



# CHRIST THE CONQUEROR

Isaiah 53:4-6

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[Michelangelo's \*Pietà\* in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.](#)

# The Incredible Book

**66** Books: 39 OT + 27 NT

Written over **1500** years  
(1450 BC – AD 100)

**40** different authors

From **3** different continents, different nations, and varying cultures

Contains **3** different languages  
(Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek)

## HEBREW

וְקִשְׁרָתָם לְאוֹת  
עֵינֶיךָ: וְכִתְבֹתָם

## ARAMAIC

יְצוּה לך לשמורך בכל  
דאיהו מקסרג ליה

## GREEK

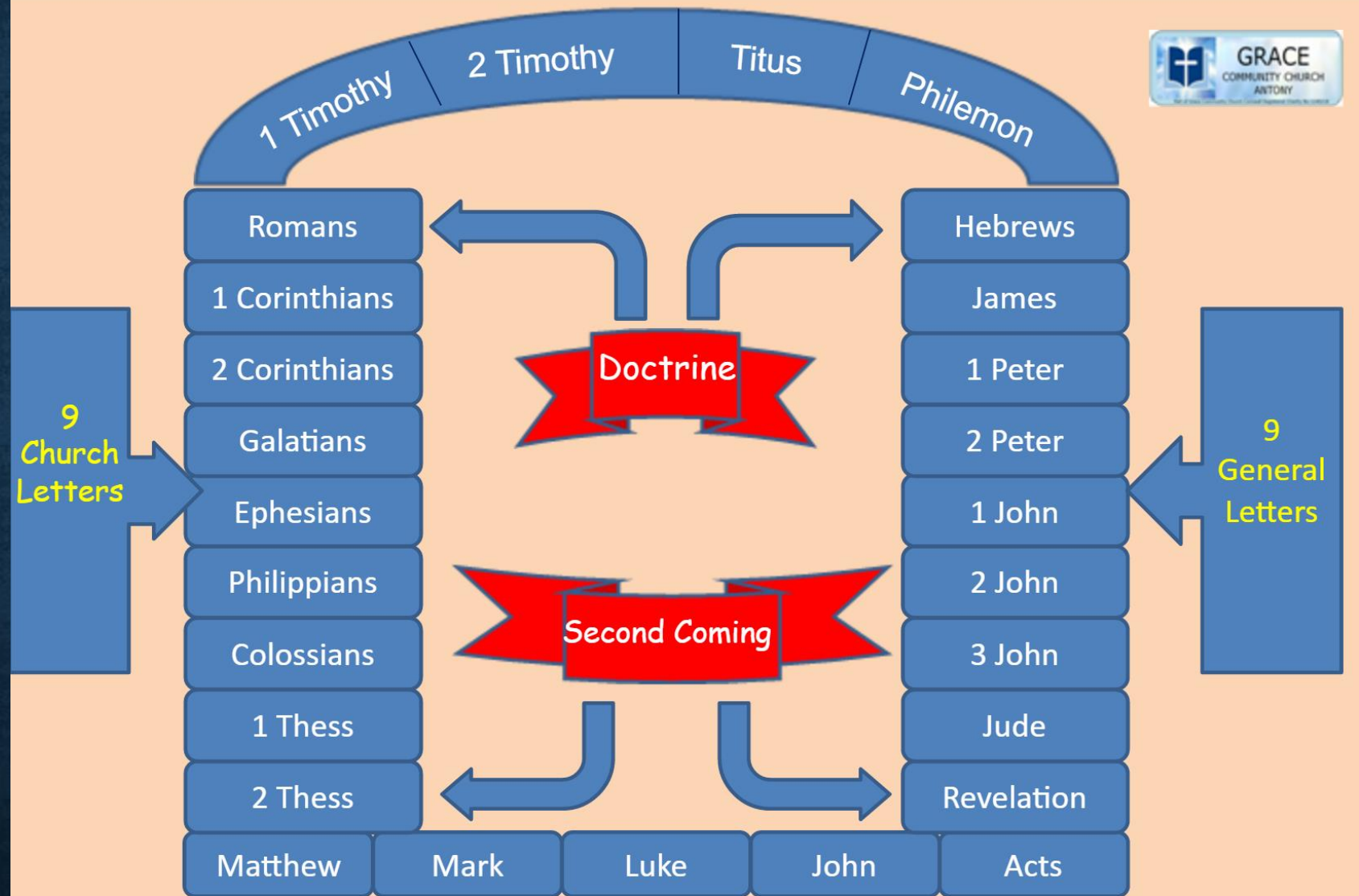
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Η ΑΝΑΡΕΧΗ ΤΩ ΒΑΣΙ  
ΛΕΙΒΑΣΙ ΛΕΥΣΕΡΑΝ



