

THE CLASH OF KINGDOMS

— THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 11.14-26 —



THE EXORCISM OF EMILY ROSE

2005 film based on the true story of Annaliese Michel

- **In 1976, some 67 exorcisms were performed**
- **At the time of her death at age 23, she weighed only 68lbs**

— Eric Hanson, The Washington Post —

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"The surprising thing was that the people connected to Michel were all completely convinced that she had really been possessed," says Franz Barthel, amazement still in his voice three decades after he covered the story for the regional daily paper....

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**“Michel’s recorded voice can still
send shivers up your spine.
It’s the voice of a demon,
growling, barking, inhuman.”**

— Eric Hanson, The Washington Post —

The background of the slide is a stylized American flag. The left half features a dark blue field with a grid of gold stars, while the right half consists of horizontal stripes in dark red and a muted olive green.

What Americans Believe About Demons

22% “definitely exist”

24% “probably exist”

— YouGov - Oct 21, 2019 —

New Barna Survey: More Americans Believe in Satan Than Believe in God

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**believe in the traditional, Biblical view of
God as the all-powerful, all-knowing Creator**

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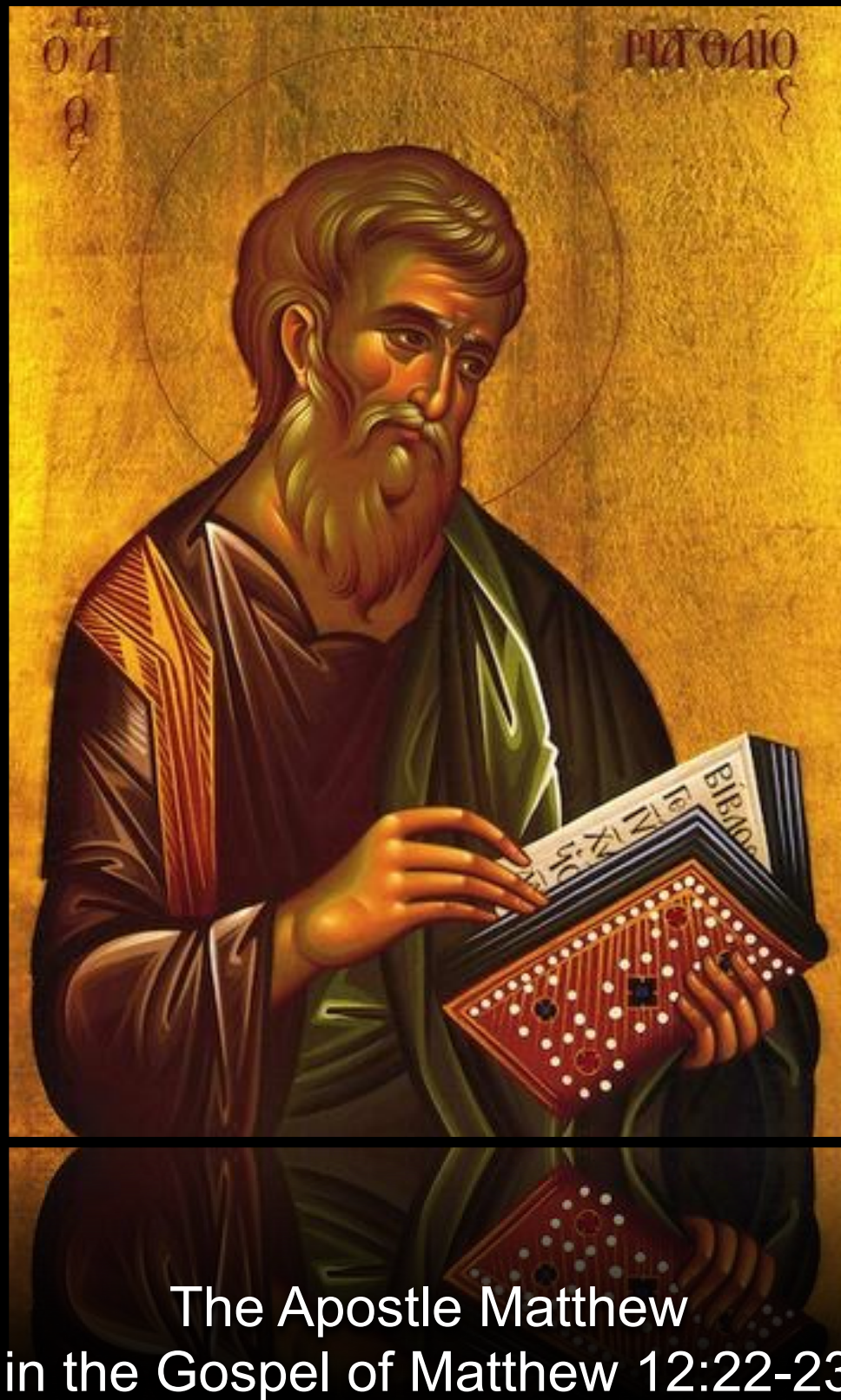
- 1 The **miracle** by Jesus
- 2 The **reaction** to Jesus
- 3 The **identity** of Jesus
- 4 The **mission** of Jesus

