

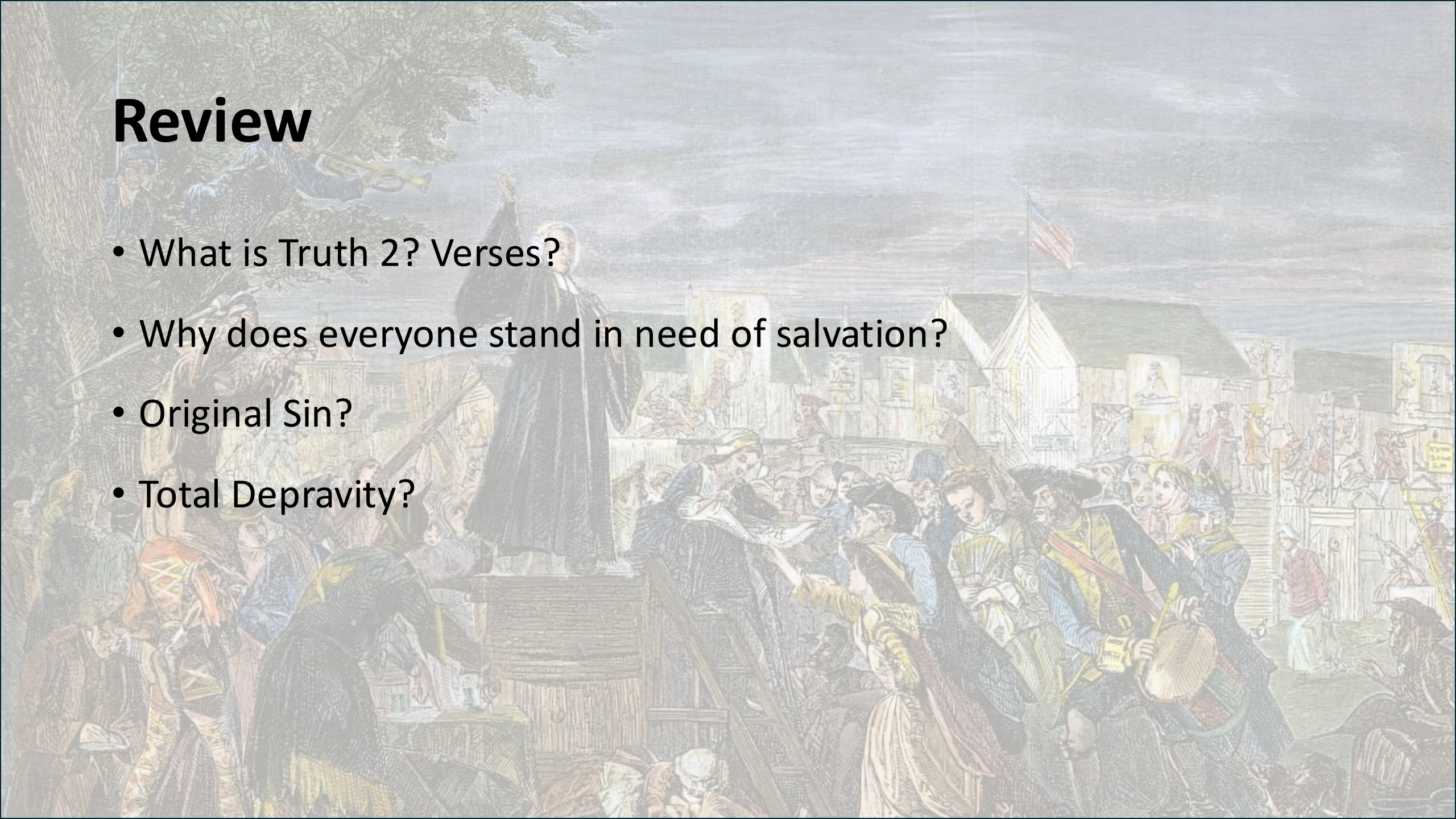


Evangelism Training

Truth 3: Christ is the Savior of sinners.

