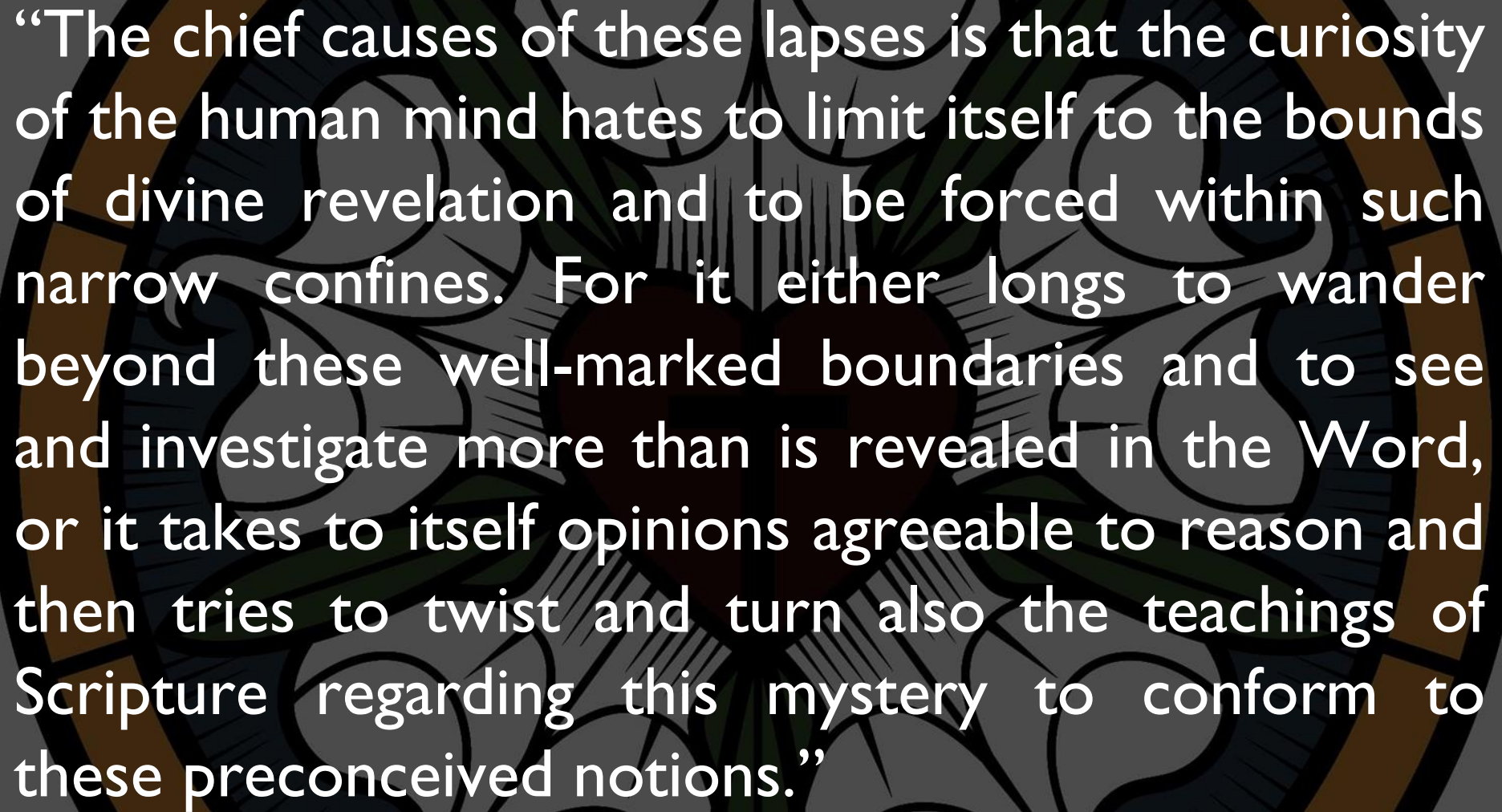


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**What Makes
Lutherans Different
from other
Protestants?**

“For the histories of all times show that except for the mystery of the Trinity there have never been so many controversies concerning any article of faith and so many different opinions expressed at all times, and even so many heresies as have arisen concerning this mystery of the incarnation or concerning the person of Christ.”





