FYI: In 325 A.D the Council of Nice set Easter to be celebrated on the first Sunday <u>after</u> the full moon which happens upon or after March 21<sup>st</sup>. If the full moon occurs on a Sunday, then Easter is the following Sunday.

Easter never occurs before March 21 or after April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## What Wondrous Cross?

Art in Lent

### The Prophesy and Royal Tradition

#### The Coming King

<sup>9</sup> "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you;

He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV)

#### **The Laying of Robes**

13 Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king!"

2 Kings 9:13 (NKJV)

#### Entry of Christ into Jerusalem.

1617, Anthony (Antoon) van Dyck

<sup>1</sup>And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

<sup>2</sup> saying unto them, "Go into the village opposite you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them unto Me.

<sup>3</sup> And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, 'The Lord hath need of them,' and straightway he will send them." Matthew 21: 1-3 (KJ21)



# Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple 1600, El Greco

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold doves,

<sup>13</sup> and said unto them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called the house of prayer,' but ye have made it a den of thieves."

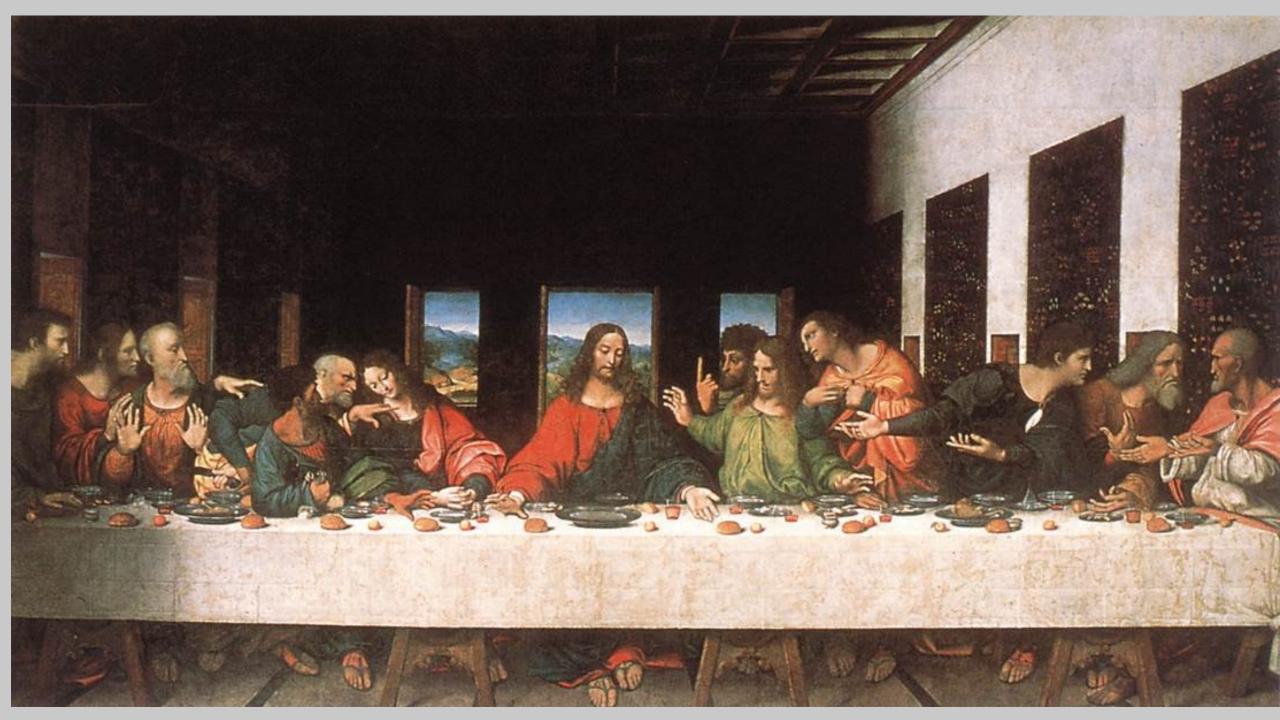
Matthew 21: 12-13 (KJ21)



#### THE LAST SUPPER

1492-94, 1498, Leonardo Da Vinci

- <sup>26</sup> And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
- <sup>27</sup> And He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it;
- <sup>28</sup> for this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26: 26-28





