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“Mr. Analogy” aka Paul  
(4:1-11)

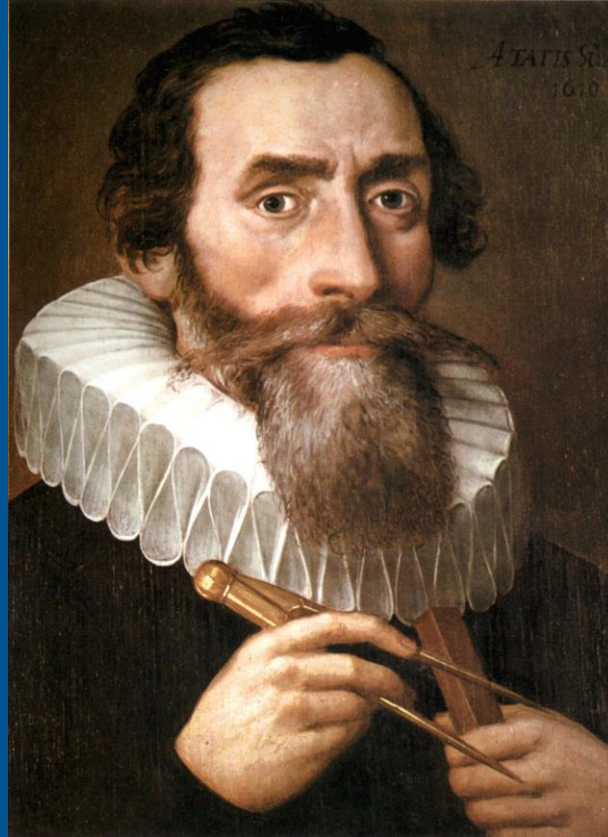


Louis Pasteur





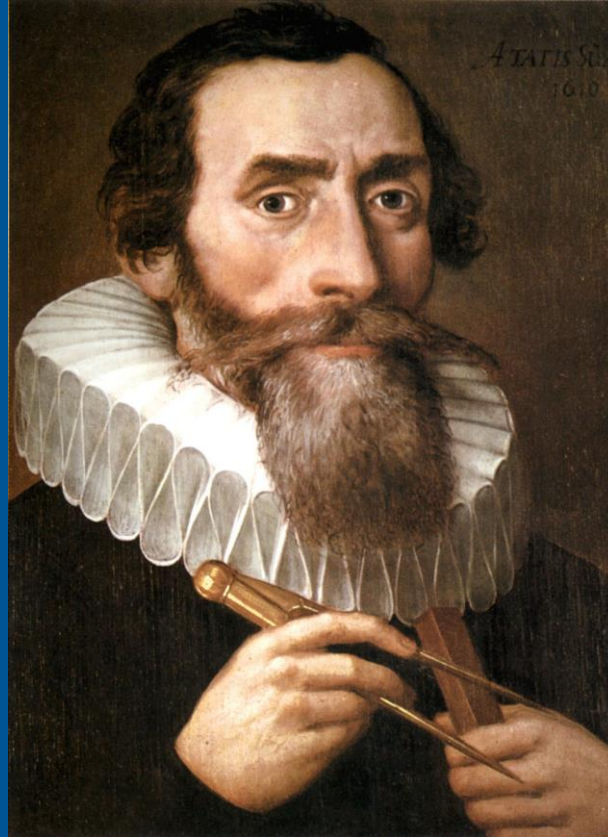
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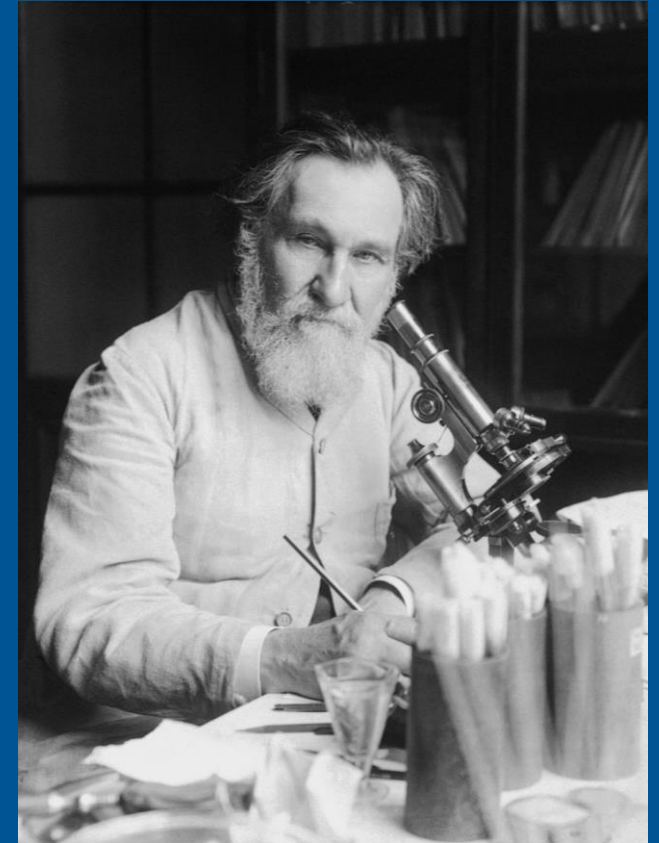
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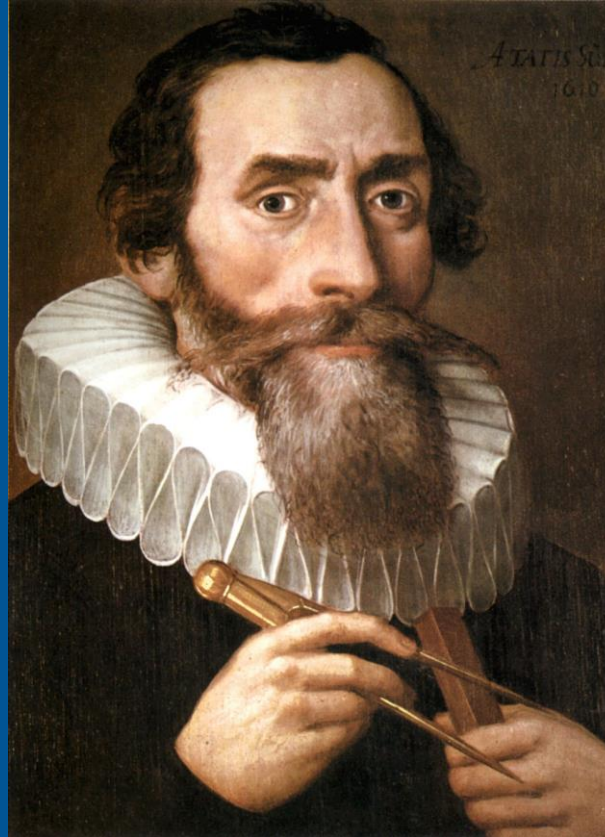
