



Gospel of John

3-26-23



- 12a Why Wasn't This Sold? – Love Jesus
- 12b If It Dies – Love **LORD**'s Field
- 13 I Will Come Again – Love One Another

14:2 In my Father's House are Many Mansions

14 Peace I Leave with You

- 15 Remain In Me
- April 9 *Happy Easter*
- 16 When the Spirit Comes
- 17 I Pray
- 18a I Am He
- 18b I Find No Fault
- 19 It Is Finished
- 20 Reach Out Your Hand
- 21 Do You Love Me?

Love the Father

Dante Tours Paradise
by Gustave Doré (1832-1883)



John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

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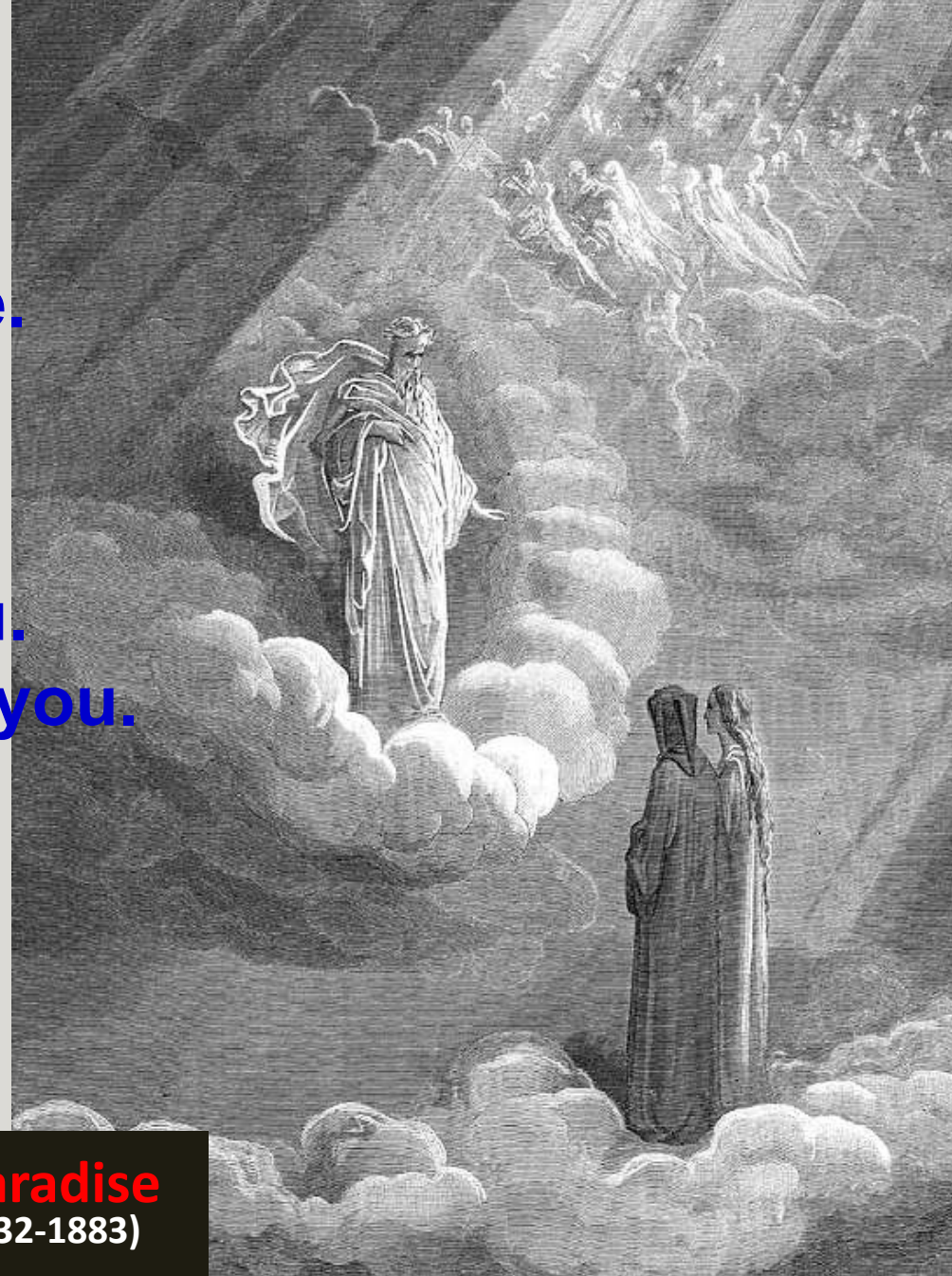
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Among the most encouraging words

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Cody Johnson, "Made a Home"



**Poured the concrete,
cut the 2x4's**

Planted that oak tree

Stained that front door

I hung your porch swing,

Painted that picket fence



IN Jerusalem in Upper Room for Passover Meal

Jews LOOKING for Jesus –

Jesus' Longest Day has begun

Report Jesus!

➤ **END John 14**, after Supper, Jesus says time to LEAVE

➤ **Matthew & Mark**, after the Lord's Supper to Garden

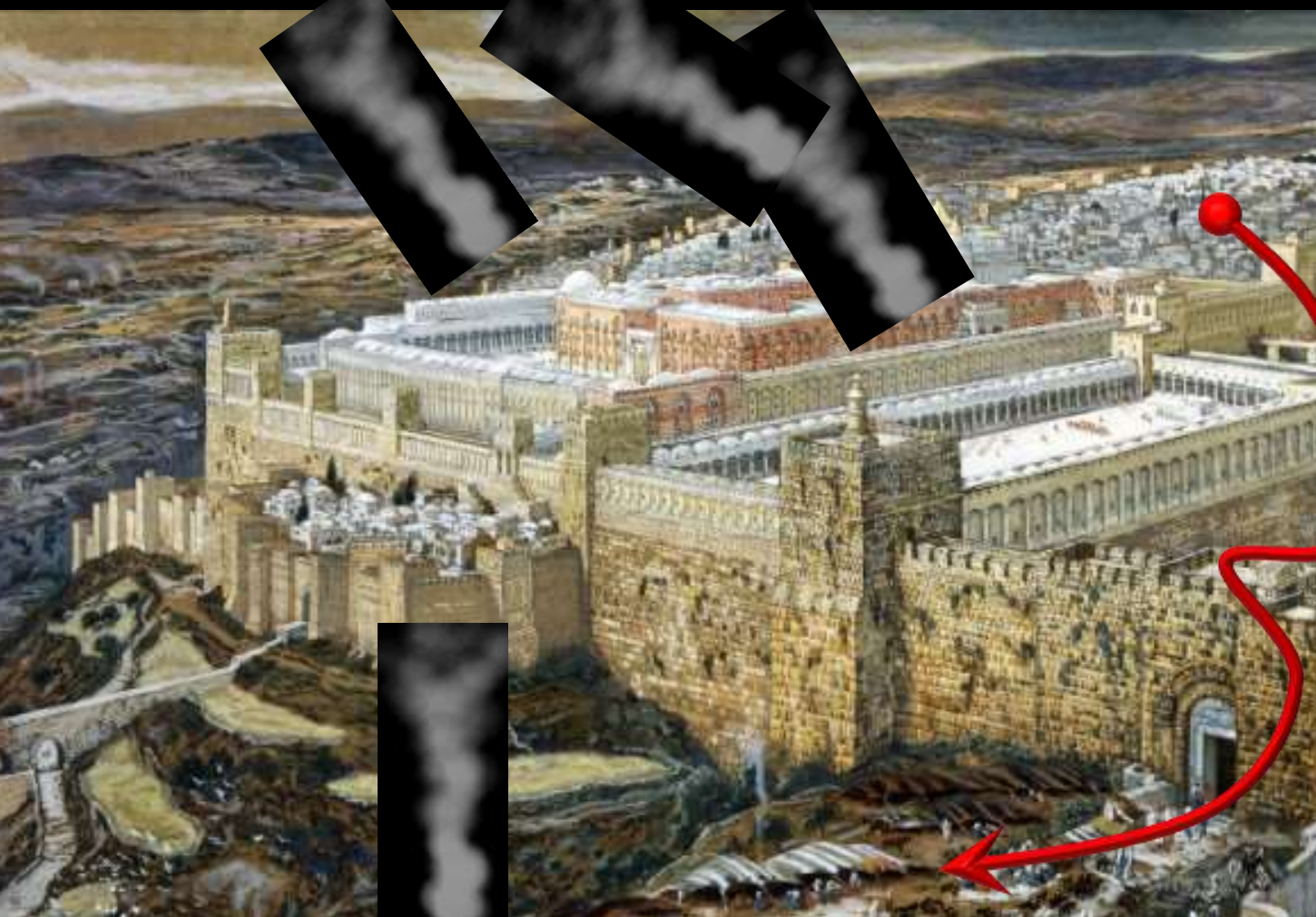
➤ **Luke**, after Supper, they debate who's Greatest, - **THEN to the Garden**