# SYMMETRY OF THE BIBLE

<b>First 3 Old Testament Chapters (Genesis 1 – 3)</b>	<b>Last 3 New Testament Chapters (Revelations 20-22)</b>
First Creation	New Creation
In the Garden of Eden	In a New Garden
Serpent Victorious	Serpent Vanquished
Tree of Life : No access	Tree of Life: Accessed by All
Paradise Lost	Paradise Regained

# SYMMETRY AGAIN WITHIN THE NEW TESTAMENT



ARCHWAY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

# THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

- 66 chapters
- First 39 chapters on Judgement on Israel and the Nations
- Last 27 chapters on Grace and Salvation
  
- $27/2 = 13.5$
- $40 + 13.5 = 53:6!$

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# THE SUFFERING SERVANT

## ISAIAH 53:1-3 (NASB)

- *<sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*
- *<sup>2</sup>For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot and like a root out of parched ground. He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.*
- *<sup>3</sup>He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. And like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised and we did not esteem Him.*

## ISAIAH 53:4-6 (NASB)

- *<sup>4</sup>Surely our griefs He Himself bore. And our sorrows He carried.*

*“Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.*

*<sup>5</sup>But He was **pierced through** for our transgressions. He was **crushed** for our iniquities. The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him and by His **scourging** we are healed.*

*<sup>6</sup>All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, but **the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.***

- [Zechariah 12:10](#) *“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.*

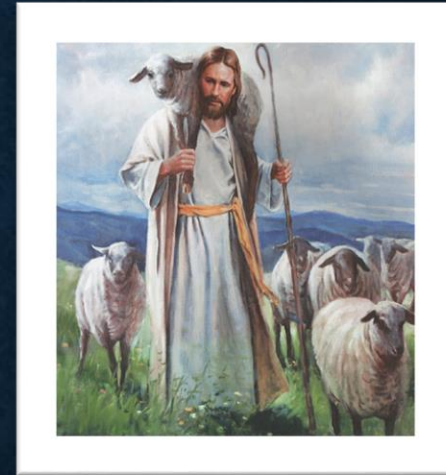


# WHO IS THIS PERSON?

- Peter had Isaiah 53 in mind, when he tells us in 1 Peter 2:21-25, **Christ Is Our Example**

<sup>21</sup> For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, <sup>22</sup> WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; <sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

- No one but Jesus Christ can fulfil this.



