

HEROES OF THE REFORMATION

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Session #4 Jan Hus and the Czech Reformation

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS



Escape

The Ordinary and Live the Extraordinary
EXPLORE LODGING »





TIME TO

PRAY



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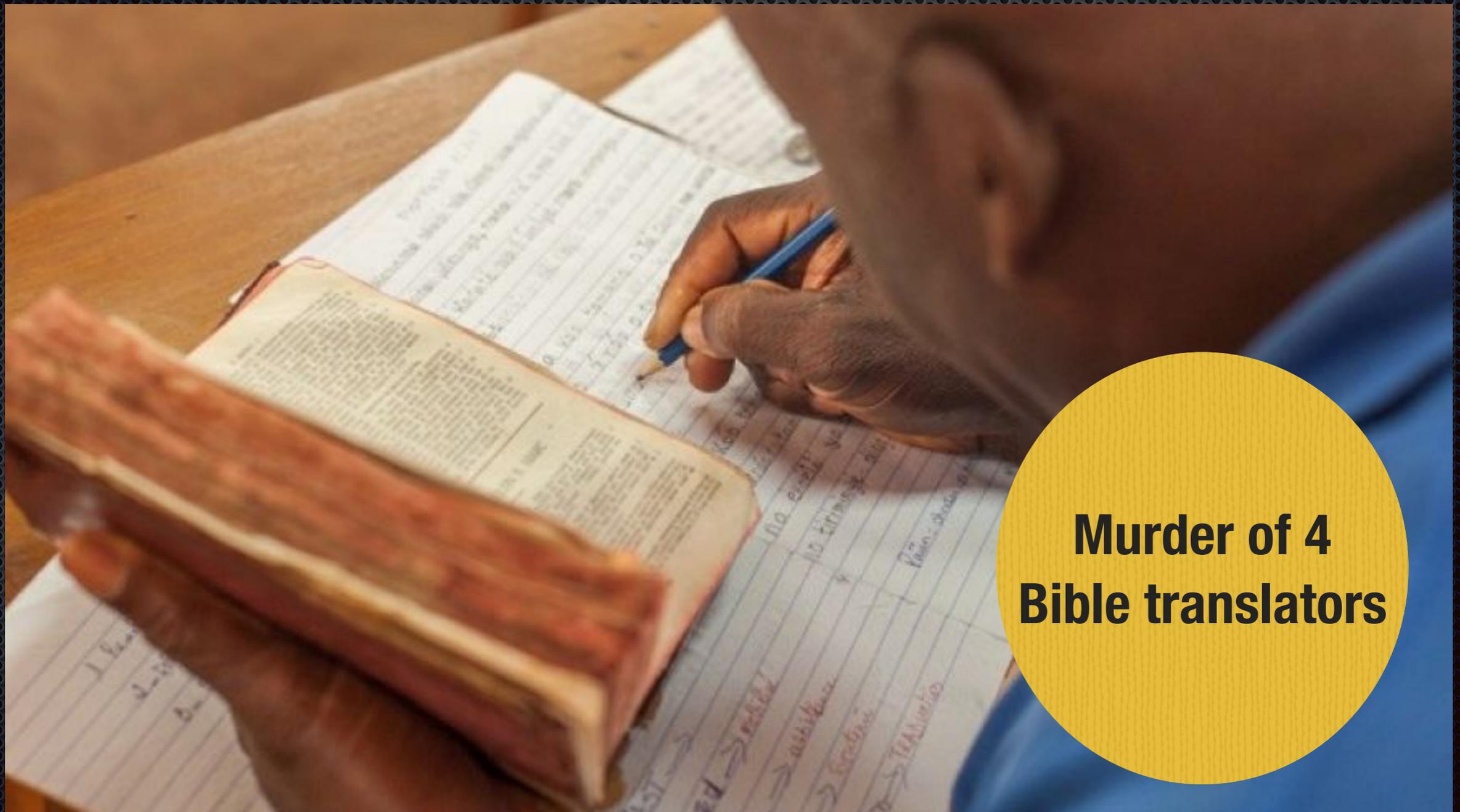




**Spanish
Study Bible**

BREAKING NEWS

Extremists recently busted into a secret office in the Middle East and killed four translators. The non-profit is dedicated to bringing the gospel to hundreds of obscure languages.



**Murder of 4
Bible translators**

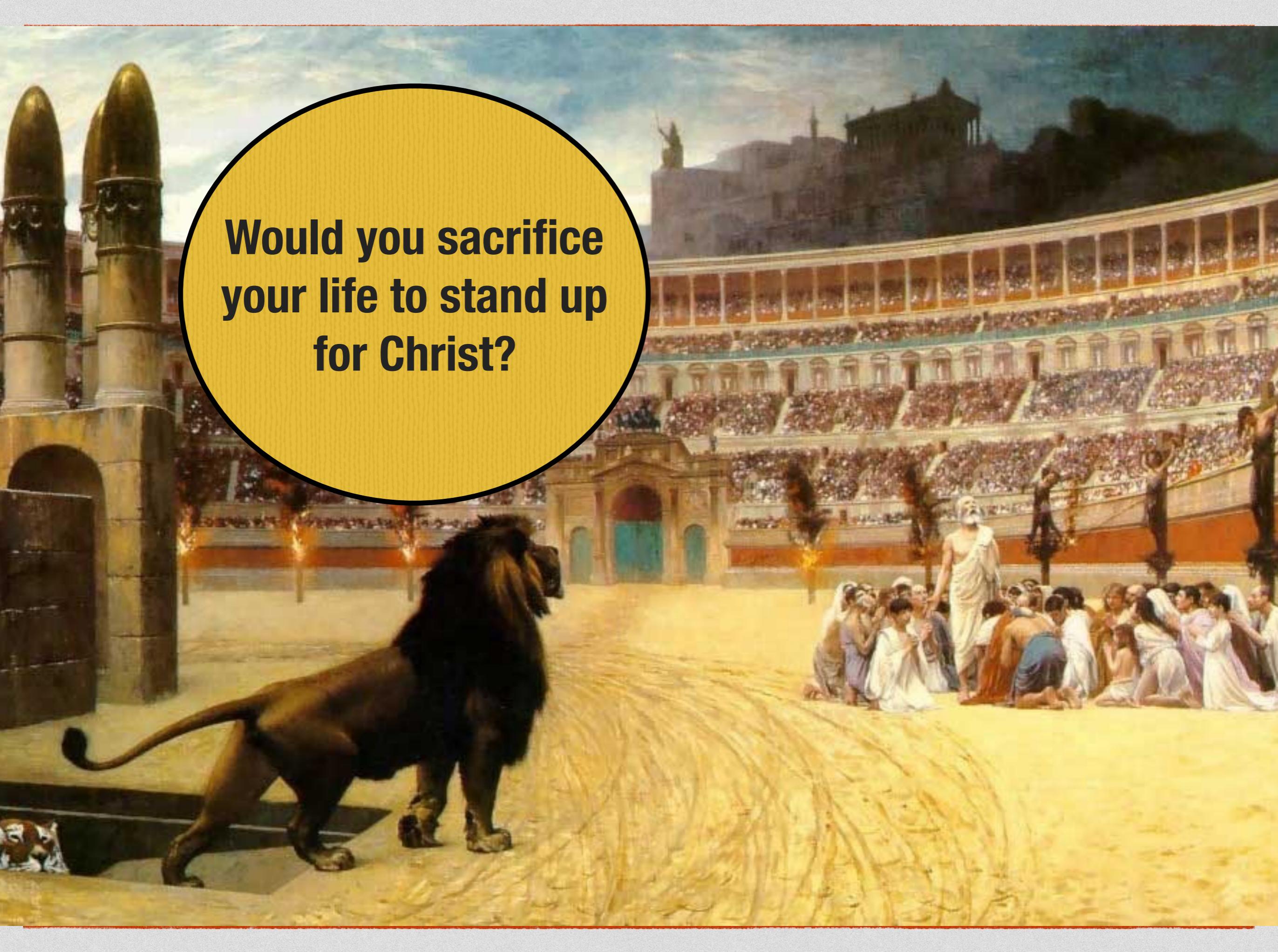
HOW MANY OF YOU READ BLOGS?





“WOULD YOU SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE TO STAND UP FOR FAMILY OR COUNTRY?”

**Would you sacrifice
your life to stand up
for Christ?**





رعايا الصليب من أتباع الكنيسة المصرية المحاربة

The people of the cross, the followers of the hostile Egyptian Church

“There are more martyrs in the Church today than in the first centuries.”



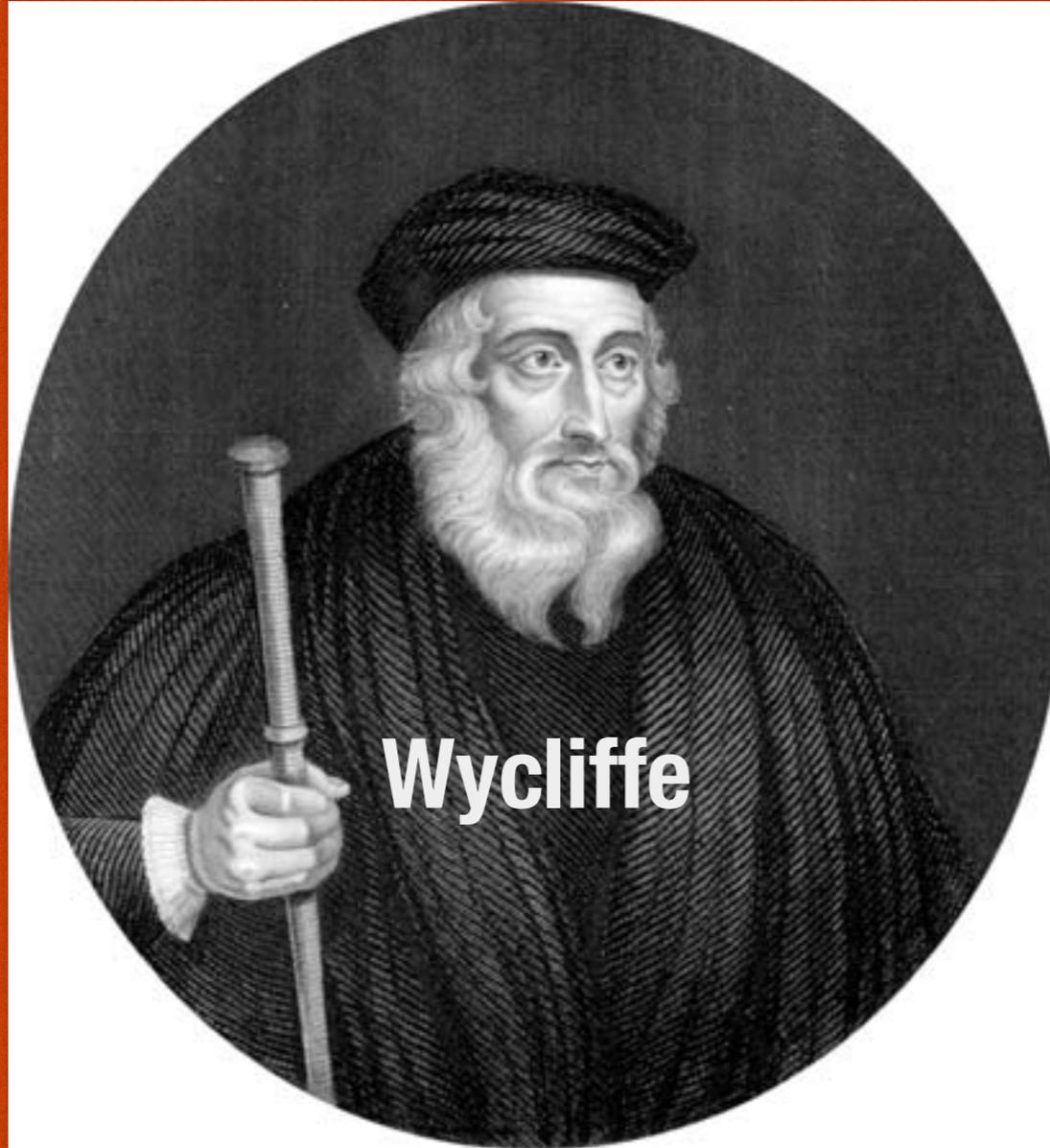
**Pew Research: Christians are
being harassed in 102 of 198
countries**





