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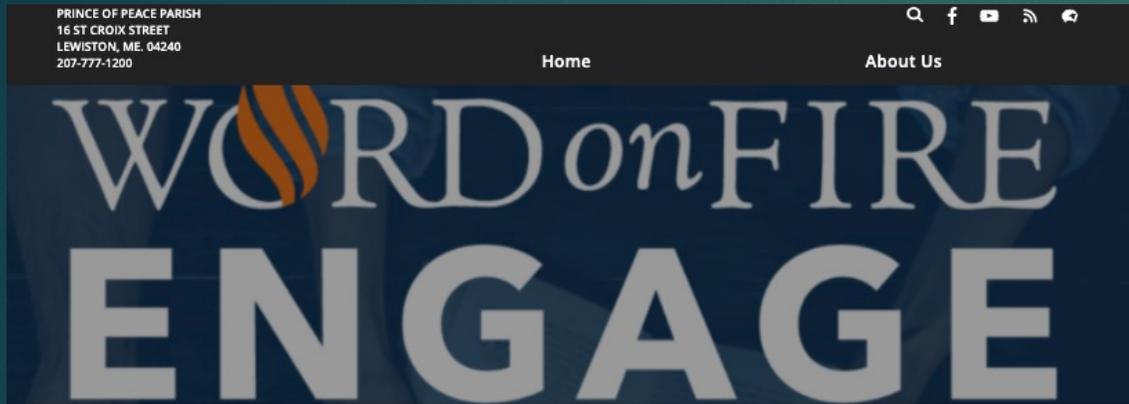
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Fr. Daniel Summer Series on Catholicism

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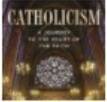


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Topics by Week
<p><u>Week 1 - Is Jesus actually God or a lying lunatic?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 2 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 5</p> <p>It's probably the most important question Jesus asked: "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" After hearing different responses from his disciples—John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets—Jesus then asked a more personal question: "But who do you say that I am?" That's the question he's still asking each of us. Jesus compels a choice. Who is he?</p>
<p><u>Week 2 - What was the Messiah supposed to do?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 9 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 12</p> <p>Most Jews of the first century knew what the Messiah was going to do when he arrived. They expected him to gather the scattered tribes of Israel, cleanse the temple, deal with Israel's enemies, and reign as Lord of all nations. Jesus did all these things, but in a surprising way that scandalized his contemporaries.</p>
<p><u>Week 3 - The secret to joy, according to Jesus</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 16 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 19</p> <p>Everyone wants to be happy. It's the one thing that unites us all. We all want joy. But how do we find it? All the things we usually chase—money, pleasure, power, and honor—make us happy only for a little while, but then they fade. They don't satisfy our deep need for joy. Jesus offers a different way. What's his path to happiness?</p>
<p><u>Week 4 - Why Jesus is so counter-cultural today</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 23 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 26</p> <p>For centuries, people have described Jesus's teachings as counter-cultural. They go against the grain, against how our culture tells us to live. In what ways? Among other things, Jesus taught non-violence, unconditional love, and radical forgiveness.</p>
<p><u>Week 5 - Who is God, and why does he matter?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 30 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, June 2</p> <p>Does God exist? Who or what is he? Can we prove his existence? Humans have been asking these questions for thousands of years. The Catholic Church teaches that God is incomprehensible. This means we'll never fully understand God, or know everything about him, since he is a mystery beyond our comprehension. However, we can know some things about him with great clarity, such as the fact that he exists and his different attributes.</p>
<p><u>Week 6 - If God exists, why is there so much evil in the world?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, June 6 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, June 9</p> <p>There is no way around it: the existence of evil is the most difficult challenge to our belief in God. If God is all good and all powerful, it seems there should be no evil. Yet there is. This is why many people conclude there is no God. This is a powerful argument and its power is felt even more in light of the Holocaust, 9/11, and cases of abuse and harassment.</p>

