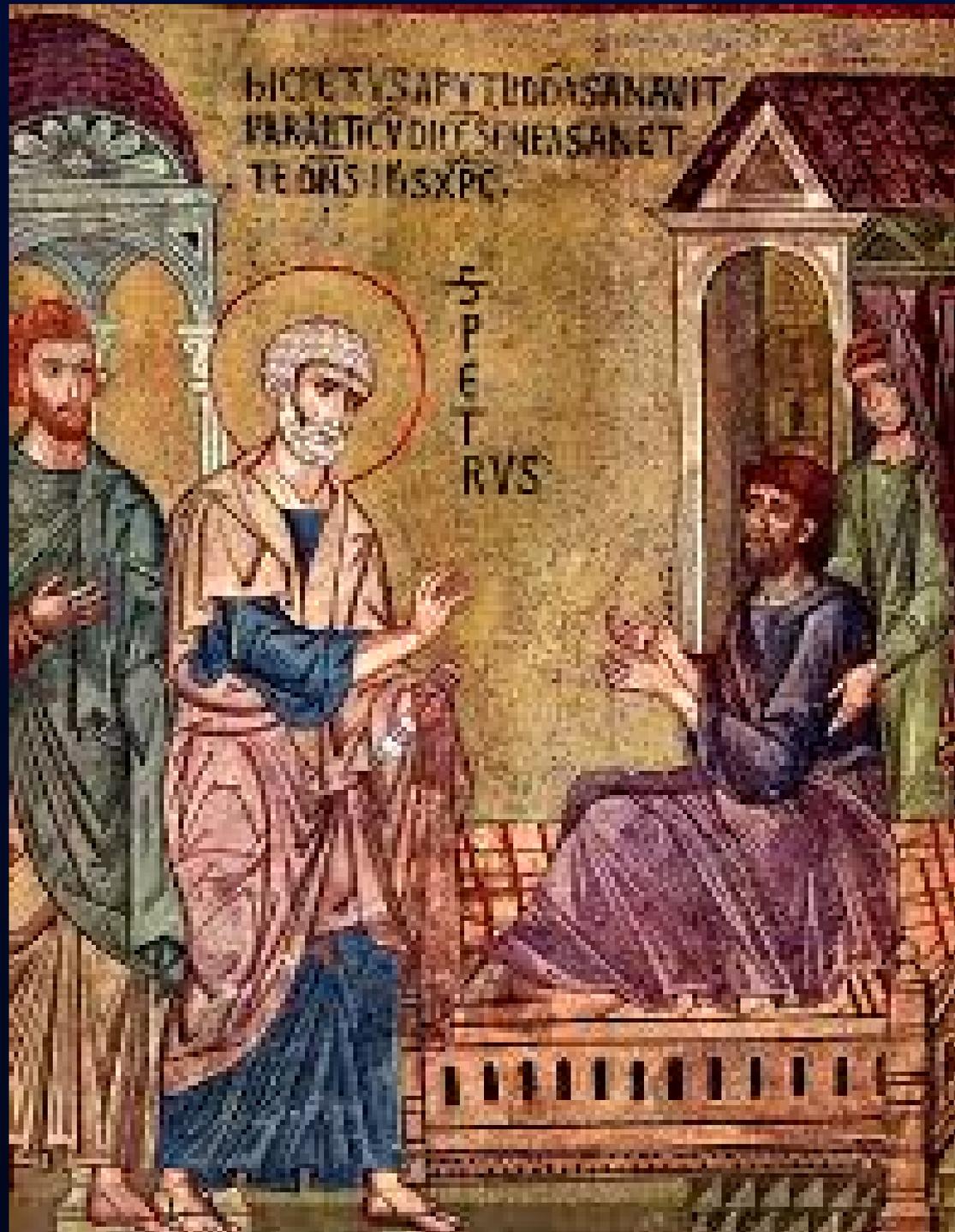


# Sep 28, The Least Understood Miracle In The Bible



**COME**



**TOGETHER**



# A Bible Guy Looks At The Divine Liturgy

Douglas M Dillon  
7/15/2017

**You keep using "Lord, have mercy."**

**I do not think it means what  
you think it means.**

# Matthew 20:30, the only place verbatim

[Κύριε,] ἐλέησον

Lord, have mercy

79 KATA ΜΑΘΘΑΙΟΝ 20. 31—21. 5  
λέγοντες, [Κύριε,] ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς<sup>6</sup>, υἱὲ Δαυίδ. 31 ὁ δὲ ὄχλος ἐπετίμησεν αὐτοῖς ἵνα σιωπήσωσιν· οἱ δὲ μείζον ἐκραξαν λέγοντες, Κύριε, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυίδ. 32 καὶ στὰς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐφώνησεν αὐτοὺς καὶ εἶπεν, Τί θέλετε ποιήσω ὑμῖν; 33 λέγουσιν αὐτῷ, Κύριε, ἵνα ἀνοιγῶσιν οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν. 34 σπλαγχνισθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἤψατο τῶν ὀμμάτων αὐτῶν, καὶ εὐθέως ἀνέβλεψαν καὶ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.

<sup>6</sup> 30 {C} κύριε, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς B 085 it<sup>aur, g<sup>1</sup>, l, r<sup>1</sup></sup> vg cop<sup>sa, bo<sup>ms</sup></sup> eth<sup>ro</sup> // ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, κύριε p<sup>45vid</sup> C K W X Δ Π f<sup>1</sup> 28 33 1009 1010 1071 1079 1195 1216 1230 1241 1242 1253 (1344 omit ἡμᾶς) 1365 1546 1646 2148 2174 Byz Lect it<sup>i, a</sup> syr<sup>p, h</sup> cop<sup>sa<sup>ms</sup></sup> eth<sup>pp</sup> geo<sup>A<sup>c</sup></sup> Origen Ps-Chrysostom John-Damascus // ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, Ἰησοῦ (see Mk 10.47; Lk 18.38) ⳨ Θ f<sup>13</sup> 700 l<sup>547</sup> it<sup>c, e, h, n</sup> syr<sup>pal<sup>ms</sup></sup> arm geo // ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς D 565 l<sup>76vid</sup> it<sup>b, d, ff<sup>1, 2</sup></sup> syr<sup>c</sup> eth<sup>ms</sup> // κύριε, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, Ἰησοῦ L 892 syr<sup>pal<sup>mss</sup></sup> cop<sup>sa<sup>mss</sup>, bo</sup>

# “Have Mercy” - Earliest Use

After the golden calf , I'm not going to go with you anymore (Ex 33:3 pg 111)

Moses, “Let me know your ways”, Ex 33:13

Moses “If your presence does not go up with us”, Ex 33:15

Moses, “Show me your glory”, Ex 33:18

“No one can see me and live”, Ex 33:20 (also Jn 1, 1 Cor 10:4)

33:19 “Compassion”

34:6, “Compassionate” the first thing



# The First Thing To Know About God

## Original Word

רחם

## Transliterated Word

Racham

## Phonetic Spelling

raw-kham' 

to love, love deeply, have mercy, be compassionate, have tender affection, have compassion

6 ¶ Seek the LORD while He may be found;

Call upon Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
And let him return to the LORD,  
And He will have compassion on him,  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon.

8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares  
the LORD.

9 “For *as* the heavens are higher than the  
earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 “For as the rain and the snow descend upon the earth,  
And do not return there, nor is it gathered up as vapor,  
Or as mist, or as clouds,  
Which return without rain,  
So shall My word be sent forth from My mouth,  
And shall not return to Me without accomplishing  
that which I desire,  
And I shall accomplish that which I have purposed,  
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For as the rain and the snow do not return  
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36 “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ *hands*?”

37 And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”

A black and white photograph of two hands reaching towards each other, one from the top right and one from the bottom left, set against a dark background. The hands are positioned as if about to clasp or support each other, symbolizing mercy or blessing.

**Blessed are the  
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Turn To Matthew 5



Blessed are the  
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Matthew 5:45 New American Standard Bible (NASB)  
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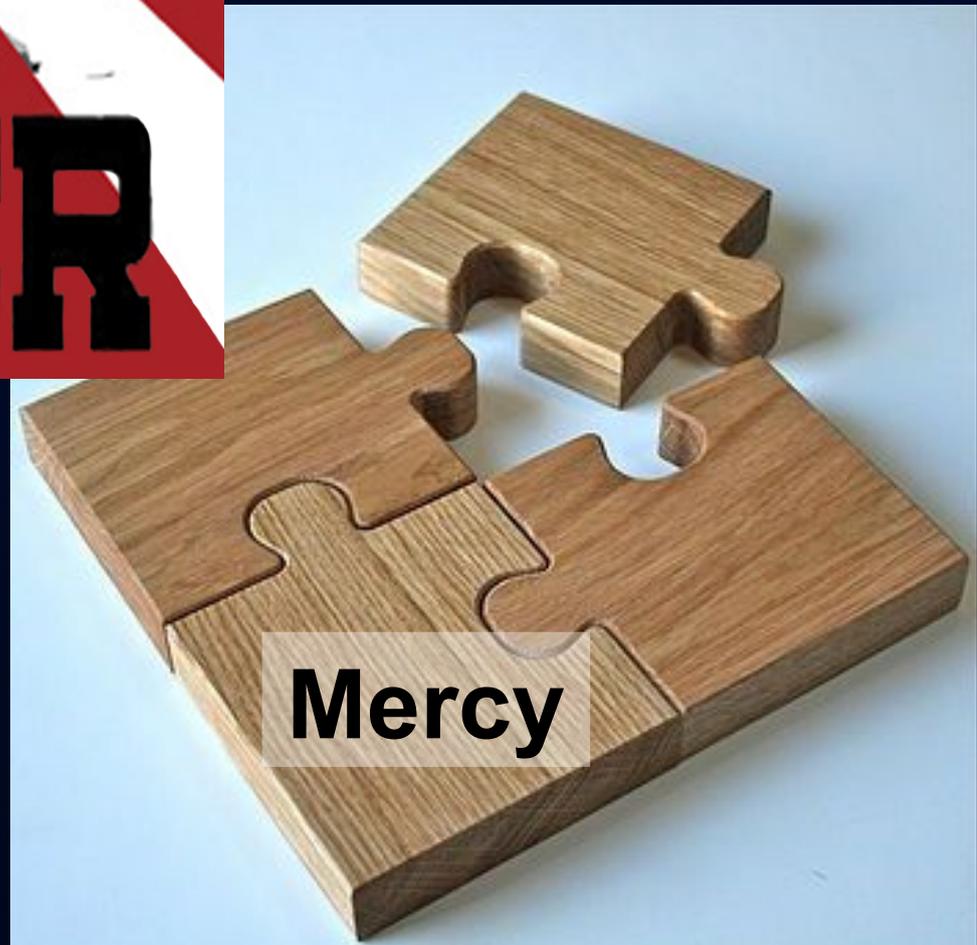
Matthew 5:48

Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**COME**



**TOGETHER**



**Mercy**

## John's Own Outline Of The Gospel Of John

John 20:30-31 New American Standard Bible

30 Therefore many other **signs** Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but **these have been written so that you may believe that**

**Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;** and that **believing you may have life in His name.**



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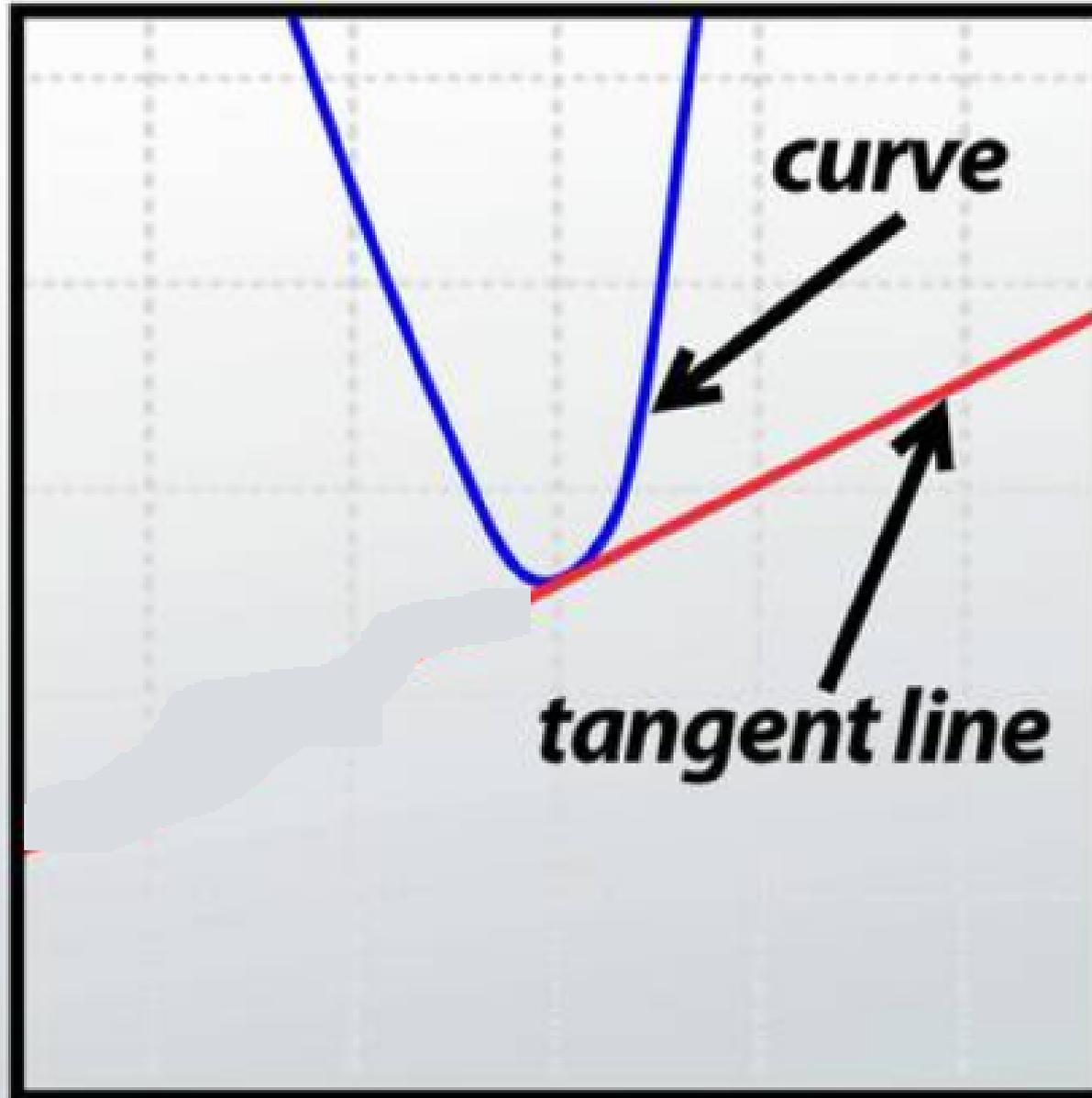
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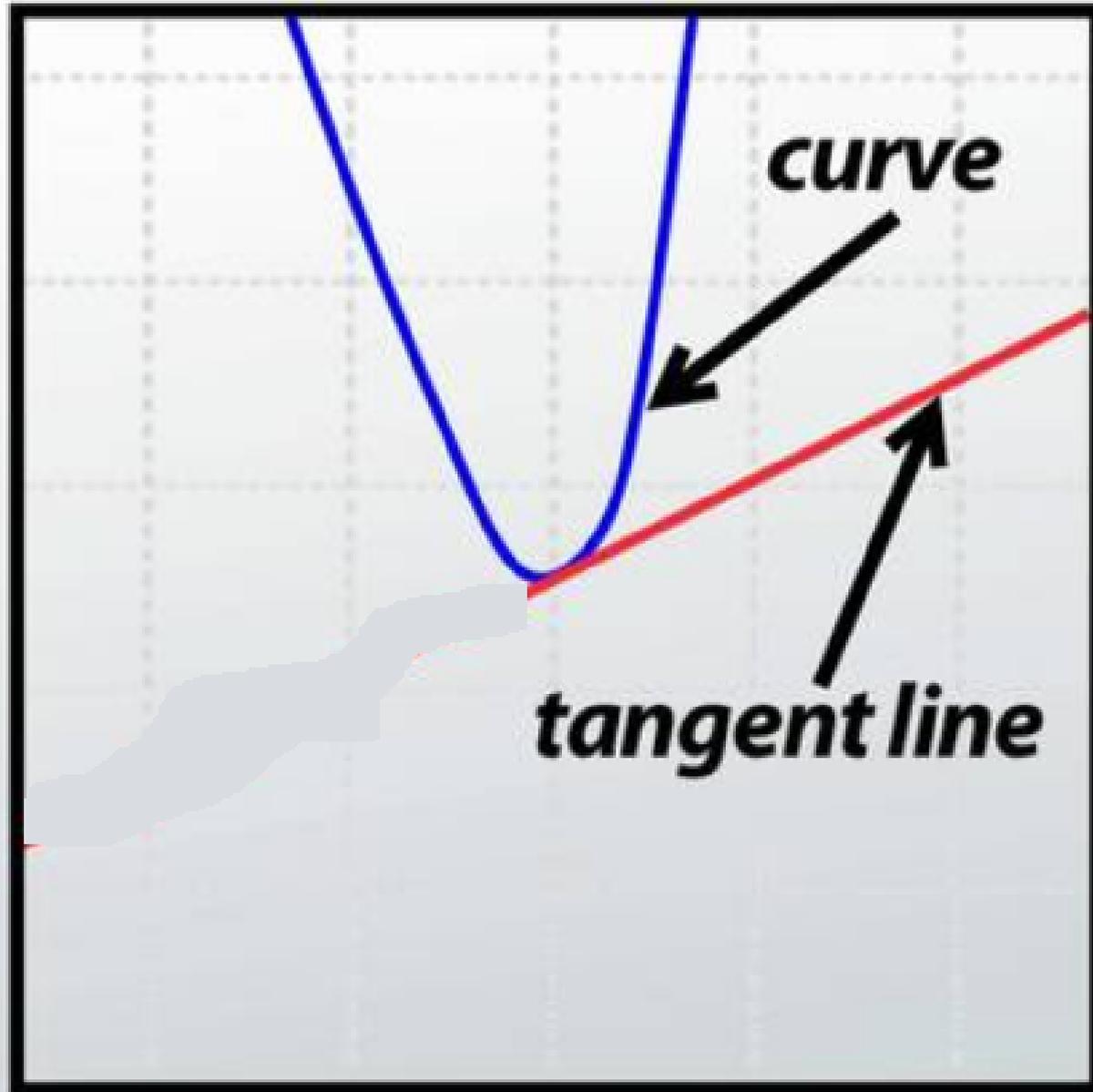
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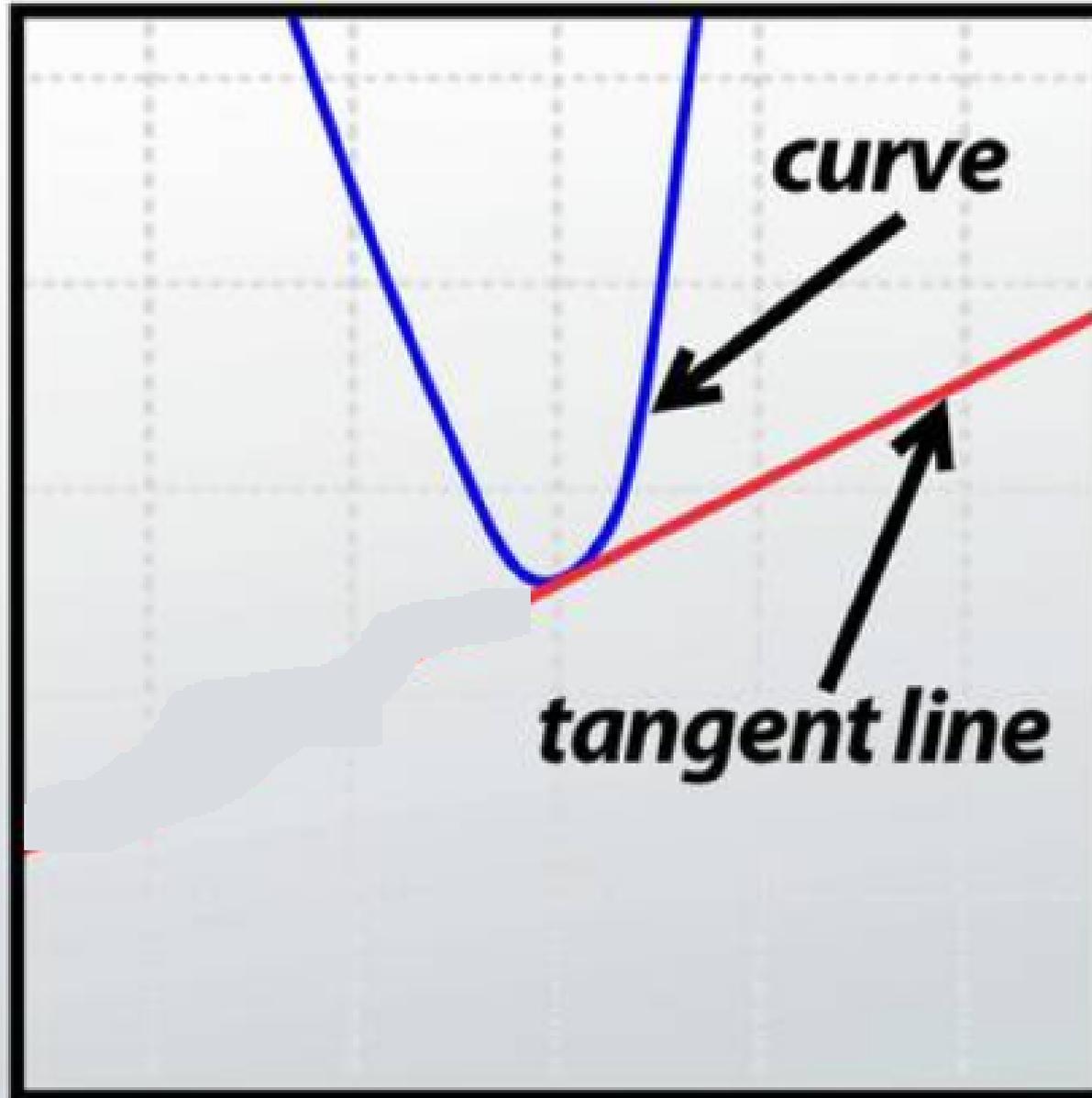
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# Humility



“You do not just suddenly leap into heaven, but you enter it with humility. The worst of all sins is when we are overwhelmed by our pride and our own opinion about everything.”

~ St. Macarius of Optina  
[Russian 19<sup>th</sup> century]

