

# Church History Literacy

## Martin Luther – Part One

### Lesson 50

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**Do you ever wonder ...**



**Do you ever wonder ...**

**Does God really love you?**



**Do you ever wonder ...**

**Are you going to heaven?**



**Do you ever wonder ...**

**Is God for real?**



**Do you ever wonder ...**

**Will God really take care of  
me?**





Those  
questions  
troubled  
Martin Luther

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Nights were always the worst



A night sky with a bright, glowing moon in the upper left. Below the text, a cityscape is visible, including a prominent building with a tower and a green field, all illuminated by city lights.

Nights were always the worst

Agonizing over a lack of certainty

It all started Nov. 10, 1483





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**N Germany**North  
Sea

Amsterdam

NETHER.

BELGIUM

Brussels  
(Bruxelles)

LUX.

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Kiel

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Hannover

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(Braunschweig)

Essen

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Cologne (Köln)

Bonn

Berlin

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Magdeburg

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Dresden

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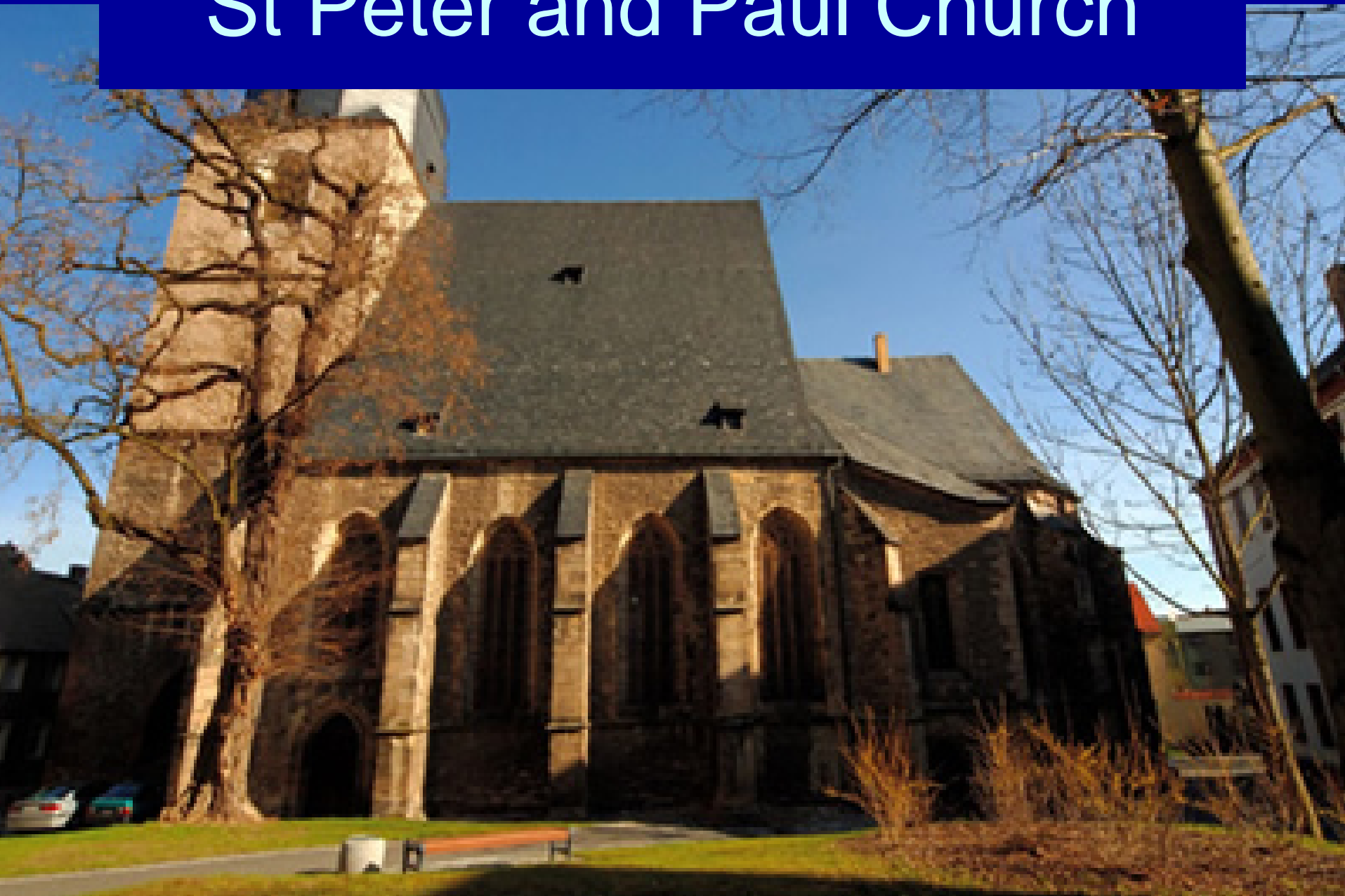
Eisleben



