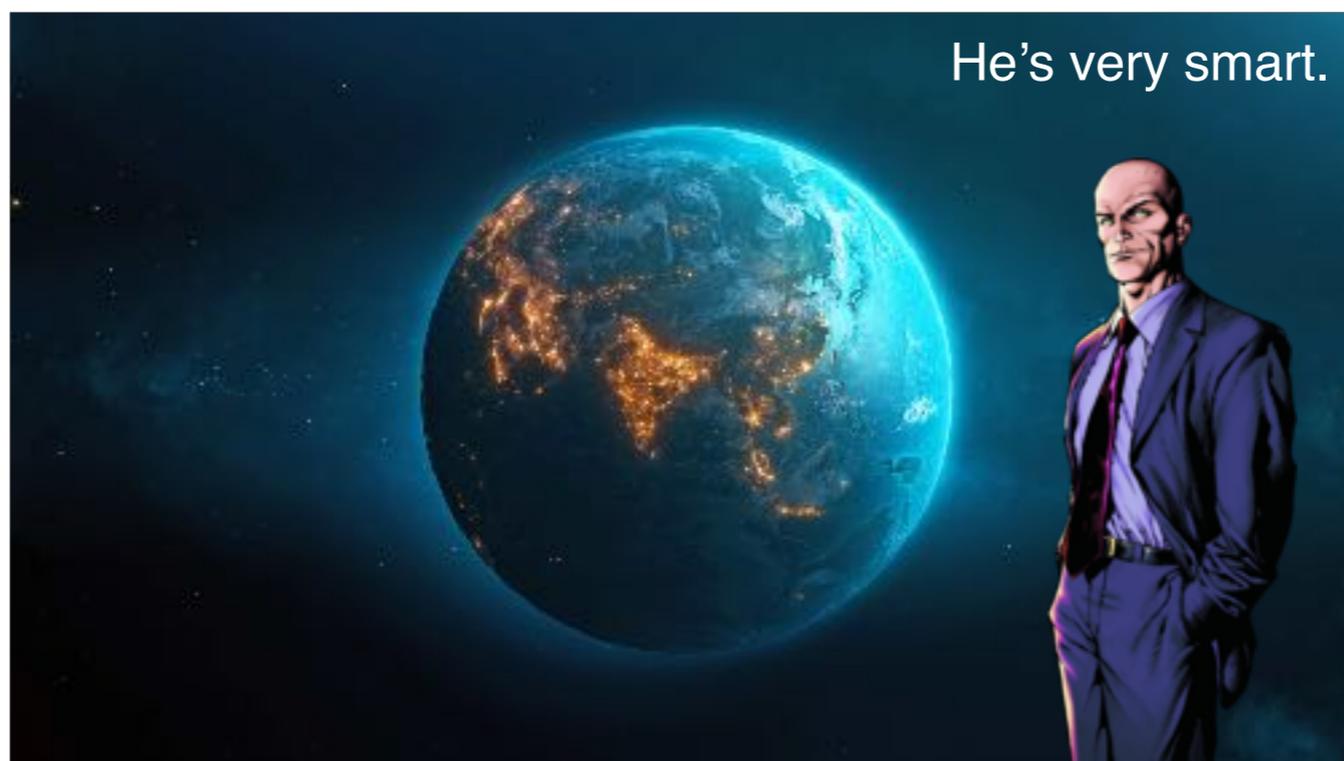
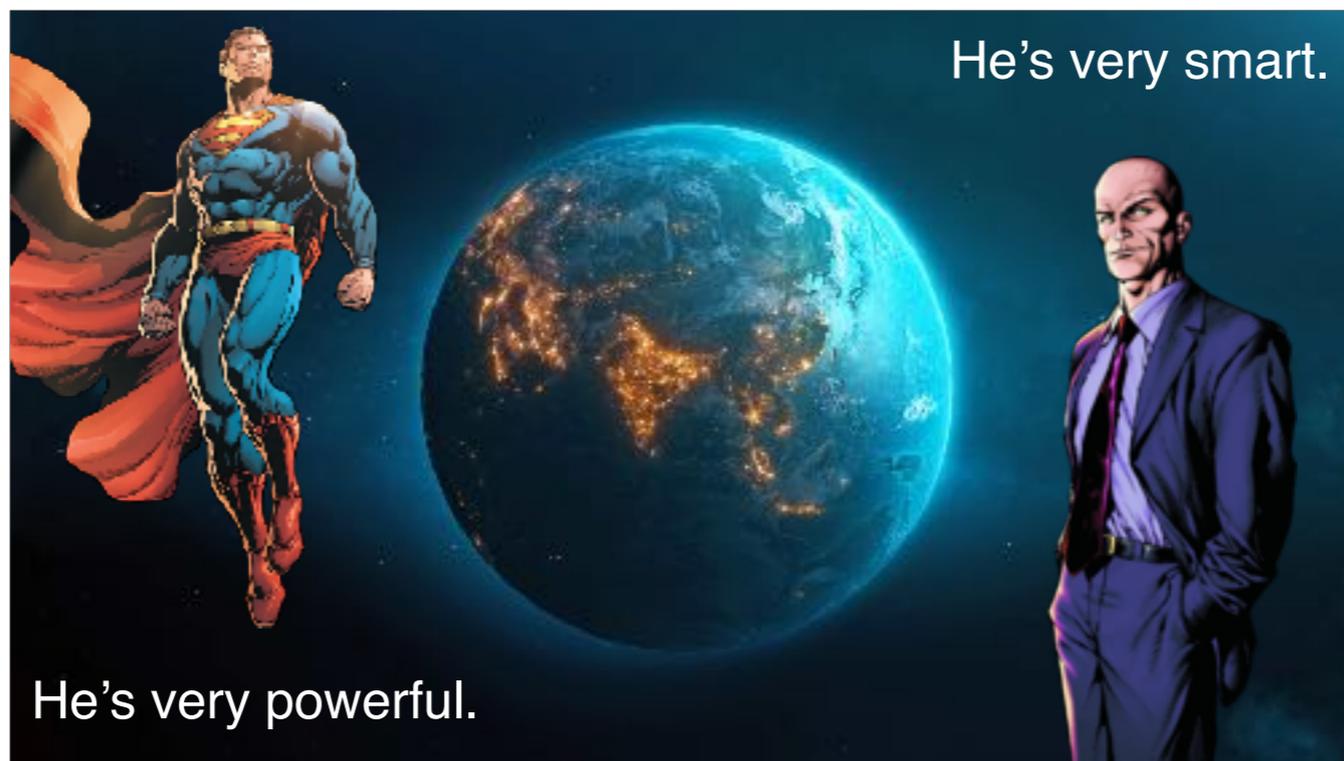




- The World is in danger!



