

A white dove is shown in flight, positioned in the upper center of the frame. It is surrounded by a brilliant, golden light that radiates from behind it, creating a halo effect. The background is a textured, light-colored stone wall. In the foreground, at the base of the wall, is the entrance to a tomb. A large, crumpled, yellowish-gold cloth is rolled up and placed across the entrance, signifying it has been removed. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or a divine presence.

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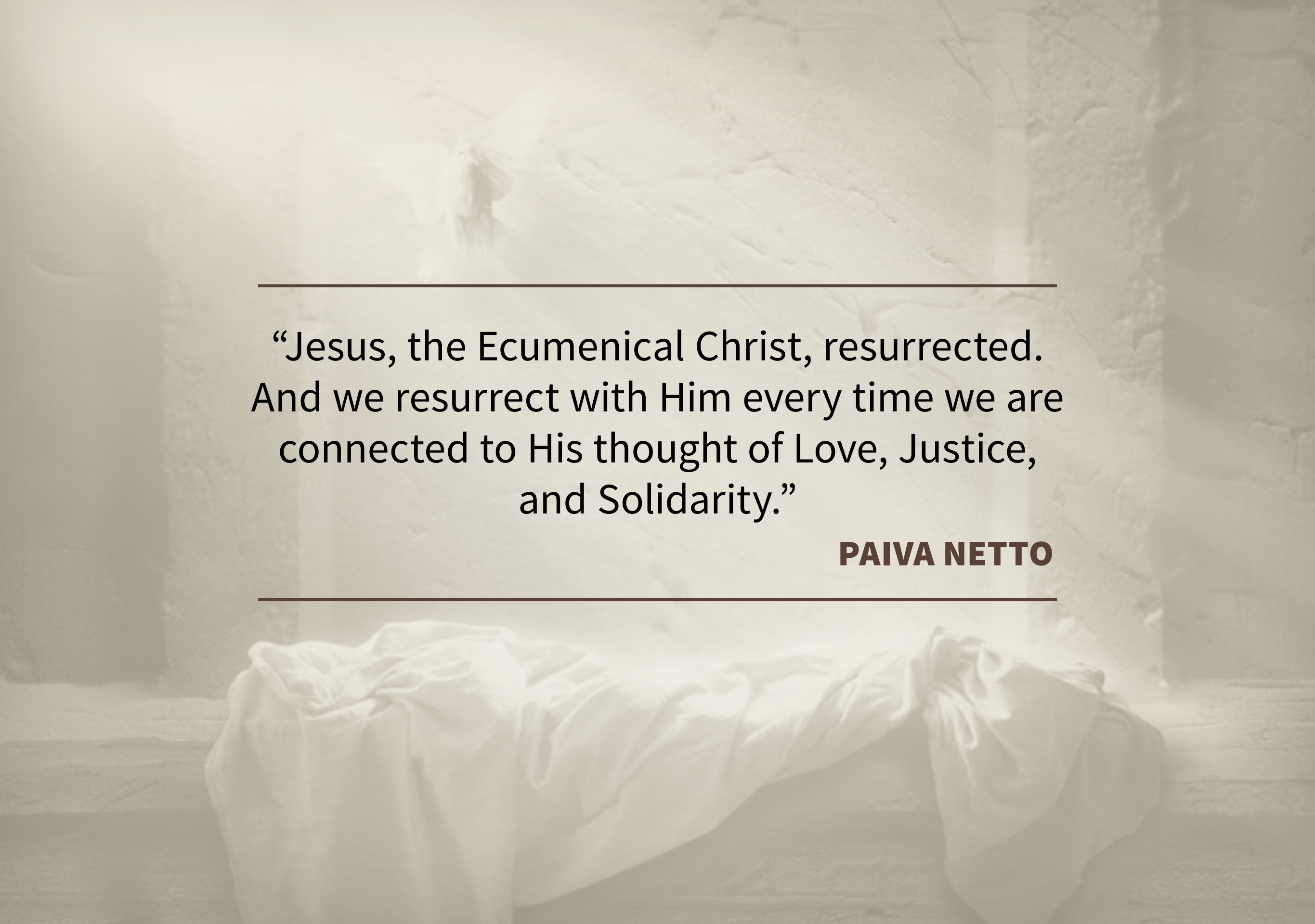
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A white dove is shown in flight, its wings spread, positioned above the entrance of a stone tomb. Inside the tomb, a white cloth lies crumpled on the floor. The background is a textured stone wall.

