

A photograph of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome at night. The large dome is illuminated with warm lights, and the facade is lit up. The surrounding city streets are visible with streetlights and traffic lights. The image has a blue tint and a subtle pattern overlay.

The Church

Body of Christ



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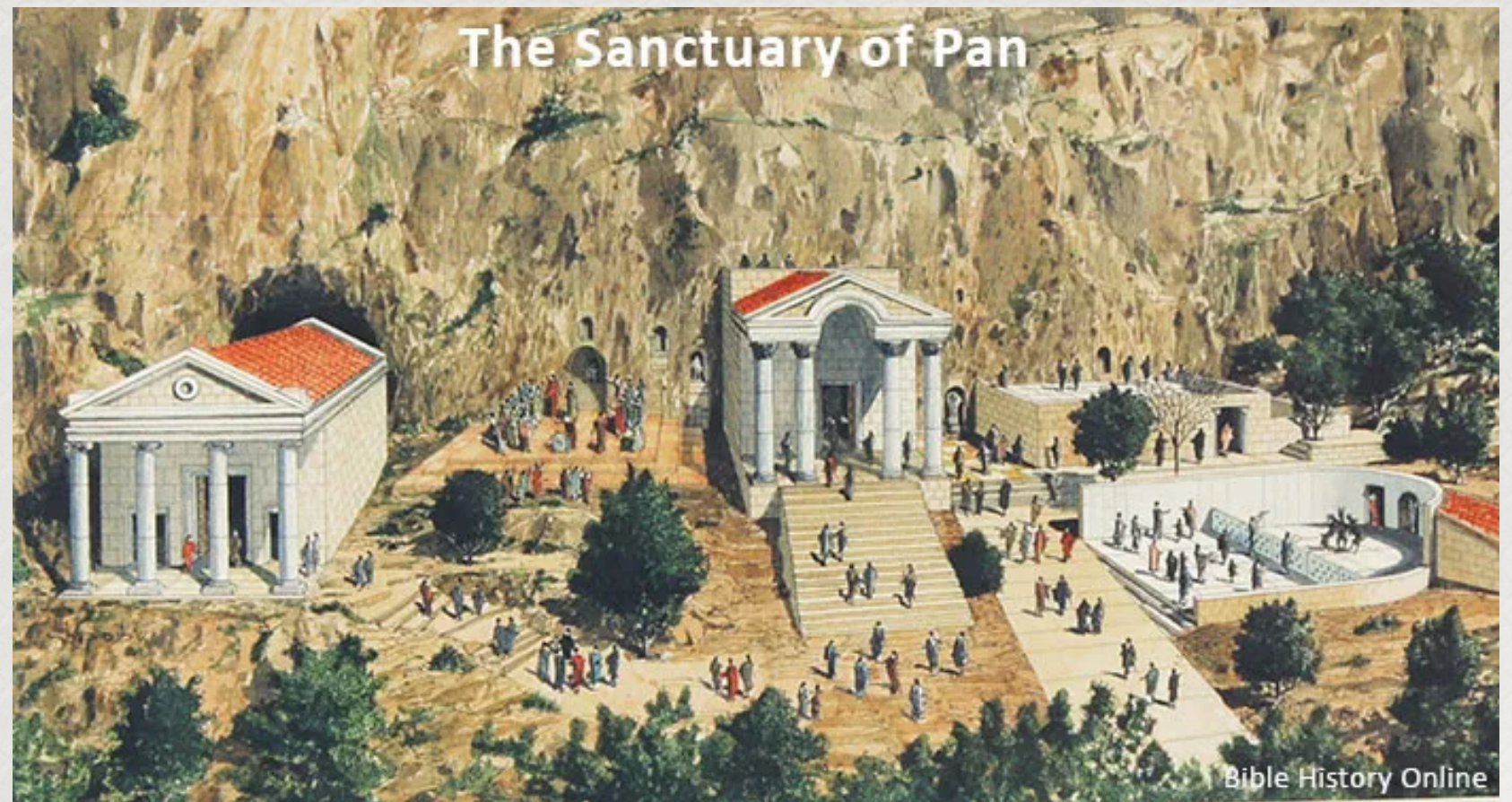
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History

- Christ is crucified, dies, and is resurrected...

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus approached and said to [the disciples], “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



Szymon Czechowicz's 1758 depiction of Christ and the eleven disciples

History

- Acts 1:4 - told to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the the Holy Spirit
 - “the Advocate”
- Christ ascends
- upper room, 11 disciples, Mary, and others
 - chose Matthias to replace Judas
 - Prayed 9 days (*novena*)
- *Then on Day 10...*



Christi Himmelfahrt by Gebhard Fugel, c. 1893

ACTS 2:1-2



History

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History

- On day 10, Pentecost (Jewish holy day)
- Acts 2 - The Holy Spirit (Advocate) arrives
 - loud noise, tongues of fire
 - speaking in tongues
 - people thought drunk
- **The Coming of the Spirit. 1** When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. **2** And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. **3** Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.



