


How does the Bible
contextualize the gospel?



A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the upper left is a white cup of black coffee. Below it is a silver Samsung smartphone. To the left of the phone is a red pen. At the bottom left are two white sticky notes. In the upper right corner, there are green leaves and red berries. A white rectangular card with text is placed on the right side of the desk.

**All theology is
contextualized**


cultural lens

God uses culture

**Contextualization
begins with
interpretation**

Galatians 3:8

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**How God
contextualizes
the gospel**

kingdom

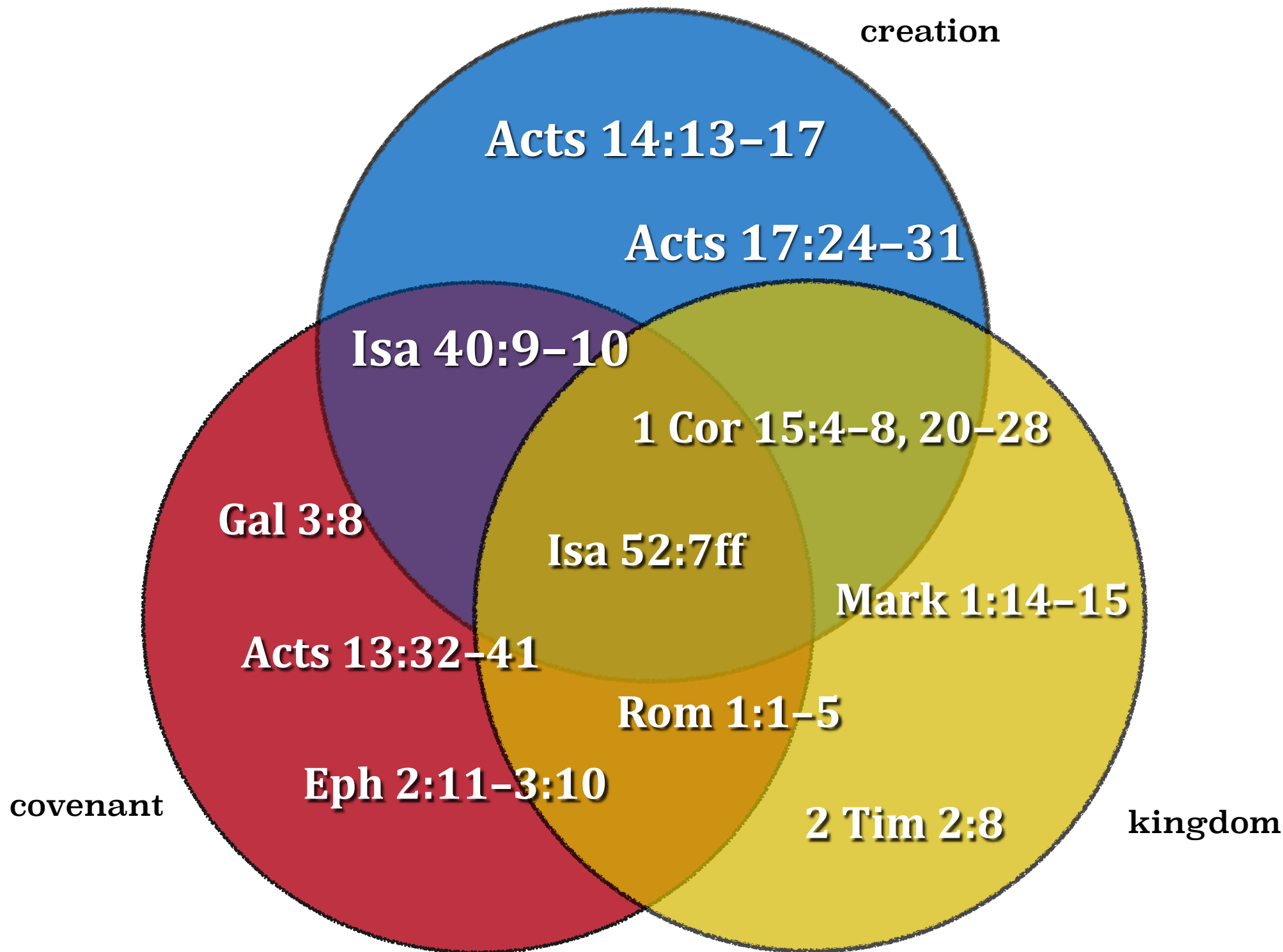


creation



covenant







1. **sovereignty** of God

2. **scope** of His kingdom

creation is the *realm* over
which God *reigns*



sovereignty

scope

“... proclaimed in all creation
under heaven.” (Col 1:5, 23)

“the firstborn of
all creation” (Col 1:15)

sovereignty

scope

“we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made *the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that is in them*. In past generations he allowed *all the nations* to walk in their own ways....” (Acts 14:15–17)



