

# GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 1 :The Gospel of  
Grace and Peace  
Gal 1:1-5

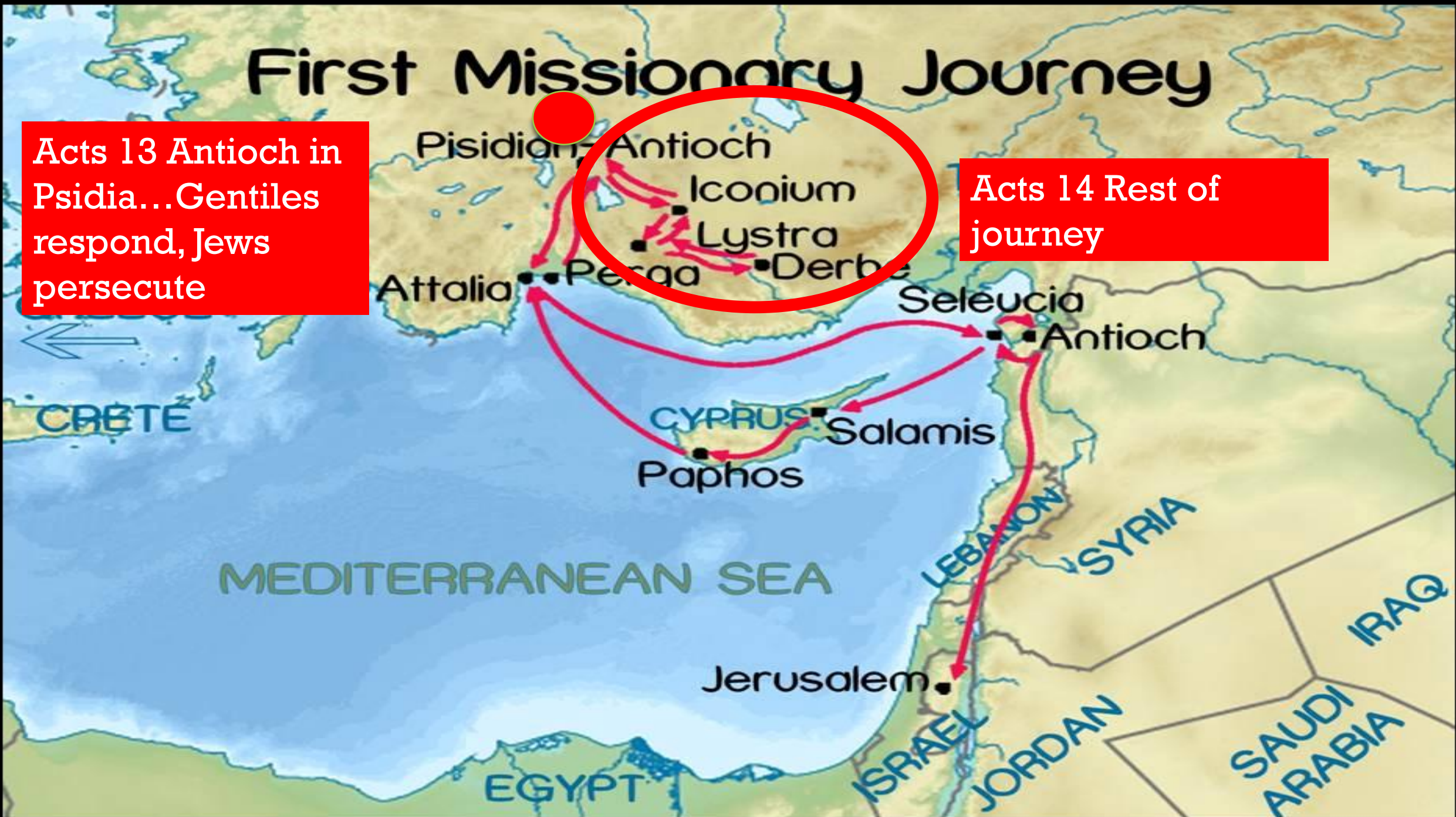




# First Missionary Journey

Acts 13 Antioch in Pisidia...Gentiles respond, Jews persecute

Acts 14 Rest of journey





## Levitical Laws

Food laws  
Sacrifices

Circumcision

# STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

# 1. THE TRUE GOSPEL (GAL 1-2)

Gal 1:1-5      The Gospel of Grace and Peace

Gal 1:6 – 24      The Gospel from God

Gal 2:1-14      The Gospel and Freedom

Gal 2: 15- 21      The Heart of the Gospel: Our Identity in Christ

# GALATIANS

*person who is sent and invested with the authority  
of the commissioning party*