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

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The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

11 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people **marveled.**



**Then a demon-
oppressed man who
was blind and mute
was brought to him,
and he healed him, so
that the man spoke
and saw. And all the
people were amazed,
and said, “Can this be
the Son of David?”**



**And behold, you will
conceive in your womb
and bear a son, and you
shall call His name
Jesus. He will be great
and will be called the
Son of the Most High.**



**And the Lord God will
give to Him the throne
of His father David, and
He will reign over the
house of Jacob forever,
and of His kingdom
there will be no end.**

—The Gospel of Luke 1:25-38—

**Can this
be the Son
of David**



The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

15 But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons”...

“Beelzebub”

“Baal-zebub” = “The Prince of Baal”

The god of Ekron / Philistines

(2 Kings, Ch. 2)

ESV: “Beelzebub”

**“The Prince or Lord
of the flies / dung”**

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

15 But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” 16 while others, seeking to test him, kept asking from him a sign from heaven.

Three Responses to This Exorcism by Jesus

- 1 Some marveled & asked if he could be the Son of David
- 2 Some said he was actually in league with the prince of demons
- 3 Some insisted on more signs in order to be convinced of Jesus

Important Thought

Nobody denied that Jesus performed this exorcism.

**The only question was,
“How did he do it?”**

JESUS
AND THE VICTORY OF GOD



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Christian Origins and the Question of God

...this charge against Jesus is not simply a bit of unpleasant religious propaganda. It is the only way that his opponents could **avoid** the clear implication of the ministry they were witnessing.

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Either the redefinition of the kingdom that Jesus claimed to be effecting was real and God-given, ...or there was a dark power at work in him, stronger yet than the dark powers that had gripped the afflicted individuals.

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No third option was available. Within the world of first-century Judaism, someone who did such things must be either from the true God or from the enemy.

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a house divided falls. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul....”

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.



— The Gospel of Mark 1:27 —

And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

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**It is one thing to
look at Jesus and
say, 'He is mad....'
But it was another
thing to look at the
working of the Spirit
of YHWH...and to
say: 'This is the
work of the devil.'**

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**To say such a thing
was to paint oneself
into a corner from
which there was no
escape. Once you
define the battle for
your liberation as
the work of the
enemy, you will
never be free.**

