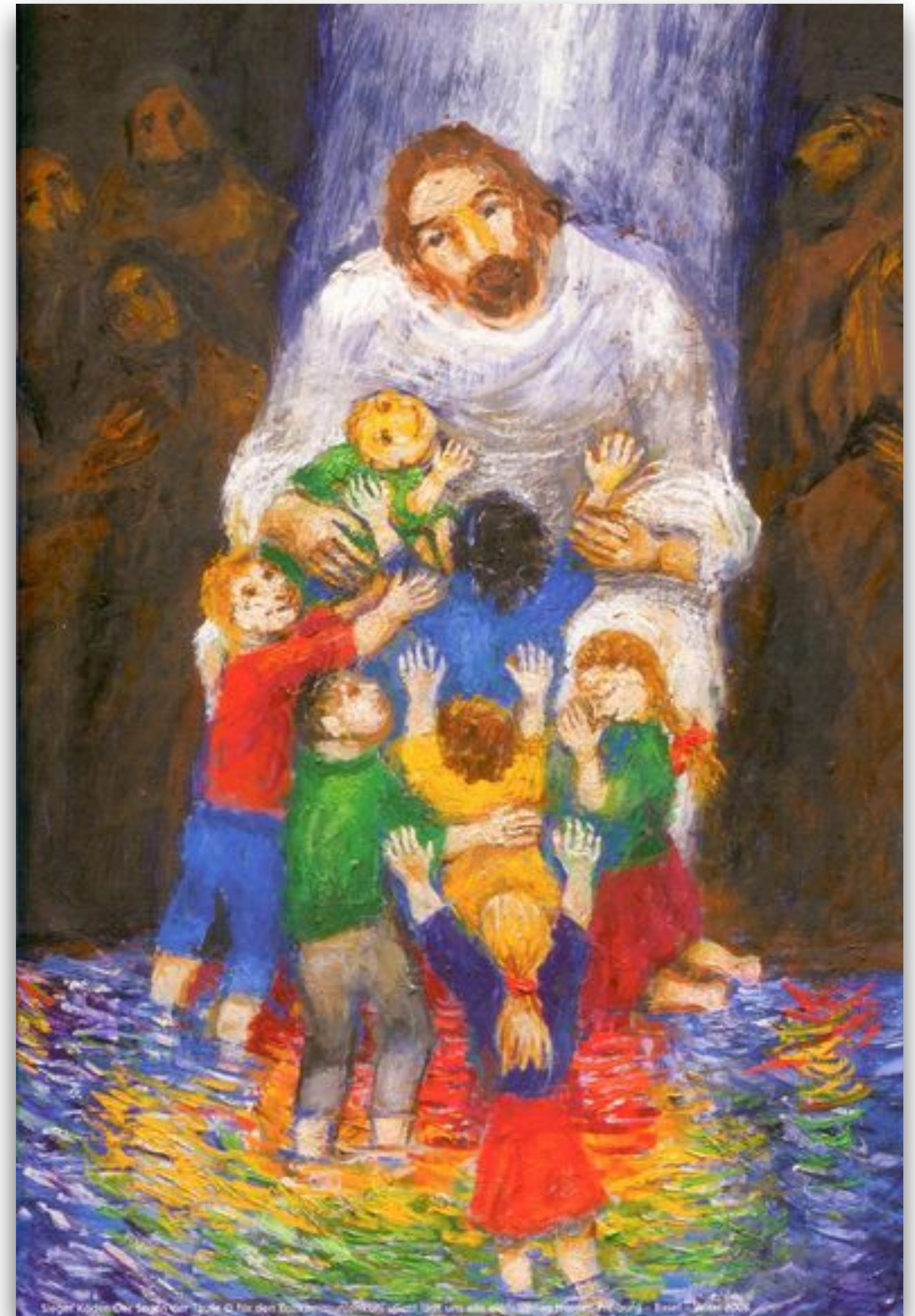


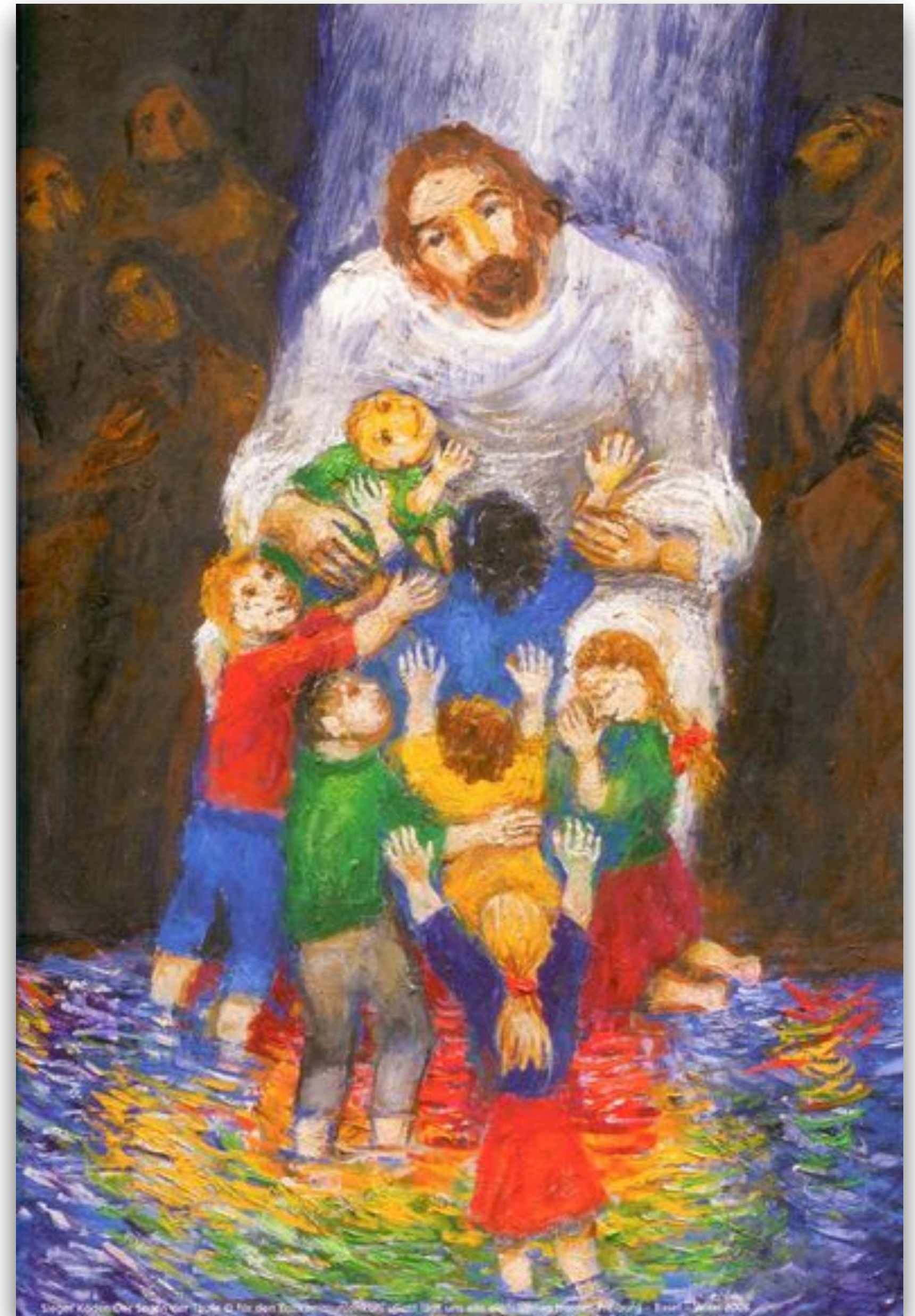
Journey with Jesus

Praying through the Gospel of John

Week 10



- Find a place to sit quietly.
- Sit in a relaxed position and close your eyes.
- Breathe normally and become aware the presence of God.
- John tells us ‘Even as he spoke, many believed in him.’
- As you come to pray today, spend some time noticing how God speaks to you.
- How has God spoken to you over the last week?
- How have you responded?
- You might like to listen to Kari Jobe sing Speak to me.
- You might like to listen to Tenebrae sing Tune me, O Lord or to this Voces 8 song The sound of silence.



