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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

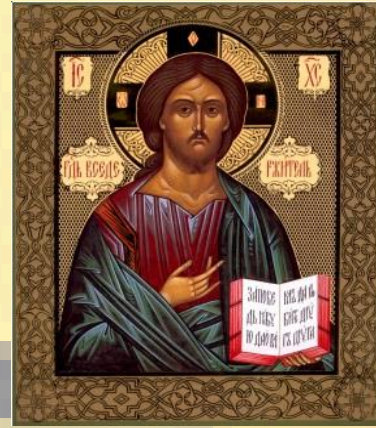
Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and transform (Change) our lives.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
Glory. Forever, Amen.



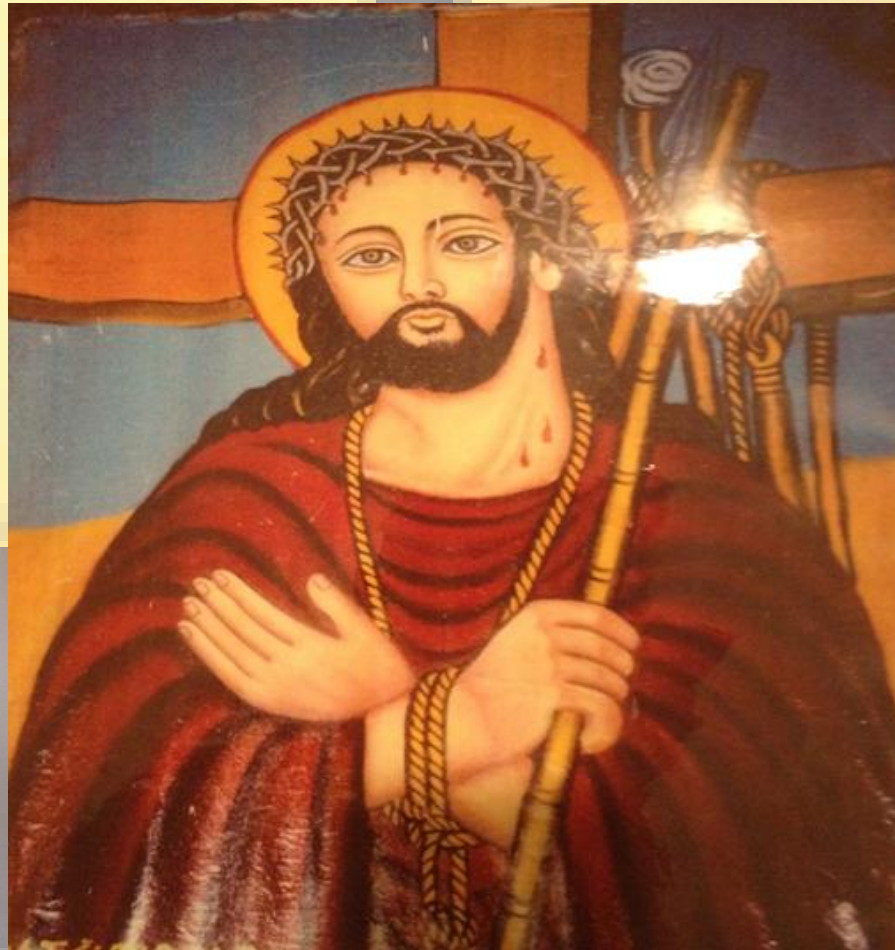
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Review

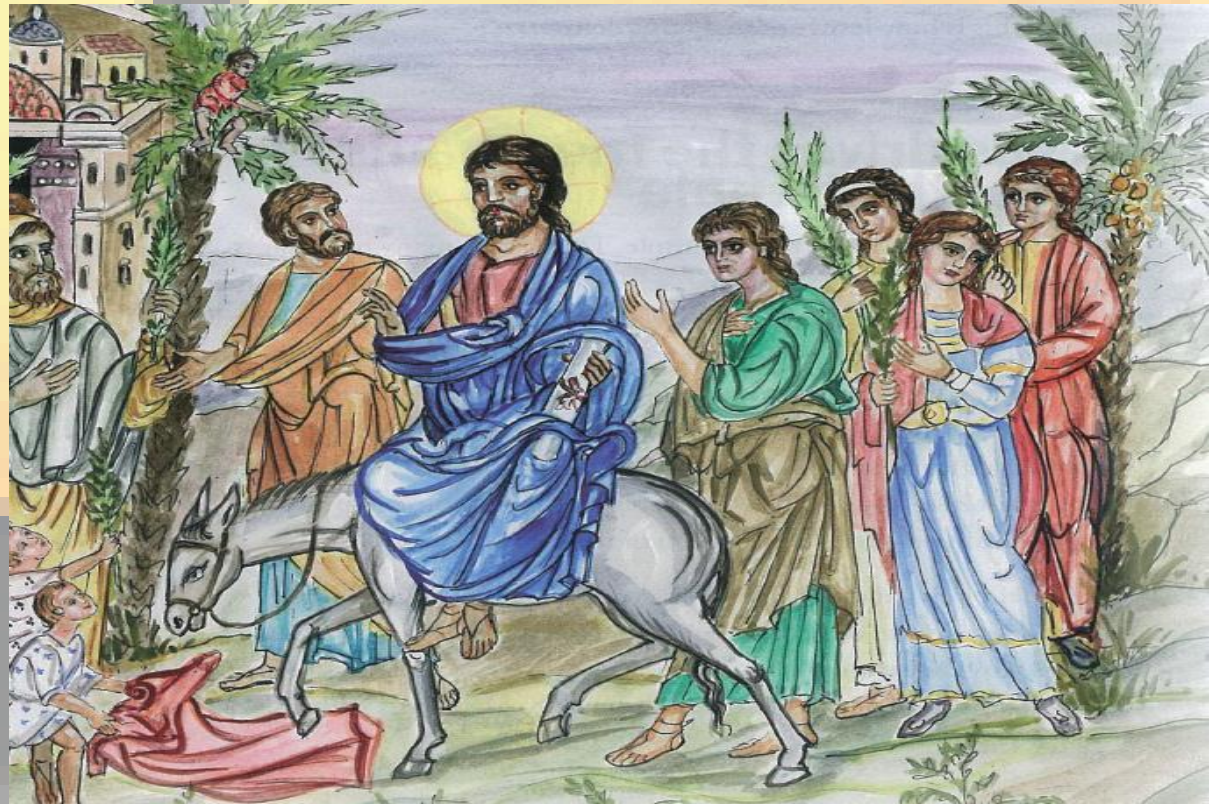
- Why did many people come out to see Jesus Christ when he came to Jerusalem?
- How did people receive Him?
- What did the children sing when they received Jesus Christ?

MEMORY VERSE

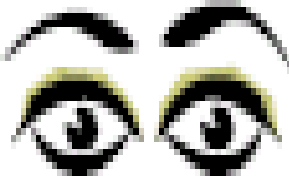


**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

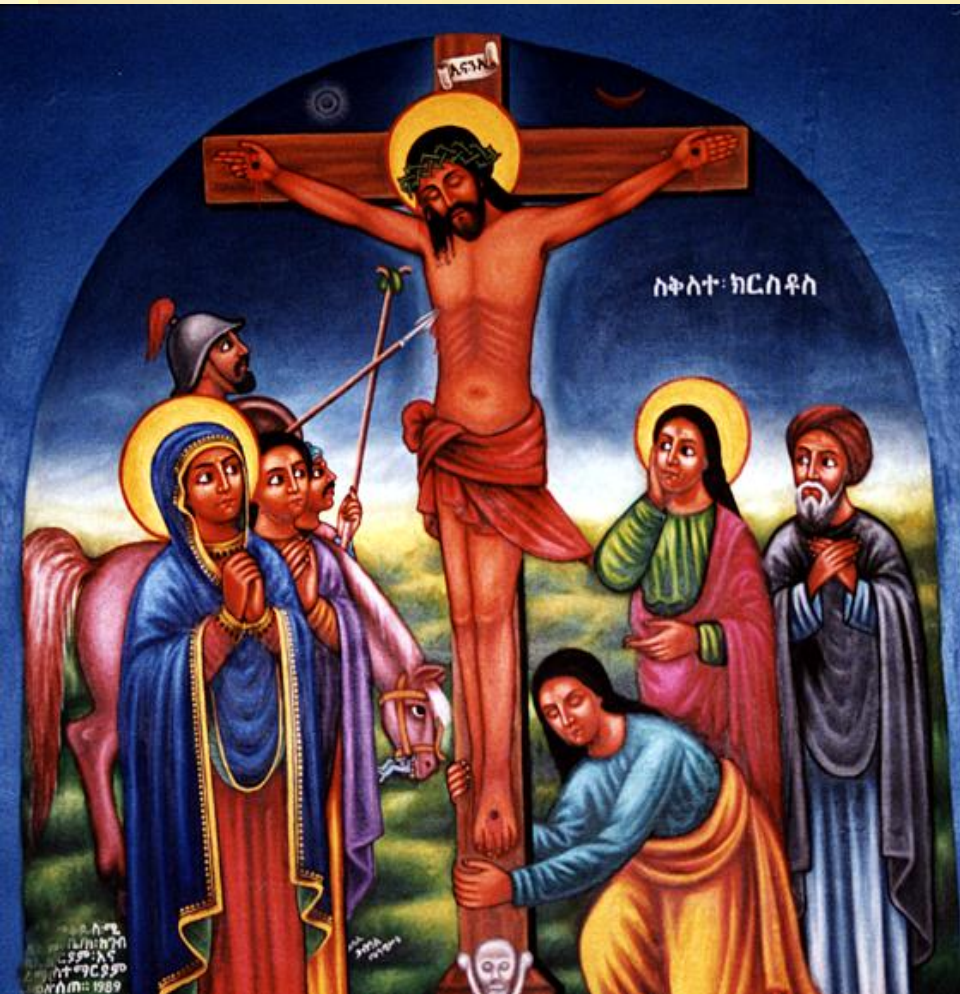
- **“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”
(John 12:13)**



