

# Some Context ;-) (or God's call)

Ruddington Baptist Church Vision Day

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*In the beginning, God created...*

*And God saw that it was good.*



A misty forest scene with tall, thin trees and a path covered in ferns. The lighting is soft and ethereal, with a blueish-green tint. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

*Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...  
The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of  
it...  
... they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.  
But **the Lord God called**  
to the man..."*

**And God called...**

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, ... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

sets out from Haran  
towards Canaan.

Terah and Abram set  
out from Ur and journey  
to Haran.



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	Possible route of the Exodus

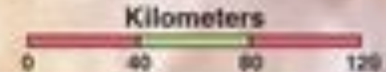
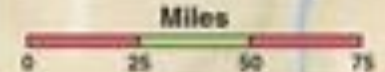
*God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"*

*when I see the blood, I will pass over you...*

*During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested."*

*By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire*

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Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)





*...they said. "We want a king over us."*

***And God called...***

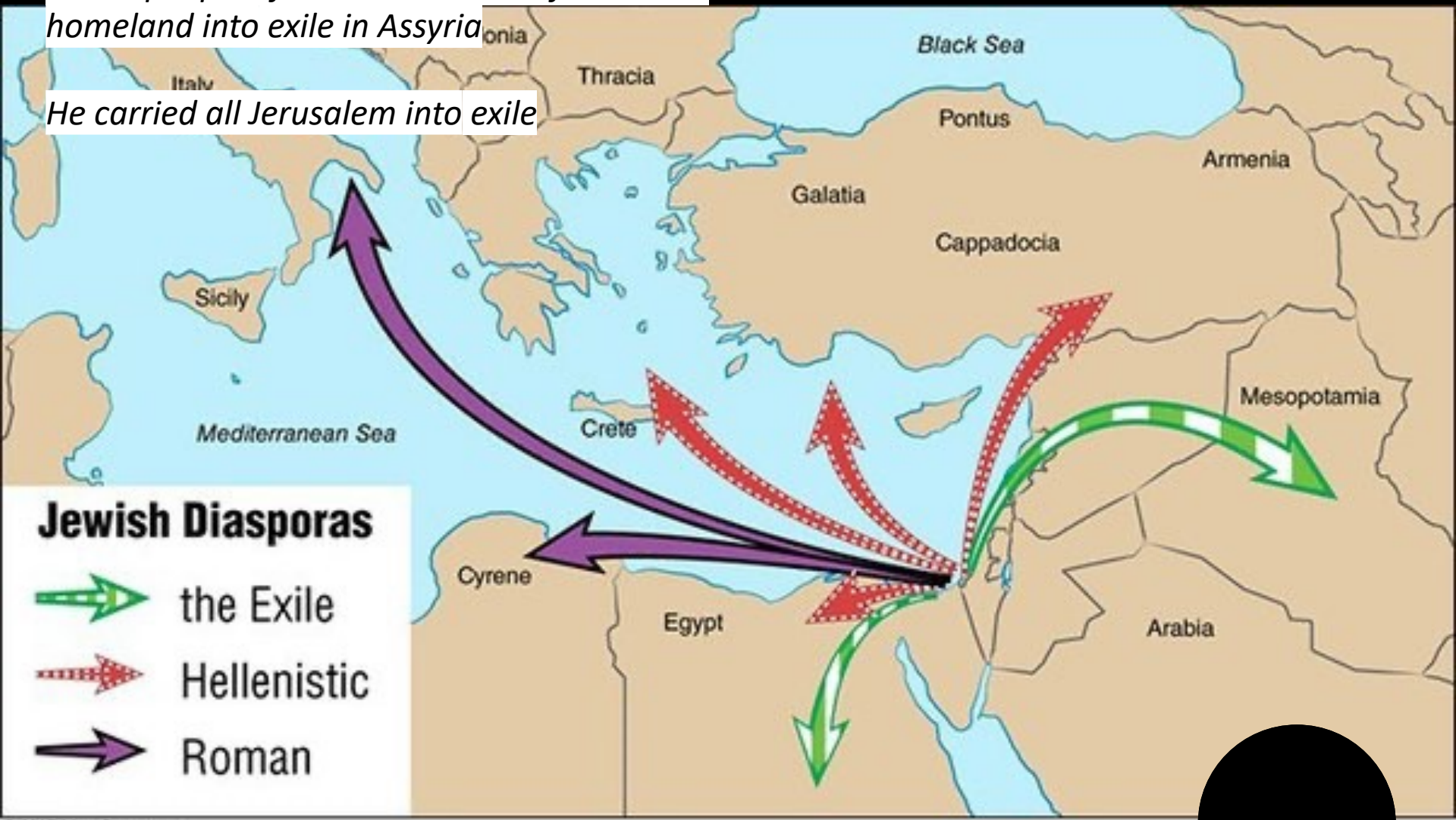
*a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people*

