

An impressionistic painting of a rocky coastline. In the foreground, several small figures of people are walking along a path. The middle ground shows a turbulent sea with white-capped waves crashing against a dark, craggy rock formation. The background is a vast, overcast sky with soft, blended colors of blue, grey, and white. The overall style is painterly and atmospheric.

# Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

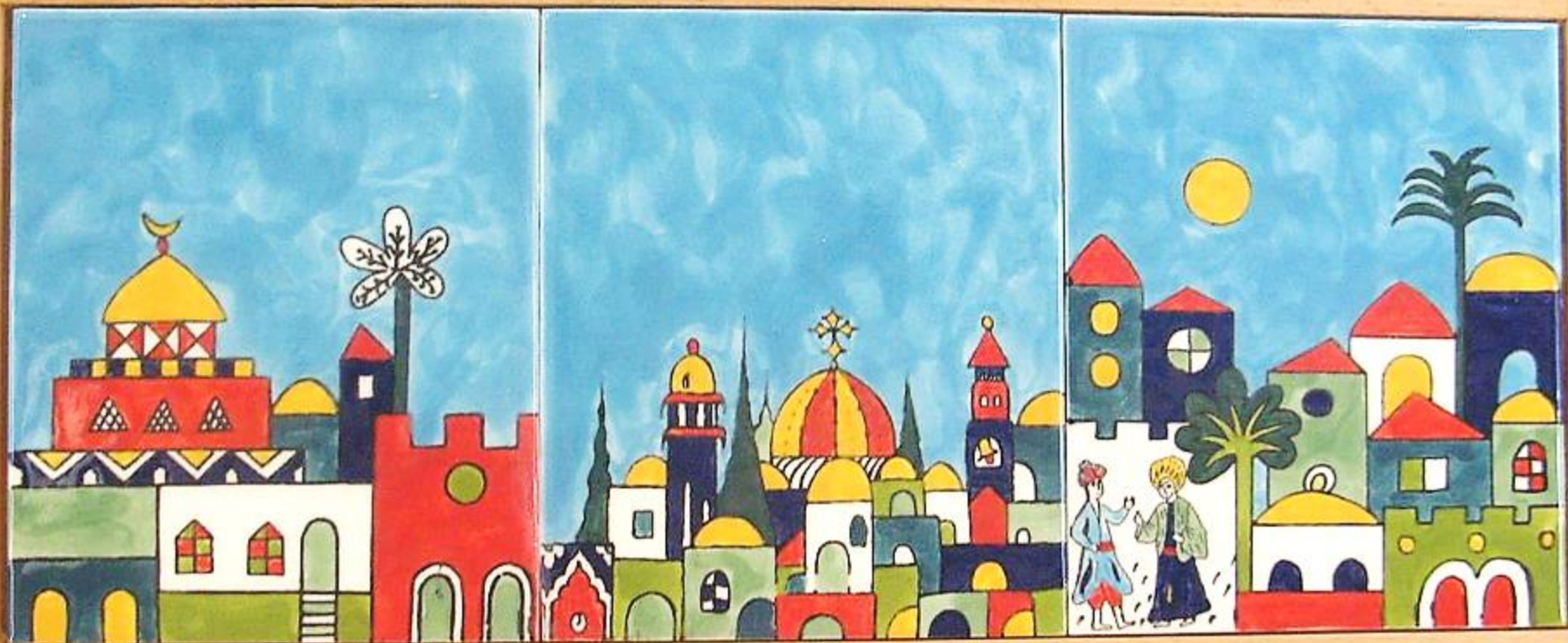
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Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12 • Malachi 4:1-2a and  
Psalm 98 • 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight  
in my people; no more shall the  
sound of weeping be heard in it, or  
the cry of distress.

Isaiah 65:19





Armenian Pottery Painting, Armenian quarter, Jerusalem

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away, and you  
comforted me.

Isaiah 12:1b





A Walk Along a Path at Sunset -- Hermann Herzog, Vose Galleries, Boston, MA

... for you who revere my name  
the sun of righteousness shall  
rise, with healing in its wings.

Malachi 4:2a





Day: Angel Holding  
the Sun

William Morris  
Museum of Fine Arts  
Houston, TX

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy ...

Psalm 98:7-8





Heavy Sea at Pourville -- Claude Monet, National Museum of Western Art, Tokyo, Japan

Brothers and sisters, do not be  
weary in doing what is right.