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Holy Week




April 28, 2013

Memory Verse

"Assuredly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43)





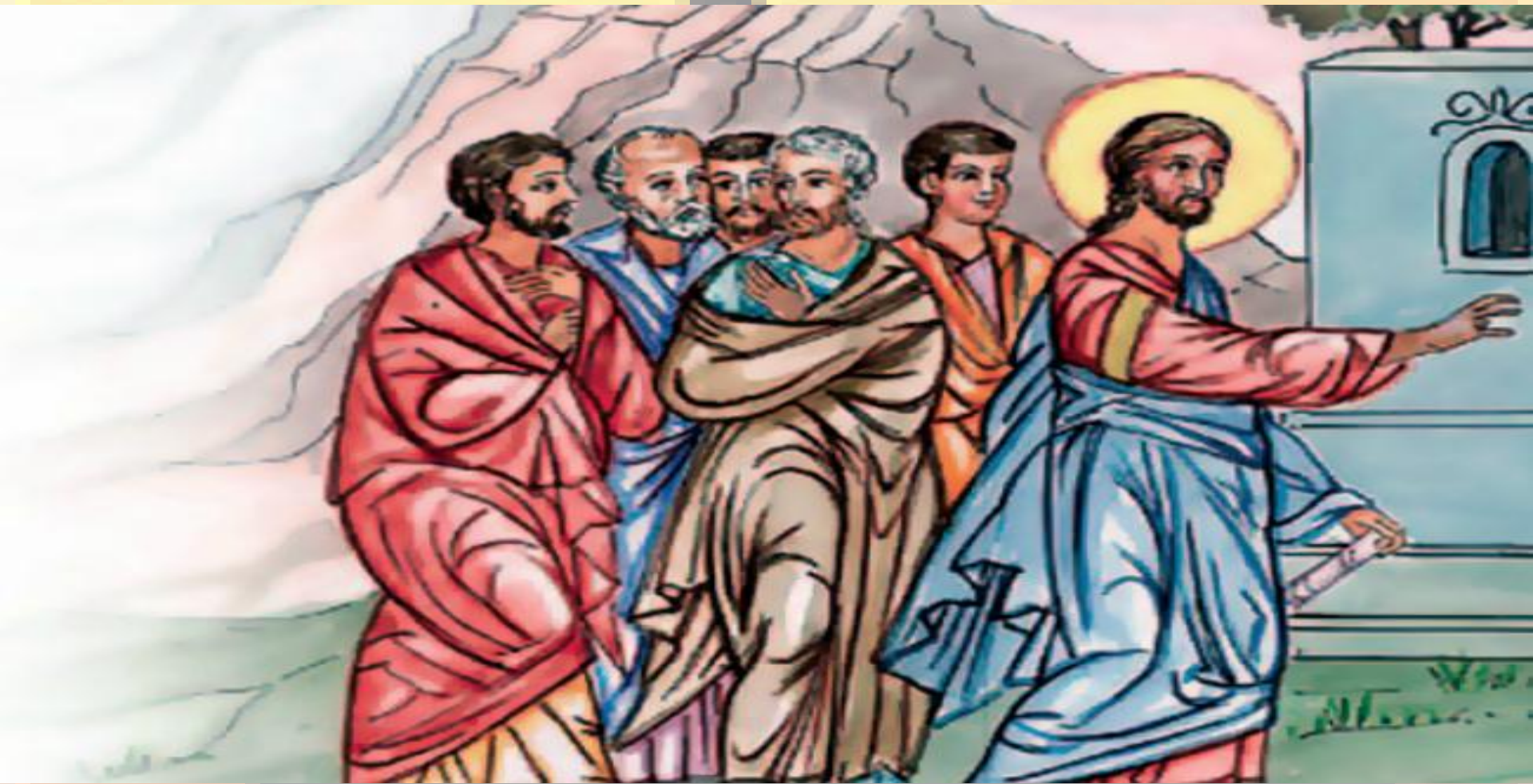
**Last Monday through
Sunday of Lent is
Holy Week**

Monday

- Our Lord Jesus Christ went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it.
- Jesus:
 - **“Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”**
(Mark 11:17)

Monday

The next day which is Monday right after Palm Sunday, Jesus went into the temple. There were many merchants who had set up their tables inside, selling animals and other items for the sacrifices that people made while worshipping. There were also people who traded different kinds of money and made change for purchases.



Monday

Jesus became very angry when He saw that the temple had become like a market, and so He chased the merchants out of the temple and overturned the tables of the moneychangers.



Monday

Then He taught them saying, “Your place is not here. God said, ‘My temple must be a house of prayer for all people.’ But you have made it a den of robbers.”



Monday

The chief priest and the scribes, the ones who explained God's commandments to the people, did not agree at all with what Jesus did. That is why they wanted to kill him. But they were afraid of the people. For many people admired Jesus and listened to His words with amazement.



Tuesday

- Our Lord Jesus Christ was in the temple and taught them about:
 - The Wicked Vinedressers
 - A Widow's two coins
 - He told them about the signs at the end of the world, the coming of the Son of Man.

Tuesday

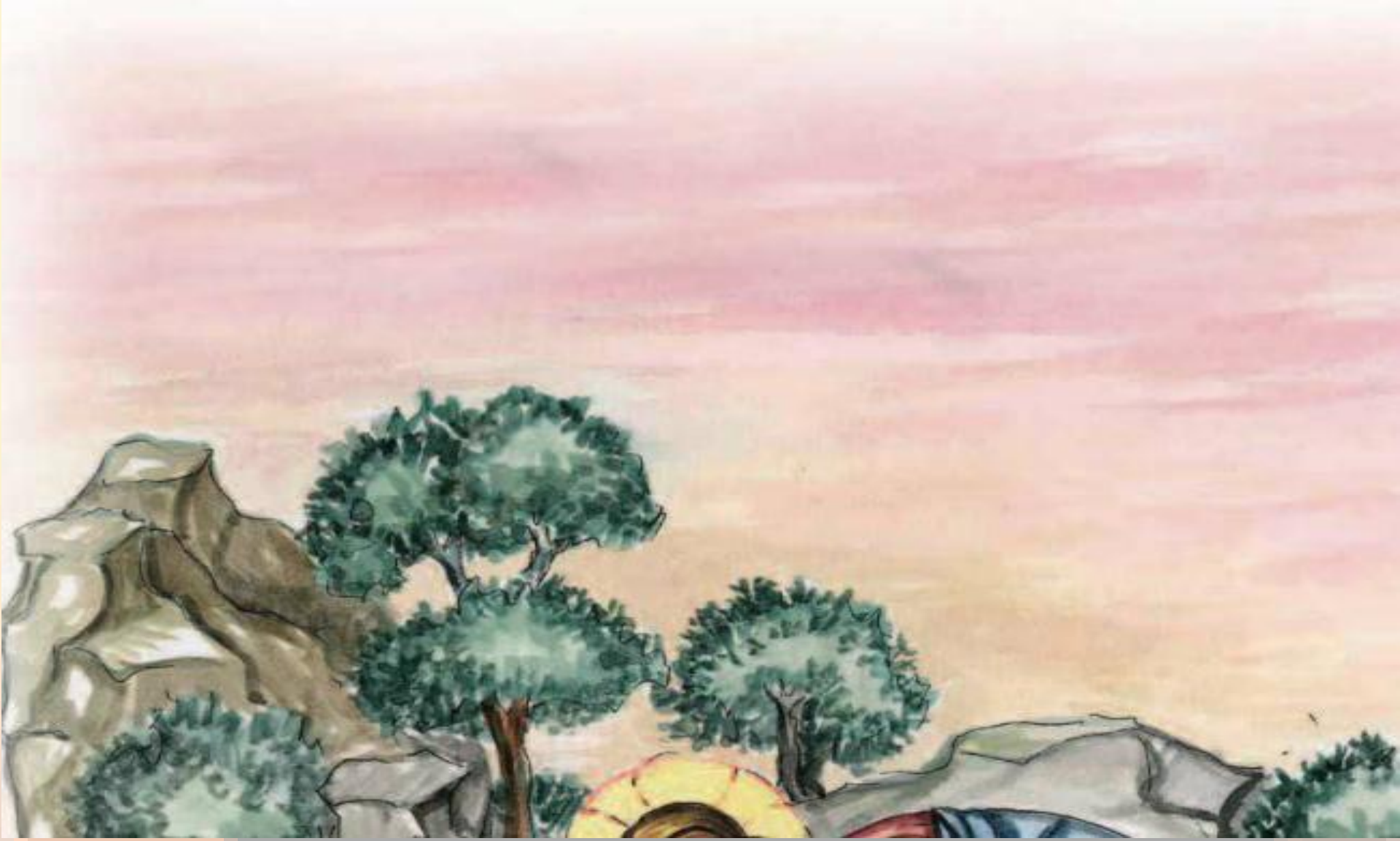
Jesus speaks about the end of the age

As **He was coming out of the temple**, one of the disciples said to Jesus, "Teacher, look at these huge stones and the great building!" Jesus said, "Do you admire all of this? Know that everything will be torn down so that not even one stone will be left on top of another."



