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*THE GOSPEL
ON THE MOVE*

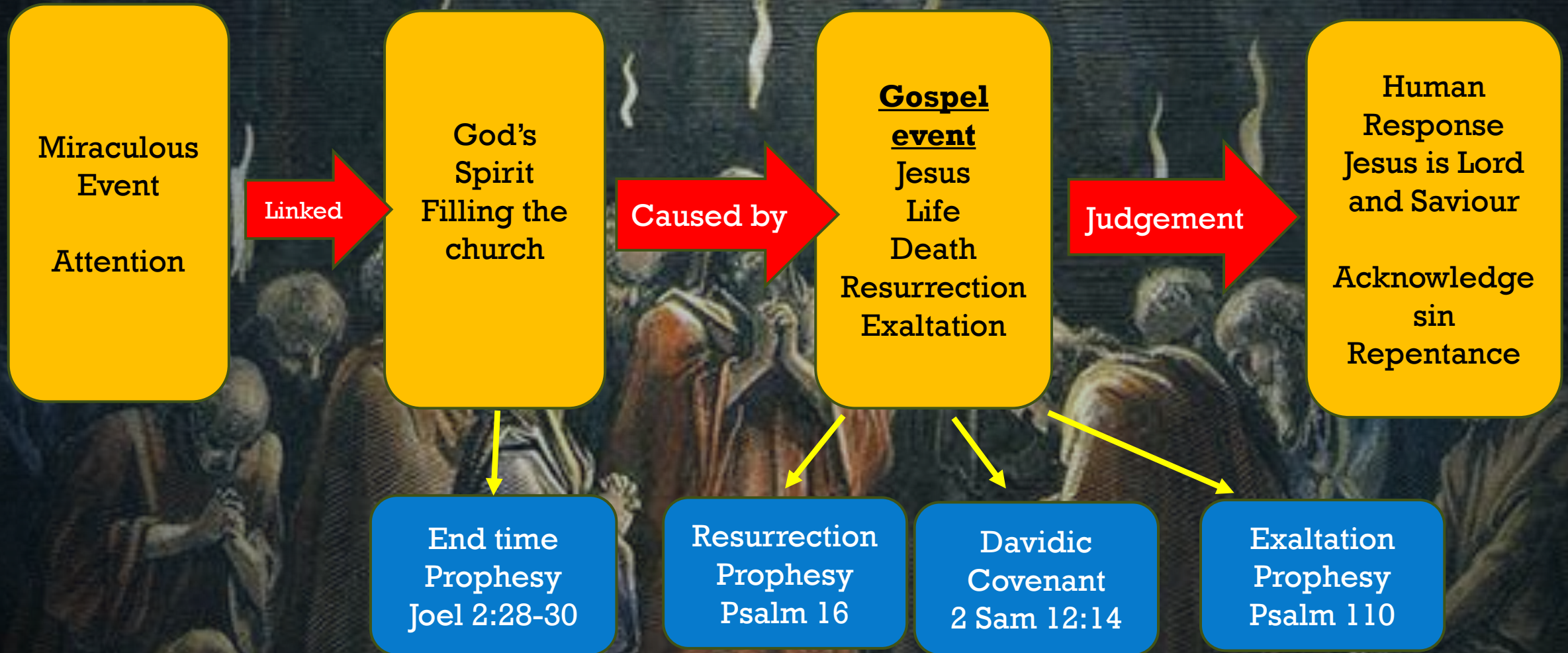


Study 3

The gospel and the first Spirit-filled church

Acts 2: 14-47

PETER'S GOSPEL MESSAGE



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Miraculous
Event

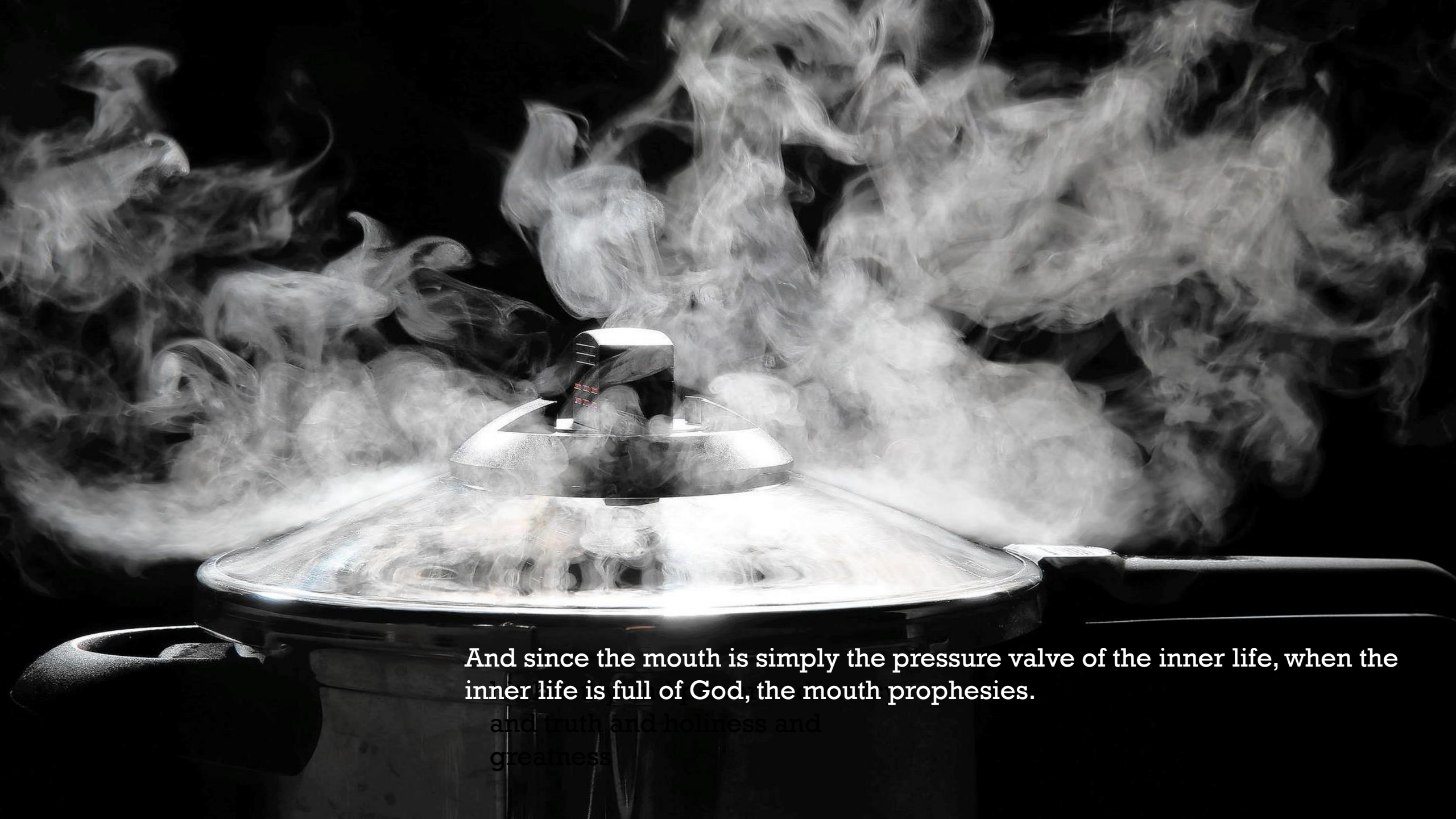
Attention



Acts 2:14-18
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Prophecy
Joel 2:28-30

Acts 2:16-18 (ESV) But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:17 ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.



And since the mouth is simply the pressure valve of the inner life, when the inner life is full of God, the mouth prophesies.

and truth and holiness and
greatness

UNIVERSAL

Sons



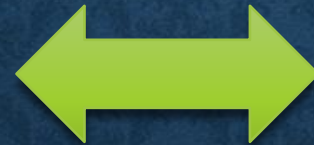
Daughters

Young



Old

Male servants



Female Servants

IMPENDING JUDGEMENT

Acts 2:19-20 (ESV) And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. (Joel 2:28-30)

