

A person in a white robe is kneeling in prayer on a rocky, mountainous landscape. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow in the sky. The person is positioned in the center-right of the frame, facing away from the viewer. The text "First Sunday in Lent" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

# First Sunday in Lent

*Year A*

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

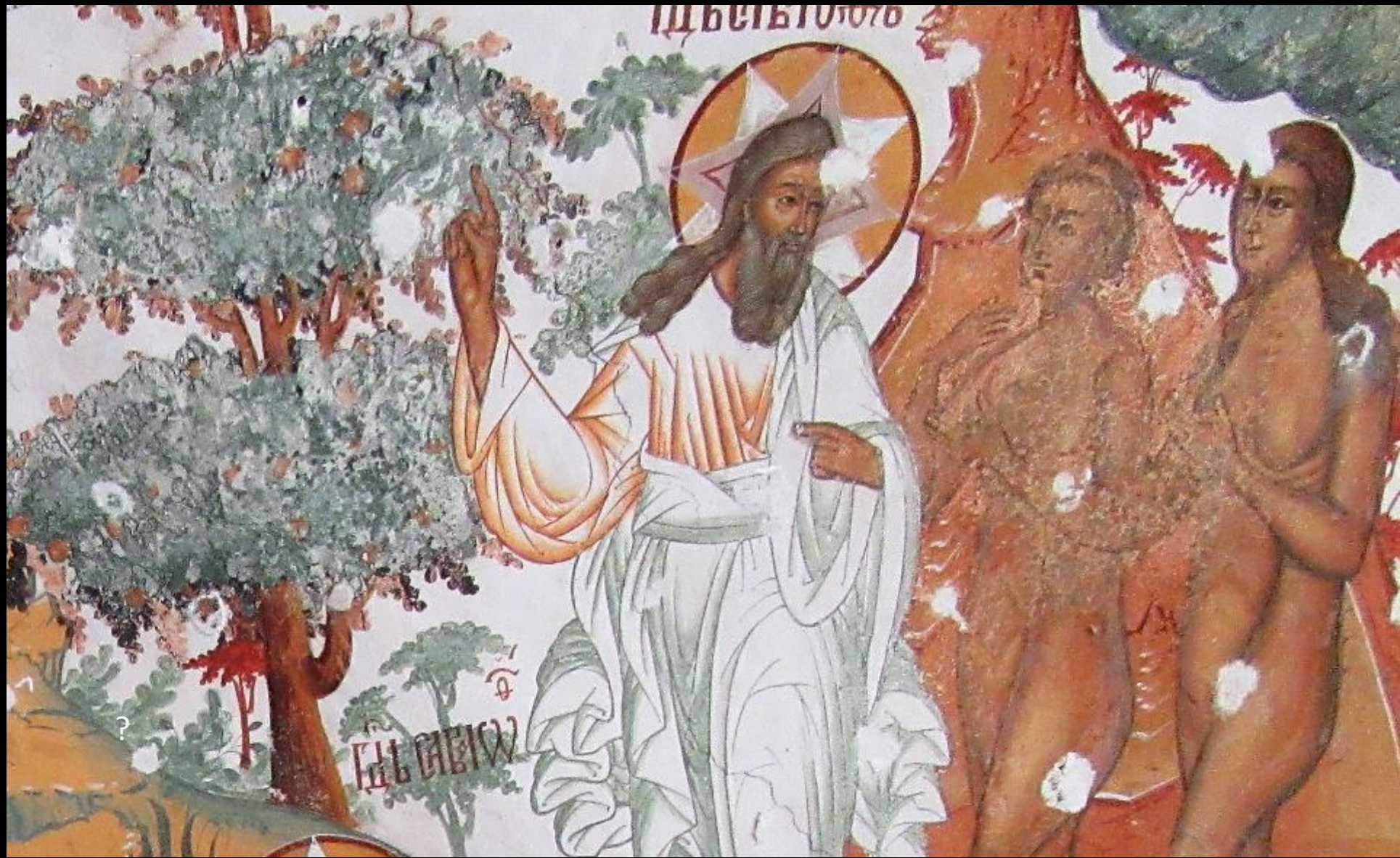
Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

...of the tree of the knowledge of good  
and evil you shall not eat...