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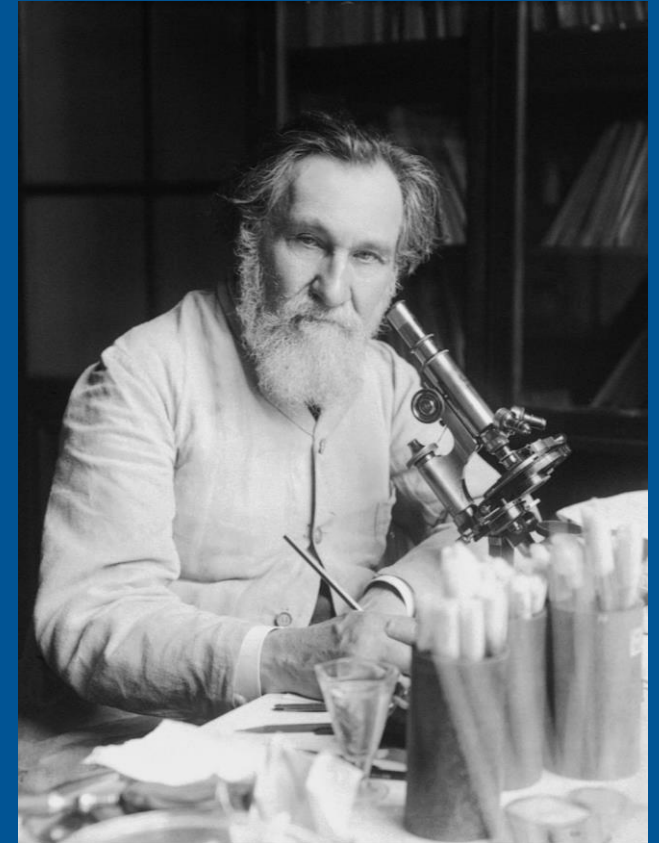
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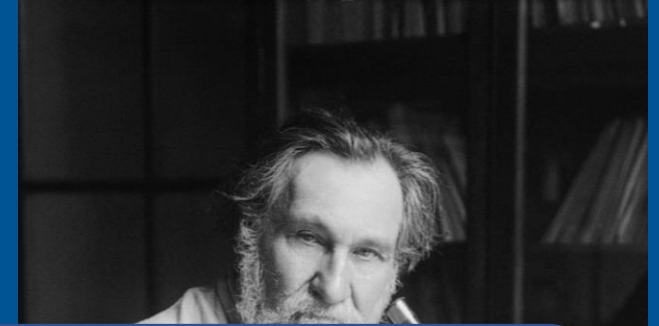


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# What did the discoveries of these have in common?