“The chief causes of these lapses is that the curiosity of the human mind hates to limit itself to the bounds of divine revelation and to be forced within such narrow confines. For it either longs to wander beyond these well-marked boundaries and to see and investigate more than is revealed in the Word, or it takes to itself opinions agreeable to reason and then tries to twist and turn also the teachings of Scripture regarding this mystery to conform to these preconceived notions.”

Martin Chemnitz, *The Two Natures of Christ*

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Colossians 2:9

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form

Matthew 1:23

“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

John 1:14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

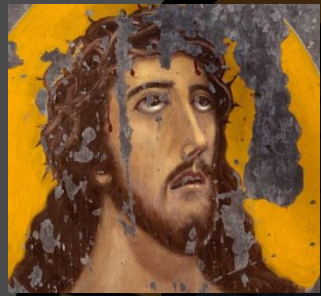
Romans 1:3–4

... regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 9:5

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

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Divine
names

John 10:30

“I and the Father are one.”



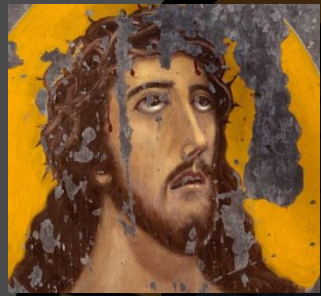
Luke 2:11

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Divine
names

John 8:58–59

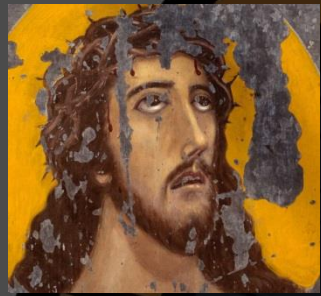
“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” At this, they picked up stones to stone him.



I John 5:20

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Divine
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John 5:23

“that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.”

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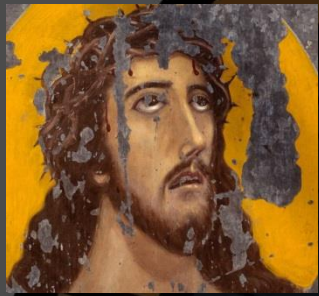
Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Divine
attributes

Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said,
“All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.”



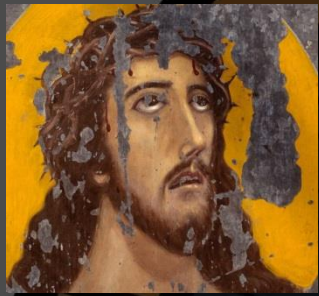
John 1:2

He was with God in the beginning.

John 21:17

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Divine
attributes



John 1:3

Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that
has been made.

Divine
actions

John 11:38-44

Raising Lazarus from the dead

John 2:1-11

Changing water to wine



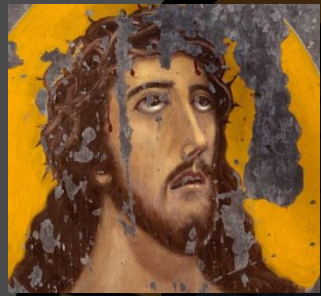
Matthew 9:6

“But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...” Then he said to the paralytic, “Get up, take your mat and go home.”

Divine
actions

John 5:22

“Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son.”



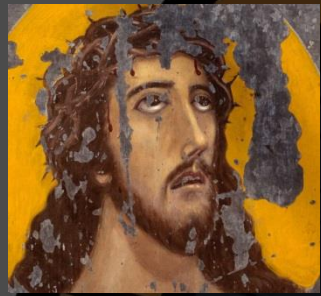
1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Human
titles

Hebrews 2:14, 17

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity . . . For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way.



Galatians 4:4

But when the time had fully come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under law . . .

Human
body

Luke 2:40

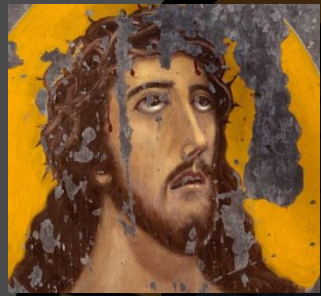
And the child grew and became
strong.