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

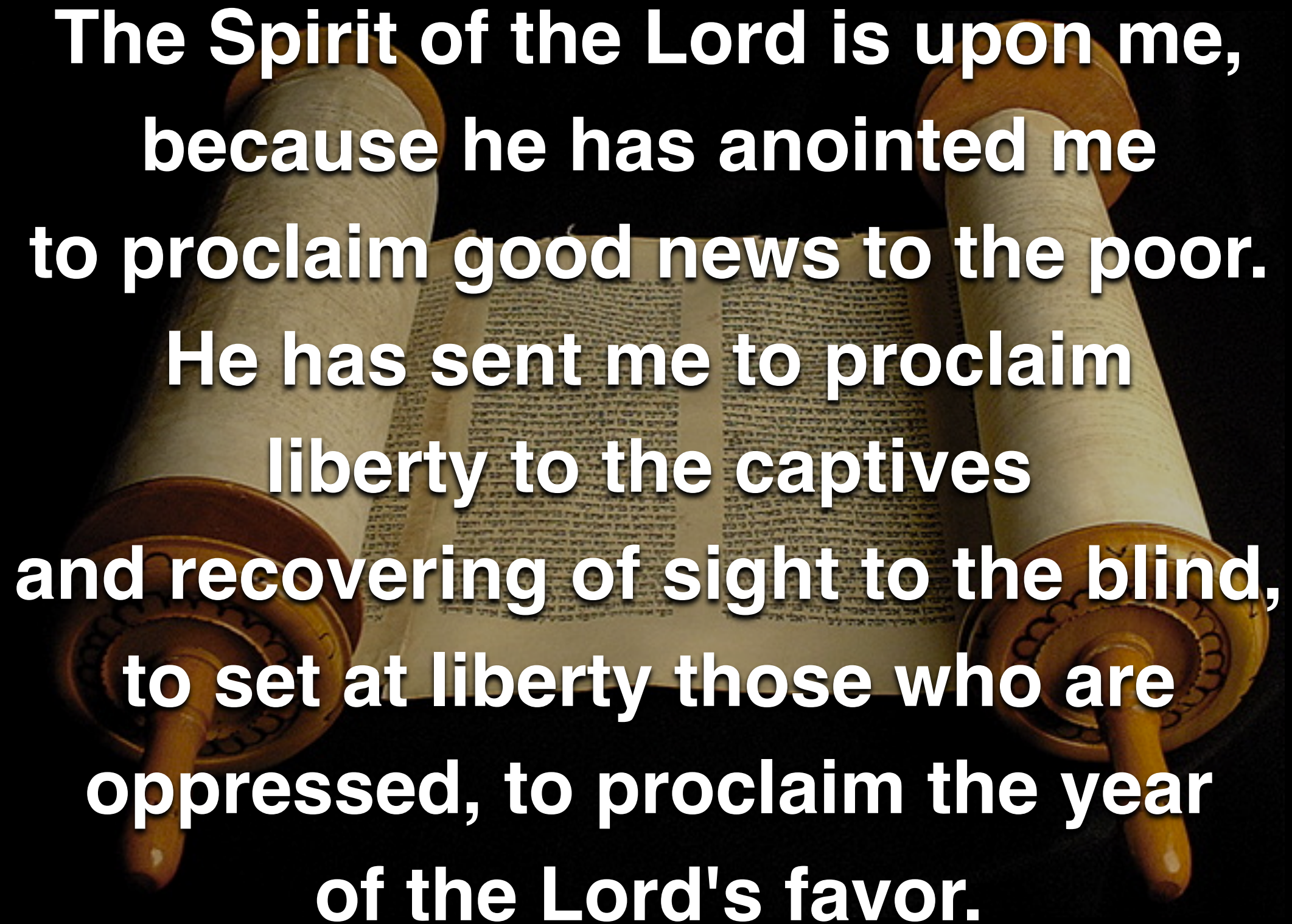


**Then the magicians
said to Pharaoh,
“This is the
finger of God.”
But Pharaoh's heart
was hardened, and
he would not listen
to them....**

— Exodus 8:19 —

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.



**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are
oppressed, to proclaim the year
of the Lord's favor.**

— Jesus of Nazareth in Luke 4 —

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

24 When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, “I will return to my house from which I came.” 25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes

The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of the person is worse than the first.

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“So also it will be with this evil generation.”

— Matthew 12:45 —

IMPORTANT QUESTION

**WHY DOES LUKE RECORD THIS
ACCOUNT IN HIS HISTORICAL
BIOGRAPHY OF JESUS?**



**TO UNDERSTAND JESUS
CORRECTLY IS TO EMBRACE HIM
AS THE WORLD'S TRUE LORD &
THE WORLD'S ONLY HOPE**



**Let's settle
the question
once & for all:
"Who is this
man Jesus?"**





CS Lewis, Oxford Professor
& Author of *Mere Christianity*



“

I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say.