They all used the power of analogy to help them their core discoveries



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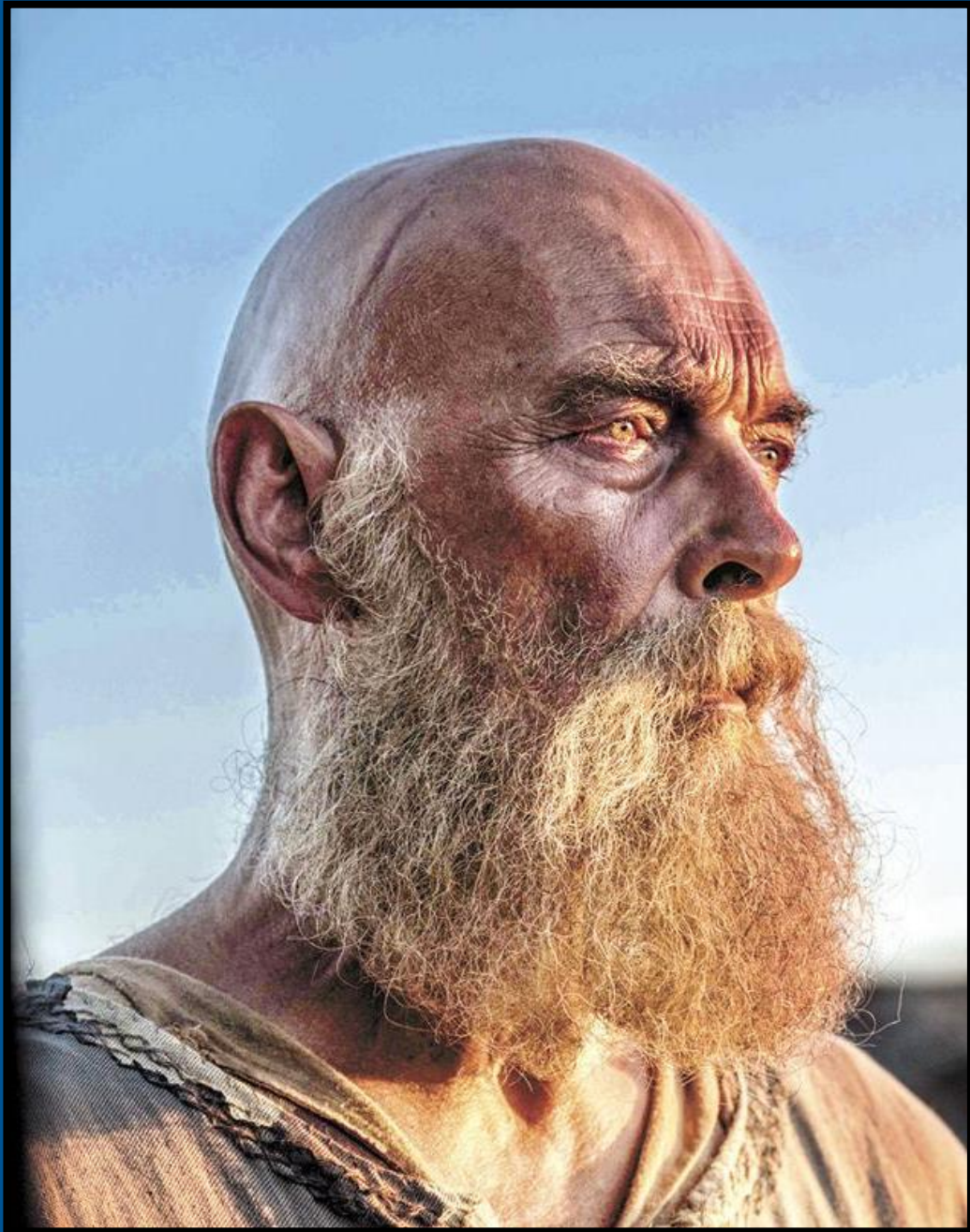
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Analogies and  
metaphors help us  
make sense of things





Paul was a master at  
using metaphor and  
analogies.





Analogies





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How are we “okay”  
with God?



Analogies





God is 100% pure



God is 100% pure



How can God be  
100% pure and  
bring you into  
himself?



God is 100% pure



How can God be  
100% pure and  
be in you?

God is 100% pure



How could God be 100% pure and be in Mary?





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God is 100% pure



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**How** can God be 100% pure  
and be in you?

**How** could God be 100% pure  
and be in Mary?

**Only by 100%  
elimination of impurity**



God is 100% just



God is 100% just



How can God be 100%  
just and forgive you?

God is 100% just



How can God be 100%  
just and forgive you?  
Me?



God is 100% just



How can God be 100%  
just and forgive you?

Me?      Mary?