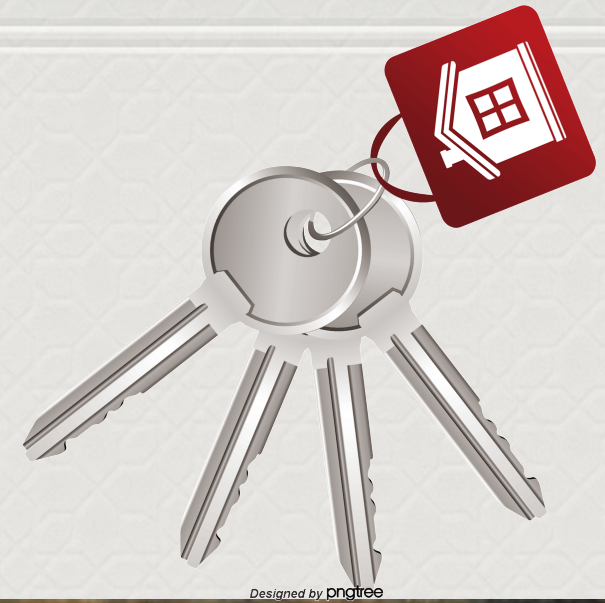
Antonio Palomino (1653–1726), "Pentecost"

History

- Peter preaches the message of salvation

Peter's Speech at Pentecost. Acts 2:14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:.....

36 Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."



St. Peter Preaching at Pentecost
Benjamin West (1738-1820)

History

- **Acts 2:37 - 'What must we do?'**
- 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" 38 Peter [said] to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." 40 He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.



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History

- **Acts 2: 42 - 47**, we see the formation of the church (community of believers) in Jerusalem
- **Communal Life. 42** They **devoted** themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. **43** Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. **44** All who believed were together and had all things in common; **45** they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. **46** Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, **47** praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

History

- **Acts 4:1-4**, we see the growth of the church (community of believers) in Jerusalem
- **1** While they were still speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees confronted them, **2** disturbed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. **3** They laid hands on them and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening. **4** But many of those who heard the word came to believe and [the] number of men grew to [about] five thousand.

History

- **Acts 10:1-46**
- Cornelius, Roman Centurion - devout
 - Told to Send for Peter
- Peter, Given a vision: “kill and eat” non-kosher foods
 - told to go to Cornelius
 - Taught about Jesus

History

- **Acts 10:1-46**
- **The Baptism of Cornelius.** 44 While Peter was still speaking these things, the holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the holy Spirit should have been poured out on the **Gentiles** also, 46 for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, 47 “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the holy Spirit even as we have?” 48 He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. 49 Then they invited him to stay for a few days.



Peter Preaches at Cornelius's House
by Carel Fabritius (1622-1654)

