



# JESUS

THE FINAL DAYS

**Famous Last Words**

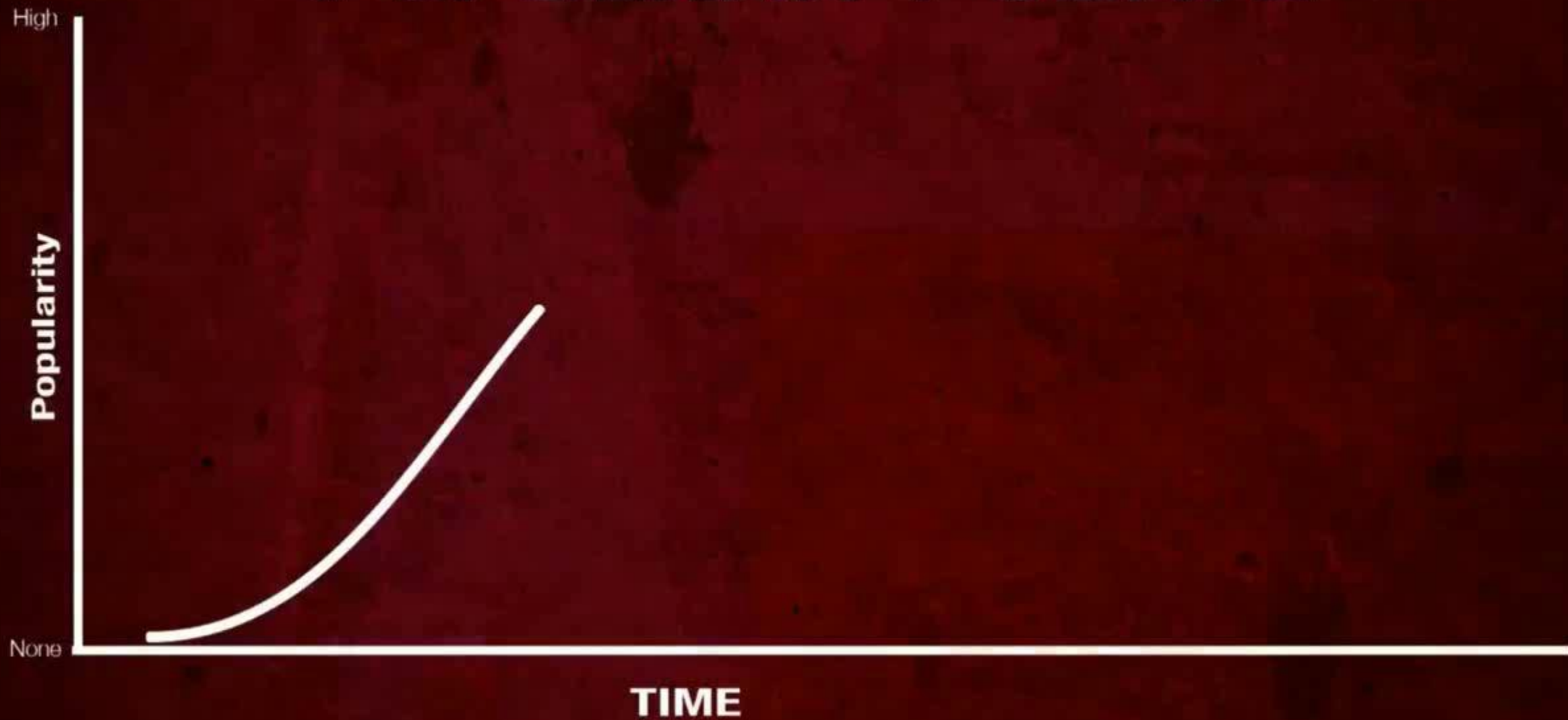


A photograph of a red carpet with a handprint. The carpet is a deep red color and is laid on a concrete floor. A handprint is visible in the upper left quadrant of the carpet. The text "Shoot yourself in the foot..." is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the carpet. The concrete floor is visible at the top and bottom edges of the image.

