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#1 - The first 300 years (or so)...

#2 - Christianity & Constantine

#3 - Augustine, Charlemagne + 1?

#4 - Crusading – Character or Crisis?

Power over or Power with?

Ephesians 5:1-2

*Be imitators of God,
therefore as dearly loved children and live a life of love
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a
fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

“Live a Life of Love”

*St. Basilmerick
Apr 17 1610*

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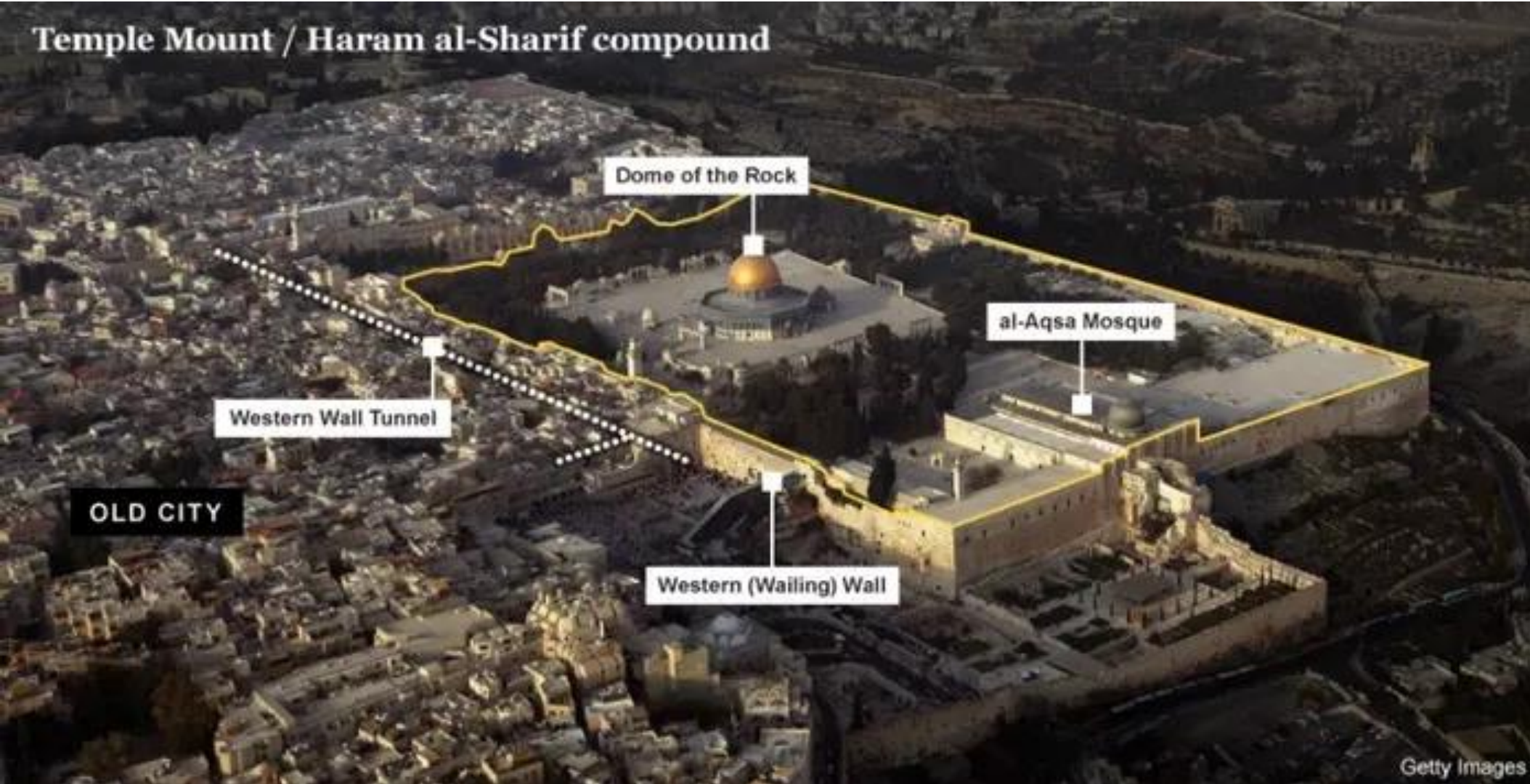
- 5 Points whereby military intervention is just:
1. The goal is to establish mutual peace between parties;
 2. It is waged only in self-defence or to recover stolen property;
 3. Soldiers exercise maximum restraint in hostilities (a proportional response);
 4. Fighting is conducted 'with such respect for humanity as to leave the opponent without the sense of being humiliated and resentful' and;
 5. Prisoners of war are preserved, not (as often happened) executed.