1 Paul, an **apostle** ( not sent from men nor through  
the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God  
the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all  
the brethren who are with me,  
To the churches of Galatia:

## THE TWELVE

- Peter
- Andrew;
- James son of Zebedee,
- John;
- Philip
- Bartholomew;
- Thomas
- Matthew
- James son of Alphaeus
- Thaddaeus;
- Simon the Cananaean,
- Judas Iscariot, (Matthias)

# THE OTHER APOSTOLOS

- Barnabas (Acts 14: 4)
- Epaphroditus (Phil 2:25)
- Andronicus (Romans 16: 7)
- Junia (Romans 16: 7)
- Titus (2 Cor 8:23)

# QUALIFICATIONS

1 Cor 9 : (ESV) 1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle?  
Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?

1 Corinthians 15:8-10 (ESV) Last of all, as to one  
untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the  
least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an  
apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10  
But by the grace of God I am what I am,

## CRITERIA IN ACTS UNIQUENESS OF PAUL

Acts 1:21-22 (ESV) 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.

# GALATIANS

*Not sum of human reflections or philosophies*

*Independence from Jerusalem church  
Some have said that his apostleship was from the Jerusalem leadership or Antioch*

1 Paul, an apostle ( not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me,  
To the churches of Galatia:

*Revelation based on a real supernatural event*

Bible authors were  
churchmen, the church  
wrote the Bible.






Bible

Tradition

Pope

Therefore the church is over the Bible and has authority not only to interpret it, but also to supplement it.

Acts 9:15 (ESV) But the Lord said to him,  
“Go, for he is a chosen instrument of  
mine to carry my name before the  
Gentiles and kings and the children of  
Israel.