History

- **Acts 9 - Conversion of Saul/Paul**



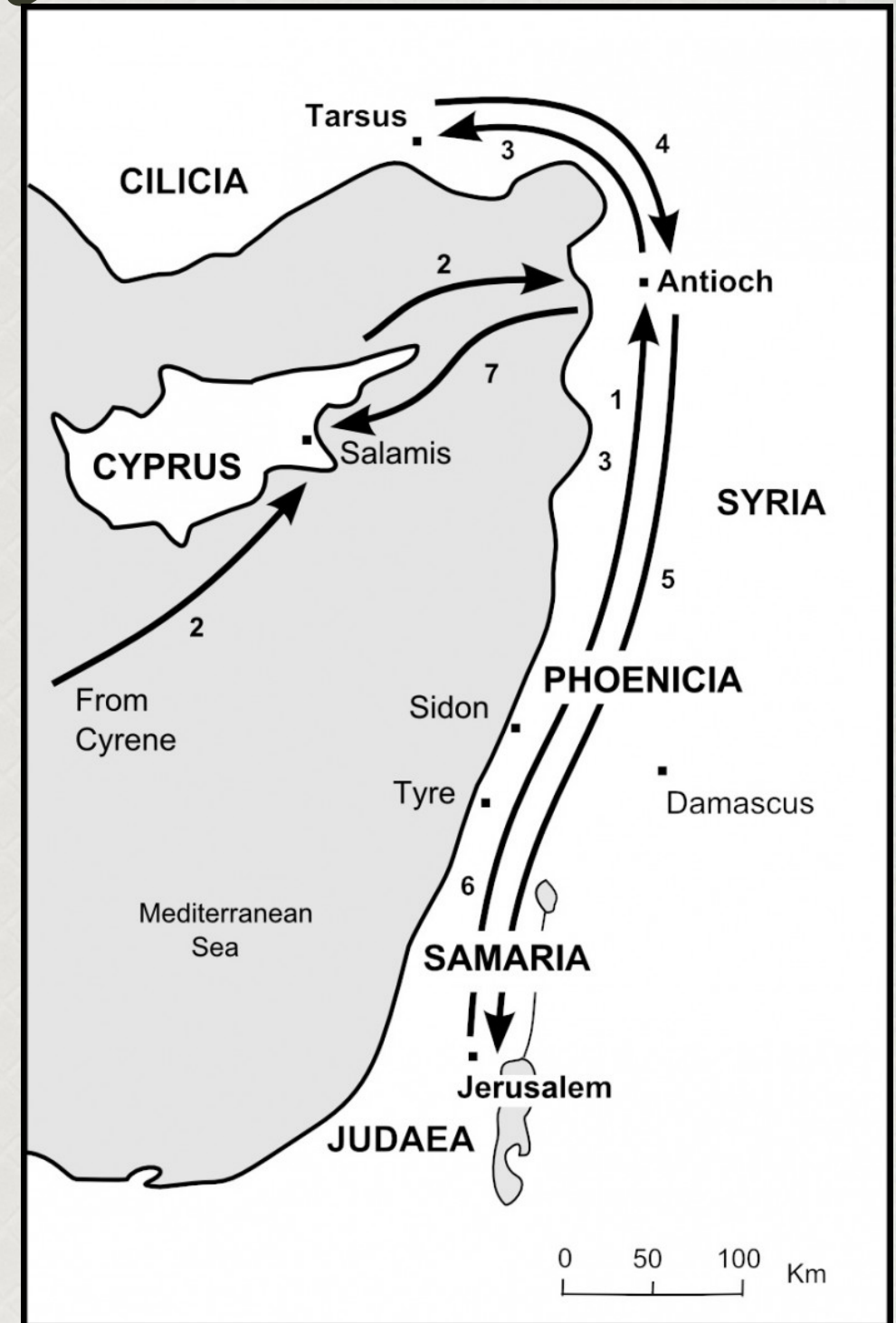
2/3s of the New Testament



St Paul,
a c. 1611 portrait by Peter Paul Rubens

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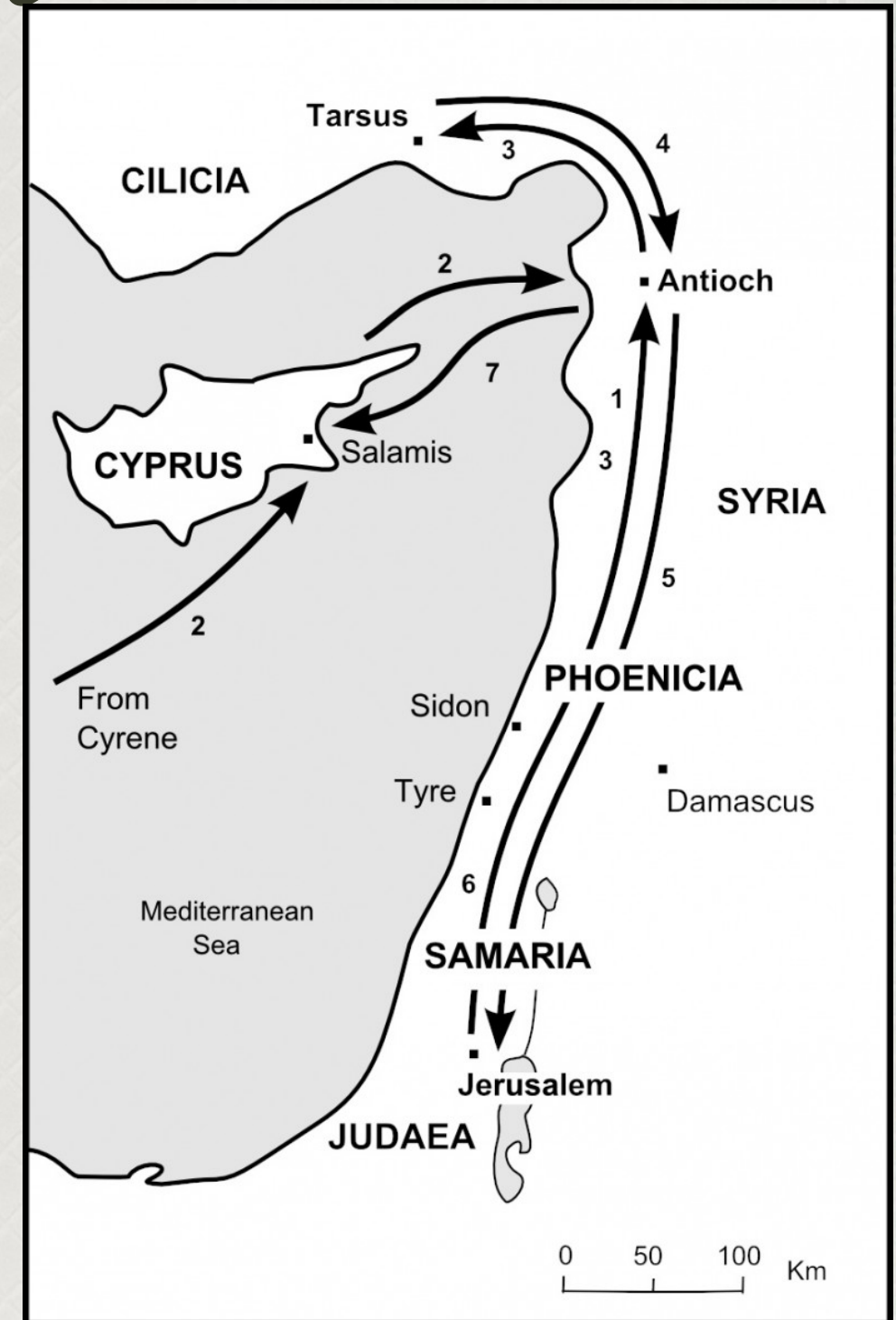
- **Acts 11, The Church at Antioch.**
- **19** Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, **preaching the word to no one but Jews. 20** There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians among them, however, who came to Antioch and **began to speak to the Greeks as well,** proclaiming the Lord Jesus. **21** The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.