God is 100% just



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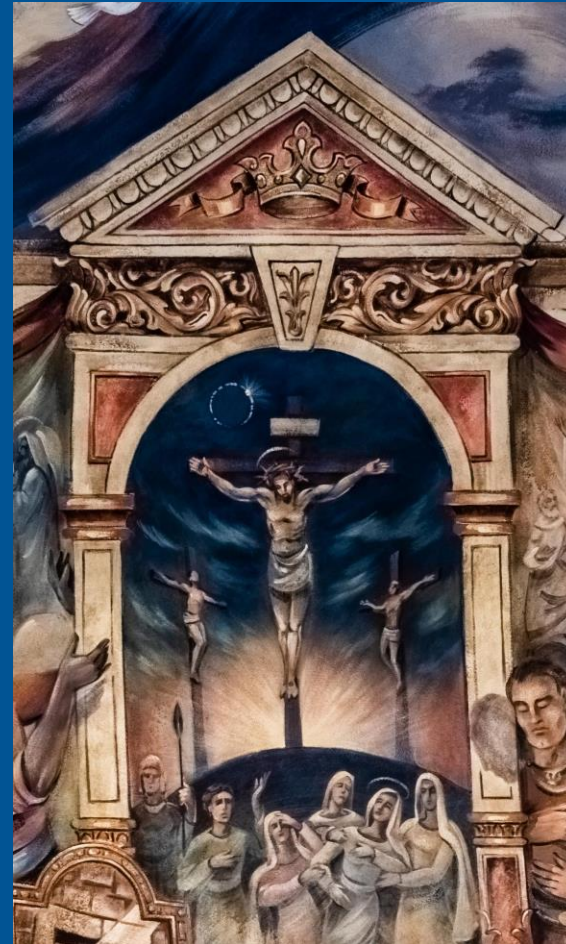
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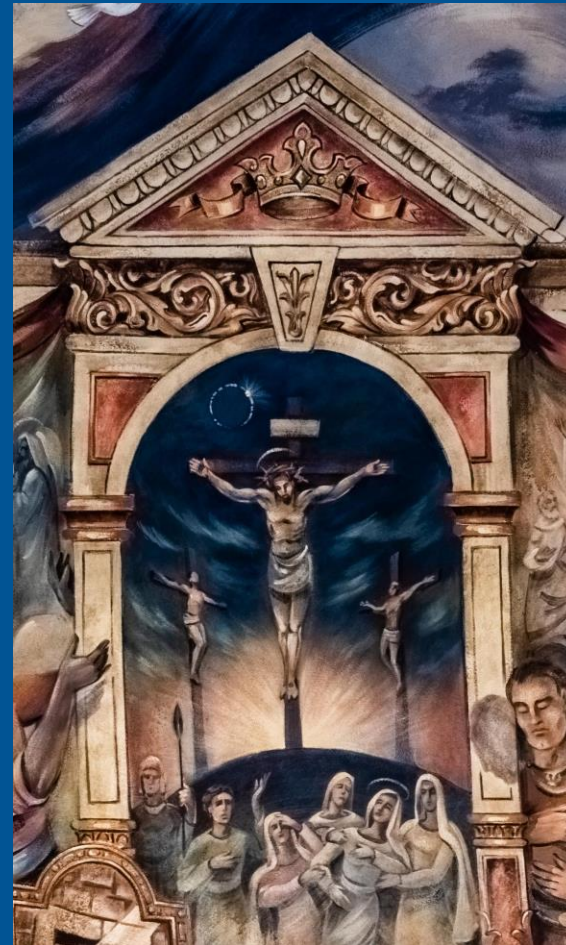
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paying  
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sin  
on our  
behalf



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This payment counts for all  
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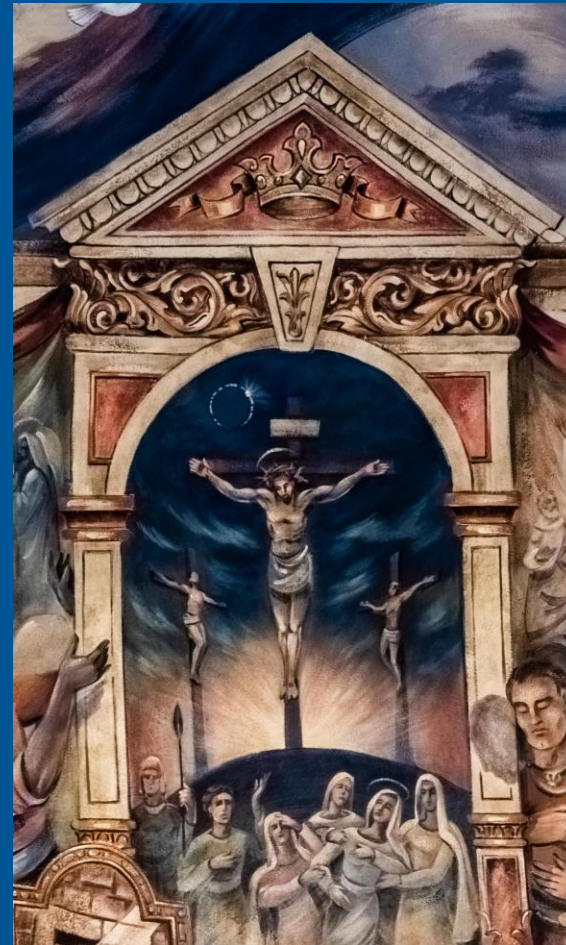


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## Galatian heresy:

“Well, that may be a fine start, but you then need to merit God’s mercy by keeping the law!”