sovereignty

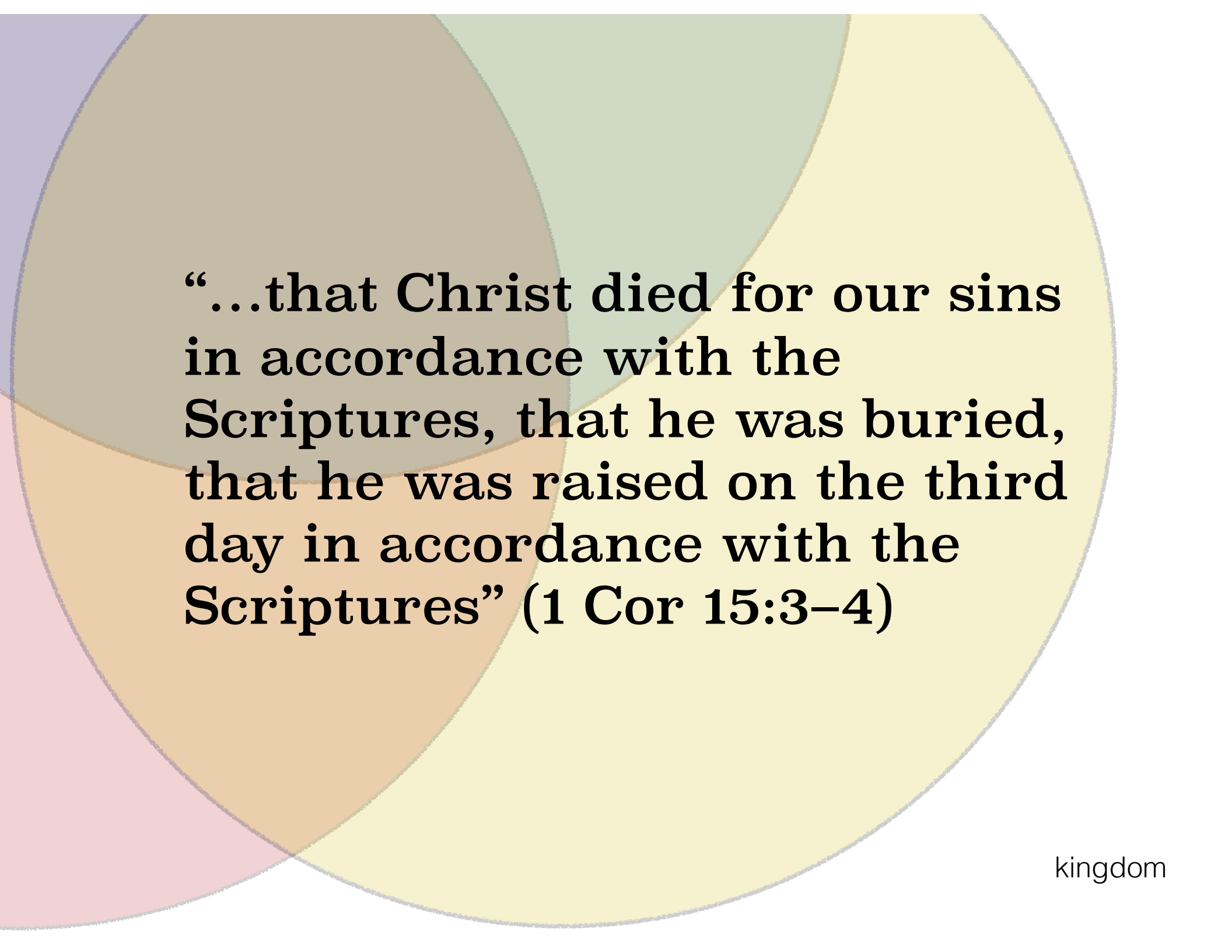
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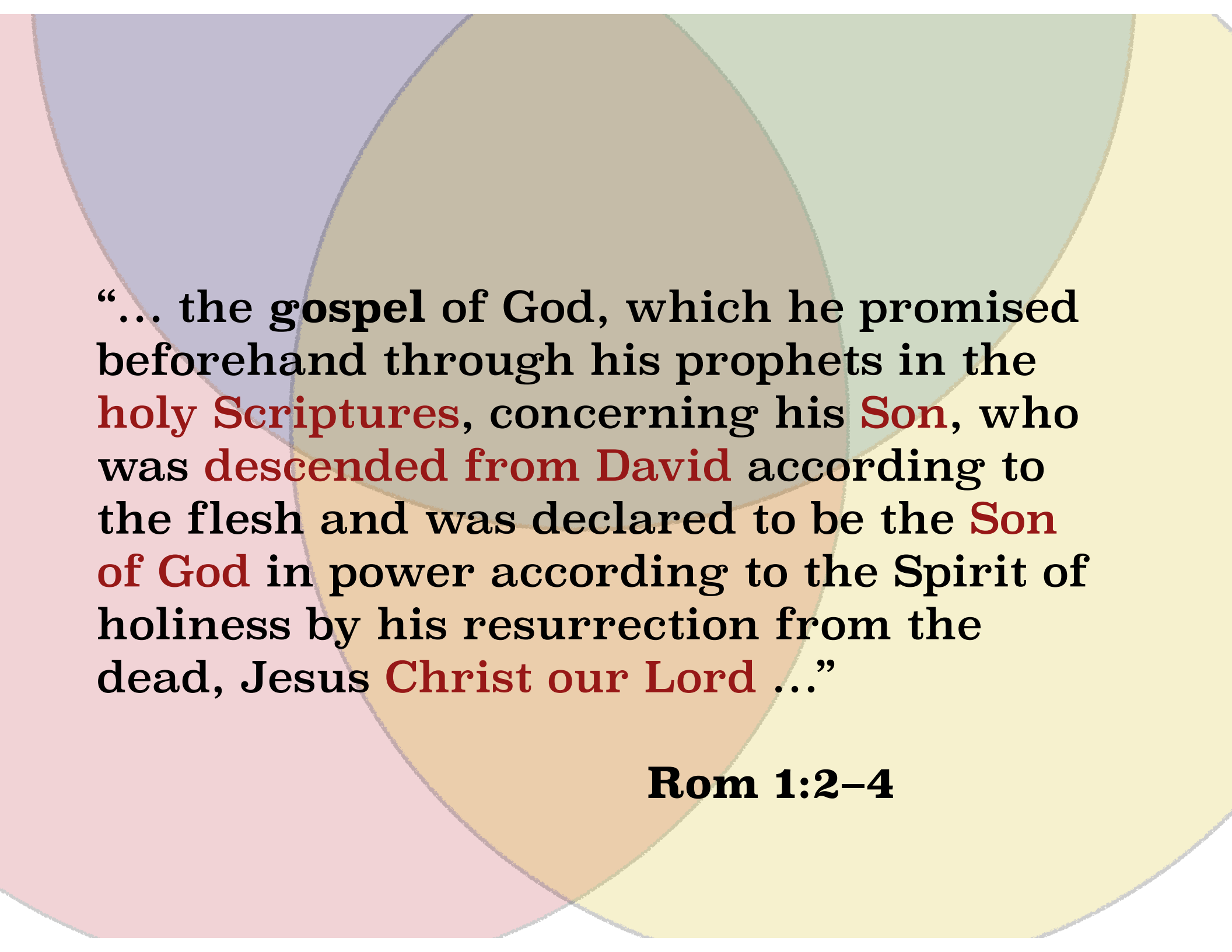
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How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings
good news, who publishes peace,
who brings good news of
happiness, who publishes
salvation, who says to Zion,
“**Your God reigns.**” (Isa 52:7)




**“...that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the
Scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third
day in accordance with the
Scriptures” (1 Cor 15:3–4)**