➤ **John 15, 16, 17 ... on the WAY to the Garden**

➤ **17:1** Jesus looks UP to heaven and **PRAYS**

➤ **18:1** Jesus **FINISHED** praying, they cross Kidron Valley to

Garden of Gethsemane



John chapters 14 to 17

Jesus gives a series of comforting words & parables

On Passion Chart ... Jesus has **less than 20 Hours Left**

John 14:31 Come, Let us leave.

John 17:1 After saying 15 & 16
Jesus looked to heaven & prayed

John 18:1 ... crossed Kidron Valley to
foot of the Mount of Olives ... to

Garden of Gethsemane

Gethsemane = "Oil Press"

a favorite place for them to go

ART

		Passover Week—April 7-13 A.D. 30 ¹			
		Nisan 15	Nisan 16	Nisan 17	Nisan 18
DAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY Sabbath	SUNDAY	MONDAY ²
	Mt. of Olives Plot against Jesus (our Wed eve)	Jerusalem Passover Supper (our Thu eve)	In the tomb (our Fri eve)	In the tomb (our Sat eve)	Resurrection appearances
	Mount of Olives	Garden of Gethsemane Ecclesiastical Trials	In the tomb	In the tomb	
	Preparations for the Passover	Civil Trials Crucifixion Burial	In the tomb	Resurrection Resurrection appearances	
15	Mt. 26:1-19 Mk. 14:1-16 Lk. 22:1-13 Jn. 13:1	Mt. 26:20- 27:61 Mk. 14:17- 15:47 Lk. 22:14- 23:56 Jn. 13:1-19:42	Mt. 27:62-28:1 Mk. 16:1 Lk. 23:56	Mt. 28:2-15 Mk. 16:2-12 Lk. 24:1-33 Jn. 20:1-18	Mk. 16:13-14 Lk. 24:33-43 Jn. 20:19-25
	Maundy Thursday ³	Good Friday		Easter	

John 14 are Jesus' Last Words at his **LAST Supper**

28.8 x 15 feet – on dining hall wall of Santa Maria delle Grazie monastery in Milan, Italy

Last Supper, 1495–1498
by Leonardo da Vinci



Dante's *Divine Comedy* (1308-1321) 3 pts - 14,233 lines

Inferno, *Purgatory*, *Paradise* – each 33 Cantos

Italian - one greatest works of world literature ...

Translated by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1867

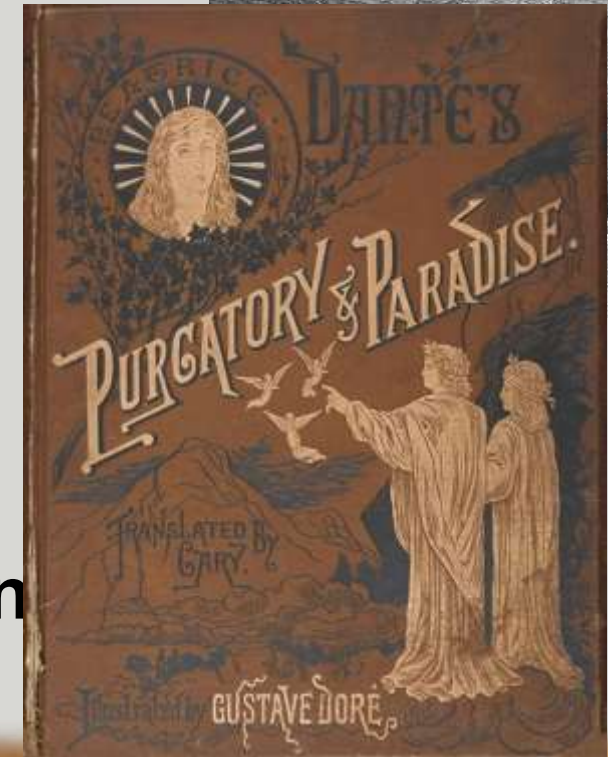
Translated by Henry Cary 1901,

Illustrated by Gustave Doré

Longfellow version with Doré art ... if, if, *if*

Paradise - Dante is led by Beatrice through
9 celestial spheres of heaven

- Beatrice is theology personified
- Dante begins on Mount Purgatory at noon
March 30, 1300, after Easter Sunday



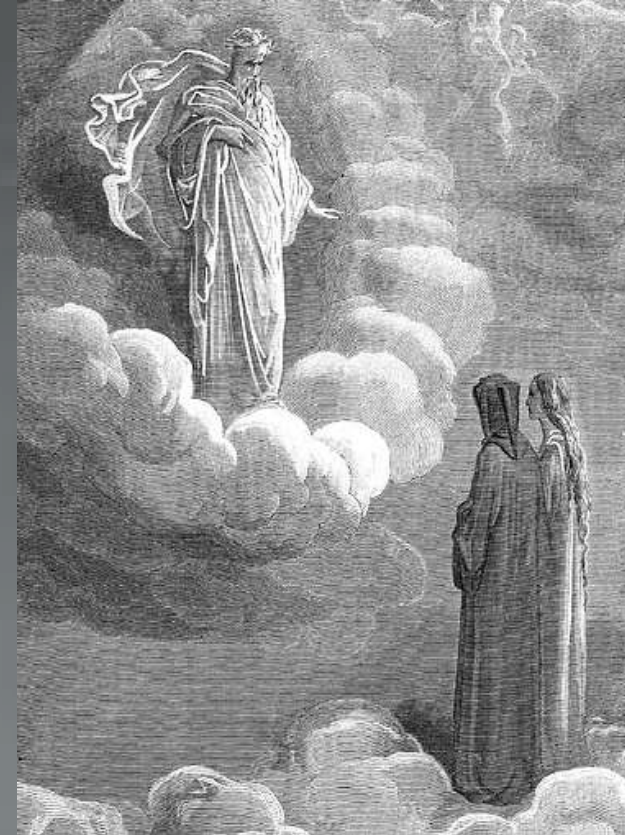
Dante's *Paradise* (1308-1321) opens

The glory of Him who moveth everything
Doth penetrate the universe, and shine ...

