

CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

The Didache

A Training Manual for New
Christians (50 - 100 A.D.)

Lesson 3

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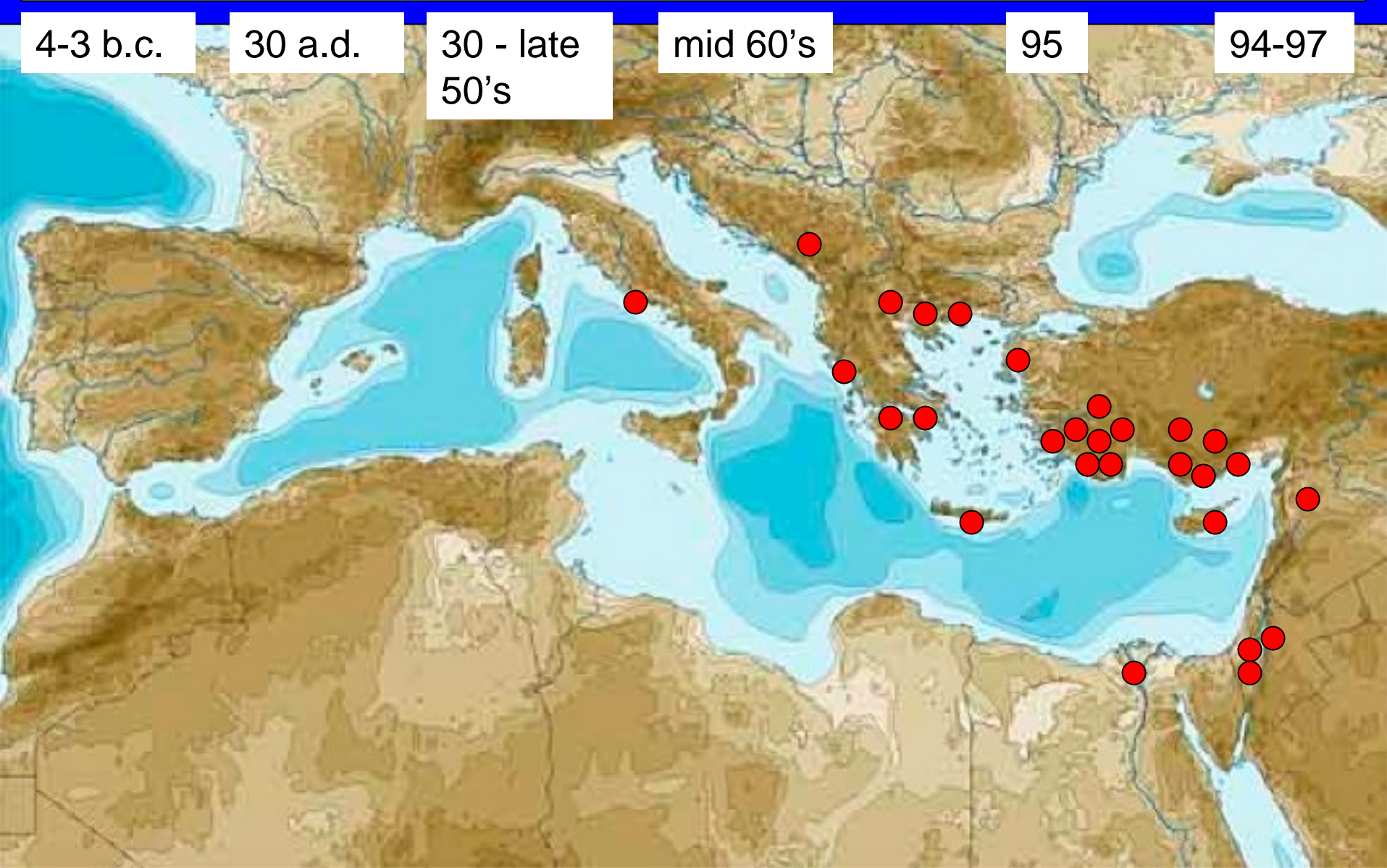