- Lex Luthor is threatening the World.
 - intellect
 - wealth



- Who can save the world?
 - Superman!
 - Powerful and Good
- But he's not really a man, is he?
- Special powers, not human.
- Fictional.
- Does he save all of us from what our real problem is?
 - Does Superman deal with my sin? Does Luther?
 - Does he deal with the sins of the world?

Doomsday Clock

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists



- The World knows it's in danger...
- Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
- A countdown to global catastrophe, 1947 (7 minutes until doom).
- 2014: 5 minutes!
- 2025: 89 seconds.
- We need to be saved... who?
- Politicians? Scientists?
 - Can they save us from the real problem? Sin?
- But this is a story as old as man!
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- Perfect Garden...
- Satan introduces sin into world...
- But not about a perfect garden.
- What Satan really corrupted was man's relationship with His God.
- Broke God's commands: judicial
- Corrupted our nature: sick
- Adam and Eve's walk with God was destroyed: no relationship.
- Cast out of garden!
- Now... who will save us?

The Messiah King



- The Messiah... King!

The Messiah King

Behold, the days are coming,
declares Jehovah, when I will
raise up for David a righteous
Branch, and he shall reign as
king ...

**In his days Judah
will be saved**

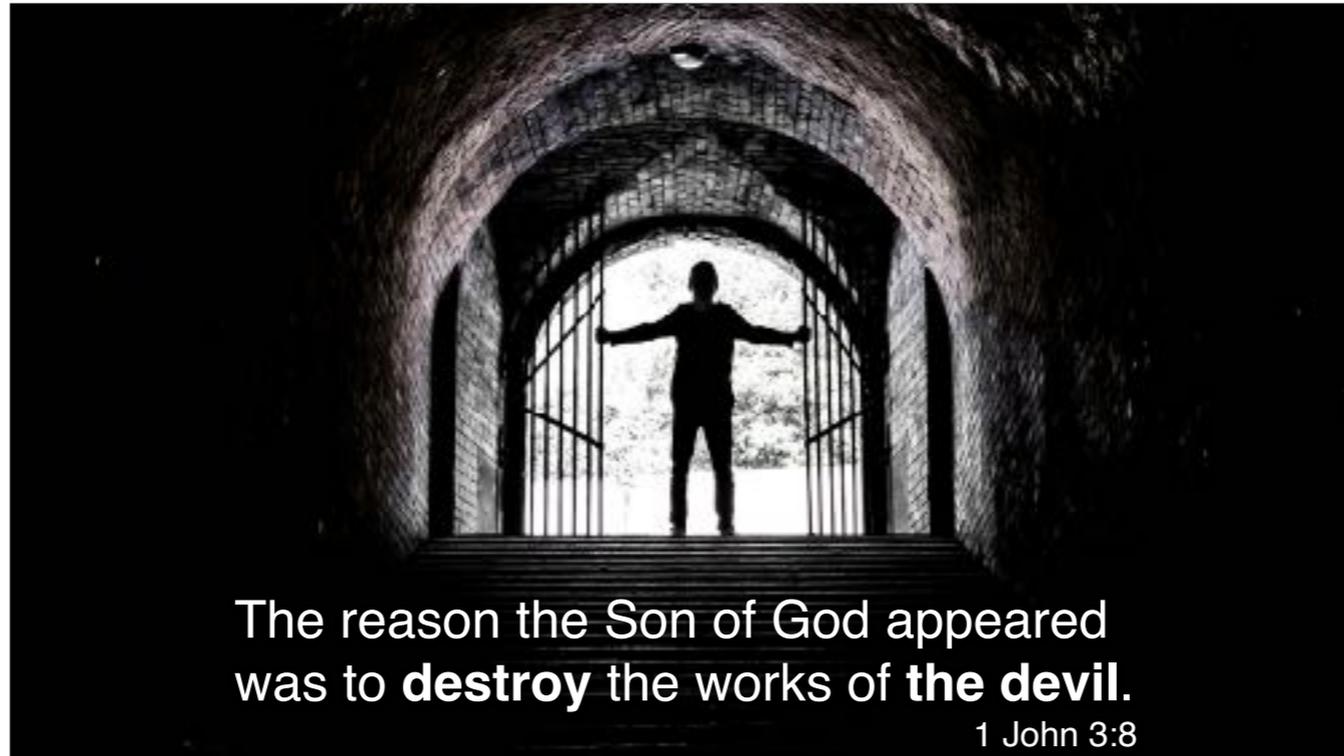
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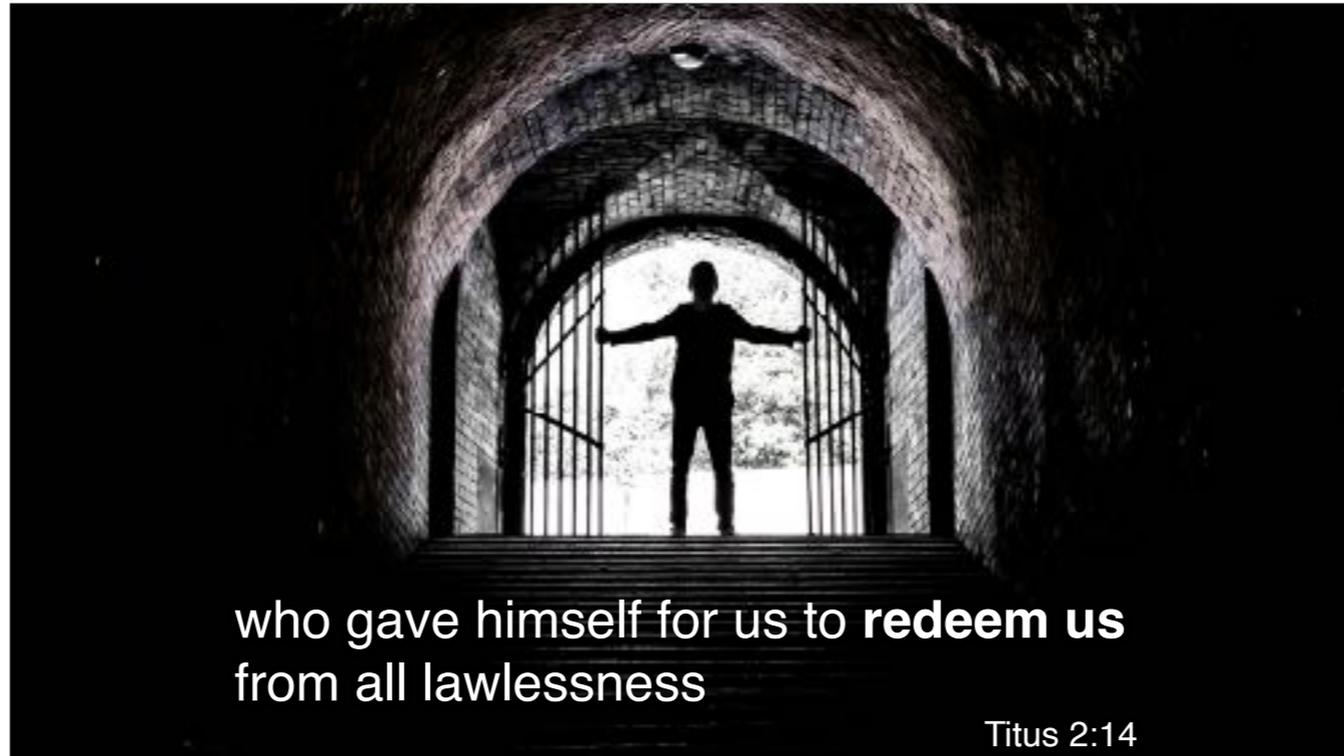
- Jeremiah 23:5-6: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [6] In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”