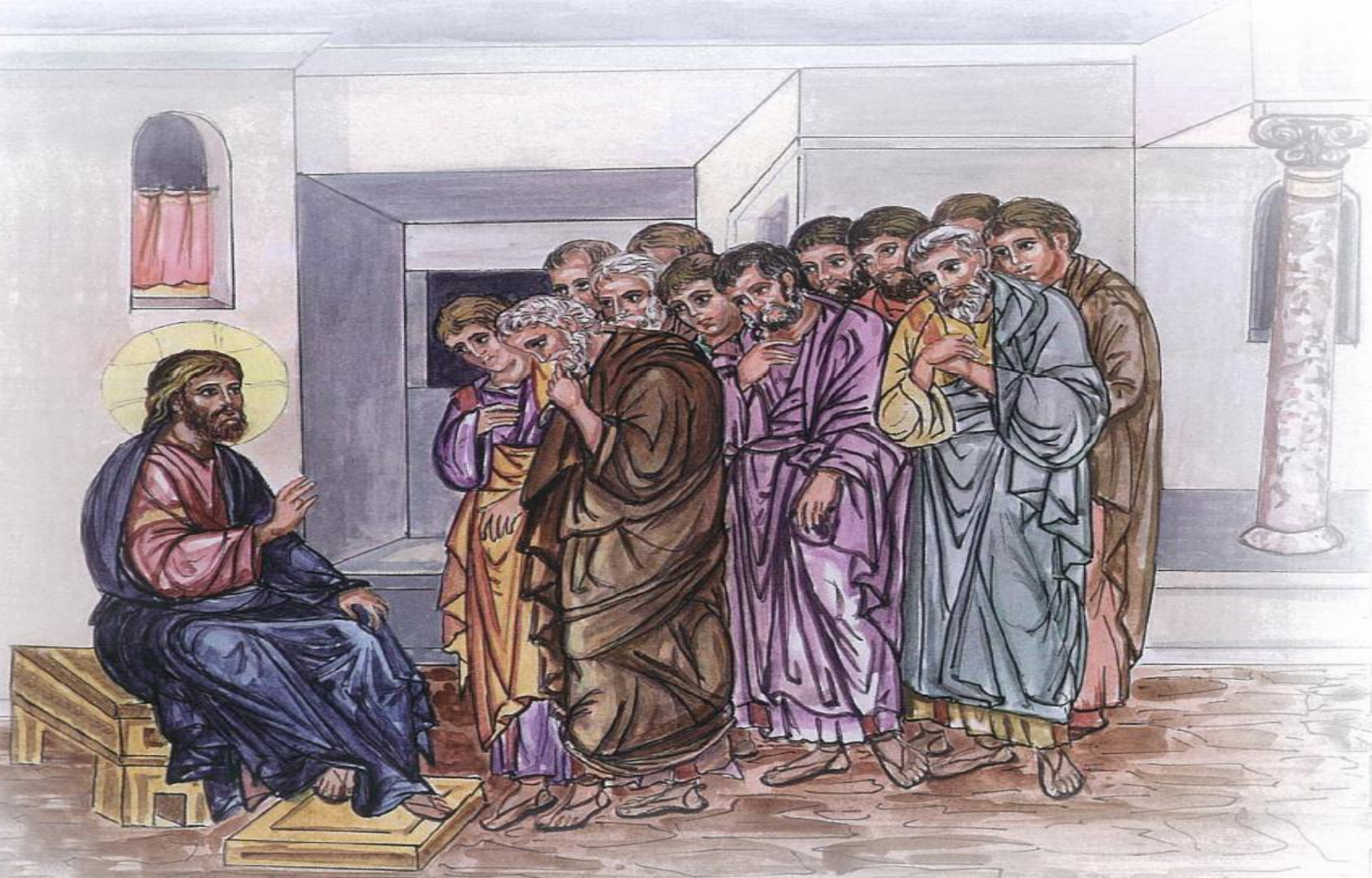
Tuesday

Then He went with some of His disciples out of Jerusalem, to a place called the Mount of Olives.



Tuesday

The disciples asked, "When are all these things going to happen? What will be the sign that these things will take place?"



Tuesday

And Jesus answered, "No one knows the day or the time when the end comes. Only the Father in heaven knows it.



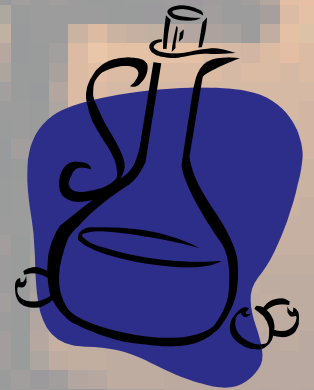
Tuesday

This is why you must pray and be alert. It will be like the man who traveled to another country and left his servants to take care of his home.

He gave orders to everyone and told the gatekeeper, 'Be alert and watchful for the time when I come back!' "It is the same with you. You don't know when the time will come. That is why I am telling you to be alert!"

Wednesday

- The Jews plot to kill Jesus.
- **Judas Iscariot** went to the chief priests to betray Jesus and they promised to give him money.
- The woman broke a flask of alabaster oil and poured it on Jesus' Head.



Wednesday

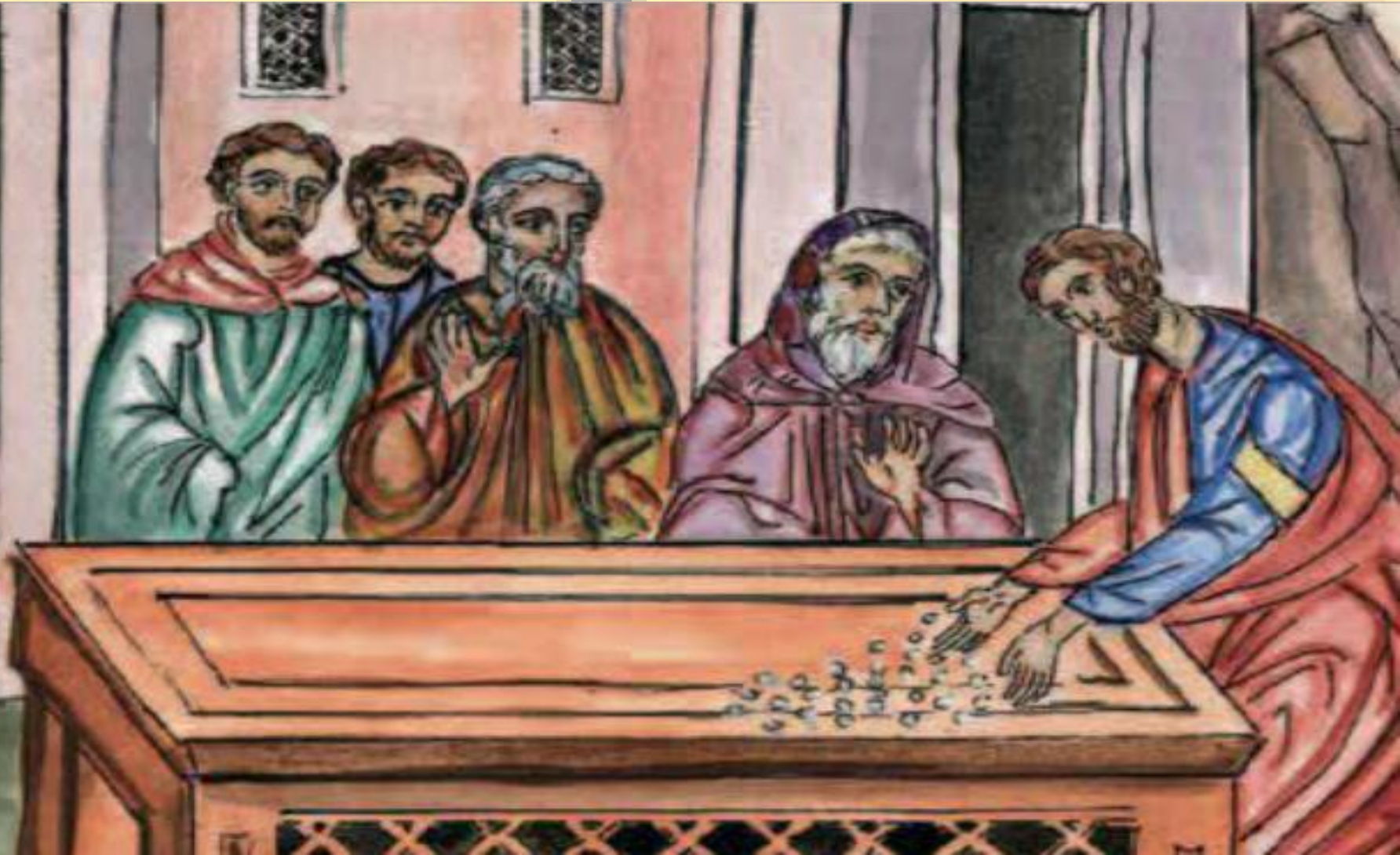
The betrayal by Judas Iscariot

Around that time Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples, went to the chief priest. He told them, "What will you give me if I help you arrest Jesus?"