“Then comes the end, when he delivers the **kingdom** to God the Father after destroying **every rule and every authority and power**. For he must **reign** until he has put all his enemies **under his feet**. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in **subjection** under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in **subjection**,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in **subjection** under him. ²⁸ When all things are **subjected** to him, then the Son himself will also be **subjected** to him who put all things in **subjection** under him, that God may be **all in all**. ” (1 Cor 15:24–28)



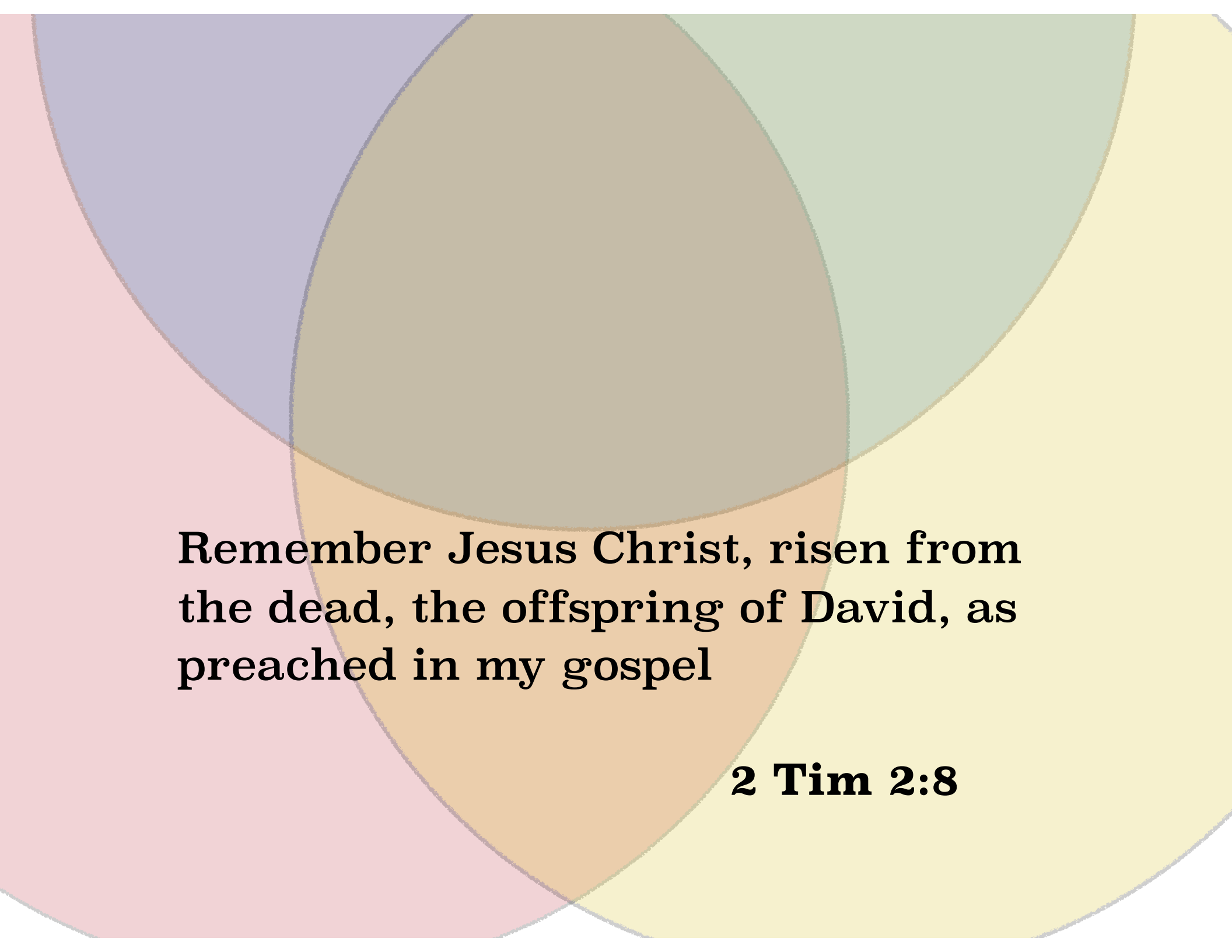
“... the **gospel** of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the **holy Scriptures**, concerning his **Son**, who was **descended from David** according to the flesh and was declared to be the **Son of God** in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus **Christ our Lord** ...”

Rom 1:2–4



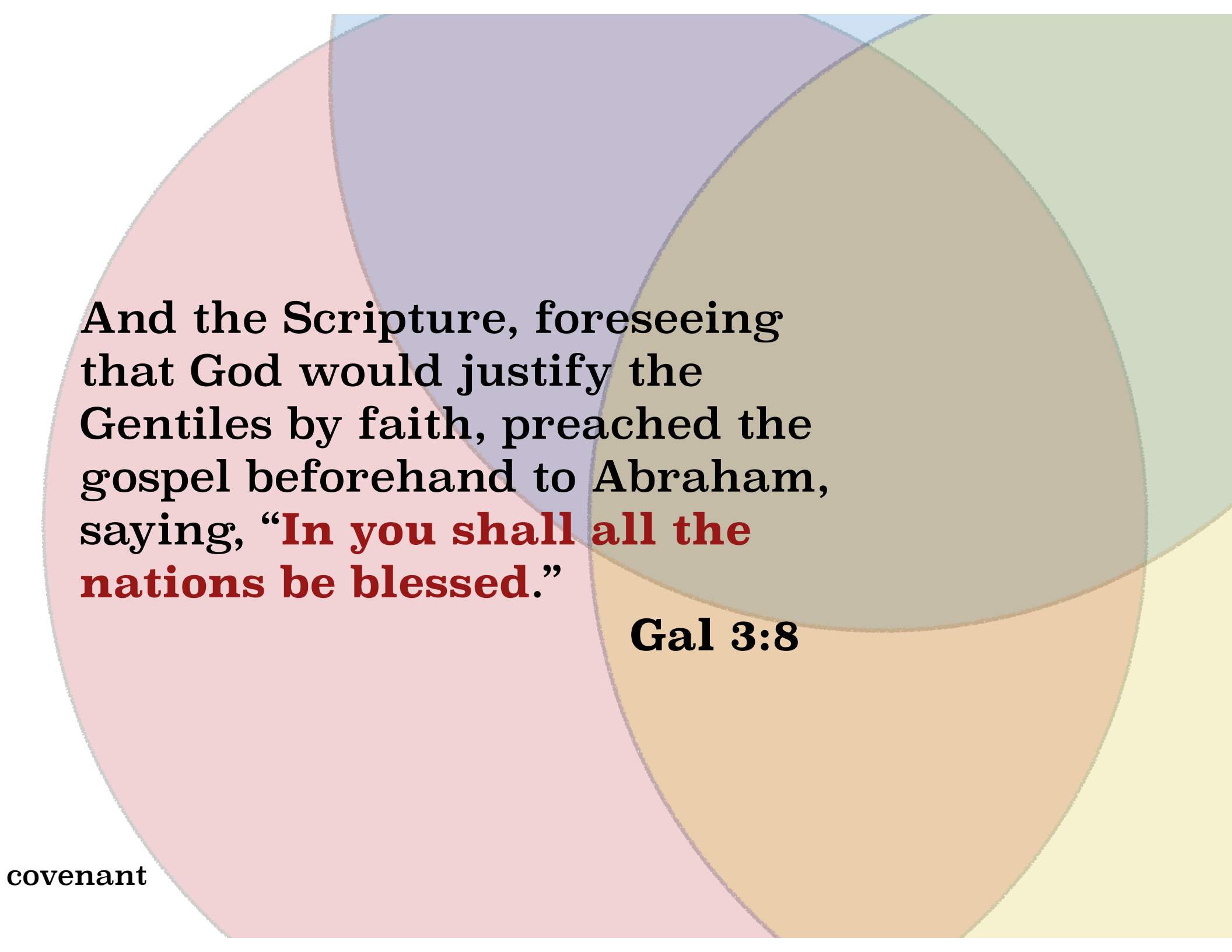
**“And we bring you the good news
that what God promised to the
fathers, this he has fulfilled to us
their children by raising Jesus.”**