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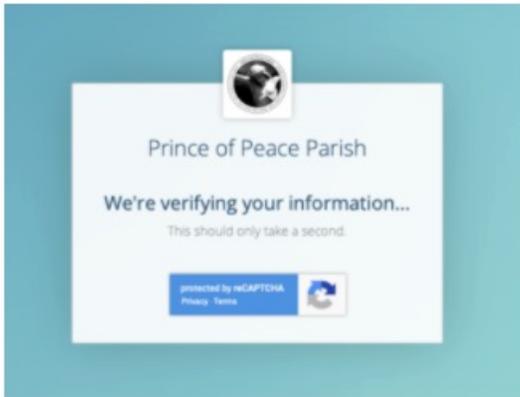
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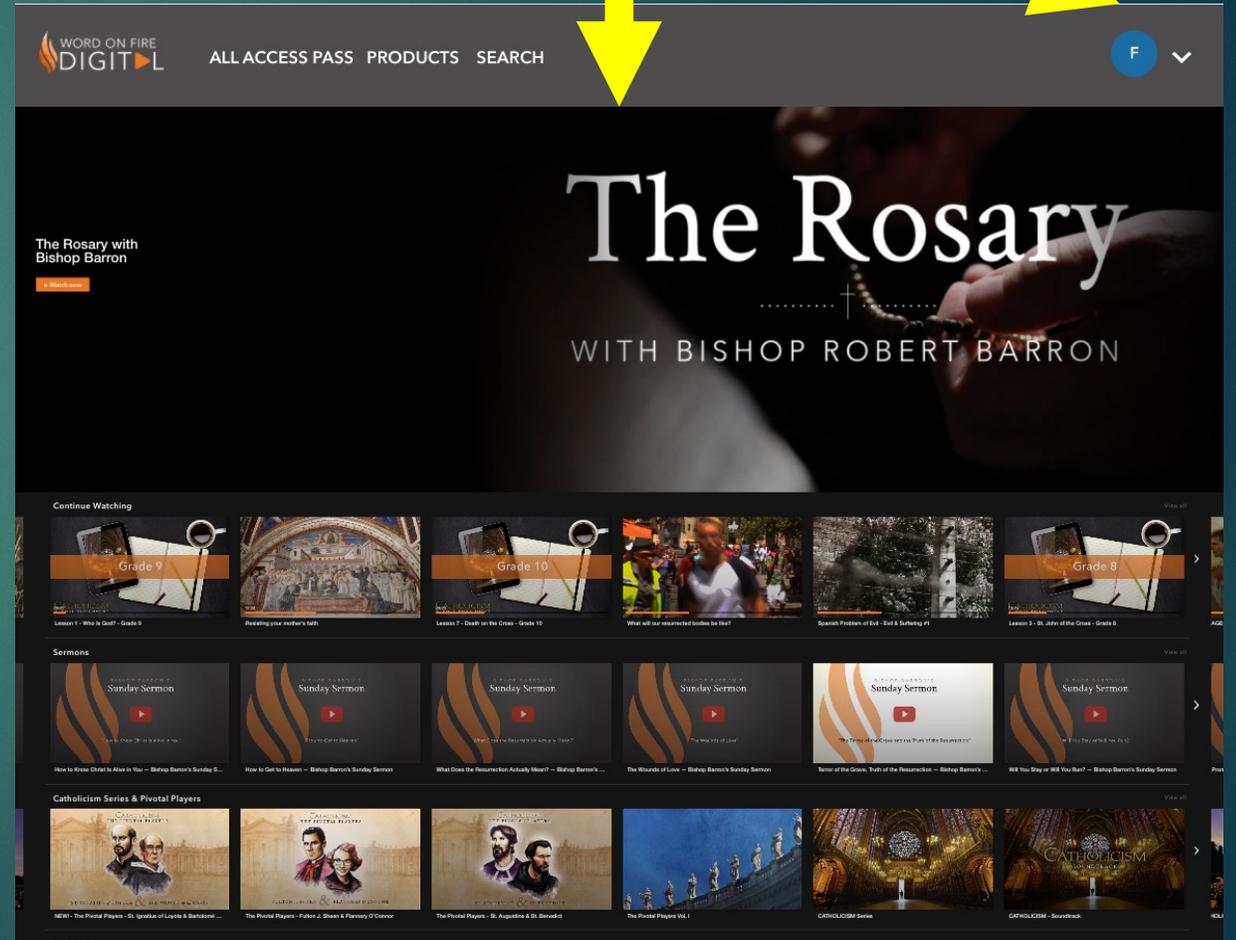


