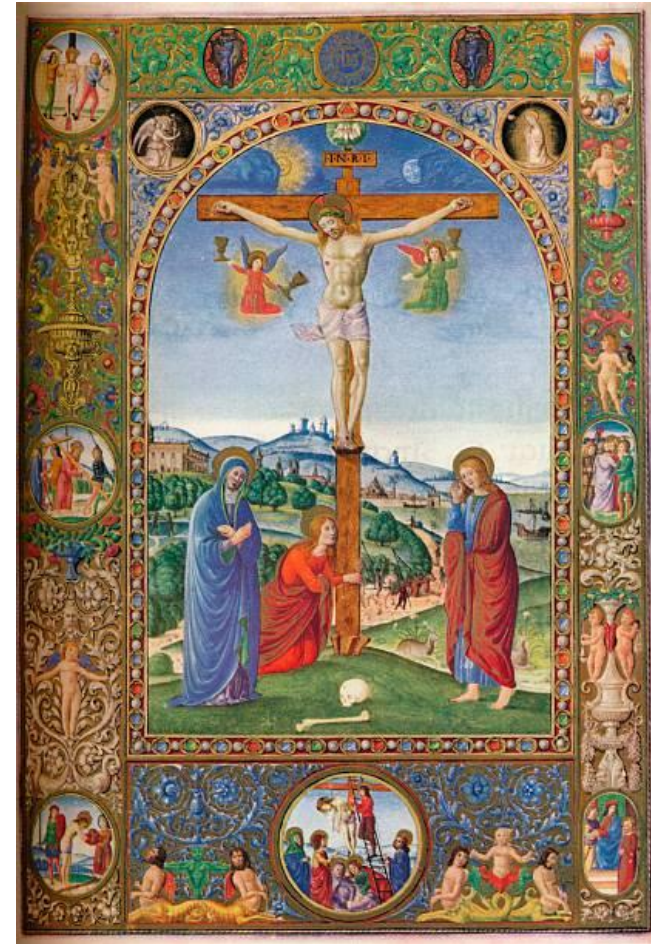


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St. John the Evangelist

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- True Devotion
- to Jesus
- (& Mary)!

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Early Formation

- James & John, already followers of John the Baptist
- “Sons of Thunder”
- are lead to Jesus through John the Baptist’s revelations

Profound closeness & intimacy

- “The Disciple whom Jesus loved”

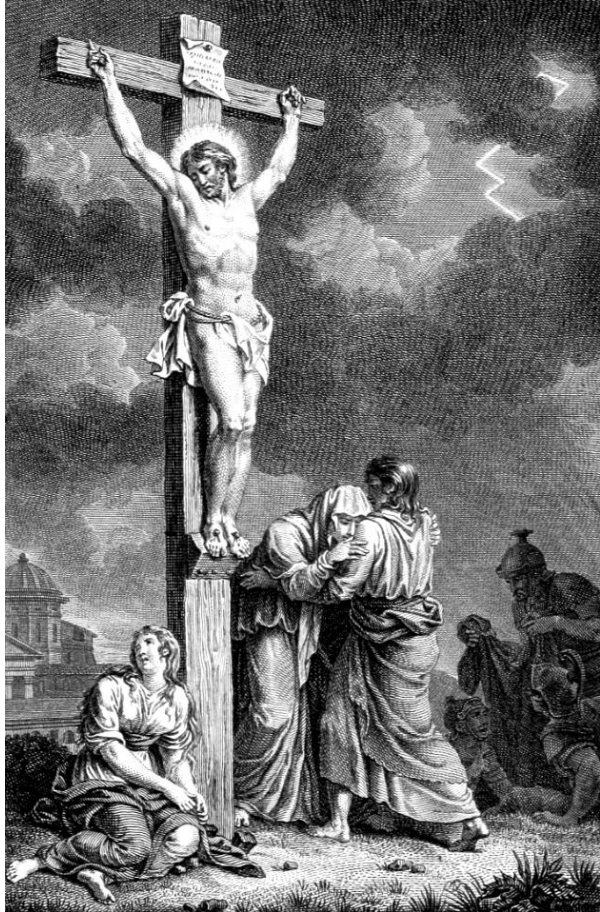
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• Jesus’ Inner circle



- **Peter, James & John**
- Marriage Feast at Cana
- Fishing in the Sea of Tiberias
- The raising of Lazarus & Jairus’ daughter
- The Transfiguration
- The Last Supper
- Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Confirmation of the Resurrection with Peter by the empty tomb