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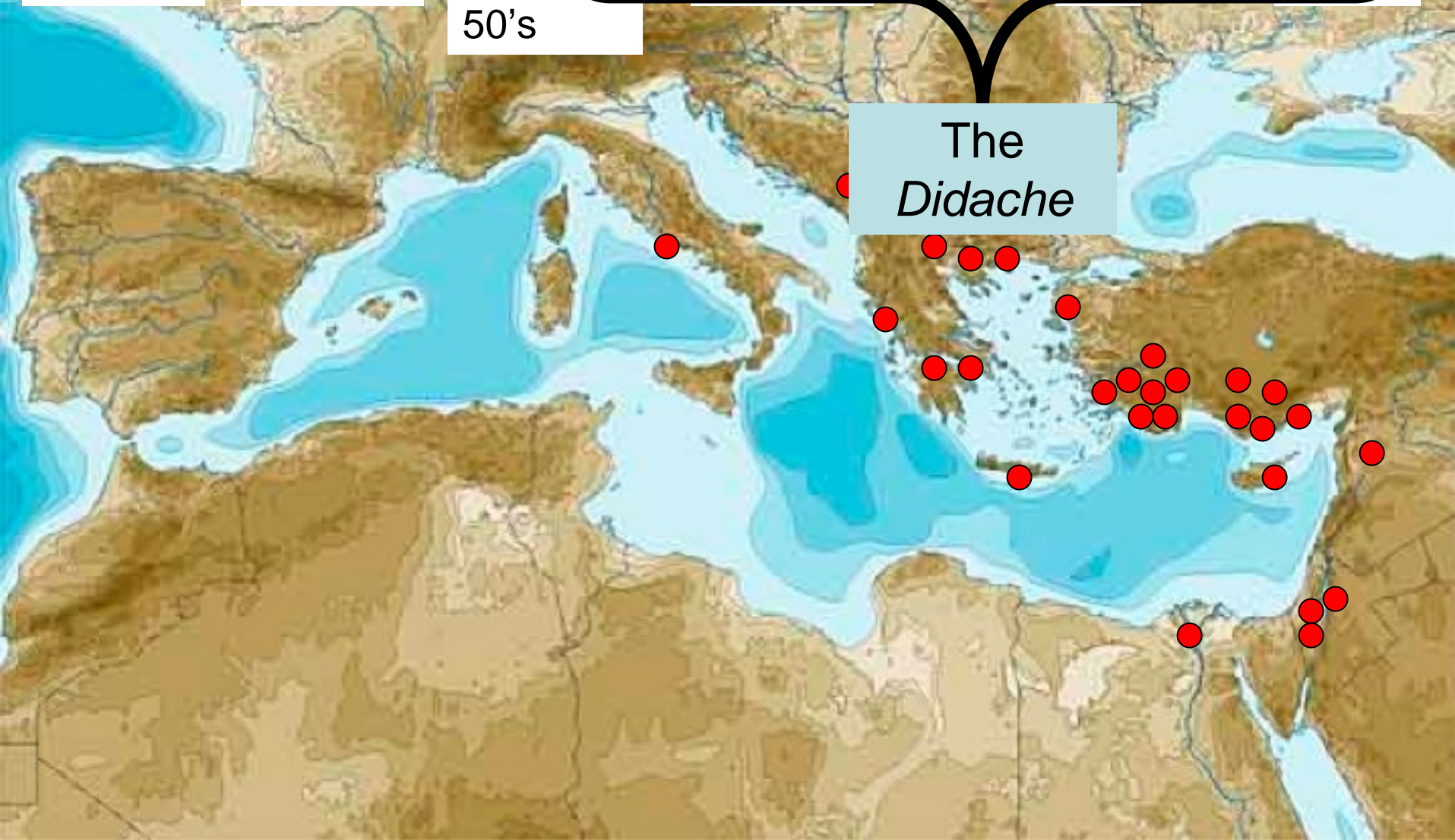
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From Pagan
to Christian



“If (touch wood!) you have a child, let it live if it is a boy. If it is a girl, expose it.”



