Not My Will But Yours Be Done — The Gospel of Luke 22:35-53 —

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **Point out anything in** me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

— Psalm 139:23-24 —

Have you ever stopped to consider that the various situations you find yourself in are tests that reveal much about you?

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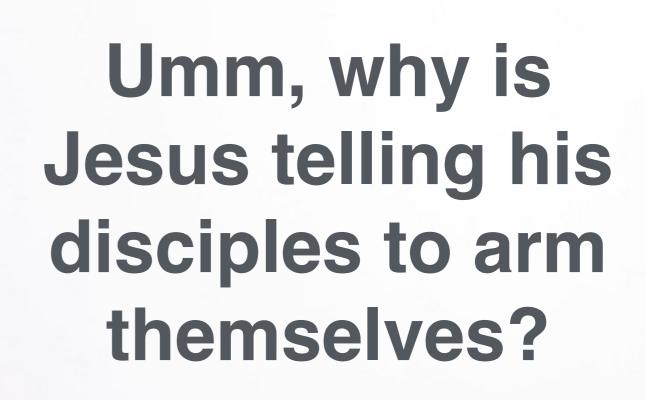
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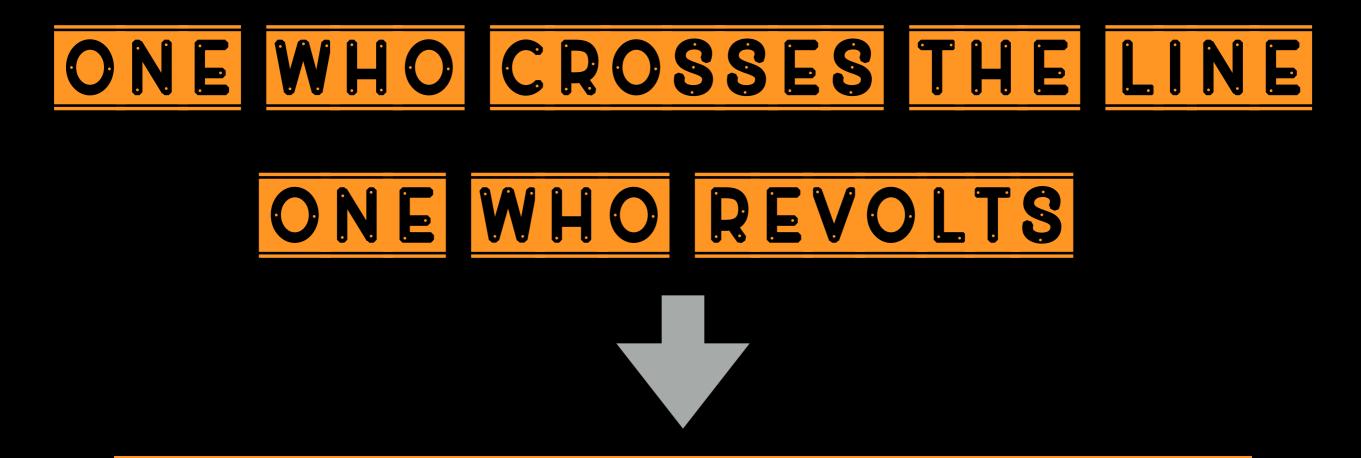
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...he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

– Isaiah 53:12 —



"transgressors" = pâša' (שָׁשַ)



Rebels / Renegades / Outlaws

So when Jesus says he must be numbered with the transgressors, we should hear him saying, I must be numbered among the rebels, the renegades, the outlaws.



...the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death....

— The Gospel of Luke 22:2 -

Then Satan entered Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the Twelve.