# Hans and Margareth Luder



# St Peter and Paul Church



# **A solid early education in Latin, Bible, and Music**





# Luther the Student





# Luther the Student

- B. A. Liberal Arts 1502



# Luther the Student

- B. A. Liberal Arts 1502
- M. A. 1505



# Luther the Student

- B. A. Liberal Arts 1502
- M. A. 1505
- Law School!

**Beware July thunderstorms!**



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“St Anne, help me and I  
will become a monk!”





# Erfurt monastery





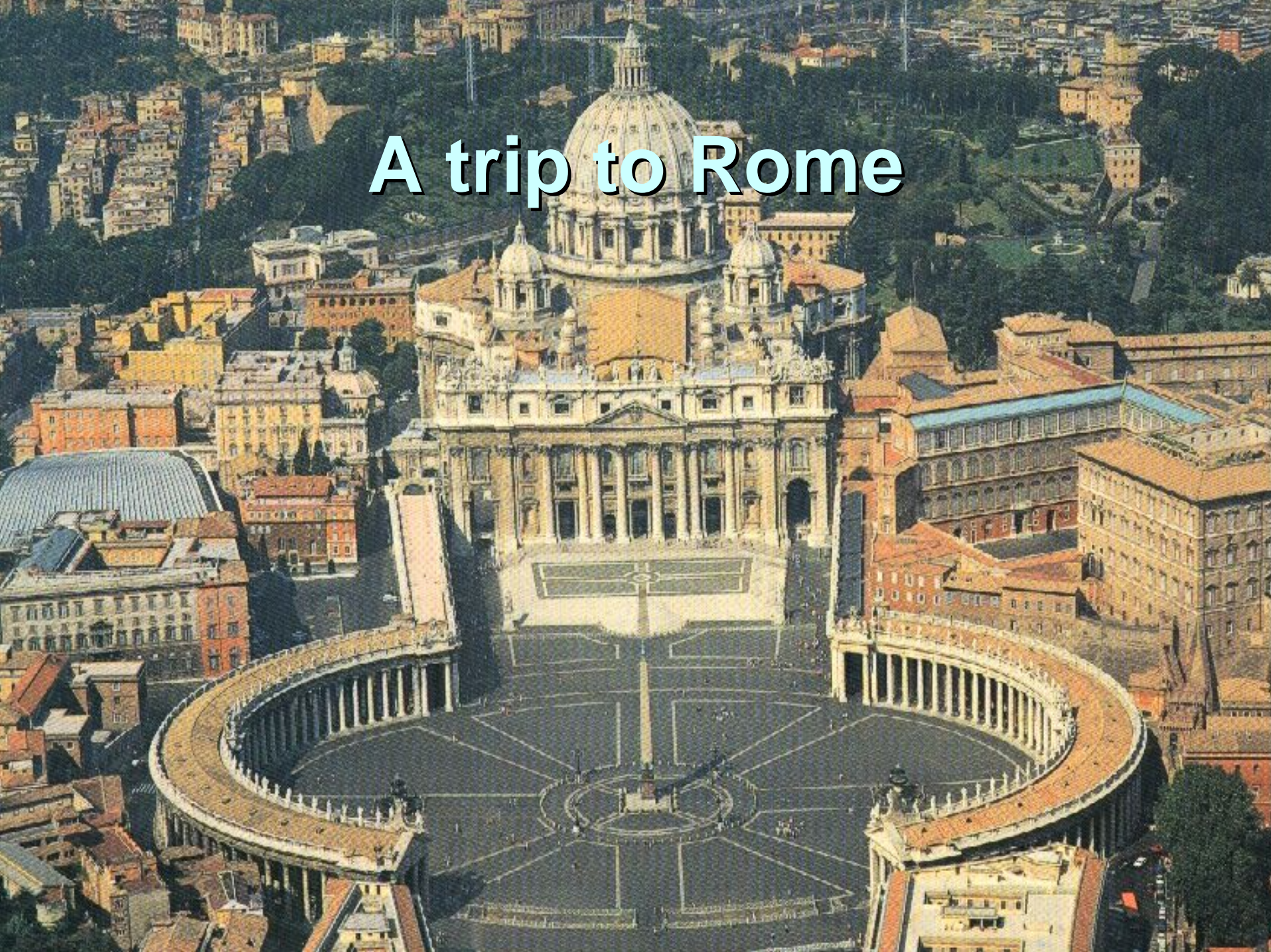
Martin's father  
figure - John  
Staupitz



