

# Christian Doctrine in Art



Creation of Adam, Michelangelo, Sistine Chapel ceiling (God and the mind of God)

The creation of Adam & Eve,  
Ghiberti, Baptistry Doors,



Eve emerging from  
Adam's rib

Cranach

Adam & Eve

Germany

Early 16<sup>th</sup> C.

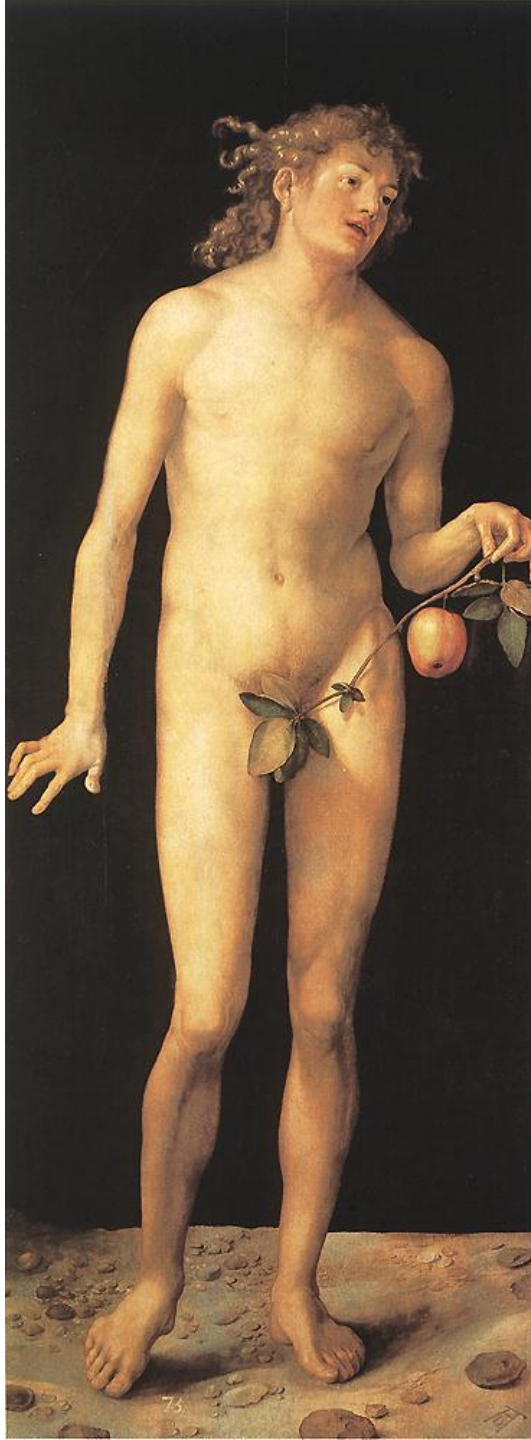


Dürer

Adam & Eve

Germany

Early 16<sup>th</sup> C.