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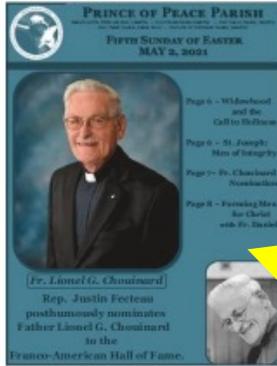
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When a violent skeptic meets Jesus Christ

Before he was Saint Paul, author of most of the New Testament, Saul of Tarsus was an ardent persecutor of Christians.

He not only mocked their religion but even helped murder many of them.

But then, making his way to Damascus to track down and kidnap more Christians, he encountered the risen Christ.

The experience was life-changing, to say the least.

Paul shifted his focus, becoming an equally ardent follower of Jesus Christ, and brought the good news of his Resurrection to countless people around the world.

Want to learn more? Watch this short video by Bishop Robert Barron to find out!



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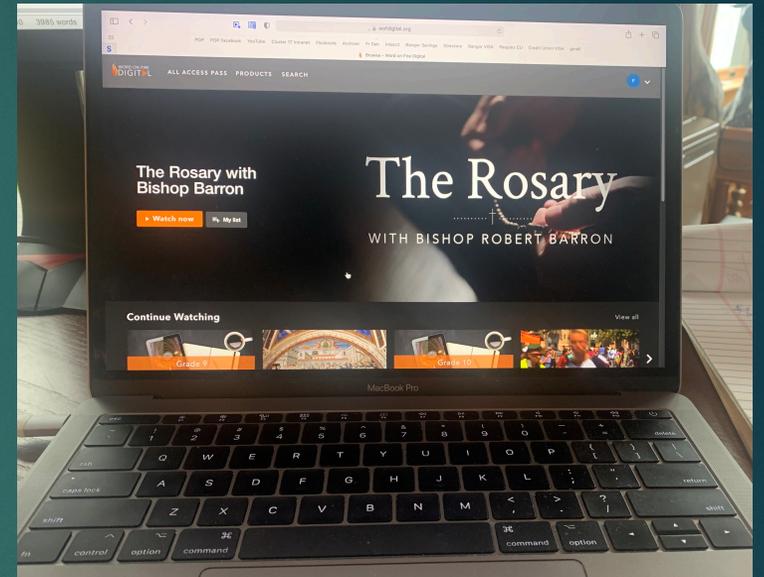
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**Pick one night a week and make it
your favorite TV show for the family**



**Tuesdays
is faith
night
Popcorn
and all**

Quick Review

The central claim of Christianity is God became human in Jesus
Uniqueness of Jesus compared with other religious figures

The Expected Messiah

- Gather people into the Kingdom of God – separated by sin

- Purify the Temple for right worship

- Overcome the enemies of Israel by resurrection

- Reign as Lord by challenging the forces of the day

Beatitudes – 4 positive and 4 negative

- Joy, law and freedom, hunger, addiction, detachment

Love and Respond to Evil and Violence



Theological Virtues

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Charity (Love)

Problems with words in English

Definitions of Charity

Definitions of Love

Catechism of the Catholic Church



CCC 1822

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Terms for Love



1. Family Love
2. Friendship Love
3. Passion/Romantic Love
4. Agape Love (Love that God is and gives us)

Unselfish love

Non-Self-interest love

Will the Good of another

Love of the Christ on the Cross

Love for all people, friends and enemies

Non-Violent Resistance

Walter Wink

Jesus never taught passivity in the face of evil.