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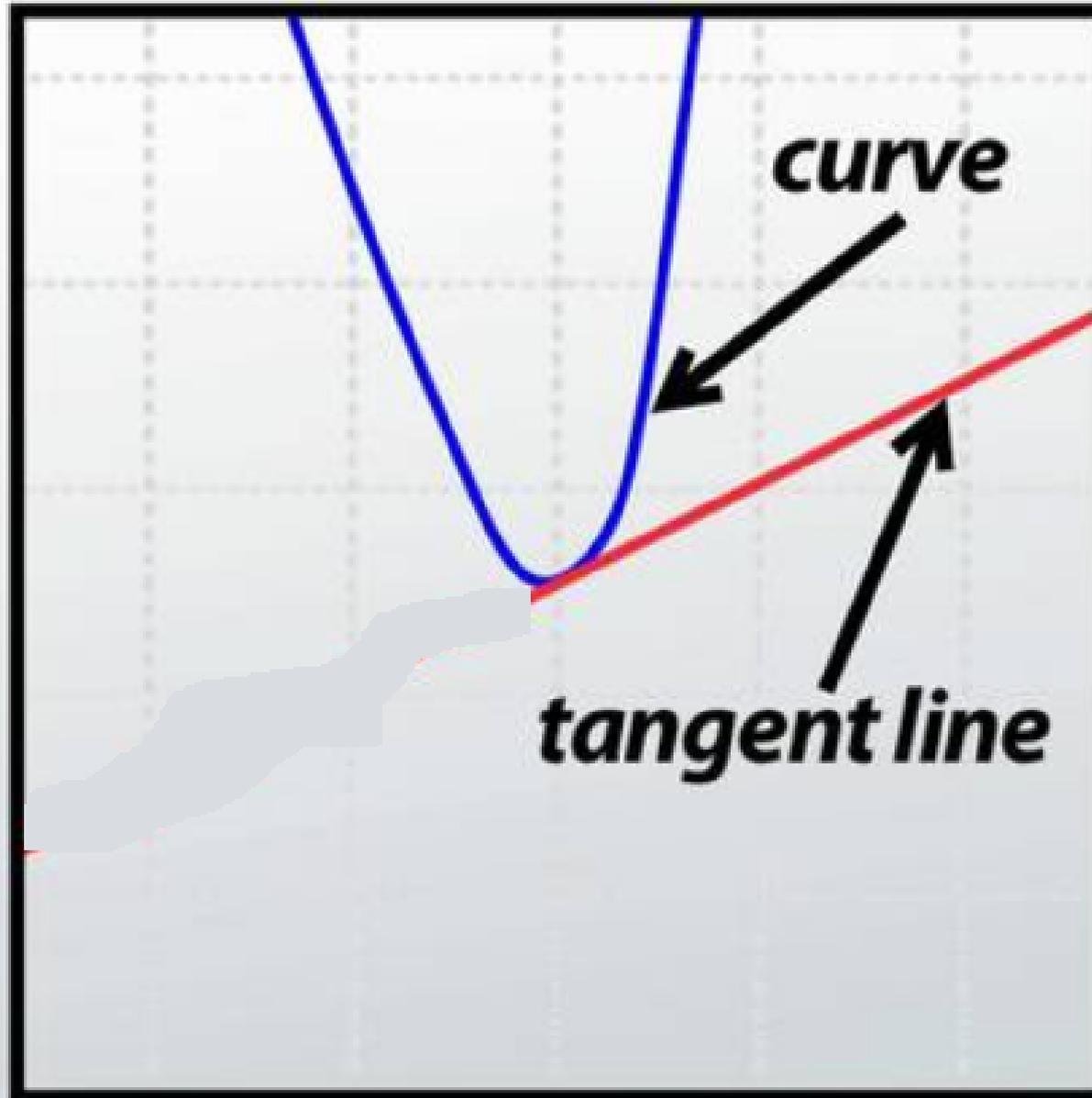
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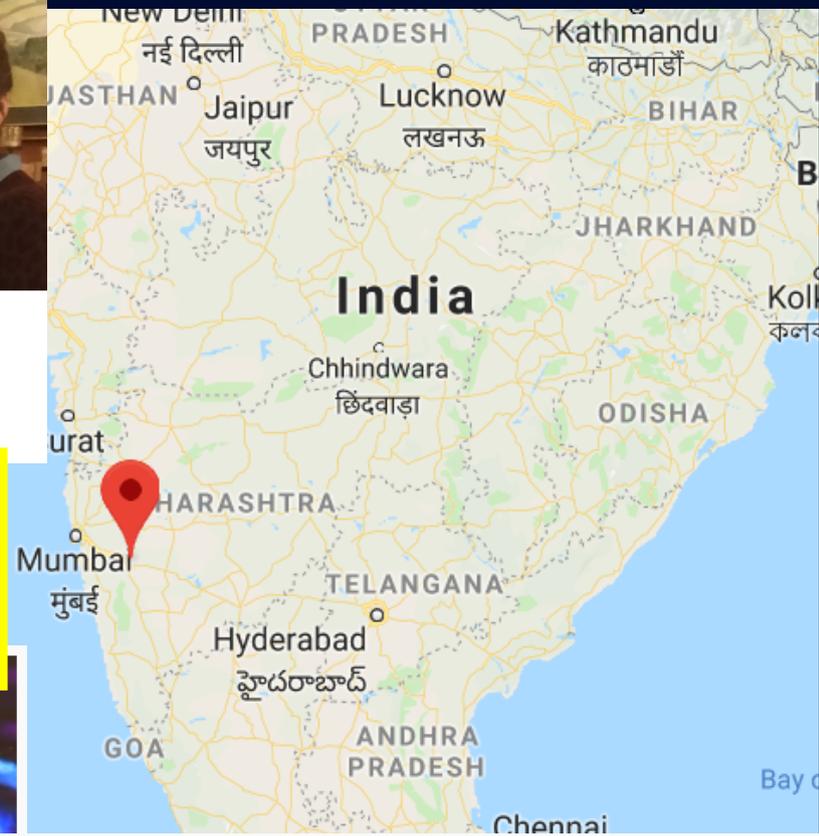
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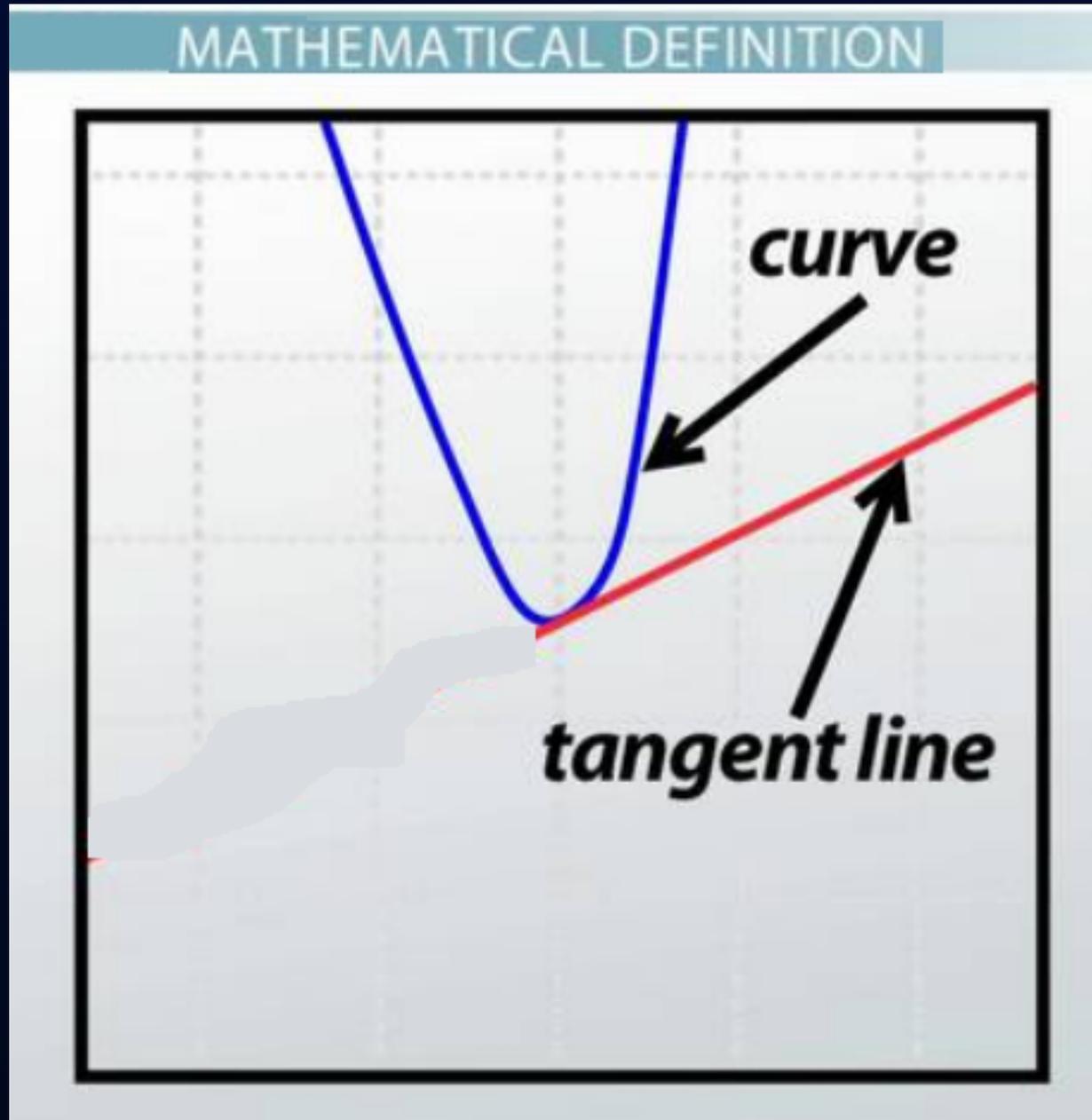
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"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in  
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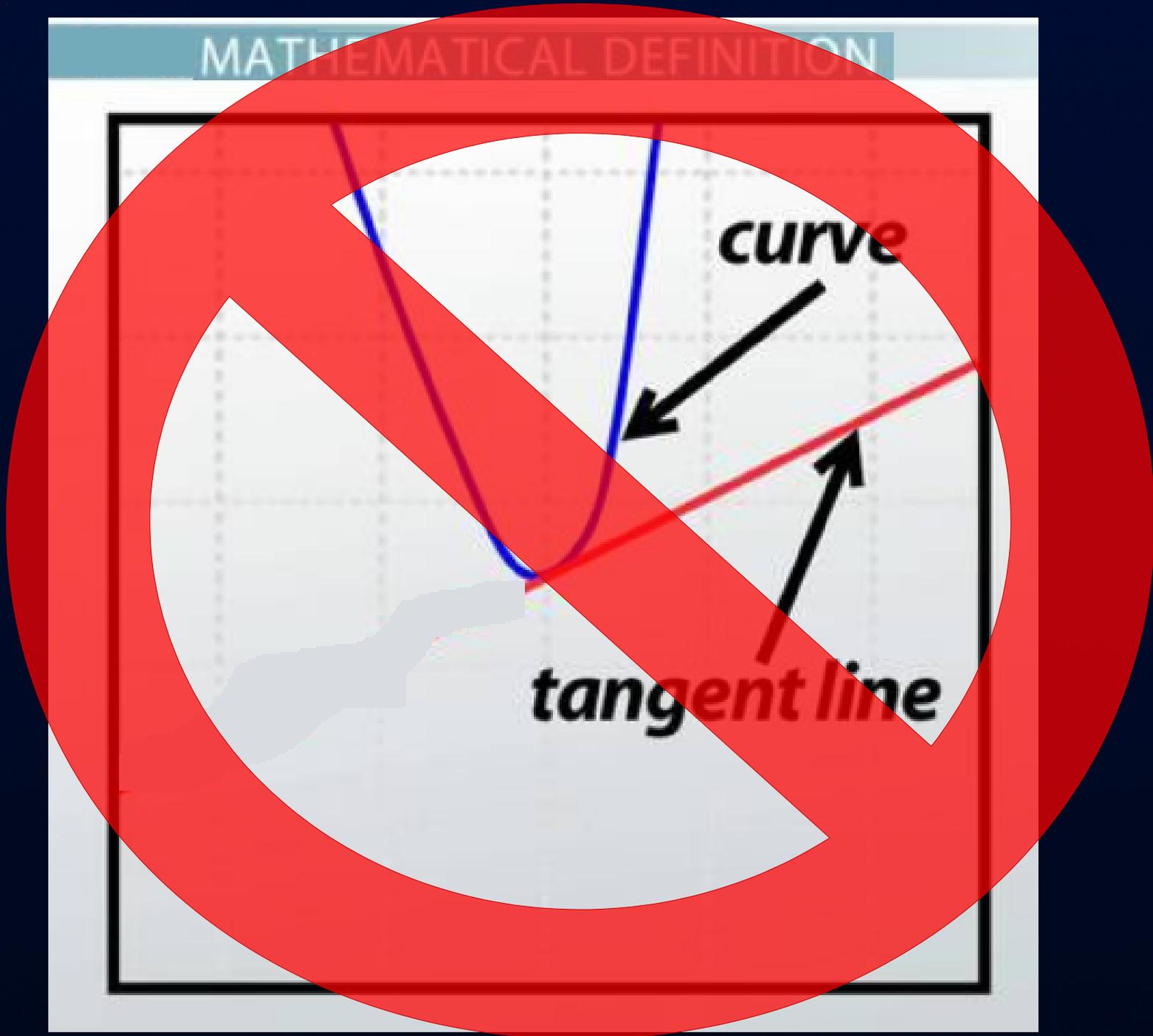


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Matthew 24:14

<sup>14</sup> This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

# End Of Tangents



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Discussion:

What are the big events in the book of acts related to this outline?



