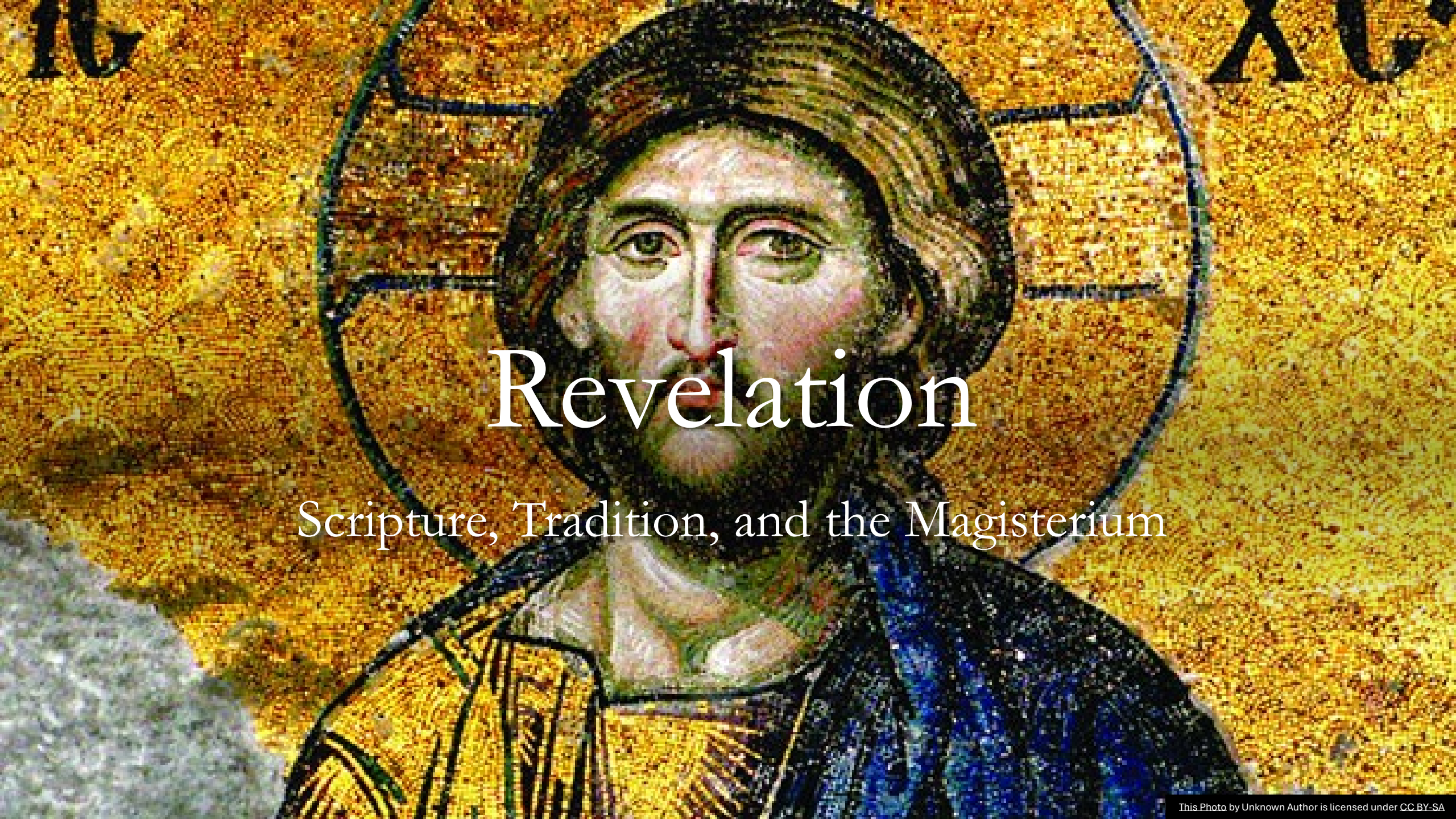


A detailed mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, the Christ of Majesty. Christ is depicted with long, wavy brown hair and a full brown beard. He has a serene expression with light-colored eyes. He is wearing a blue outer garment (himation) over a gold inner garment (chiton) with vertical stripes. Behind his head is a large, circular golden halo with a cross inscribed within it. The background is a textured gold leaf. In the upper left and right corners, parts of the Greek letters 'IC' and 'XC' are visible, respectively.

Revelation

Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium



Revelation

Why is Revelation important?

- “The self-disclosure of the living God and his plan to save us.”
- It is what God has revealed to His Church about Himself and what it takes to be saved.
- It is possible to know THAT God exists through reason. It is possible to know WHO God is only through revelation.

Heb. 1:1-4

1 In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets;

2 in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,

3 who is the refulgence of his glory,
the very imprint of his being,

and who sustains all things by his mighty word.

When he had accomplished purification from sins,
he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

4 as far superior to the angels

as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.



