

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.

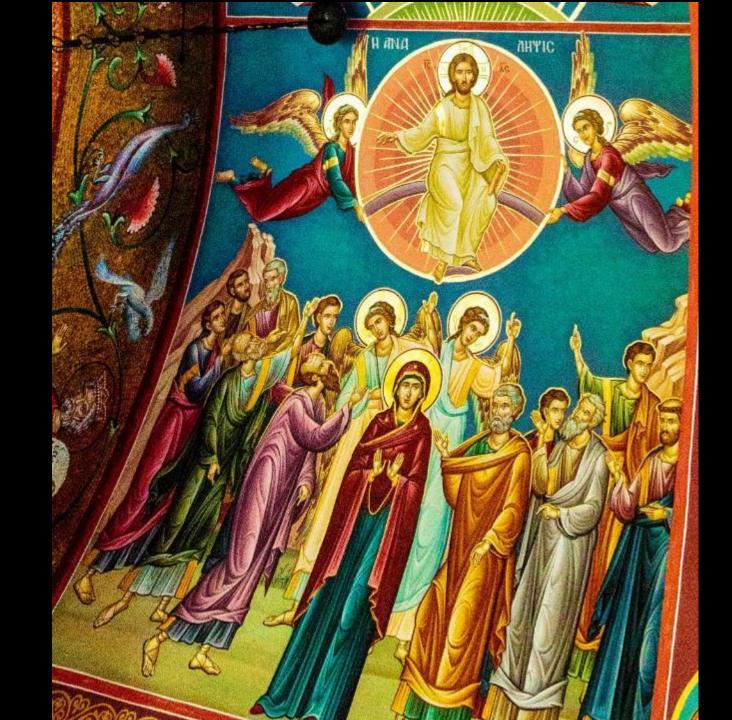


Lydia with Purple Cloth

Alkelda Crafts

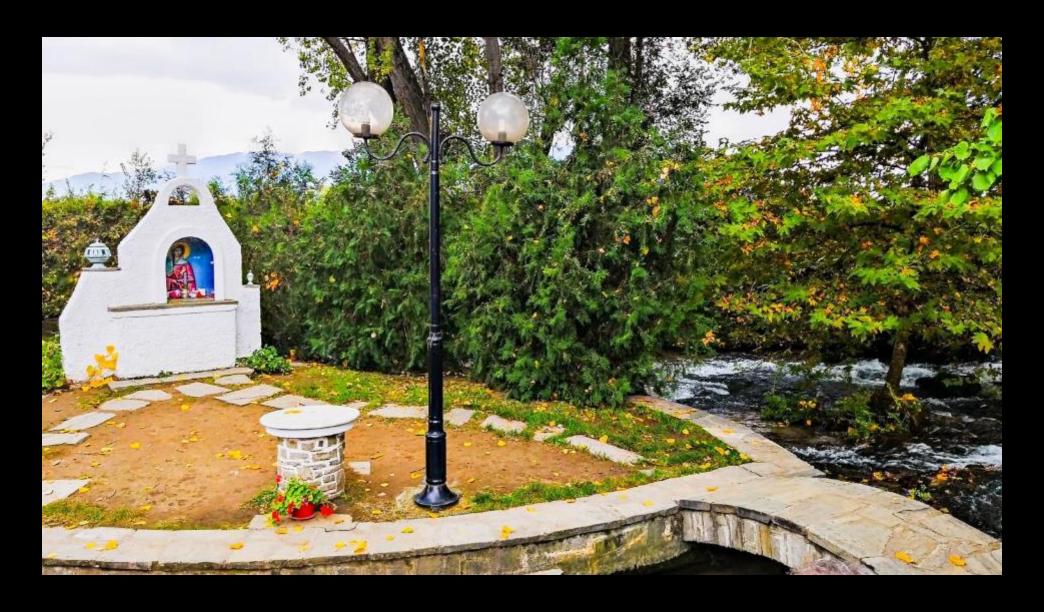
The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

Acts 16:14b



Lydia with Paul

Greek Orthodox Church of Lydia Thyatira, Macedonia When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord ...



Altar commemorating Lydia's Baptism -- Thyatira, Macedonia

come and stay at my home."
And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16:15b



Religious Miniature of Lydia of Thyatira

Angelica Byzantine Art

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Psalm 67:4



Symbol of Peace with Eye of Providence -- Sacred Heart Church, Komarom, Hungary

On either side of the river is the tree of life ... and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:2bd

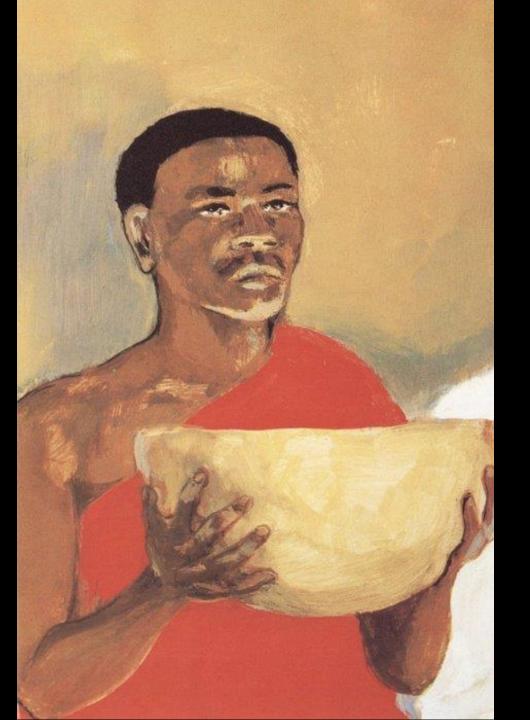
Tree of Life, made from decommissioned weapons, Maputo, Mozambique

British Museum, London



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27ac



Jesus Christ at the Lord's Supper, detail

JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Now in Jerusalem ... there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha ... which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed.