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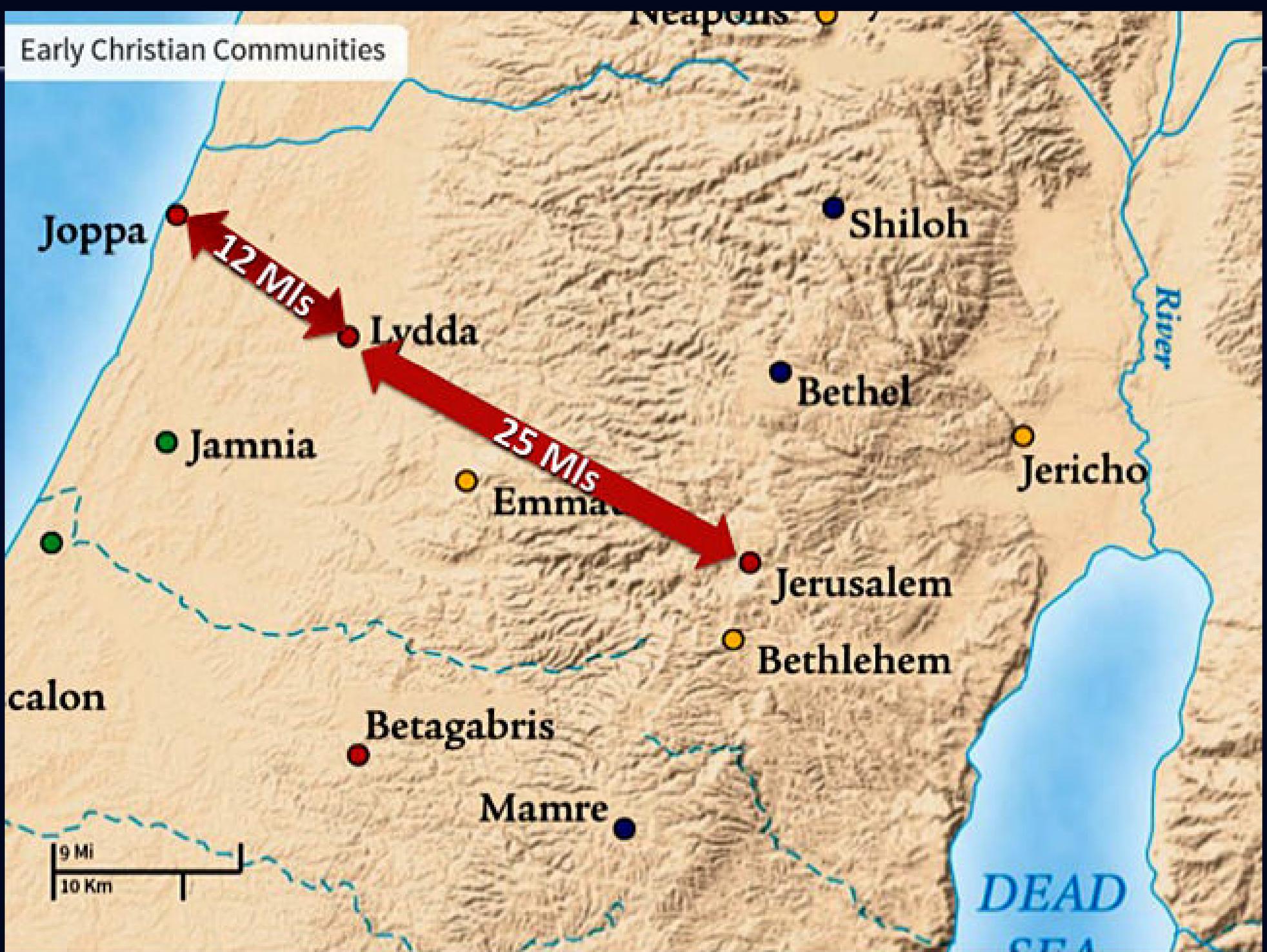
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Early Christian Communities



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## Why This Healing?

Acts 5:16

Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

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Why This Healing?



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# TOGETHER

Peter  
Healing

Mercy





# ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS





**Ancient Civilizations Forum**  
Athens, April 24

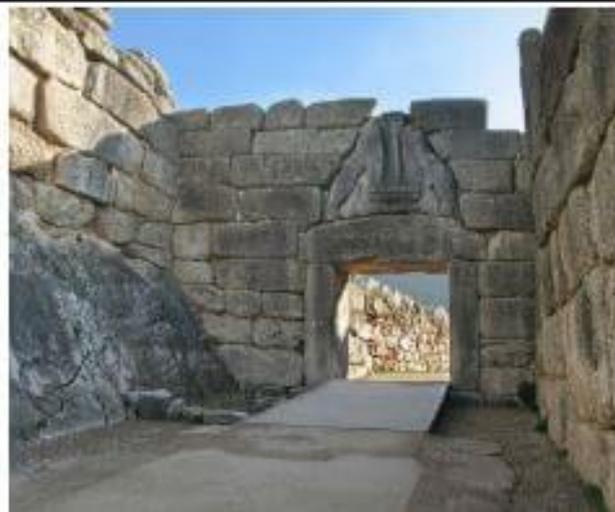
A photograph of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece, showing the four Caryatid Porch columns supporting the roof structure.



# Ancient Civilizations

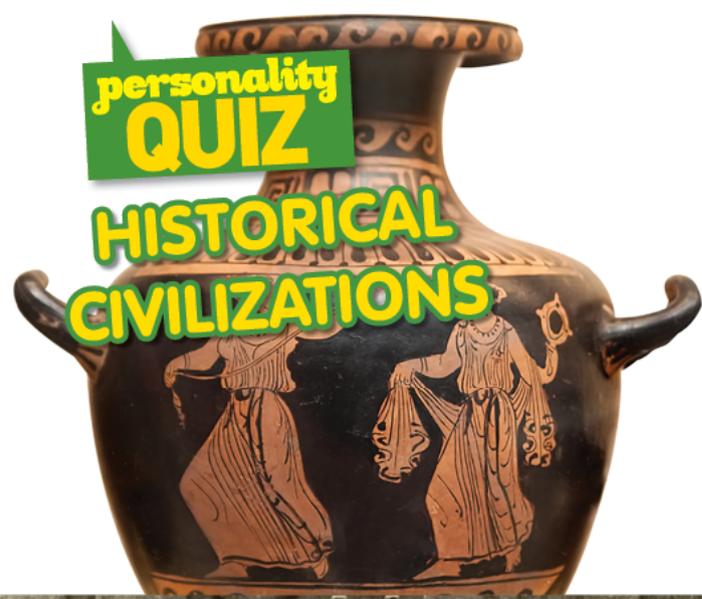


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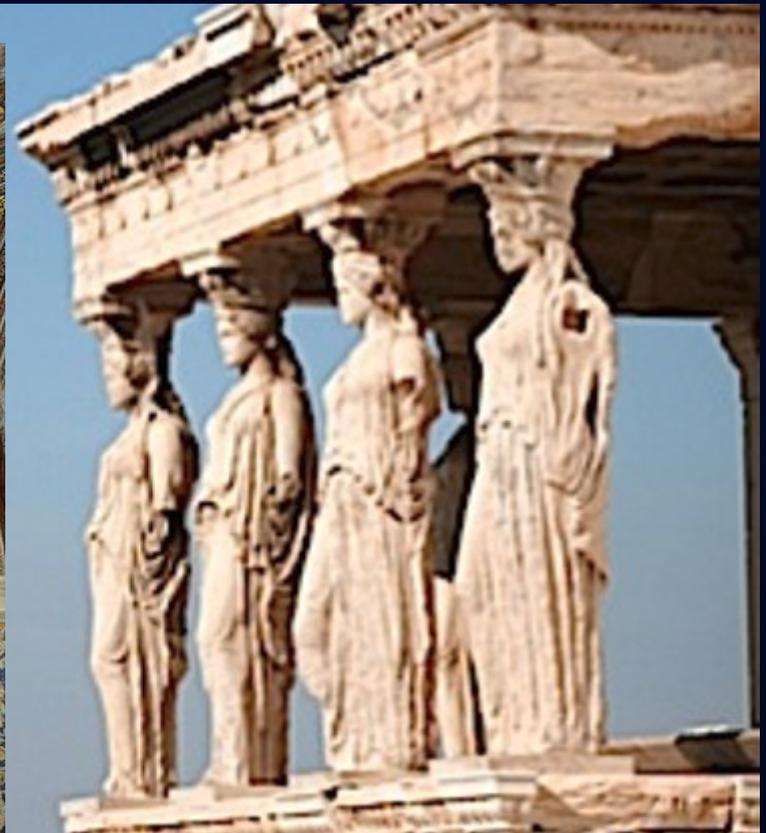
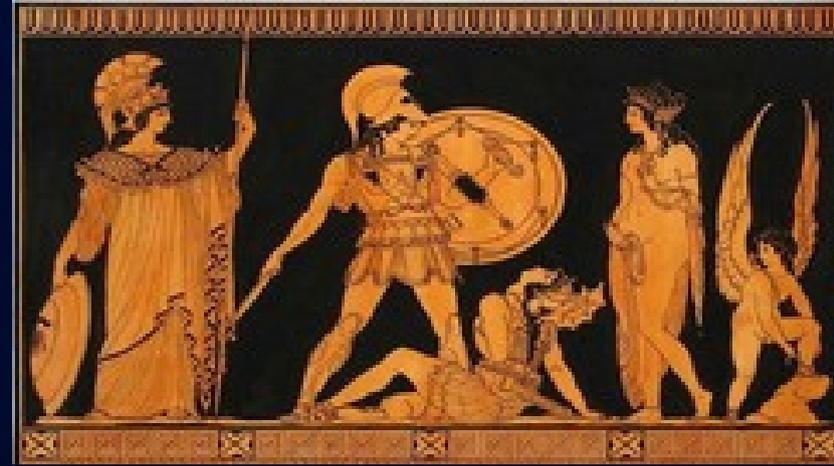


personality  
**QUIZ**

# HISTORICAL CIVILIZATIONS



# Discussion: Ancient Greece



# Rafael: School Of Athens



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## The Trojan Women

**MAR 23 - MAY 08**

**Lansburgh Theatre**

by Euripides

a new translation by D. Nicholas Rudall

directed by JoAnne Akalaitis

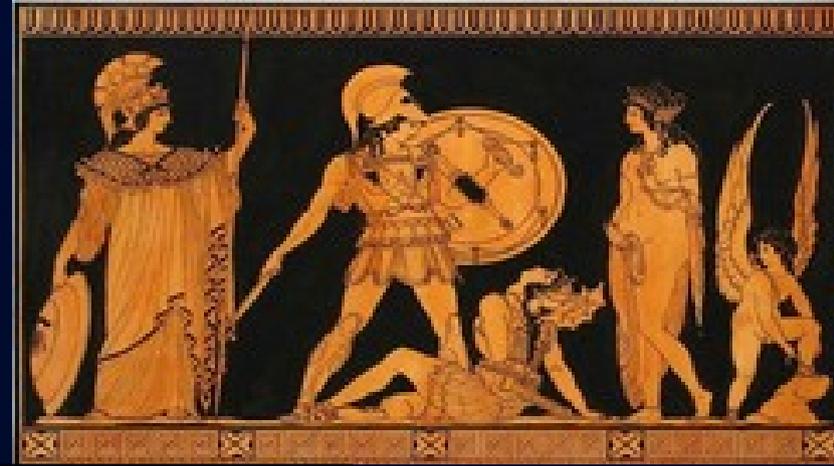
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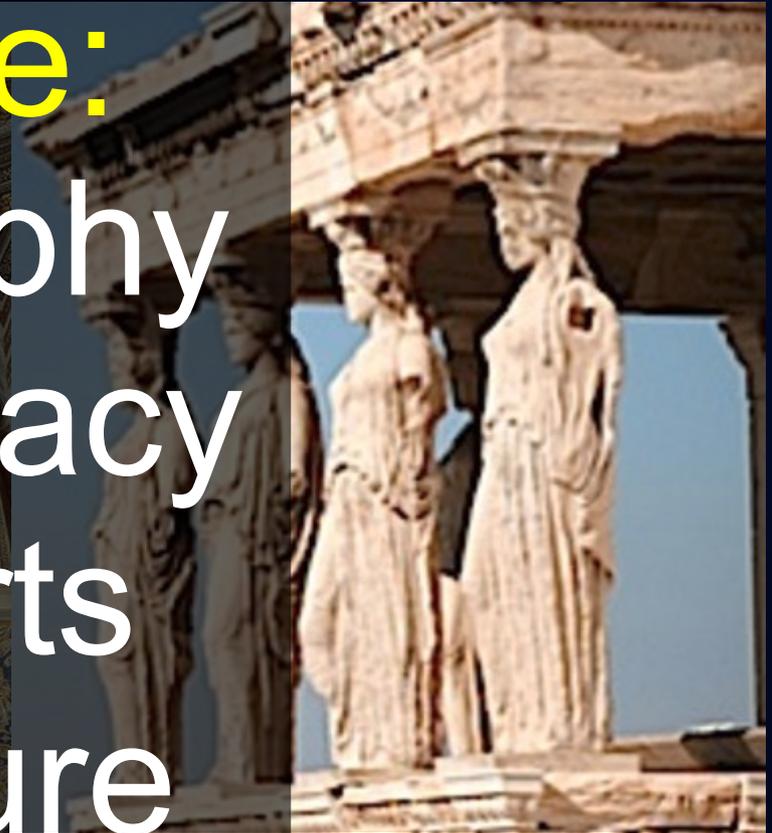
A play so moving and so cutting that it cost its author his Athenian citizenship, *The Trojan Women* is one of the theatre's mightiest outcries against the destruction and sorrows of war. This classic Greek tale of Queen Hecuba and her royal ladies, who face tragedy with dignity and courage, continues to provoke and move audiences to this day.



