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Philippians

Christ – the Paradigm

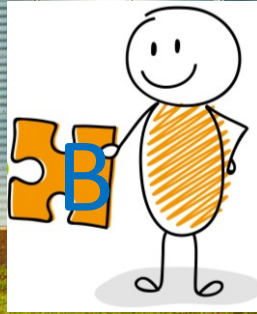
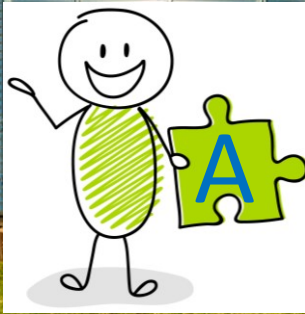
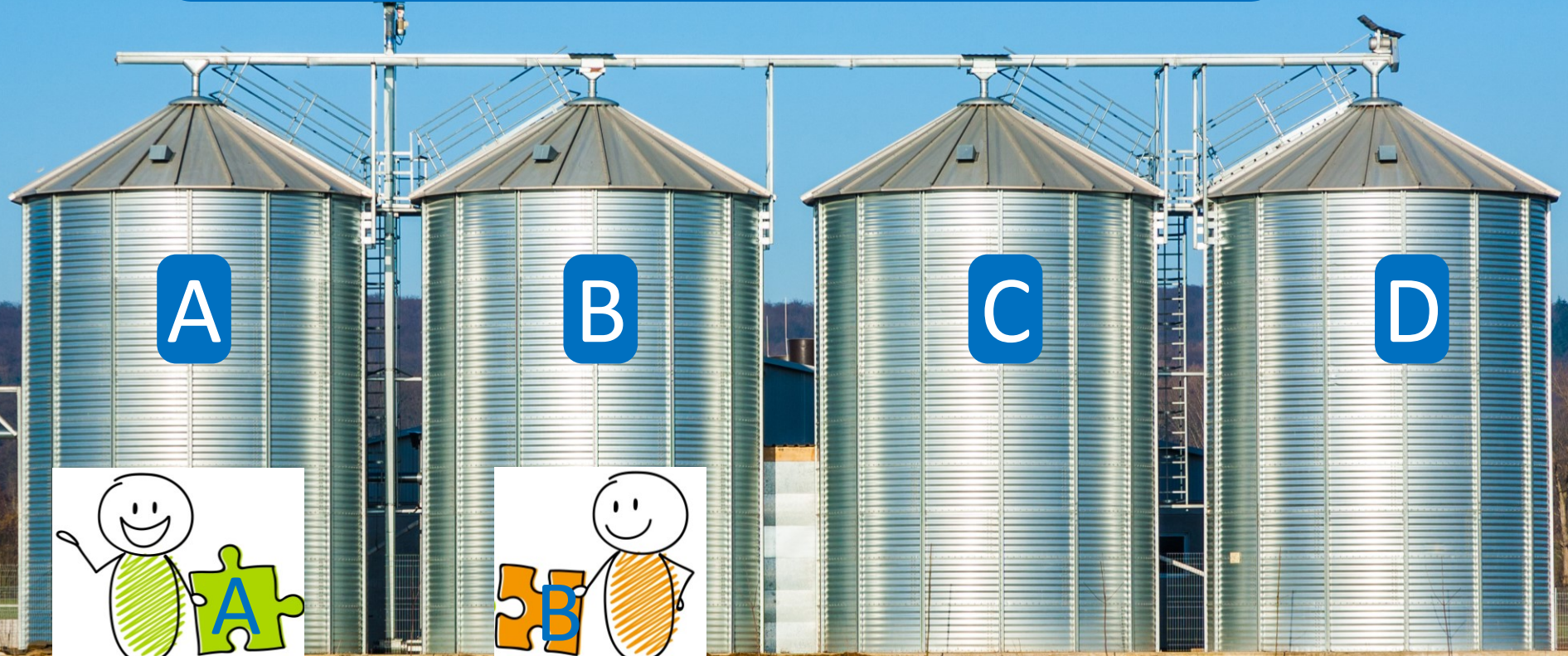