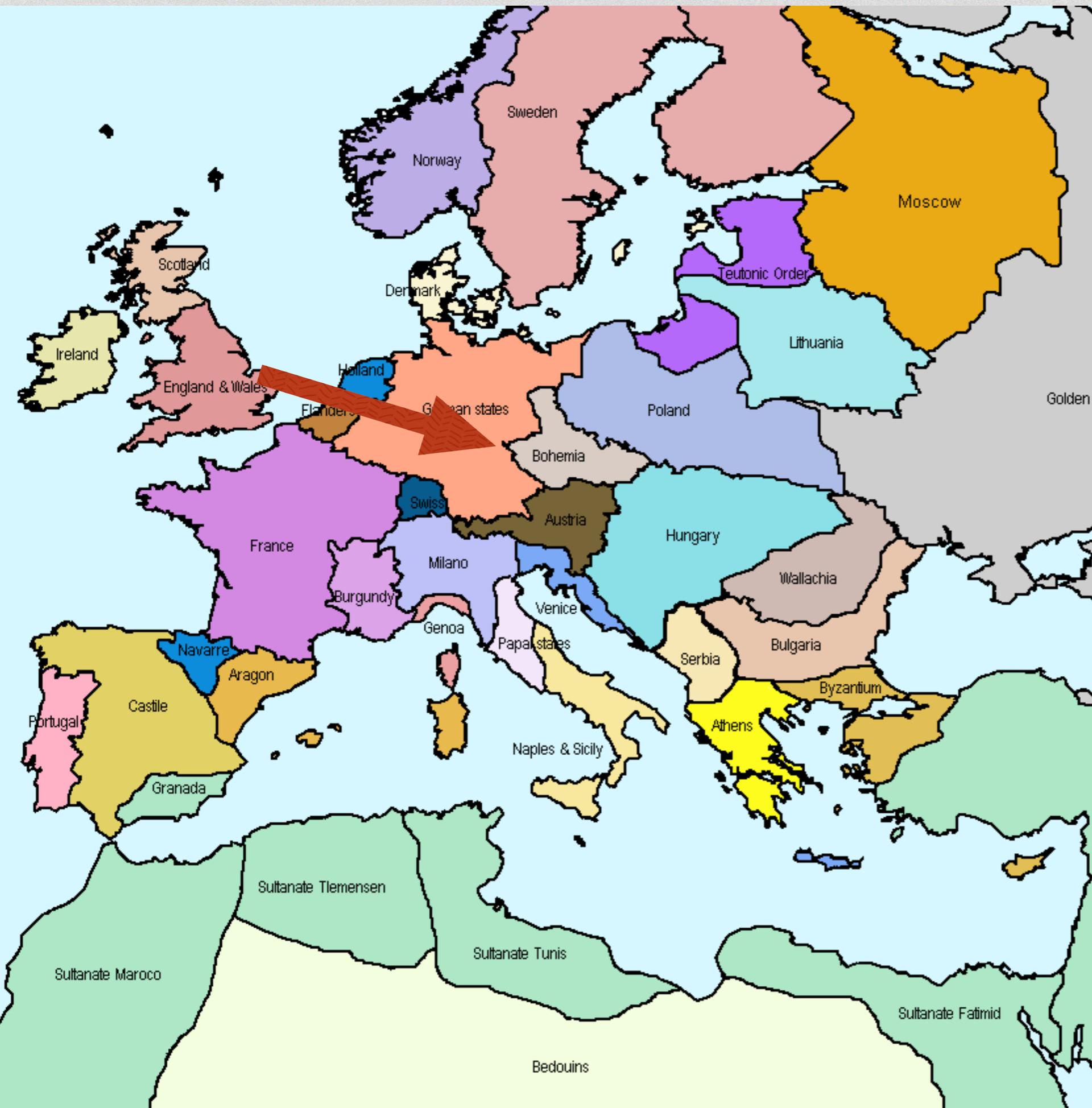
**BACKGROUND
TO THE LIFE OF
JAN HUS**

Morning Star of the Reformation



**THE YEAR
WYCLIFFE DIED A
10 YR. OLD BOY
HUNDREDS OF
MILES AWAY
WOULD END UP
IMPACTED BY HIS
LIFE**

1324-1384



**Reformation spreads
from British Isles — to
Bohemia
Then spread to France,
Switzerland, Germany,
& elsewhere**

c.1371
1369-1374



Husinec,
Bohemia





HUS = GOOSE

“When I was a hungry young student, I used to make a spoon out of bread in order to eat peas with it. Then I ate the spoon as well.”

Study: Univ. Prague







**Academic training to earn Master's degree and ordained to
priesthood in 1400/1401 at age 29**

Became part of faculty at Charles University in Prague

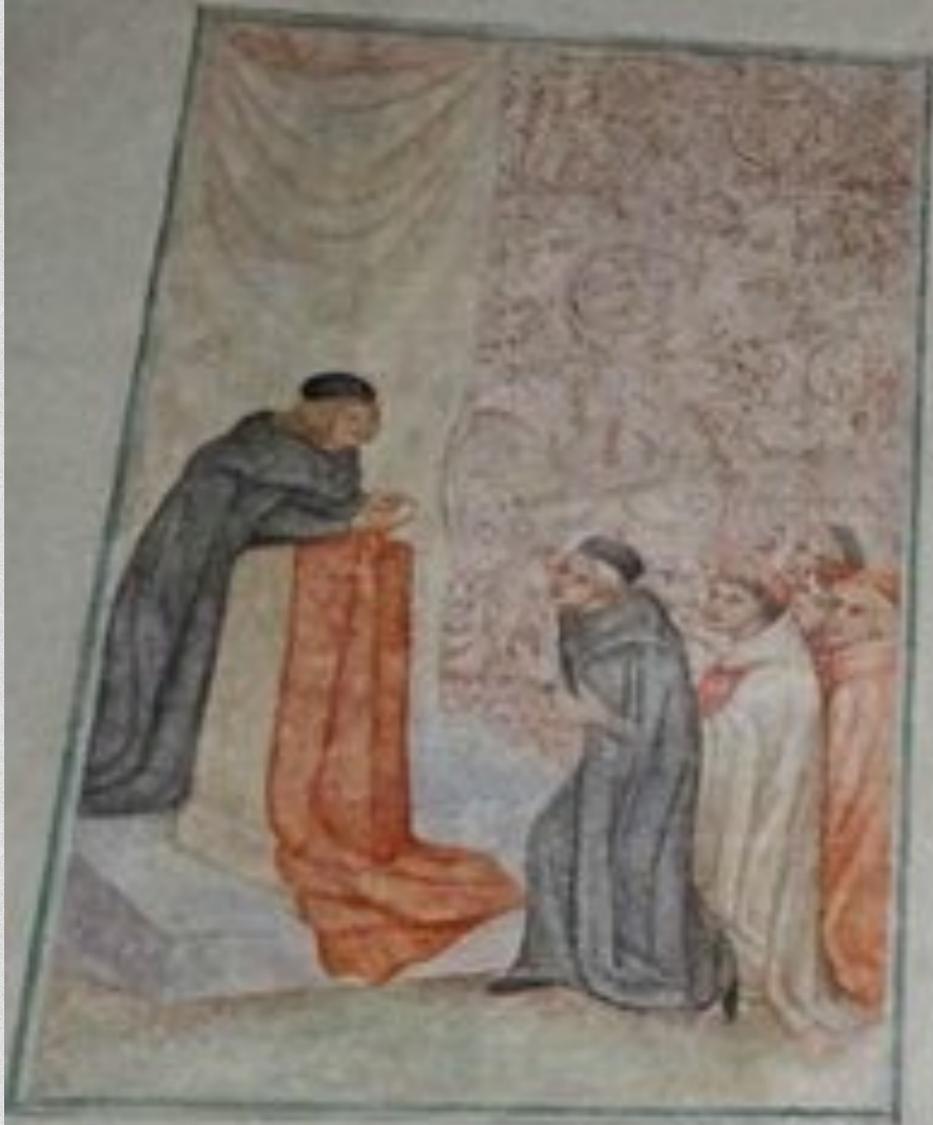
Preached at Bethlehem Chapel in Prague

Held 3000.