Because in drawing near to its desire
Our intellect engulfs itself so far,
That after it the *MEMORY CANNOT GO*.

Truly whatever of the Holy Realm
I had the power to treasure in my mind
Shall now become the subject of my song.

Jesus shall *Prepare* a Place for us



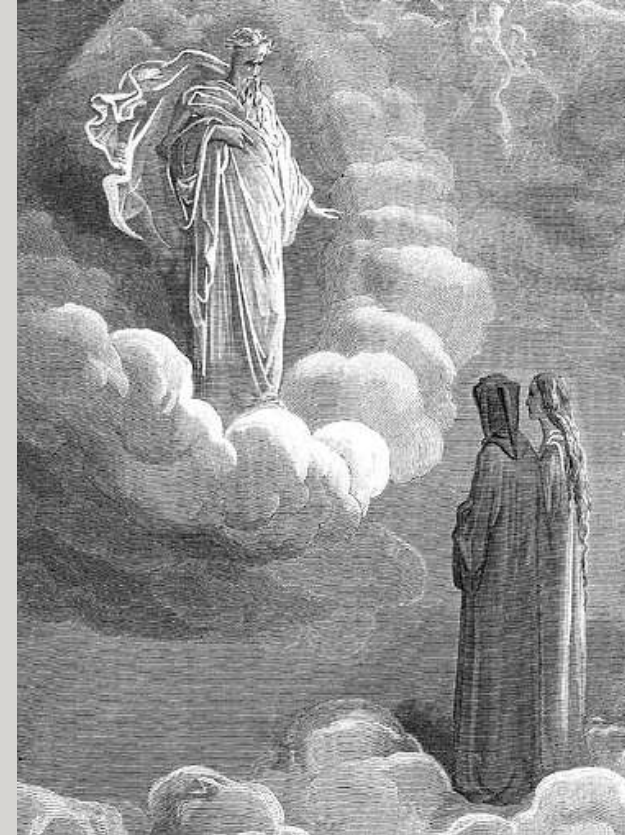


C.H. Spurgeon said in 1867 of John 14:1

**We too shall do battle ... and
feel the wounds of adversity.**

**Albeit that yonder bark so lately launched
upon a glassy sea has all her streamers flying,
And rejoices in a favorable wind, let her captain
REMEMBER that the sea is treacherous,
that winds are variable, and that the stoutest
vessel may find it more than difficult to outride a hurricane.**

**I rejoice to see the courage of that young man
who has but just joined the army of the church militant,
and is buckling on the glittering armor of the faith;**





C.H. Spurgeon said in 1867 of John 14:1

Yet there are no dents & bruises on that
fair casque & burnished breastplate,

but let the wearer reckon upon blows,
and bruises, and blood-stains;

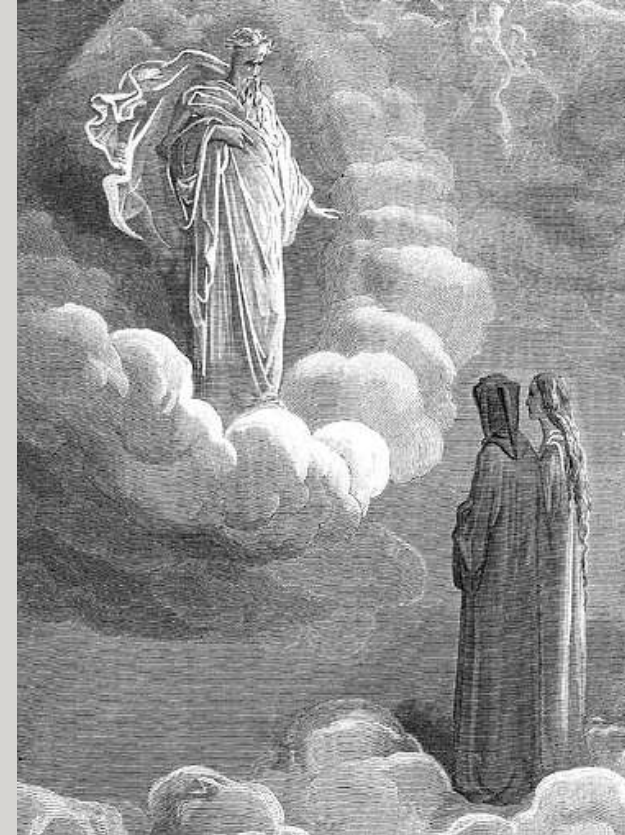
Nay, let him rejoice if he endure **HARDNESS** as a
Good Soldier, for without the fight

where would be the **VICTORY?**

Brethren in our Lord Jesus, without due trial

Where would be our *experience*, and without the experience

Where would be the *Holy* increase of our *Faith?*



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Among the most encouraging words **EVER**

3 If I go & *prepare* a place for you,
I will come back & take you to be with me
that you also may be where I am.



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Dante's *Paradise* (1308-1321) *Beatrice to Dante*

But I will speedily thy mind unloose;

And do thou listen, for these words of mine
Of a great doctrine will a present make thee....

By not enduring ... man who ne'er was born,
Damning himself damned ALL his progeny....

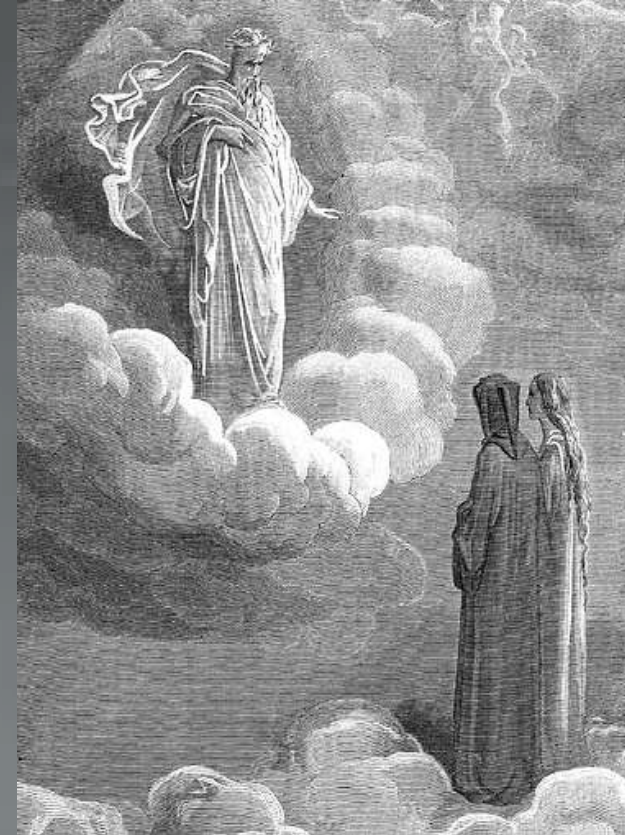
Till to descend it pleased the Word of God

To where the nature,

which from its own Maker Estranged itself,

He joined to Him in Person

By the sole act of His will Eternal Love.