This payment counts for all who rely/trust/have faith in it

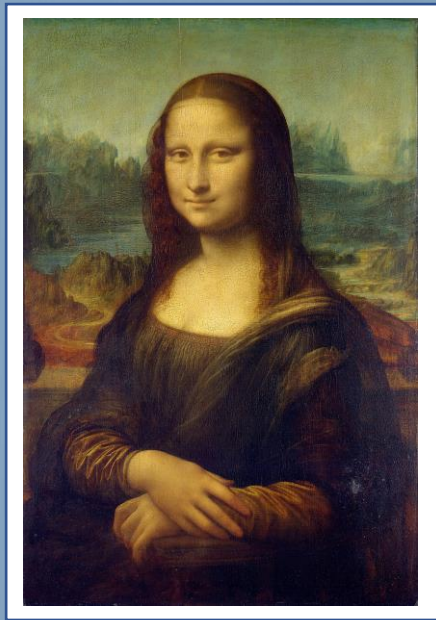


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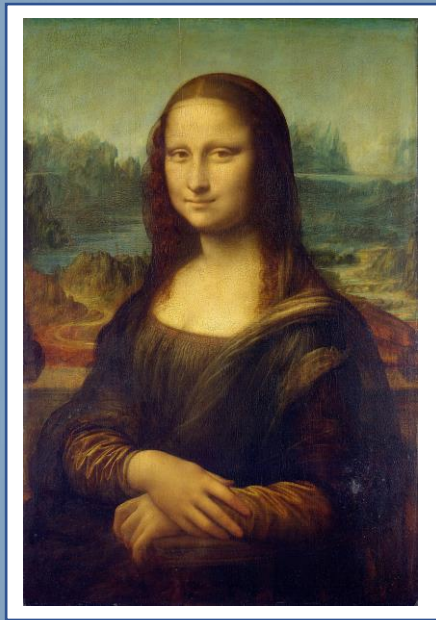
Then what's the  
whole point of  
the Law?





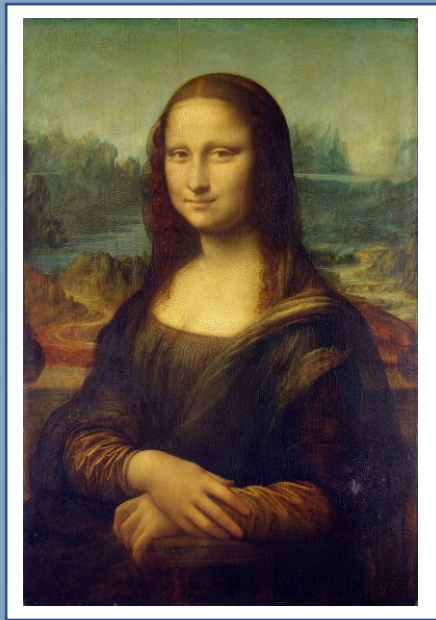


First Painting:



First Painting:

συγκλείω



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“sungkleio”





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To catch by enclosing, hemming  
in, to confine, imprison”