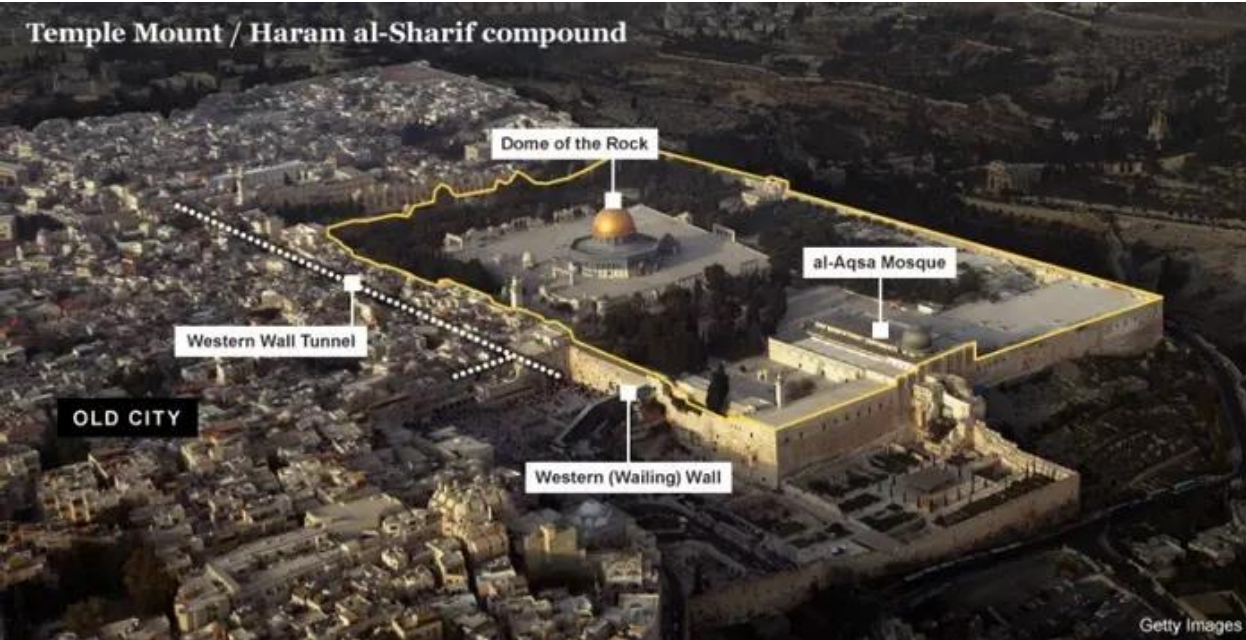
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