

Canon / The New Testament

The Bible – Session 2

October 1, 2024



The Roman World



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ROME

Philippi

Thessalonica

Corinth

Ephesus

Colossae

GALATIA

Tarsus

Antioch

Malta

Damascus

Jerusalem

Biblical Time Line (New Testament)

Dates

0 AD (approximate)

30 AD

33 AD

After 33 AD to 64 AD

70 AD

80-90 AD

80-90 AD

90-96 AD

Description

Birth of Christ

Start of Christ's earthly ministry

Crucifixion and Resurrection of

Christ

Paul's ministry and letters

Thessalonians

Galatians

Corinthians

Philemon

Philippians

Romans

Gospel of Mark written

Gospel of Matthew written

Gospel of Luke-Acts written

Gospel of John written

The Contents of the New Testament – 27 Books / Letters

Originally Written in Koine Greek

Gospels

Matthew
Mark
Luke / Acts
John

Undisputed Letters of Paul

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Philippians
1 Thessalonians
Philemon

Possible Letters of Paul

Ephesians
Colossians
2 Thessalonians

Not Letters of Paul

1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Hebrews

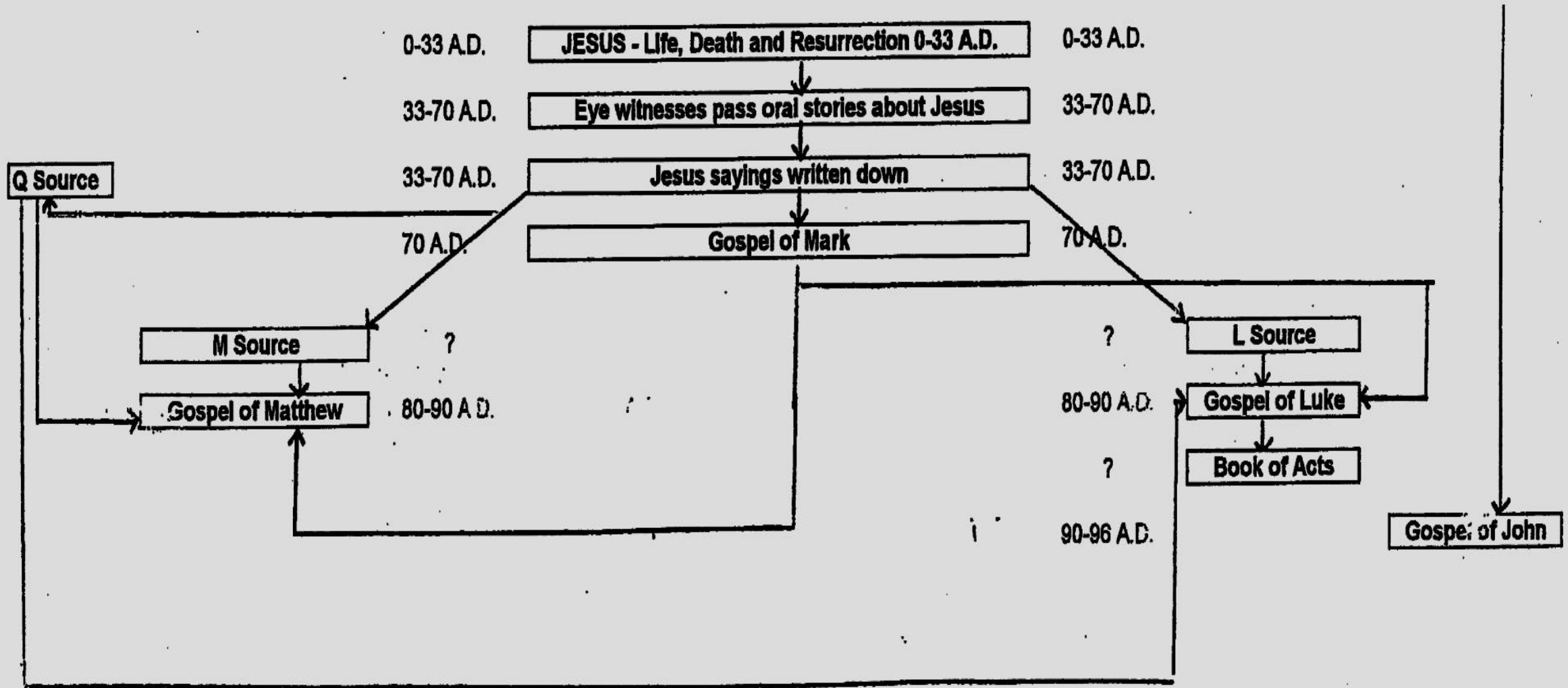
Apocalyptic Literature

The Revelation to John

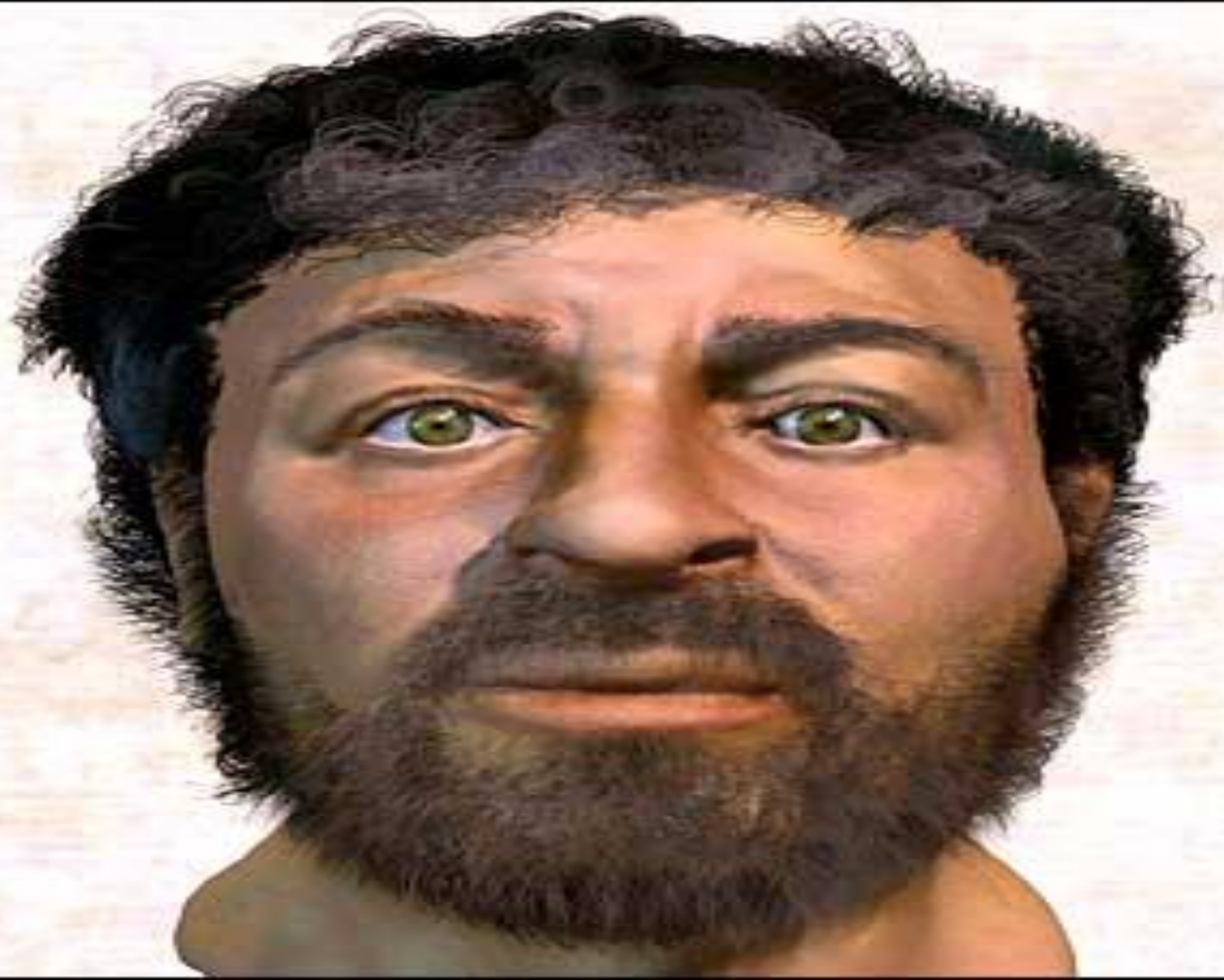
Other Letters

1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
James

The Gospels – How Did We Get Them?