JUDGMENT

21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved



GOSPEL MESSAGE

Acts 2:25-28 (ESV) For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand

Acts 2:29-30 (ESV) 29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and

Acts 2:34-35 (ESV) 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

Gospel event

Jesus
life
death

gement

Human Response
Jesus is Lord and Saviour

Acknowledge sin
Repentance

Exaltation
Prophecy
Psalm 110

Jesus Christ

THE GOSPEL EVENT

**GOD
AUTHENTICATES**

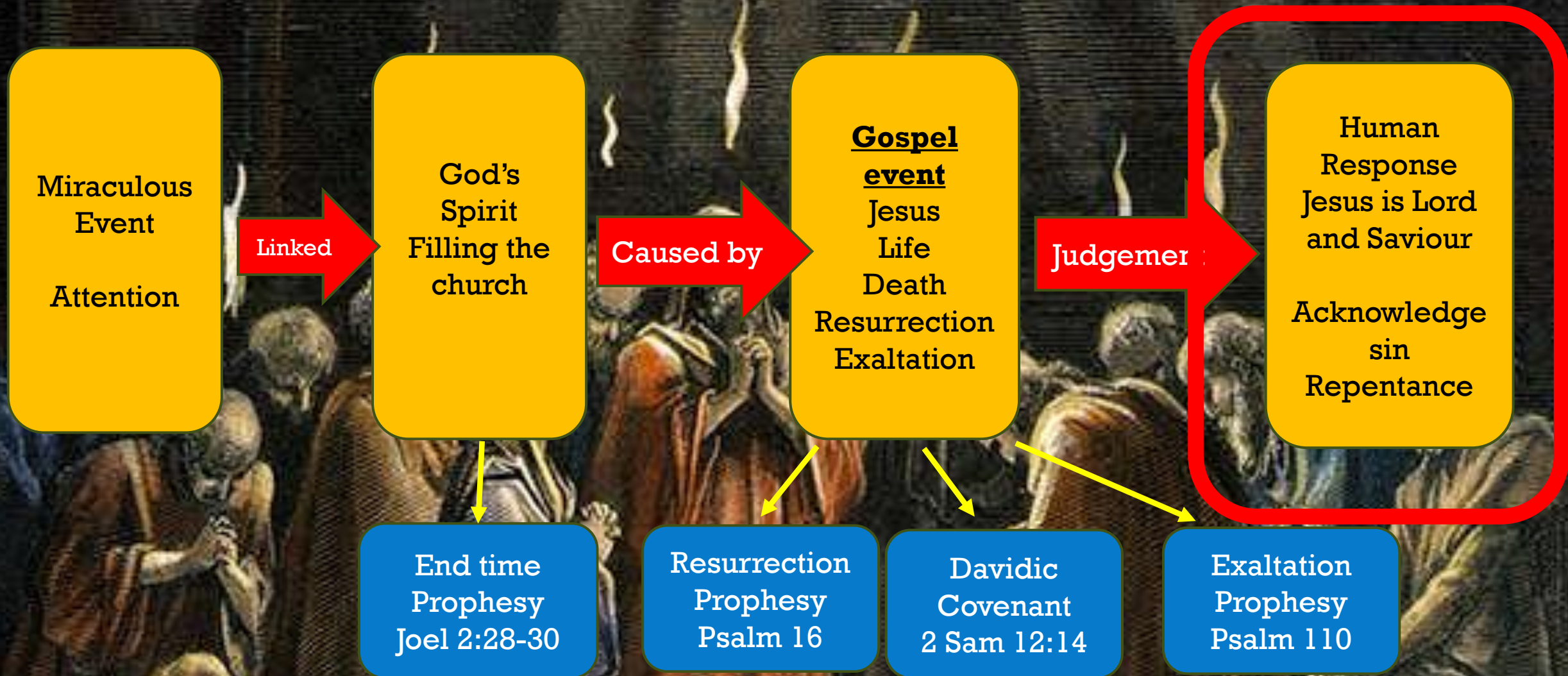
Life and ministry

Death

Ressurrection

Exaltation

PETER'S GOSPEL MESSAGE



APOSTLES AS WITNESSES

Acts 2:31-32 (ESV) he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

CONCLUSION AND IMPLICATIONS

Acts 2:36 (ESV) Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