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from the dead

# WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS OF THE GOSPEL

Gal 1 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

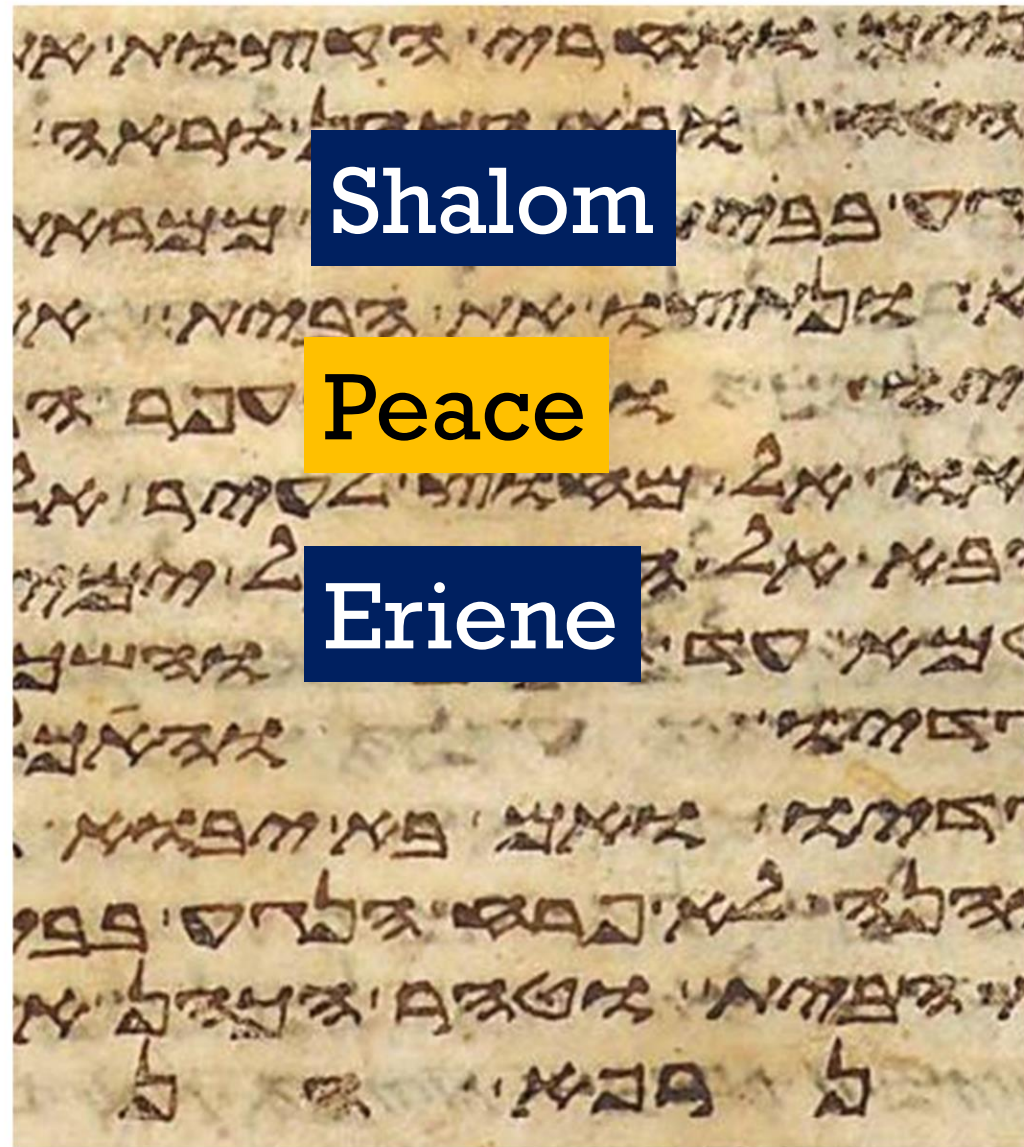
Initiated by God for God's glory



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Rejoice

Charis (Grace)