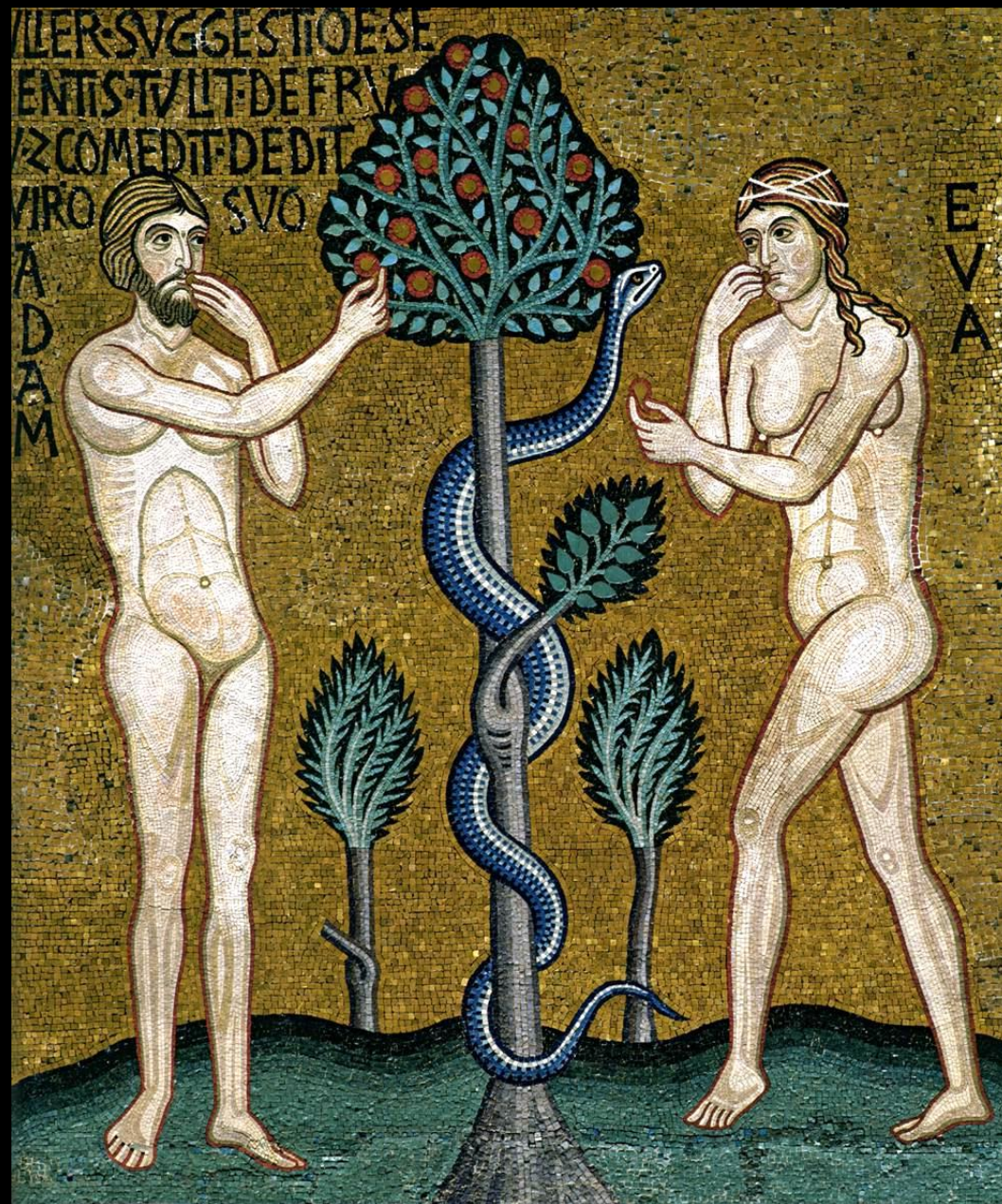
Genesis 2:17a



Heavenly Paradise, detail -- Cathedral of the Resurrection, Toutaiev, Russia

...she took of its fruit and ate;  
and she also gave some to her  
husband, who was with her,  
and he ate.