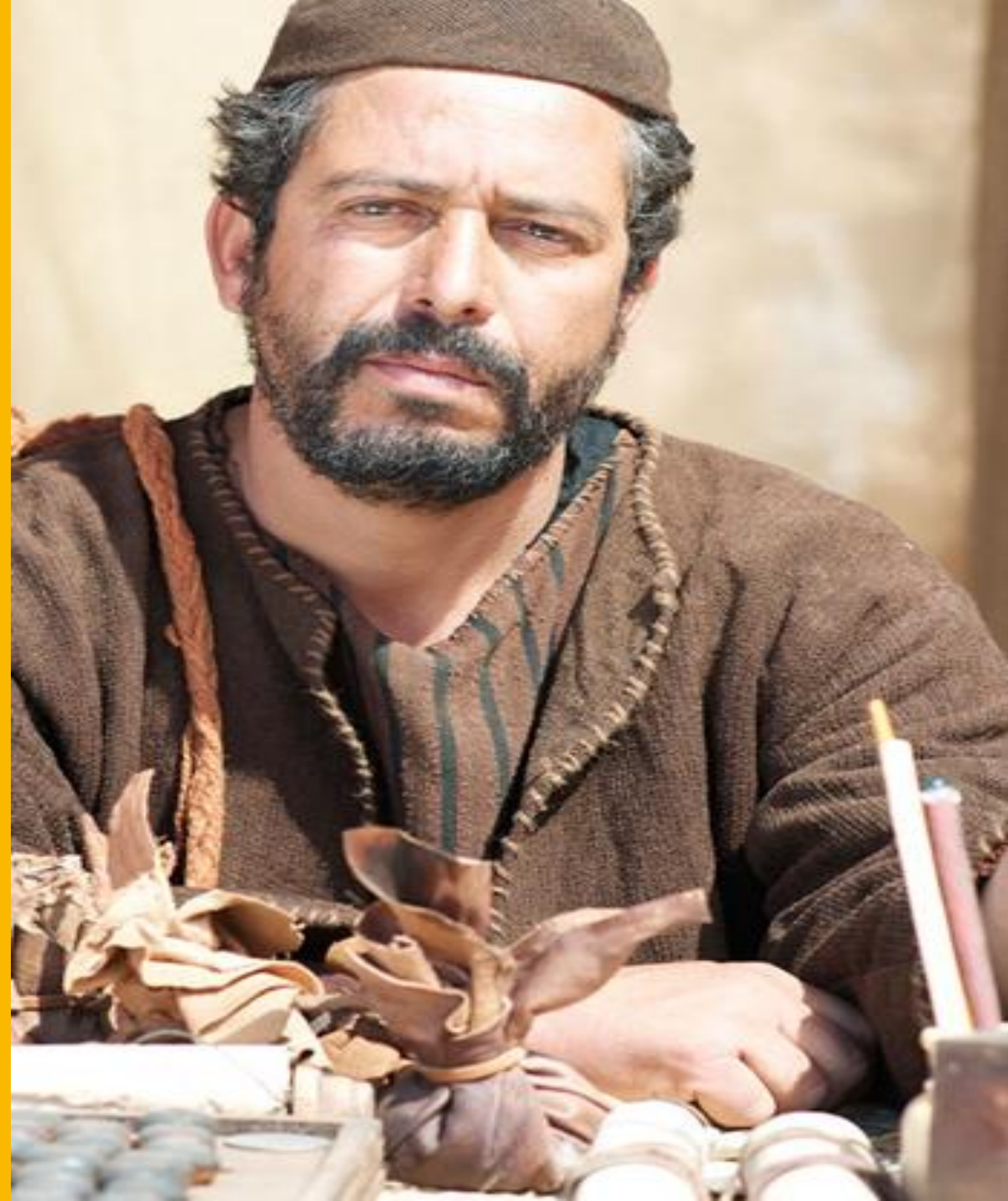




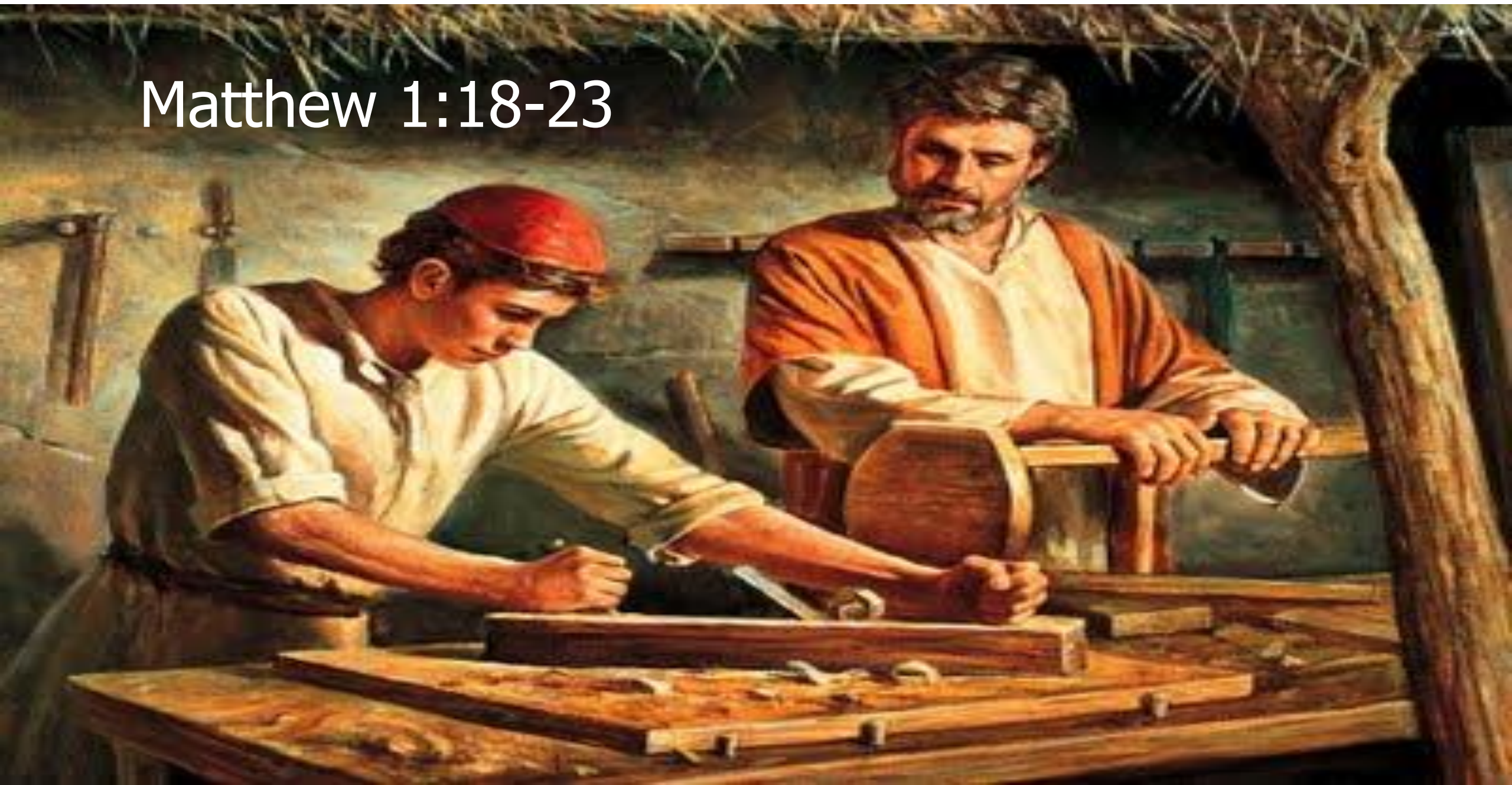


Gospel of Matthew

- Longest of the 4 gospels (28 chapters)
- Traditional author is Matthew (Levi) – former tax collector
- Referred to as “the Gospel of the Church”
- Probably written between 80-90 AD in Syrian Antioch
- Original audience probably “Jewish Christians”
- Featured in Year A of lectionary cycle



Matthew 1:18-23





Miller

Matthew 2:1-12



Matthew 16:13-20



Matthew 25:31-46



