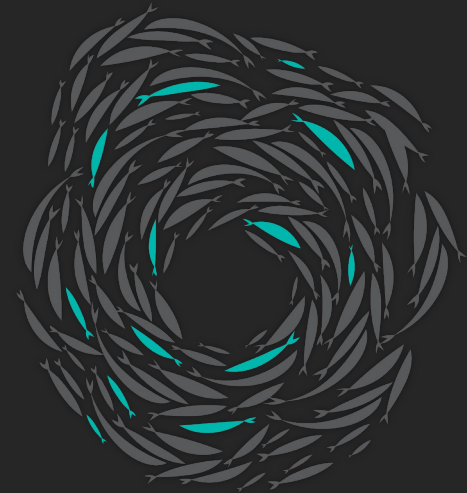




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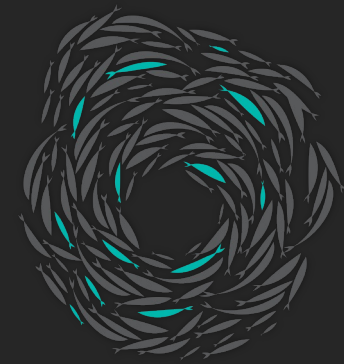




Luke 7:18 The disciples of John the Baptist told John about everything Jesus was doing. So John called for two of his disciples, 19 and he [John] sent them to the Lord to ask Him, "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

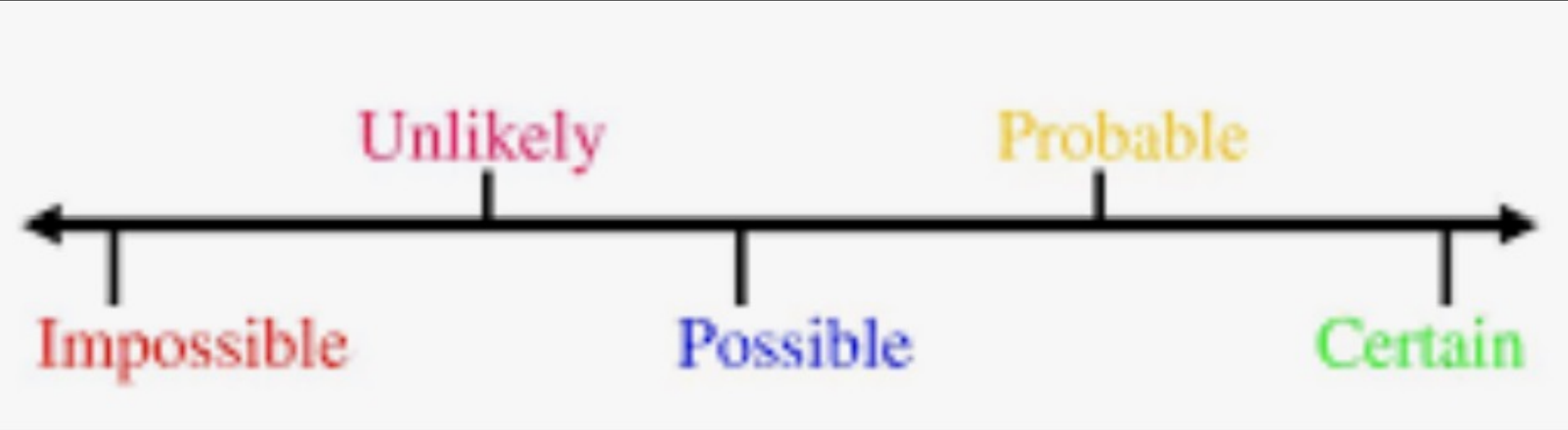
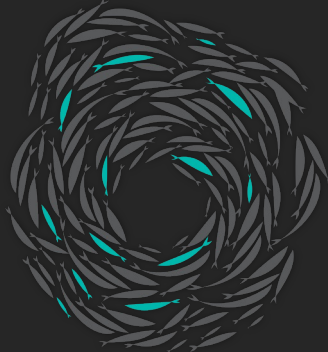
20 John's two disciples found Jesus and said to him, "John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?'"