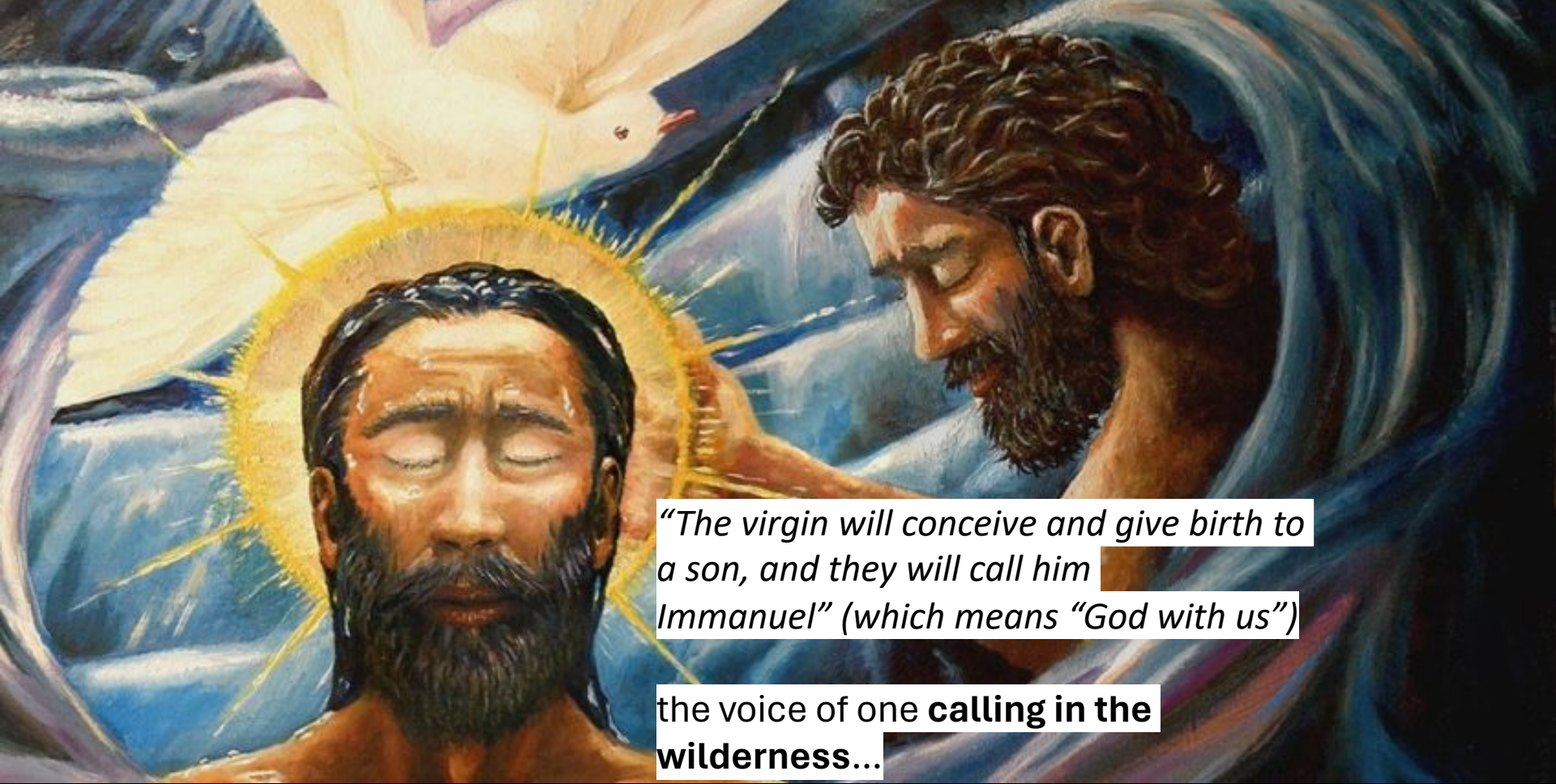
*"I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son."*