Matthew 28:16-20



22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Matthew 1:22-23

MOSES



EGYPT



5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12

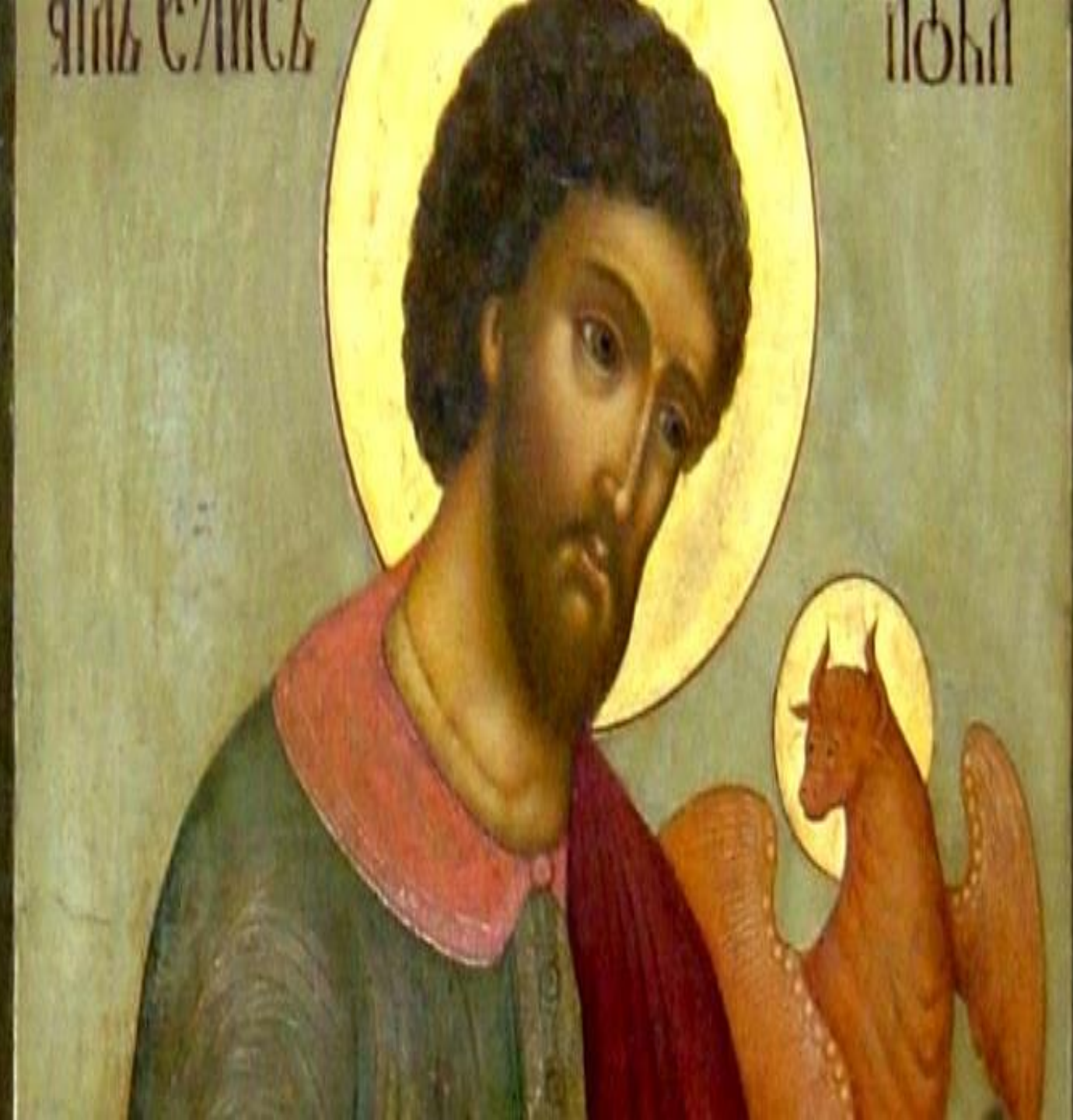
• Gospel of Mark

- Traditional author is John Mark, companion of Peter (Acts 12:12; 15:37)
- Written between 68-72 AD in Rome
- Perhaps lowest Christology (humanity of Jesus)
- One of the synoptic gospels
- Shortest Gospel – only 16 chapters
- Featured in Year B of three year lectionary