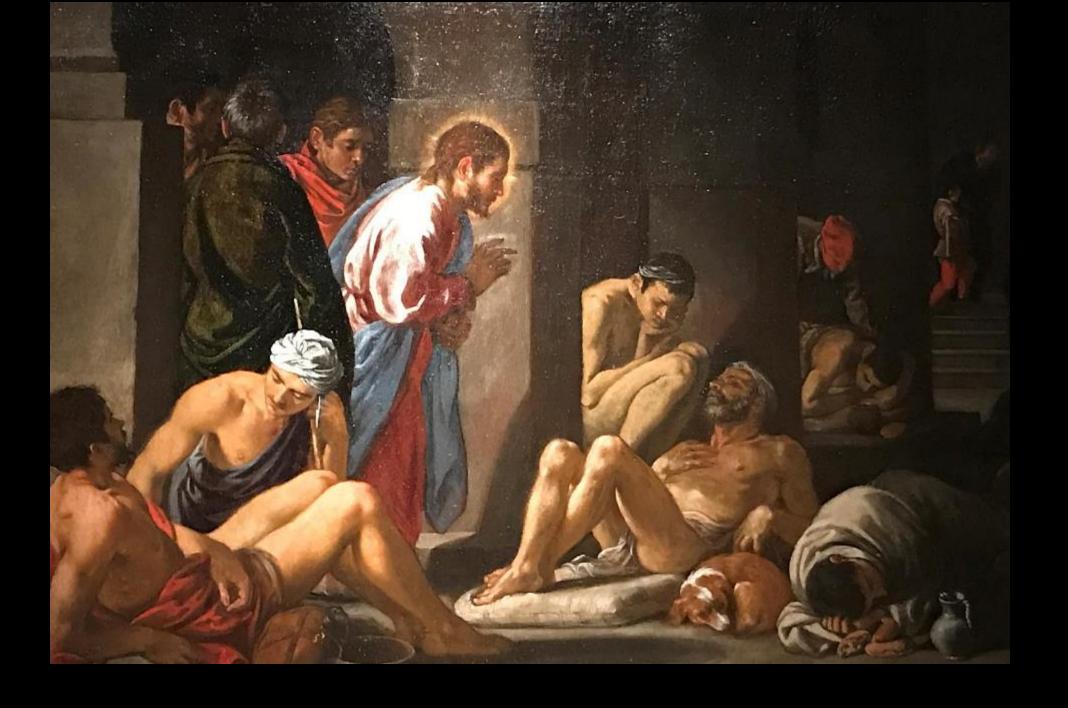
John 5:2ac, 3



The Pool of Bethesda -- Robert Bateman, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, CT

One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there ... he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

John 5:5-6ac



The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me."

John 5:7



The Pool of Bethesda -- Joost Cornelisz Droochsloot, 1645

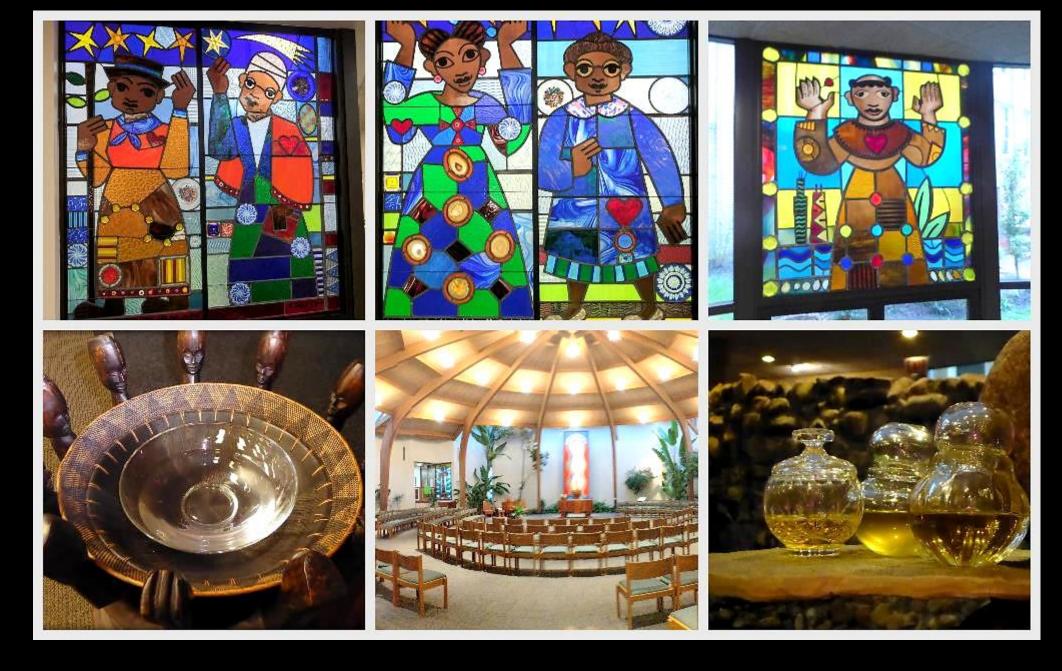
Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk."

John 5:8

Christ at the Pool of Bethesda

Artus Wolffort Art Gallery of Ontatio Toronto, Canada At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

John 5:9



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