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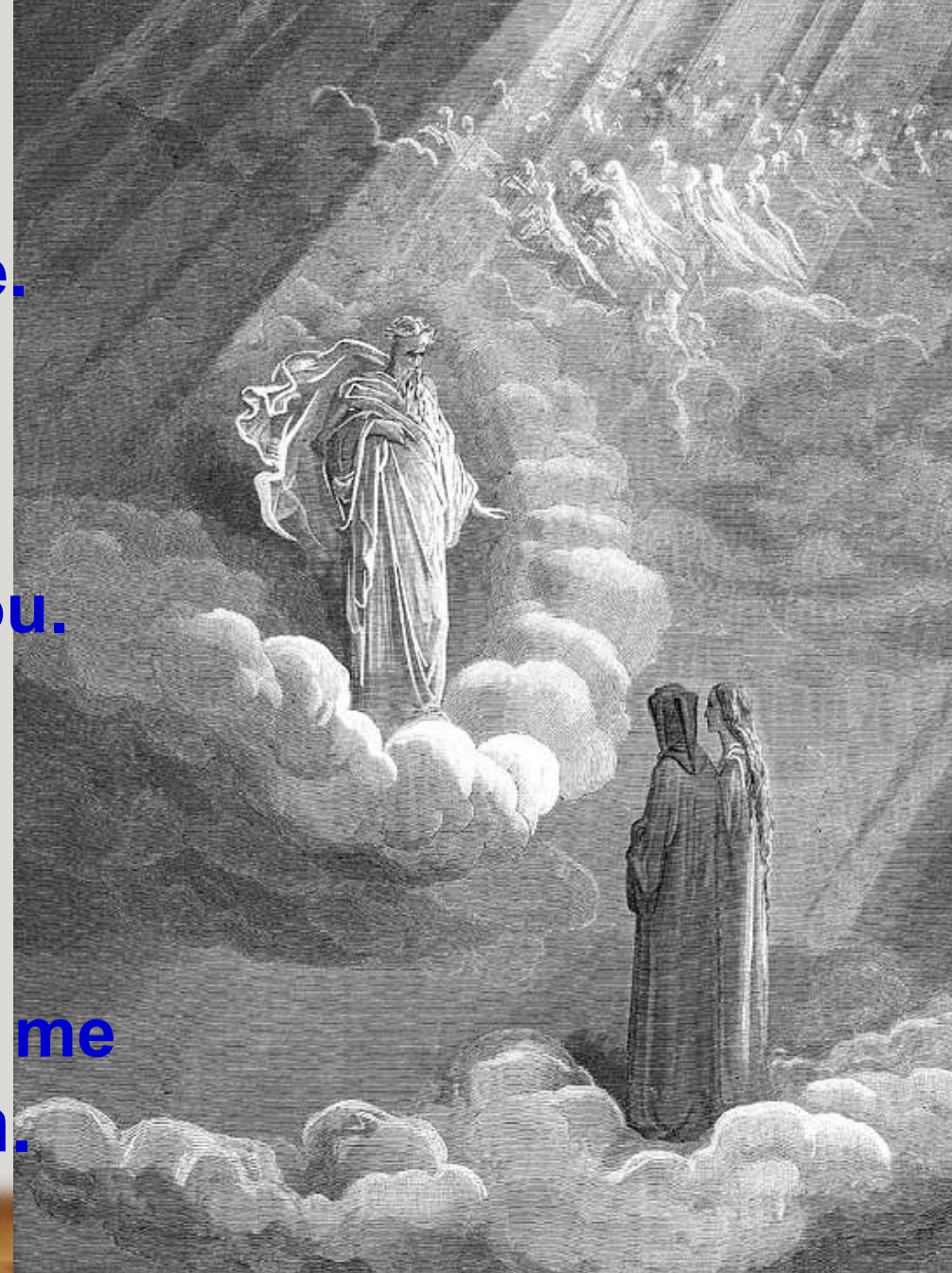
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Cody Johnson, "Made a Home"



Aw but, girl, what *you did*

Put the singin' in the kitchen,

Dancin' down the hallway

Living in the *Living Room* ...

I built a house,

you made a **HOME**



John 14

4 You know the way to the **PLACE** where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord,
we don’t know where you are going,
so how can we know the **WAY?**”

6 Jesus answered,

I am the **Way** and the **Truth** and the **Life**.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Therein is the assumption ... that all right-minded ...
even ALL Right-Hearted persons want to come to

The FATHER





C.H. Spurgeon said in 1867 of John 14:1

If we don't know all that he means ... still

He spake this world into being....

He had but to *speak* ...

But now that he is *preparing* a place ...

What sort of place, then, must it be

that needs Christ himself to *prepare it*?

He might have said, “Angels,

garnish a mansion for my beloved.” ...

to the firstborn sons of light ... “Pile a temple of jewels”

But, no ... he says, “I go to **PREPARE** a place for you.”



Remember John 14 = Jesus' Last Words at his **LAST Supper**

Gospel of John written LAST ... 20-30 years AFTER events

God **INSPIRED** John who was there ... yet ... yet

From time of washing feet, to meal, Judas leaving, to **Lord's Supper**

BEFORE John 14:31 when Jesus said, **"Come now, Let us Leave"**

Jesus likely spoke an >HOUR

John 14 is the SHORT Version



Last Supper, 1495–1498
by Leonardo da Vinci

John 14 = Jesus at his **LAST Supper** Details the **Trinity**

Incomprehensible - settled since the **Council of Nicea A.D. 325**

Nicene Creed: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of all things visible and invisible;