A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on a level with a man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice.



“

**Either this man was, and is, the Son of God,
or else a madman or something worse.
You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit
at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can
fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God.**



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**But let us not come up with any
patronizing nonsense about his being
a great human teacher. He has not left
that option open to us.**

— CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity* —

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“The Trilemma”

The Claims of Jesus

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True

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You can
REJECT
Him

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TRUST
Him



**Let's remember that
the greatest frontal assault
on the kingdom of darkness
was the Cross of Christ**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the glory of Christ....



The Apostle Paul
— 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 —

**For what we proclaim
is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as
your servants for
Jesus' sake.**



The Apostle Paul
— 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 —

**For God, who said,
“Let light shine out of
darkness,” has
shone in our hearts
to give the light of
the knowledge of the
glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ.**



The Apostle Paul
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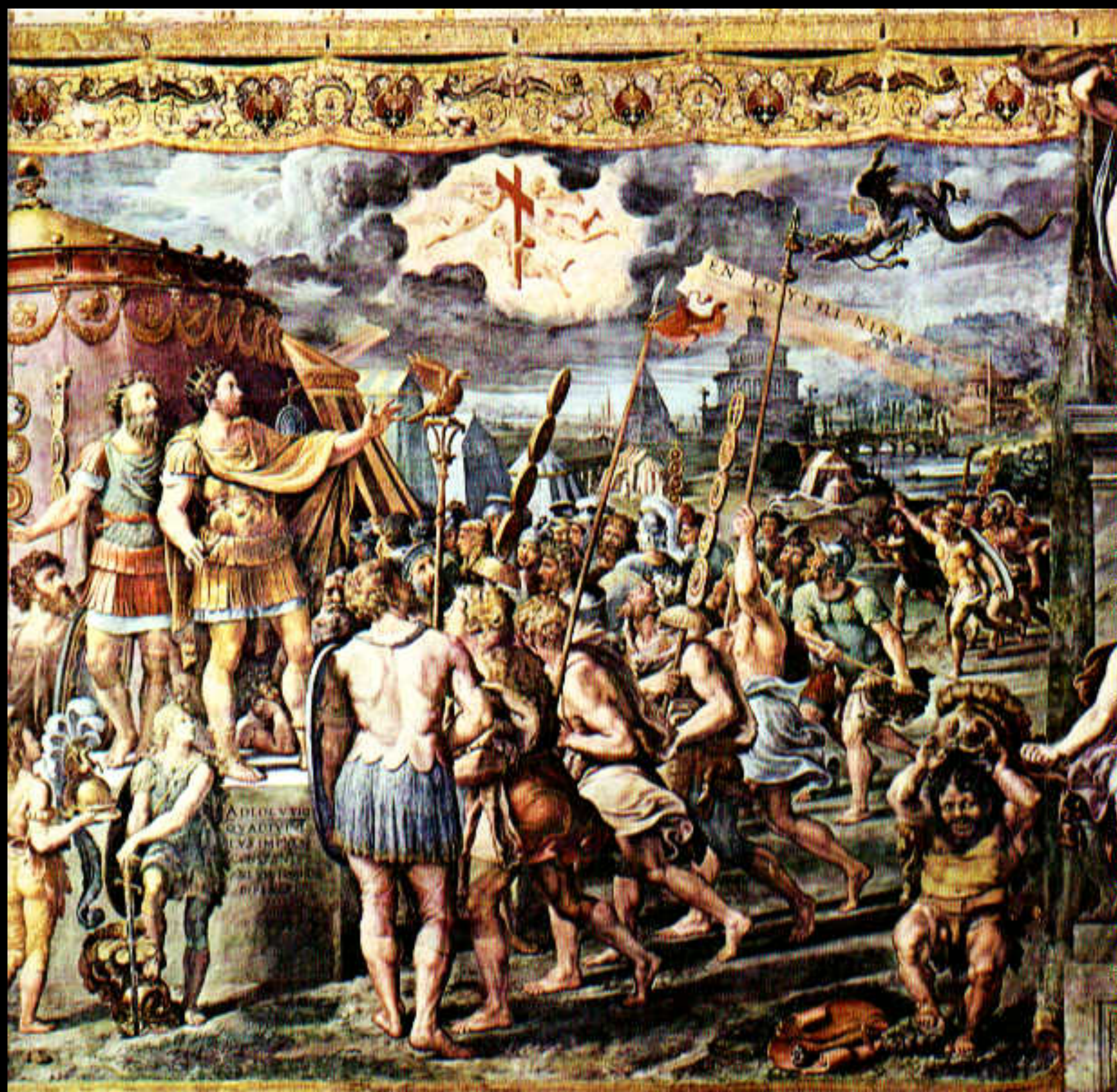