• Gospel of Luke

- Traditional Author is Luke, beloved physician, companion of Paul, steeped in both Jewish and Hellenistic customs.
- Written between 80-90 AD in Achaia (Southern Greece – Corinth?)
- Strong emphasis that God is in control. Jesus is one more person in salvation history. There is a continuity with the history of Israel, and no threat to Rome.
- A gospel of economic liberation and prophetic fulfillment (Luke 1:46-56)
- An inclusive community (Luke 10:25-37)
- A call to repentance and forgiveness (Luke 15:11-32)
- An emphasis on the Holy Spirit and Prayer (Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4)
- From Israel to Jesus to the Church: A two volume history of the birth of Christianity
- Featured in Year C of three year lectionary



• Gospel of John

- Traditional author is John the son of Zebedee
- Written between 90-96 AD in Ephesus
- Highest Christology (Eagle symbol)
- Not one of the synoptic gospels
- Broken into two major parts – book of signs (1-12) & book of glory (13-21)
- Featured in all three years of lectionary cycle





...that everyone who
...have eternal life.
...God so loved the
...one and only Son,
...in him shall not be
...lost did not
...life.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it....

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Exodus 3:14



John 6:12



John 8:12



John 10:7



John 10:11



John 11:25



John 14:6





John 15:1

John 13





John 20:19-31

Mary Magdalene – Apostle to the Apostles!



³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Book of Acts

St. Luke the Beloved
Physician!

