1626-67) ~ Gerard de la Vallée*



*But when they came to Jesus & found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.  
Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear,  
bringing a sudden flow of blood & water.*



167. JOHN 19:38 ~ NIV

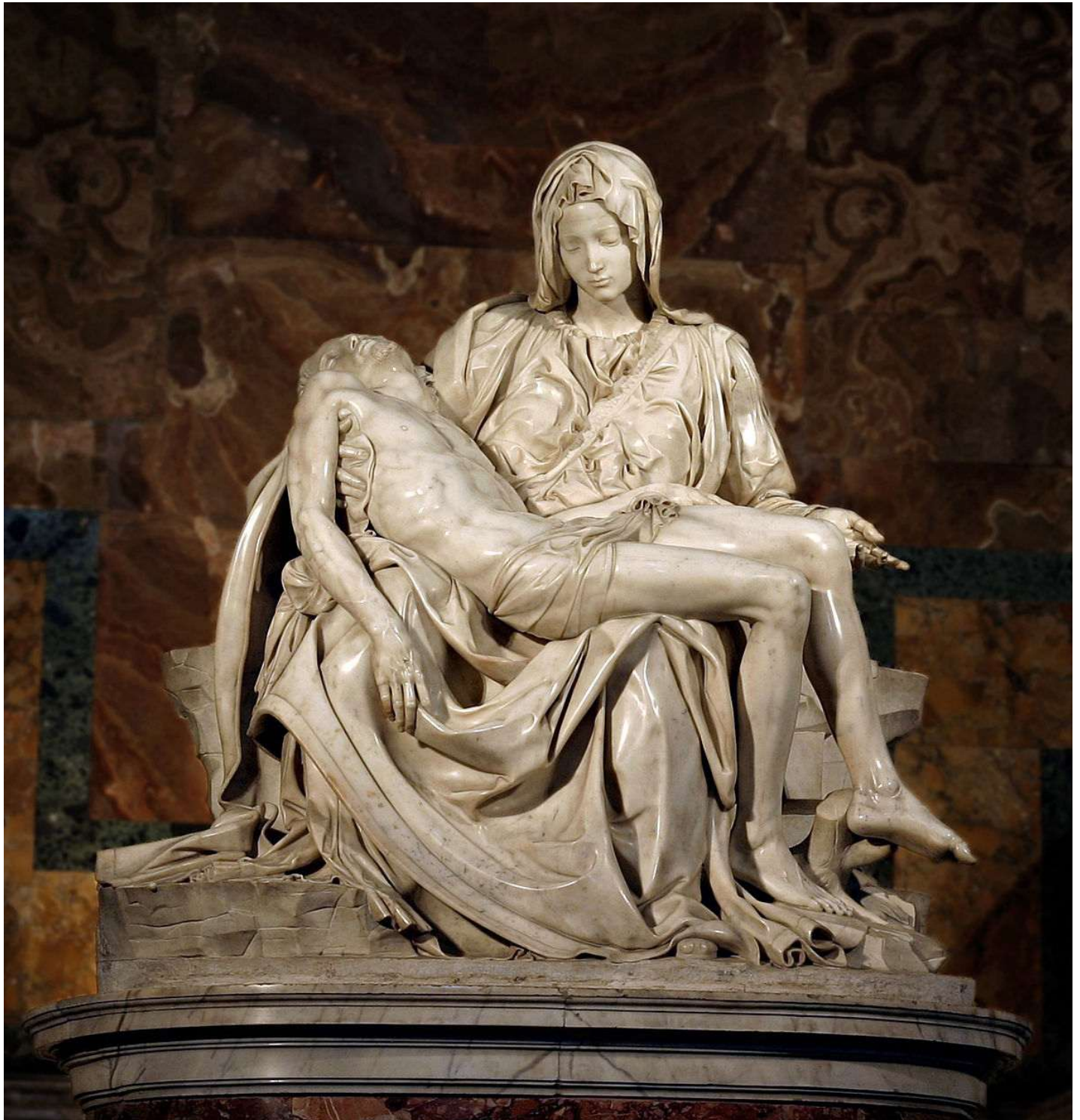
*Descent of the Cross (1612-14) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came & took the body away.*

## *The Pietà (1498-99) ~ Michelangelo*

*\*\*\* Pietà means Pity in Italian. \*\*\**

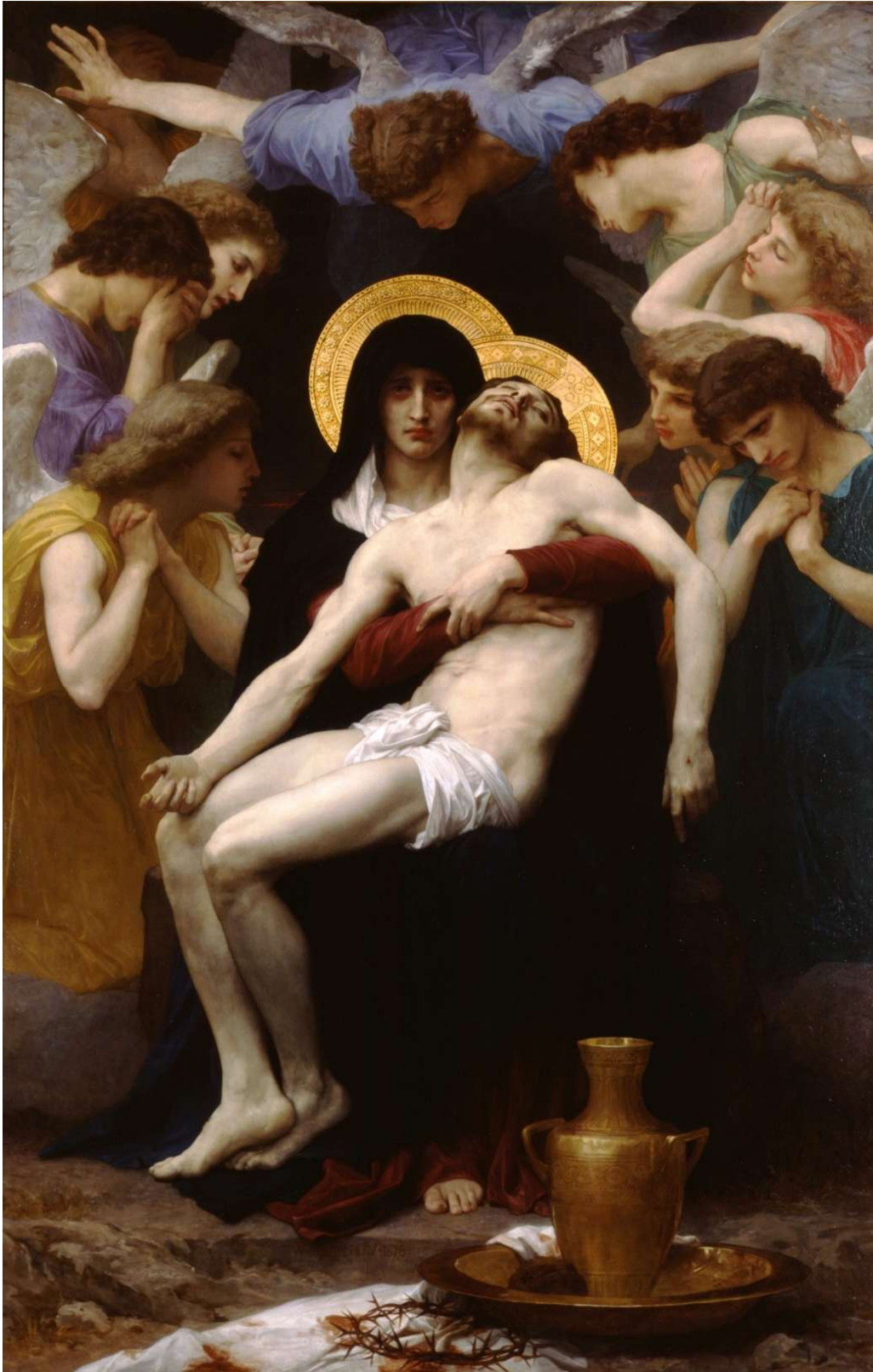


*\*\*\* Located in St. Peter's Cathedral of Vatican City, this Renaissance masterpiece was created when Michelangelo was only 23 years old. It's the only work the artist ever signed (see Mary's sash). \*\*\**



169. ISAIAH 53:4 ~ NIV

*Pietà* (1876) ~ William-Adolphe Bouguereau



*Surely he took up our pain & bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, & afflicted.*

170. LUKE 23:54 ~ NIV

*The Entombment of Christ (1602-04) ~ Caravaggio*



*It was Preparation Day, & the Sabbath was about to begin.*



171. MATTHEW 27:55 ~ NIV

*The Deposition (1526-28) ~ Jacopo Carucci da Pontormo*

\*\*\* Though no cross is visible, a cruciform effect is created by the positioning & clothing color of the mourning figures. \*\*\*



*Many women were there, watching from a distance.  
They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.*

