





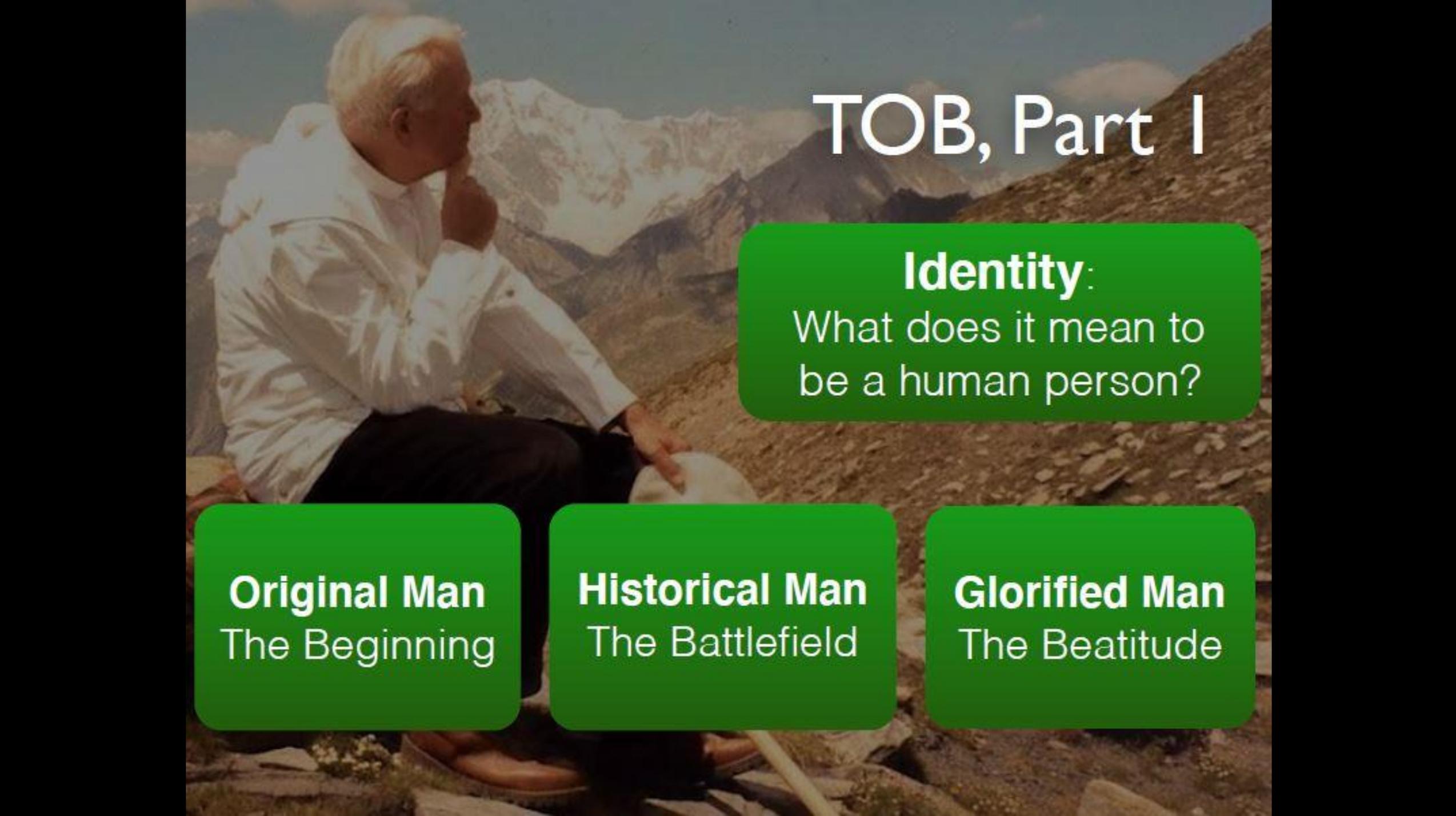


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“Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female [first creation account], and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’ [second creation account]?...’For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives but from the beginning it was not so.’” (Matthew 19:4-8)



TOB, Part I

Identity:

What does it mean to be a human person?

Original Man
The Beginning

Historical Man
The Battlefield

Glorified Man
The Beatitude



“For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage.”

-Mt 22:30

Hosea 2:19

“...and I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, and steadfast love and mercy. I will betroth you to me and faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord.”

“It is obvious, writes John Paul II, that the analogy of human spousal love.... cannot offer an adequate and complete understanding of.... the divine mystery.”

God's “mystery remains transcendent with respect to this analogy, as with respect to any other analogy.”

At the same time, however, John Paul II maintains that the spousal analogy allows a certain penetration into the very essence of the mystery.”

(see TOB95b: 1)

The Father “chose us in [Christ] **before** the foundation of the world.”