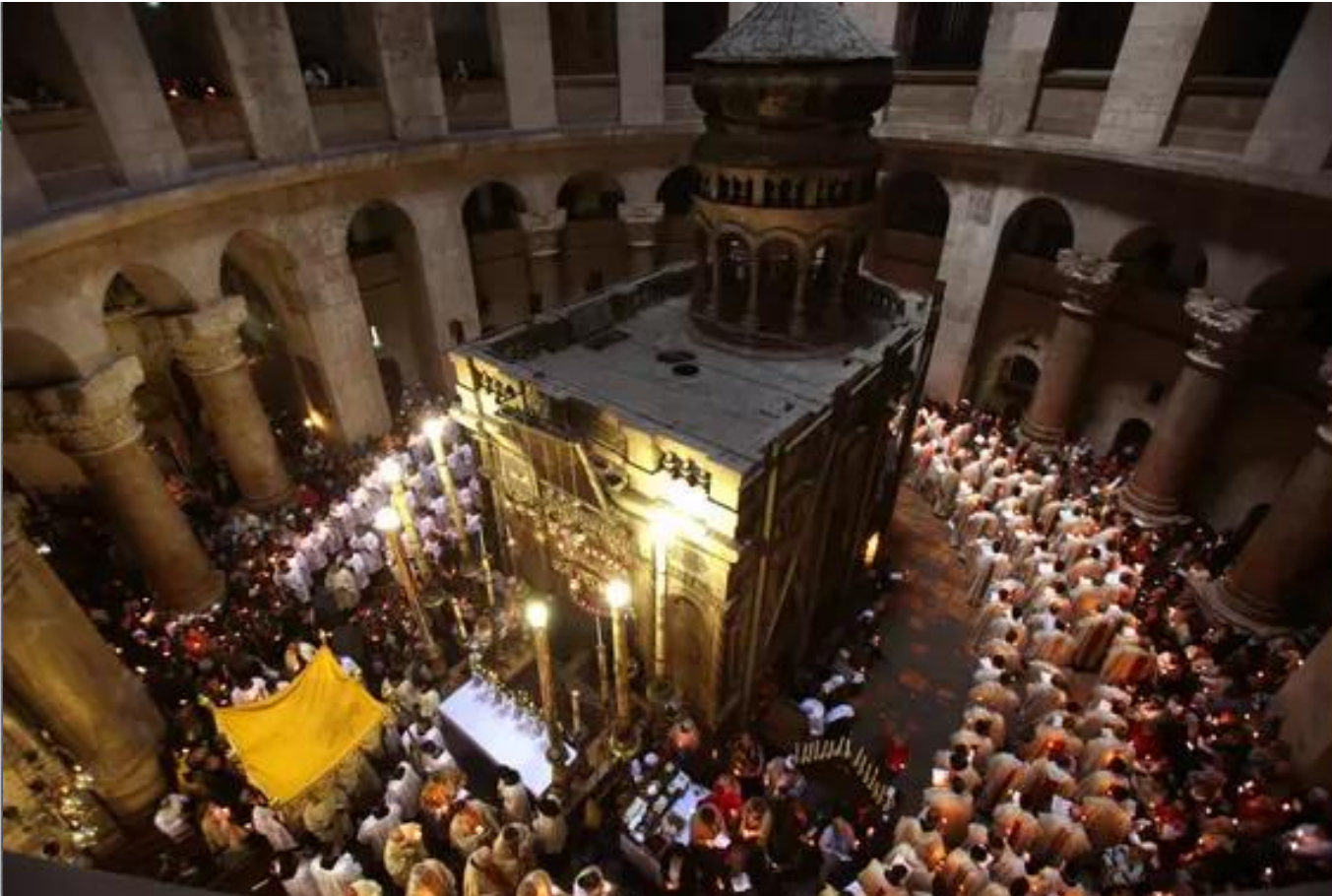