So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria

He carried all Jerusalem into exile





*“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”)*

the voice of one **calling in the wilderness...**

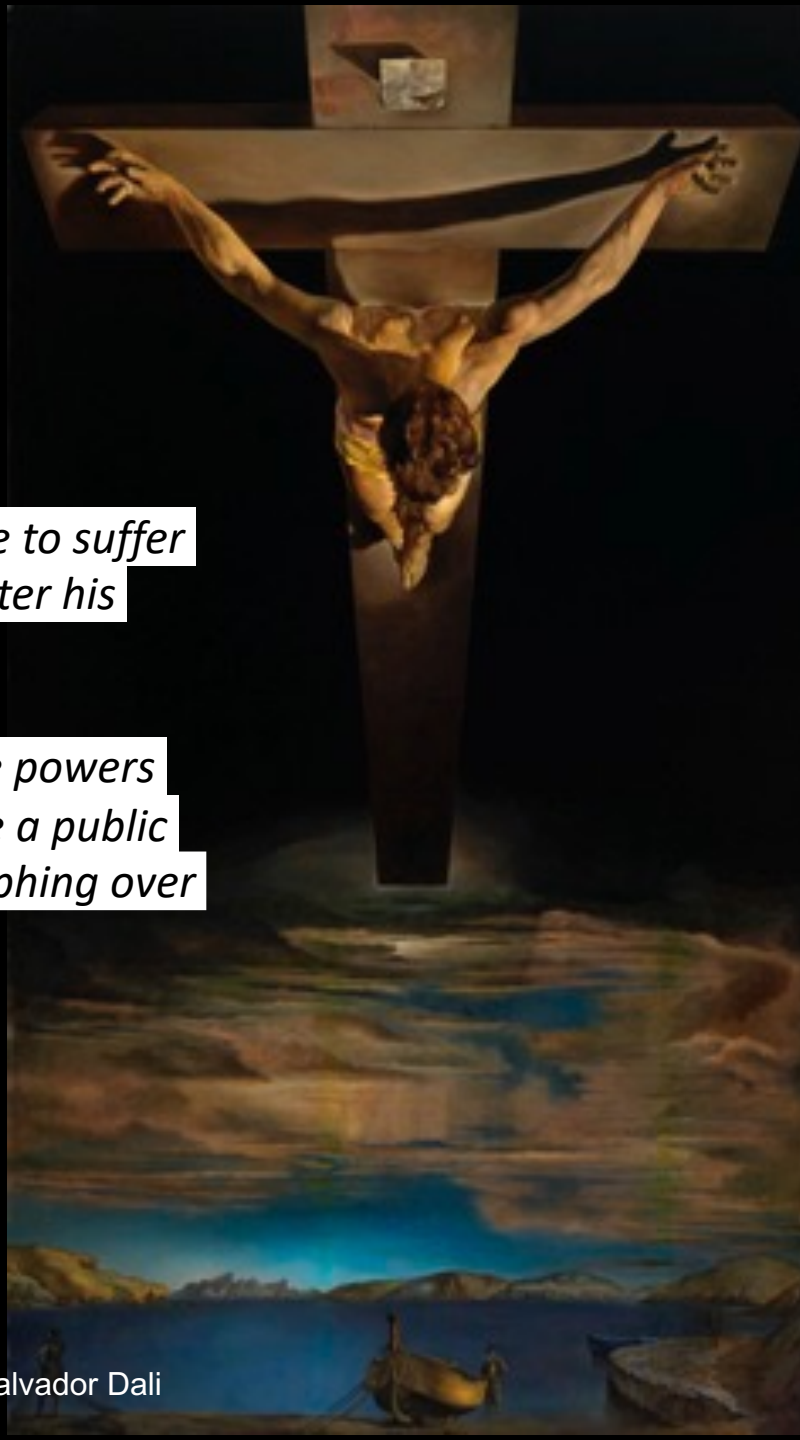
*As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”*



