

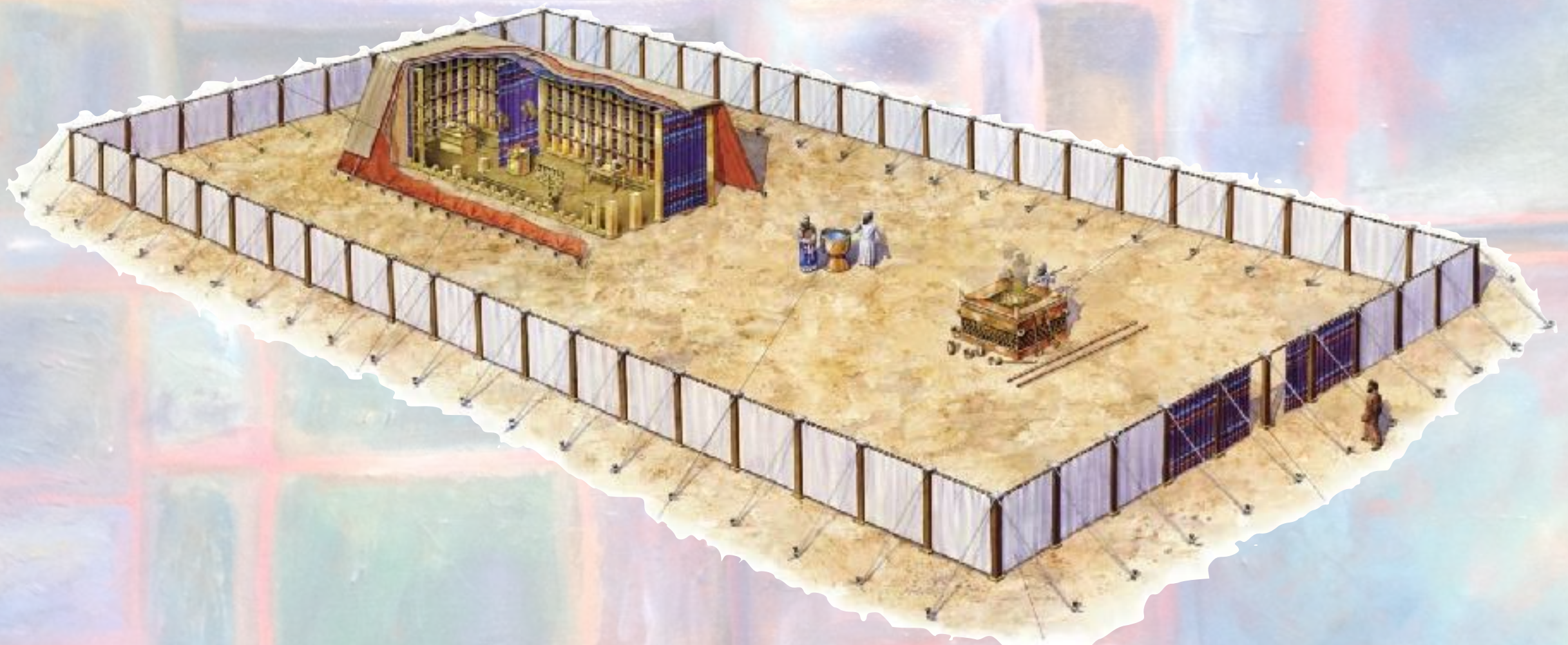


Transforming Presence

Exodus 34:29-35

The Tabernacle

God's Presence with His People





Out of Egypt

To Mt Sinai

Covenant

“I will be your God,
you will be my people,
and I will dwell with you.”

Allegiance to God Alone



“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

Broken Allegiance



Aaron...made
a golden calf.

The LORD's Name

“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.”

Moses's Response

“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.”

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

A Daring Request

Moses...said,

“If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and **pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.**”

Forgive us and take us for yours.

Giving Up for Lent



Christchurch Shooting



Solidarity Stand with Muslims



Moses with God



So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water.