Wednesday

They were glad to hear that someone close to Jesus would betray Him, and promised to give Judas thirty silver coins. From that time on, Judas was ready for any chance to betray Jesus.



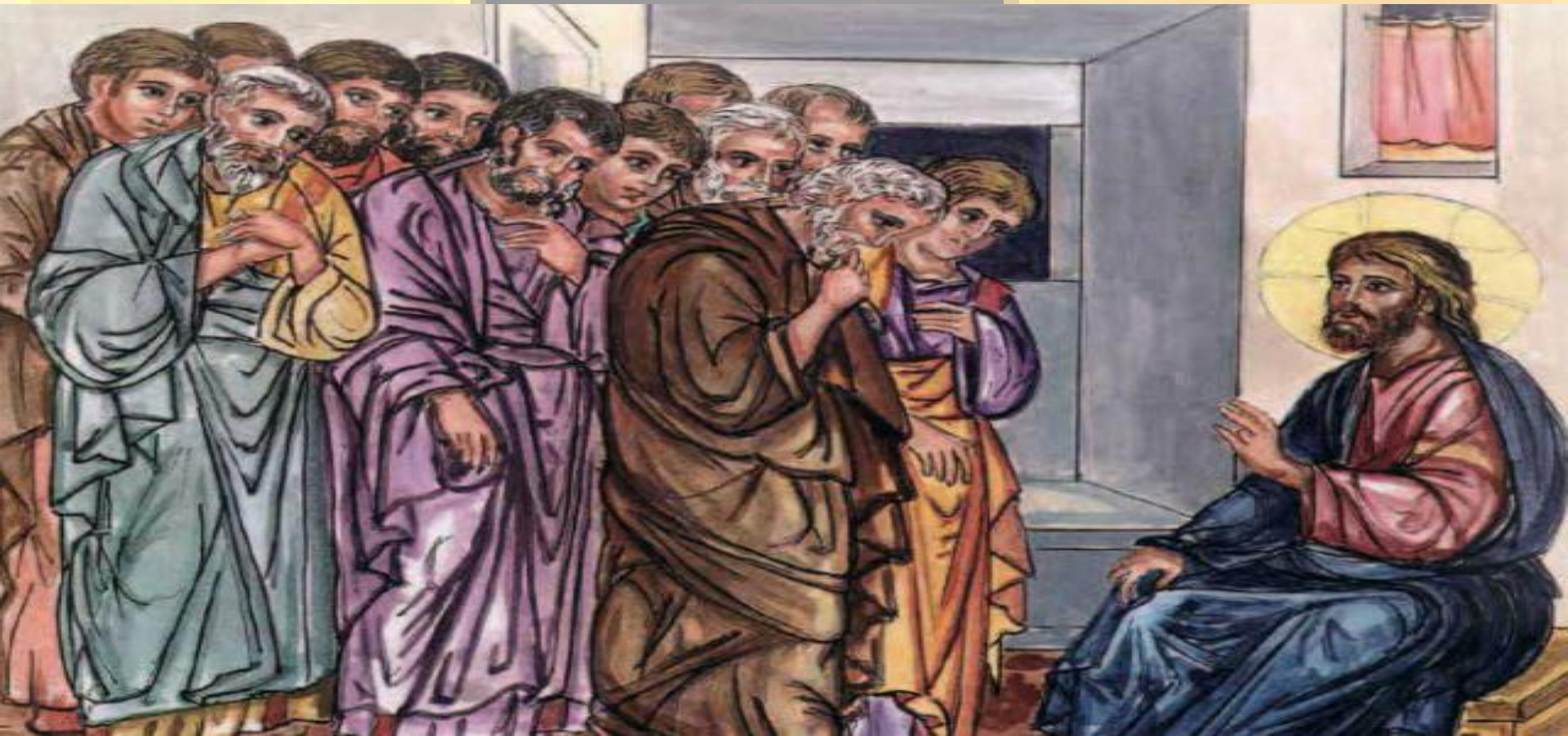
Covenant Thursday

- The Jewish Passover = The Last Supper
- And He sent Peter and John saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." (Luke 22:8)
 - "Take, eat; this is My body" (Mark 14:22)
 - "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many." (Mark 14:24)

Covenant Thursday

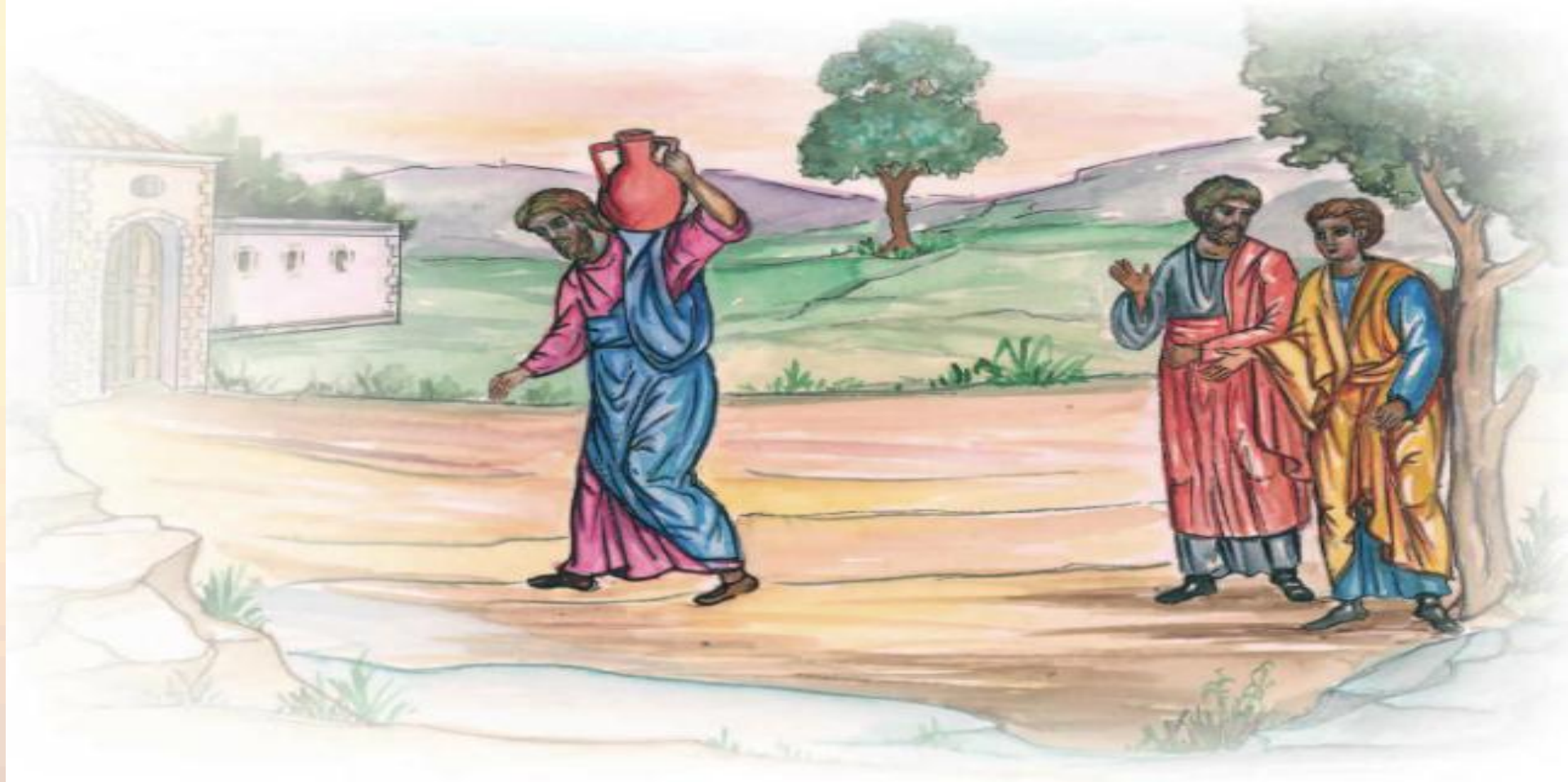
Jesus Celebrates Passover with His Disciples

The time of Passover came, when the people remembered how God brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. It was a time when many Jews went to Jerusalem. The feast of Passover started in the evening with a solemn supper, and so the disciples asked Jesus, "Where do you want to celebrate the Passover mean?"