RESPONSE-CONVICTION OF SIN

Acts 2:37 (ESV) Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

FEATURES OF THE CONVERSION PROCESS

MIND

GRACE

HEART

LIFE

Tim Keller

KNOWLEDGE-GUILT

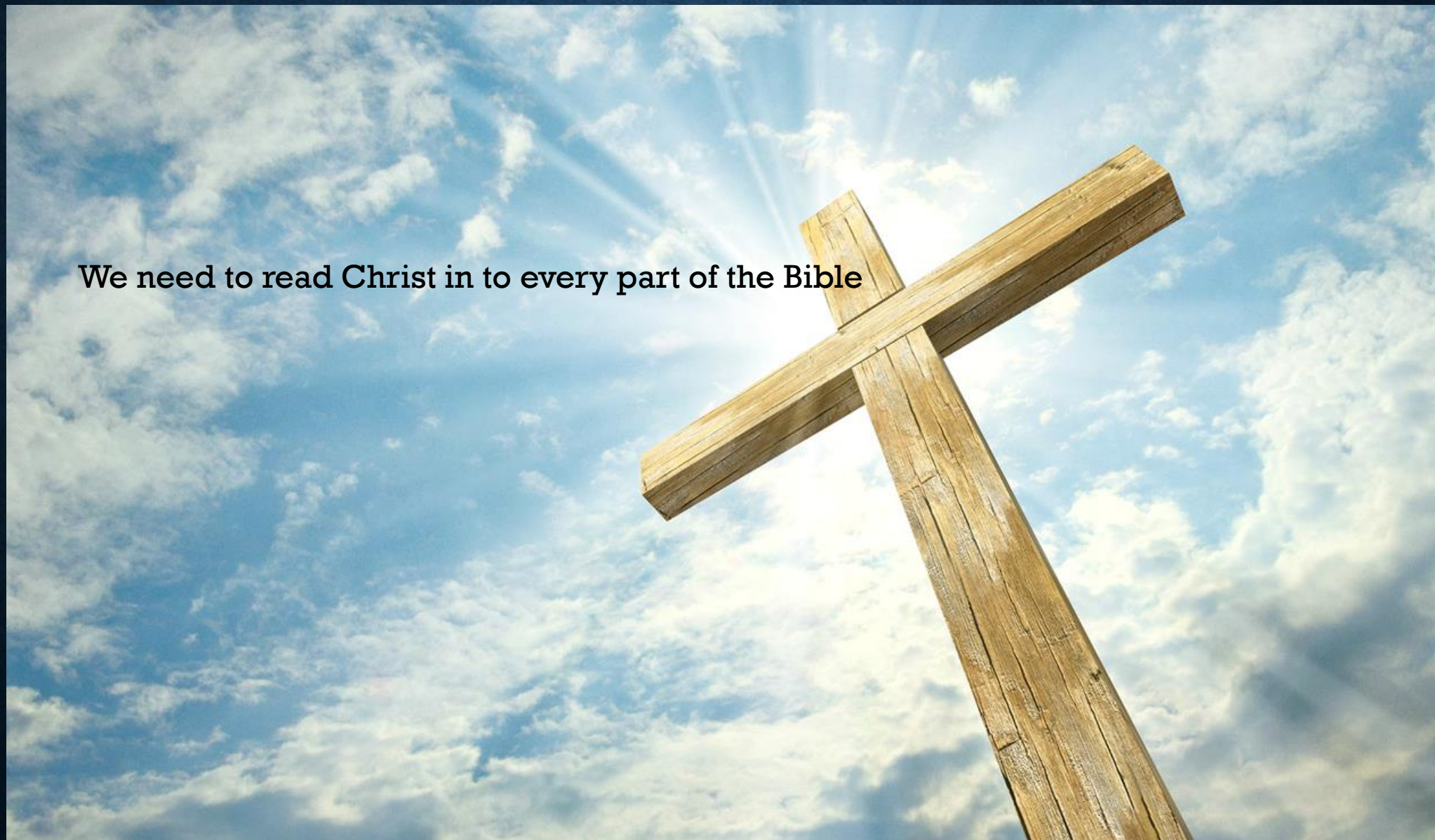
Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain
that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus
whom you crucified (Acts 2:36 ESV)

METANOIA----CHANGE OF MIND

Acts 2:38 ESV And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

GRACE WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU

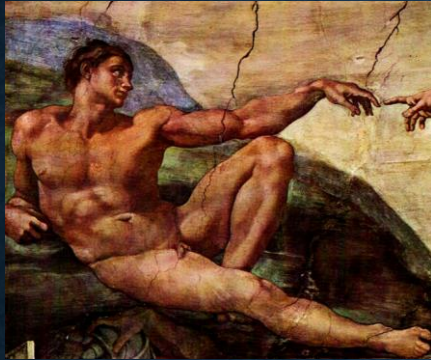
We need to read Christ in to every part of the Bible



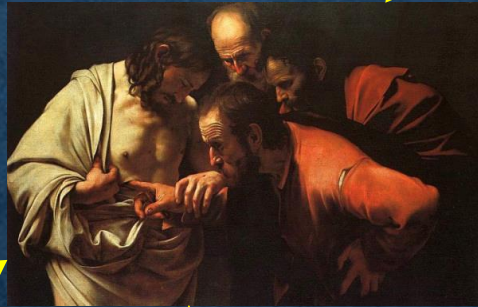
Jesus ultimate priest



Jesus ultimate light of the world



Jesus ultimate image of God



David points to ultimate king
Kills Goliath...his victory given to
whole of nation