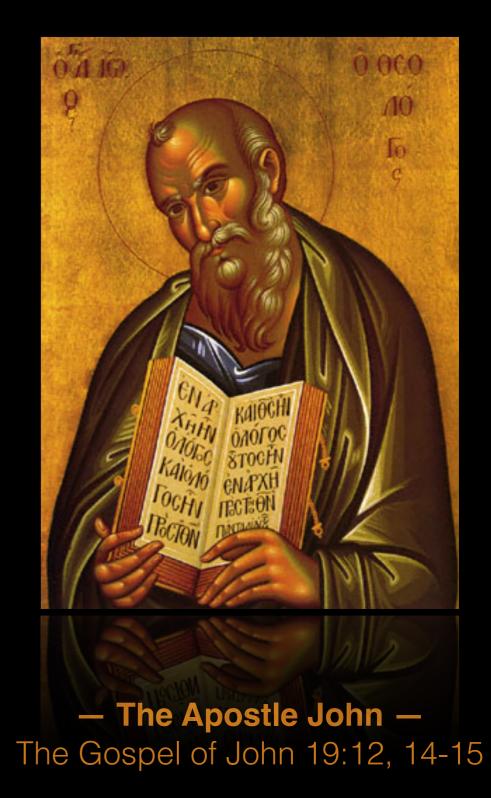
He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how might betray him to them.

And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

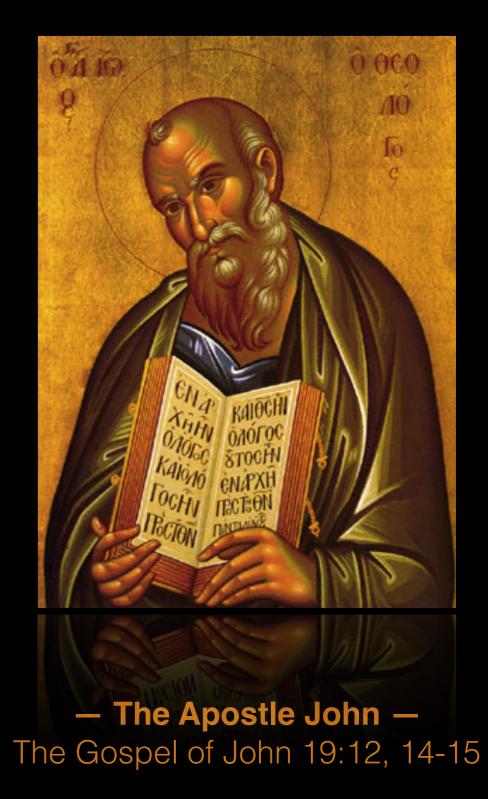


Luke the Evangelist The Gospel of Luke 5:12-15 Then the whole company arose and brought him to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is the Christ, a king."

From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "I you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar.



... He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."



The Gospel of Luke 22

38 And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

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What if Jesus knew the hour of testing is upon them, that each of them including himself—would be tested for their ultimate allegiance? What if Jesus knew the hour of testing is upon them, that each of them including himself—would be tested for their ultimate allegiance?

What if in a matter of moments, each of them would have the option to choose between God's way of peace or to repay evil for evil, violence for violence, vengeance for vengeance? 39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me.... 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

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My soul is sorrowful, even to the point of death.

Jesus of Nazareth

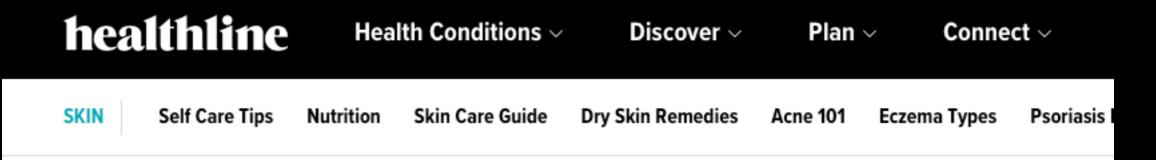
—The Gospel of Matthew 26:38 —

43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

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44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.



Hematidrosis: Is Sweating Blood Real?

Causes | Treatment

What is hematidrosis?