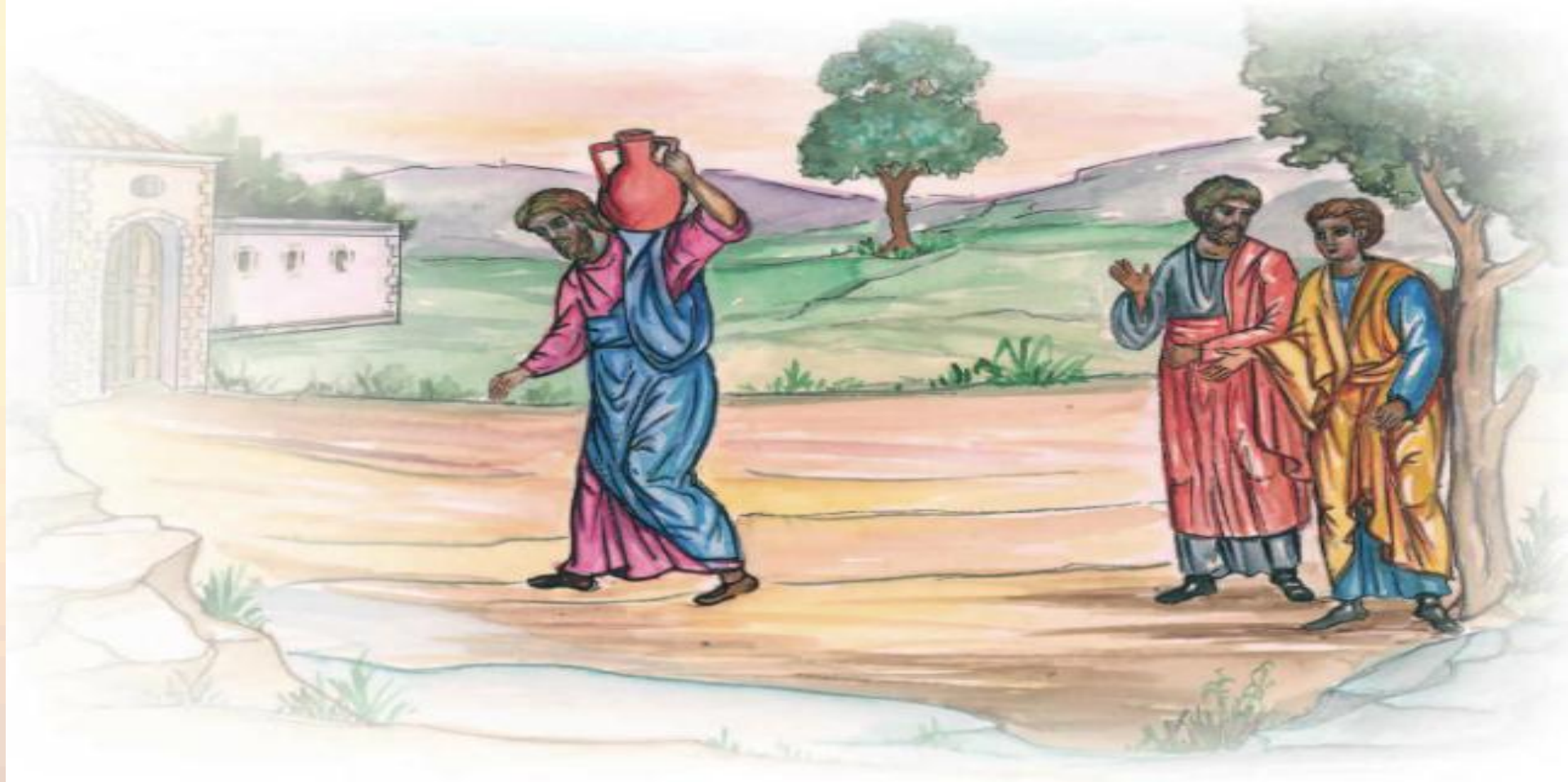
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Jesus told two of His disciples, "Go into town. You will meet a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him, and when he goes into a house, the housekeeper there will show you a big room on the upper floor. This is where you will prepare the Passover dinner." The disciples went into town and found everything as Jesus had promised, so they began to prepare the Passover meal.



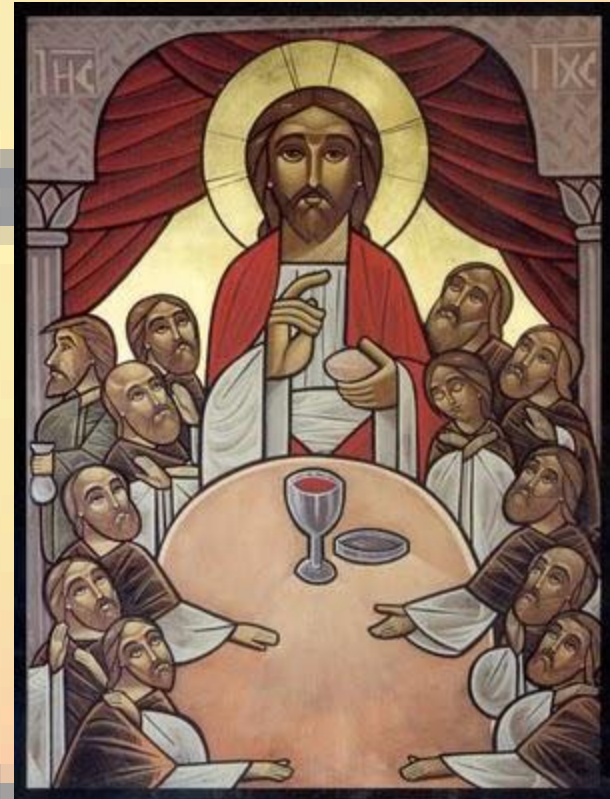
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The Teacher and the Lord Girds Himself for us.

- Jesus Christ did something different and unexpected.
- Christ and His disciples were gathered together for The Last Supper.
- Jesus took of His garment and took a towel and tied it around His waist.



Covenant Thursday

Jesus Washes the disciples' feet

That night Jesus was with His disciples. He knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to His Father in heaven.



Covenant Thursday

So He got up from the table where they were having supper and removed His outer garment, and wrapped a towel around His waist. Then He put some water in a large bowl and started washing His disciples' feet and wiping them with the towel.



And started washing their feet



Peter's Turn

- When it came Peter's turn, he said to Him:
 - “Lord, are You washing my feet?”
- Jesus:
 - “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”
- Peter:
 - “You shall never wash my feet!”
- Jesus:
 - “If I do not wash you, you have no part in Me.”

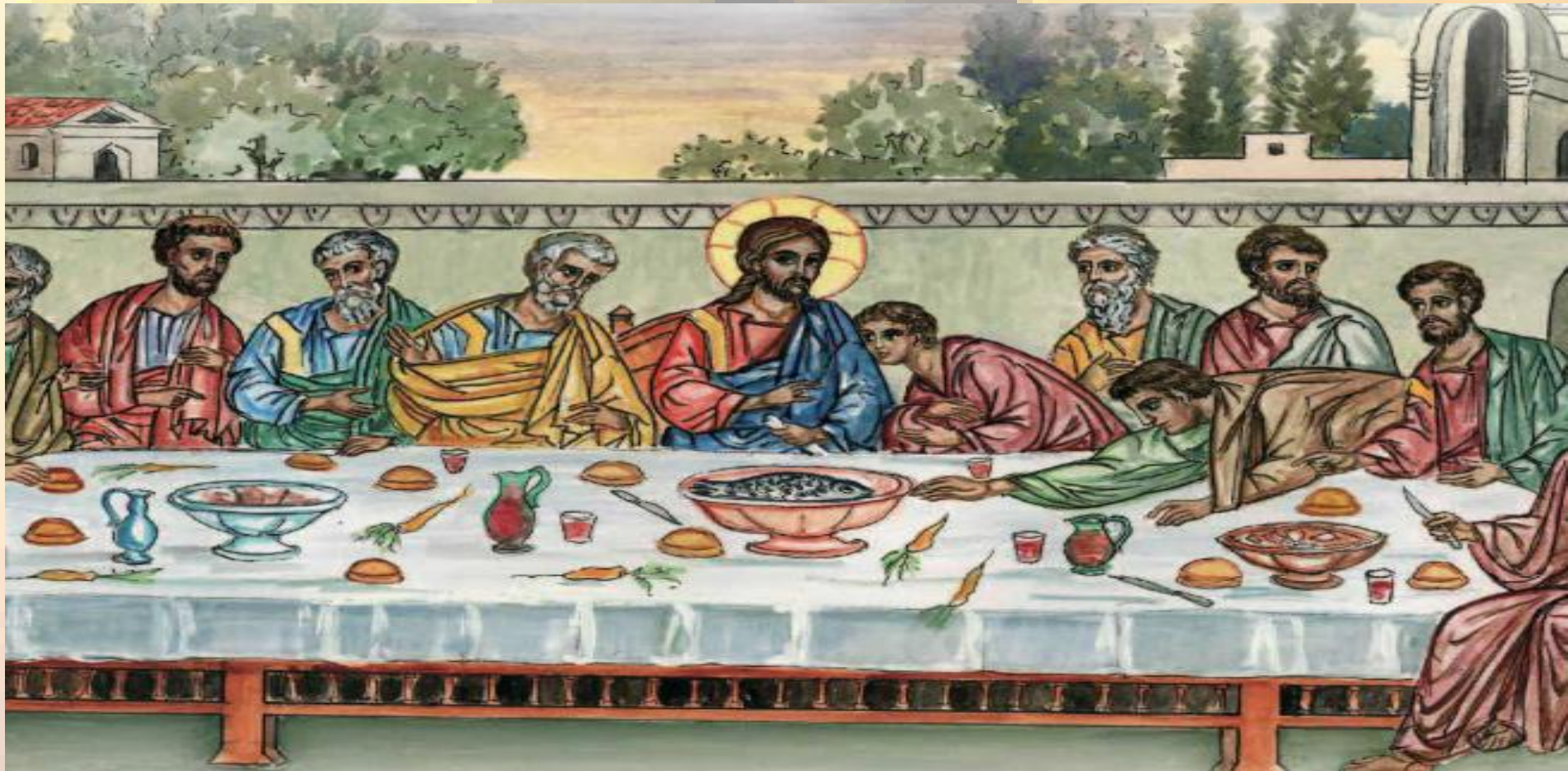
Wash Each Other's Feet

- So when He had washed their feet, Jesus sat with them and said:
 - “Do you know what I have done to you?”
 - “ You call Me Teacher and Lord and you say well, for so I am.”
 - “If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.”
 - “For I have given you an **example**, that you should do as I have done to you.”
 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.”
 - “If you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them**”

Covenant Thursday

The mystical supper

Jesus and the disciples were at the table eating when Jesus said, “one of you here eating with Me will betray Me.” The disciples were very upset by this and they started asking one after the other, “Is it I? Is it I? And Jesus said, “It is one of the twelve, one who dips his bread into the same bowl with Me.