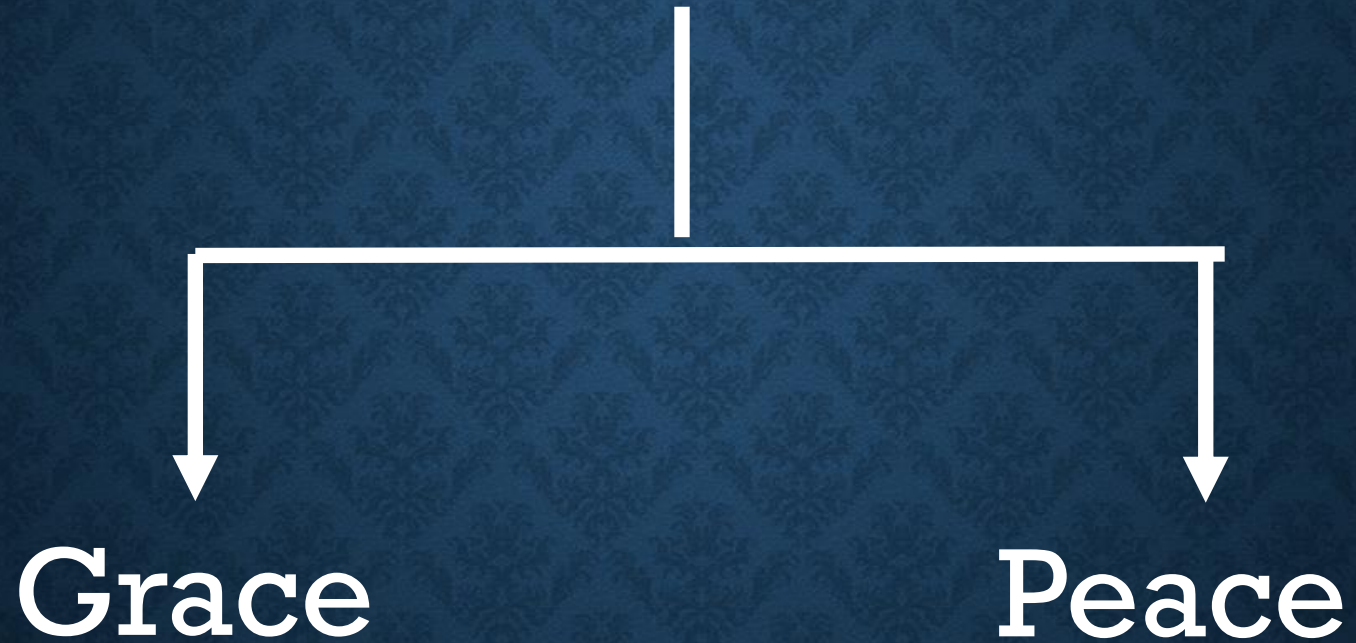


Shalom

Peace

Eriene

# PAULINE GREETING



**SUMMARY OF PAULINE GOSPEL**

A crown of thorns and a hammer are placed on a wooden surface. The crown of thorns is made of several dry, brown, thorny branches woven together. The hammer is made of wood and has a metal head. The background is a wooden surface with a vertical grain. The text "GRACE" is written in white, bold, serif capital letters across the top of the crown of thorns.