Sermons in vernacular not Latin







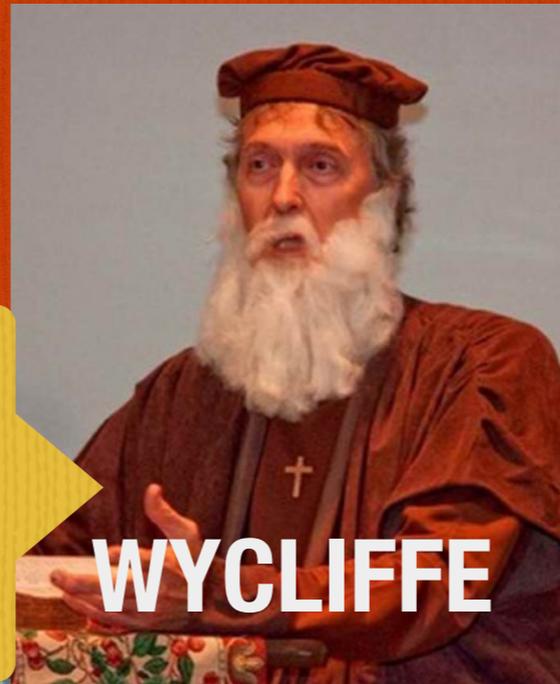
Katholikentag 1900 in Bonn

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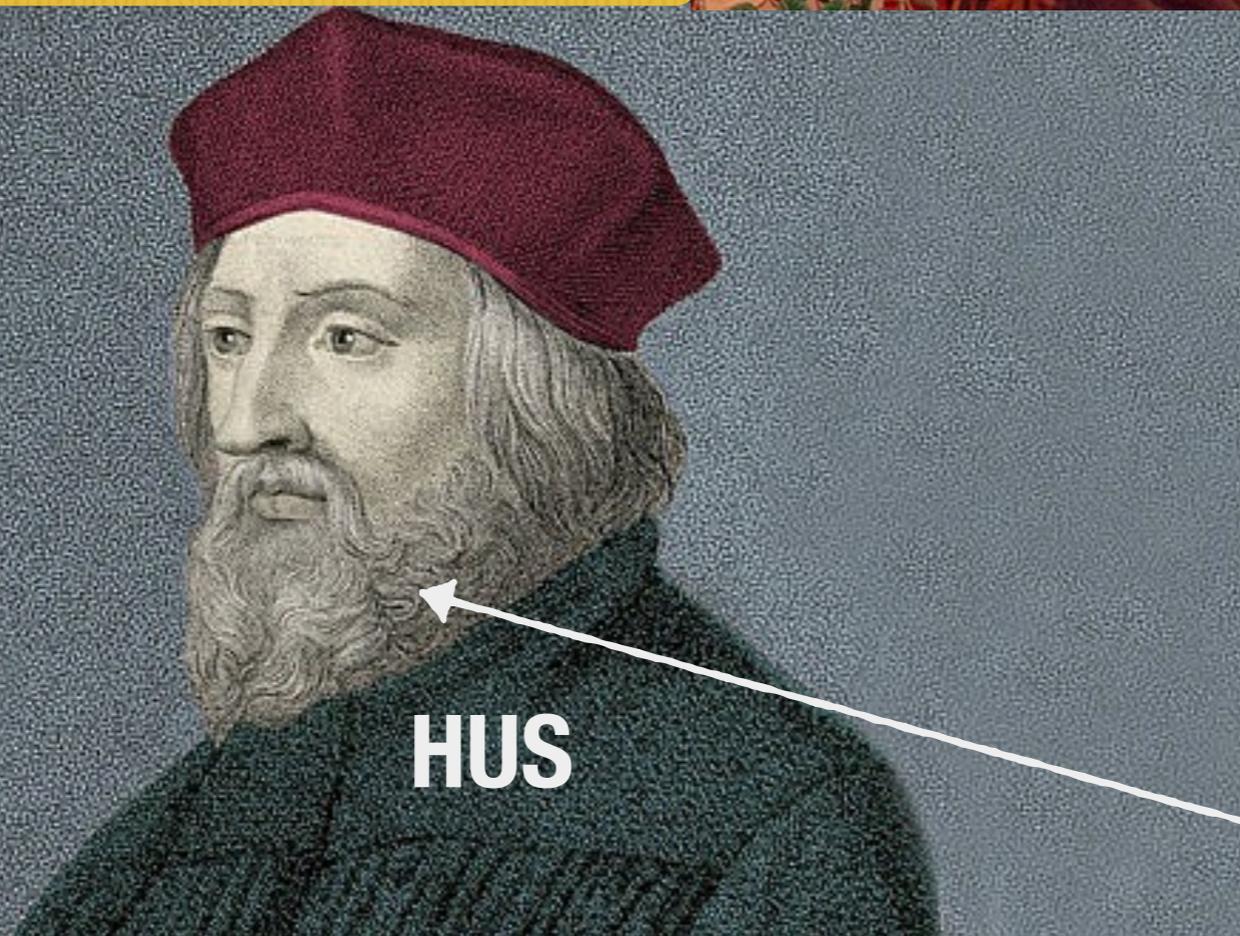
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**WHAT WERE THE VIEWS
TAUGHT AND PREACHED BY HUS?**

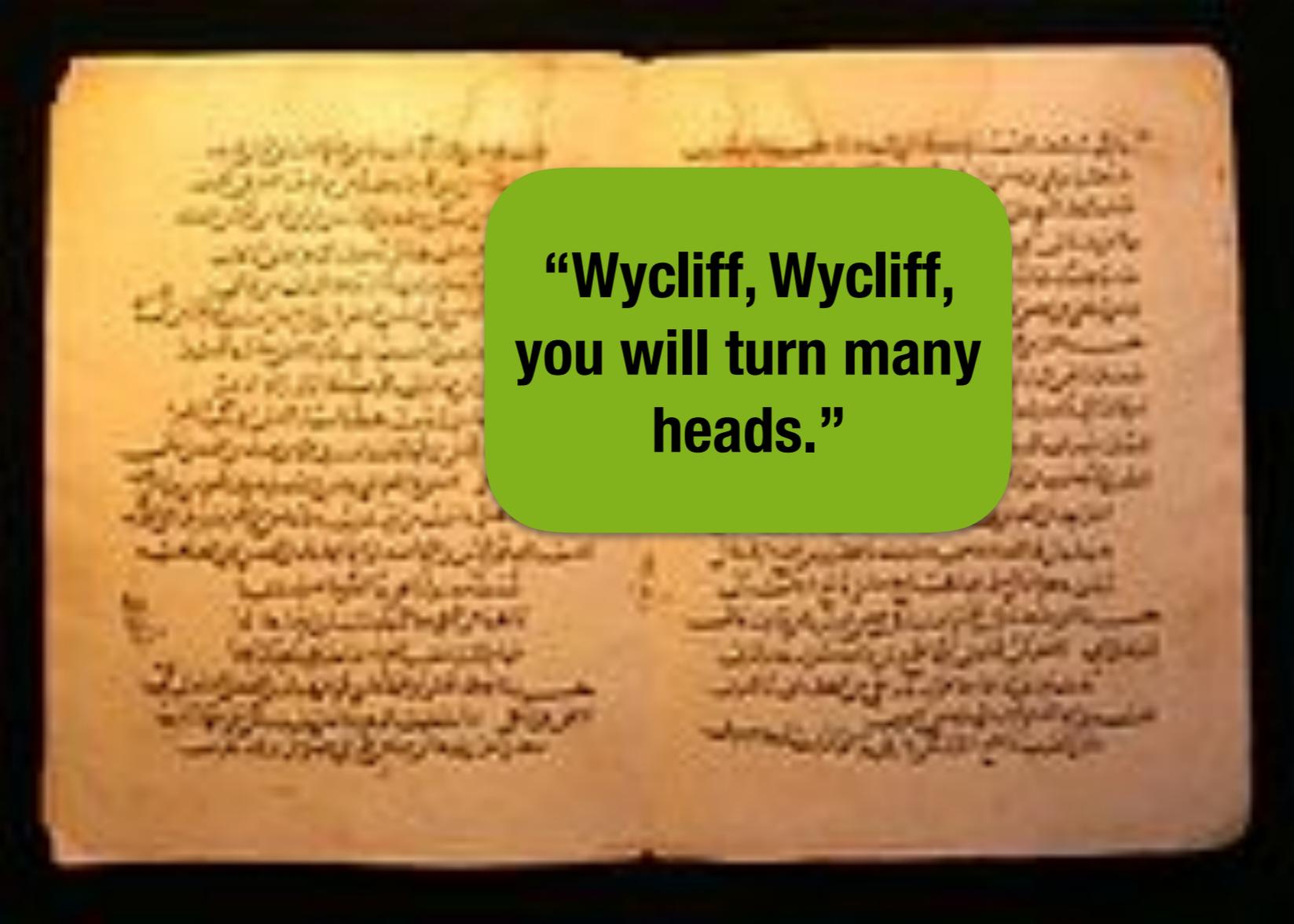
**YES, I WAS INFLUENCED BY THIS
MAN**



students from Oxford



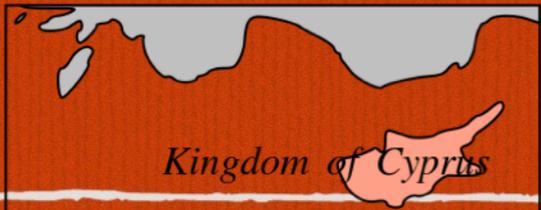
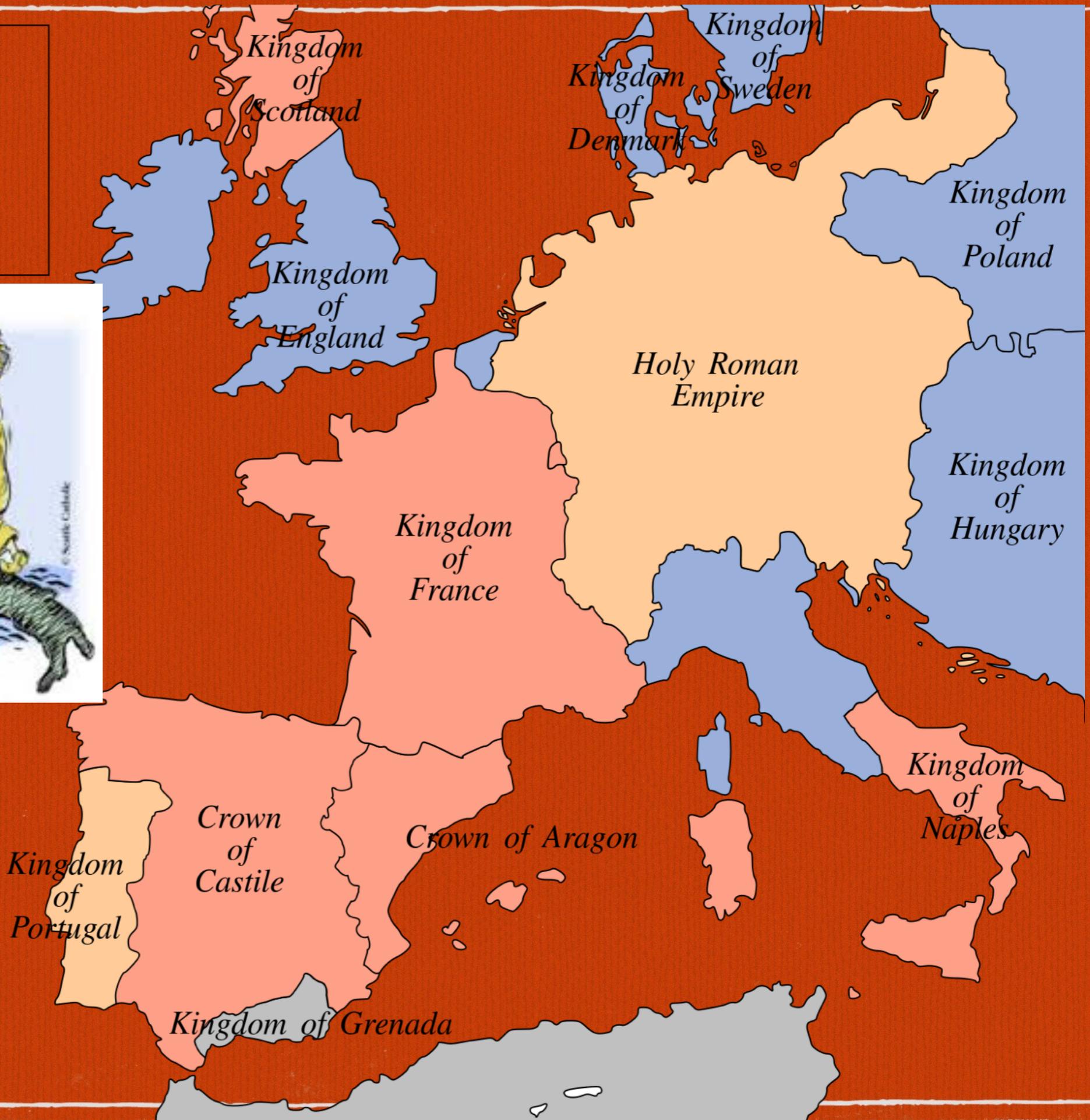
Returned to Prague



**“Wycliff, Wycliff,
you will turn many
heads.”**

The Western Schism
(1378-1417)

- Allegiance to Avignon
- Allegiance to Rome
- Variable allegiance
- Not applicable





King Vaclav IV (Wenceslaus)



WIFE OF WENCESLAUS DIED. WHY? MAULED BY DOGS IN HIS BED CHAMBER

“I shift my loyalty from Gregory XII to Pope Alexander. I want to end the papal schism and win back title of Holy Roman Emperor.”