The Apostle Paul
Colossians 1:13-14

**He has delivered us
from the domain of
darkness and
transferred us to
the kingdom of His
beloved Son, in
whom we have
redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.**

LET'S LIVE OUT THE
SUBVERSIVE KINGDOM

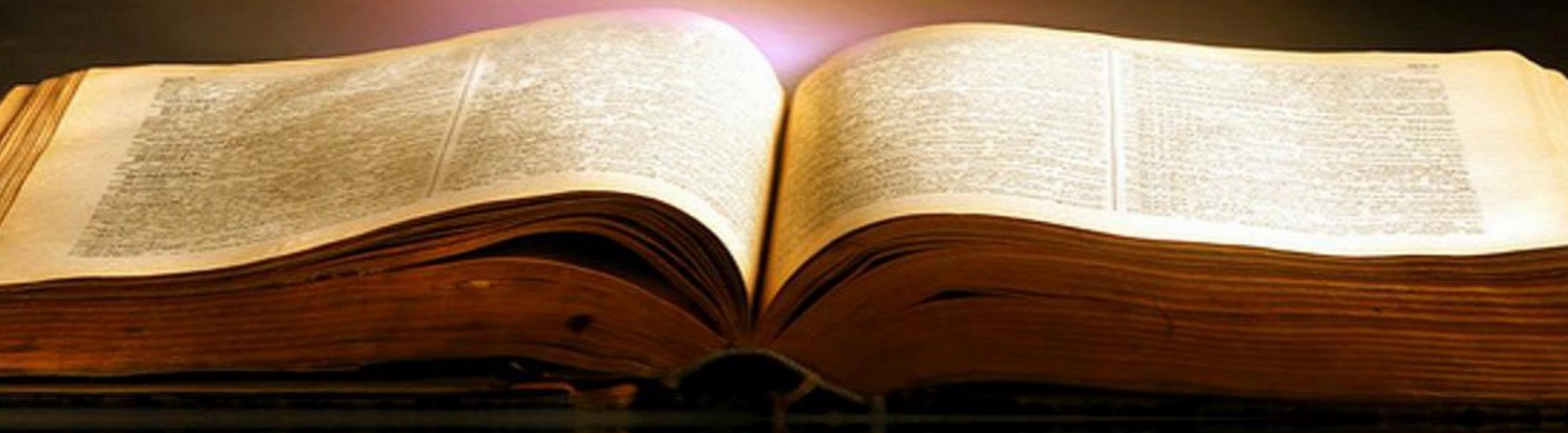




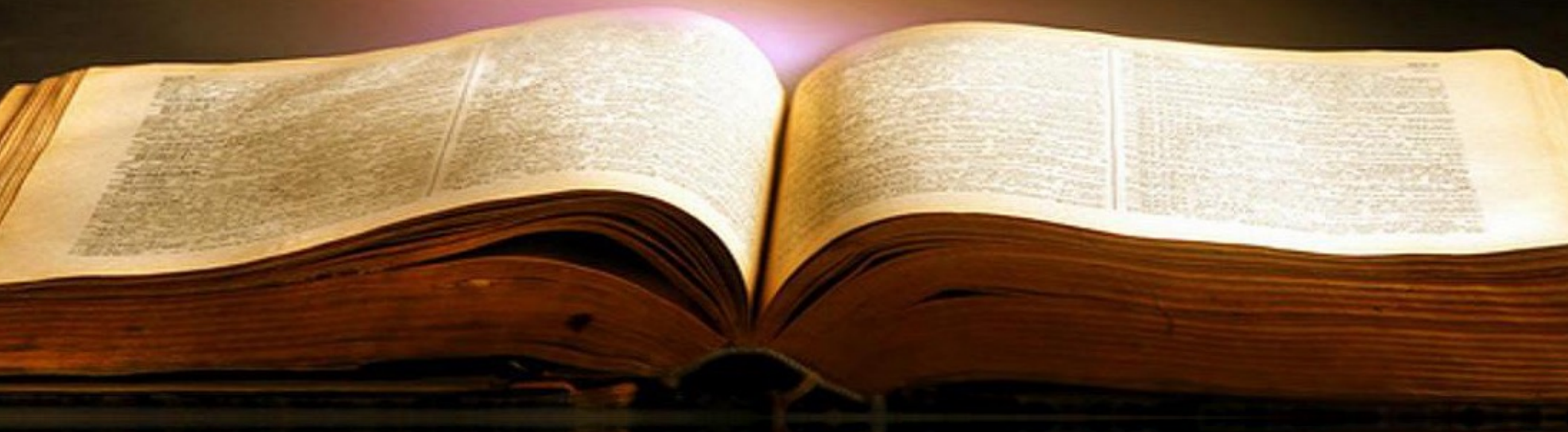