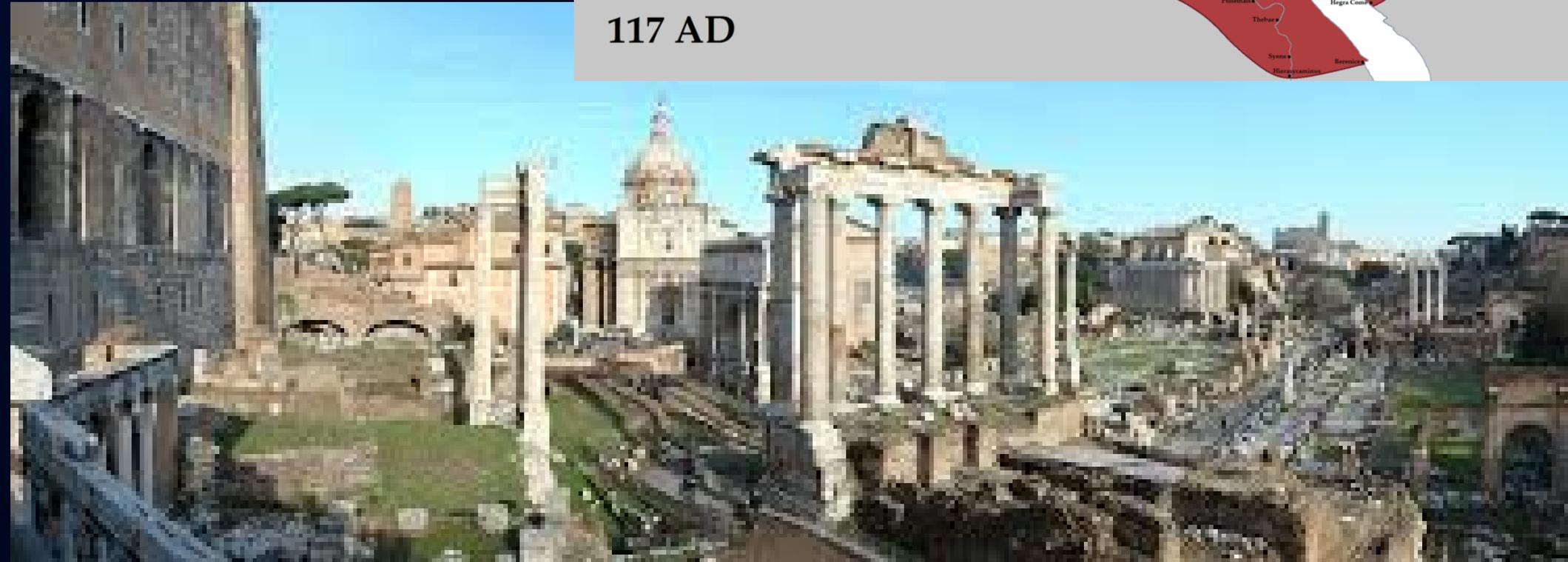
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**Culture:**  
Philosophy  
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# Discussion: Ancient Rome



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117 AD

# Power Law / Justice

Ancient Rome

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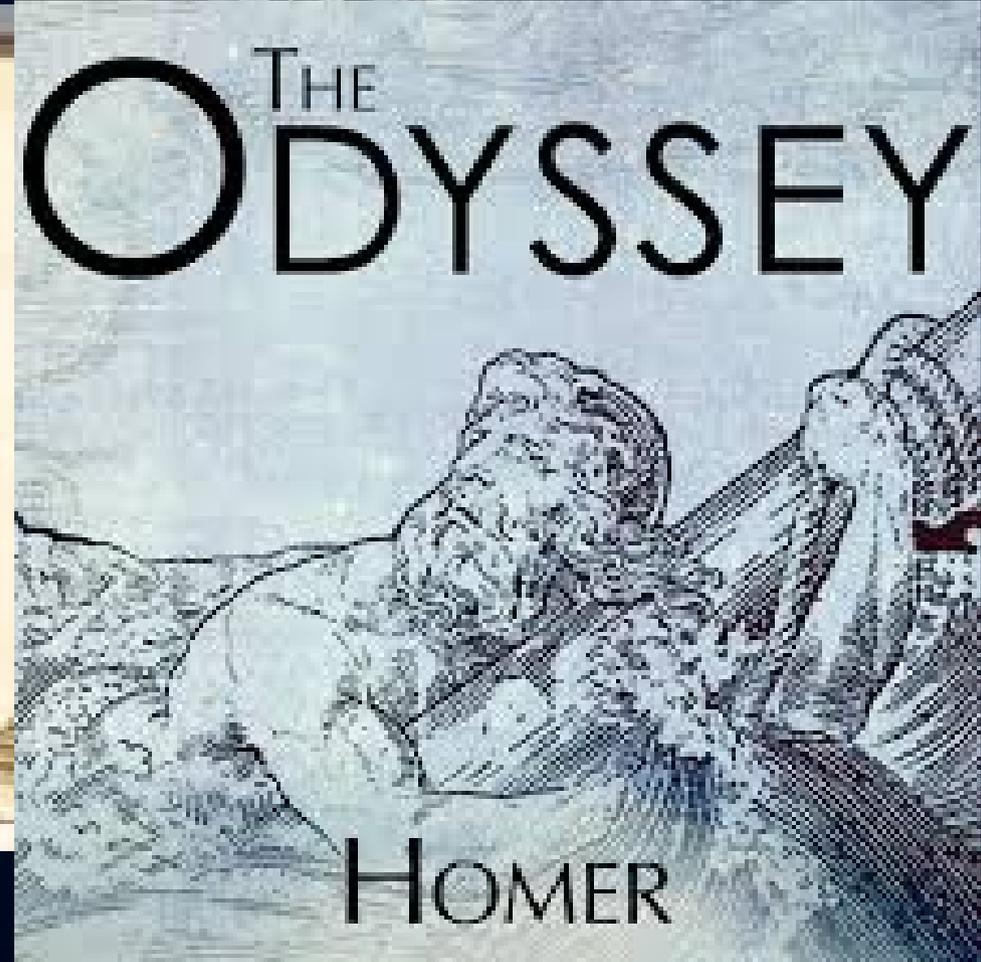
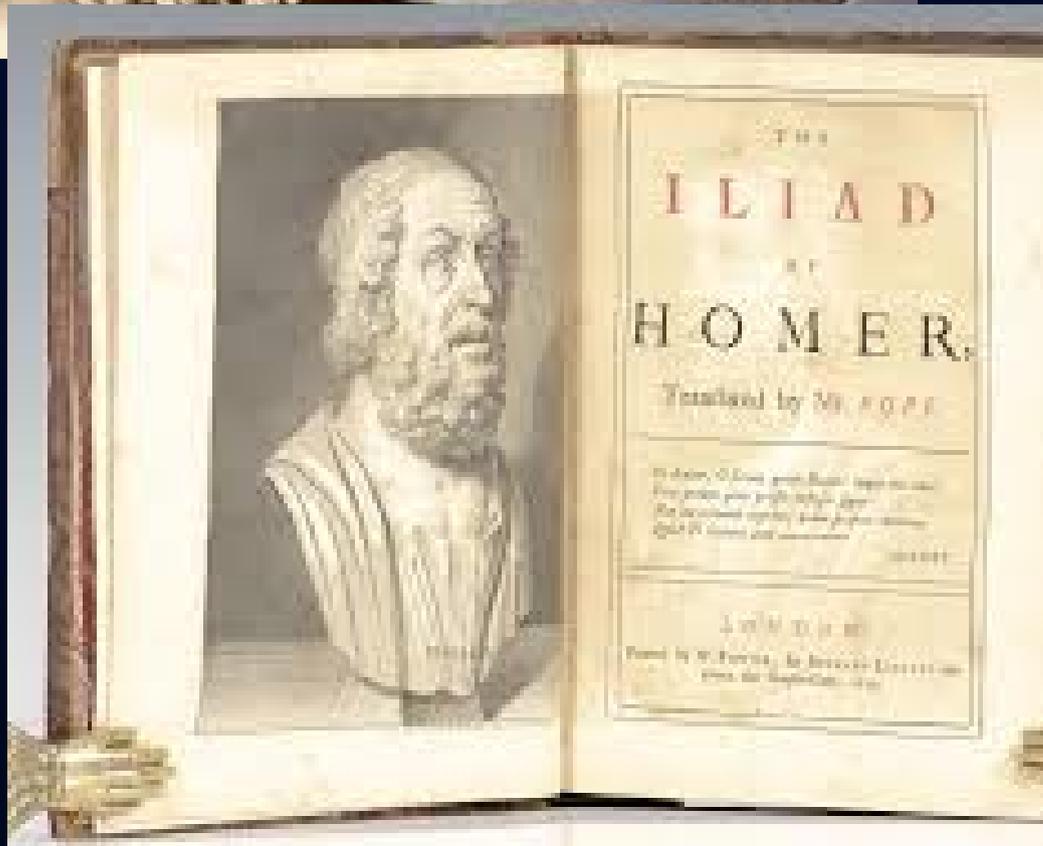
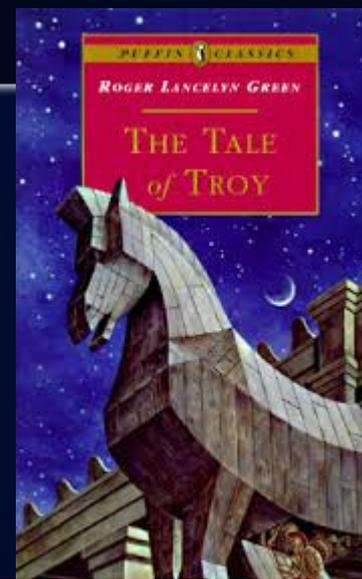
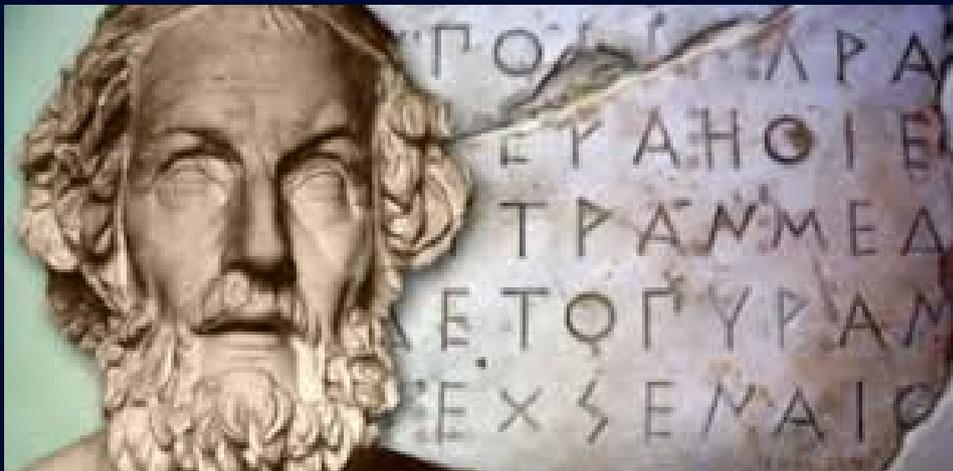
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# Homer