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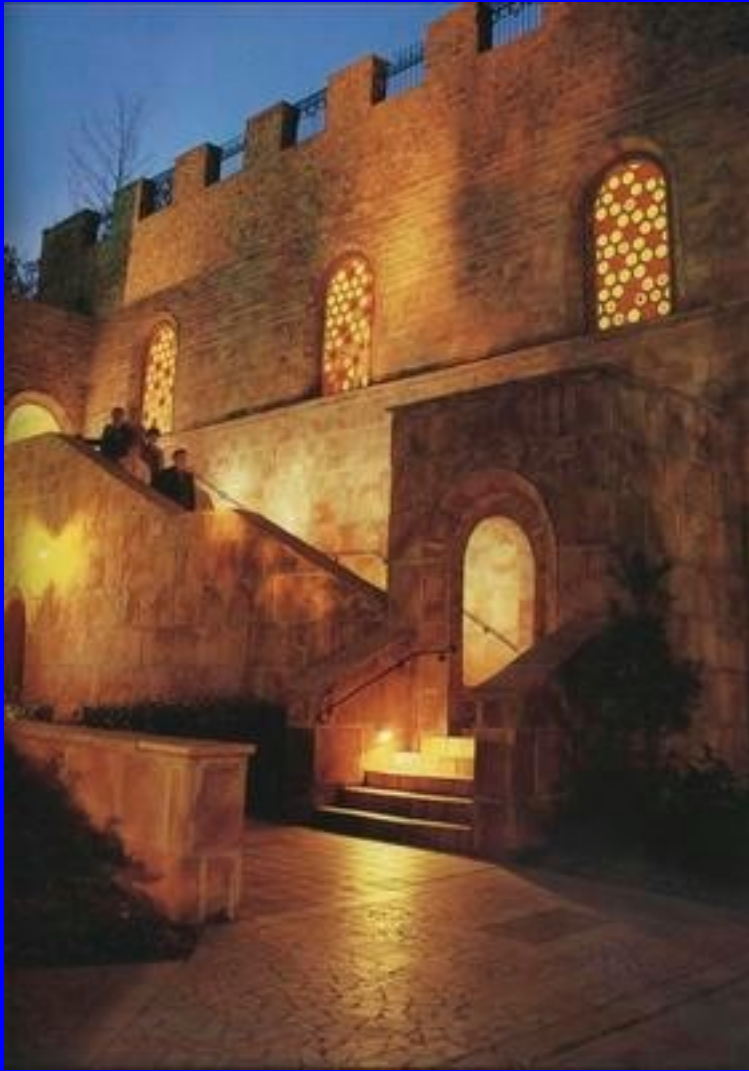
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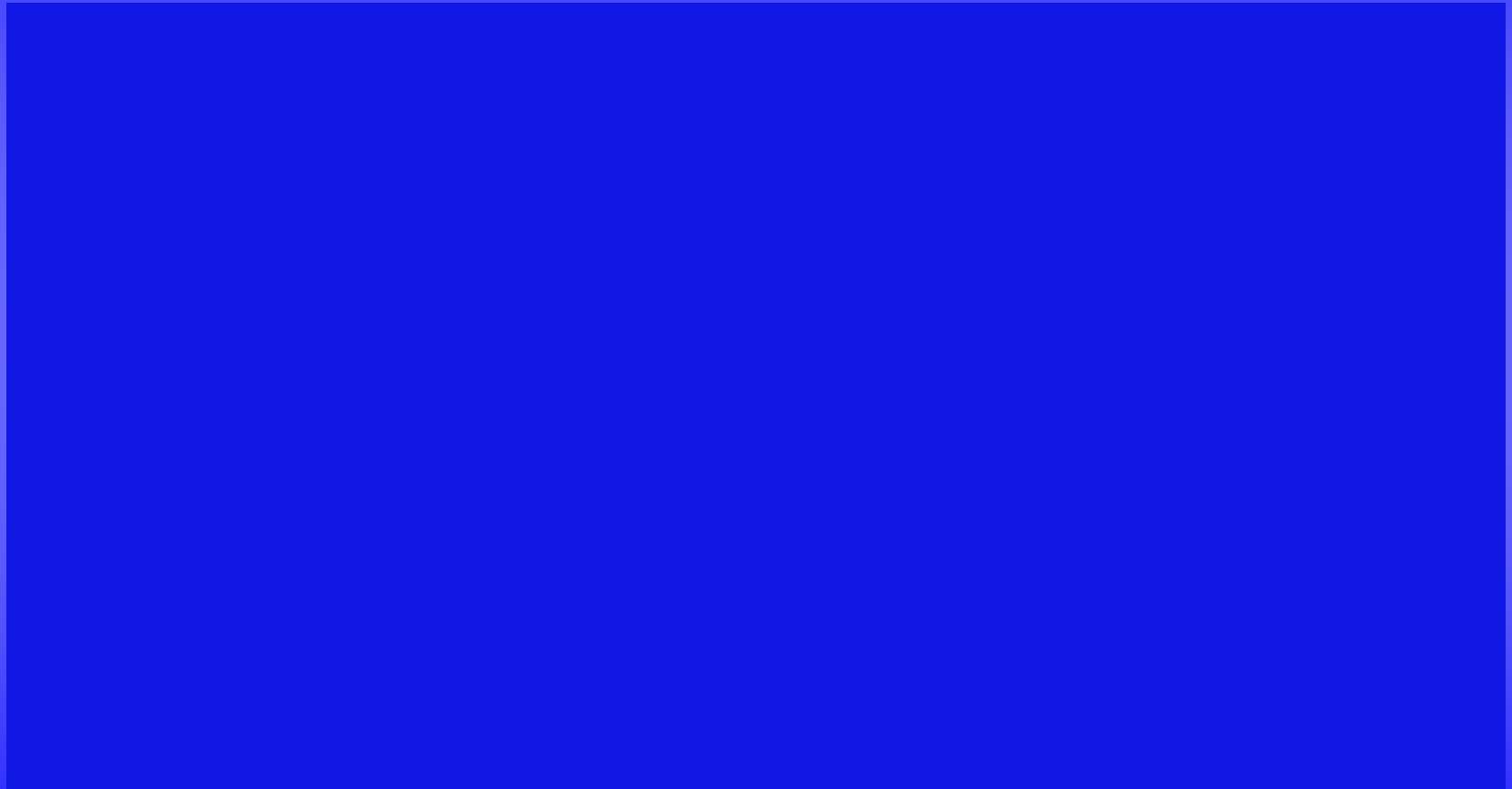
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Not just a list