My second attempt at making a salad... I don't know what I'm doing wrong





# The ups and downs of silos





Specialization is important













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Physics

Ethics

Public  
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science

Medicine

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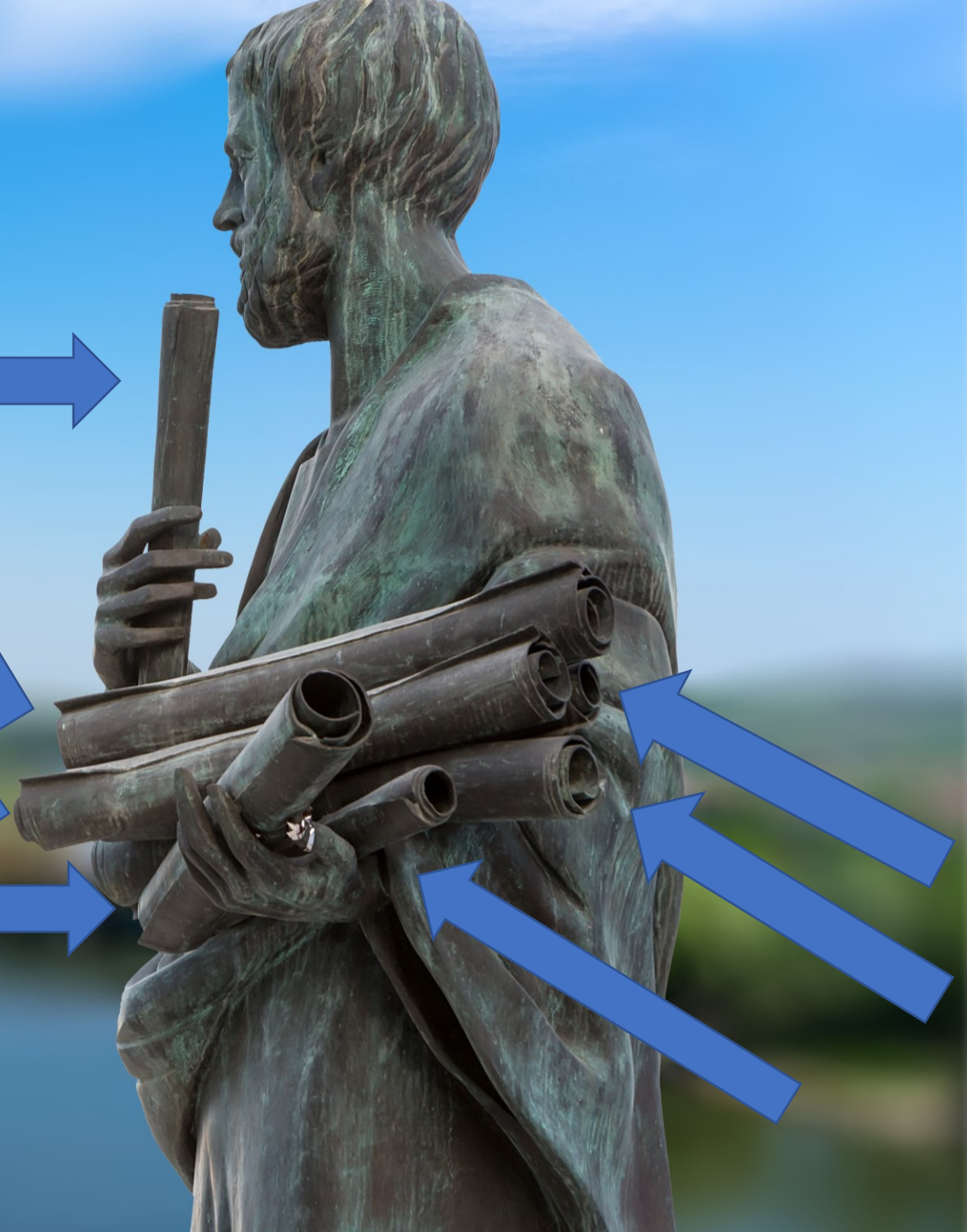
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# Here Comes Paul writing Philippians 2:5-11

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# Here Comes Paul writing Philippians 2:5-11



Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.





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view and placement





Overview and Placement



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Christ – the Model



Coming (into) the Song!







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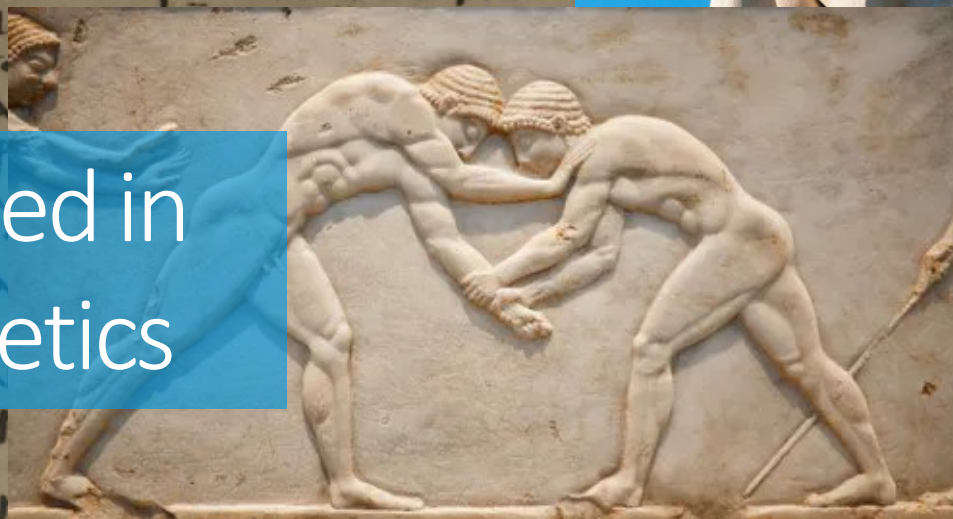


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A family of note



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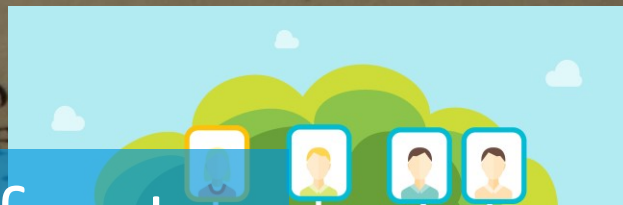