Genesis 3:6



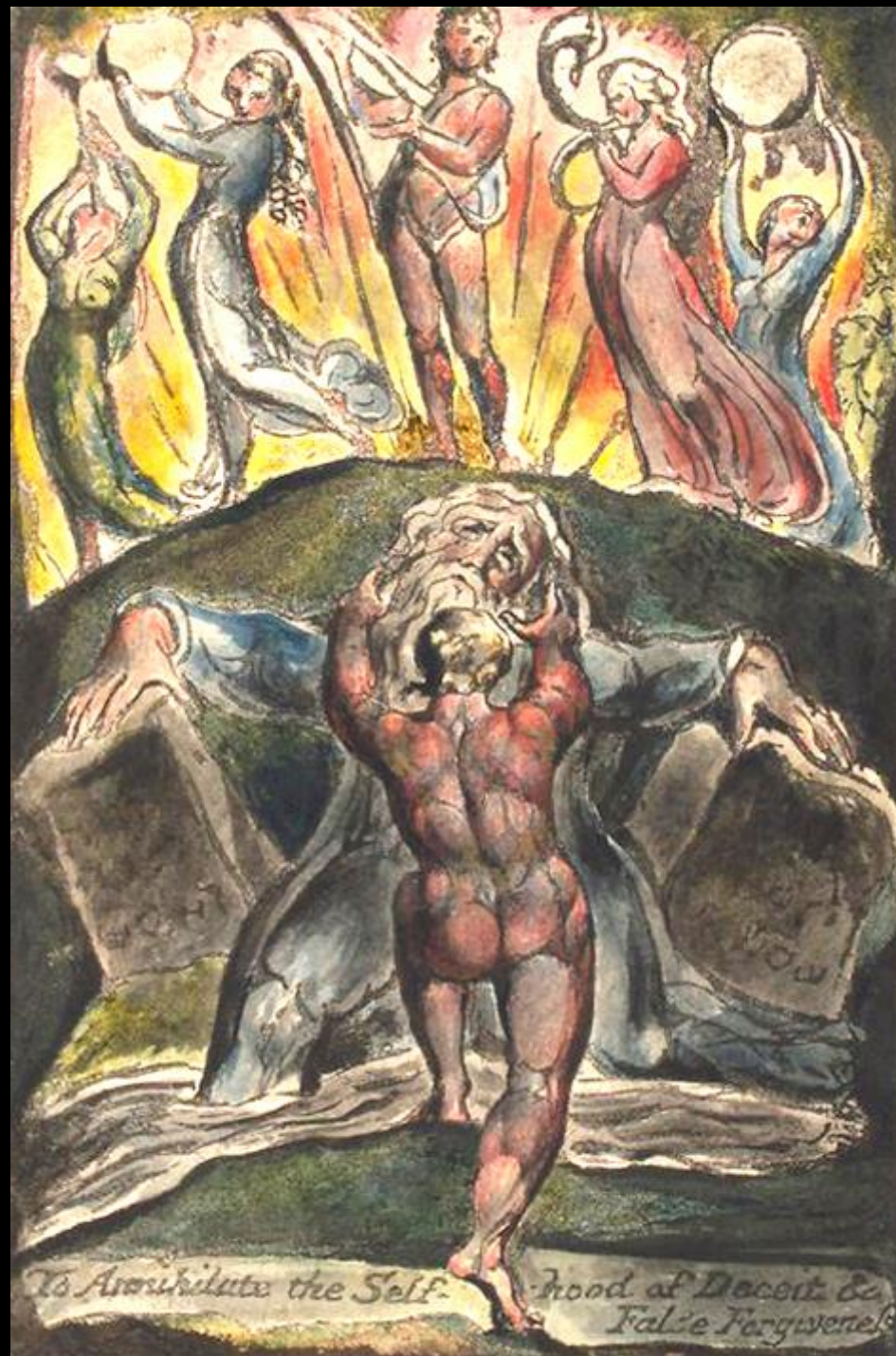
Temptation in the Garden -- Palatine Chapel, Palermo, Sicily

Then I acknowledged my sin to you...  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5a,c

To Annihilate the Self-hood of  
Deceit and False Forgiveness

William Blake  
New York Public Library  
New York, NY



Be glad in the LORD and rejoice...  
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Psalm 32:11





Joyful Mountain Landscape -- Paul Klee, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

...receive the abundance of grace and  
the free gift of righteousness  
...through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17b



"With the grace of God and the effort of will, we obtain the excellence of virtue" -- Vatican Museum

The tempter came and said to him,  
"If you are the Son of God,  
command these stones to become  
loaves of bread."