In Jesus Believed ... Doubt is overcome by FAITH

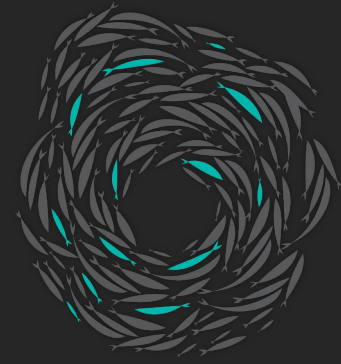


Luke 7:21 At that very time, Jesus cured many people of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and He restored sight to many who were blind. **22** Then He told John's disciples, **"Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor."** **23** And He added, **"God blesses those who do not fall away because of me."** (see Isaiah 61)

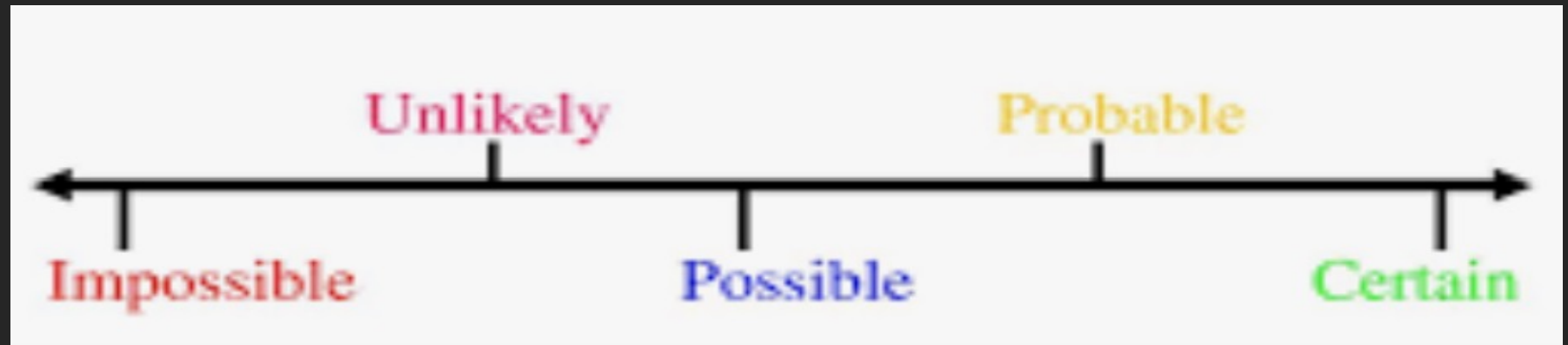
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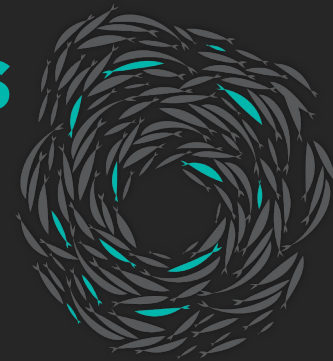
When Jesus' Rejected ... Doubt gives way to DISDAIN



Luke 7:29 (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, 30 but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him. [John])

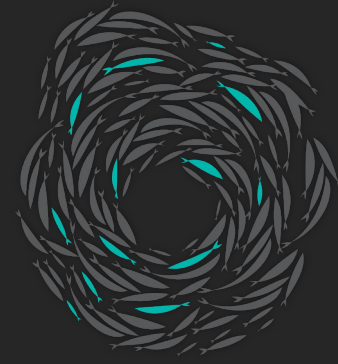


In Jesus Worshiped ... FAITH followed results in peace (Shalom)



Luke 7:46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47** Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” **48** And He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” **49** Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” **50** And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Applications



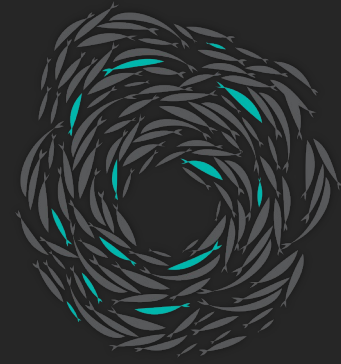
How does faith increase?

1. Faith grows through understanding the Word of the Lord.

- Listening from the heart **“Ears to hear let them hear”**
- Obeying leading to action **“He who hears my word and obeys”**

2. Consistency walking by faith leading to growth

A Closing Prayer from Saint Patrick (385-3/17/461)



**Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me,
Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
May the word of God direct us.
Be always ours this day and forevermore.**