Jesus: The Center of Everything

Luke 24:36-49

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood
among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 37 But they were
startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he
said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in
your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as
you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed
them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for
joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here
to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took
it and ate before them.

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to
you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in
the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be
fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the
Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ
should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that
repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his
name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are
witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the
promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are
clothed with power from on high.”

- Luke 24:36-49

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

- Judges 21:25

The main idea: Jesus is the center of everything.

vss. 36-43: The Resurrection of Jesus introduces a new realm of possibilities.

vss 44-45: A new center: Jesus instead of us

vss 46-49: A new purpose: Others instead of us

Proofs of the Resurrection

- The First Eyewitness: Women

22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

-Luke 24:22-24

Proofs of the Resurrection

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- The presentation of the disciple’s fear and trembling and doubt.

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-Luke 24:37-38

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— Luke 24:36-43

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- The life and testimony of the disciples themselves: They died on account of their belief in Jesus.

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- Luke 24:44-45

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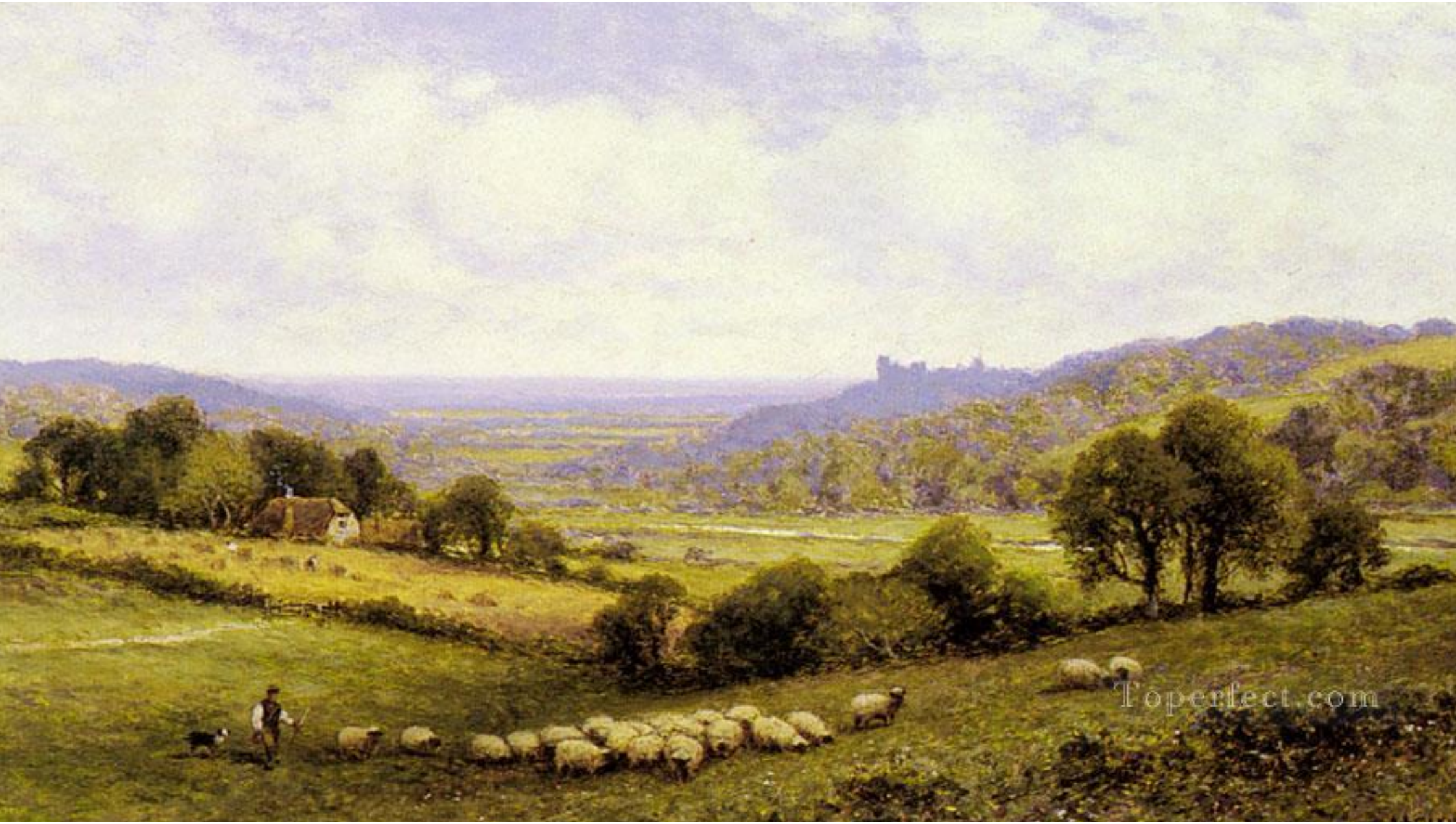
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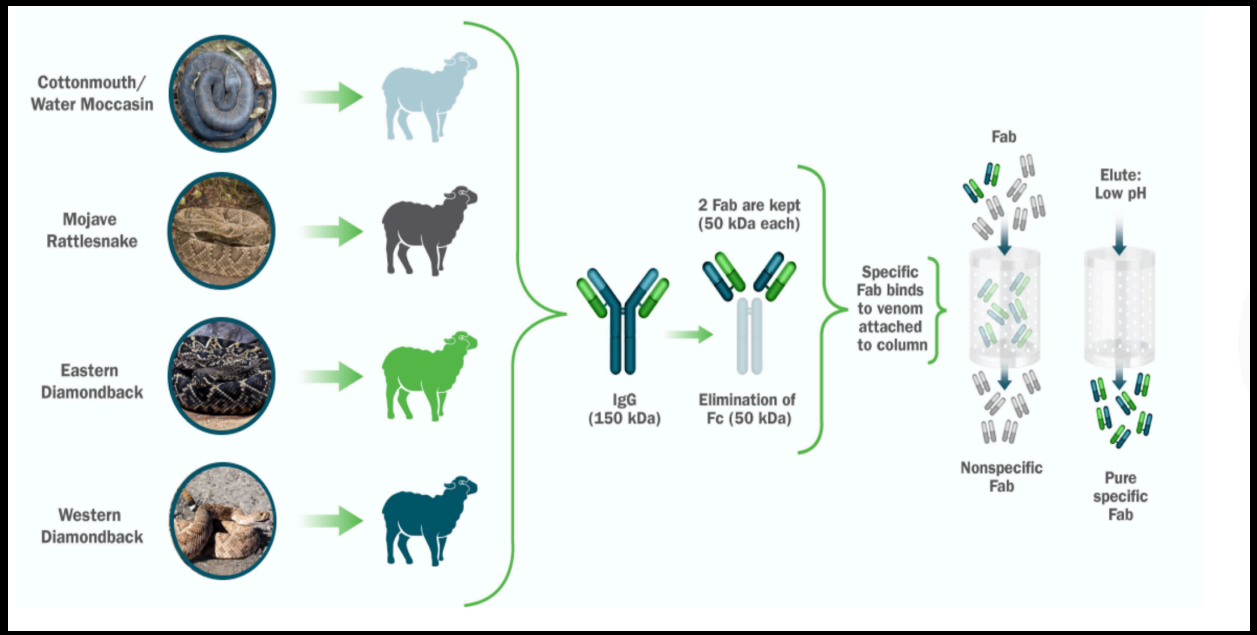
- Luke 24:46-49