Matthew 4:3

Jesus and the Tempter

National Gallery of Art  
Washington, DC



But he answered, "It is written,  
'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4



“In the beginning was the word...”

Grands Heures d'Anne de Bretagne  
Jean Bourdichon  
Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France

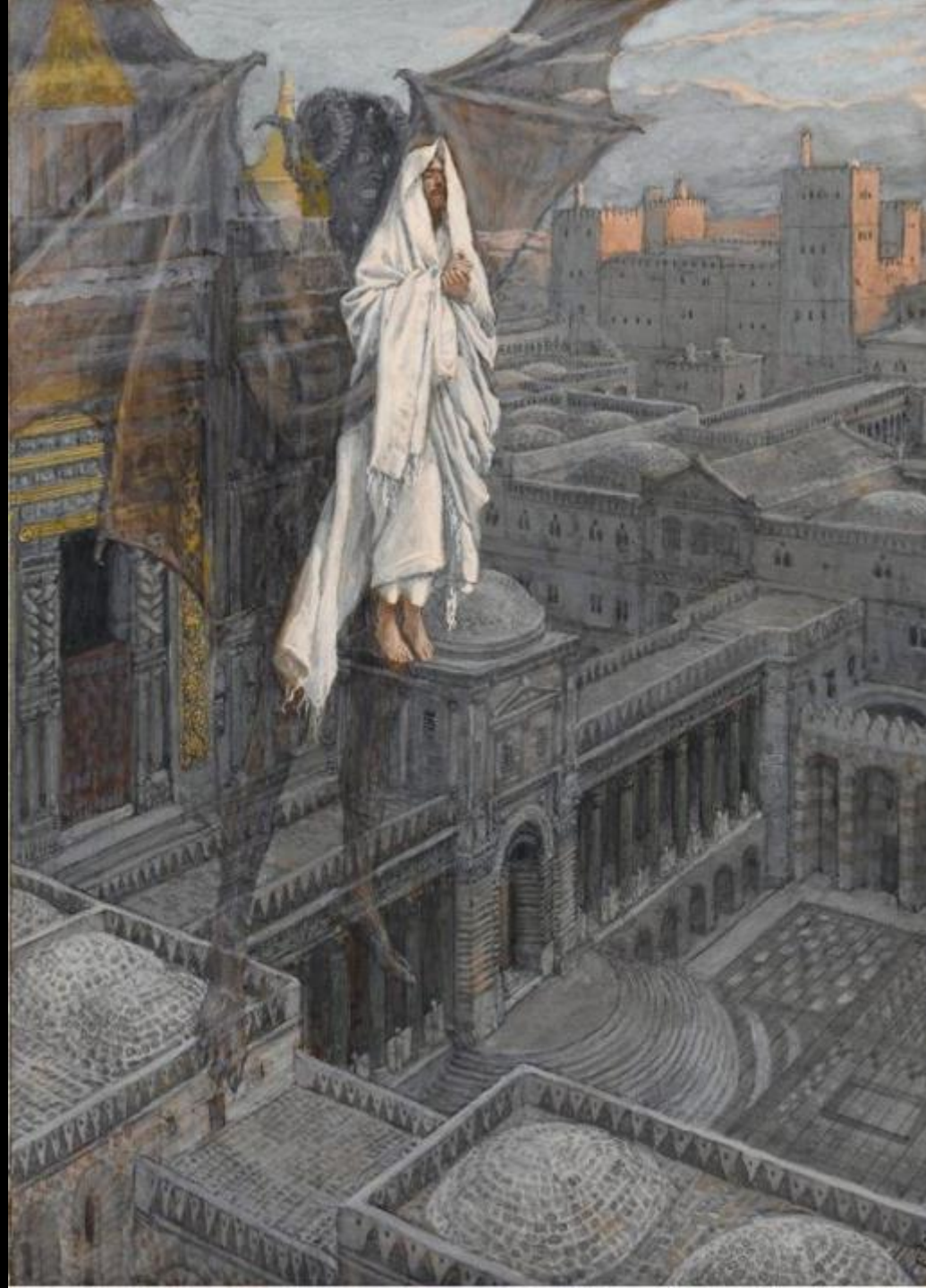
Then the devil took him to  
the holy city and placed him  
on the pinnacle of the temple,  
...saying to him, "If you are the Son  
of God, throw yourself down..."