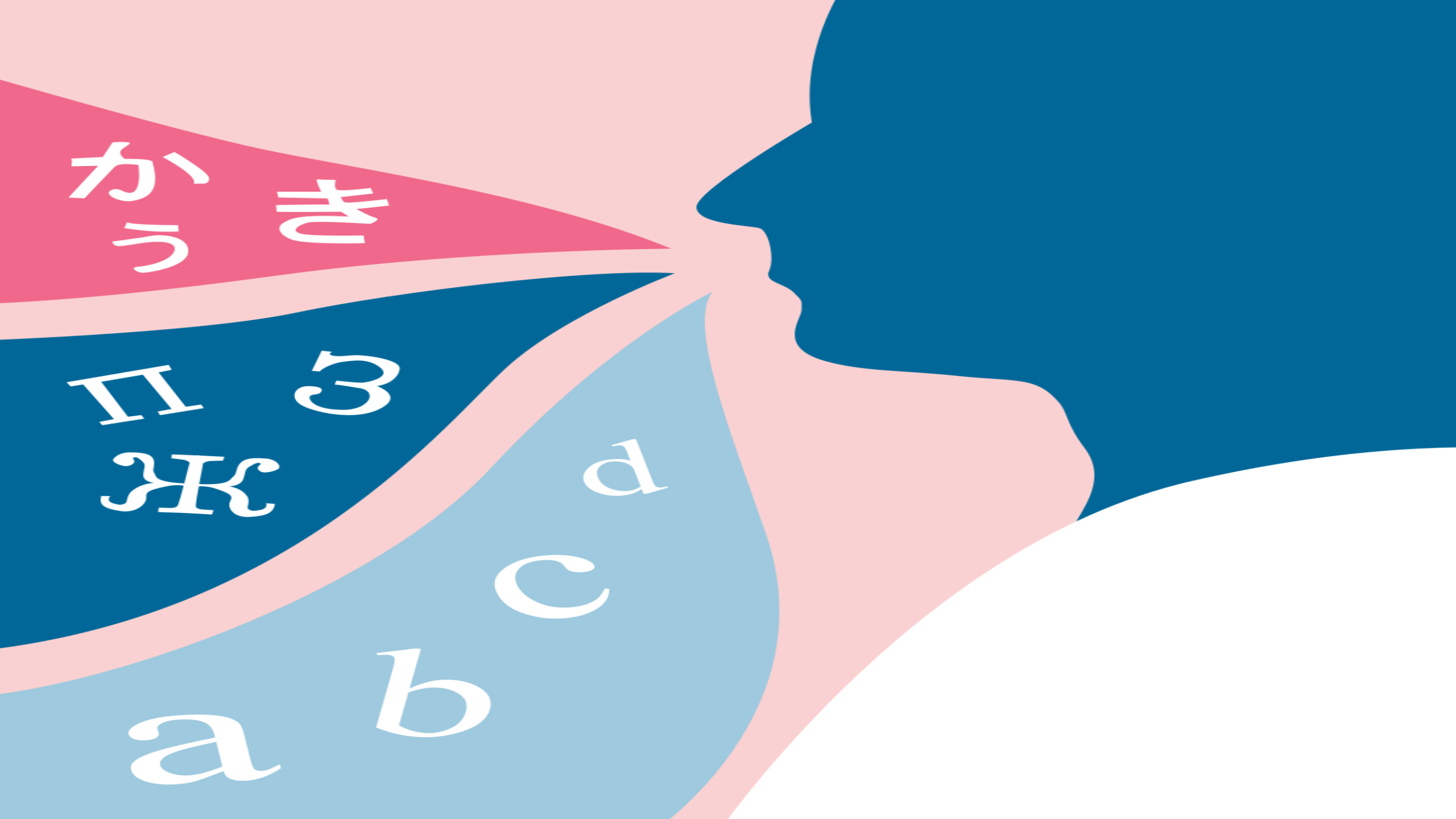


Acts 1





Acts 2

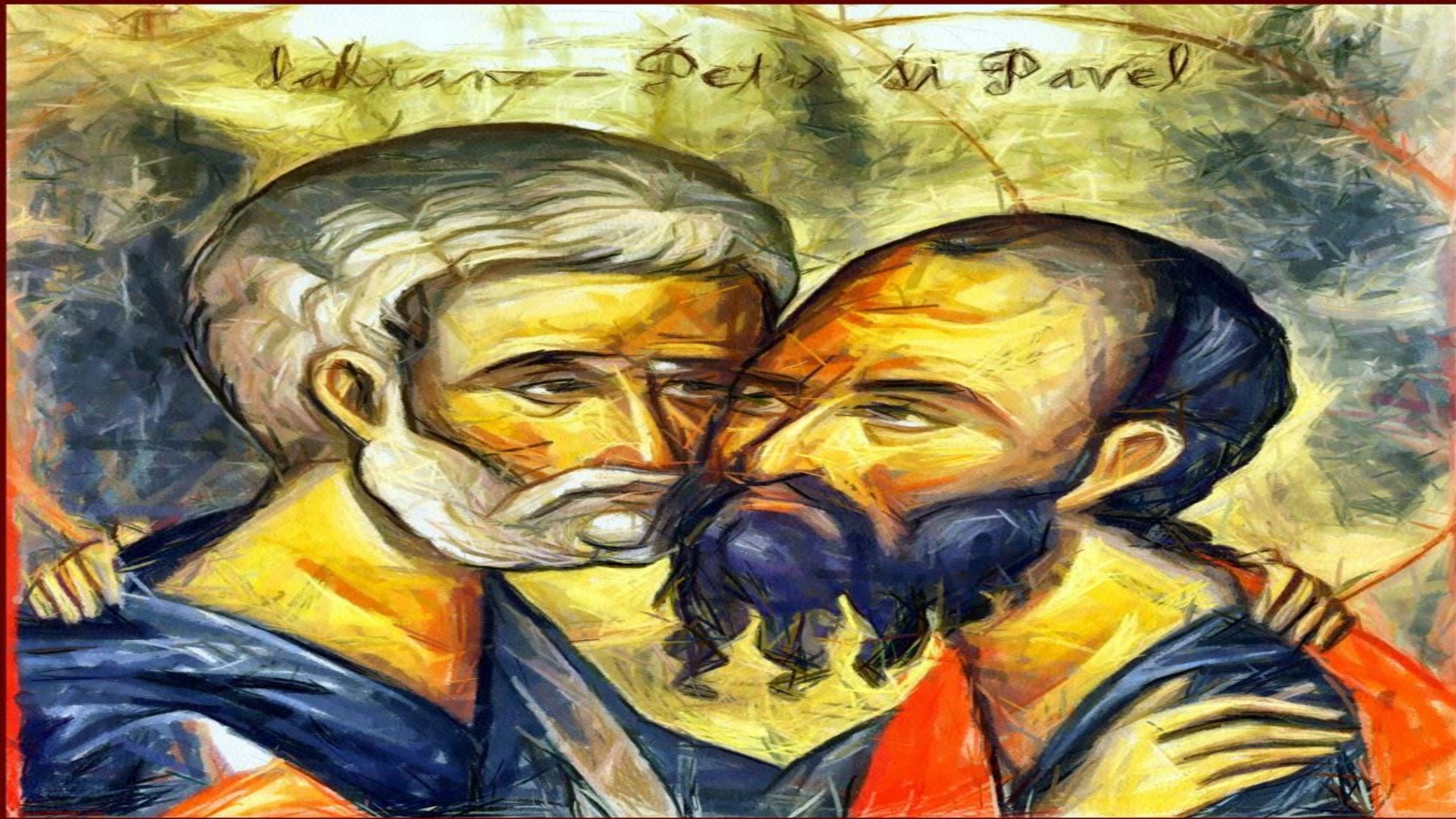


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THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

