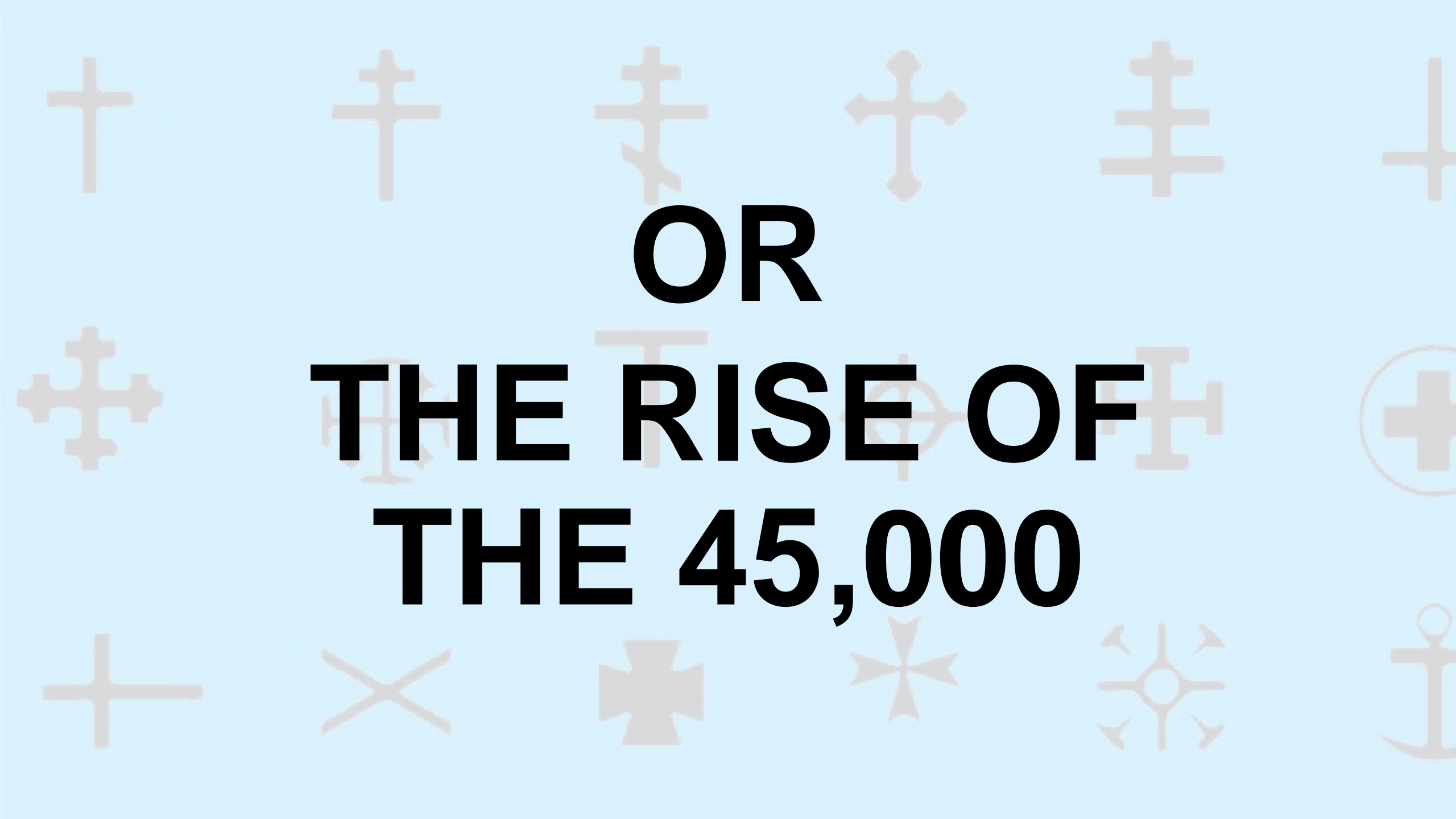
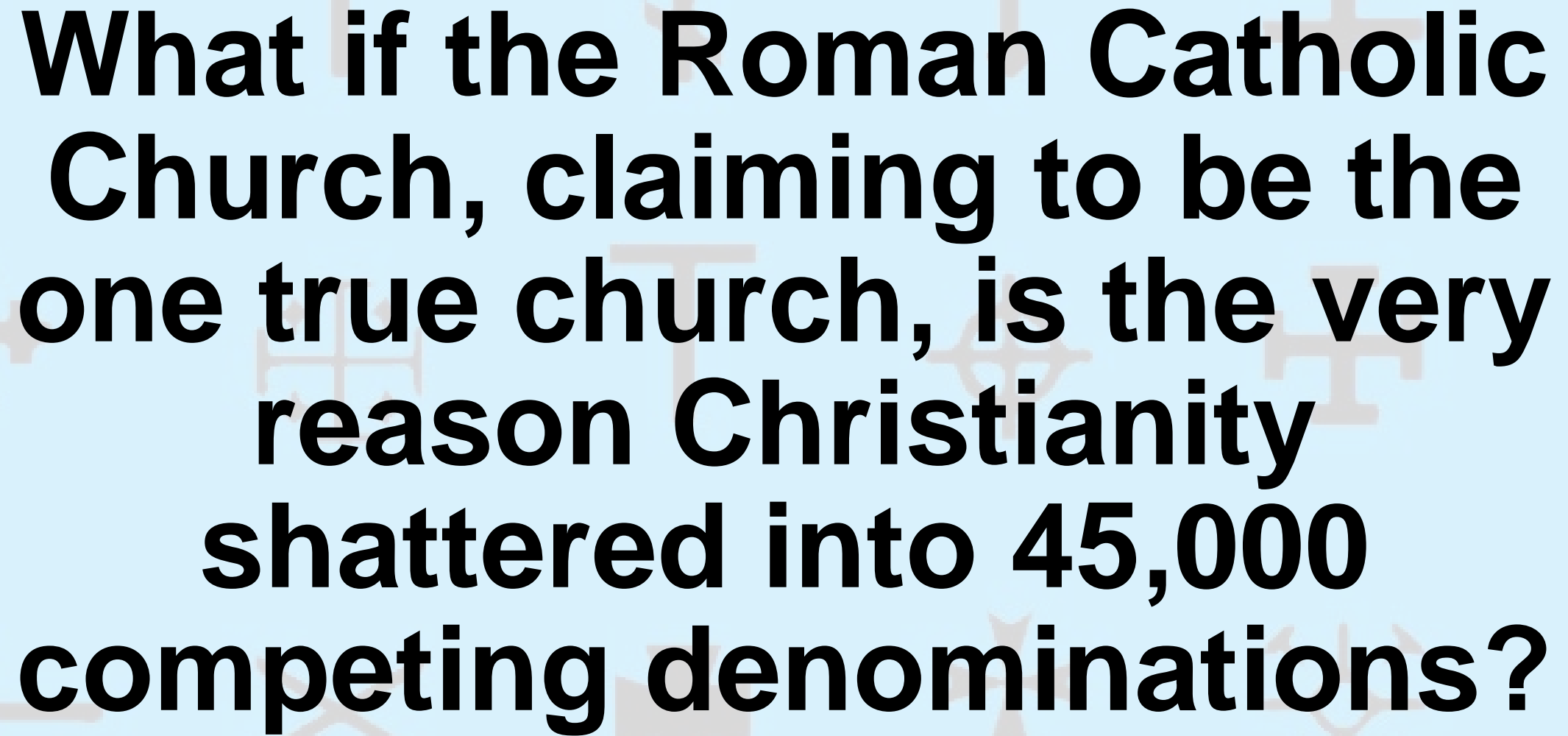


Disclaimer:

In this teaching I'm not down in the grass explaining ever thing that is happening. Rather, I'm standing at a distance, overlooking the field, and hopefully giving you an idea of what is occurring and maybe showing you why.



OR
THE RISE OF
THE 45,000



What if the Roman Catholic Church, claiming to be the one true church, is the very reason Christianity shattered into 45,000 competing denominations?