➤ You might like to listen to:

- Day 1: High and lifted up sung by Hillsong then click [here](#).
- Day 2: Who you say I am sung by Hillsong and friends then click [here](#).
- Day 3: If ye love me sung by Tenebrae then click [here](#).
- Day 4: Jesus shall take the highest honour sung by Chris Bowater then click
- Day 5: To God be the glory then click [here](#).
- Day 6: How he loves sung by Anthony Evans then click [here](#).
- Day 7: Beautiful things sung by Gungor then click [here](#).



Day 1: John 8:25-30

“Who are you?” they asked. “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied. “I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.” They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

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Day 2: John 8:31-41

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.” “Abraham is our father,” they answered. “If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would do what Abraham did. As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. You are doing the works of your own father.” “We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”

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Day 3: John 8:42-47

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me? Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

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Day 4: John 8:48-53

The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” “I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.” At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

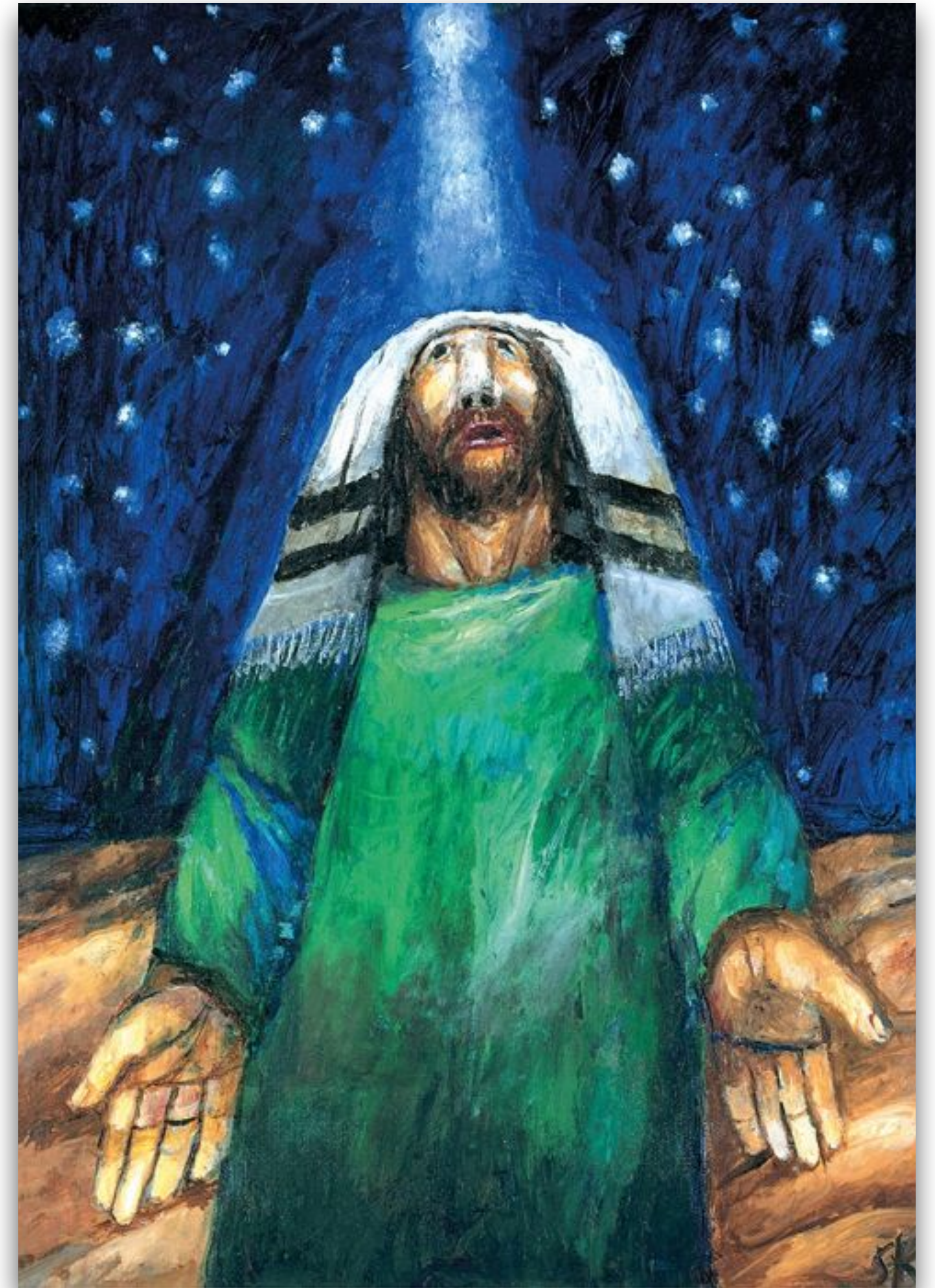
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Day 5: John 8:54-58

Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

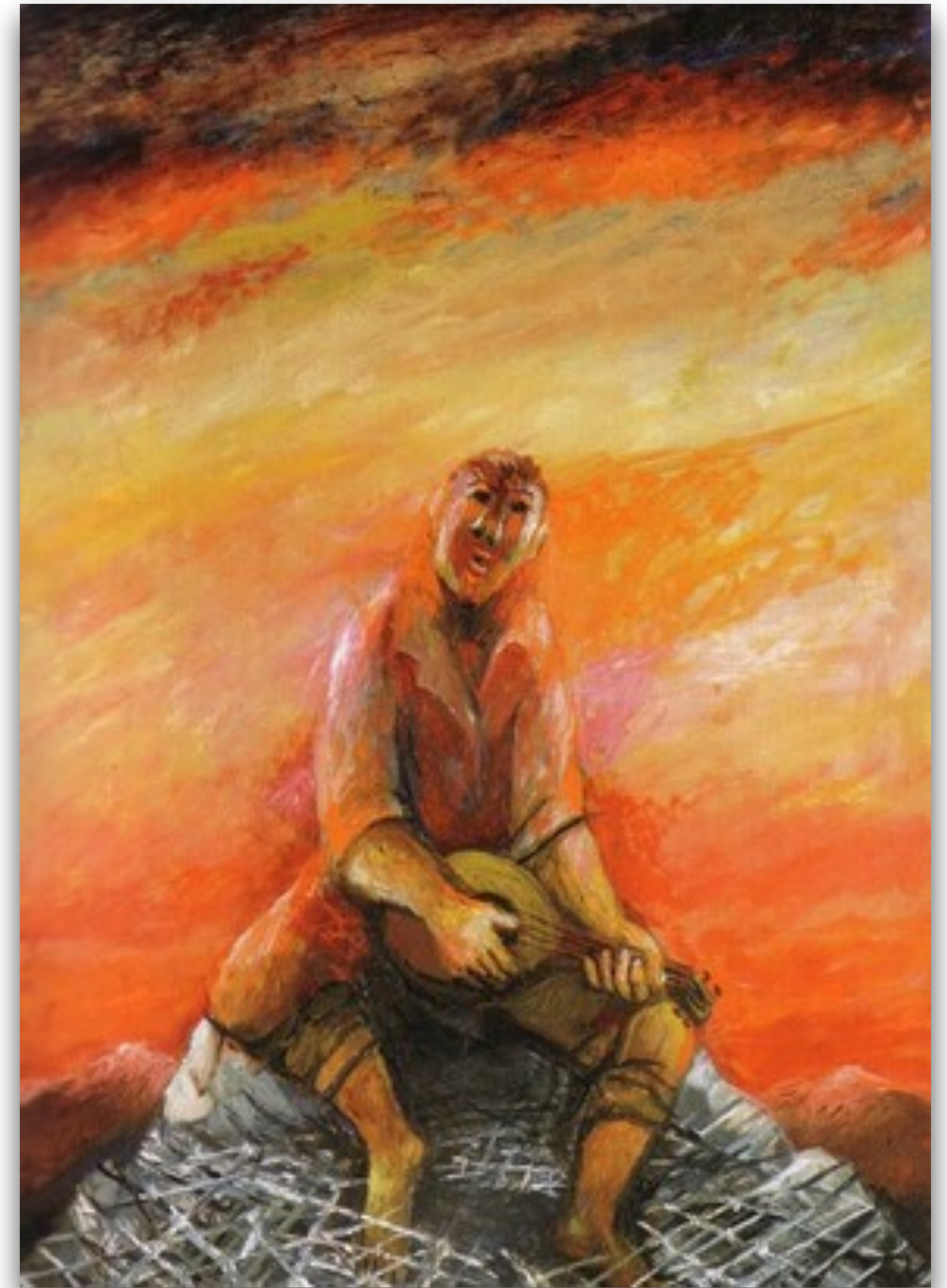
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Day 6: John 9:1-6

