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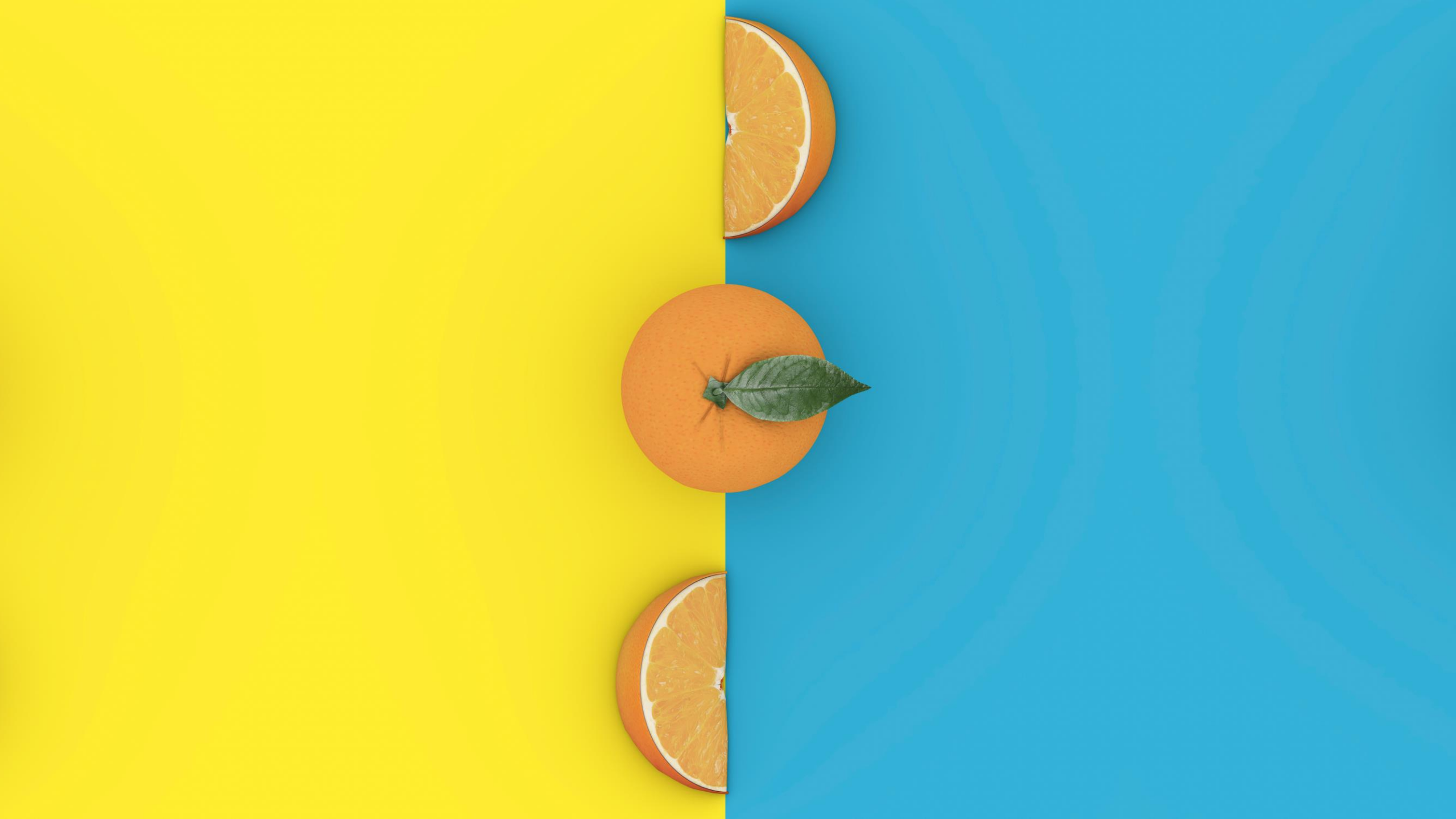
# Philippians

## Christ: A Study in Contrasts



CONTRAST











# Jesus

# Me





**Jesus**  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS



*kenodozia* (κενοδοξίαν) is a huge concept



**As God**

**As Lord**


**Jesus**

**As Man**





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Mt. 19:21; 25:14

“he was” *huarchō* (ὑπάρχω):  
“possessing”

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“grasped” *harpagmon* (ἄρπαγμός):  
“taking by force”



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“emptied” *keno-ō* (κενόω):  
he made himself empty



Jesus as God is the model of humility



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# God's divine love in selflessness

## This is Isaiah 53

...to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant... He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief... Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed... the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



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He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth... Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt... by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion... because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.



