

Church History Literacy

Martin Luther – Part One

Lesson 50

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Do you ever wonder ...



Do you ever wonder ...

Does God really love you?



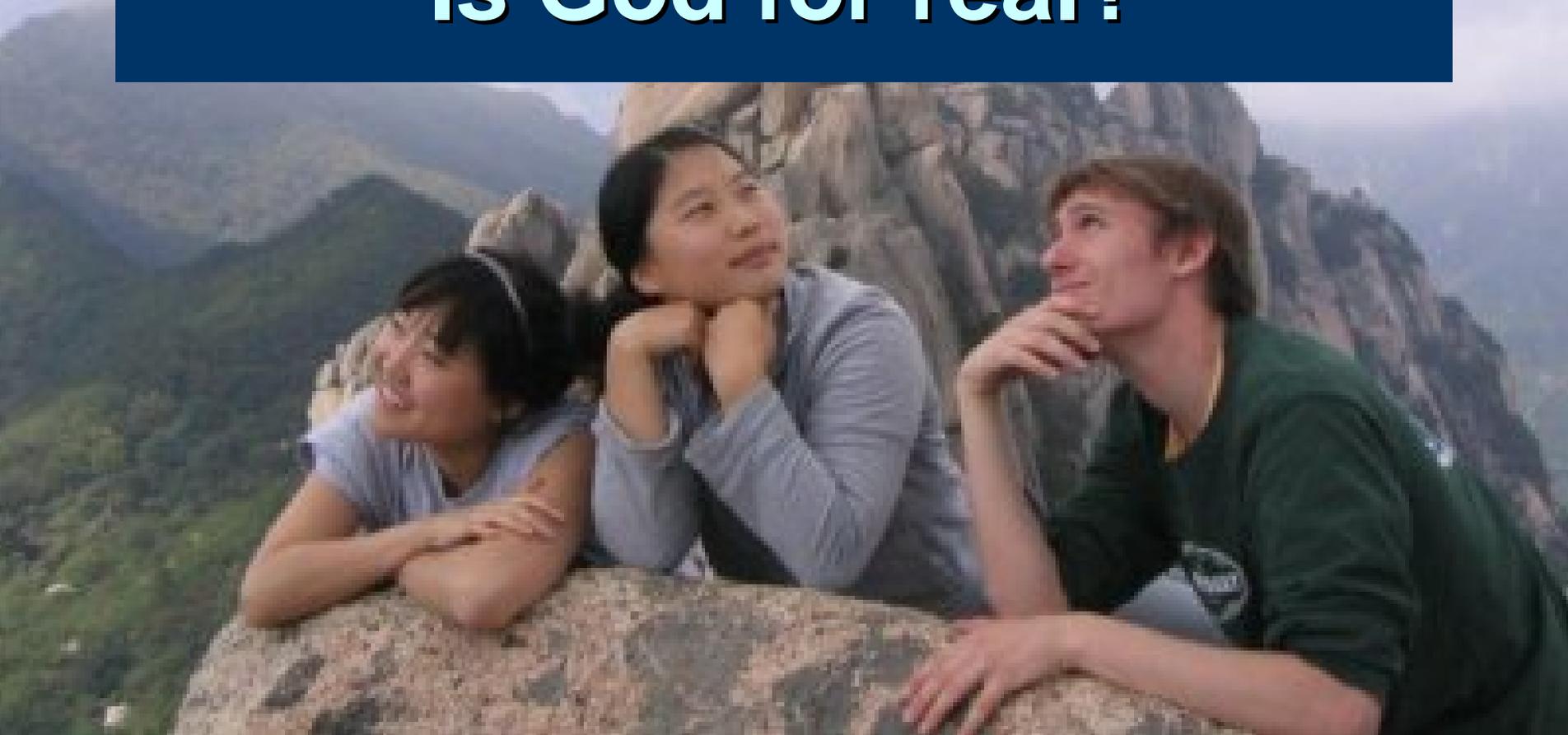
Do you ever wonder ...

Are you going to heaven?



Do you ever wonder ...

Is God for real?



Do you ever wonder ...

