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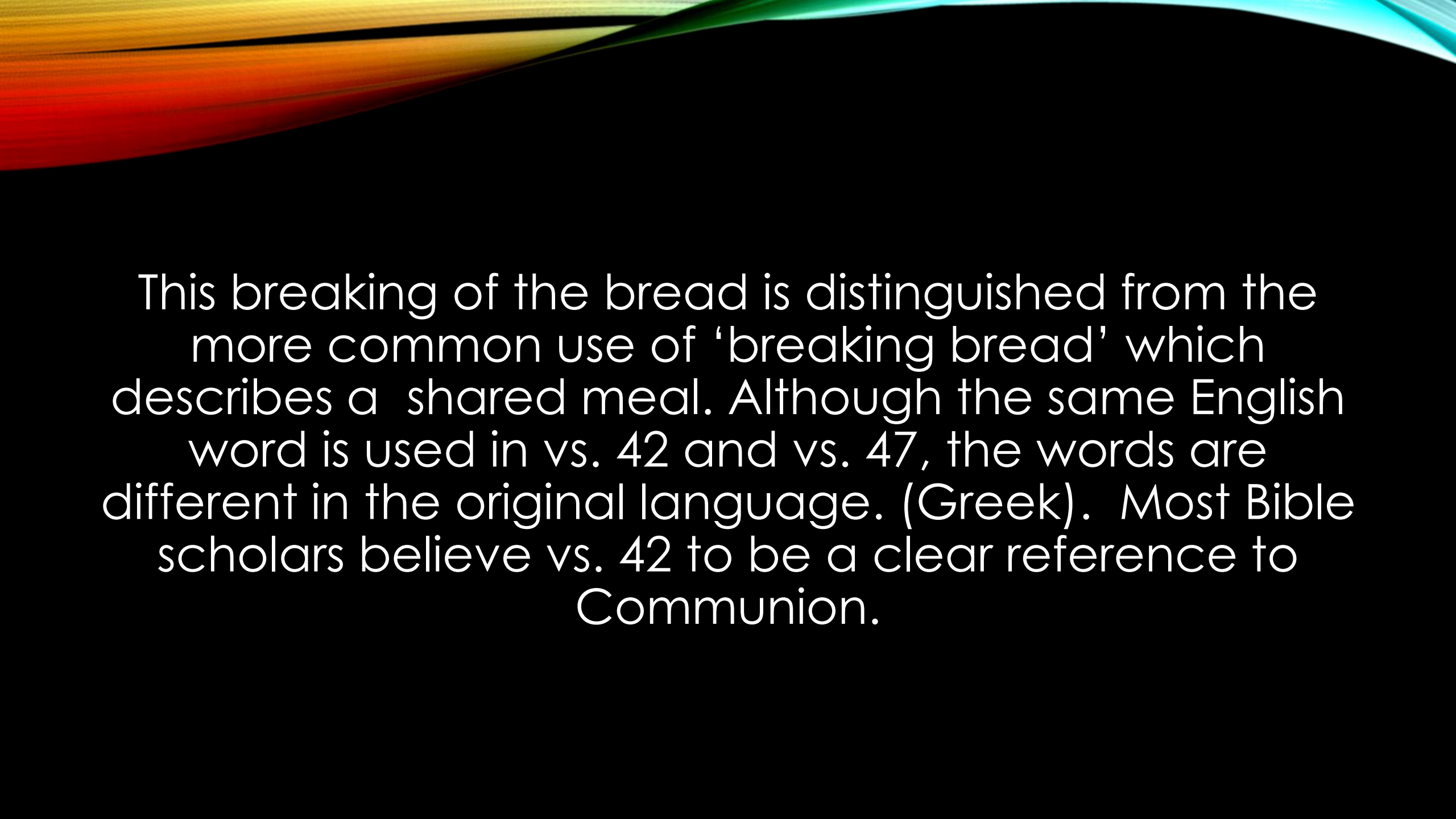
“exerting great effort to persist in doing something.”

That devoted is manifested in  
continuous and habitual behavior.



# DEVOTED TO...THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Acts 2:42-47



This breaking of the bread is distinguished from the more common use of 'breaking bread' which describes a shared meal. Although the same English word is used in vs. 42 and vs. 47, the words are different in the original language. (Greek). Most Bible scholars believe vs. 42 to be a clear reference to Communion.



# WHY DEVOTION?

Celebration of the Lord's Supper is commanded

Luke 22:17-20

1 Cor. 11:23-26



The Lord's Supper declares our union with Christ.