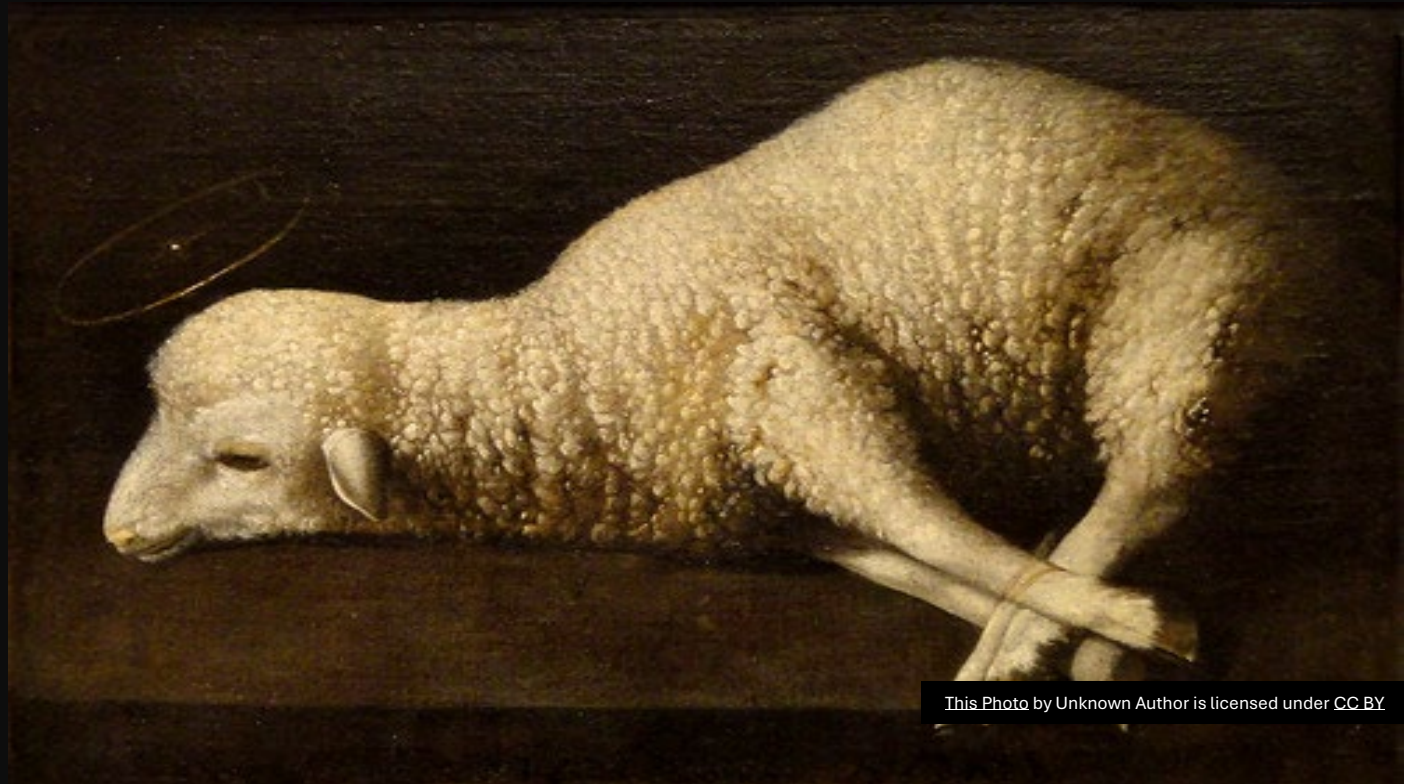
“Partial and Varied Ways”

- Covenants
 - Patriarchs: Genesis 12-15 with Abraham.
 - Nation
 - Kings
 - Blessing to the whole world
 - Exodus 3:12-15
 - “I AM WHO I AM”
 - Prophets
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34



New Covenant

- Old Testament / Covenant:
Ongoing,
Deepening,
Longing for
Fulfillment
 - New Covenant:
Total, Complete,
Fulfilled in
Christ.
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Prologue of John

¹ In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God...

⁶ A man named John was sent from God.

⁷ He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him...

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

Revelation: *Analogy to Marriage*

Dating	Adam & Eve → Patriarchs
Engagement	Moses & Covenant of Sinai → Prophets
Wedding	Incarnation of Christ → Cross → Wedding Feast of the Lamb "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb... It is finished."

Revelation: How the Deposit of Faith is handed on

- Dei Verbum 7-11
 - Seed → Tree
- Deposit of Faith
 - One Sacred Deposit of Faith made up of Scripture and Tradition and interpreted by the Magisterium.





Sacred Scripture

- The divinely revealed realities that have been committed to writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the authorship of God and of human authors.
- Infallible!



Sacred Tradition

- Tradition is the received knowledge through the oral preaching of the Apostles that has developed in the Church with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
 - “Trinity”
- It is infallible and protected from error by the Holy Spirit.

Magisterium: The Teaching Office

- “The task of authentically interpreting the Word of God, whether written or handed on, has been entrusted exclusively to the living teaching office of the Church... which serves [the Word of God.]”