**Will God really take care of
me?**





Those
questions
troubled
Martin Luther

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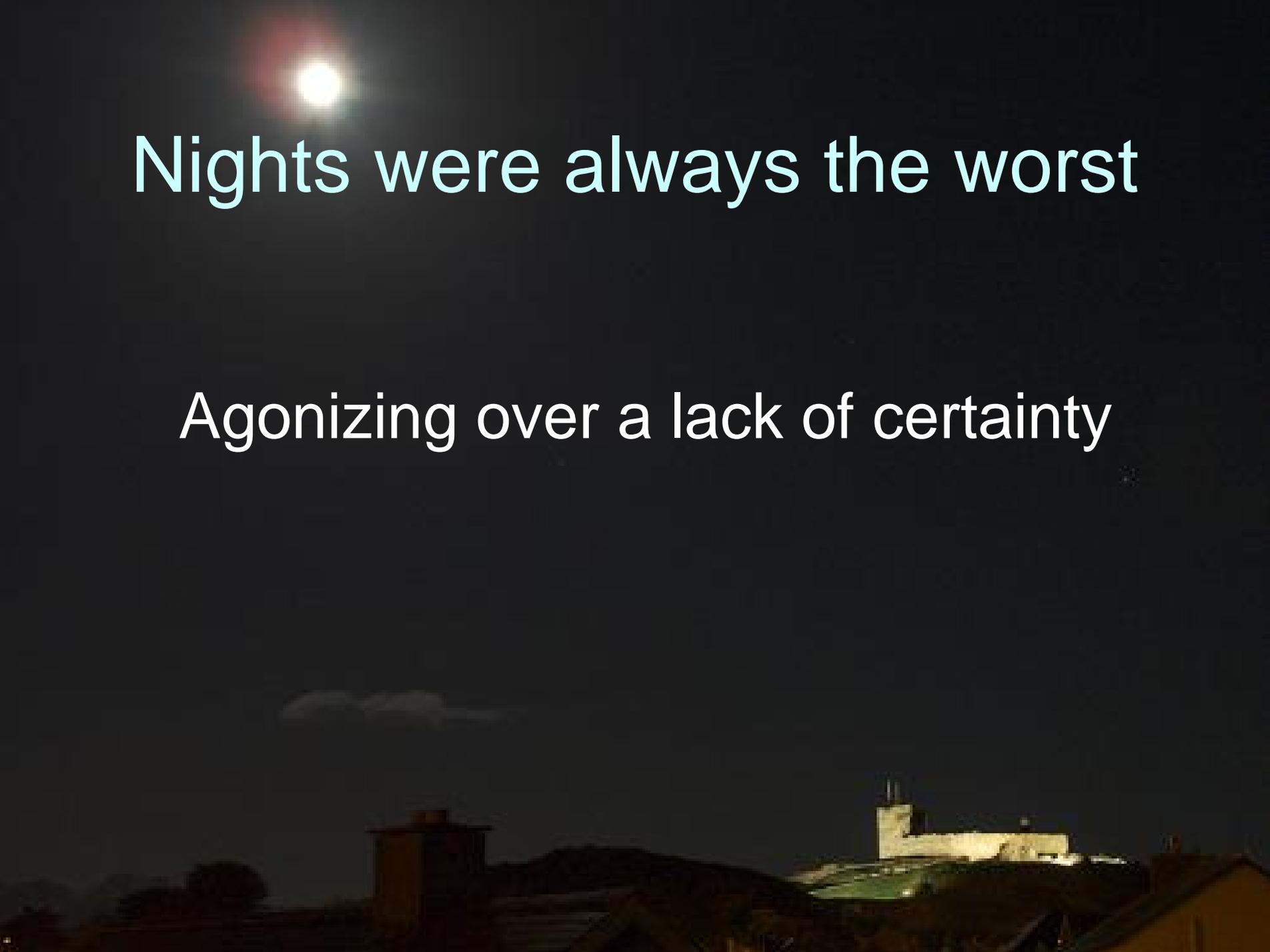
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“*anfechtungen*”

- Despair
- Spiritual Crisis
- Fear
- Dread

A night photograph of a town. In the upper left, a bright, circular light source, possibly the moon or a star, is visible against the dark sky. The text "Nights were always the worst" is overlaid in white. In the lower right, a large, multi-story building is brightly lit, casting a glow on the surrounding area. The foreground shows the silhouettes of rooftops and a chimney.