172. MATTHEW 27:56 ~ NIV

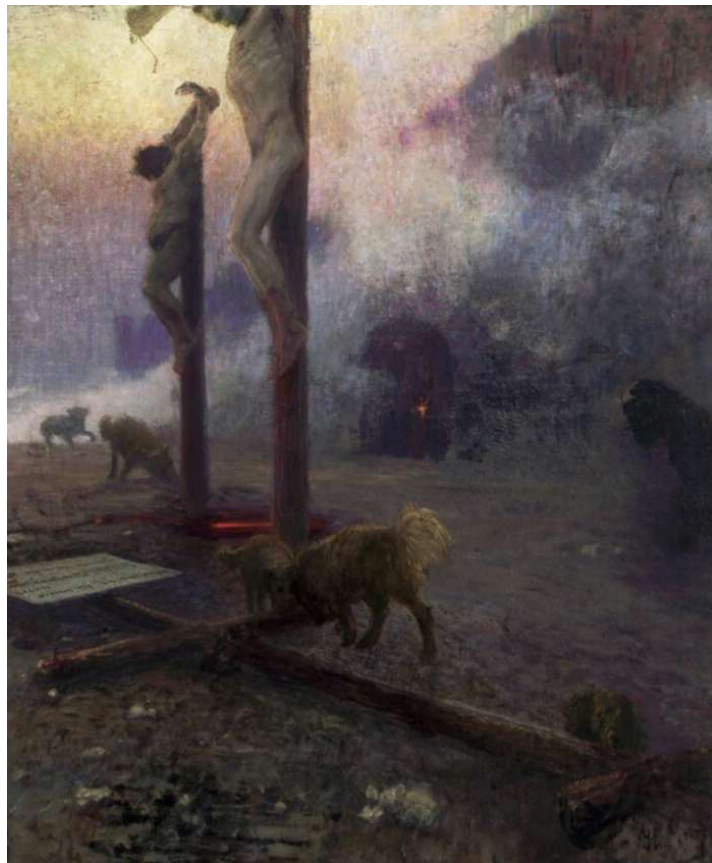
*Deposition of Christ (1883) ~ Antonio Ciseri*



*Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James & Joseph, & the mother of Zebedee's sons.*

173. THE GOSPELS

*Golgotha (1921) ~ Ilya Repin*



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*Golgotha,  
or Calvary in Latin, means  
'place of the skull'.*

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174. MARK 15:47 ~ NIV

*Lamentation of Christ (1480) ~ Andrea Mantegna*



*Mary Magdalene & Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.*



175. JOHN 19:39-40 ~ NIV

*Veiled Christ (1753) ~ Giuseppe Sanmartino*

*\*\*\* This sculpture was so lifelike, upon release, many believed it was created through alchemy or magic instead of carved marble. \*\*\**

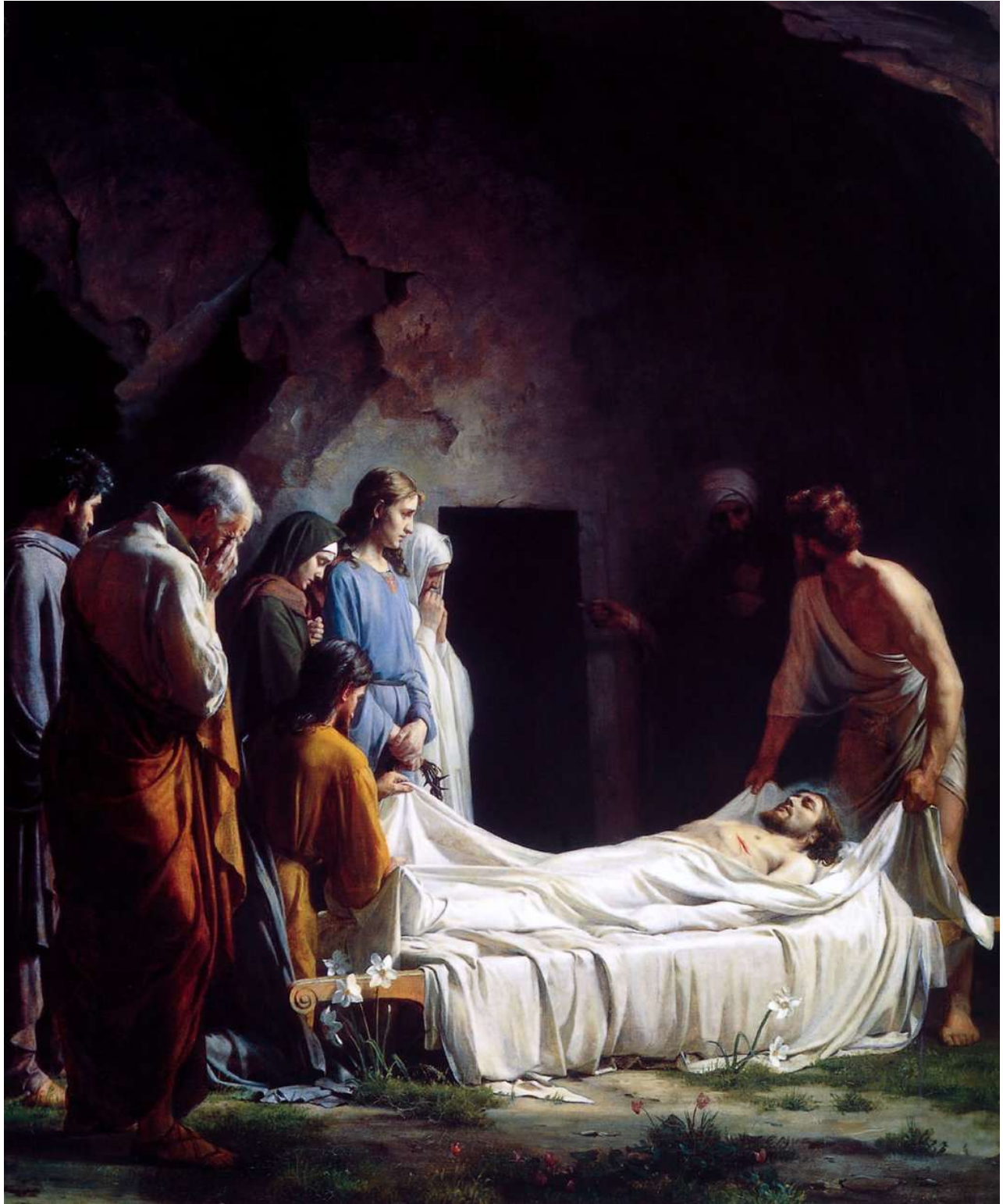


*Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh & aloes, about seventy-five pounds.  
Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.  
This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.*



176. JOHN 19:41 ~ NIV

*Burial of Christ (1871) ~ Carl Bloch*



*At the place where Jesus was crucified,  
there was a garden, & in the garden a new tomb,  
in which no one had ever been laid.*

## 177. THE GOSPELS

*Magdalene with the Smoking Flame* (1640) ~ Georges de la Tour



\*\*\* Mary Magdalene was present at the crucifixion & resurrection in all four Gospels.

The skull is a symbol of the place of Jesus' death ~ Golgotha, "place of the skull".

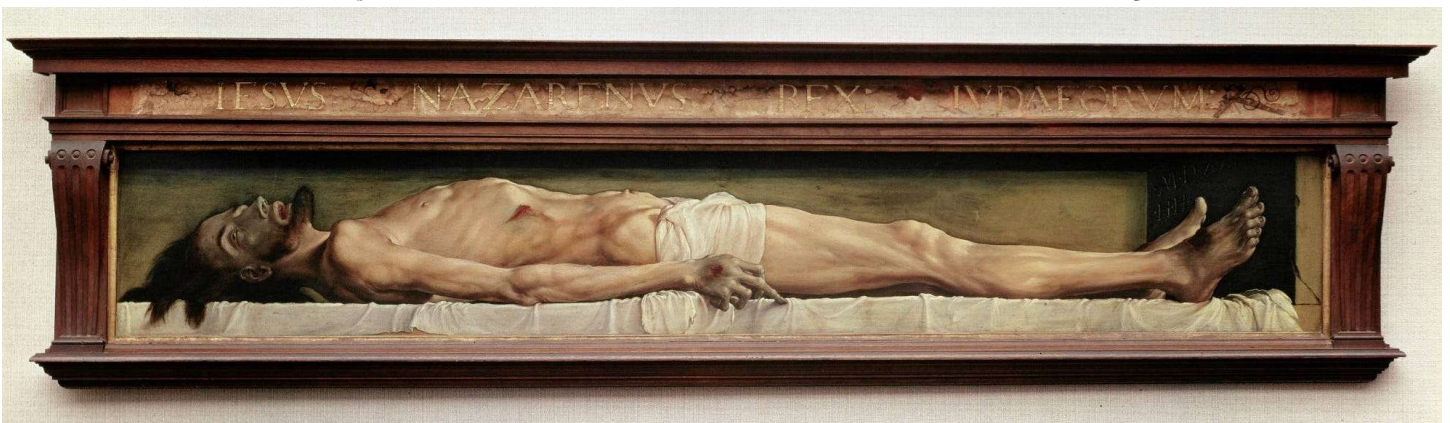
The whip on the table represents repentance & Christ's suffering for our sins while the flame illustrates the fragility of life & faith.