Acts 13:32–33



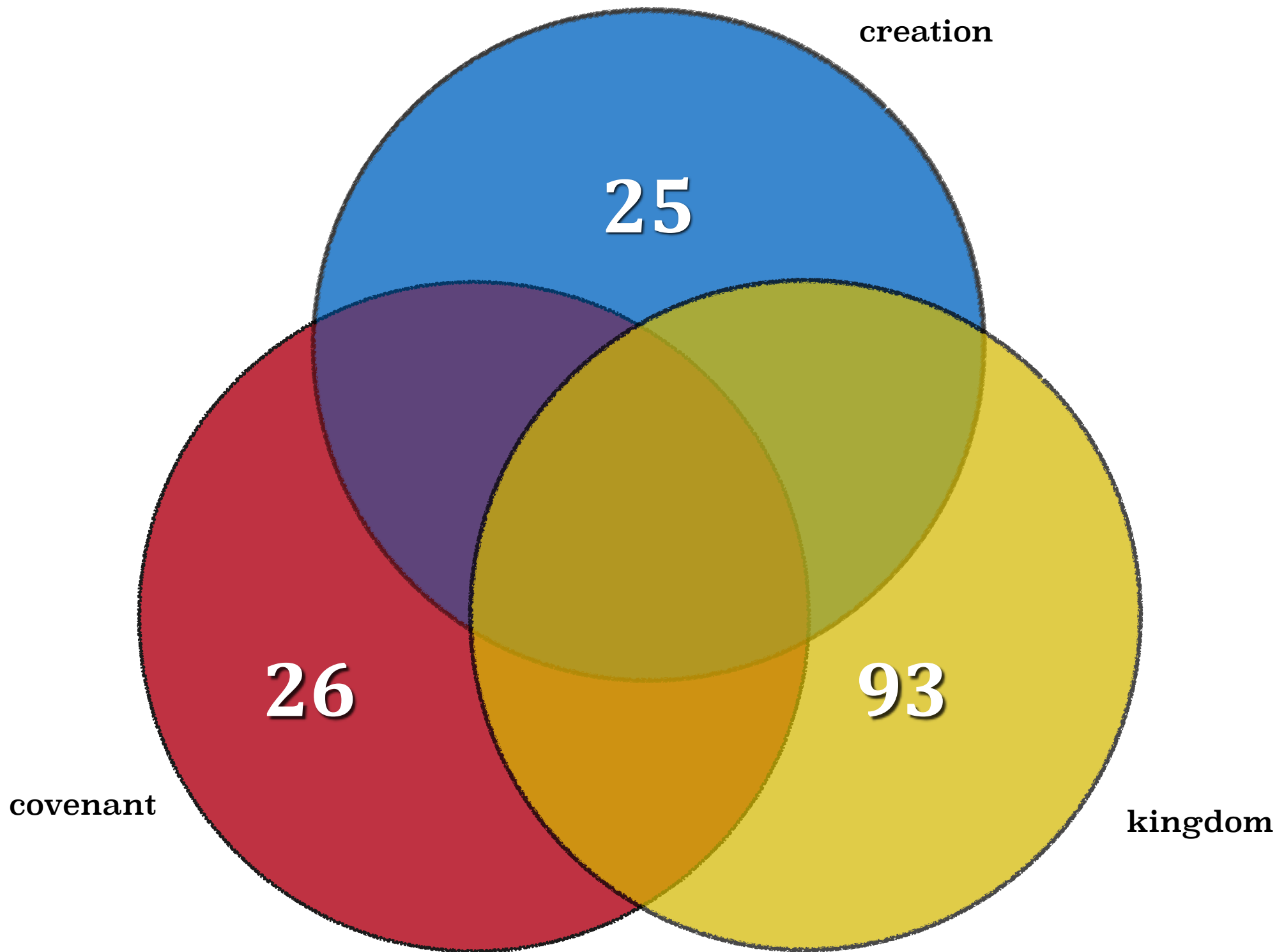
**Remember Jesus Christ, risen from
the dead, the offspring of David, as
preached in my gospel**