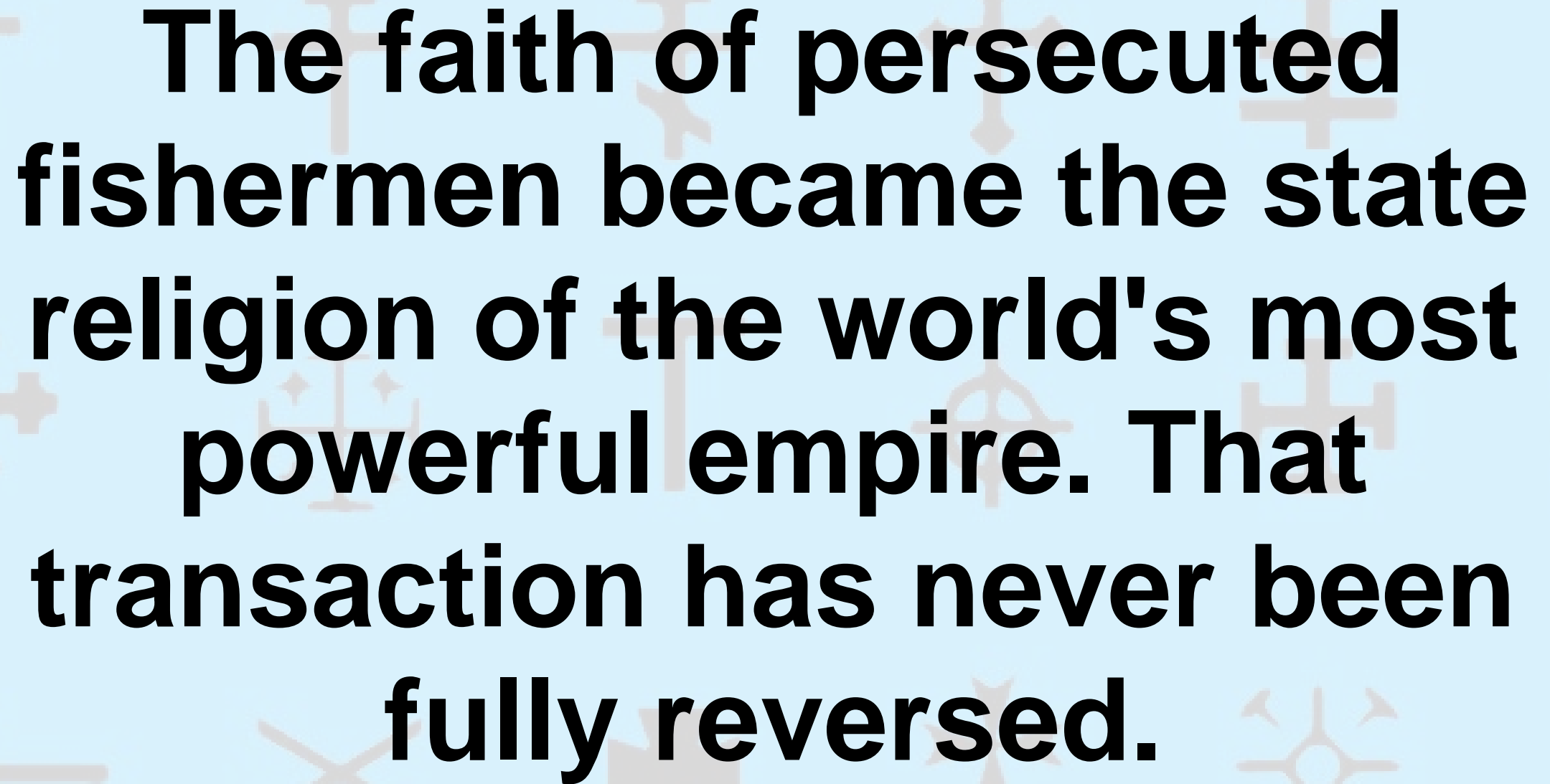


**One Yeshua, one
Bible, one gospel.
45,000 Christian
denominations.**

**That fragmentation
makes zero sense
unless someone
deliberately
engineered it.**

**Early followers of Yeshua
had no Pope, no Vatican, no
denominations.**

**They just had one faith, one
God, three centuries of
persecution, and
zero fractures.**

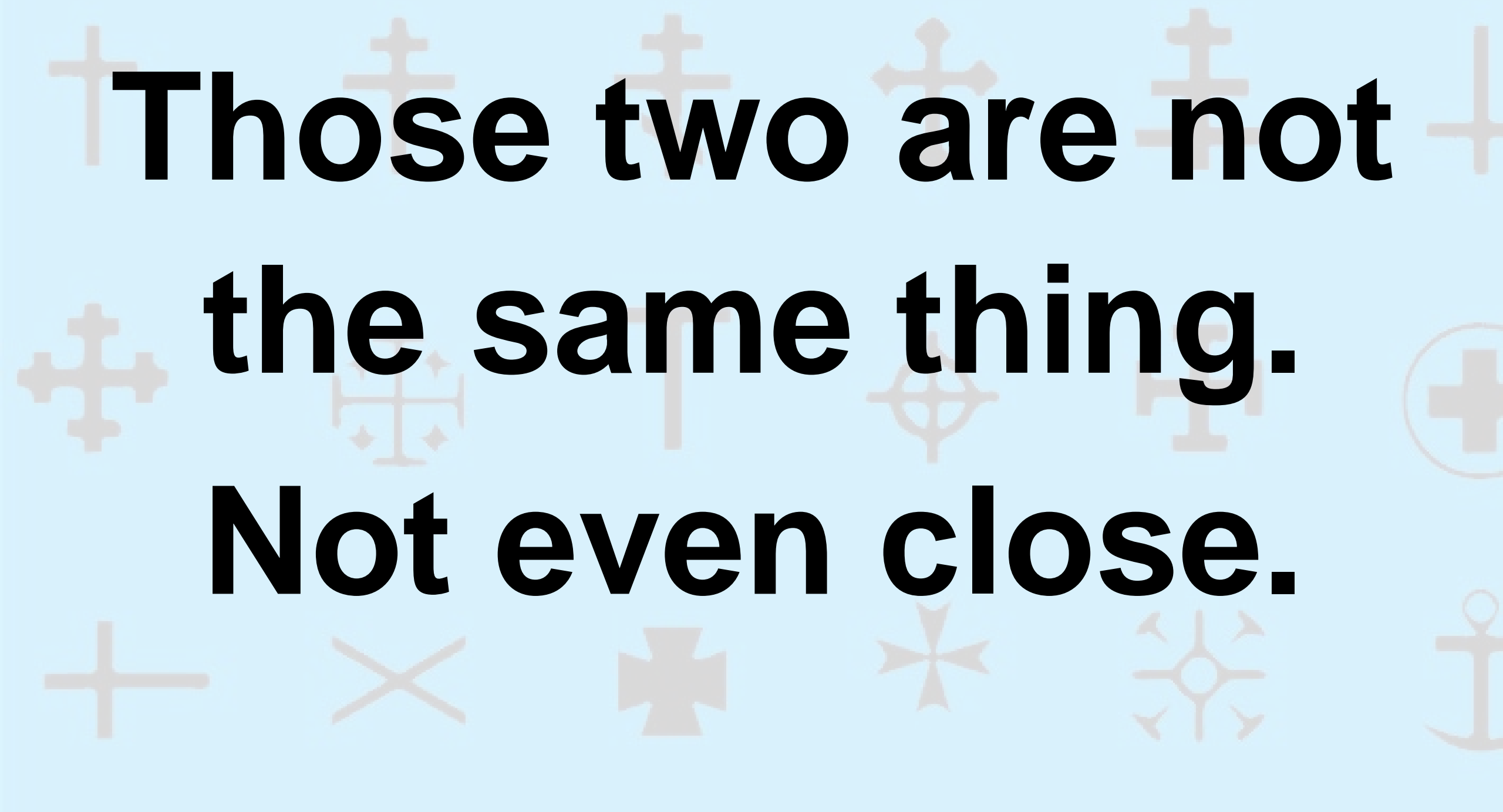


The faith of persecuted fishermen became the state religion of the world's most powerful empire. That transaction has never been fully reversed.

**Constantine did not save
Christianity. The
documented record shows
he redirected it from a
persecuted movement into
an imperial institution.**




**Those two are not
the same thing.
Not even close.**

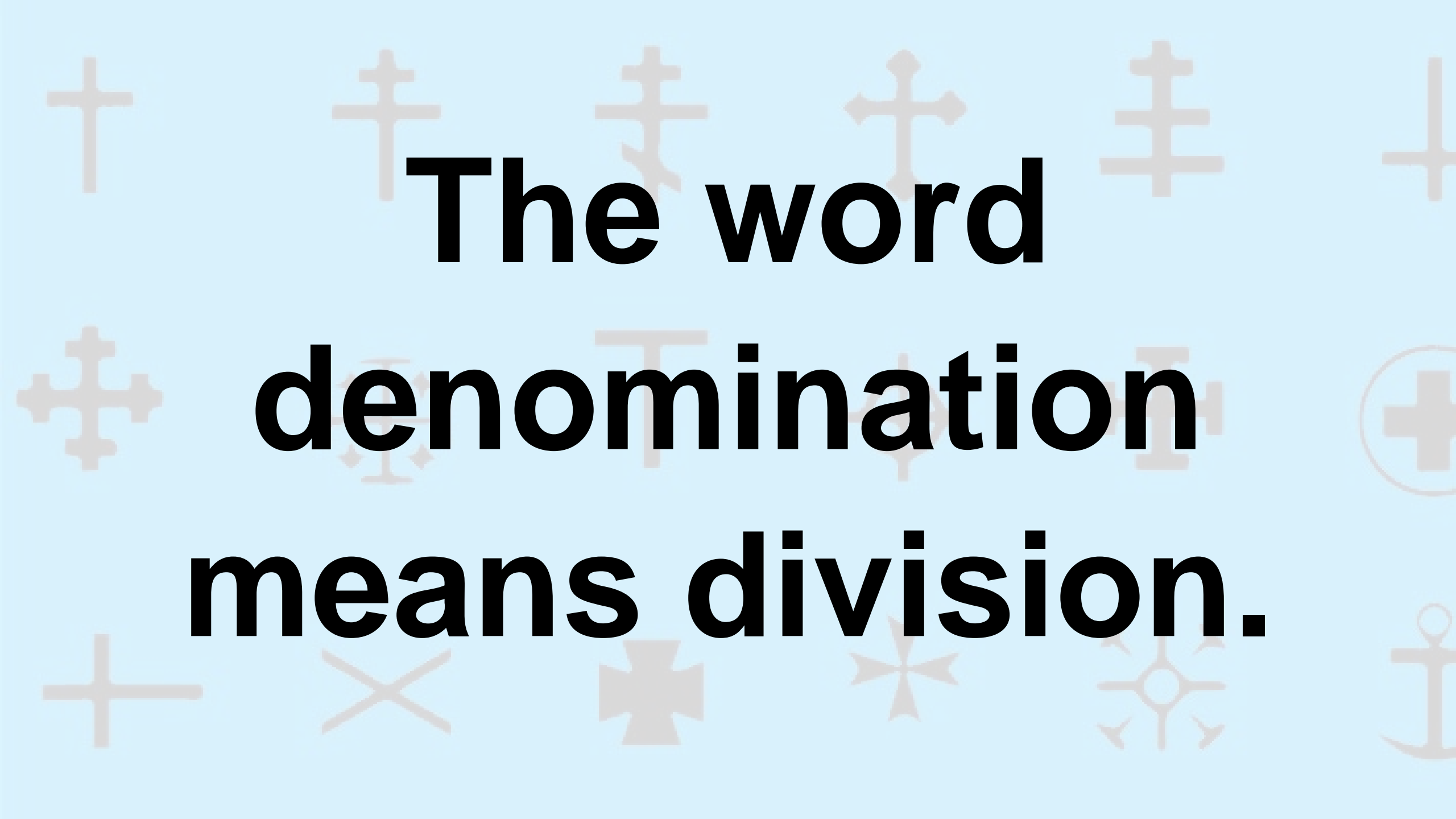





It was 325 AD. The First Council of Nicaea, with 300 bishops, and one Roman emperor deciding attendance, agenda, and outcomes.

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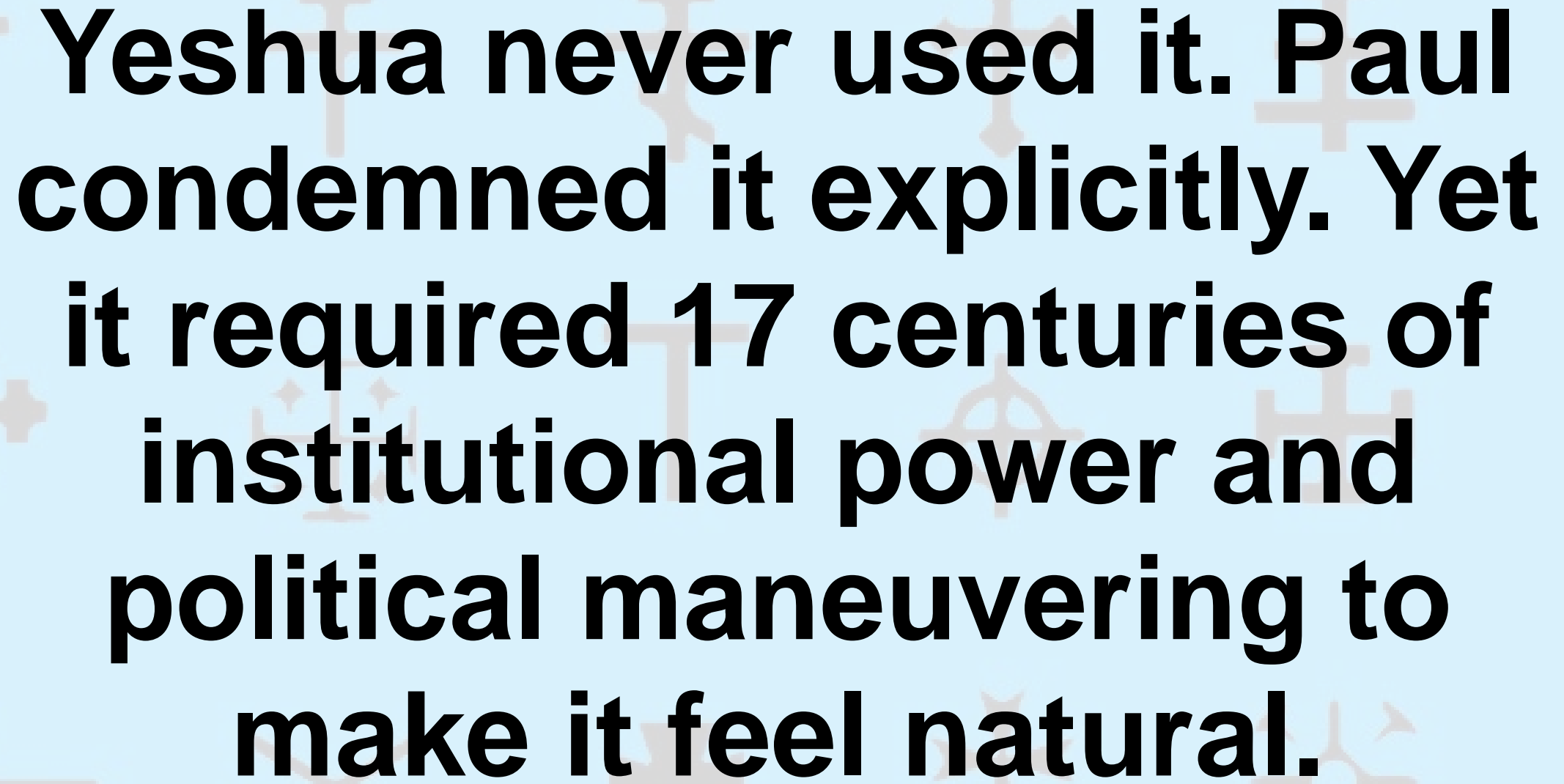
**Who did that
arrangement
actually serve?**



**The word
denomination
means division.**



**Yeshua never used it. Paul
condemned it explicitly. Yet
it required 17 centuries of
institutional power and
political maneuvering to
make it feel natural.**



**Exactly when was this lie
created, who made it, who
benefits from it, and what
did Yeshua actually pray
for his church.**

The first Christians met in homes. No cathedrals, no cardinals, no papal throne. Leadership was local, collegial, and accountable to the entire gathered community, not to Rome.