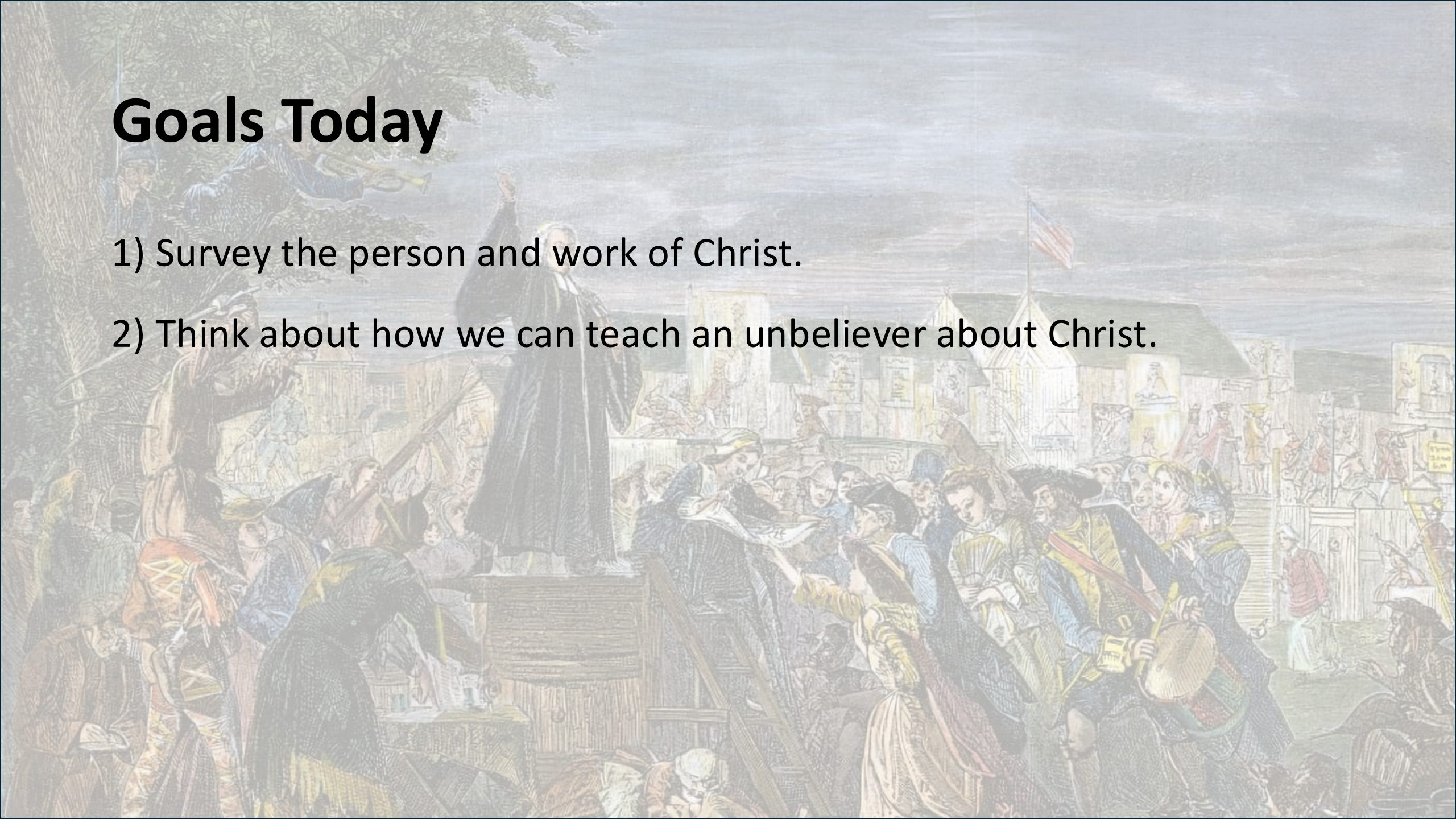
Review

- What is Truth 2? Verses?
- Why does everyone stand in need of salvation?
- Original Sin?
- Total Depravity?



Goals Today

- 1) Survey the person and work of Christ.
- 2) Think about how we can teach an unbeliever about Christ.





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1 Timothy 1:15 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Isaiah 53:5 He was pierced through for our transgressions.