Covenant Thursday

As they were eating, Jesus took a **loaf of bread** and **blessed it** and **broke it** into pieces and **gave it** to the disciples saying, “Take and eat, this is **My body**.” Then He took a **cup of wine**, gave thanks to God, and gave it to each of them to drink a sip. “This is **My Blood**,” He said, “that seals the new covenant, and is poured out for everyone.



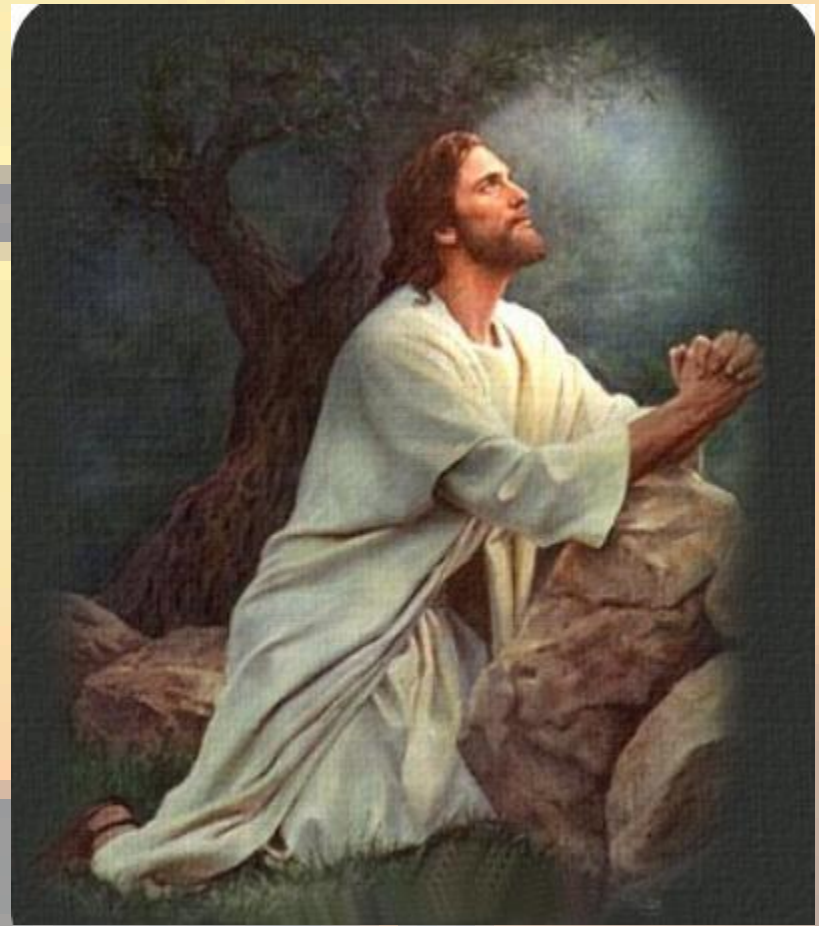
Covenant Thursday

After this, they sang the Passover hymns and went to the Mount of Olives.



Gethsemane

- Jesus went to pray with his disciples feeling sorrowful and deeply distressed knowing that he is about to be betrayed by Judas to the Jews to crucify Him.
 - "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mark 14:38)



Covenant Thursday

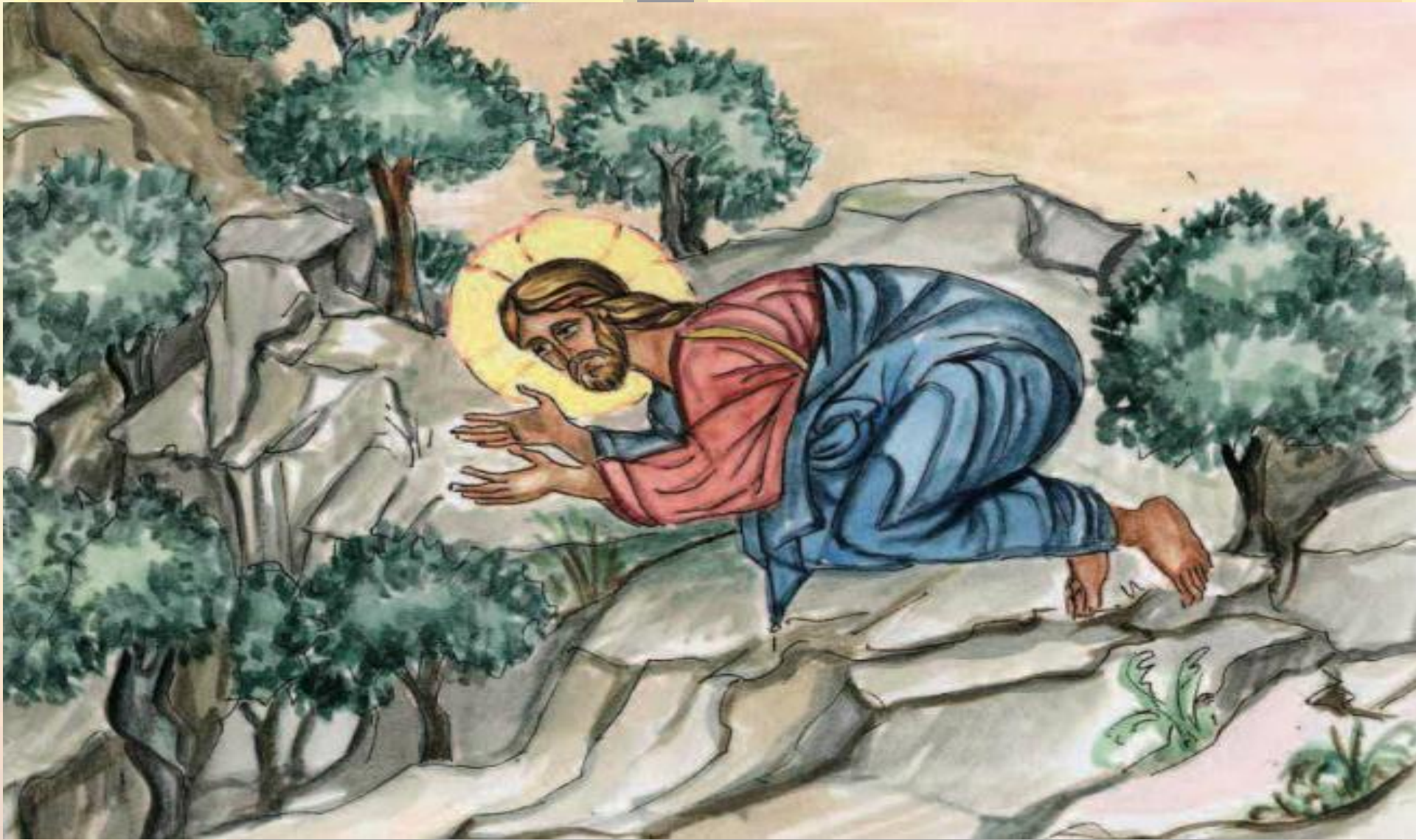
Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane

They came to a garden called Gethsemane and Jesus said to His disciples, “Stay here while I pray.”