History

- Acts 11, The Church at Antioch.
- Barnabas and Saul
- 26b, For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called **Christians**.

Disciple = Christian



APOSTOLIC TRADITION

- ❖ Teachings of the apostles
- ❖ Communal life
- ❖ Breaking of bread
- ❖ Prayers

Catholic Church

Apostolic

3rd

Scripture

**393, Hippo
397, Carthage**

Magisterium

2nd

Tradition

1st



History



History



- Ephesians 2:19-22
- **19** So then you are **no longer strangers** and sojourners, **but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, 20** built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. 21 Through him the whole structure is held together and **grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; 22** in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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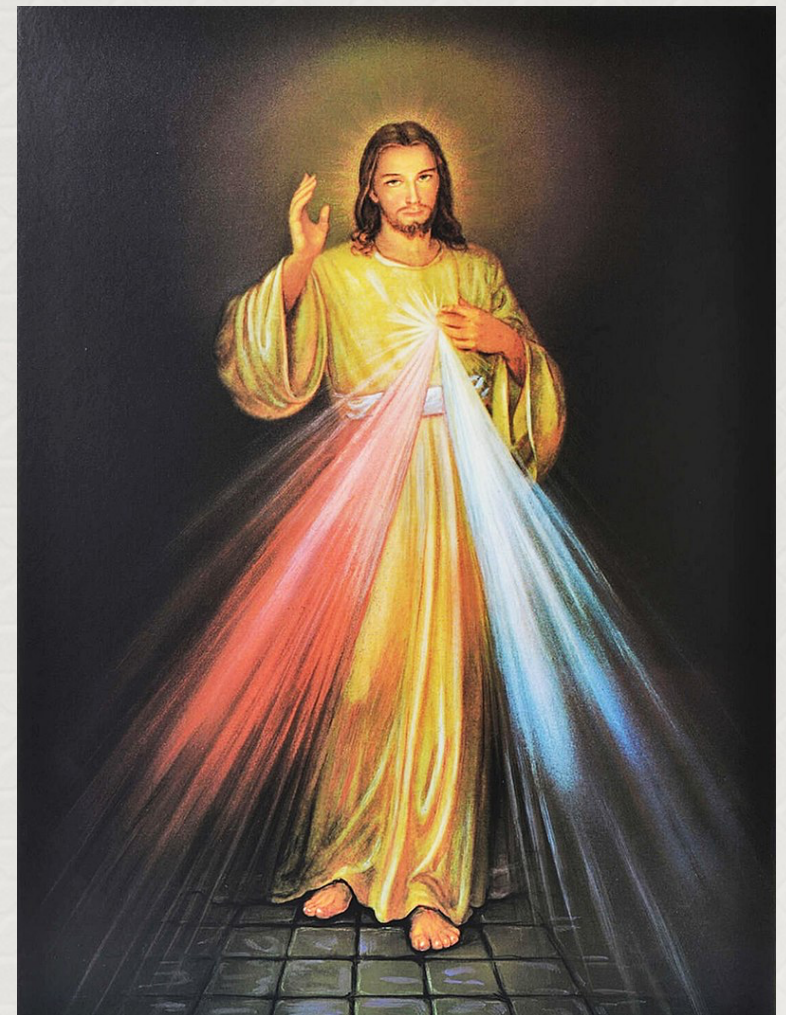
Early Church Documents

- What did the Early Church teach BEFORE we had a Bible?
 - Writings of Evangelists, Apostles, and Paul circulated
 - Didache (70-90-110 AD)
 - First Apology of St. Justin Martyr (c. 155 AD)

There is a plethora of evidence of the
Early Church teachings...