Foe of Christ

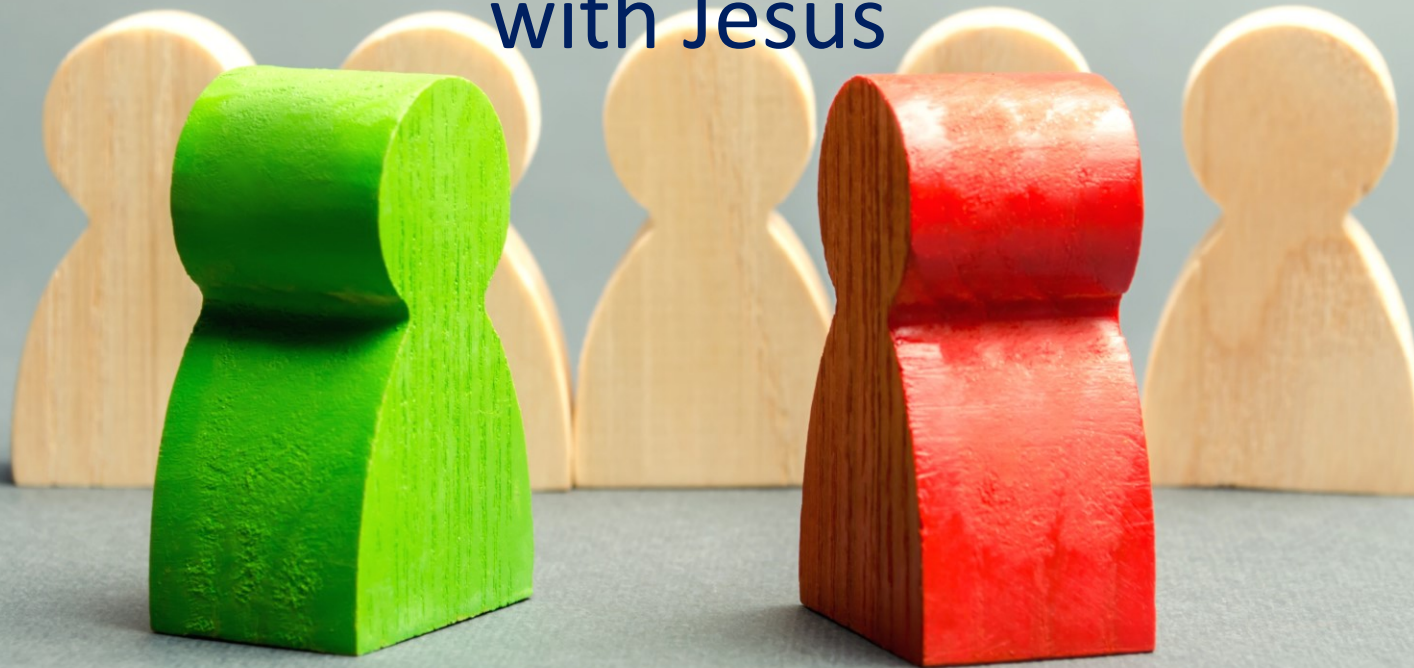




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Paul has a face-to-face encounter  
with Jesus



Foe



# Who is Jesus for Paul???

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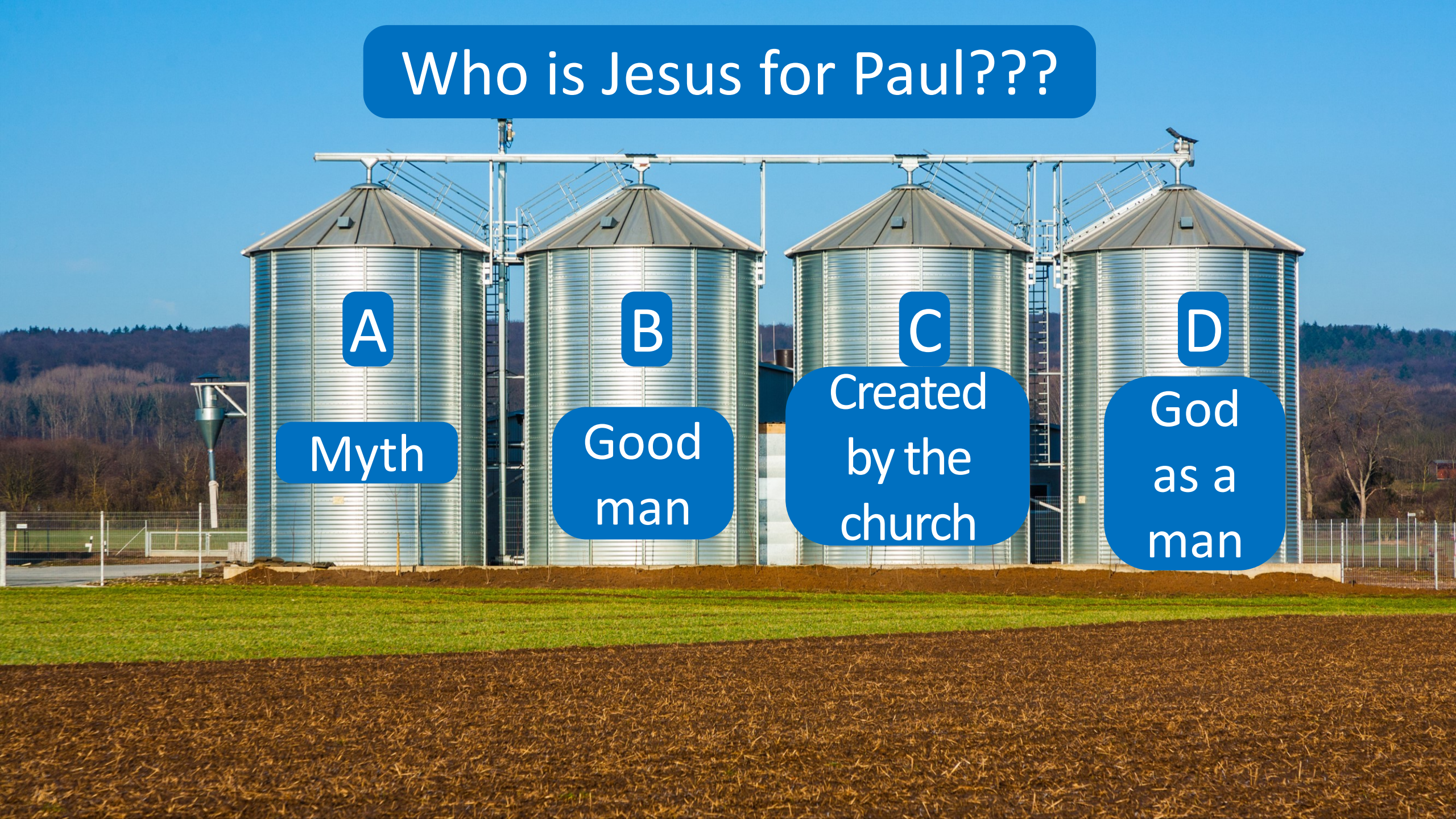
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# The Letter