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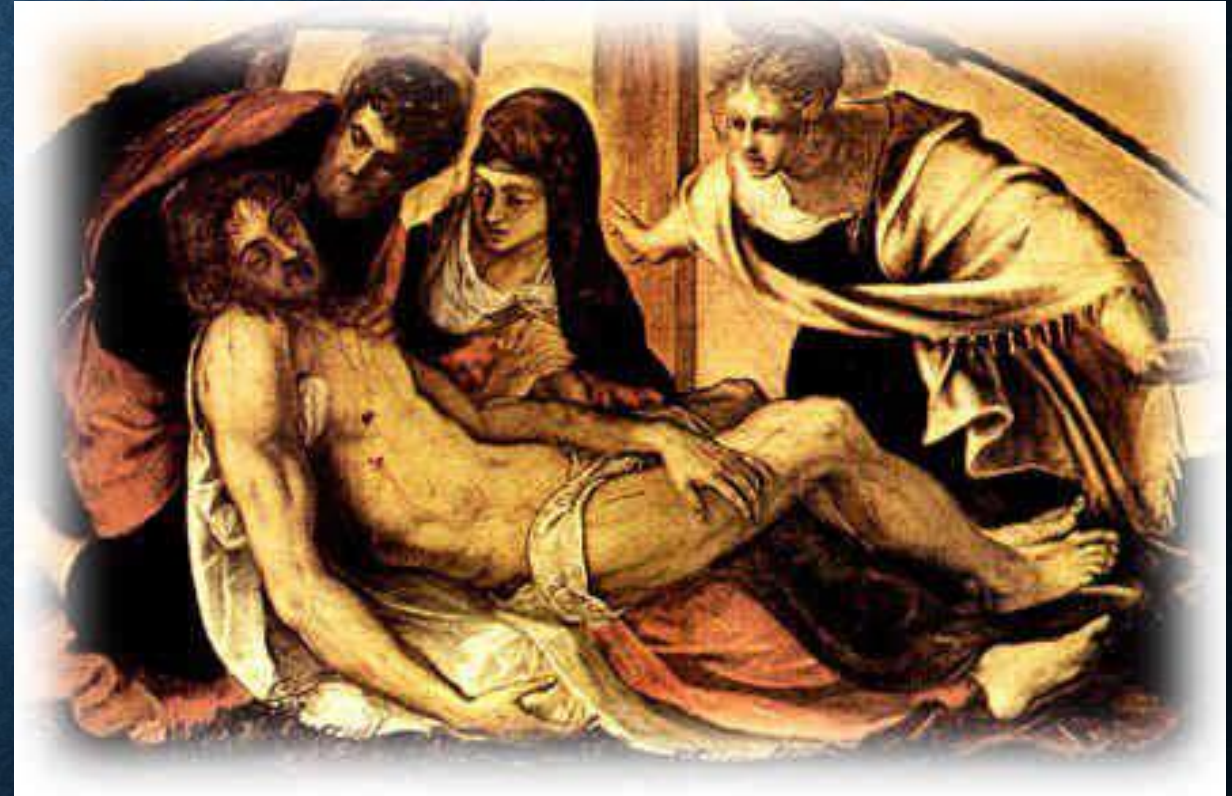
Isaiah 53:5

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

# THE WORLD THINKS GOD PUNISHED THE SERVANT

- Isaiah 53:4

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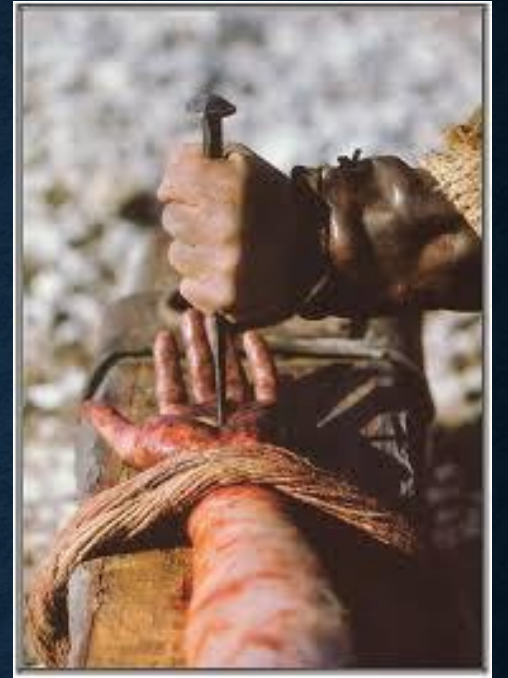
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# HE WAS PUNISHED FOR OUR SIN

- Isaiah 53:5

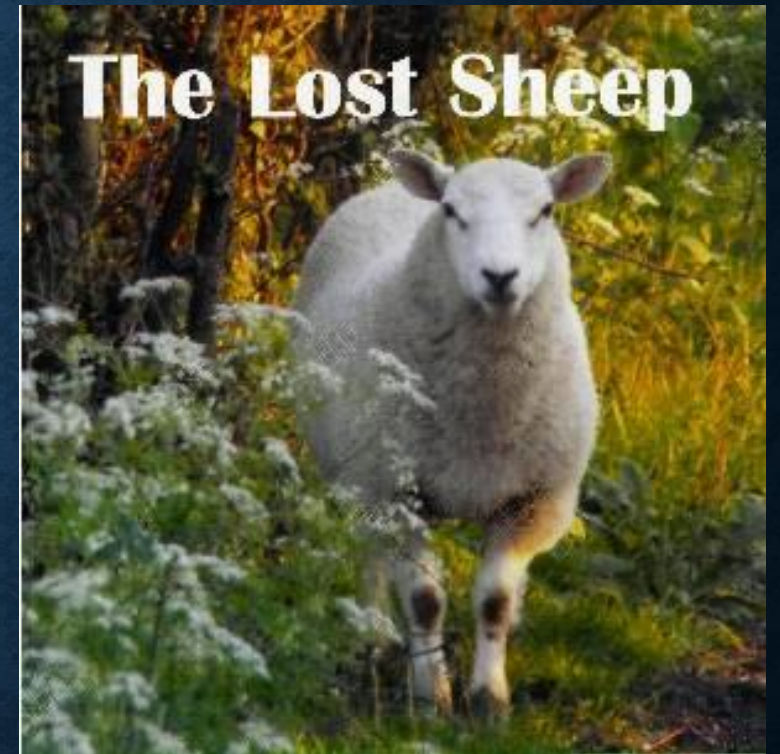
But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.