Purpose

➤ **John 3:16**, For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



Divine Mercy
1943, by Adolf Hyla

Purpose



➤ **Worship/Pray**

➤ **Learn**

➤ **Find community**

➤ **Grow spiritually**

Purpose

➤ **Matthew 28:16-20**

➤ **The Commissioning of the Disciples.** **16** The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. **18** Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Purpose

- We are the **Body of Christ**
- We become family in the **Body of Christ**
- And we *partner* with Jesus in his ministry:
 - Learn about Christ
 - Share Christ with others
 - Journey with each other as we live out fully our lives in Christ

Marks

“I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

- from Nicene Creed, 325 AD

We believe:

- one,
- holy,
- catholic,
- and apostolic

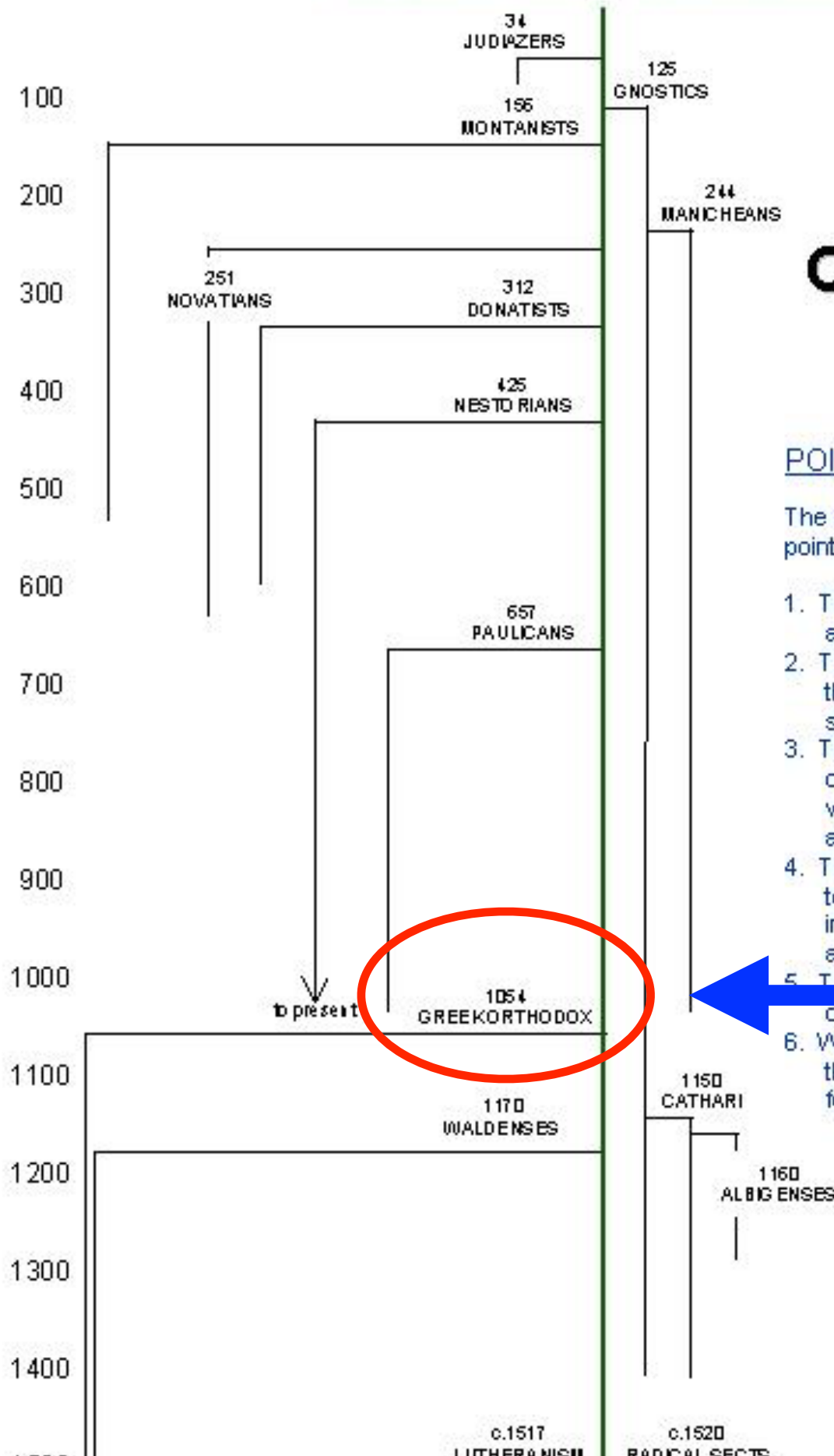
Marks

- **ONE** - unified, not divided, one teaching
 - Jesus prayed: John 17 — READ
- **HOLY** - ‘sacred, dedicated, consecrated - set apart for God’s purpose’
- **CATHOLIC** - universal - open to and comprised of people from all walks of life
- **APOSTOLIC** - built on the teachings the apostles received from Christ