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Troy

Carthage

Corsica

Sardinia

Cumae

Italy

Adriatic Sea

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Tyrrhenian Sea

Buthrotum

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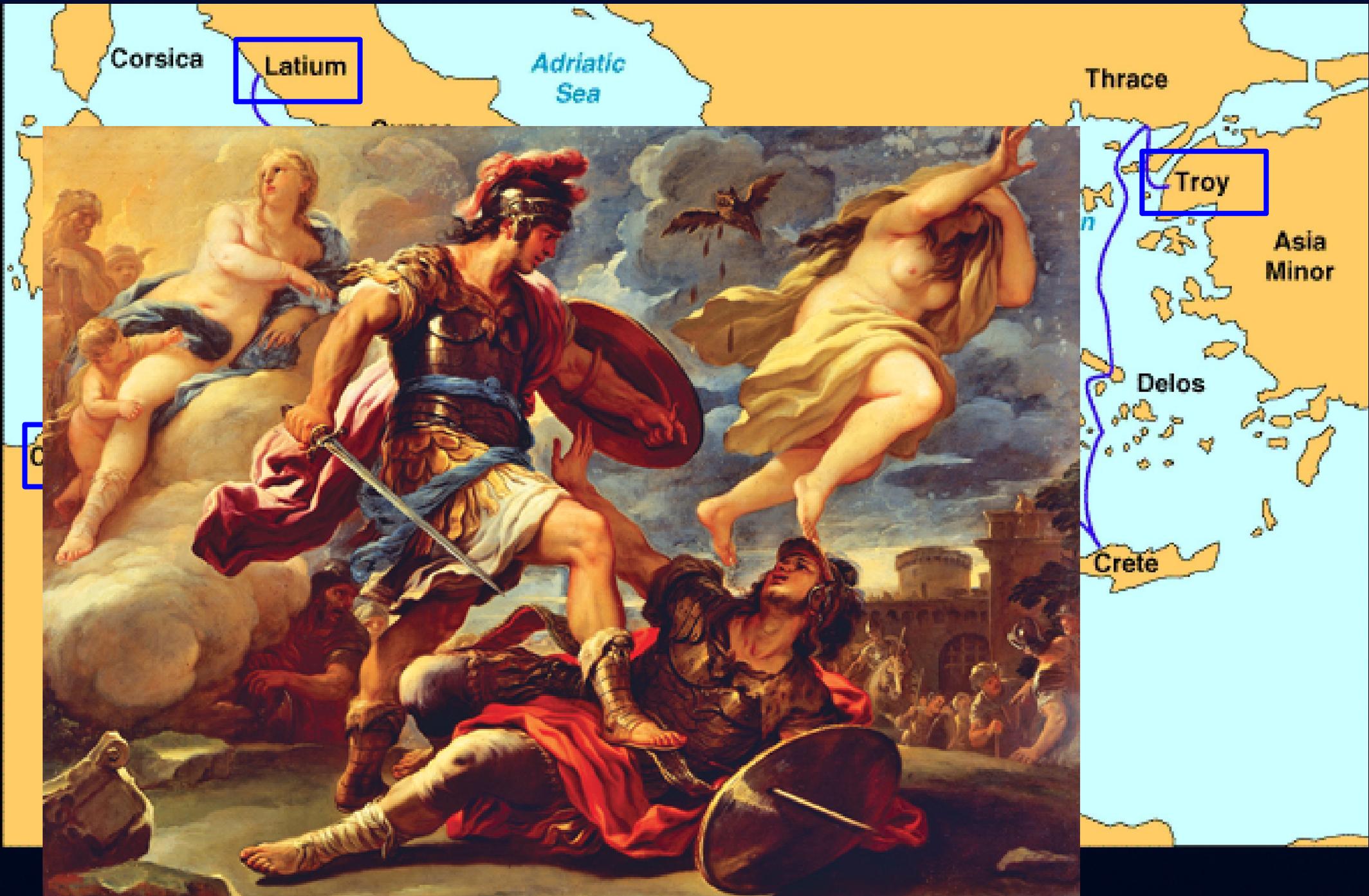
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**Dido** (*/ˈdaɪdoʊ/ DY-doh*; Ancient Greek: Διδώ, Latin pronunciation: [*ˈdiːdoː*]) was, according to ancient Greek and Roman sources, the founder and first queen of Carthage.





Corsica

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Adriatic Sea

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Troy

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# Mano y Mano Ultimate Bad Guy



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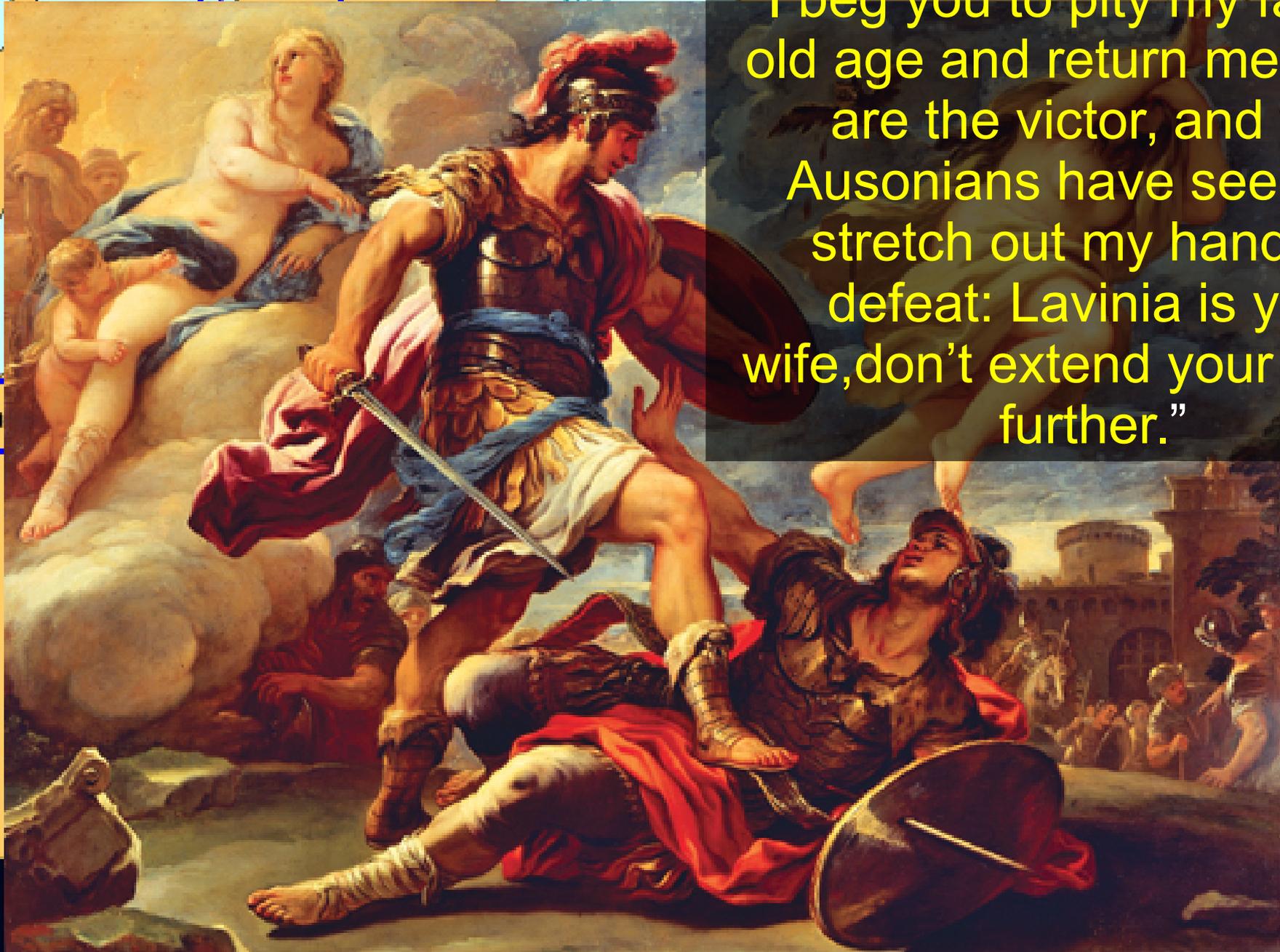
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# Injured, defenseless:

“I beg you to pity my father’s old age and return me... You are the victor, and the Ausonians have seen me stretch out my hands in defeat: Lavinia is your wife, don’t extend your hatred further.”

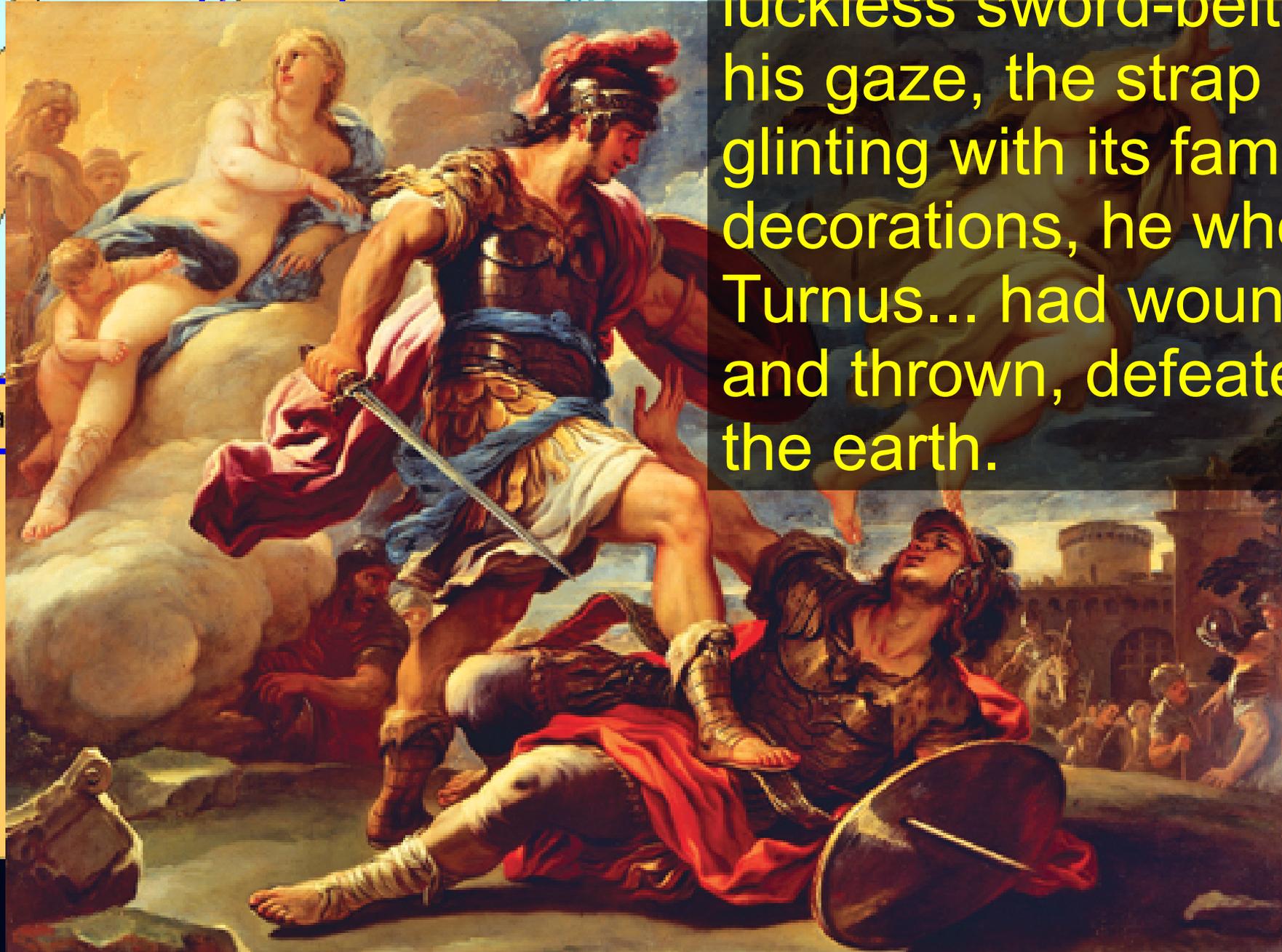


Aeneas stood, fierce in his armour, his eyes flickered, and he held back his hand:and even now, as he paused, the words began to move him more deeply



Ca

high on Turnus's shoulder young Pallas's luckless sword-belt met his gaze, the strap glinting with its familiar decorations, he whom Turnus... had wounded and thrown, defeated, to the earth.



As soon as his eyes took in the trophy, a memory of cruel grief, Aeneas, blazing with fury, and terrible in his anger, cried: 'Shall you be snatched from my grasp, wearing the spoils of one who was my own?'