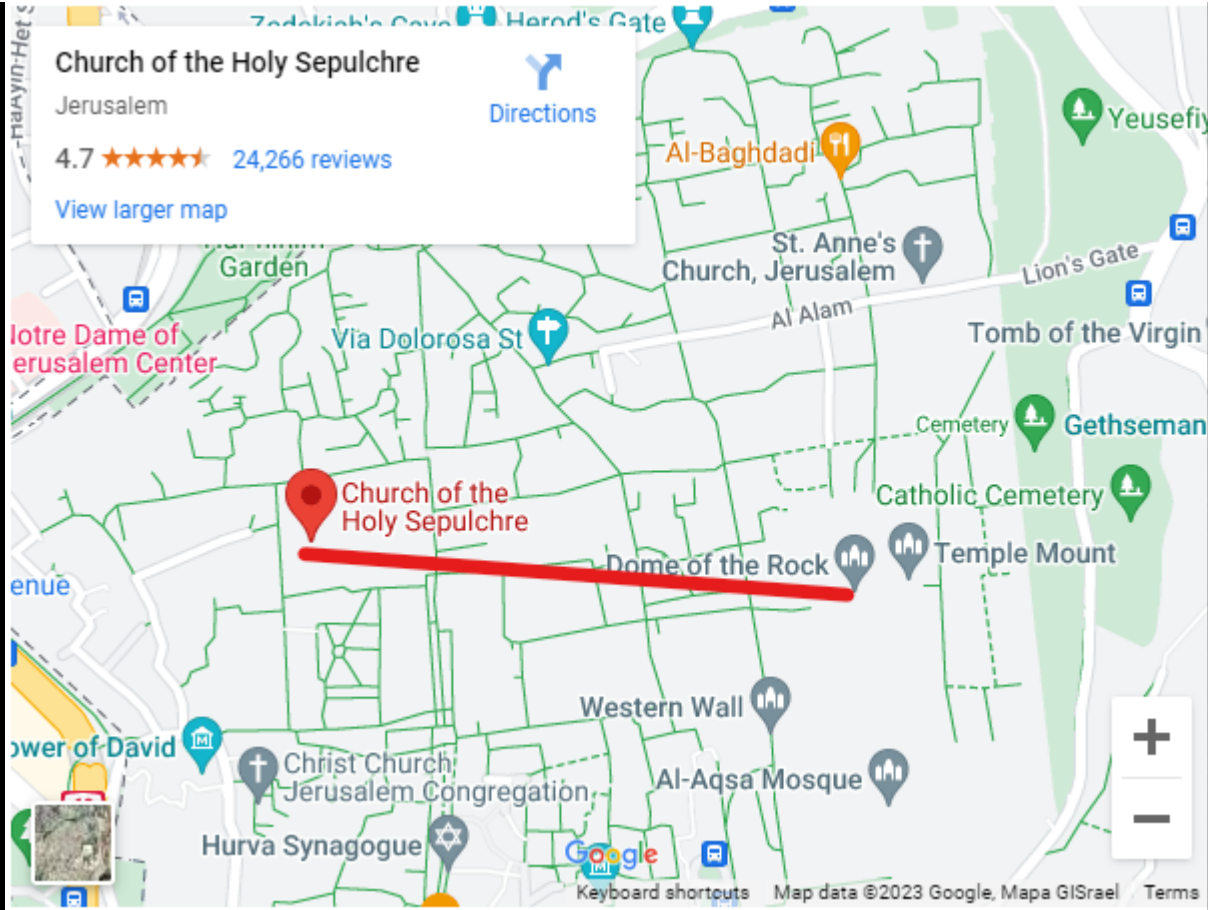
Temple Mount / Haram al-Sharif compound