Christ on the Mount of Olives,
by Josef Untersberger (1864-1933)

A.D. 33
JESUS CHRIST FOUNDED THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

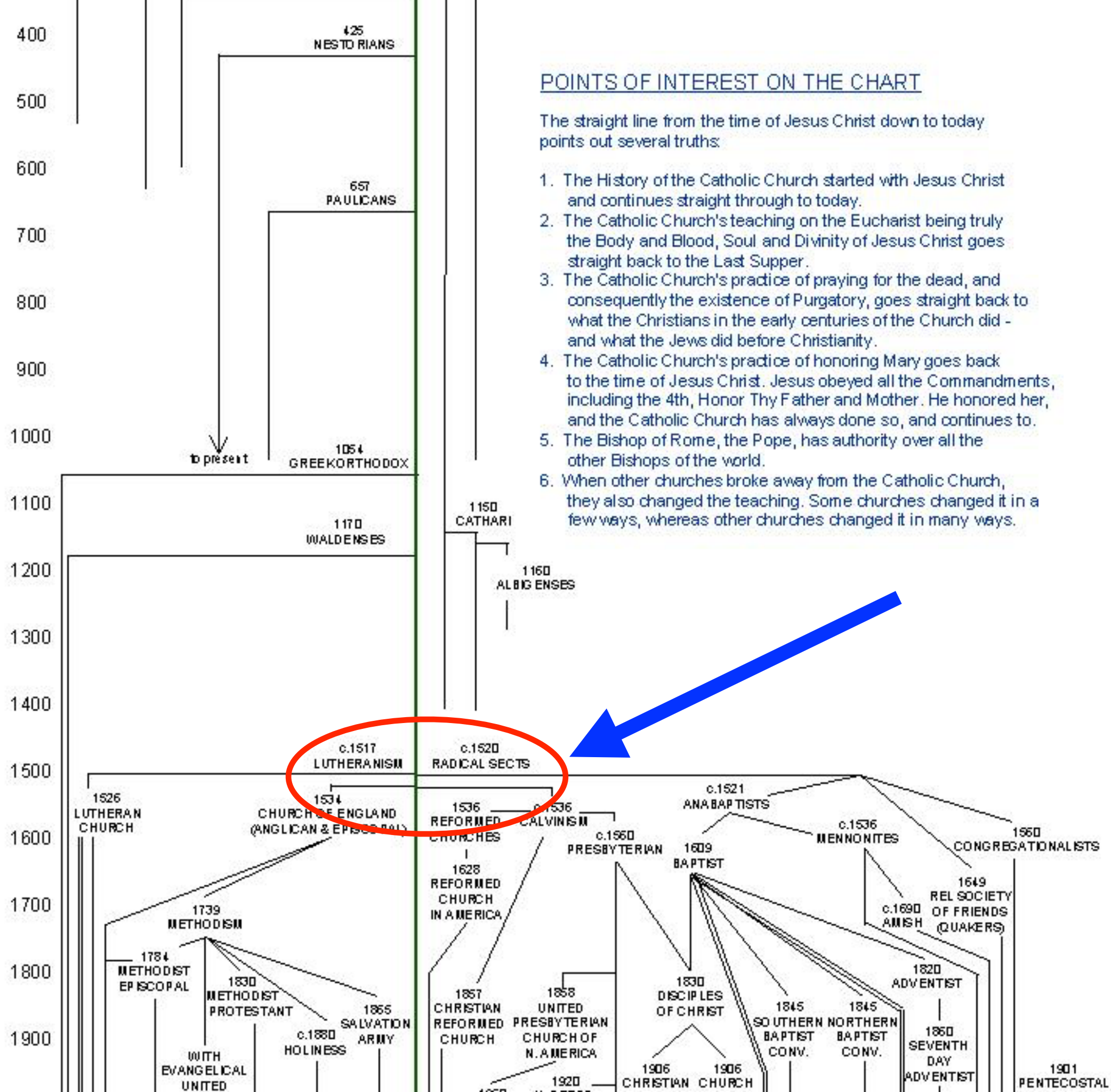


THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

POINTS OF INTEREST ON THE CHART

The straight line from the time of Jesus Christ down to today points out several truths:

1. The History of the Catholic Church started with Jesus Christ and continues straight through to today.
2. The Catholic Church's teaching on the Eucharist being truly the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ goes straight back to the Last Supper.
3. The Catholic Church's practice of praying for the dead, and consequently the existence of Purgatory, goes straight back to what the Christians in the early centuries of the Church did - and what the Jews did before Christianity.
4. The Catholic Church's practice of honoring Mary goes back to the time of Jesus Christ. Jesus obeyed all the Commandments, including the 4th, Honor Thy Father and Mother. He honored her, and the Catholic Church has always done so, and continues to.
5. The Bishop of Rome, the Pope, has authority over all the other Bishops of the world.
6. When other churches broke away from the Catholic Church, they also changed the teaching. Some churches changed it in a few ways, whereas other churches changed it in many ways.