**GRACE**

**UNMERITED FAVOUR**

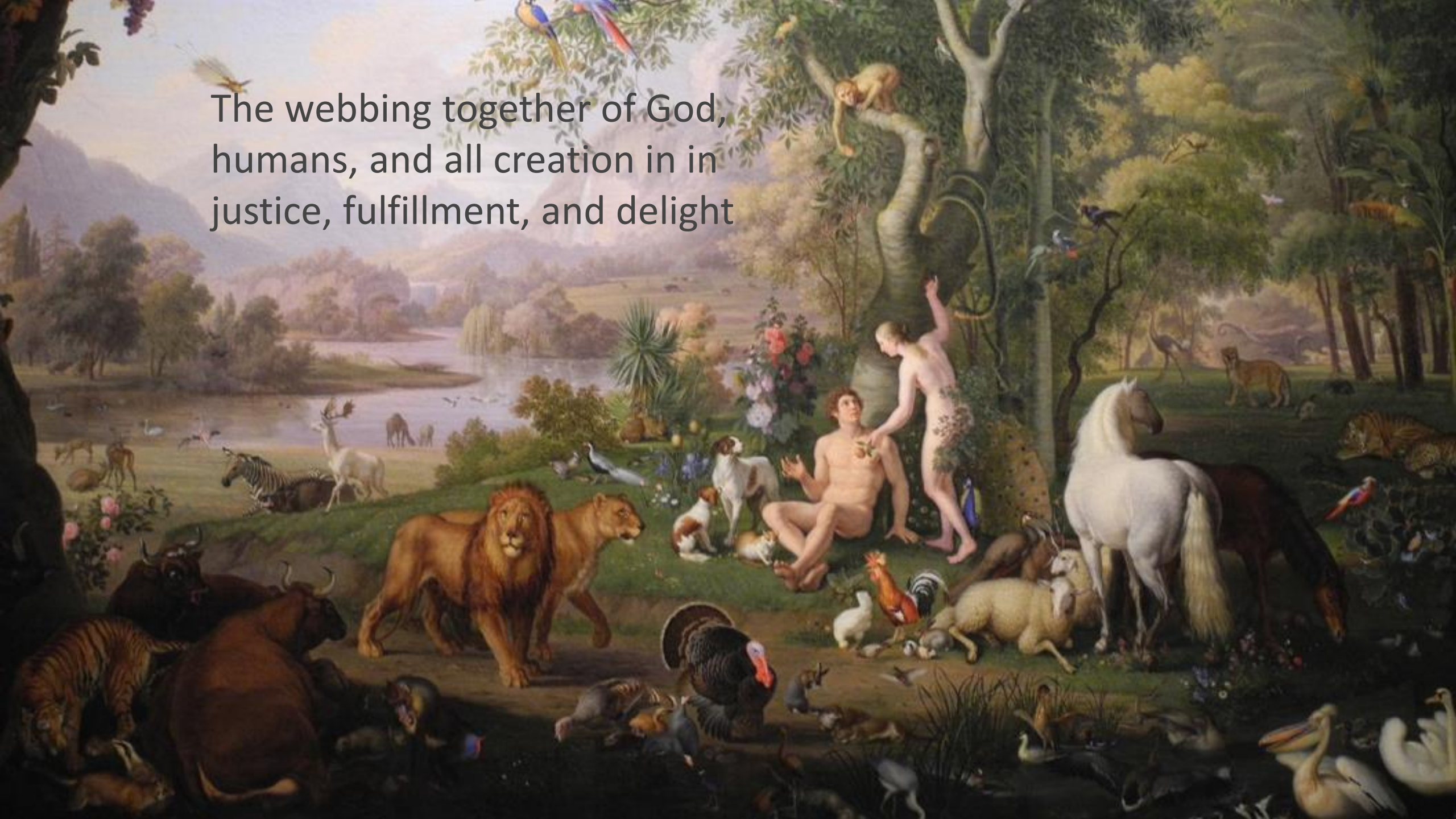
Shalom= Peace

*The webbing together of God,  
humans, and all creation in in  
justice, fulfillment, and delight*

**CORNELIUS  
PLANTINGA-  
THEOLOGIAN**



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# IT'S THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY— GOD'S REST

universal flourishing, wholeness and delight—a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights



Revelation 22 (ESV) Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

# THE FUTURE BEGINS TODAY

Gal 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## HISTORICAL EVENT NOT A CONCEPT

# THE GOSPEL IS PERSONAL

Galatians 1:3-6 (ESV) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## No Other Gospel