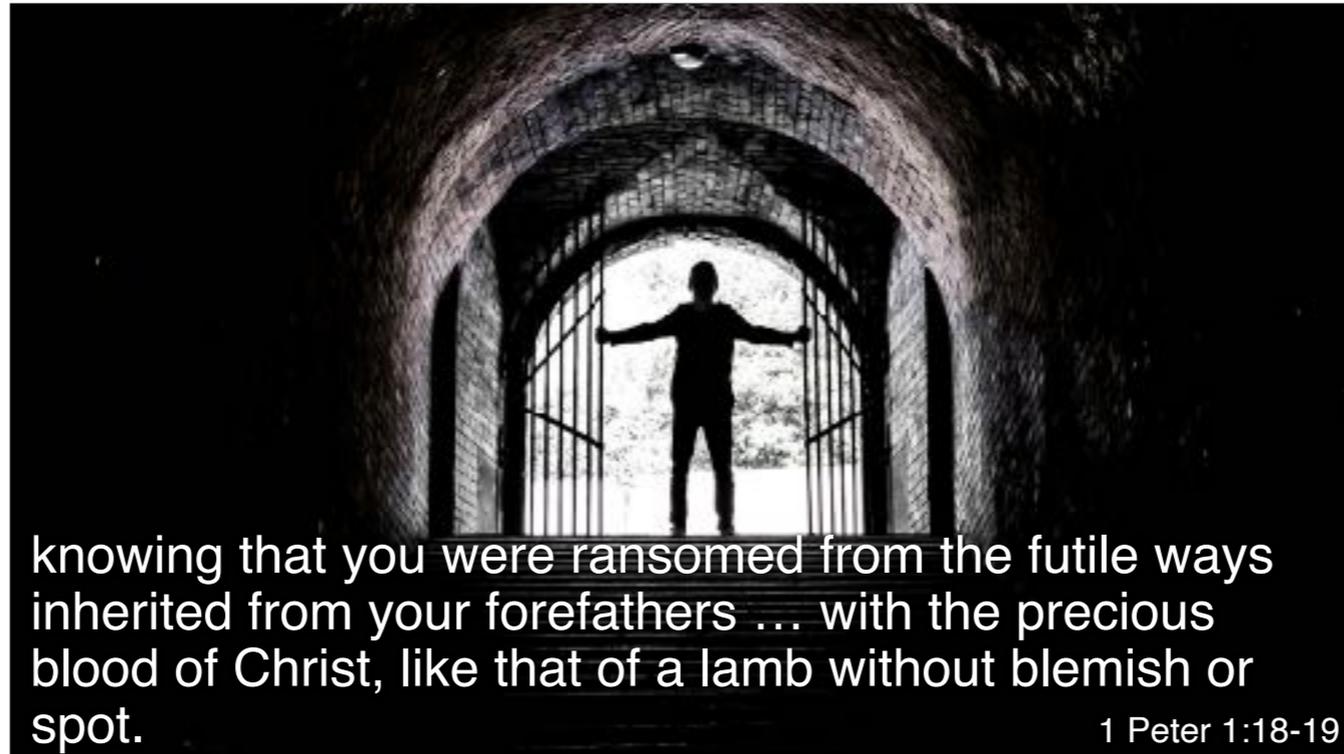
- Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ came into a world of sin as a conquering King.
 - He destroyed Satan, redeemed us from our sin, and reconciled us to God.
- A humble start ... a baby human
 - Not as Deity, in full glory, celestial armor, majestic and awesome
 - He kind of did that for Israel —
 - a few days later, idolatry
 - A baby ... who grew up, increased in wisdom and God's favor.