Moses Descends

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

Moses' Shining Face

Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Moses' Shining Face

Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Exodus 34:34-35 ESV

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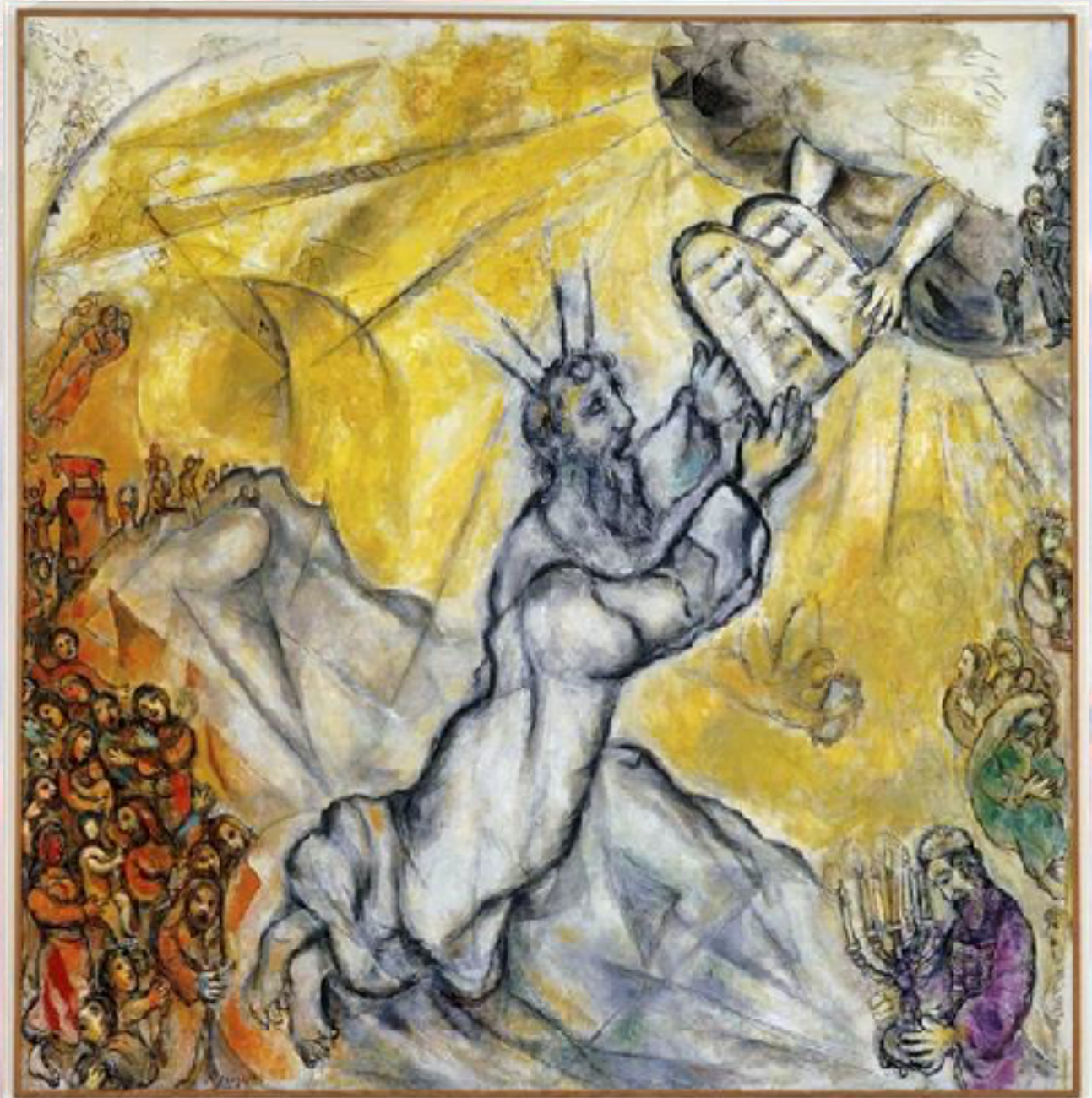
Horned Moses



Moses' face was **horned**.
(Latin *Vulgate*)

Michelangelo, *Moses* (1513-15)
San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome

Rays of Light



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Israel saw Moses' face

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Moses bids “Draw Near”

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Seeking God's Face

You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you,

"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Hide not your face from me.