Paul is teaching the Philippians  
how to live in the gospel

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“Present tense”: do this constantly



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“Y’all” have this among “y’all”



This is also about community life





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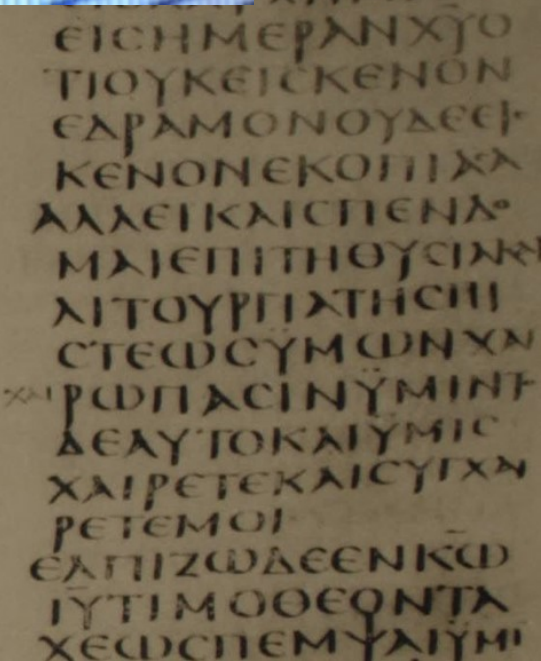
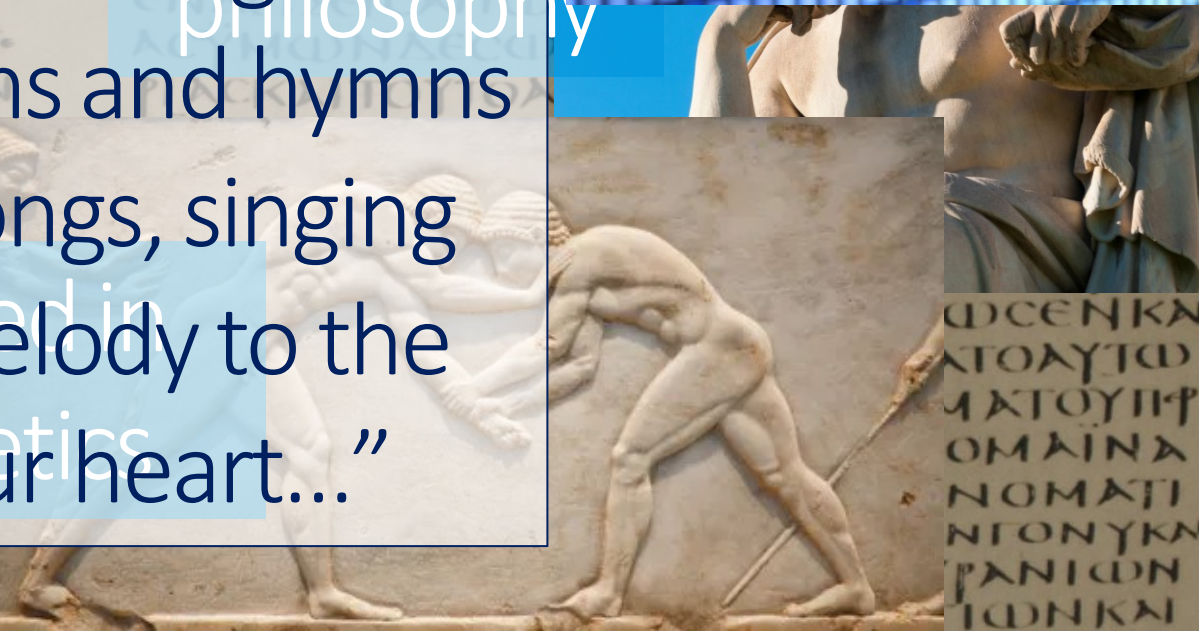
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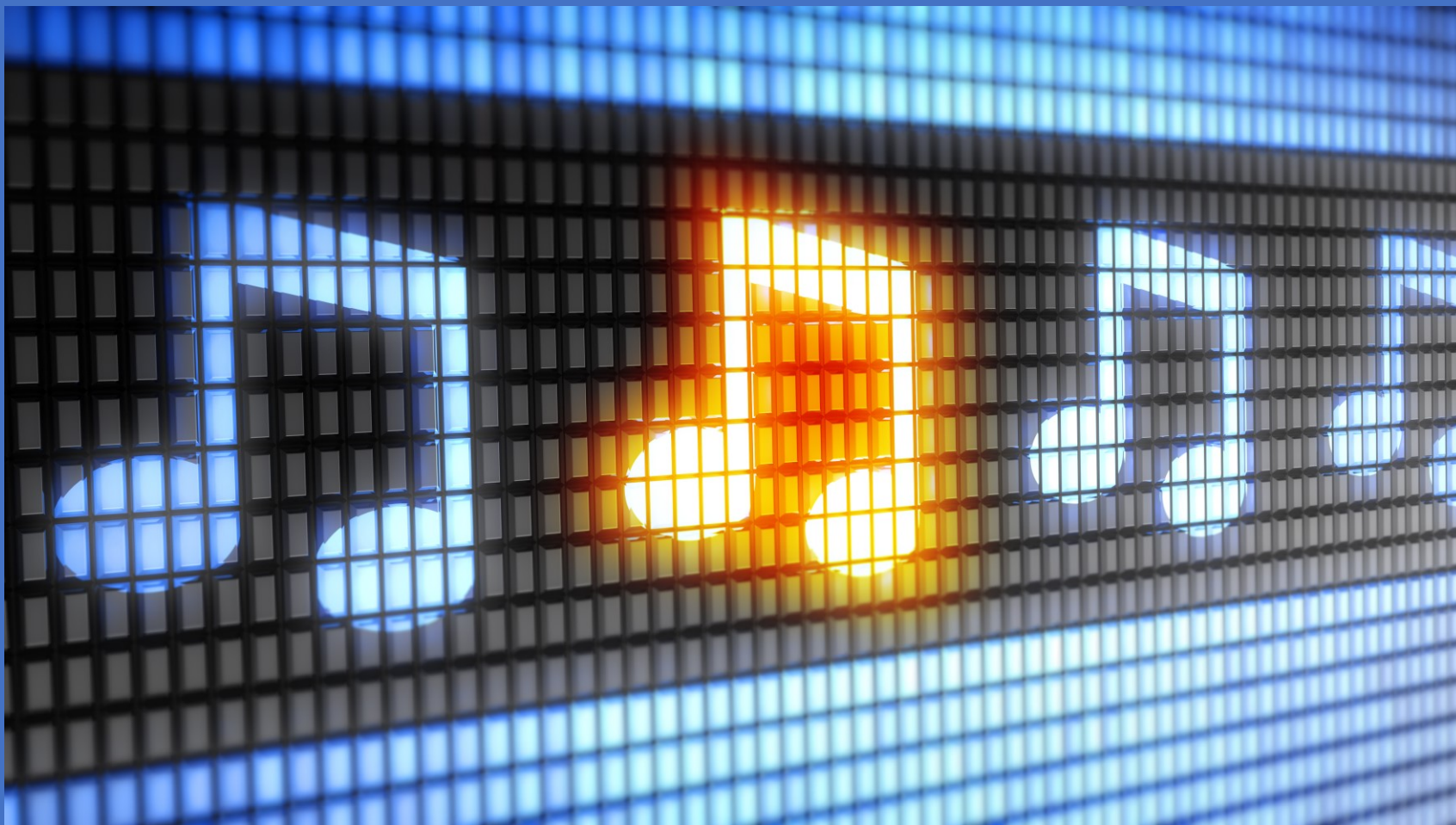
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Col. 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God...”