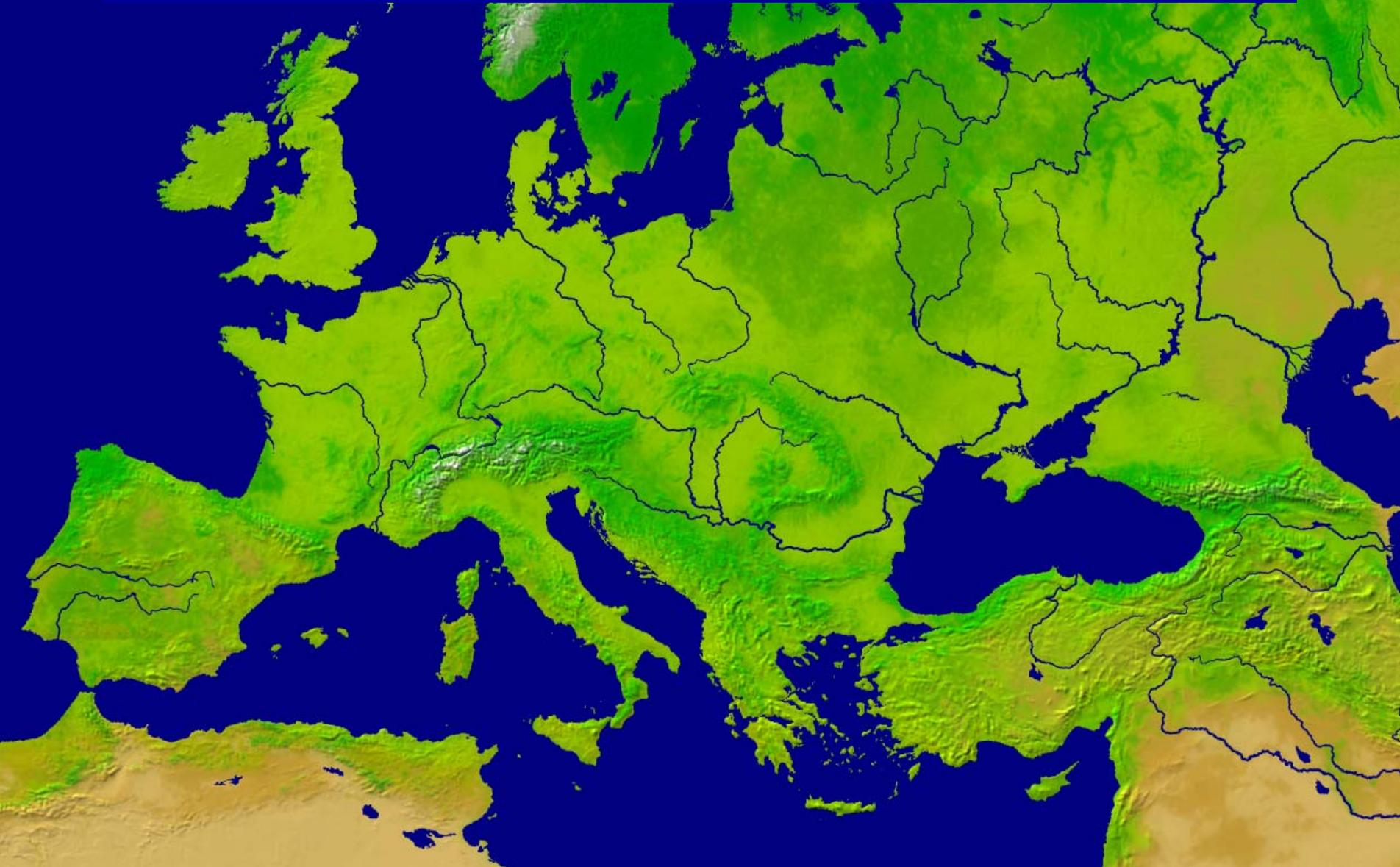
Nights were always the worst

A night sky with a bright star or moon in the upper left and a cityscape silhouette at the bottom.