**Four practices:
Teaching, Fellowship,
Bread, Prayer. That is
the entire early
church structure.**



The Didache was written before the Gospel of John was completed. This is the oldest Christian manual ever found. It lacks zero papal authority, and zero denominational structure.

The *Didache* (also called *The Lord's Teaching Through the Twelve Apostles to the Nations*) is considered the first example of Church Orders.

**It reveals how Jewish
Christians saw
themselves and how they
adapted their practice for
Gentile Christians.**

The Didache has three main sections dealing with Christian ethics, rituals such as baptism and Eucharist, and Church organization. The opening chapters describe the virtuous Way of Life and the wicked Way of Death.

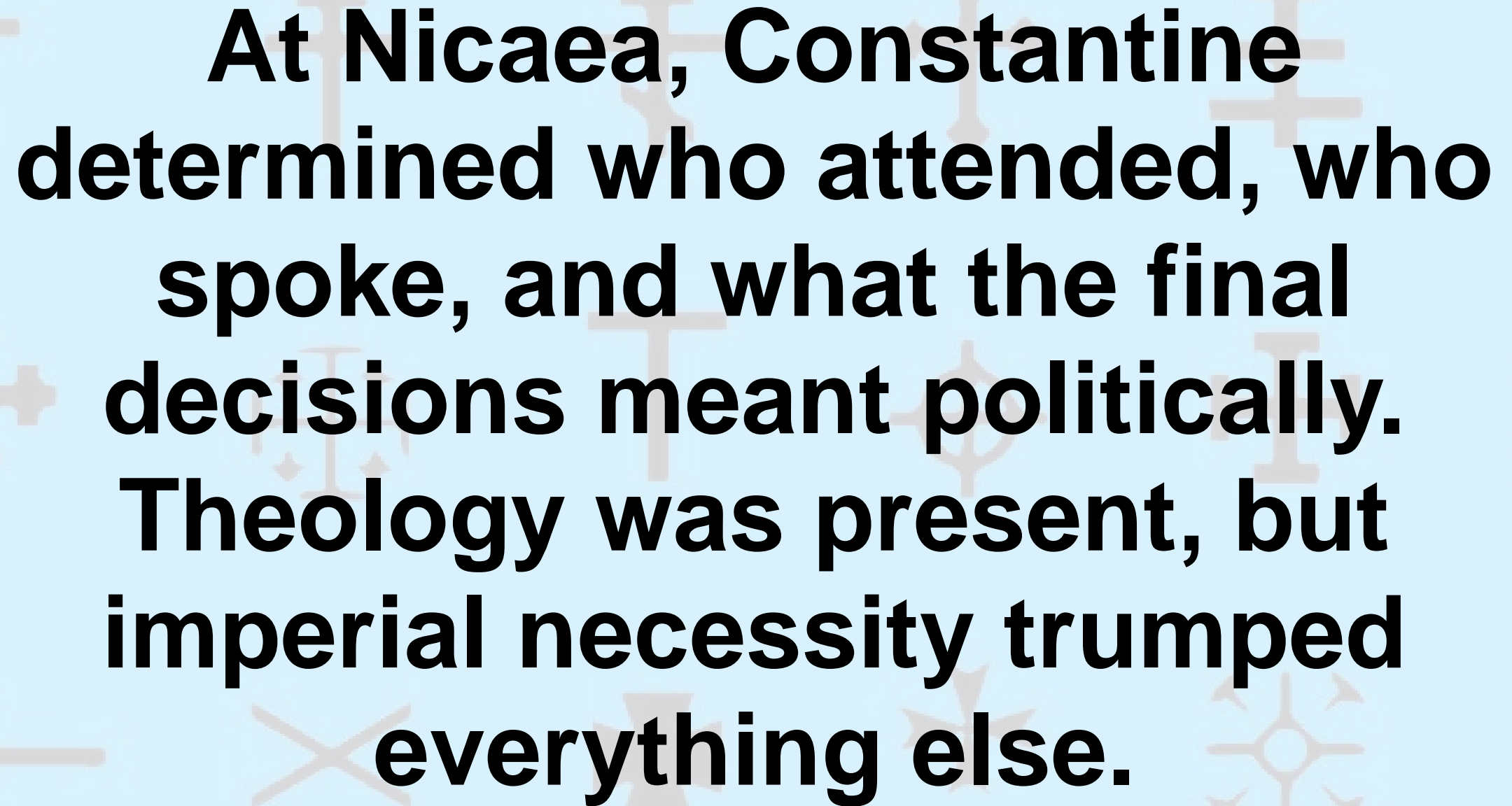
**Ignatius of Antioch, in 107 AD,
wrote letters to seven churches
and elevated the bishop's role,
but never once claimed any
single bishop in any single city
held authority over all others.**

Early church governance was conciliar (run by a council). Equal bishops, shared decisions. No one city ruled the rest. That system held Christianity together for 300 years under the worst persecution in human history.


Cyprien of Carthage, in the 3rd century wrote explicitly that the bishop of Rome had no authority over other bishops. That letter still exists and it is never quoted from any Catholic pulpit anywhere.



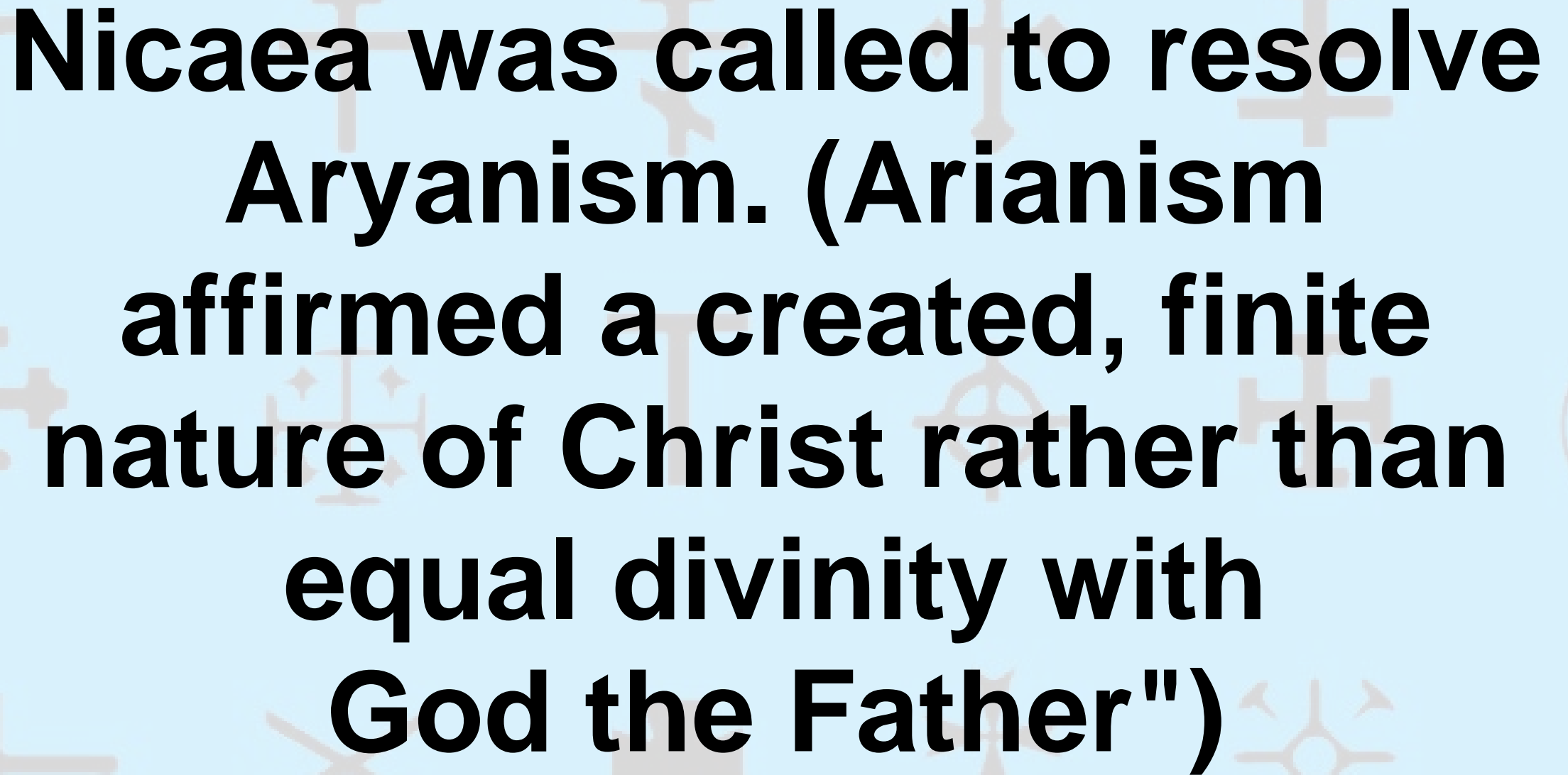
The Nicene Creed (the statement of belief adopted at the First Ecumenical Council in 325 AD) declared one holy catholic and apostolic church. Catholic meant universal, not Roman. Every denomination that quotes this creed has forgotten what every single word originally meant.



At Nicaea, Constantine determined who attended, who spoke, and what the final decisions meant politically. Theology was present, but imperial necessity trumped everything else.



**Nicaea was called to resolve
Arianism. (Arianism
affirmed a created, finite
nature of Christ rather than
equal divinity with
God the Father")**



**The Council reinforced
the common belief that
Yeshua was fully
divine, not finite as
Aryans believed.**



Constantine needed doctrinal unity for political stability. The theology mattered, but so did the empire, and the empire was more important.



Athanasius of Alexandria defended the full divinity of Christ. He was exiled five times by emperors protecting political peace. The institution claiming apostolic authority exiled its own greatest orthodox defender five times.

The moment the cross and the eagle (religion and the state) merged, Christianity stopped being a heavenly kingdom. It became the religion of the world's most powerful “earthly” empire.