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- **The even deeper bond**
- **between John & Jesus**

- His presence with Mary at the foot of the Cross

- Jesus' entrusting of his Mother Mary to John's Care

- John protecting & caring for Mary in his own home

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John's Special Roles

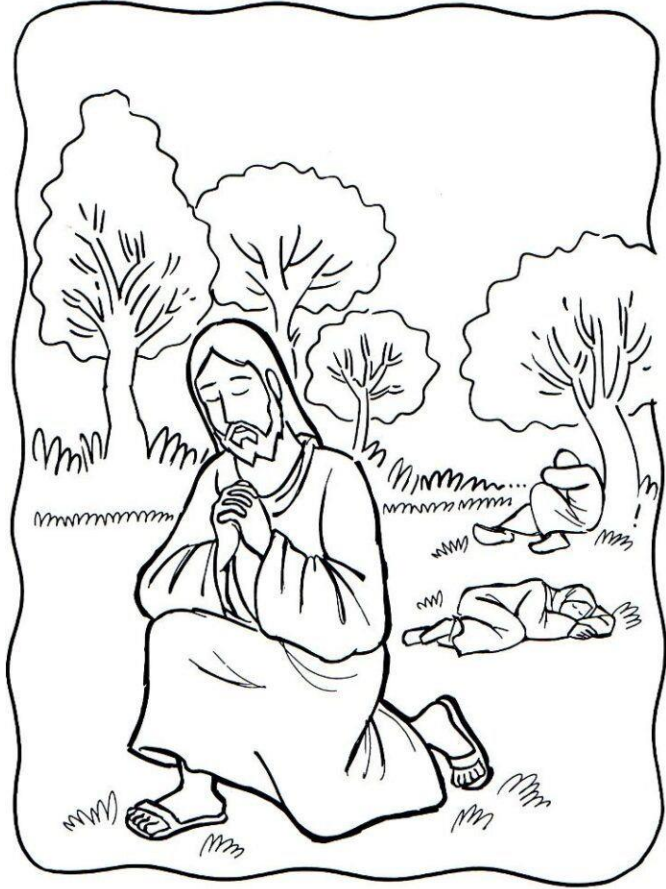
The Transfiguration

- Peter, James & John present at this moment of profound revelation,

The Last Supper

- Sitting close to Jesus, with his head on Jesus' bosom.
- 'the one whom Jesus loved'

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John's Special Roles

The Agony in the Garden

- Peter, James & John were present with Jesus His deepest agony

• The Crucifixion

- John consoles Mary at the Crucifixion
- His unwavering devotion & courage
- With Jesus' blessing, his true love for Mary

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John's Special Roles

The Empty Tomb

- St. John's excitement on receiving Mary Magdalene's news of the open Tomb.
- On arrival at the Tomb, his deferral to St. Peter's seniority and his following him into the Tomb.



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John's Special Roles

Role in the Post-Resurrection Church

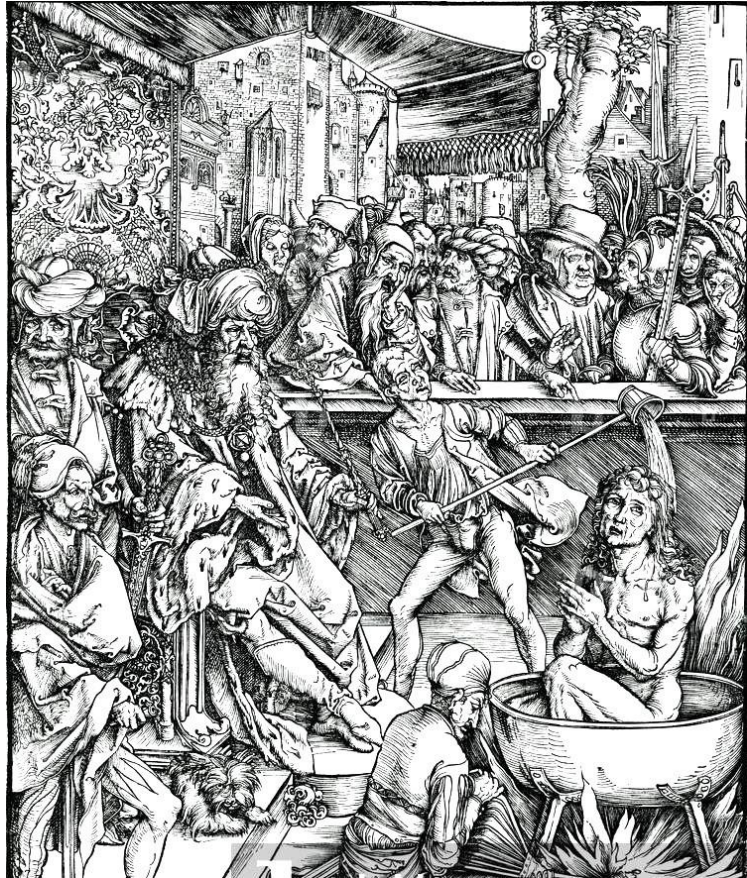
- Leadership of the early Church in Jerusalem, with St. Peter & St. James
- St. Peter and St. John affirmed Paul's ministry to the non Jewish world!
- John's steadfastness and spiritual insight guide the Church growth and persecution.