Nights were always the worst

Agonizing over a lack of certainty

It all started Nov. 10, 1483



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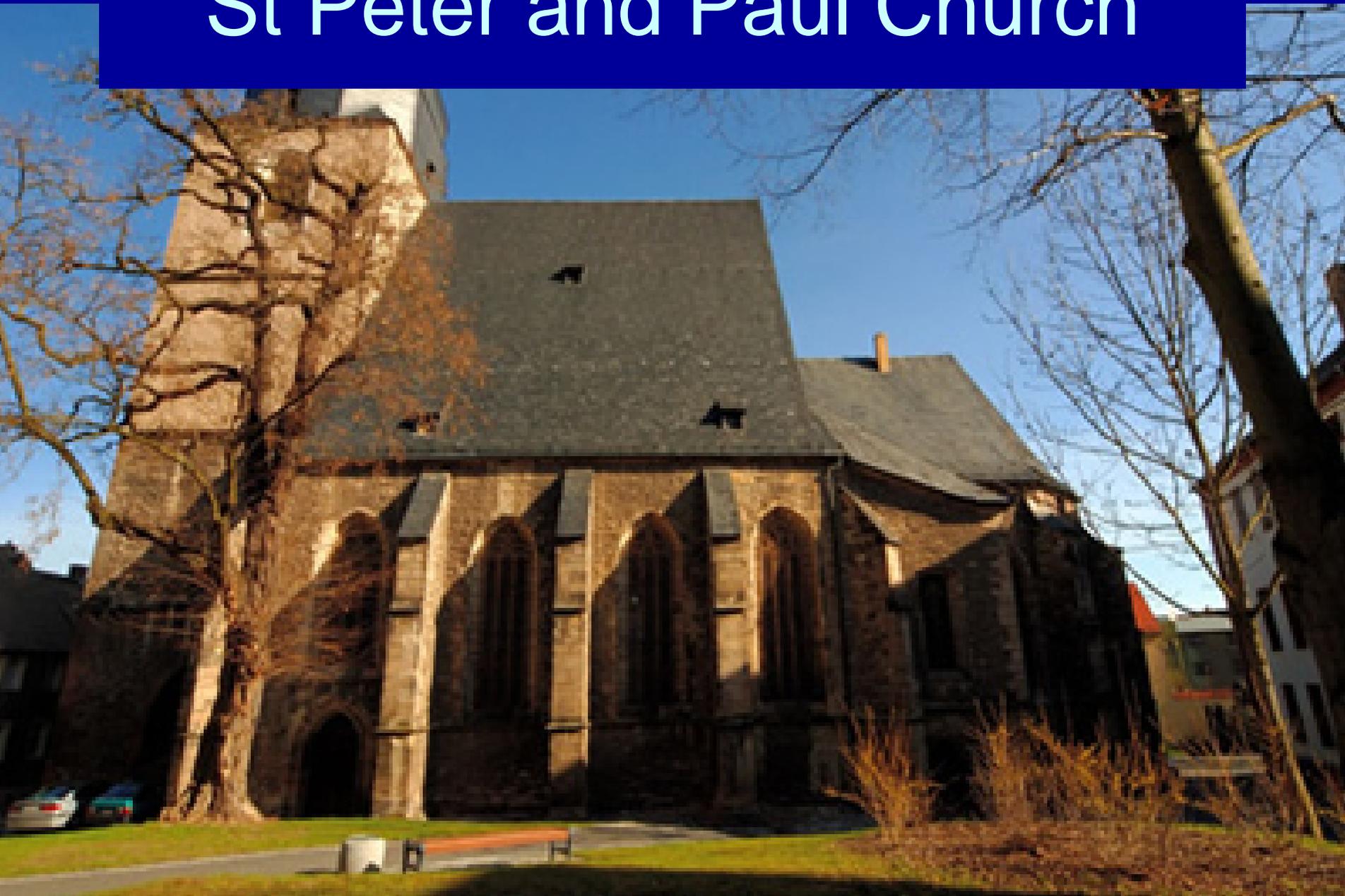
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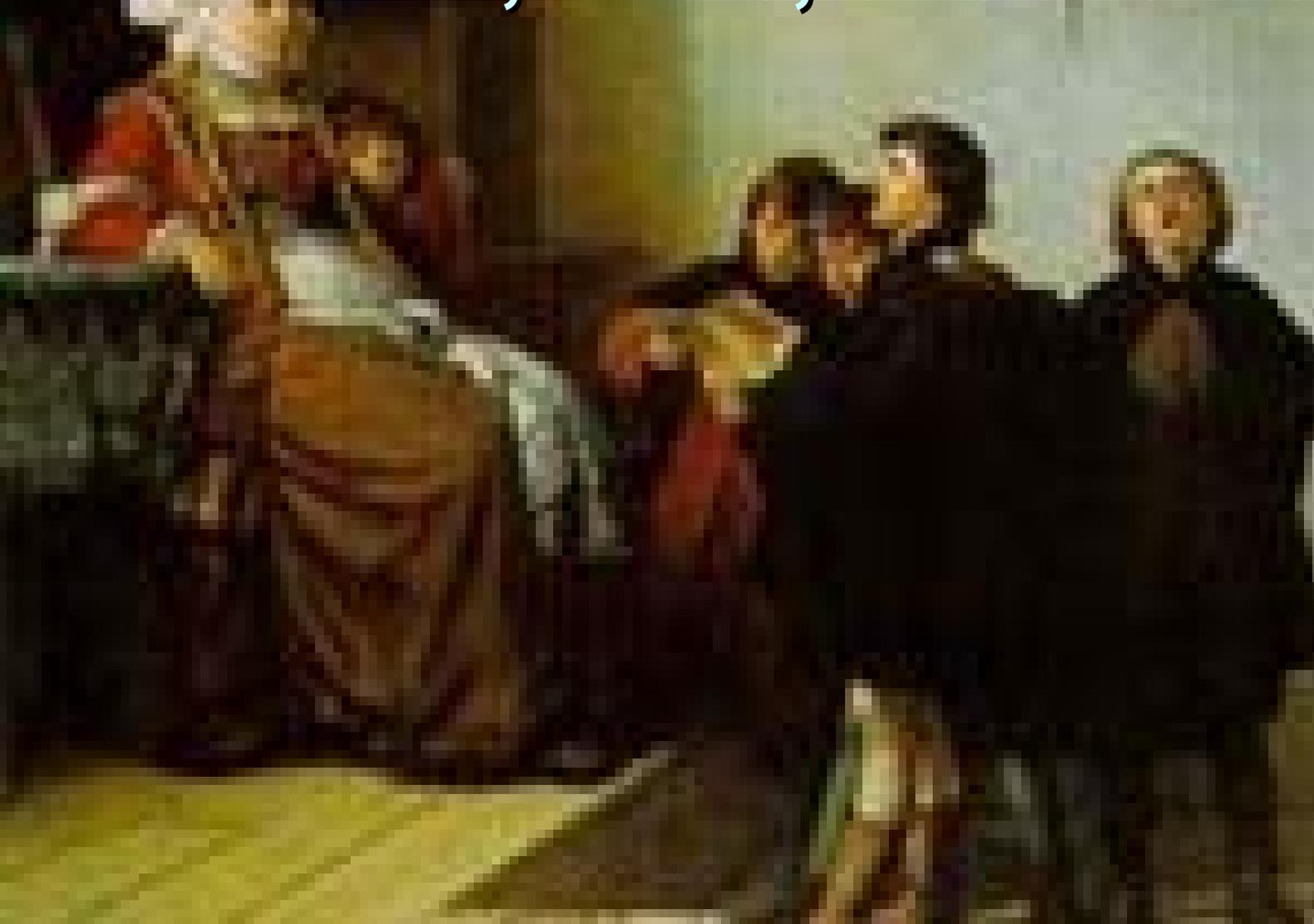
Hans and Margareth Luder