Matthew 4:5-6



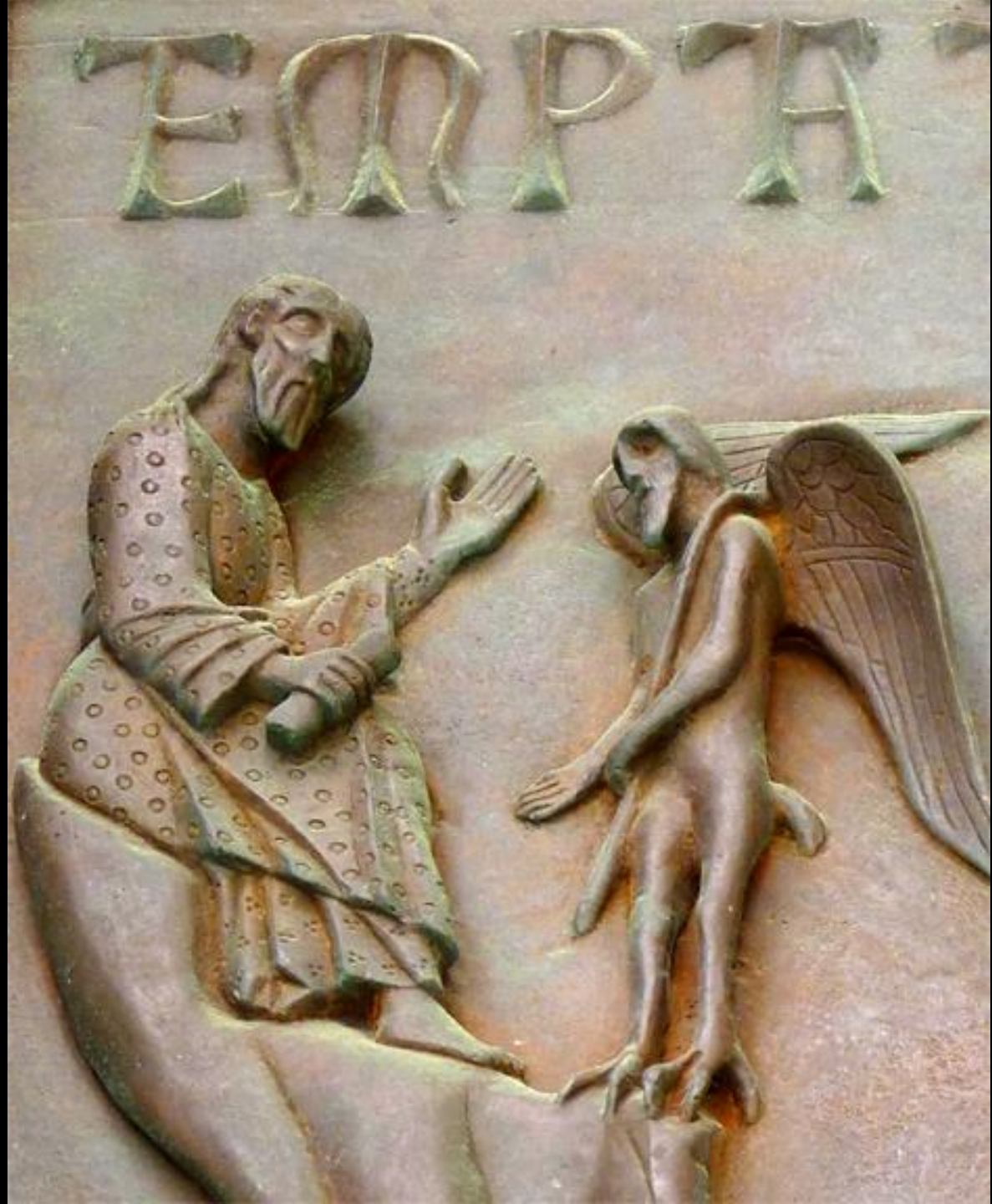
Jesus Carried Up to the Pinnacle of  
the Temple

James Tissot  
Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY



Jesus said to him, "Again it is written,  
'Do not put the Lord your God to the  
test.'"