Luke 24:39



“Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

Human
body



John 12:27

“Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.”

Human
soul

Matthew 26:38–39

Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”



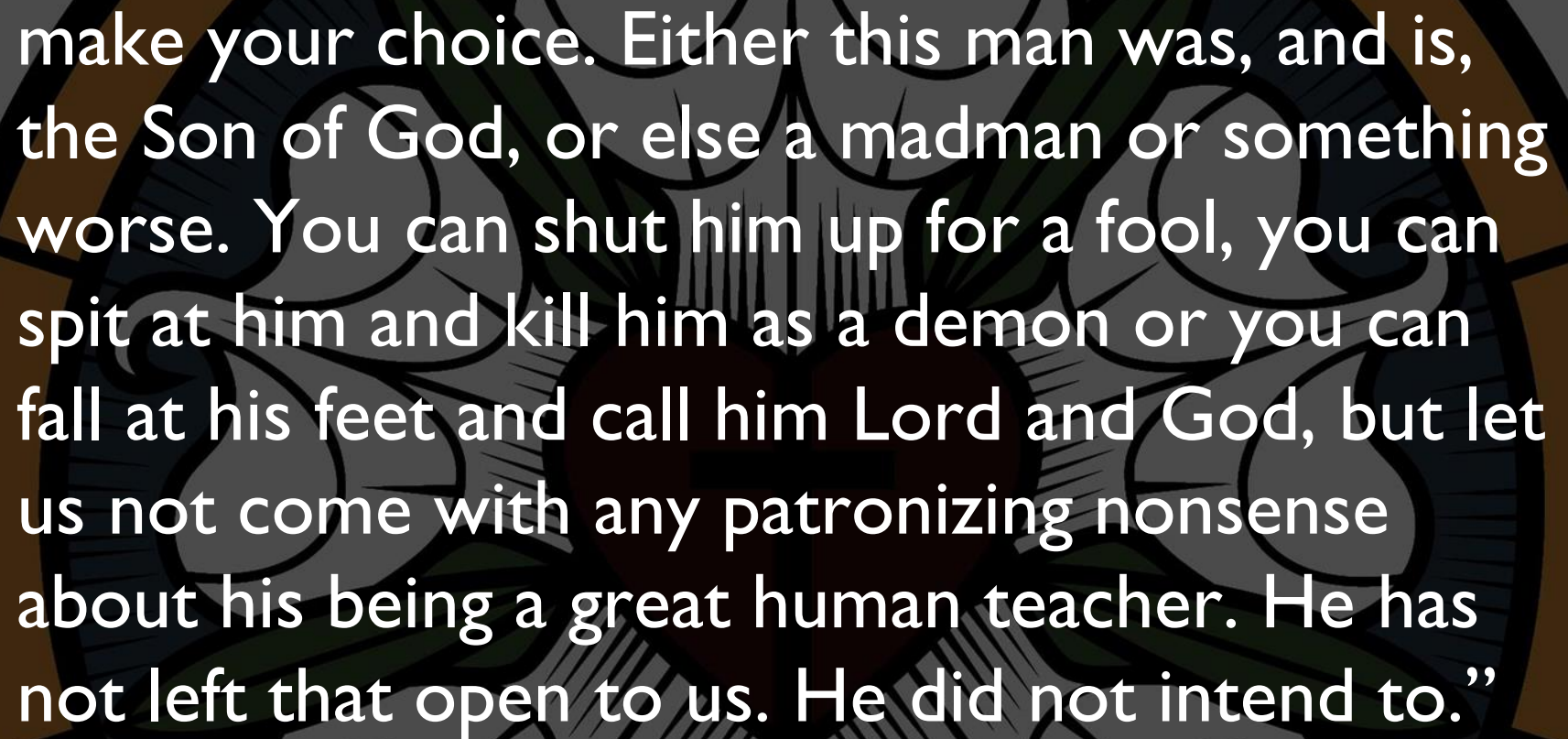
**We call the miracle of
God becoming man
The INCARNATION**

Matthew 1:20

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”



“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must



make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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Acts 20:28

“Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.”

I Corinthians 2:8

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.



Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Acts 3:15

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

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John 6:62

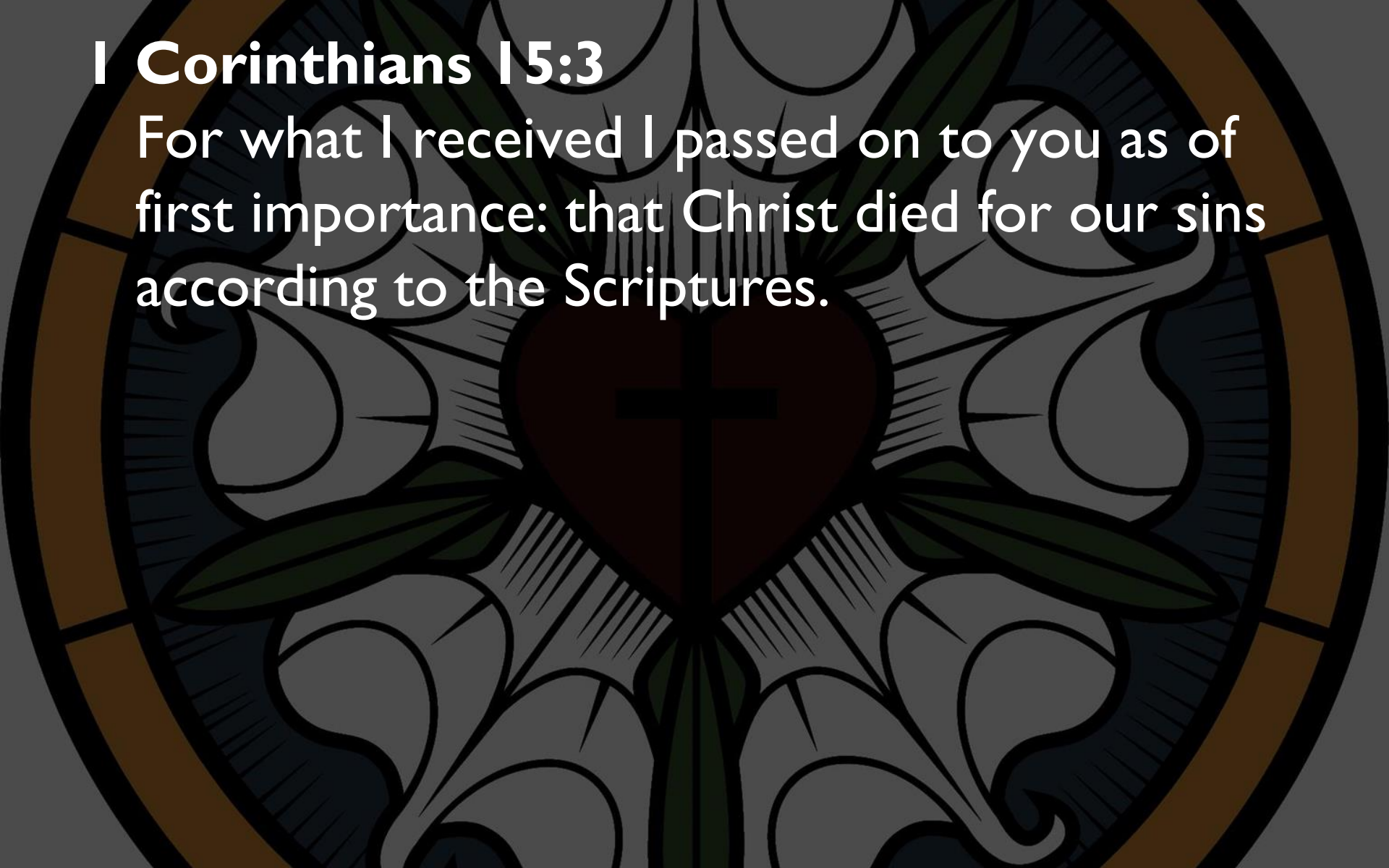
What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

I Corinthians 15:47

The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.