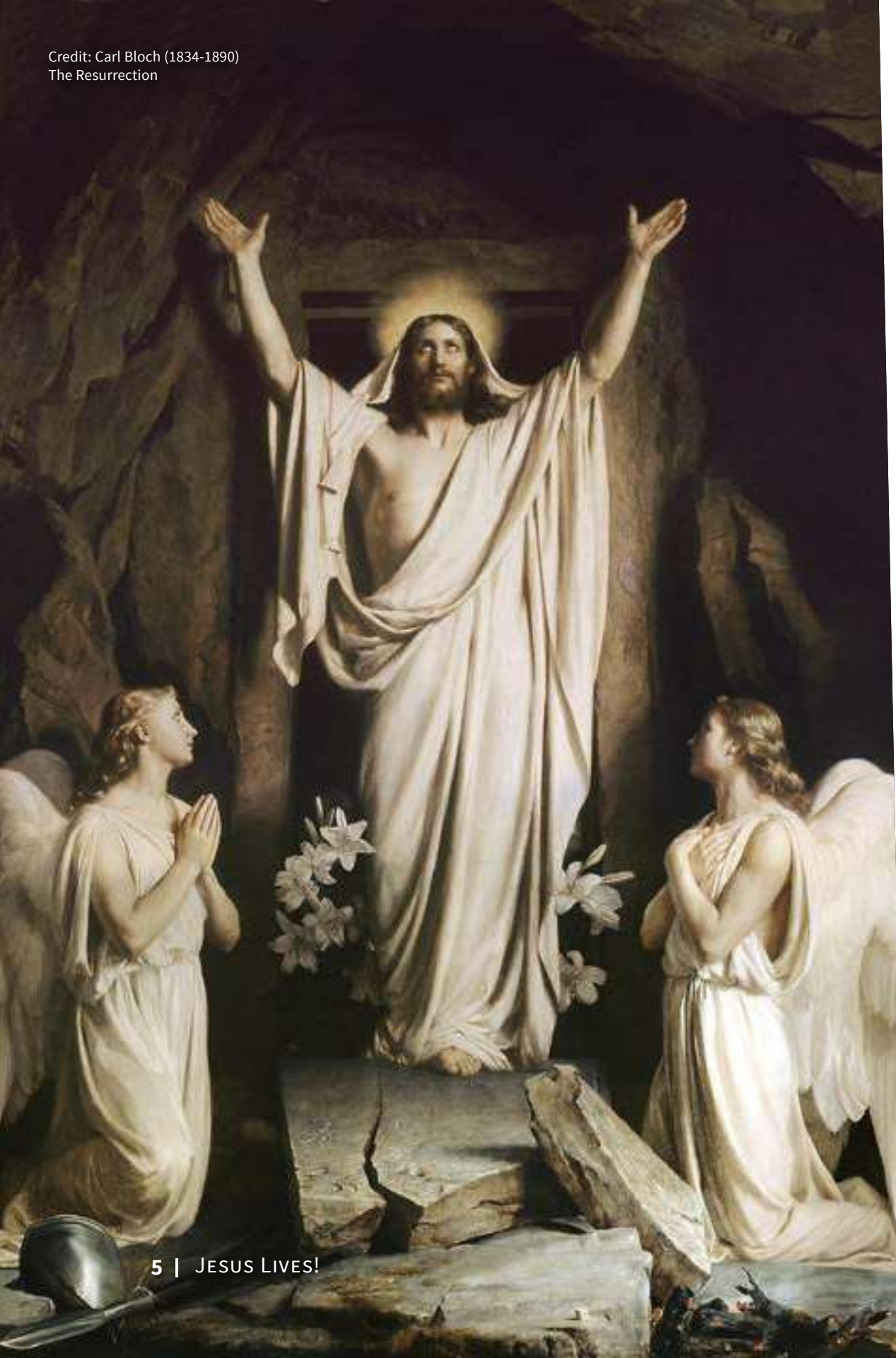
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Dear sisters, brothers, and friends, Holy Week invites us to reflect on the meaning of the resurrection. It contains notable symbolism, even if you do not completely believe in it. No one can deny that it transmits the message of renewed hope, even in the worst human and social conditions. **Jesus**, the Ecumenical Christ, resurrected. And we resurrect with Him every time we are connected to His thought of Love, Justice, and Solidarity. He was buried, but reappeared for all after three days. Each of these days corresponds to a figure of the Holy Trinity in reverse order: the Holy Spirit, Christ, and the explosion of lights when He reappeared in God, who is the Lord of Life, the Creator of all creatures, the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

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Any inspiration for a happy existence should be sought, without sectarian restrictions, on the biblical text in its divine part: “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Apocalypse 19:10). For millennia prophets have been the guardians of this testament, of the message of peace, equilibrium, and trust sent by God to the terrestrial beings. If these prophets had not been courageous, if they had not faced adversities boldly, how would we have inherited the testimony of Christ today? And this testimony did not begin, as some think, in the Gospel according to **Matthew**. It begins in Genesis, the first book of **Moses**, because everything was a preparation for the First Arrival of the Heavenly Provider and His triumphant return, as proclaimed **Alziro Zarur** (1914-1979).

