

A silhouette of a person wearing a Roman helmet is kneeling in prayer next to a large wooden cross. The scene is set against a vibrant sunset sky with hues of orange, yellow, and purple. The person is holding a small object, possibly a book or a tablet, in their hands. The cross has a small plaque at the top with text that is difficult to read but appears to be a religious inscription.

When in Rome

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of this world.”

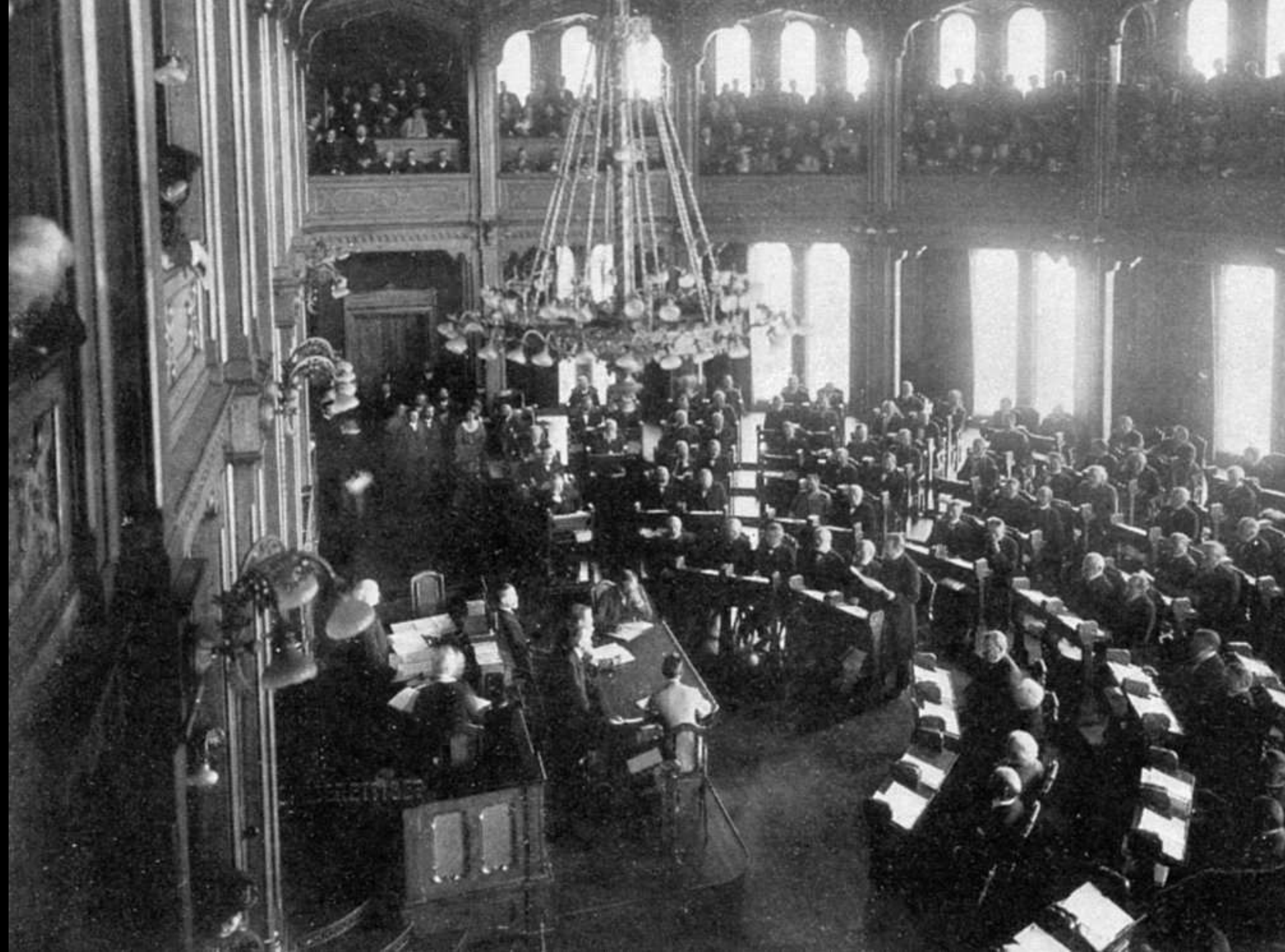
Fall 2021



















JOHN 18:33-38

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

THE

TUG OF WAR



A silhouette of a person wearing a Roman helmet is kneeling in prayer on a grassy hill. To their left stands a large, dark wooden cross. The background is a vibrant sunset sky with shades of blue, purple, and orange. The text "When in Rome" is written in a large, white, serif font with a yellow outline at the top. Below it, the quote "My kingdom is not of this world." is written in a similar style. At the bottom left, the text "Fall 2021" is displayed in the same font style.