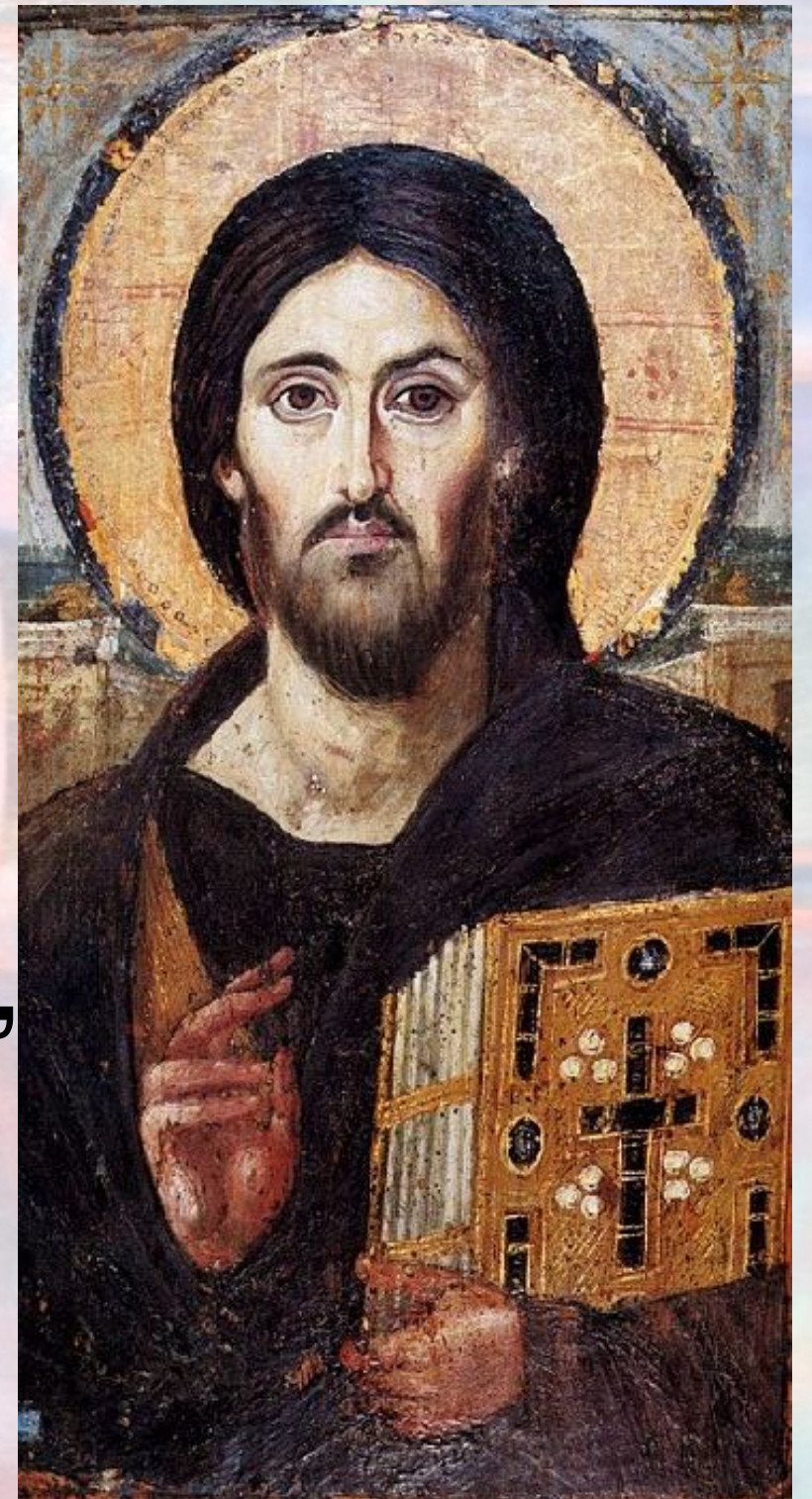
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Psalms 27:8 ESV