Hematidrosis is an extremely rare condition in which you sweat blood. It's also known as hematohidrosis and hemidrosis. It's so rare that many people don't know it exists or if it's real. But sweating blood has been seen throughout history. The Bible mentions Jesus sweating blood while praying before the crucifixion. Leonardo Da Vinci wrote about soldiers sweating blood before battle.

While these may or may not have been real depictions, hematidrosis is a real condition. Blood sweat can occur on any surface of the body. The face and forehead are common locations.

Learn more about why sweating blood happens and how doctors treat it.

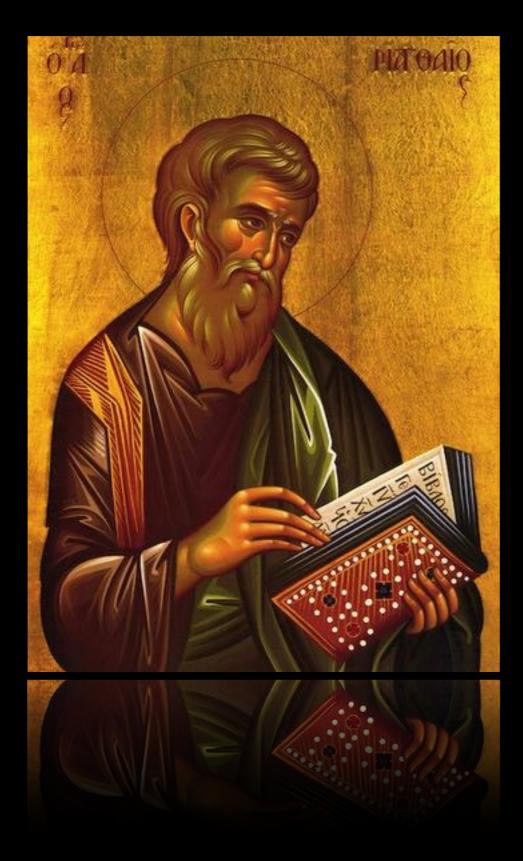
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Hematidrosis is an extremely rare condition in which you sweat blood.... In rare instances, the flight-or-fight response can trigger the rupture of capillaries in the body. Capillaries are tiny blood vessels located throughout tissue [and] are also located around the sweat glands. In cases of severe fear or stress, these tiny blood vessels can burst and cause blood to exit the body through the sweat glands.



Jesus is about to face the onslaught of the powers of darkness not to mention the sins of the world.

45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

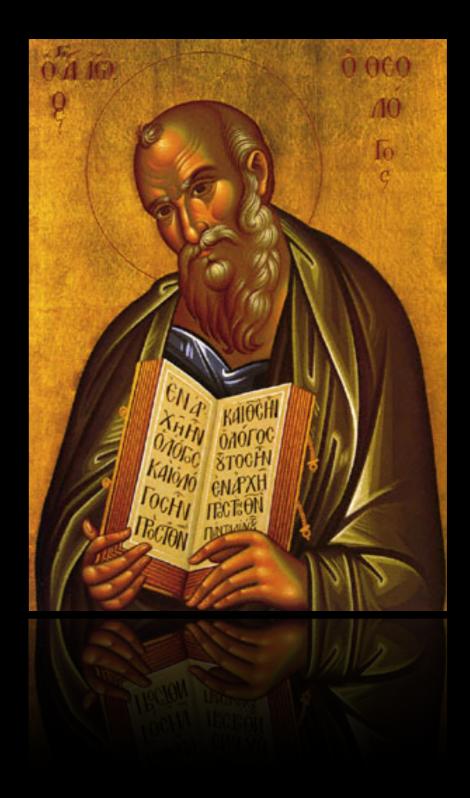


Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go; see my betrayer is at hand.

The Words of Jesus Recorded in The Gospel of Matthew 26:45-46

So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

> — The Apostle John — The Gospel of John 18:3



Let's Be Clear...

Both the enemies of Jesus and his disciples have weapons.