# OUR SIN FALLS UPON THE SINLESS SERVANT

- Isaiah 53:6

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Each of us has turned to his own way; But  
the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all  
to fall on Him.



**Jesus said:  
I am the good Shepherd:  
the good shepherd giveth  
his life for the sheep.**

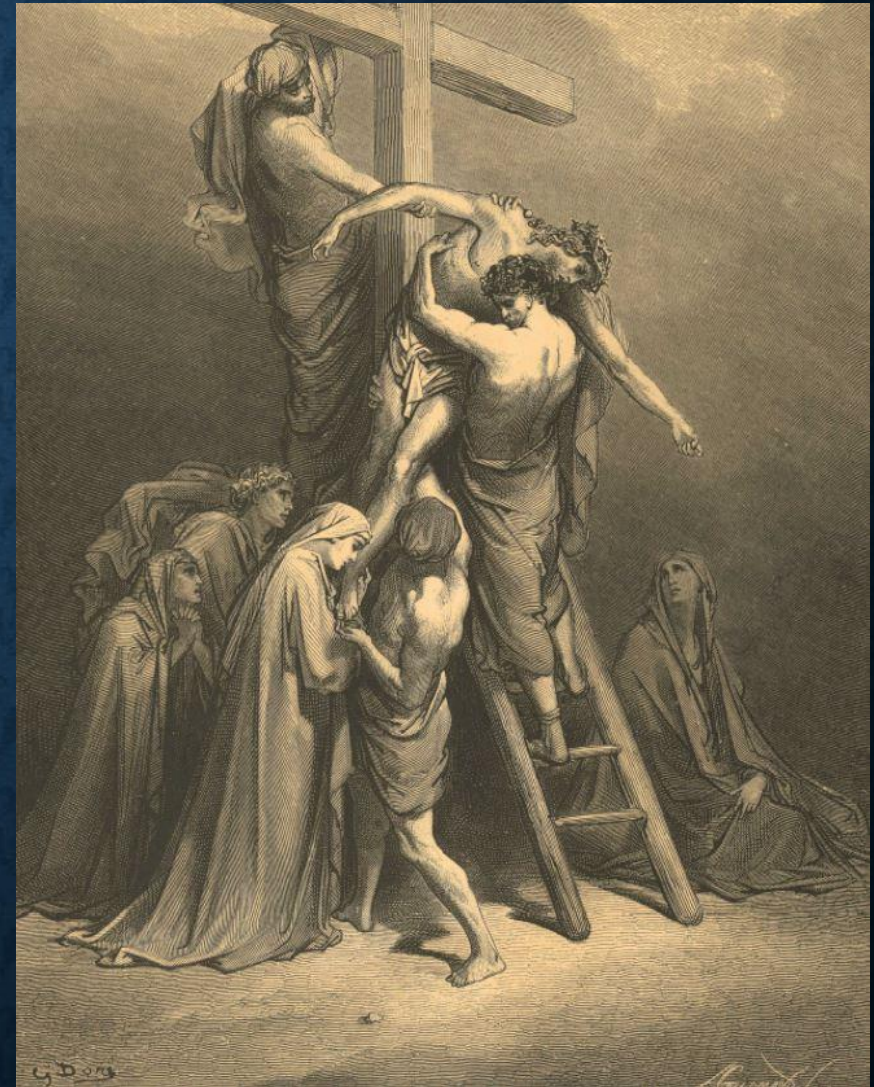
**John ch10 v11**

# JESUS: CONQUEROR OVER DEATH

According to the Bible, Jesus was God manifest in human flesh. (; Philippians 2:5-8). When Jesus died, he died a man's death and because he was the one and only righteous man *and* the one and only righteous God, "it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him" (Acts 2:22-24).