Acts 9

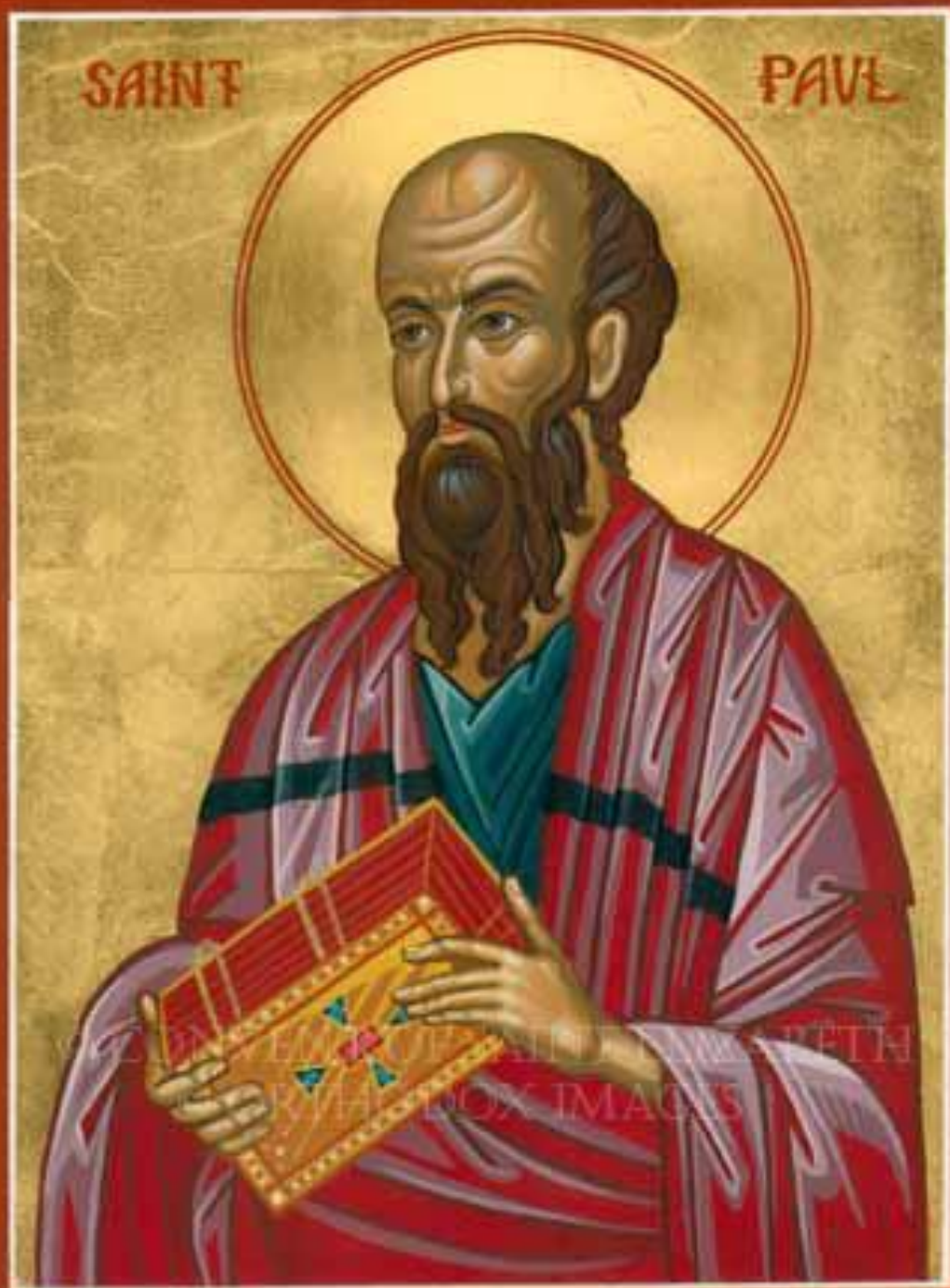


Acts 9



Have you read
Acts 29?





The Ministry of Paul

The people and cities that
influenced the spread of
the Jesus' Gospel

St. Paul:

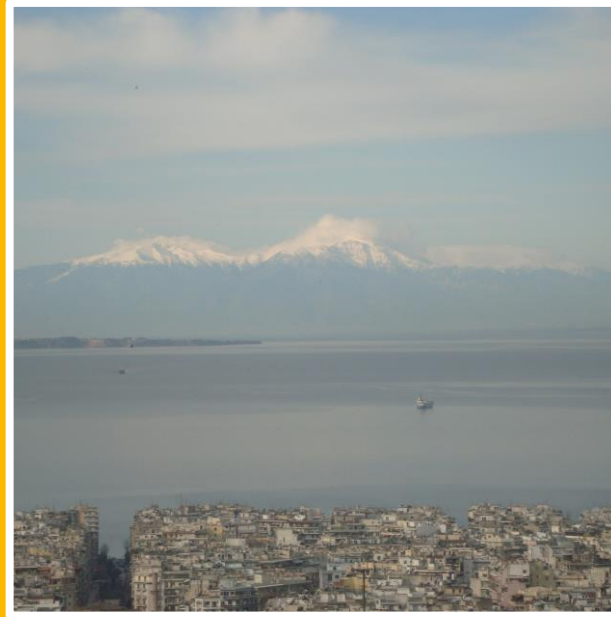
- ❖ Had the Hebrew Name of Saul
- ❖ Was a Pharisee and a Jew
- ❖ Was not one of Jesus' Original Disciples
- ❖ Wrote More in the New Testament than Anyone
- ❖ Was a Roman Citizen
- ❖ Was a Tent Maker

The Cities & People Who Influenced Paul's Theology

Corinth



Thessalonica



Rome





Thessalonica

- ❖ Paul established the church in this city
- ❖ Paul's earliest preserved letter was to this community
- ❖ Theology of Election is the important Pauline Theme

our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters [1] beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And



How Does One Know They
Are Elected by God??