Located in The Louvre in Paris, France, this painting also made an appearance in the animated film

*The Little Mermaid* (1989). \*\*\*

## 178. THE GOSPELS

*The Body of the Dead Christ in the Tomb* (1520-22) ~ Hans Holbein the Younger



\*\*\* This painting had a profound impact on acclaimed Russian writer & Orthodox Christian Fyodor Dostoevsky. Christ's extended middle finger is not a crass message, but one of hope. The 3<sup>rd</sup> digit prophesies the Resurrection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. \*\*\*



179. MATTHEW 28:2 ~ NIV

*The Resurrection of Christ (1611-12) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*There was a violent earthquake,  
for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven &  
going to the tomb, rolled back the stone  
& sat on it.*

180. MATTHEW 28:3 ~ NIV

*Resurrection (1516) ~ Matthias Grunewald*



*His appearance was like lightning, & his clothes were white as snow.*



181. MATTHEW 28:4 ~ NIV

*The Resurrection of Christ (1730) ~ Nicolas Bertin*



*The guards were so afraid of him that they shook & became like dead men.*

*Risen Christ (1521) ~ Michelangelo*



*"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said."*



183. MATTHEW 28:5-6 ~ NIV

*The Empty Tomb* (1889) ~ Mikhail Nesterov



*The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come & see the place where he lay.”*

184. JOHN 20:2 ~ NIV

*Heralds of the Resurrection* (1867) ~ Nikolai Ge



*So she came running to Simon Peter & the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, & said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, & we don’t know where they have put him!”*

185. JOHN 20:12-14 ~ NIV

*Morning of Resurrection (1886) ~ Burne-Jones*

*As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb & saw two angels in white,  
seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head & the other at the foot.*



*They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”*

*“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “& I don’t know where they have put him.”*

*At this, she turned around & saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.*



186. JOHN 20:15-16 ~ NIV

*Christ's Appearance to Mary Magdalene After the Resurrection (1835) ~ Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov*

*"Woman, why are you crying?  
Who is it you are looking for?"  
Thinking he was the gardener,  
she said, "Sir, if you have  
carried him away,  
tell me where you have put him,  
& I will get him."  
Jesus said to her, "Mary."  
She turned toward him &  
cried out in Aramaic,  
"Rabboni!"  
(which means "Teacher").*



187. JOHN 20:17 ~ NIV

*Touch me not; John 20:17 (1894) ~ Fritz von Uhde*



*"Do not hold on to me, for  
I have not yet ascended  
to the Father.  
Go instead to my brothers  
& tell them,  
'I am ascending to  
my Father &  
your Father, to my God  
& your God.'"*

188. JOHN 20:4 ~ NIV

*The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection (1867) ~ Eugène Burnand*



*So Peter & the other disciple started for the tomb.*

*Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter & reached the tomb first.*



189. LUKE 24:29 ~ NIV

*The Supper at Emmaus (1648) ~ Rembrandt*



*“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.”*

*So he went in to stay with them.*



190. LUKE 24:30-31 ~ NIV

*Supper at Emmaus (1601) ~ Caravaggio*



*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it & began to give it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened & they recognized him, & he disappeared from their sight.*



191. JOHN 20:27-29 ~ NIV

*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (1620) ~ Caravaggio*



*“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand & put it into my side. Stop doubting & believe.”*

*Thomas said to him, “My Lord & my God!” Then Jesus told him,*

*“Because you have seen me, you have believed;*

*blessed are those who have not seen & yet have believed.”*

192. JOHN 21:7 ~ NIV

*Christ and Saint Peter at the Sea of Galilee (1585-90) ~ Scarsellino*



*As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord,"  
he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off)  
& jumped into the water.*



*The Ascension (1775) ~ John Singleton Copley*



*And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere ~ in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, & to the ends of the earth.” After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, & they could no longer see him.*



194. ACTS 2:3 ~ NIV

Pentecost (1597) ~ El Greco



*They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated & came to rest on each of them.*



195. ACTS 2:4 ~ NIV

*Pentecost (1732) ~ Jean Restout the Younger*



*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit & began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

196. ACTS 3:6 ~ NIV

*Saints Peter and John Healing the Lame Man (1655) ~ Nicolas Poussin*

*“Silver or gold  
I do not have,  
but what I do have  
I give you.  
In the name of Jesus  
Christ of Nazareth,  
walk.”*





197. ACTS 5:3 ~ NIV

*The Death of Ananias (1515) ~ Raphael*



*“Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit  
& have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?”*

198. ACTS 5:9 ~ NIV

*The Death of Sapphira (1652) ~ Nicolas Poussin*



*“How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord?  
Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, & they will carry you out also.”*



199. ACTS 7:56 ~ NIV

*The Martyrdom of Saint Stephen (1645) ~ Bernardo Cavallino*



*“Look,”  
he said, “I see  
heaven open &  
the Son of Man  
standing at the  
right hand of  
God.”*

200. ACTS 7:59-60 ~ NIV

*The Stoning of St. Stephen (1625) ~ Rembrandt*

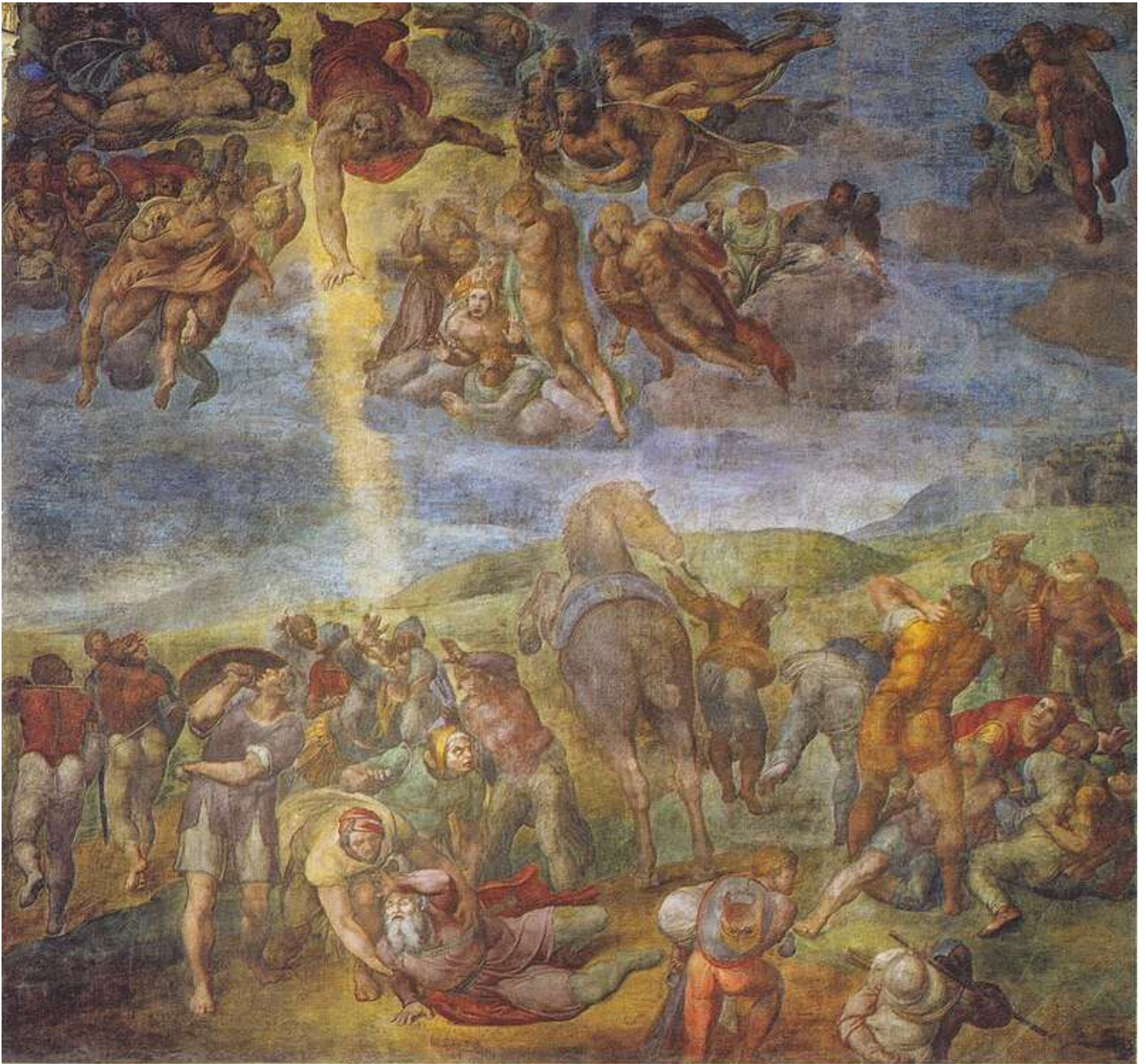
*“Lord Jesus,  
receive my spirit.”  
Then he fell on his  
knees & cried out,  
“Lord, do not hold  
this sin against  
them.”  
When he had said  
this, he fell asleep.*