**October 312 AD, at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge, Constantine sees a vision of a cross in the sky with the words, "In this sign, conquer."
The church's relationship with imperial power changes irreversibly from that night forward.**

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**In 313 AD, by the Edict
of Milan, Christianity
becomes legal.**


Persecution ends.



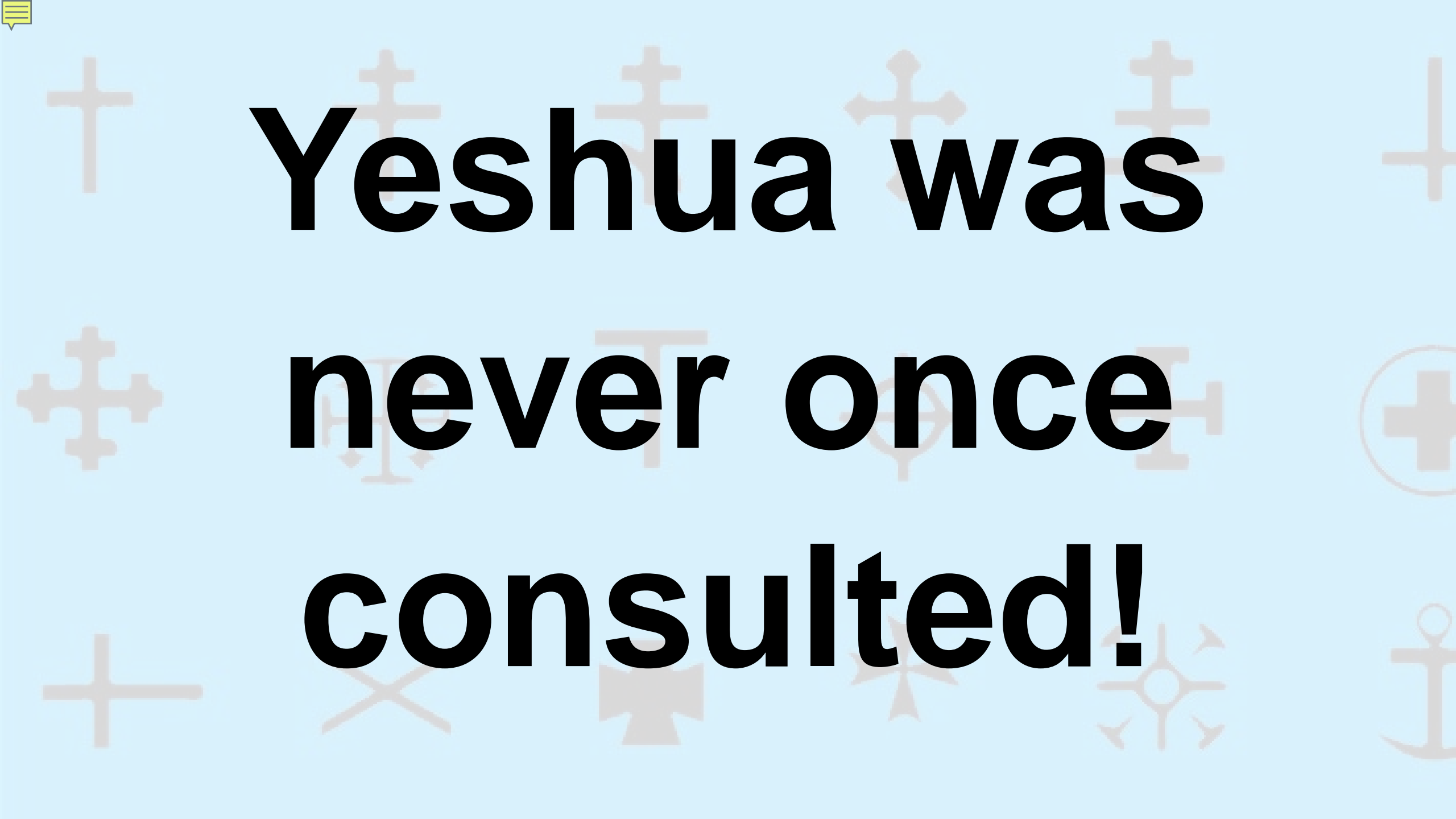
The most dangerous moment in Christian history begins because comfort is deadlier than persecution.


Constantine funded churches, appointed bishops, called and presided over councils. The Roman emperor was now the defacto head of the Christian church.

The Edict of Milan gave Christianity legal status and a reprieve from persecution but did not make it the state church of the Roman Empire. This occurred in AD 380 with the Edict of Thessalonica.

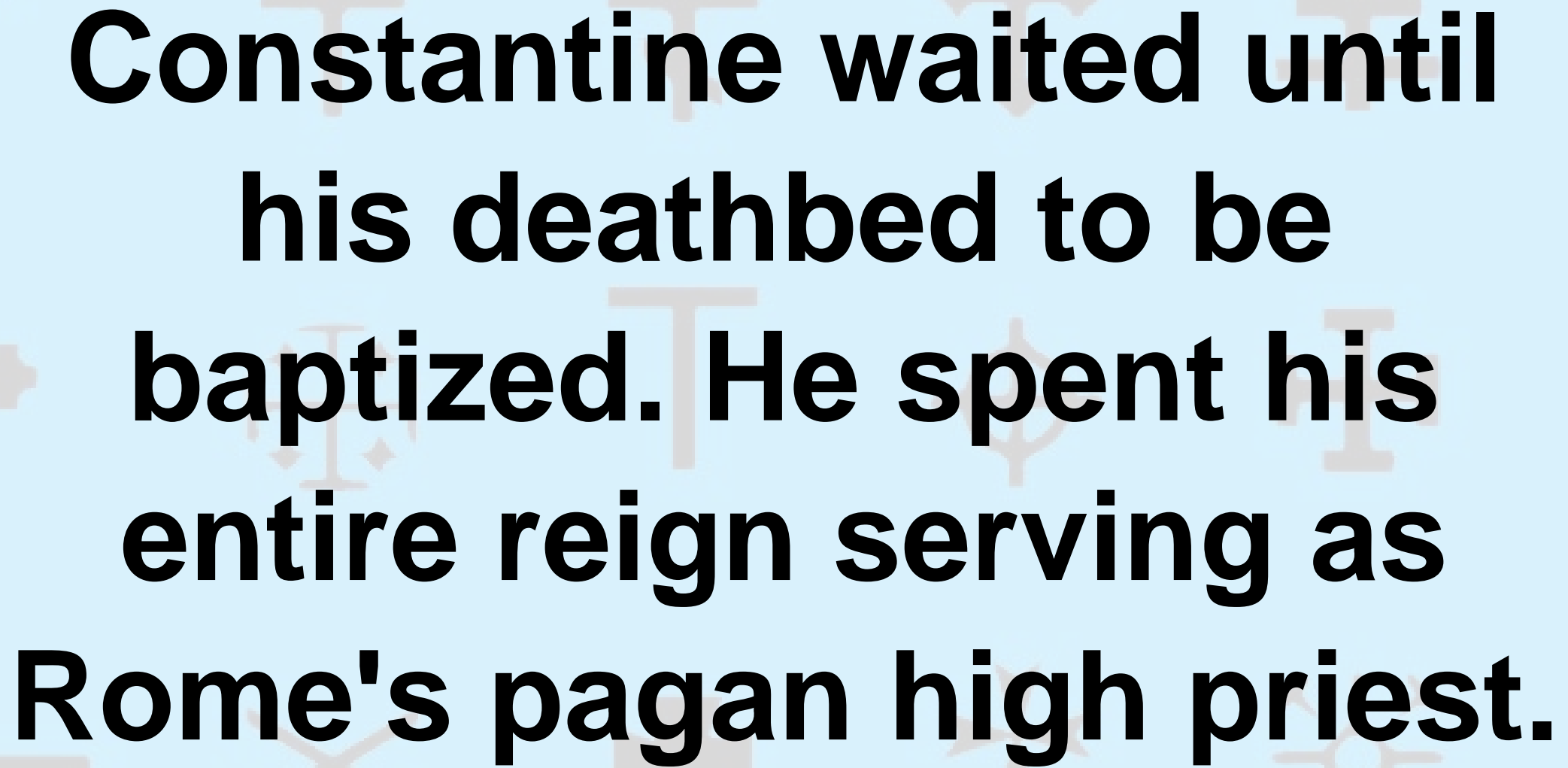


**Yeshua was
never once
consulted!**






**Constantine waited until
his deathbed to be
baptized. He spent his
entire reign serving as
Rome's pagan high priest.**



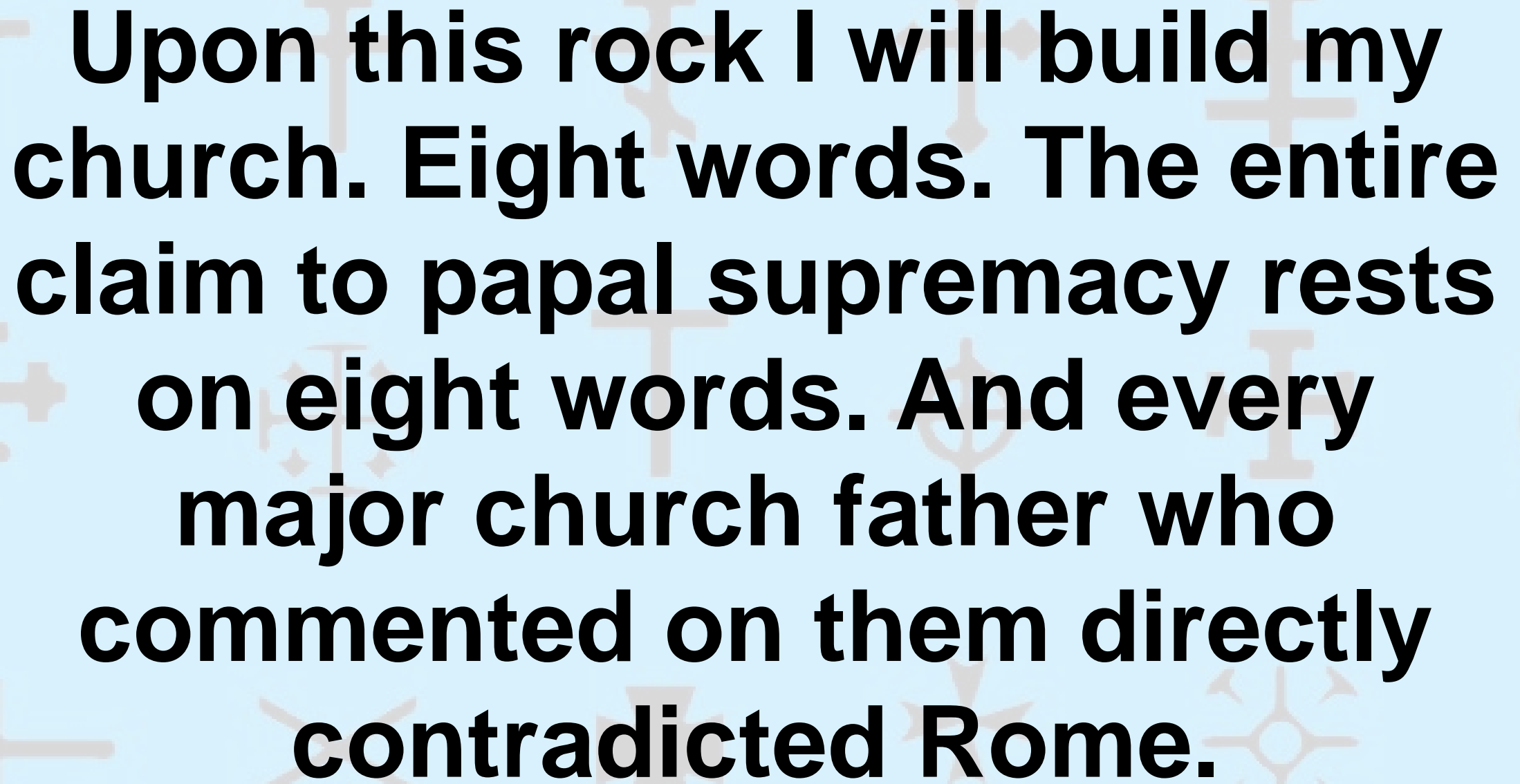
**Why do our
churches never
teach that detail?**


Yeshua had specifically warned about this exact moment. Matthew 16:18-19.