Jesus wanted His disciples to pray that they would not succumb to temptation.

The hour of testing for His disciples has now arrived.

What will they do? What should they do?



"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also...."

— Jesus in the Gospel of Luke 6:27-29 —



"The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

— Jesus in the Gospel of Luke 9:21 —



And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

— Jesus in the Gospel of Luke 9:21 —



"And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them."

— Jesus in the Gospel of Luke 9:54-55 —



"But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near."

— Jesus in the Gospel of Luke 10:10-11 —

What should we expect the disciples to do after spending three years with Jesus—the Prince of peace?

Answer:

We would expect them to lay down their swords and follow Jesus even to the cross.

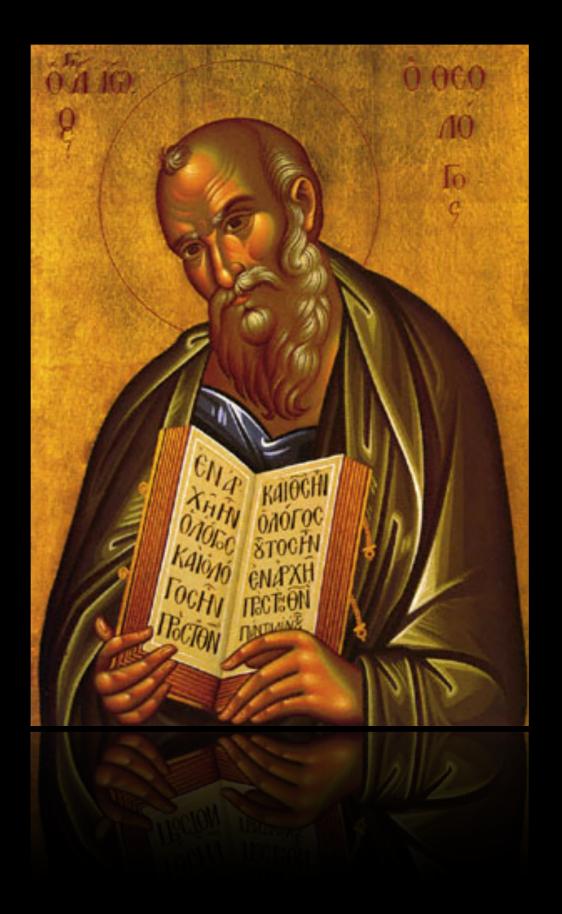
47 While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