Hus preached controversial views:

- * **Denounced appearances of Christ's blood on wafers.**
- * **Condemned sins of clergy**
- * **Spoke out against simony**
- * **Gave lay people access to communion cup**



**GROWING OPPOSITION
LED TO
A TRAGIC END**

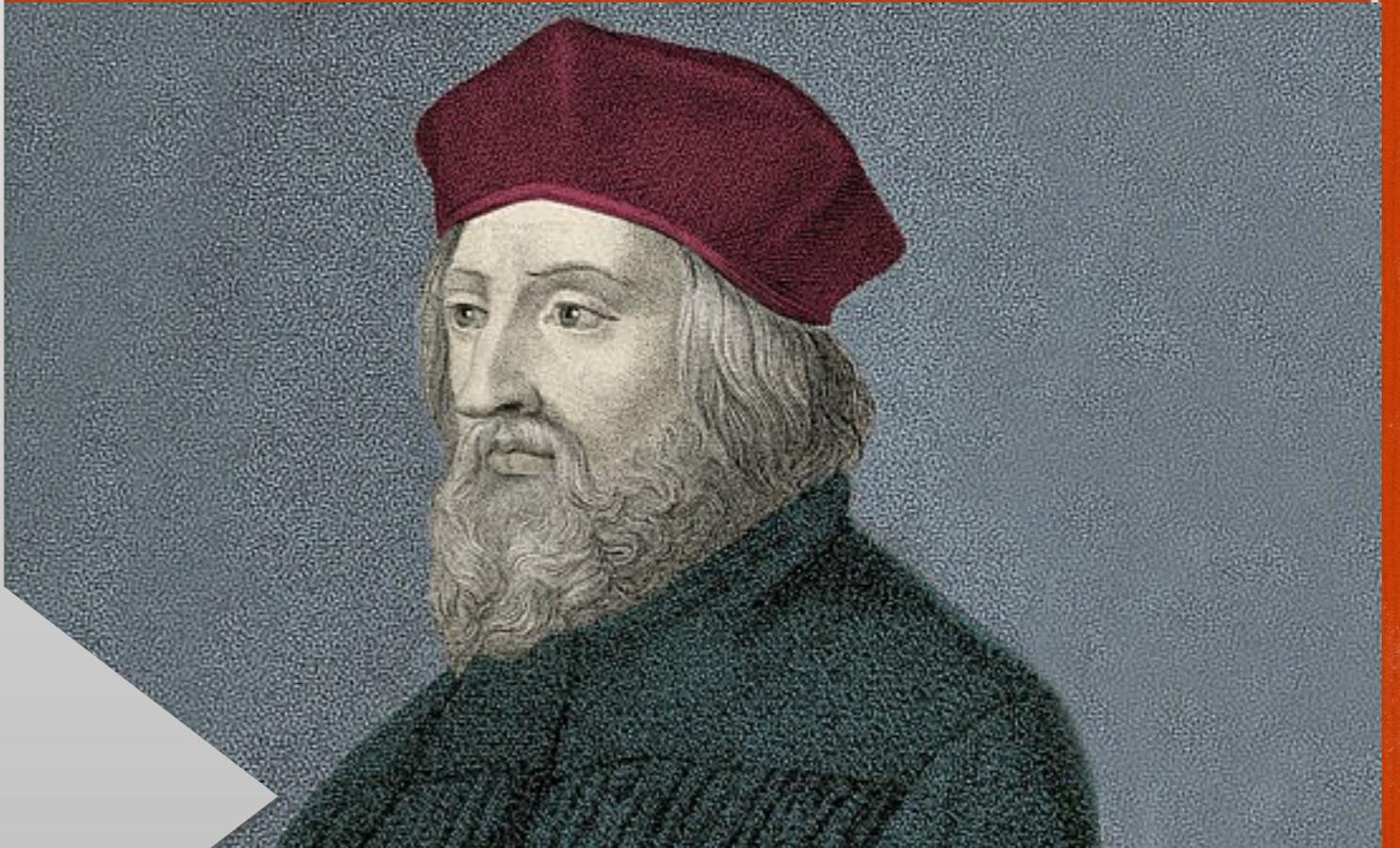
The image shows the interior of a church. The room is filled with rows of wooden pews with light-colored upholstered seats. The walls are light-colored and feature several tall, narrow, arched windows that let in bright light. A large, colorful mural is visible on the right wall. The floor is made of dark wood. Two yellow speech bubbles with black outlines are overlaid on the image, containing text.

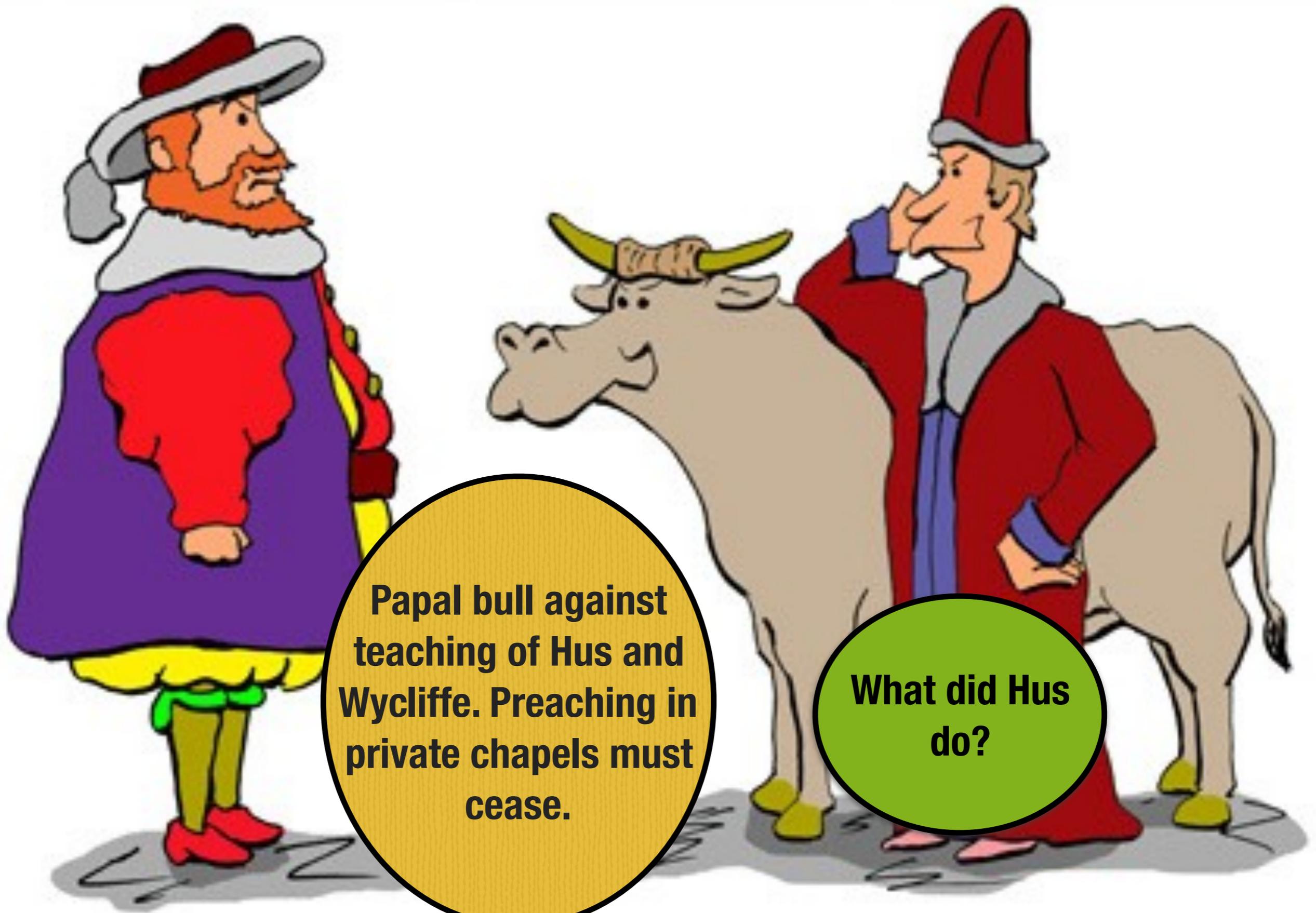
**I see some spies
in this church.....**

**Hey you in the
hood....**

Church authorities demand Hus come to hearing.

Hus successfully defends himself enjoying support from the crown and the public.





Papal bull against teaching of Hus and Wycliffe. Preaching in private chapels must cease.

What did Hus do?



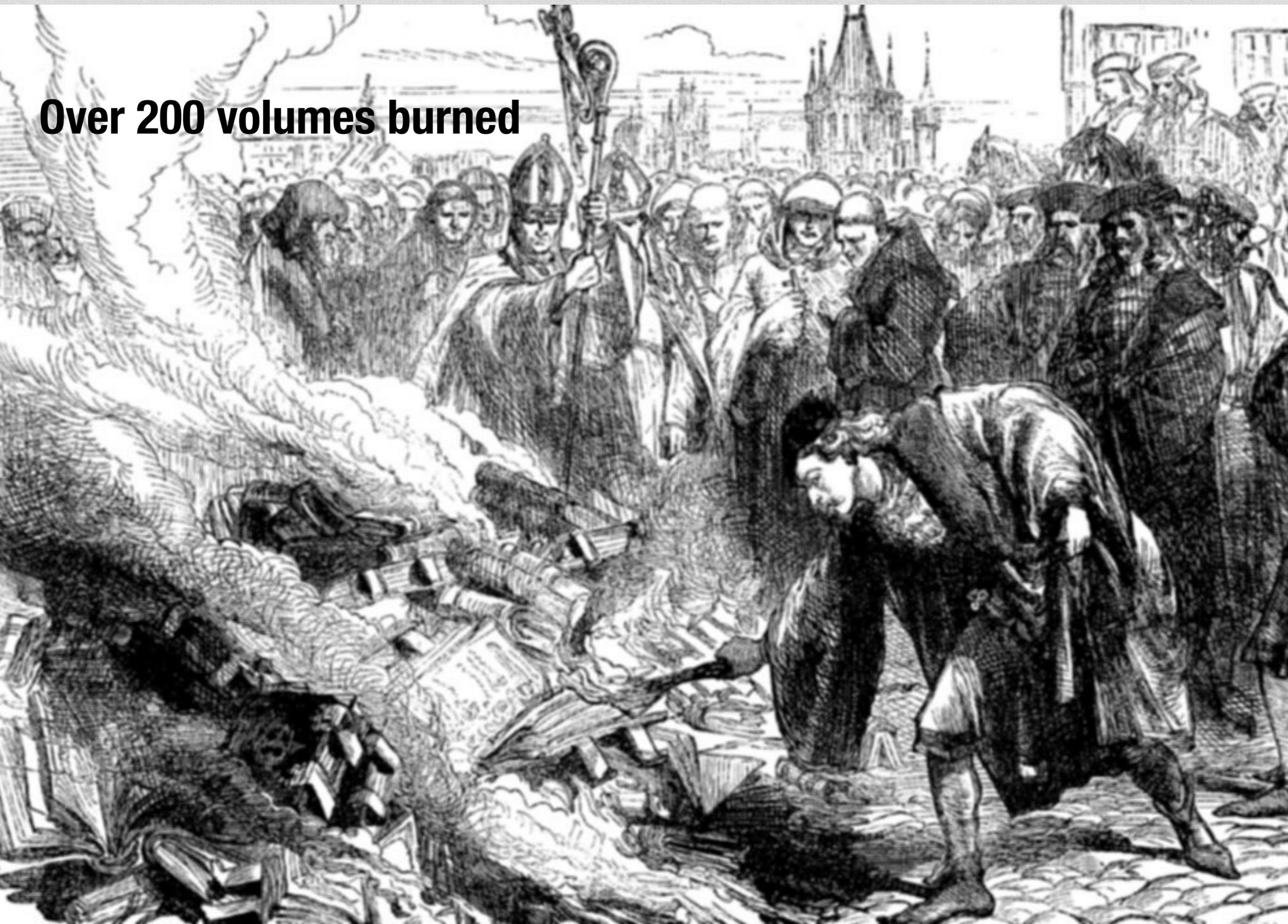
JOHN HUSS
1369–1415

Hus spoke publicly against the papal bull. He ended up with more than 2,000 worshipers declaring their willingness to stand with him against the archbishop and pope !!

“Led by Bernard Chotek, clad in armor and crossbows, halberts, and swords, they attacked Bethlehem while I was preaching... wishing to pull it down having conspired among themselves.”