NEVER FEAR CHALLENGES

When the Master was crucified, His followers were frightened and screamed with grief: “Jesus is dead!” However, He resurrected. Therefore, let us never fear

anything, not even death (without ever provoking it), which is a fatalism for all material existence. Nevertheless, let us not forget that Life is eternal. We do not end in the tomb or serve as food for birds of prey. The body is merely the garment of the Soul. That is why we have the responsibility to take good care of it.

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE

What a deep feeling arouses within us with the simple remembrance of the magnificent trajectory of Christ of God, who descended to us so that we could have spirit and life, so that the promise that we find in Prophet **Joel** 2:28 and 29 be always fulfilled: *“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your elderly shall dream dreams, and your youth shall see visions; and also upon the servants and the handmaids in those days I will pour out my Spirit!”*



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Moreover, Jesus, in the Gospel according to **Mark** 13:11, confirms: *“Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time; for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”*

In His Gospel according to **John** 11:25 and 26, Christ reveals: *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

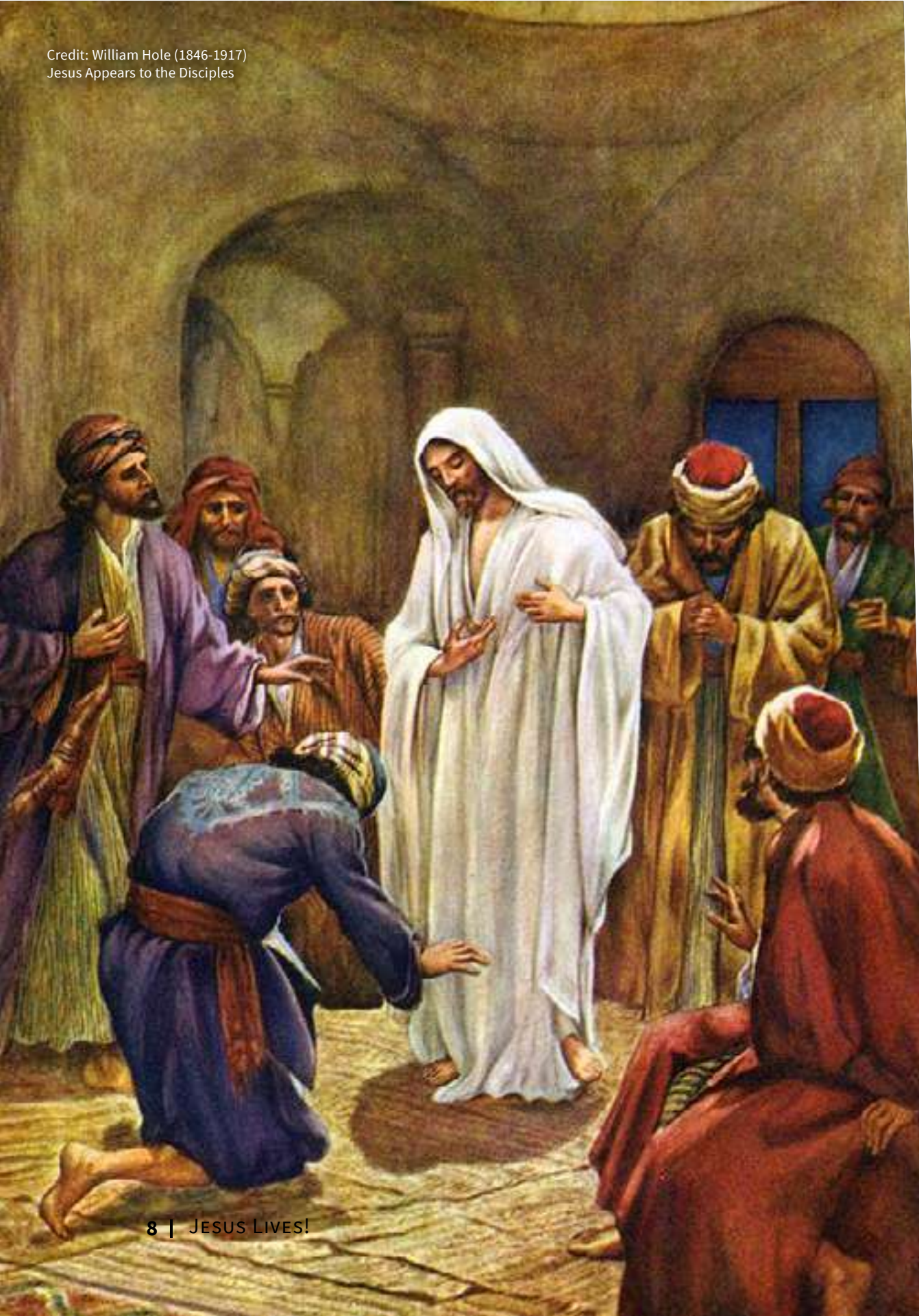
We and so many people around the world loyally utter: Yes, Jesus, we believe! We believe! We believe! And our strength lies in this unbreakable conviction, because we learn with You through Your Beloved Disciple’s writings that You are the vine, and we are only the branches. Therefore we can do nothing without the power that descends from

the Heavenly Father to the Son. And we know this Son is You, Who send us the Benevolent Angels, as reveals **Paul the Apostle** in his Epistle to the Hebrews 1:14: “to serve those who will inherit salvation.” These Angels are our Spiritual Friends, Blessed Souls, protectors, Spirits of God, those who are also part of the glorious group of workers of **Francis of Assisi**, Patron Saint of the LGW, which celebrates every January 1st, one more year of fruitful existence.

