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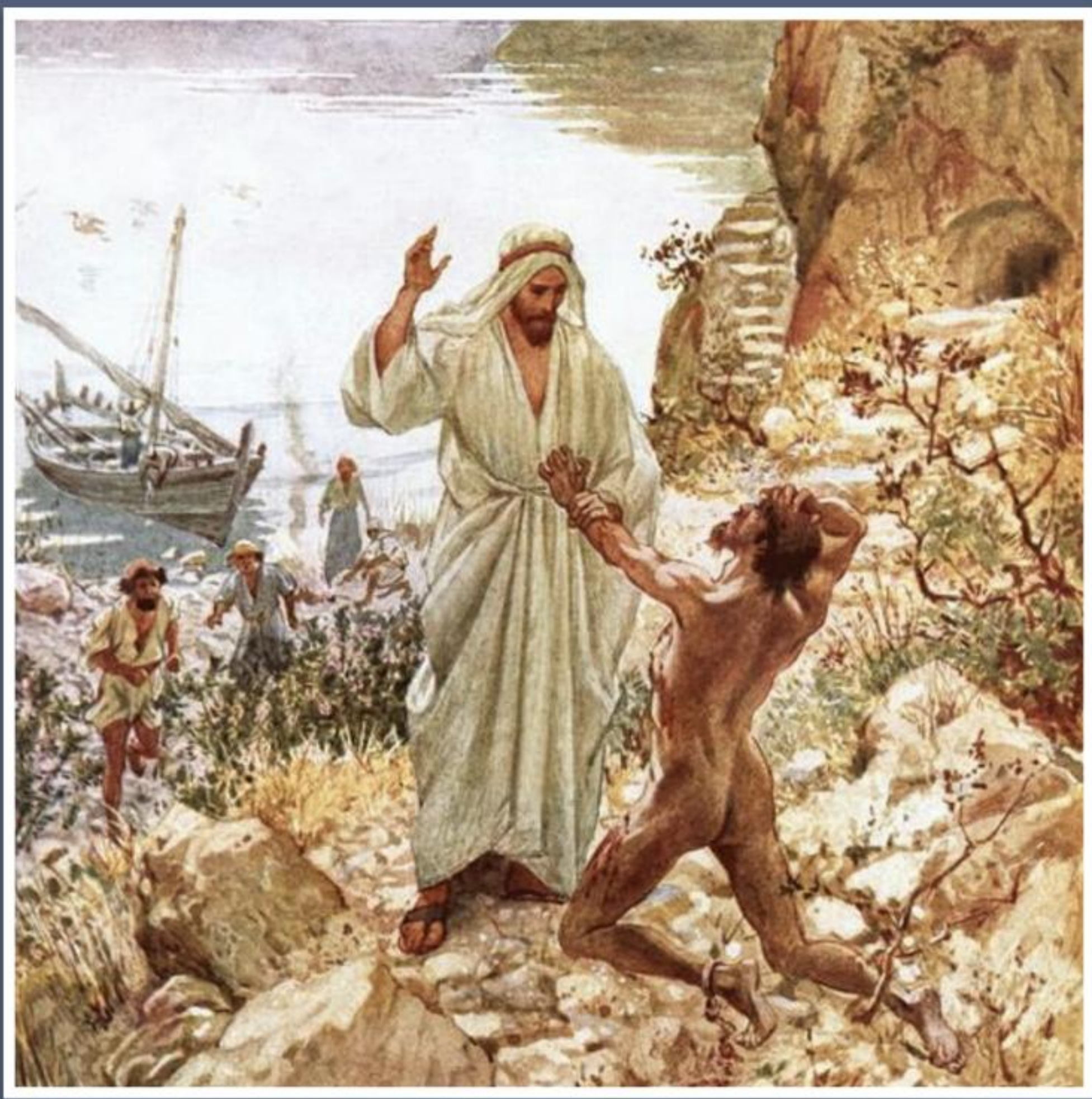
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Righteousness for Strangers

Flourishing for All

Mental Illness





Mental Illness?



The Friends' Retreat, near York.

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“Declare to my people their
rebellion
and to the descendants of Jacob
their sins.”

Is. 58:1

“Yet on the day of your
fasting, you do as you please
and exploit all your workers.
Your fasting ends in
quarreling and strife,
and in striking each other
with wicked fists.”

Is. 58:3-4





“Is not this the kind of fasting I have
chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with
shelter —
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh
and blood?”

Is. 58:5





“A basic assumption of Christian ethics is that a true, good, or flourishing life cannot be reduced to individual happiness.”

- Luke Bretherton

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’
“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matt. 25:37-40



Recognise: we're not righteous

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“God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Listen to strangers

“Christians by themselves turn strange; they need strangers to keep them Christian.”

- Luke Bretherton

“Christians by themselves turn *normal*; they need strangers to keep them Christian.”