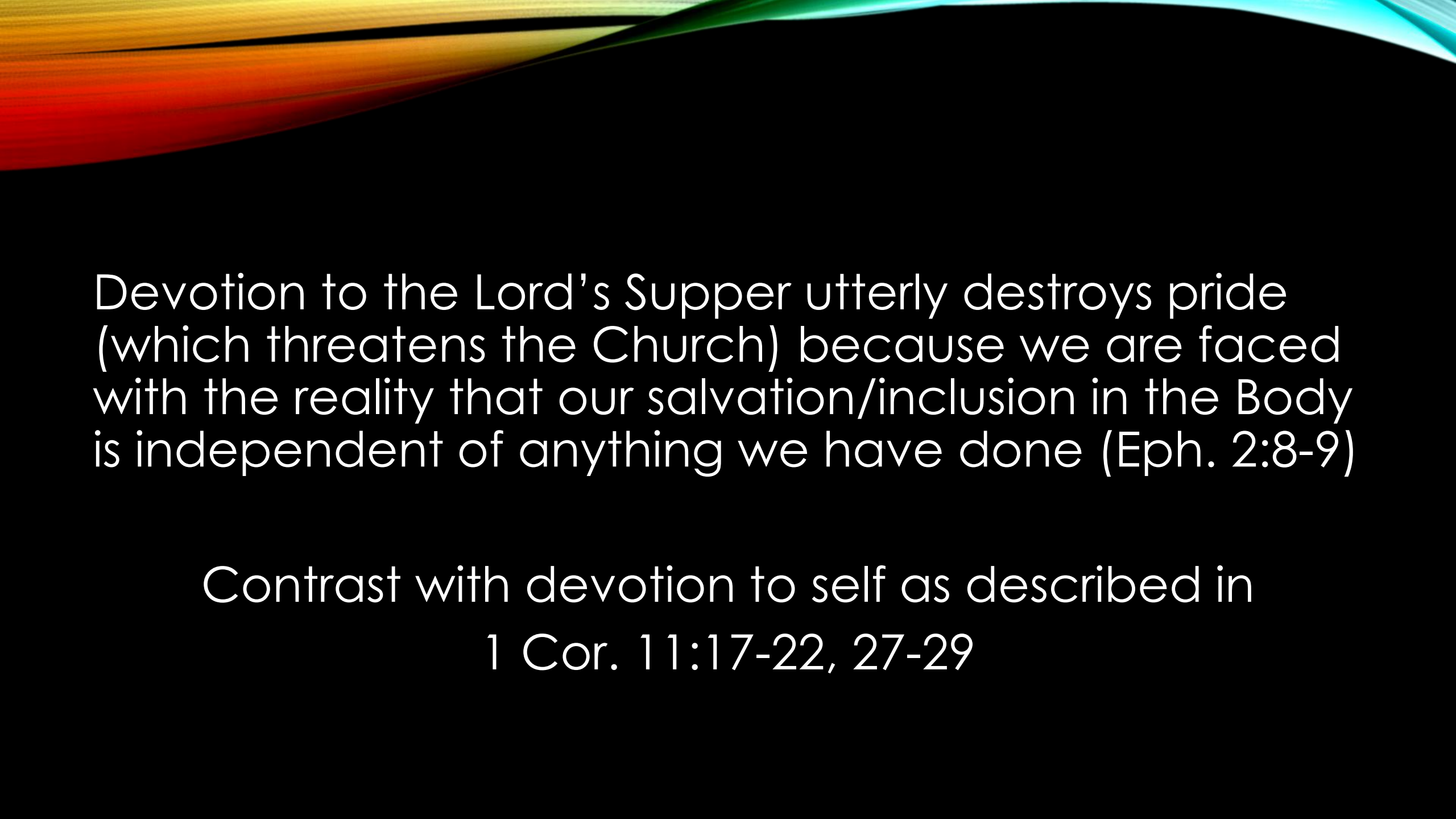
Romans 6:1-14

Consider also the Apostle Paul's identification with Christ as he said, "I bear in my body the marks of Christ Jesus." He bore the brand of the Savior, declaring the One to whom he belonged.



The Lord's Supper is central to genuine Christian fellowship

Consider Phil. 2:1-11



Devotion to the Lord's Supper utterly destroys pride (which threatens the Church) because we are faced with the reality that our salvation/inclusion in the Body is independent of anything we have done (Eph. 2:8-9)

Contrast with devotion to self as described in  
1 Cor. 11:17-22, 27-29



The Lord's Supper is a continual reminder of "How deep the Father's love for us"

And how we are to love one another (John 15:12)

See Christ's passion for unity in the Body (John 17:20-23)





The celebration is a proclamation that inspires hope  
“until He comes” (1 Cor. 11:26)

John 14:3

1 Thess. 4:13-18

Until then, may the things of earth grow strangely dim  
as we turn our eyes upon Jesus