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

# THE GOSPEL

*not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."*

*~ Romans 1:16, ESV ~*

Euangelion

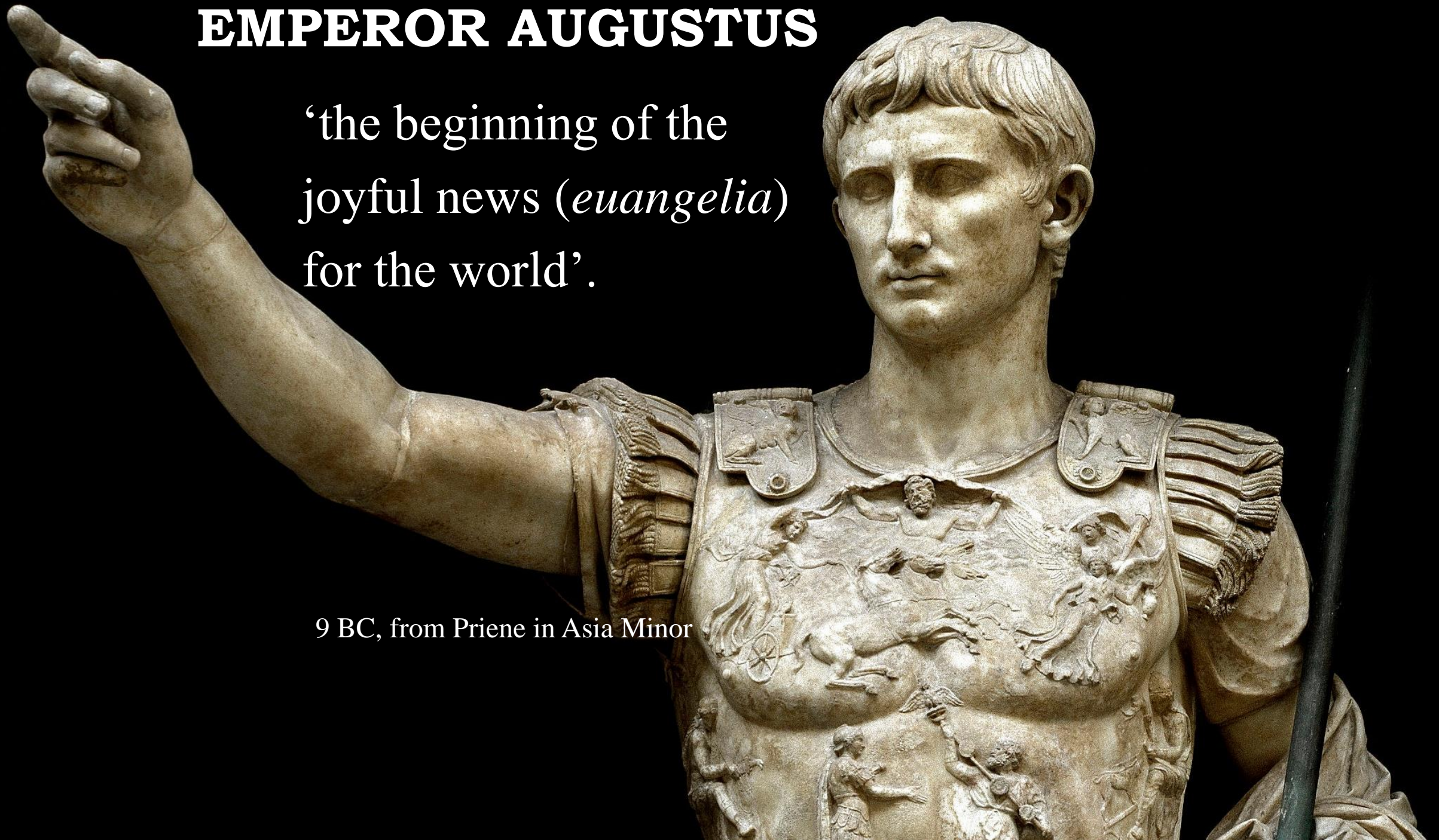


Good news

# EMPEROR AUGUSTUS

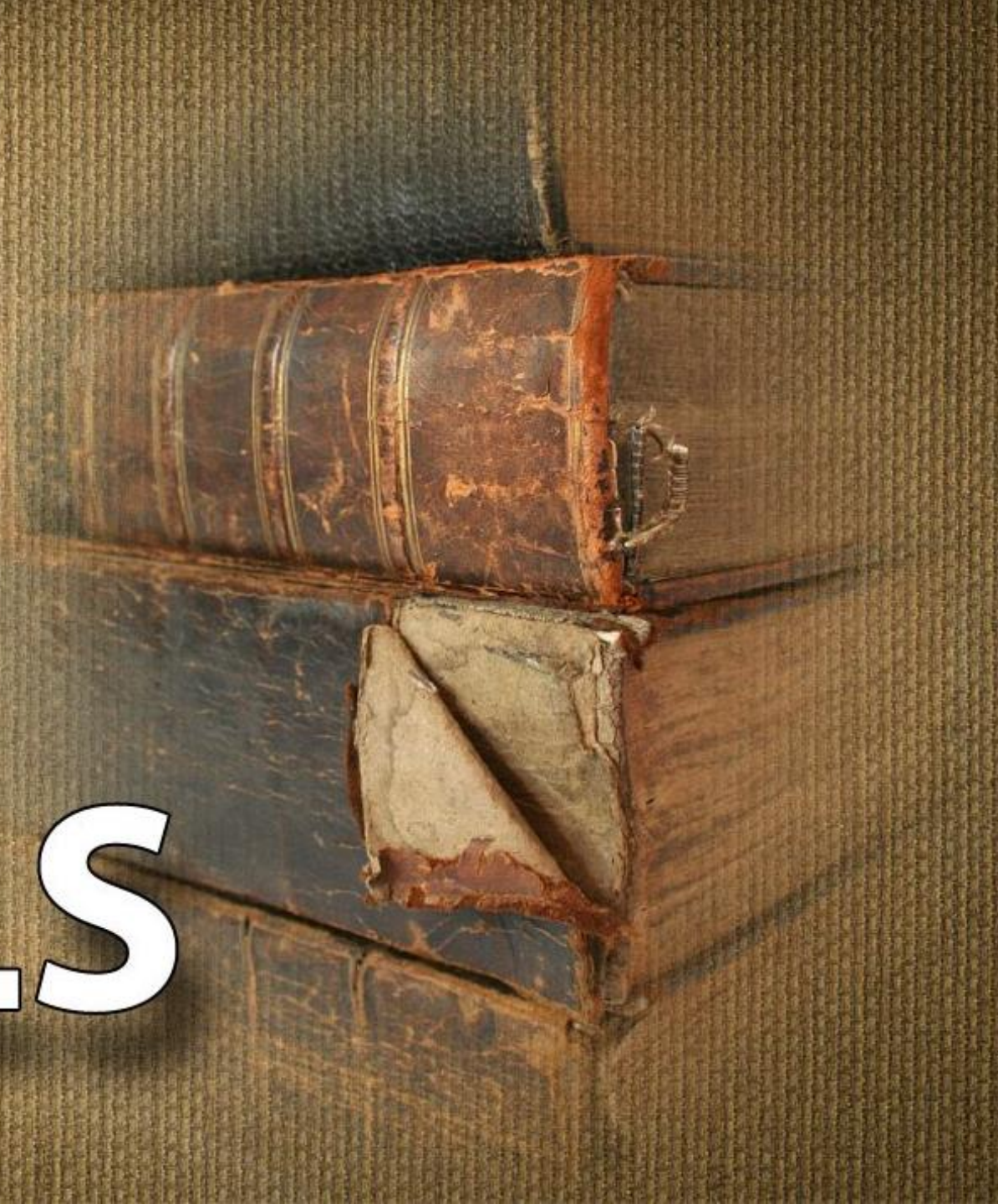
‘the beginning of the  
joyful news (*euangelia*)  
for the world’.