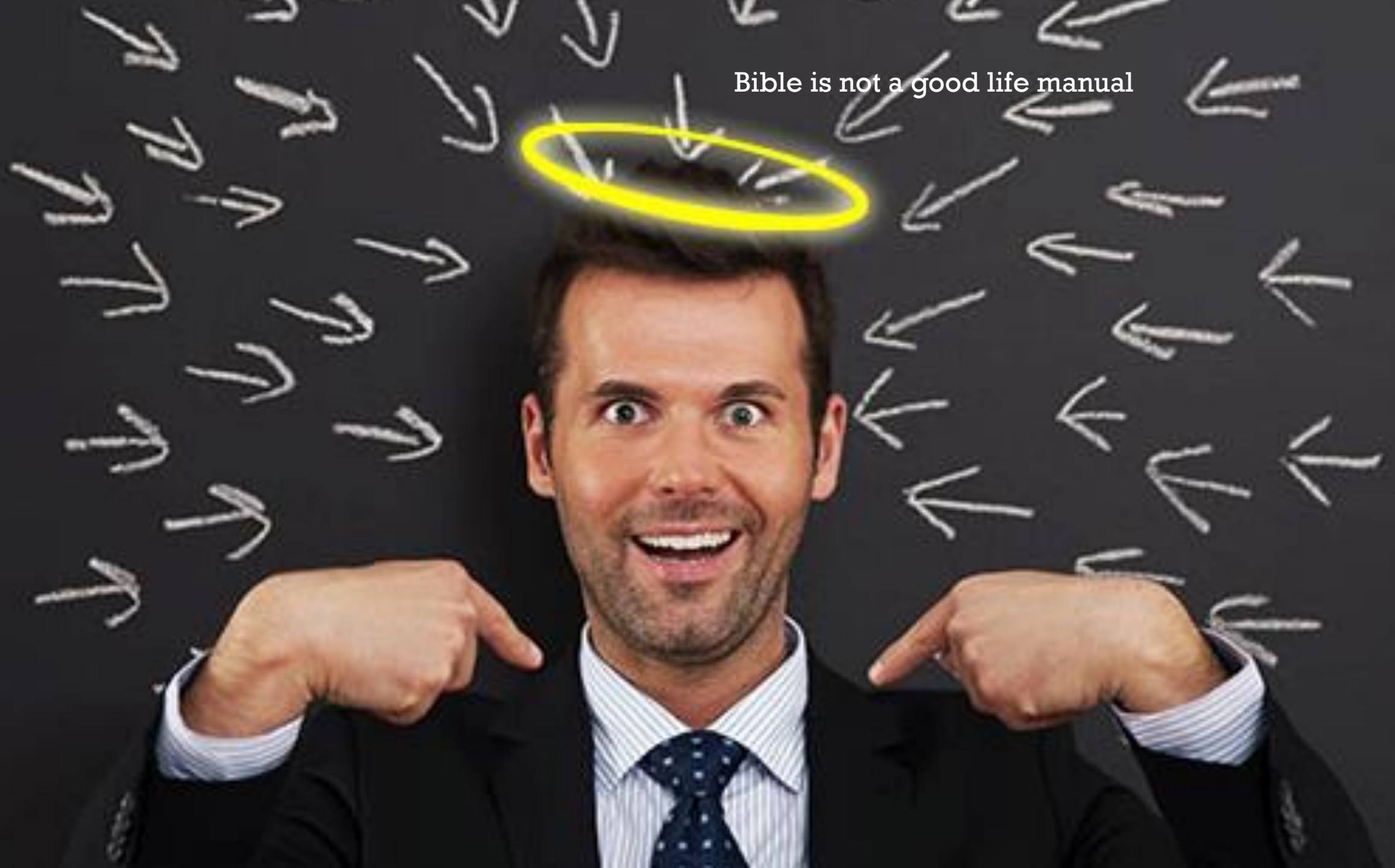
Rock of Moses- struck with rod of
Gods justice so we can have
wager the real water



Jesus Bread of Life



Bible is not a good life manual



HEART

Stabbed or pierced

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Sin becomes personal not an abstraction