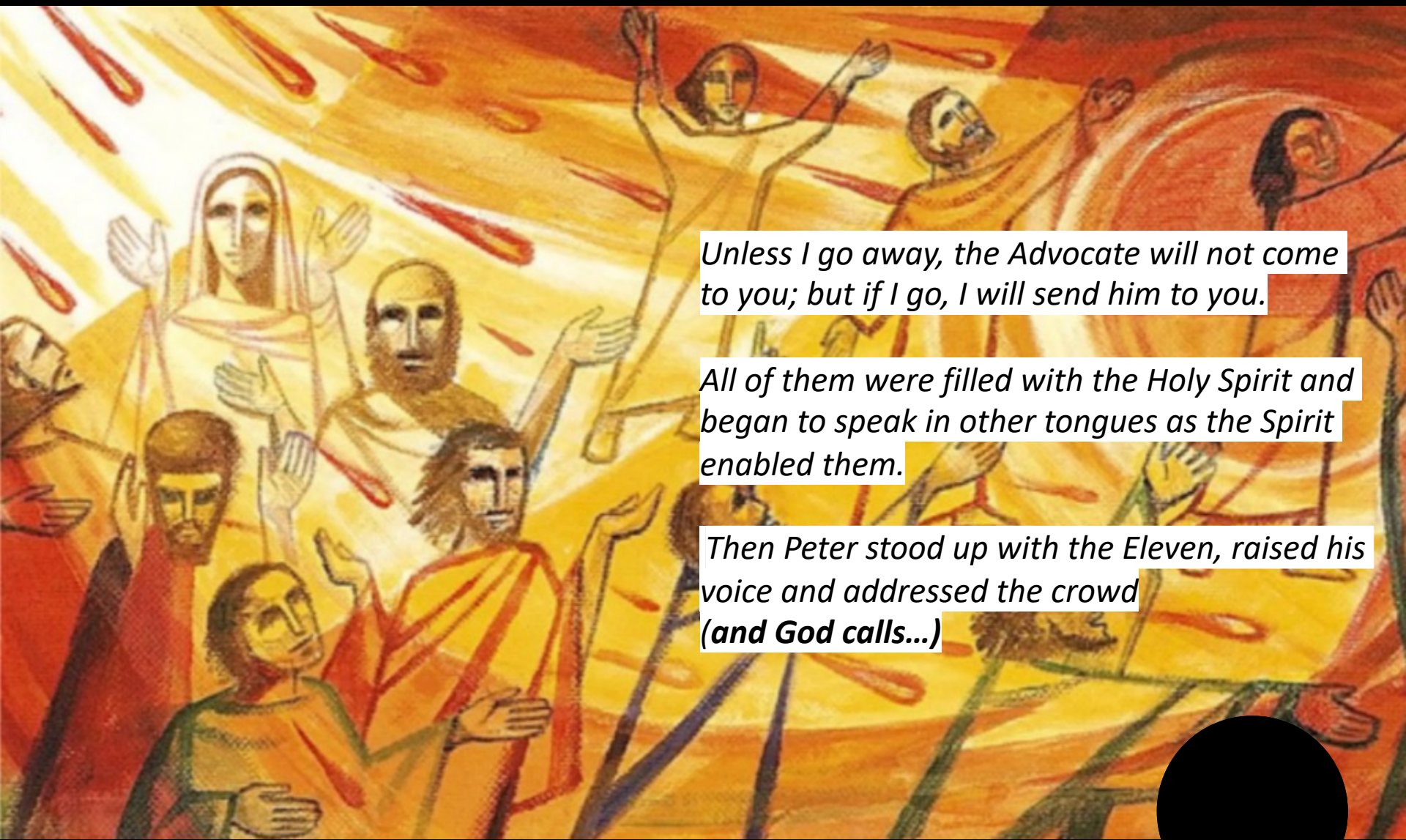


*Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?*

*And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*



Christ of Saint John of the Cross, Salvador Dalí



*Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

*Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd  
**(and God calls...)***