Jesus also never taught that violence is the appropriate response to evil.

You do them no good by reflecting back their violence; that is what is meant by resisting evil - being so resistant that we act as a brick wall and bounce the evil back - retaliate in a like manner.

You do them no good by fleeing and letting them think that they've won

Non-Violent Resistance

Walter Wink – Dr. Martin Luther King

What makes much more sense is to find a meaning that meshes with all the other passages that call us to love our enemies and do good to them that misuse us.

YOU LOVE YOUR ENEMY when you show them how they are being unjust and when you give them the opportunity to grow and learn from that experience and to be open to God's grace to change their violent and unjust and oppressive ways.



Just War Theory

CCC 2309

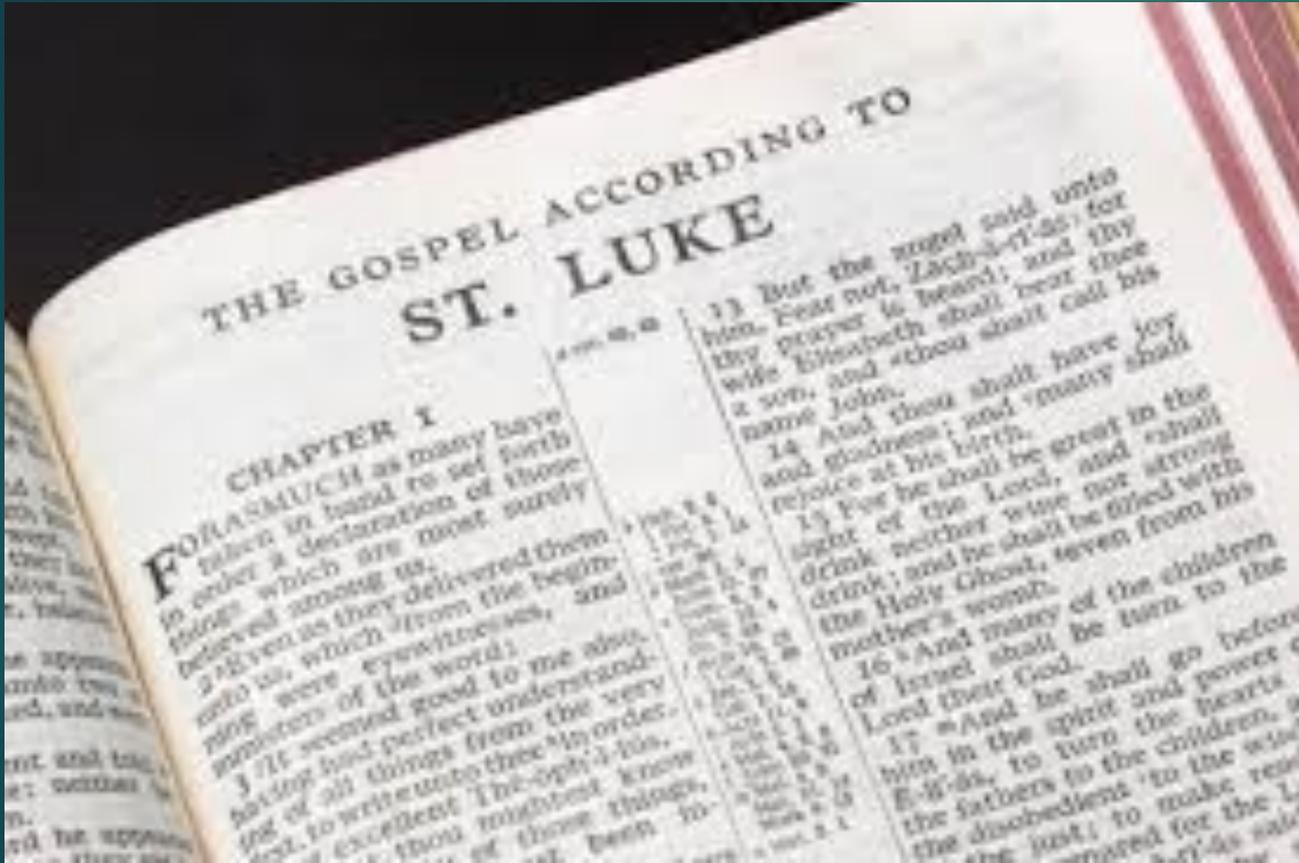
The strict conditions for *legitimate defense by military force* require rigorous consideration. The gravity of such a decision makes it subject to rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy. At one and the same time:

1. the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
2. all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
3. there must be serious prospects of success;
4. the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.

These are the traditional elements enumerated in what is called the "just war" doctrine. The evaluation of these conditions for moral legitimacy belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good.

Reconciliation and Mercy





Luke Chapter 15

1. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
2. The parable of the Lost Coin
3. The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

The Prodigal Son



The Prodigal Son – Movement #1

A man had two sons

The younger son asked for his share of the property coming to him as part of Jewish inheritance law in the book of Leviticus.

The Bible dictated what he is to receive.

He wasted the money until it was all gone.

Sense that what he did led to his own impoverishment.
Sense that living without control.

He hired himself out to tend to pigs

Unclean for the Jews, Jews are forbidden to raise pigs.
Tending Pigs of Gentiles is about as alienated
a Jew could imagine.

Came to his senses and returns to his father asking to be a hired labor for his father.



The Prodigal Son – Movement #2



The father runs out to meet his son

The Son says that he has sinned against God and against him

Note that the relationship between God and the others are interconnected

The father accepts him with extravagant gesture
Robe, ring, and feast

The Prodigal Son – Movement #3



The elder son coming from the field is upset that the younger son has returned and been restored to being his son.

The elder son remains outside of the feast.

The father goes out to the elder son as he went out to the returning son.

The Son complains that he has slaved for his father.
The elder son did not live as a son but a slave.

The Father says **that everything he has belongs to his sons.** He could have had anything he wanted at any time.

The elder son wasted his status as son by living as a slave.



Questions
for
discussion.

1. Describe the main character of the story?
2. Who are examples of the elder son in today's world?
3. How can everyone see him/herself in these characters?

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The Father:

- He experiences loss and restoration.
- even-handed compassion and concern for both children.
- Allows one son to leave physically with property, a loss of son and property.
- Allows the other son to stay on the land but with bitter alienation, a loss of another kind.
- It is the Father's mercy and openness to both children stands as Jesus message of the Father.

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The Elder:

- He failed to recognize his constant position of privilege with the Father.
- All the time they worked together, they shared goods in common.
- His actions may be out of resentment

1. What could be examples of this character in today's world?

The Elder Son

Those, like the elder son, (the Pharisees) had...

- ... stayed within the covenant and had not wandered off;
- ... never broken any of the commandments.
- ... regarded themselves not as sons but as slaves.
- ... resented others being allowed into the covenant with God without cost.

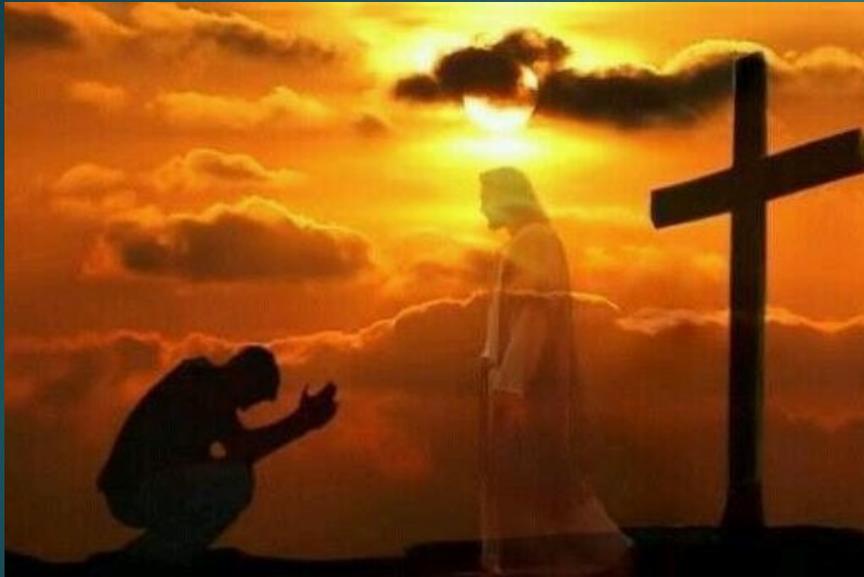
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The faithful who see duty as the reason for being Catholic