St Peter and Paul Church



A solid early education in Latin, Bible, and Music





Luther the Student



Luther the Student

- B. A. Liberal Arts 1502



Luther the Student

- B. A. Liberal Arts 1502
- M. A. 1505



Luther the Student

- B. A. Liberal Arts 1502
- M. A. 1505
- Law School!

Beware July thunderstorms!



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“St Anne, help me and I will become a monk!”



Erfurt monastery



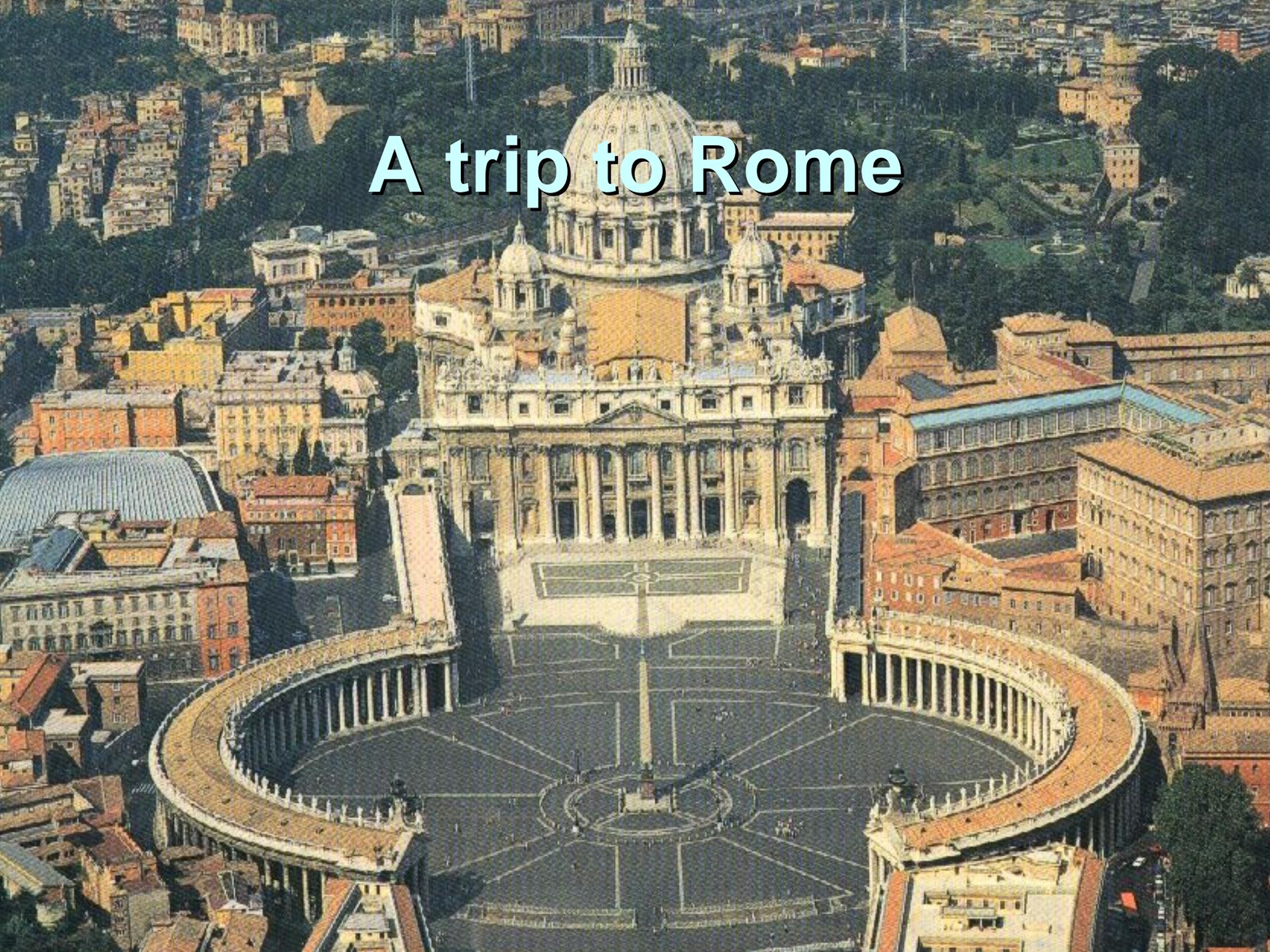


Martin's father
figure - John
Staupitz



Ordained
priest Feb. 27,
1507

A trip to Rome



Wittenberg



Wittenberg



“Small, poor, ugly, stinking, hideous, wretched, unhealthy, smoky, full of slop, populated by barbarians and sellers of beer.” J. Cochlaeus 1524



It also had a printing press!

Martin teaches Bible



**Meanwhile, Martin's
anfechtungen continues**



Meanwhile, Martin's *anfechtungen* continues

“Have you fasted enough?”



Meanwhile, Martin's *anfechtungen* continues

“Have you fasted enough?”

“Are you poor enough?”



Meanwhile, Martin's *anfechtungen* continues

“Have you fasted enough?”

“Are you poor enough?”

“Have you tried to please God?”



We have an angry God
making demands no
human can meet!



A photograph of an ornate, classical-style doorway, likely a tomb or entrance to a chapel. The doorway is framed by a decorative archway with gold leaf accents. The central archway is the largest, flanked by two smaller archways. The entire structure is set against a light-colored wall. The text "CELESTIO" is visible above the central archway, and "ISIACTO" is visible above the right-hand archway. The doorway is set within a larger, more ornate structure that includes a decorative urn-like finial on the left side.

We have an angry God
making demands no
human can meet!

“God is not angry with you,
you are angry with God!”

An ornate doorway with three arched openings. The central arch is the largest. The door is dark wood. The surrounding structure is light-colored with gold leaf accents. Above the arches are Latin inscriptions: 'CONFITE' on the left, 'CONFESSIO' in the center, and 'SISTACTO' on the right. A decorative urn sits on top of the structure.

We have an angry God
making demands no
human can meet!

“Focus not on the judgments of God
you can’t understand, but on the
wounds of Christ that show a love you
can rely upon!”

A word about relics...



And also indulgences!