and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

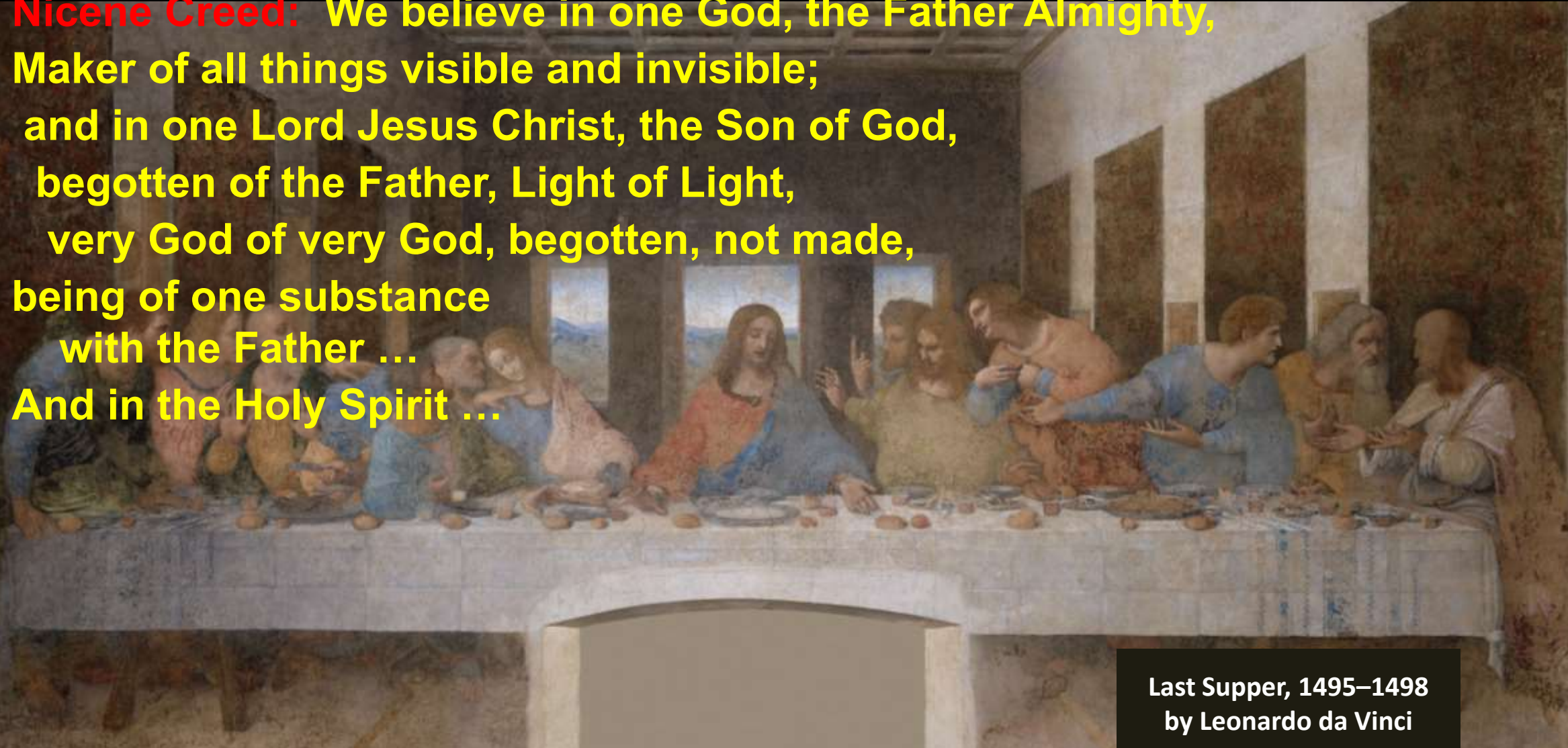
begotten of the Father, Light of Light,

very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance

with the Father ...

And in the Holy Spirit ...



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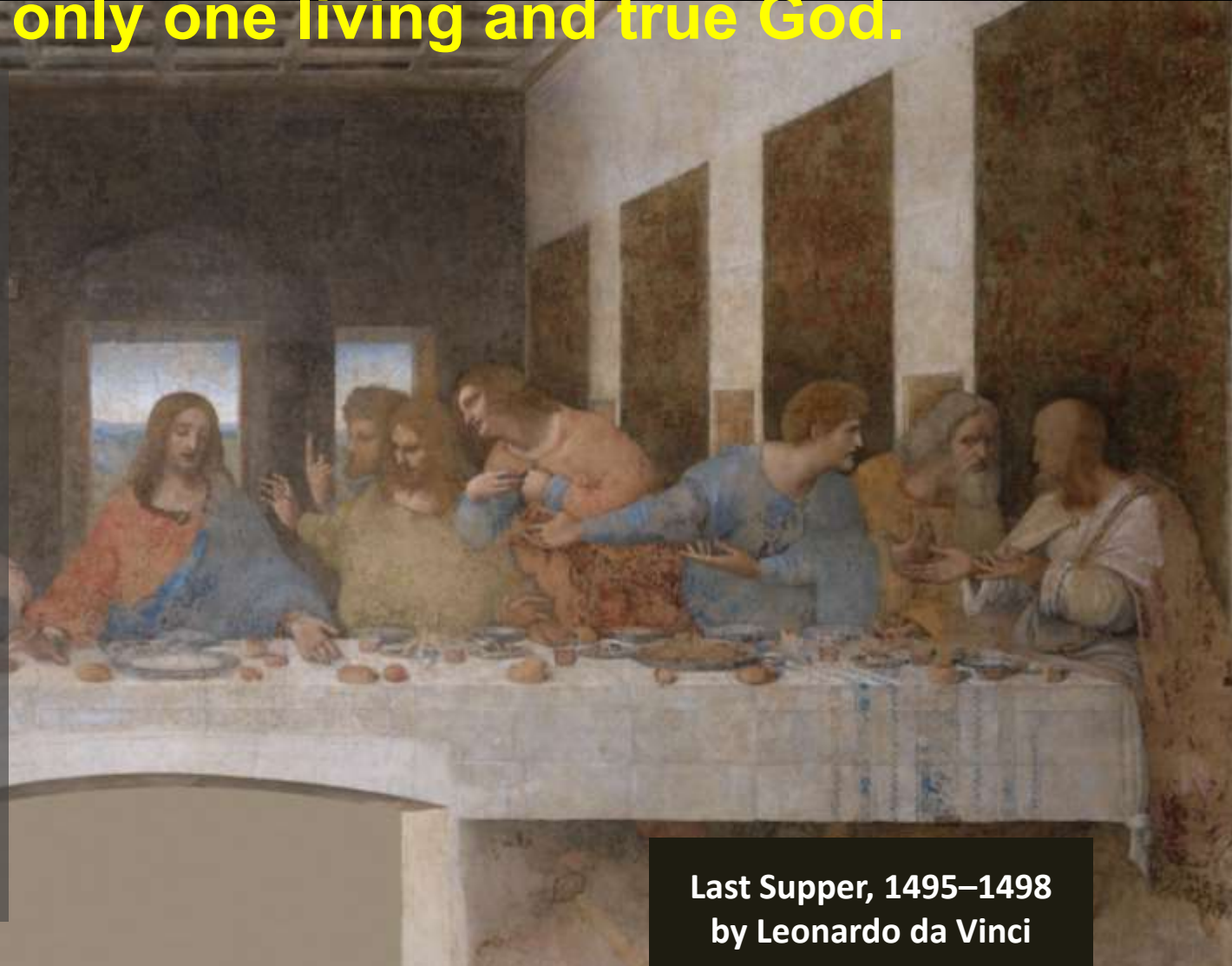
John 14 = Jesus at his **LAST Supper Details the **Trinity****
Baptist Faith & Message, SBC, 5-9-1963 – Article I. Scriptures.

