

St. Peter wanted to fight back. To show the Temple guard who was tough.

Swords out!

But Jesus said: “Do you think I cannot call upon my Father, and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must come to pass this way?”

Almighty God possesses almighty power. But Jesus did not look for legions of terrifying angels to save Him from death. Instead, He accepted His Passion in order to fulfill the Scriptures. He knew His destiny: to die in agony as a sacrificial Lamb.

By that sacrifice, God showed more power than any sword could show, or even the most-powerful angel. When God submitted to human death, He showed more power than He did when He made the heavens and the earth out of nothing. Because, by His humble self-sacrifice, He renewed the world and made it beautiful again.

We believe in this God, the divine Christ. We believe that God died a human death, and rose again from the dead.

Believing in Jesus’ resurrection involves no naiveté or simple-mindedness. After all, He is the only-begotten Son of the eternal Father. Believing that the God-man rose from the dead doesn’t make us “un-intellectual.” It makes us consistent.

And hopefully it also makes us apostles of God's love. Our God is Christ crucified, the true God of love.