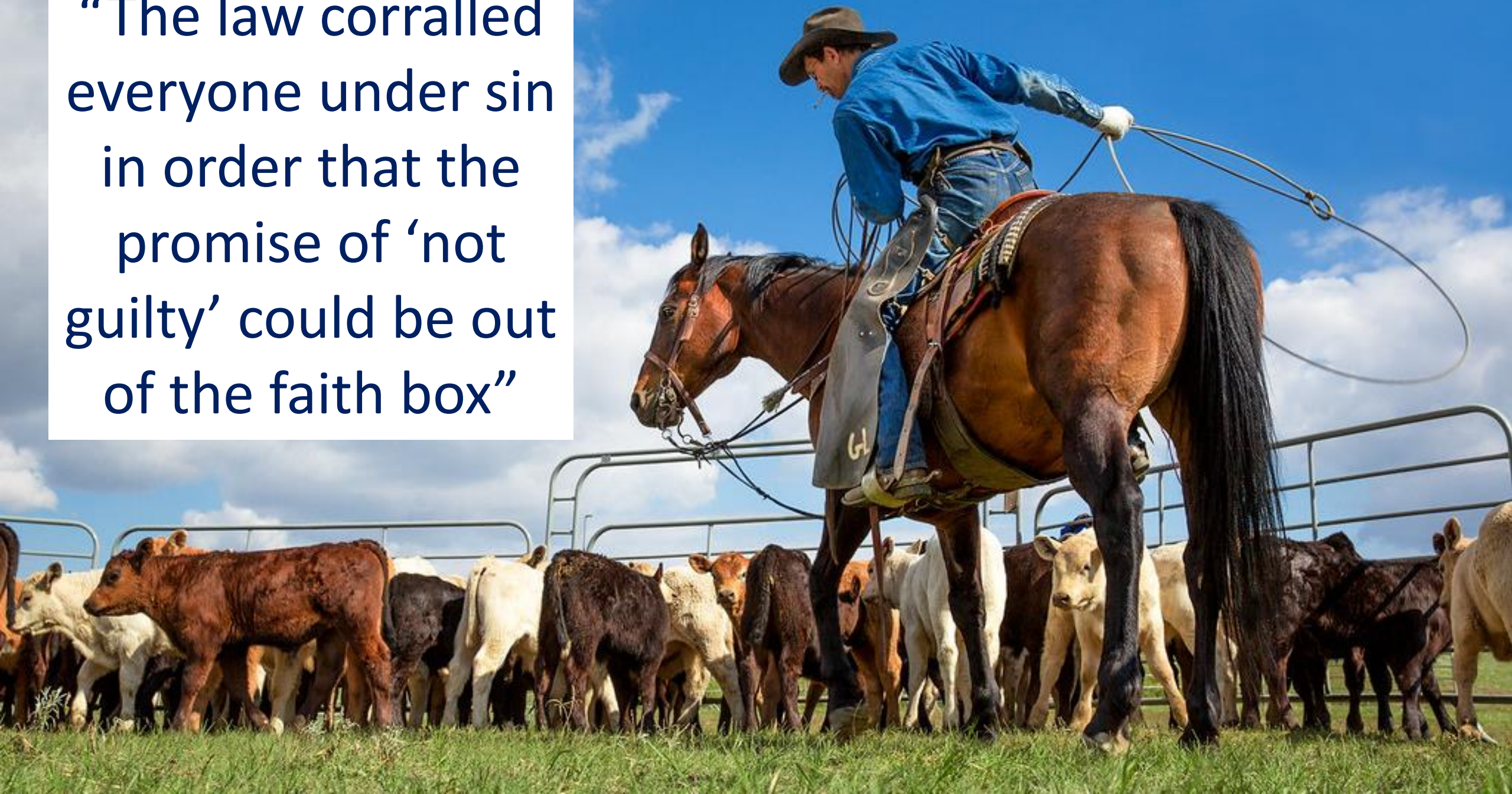
A photograph of a brown cow standing in a wooden fence. The cow is facing left, and its head is turned slightly towards the camera. It has a small green tag in its ear with the number 132. The fence is made of dark wood, and other cows are visible in the background. The ground is dirt.

συγκλείω

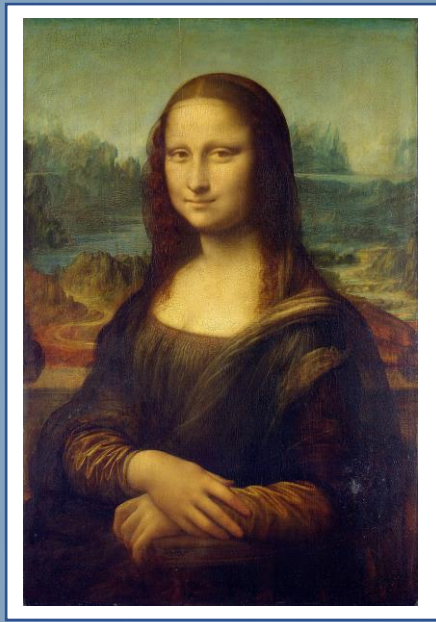
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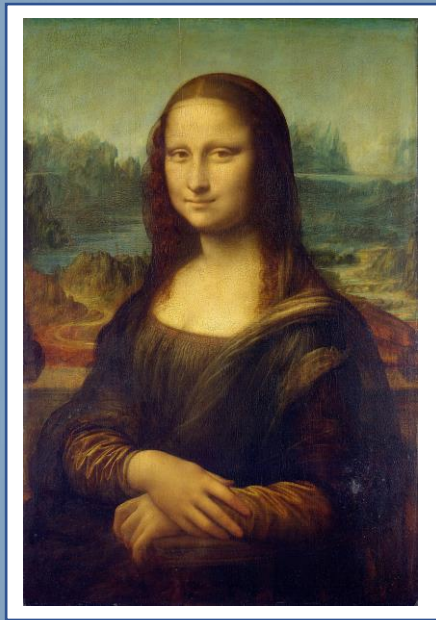
“The law corralled everyone under sin in order that the promise of ‘not guilty’ could be out of the faith box”







Second Painting:



Second Painting:

παιδαγωγός



Second Painting:

παιδαγωγός

“paidagogos”







“paidagogos”

Slave



“paidagogos”





Slave

Took boys  
to school

“paidagogos”



Slave

Took boys  
to school

Nursed  
when sick

“paidagogos”



Slave

Took boys  
to school

Nursed  
when sick

“paidagogos”