When we realise we have broken his heart not just His rules

Jesus Lovers



I HAVE DECIDED,
**TO FOLLOW
JESUS**

PETER DENIES JESUS



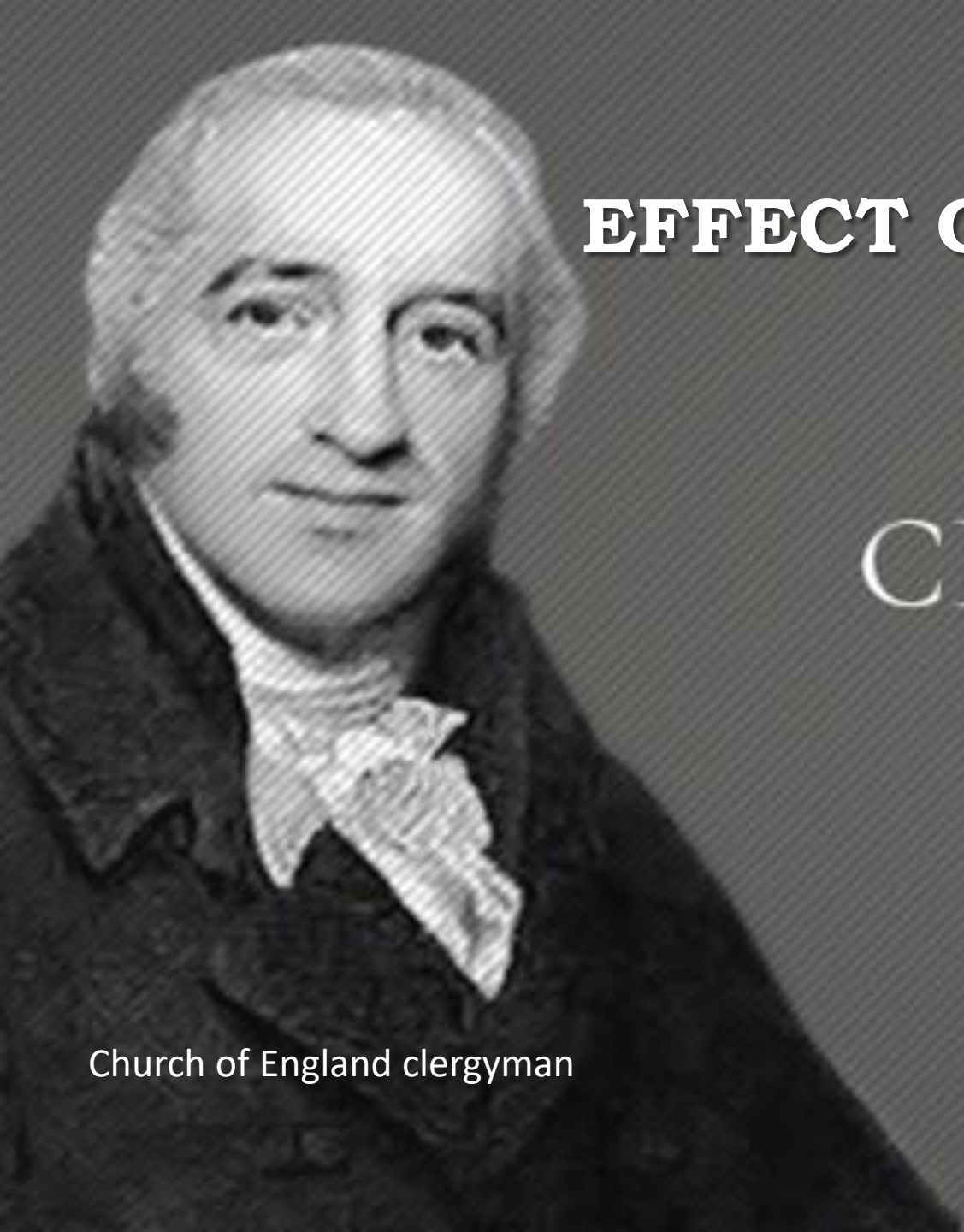
Lying and felt guilty as broke 10 commandments
He would have been down



Luke 22:60 But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the **Lord turned and looked at Peter.** And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” 62 And he went out and **wept bitterly**

OWNERSHIP OF SIN

- this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men(Acts 2:23 ESV)
- Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified (Acts 2:36 ESV)



EFFECT OF THE GOSPEL

CHARLES SIMEON

1759–1836

- Exalt the Saviour
- Humble the sinner
- Promote holiness

Church of England clergyman

A close-up photograph of a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a light blue shirt. He has his hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, looking down with a serious expression. The background is a dark, textured wall.

MAN CENTERED EVNAGELISM

We don't need to be humbled. We need to hear more how we are made in the image of God.”