The Gospel of Luke 11:14-26

23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

...Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

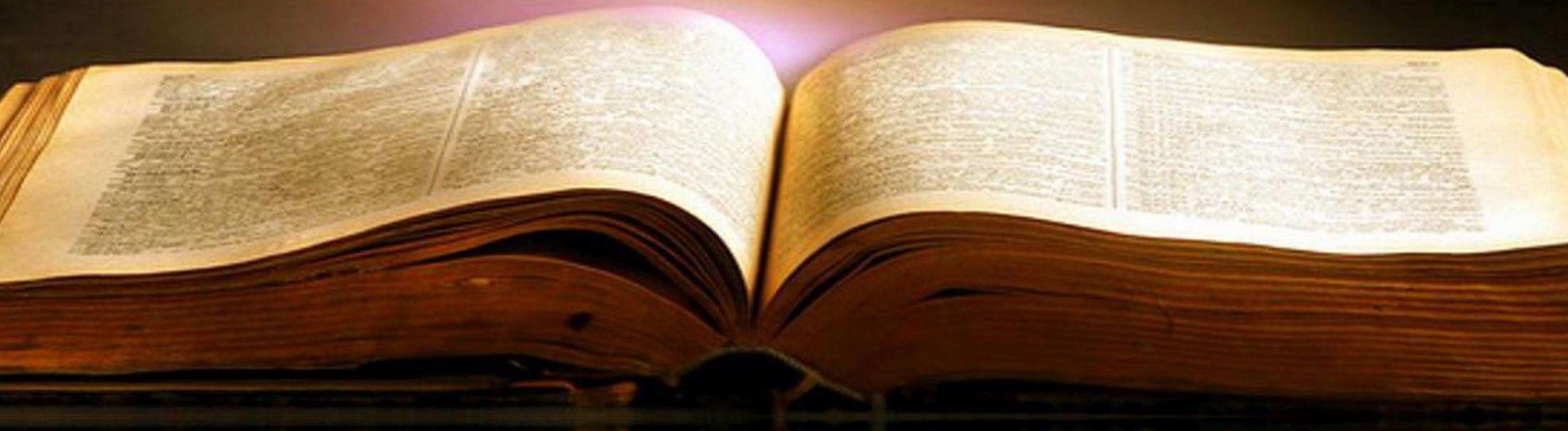


Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

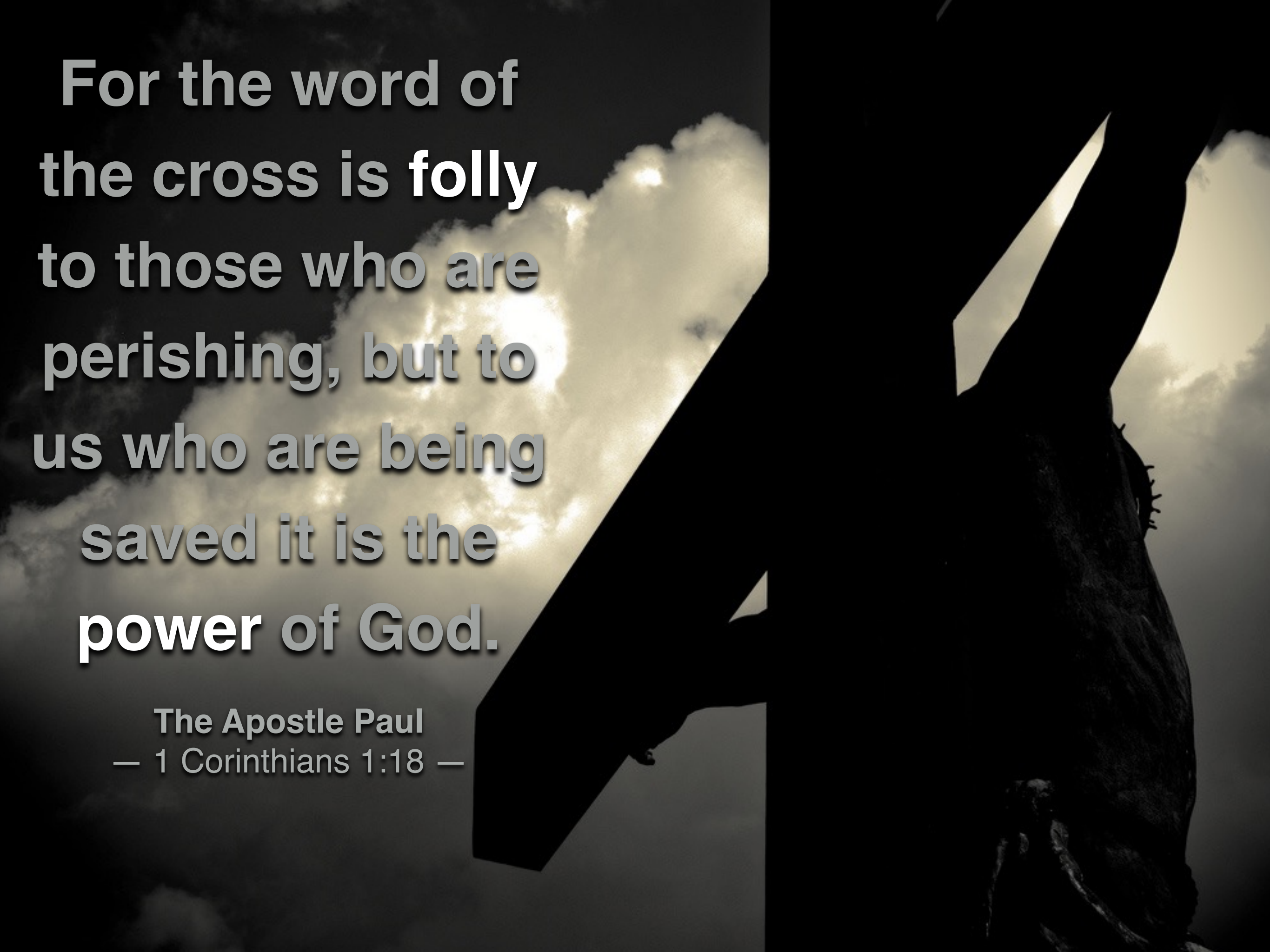


“Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

— The Gospel of Matthew 26:47-54 —







**For the word of
the cross is folly
to those who are
perishing, but to
us who are being
saved it is the
power of God.**

The Apostle Paul
— 1 Corinthians 1:18 —

**Truly He taught us
to love one another
His law is love
and His gospel is peace**



— “O Holy Night” —