Matthew 4:7



Temptation of Christ

South door, Duomo  
Pisa, Italy

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Matthew 4:8a, 9b

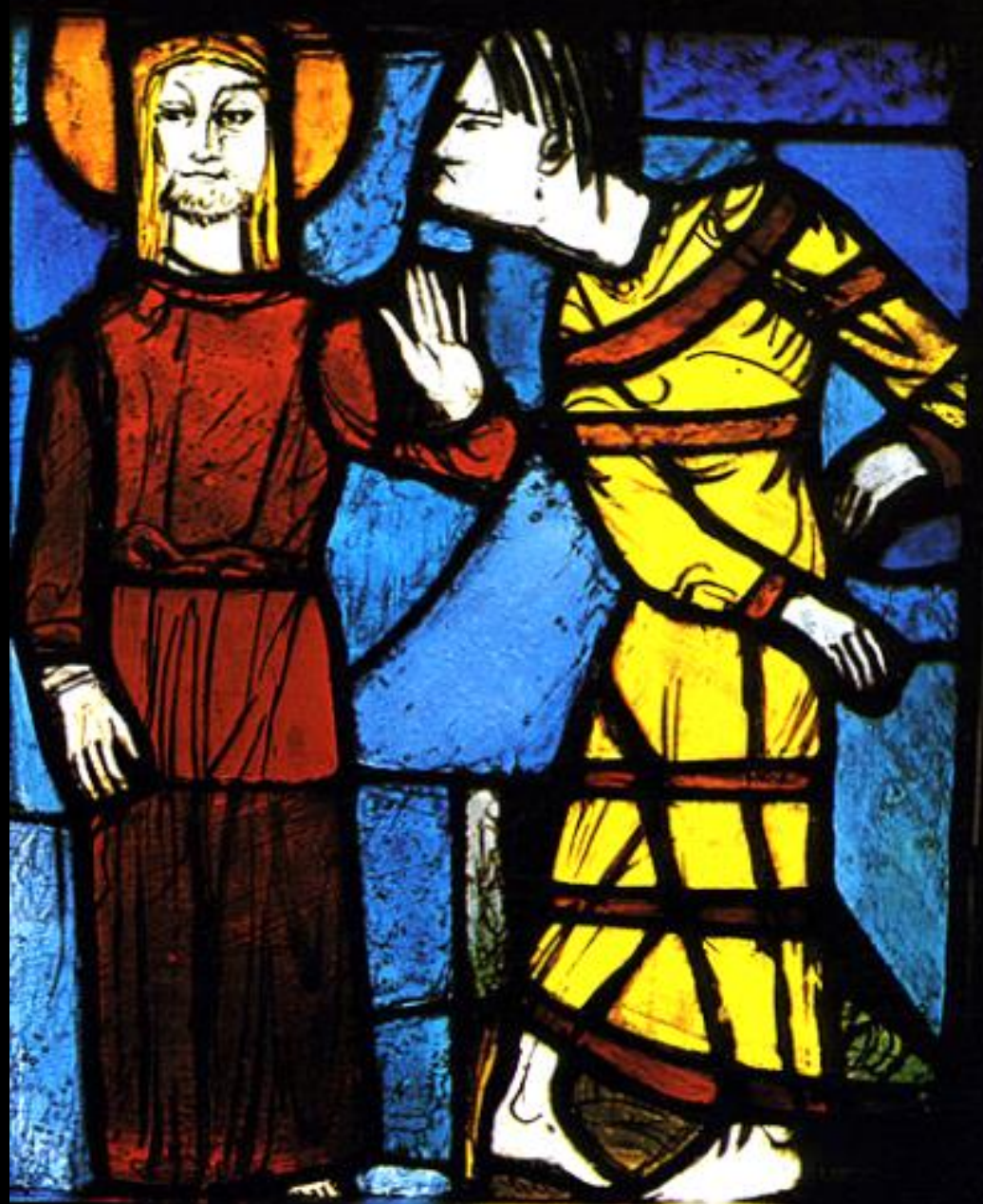
Mountain Landscape with the  
Temptation of Christ

Jan Brueghel the Elder  
Kunsthistorisches Museum  
Munich, Germany



Jesus said to him, "Away with you,  
Satan! for it is written,  
'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Matthew 4:10



Temptation of Jesus, 1940

Josef Huber  
Church of Sts. Peter and Paul  
Leonberg, Germany

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