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

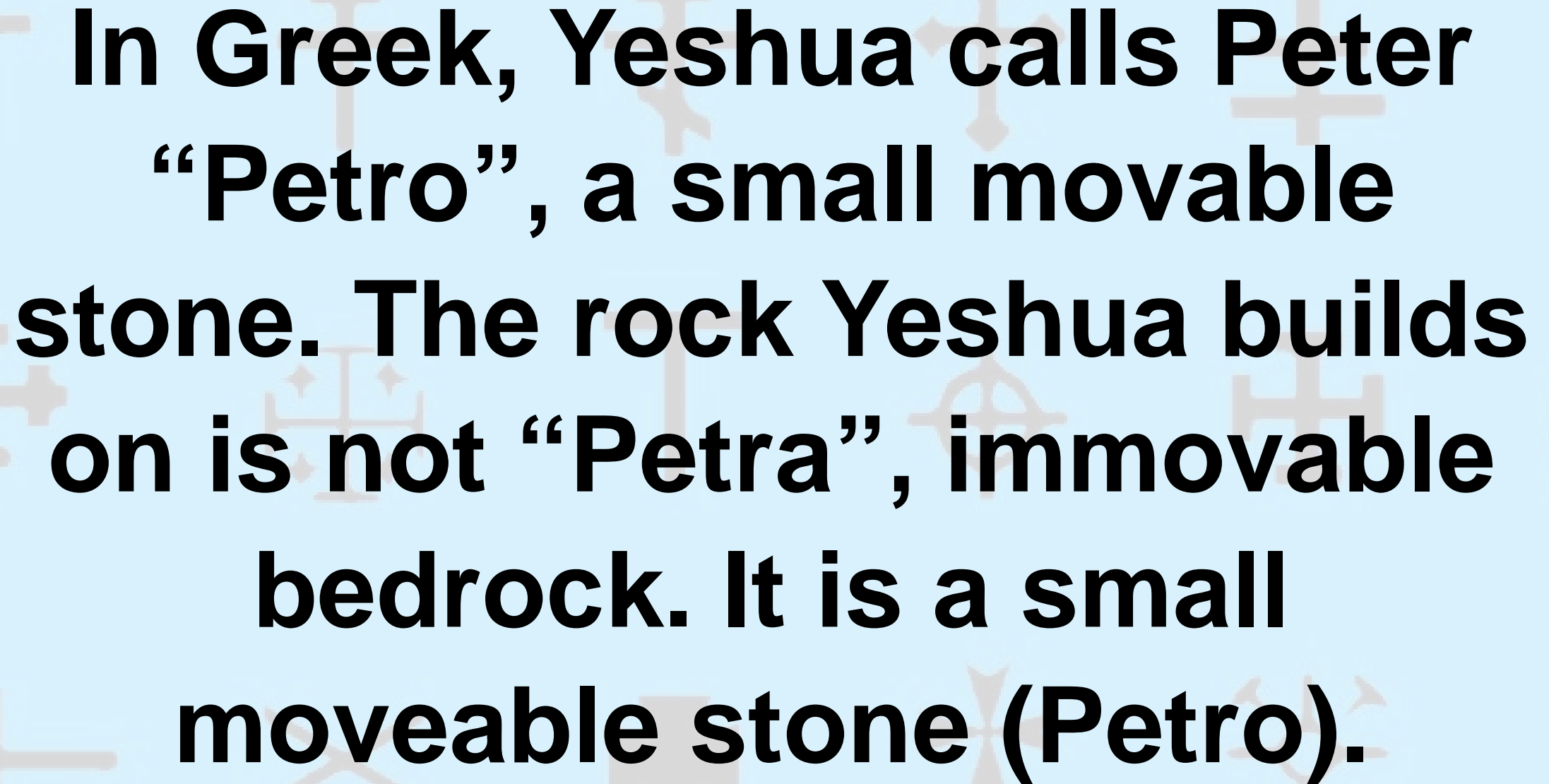


Upon this rock I will build my church. Eight words. The entire claim to papal supremacy rests on eight words. And every major church father who commented on them directly contradicted Rome.

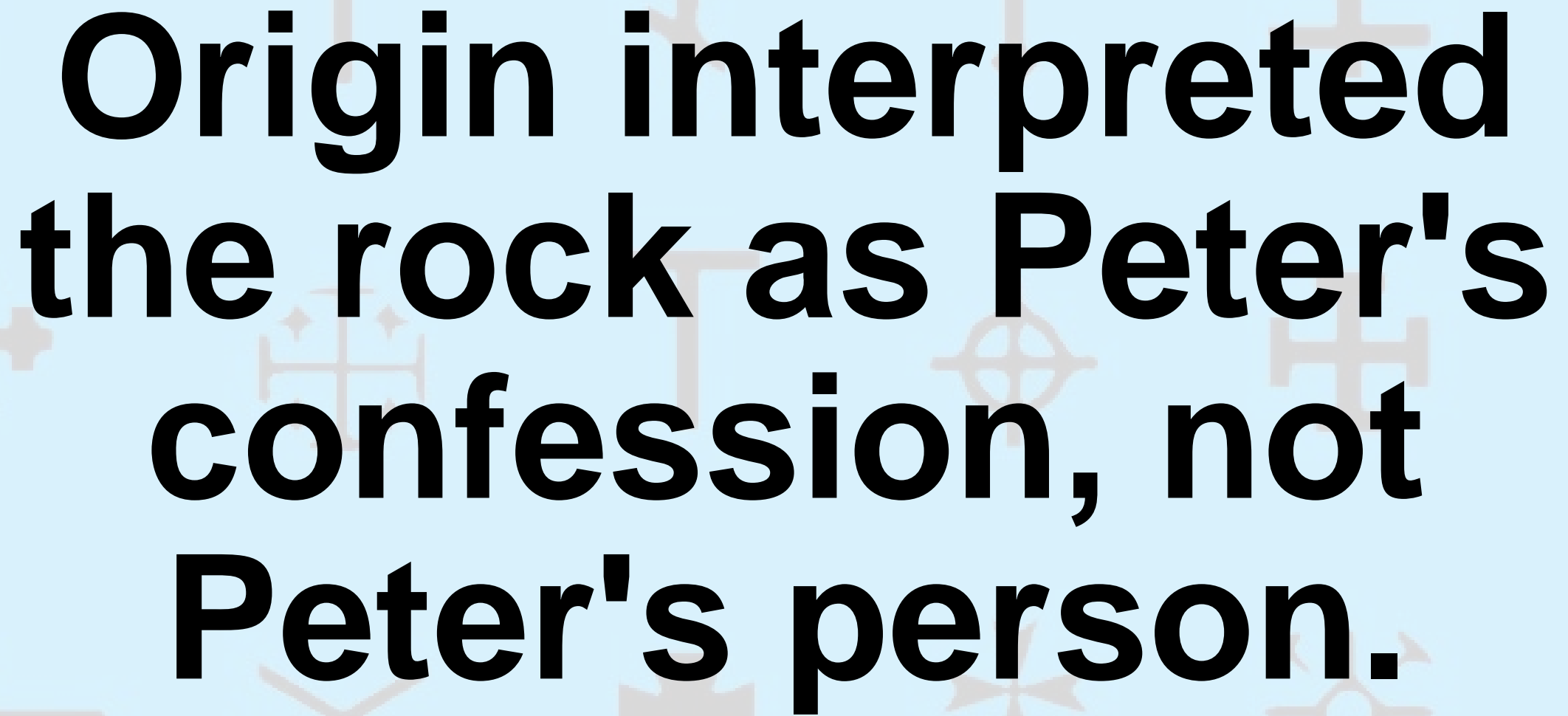





**In Greek, Yeshua calls Peter
“Petro”, a small movable
stone. The rock Yeshua builds
on is not “Petra”, immovable
bedrock. It is a small
moveable stone (Petro).**



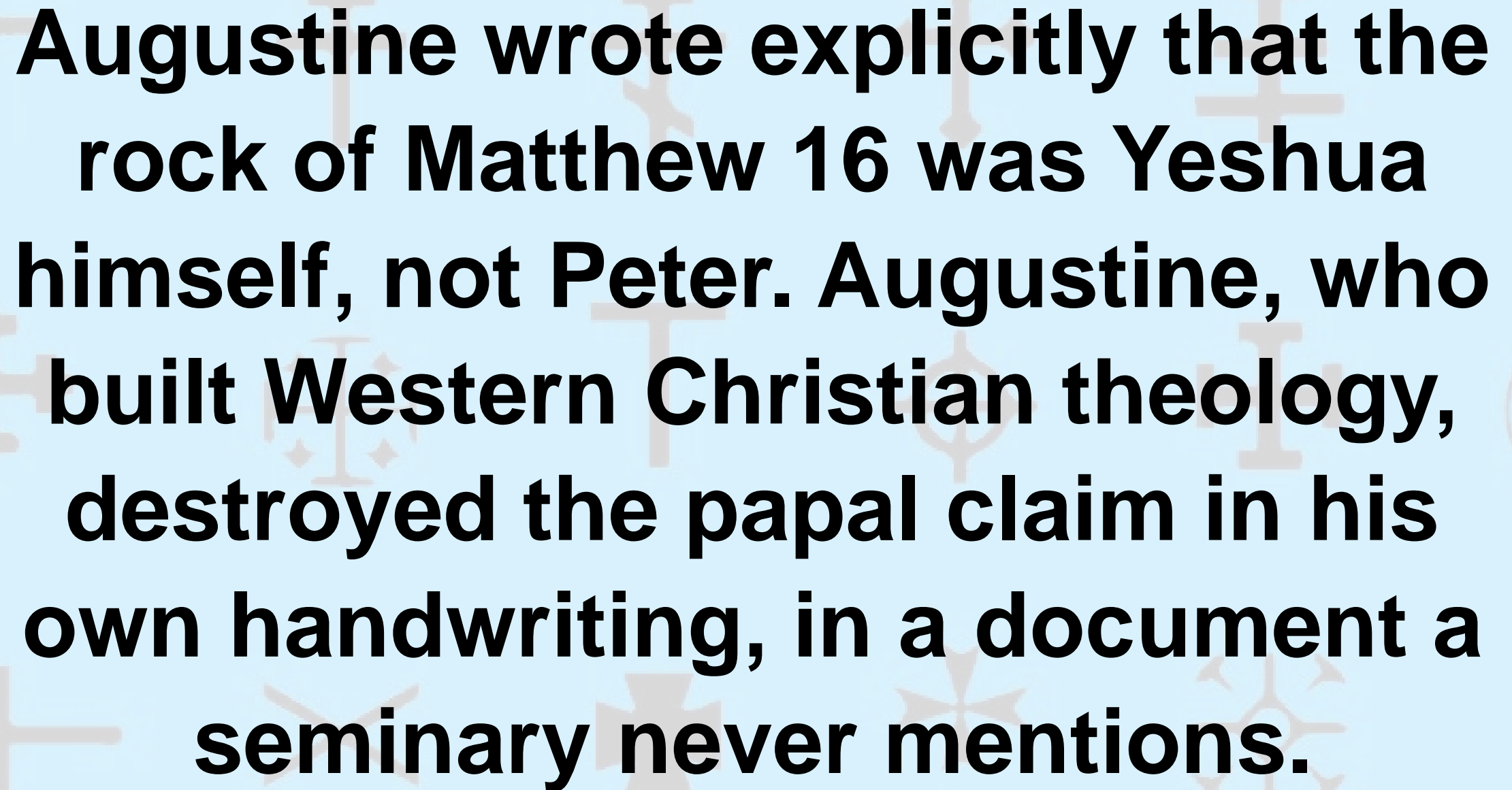
The Vatican built its entire global institution on a distinction they deliberately and systematically misled people about. What a difference one letter makes.