- 1 John 3:8: The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.
 - Revelation 1:5-6 (ESV) 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
 - Acts 2:24 (ESV) 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.



- Titus 2:14: who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
- Redeem
 - (CWSB Dictionary) In the NT, used in the mid. voice in Luke 24:21; Titus 2:14; it denotes that aspect of the Savior's work wherein He appears as the Redeemer of mankind from bondage (1 Pet. 1:18). This bondage was still regarded quite generally as oppression in Luke 24:21 because of the deficient understanding of Christ's death by the Emmaus disciples.
 - (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Abridged - Little Kittel)) Redemption is thus an act of free grace with no ransom price.
 - (Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary) (b) in a spiritual sense, Titus 2:14, of the work of Christ in "redeeming" men "from all iniquity" (anomia, "lawlessness," the bondage of self-will which rejects the will of God); 1 Pet. 1:18 (passive voice), "ye were redeemed," from a vain manner of life, i.e., from bondage to tradition. In both instances the death of Christ is stated as the means of "redemption."



knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers ... with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

1 Peter 1:18-19

- 1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)
 - 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
 - 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.



- Jesus came into a world full of sin, defeated Satan, and death; Freeing us
- This is the story of the Bible.



- The amazing thing not just that God, Jesus, did this, but HOW he chose to do this...
- Not as God: full of power, glory, strength, majesty
- But as a man... he became one of us. He joined us.

For to us a child is born

Isaiah 9:6-7

peace

justice

righteousness



- Isaiah 9:6-7: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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- Placide Campeau, translated by John S. Dwight
- Oh, holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
- It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!

2 - O Holy Night

Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin - ing,

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin - ing,"

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- Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
- Long: Since Adam and Eve, Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel...
- Pine: to yearn deeply; suffer with longing
- Pining... needing hope, a solution for the sin. Yearning for something that was missing, a relationship with God

2 - O Holy Night

Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin - ing,
Till He ap - peared and the soul felt its worth.

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- Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
- Most of us, at some point, question the worth of our soul, our lives
 - Sin, guilt, sorrow, struggles
- Then Christ was born...
 - He came for me, because God so loves the world,
 - suddenly we know what love really is

3 - O Holy Night

A musical score for the hymn "O Holy Night". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff contains a bass line of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics "A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices," are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

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- A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,
- Hope! Rejoicing. Finally.
- Some have “the weary world rejoices”

3 - O Holy Night

A musical score for the hymn 'O Holy Night'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'A thrill of hope the wea - ry soul re - joic - es, For yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn;'. The music is in 3/4 time and features a simple, rhythmic melody.

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- For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
- A new day!

4 - O Holy Night

Fall on your knees,

Oh, hear the an - gel voic - es!

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- Fall on your knees, oh, hear the angel voices!
- Fall on your knees (music is powerful)
 - Fall to worship the Child King.
 - Fall in humility, gratitude, amazement at the Love that sent His Son for the sins of the world.

5 - O Holy Night

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Holy Night". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics "O night di - vine," and the second system contains "O night when Christ was born!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble and bass clef. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are printed in a clear, sans-serif font below the notes.

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- Oh, night divine, oh, night when Christ was born! Oh, night divine, oh, night, oh, night divine!

6 - O Holy Night

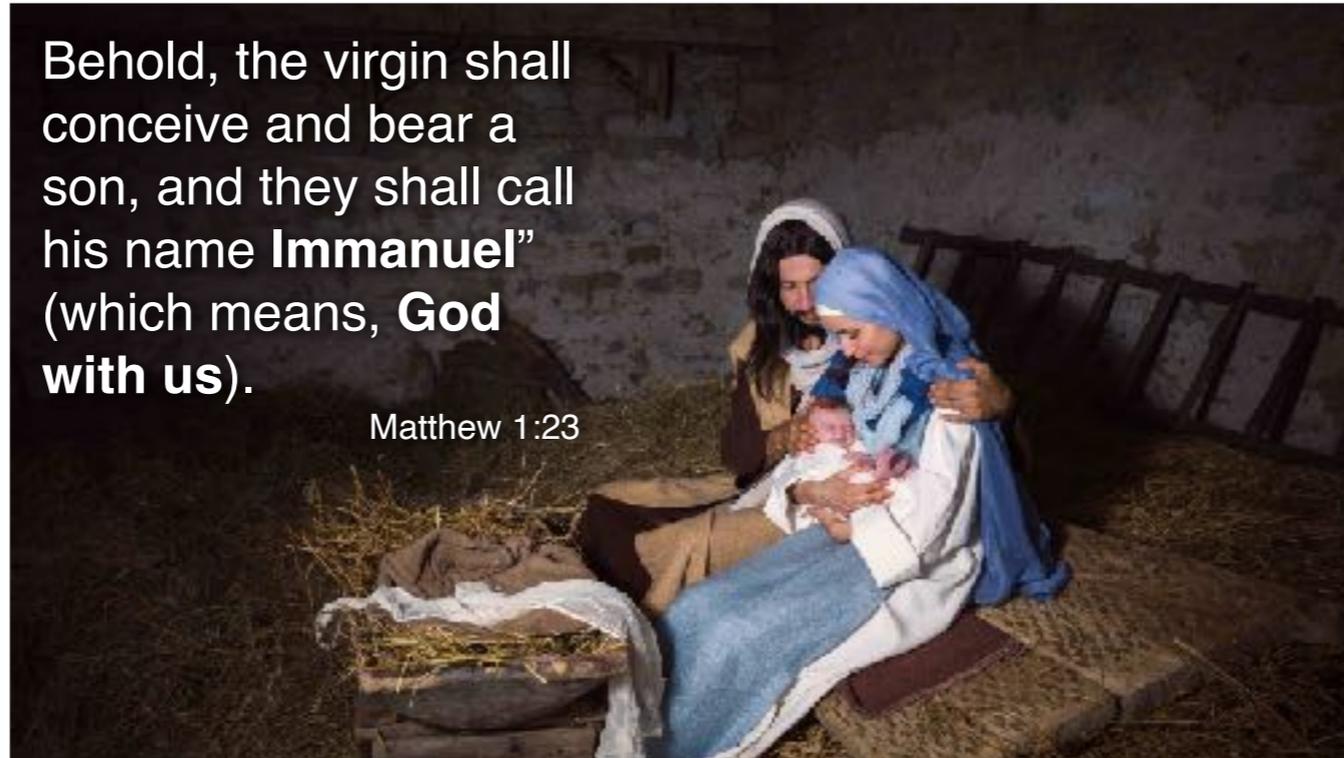
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- Oh, night divine, oh, night when Christ was born! Oh, night divine, oh, night, oh, night divine!
- Something very special was happening when Jesus was born
 - world changing
 - soul changing

