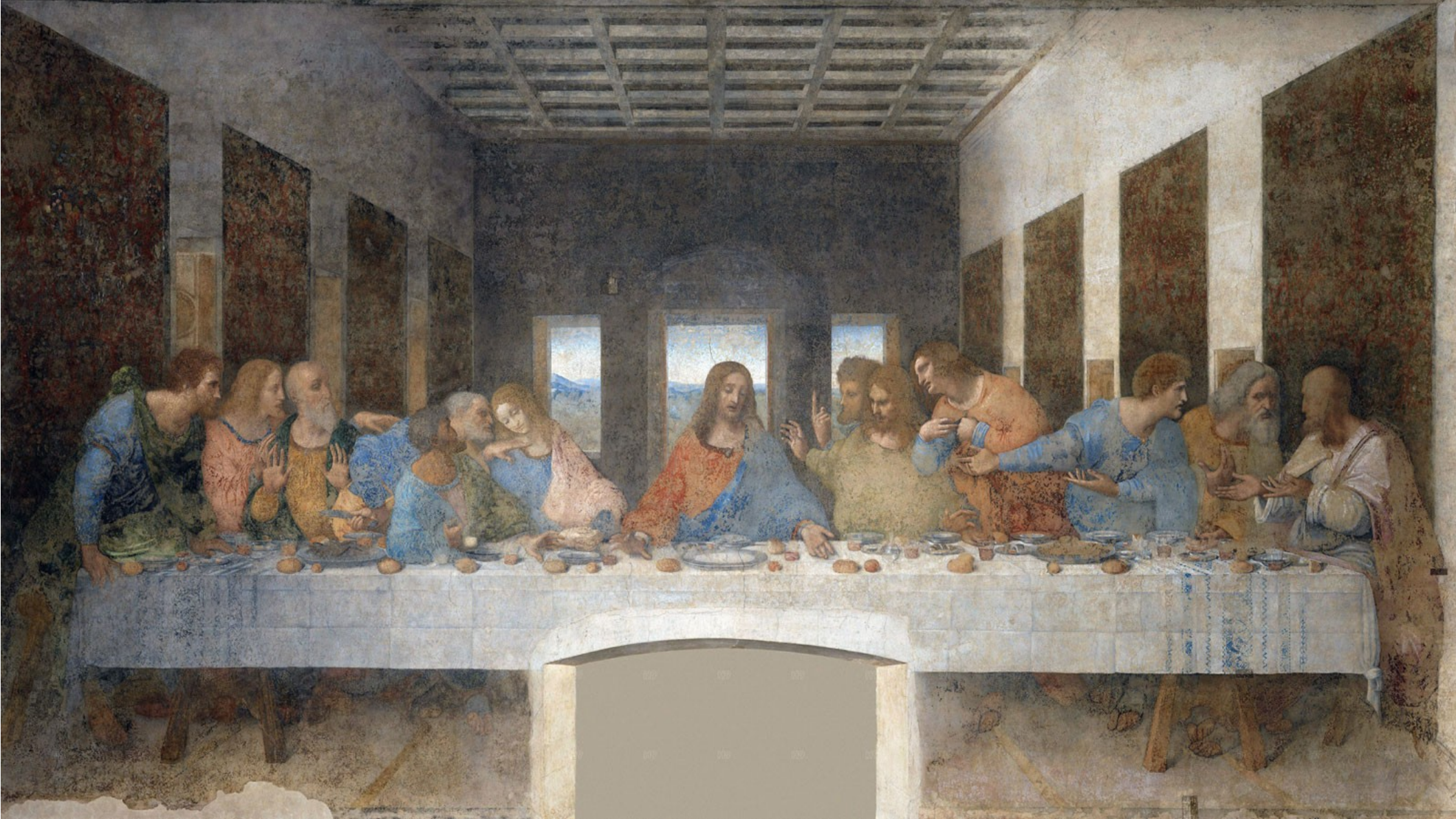


Pictures of the Cross

- **Text: I Corinthians 1:18, 23-24**
- **People often say that a picture is worth a thousand words.**
- **It is also true that a picture can inspire multiple interpretations.**
- **Today, let us evaluate a few pictures to illustrate this point**







Pictures of the Cross

- *The cross is the picture of*

SUFFERING

- The Romans were masters at execution.
- The cross represents the expertise of slow torture resulting in death.
- Matthew 16:21
- We sing about “The Old Rugged Cross”

Pictures of the Cross

- *The cross is the picture of*

GRIEF

- **John 19:25**
 - **Can you imagine what his mother was going through?**
- **John 16:16-22**
- **John 20:11-15**

Pictures of the Cross

- *The cross is the picture of*

HATE

- **First, there is the hatred of the world.**
 - **John 15:18**
- **Second, there is God's hatred of sin.**
 - **Isaiah 53:10-11**

Pictures of the Cross

- *The cross is the picture of*

LOVE

- **John 3:16**
- **Gal. 2:20**
- **John 15:13**
- **Romans 5:6-8**