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That's just *totally* Paul!

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to “give freely” ... to “grace”

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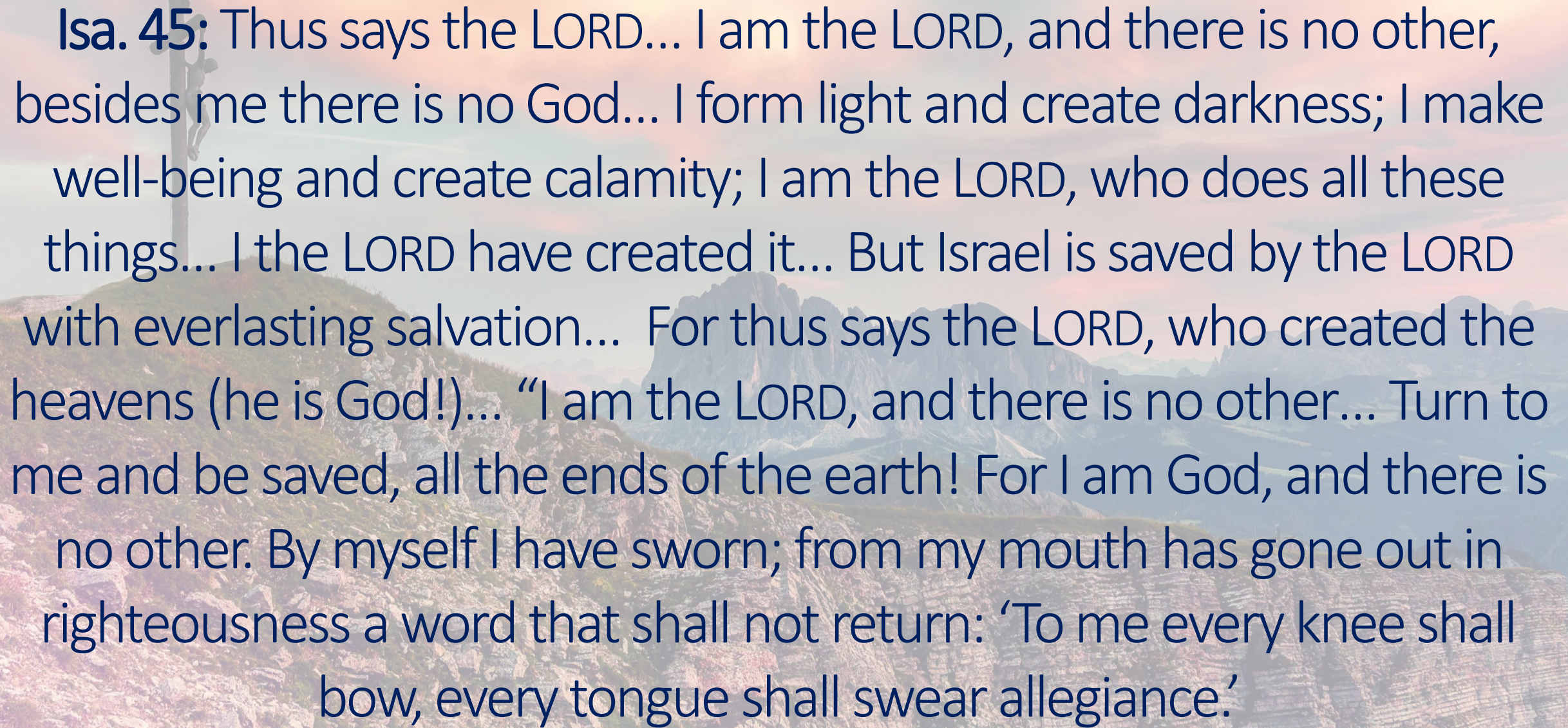
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If Jesus's emptying  
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exaltation is Isaiah 45!







**Isa. 45:** Thus says the LORD... I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God... I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things... I the LORD have created it... But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation... For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!)... “I am the LORD, and there is no other... Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’