Focus is on blessings

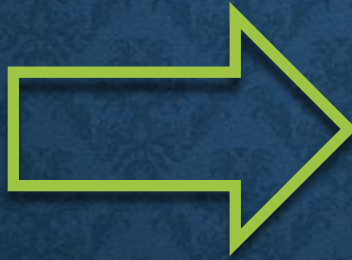
LIFE

Acts 2:38-39 ESV And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself

NATURE OF THE FAITH

Historical event

Life ,Death,
Resurrection and
Exaltation



Evidence

Apostles -Witnesses

Prophets-Biblical

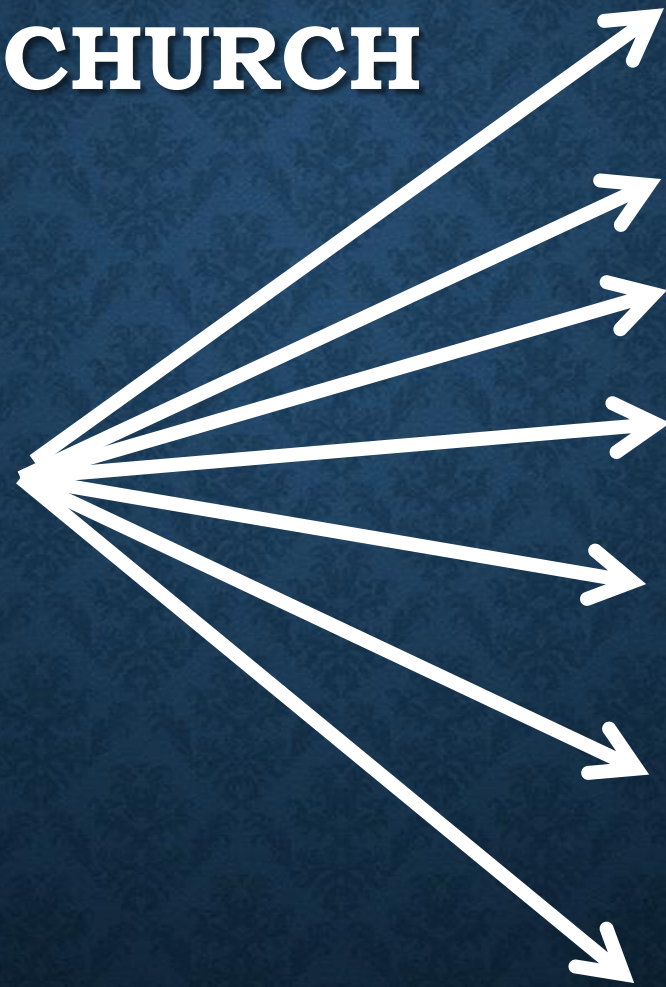
THE FIRST CHURCH

Acts 2:42-47 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all the people were being gathered together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved

Προσκαρτερέω.....to stick by ..hold fast,
persist ..devoted to single mindedly..