Over 200 volumes burned



Archbishop fled here to Castle at Roudnice





People rioted, made posters ridiculing, scorned archbishop in popular songs

A close-up photograph of a bonfire of books. Bright orange and yellow flames rise from a pile of burning paper. In the foreground, several books are being consumed by the fire, their pages turning into black ash. The background is dark, making the fire stand out prominently. A semi-transparent orange-red box with a white chevron pattern is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing a quote in white text.

“I call it a poor business. Such bonfire never yet removed a single sin from the hearts of men. Fire does not consume truth. It is always the mark of a little mind that it vents its anger on animate objects. The books which have been burned are a loss to the whole people.”

*** EXCOMMUNICATION**

*** Aggravated
EXCOMMUNICATION**

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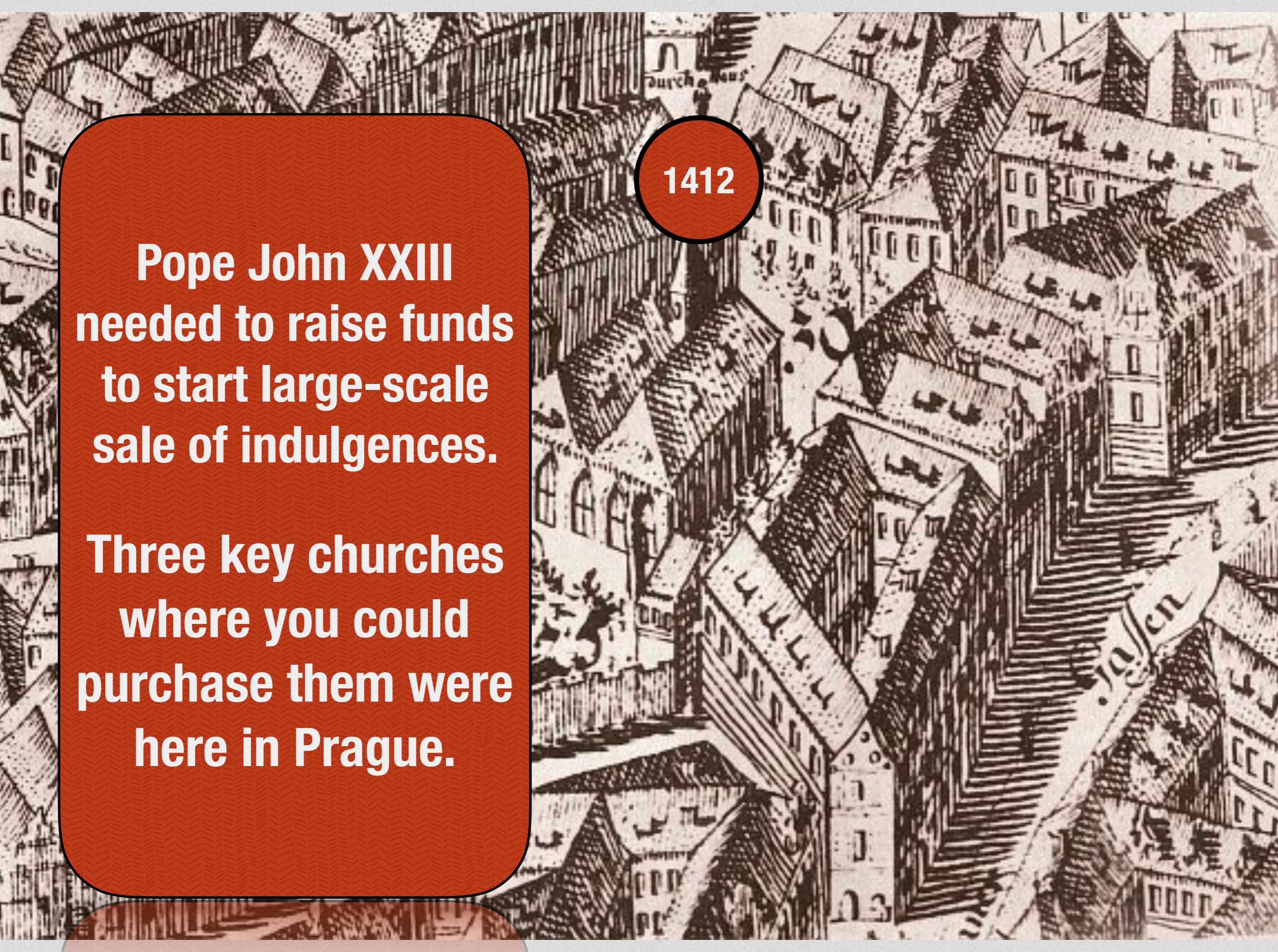


King Vaclav went into action so archbishop backed down and supported the king. Hus and his followers were cleared of all heresy.

Make public declaration; but Archbishop died under mysterious circumstances before announced...

Papal proceedings moved ahead. Hus ordered to appear in Bologna.





1412

**Pope John XXIII
needed to raise funds
to start large-scale
sale of indulgences.**

**Three key churches
where you could
purchase them were
here in Prague.**



Jan Hus

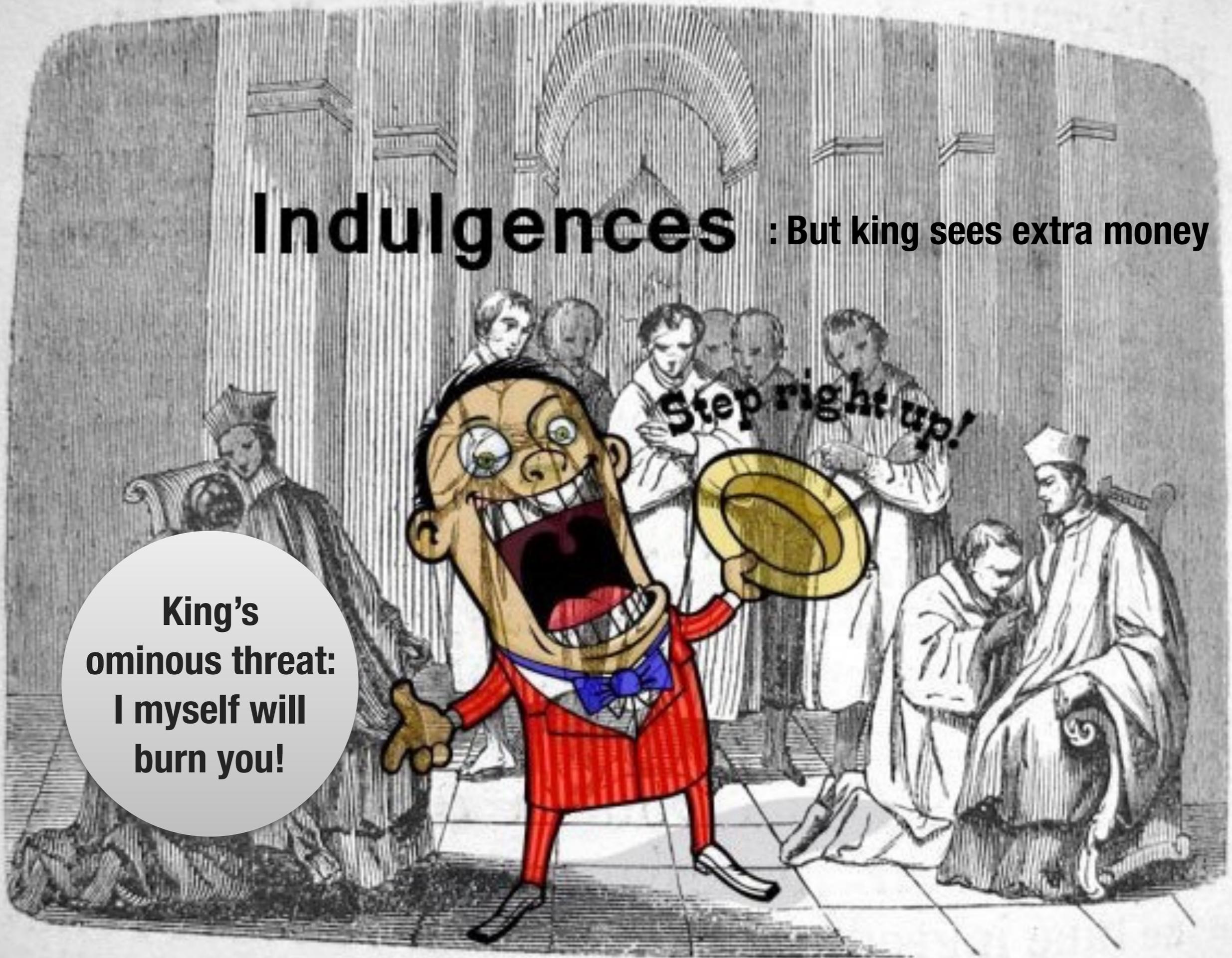
I was so outraged that I began to preach against this practice. So I was cited to appear before the newly elected archbishop of Prague. I refused to submit.

My reply: “Even if the fire to burn my body were placed before my eyes, I would not obey.....Shall I keep silent? God forbid. Woe is me, if I keep silent. It is better for me to die than not to speak against such wickedness, which would make me a participant in their guilt and hell.”

Indulgences : But king sees extra money

King's
ominous threat:
I myself will
burn you!

Step right up!



**Hus excommunicated
for 4th time.**

**Voluntarily went into exile
(10/15/1412) for two years in
villages of southern Bohemia.**



COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE, GERMANY - FALL OF 1414 by Pope John XXIII





**Hus mounted horse in
Rabstyn Oct. 11, 1414 to head
to Constance, Germany**

TRAP????