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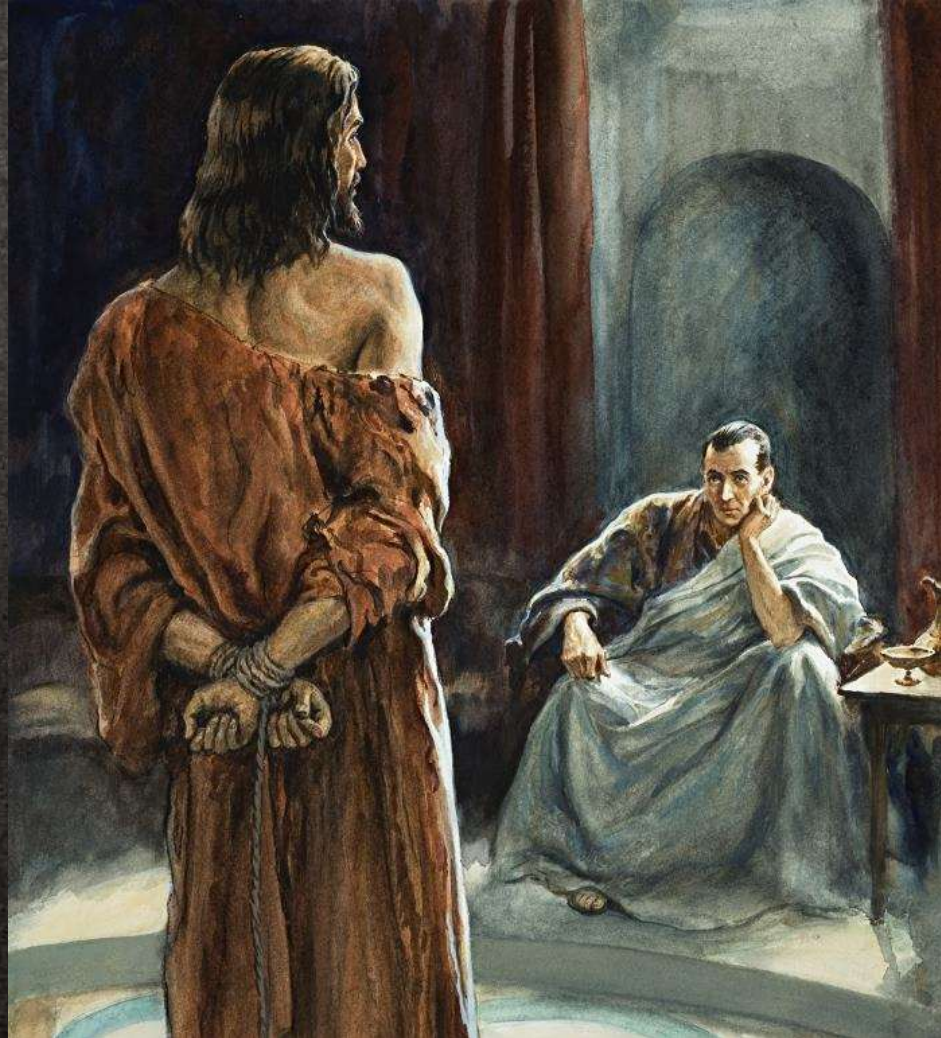


John 18:33-38 (ESV): “So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’
34 Jesus answered, ‘Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?’ **35** Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?’ **36** Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews....”



“...But my kingdom is not from the world.’ **37** Then Pilate said to him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world – to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.’ **38** Pilate said to him, ‘What is truth?’ After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, ‘I find no guilt in him.’”





Luke 22:47-53 (ESV): “While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, **48** but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?’ **49** And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, ‘Lord, shall we strike with the sword?’...”



“...**50** And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. **51** But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him. **52** Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, ‘Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? **53** When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.’”













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MAIN POINT

THE MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE OF YOUR
LIFE
MAY BE THE ONE YOU CHOOSE NOT TO
FIGHT.



Matthew 26:52-53 (ESV): “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.
53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?”



John 12:47 (ESV): “I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.”



Romans 12:20-21 (ESV): “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”













“If we are victorious in one more battle with the Romans, we shall be utterly ruined.”

(Pyrrhus, as quoted in Plutarch's *Life of Pyrrhus*, Chapter 21)



John 3:15-17 (ESV): “Whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”



Luke 17:20-21 (ESV): “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, **21** nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”



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APPLICATION

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1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (ESV): “For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law....”



“...**21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. **23** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”



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Next Week: Acts 1:1-11