# Paul starts quoting a song!





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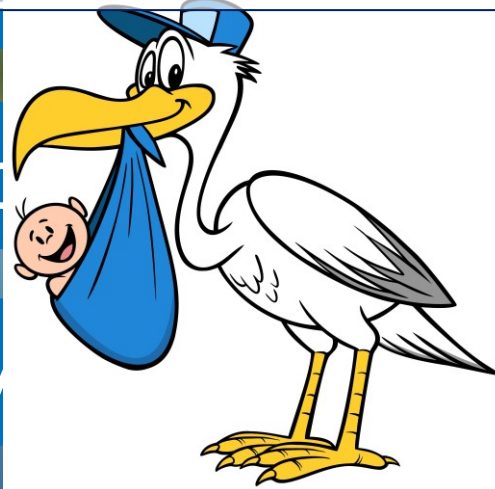
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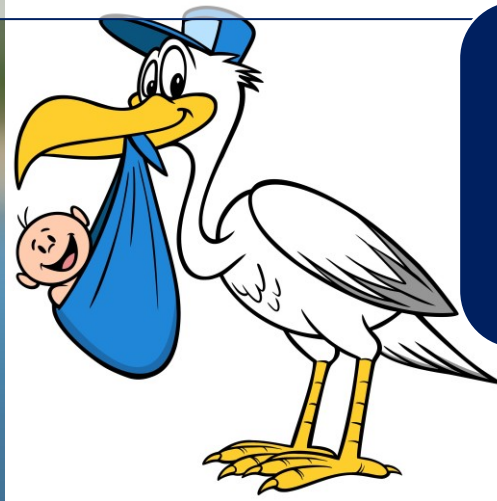
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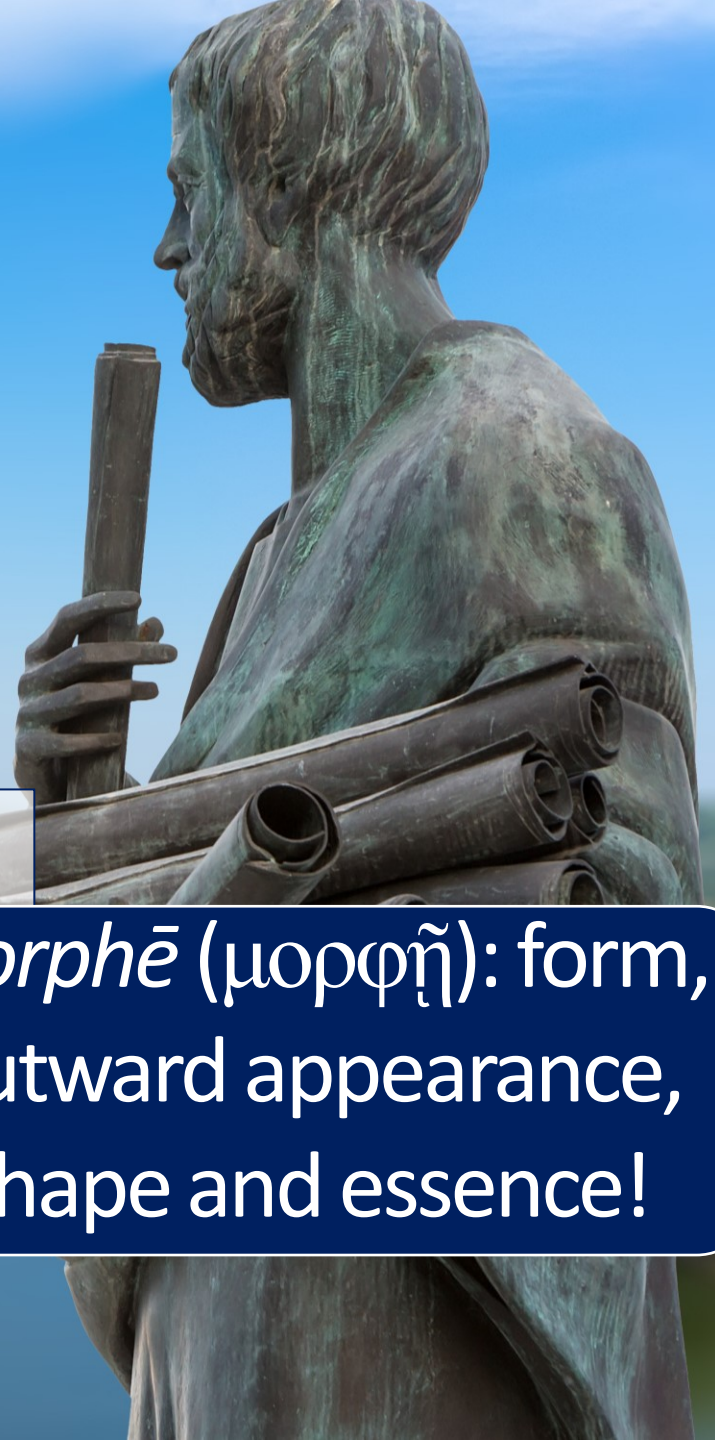
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Mt. 19:21; 24:47