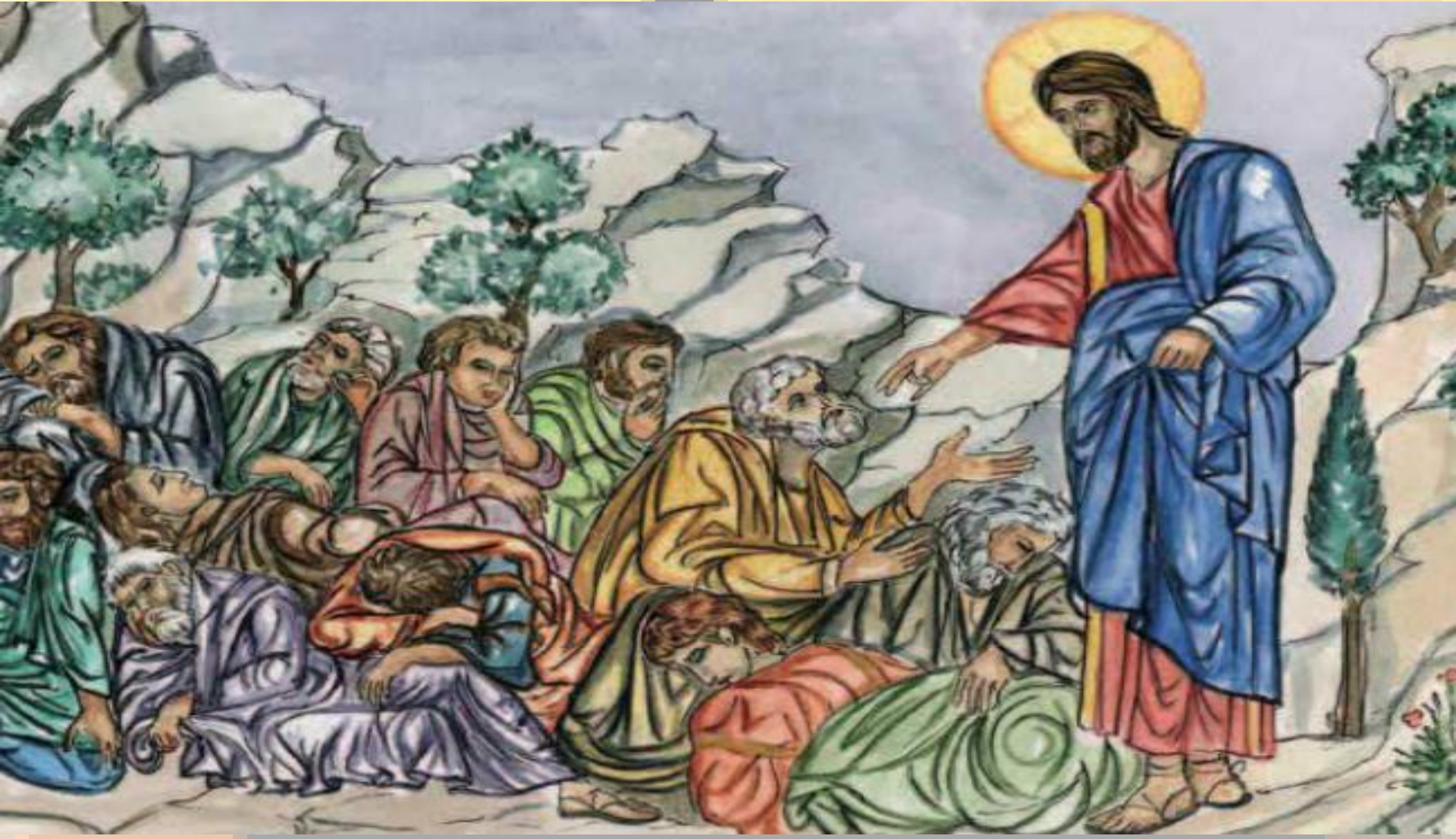
Covenant Thursday

He went a little way beyond them and knelt down on the ground and prayed, “Father, save Me from death! But let Your will, not Mine, be done.”



Covenant Thursday

After a while, Jesus came back to His disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Are you sleeping? Weren’t you able to stay awake for even an hour? Stay awake and pray so that you will not fail when you are tempted.”



Covenant Thursday

Jesus again went away from them to pray. When He came back, He again found the disciples sleeping. This happened for a third time and finally He said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? That is enough. The time has come. Get up. We must be going. The one who is going to betray Me is already here." As Jesus spoke, Judas Iscariot arrived and with him was a crowd of people with swords and clubs.



Covenant Thursday

Judas had told them ahead of time that he would identify Jesus by giving Him a kiss and that this would be the signal for them to arrest Him. Judas came immediately to Jesus and kissed Him saying, "Teacher!" Right away the crowd grabbed Jesus and tied His hands together.



Betrayed

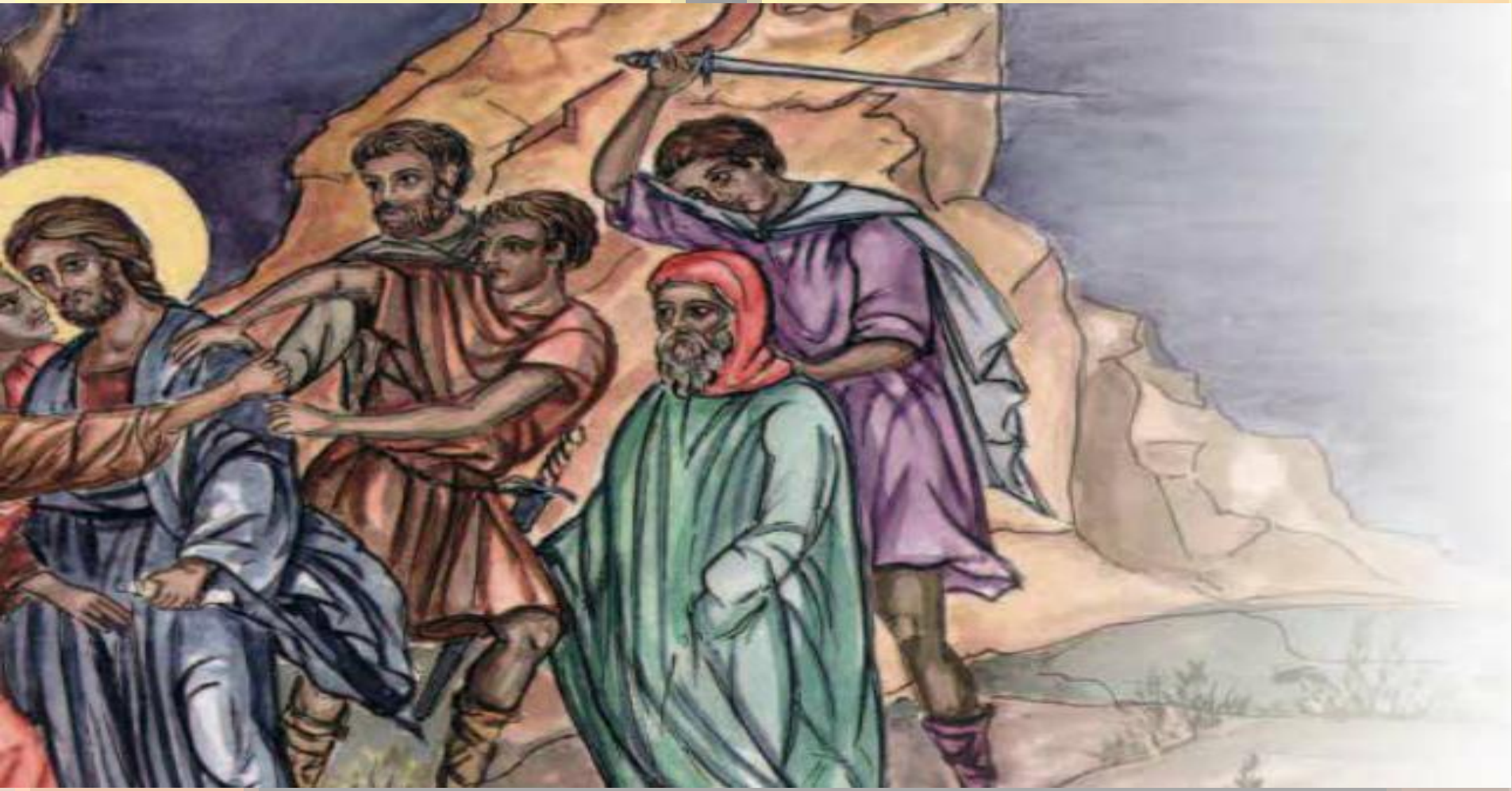
- Judas came with the soldiers and chief priests and gave them a signal saying:

"whoever I kiss, He is the One; seize him and lead Him away safely" (Mark 14: 44) .

- Then all the disciples forsook Him and ran away.

Covenant Thursday

One of the disciples drew his sword and cut off the ear of one of the servants. Jesus told them, “Am I a violent robber, that you need to come with swords and clubs to arrest Me? I was with you every day in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest Me then. And Jesus healed the servant’s ear. Then all the disciples left Him and ran away in fear.



The Trial

- They led Jesus to the high priest and they sought to accuse him to death but could find nothing against him.
- They asked him: "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"
- Jesus:
 - "I am, And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." (**Mark 14: 62**)

Covenant Thursday

The chief priest became so angry that he tore his own clothes and said, “We don’t need any more witnesses. You heard His blasphemy. He says that He is the Son of God. What is your decision? Everybody decided that He was guilty and must be put to death.

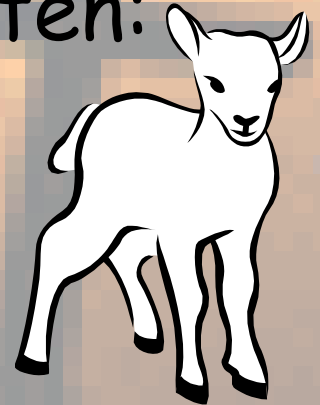


Condemned to Death

- They condemned Him to death
- Some began to:
 - Spit on Him
 - Blindfold Him
 - Beat Him
 - Mock Him
 - Struck Him with the palms of their hands.