NEW LIFE

Every day is an opportunity to start again for those who do not devalue time and remain in the Accomplishing Faith that encourages to do Good Deeds, highlighted by Jesus as an incentive for life, as He Himself asserts: *“By your endurance you will gain your lives.”* (The Gospel of the Christ according to **Luke** 21:19)





THE FRIEND THAT RETURNS

Today I want to comment on the return of a Great Friend of Humanity. This is a subject that causes a lot of emotion in our Souls. Regardless of the line of thinking that any one of us adopts, what we all long for in our hearts is to have someone close who can direct us along the right path and who is an example of great character of spiritual, human, and social coexistence.

In the return of **Jesus**, the Ecumenical Christ, the Divine Statesman, to planet Earth, I observe a blessing for all communities.

In my talks broadcast on the radio, TV, the Internet, and published in the press I have always tried to analyze this Sublime Happening. In one of them, in my book *Apocalypse without Fear*, even before we entered the present millennium, I considered the following:

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GOD'S TIME

On the third day Jesus resurrected from the dead. Pay attention: He resurrected from the dead! (The Gospel according to **Luke** 24:1 to 12):

“1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women who had followed Jesus from Galilee took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

*“2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
“3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*

“4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two Angels stood by them in dazzling apparel.

*“5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the Angels said to them: ‘**Why do you look for the living among the dead?***

*“6 ‘**He is not here; He has resurrected!** Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee:*



Painting: James Tissot (1836-1902)
Title of the work: Mary Magdalene and the Holy Women in the Tomb.

“7 ‘The Son of God must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’

“8 Then they remembered His words.

“9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

*“10 It was **Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the***



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mother of **James**, and the others with them who told these things to the apostles.

“11 But they did not believe the women, because the words seemed to them like nonsense.

*“12 **Peter**, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.”*



Painting: Eugene Burnand (1850-1921)

Title of the work: The disciples Peter and John running to the tomb on the morning of the resurrection.

THE DIVINE REFERENCE

On the third day Jesus will return.

But in His own time, **which is not how humans count it, which is full of mistakes. Dionysius Exiguus** (470-544) knew this only too well. He made a mistake in the calculations that were used by **Gregory XIII** (1502-1585) when he reformed the calendar in 1582. Christ cannot use a chronology that was wrong right from the start and, what is more, is not used by many nations.



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Let us say, for argument's sake, that when analyzing prophetic subjects Time should be counted from the time when the Earth first appeared in the Universe. Starting from this mark we would find the correct date for the time of the Return of Jesus, since in this way we would be working in accordance with the



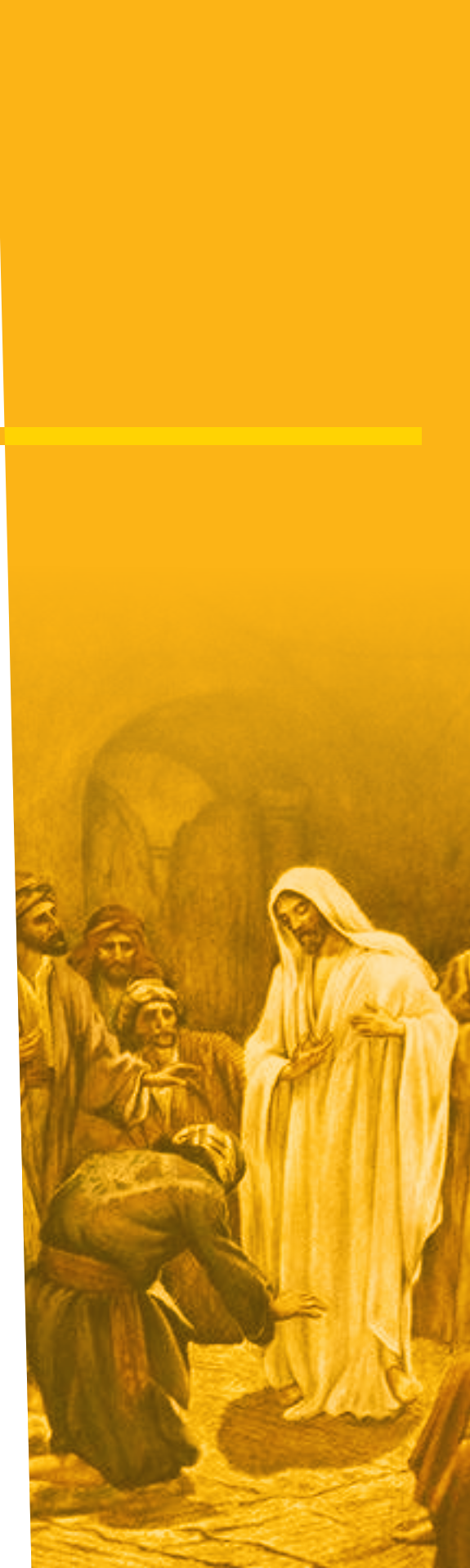
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Divine Planning, according to which this planet was structured.