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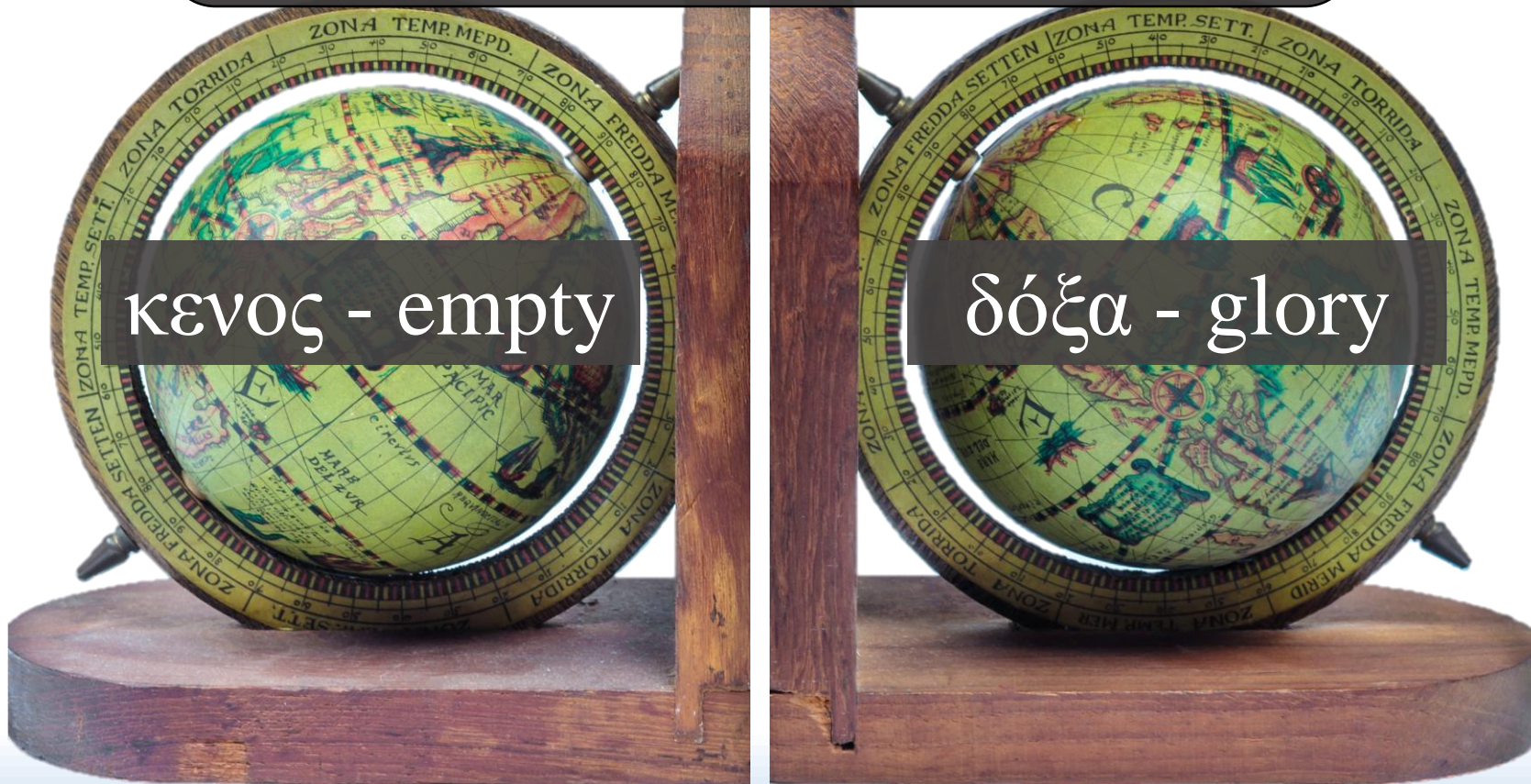
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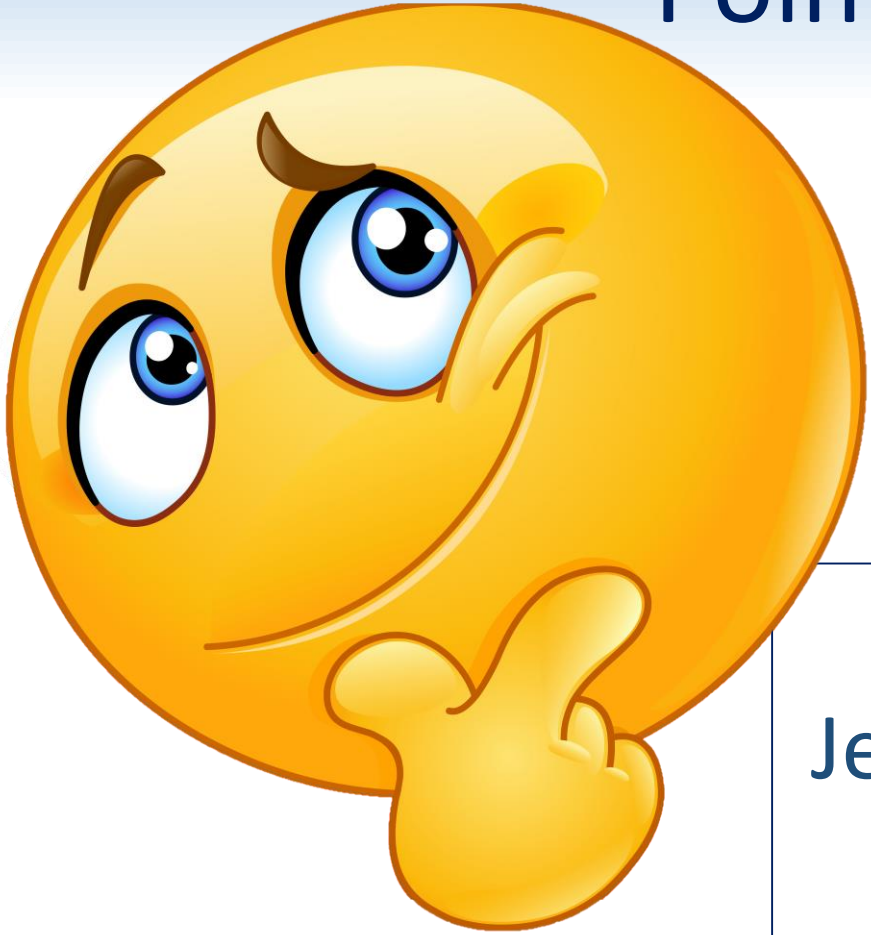
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Points to Ponder:



Oh, to be like Jesus

“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)



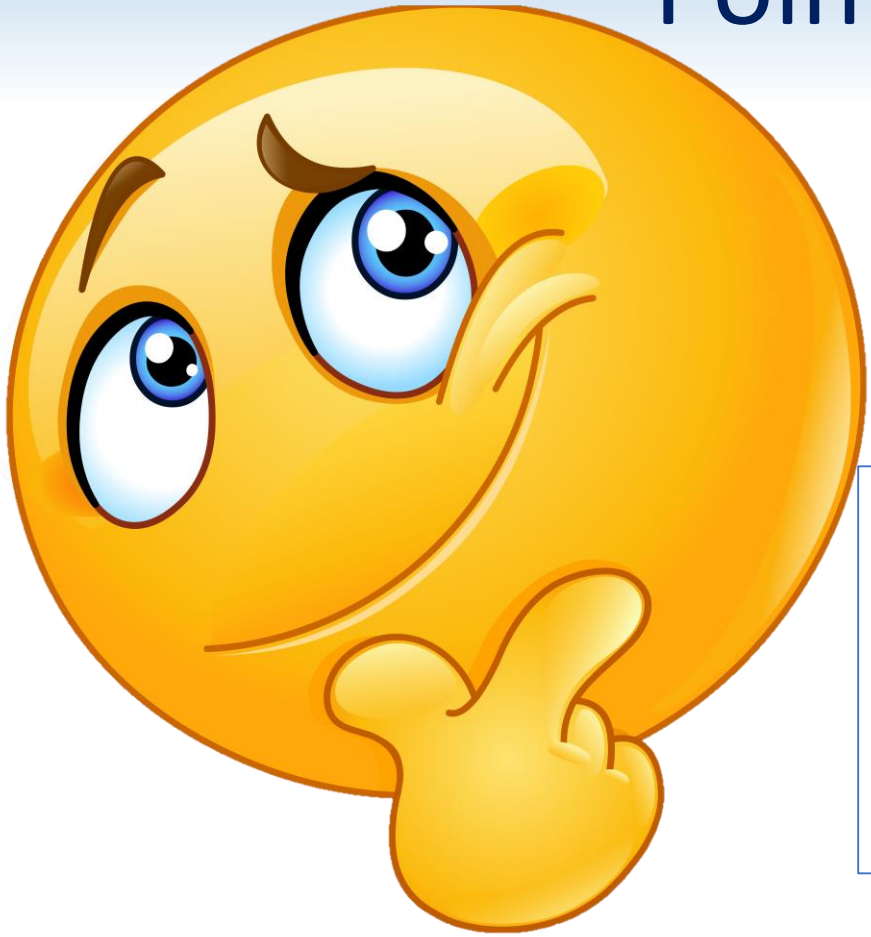
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Divine selflessness is our calling!

“Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Mt. 16:24-25)

Points to Ponder:



There is a truth here

“Humble yourselves before the  
Lord, and he will exalt you.”  
(James 4:10)



Time for church!