## Agony in the Garden

#### c. 1605, El Greco

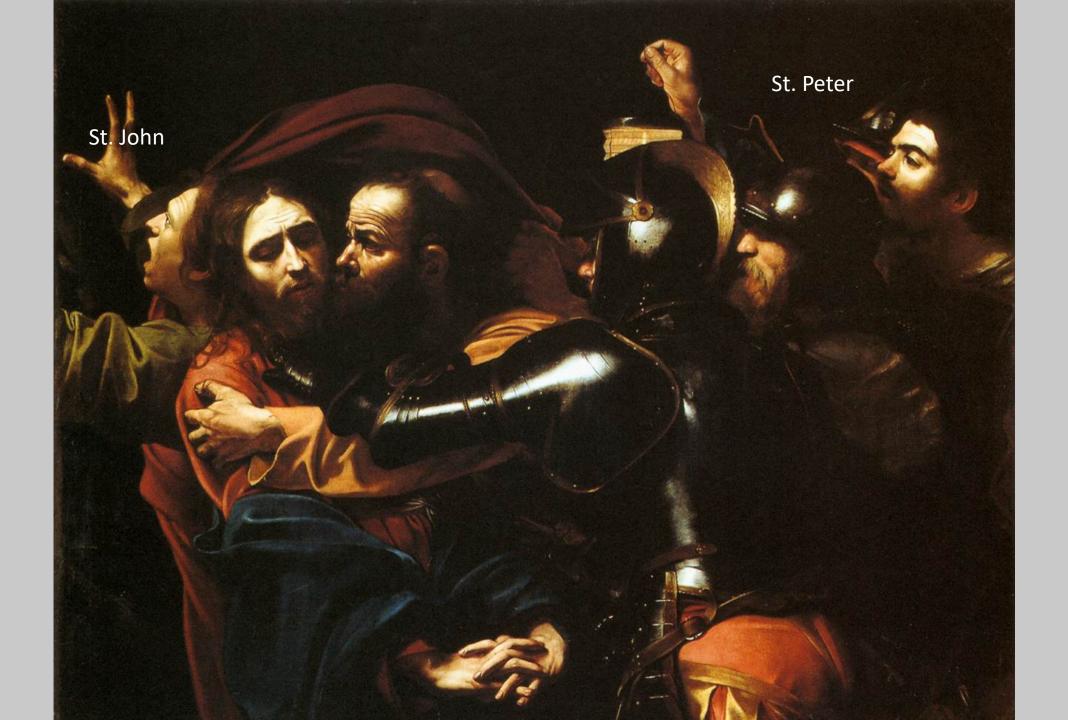
- <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and said unto the disciples, "Sit ye here while I go and pray yonder."
- <sup>37</sup> And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.
- <sup>38</sup> Then He said unto them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch with Me."
- <sup>39</sup> And He went a little farther, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Matthew 26: 36-39



#### The Taking of Christ

#### c. 1602, Caravaggio

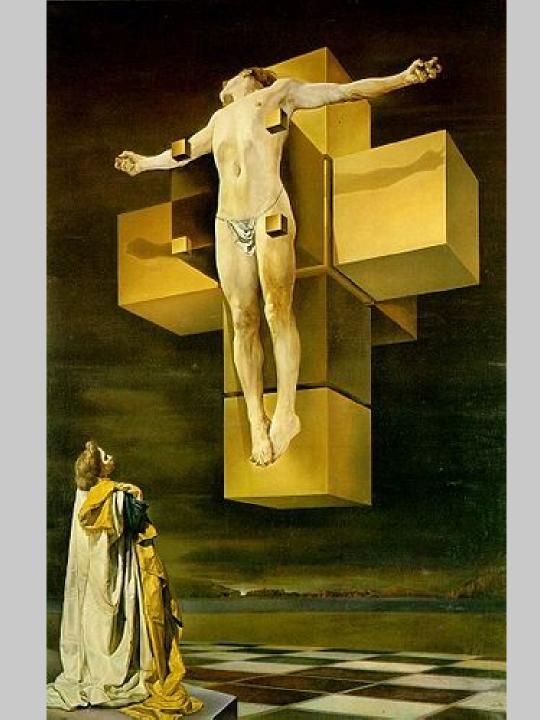
- <sup>47</sup> And while He yet spoke, lo, Judas, one of the twelve came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.
- <sup>48</sup> Now he that betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He; hold Him fast."
- <sup>49</sup> And forthwith he came to Jesus and said, "Hail, Master!" and kissed Him.
- 50 And Jesus said unto him, "Friend, why art thou come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. Matthew 26: 46-50



# And they crucified Him...

Matthew 27:35

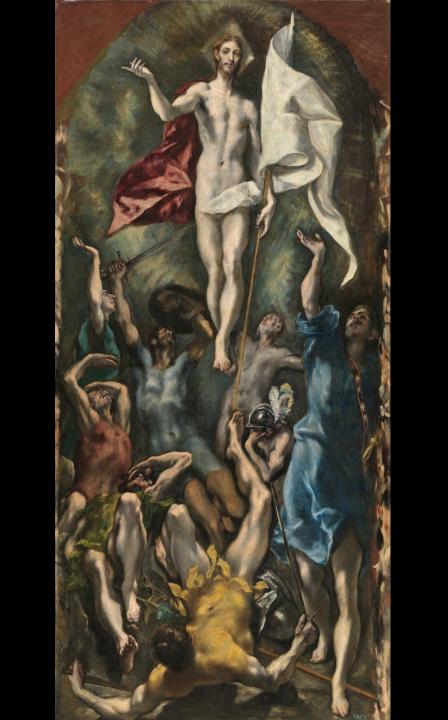
**Crucifixion** (Corpus Hypercubus)
1954, Salvador Dali



#### The Resurrection

c. 1597-1600, El Greco

- <sup>2</sup>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.
- <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.
- <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards shook and became as dead men. Matthew 28: 2-4



## The Ascension of Christ.

1958, Salvador Dali

- ⁵ And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
- 51 And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into Heaven.
- 52 And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
- 53 and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. Luke 24: 50-53



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