**“the
goose is
not yet
cooked
and is not
afraid of
being
cooked.”**

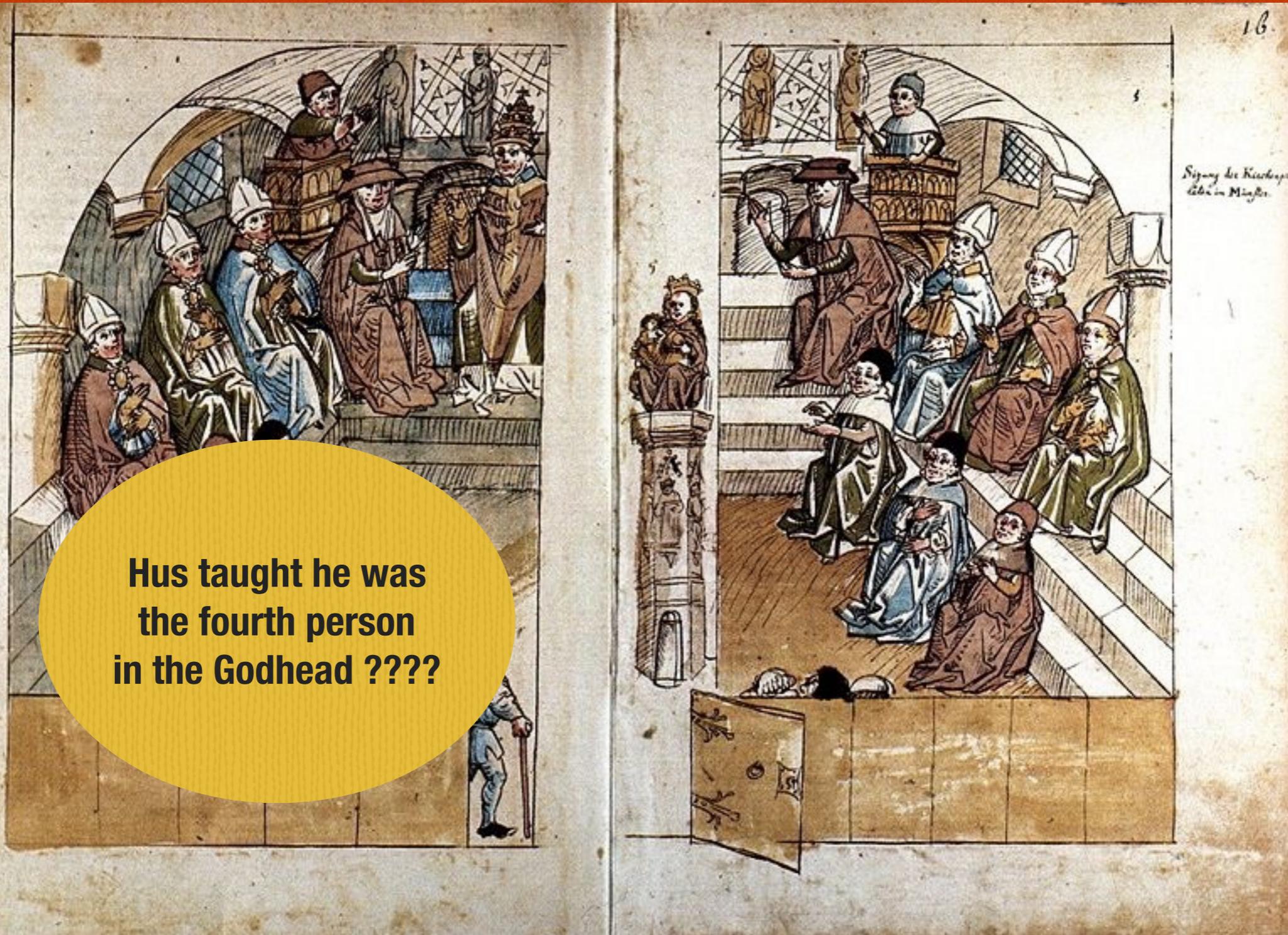


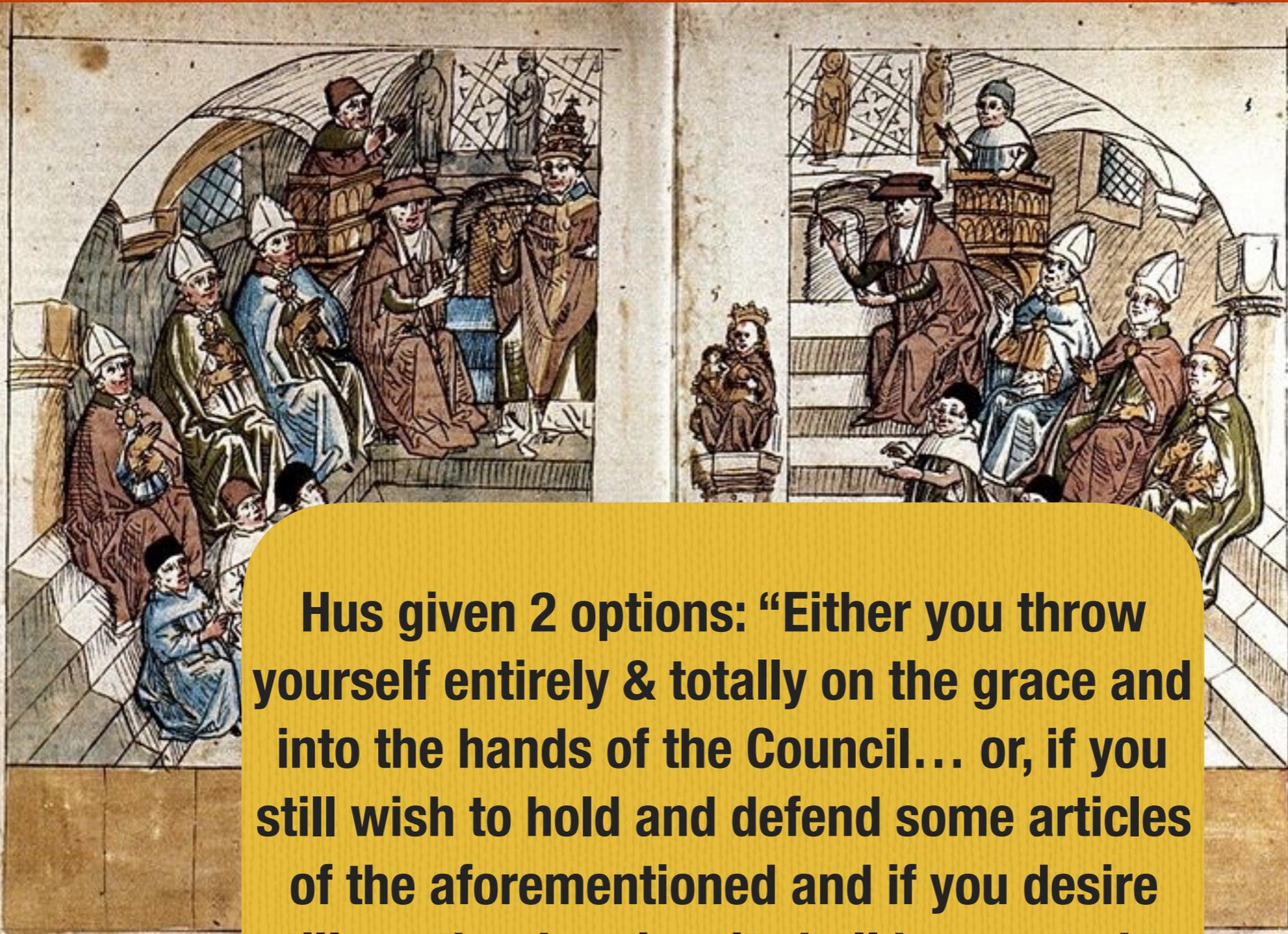


**HUS THROWN IN
PRISON**

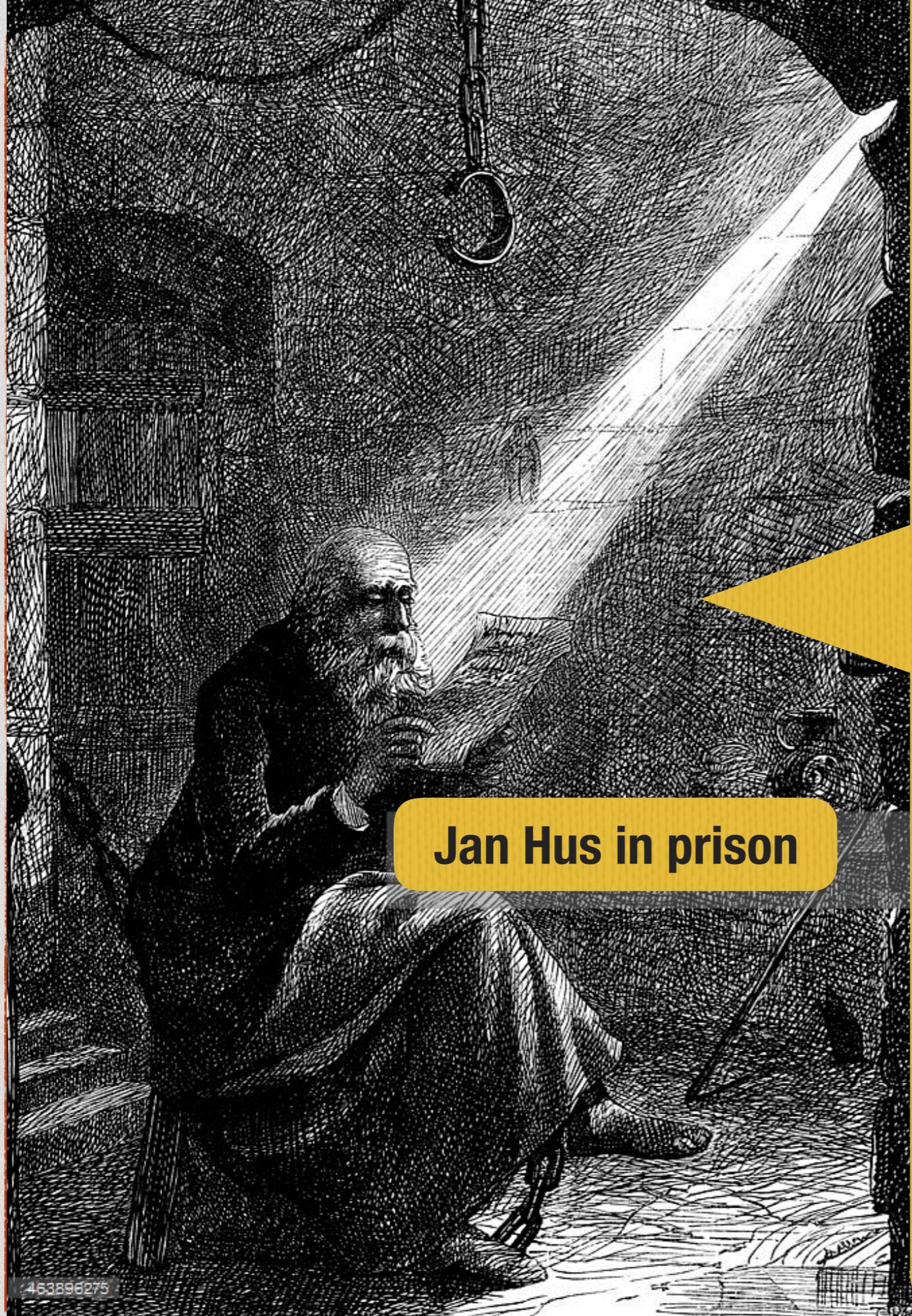
**DENIED OPPORTUNITY
TO DEFEND HIS IDEAS
OR RESPOND TO
CHARGES**

30 FINAL CHARGES PRESENTED AGAINST HUS





Hus given 2 options: “Either you throw yourself entirely & totally on the grace and into the hands of the Council... or, if you still wish to hold and defend some articles of the aforementioned and if you desire still another hearing, it shall be granted to you.”