God took on humanity in order to die a man's death as our substitute (1Tim 2:5,6).

<sup>5</sup>For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave Himself as a ransom for all.



Christ down from the Cross – Gustav Dore

# SUBSTITUTION: THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST

- 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

CHRIST the CONQUEROR

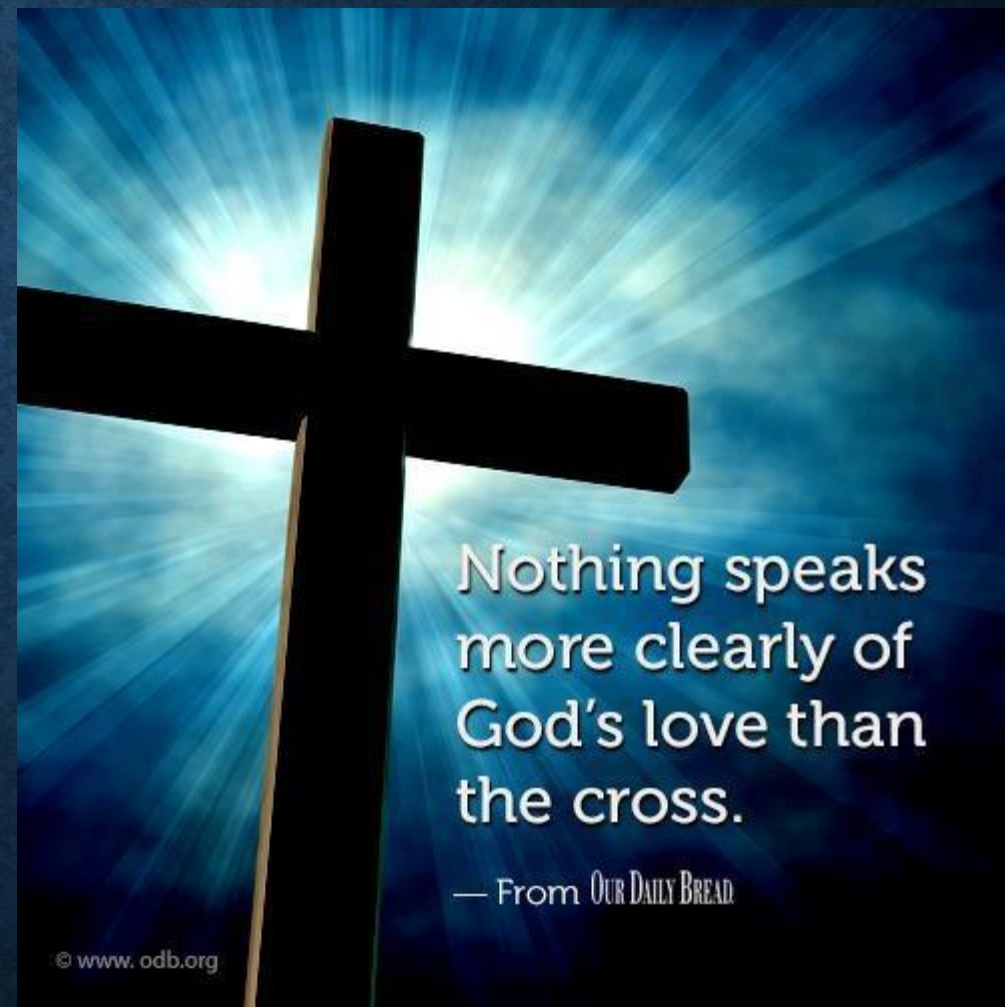
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Turn to Christ in faith and be justified