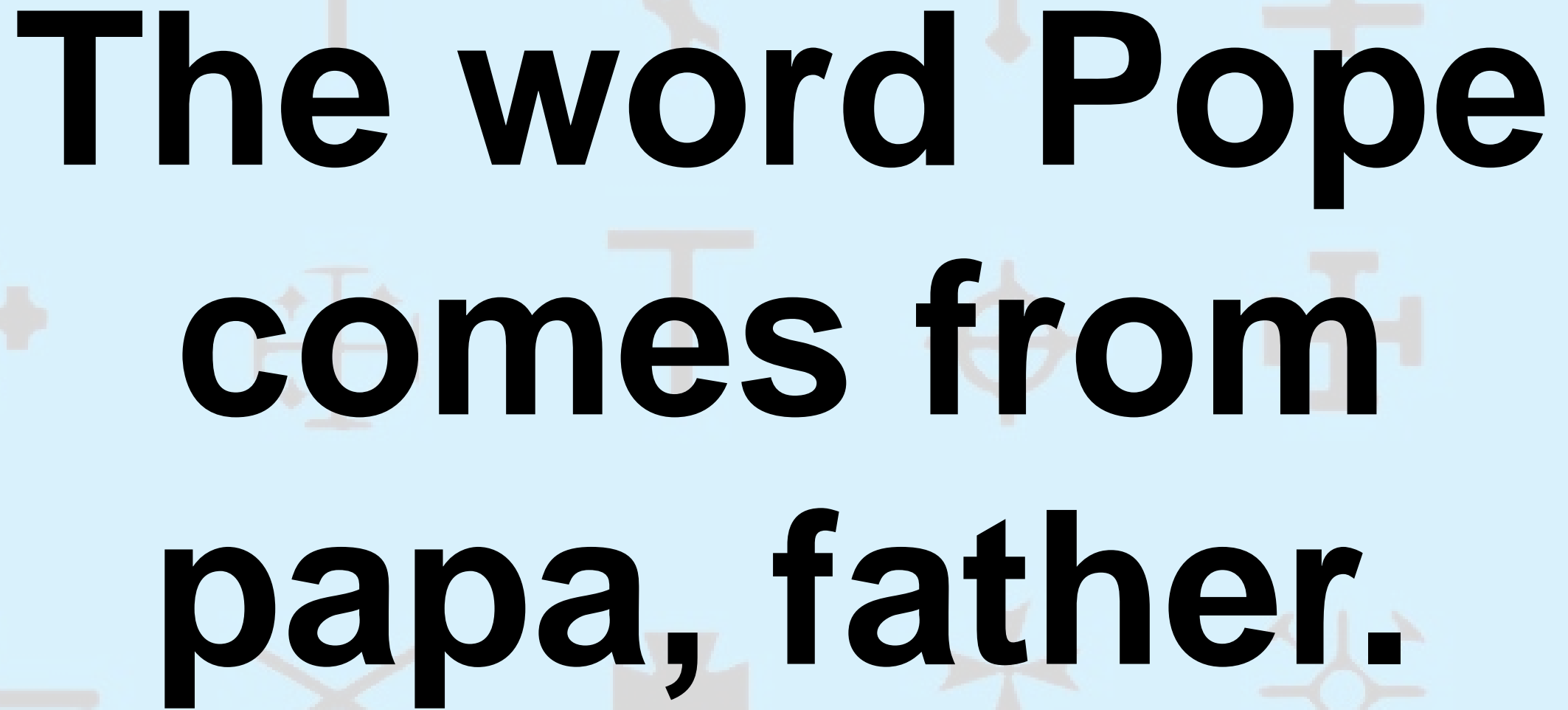
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**Origin interpreted
the rock as Peter's
confession, not
Peter's person.**



Augustine wrote explicitly that the rock of Matthew 16 was Yeshua himself, not Peter. Augustine, who built Western Christian theology, destroyed the papal claim in his own handwriting, in a document a seminary never mentions.





**The word Pope
comes from
papa, father.**

Matthew 23:9.

⁹ Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

**The Papacy's very
title violates a
direct command
of Yeshua.**

Through 266 popes, documented wars, assassinations, sexual scandals, political coups, six centuries of inquisition, and a claim to unbroken divine authority descending from Peter - That claim requires extraordinary evidence. None has ever been produced.

And what do we get from Constantine, a document granting the Pope authority over all Western Rome. It's used to justify papal power for six centuries, and proven to be a deliberate forgery in 1440.

By the 9th century, two centers of Christian power had emerged. Rome in the west and Constantinople in the east. Two emperors, two political systems, one theological dispute brewing for 500 years.


Rome added to the Nicene Creed without a council, without consensus, and without a single shred of apostolic authority. The original creed states, “the spirit proceeds from the father”. Rome added unilaterally, “and the son”. The Eastern Church called it heresy because altering a universal creed without a universal council is precisely that.

In 1054 AD, Patriarch Serilarius of Constantinople, Pope Leo IX of Rome: two men, two leaders, three unauthorized words, and the permanent fracture of Christianity's largest institutional body in human history.

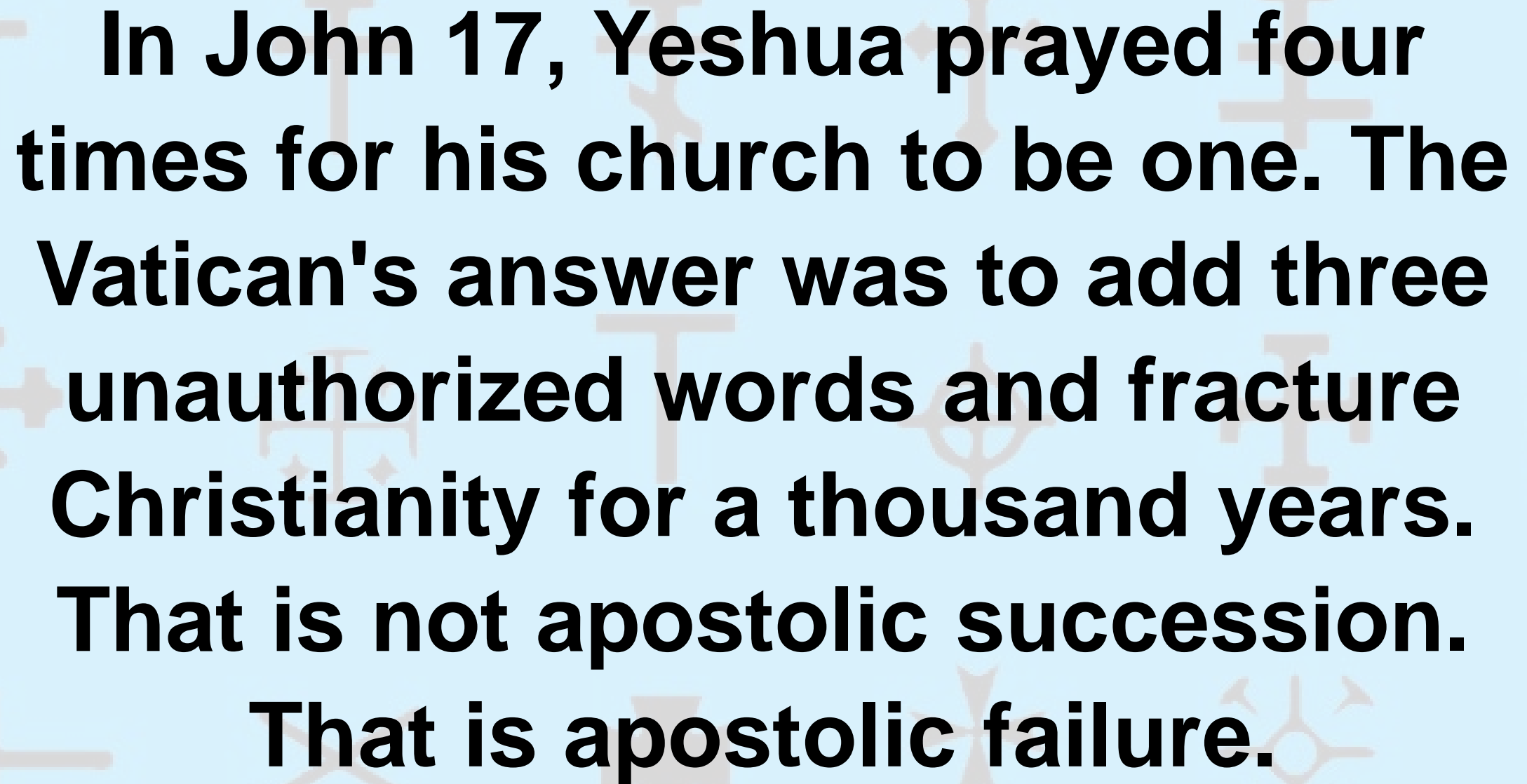
This occurs July 16th, 1054.

In 1054 Pope Leo IX had excommunication documents placed on the altar of the Hagia Sophia (the largest Eastern Orthodox Church in the world). The Eastern church excommunicated them back. One billion Christians are still living inside that fracture today.