201. ACTS 9:3-4 ~ NIV

*The Conversion of Saul (1542-45) ~ Michelangelo*



*As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.*

*He fell to the ground & heard a voice say to him,*

*“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”*



*The Conversion of St Paul (1600) ~ Caravaggio*



*Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing.*

*So they led him by the hand into Damascus.*

*For three days he was blind, & did not eat or drink anything.*





*“Brother Saul, the Lord ~ Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here ~  
has sent me so that you may see again & be filled with the Holy Spirit.”  
Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, & he could see again.*



*Saint Peter raises Tabitha (1611) ~ Fabrizio Santafede*



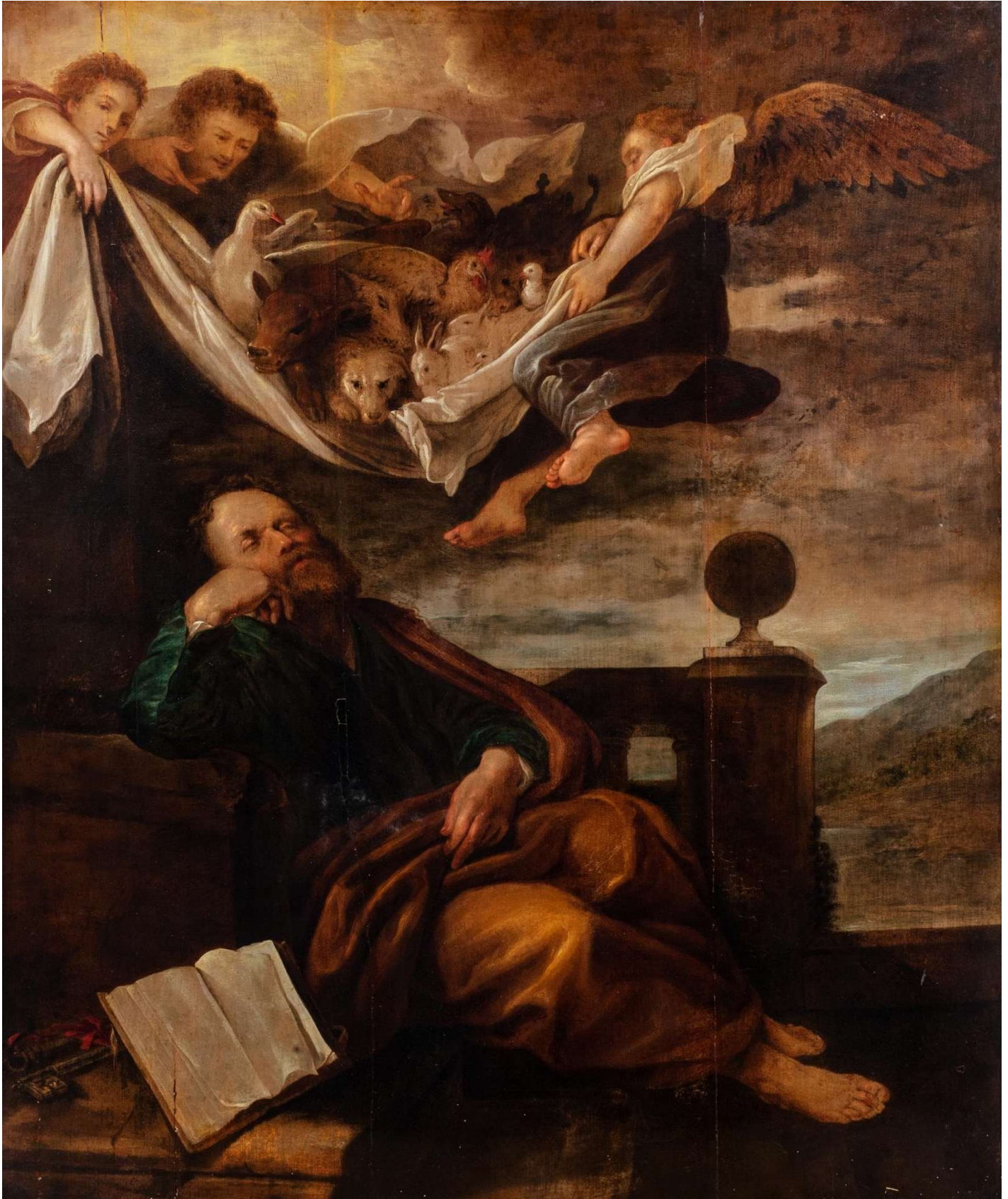
*“Tabitha, get up.”*

*She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand & helped her to her feet.  
Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, & presented her to them alive.*



205. ACTS 10:15 ~ NIV

*Peter's Vision of a Sheet with Animals (1619) ~ Domenico Tetti*



*"Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."*



*Martyrdom of Saint James the Less (1639) ~ Pedro Orrente*



*It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also.*

207. ACTS 12:7 ~ NIV

*The Liberation of St. Peter (1625) ~ Gerrit van Honthorst*



*Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared & a light shone in the cell.  
He struck Peter on the side & woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said,  
And the chains fell off Peter's wrists.*



208. ACTS 14:15 ~ NIV

*Paul and Barnabas at Lystra (1678) ~ Johann Heiss*



*“Friends, why are you doing this?*

*We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to  
turn from these worthless things to the living God,*



*The Exorcism of the Slave Girl (1857-60) ~ (Various Artists)*

\*\*\* Several frescoes depicting Paul's life can be found at Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Rome, Italy. \*\*\*



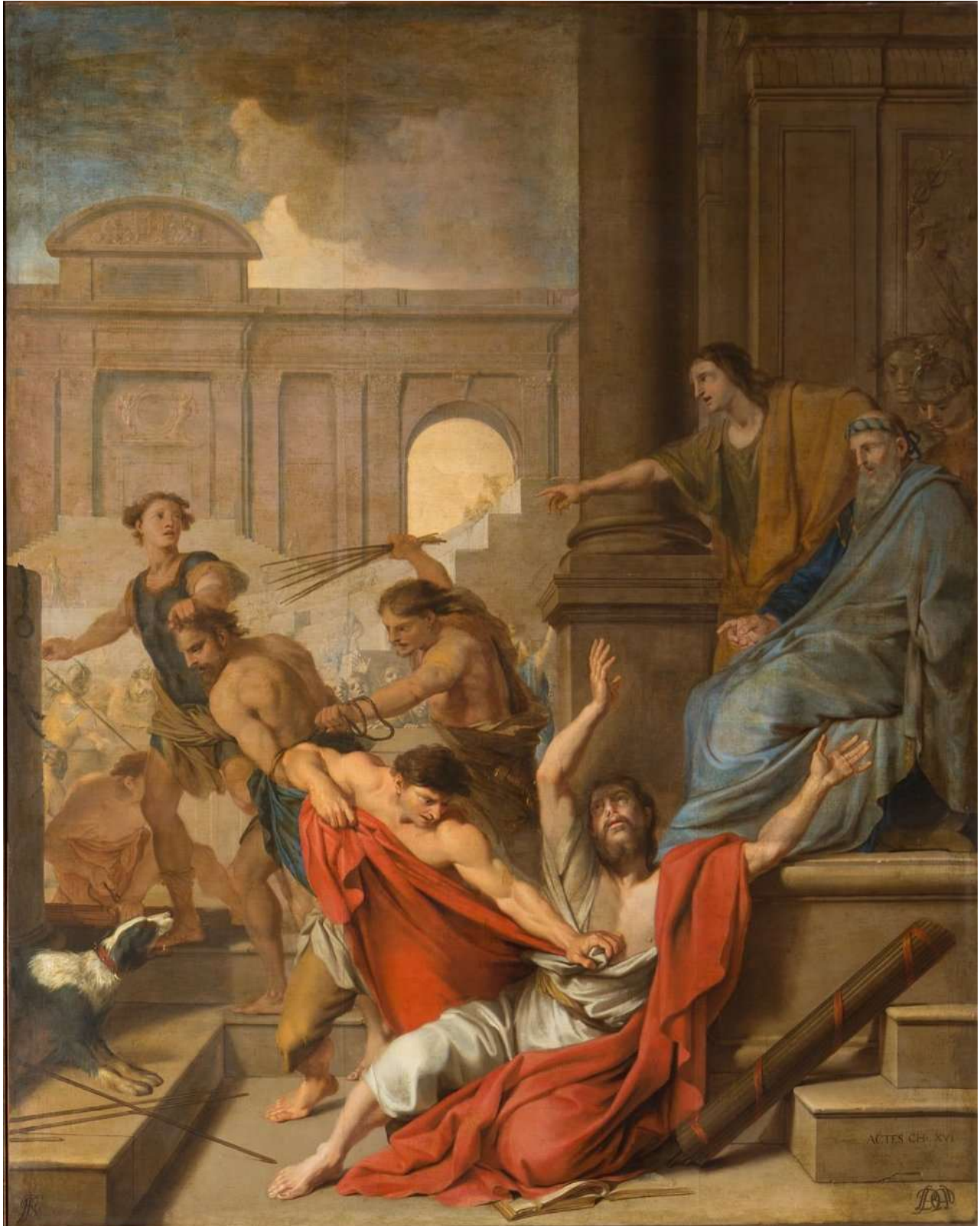
*“In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!”*

*At that moment the spirit left her. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul & Silas & dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.*