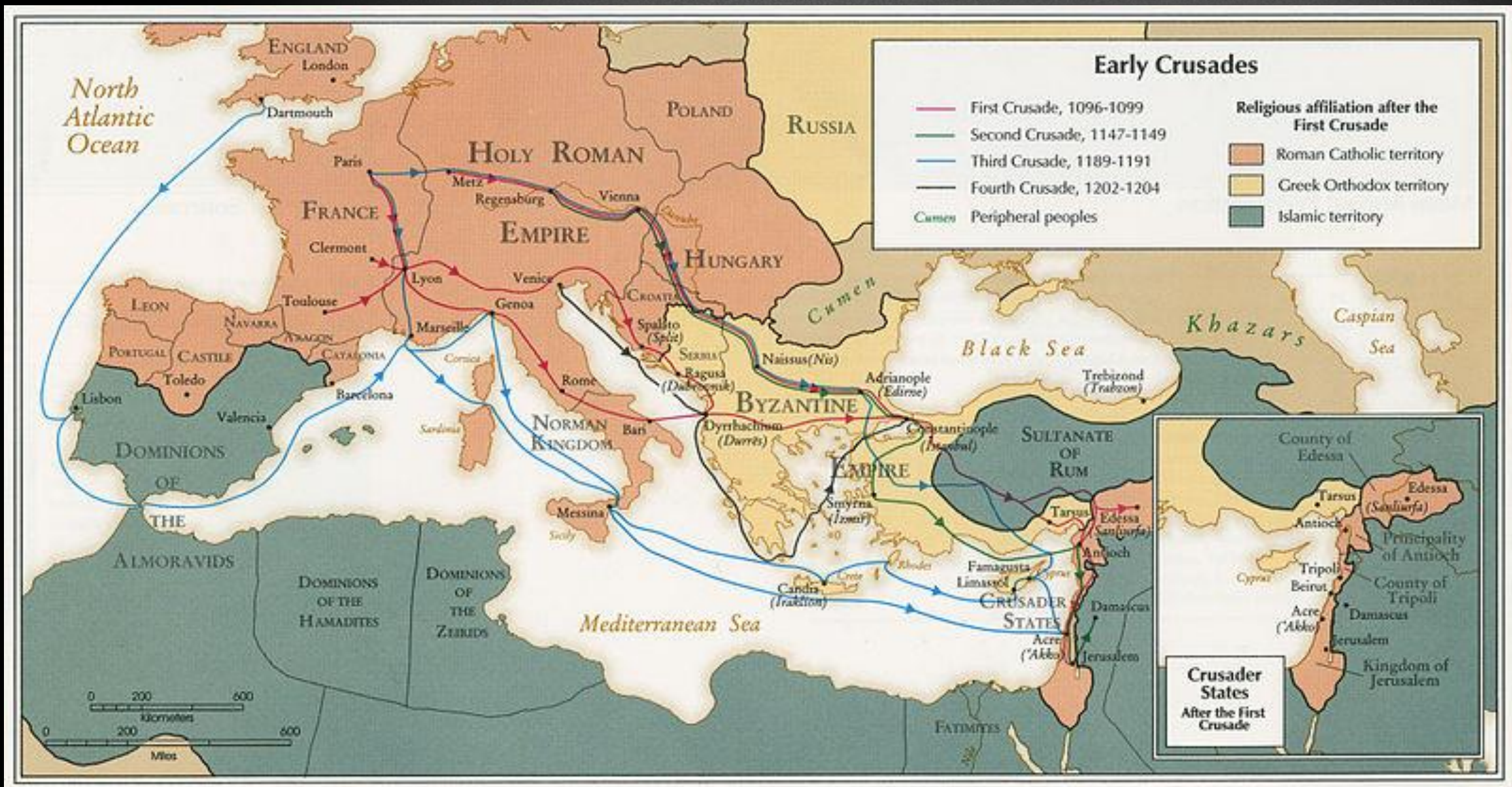




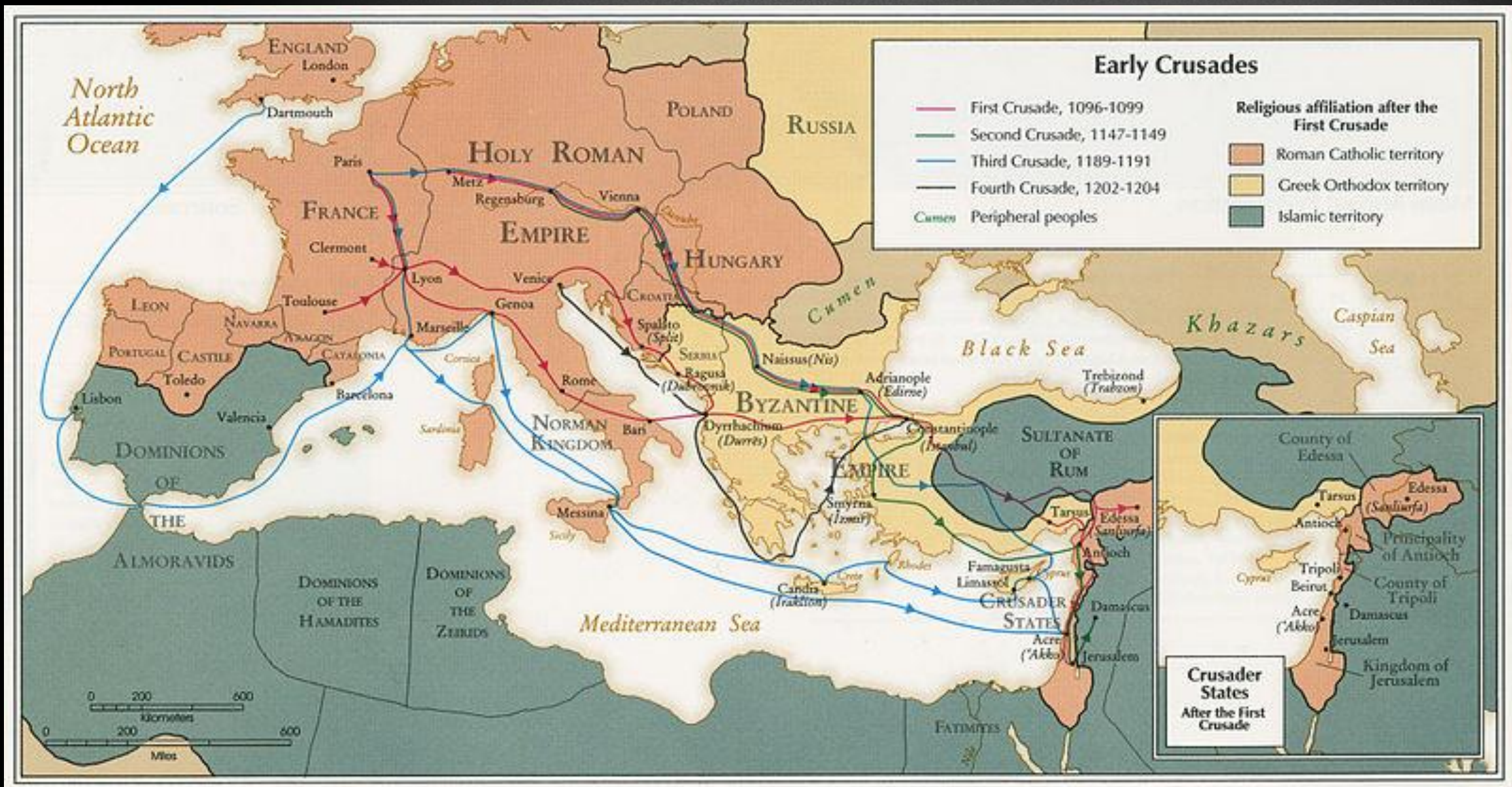
Raymond of Aguilers a leader of the 1st crusade recorded:

Wonderful sights were to be seen. Some of our men cut off the heads of their enemies; others shot them with arrows, so that they fell from the towers; others tortured them longer by casting them into the flames. Piles of heads, hands and feet were to be seen in the streets of the city... It was a just and splendid judgement of God that this place should be filled with the blood of the unbelievers, since it had suffered so long from their blasphemies.





If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it.' (Mark 8:34-35).







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So What?



WHO ARE WE?

A silhouette of a person standing on a mountain peak against a starry night sky. The person is centered in the lower half of the frame, looking up at the vast, star-filled sky. The mountains are dark and silhouetted against the lighter, starry background.