2 Thessalonians 3:13





Preparing Meals for the Homeless -- U. S. Navy volunteers, Sanagi-tachi Shelter, Yokohama, Japan



When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,

Luke 21:5



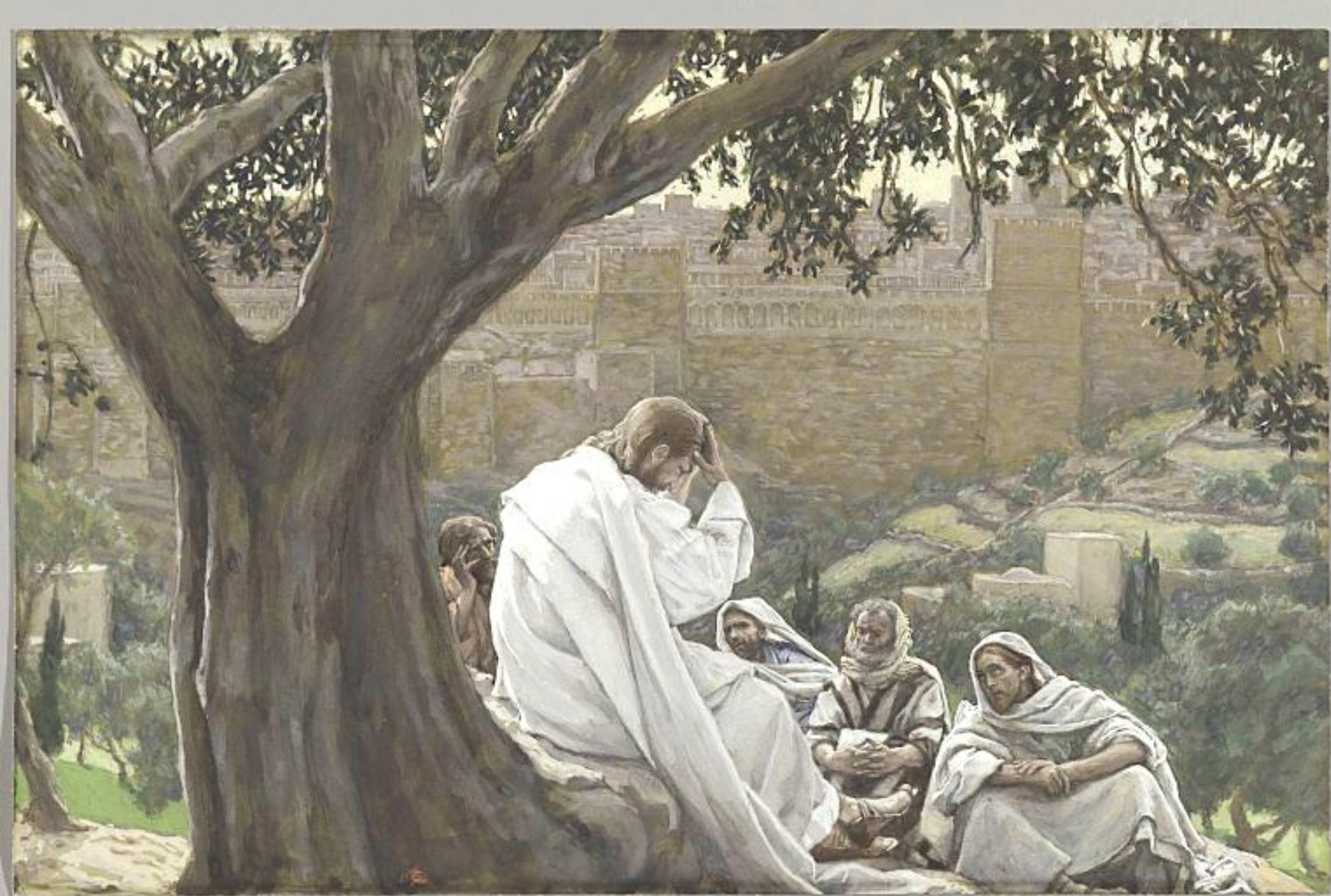
Silver and Gold Torah Case

Synagogue in Israel

"As for these things that you see,  
the days will come when not one  
stone will be left upon another; all  
will be thrown down.

Luke 21:6





Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple -- James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY

But before all this occurs, they will  
arrest you and persecute you;

Luke 21:12a



Arrest of Peter

Sarcophagus of Marcus  
Claudianus  
Palazzo Massimo  
Rome, Italy





... they will hand you over to ...  
prisons, and you will be brought  
before kings and governors  
because of my name.

Luke 21:12b



Paul in Prison

Rembrandt  
Staatsgalerie Stuttgart  
Stuttgart, Germany

You will be hated by all  
because of my name.

Luke 21:17



Chinese Martyrs

Orthodox Icon



By your endurance you  
will gain your souls."

Luke 21:19





The Martyrdom of St. Cecilia

Carlo Saraceni  
Los Angeles County Museum  
of Art  
Los Angeles, CA



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