210. ACTS 16:20-22 ~ NIV

*Flogging of St. Paul (1655) ~ Louis Testelin*



*"These men are Jews, & are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."*

*The crowd joined in the attack against Paul & Silas,  
& the magistrates ordered them to be stripped & beaten with rods.*

211. ACTS 16:28-30 ~ NIV

*Paul and Silas leaving the Prison in Philippi (1665-66) ~ Nicolas de Plattemontagne*



*“Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”*

*The jailer called for lights, rushed in & fell trembling before Paul & Silas. He then brought them out & asked,*

*“Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ”*



212. I CORINTHIANS 13:13 ~ NIV

*The Apostle Paul* (1657) ~ Rembrandt



*And now these three remain: faith, hope & love.*

*But the greatest of these is love.*

213. GALATIANS 2:11-12 ~ NIV

*St. Peter and St. Paul (1605) ~ Guido Reni*



*When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.  
For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles.  
but when they were come, he withdrew & separated himself,*



**214. GALATIANS 2:21 ~ NIV**

*The Separation of Saints Peter and Paul (1641) ~ Giovanni Lanfranco*



*“I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”*

**215. ACTS 20:9-10 ~ NIV**

*Eutychus Raised from the Dead at Troas (1639) ~ Giacinto Gimignani*

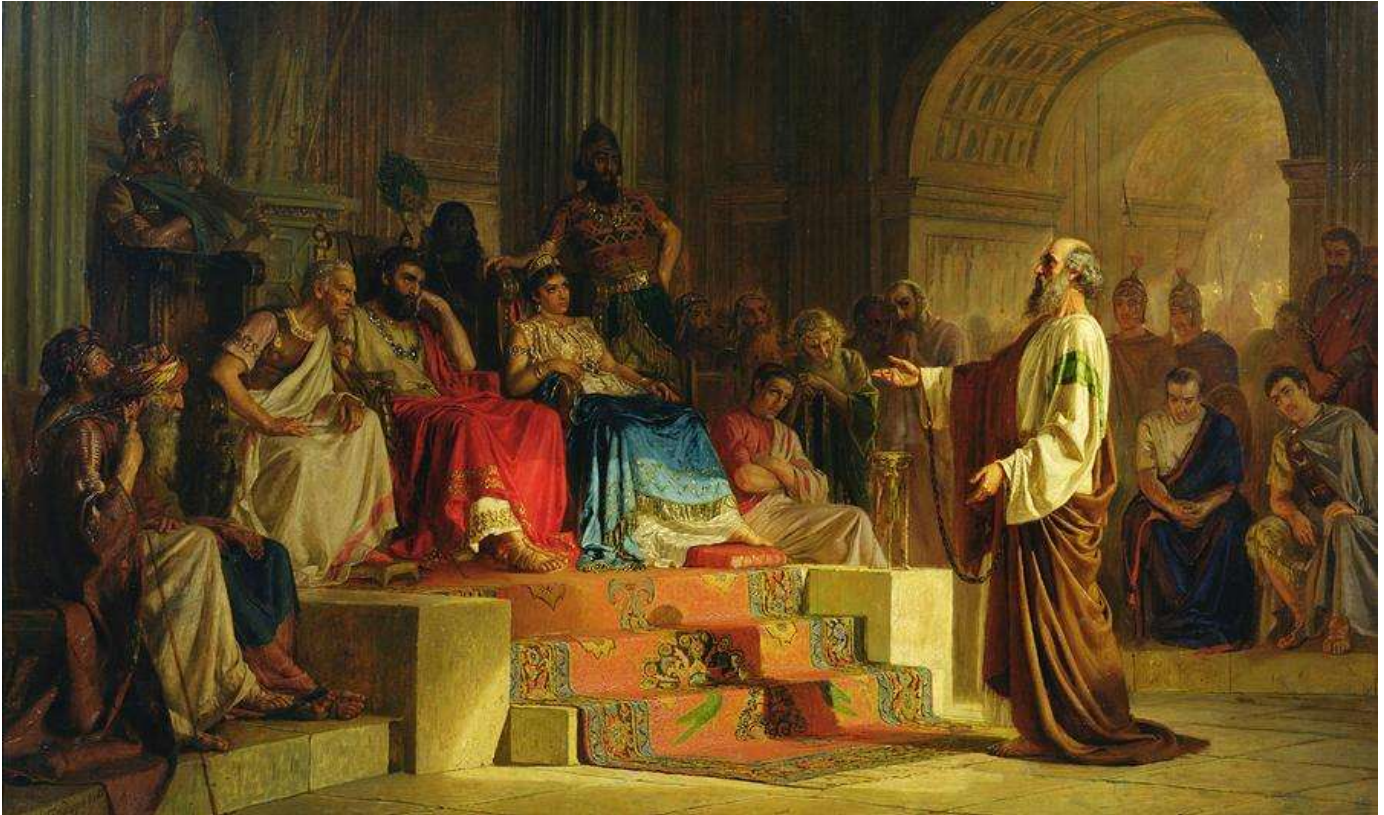


*Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on & on.*



216. ACTS 25:12 ~ NIV

*Trial of the Apostle Paul (1875) ~ Nikolai Bodarevsky*



*“You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!”*

217. ACTS 28:4-5 ~ NIV

*Paul Bitten by the Viper on the Isle of Malta (1697-1750) ~ Cornelis Troost*

*“This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.”*  
*But Paul shook the snake off into the fire & suffered no ill effects.*





218. ACTS 28:30-31 ~ NIV

*The Apostle Paul in Prison (1627) ~ Rembrandt*



*For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house & welcomed all who came to see him.  
He proclaimed the kingdom of God & taught about the Lord Jesus Christ  
~ with all boldness & without hindrance!*



219. MATTHEW 1:1 ~ NIV

*St Matthew and the Angel (1602) ~ Caravaggio*



*This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah  
the son of David, the son of Abraham:*



**220. I PETER 5:8-9 ~ NIV**

*St. Peter Preaching the Gospel in the Catacombs (1902) ~ Jan Styka*



*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

**221. PHILEMON 1:1 ~ NIV**

*Paul in Prison (1886) ~ Gustave Doré*



*“Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, & Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend & fellow worker ~ “*