II. God. There is one and only one living and true God.

He is an intelligent, spiritual, & personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe.

God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience.

The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.



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John 14 – Doctrine of **Trinity**

7 If you **REALLY** know me,
you will know my **Father** as well. From now on,
you do know Him and have seen Him.”

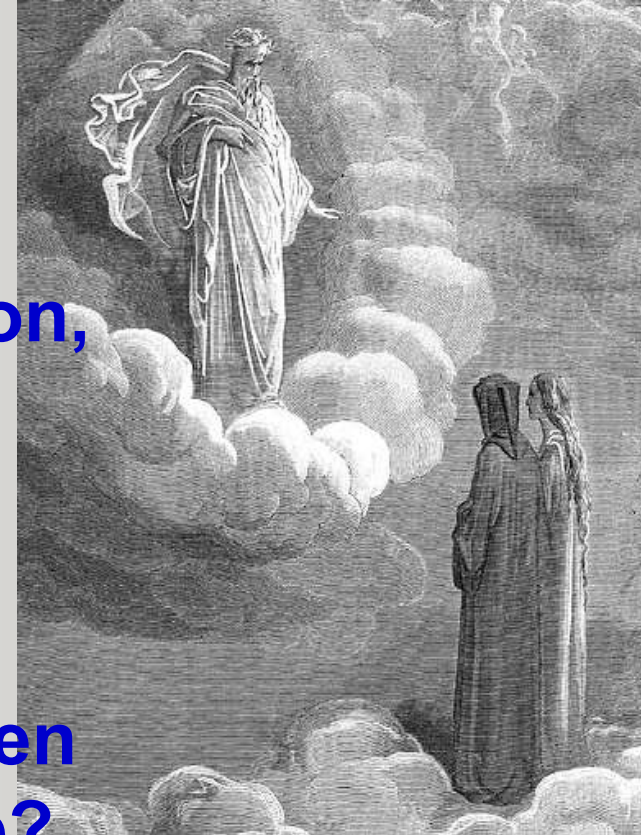
8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the **Father**
and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus replied: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even
after I have been among you such a long time?

Anyone who has seen **ME** has seen the **FATHER**.

How can you say, ‘Show us the **Father**’?

If that is not clear enough ... Jesus makes it clearer



John 14

10 Don't you believe that I am in the **Father**,
and that the **Father** is in me?

... I do not speak on my own authority.

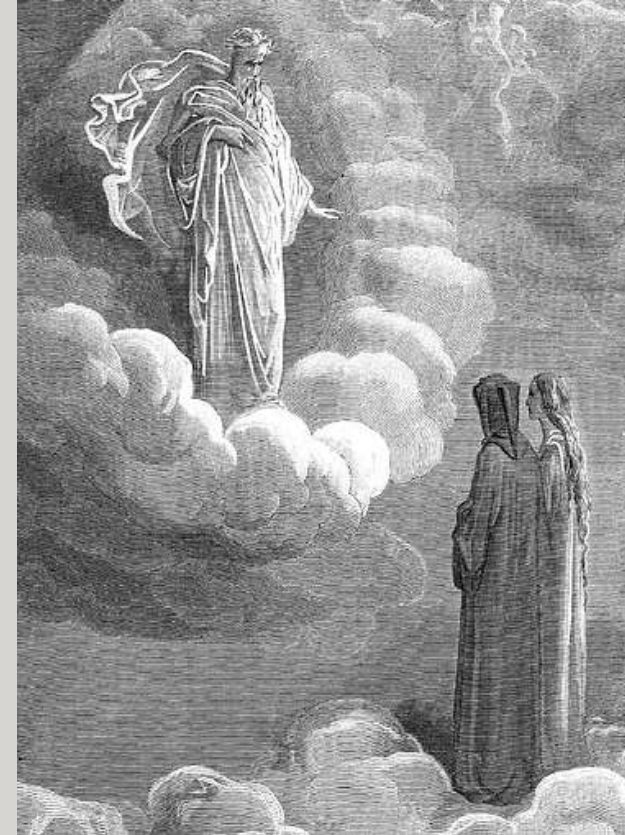
Rather, it is the **Father**, *LIVING IN ME*,
who is doing His work.

11 Believe me when I say that

I am in the Father & the Father is in me;

or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

Jesus likely spoke for an > HOUR or MORE ... since A.D. 325
Council of Nicea, 1,700 yrs ago – No One FULLY Explained



Cody Johnson, "Made a Home"

You picked every **COLOR**
and bought all the antiques

Hung the pictures up of all
our favorite *memories*

You watered those roses
out in the front yard

Left the "I Love You" on the mirror

I built a house,
you made a **HOME**



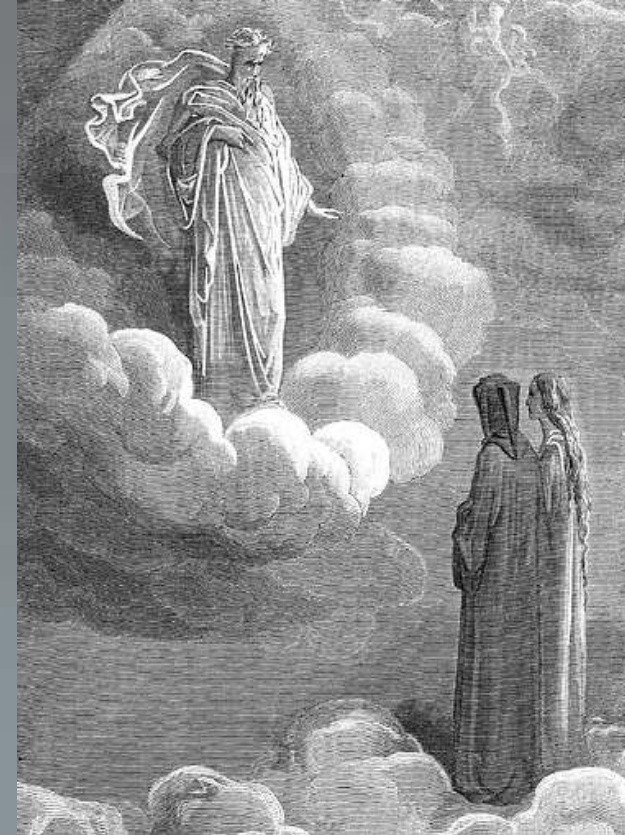
Dante's *Paradise* (1308-1321) *Near end of tour*

And I, who to the end of all desires ...

Because my sight, becoming purified,
Was entering more and more into the RAY
Of the High Light which of itself is true....

Even as he is who seeth in a dream,
And after dreaming the imprinted passion
Remains, and to his mind the rest returns not....

O grace abundant, by which I presumed
To fix my sight upon the Light Eternal,
So that the seeing I consumed therein!



