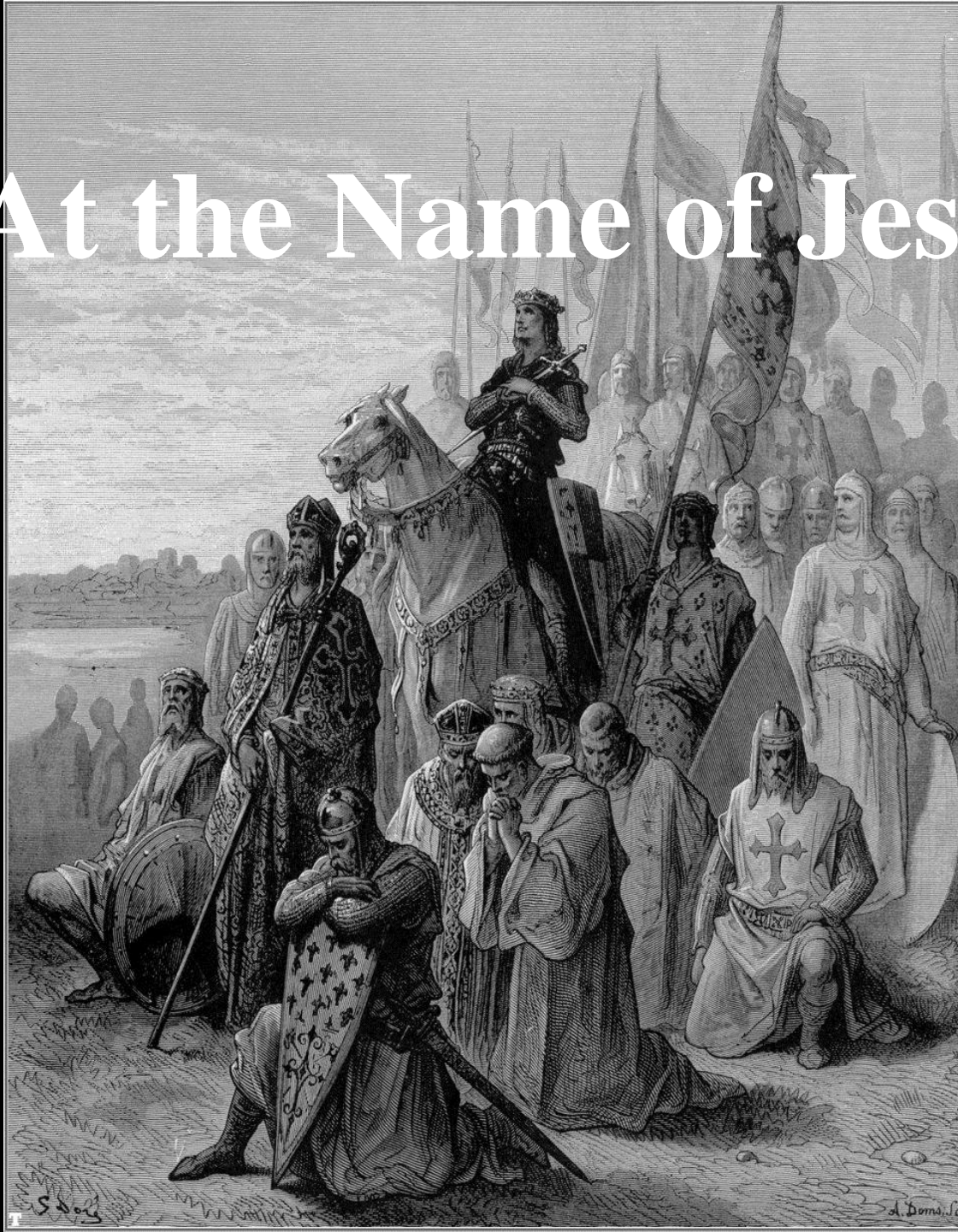




At the Name of Jesus



1: At the Name of Jesus, ev'ry knee
shall bow,

Ev'ry tongue confess Him, King of
Glory now.

'Tis the Father's pleasure, we should
call Him Lord,

Who from the beginning was the
mighty Word.

A photograph of a forest path during autumn. The path is covered in fallen leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Tall trees with vibrant foliage line the path, and sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow. The overall scene is serene and beautiful.

2: At His voice creation sprang at once to sight,

All the angel faces, all the hosts of light.

Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,

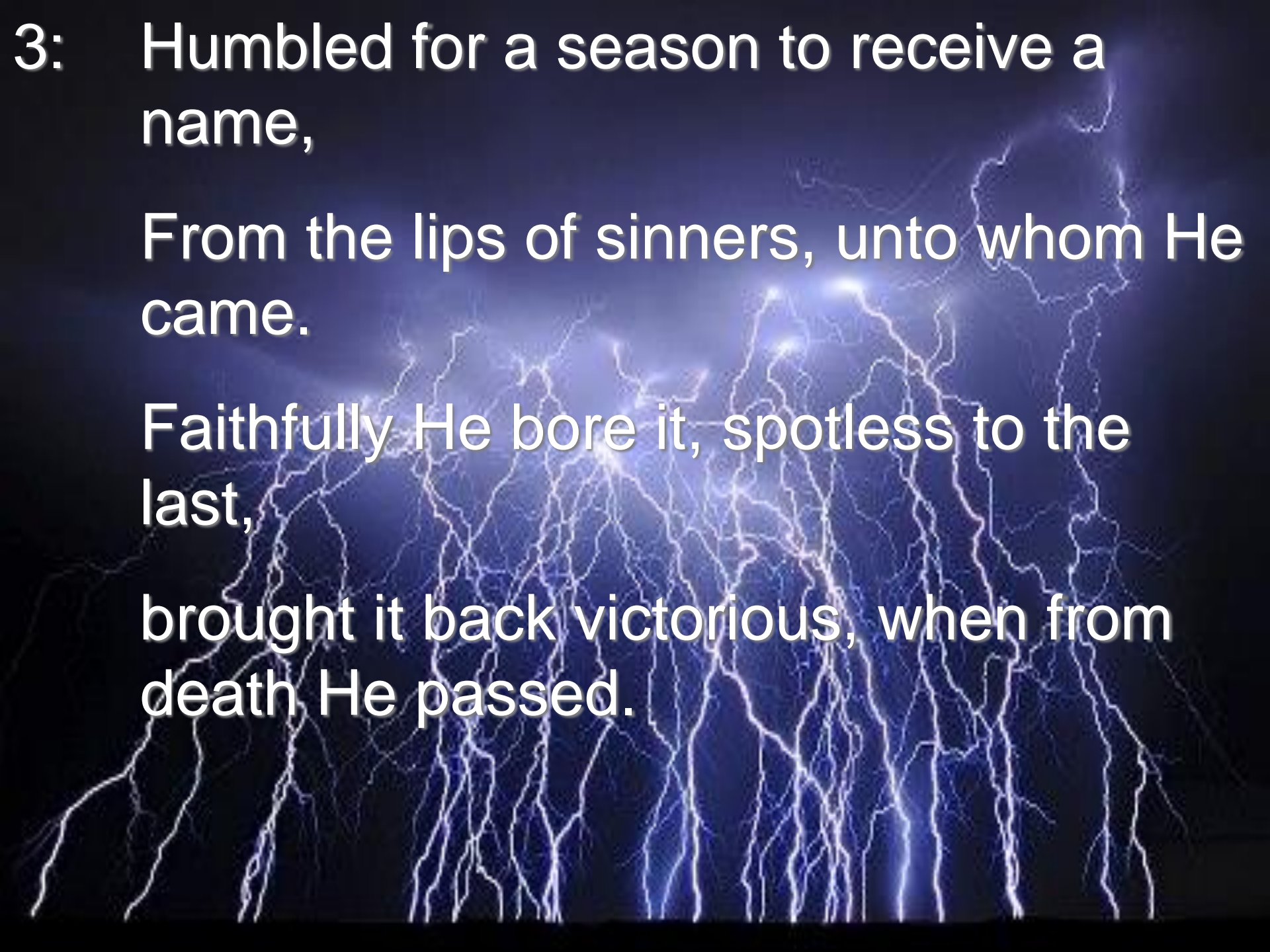
All the Heav'nly orders in their great array.

3: Humbled for a season to receive a name,

From the lips of sinners, unto whom He came.

Faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,

brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

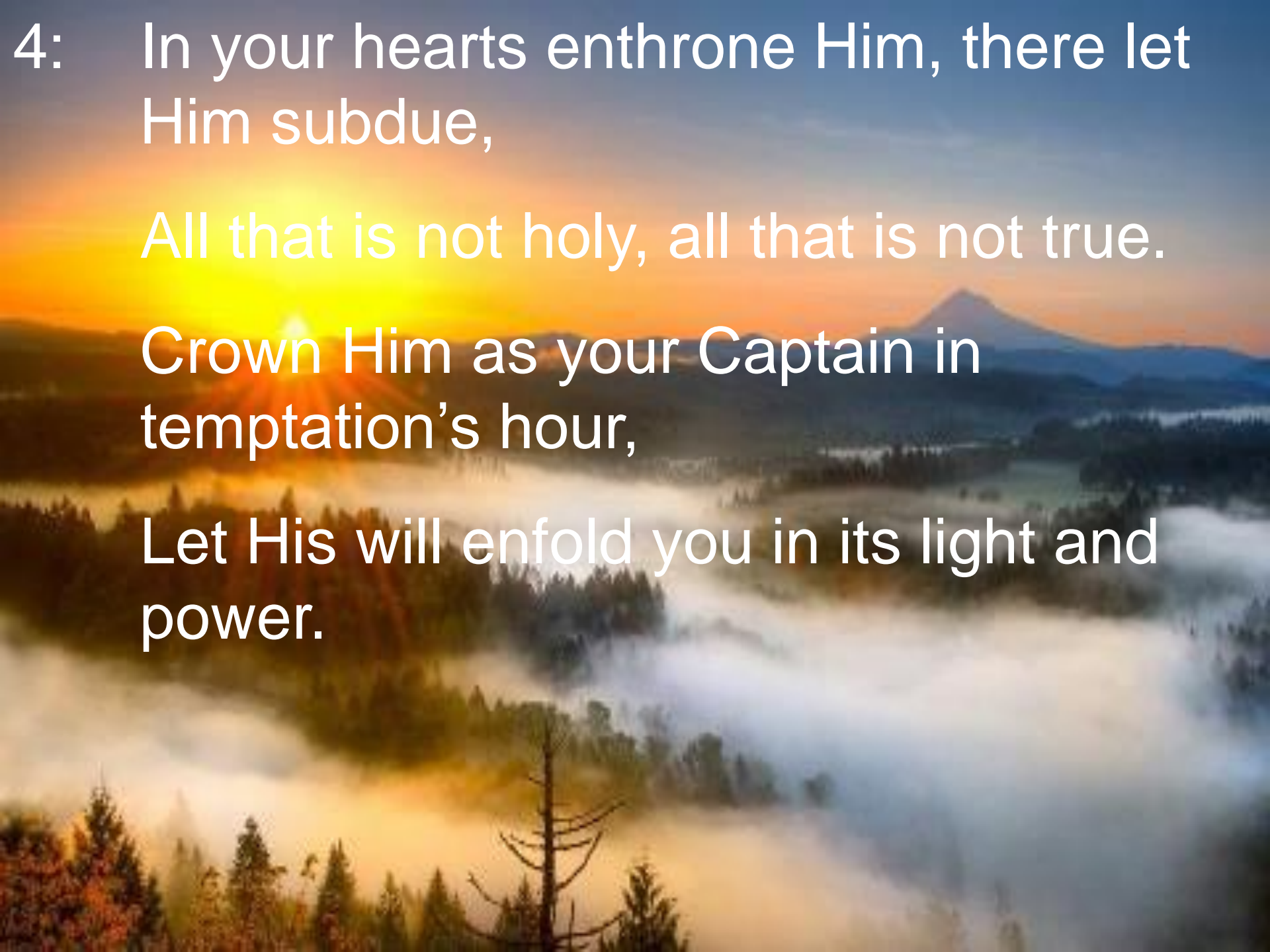


4: In your hearts enthrone Him, there let
Him subdue,

All that is not holy, all that is not true.

Crown Him as your Captain in
temptation's hour,

Let His will enfold you in its light and
power.



5: Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return
again,

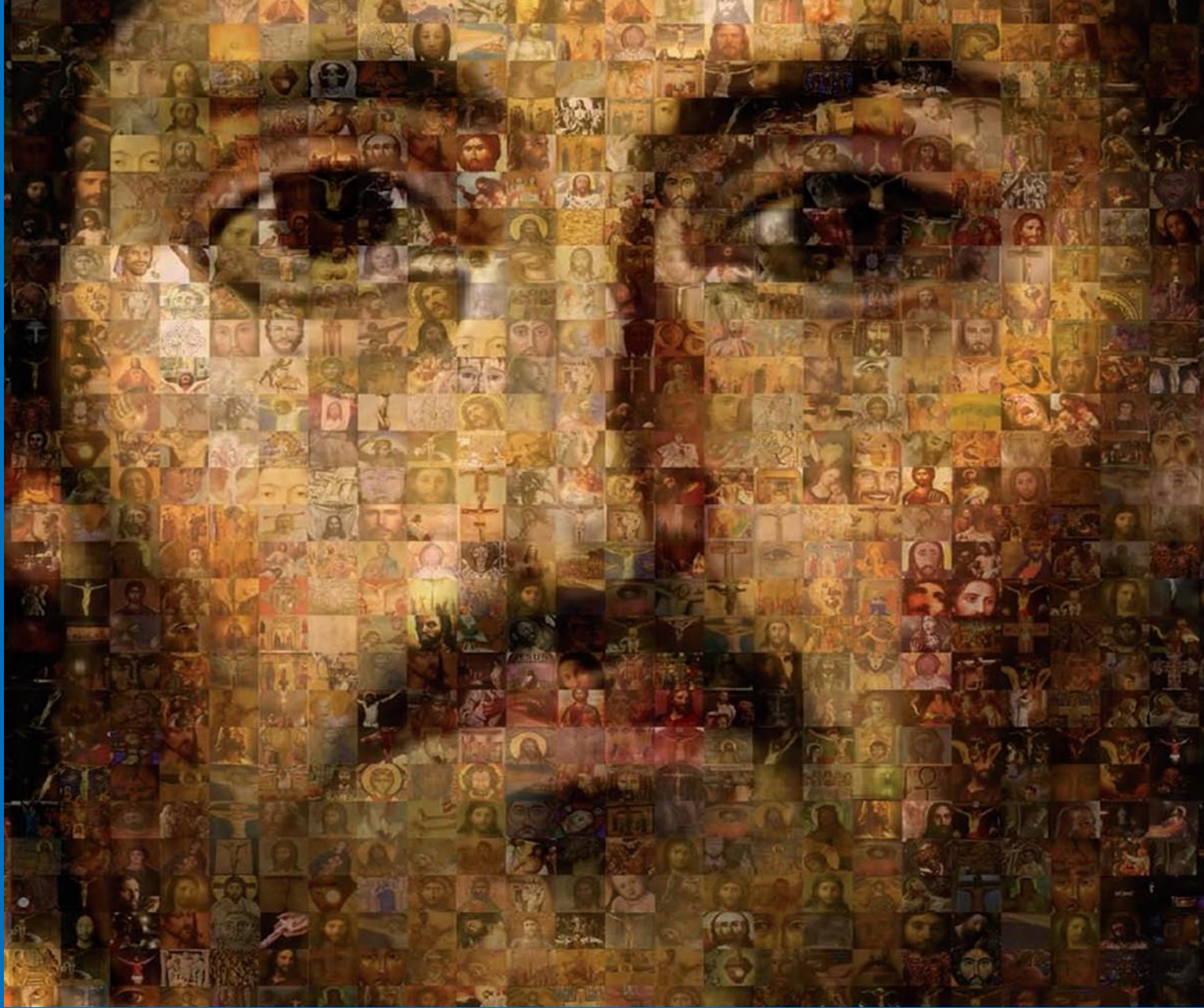
With His Father's glory, with His angel
train.

For all wreaths of empire meet upon
His brow,

and our hearts confess Him King of
glory now.







WHAT DID JESUS LOOK LIKE?

There is no physical description of Christ

in the Gospels.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MÄRK.

CHAPTER 1.

1 The office of John the Baptist. 9 Jesus is baptized, 12 tempted, 14 he preacheth: 16 he calleth Peter, Andrew, James and John: 23 and healeth many.

THE beginning of the gospel of Jē'-sūs Christ, the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Jū-dā'-ā, and they of Jē-rū'-sā-lēm, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jōr'-dān, confessing their sins.

A. D. 26. ending.

³ or, cloven.
or, rent.
² Ps. 2. 7.
Mat. 3. 17.
ch. 9. 7.

⁹ Mat. 14. 35.
Luke 1. 35.
John 1. 34.
¹⁰ Mat. 4. 1.
Luke 4. 1.
¹¹ Mal. 3. 1.
Mat. 11. 10.
Luke 7. 27.

¹² Is. 40. 3.
Mat. 3. 3.
Luke 3. 4.
John 1. 15, 23.

¹³ Mat. 4. 11.
¹⁴ Mat. 3. 1.
Luke 3. 3.
John 3. 23.
¹⁵ Mat. 4. 12.
¹⁶ or, unto.
¹⁷ Mat. 4. 23.

¹⁸ Mat. 3. 5.
¹⁹ Dan. 9. 25.
Gal. 4. 4.
Eph. 1. 10.
²⁰ Mat. 3. 2.
& 4. 17.

²¹ Mat. 4. 18.
Luke 5. 5.
²² Mat. 3. 4.

10 And there opened unto him the heaven, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

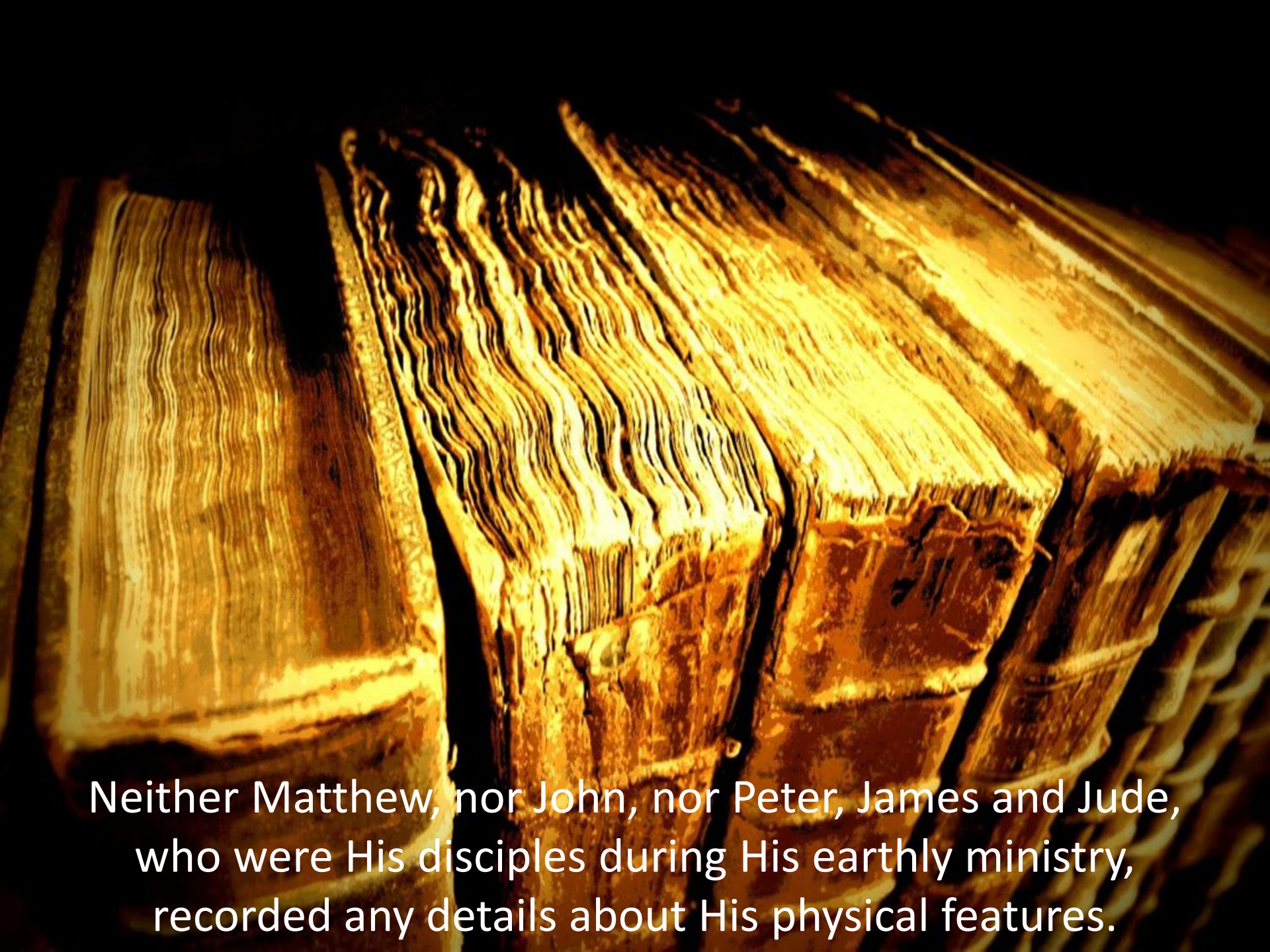
12 And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Sā'-tān; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

14 Now after that Jōhn was put in prison, Jē'-sūs came into Gāl-i-lēē, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

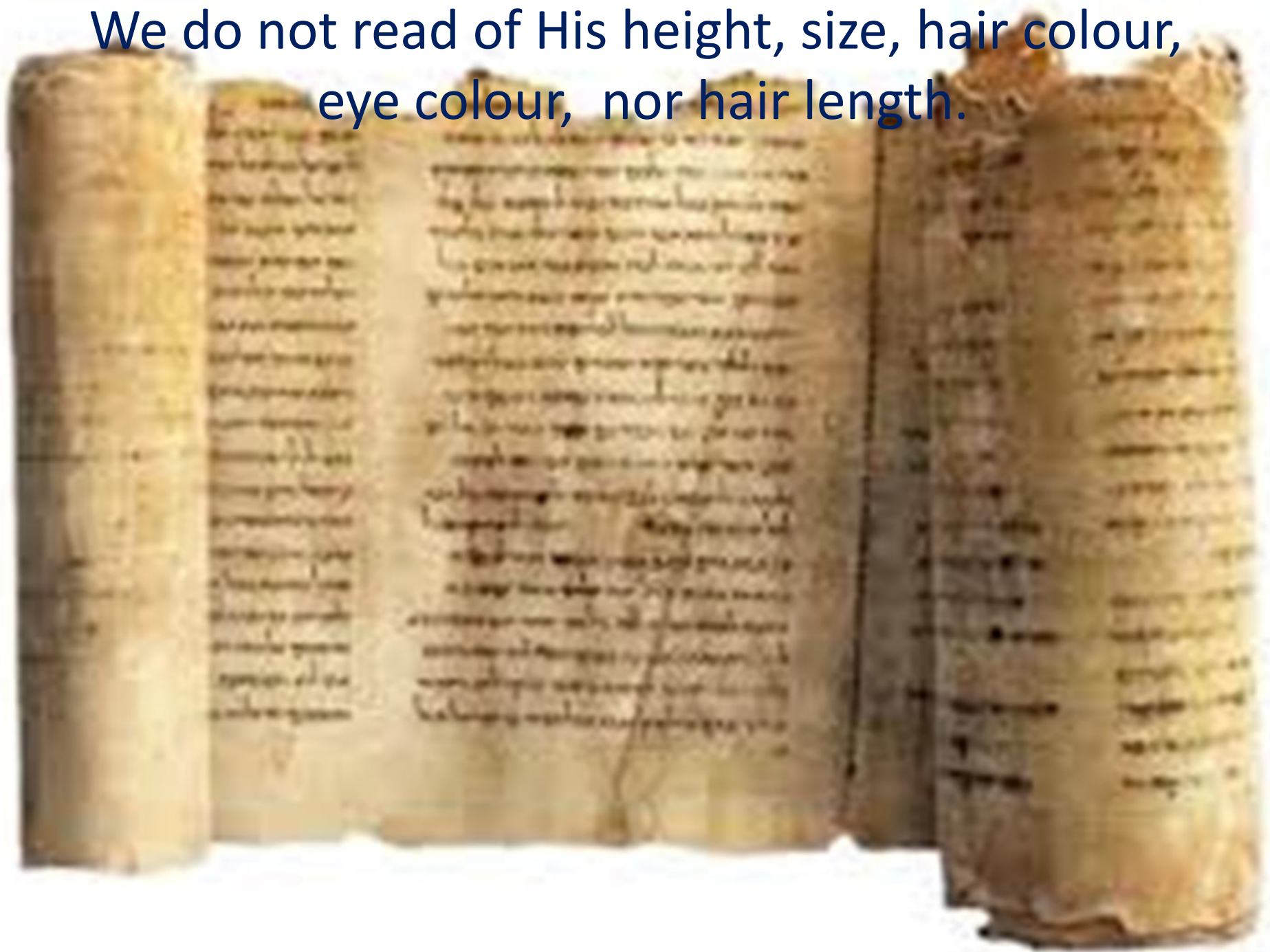
15 And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Gāl-i-lēē, he saw Sī'-mon An'-drēw his brother casting into the sea: for they were fishing. And Jē'-sūs said unto them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."



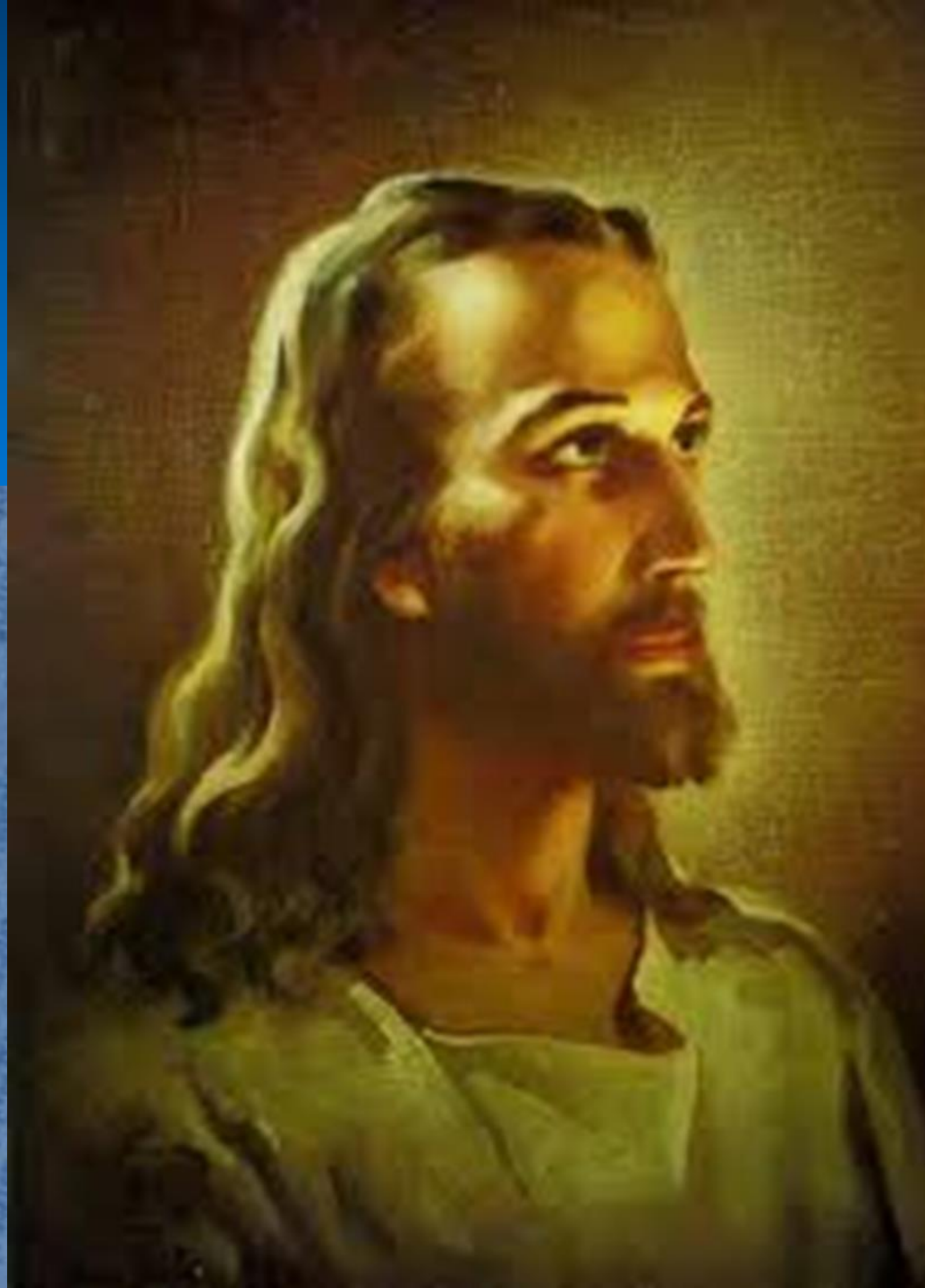
Neither Matthew, nor John, nor Peter, James and Jude, who were His disciples during His earthly ministry, recorded any details about His physical features.

We do not read of His height, size, hair colour,
eye colour, nor hair length.



Did Jesus Have Long Hair?

The best that we can say
about the artistic
portrayals of Christ are
that they are highly
imaginative.





The portrayal of Christ as longhaired comes from Renaissance era artwork, in the 15th century, when long hair was fashionable.

However, the earliest
artistic depictions
of Christ
are of someone
with short hair.



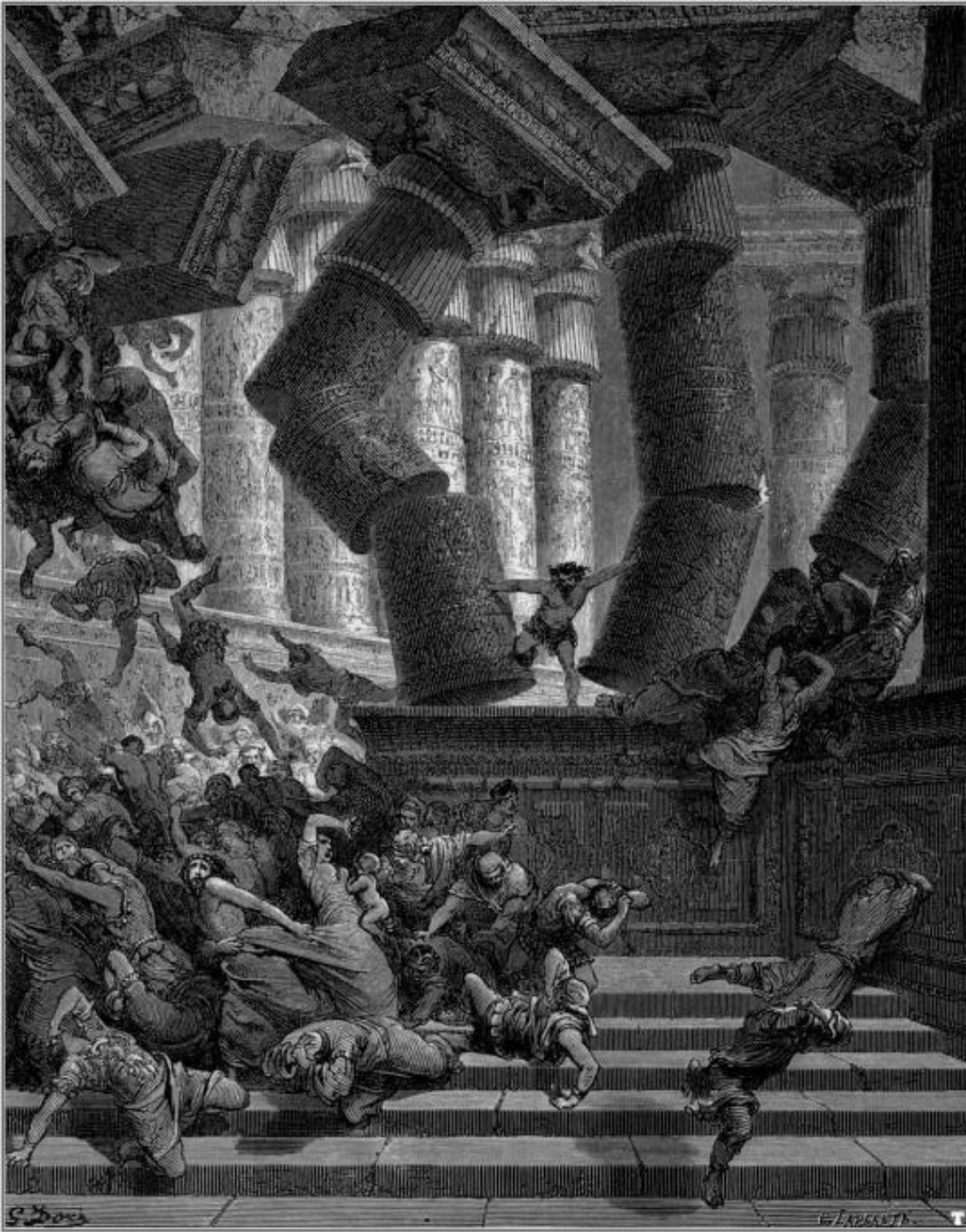
The Scriptures declare:



***"Does not even nature itself teach you that
if a man has long hair,
it is a dishonour to him?
But if a woman has long hair,
it is a glory to her..."***

1 Corinthians 11:14

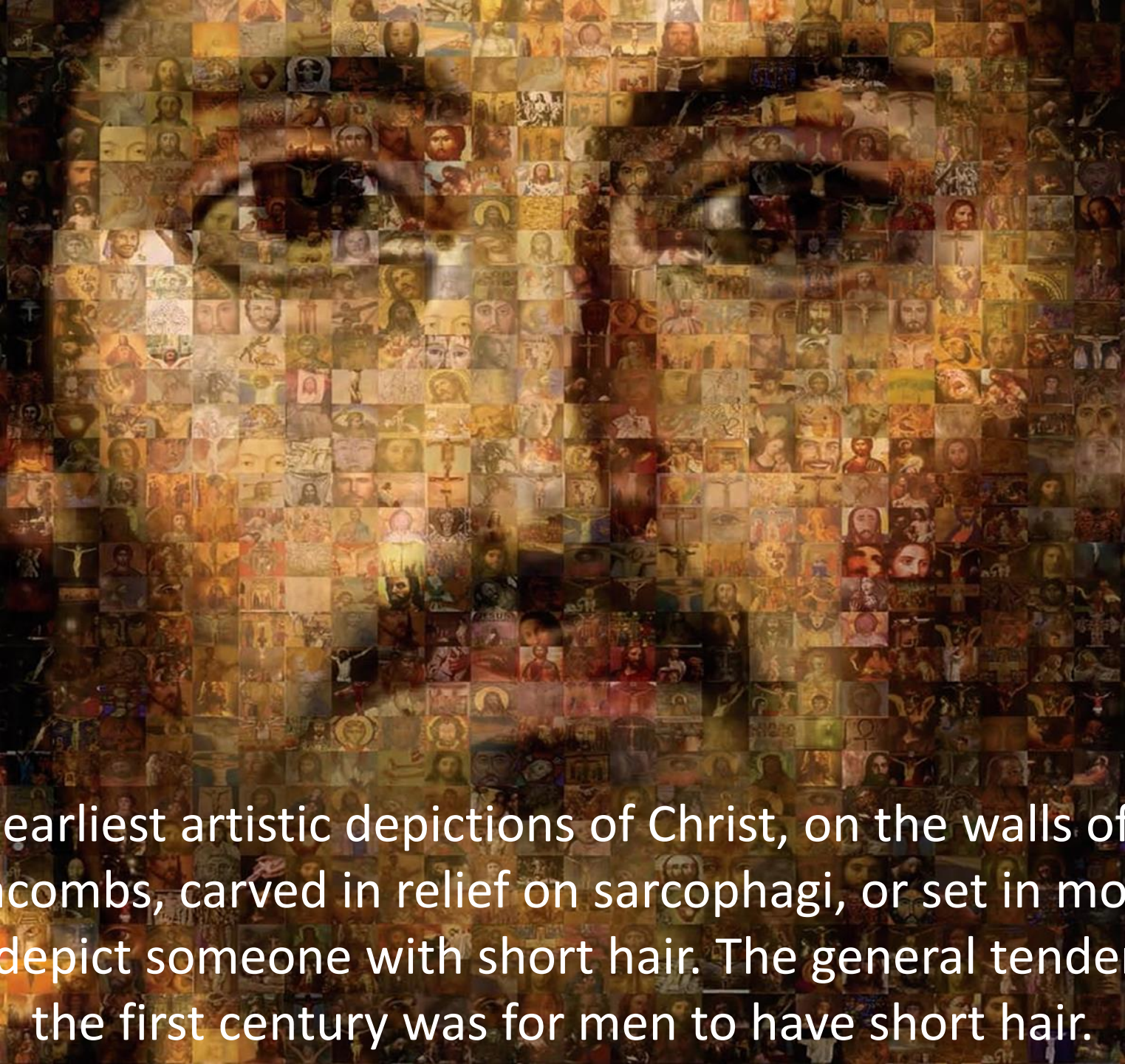




O Lord, let not man say
that the nations be vilified in your presence,
make them with terror. O Lord,
let the nations know they are but men.

Psalm 10

The Scripture refers to Samson as having long hair, because it was so unusual. However, there is no mention of our Lord Jesus Christ having hair any longer than what was normal for that time.



The earliest artistic depictions of Christ, on the walls of the catacombs, carved in relief on sarcophagi, or set in mosaic tiles, depict someone with short hair. The general tendency in the first century was for men to have short hair.

Facial Features

Second century Church Father, Justin Martyr, pointed to Isaiah 53:2:

"...He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.",

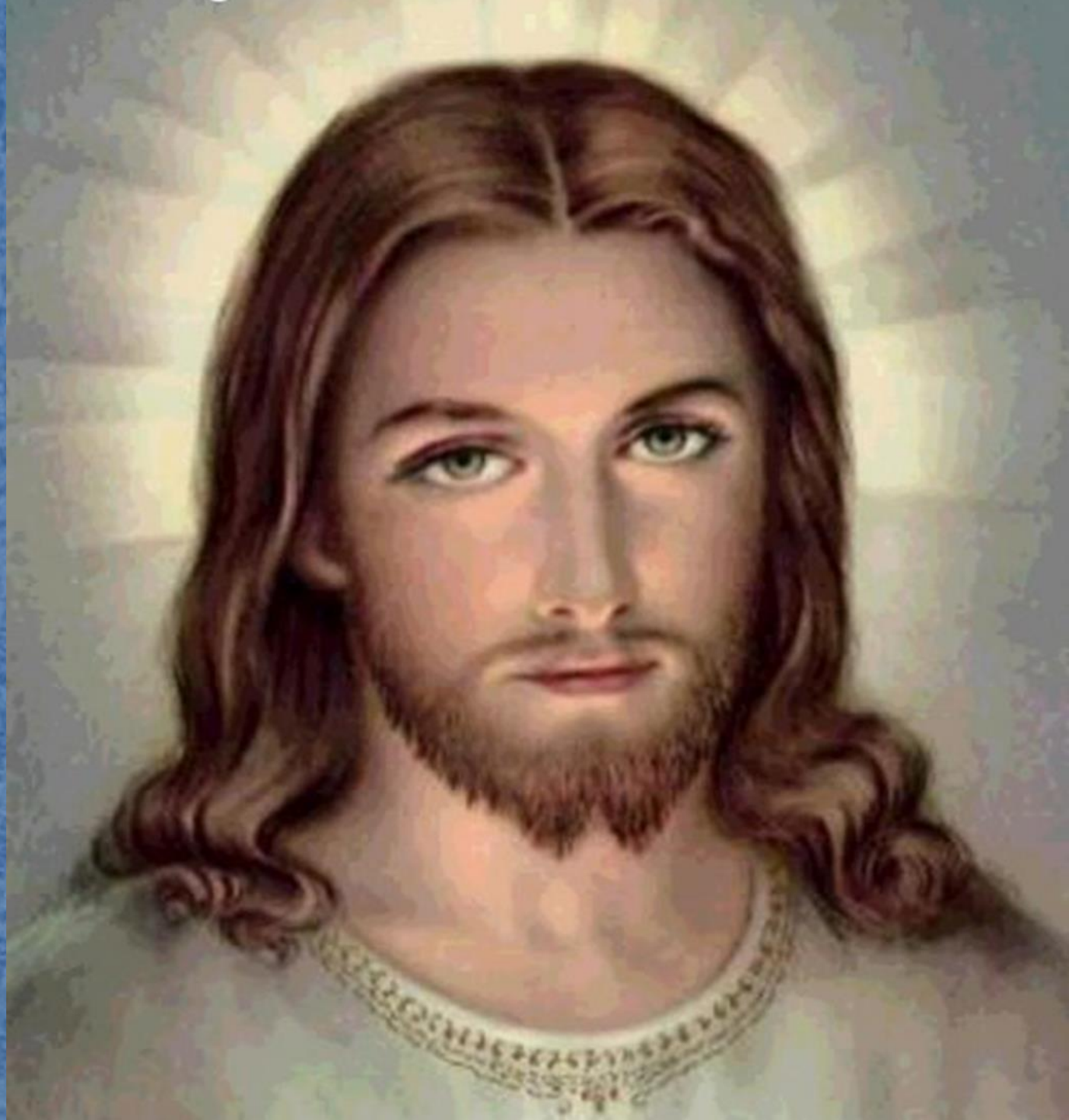
as an indication that He was not remarkable in appearance.



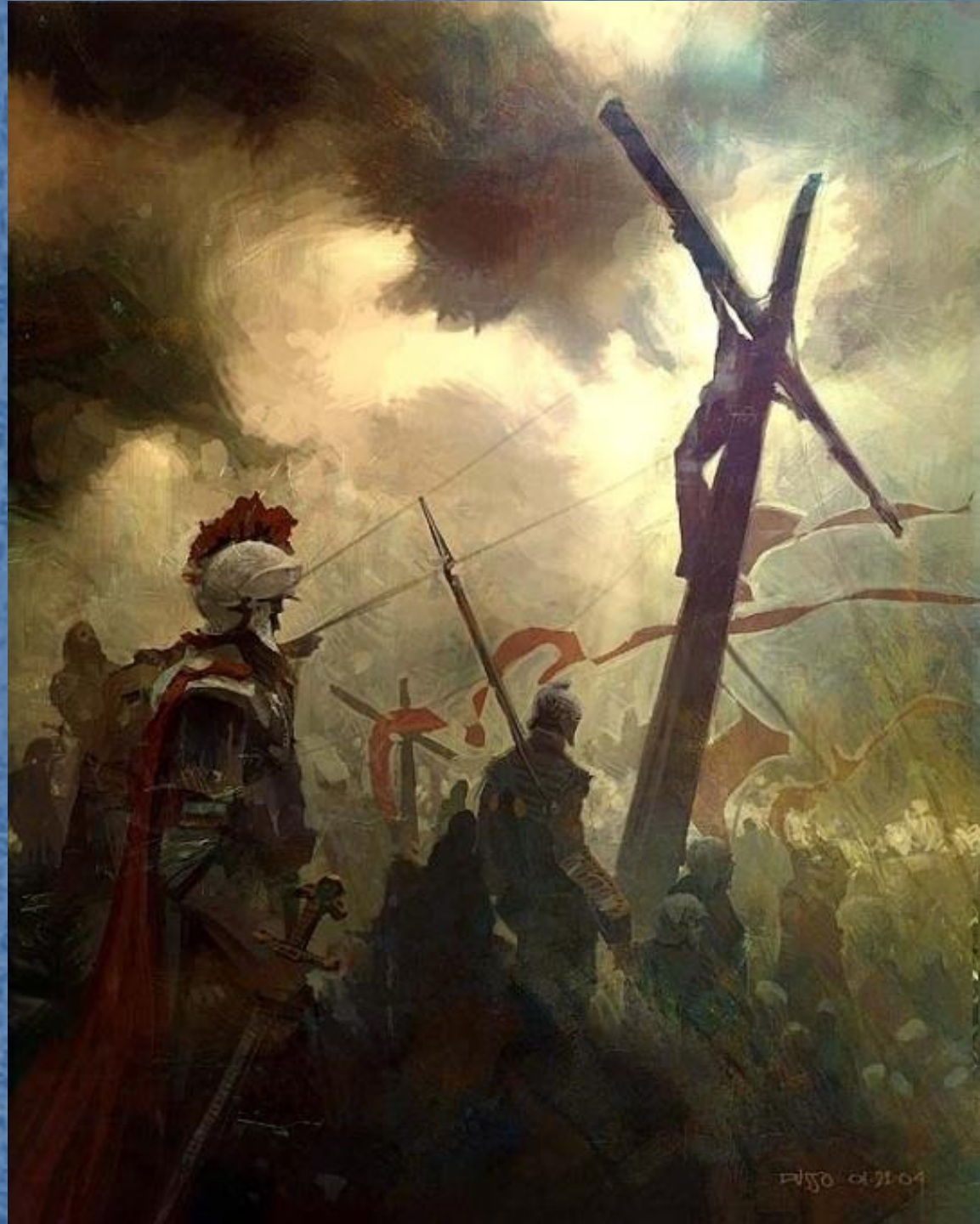
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Psalm 45:2:

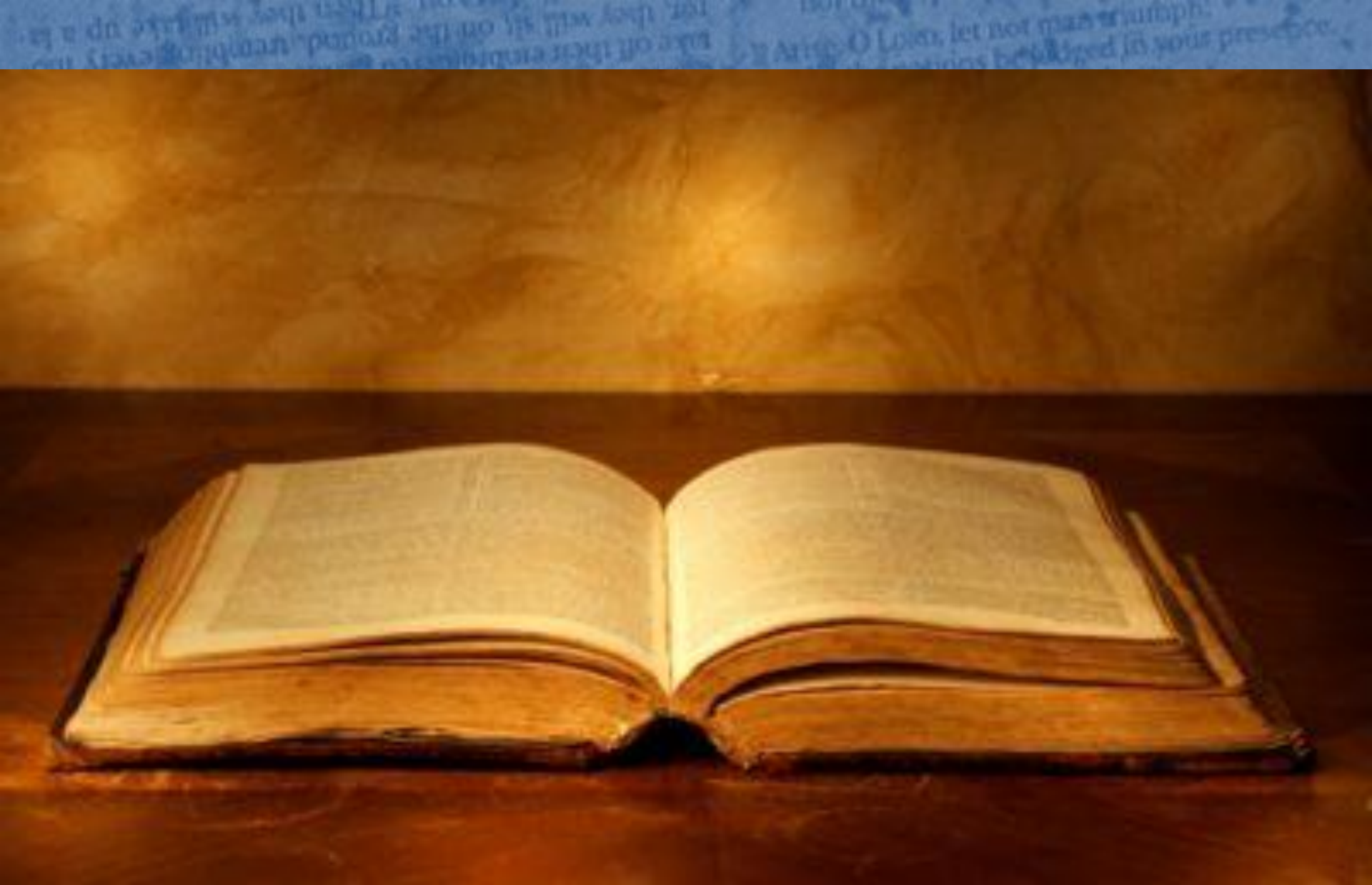
*"You are
fairer than
the sons of
men..."*,

as an
indication that
the Lord was
the most
handsome
of men.



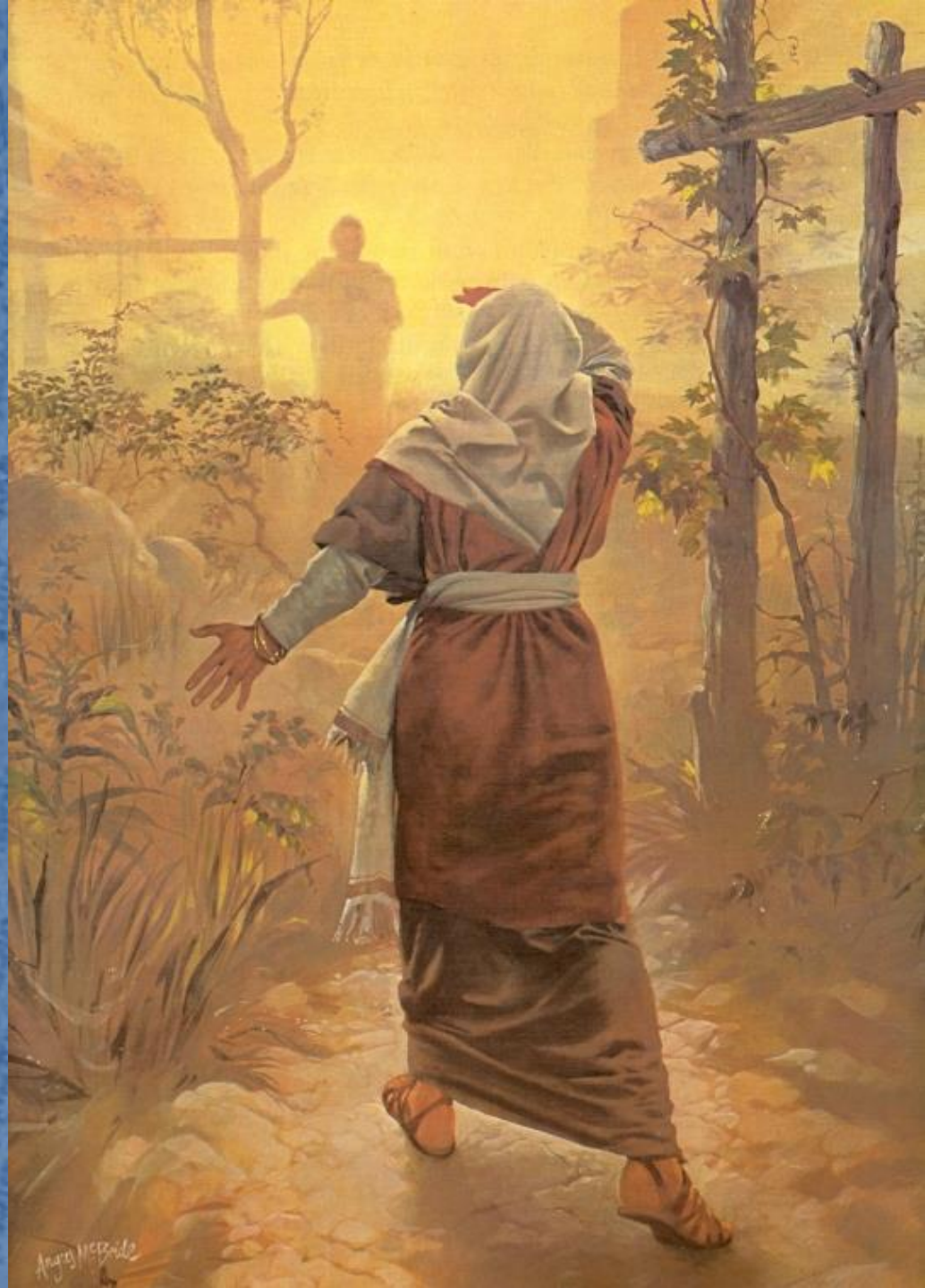
Isaiah 52:14 prophesied that His appearance would be so disfigured "*marred more than any man*" in the crucifixion so graphically described in Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53.



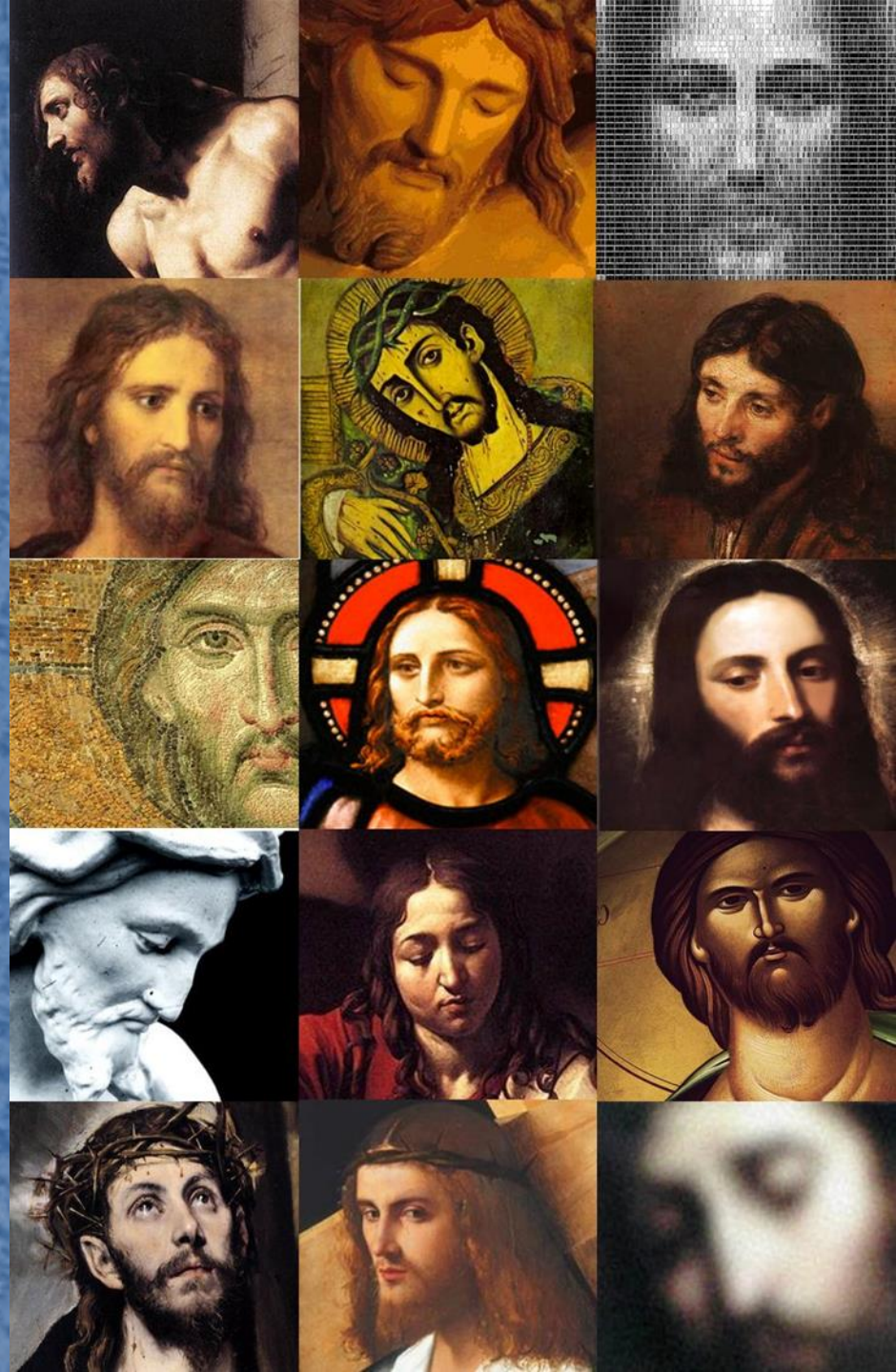


If it was at all important or relevant for us to know what the Lord really did look like, the Gospels would give a description.

The fact that they do not,
shows that we should not
allow ourselves to be
distracted by these external
irrelevancies.



Church Father, St. Augustine,
in *On the Trinity*, noted that
everyone has a different
mental image of the Lord.





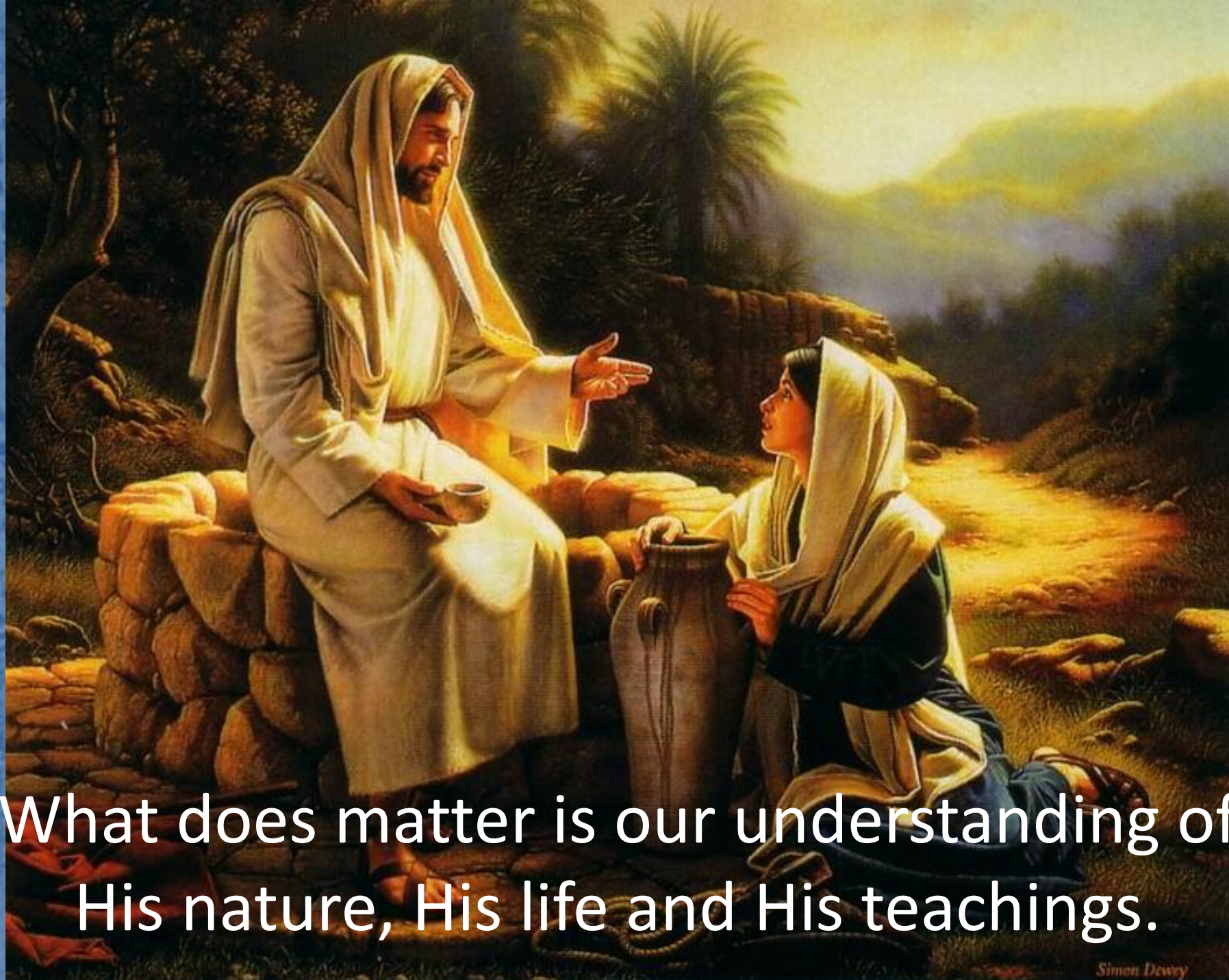
O Lord, let not man triumph,
let the nations be judged in your presence.
Strike them with terror, O Lord,
let the nations know they are but men.

Psalm 10

He wrote:
*"The physical face of
the Lord is pictured
with infinite variety
by countless
imaginations..."*

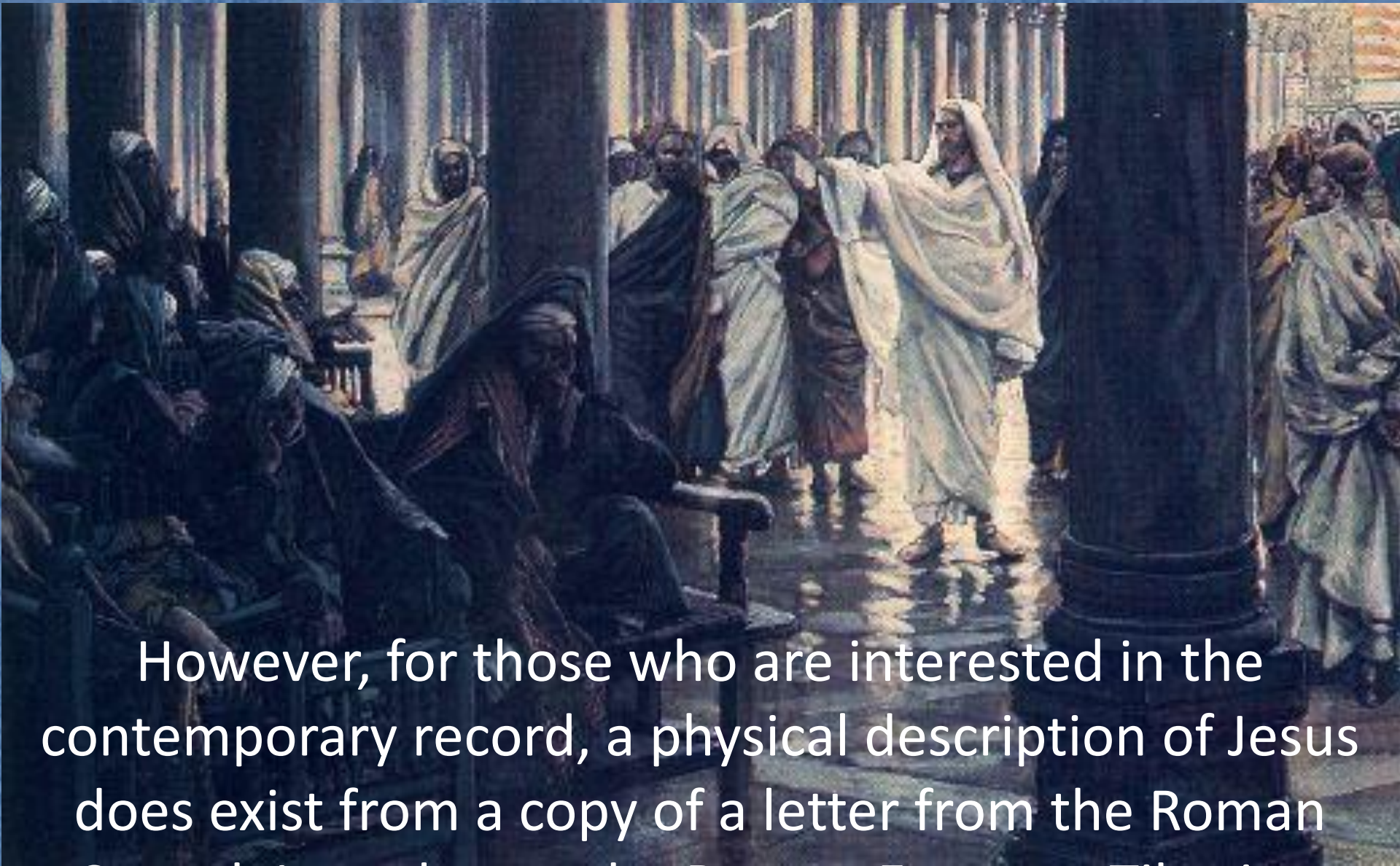


Although *"as regards the Faith we have in the Lord Jesus Christ it is (not) in the least relevant to Salvation what our imaginations picture Him like*



What does matter is our understanding of His nature, His life and His teachings.

A Contemporary Description



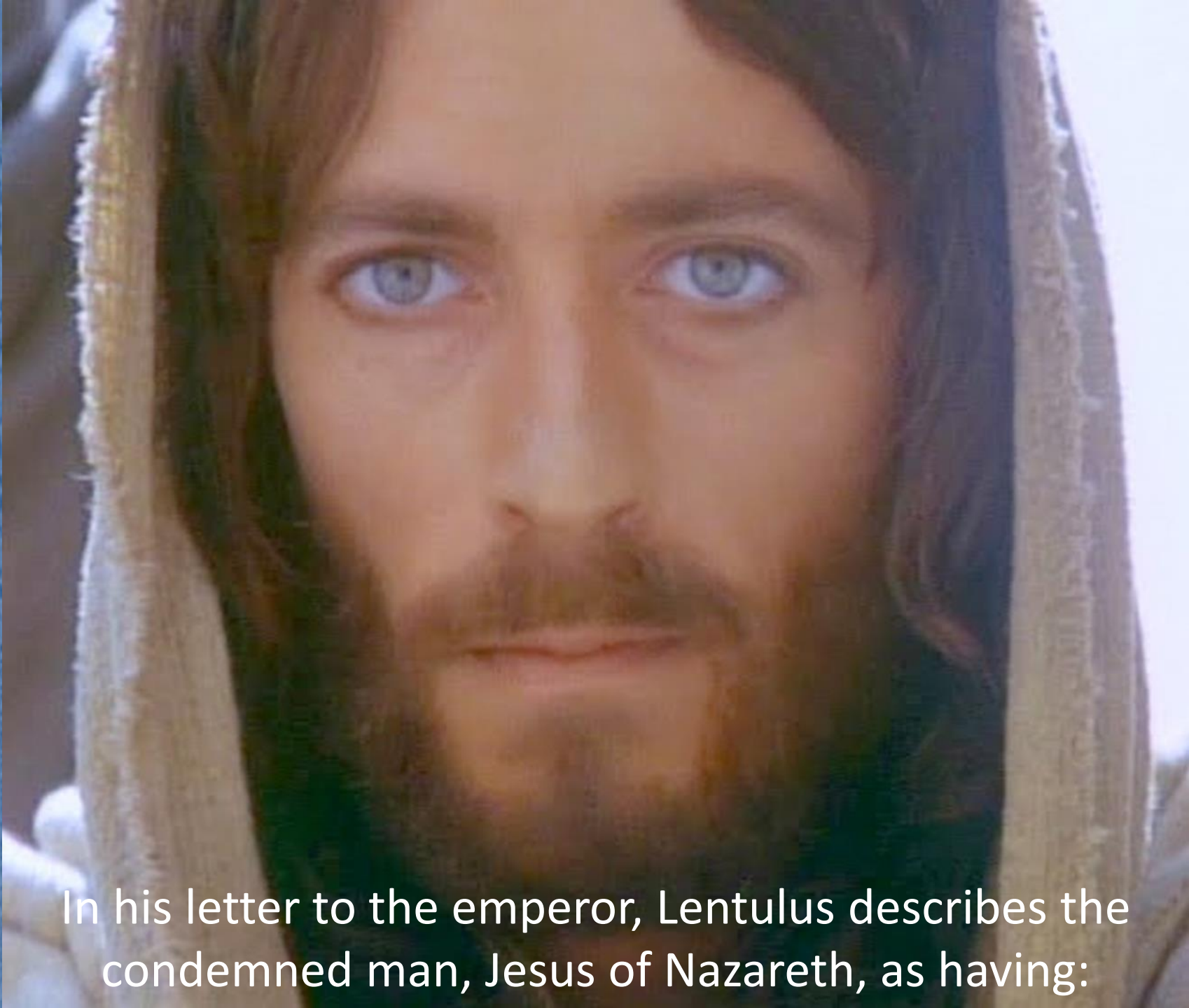
However, for those who are interested in the contemporary record, a physical description of Jesus does exist from a copy of a letter from the Roman Consul, Lentulus, to the Roman Emperor Tiberius.

The letter of the Consul was dated to the 12th year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius.






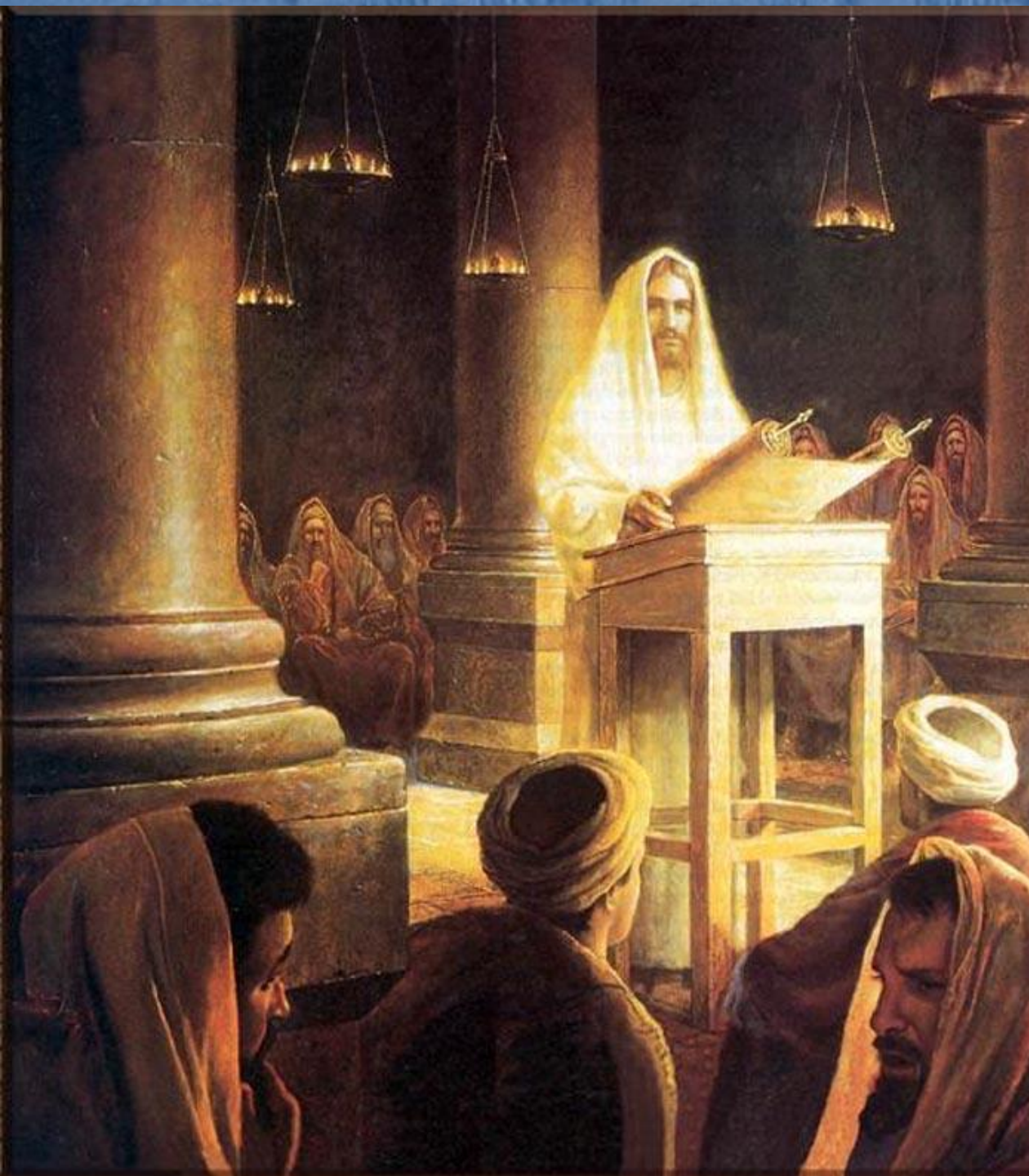
The Jewish historian Josephus, in his book *Antiquities of the Jews*, mentions the Roman Consul Lentulus.



In his letter to the emperor, Lentulus describes the condemned man, Jesus of Nazareth, as having:



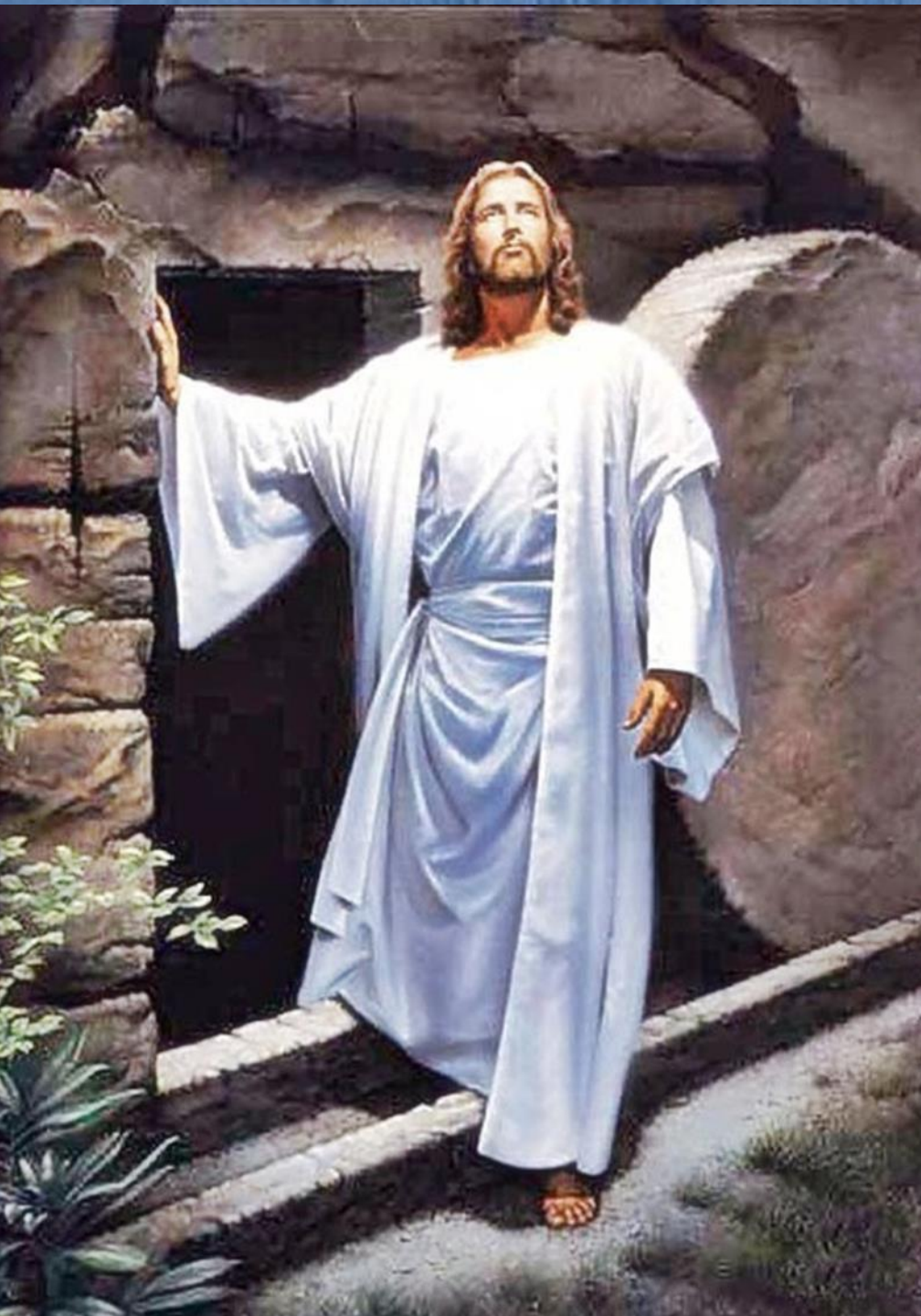
"A noble and lively face, with fair and slightly wavy hair; black and strongly curving eyebrows, intense penetrating blue eyes and an expression of wondrous grace."



His nose is rather long. His beard is almost blonde, although not very long. His neck is slightly inclined so that He never appears to be bitter or arrogant.



His tanned face is well proportioned. It gives the impression of gravity in wisdom, sweetness and good, and is completely lacking in any sign of anger."

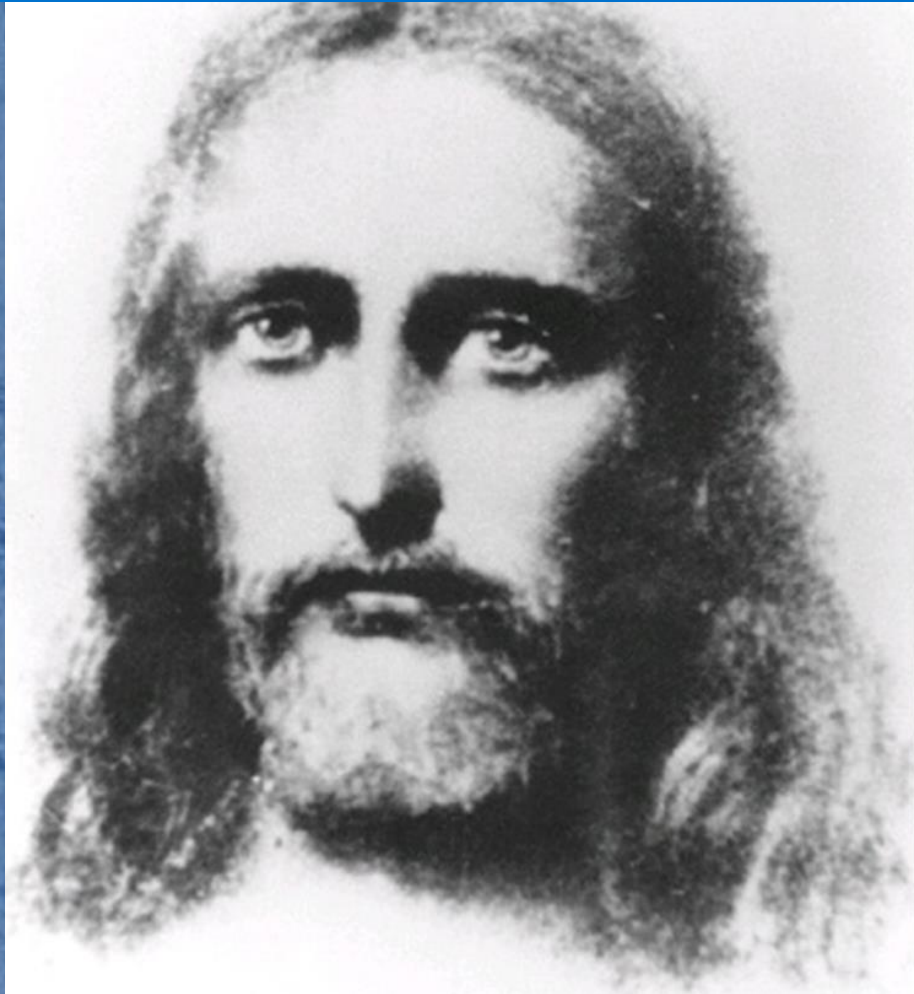


There is historical evidence to indicate that Tiberius was so impressed by the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead that he attempted to have Him declared a god.

However, the Roman Senate refused to approve this condemned Man's admission to the Roman pantheon of gods.

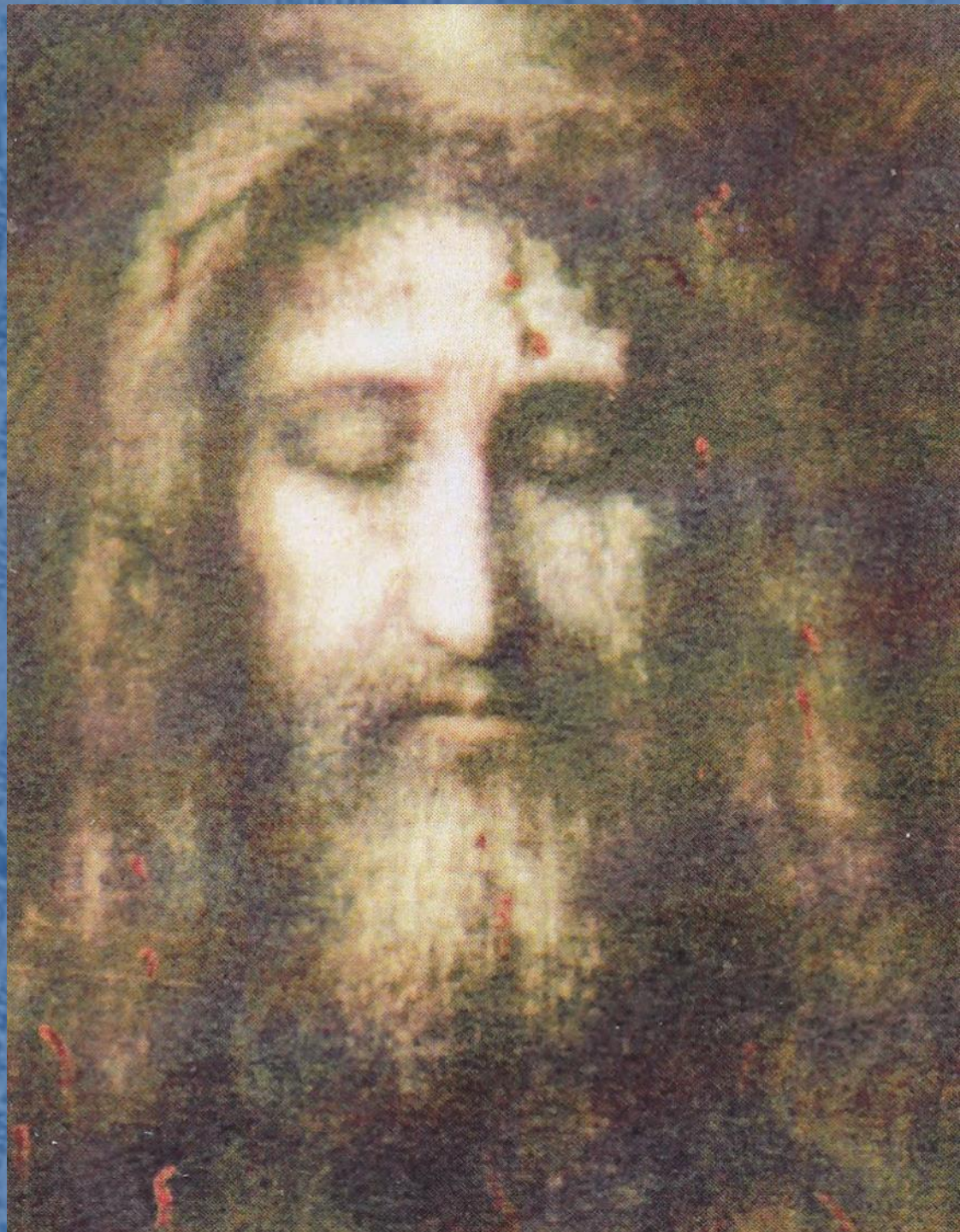


The Shroud of Turin

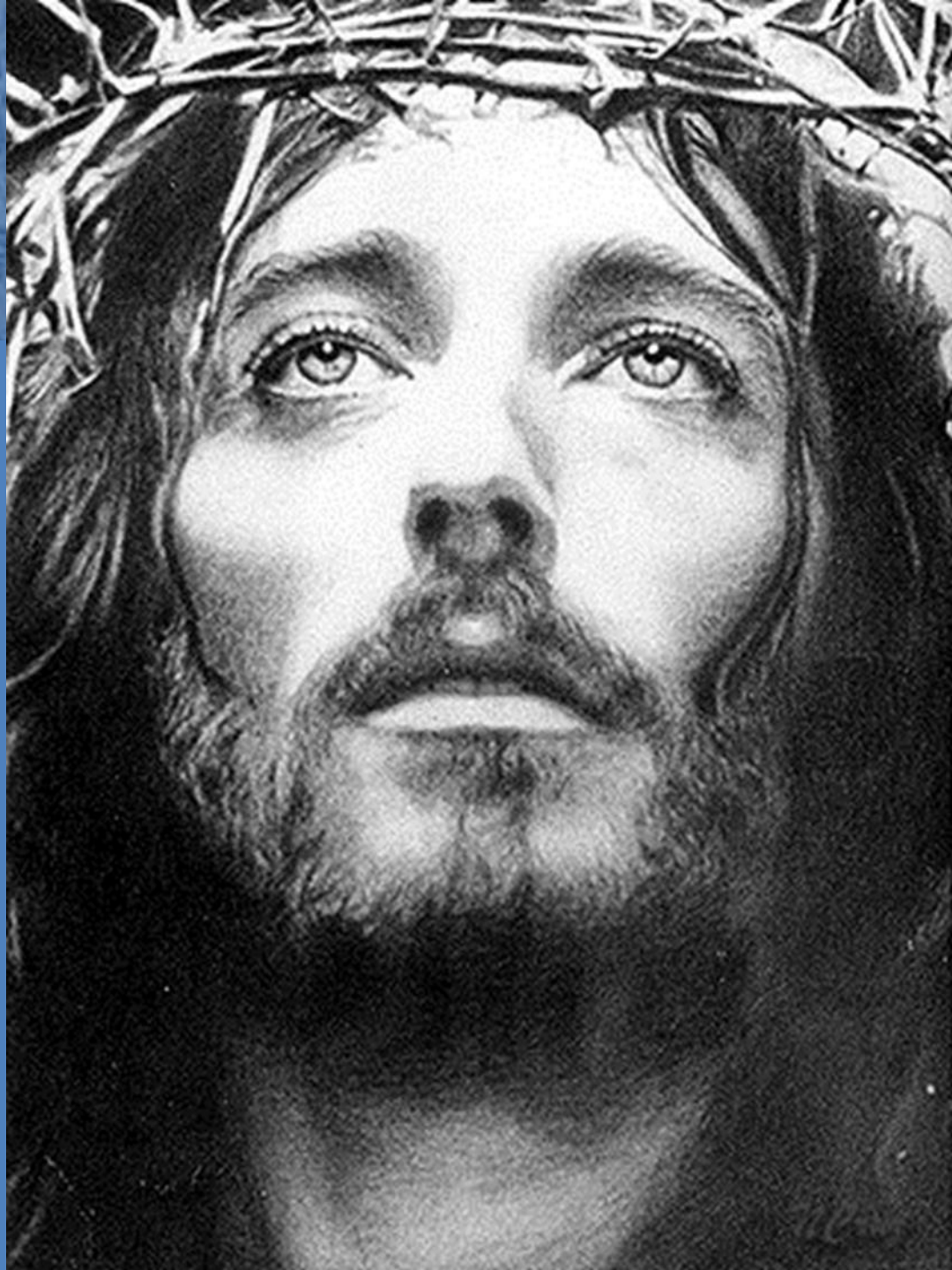


For those who find some significance in the controversial Shroud of Turin, Professor Giovanni Judica-Cordiglia wrote the following description, on the basis of the shroud:

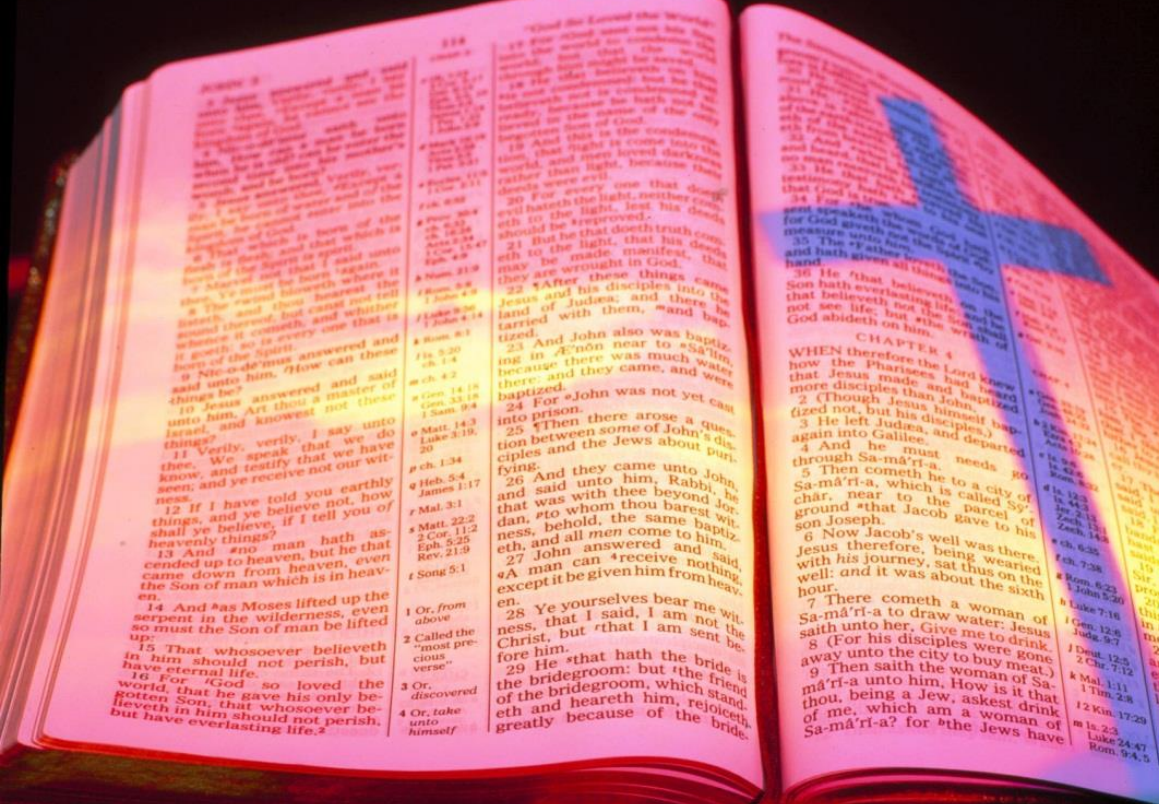
"The man who was wrapped in the shroud was a Man of great beauty and uncommon stature. He was about 1m and 80cm (6 feet) tall, with a perfectly proportioned physique, lithe and harmonious.



We can see that His face was a very soft and gentle one, rather long and with a broad, straight forehead. The nose is straight and turned slightly downwards; the cheeks are large and slightly protruding..."



A Biblical Description of Jesus



Those who say that there is no Biblical description of our Lord Jesus Christ are actually wrong.



O Lord, let not man triumph
the nations be judged in your presence
the nations know they are but men

Psalm 10

While the Gospels
make no mention of
His physical
characteristics, we
do have a
description of the
Risen, Ascended
Christ in the last
Book of the Bible,
**The Revelation of
Jesus Christ.**

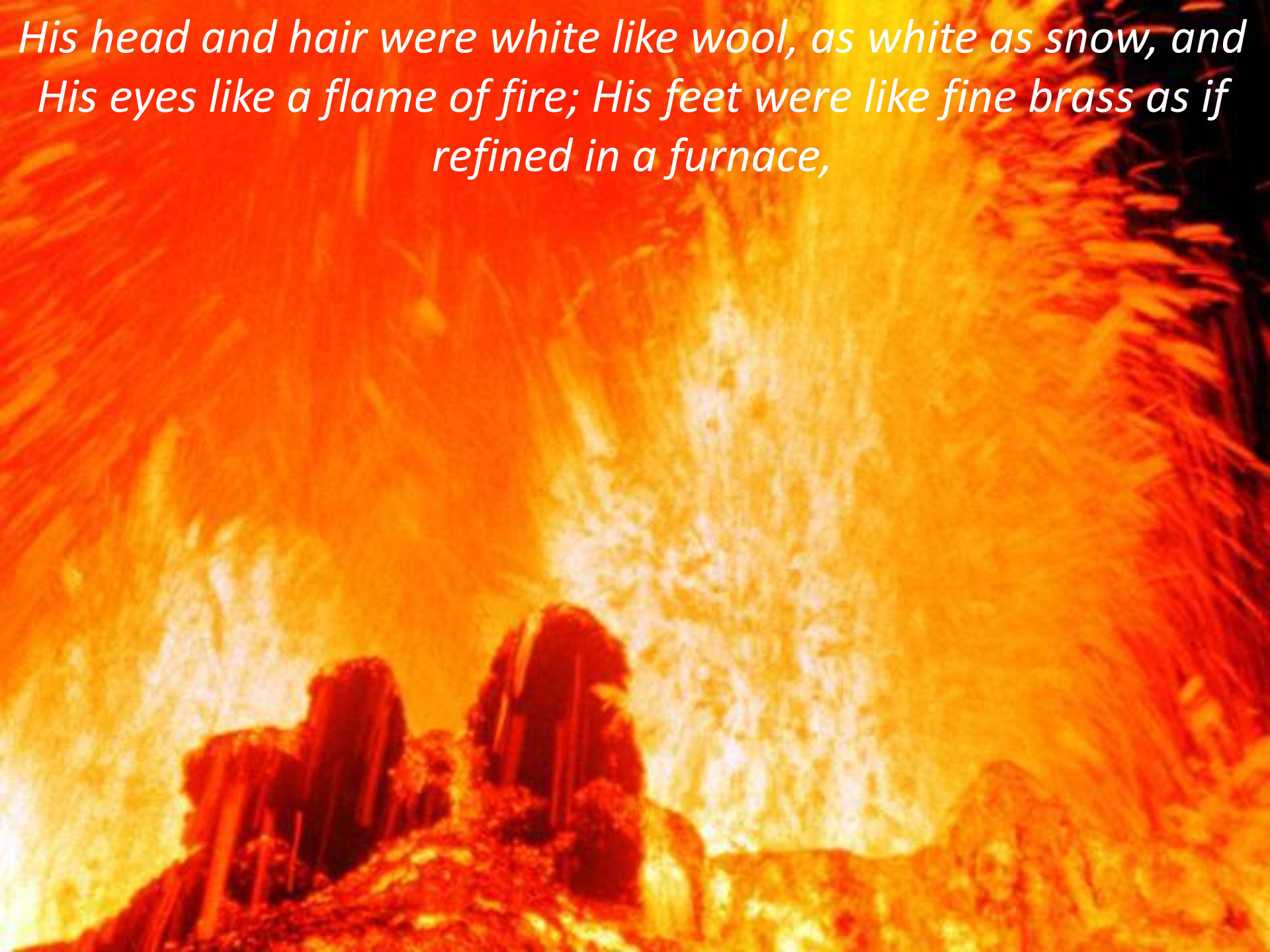


The Apostle John describes what he saw: *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last...' then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me...*



and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded above the chest with a golden band.

*His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and
His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass as if
refined in a furnace,*



*and His voice as the sound of many waters.
He had in His right hand seven stars.*



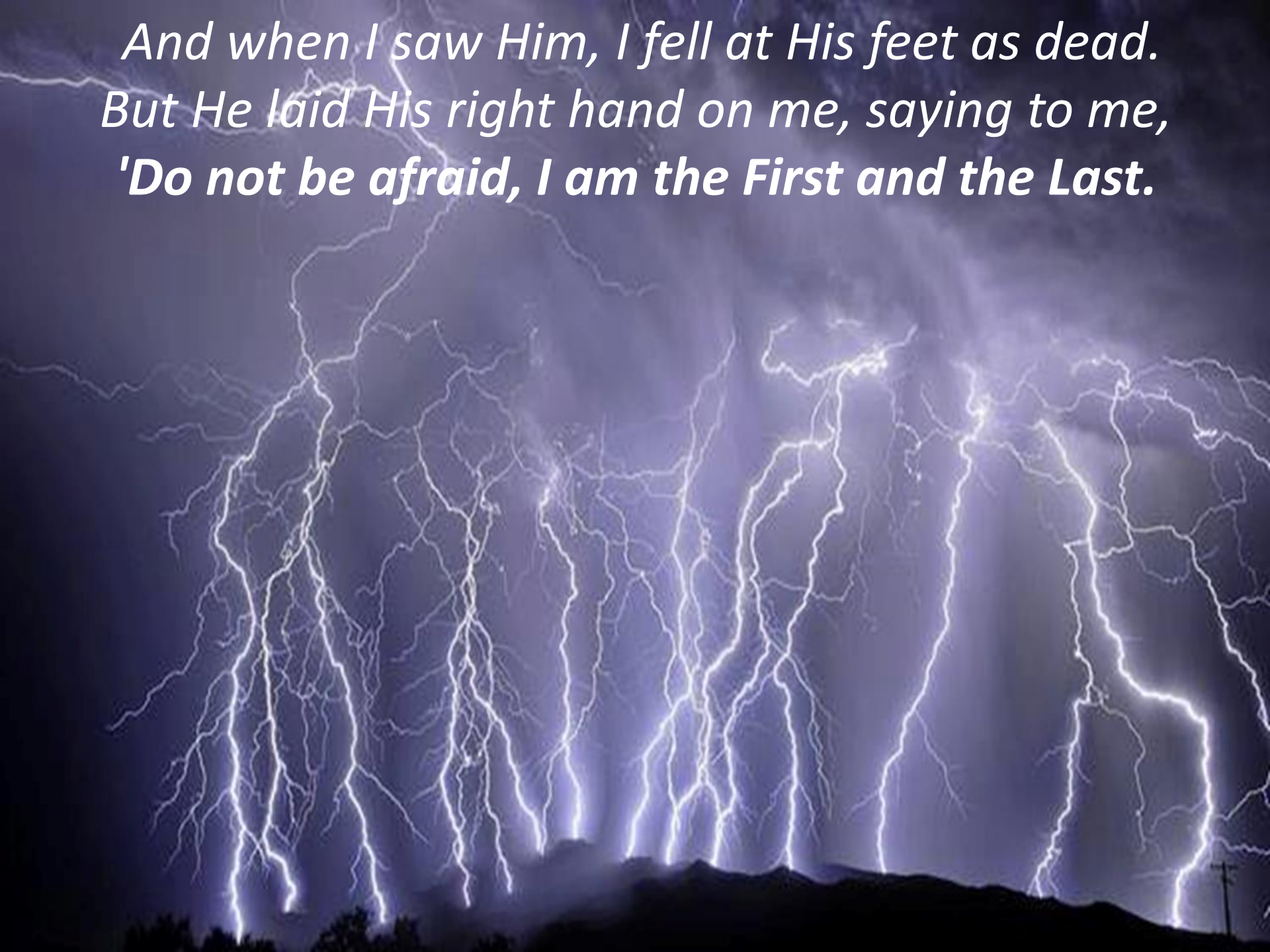
*Out of His mouth
went
**a sharp
two-edged
sword,**
and His
countenance was
like **the sun**
shining in its
strength.*



The Sword

Of The Spirit

*And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.
But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me,
'Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last.*





Jesus Christ

*But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities*

***I am He who lives, and was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore.
Amen. I have the keys of Hades and of death."*** Revelation 1:9-17

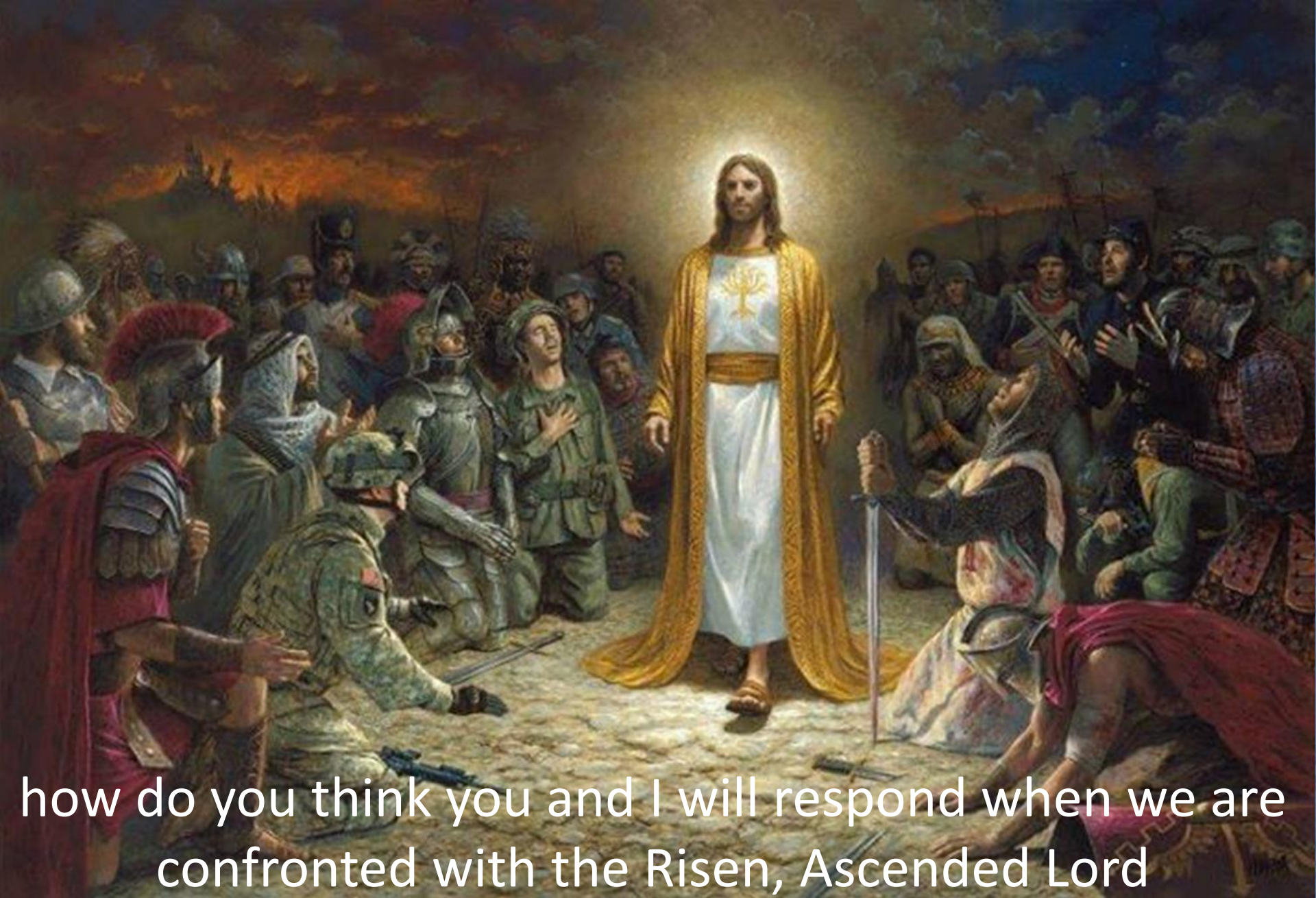
The most important thing is not what Jesus looked like, but what He said and did. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.



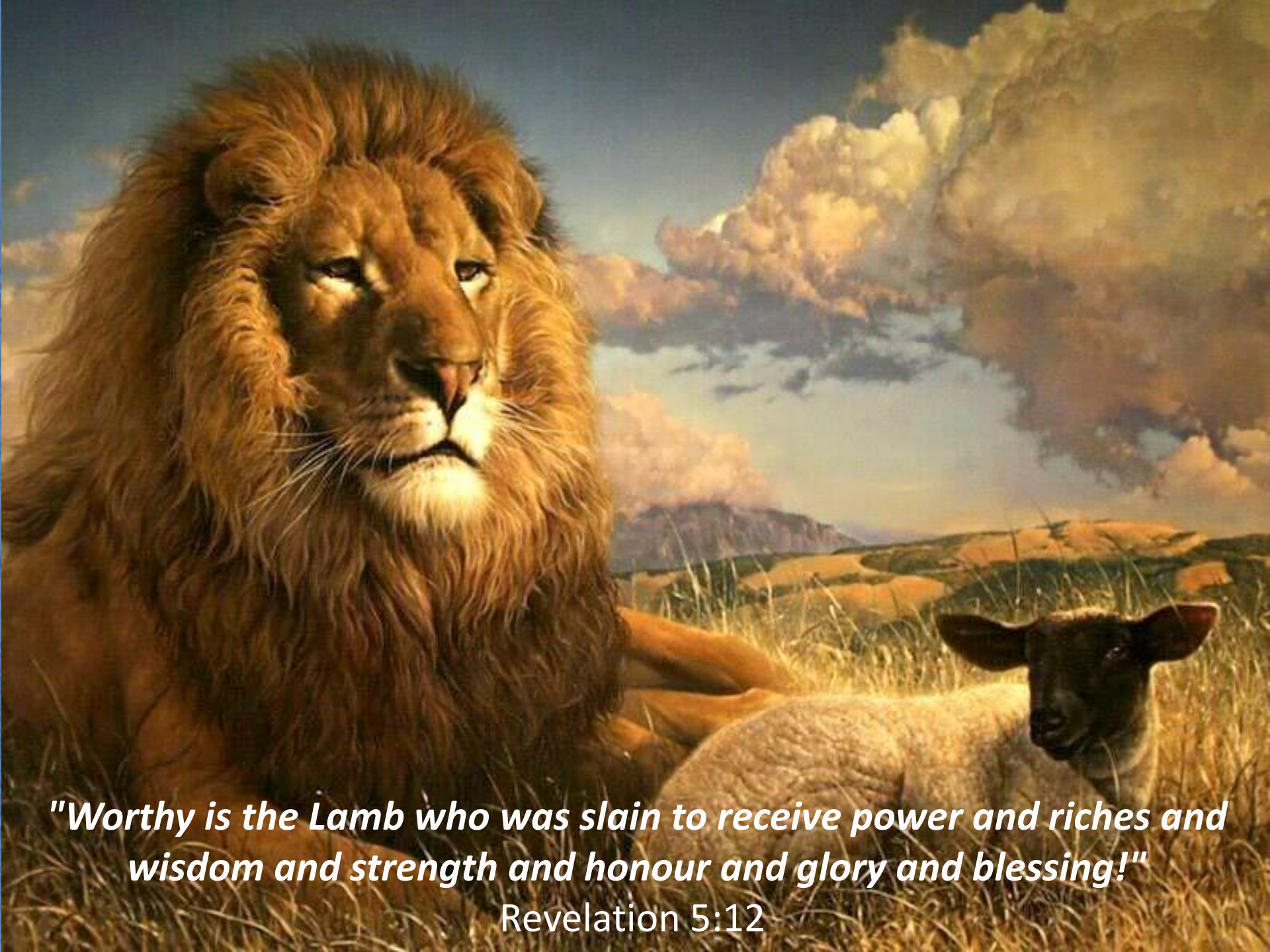
**THE
LION OF THE TRIBE
OF JUDAH**



If the Apostle John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, who at the Last Supper could rest his head on the Lord's shoulder, could fall at the feet of the Risen, Ascended Christ as a dead man,



how do you think you and I will respond when we are confronted with the Risen, Ascended Lord in all His Glory and splendour?



"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:12

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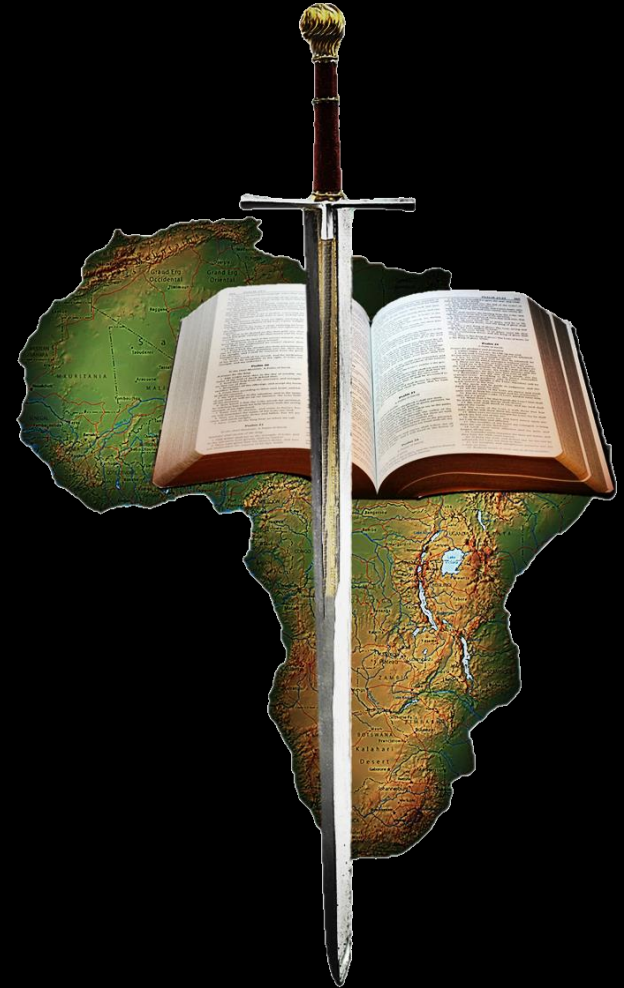
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