1 John 4:9-11 *“God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.*

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

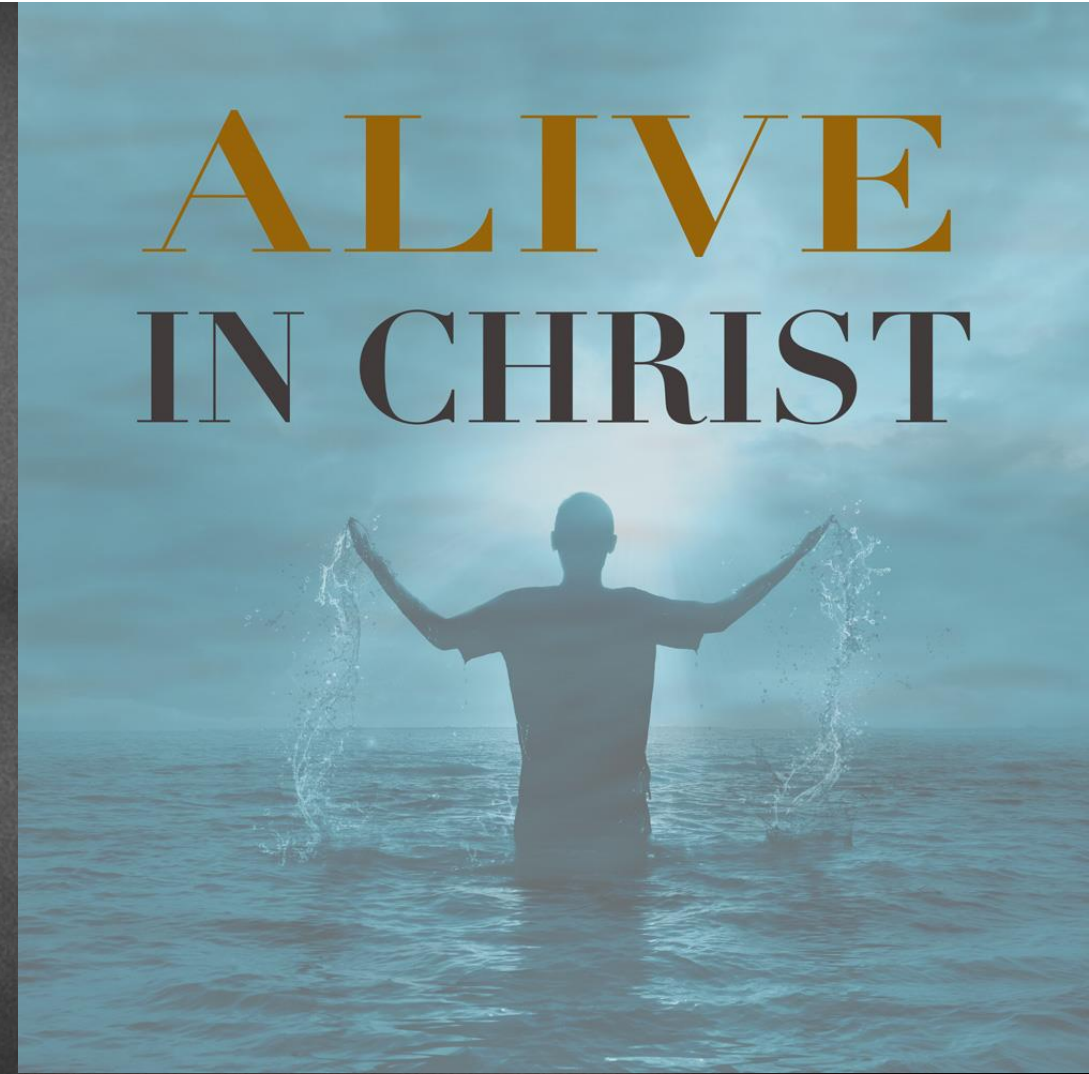
Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.”