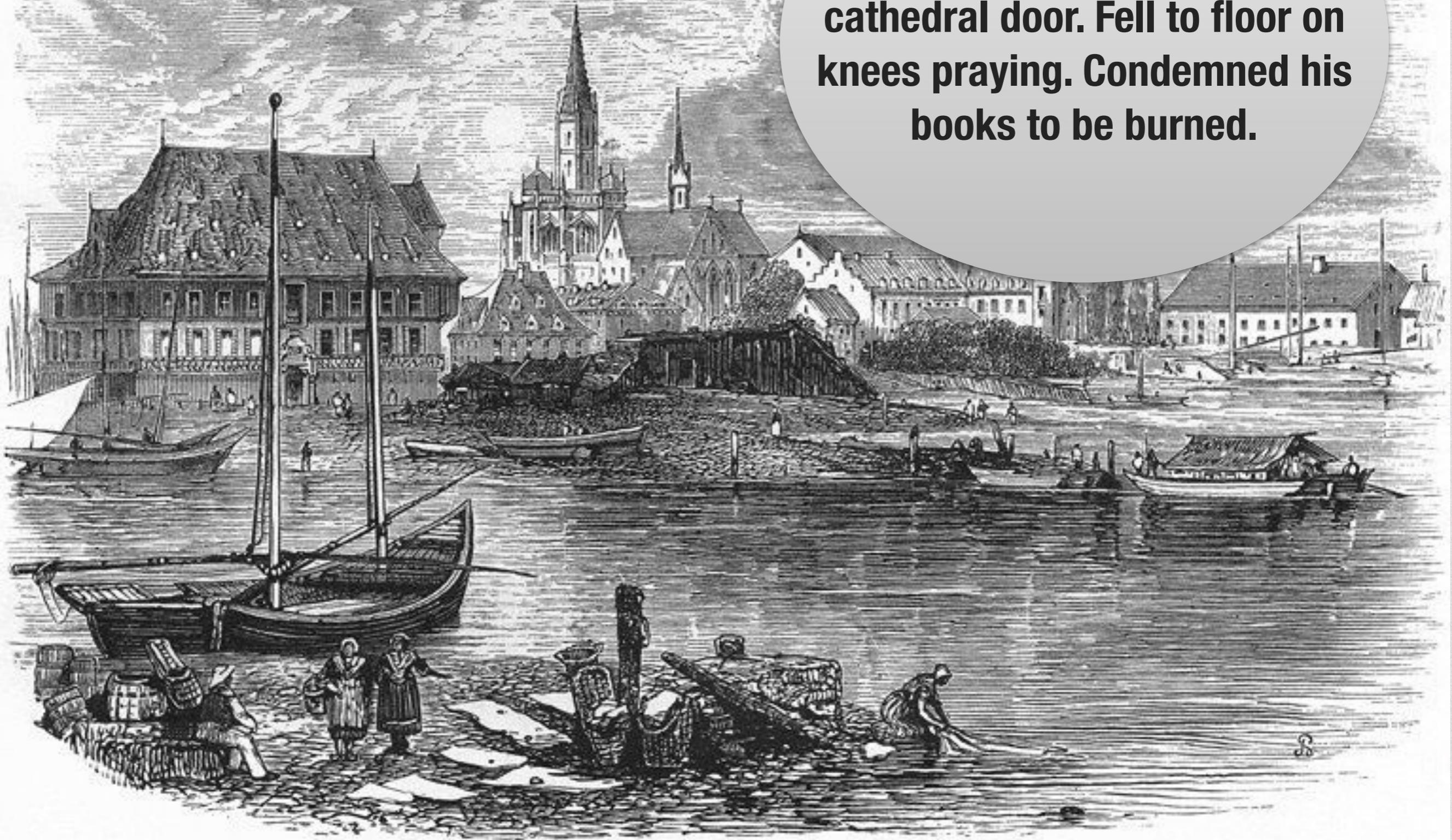
Jan Hus in prison

**Show me from Scripture
my errors!**

**Bishop dismissed him as
“obstinate in heresy”**

**So Hus was condemned
to death!**

Archbishop led Hus to cathedral door. Fell to floor on knees praying. Condemned his books to be burned.



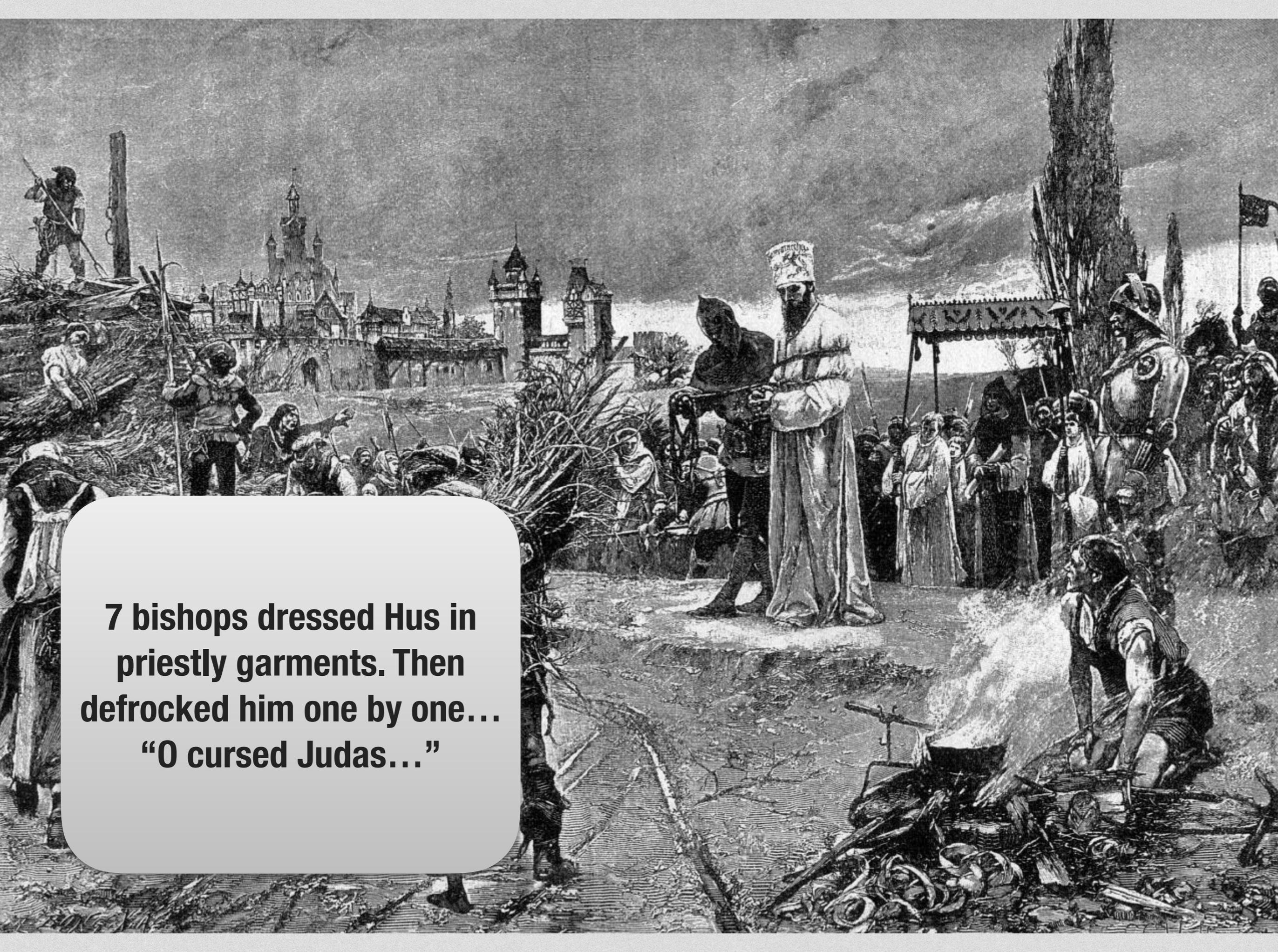
**Hus prayed
aloud that Christ
might forgive his
accusers.**