1 Corinthians 15:4 He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

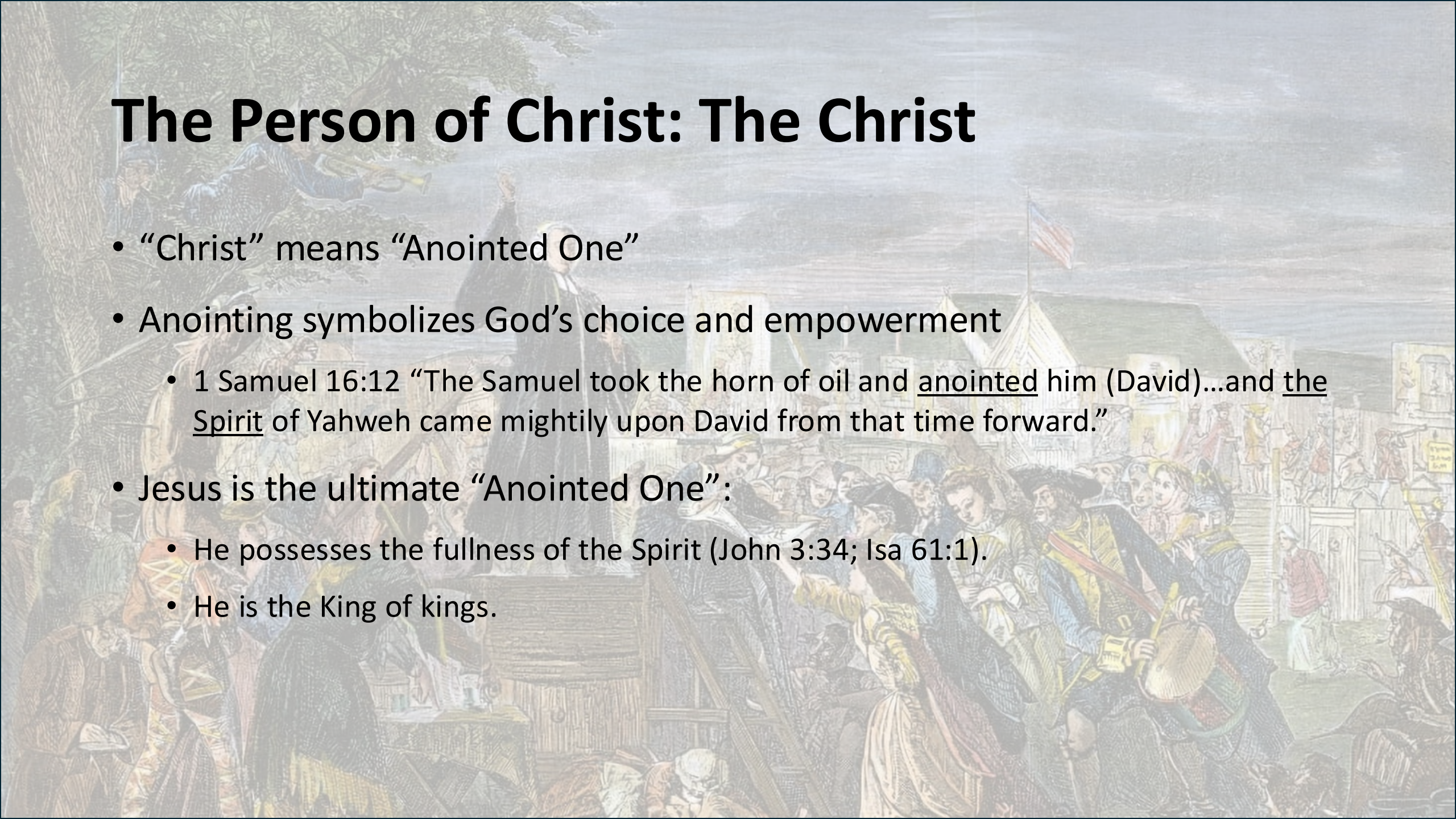


The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

The Person of Christ: The Christ

- “Christ” means “Anointed One”
- Anointing symbolizes God’s choice and empowerment
 - 1 Samuel 16:12 “The Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him (David)...and the Spirit of Yahweh came mightily upon David from that time forward.”
- Jesus is the ultimate “Anointed One”:
 - He possesses the fullness of the Spirit (John 3:34; Isa 61:1).
 - He is the King of kings.



The Person of Christ: True Son

- The NT reveals that Jesus of Nazareth is the true Son of God:
 - Mark 1:1 “the **Son** of God” (author)
 - Mark 1:11 “You are My beloved **Son**” (God the Father)
 - Mark 3:11 “You are the **Son** of God!” (demons)
 - Mark 5:7 “Jesus, **Son** of the Most High God!” (demons)
 - Mark 9:7 “This is My beloved **Son**.” (God the Father)
 - Mark 14:61 “the Son of the Blessed One” (high priest)
 - Mark 15:39 “Truly this man was God’s Son!” (Roman centurion)

The Person of Christ: True God

- “Son of God” does not mean that He was born or created.
 - John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- The title “Son of God” is a clear claim to deity.
 - John 5:18 He...was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.
- The NT clearly teaches the deity of Christ.
 - Col 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of deity dwells bodily.
 - See also John 1:1; Phil 2:6; Rom 9:5; Matt 1:23; John 8:58; Col 1:17; Heb 1:10–12.

Why is the deity of Christ essential?

- Only a divine person could have offered a sufficient sacrifice for the world's sins.
 - 1 Pet 1:19 ...with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
- You must receive Christ as God to be saved.
 - 1 John 2:23 Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father.
 - John 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

The Person of Christ: True Man

- The Incarnation = the “enfleshing” of the Son of God
 - John 1:14 “the Word became flesh”
- The Son of God *added* a true human nature to His person.
- Chalcedon (451 AD): “truly God and truly man...begotten before all ages according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the virgin Mary...two natures...one person”

Why is the humanity of Christ essential?

- Only a true man can pay the penalty for humanity's sin.
 - Heb 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brothers in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- The Bible claims that this is essential to the gospel.
 - 1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

The Work of Christ: Death, Resurrection

- On the cross, He solved “the great dilemma” (Rom 3:26).
 - The guilt of our sins was put to His account (Isa 53:10).
 - The Father punished Him in our place (Rom 5:8).
 - His suffering was *physical, relational, and spiritual* (Rom 5:9).
- God the Father confirmed the completion of this work:
 - By tearing veil of the sanctuary in two. Matt 27:51; Luke 23:45.
 - By raising Jesus from the dead. Acts 2:24.

Proclaiming Christ: Paul in Antioch

Acts 13:28 And though they found no ground for death, they asked Pilate that He be executed. ²⁹ And when they had finished all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised Him from the dead; ³¹ and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people. ³² And we proclaim to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, ³³ that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus.