The Faces of Jesus: Week 2

A LIFE STORY THROUGH ART AND SCRIPTURE



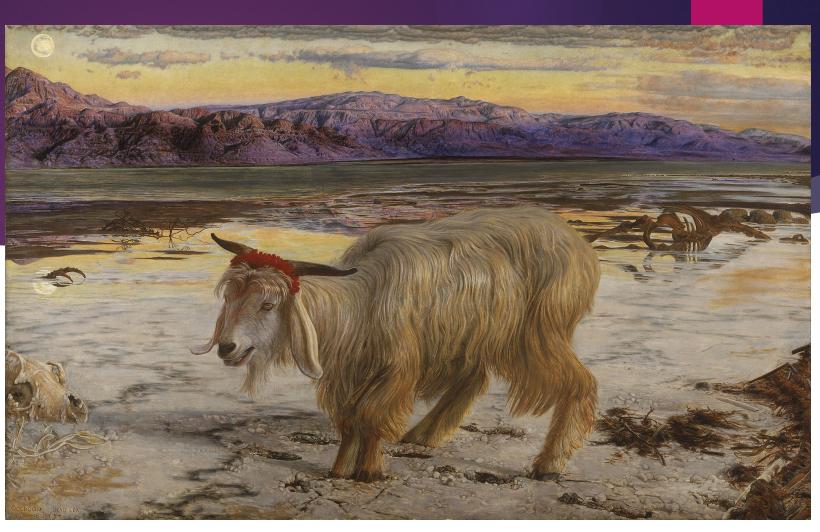


The Day of Atonement

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

18 Now where there is [p]remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. Hebrew 10:16-18



The Scapegoat. William Holman Hunt, 1854–6

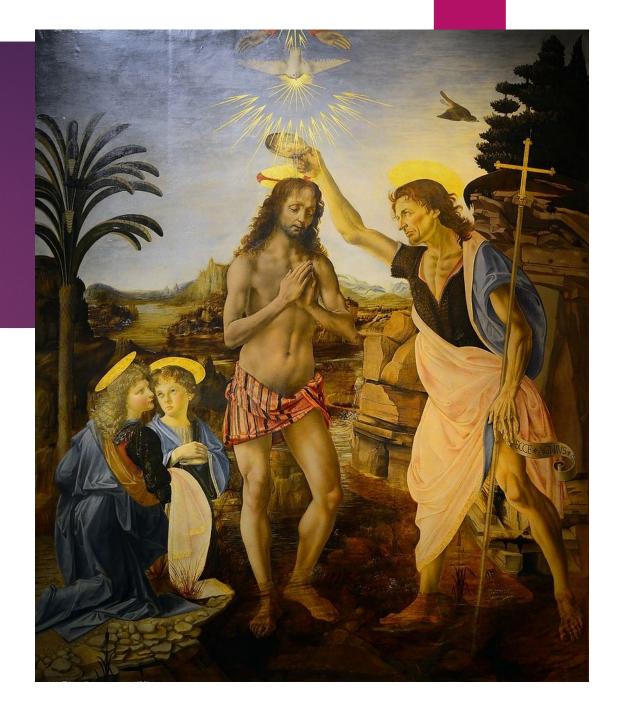
The calm before the storm...

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

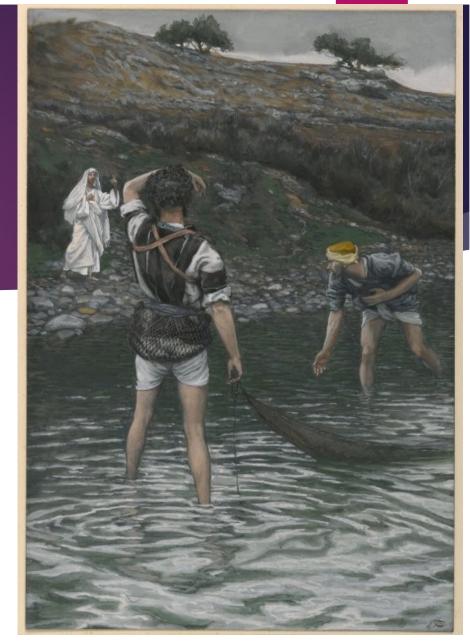
36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. John 1:35-37

The Baptism of Christ. Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo da Vinci, 1472–75.



His Ministry Begins...



The Calling of Peter and Andrew. James Tissot, 19th century.

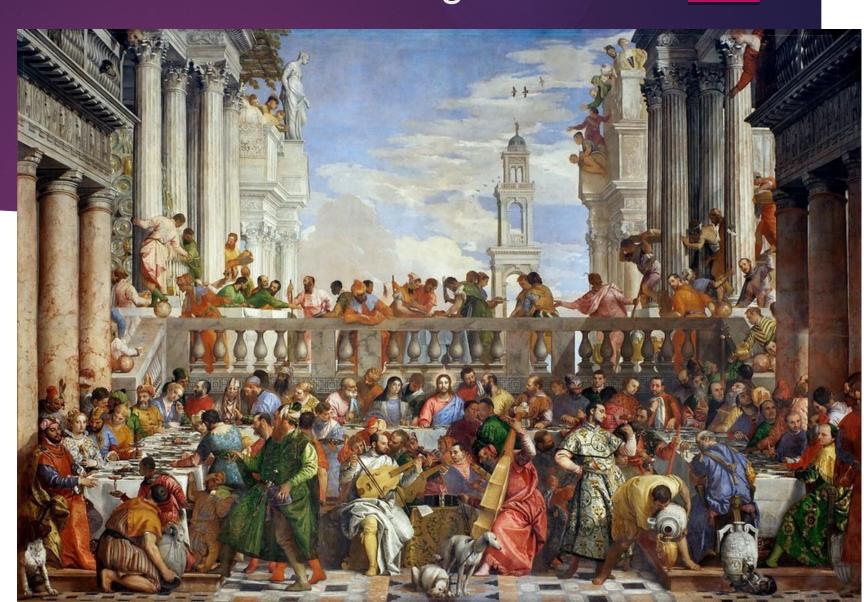
The Wedding Feast at Cana: The First Sign

Manifesting his Glory

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."....

11 This beginning of signs
Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,
and manifested His glory; and
His disciples believed in Him.
John 2:11

The Wedding Feast at Cana. Paolo Veronese, 1562–3.



The Purification of the Temple

13 And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

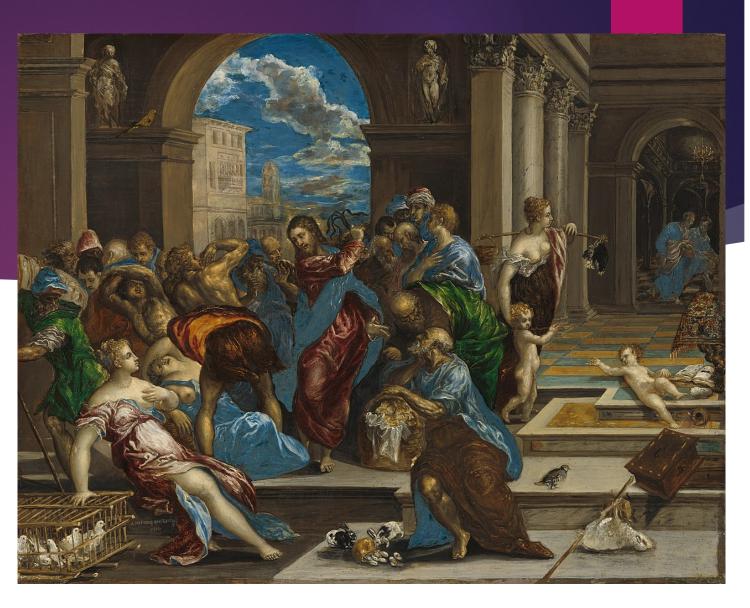
14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise...

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. John 2:13-16. 21-22

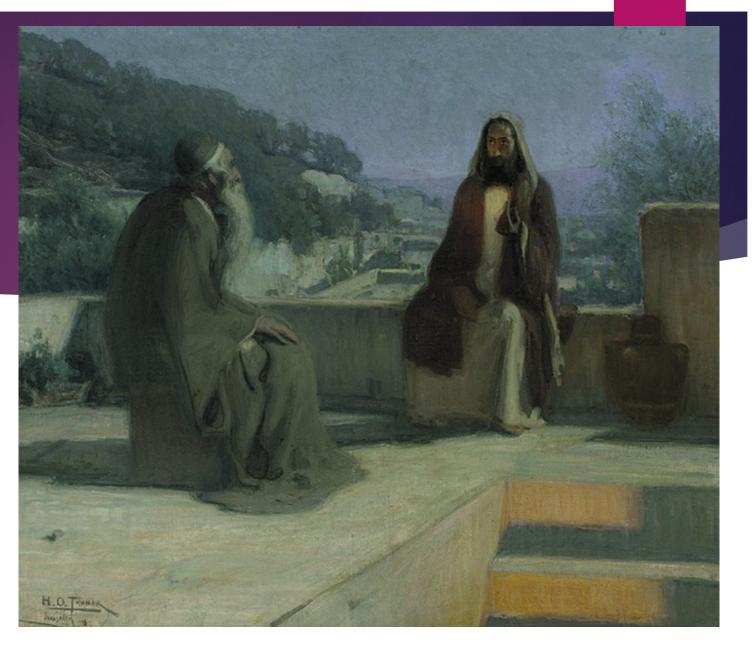


Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple, El Greco, c. 1570

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:...

- 2 <u>The same came to Jesus by night</u>, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ...
- 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
- 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
- 15 <u>That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have</u> eternal life.
- 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

 John 3:1-3, 9, 14-17



Nicodemus talking to Jesus. Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899.

"The hour is nearly at hand..."

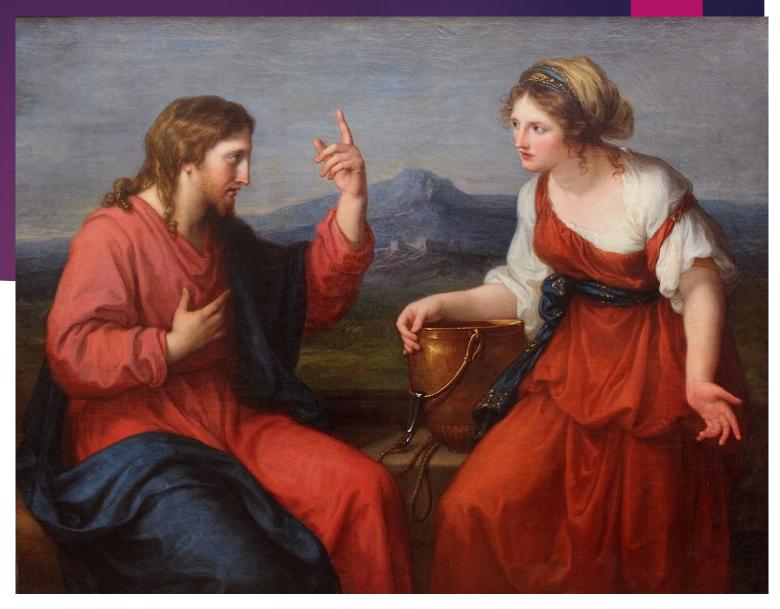
10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