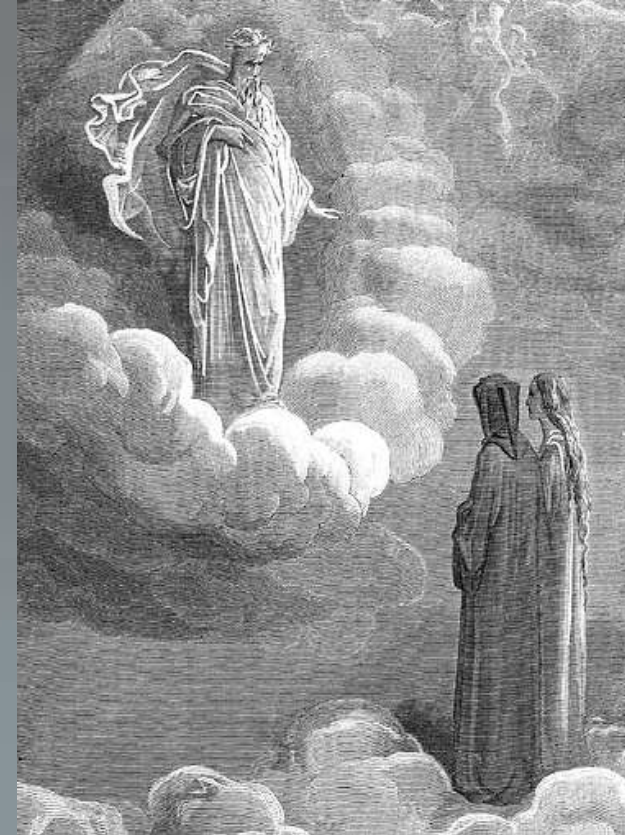
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I saw that in its depth far down is lying
Bound up with love together in one volume...

The universal fashion of this knot
Methinks I saw, since more abundantly
In saying this I feel that I rejoice....

My mind in this wise wholly in suspense,
Steadfast, immovable, attentive gazed,
And evermore with gazing grew enkindled.

Enchanted in that Place finally Prepared for the saints



John 14

12-15 More on *Father* – whatever you ask

¹⁶ And I will ask the *Father*, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever—

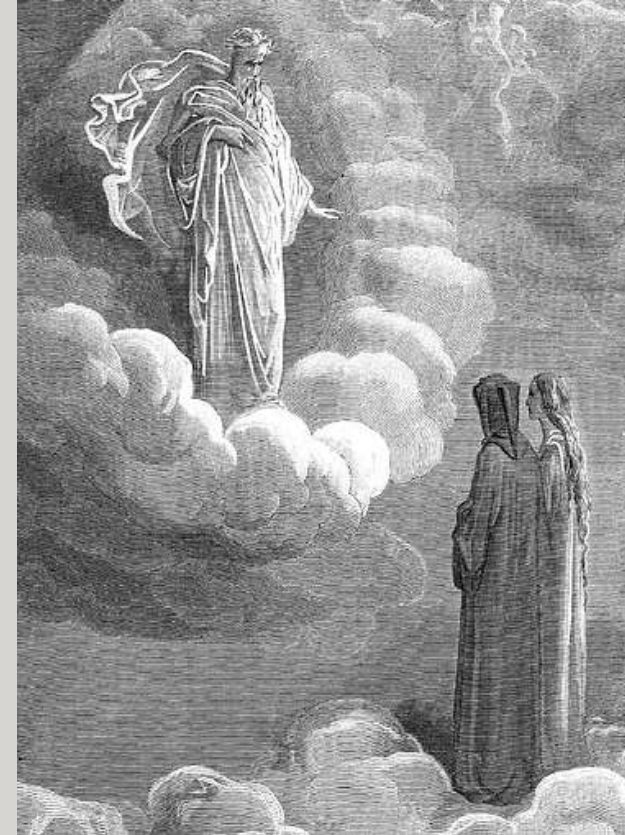
¹⁷ the Spirit of Truth.

18-30 More on Spirit & *Father*

✓ World cannot accept him

✓ ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my *Father*

✓ who loves me will be loved by my *Father*



John 14 18-30 More on Spirit & Father

- ✓ My **Father** will love them, and
- ✓ WE will come ... make OUR home with them
- ✓ Words ... belong to the **Father** who sent me
- ✓ ²⁶ Advocate, Holy Spirit, whom the **Father** will send in my name, will teach you all things
- ✓ ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you
- ✓ ²⁸ I am going away and I am coming back to you
- ✓ **Father** is greater than I ... I love the **Father**
- ✓ I do exactly what my **Father** has commanded

John 14:31 “Come now; let us leave” – **head to the Garden ...**



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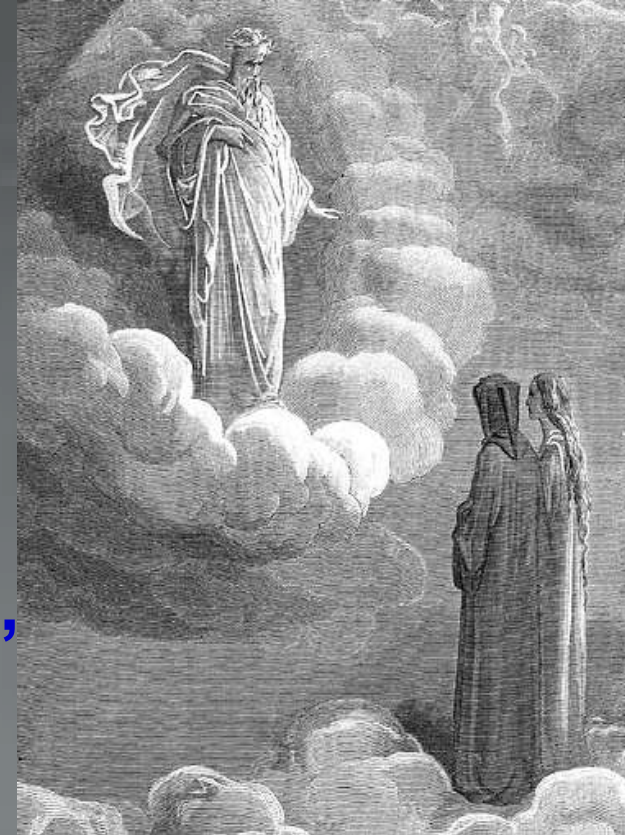
In presence of that light one such becomes,
That to withdraw therefrom for other prospect
It is impossible He e'er consent....

Within the deep and luminous subsistence
Of the High Light appeared to me three circles,
Of threefold colour and of one dimension,

And by the second seemed the first reflected ...
and the third

Seemed fire that equally from both is breathed.

O how all speech is feeble and falls short ...



Dante's *Paradise* (1308-1321) *Near end of tour*

O Light Eternal ...

Appeared in thee as a reflected light,
When somewhat contemplated by mine eyes,

Within itself, of its own very colour

Seemed to me painted with our effigy,
Wherefore my sight was all absorbed therein...

But my own wings were not enough for this....

Here vigour failed the lofty fantasy:

But now was turning my desire and will,
Even as a wheel that equally is moved,

The *Love* which moves the Sun and the other Stars.