Taught  
manners





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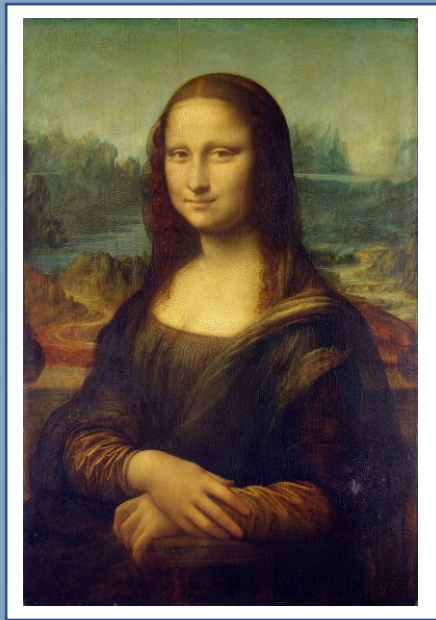
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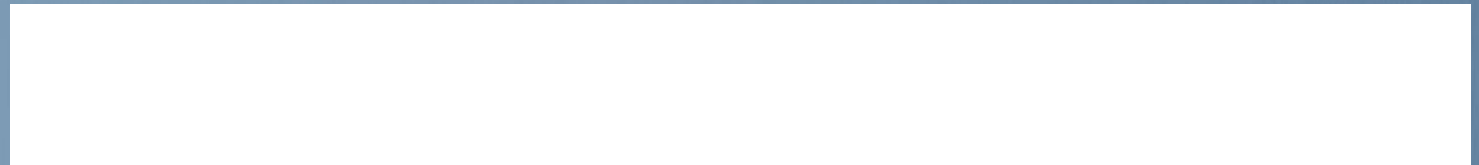
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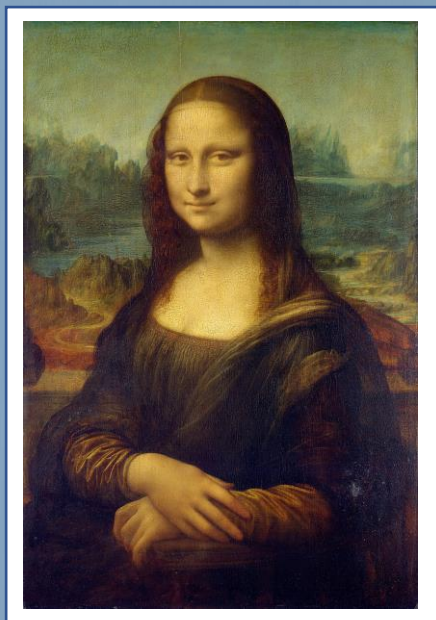
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grumpy....



Third Painting:

ένδύω

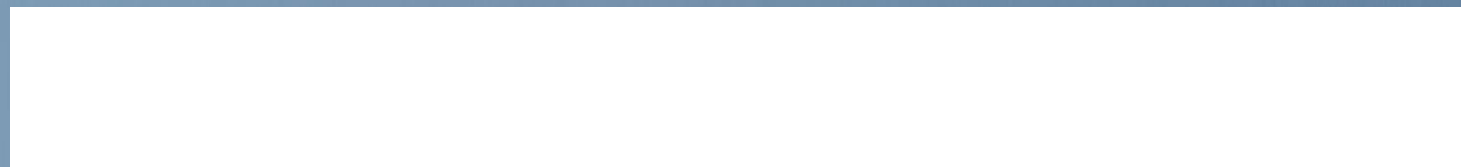




Third Painting:

ἐνδύω

“enduo”







Third Painting:

ἐνδύω

“enduo”

To put clothing on someone



Analogies



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Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Gal. 3:28 οὐκ ἔνι Ἰουδαῖος οὐδὲ Ἕλλην, οὐκ ἔνι δοῦλος οὐδὲ ἐλεύθερος, οὐκ ἔνι ἄρσεν καὶ θήλυ· πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἷς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. 29 εἰ δὲ ὑμεῖς Χριστοῦ, ἄρα τοῦ Ἀβραὰμ σπέρμα ἐστέ, κατ' ἐπαγγελίαν κληρονόμοι.



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You were  
trust-fund babies!





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The law was taking care of you before  
you came into your inheritance!





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Στοιχείον  
(*stoicheion*)

