

Fourth Sunday in Lent *Year B*

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

The people came to Moses and said,
"We have sinned by speaking against
the LORD and against you; pray to the
LORD to take away the serpents from
us."

Numbers 21:7ab

Processional Cross
with Serpent Motif

Ethiopian
Walters Art Museum
Baltimore, MD



And the LORD said to Moses,
"Make a poisonous serpent, and set it
on a pole; and everyone who is bitten
shall look at it and live."

Numbers 21:8

Brazen Serpent
Giovanni Fantoni
Mount Nebo,
Jordan



Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them ...

Psalm 107:19-20a



The Healing Touch -- Tim Holmes, Commissioned by the Physicians for Social Responsibility as their annual PSR Peace Award

But God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which
he loved us even when we were
dead through our trespasses,

Ephesians 2:4-5a



Drawing from a Christian fellowship meeting, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China

made us alive together with Christ--
by grace you have been saved ...

Ephesians 2:5b



Saving Grace to All
Humankind

Washington Cathedral
Washington, DC

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

John 3:14



Lucas Cranach the Younger -- Crucifixion with Moses and Serpent detail, Herder Church, Weimar, GDR

that whoever believes in him
may have eternal life.

John 3:15



"Placing yourself in god's story, among the heroes of the faith on the arena rail..."
From an alternative worship service held at an emerging church festival in Cheltenham, UK

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

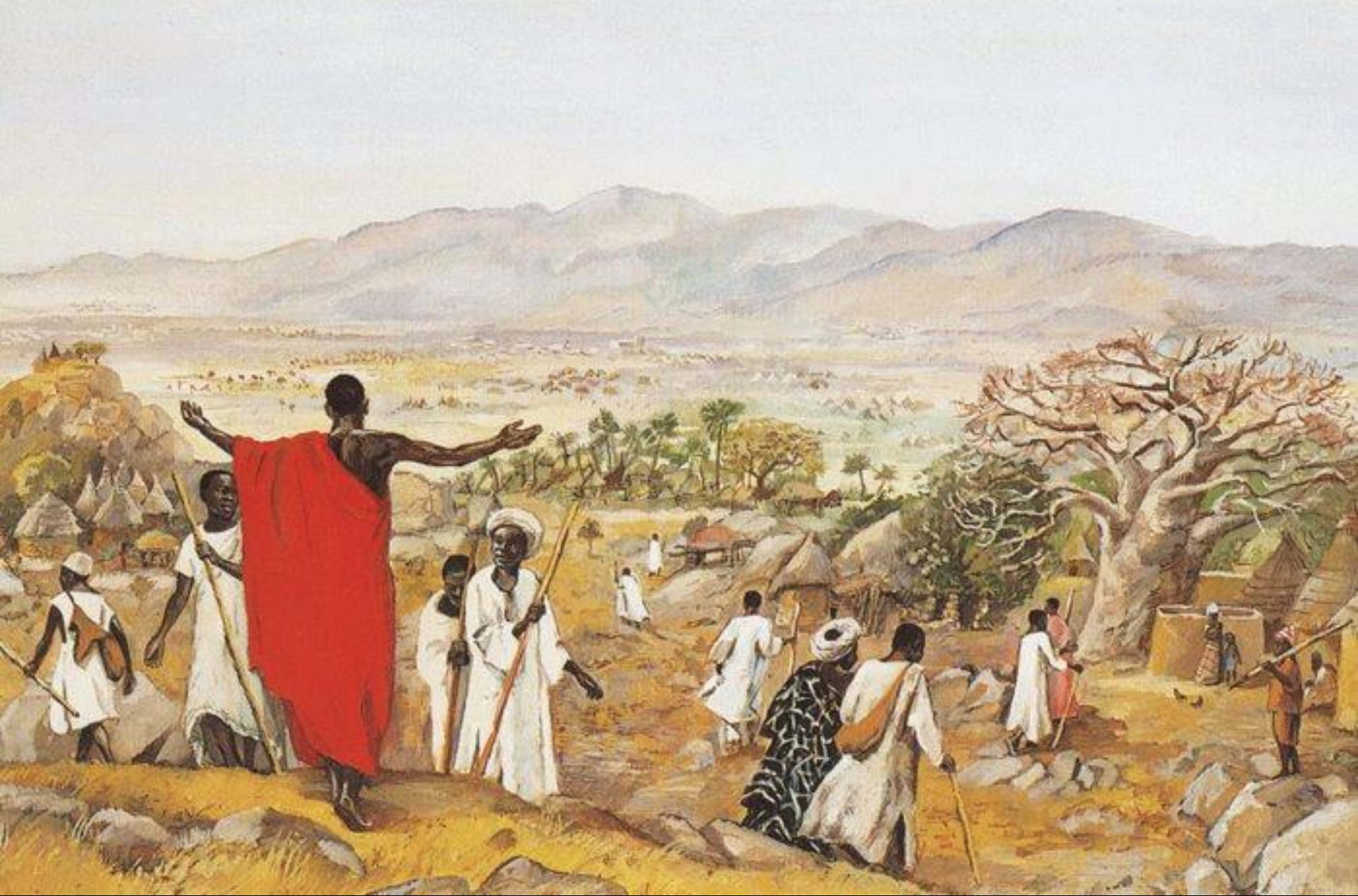
John 3:16



Christ on the Cross -- St. Miguel Arcanjo Church, St. Miguel, Brazil

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:17



The Mission to the World -- JESUS MAFA

But those who do what is true
come to the light, so that it may be
clearly seen that their deeds have
been done in God."

John 3:21



Footwashing -- Church of the Redeemer, United Way Resource Exchange, Seattle, WA

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