**Eastern and Western
Christianity still
cannot take
communion together
to this day.**



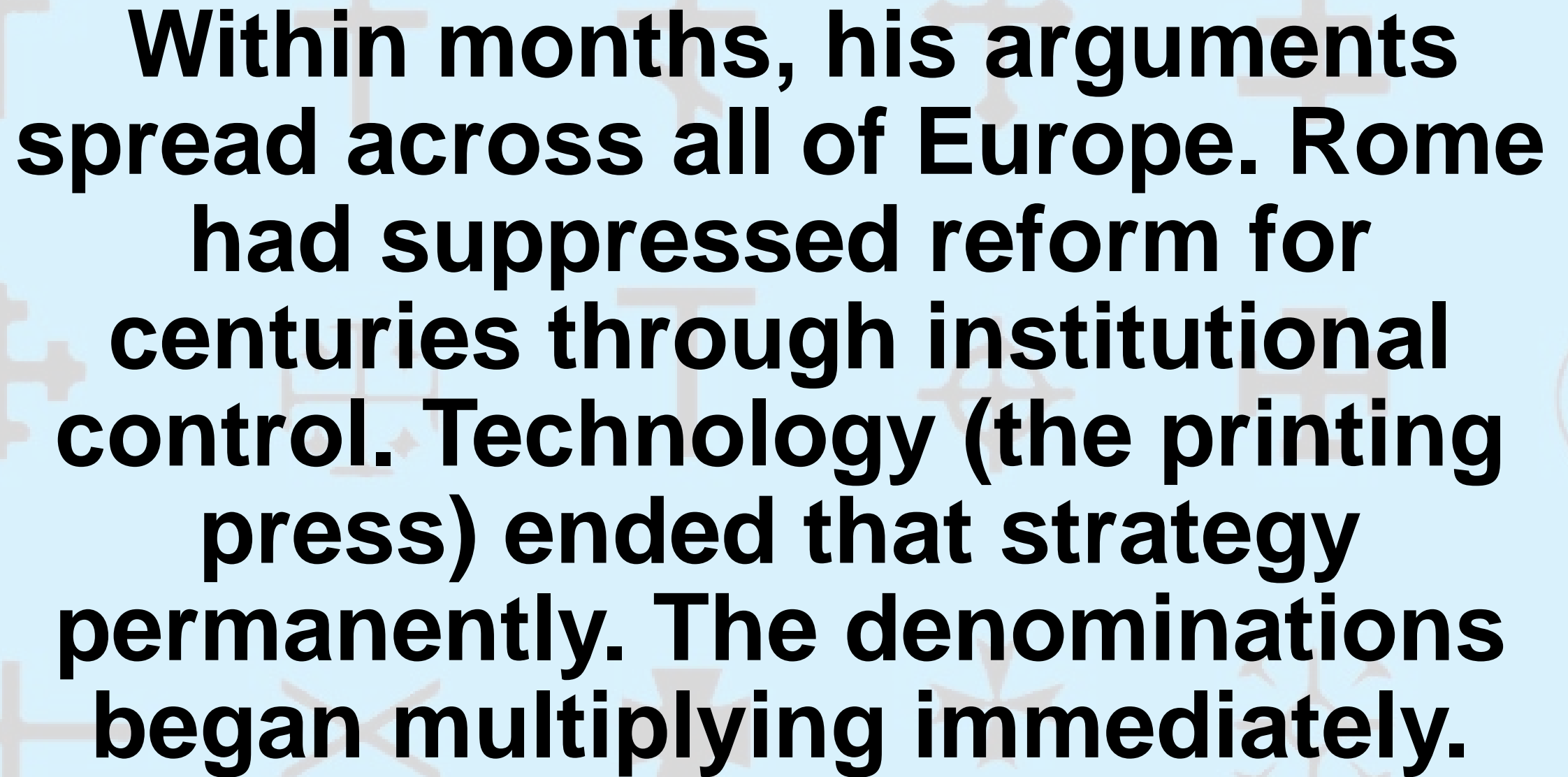
In John 17, Yeshua prayed four times for his church to be one. The Vatican's answer was to add three unauthorized words and fracture Christianity for a thousand years. That is not apostolic succession. That is apostolic failure.



**Martin Luther nails 95 thesis
to a church door. He was not
trying to create a new
denomination. He was trying
to reform the one he was in.
Rome excommunicated
him instead.**



Within months, his arguments spread across all of Europe. Rome had suppressed reform for centuries through institutional control. Technology (the printing press) ended that strategy permanently. The denominations began multiplying immediately.



The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563) was Rome's answer to the Reformation. They reformed some corruption but doubled down on papal authority, purgatory, and indulgences. Every decision deepened the fragmentation rather than healing it.

**Calvin took Luther's break further.
First Anabaptists, then Anglicans,
then Baptists, then Methodists.
Each split creating the template
for the next. 45,000 denominations
from three unauthorized words
in one creed.**

Henry VIII created the Church of England because the Pope refused to grant him a divorce.

A denomination serving 40 million people today was founded entirely on one king's marital inconvenience.



**That is not
theology.**

That is history.

Every Protestant denomination traces its theological genealogy directly through Rome. They broke from Rome to correct Rome, but they carried Rome's framework of institutional authority with them.

Today in America, you can find a different denomination on every corner. Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, non-denominational, Church of Christ, Episcopal, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness. Each claiming biblical authority, each contradicting the others. Yeshua prayed for one. We built 45,000.


John 17:20-23

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

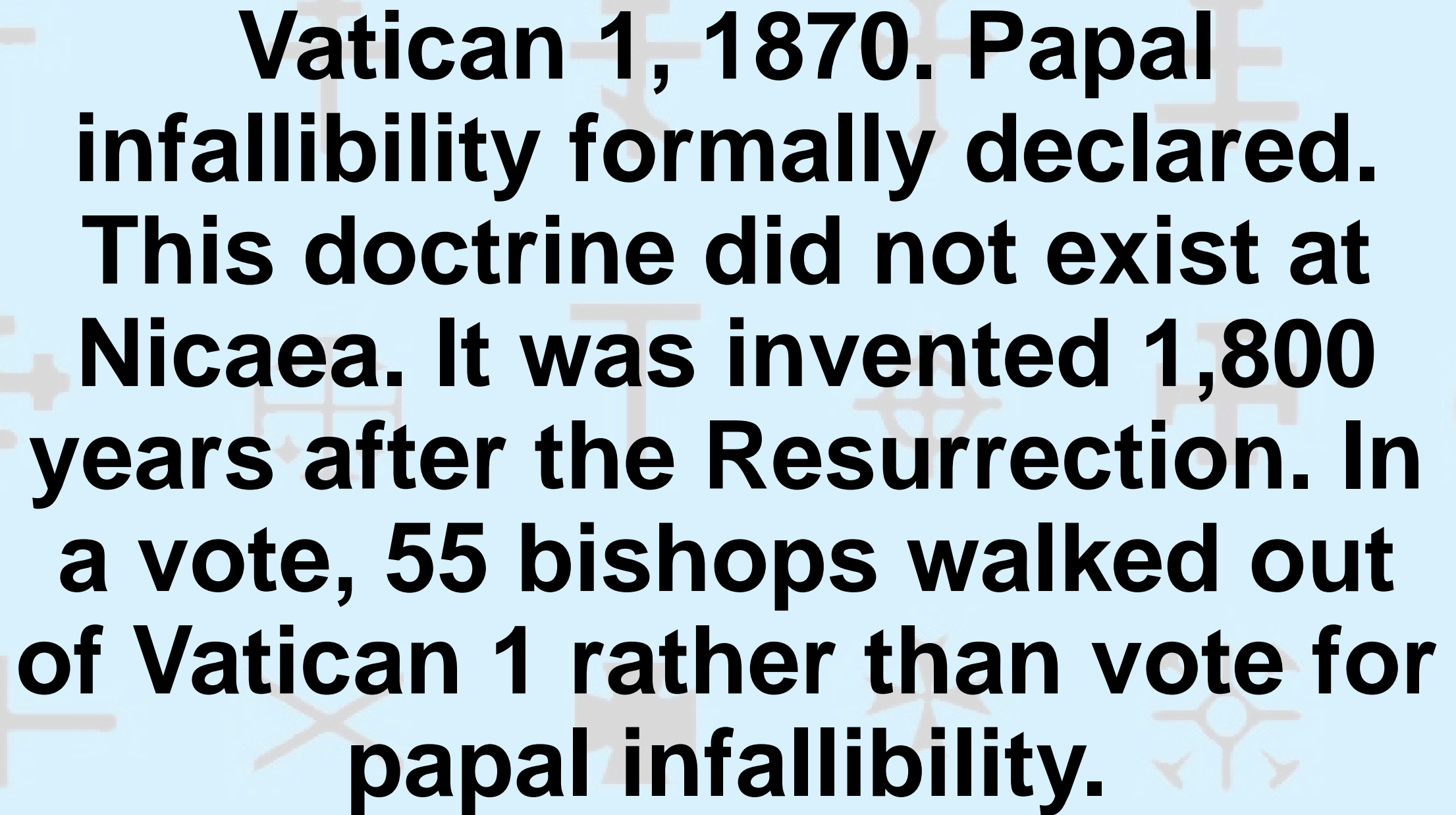
22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

**Yeshua made unity a
central prayer of his
ministry. The church made
disunity its defining
institutional achievement.**

Every pastor knows every council exists. The decisions made in those rooms shaped every doctrine they call non-negotiable today. The question is whether a pastor has ever explained who voted, who was excluded, and who paid for the outcome.



Vatican 1, 1870. Papal infallibility formally declared. This doctrine did not exist at Nicaea. It was invented 1,800 years after the Resurrection. In a vote, 55 bishops walked out of Vatican 1 rather than vote for papal infallibility.



They knew it was theologically indefensible. Their protest is in the documented historical record. It is never once mentioned from any Catholic pulpit anywhere on Earth.



Vatican 2, 1962 to 1965.


Rome finally acknowledged salvation might exist outside Catholicism. They presented it as revolutionary openess. Augustine and Origin had both taught this exact position 1400 years earlier without requiring a vote.

Between councils came the Inquisition, a formal institution of torture, imprisonment, and execution for doctrinal deviation. The institution claiming to represent the prince of peace maintained a torture apparatus for 600 continuous years.

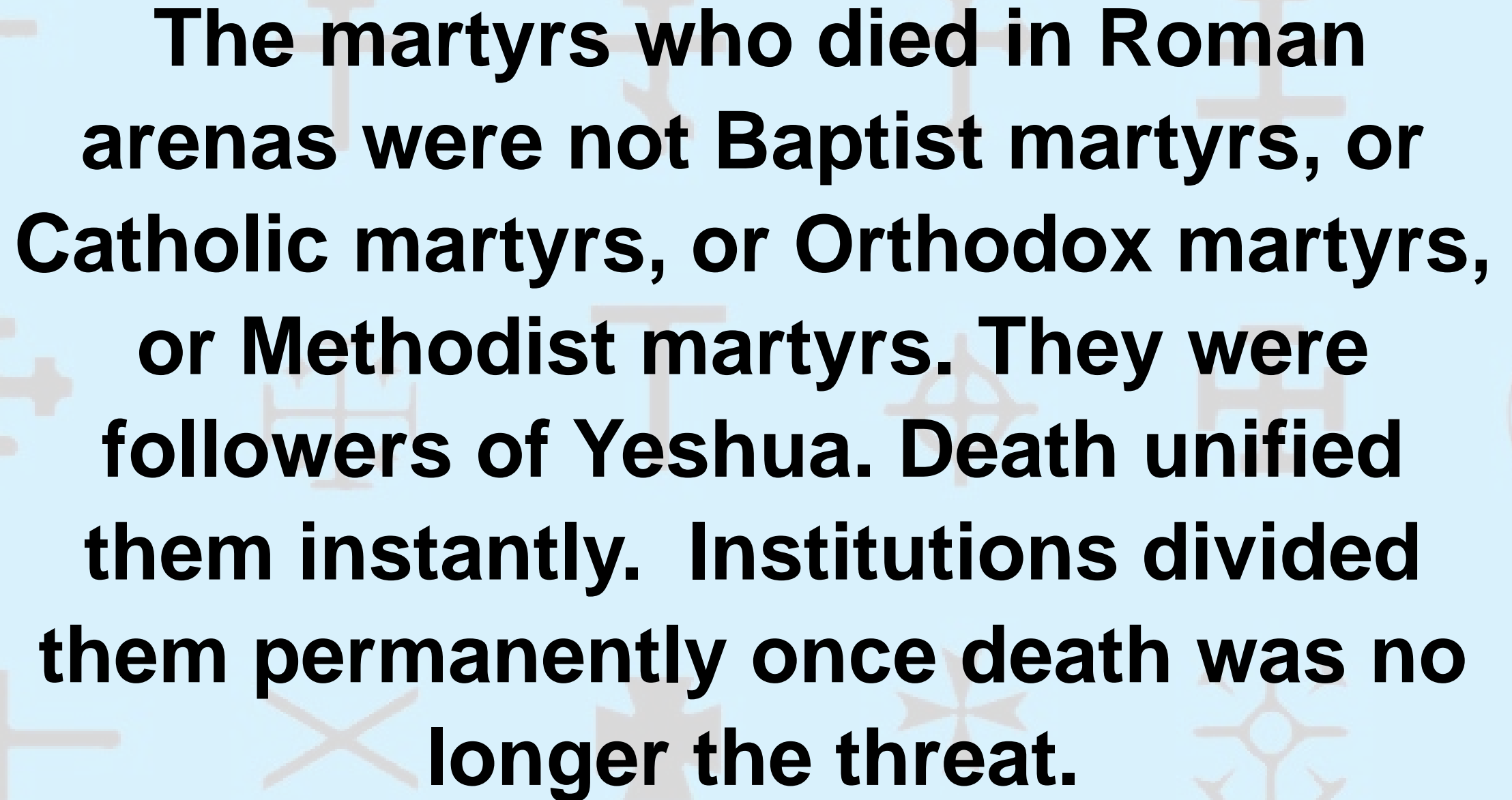
Paul begs for no divisions. He wrote this in 54 AD. The institution claiming his authority, the Roman Catholic Church, has produced 45,000 divisions (denominations) since Ephesians.