A constitutive element of the Christian faith is the **forgiveness of sins** in order to restore human beings back into right relationship with God.



One of the works of the Jesus is forgiveness of sins.

- It is a statement of who Jesus is because only God can forgive sins.
- Jesus stating that sins are forgiven placed the religious authorities of Israel in a quandary.

Either Jesus is a blasphemer who has made himself God or he is God among us.

Only God could reconcile us to God.

Sacrament of Confession



Restores us to sonship (daughtership)
(CCC 1439)

Jesus' call to conversion is the first step in
returning to the Father (CCC1423)

Conversion (metanoia) of heart enables
us to return to the Father in heaven (CCC
2795)

Without conversion, one does NOT enter
the kingdom of God (CCC 545).

In Christ, heaven and earth are
reconciled (CCC 2795)



1439 *The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son,
the center of which is the merciful father:*

The Beginnings of Sin

the fascination of illusory freedom,
the abandonment of the father's house;

The Effects of Sin

The extreme misery in which the son finds himself
after squandering his fortune;

Humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed
swine and wanting to feed on the husks the pigs ate

Return to the Father

his reflection on all he has lost;
his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father;
the journey back;
the father's generous welcome;
the father's joy - all these are characteristic of the process of conversion.

Restoration

The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet are symbols of that new life.

God's Mercy



Jesus gave scandal when he identified his merciful conduct toward sinners with God's own attitude toward them (CCC 589).

The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy (CCC 1846).



Matthew Chapter 25

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

The Parable of the Talents

The Judgment of the Nations

The Sheep and the Goats – Matthew 25:31-46



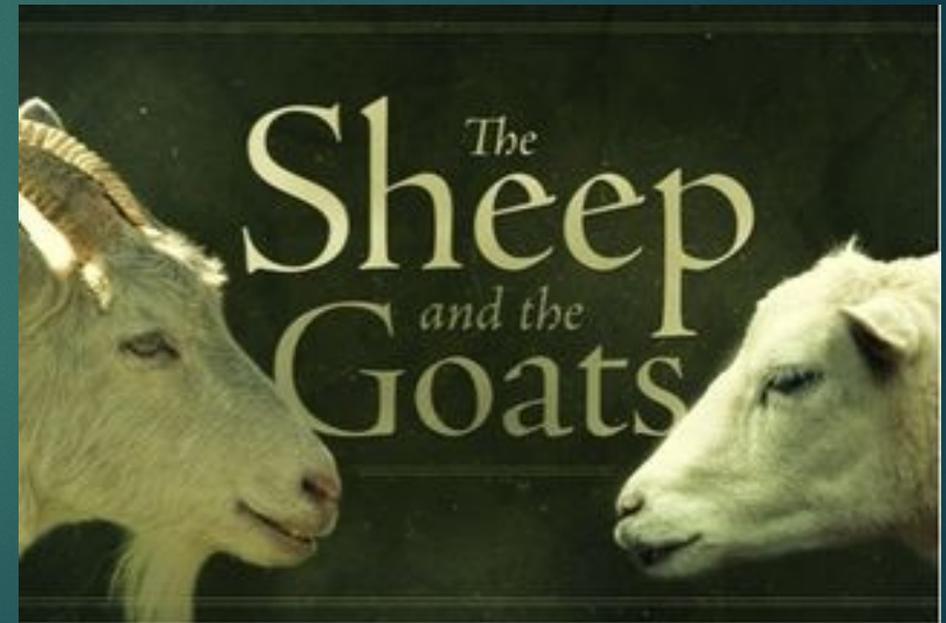


Questions
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discussion.