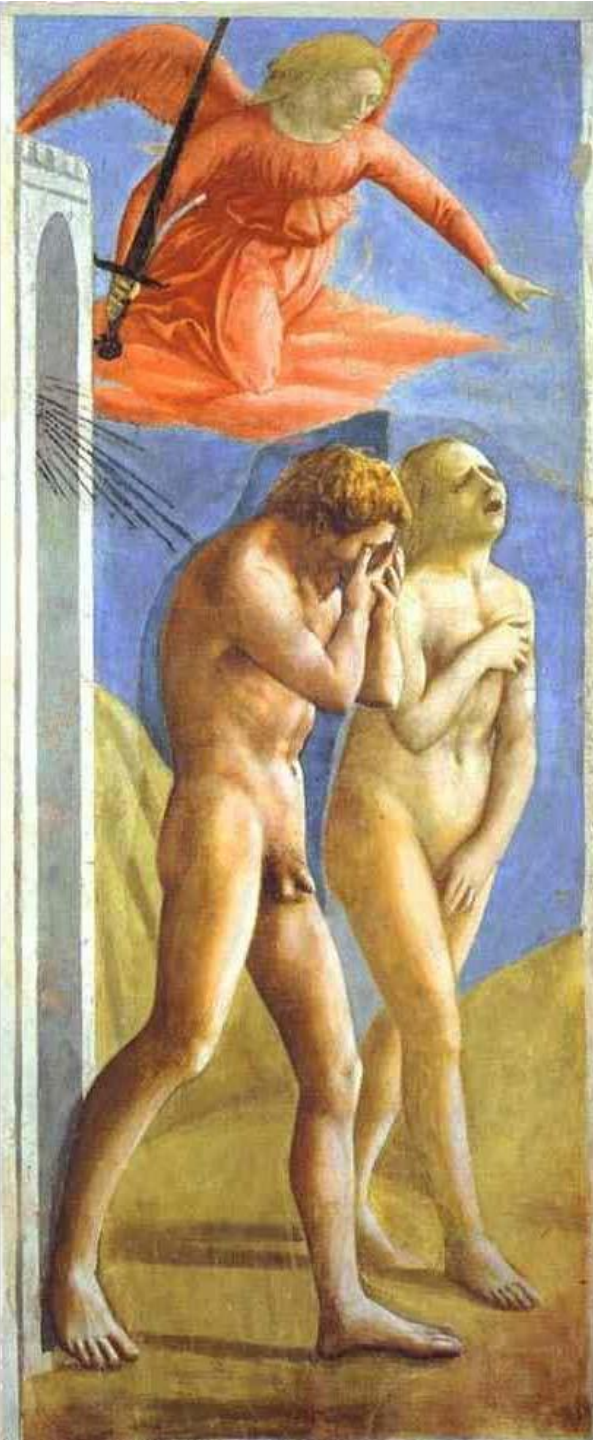
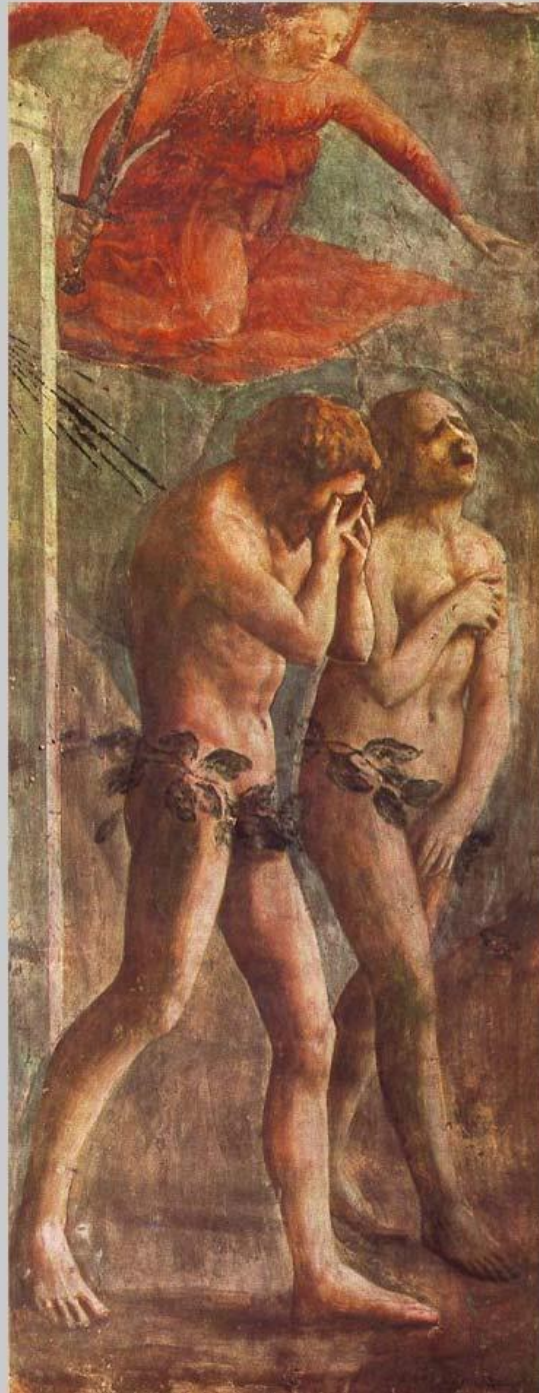