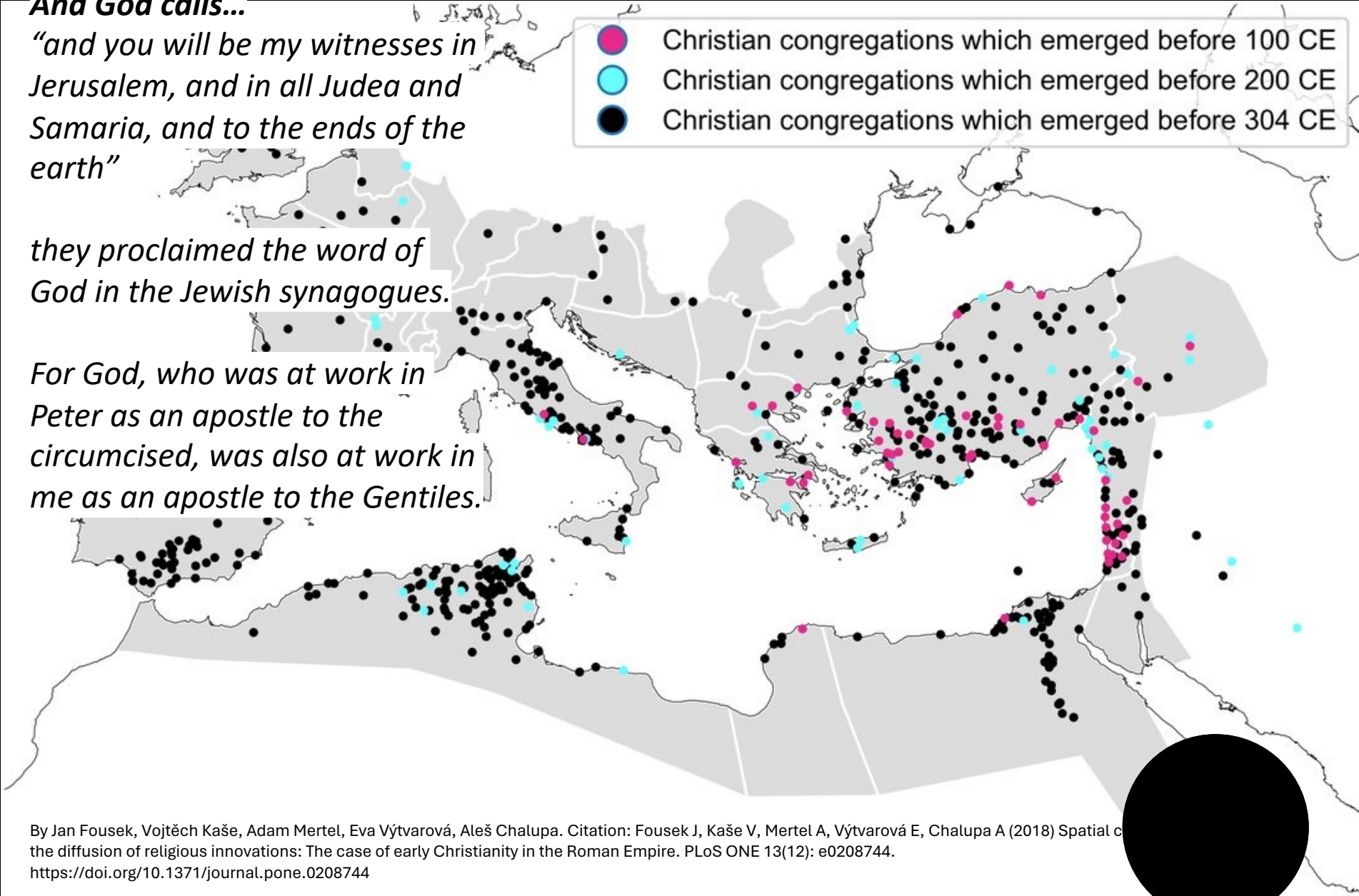
**And God calls...**

*“and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”*

*they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues.*

*For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles.*

- Christian congregations which emerged before 100 CE
- Christian congregations which emerged before 200 CE
- Christian congregations which emerged before 304 CE





**311AD Emperor Constantine I: "In this sign thou shalt conquer"**

**=> Christendom**

**391AD Official religion of Roman Empire**

**622AD Start of Islam (Mohammad reaches Yathrib)**

**1054AD East/West Schism – Catholicism vs Eastern Orthodox**

**1095-1291AD Crusades to Holy Land**

**And God calls...**

**c.530AD Rule of St Benedict**

**1209AD Founding of Franciscan's**





1455AD Guttenberg Bible published (Latin)

1492AD Columbus reaches the Americas

And God calls...

**1517AD Martin Luther's 95 theses –**

**The Reformation & Counter-reformation**

1534AD Henry VIII head of Church of England

1611AD King James Version Bible published

1620AD Voyage of the Mayflower





**1600-1800AD c. The Enlightenment**

1707AD English Parliament

1789-1799AD French Revolution

1760-1840AD Industrial Revolution

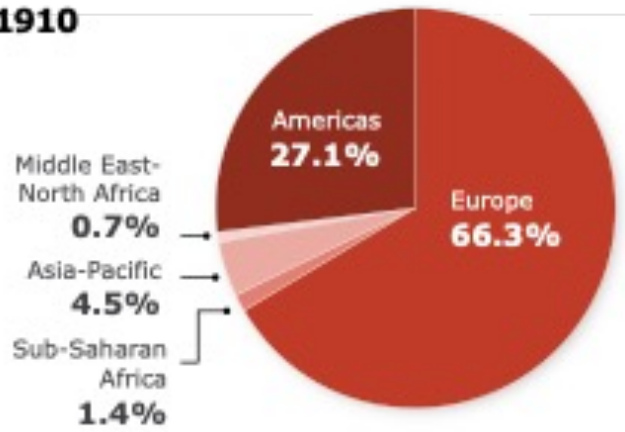
**And God calls...**

1730-1740 First Great Awakening – evangelical revival – Britain &

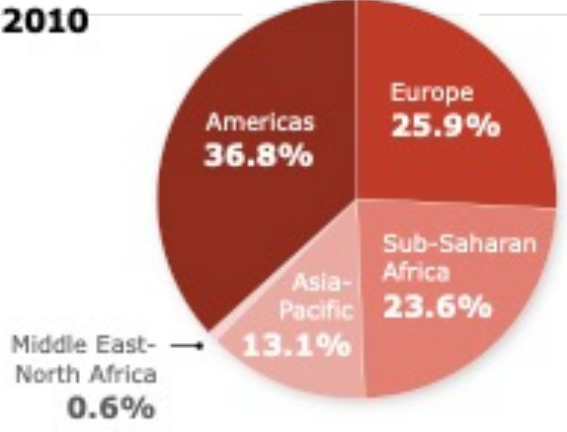
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Fr 1906 Azusa Street revival - Start of Pentecostalism x Mill

**1910**



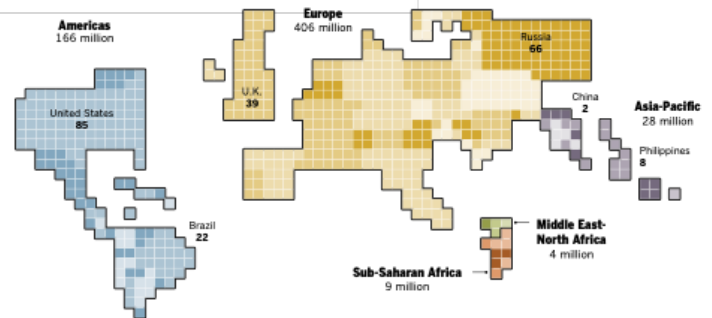
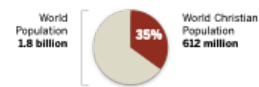
**2010**