Fr. Brice Higginbotham

Why Church?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsh0sygZpMI>



Church as Community

Community

The Need for Assistants. Acts 6:1 —At that time, as the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. **2** So the **Twelve** called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. **3** Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, **4** whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” **5** The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. **6** They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. **7** The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Leadership

Matthew 16

Peter's Confession About Jesus. 18 And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. **19 I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.** Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”



Leadership

- ❖ Name = Simon, Bar Jonah
- ❖ The Greek word for rock is *petra* (“πέτρα”).
- ❖ ‘Peter’
 - ❖ ...who is our first church leader (pope)
- ❖ Acts 2 - he preached the first message to the Jews
- ❖ Acts 10 - he preached the first message to the non-Jews (Gentiles)
- ❖ First Bishop of Rome
 - ❖ Name ‘pope’ = papa = father
 - ❖ 9th Century AD
- ❖ 1 [& 2] Peter - sends letters to all the churches on living holy lives
- ❖ martyred for the faith (~64-68 AD)



Crucifixion of Saint Peter
Caravaggio, 1601

Leadership

Titus - Chapter 1

Greeting. 1 Paul, a slave of God and apostle of Jesus Christ for the sake of the faith of God's chosen ones and the recognition of religious truth, **2** in the hope of eternal life that God, who does not lie, promised before time began, **3** who indeed at the proper time revealed his word in the proclamation with which I was entrusted by the command of God our savior, **4** to Titus, my true child in our common faith: grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our savior.

Leadership

II. Pastoral Charge

Titus in Crete. 5 For this reason I left you in Crete so that you might set right what remains to be done and appoint **presbyters** in every town, as I directed you, 6 on condition that a man be blameless, married only once, with believing children who are not accused of licentiousness or rebellious. **7** For a **bishop** as God's steward must be blameless, not arrogant, not irritable, not a drunkard, not aggressive, not greedy for sordid gain, **8** but hospitable, a lover of goodness, temperate, just, holy, and self-controlled, **9** holding fast to the true message as taught so that he will be able both to exhort with sound doctrine and to refute opponents.

Leadership

1 Timothy 3

Qualifications of Various Ministers. 1 This saying is trustworthy: whoever aspires to the office of **bishop** desires a noble task.

2 Therefore, a bishop must be irreproachable, **married only once**, temperate, self-controlled, decent, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not aggressive, but gentle, not contentious, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, keeping **his children** under control with perfect dignity; 5 for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of the church of God? 6 He should not be a recent convert, so that he may not become conceited and thus incur the devil's punishment. 7 He must also have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, the devil's trap.

Leadership

8 Similarly, **deacons** must be dignified, not deceitful, not addicted to drink, not greedy for sordid gain, **9** holding fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. **10** Moreover, they should be tested first; then, if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. ... **12** Deacons may be married only once and must manage their children and their households well. **13** Thus those who serve well as deacons gain good standing and much confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Jesus' Teaching

- **Matthew 19:12,**
- **11** He answered, “Not all can accept [this] word,[h] but only those to whom that is granted. **12** Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it.”