> — The Apostle John — The Gospel of John 18:10

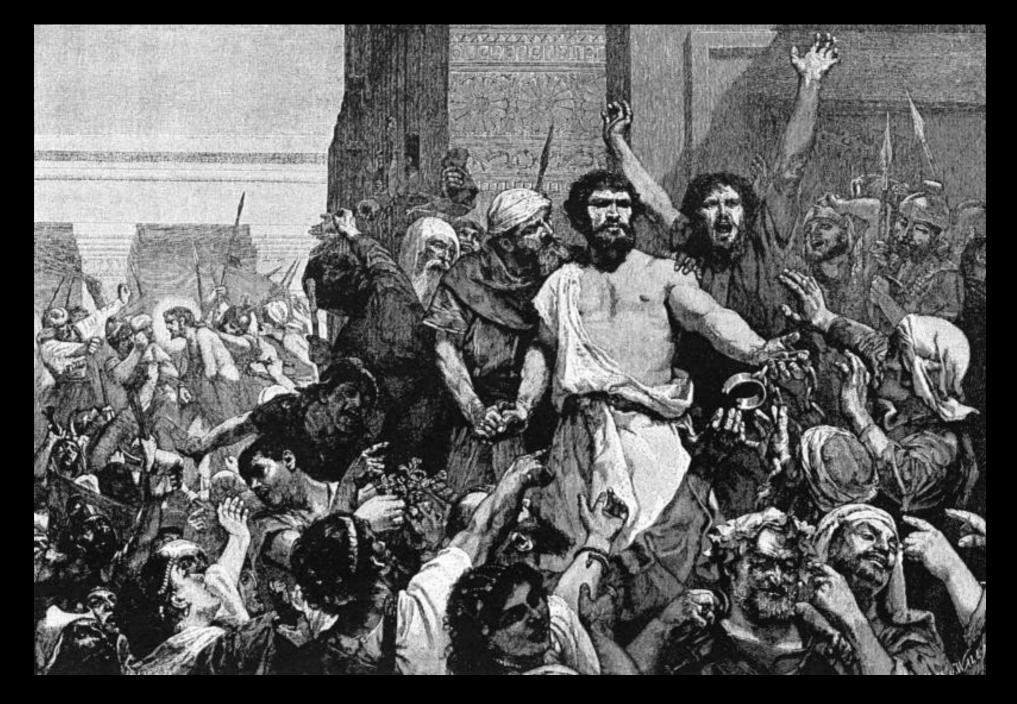


51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

"an insurrectionist"

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"Barrabas was a robber [an insurrectionist]."

"...the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder."

— John 18:14 & Luke 23:25 —

52 "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Important Question

Why does Luke record this trial / temptation in his historical biography of Jesus? In their moment of testing, the disciples failed. In Jesus' moment of testing, He succeeded.

The disciples were willing to shed the blood of their enemies. However, Jesus was willing to have His own blood shed for his enemies.

Let's lament how followers of Jesus have gotten it so wrong so often throughout history.

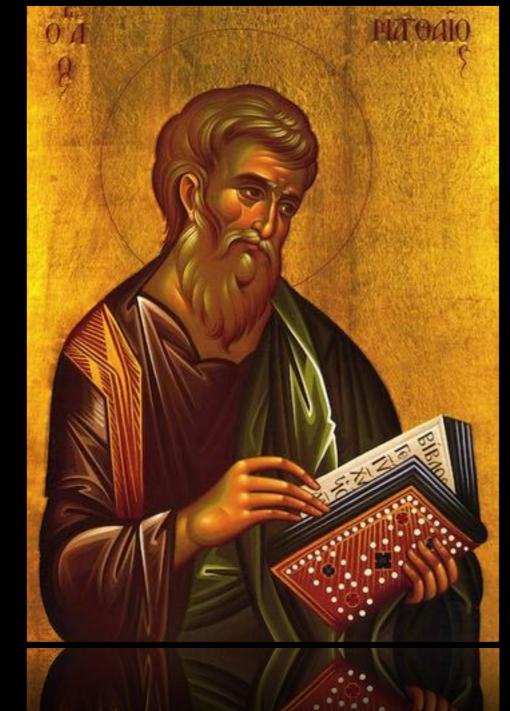




How ironic that the very symbol of a willingness to die for ones enemies has now been transformed into a sign of vengeance upon one's enemies!

We so believe in our First Amendment right to gather that if you show up and impede on our First amendment right to worship we gonna meet you at the door with our Second Amendment rights.

— Pastor Greg Locke, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee —

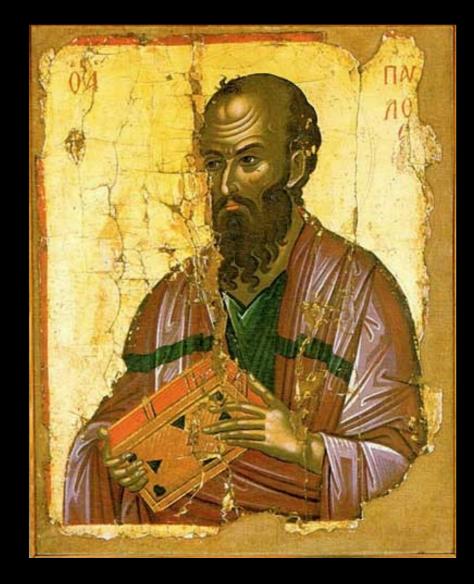


him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword."