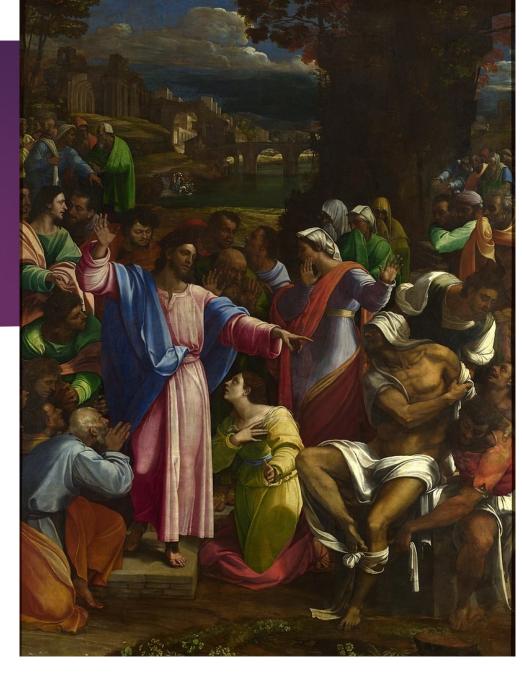
14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:10-14



The Water of Life Discourse between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well. Angelika Kauffmann, C. 17–18th century

"Jesus wept..."

"If death was to be truly defeated, it was only by dying himself that Jesus believed he could defeat it. If he was to reach the hearts of men, it was only by suffering his own heart to be broken on their behalf that he believed he could reach them." Buechner



The Raising of Lazarus. Sebastiano del Piombo, 1517-19.

The Last Supper

Last Supper (The first Eucharist). Juan de Juanes, C. midlate 16th century,



Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him [Judas]. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." John 13:27



Taking of Christ in the Garden. Caravaggio, 1598.

"JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS"

45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, [a] lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!" Matthew 27:45-46, 50, 54

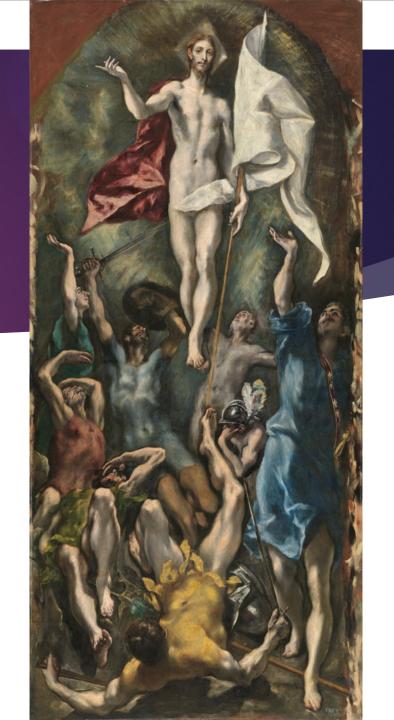
The Crucifixion. Francisco de Zurbarán, 1627.

The Resurrection and Transfiguration

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

4 And for fear of him the guards shook and became as dead men. Matthew 28: 2-4



The Resurrection. El Greco, c. 1597-1600.

The Face of Jesus

Father,

May we behold ourselves in Thee

May we know your face by your presence in prayer and praise.

May we behold ourselves in your gift of Jesus Christ, your Son,

who died that we might have life and live it to the full.

Give us wisdom that we may find you in all things.

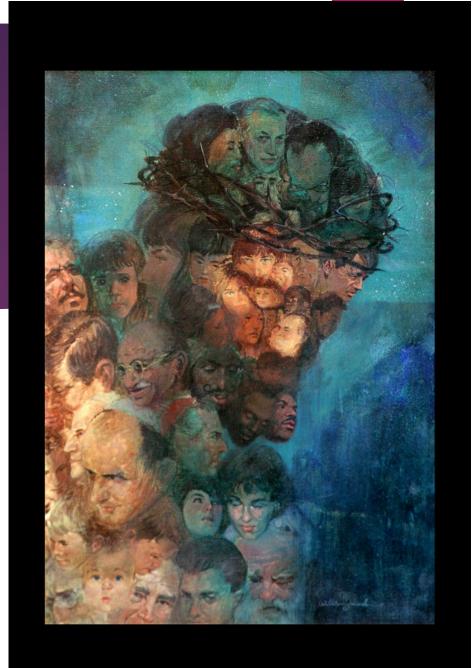
Give us compassion that we may show your face to those we meet.

Give us generosity that we may share the gifts you have given us.

Give us faith that we may have confidence in ourselves.

Above all give us love that we may bring joy into the lives of those around us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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