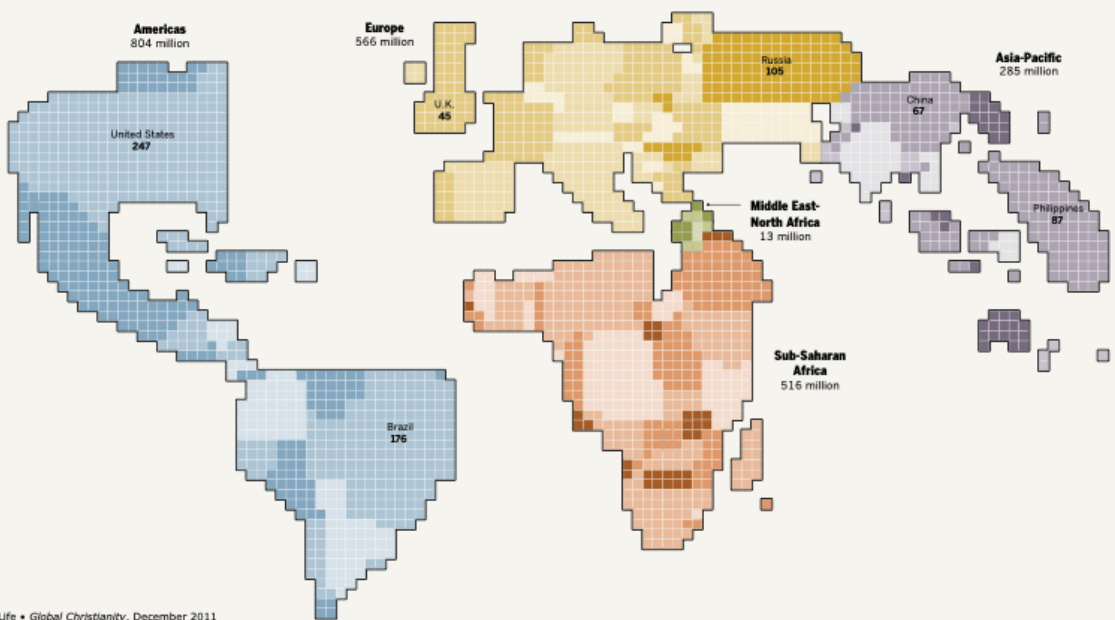
**World Distribution of Christian Population**

*This 'weighted' map of the world shows each country's relative size based on its Christian population. Figures are rounded to the nearest million.*

**1910**



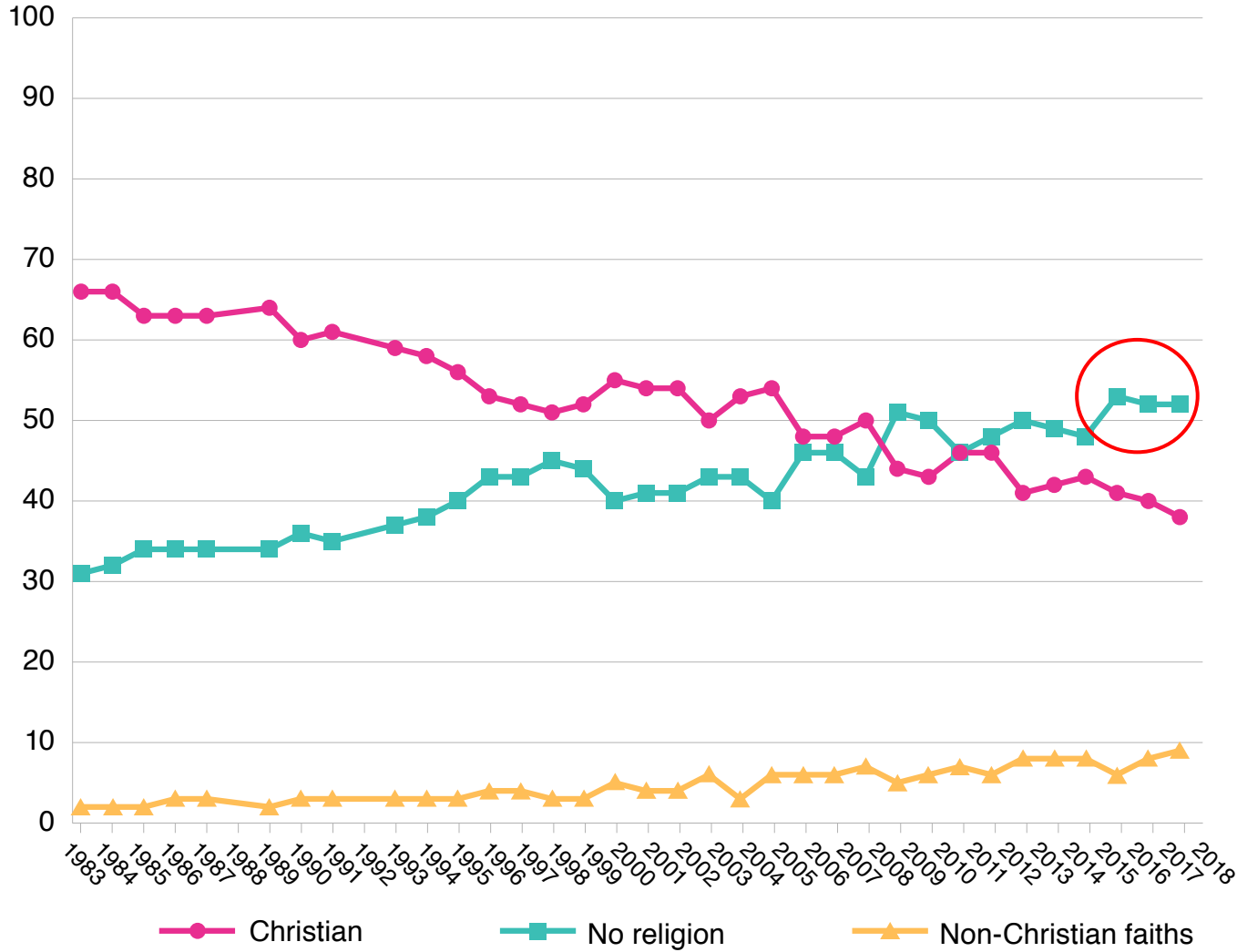
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□ = 1 million Christians