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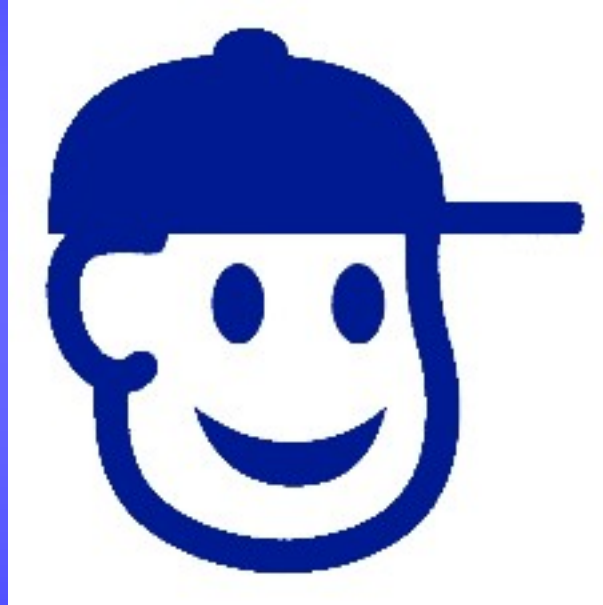
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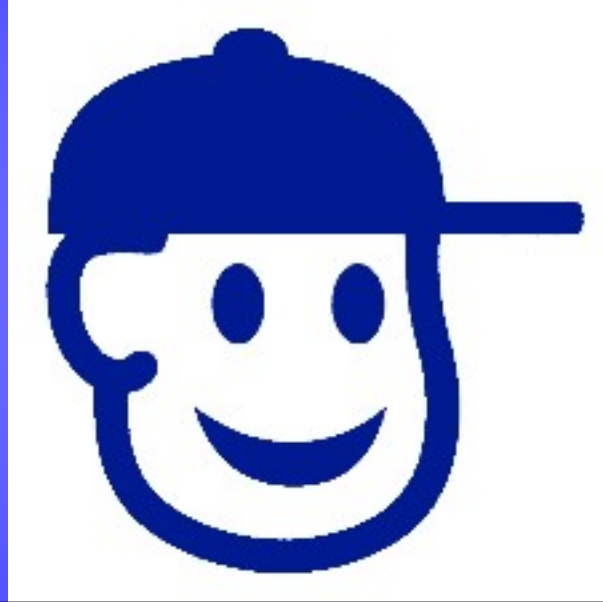
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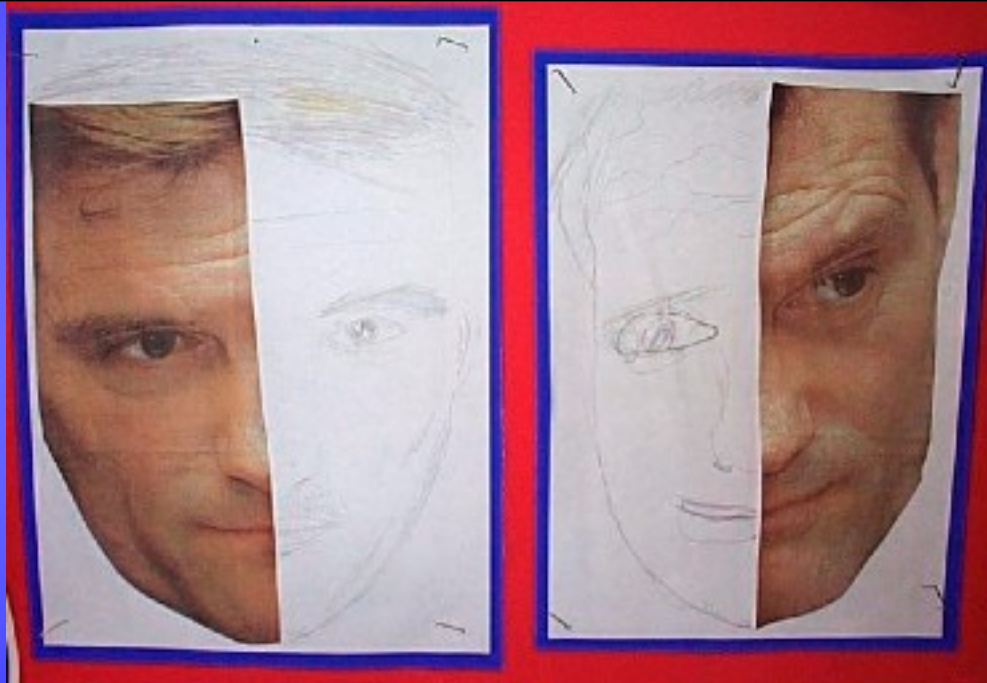