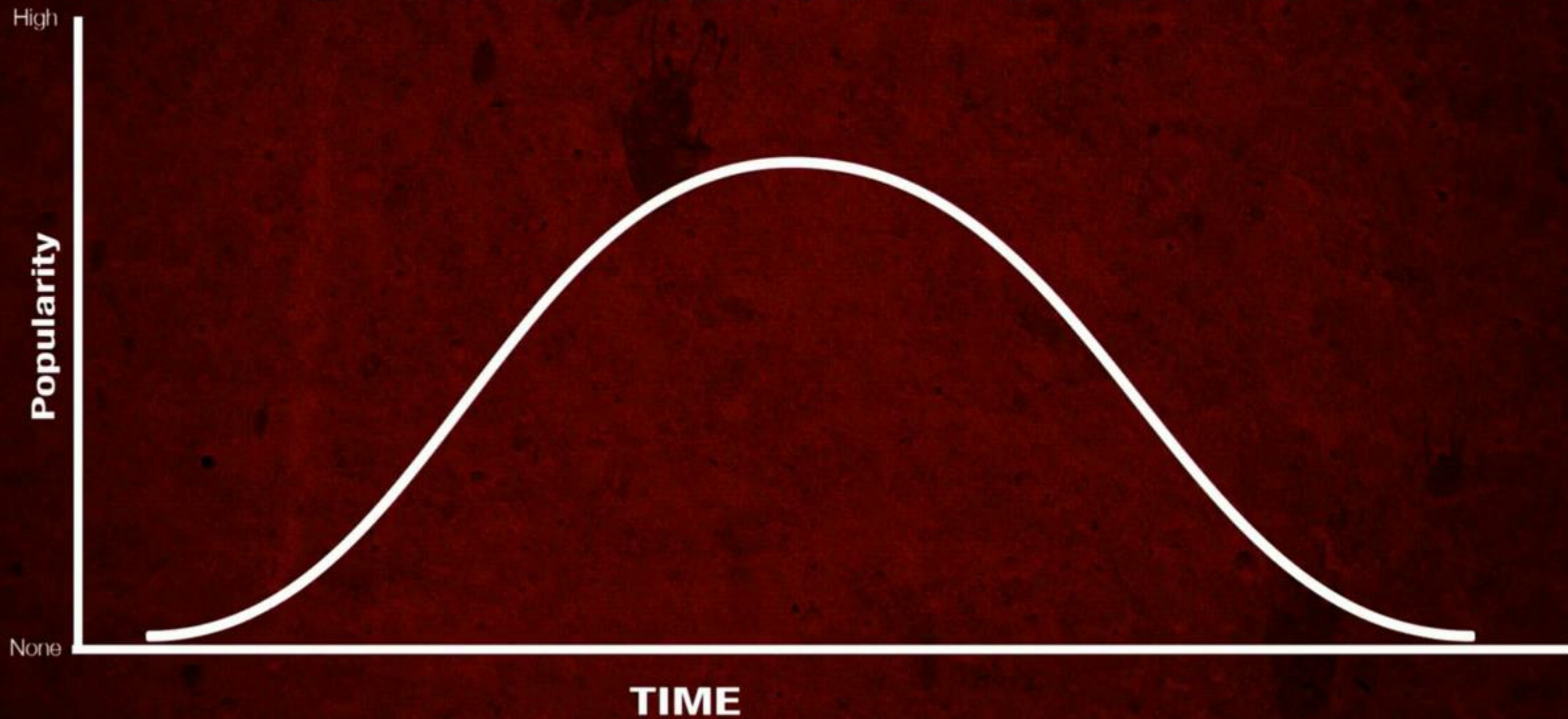
**“Shoot yourself in the foot...”**



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It *looks* like Jesus  
“shot Himself in the foot!”

... but it is **INTENTIONAL**

**The people,  
on the other hand,  
feel like they have been duped.**



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**... it is precisely NOT what  
Jesus came to do.**