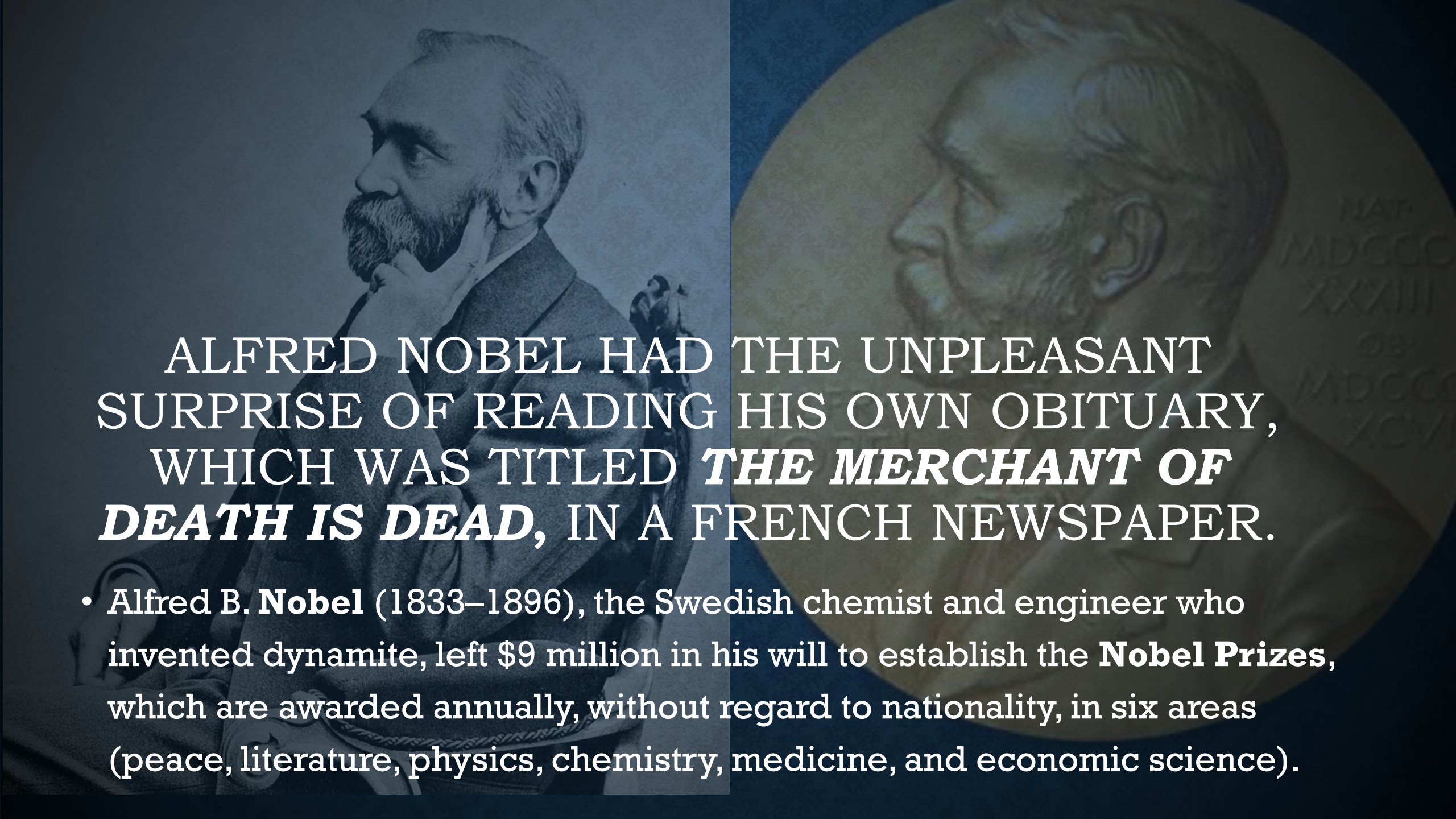
- Since there is overwhelming evidence for the truthfulness of the gospel, we must turn to Christ in faith and be justified before God.

# THE CROSS

- “Christ came into the world to destroy the works of the devil. And this was the very thing that did it, the blood and death of Christ. The cross was the devil’s own weapon; and with this weapon he was overthrown, as David cut off Goliath’s head with his own sword.”  
- **Jonathan Edwards**







ALFRED NOBEL HAD THE UNPLEASANT SURPRISE OF READING HIS OWN OBITUARY, WHICH WAS TITLED ***THE MERCHANT OF DEATH IS DEAD***, IN A FRENCH NEWSPAPER.

- Alfred B. Nobel (1833–1896), the Swedish chemist and engineer who invented dynamite, left \$9 million in his will to establish the **Nobel Prizes**, which are awarded annually, without regard to nationality, in six areas (peace, literature, physics, chemistry, medicine, and economic science).

## APPLICATION 2

- How has your life been lived?
- How would you be remembered?
- Have you helped anyone come into the eternal Kingdom of God?
- Are we of the world or do we see ourselves as citizens of Heaven?
- Do we love the Word and His coming?