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Lk. 8:41; 9:48

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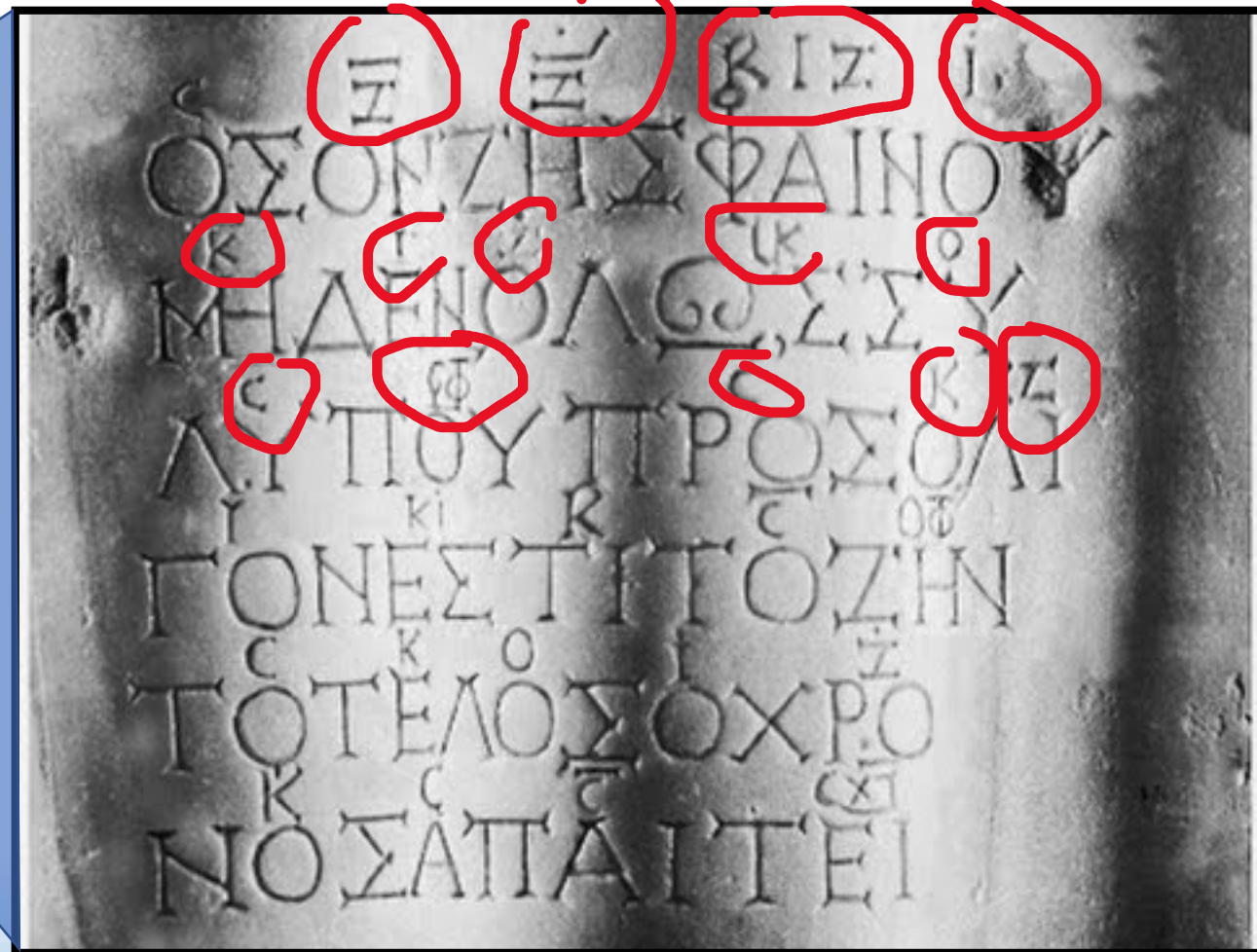
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*harpagmon* (ἄρπαγμὸν): this is a robbery word! A taking of property!