Corsica

Latium

Adriatic

Asia  
Minor

Ca

So saying, burning with  
rage, he buried his sword  
deep in Turnus's breast:  
and then Turnus's limbs  
grew slack with death,  
and his life fled, with a  
moan, angrily, to the  
Hades



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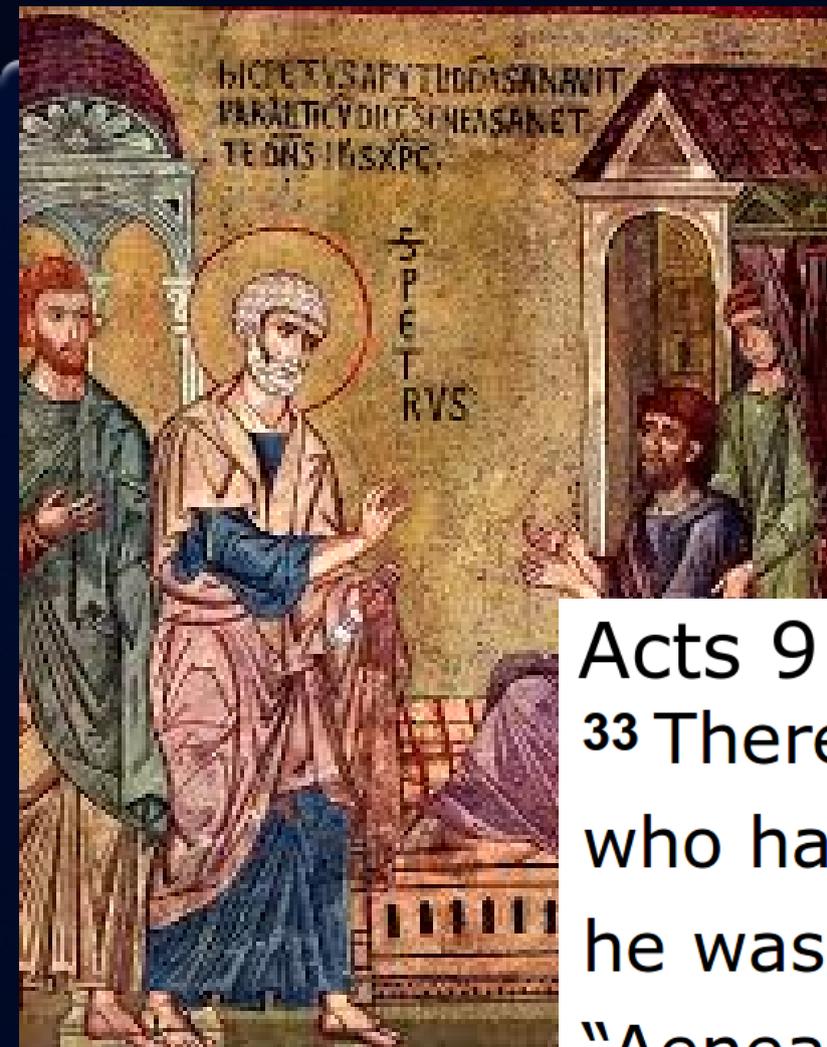
# TOGETHER

Put It  
Together

Peter  
Healing

Virgil's  
Aeneid

Mercy



## Acts 9:33-35

<sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. <sup>34</sup> Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up. <sup>35</sup> And all who lived at <sup>[a]</sup>Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

# Who Was This Aeneas?

Jewish – Gospel had not gone to Gentiles, yet.

Named after a Rome's founding hero.

Parents and he were collaborators, traitors



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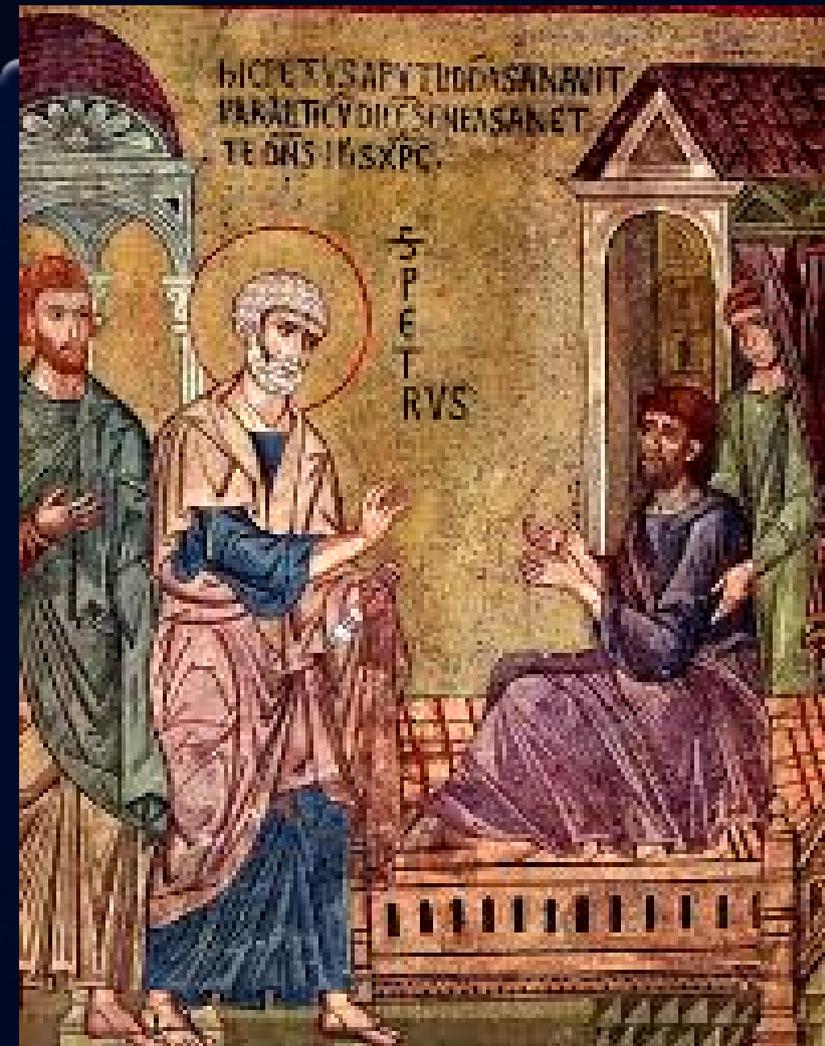
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# Truth



# Myth

“Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you;



# Jediism

Jediism (or Jedism) is a philosophy mainly based on the depiction of the Jedi characters in **Star Wars** media. Jediism attracted public attention in 2001 when a number of people recorded their **religion** as "Jedi" on national censuses.

[Jediism - Wikipedia](#)

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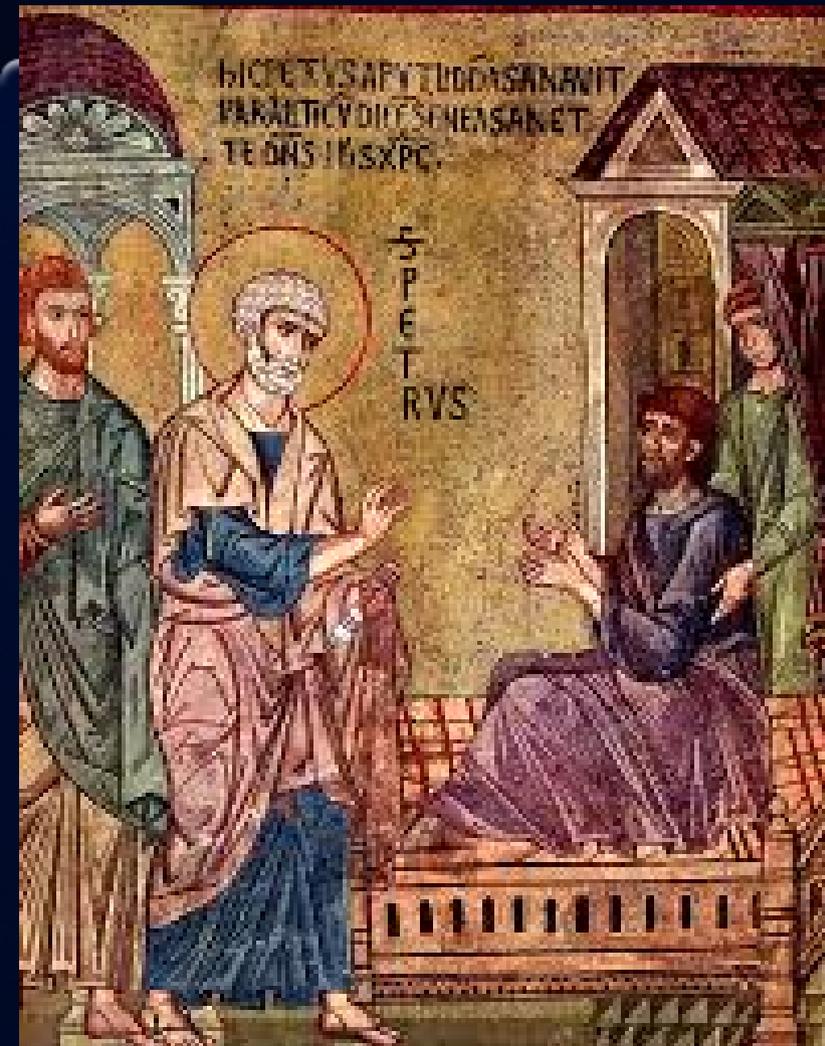


# Love



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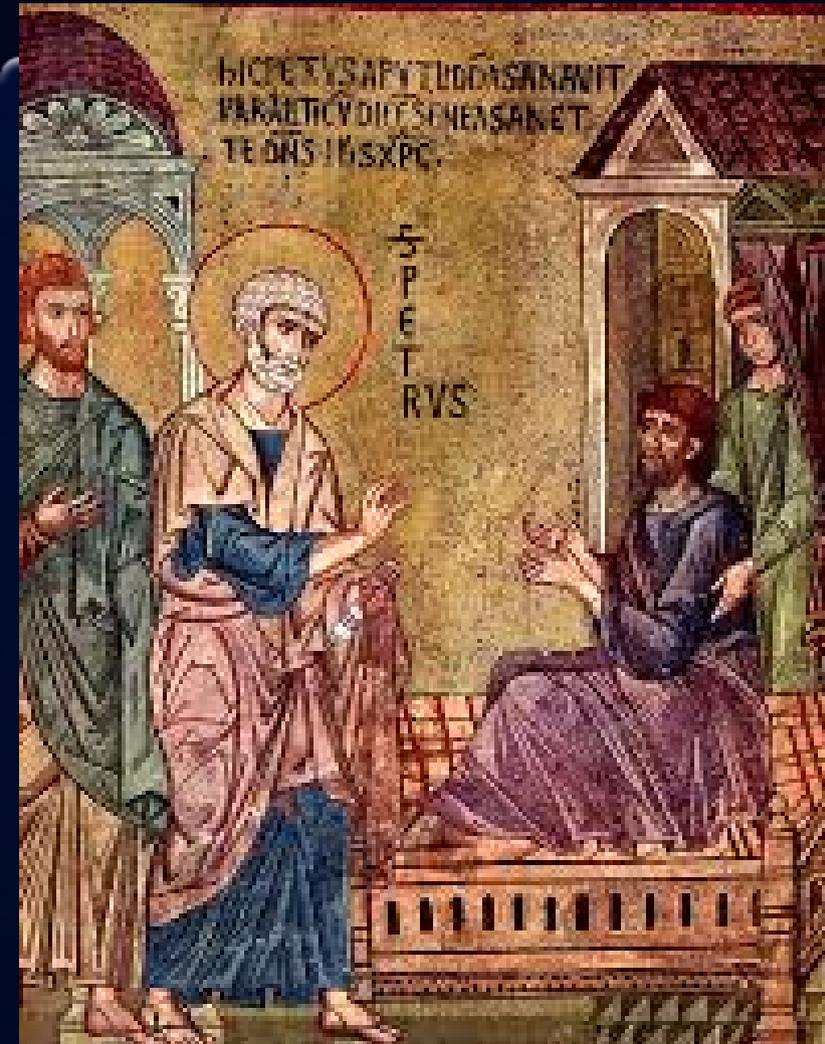