2 Tim 2:8

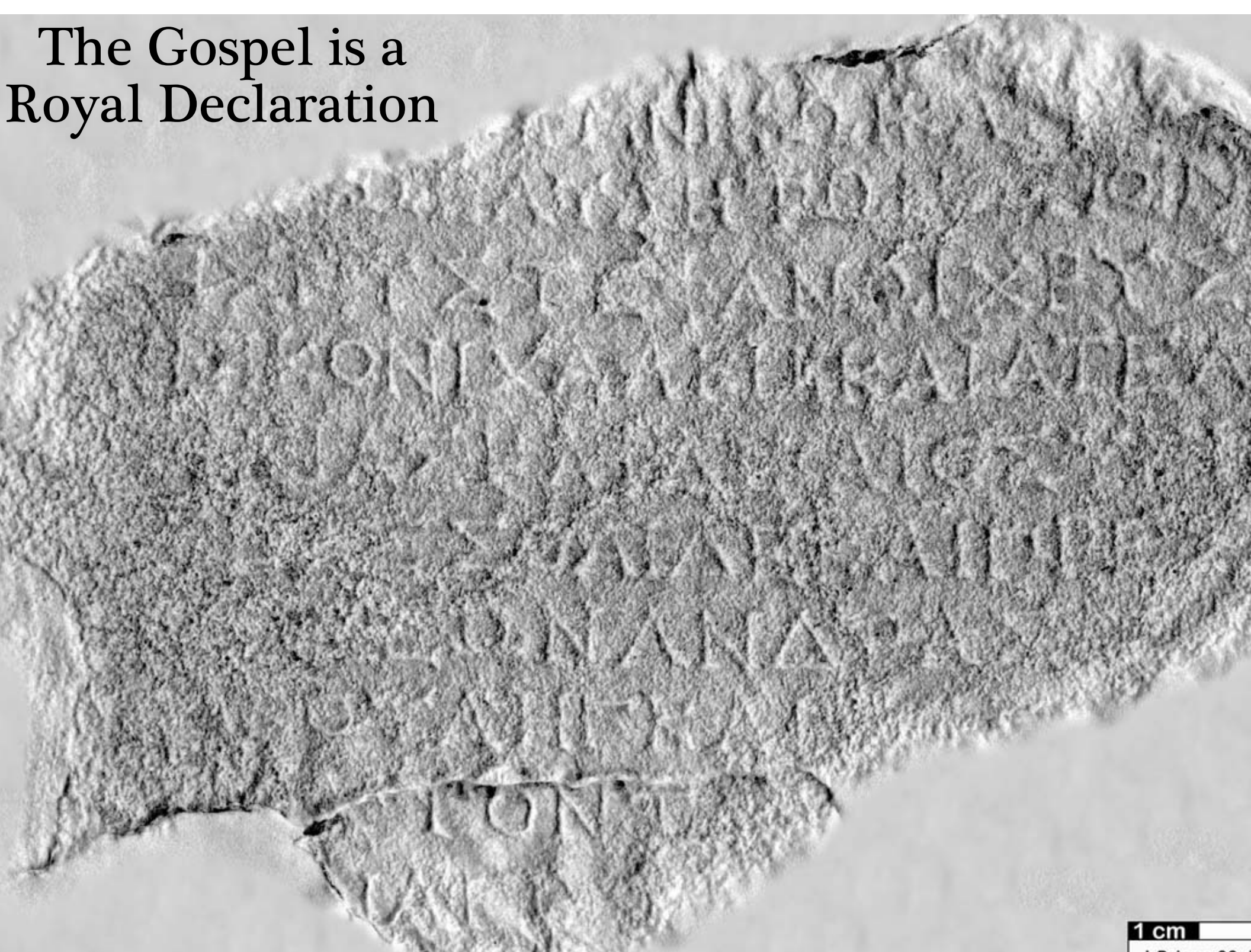


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gospel beforehand to Abraham,
saying, “**In you shall all the
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Gal 3:8



The Gospel is a Royal Declaration



The gospel is not a “how-to” message



...not the message about
how we get saved.

It is the message we must believe
in order to be saved.

Kingdom



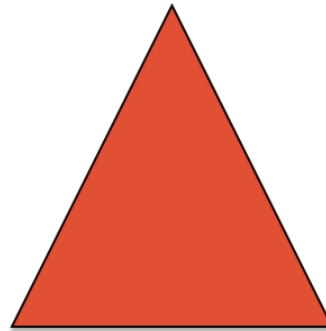
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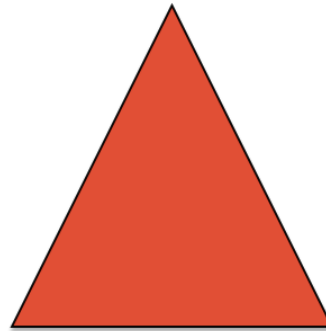
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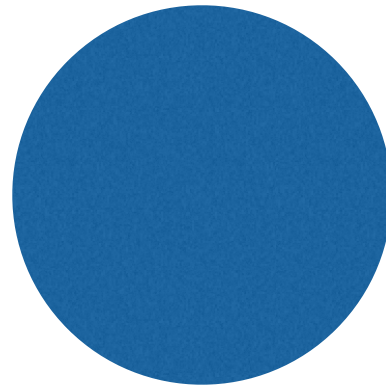
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Land



**Each theme
has specific
implications**



God is king

Isaiah 43:15

I am the LORD,
your Holy One, the
Creator of Israel,
your King.

Psalm 74:12-17

Yet God my King is from of old,
working salvation in the midst of the
earth. You divided the sea by your
might; you broke the heads of the sea
monsters on the waters. You crushed
the heads of Leviathan; you gave him
as food for the creatures of the
wilderness. You split open springs and
brooks; you dried up ever-flowing
streams. Yours is the day, yours also the
night; you have established the
heavenly lights and the sun. **You have
fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
you have made summer and winter.**

**all nations have a
common origin**

God is king



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anyone can be saved

Romans 10:12-13

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.