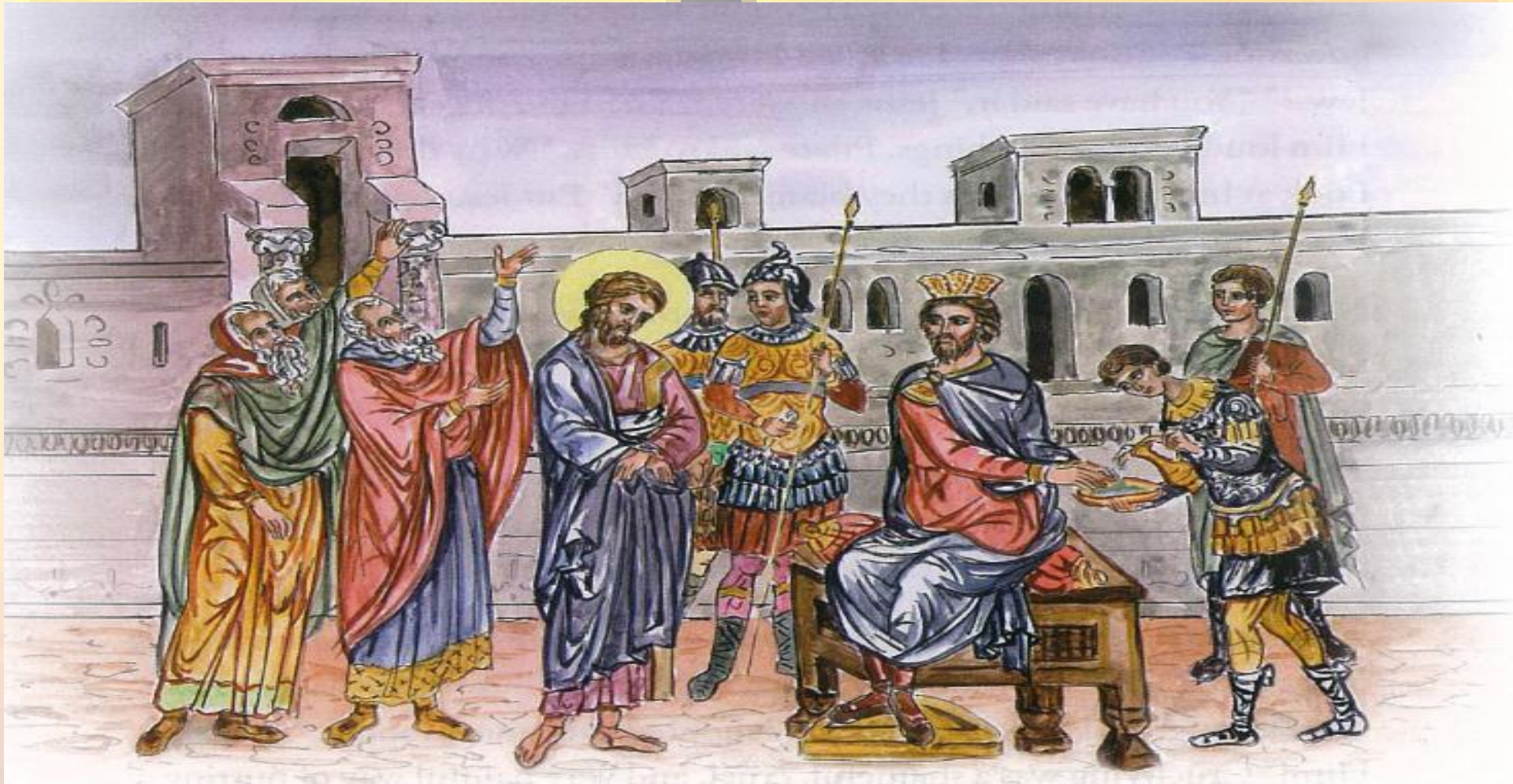
Good Friday

- The chief priests and scribes bound Jesus and sent Him to Pilate - the Roman governor early in the morning at the 3rd hour.
- Pilate asked Jesus to defend himself but He answered nothing as it is written:
"He was led as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)



Good Friday

Now it was a custom that every year during the feast of the Passover, Pilate would release a prisoner according to the will of the people. In those days a man named Barabbas was in prison because he was a murderer. Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to release the king of the Jews? But the chief priests urged the crowds to ask for Barabbas instead."



Good Friday

When Pilate realized that he could not achieve anything in this way, he took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. He has done nothing wrong. The blame is on you."



The Lord Delivered

He released Barabbas in order to satisfy the crowd and then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus and crucify Him.



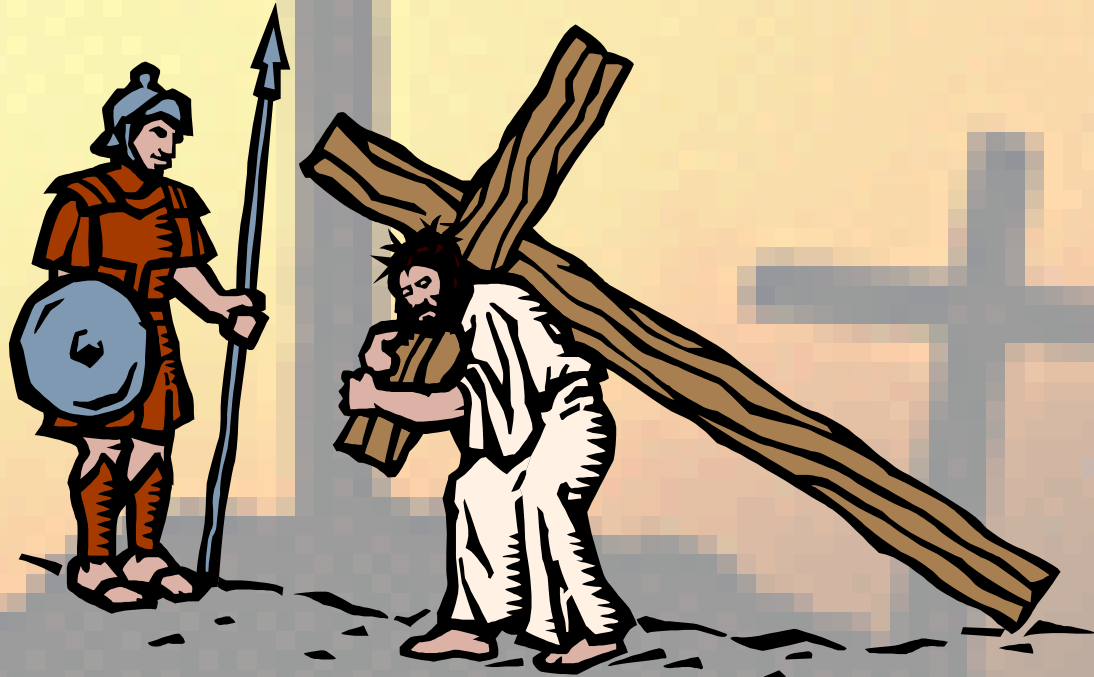
The Lord Delivered

- Jesus was delivered, scourged to be crucified.
- The soldiers mocked Jesus saying: **"Hail, King of the Jews!"**
 - Clothed Him with purple
 - Twisted a crown of thorns on His head



TO GOLGOTHA

- Jesus was led to the place **GOLGOTHA** carrying His Cross.



KING OF THE JEWS

- They crucified Him on the Cross at the 6th hour.
- Above the cross was written;
 - **THE KING OF THE JEWS**
- The chief priests mocked Him and said: “save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”



The 2 Thieves

- Two thieves who were crucified that same day with Christ (on His left and right).
- The thief on the **RIGHT** believed that this is Christ and repented and said: I have sinned!
 - “**REMEMBER ME LORD WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM**”

Jesus:

“ Amen I tell you, on this day you shall be with in paradise.”



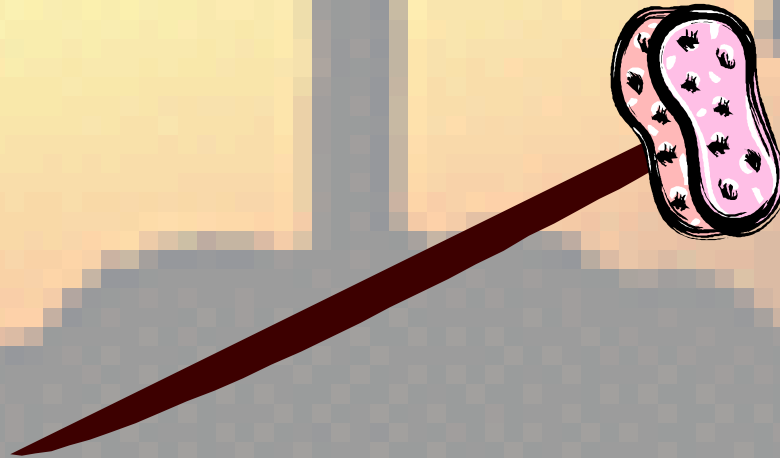
The Sun Disappeared

- When Our Lord Jesus Christ was on the cross, the sun disappeared and it was dark for 3 hours (from the 6th hour to the 9th hour).



Vinegar

- When Jesus was thirsty on the cross a man took a sponge filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink.
- Jesus cried with a loud voice and died.



The Curtain Tore

- The curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
- The earth shook
- The rocks split
- The centurion and who were with him saw these things and were afraid :
 - "Truly this was the Son of God"
- Jesus died on the cross.

Good Friday

The burial of Jesus

It was dusk. The next day was the Sabbath, a holy day when no one worked, so the crucified men had to be buried before sunset. Joseph Arimathea went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. A man named Nicodemus, another disciple of Jesus, helped Joseph to bury Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Resurrection

The day after the Sabbath, very early in the morning, the women returned to the tomb. They brought perfumes to anoint Jesus' body as was the custom of the Jewish people. When they arrived the stone had been rolled away. The entrance of the grave was open and when they went in, they discovered that Jesus' body was not there.



Resurrection

- On the 3rd day, Sunday, Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead.



Conclusion

- Although Jesus Christ was going through suffering He was very **powerful** during His trial.
- When He was on the Cross he had the power to **promise** the thief that he will be with Him in Paradise.
- The Heaven became dark and strong wind was blowing when He was on the cross = His power on nature.
- The **Cross** is Power for Us



Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



The End

Next Week

We will learn about
Obeying God's leaders.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