9 BC, from Priene in Asia Minor



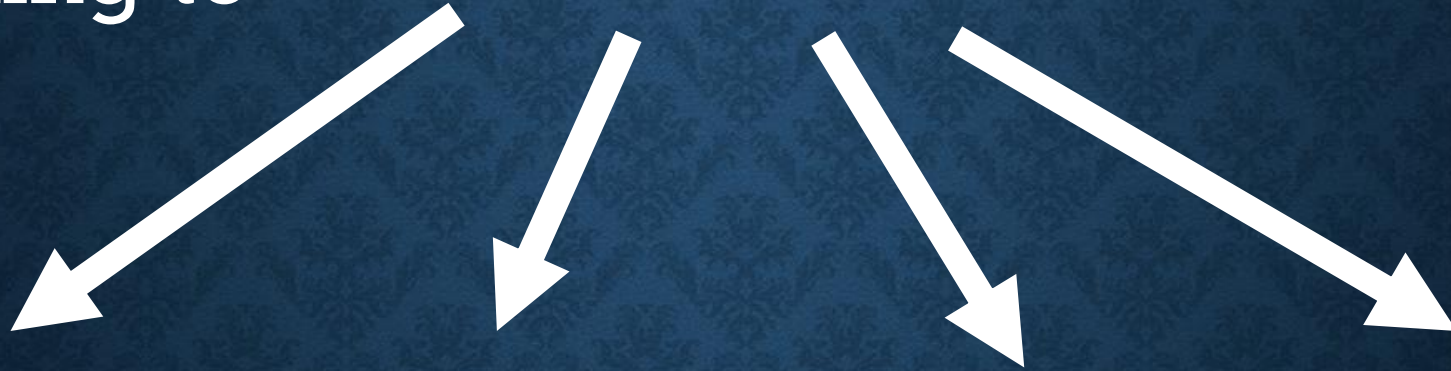


# THE FOUR GOSPELS



# GOSPEL

According to



Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

# EARLIEST MENTION

God's kingdom mediated through Jesus

Mark 1:14-15 (ESV) Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

The response

The joyous news

## CONTENT OF THE GOSPEL

Galatians 1:2-5 (ESV) To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**, 4 who gave himself for our sins to **deliver us from the present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



**PRESENT EVIL AGE**

Isaiah 42:6-7 (ESV) I am the LORD; I have called you in  
righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep  
you; I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Colossians 1:13-14 (ESV) 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have **redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

# THE PROBLEM IS THE DIFFERENT GOSPEL

Galatians 1:6-7 (ESV) I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Historical event  
datable sequence from the death

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 (ESV) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

## THERE IS AN ORIGINAL VERSION GOSPEL 1.0

Galatians 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

## GOSPEL 2.0

Galatians 3:1-3 (ESV) O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this:

Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

## GOSPEL 2.0

Galatians 5:1-4 (ESV) For freedom Christ has set us free: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.