Massaccio

Expulsion of  
Adam & Even  
from Garden  
of Eden

15<sup>th</sup> C.

Before and  
after cleaning





Michelangelo, Sistine Ceiling, Expulsion of Adam & Eve 16<sup>th</sup> C.

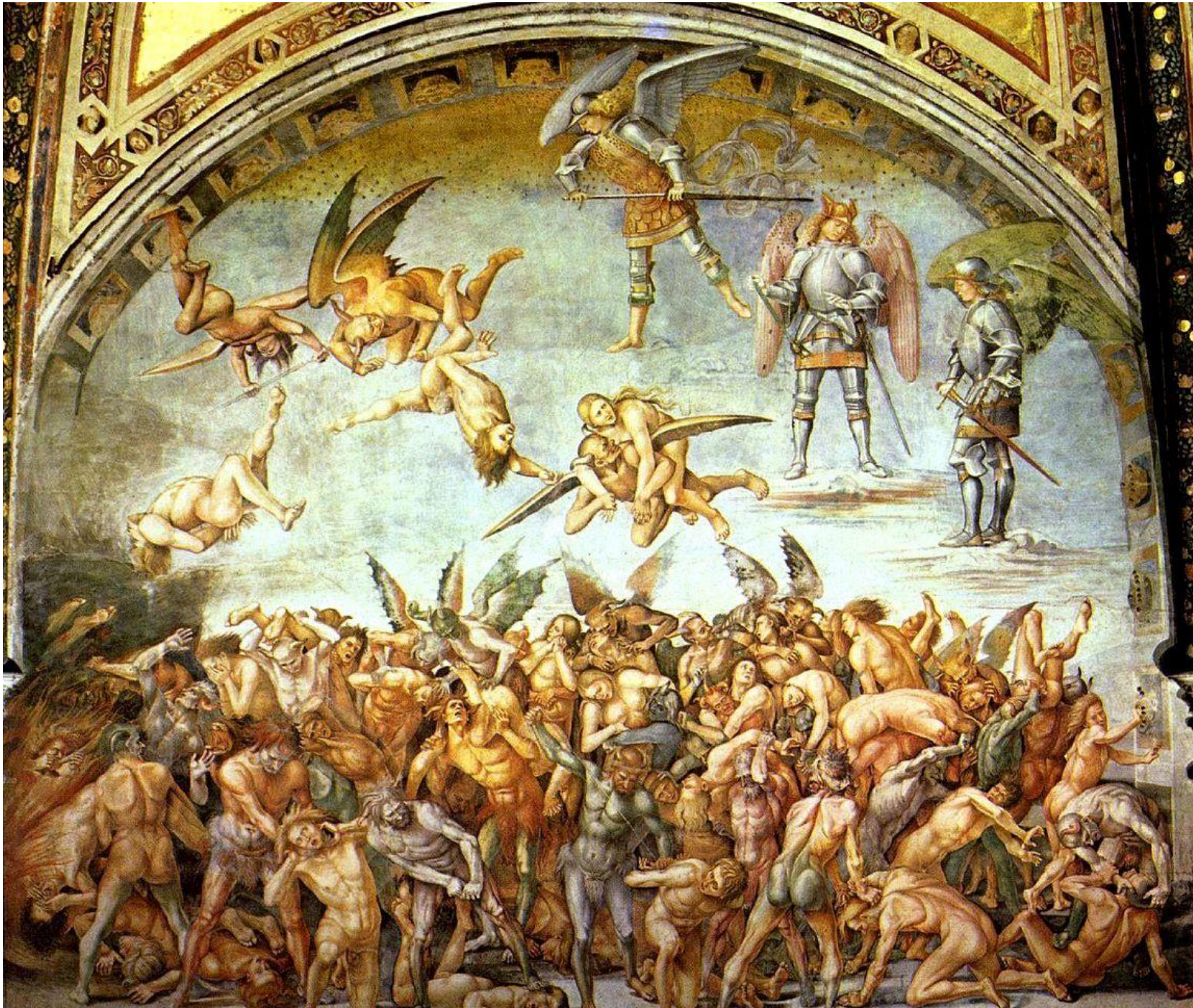
Signorelli

After the  
Fall: sin &  
damnation

Orvieto  
Cathedral