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justification by faith

Romans 3:27–30

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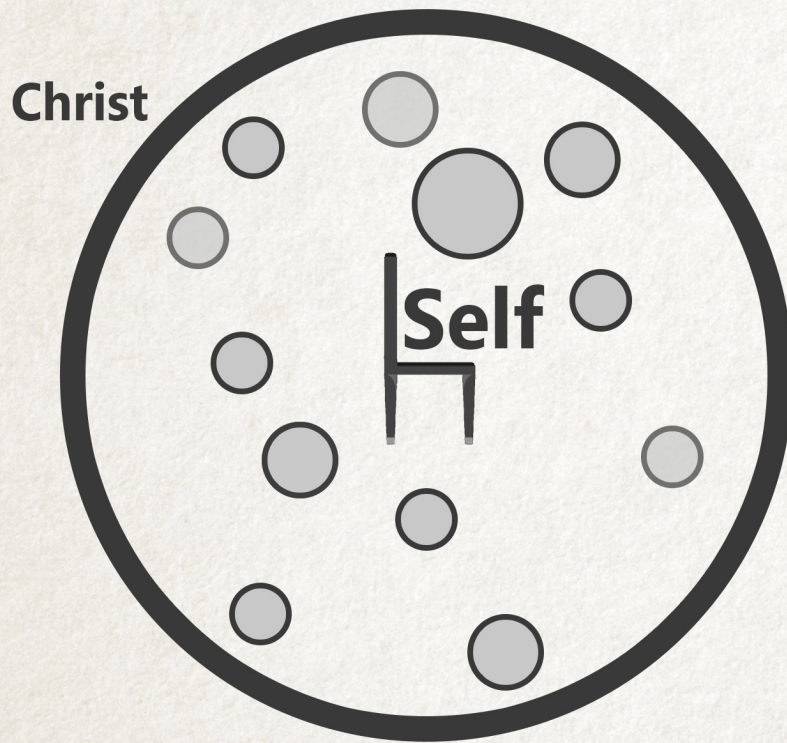
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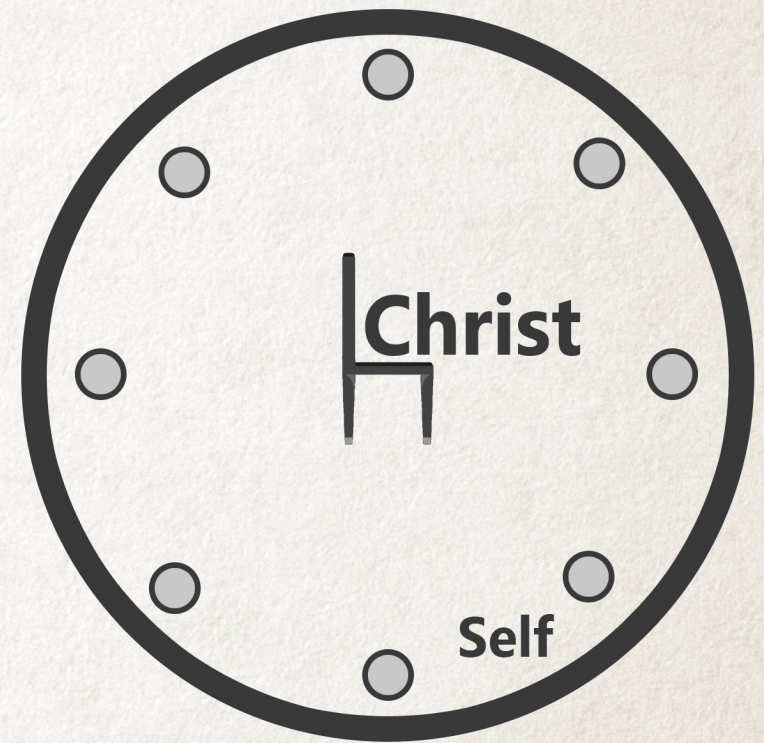
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Self is on the throne