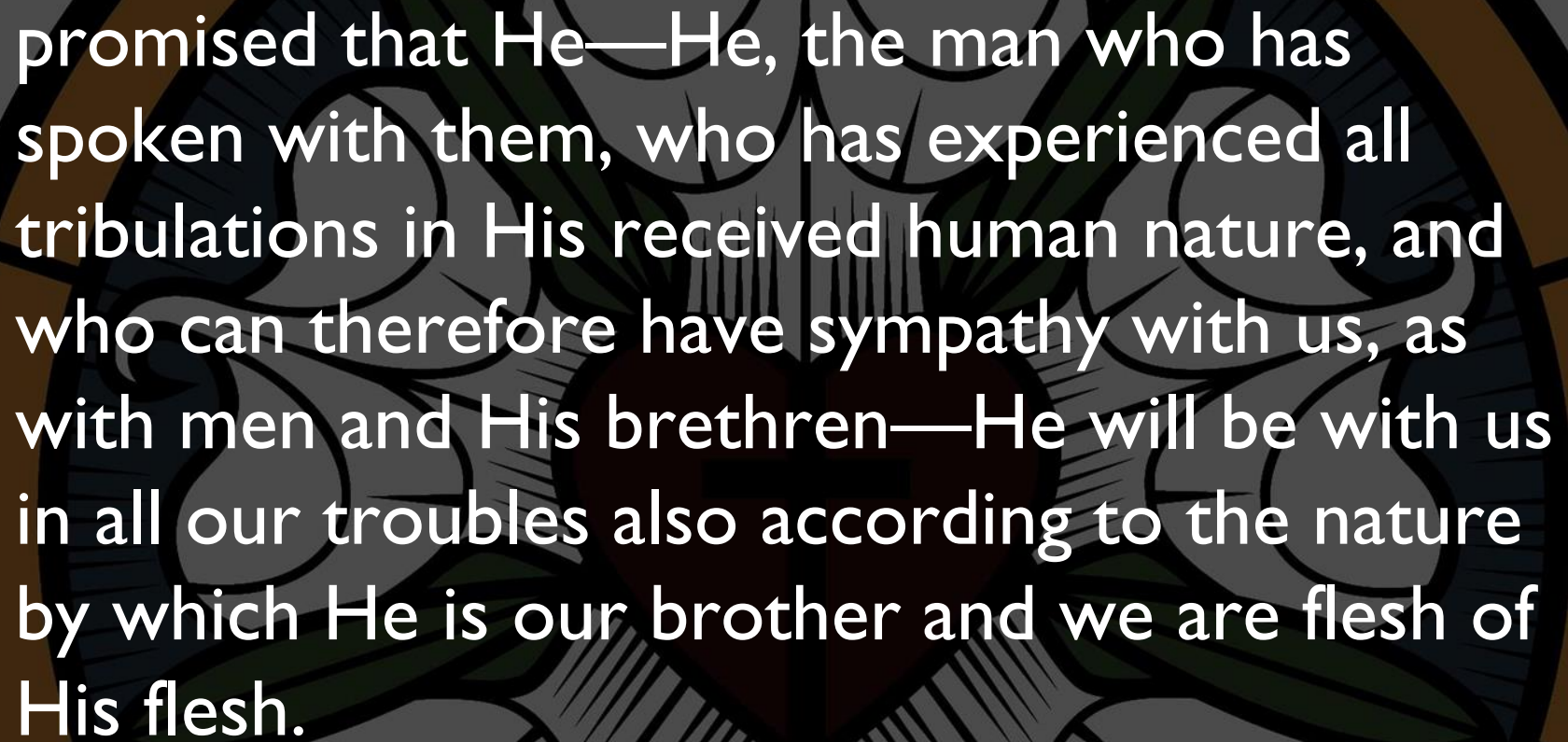
1 Corinthians 15:3

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.



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of
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When such majesty is denied to Christ according to His humanity, we regard it as a deadly error. For by this the very great consolation mentioned above is taken from Christians, which they have in the promise about the presence and dwelling with them of their Head, King, and High Priest. He has promised them that not only His mere divinity would be with them (which to us poor sinners is like a consuming fire on dry stubble). But Christ

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promised that He—He, the man who has spoken with them, who has experienced all tribulations in His received human nature, and who can therefore have sympathy with us, as with men and His brethren—He will be with us in all our troubles also according to the nature by which He is our brother and we are flesh of His flesh.



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