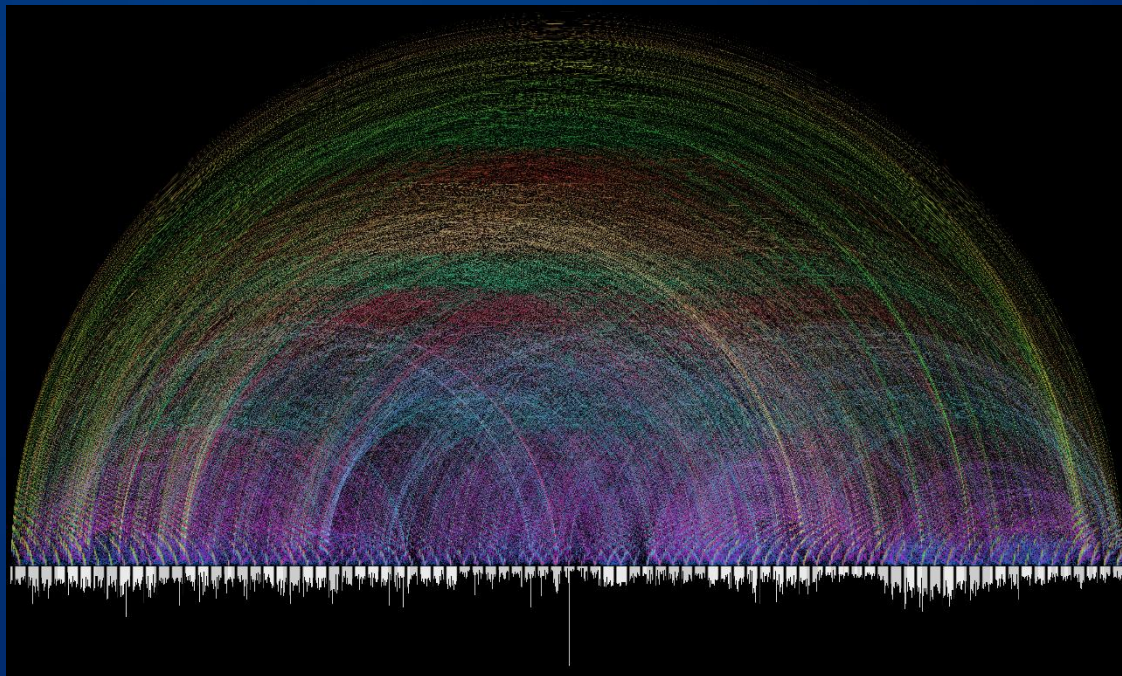




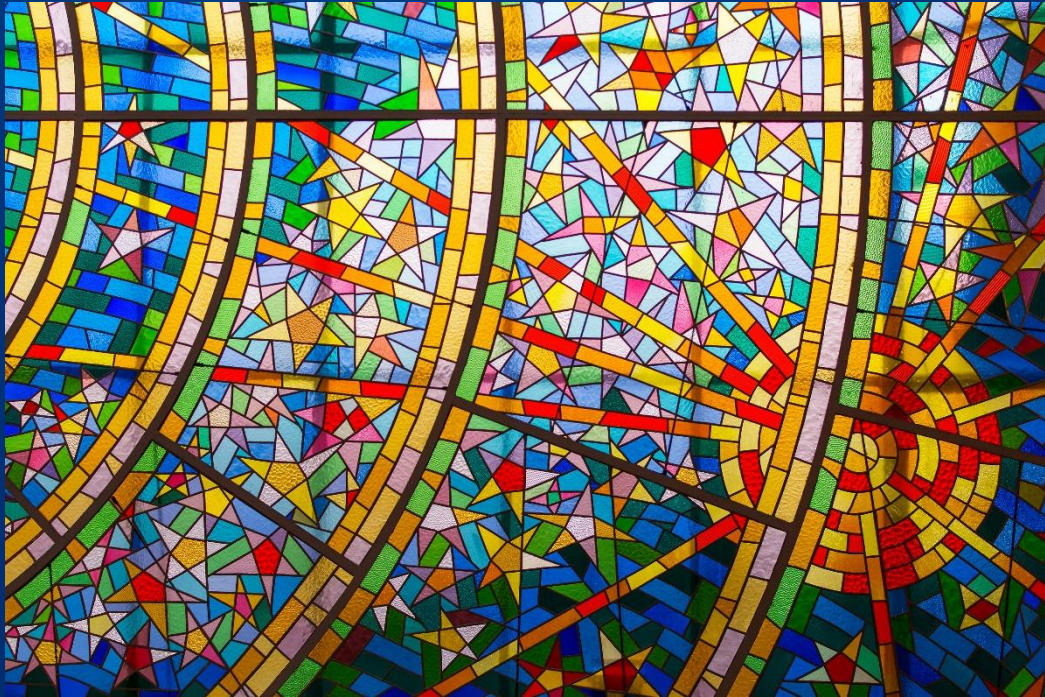
The Heavens were Torn Open!