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John's Persecution & Miraculous Survival

Persecution

- Persecution under the Roman Emperor Domitian.
- Torture, including being thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil, from which he miraculously emerged unharmed.
- A divinely protected apostle
- A powerful witness to his faith.



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Exiled to the island of Patmos

- Intended as a punishment, became a period of profound spiritual revelation
- He received the visions which he recorded in the Book of Revelation
- Saint John survived all the other apostles and was the only one who did not die as a martyr
- He was compared to the Eagle in his keen vision of God’s infinite love for the world



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Words of Wisdom:

The Writings of St. John 1

The Gospel of John:

- V. Mother Mary of Jesus of Agreda in her “City of God” wrote much on St. John
- The Gospel was written after the assumption of the Most Blessed Mary, under Mary’s guidance
- It’s arguments for the true Divinity of Christ, far surpass that of the other Evangelists



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Words of Wisdom:

The Writings of St. John 2

The Gospel of John:

- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1)
- Portrayal of Jesus as the eternal Logos, emphasizing his divinity and pre-existence
- It was written under the direct guidance of the Blessed Virgin



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Words of Wisdom

The Writings of St. John 3

The Epistles of John:

- Focuses on themes of love, truth, and fellowship.
- Love as defining the Christian community
- He addresses issues such as false teachings,
- Living in accordance with God's commandments
- Loving one another as evidence of true faith. 14



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Words of Wisdom

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The Book of Revelation



- This apocalyptic text written during his exile on Patmos, offers a vision of the end times,
- A vision of the ultimate triumph of good over evil.
- a message of hope and encouragement to persecuted Christians
- assuring them of God's ultimate victory and the establishment of His kingdom.

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Accounts of Heroic Courage 1



- His willingness to follow Jesus from the beginning
- His presence at the crucifixion
- His devotion to Mary
- his unwavering commitment to spreading the Gospel
- John's miraculous survival of torture

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Accounts of Heroic Courage 2



- His understanding, with St. Peter, of St. Paul's revelations for the inclusion of the gentiles in the Church
- Pastoral care for the Christian communities
- His ability to inspire and guide others through his writings and example
- His writings and example have left an indelible mark on Christianity

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Influence on the Legion of Mary 1



- St. John’s life, ministry, his closeness to Jesus and Mary, became the role model for Frank Duff’s life
- As did much of his inspiration for the Legion of Mary
- St. John the Evangelist’s unique perspective on life, ministry and teachings
- His transformative power of faith and determination

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Influence on the Legion of Mary 2



- His emphasis the divinity of Christ
- His unique relationship with Jesus' Mother Mary and his role in taking care of her
- His encouragement to Frank Duff to embrace St. Louis de Montfort's "True Devotion to Mary"!
- John's profound spiritual insights into the nature of Jesus and the Church
- Align completely with the objectives of the Legion of Mary

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St. John’s life, works, writings and his personal closeness to Jesus and Mary inspire



Consolation

- I our members to offer spiritual support and consolation to those we encounter

Conservation

- The deep theological depths is embedded in Frank Duff’s Handbook
- Encourage members to be more deeply involved in Church ministry

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Conversion

- John's example of bearing witness to Christ
- Legion members to actively seek to bring others to faith
- Through personal testimony, evangelization, and outreach
- Our members to actively share the Gospel and facilitate conversion experiences



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St. John the Evangelist's feast day:
December 27th.

Patron Saint
of authors, of love, of loyalty,
the Legion of Mary
and many other virtues

*St. John the Evangelist,
Patron Saint of the Legion of Mary,
pray for us*

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