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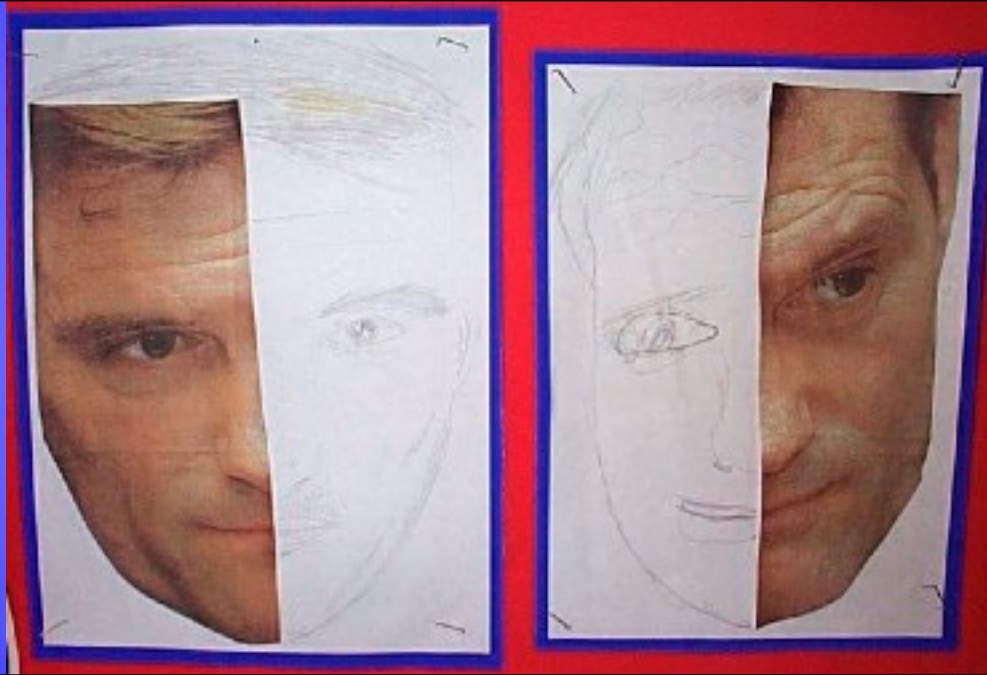