We cannot, above all, forget that Christ returns every day in the hearts of those with Good Will, and even to those who do not praise Him openly, because He is a Sacred Reference of Goodness, for which insurmountable boundaries should not exist. His return, in this sense, is a **spiritual phenomenon** that occurs within us, for which we need to exercise eyes to see and ears to hear, in line with the advice the Heavenly Teacher

gives us in the messages that were sent to the Seven Churches in Asia, which today are all over the world, involving Politics, Science, Philosophy, Economics, Religion, Art, Sport, and so on and so forth.

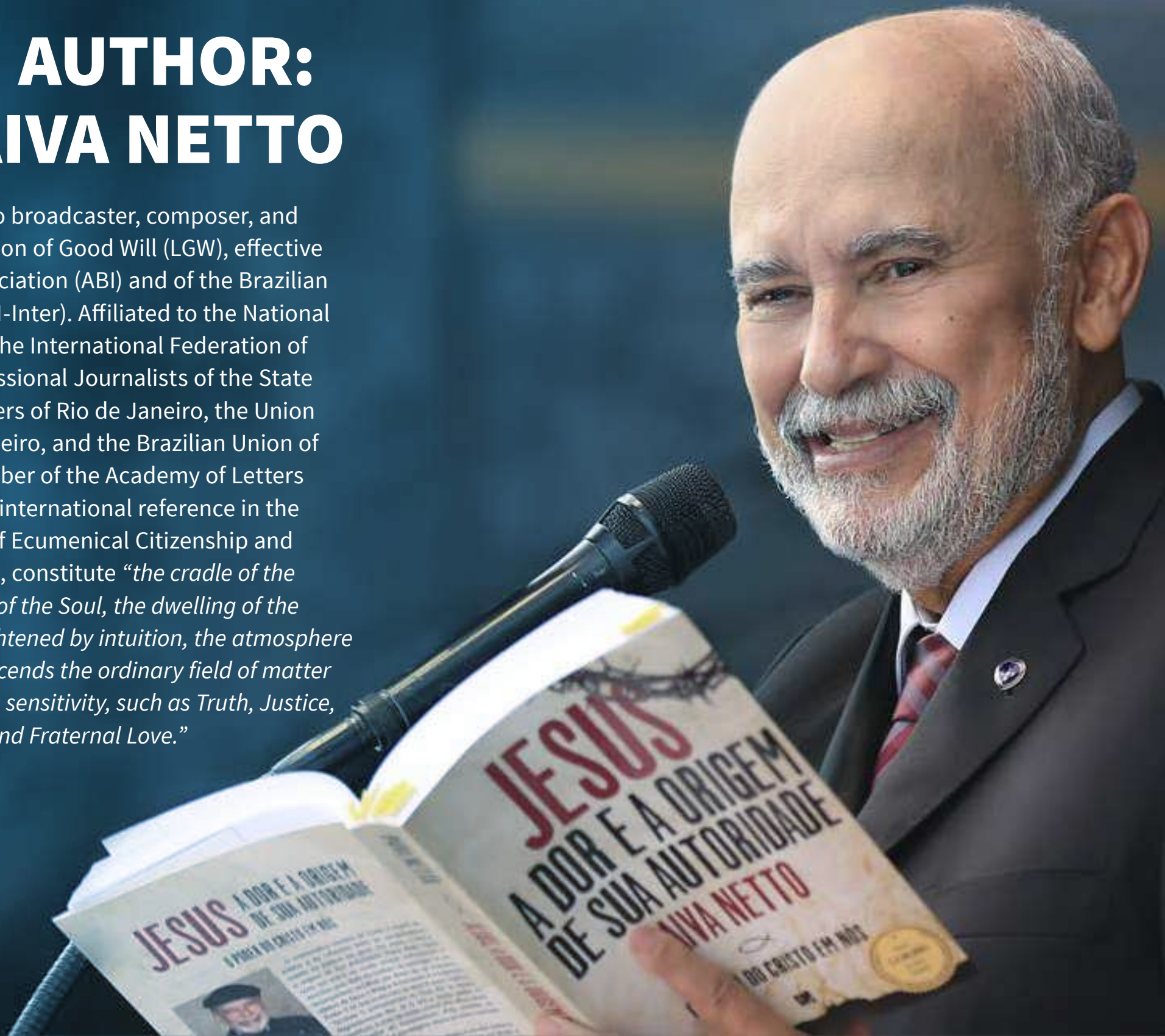
“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches of the Lord. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the Tree of Eternal Life, which is in the paradise of my God.” (Jesus’ letter to the Church in Ephesus, Apocalypse 2:7)



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Over two thousand years ago, Jesus enlightened and comforted everyone with His teachings about Love, Justice, and Solidarity. In His First Visible Visit to Earth He also made a fundamental contribution to all areas of human knowledge and taught us—from His own example of dedication to Humanity—how we should conduct our lives in order to attain the Peace we all long for.