Things placed side by side  
in a row – the ABC's





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A word about fullness

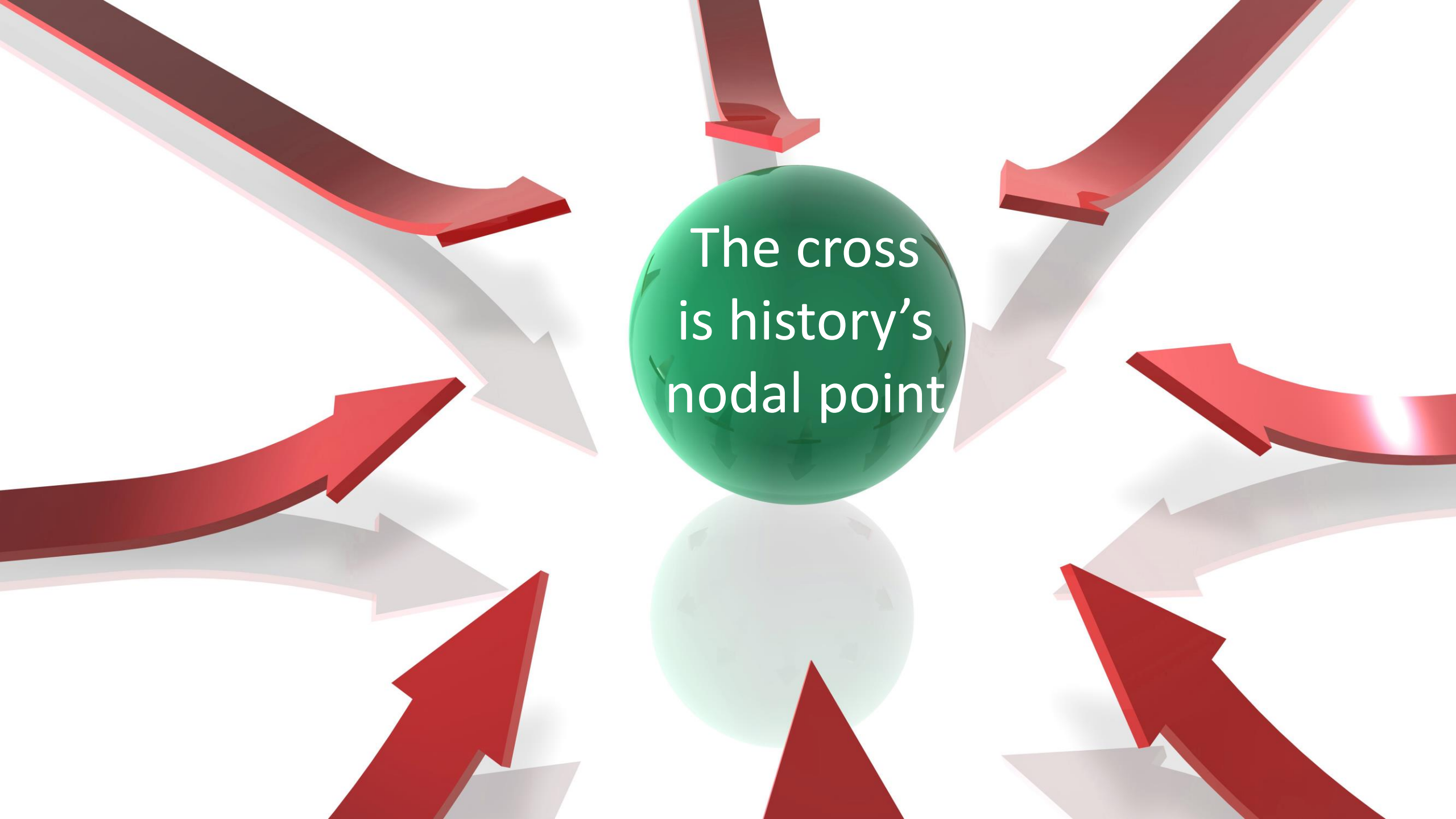






The cross is the world's  
**Turning Point**





The cross  
is history's  
nodal point

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Analogies



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Echoed in Phil 2:7-8 “Jesus ‘born’ in the likeness of humans; “born” obedient up to death

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God is 100% pure



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Gal. 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Gal. 4:7 ὥστε οὐκέτι εἶ δοῦλος ἀλλὰ υἱός· εἰ δὲ υἱός, καὶ κληρονόμος διὰ θεοῦ.



Analogies





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# Before and after





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This is a MASSIVE slap in the face!



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Gal. 4:10 You observe days  
and months and seasons  
and years! 11 I am afraid I  
may have labored over you  
in vain.

Gal. 4:10 ἡμέρας  
παρατηρεῖσθε καὶ μῆνας καὶ  
καιροὺς καὶ ἐνιαυτούς, 11  
φοβοῦμαι ὑμᾶς μή πως εἰκῇ  
κεκοπίακα εἰς ὑμᾶς.

Points to Ponder:



Points to Ponder: Palm Sunday  
Holy Week



# Points to Ponder: Palm Sunday Holy Week



In 17:4-5 I glorified you on earth,  
having accomplished the work that  
you gave me to do. And now, Father,  
glorify me in your own presence with  
the glory that I had with you before  
the world existed.”



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# Points to Ponder: Palm Sunday Holy Week



In 17:21 ...that they may all be one,  
just as you, Father, are in me, and I in  
you, that they also may be in us, so  
that the world may believe that you  
have sent me.

Points to Ponder:





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# Points to Ponder: Palm Sunday Holy Week



Jn 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Points to Ponder:

Learn from the law, but  
remember its place





A wide-angle photograph of a large church interior during a service. The sanctuary is filled with a large congregation seated in pews. The stage is illuminated with blue light and features a large wooden cross on the back wall. A blue carpeted path leads from the front of the stage into the aisle. A white rectangular box with the text "Let's go to church!" is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

Let's go to church!