**Pope Leo X is building the
world's largest church**





And
Archbishop
Albrecht is
paying off his
loans to Jacob
Fugger

Back to indulgences and John Tetzel

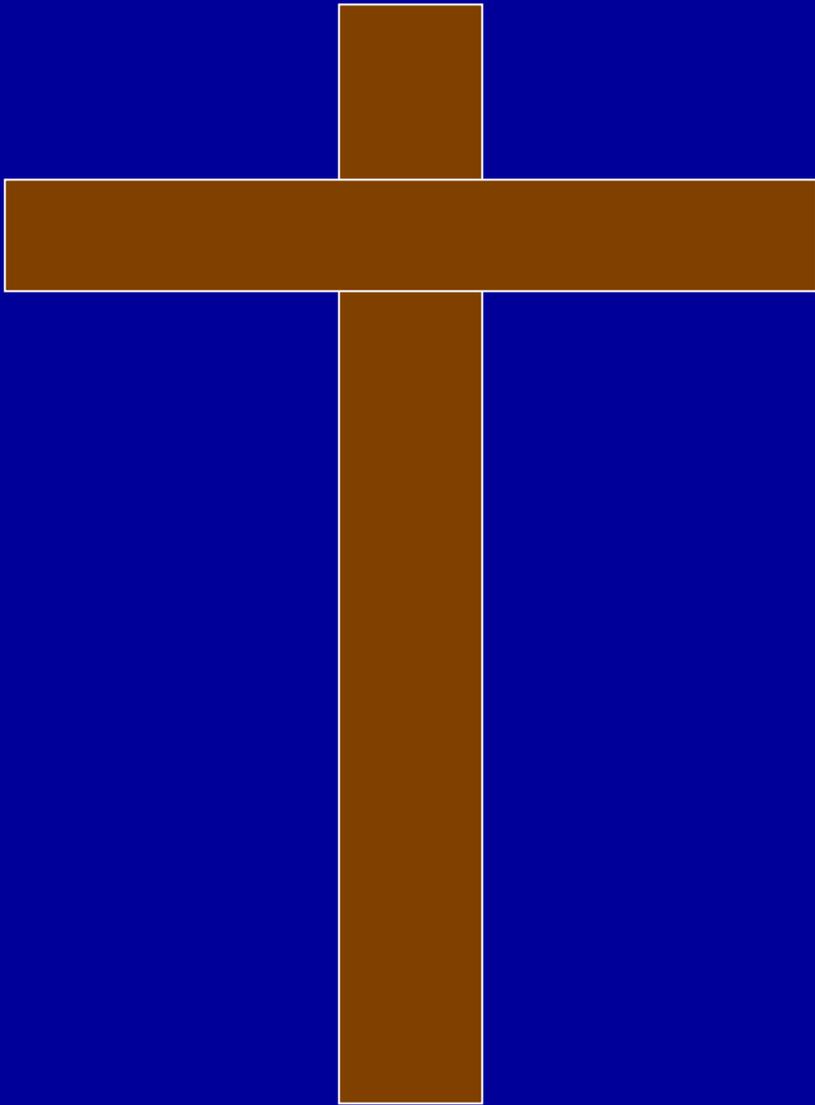
In Vollmacht  aller Heiligen
und in Erbarmung gegen Dich, absolviere
Ich Dich von allen Sünden und Missetha-
ten und erlasse Dir alle Strafen auf zehn
Tage.
Johannes Tetzel.



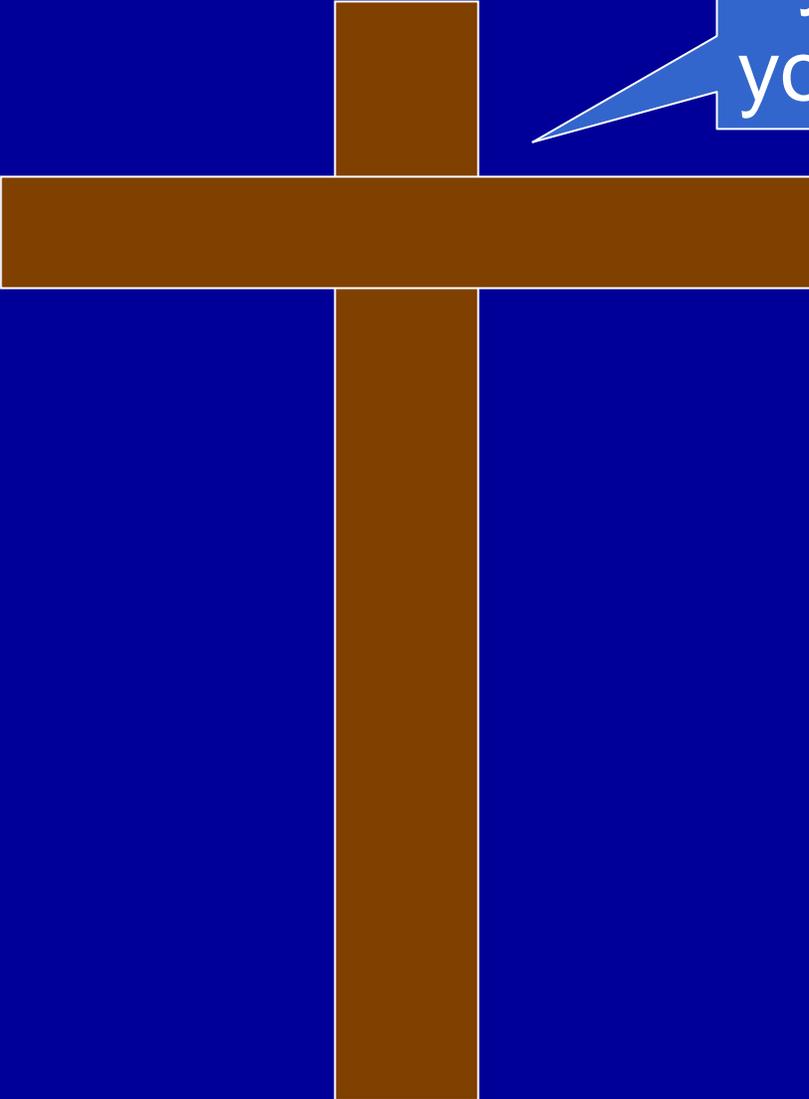
As soon as a coin in the
coffer rings, the soul from
purgatory springs”