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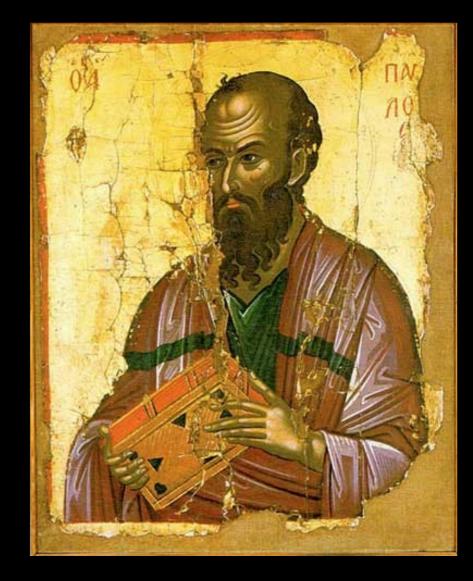
— The Apostle Matthew — The Gospel of Matthew 26:52-54

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.



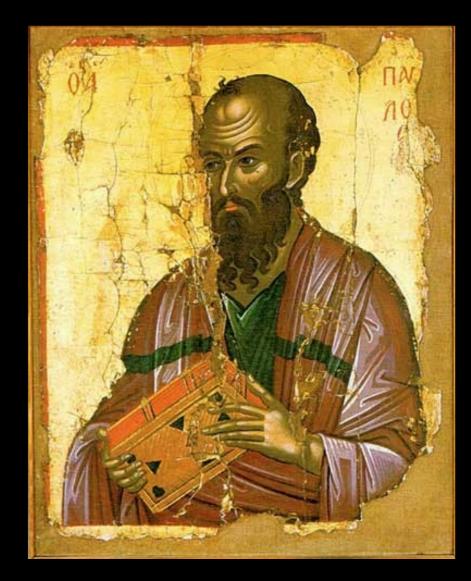
The Apostle Paul — Romans 12:17-21 —

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.



The Apostle Paul —Romans 12:17-21 —

On the contrary, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink...." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



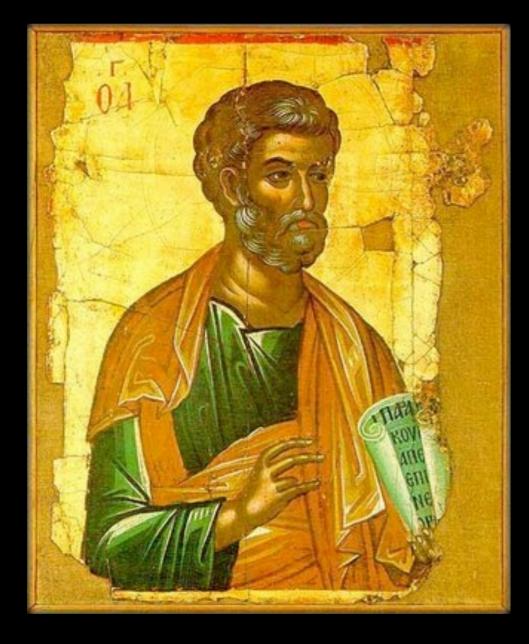
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What would it look like for Christians to become not only the best kind of friends, but the best kind of enemies, returning insults with kindness and persecution with prayers?

— Scott Sauls, Irresistible Faith —

Let's look to Jesus both for His example & for His empowerment.



The Apostle Peter — 1 Peter 2:22-23 —

To this you were called, **because Christ suffered** for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

Let's pray with Jesus: Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.



What would it look like if in every trial and every temptation, we viewed it as an opportunity to say, "Not my will, but yours be done!"? For a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the **TESTED GENUINENESS** of your faith—more precious than gold though it is tested by fire-may be found to result in praise and honor and glory.

1 Peter 1:6-7

May you follow Jesus in a commitment to live by this act of surrender: Not my will but yours be done!