Mark 1:9-13

Bible Verse Cross References



Mosaics





The Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Old Testament

- Genesis 12:3
- Genesis 18:18
- Genesis 22:18
- Genesis 26:4
- Genesis 28:10–14

New Testament

- Acts 3:25
- Galatians 3:8
- John 1:51



The Significance of Jesus' Baptism

- Dave McKenna's Commentary on Mark:
“When Jesus comes up from the water he experiences three things that in Jewish tradition signified the inauguration of God's eschatological kingdom: the heavens were opened above him, the Spirit descended into him, and the heavenly voice spoke to him. The concurrence of these momentous events at the baptism signals that Jesus is the “more powerful one” (Mark 1:7) promised in the OT and the inaugurator of God's eschatological kingdom.”



Isaiah 64:1–2 (NIV84)

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to
boil, come down to make your name known to your
enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!



Isaiah 42:1 (NIV84)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him
and he will bring justice to the nations.”



Septuagint

Schizein

(The Greek lemma is schizo.)



Isaiah 40:1-5

Another gathering of the Assembly

John the Baptist connects
this to Jesus' baptism

Caught on a Security Camera





C. I. Scofield

“Every one of these temptations come to fellow-sons and co-heirs with Jesus. The pathway of faith lies through testings which appeal to bodily needs; to fanaticism instead of faith, and to the avoidance of that suffering which for us, too, lies between conversion and the crown.”



1 John 3:8 (NIV84)

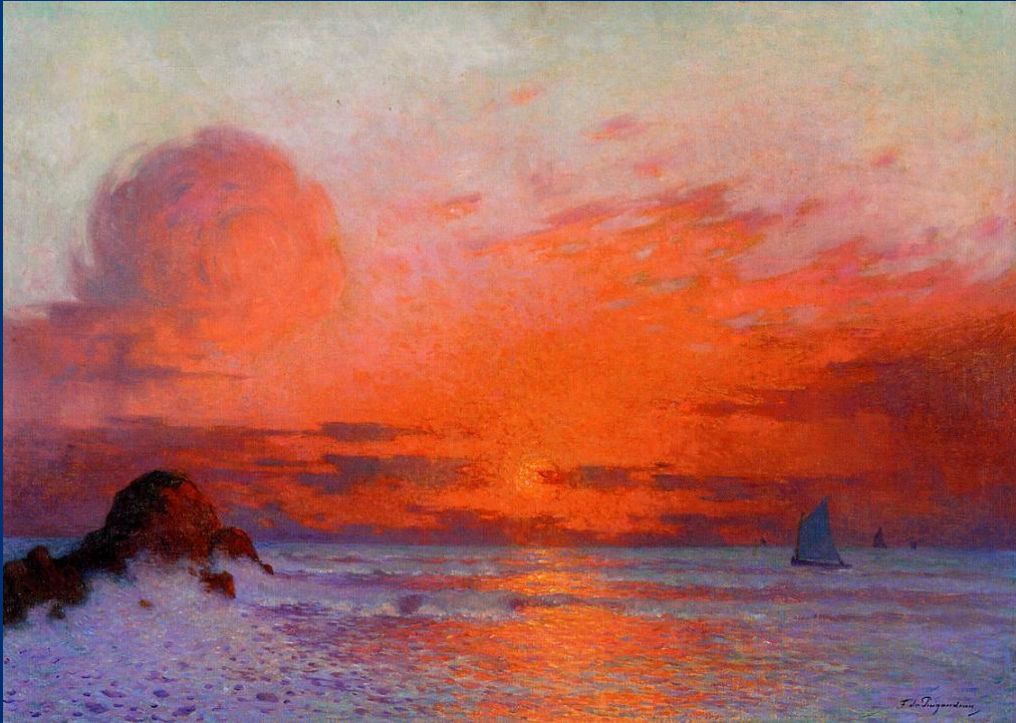
He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.



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French Impressionist Paintings





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- Acts 1:21–22 (NIV84)

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, **beginning from John's baptism** to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”