# The *Seikilos* tombstone







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## Seikilos epitaph



While you live, shine



Don't grieve at all



Take life loudly



You can't stop death

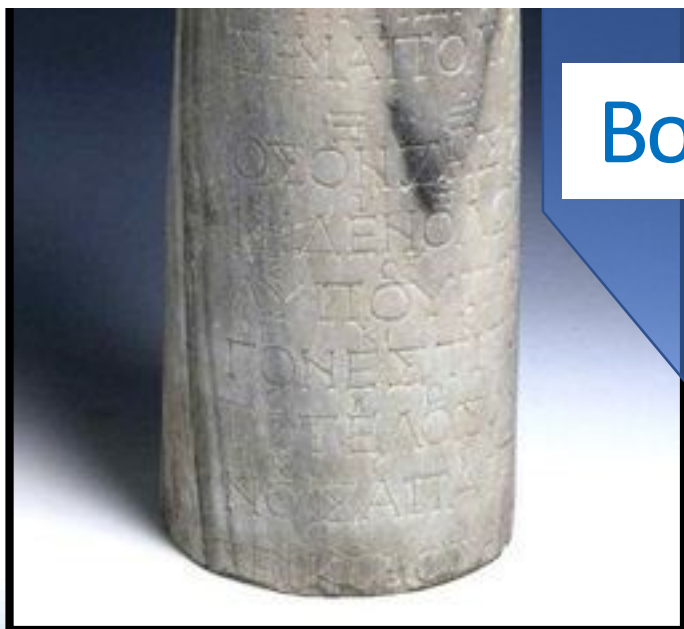




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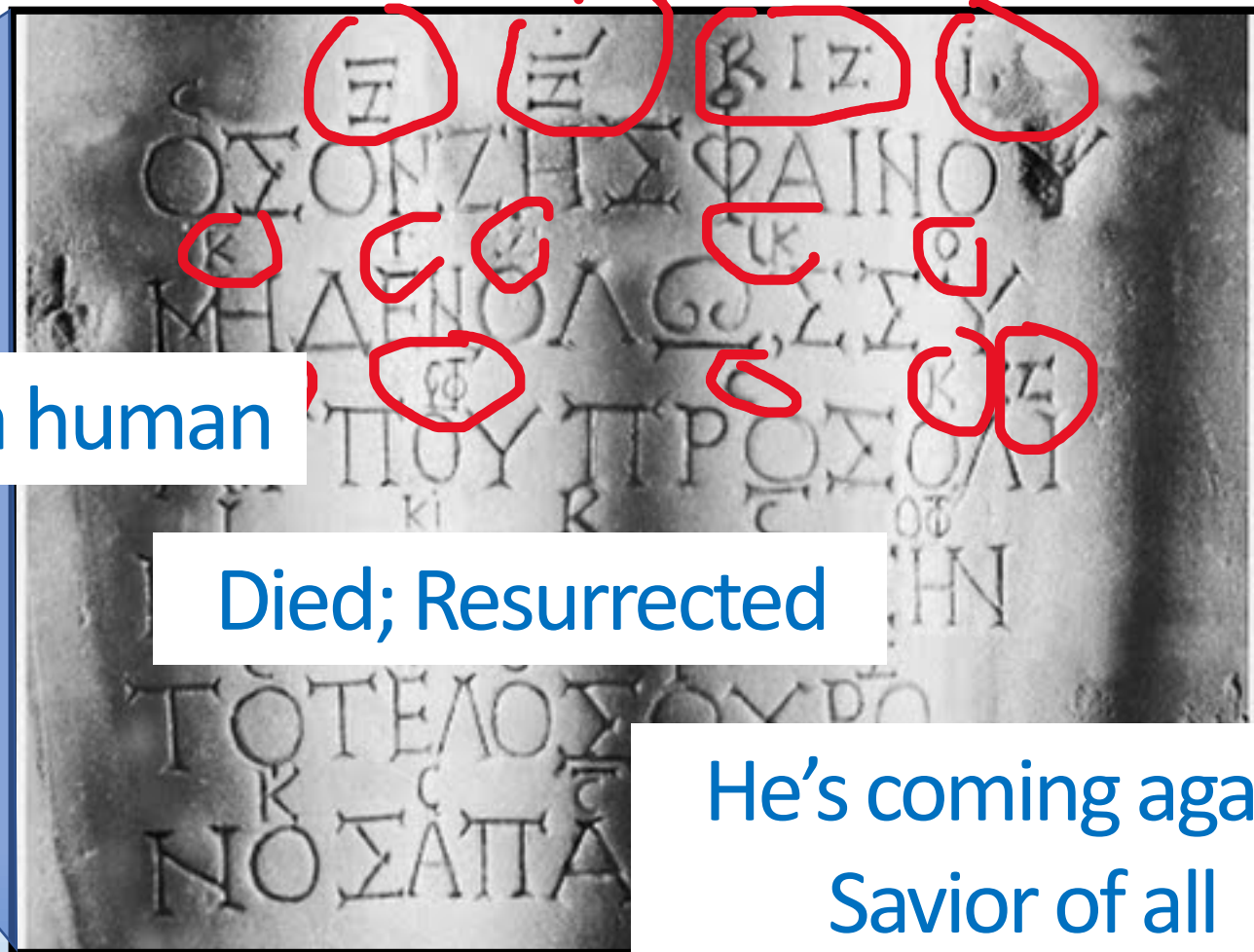
Jesus Christ set aside  
his God head



Born as a human

Died; Resurrected

He's coming again;  
Savior of all





# UPCOMING EVENTS



*kenodozia* (κενοδοξίαν) is a huge concept