222. \*\*\* REVELATION 2:10 ~ NIV \*\*\*

*Nero Walks on Rome's Cinders (1861) ~ Karl Theodor von Piloty*



*“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you,”*

223. \*\*\* I PETER 4:18 ~ NIV \*\*\*

*Nero's Torches or “candlesticks of Christianity” (1876) ~ Henryk Siemiradzki*



*“If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly & the sinner?”*



224. \*\*\* II TIMOTHY 4:7 ~ NIV \*\*\*

*Decapitación de San Pablo (1887) ~ Enrique Simonet*

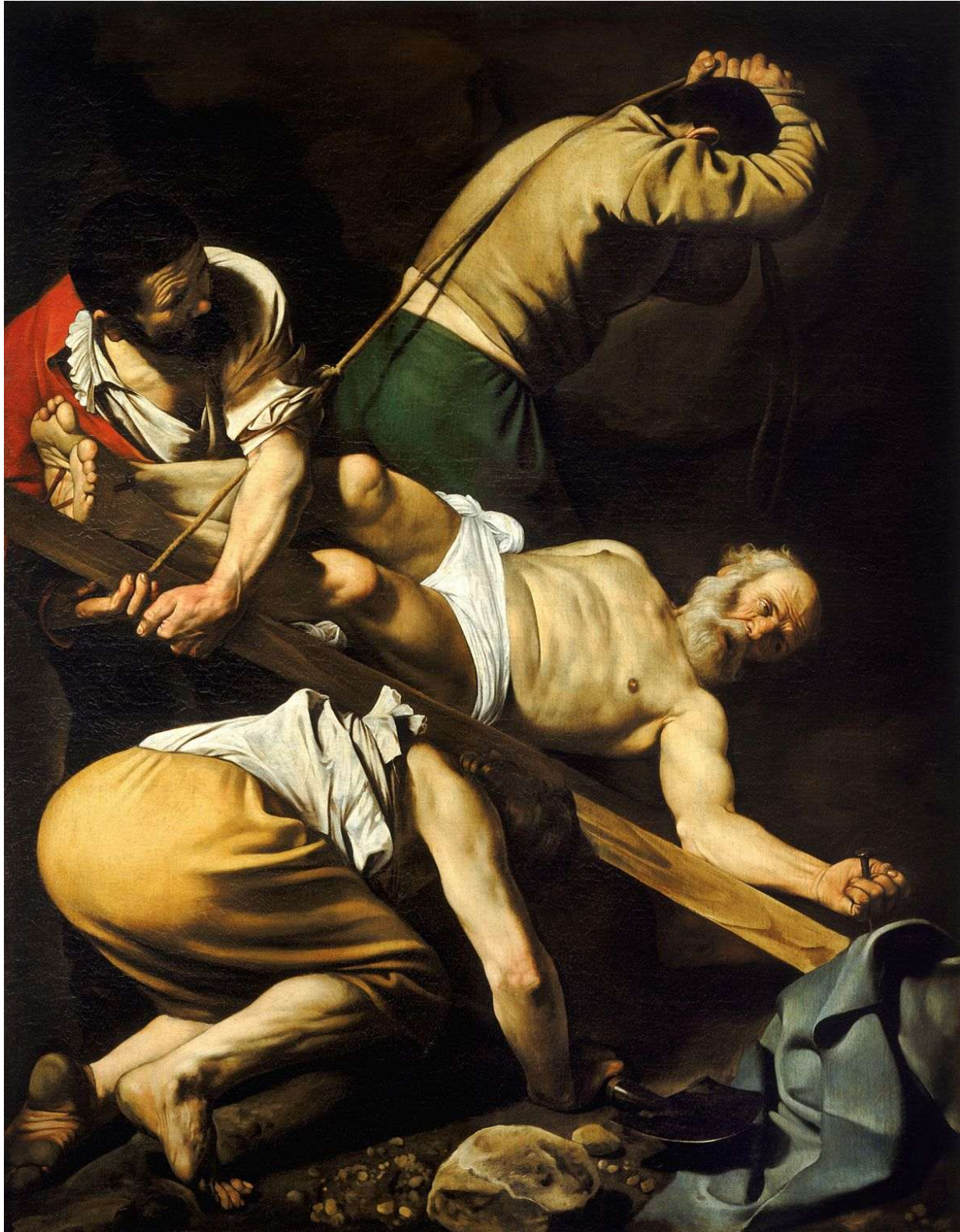


*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*



225. \*\*\* JOHN 21:18-19 ~ NIV \*\*\*

*The Crucifixion of Saint Peter (1601) ~ Caravaggio*



*"...but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, & someone else will dress you  
& lead you where you do not want to go."*

*Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.*



226. \*\*\* ACTS & REVELATION \*\*\*

*The Christian Martyrs' Last Prayer (1883) ~ Jean-Léon Gérôme*



\*\*\* Christians would be persecuted by Rome for centuries until Constantine the Great legalized the religion with the Edict of Milan in 313 AD. Christianity became the official religion of Rome in 380 AD. \*\*\*

227. \*\*\* LUKE 21:23 ~ NIV \*\*\*

*The Siege of Jerusalem (1867) ~ Francesco Hayez*



*"How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women & nursing mothers!"*



\*\*\* MARK 13:2 ~ NIV \*\*\*

*"Do you see all these great buildings? " replied Jesus.*

*"Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."*

228. The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans Under the Command of Titus, A.D. 70 (1850) ~ David Roberts



*"Pray that this will not take place in winter,  
because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning,"*

\*\*\* MARK 13:18-19 ~ NIV \*\*\*



*Praying at the Western Wall (1896-1904) ~ Gustave Bauernfeind*

\*\*\* The Western Wall or "Wailing Wall", a holy Jewish site, is the final remnant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple's retaining wall. \*\*\*



How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.



230. JOHN 1:1 ~ NIV

*Saint John the Evangelist on Patmos (1553-55) ~ Titian*



*In the beginning was the Word, &  
the Word was with God, &  
the Word was God.*



231. REVELATION 1:3 ~ NIV

*Saint John Writes the Book Revelation on the Isle of Patmos (1649-69) ~ Gaspar de Crayer*



*“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, & blessed are those who hear it & take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”*



232. REVELATION 12:7-8 ~ NIV

*The Fall of the Rebel Angels (1666) ~ Luca Giordano*



*"Then war broke out in heaven.*

*Michael & his angels fought against the dragon, & the dragon & his angels fought back,  
but they were not strong enough, & they lost their place in heaven."*



233. REVELATION 12:9 ~ NIV

*The Archangel Michael Defeating Satan (1635) ~ Guido Reni*



*The great dragon was hurled down ~ that ancient serpent  
called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.  
He was hurled to the earth, & his angels with him.*

234. LUKE 10:18 ~ NIV

*Paradise Lost (1855) ~ Gustave Doré*



*"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven"*



235. EZEKIEL 28:17 ~ NIV

*The Fallen Angel (1847) ~ Alexandre Cabanel*



*“Your heart became proud on account of your beauty,  
& you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.  
So I threw you to the earth;  
I made a spectacle of you before kings.”*





*I looked, & there before me was a pale horse!*

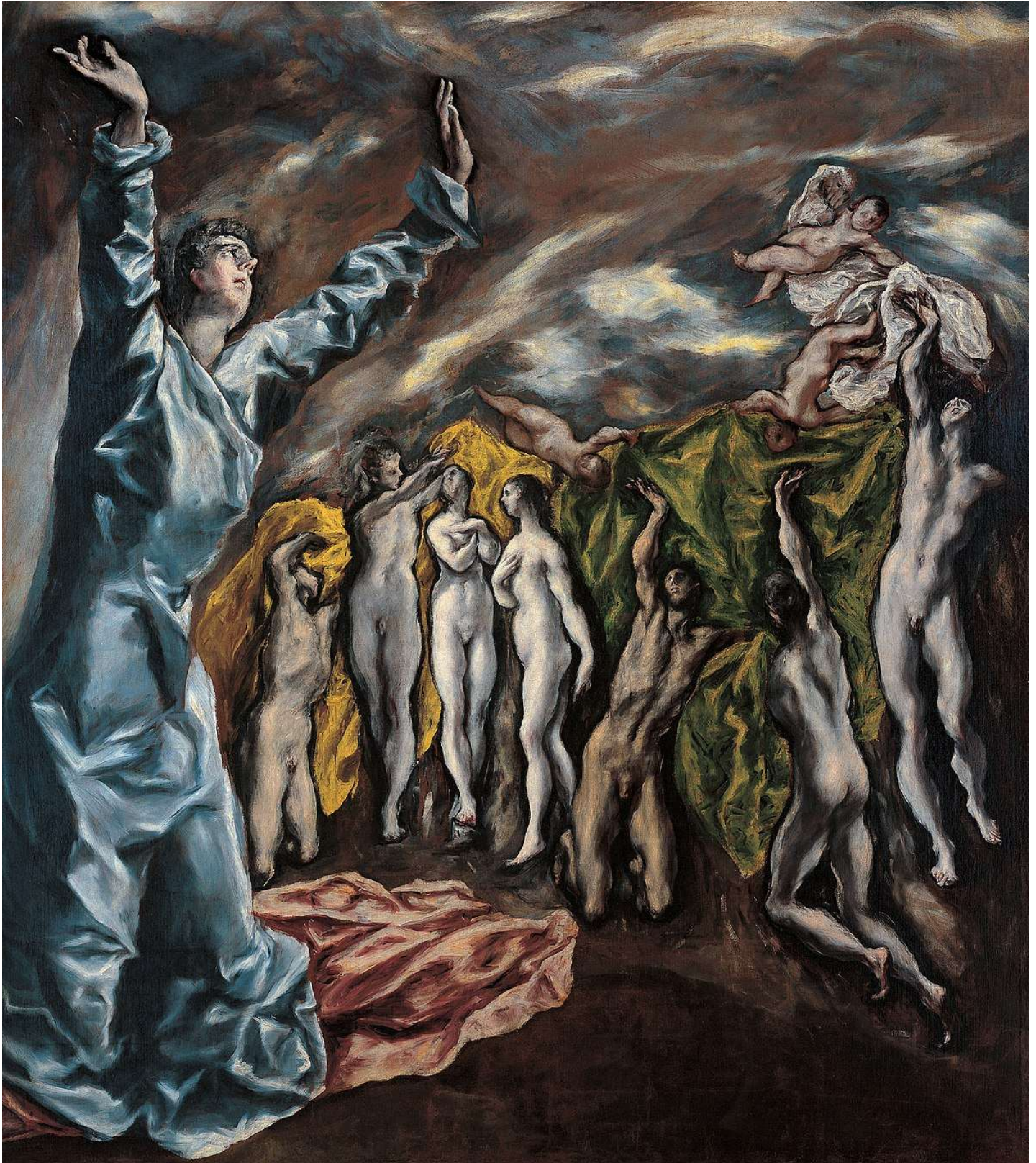
*Its rider was named Death, & Hades was following close behind him.*

*They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine & plague, & by the wild beasts of the earth.*



237. REVELATION 6:10 ~ NIV

*The Opening of the Fifth Seal (1608-14) ~ El Greco*



*“How long, Sovereign Lord, holy & true,  
until you judge the inhabitants of the earth & avenge our blood?”*



238. REVELATION 6:12 & 16-17 ~ NIV

*The Great Day of His Wrath (1851-53) ~ John Martin*

*And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, & lo, there was a great earthquake; & the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, & the moon became as blood; & the stars of heaven fell unto the earth,*



*“Fall on us & hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne & from the wrath of the Lamb!  
For the great day of their wrath has come, & who can withstand it?”*