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

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Day 7: John 9:8-15

His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.” “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.” “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”



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➤ Over the week you might like to listen to The Path of Miracles sung by Tenebrae. This score is based on the pilgrimage, The Camino de Santiago

➤ Day 1: Footsteps

➤ Day 2: Path of Miracles I

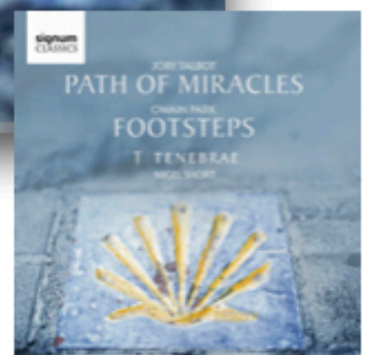
➤ Day 3: Path of Miracles II

➤ Day 4: Path of Miracles III

➤ Day 5: Path of Miracles IV

➤ Day 6: Shane and Shane singing Psalm 84

➤ Day 7: Brahm's How lovely is your dwelling place



Creative prayer

In French, scallops are called Coquilles Saint-Jacques, named after James the disciple of Jesus

- Legend tells that James went to Galicia, in the north of Spain, to share the good news of Jesus.
- He returned to Jerusalem in AD 44 and was beheaded by Herod Agrippa.
- Legend continues that his body was taken to Galicia, and in the 9th century Pelagius saw a light shining over a tomb in the middle of a forest. Soon the story spread and the tomb became associated with James, a cathedral being built upon the site and Santiago de Compostela becoming a destination for many pilgrims.
- After reaching Santiago, many pilgrims would continue to journey to the sea at Finisterre, thought to be the end of the earth.
- Here they would collect a scallop shell as a reminder and as evidence of their journey.
- The Camino de Santiago has once again become popular as a place of pilgrimage.