(Ephesians 1: 3-4)

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to **Christ and the Church.**”

(Ephesians 5: 31- 32)

Revelation 19:7-9

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready... Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

St. Paul's scripture is so important that John Paul II calls it the "summa" (sum total) of Christian teaching about who God is and who we are. He says this passage contains the "crowning" of all the themes in sacred Scripture and expresses the "central reality" of the whole of divine revelation (see TOB 87: 3).

The mystery spoken of in this passage "is 'great' Indeed," he says." It is what God... wishes, above all to transmit to mankind in his Word." Thus, "one can say that [this] passage... 'reveals in a particular way-man to man himself, and makes his supreme vocation clear' (GS, 22)" (TOB 87: 6; 93:2).

Ephesians 5:21-33 uses marriage as an analogy to express the depths of the love of Christ.

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ...As the church submits to Christ. so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”

To “submit to one’s spouse means to be “completely given” (TOB 90:2). In turn, mutual submission means “a reciprocal gift of self. Christ is the source and model of the submission. (TOB 89:4)

“the gift given by God to man in Christ is a ‘total gift’..., which is precisely what the analogy of spousal love indicates: It is in some sense ‘all’ that God could give of himself to man, considering the limited faculties of man as a creature.”

(TOB 95b:4)

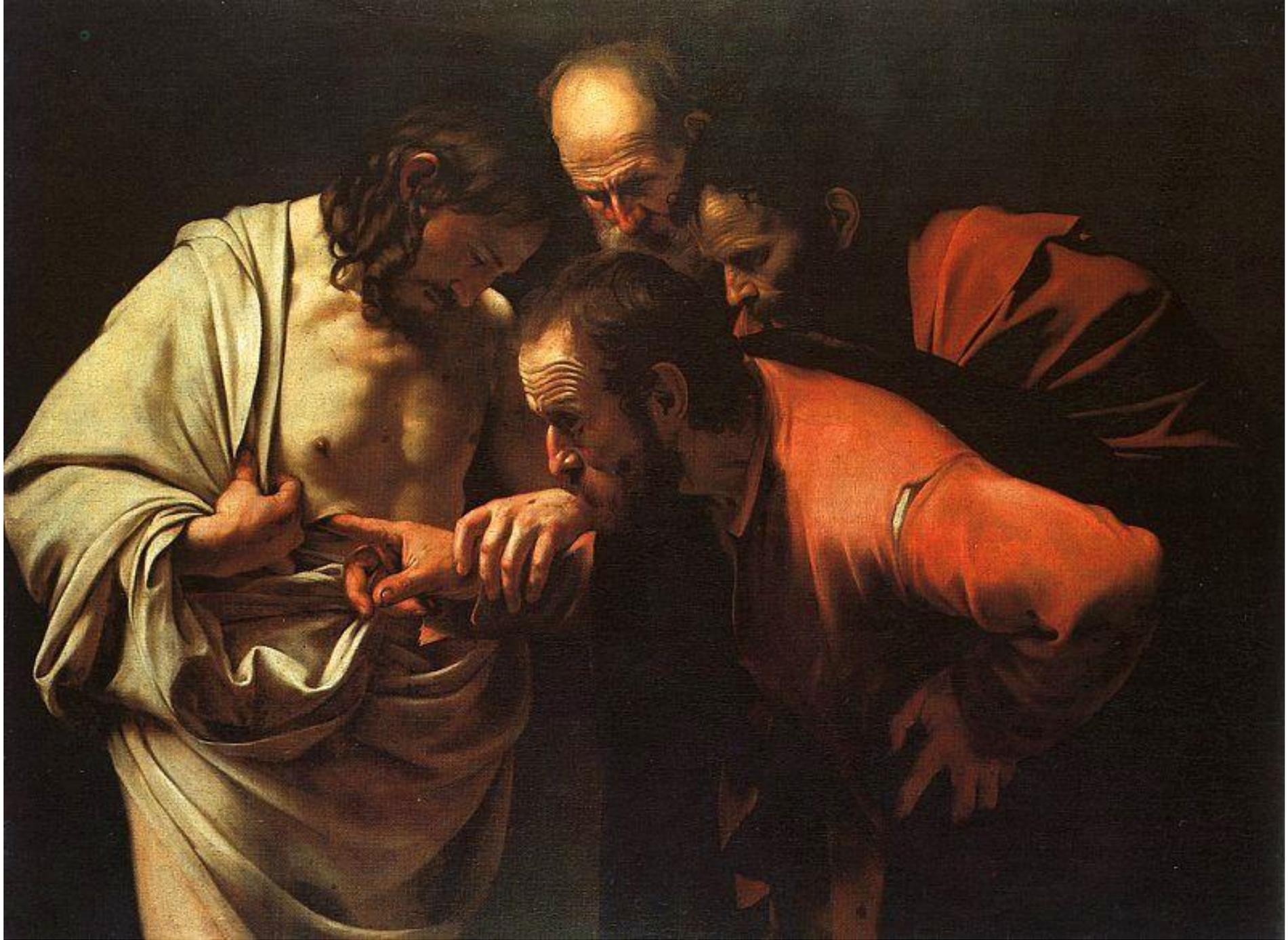


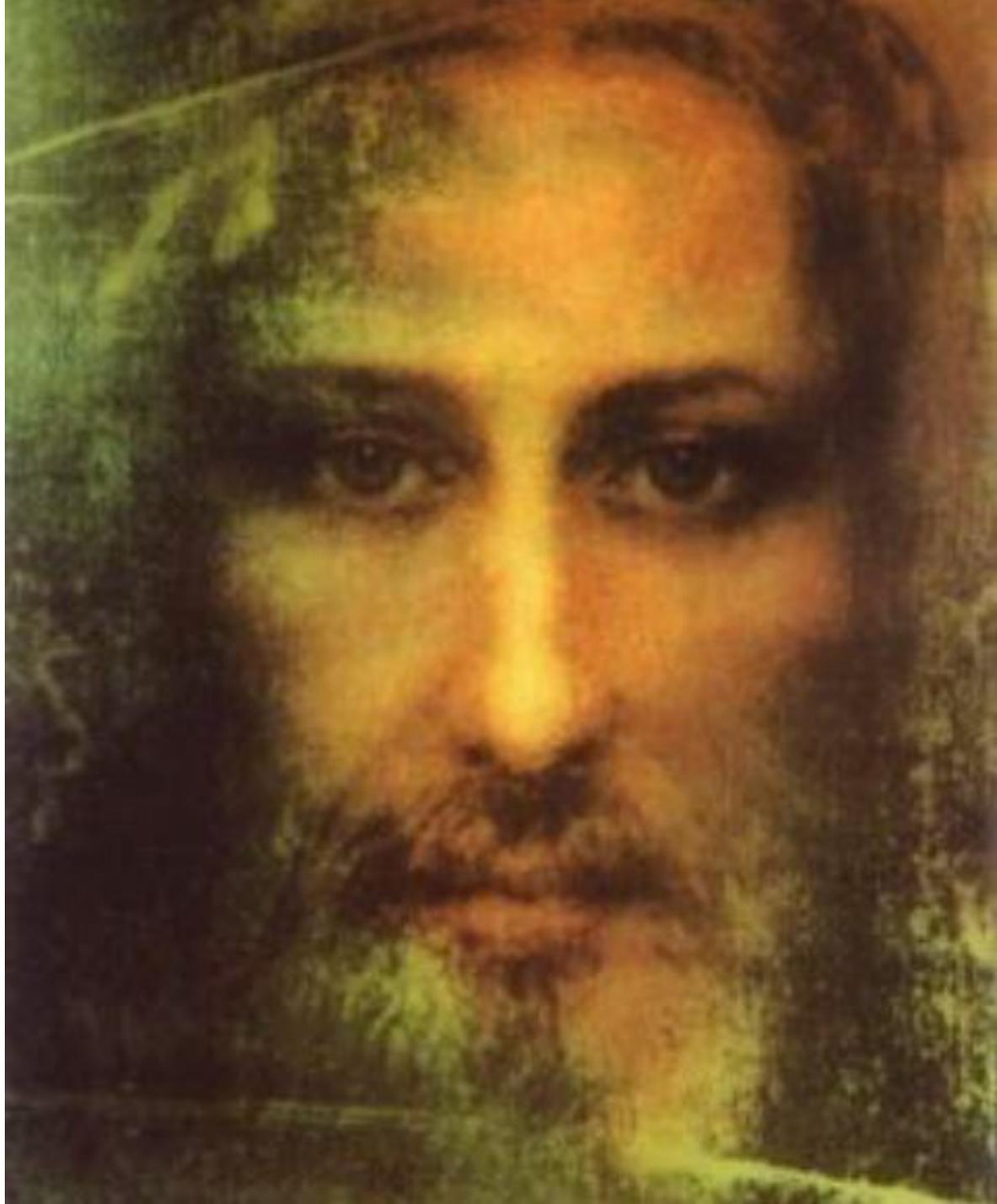




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Dear Wormwood

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A scenic sunset over a body of water with a silhouette of a dog on a cliff in the foreground. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and red near the horizon. The water is dark and calm. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a cliff or coastline is visible, with a dog sitting on top, looking out towards the sunset. The text "I Can Only Imagine" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the upper half of the image, and "MercyMe" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font below it.

I Can Only Imagine

MercyMe

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THE STORY OF THE LITTLE RED LIZARD by C.S. Lewis excerpt from The Great Divorce: pp. 98-103 [PDF](#)