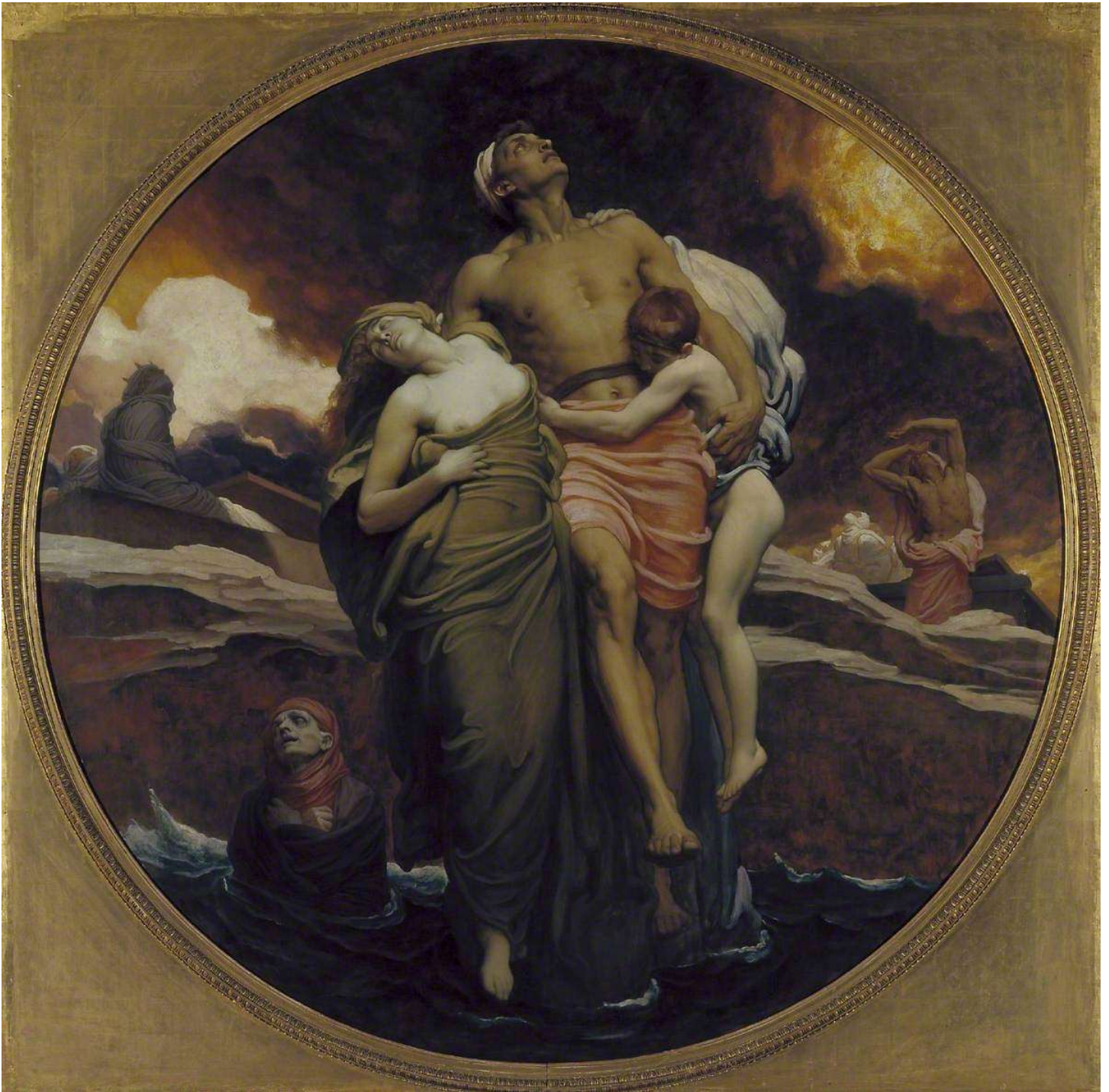


*In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword ~ his fierce, great & powerful sword ~  
Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent;  
he will slay the monster of the sea.*



240. REVELATION 20:13-14 ~ NIV

*And the Sea Gave Up the Dead Which Were in It (1892) ~ Frederic Leighton*

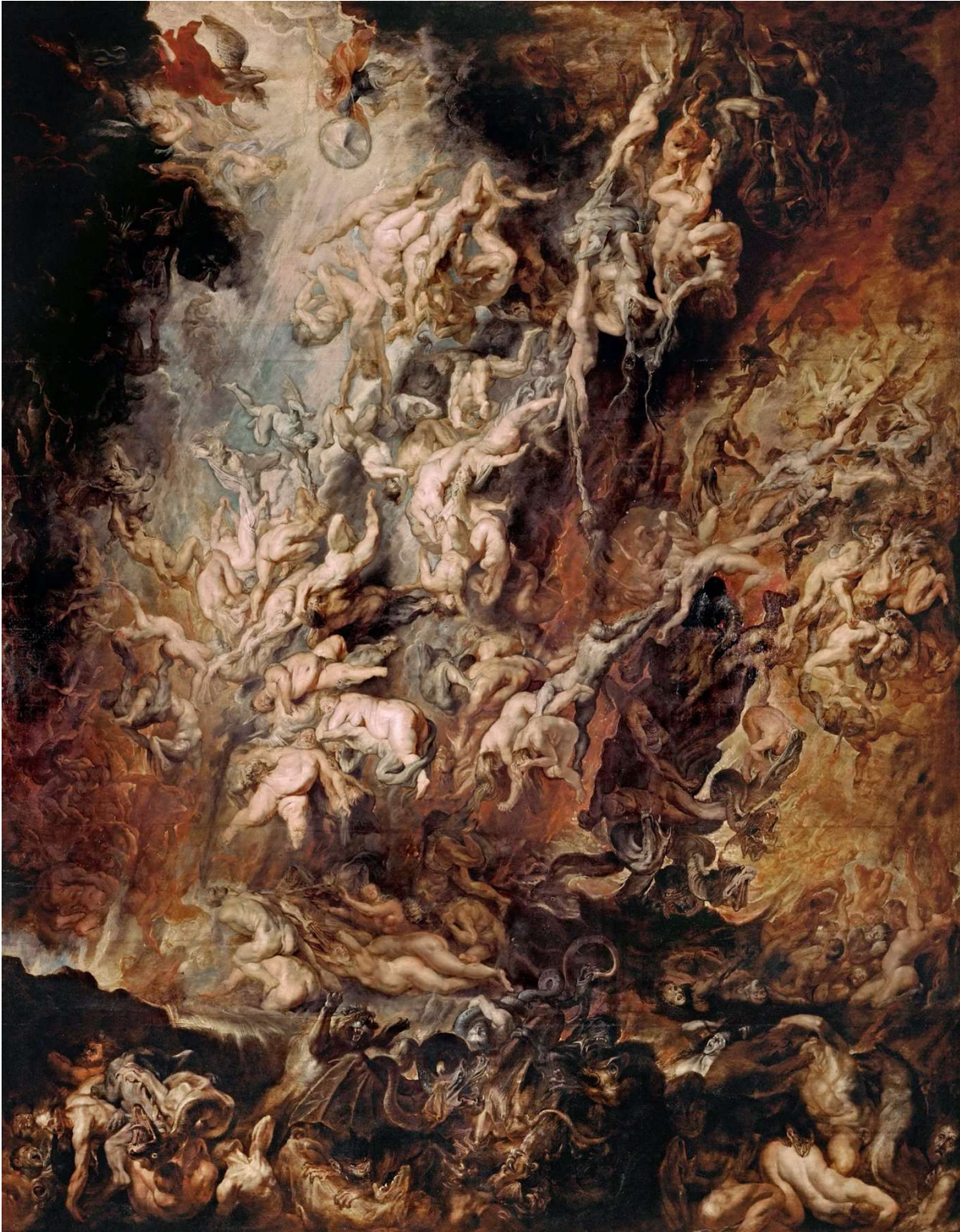


*The sea gave up the dead that were in it, & death & Hades gave up the dead that were in them,  
& each person was judged according to what they had done.  
Then death & Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.*



241. MATTHEW 13:49-50 ~ NIV

*The Fall of the Damned (1620) ~ Peter Paul Rubens*



*"This is how it will be at the end of the age.*

*The angels will come & separate the wicked from the righteous & throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping & gnashing of teeth."*





*All the nations will be gathered before him, & he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*