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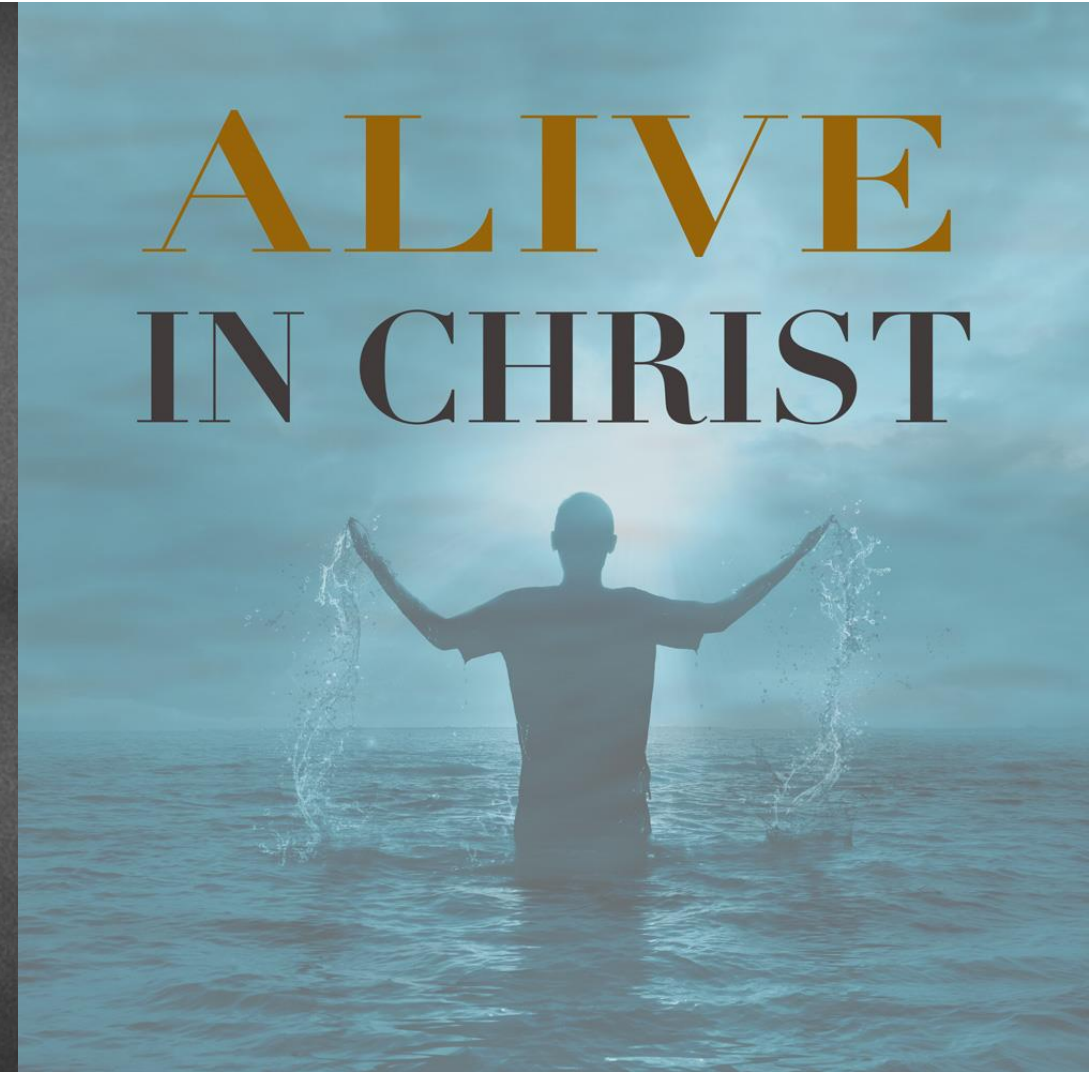
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Which one?



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Motivated by doing or being?

Shhh... do you hear that still small voice?

What does love look like today?

The entire law is summed up in a single command, love your neighbour as yourself. Galatians 5:14

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Values

Everyone...

Motivated by doing or being?