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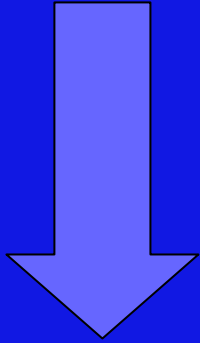
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General
to
Specific

**Love your
neighbor**



Golden rule
Speak well
Pray for enemies
Turn the cheek

**General
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“The Standards”

**Chapter 2
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Chapter 3: It starts in the heart

“Avoid Murder and Anger”



Chapter 3:
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“Avoid Adultery and Lust”



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“Avoid Idolatry and Astrology”



Chapter 3:
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**“Avoid Theft and
Love of Money”**



**Chapter 3:
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**“The gentle will
inherit the earth”**



**GRUMBLE
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**Chapter 3:
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Chapter 4: Hospitality, Focus on Others, Repentance

**“Hand out to give,
not get”**



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Chapter 5: The Road to Death

**22 Categories and
Traits**

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Chapter 7: Baptism

**First, Explain
Chapters 1-6!**



**Chapter 7:
Baptism**

**Baptize in the name
of the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit**



**Chapter 7:
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**Preferably running
water**



Chapter 7: Baptism

**If still water, prefer
cold over warm**



Chapter 7: Baptism

**If inadequate water,
pour 3 times**



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Fast before Baptism



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Chapter 8: The Lord's Prayer