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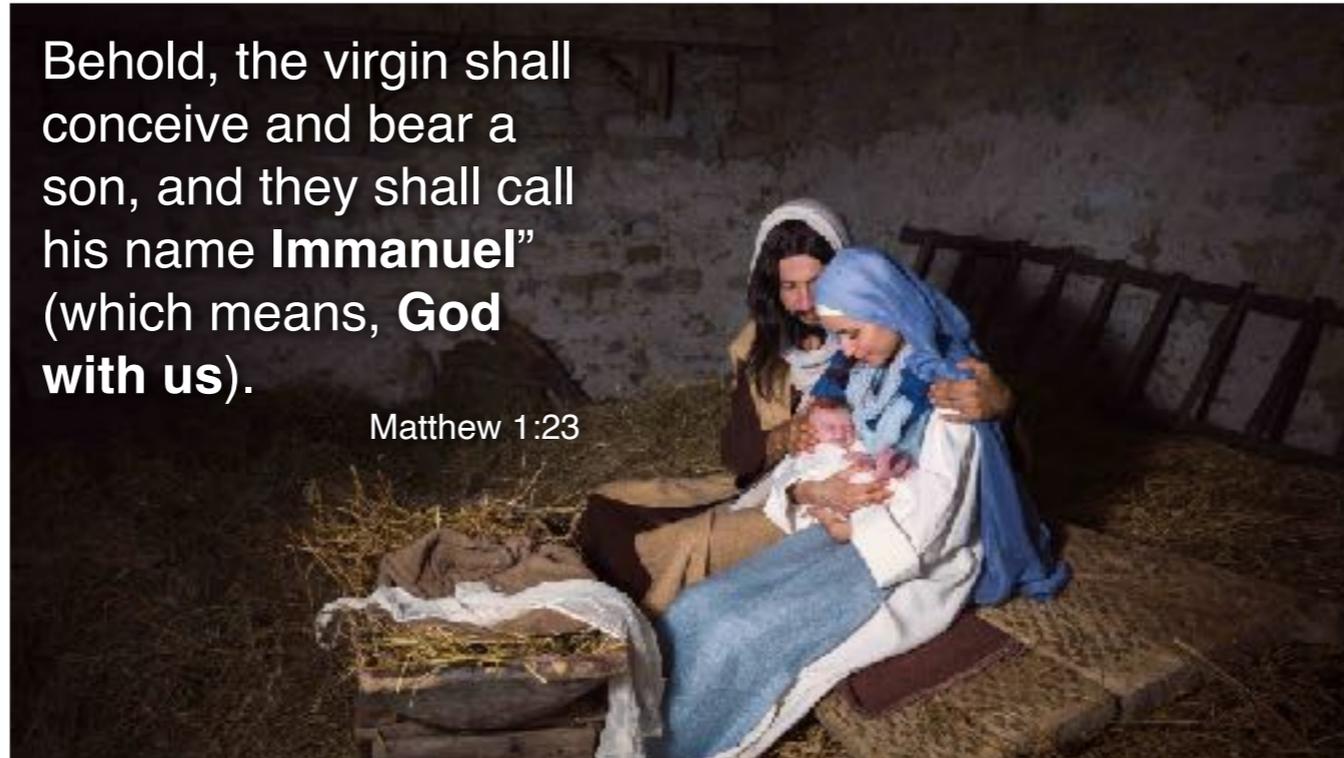
- God is not an impersonal force, something that just pervades the universe.