Italy 15<sup>th</sup> C

Things not  
looking  
good!





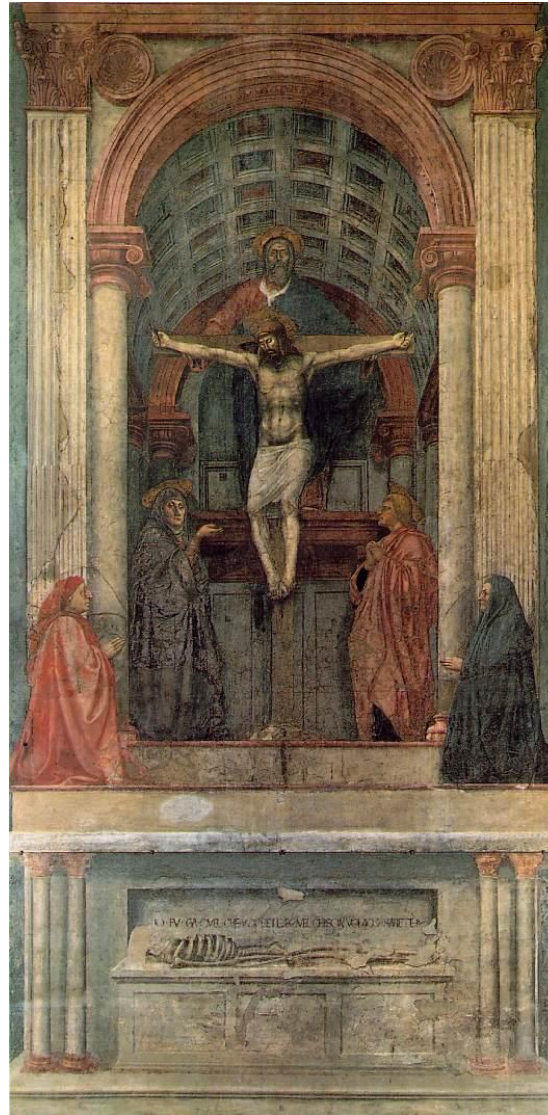
The Trinity:  
Father  
Son (Christ),  
Holy Spirit (dove)

with  
Mary & John Baptist  
plus donors  
hoping for salvation

Inscription over corpse  
“What I once was,  
you are now.”  
*Memento mori* =  
remember death