Religious identity, 1983–2018



Curtice, J., Clery, E., Perry, J., Phillips M. and Rahim, N. (eds.) (2019), British Social Attitudes: The 36th Report, London: The National Centre for Social Research © The National Centre for Social Research 2019 First published 2019

Table 1 Religious Identity 1983-2018

	1983	2008	2018
	%	%	%
<b>No religion</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Christian (of which...)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>
Church of England / Anglican	40	22	12
Roman Catholic	10	9	7
Presbyterian	5	3	2
Methodist	4	2	1
Baptist	1	1	*
Christian – no denomination	3	10	13
Other Christian	3	2	1
<b>Non-Christian (of which..)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
Muslim	1	3	6
Jewish	1	1	*
Other non-Christian	1	3	3
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>1761</i>	<i>4486</i>	<i>3879</i>

\* = Less than 0.5% of respondents

**Table 4 Attendance at religious services, 1998-2018**

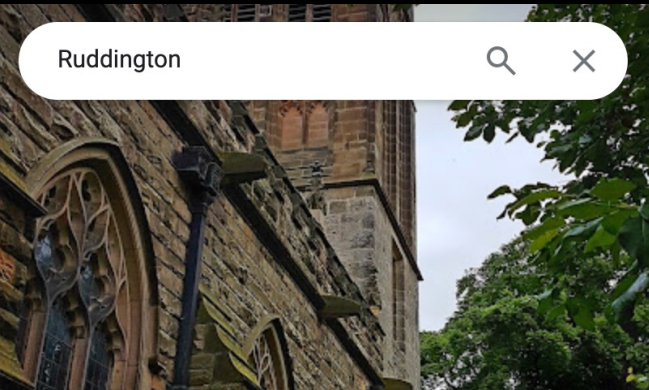
	1998	2008	2018
<b>How often attends religious services</b>	%	%	%
Once a week or more	12	10	11
Less often but at least once in two weeks	2	2	2
Less often but at least once a month	5	6	5
Less often than once a month ‡	19	19	13
Never or practically never	48	50	43
No religion and not brought up in a religion	11	12	23
<i>Unweighted base</i>	3146	4486	3879

‡ Less often than once a month combines the answers: "Less often but at least twice a year", "Less often but at least once a year", "Less often than once a year"

The table excludes "varies too much to say", but these are included in the base

Religious decline in Britain is generational; people tend to be less religious than their parents, and on average their children are even less religious than they are.

Two religious parents have roughly a **50/50** chance of passing on the faith. One religious parent does only half as well as two together.