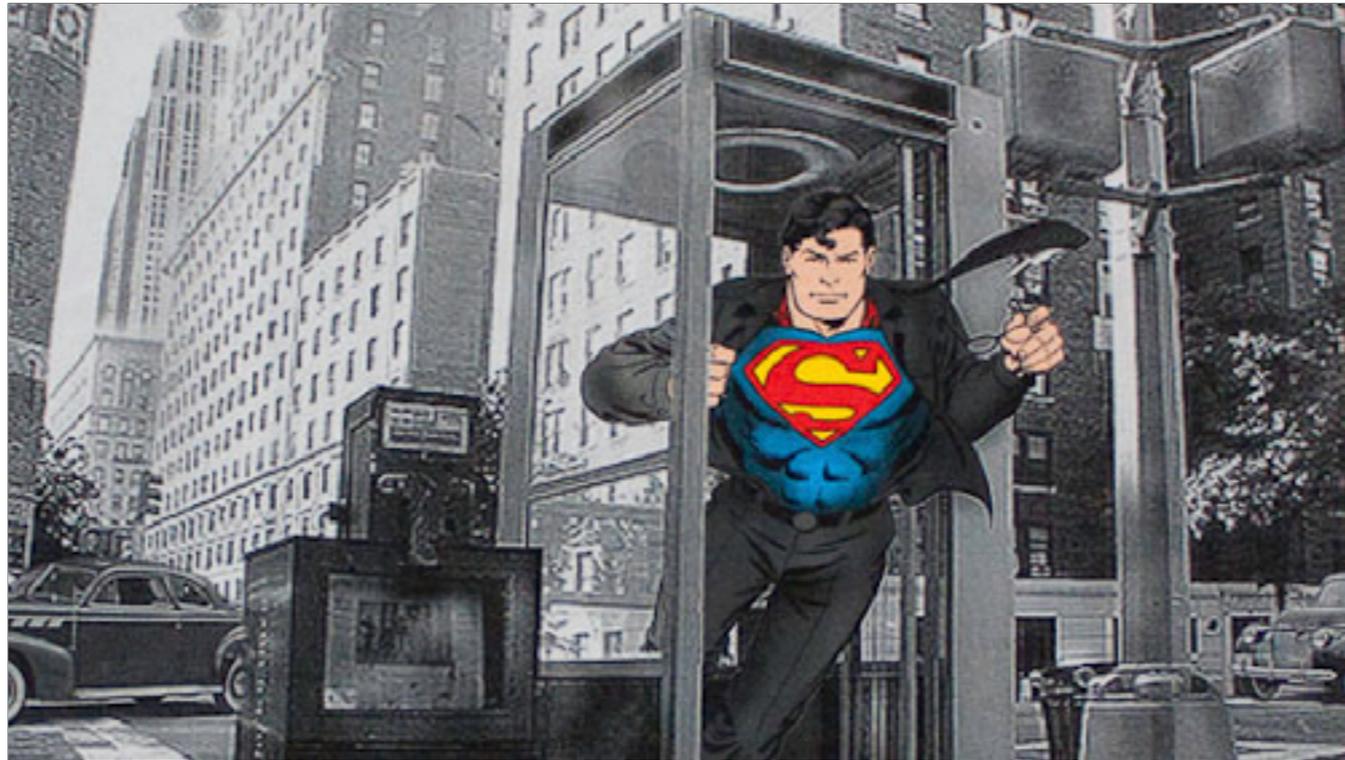
- Not an angel masquerading a man.
- Not even God masquerading
- Not a superman

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Matthew 1:23



- God being a man.
- God with us... not just that God is on our side (although it's true, and great)
- Jews already believed this.
- God with us... God became a man... fully human in all ways.



- Clark Kent would go into a phone booth, take off his glasses, remove his coat, shirt, tie, and pants: and see who he REALLY is...
- Not a man... superman (not human at all!)



- Jesus: not masquerading as a human (as if he put on a suit that outwardly looked human)
 - Test blood: human
 - Test dna: human (no “god” dna?)
 - Cut open: human

As many were astonished
at you— his appearance
was so marred, beyond
human semblance, and his
form beyond that of the
children of mankind—

Isaiah 52:14



- As a human, Isaiah indicates that he was marred (disfigured)
 - Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

And the Word
became flesh and
dwelt among us
John 1:14



- John 1:14: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen with our eyes**, which we **looked upon** and have **touched with our hands**, concerning the word of life

1 John 1:1



- 1 John 1:1-4: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—[2] the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—[3] that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. [4] And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Since therefore the children share in **flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things**, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

Hebrews 2:14



• Hebrews 2:9-18:

- [11] For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,
- [14] Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Therefore he had to be
made **like his brothers**
in every respect

Hebrews 2:17



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• Defeating Sin

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Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,

Hebrews 2:17



- [17] Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. [18] For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



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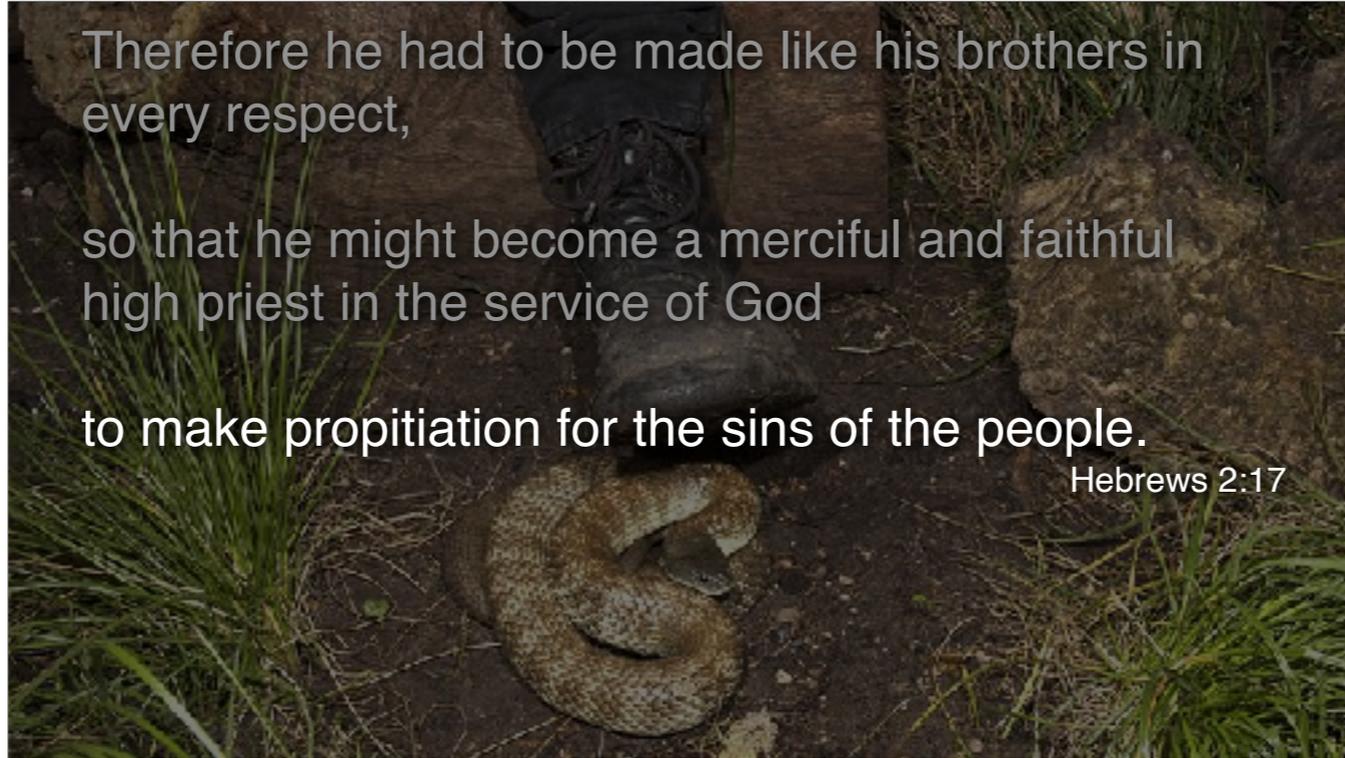
- so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God
 - In the service of God!
 - Merciful— to us who have sinned
 - Faithful— to God and to his creation