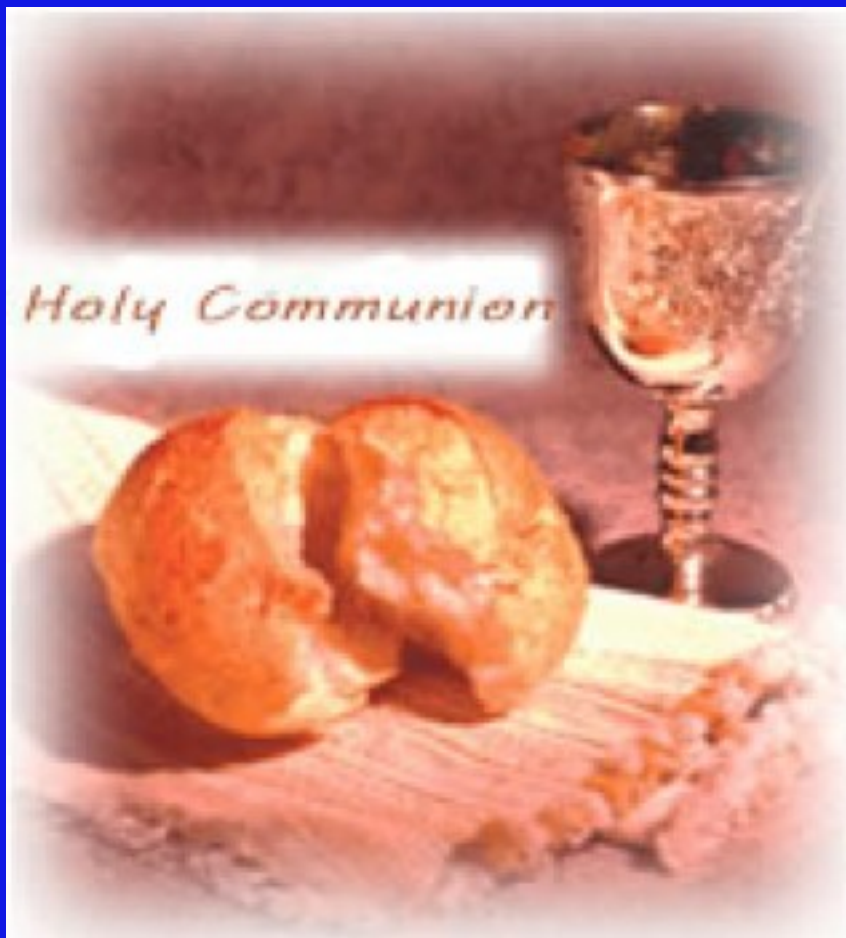
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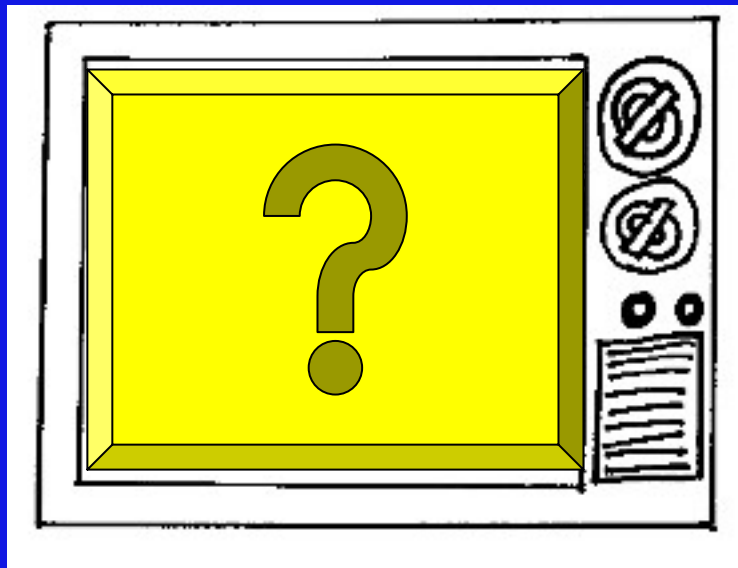
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Chapter 9: Closed Communion

Hospitality and Christ- Peddlers

“At his departure, he must receive nothing except food to last till the next night’s lodging ... if he asks for money, he is a false prophet.”



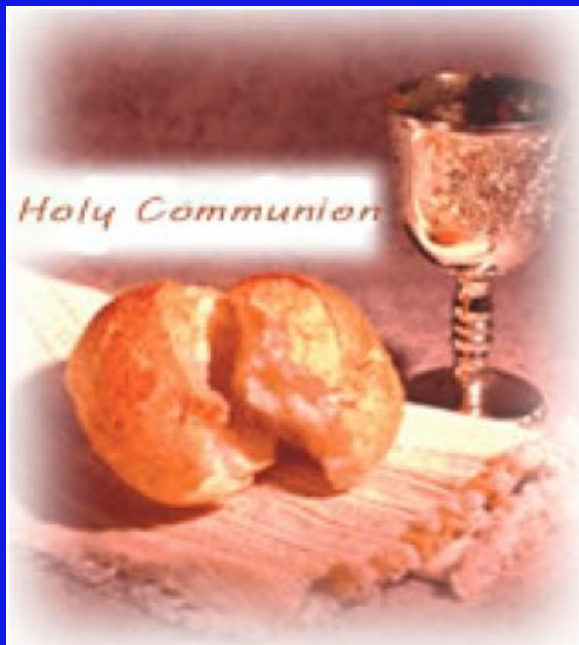
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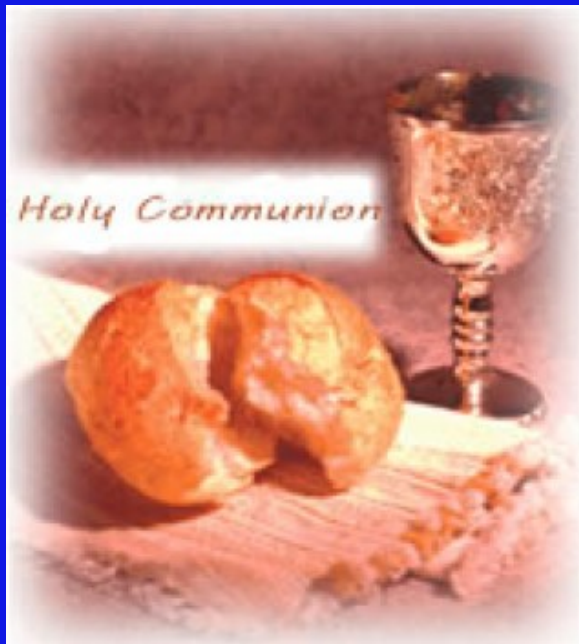


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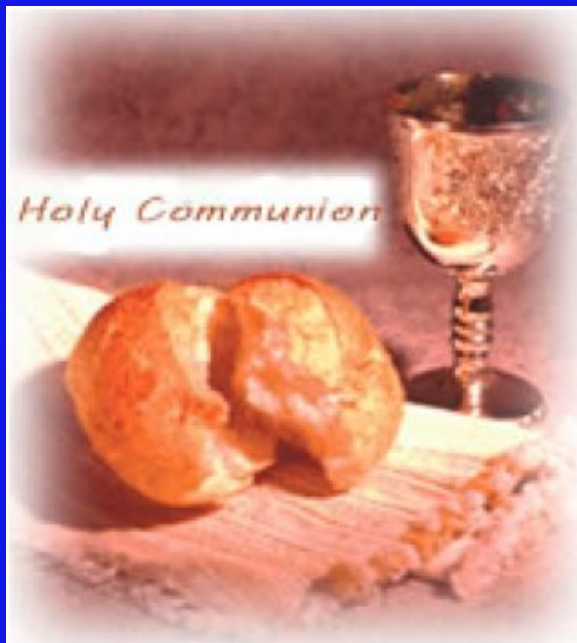
First confess sins



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Reconcile



**Gather on
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Appoint
Bishops
and
Deacons



“Be ready,
you know
not the hour
in which the
Lord is
coming.”

Next Week:

Martyrs

Points for Home

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4. Christ is coming again. Get ready. Stay ready.