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

— Romans 5:12

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. . . 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

- Romans 5:15, 18-19



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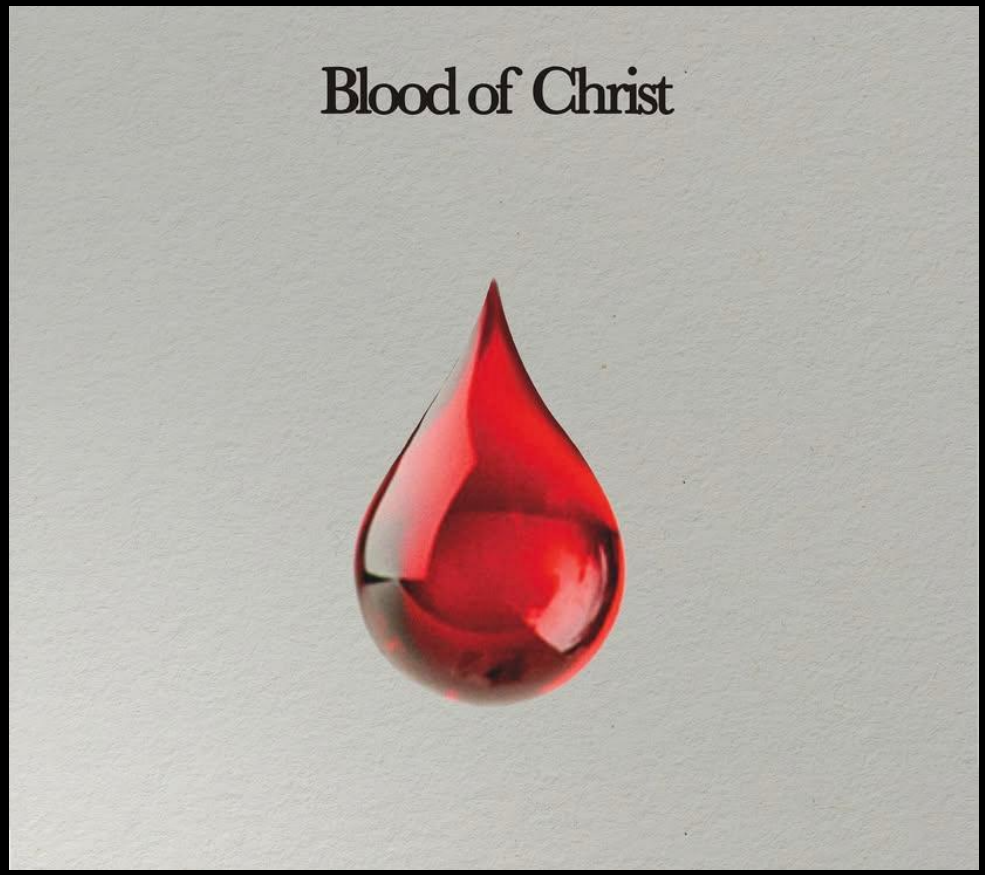
-WHO website



And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb.

— Revelation 12:11