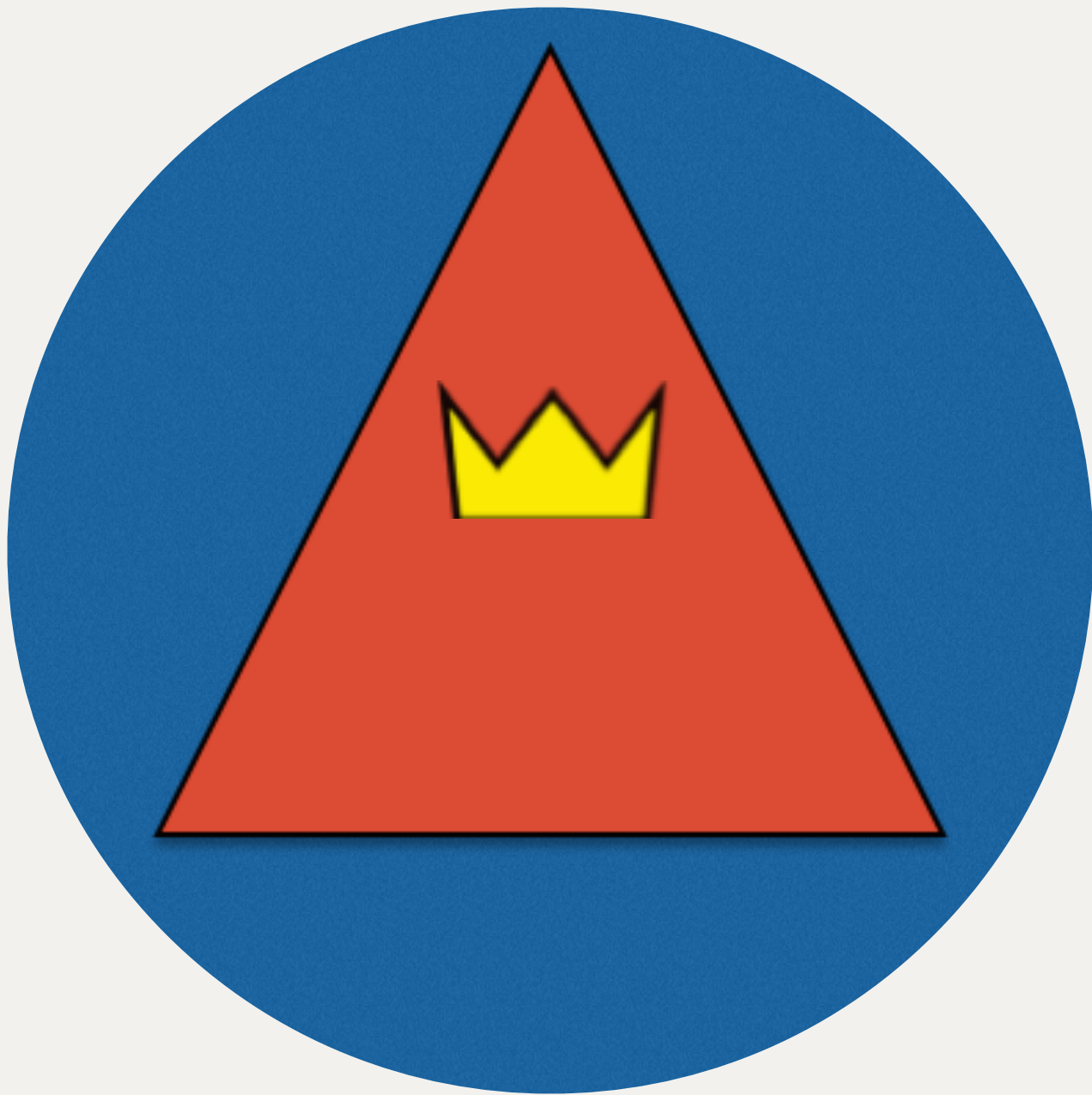


Self Directed Life

Christ is on the throne



Christ Directed Life

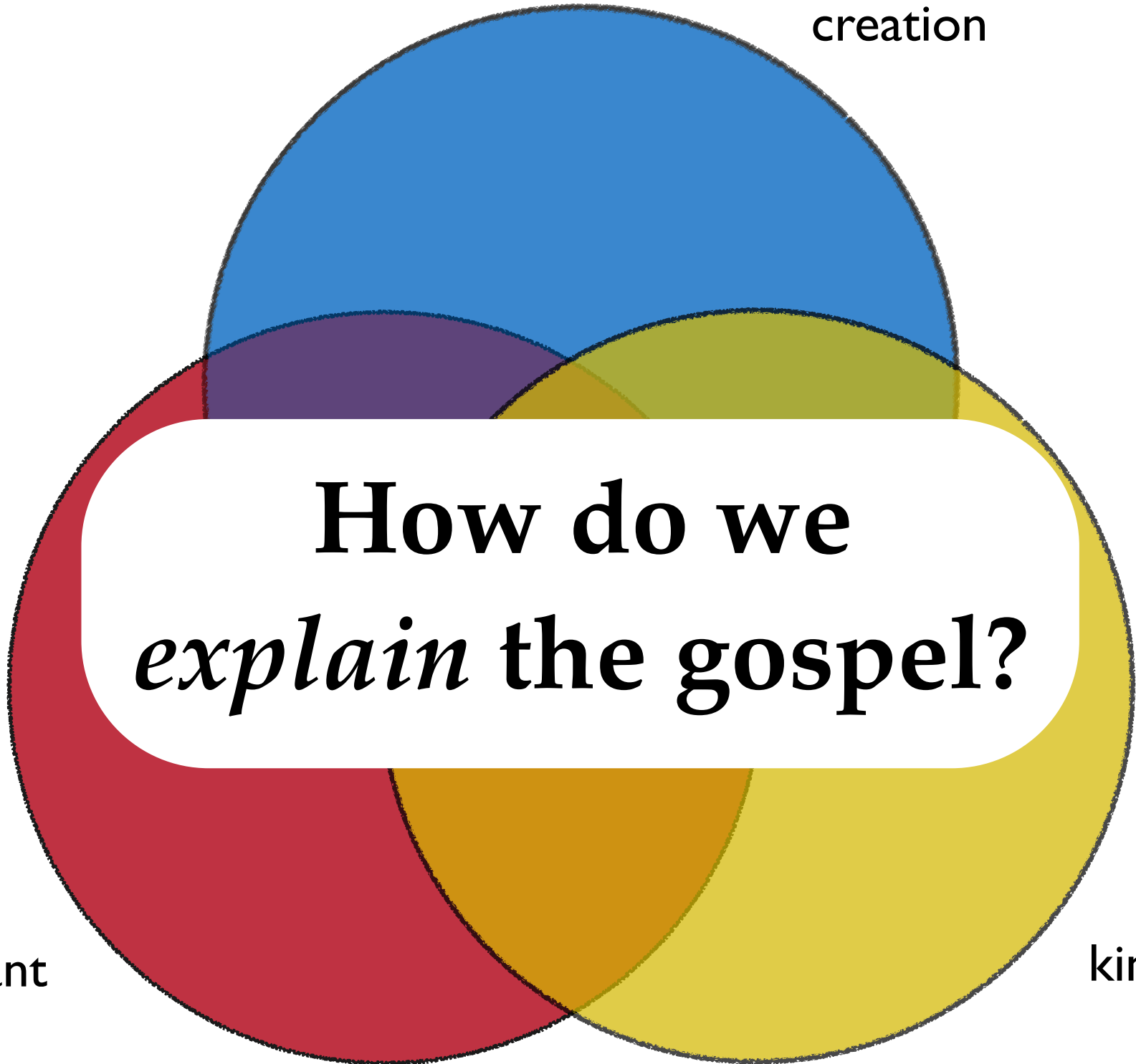


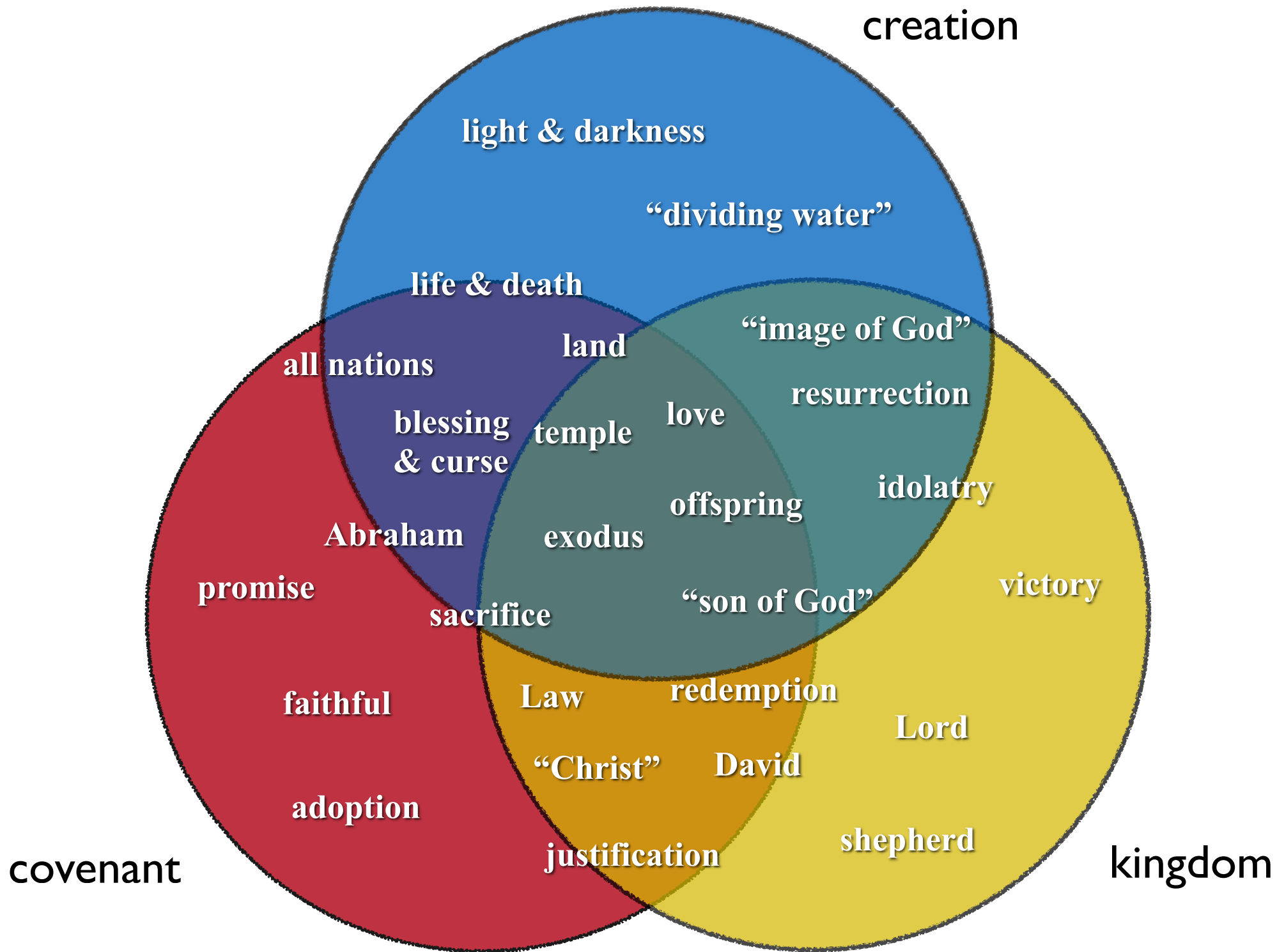