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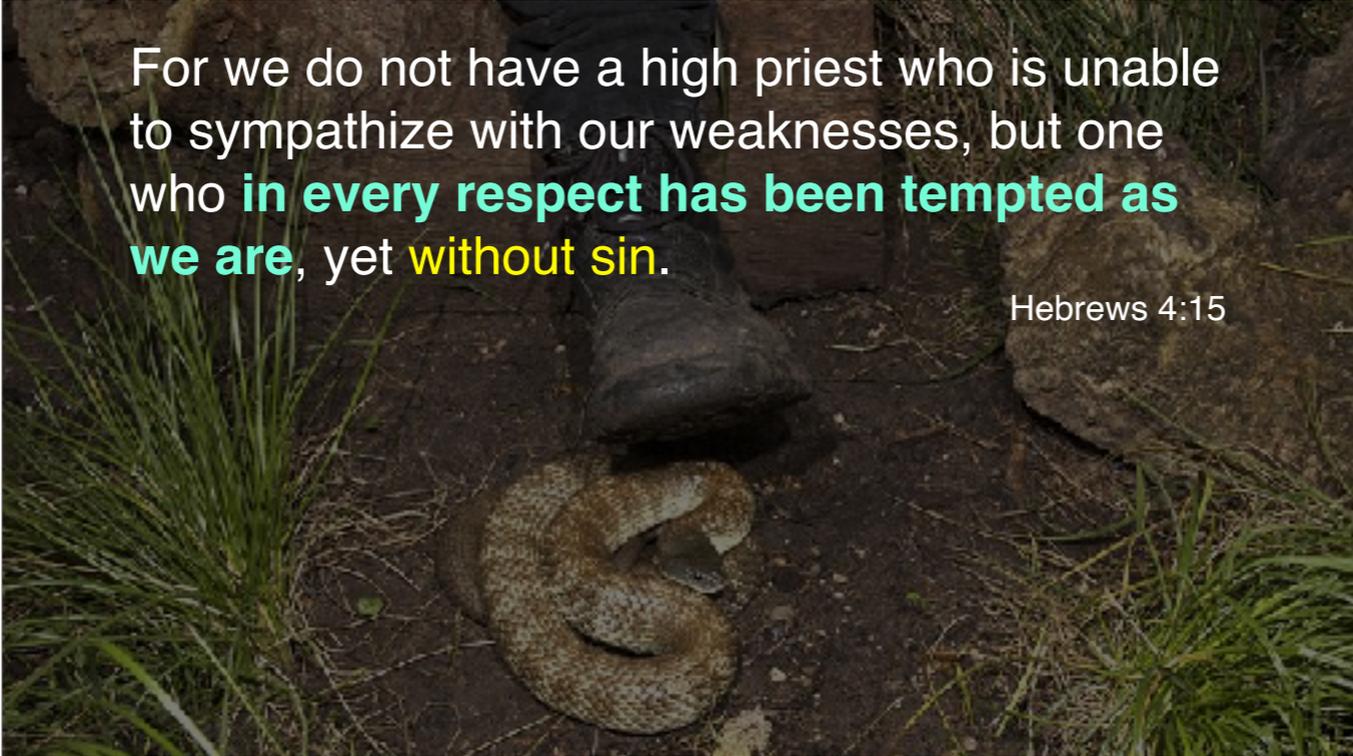
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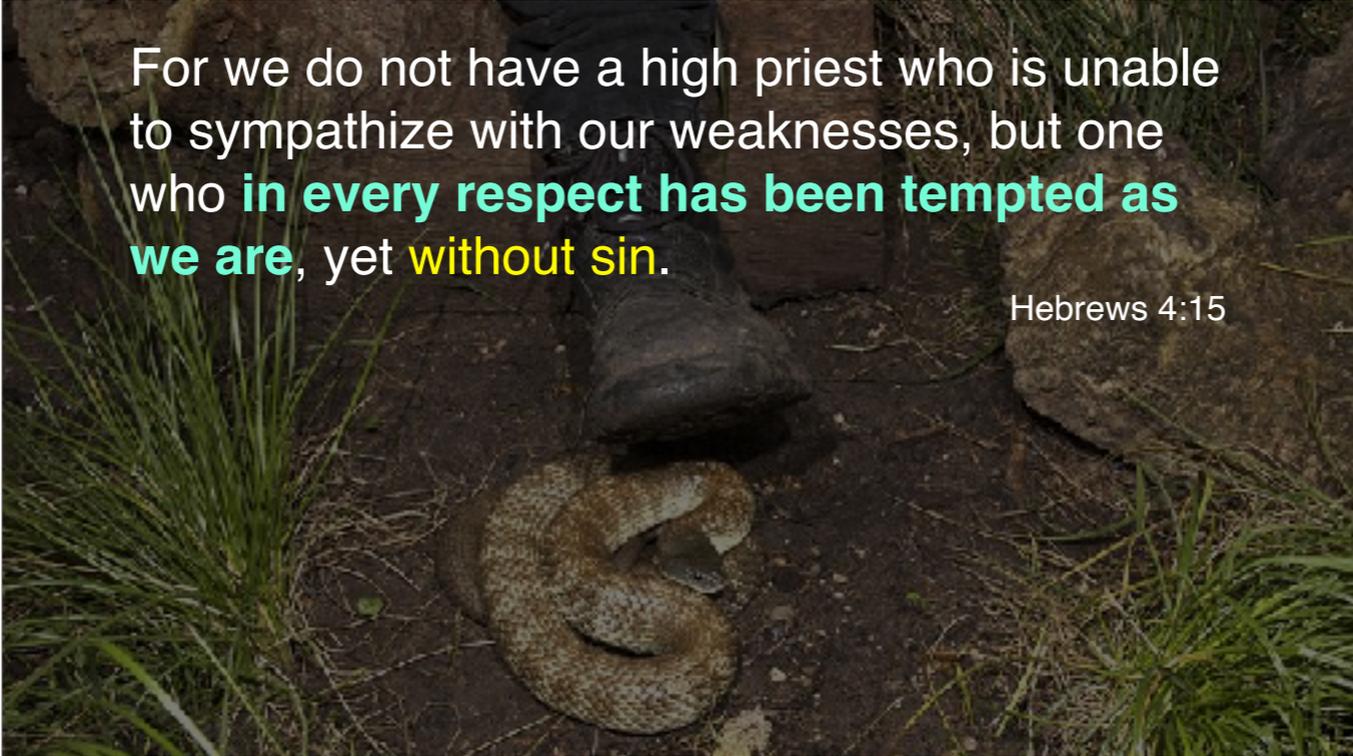
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Hebrews 4:15