Ordained  
priest Feb. 27,  
1507



# A trip to Rome





# Wittenberg





# Wittenberg



“Small, poor, ugly, stinking, hideous, wretched, unhealthy, smoky, full of slop, populated by barbarians and sellers of beer.” J. Cochlaeus 1524



It also had a printing press!

# Martin teaches Bible



**Meanwhile, Martin's  
*anfechtungen* continues**





# Meanwhile, Martin's *anfechtungen* continues

“Have you fasted  
enough?”



# Meanwhile, Martin's *anfechtungen* continues

“Have you fasted  
enough?”

“Are you poor  
enough?”



# Meanwhile, Martin's *anfechtungen* continues

“Have you fasted  
enough?”

“Are you poor  
enough?”

“Have you tried to  
please God?”






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We have an angry God  
making demands no  
human can meet!






We have an angry God  
making demands no  
human can meet!

“God is not angry with you,  
you are angry with God!”





We have an angry God  
making demands no  
human can meet!

“Focus not on the judgments of God  
you can’t understand, but on the  
wounds of Christ that show a love you  
can rely upon!”

# A word about relics...



**And also indulgences!**






**Pope Leo X is building the  
world's largest church**





And  
Archbishop  
Albrecht is  
paying off his  
loans to Jacob  
Fugger

# Back to indulgences and John Tetzel

In Vollmacht  aller Heiligen  
und in Erbarmung gegen Dich, absolviere  
Ich Dich von allen Sünden und Missetha-  
ten und erlasse Dir alle Strafen auf zehn  
Tage.  
Johannes Tetzel.