1. Why were the “Sheep” and the “Goats” surprised?
2. Where does Christ say he is present in this world?
3. Can you think of other bible passages that affirm this message of Jesus?

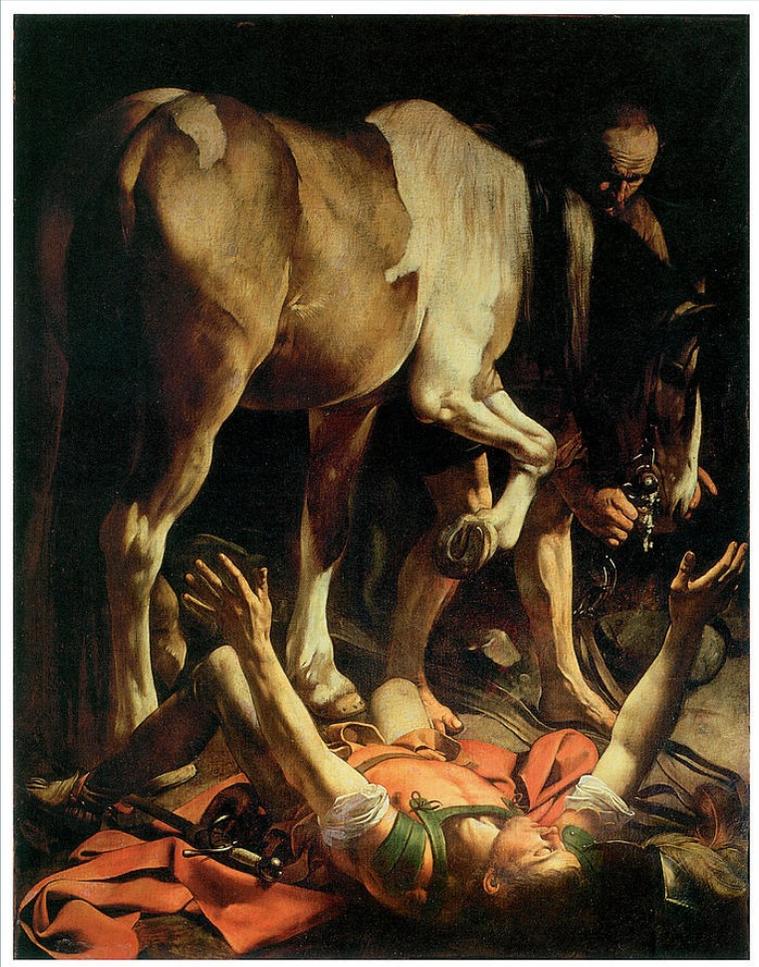
Three Movements

1. Separation of the Sheep and the goats
2. Judgment on the sheep
3. Judgment on the goats



Jesus and Christians

Acts 9:1-6



Now Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that, if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.

On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

He said, “Who are you, sir?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.”

Jesus and Christians

Matthew 10:40 - "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Luke 10:16 - "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

John 13:20 - "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

CHRIST the HEAD



Cor 12:27 - Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.



John 15:4-5

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Corporal & Spiritual



Feed the Hungry

Instruct the Ignorant



Give Drink to the Thirsty

Counsel the Doubtful



Shelter the Homeless

Admonish the Sinners



Clothe the Naked

Forgive Offenses



Visit the Sick

Comfort the Afflicted



Visit the Imprisoned

Bear Wrongs Patiently



Bury the Dead

Pray for the Living & the Dead



Metanoiate! – Change

See God as love and the world differently

Risk the path of Jesus has set forth

Gain a new Vision

Summons to Change