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- Jesus beat sin!
- How?
 - Some: “He cheated” -- he was God, so the temptations were not really real.
 - But, this destroys the very meaning of this passage:
 - not really tempted, then how can he really sympathize?

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Hebrews 4:15

- No. Jesus was really tempted. And he never gave in!
 - James 1.14-15: desires... tempt... sin
 - Rom.3.23: All sinned... fall short of the glory of God. (missing the mark)
- Ultimately, we don't know how hard that is because at some point each and everyone of us has given in to temptation and sinned.
- He defeated sin and Satan as one of us!



• Victory

But thanks be to God, who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

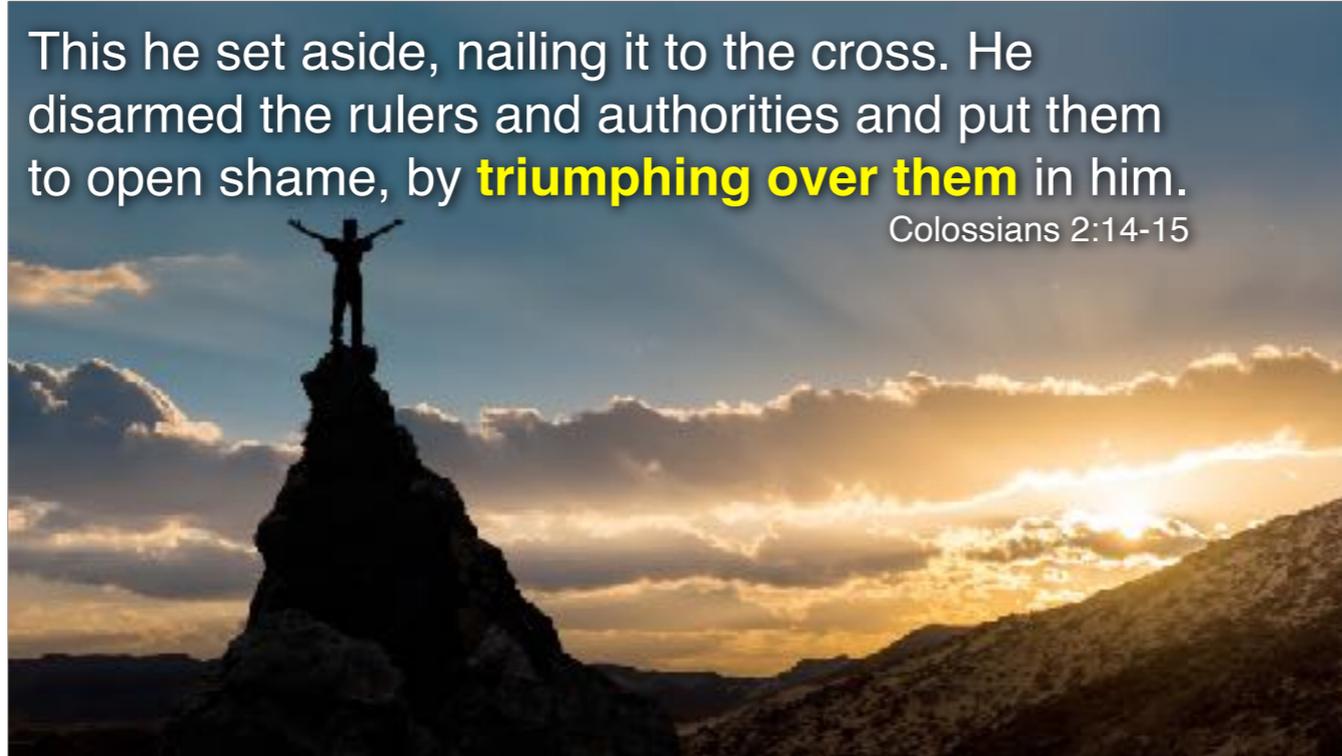
1 Corinthians 15:57



- 1 Corinthians 15:57: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by **triumphing over them** in him.

Colossians 2:14-15



- Colossians 2:13-15: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.



- Jesus came as a man into this world of sin, defeated Satan and delivered us from sin.
- He did it as one of us.
- Because of his love, he was unselfish —
 - Opposite of the world, and how satan thinks
 - He was rich, he became poor for our sake
 - He was sinless, yet gave himself as an offering for sin
 - He was willing to give himself for us, shed his blood
 - The world never saw it coming.
 - The world still rails against it
- But he gave us victory as one of us.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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God With Us

Matthew 1:23

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”