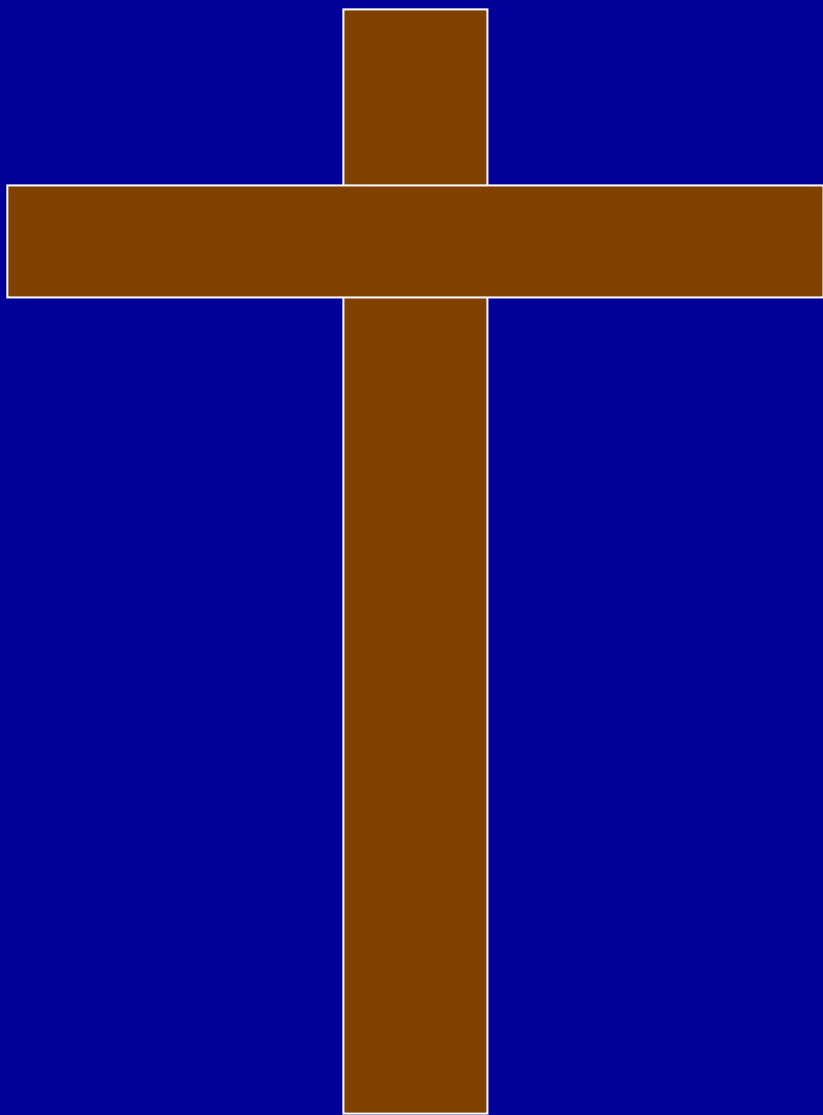




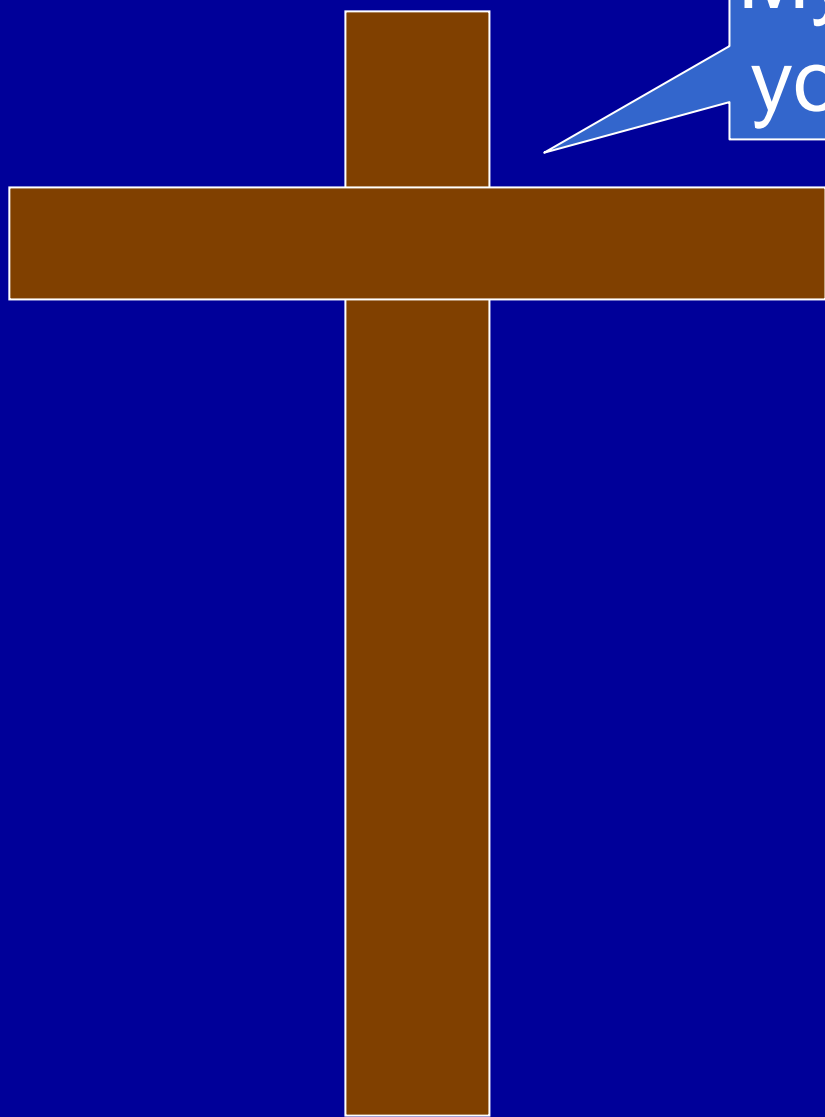
As soon as a coin in the  
coffer rings, the soul from  
purgatory springs”

*Johannes Tetzel von Leipzig  
S.S. Theol. Doctor und Professor an Brüder  
des Dominicaner Ordens, Kister Meister, und  
Päpstlicher Gnadenprediger oder Ablass Crämmer.*

Luther has  
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teaching  
Psalms



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My God, my God, Why have  
you forsaken me? (Ps. 22)

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Christ had *anfechtungen*!

10/31/1517 - Martin nails his 95  
Theses and becomes Luther

















Luther finds  
answers in  
Romans 1:17





**Jacob and a man wrestled till daybreak.**

**When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched to socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched.**

**Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Genesis 32**

Points for home

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“All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law” (Romans 2:12)

“There is no one righteous, no one who does good” (Romans 3:10-12)

# Points for Home

Yet, “a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known... This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:21-24)