Apostle Paul's Advice

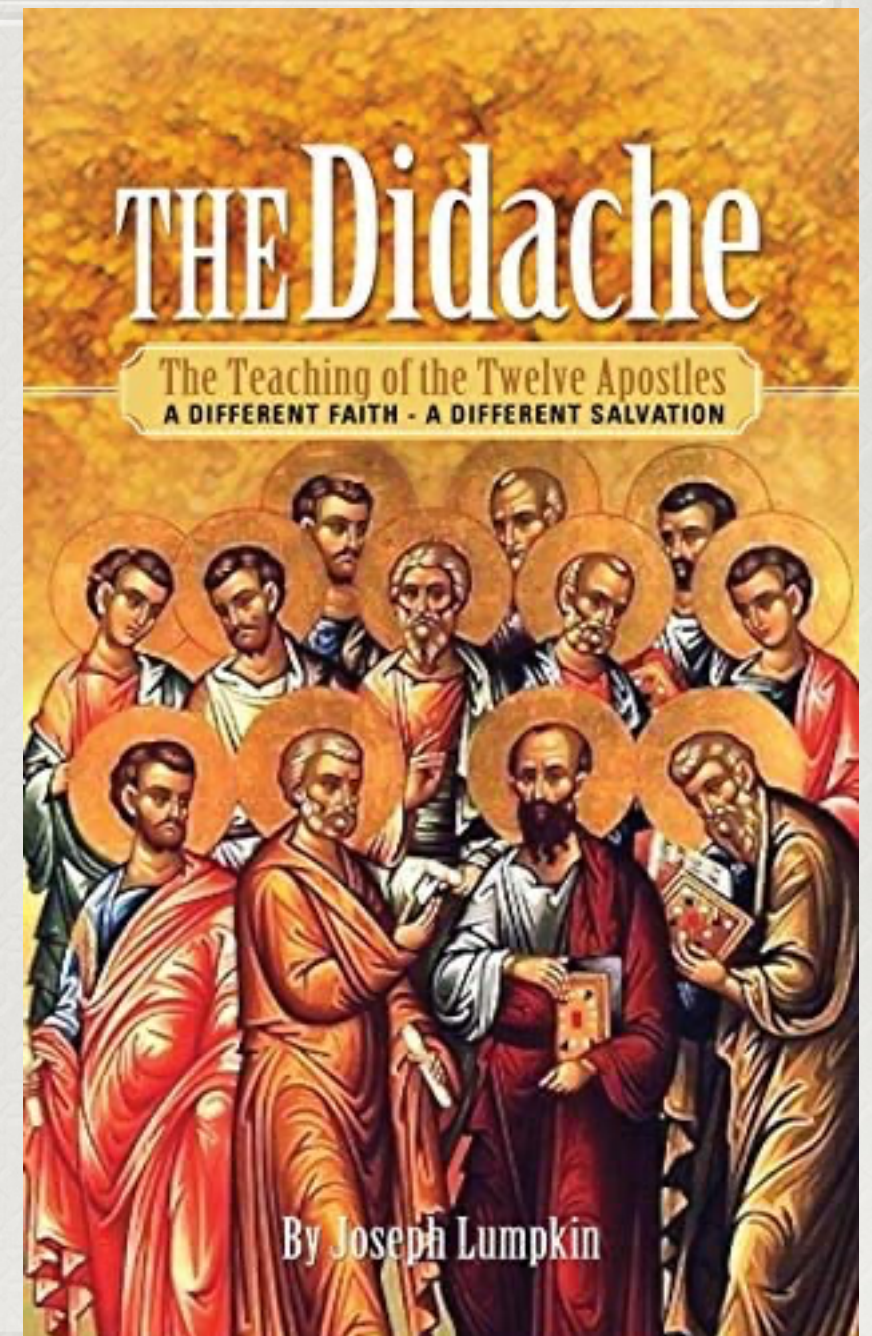
1 Corinthians 7: 32 I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. **33** But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, **34** and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. **35** I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Leadership

Didache, III (~90-110AD)

CHURCH LEADERS

“Appoint for yourselves **bishops** and **deacons** who are worthy of the Lord: men who are meek and not lovers of money, and who are honest and proven. For they also perform the service of the prophets and teachers. Therefore, do not hold them in contempt, for they are honorable men along with the prophets and teachers.”



Celibacy in the Church

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Tradition **tradition**

Required: 1123, and again in 1139 in Western Church

Rome in discussions regarding Celibacy in clergy

Vow taken by clergy

Church Hierarchy

- Christ
- Pope (Francis)
 - *Magisterium*
- Bishops (diocese)
 - Cardinals
 - Archbishops
- Priests
 - *Monsignor*
- Deacons
- Laity



Leadership - Pope

- **Vatican City**
 - The Holy See
 - St. Peter's Basilica



Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle





Holy Water font





**Confessional
kneeler with screen**

Ambry

Sacred Oils

- Catechumen
- Chrism
- Sick





Sanctuary

Ambo

Tabernacle

Crucifix

Altar

Bishop's
Chair

A photograph of a church sanctuary. The view is from the back of the church looking down a central aisle towards the altar. The sanctuary has a high, vaulted ceiling with recessed lighting. The walls are light-colored with arched windows and decorative medallions. The floor is made of light-colored tiles with a dark border along the aisle. People are seated in wooden pews on both sides of the aisle. At the front, there is an altar with a large crucifix and a stained glass window. Four red arrows are overlaid on the image: one points to the altar area, one points to the left wall, one points to the right wall, and one points to the central aisle.

Sanctuary

**The Four Gospel writers:
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Angel, Lion, Ox, Eagle**

Tetramorphs



Matthew
'angel'



Luke
'ox'



Mark
'lion'

John
'eagle'



Roman Missal





Stations of the Cross
(There are total of 14)

III



The Pieta

Pieta = piety =
reverent:

showing deep
feeling or showing
deep sorrow or
respect



St. Joseph



St. Vincent dePaul





In 2 Weeks:

The Mass

Q9

The Doxology

Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without
end.

Amen