*Johannes Tetzel von Leipzig
S.S. Theol. Doctor und Professor am Bruder
des Dominicaner Ordens, Käyser-Meister, und
Päpstlicher Gnadenprediger oder Ablass-Crämmer.*

Luther has
been
teaching
Psalms

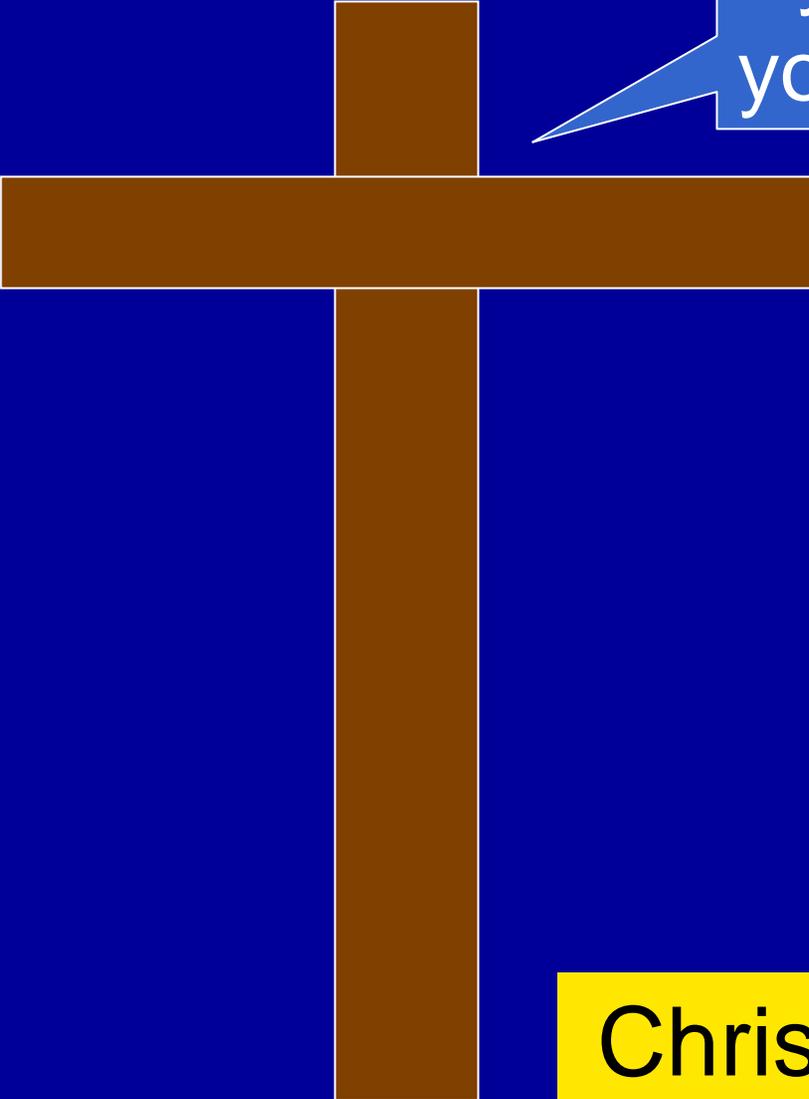


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My God, my God, Why have
you forsaken me? (Ps. 22)

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you forsaken me? (Ps. 22)

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Christ had *anfechtungen!*

10/31/1517 - Martin nails his 95
Theses and becomes Luther



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Luther finds
answers in
Romans 1:17



Jacob and a man wrestled till daybreak.

When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched to socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched.

Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Genesis 32

Points for home

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“All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law” (Romans 2:12)

“There is no one righteous, no one who does good” (Romans 3:10-12)

Points for Home

Yet, “a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known... This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:21-24)