Baptism!!





Corinth


- ❖ Paul established the church in this city
- ❖ Paul wrote several letters to this community
- ❖ Theology of the Cross is important
Pauline Theme

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.



What Is Theology of the Cross??

❖ Last Place
One
Expects to
Find God –
There God
is Present!





2 Corinthians 4:7-12
2 Corinthians 12:9-10



Rome

- ❖ **Paul did not establish the church in this city**
- ❖ **Paul's letter to the Romans is considered his most important theological work**
- ❖ **Justification by grace through faith is important Pauline theme**

Righteousness through Faith

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ [11] for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement [12] by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time

that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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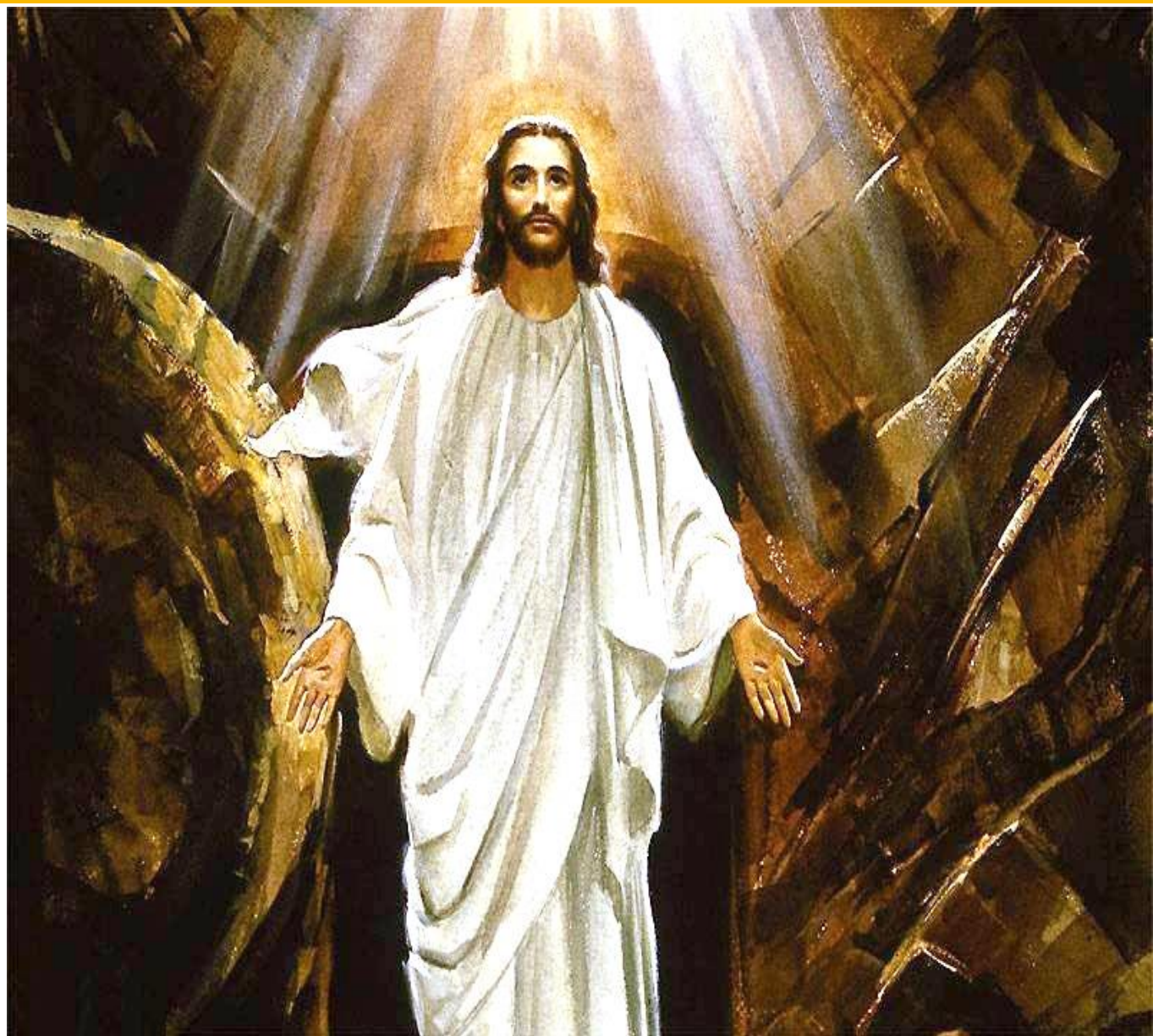
²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only?



What Is Justification by Grace
through Faith??

❖ God's
Work –
Not
Human
Labor!

❖ A Gift
from God!



What Important Church
Leader Loved the Teaching of
St. Paul??

Martin Luther



A dramatic sky filled with dark, heavy clouds. A bright blue patch is visible in the center, where the text is located. The clouds are illuminated from the side, creating a strong contrast between the dark shadows and the bright highlights.

Revelation to John

- Apocalyptic Literature – uses symbolic language to reveal hidden truths
- Other examples: Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah
- Often deals with “end times” (Eschatology)
- Meant to bring HOPE to oppressed people