CHARACTERISTICS OF SPIRIT FILLED CHURCH

Devoted to



Apostles teaching

Fellowship

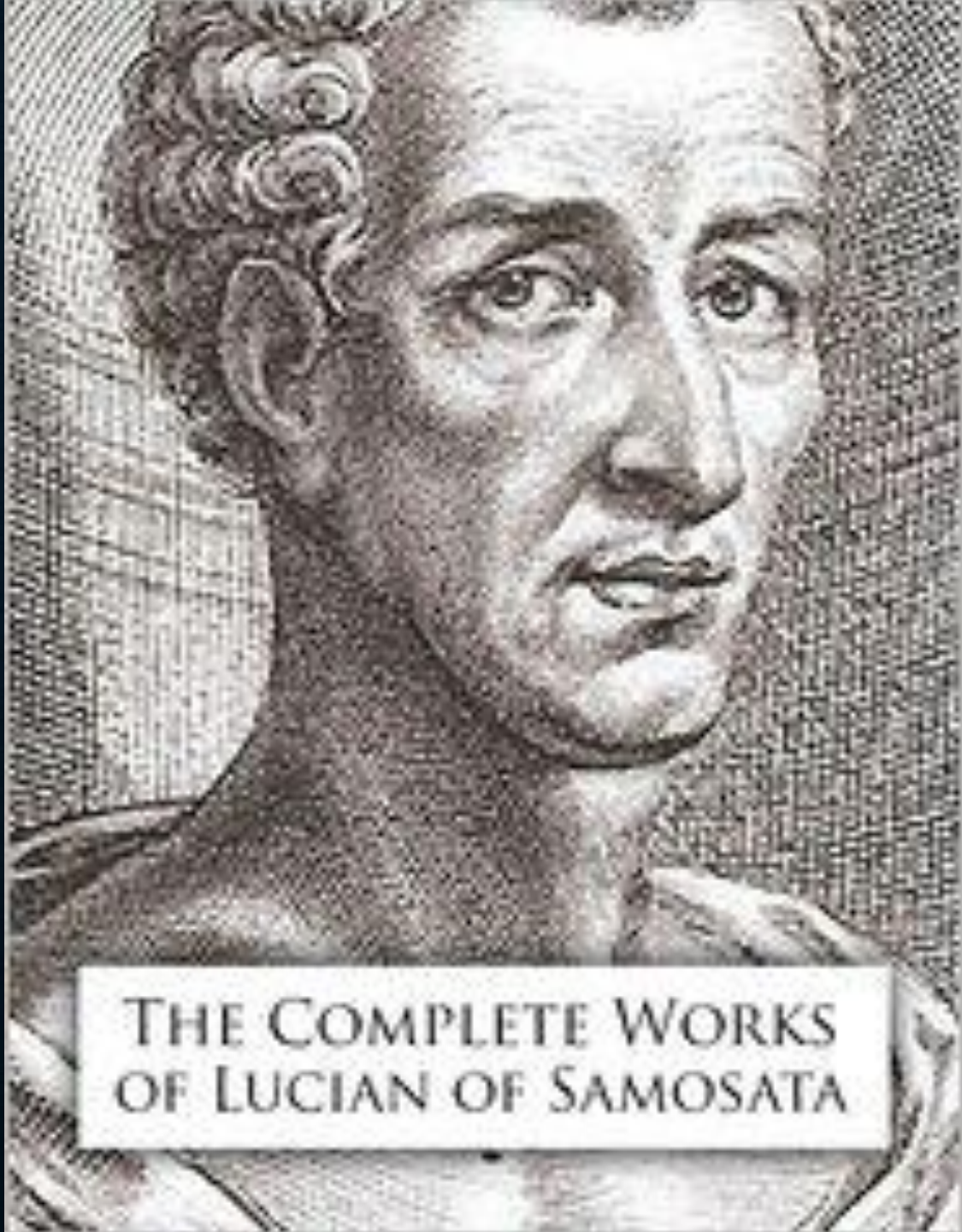
Breaking of bread

Prayer

Ministry to the poor and needy

Praise and Worship

Evangelism



“Their founder taught them that they should be as brothers to each other and therefore they despise their own privacy and view their possessions as common property”

TOGETHER

- 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, **Gathering of pilgrims from all over the** **Dispersion..culturally different** **They have come to faith and now unified though** **different. Giving themselves to each other** **with all the people. And the Lord added to their** **number day by day those who were being saved**

PROBLEM WITH OUR SOCIETY



Choice of church or worship
Saving for future
Spending



Materialism

LUKE AND THE POOR

Good Samaritan



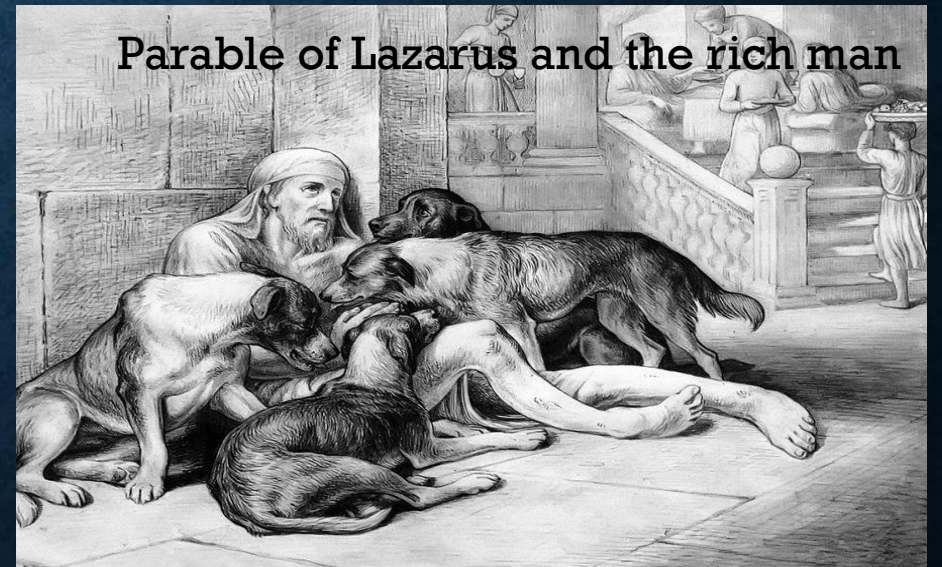
Rich Fool



Parable of Great Banquet



Parable of Lazarus and the rich man



RADICAL UNSELFISHNESS BASED ON FAITH

- Gave themselves away ---Radical unselfishness
- Their money
- Possessions
- Their time
- Emotional capital
- To create community

ANCIENT SOCIETIES

Authority and Strength
Strong eat the weak



ESCLAVOS

NO CIUDADANOS



LIBERTOS



**PLEBE
(Clientes)**



**NOBILITAS
(Patricios
y plebeyos
enriquecidos)**



**SENADORES
Y ADMINIS-
TRADORES
DEL IMPERIO**

CIUDADANOS

Reconciliation of those wronged

Forgiveness repeated

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES?

Human rights

Life of loving service

Care for the weakest

THE APPEAL OF CHRISTIANITY

So different and attractive so that it spread to all the known world and became the dominant culture sweeping away all other cultures within 300 years

Judaism

Never got past its exclusiveness
Male centric

Christianity

Gloried in its appeal to all races and culture and appealed to the masses
Appealed to both sexes, rich and poor

Greek and Roman gods

Never got past the elites in society . Morally and socially educated
Male centric
Favoured rich

HOW DOES IT ALL HANG TOGETHER

Phobos= fear Living reality

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