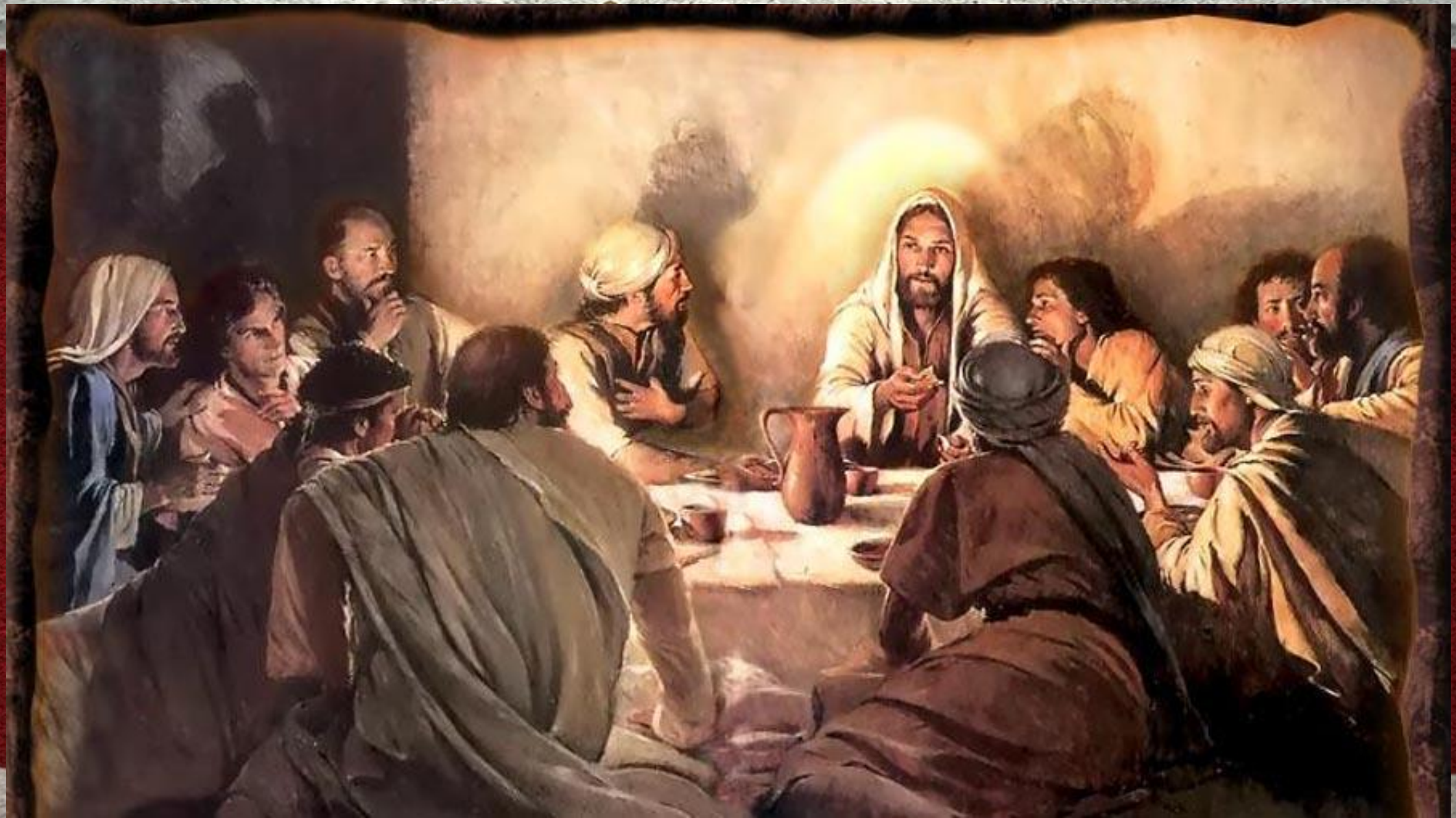
**They feel duped, because ...**

**They have re-created Jesus  
in *their* image.**

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**Do we ever do that?**

**Result: The people reject HIM.**



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**God is Love.**

**1 John 4:16**

**34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”**

**John 13:34-35**

**When we have been re-created by Jesus,  
we are re-created in God's image.**

**We are Love.**

**Simon Peter responds ...**

**36 Simon Peter asked Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.” 37 Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You.” 38 Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for Me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times!”**

**John 13:36-38**

**Peter won't hear of it!**

**He's re-creating Jesus in his own  
image...**

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**When we re-create God  
in our image ...**

**1. God's Judgment → NO  
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**Love = Tolerance**

**2. God's Blessing → Happy,  
Healthy, Wealthy**

**And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.**

**Romans 8:28 (NLT)**

**3. Morality → Authority**

**“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge,  
... but love your neighbor as yourself. I  
am the Lord.”**

**Leviticus 19:18**

**“Love one another. as I have loved  
you, so you must love one another.”**

**John 13:34**









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**11 Dear friends, since God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another. 12  
No one has ever seen God; but if we  
love one another, God lives in us and  
His love is made complete in us.**

**1 John 4:11-12**