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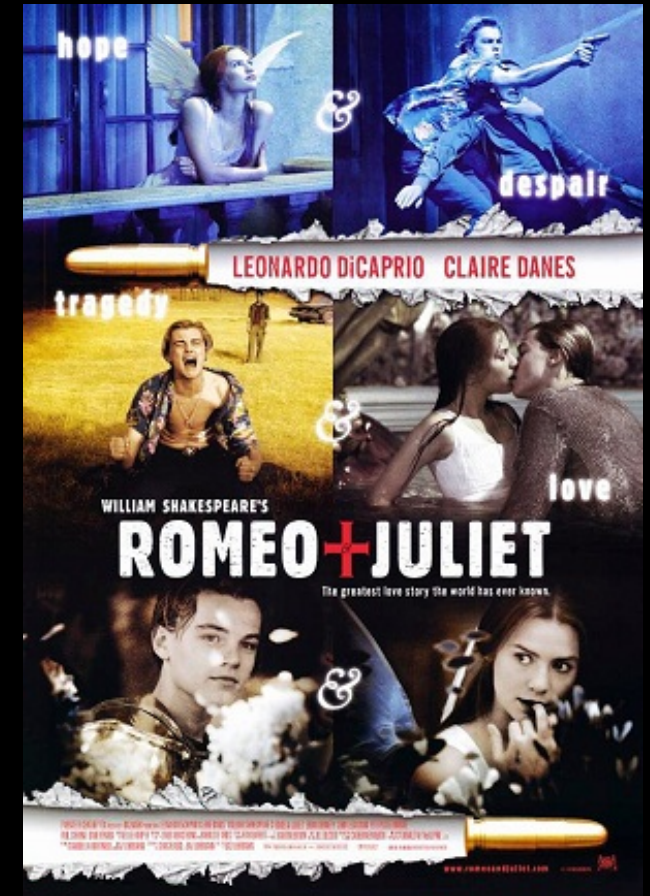
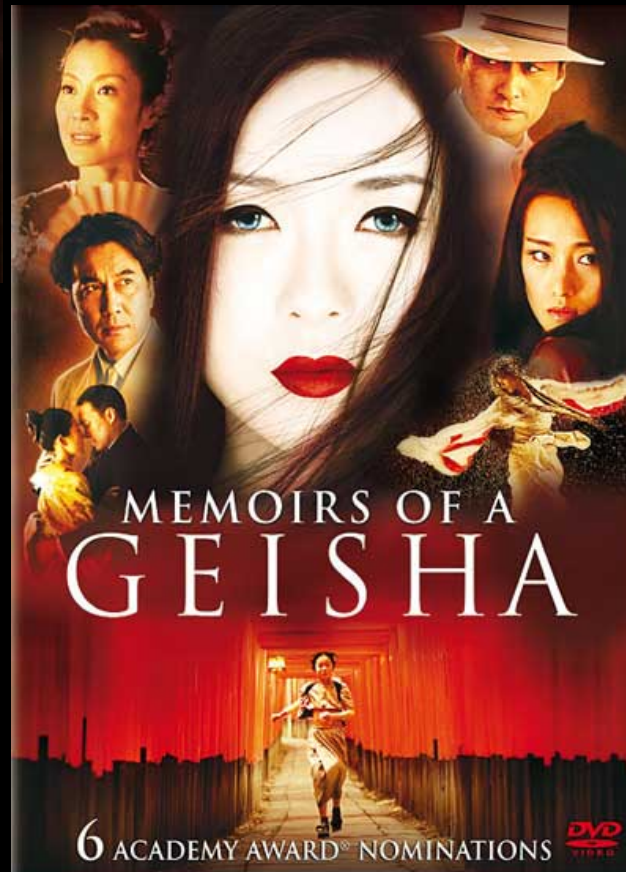








same story?





Star Wars

The Founding of a Republic