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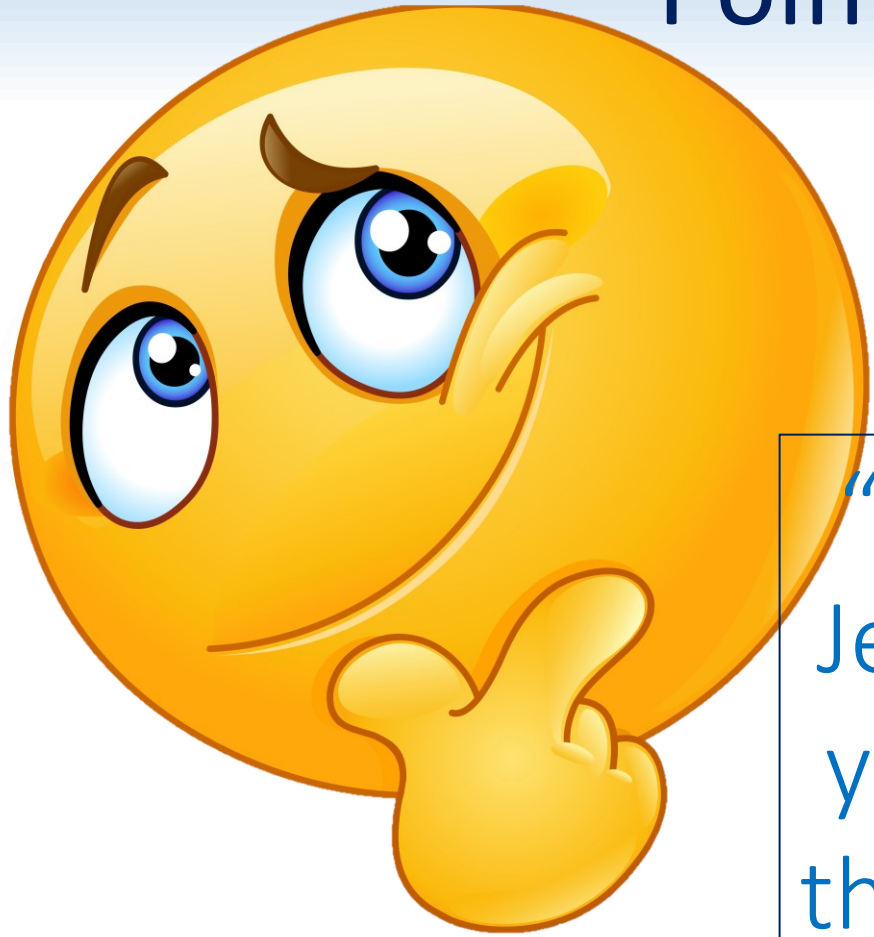


The saving gospel is tied to  
a well-lived life

“And he said to all, “If anyone would come  
after me, let him deny himself and take up  
his cross daily and follow me”  
(Lk. 9:23)



## Points to Ponder:



## Follow Jesus, the model life

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:9)



## Points to Ponder:



### Praise God

“In the cross, Gods’ true character, his outlandish expression of love, was fully manifested” – Gordon Fee



Time for church!