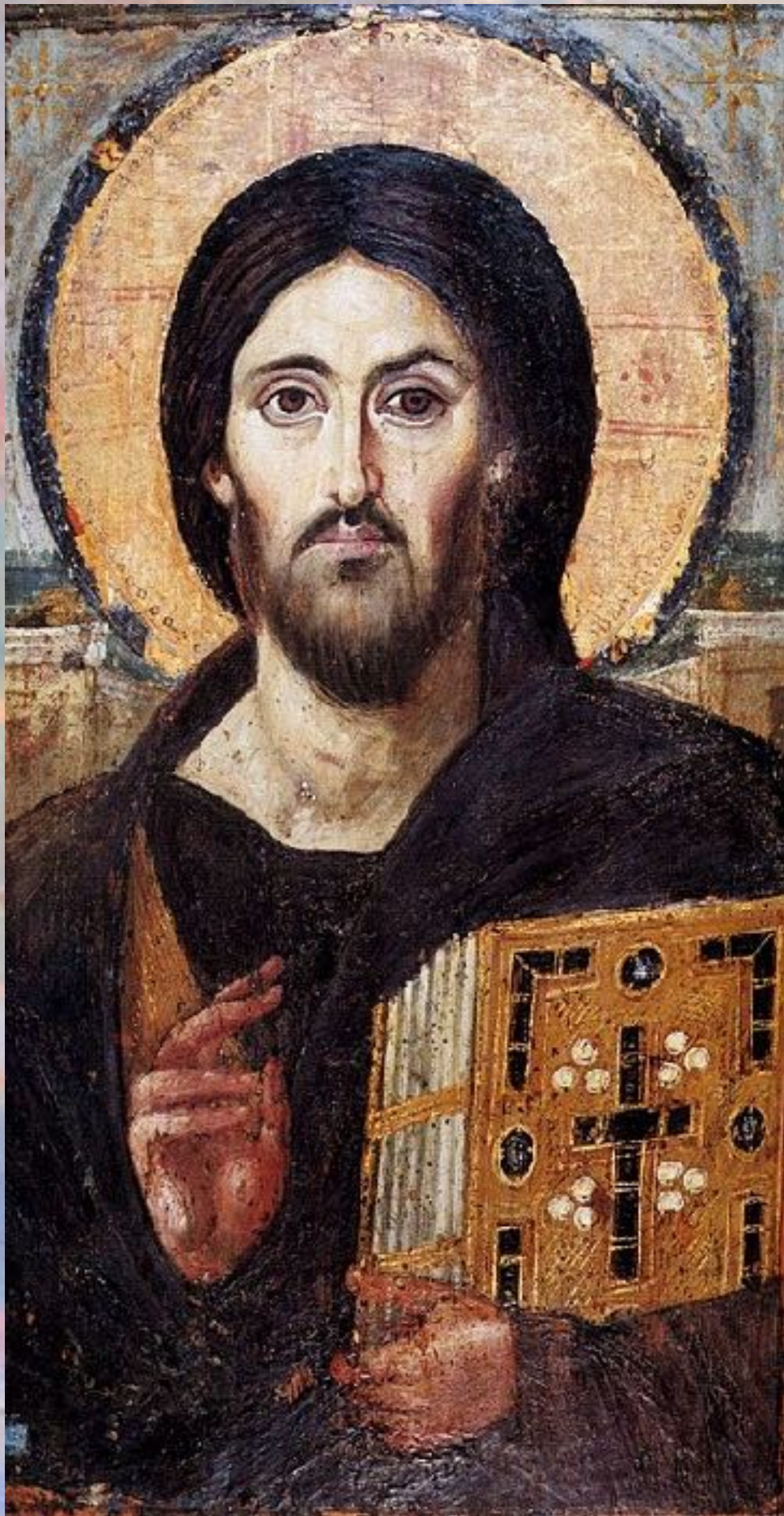
Come Down

Come down, O Love divine!
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

The Deep Love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Your love,
leading onward, leading homeward
to Your glorious rest above.



Adoration of the Lamb





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