Ruddington



# Ruddington

Nottingham

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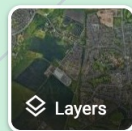
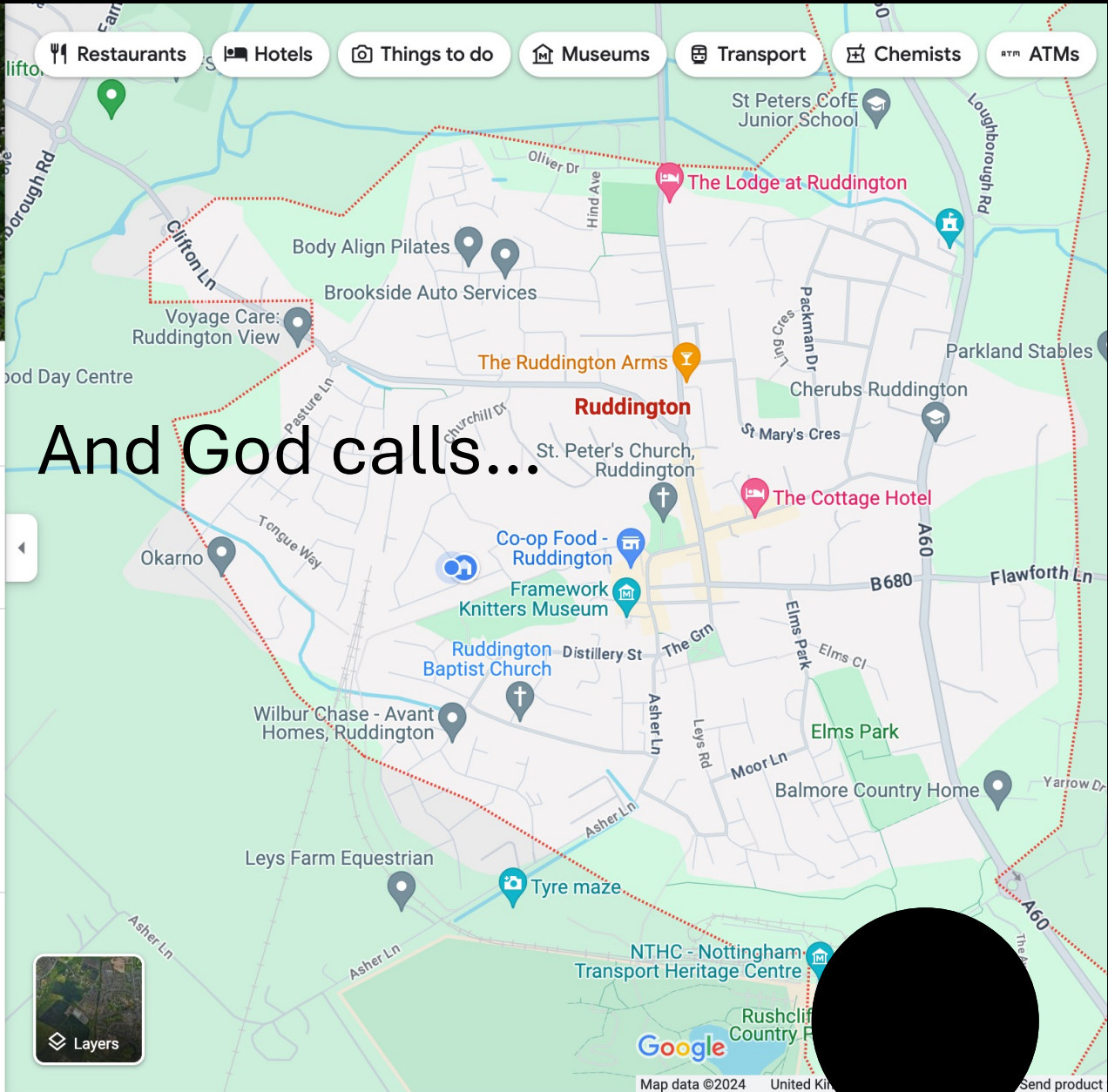


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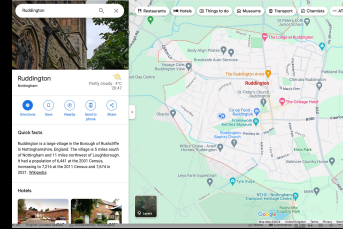
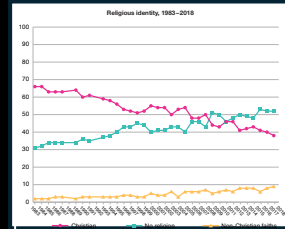
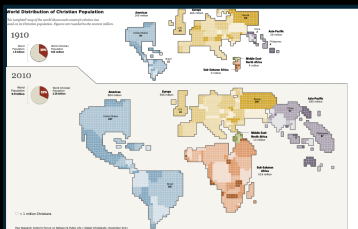
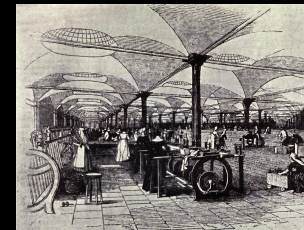
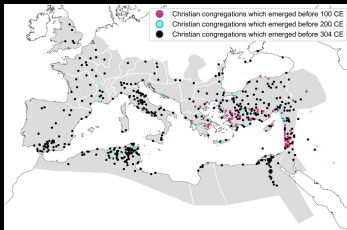
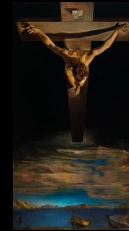
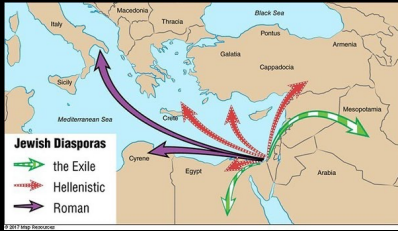
Ruddington is a large village in the Borough of Rushcliffe in Nottinghamshire, England. The village is 5 miles south of Nottingham and 11 miles northwest of Loughborough. It had a population of 6,441 at the 2001 Census, increasing to 7,216 at the 2011 Census and 7,674 in 2021. [Wikipedia](#)

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