C.H. Spurgeon said in 1867 of John 14:1

If you go to a friend's house, and just fall in with the ordinary proceedings ..

you are very comfortable ... *but when INVITED*

When you arrive, you see that everything has been done on an extra scale

to *PREPARE* for your coming,

You feel still more grateful.

It has often happened to an honored guest that

He could NOT HELP observing that he was

NOT being treated as his friends lived every day of the week....

That guest-chamber had evidently been newly furnished



They ***PREPARED*** for the visit ...

Place PREPARED – Eternal Home

We know something of that here ...

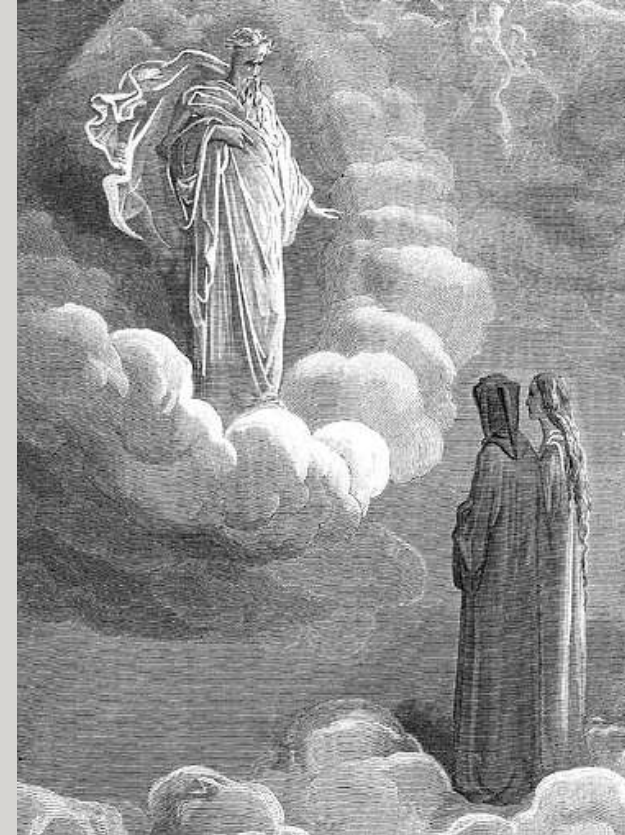
Was not ... was NOT that long ago ...

Remember when Betty & Charles ***PREPARED***
for a visit from us to their home ...

Bible names at each seat

Remember Shirley & Toby ***PREPARED*** for us
a good barbeque

Remember Sue & Richard ***PREPARED*** for us
every table had a homemade treat





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Everything that was possible had been thought of to do him honor.

If you were treated thus as a guest there was pleasure for you in the fact that so much had been *prepared* for you.

They **PREPARED** for the visit ... *I wonder*

In the Hallways of Father's Vast Eternal Mind

Has he placed PHOTOS of you ... of me ... of times when

HE Carried us over OUR troubled Sandy Seashore

Photos **PREPARED** for Arrival to our **Eternal HOME**



John 14:1 *not just ANYONE* said this
But Jesus, *in* the Father ... and the
Father *IN* Jesus - with the Holy Spirit
Who – He who with God the Father
When He spread the **Stars of Heaven**
When He set the Mountain foundations
When He breathed *LIFE* into Adam ...
and *LIFE* to their good friend Lazarus
God *in* Christ created the whole world
But for you ... is going to

Prepare a Place



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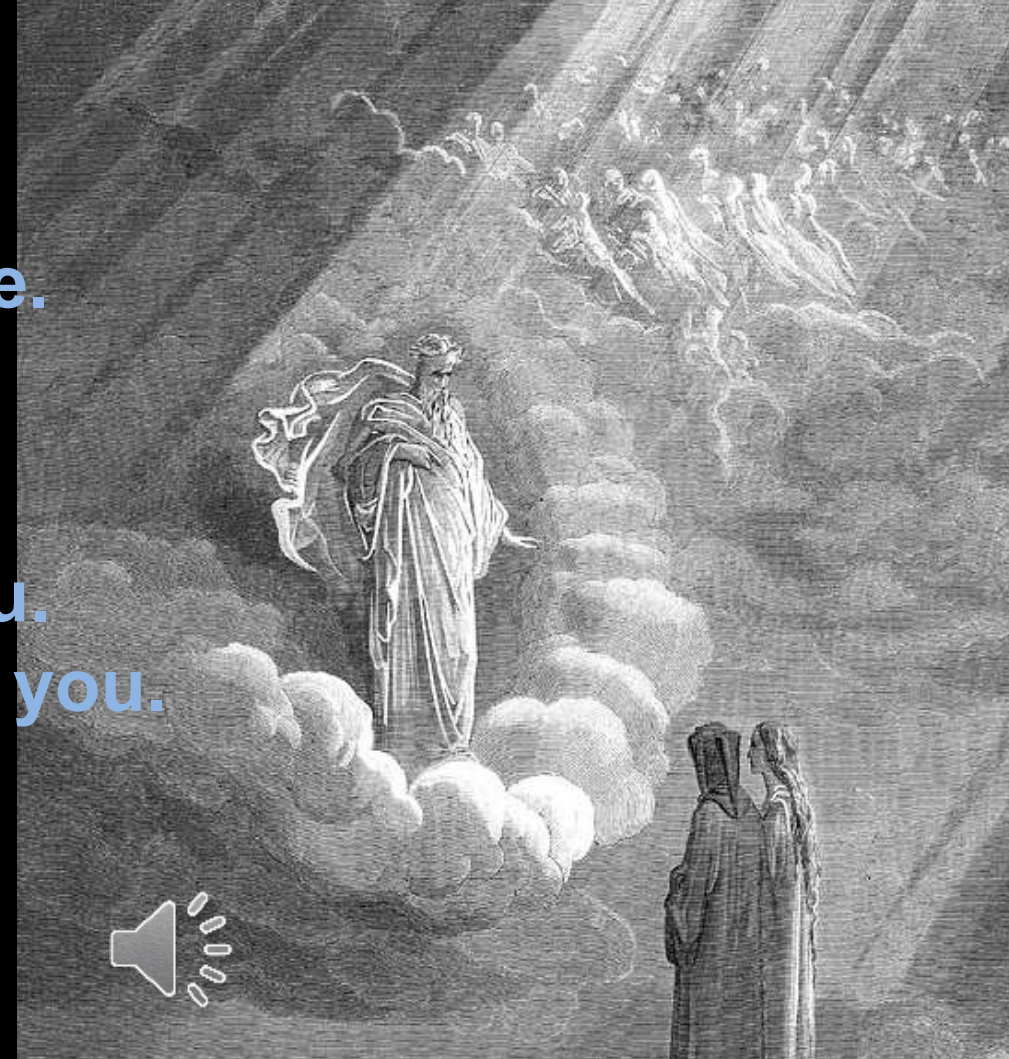
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***First*—a walk to the Garden ... then the Cross**

HIS “preparing” included a Garden prayer, Whipping, Crown of Thorns, and 3 Nails