Because Jesus is universal, His teachings improve the quality of human life exponentially, regardless of one's belief. That is why He is the **Ecumenical Christ, the Divine Statesman**, as the Religion of

God, of the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit proclaims. Its President-Preacher, José de Paiva Netto, says, ***“Jesus is above all a noble and very much up-to-date idea on the move that deserves to be studied and experienced by all anti-sectarian Souls, who are free of prejudice and taboos.”***

On the next page are some of the passages found in His Gospel and Apocalypse. Based on the valuable lessons of our Heavenly Friend and the analyses of the president-preacher of the Religion of Universal Love, learn why the Triumphal Return of Jesus is so long awaited:



1

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him, Jesus Christ, nothing was made that has been made.”

The Gospel according to John 1:1-3.

2

THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

“But the Angel Gabriel said to her: ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.’”

The Gospel according to Luke 1:30 and 31.

3

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

“Suddenly a great company of the Heavenly Host appeared with the Angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the Highest Heaven, and Peace on Earth to those on whom His favor rests [that is, men, women, young people, children, and Spirits, Blessed Souls, of the Good Will of God].’”

The Gospel according to Luke 2:13 and 14.

Artist: James Tissot – The Adoration of the Magi



4

THE BOY JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

“And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on Him.”

The Gospel according to Luke 2:40.

Artist: Friedrich Edler von Radler – Portrait of a Boy

5

JESUS AND THE BELOVED APOSTLE

“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.”

The Gospel according to John 21:25.

6

JESUS COMFORTS HIS DISCIPLES

Even though He knew everything He would have to go through with the crucifixion, Jesus comforted His disciples and all of us too when He said, “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may also be where I am. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you every day until the end of the world.”

The Gospel according to John 14:3 and 18.



7

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Even so, Mankind crucified Him. But even in His suffering He offered us yet another valuable lesson: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

The Gospel according to Luke 23:34.

Artist: Carl Bloch – The Burial of Christ

THE CROSS AND THE KING

“When they enthroned Him on the Cross, He flagrantly became King. He already was, and at that moment He was **so** constituted in the **sight of all**, above the still tearful eyes of Humanity. Because He was and is the paradigm of a model of resistance to moral and spiritual pain, He was lifted up as the example we must all follow.”

Paiva Netto in his book *Jesus, a Dor e a origem de Sua Autoridade — O Poder do Cristo em nós* [Jesus, the Pain and Origin of His Authority — The Power of Christ Within us], page 229.

8

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS. HIS APPEARING TO THE WOMEN

With His Resurrection, the Divine Master shows us that there are no challenges that cannot be overcome.

“The Angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.’”

The Gospel according to Matthew 28:5 and 6.



9

THE VISION OF JESUS GLORIFIED

The Risen Christ was still protecting Humanity when he delivered the Apocalypse to John the Evangelist and Prophet by way of an Angel. On the Island of Patmos the disciple saw the Living Christ, the true author of the Apocalypse and the only One capable of revealing God's Prophecies to all people!

Artist: Sátyro Marques – *A Visão do Trono de Deus* [The Vision of God's Throne]

“When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said, ‘Do not be afraid. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, **I am alive for ever and ever!** And I hold the keys of death and Hades.’”

The Apocalypse according to John 1:17 and 18.



10

EPILOGUE: INVITATION AND WARNING

Thus, Jesus lives and announces His Return in the Book of the Final Prophecies: “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

The Apocalypse according to John 22:12.

11

NOTHING MAY BE ADDED

John ends the Last Book in the Holy Bible with the following words: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus!**”

THE BLESSING

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

The Apocalypse 22:20 and 21.

Artist: Sátyro Marques – A bênção [The Blessing]



Jesus
is
arriving!

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Understand the Luminous Presence of the
One who still lives among us

By The Jesus, the Ecumenical Christ, the Divine Statesman Academy*

Jesus, the Sublime Governor of Planet Earth, is much more than a figure that should be respected in the religious sector. His examples of Peace and Universal Solidarity can be experienced in all areas of human and spiritual knowledge. In this respect, the President-Preacher of the Religion of God, of the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit,

* "The Jesus, the Ecumenical Christ, the Divine Statesman Academy is composed of the Institute for Study, Research, and Practice of the New Commandment of Jesus and of the Institute for Study and Research of the Science of the Soul. Through the production of universal knowledge, i.e., divine and human knowledge, its objective is to disectarianize the way some people see the Christ of God and Christianity. In other words, to show the influence and applicability of the ecumenical and eternal teachings of the Heavenly Academic in all fields of spiritual and human knowledge, by presenting Him to Humanity in an all-encompassing, fraternal, and undeniable manner." Definition of Paiva Netto, when founding the Jesus, the Ecumenical Christ, the Divine Statesman Academy, on February 1, 2007.

JESUS IS THE ECUMENICAL CHRIST, THE DIVINE STATESMAN

José de Paiva Netto, stated back in 1989: “Jesus being the Divine Liberator, ipso facto, He cannot be sectarianized and, therefore, a prisoner of this or that religious conviction, no matter how brilliant

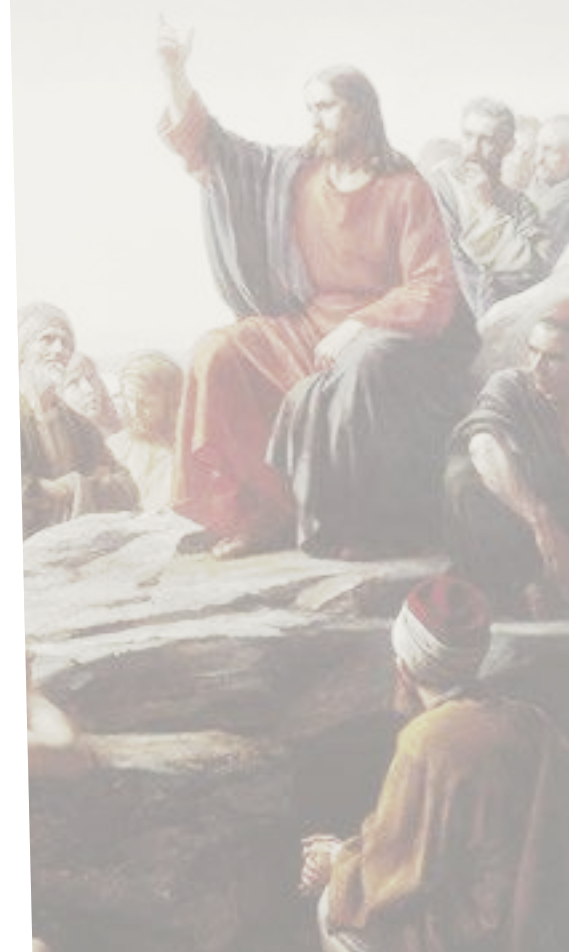
and respectable it might be. He is an extraordinary Heavenly Ideal of Humanity, Love, Solidarity, and Justice for all the Human and Spiritual Beings on this planet.”



Painting: Carl Bloch (1834-1890)
Title of the work: Christ in Emmaus.

When we allow His Divine Influence to be present in our homes, in our work, and in the community where we live, we are capable of achieving a better reality, an improved version of ourselves. You just have to look at His Sublime examples that even today have repercussions around the world.

The way in which Jesus expanded the concepts of Equality, Love, and mutual collaboration between those who suffered countless rejections because of their physical, cultural, political, economic, and social differences is immeasurable. It was through Him that women became social individuals and gained respect and Soul and were recognized as Daughters of God; that children gained visibility and were welcomed



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into the bosom of the family; and that so many other people started being seen equally, including the sick. His example of struggle for those who suffer from physical illnesses gave rise, in the following centuries,



Painting: Carl Bloch (1834-1890)
Title of the work: Healing of the Blind Man.

to the first hospitals, the first places in which sickness was no reason for condemnation and prejudice.

In His Gospel, the Divine Friend invites us to recognize Him for His Goodwill actions: *“If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”* (John 10: 37 and 38). Jesus taught us to act with Love, without expecting anything in return. He called us to give the best of ourselves for the Good of our fellow men. Because of all this Christ established the Ecumenism on Earth, which, as writer Paiva Netto always reminds us, must be understood *“in its original sense: oikoumenikós, which means ‘of worldwide scope or applicability; universal.’”*

When people are ecumenical they are so confident about themselves that they do not see the need to



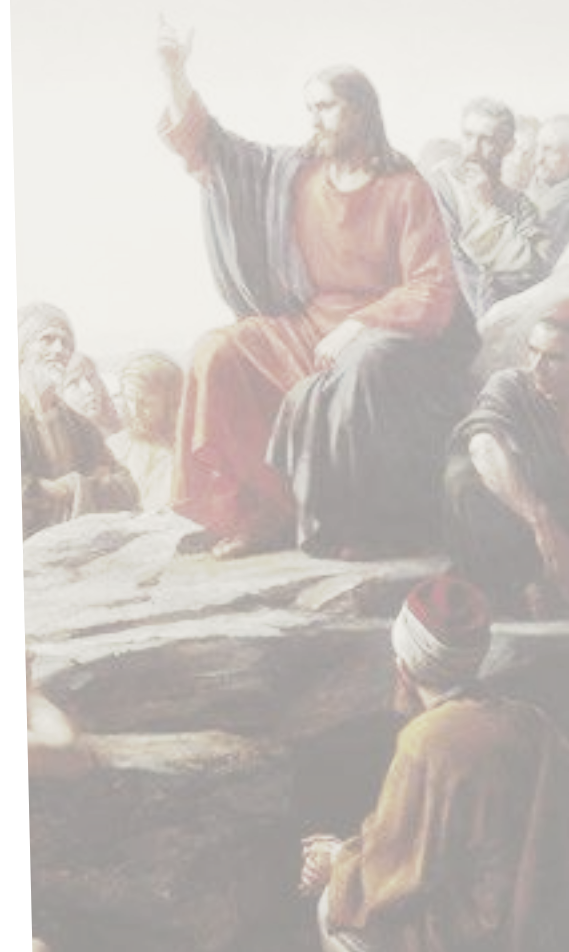
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impose themselves on others. They feel complete by being useful; they find meaning in life by serving the common Good; they are humble enough not to want to exist alone, not to insist on having a solitary view of any knowledge. They have that courage that great people have, who learn even from their most implacable opponents. . . . They have a sense of justice that is greater than the vice of vanity and a thirst to learn as their priority, instead of winning. They think with a gigantic Soul, bound to God through the Love for His creatures. They wish more for the Peace of all than the victory of one. That is how we should experience Ecumenism. And precisely because He lived all of this, showing us that it is possible and not a distant and intangible dream, that Jesus is the Ecumenical Christ.

His character as the Divine Statesman can be described beyond the historical perspective or the formal politics constituted at that time. Paiva Netto



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Title of the work: Christ the Consolator.



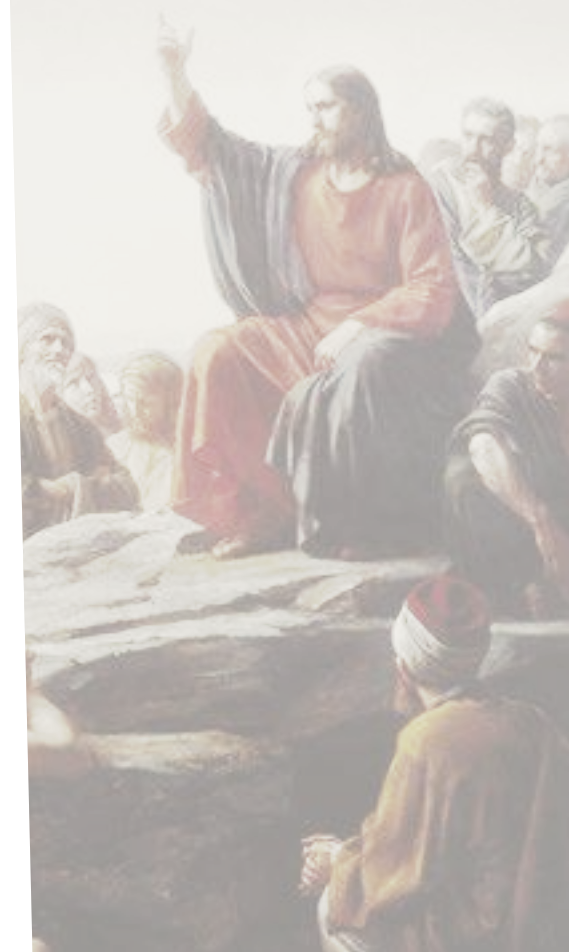
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affirms: ***“Jesus is above all a noble and very much up-to-date idea on the move that deserves to be studied and experienced by all anti-sectarian Souls, who are free of prejudice and taboos, and consequently willing to study and learn, with open minds and hearts, without holding preconceived opinions.”***

Jesus led multitudes to experience Peace; He was fair in His acts; He taught us to obey the Laws and went further when He revealed to us the Universal Laws that govern the Universe; He strengthened families, the nucleus of society; He presented to the powerful of the world the Power of the generosity of God; He revealed to us that autonomy and freedom are first achieved within ourselves and that our destinies are often conditioned by the shackles we impose. Christ taught us that no one can be happy

if there is someone at our side who is suffering. That is why He governs, because He enabled us to achieve sovereignty in our decisions. Even if we do not notice His Heavenly influence He leads us, to the extent that we allow Him, to construct a world that is fairer, fraternal, and of true dignity.

His Sublime Presence has accompanied us since the foundation of this Humanity, which was created by Him, as reported in John 1:1 to 3: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him, Jesus Christ, nothing was made that has been made.”* We have never been abandoned. For this reason we affirm that Jesus is the Ecumenical Christ, the Divine Statesman, because in making us our own masters He governs this planet and leads us to happiness.



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