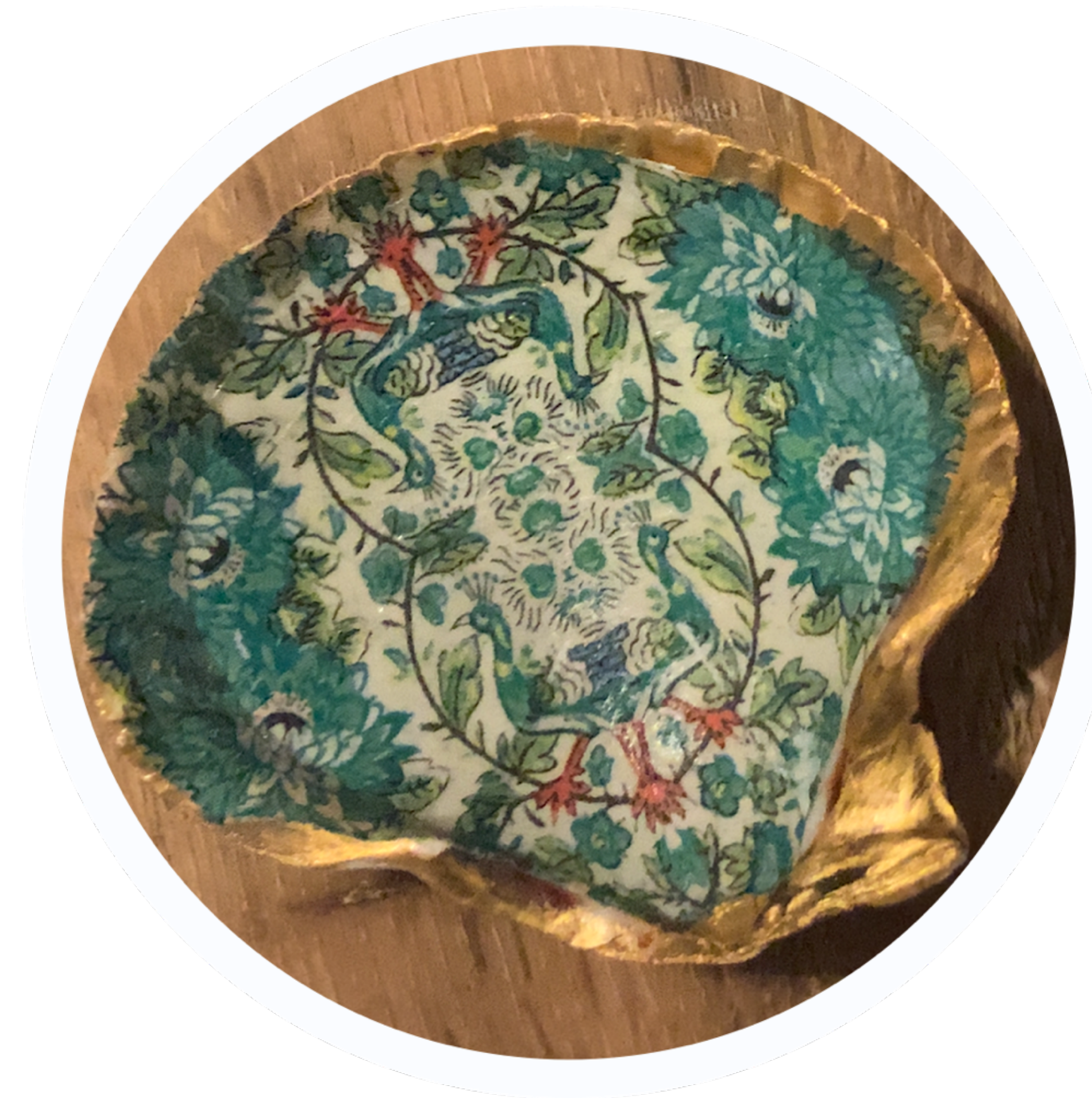
For this time of creative prayer you might like to take a scallop shell. You get these from fishmongers or from the freezer cabinets of many supermarkets where they are sold as Coquilles Saint-Jacques

As you look at and hold the clean and empty shell you might like to consider the journey of your life so far.

You might like to decorate it as shown to the right. Instructions can be found [here](#).

As you do, give thanks for the way God has led, walked with you and spoken to you in various times and various places.

As you do, you might like to listen to The Path of Miracles or Psalm 84, the psalm of pilgrimage, on the previous slide.



In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son Hebrews 1:1-2a

I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Wherever someone knows that they are lost,
And cries for help to find the way back home,
And turns towards their father's house at last
You are their Way before they know your name.

Wherever someone searches for the truth
And tests each easy answer in its turn,
Stressing the question, pressing to the pith,
You are the Truth they cannot yet discern.

Wherever someone sorrows over death
Yet seems to glimpse a gate beyond the grave,
A living spirit in the dying breath,
You are the Life within the life they love.

You come to us before we ask or pray
Till you become our Life, our Truth, our Way.

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