243. MATTHEW 25:33 ~ NIV

*Last Judgment (1482) ~ Hieronymus Bosch*



*He will put the sheep on his right & the goats on his left.*



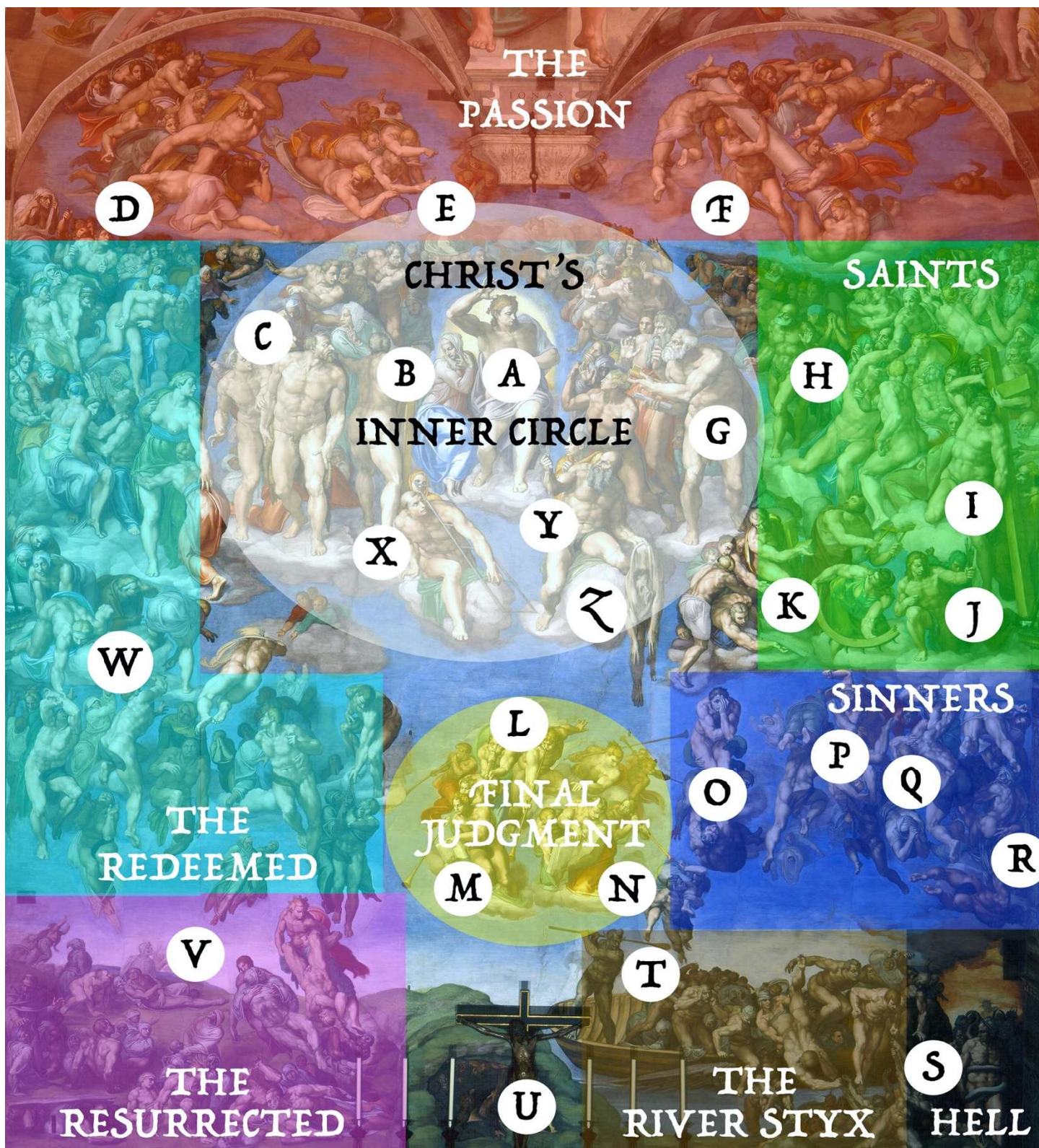
## *Last Judgment (1536-41) ~ Michelangelo*

*\*\*\* Located on the altar wall of The Sistine Chapel, Vatican City. \*\*\**



*Then I saw a great white throne & him who was seated on it.  
The earth & the heavens fled from his presence, & there was no place for them.*





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245. LUKE 8:5 ~ NIV

*Sower at Sunset (1888) ~ Vincent van Gogh; after Jean-François Millet*

*A farmer went out to sow his seed.*

*As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, & the birds came & ate it up.*



*But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word & understands it.*

*This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty  
or thirty times what was sown.*

MATTHEW 13:23 ~ NIV



**246. MATTHEW 15:13-14 ~ NIV**

*Parable of the Blind (1568) ~ Pieter Bruegel the Elder*



*“Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides.  
If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”*

**247. JOHN 10:11 ~ NIV**

*The Good Shepherd (1848) ~ Thomas Cole*



*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

248. LUKE 15:9-10 ~ NIV

*Parable of the Lost Drachma (1618) ~ Domenico Tetti*



“ ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’

In the same way, I tell you,

there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



249. MATTHEW 25:24-26 ~ NIV

*Parable of the Talents* (2013) ~ A.N. Mironov



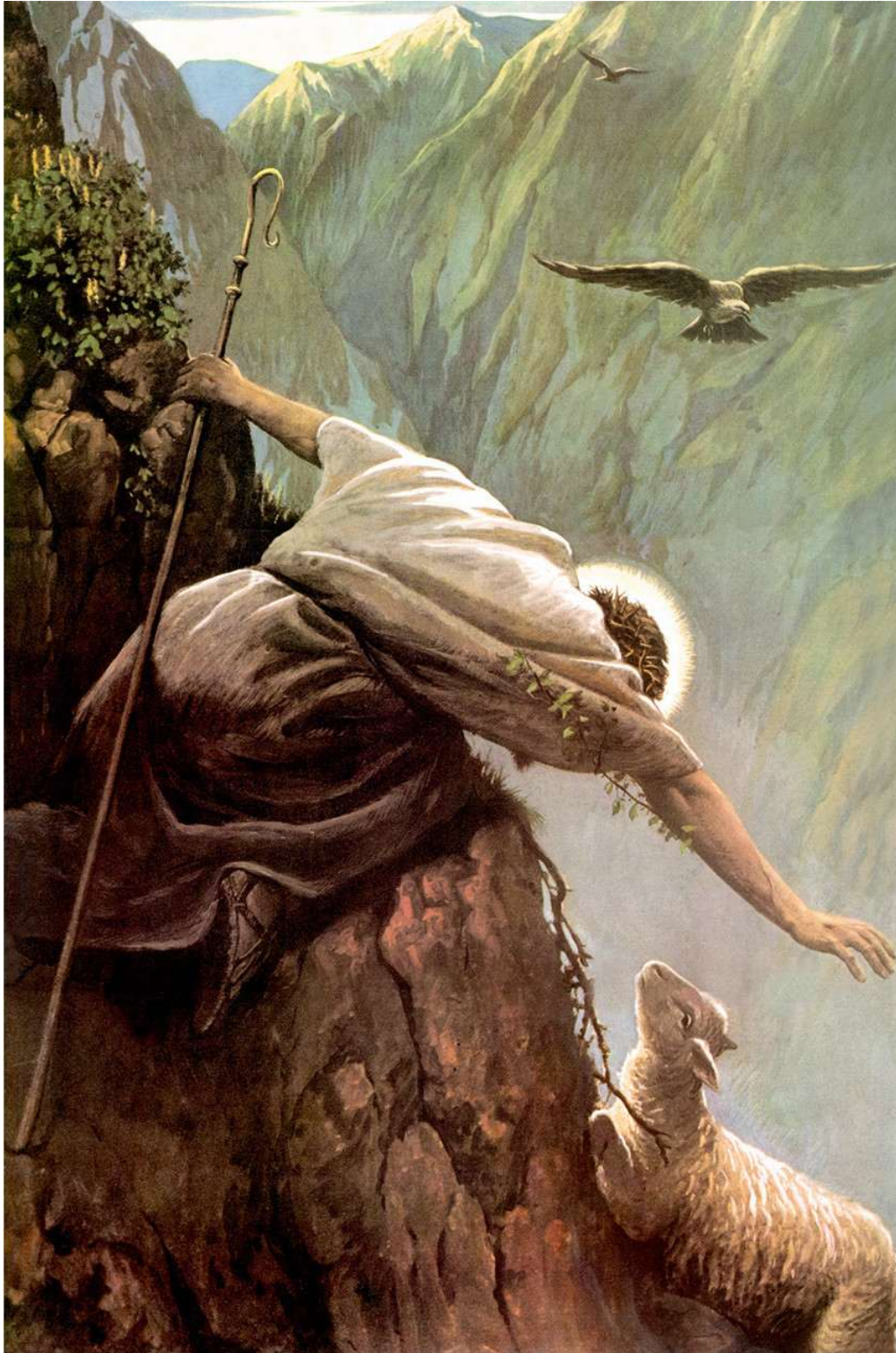
*"I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown & gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid & went out & hid your gold in the ground.*

*See, here is what belongs to you."* His master replied,

*"You wicked, lazy servant!"*

250. LUKE 15:4 ~ NIV

*The Lost Sheep (1898) ~ Alfred Usher Soord*



*“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep & loses one of them.  
Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country  
& go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ”*



# The Prodigal Son

LUKE 15:31-32 ~ NIV

*Return of the Prodigal Son (1669) ~ Rembrandt*



*“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me,  
& everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate &  
be glad, because this brother of yours was dead & is alive again;  
he was lost & is found.’ ”*

# The Good Samaritan

LUKE 10:27 ~ NIV

Vincent Van Gogh; *after Delacroix* (1890)

Eugene Delacroix (1849)



*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
& with all your soul & with all your strength & with all your mind;” and,  
Love your neighbor as yourself.”*



# The Lord's Prayer

MATTHEW 6:9-13 ~ NIV

*The Lord's Prayer (1886-96) ~ James Tissot*



*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”*

*~ Amen ~*

*~ Revelation 22:21<sub>NIV</sub> ~*

*The grace of the Lord be with God's people.*

*~ Amen ~*



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God the Father - Arise (1905)  
~ Stanisław Wyspiański ~

For in him  
all things were created:  
things in heaven & on earth,  
visible & invisible,  
whether thrones or powers  
or rulers or authorities;  
all things have been created  
through him & for him.  
He is before all things,  
& in him  
all things hold together.

~ Colossians 1:16-17 NIV ~