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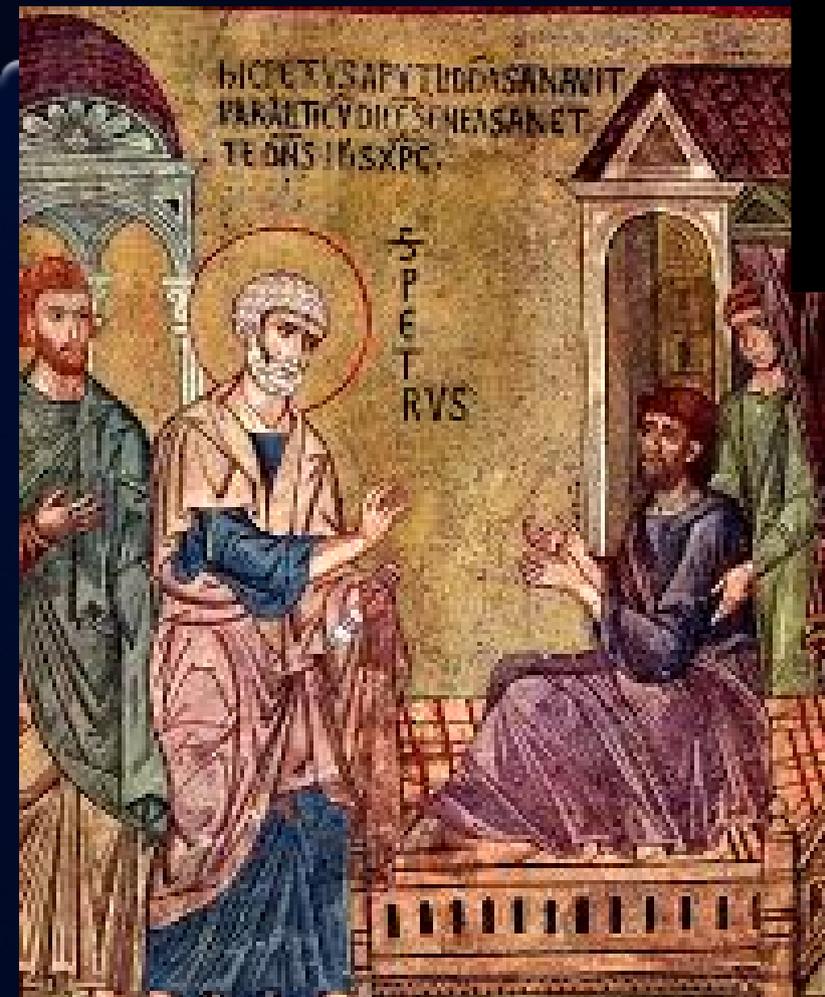


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“Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you;



# Everybody understood it then



And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him,  
and they turned to the Lord.

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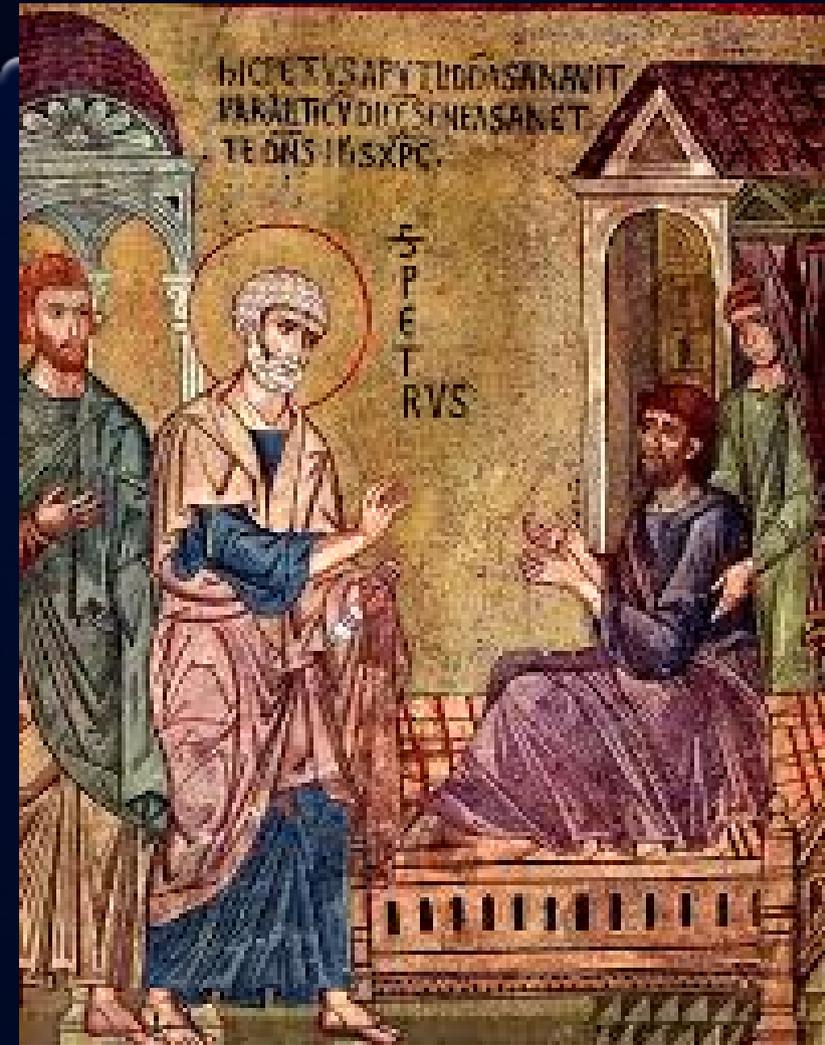


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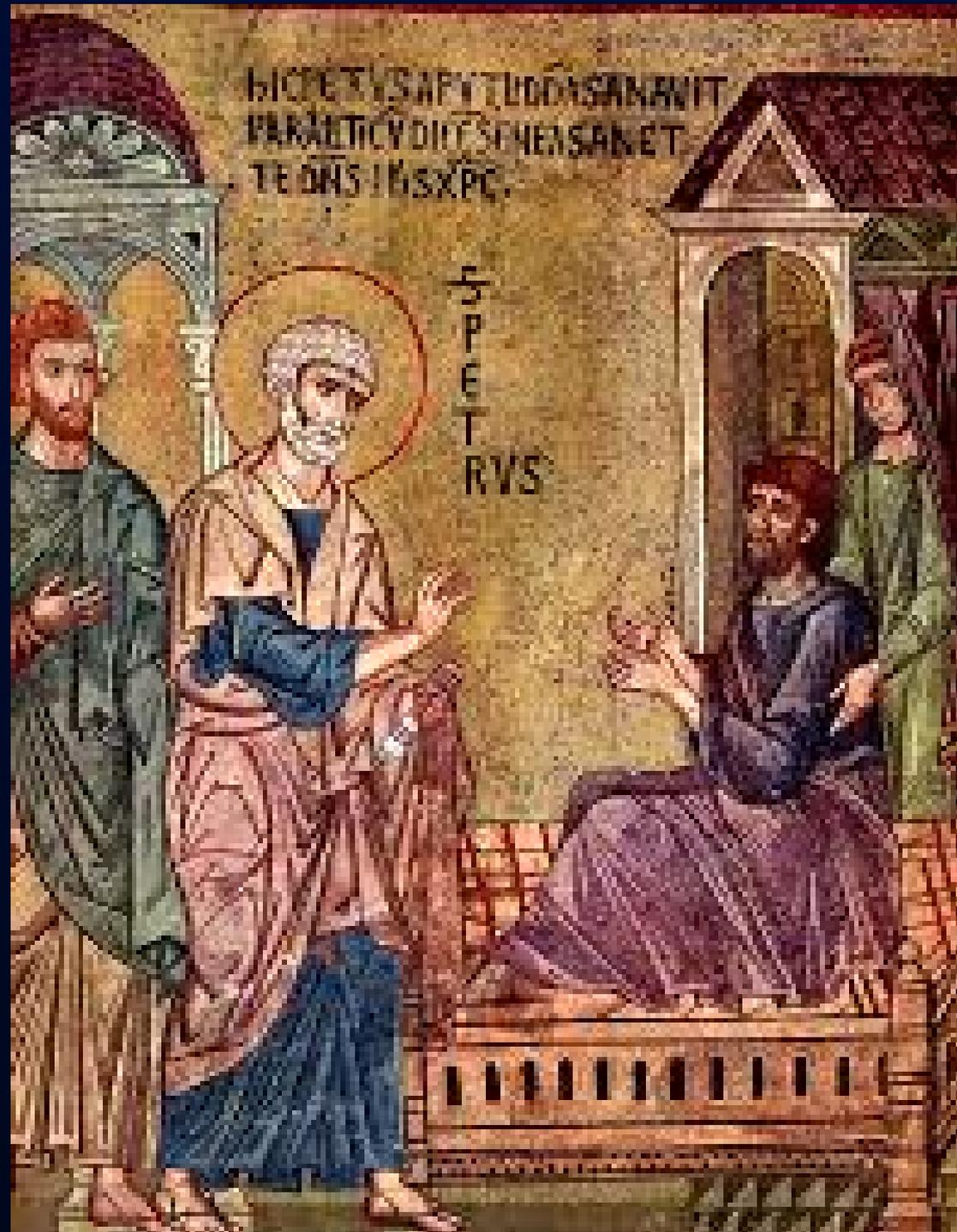


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# Sep 28, The Least Understood Miracle In The Bible



Truth > Myth

Love > Power / Achievement

Mercy > Human Law / Justice

# Jediism

Jediism (or Jedism) is a philosophy mainly based on the depiction of the Jedi characters in **Star Wars** media. Jediism attracted public attention in 2001 when a number of people recorded their **religion** as "Jedi" on national censuses.

[Jediism - Wikipedia](#)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jediism>



# Ideas

Blessed are the merciful

Look up the old teaching on “Lord, have mercy”

Love cries mercy. /  
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ingearthyvideo/20190622lovecries  
mercylive.mp3

## Outline:

- NOT: Play the song while waiting for everyone to show up perhaps.
- Quick review of the Lord have mercy bible study.
- Acts 9:32-35
  - Where are we in the book of Acts? See Acts 1:8, Acts 28:16, 30-31
  - The big events - discussion
    - Ascension
    - Pentecost
    - Stephen
    - Paul's Conversion
    - Cornelius
    - Paul and Barnabus being sent
    - Council in Jerusalem
    - Paul's arrest
  - Acts 5:16, many healings, why is this one mentioned?
- Tangent - Discussion
  - Ancient Literature – fishing for Homer.
  - Greeks – culture [democracy, philosophy, drama, literature, art]
  - Romans – empire, military, power, law. What are the great works of Roman literature?
  - Virgil – like Jaws 3 from a different director.
  - Star Wars as a religion
  - Religion in the Aeneid – Gods and fate.
  - Religion as a narrative that gives meaning to life.
  - Pagan religion
  - The end of the Aeneid
- Pulling it together
  -
- Blessed are the merciful – we should be like our Father and like our Savior

As he wavered, Aeneas shook his fateful spear, seeing a favourable chance, and hurled it from the distance with all his might. Stone shot from a siege engine never roared so loud, such mighty thunder never burst from a lightning bolt. Like a black hurricane the spear flew on bearing dire destruction, and pierced the outer circle of the seven-fold shield, the breastplate's lower rim, and, hissing, passed through the centre of the thigh. Great Turnus sank, his knee bent beneath him, under the blow. The Rutulians rose up, and groaned, and all the hills around re-echoed, and, far and wide, the woods returned the sound. He lowered his eyes in submission and stretched out his right hand: 'I have earned this, I ask no mercy' he said, 'seize your chance. If any concern for a parent's grief can touch you (you too had such a father, in Anchises.

I beg you to pity Daunus's old age and return me, or if you prefer it my body robbed of life, to my people. You are the victor, and the Ausonians have seen me stretch out my hands in defeat: Lavinia is your wife, don't extend your hatred further.' Aeneas stood, fierce in his armour, his eyes flickered, and he held back his hand: and even now, as he paused, the words began to move him more deeply, when high on Turnus's shoulder young Pallas's sluckless sword-belt met his gaze, the strap glinting with its familiar decorations, he whom Turnus, now wearing his enemy's emblems on his shoulder, had wounded and thrown, defeated, to the earth. As soon as his eyes took in the trophy, a memory of cruel grief, Aeneas, blazing with fury, and terrible in his anger, cried: 'Shall you be snatched from my grasp, wearing the spoils of one who was my own? Pallas it is, Pallas, who sacrifices you with this stroke, and exacts retribution from your guilty blood.' So saying, burning with rage, he buried his sword deep in Turnus's breast: and then Turnus's limbs grew slack with death, and his life fled, with a moan, angrily, to the Hades

## Fresco from Pompei