**Imagine what Yeshua sees
when He looks at 45,000
competing institutions, each
claiming His name. Each
condemning the others, each
calling itself His one
true church.**

**Watch out for those who
cause divisions contrary to
the teaching you learned and
avoid them. Paul identified the
architects of division as
enemies of the gospel.**



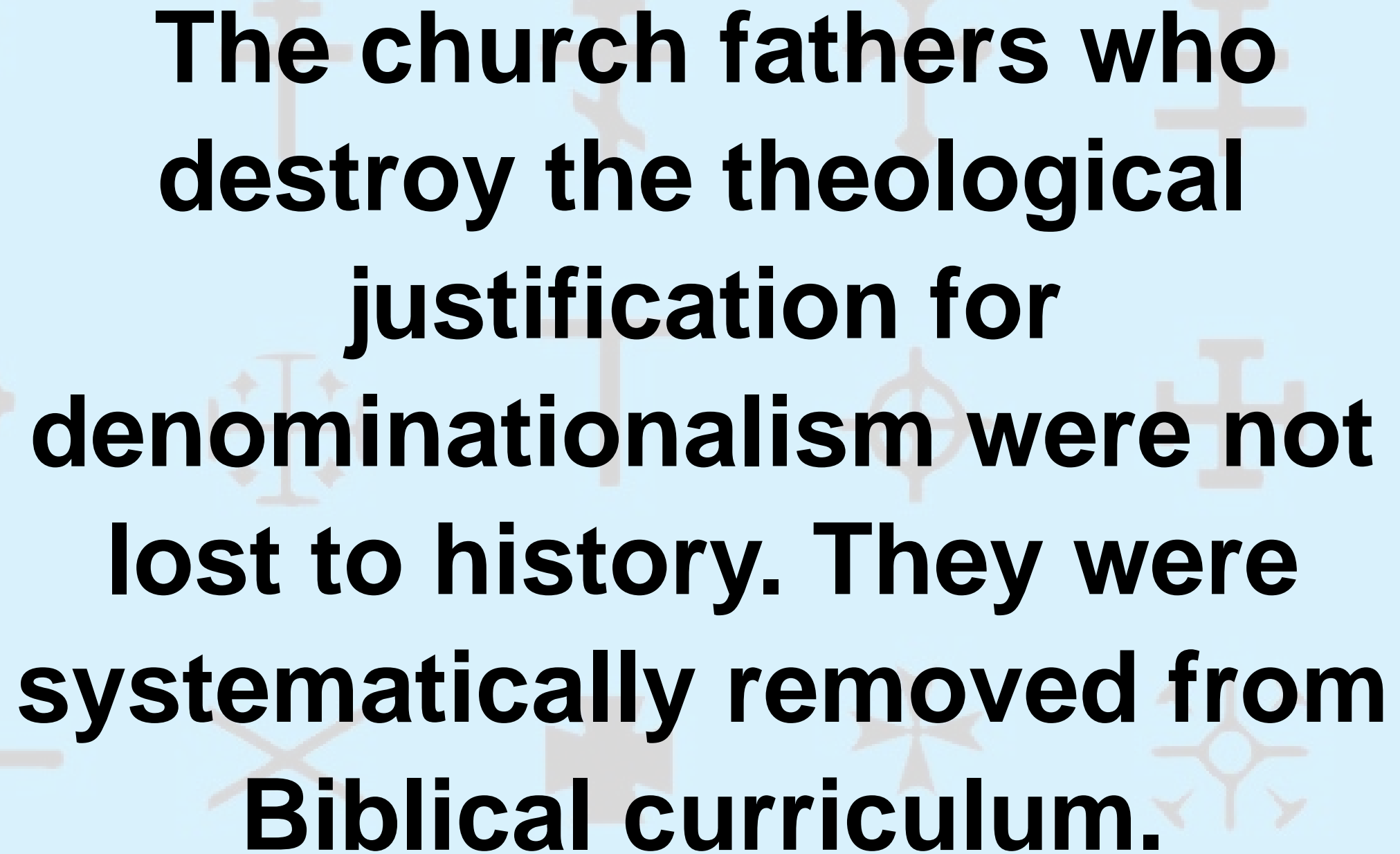
The martyrs who died in Roman arenas were not Baptist martyrs, or Catholic martyrs, or Orthodox martyrs, or Methodist martyrs. They were followers of Yeshua. Death unified them instantly. Institutions divided them permanently once death was no longer the threat.



A church's statement of faith is not just a theological document. It is a legal boundary. It tells you who Yeshua is allowed to love within their congregations. Ask a pastor which statement of faith Yeshua himself would sign.

**Two congregations, one
wall apart, cannot take
communion together. Both
call themselves followers
of Yeshua. Both claim
biblical authority.**

**The wall between them
was built by councils,
popes, and
theologians. Yeshua
built neither wall.**



**The church fathers who
destroy the theological
justification for
denominationalism were not
lost to history. They were
systematically removed from
Biblical curriculum.**

John 8:32

**“And you shall know
the truth, and the truth
shall make you free.”**

This truth is not institutionally comfortable, not denominationally safe, not politically convenient. Real freedom always costs the institution something. That is precisely why institutions suppress the truth that produces that freedom.

**If Yeshua prayed for
complete unity, what
exactly are we celebrating
when we name another
denomination?**

**One document placed on one altar.
One billion Christians permanently
separated. No miracle. No divine
mandate. One unauthorized act of
institutional arrogance dressed in
apostolic clothing. One faith born in a
Roman catacomb. Three unauthorized
words added to a creed.**

**One emperor's political
conversion, one king's
marital inconvenience, one
forged document.**

**45,000 denominations, every
fracture has a human cause.**

**None of them
were caused
by Yeshua.**

Acts 2. Shavuot. Every nation under heaven, one spirit, one fire, one community. No doctrinal statement required for entry, no denominational membership form. The spirit landed on unity and produced 3,000 believers in a single morning.

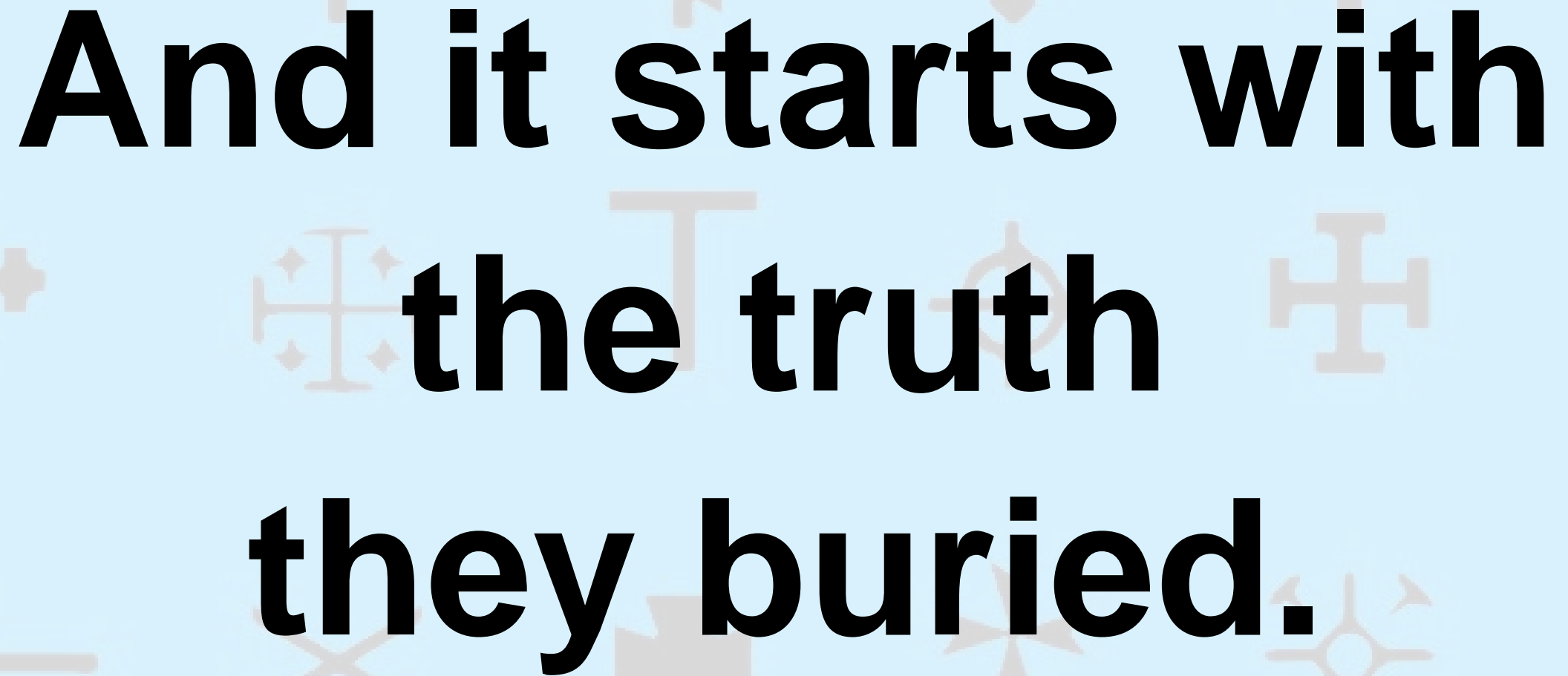
The night before they killed him, Yeshua did not establish a papacy. He broke bread, poured wine, washed feet, and prayed that his followers would be one.

**The church remembered the bread
and forgot the prayer. The table
Yeshua set was not Catholic. It was not
Protestant. It was not Orthodox. It was
not denominational. It was for every
broken person who confessed him as
Lord. No statement of faith required.
Just hunger. Just thirst. Just Him.**

The God who breathed galaxies into existence, did not authorize the great schism, did not sign the divination of Constantine, did not attend the Council of Trent, did not ordain 45,000 denominations.

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**The church Yeshua
prayed for
deserves to exist.**

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**And it starts with
the truth
they buried.**