**But they simply
jeered him!**



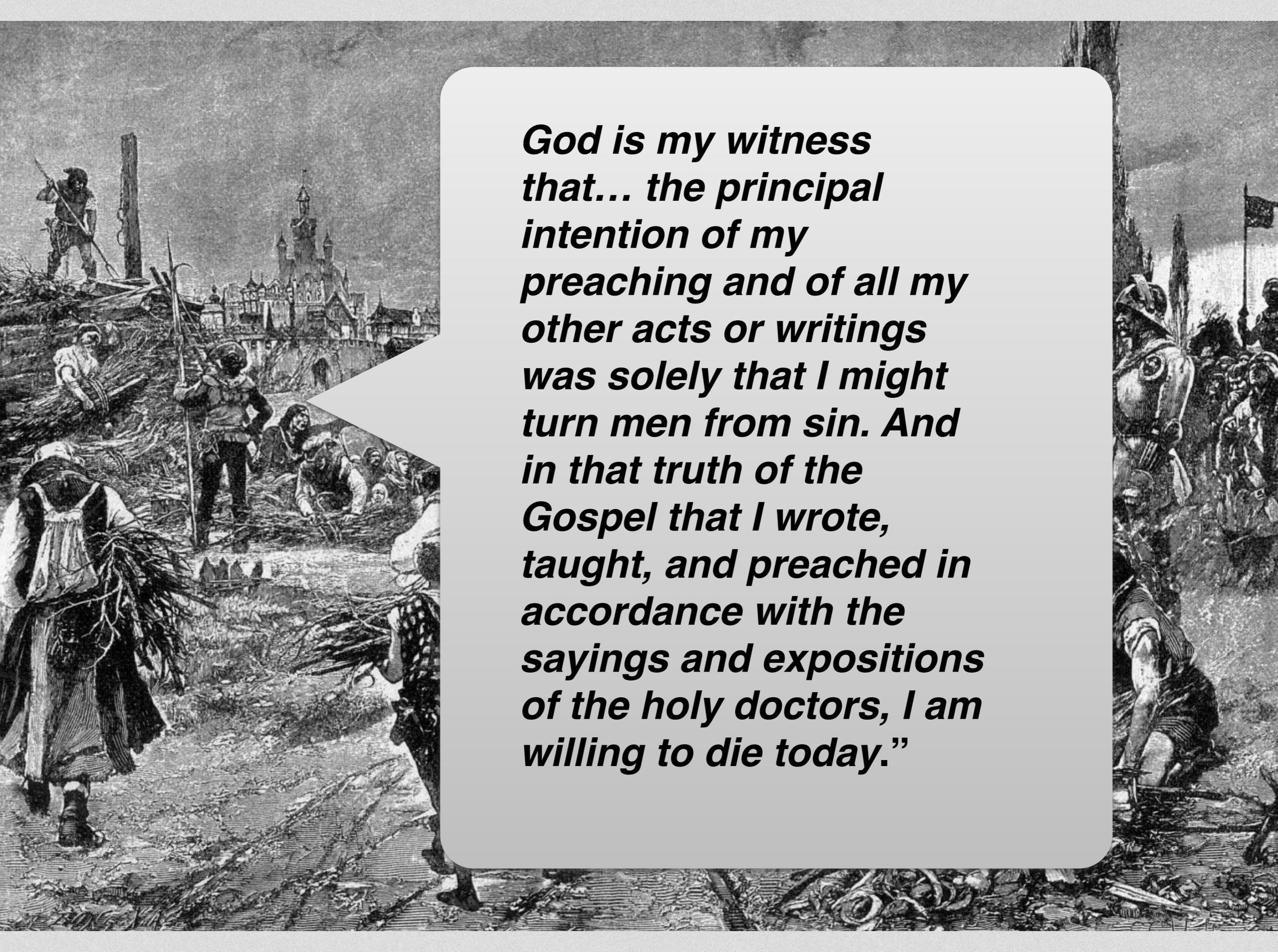
Jan Hus

**Given one final
offer: RECANT
OR DIE !**

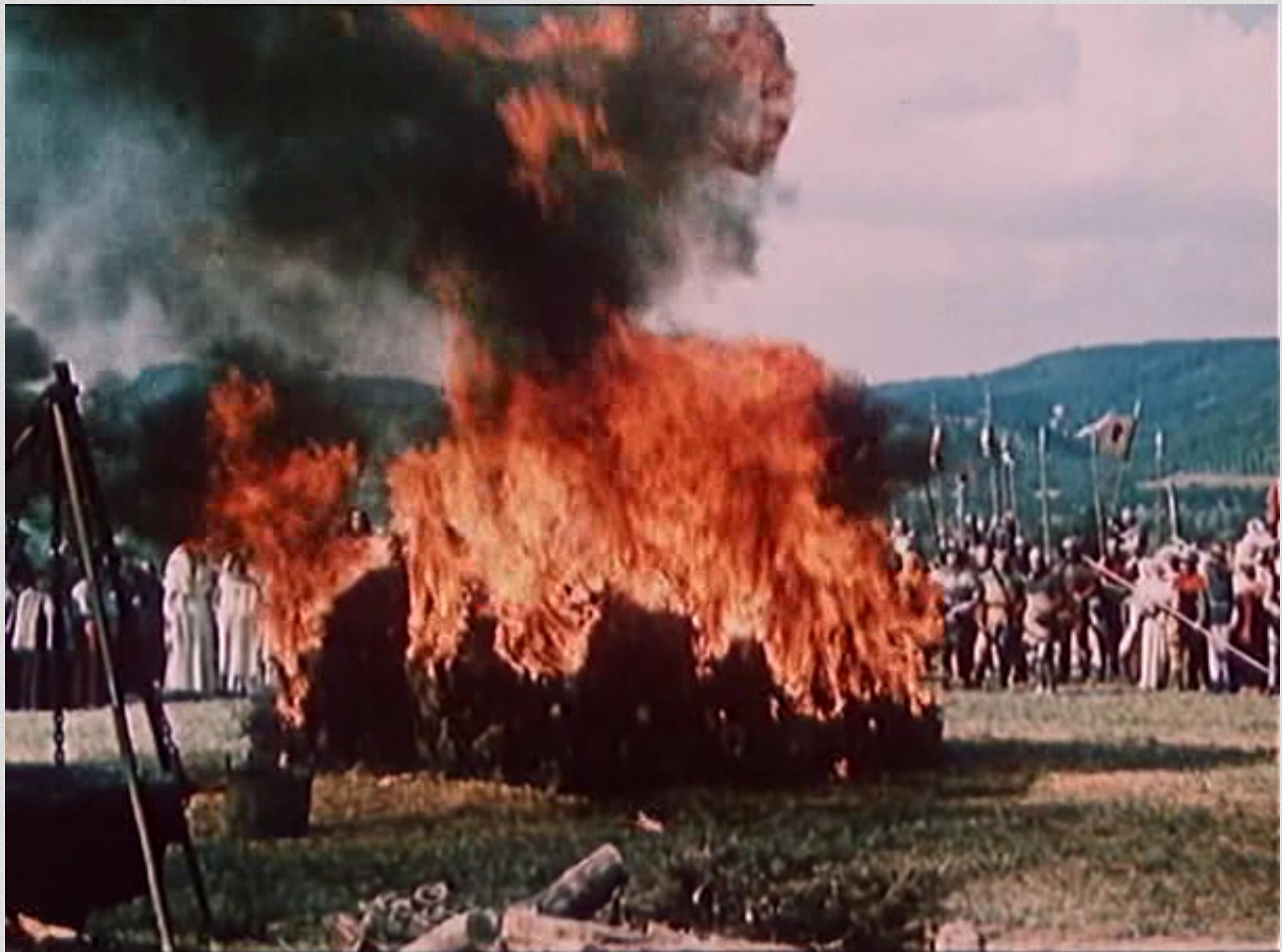


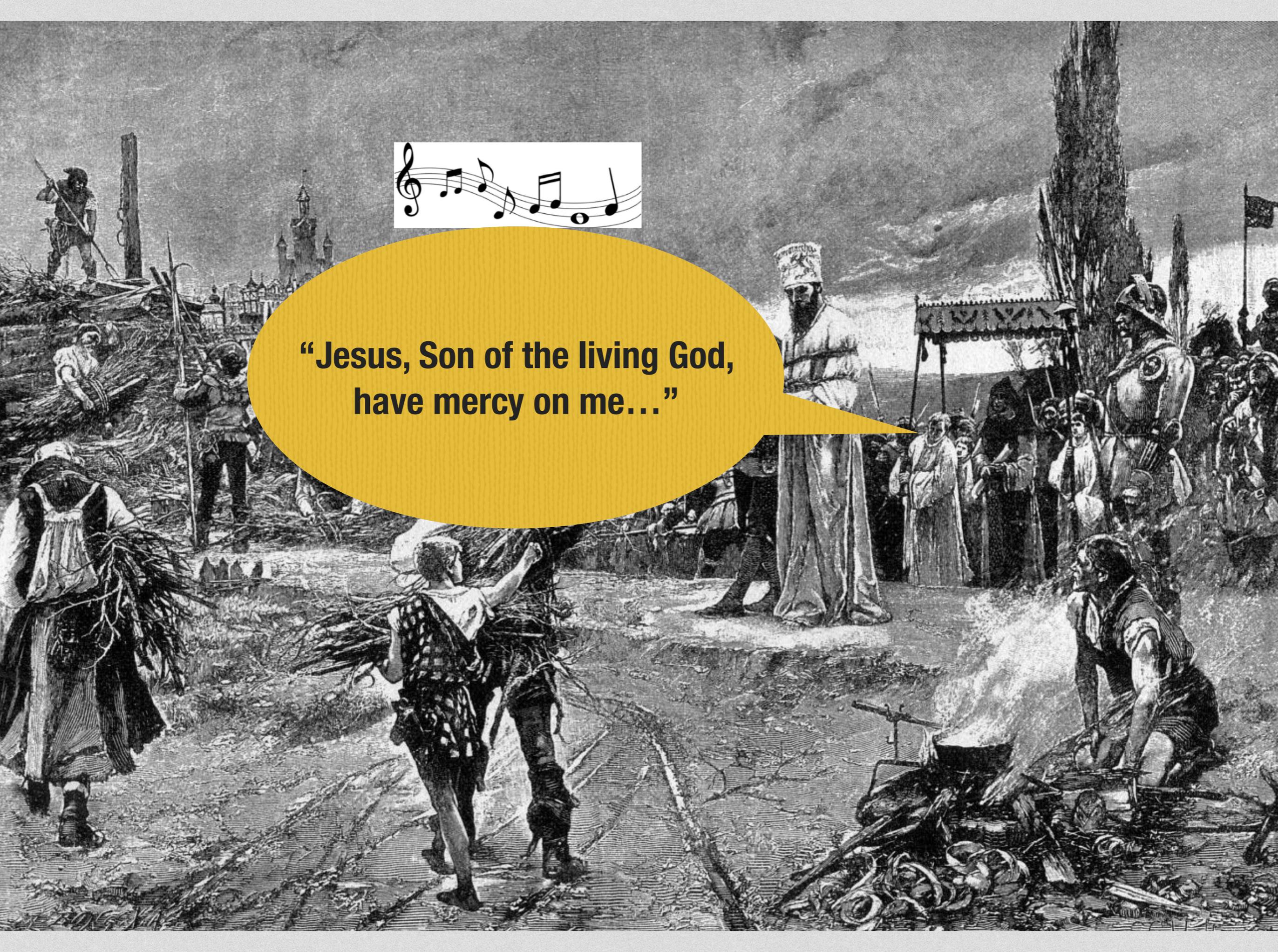
**7 bishops dressed Hus in
priestly garments. Then
defrocked him one by one...
“O cursed Judas...”**





God is my witness that... the principal intention of my preaching and of all my other acts or writings was solely that I might turn men from sin. And in that truth of the Gospel that I wrote, taught, and preached in accordance with the sayings and expositions of the holy doctors, I am willing to die today.”





**“Jesus, Son of the living God,
have mercy on me...”**

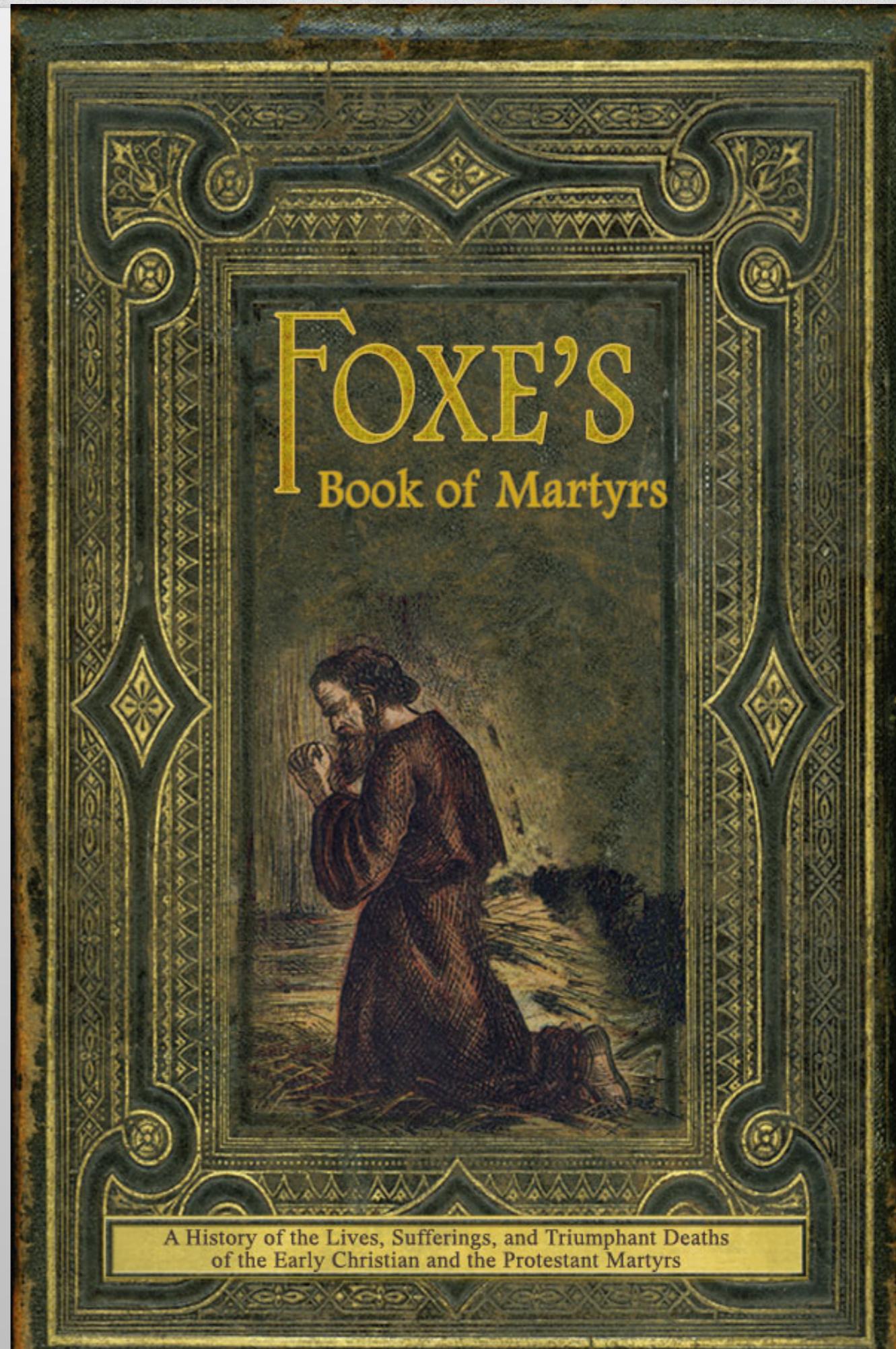
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IMPACT OF HUS'S MARTYRDOM

***Infuriated his followers & stirred a spirit of Bohemian nationalism**

***Catholic Church offered compromise solutions to bring the Hussites back into the church. Still many continued to support the Reformation**

The Four Articles of Prague

1. That throughout the Kingdom of Bohemia the Word of God be proclaimed and preached freely by Christian priests.

2. That the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of God, in both kinds, bread and wine, be given freely to all true Christians who are not barred from it by deadly sin; just as our Saviour inaugurated it and ordered it.

3. Whereas many priests and monks, by force of temporal law, command great earthly possessions, this being against the orders of Christ, to the detriment of their priestly office, and to the great disadvantage of the lords of the temporal estates; that those priests be deprived of such unlawful power, and that according to the Scriptures they live exemplary lives and be led back to the ways of Christ and the Apostles.

4. That all mortal sins and especially those that are committed publicly, as well as other disorders offending against the Law of God shall be properly and sensibly prohibited and punished in each estate by those who have the authority to do so; and that evil and slanderous rumours about this country be cleansed away, thus insuring the general welfare of the Bohemian Kingdom and Nation.



“I was overwhelmed with astonishment... I could not understand for what cause they had burnt so great a man, who explained the Scriptures with so much gravity and skill.”

“Today you will roast a lean goose; but a hundred years from now you will hear a swan sing, whom you will leave unfrosted and no trap or net will catch him for you.”



**Prophecy at
his death...**



Motto of Hus:
“Truth conquers all.”



TIME

Is
Truth
Dead?



TRUTH



WILLIAM TYNDALE
c. 1536

BURNED AT THE STAKE FOR
TRANSLATING THE BIBLE INTO THE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

NEXT TIME
2 weeks