Masaccio  
Florence

Early 15<sup>th</sup> C



The story of the Redemption: starts with the conception of the Virgin Mary



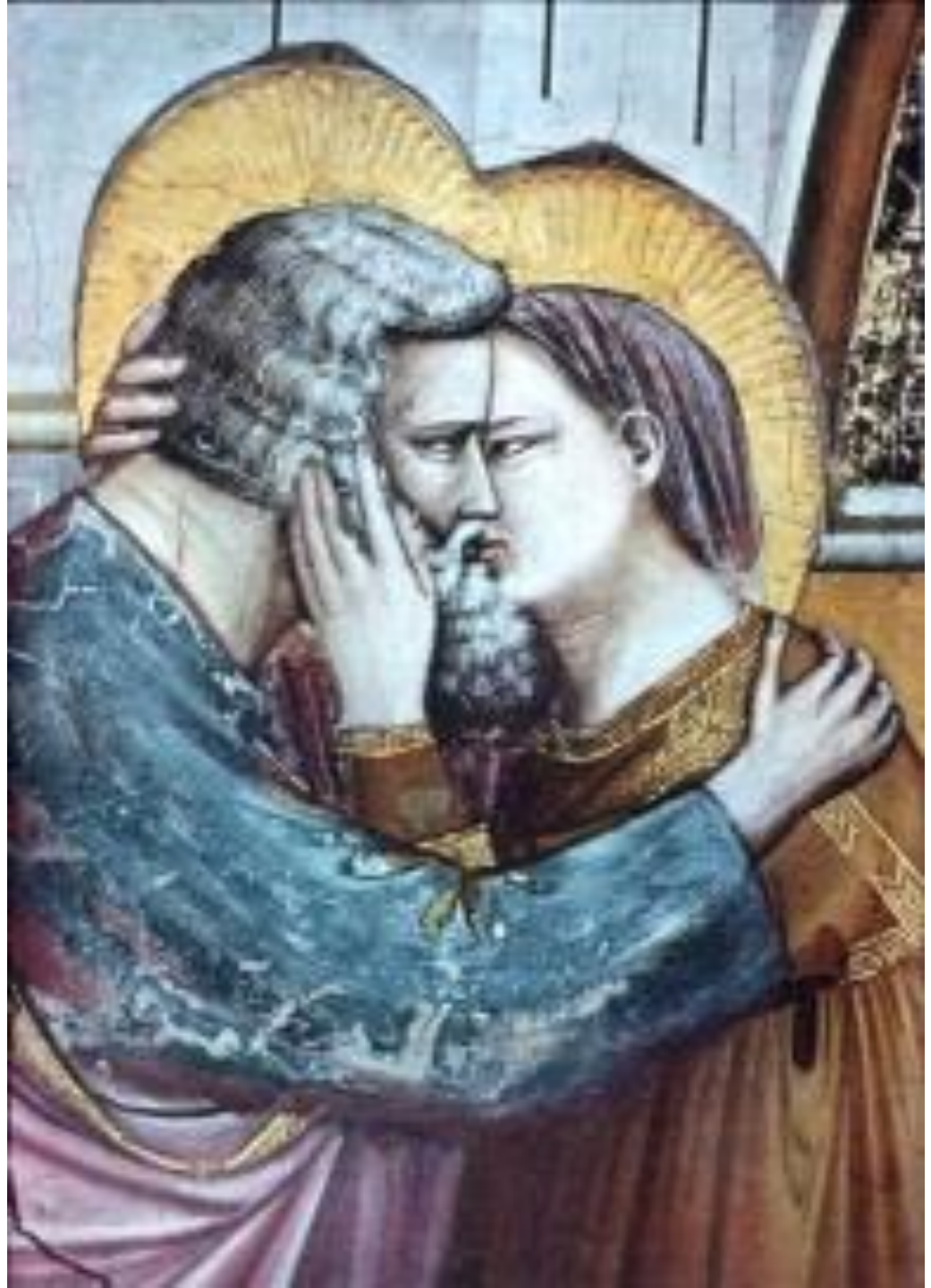
Meeting of St Anne and Joachim at the Golden Gate Giotto 14<sup>th</sup> C. Padua illustration of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Kiss of Anna and  
Joachim

Mary was  
“conceived without sin”  
through a kiss only

Doctrine of the  
Immaculate Conception of  
Virgin Mary:

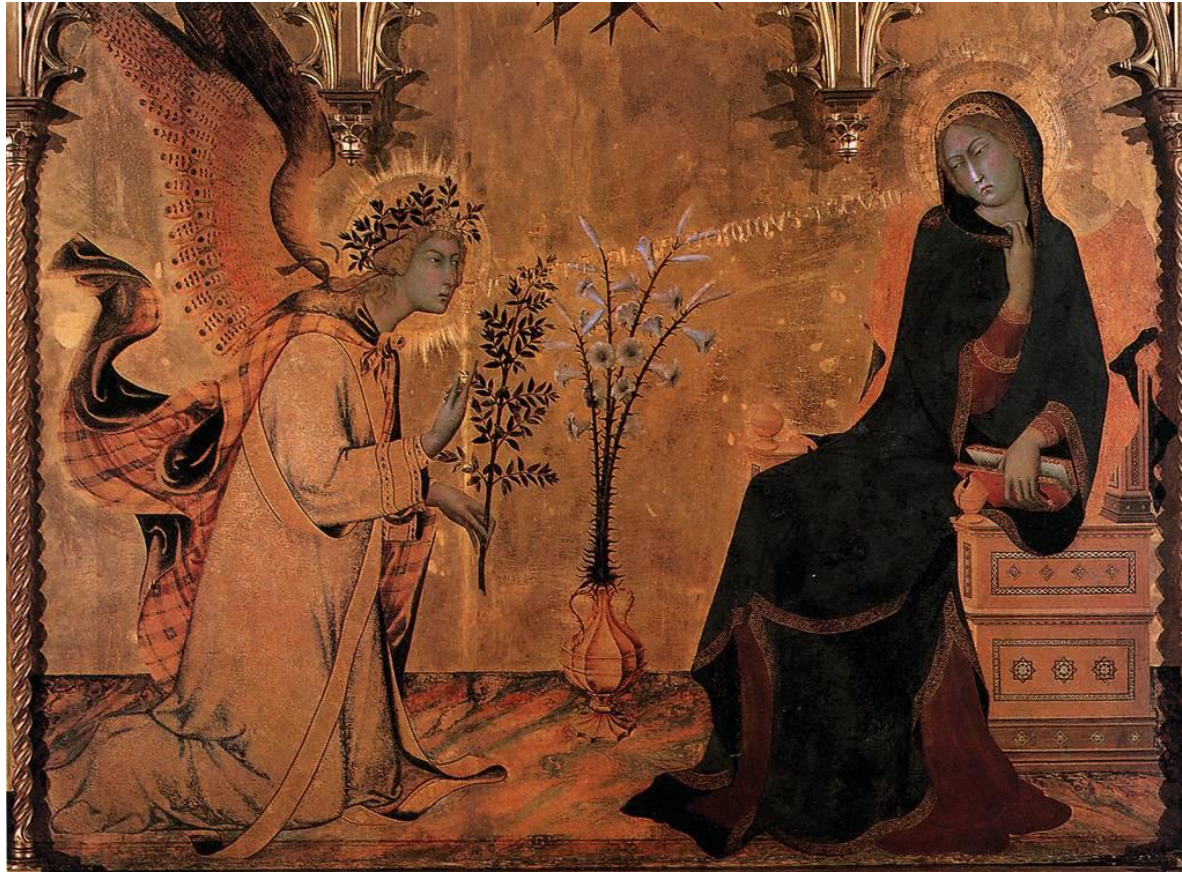
The only human after  
Adam & Eve to be born  
without original sin



The  
Annunciation  
to the Virgin  
Mary that 'she  
was conceived  
by the Holy  
Spirit' and  
would bear a  
son after a  
Virgin Birth

Fra Angelico  
15<sup>th</sup> C.  
Florence





Annunciation, Simone Martini 1333

Angel's words in gold: "Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum"

("Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee")

Piero della  
Francesca

Madonna del  
Parto

(the Madonna  
of childbirth)



Giotto

The Nativity

Italy, Padua  
Arena Chapel

14<sup>th</sup> C.

including The  
Dormition (sleep)  
of Joseph



The eyes !





St. Anne,  
Virgin Mary  
and Christ

The other  
Trinity

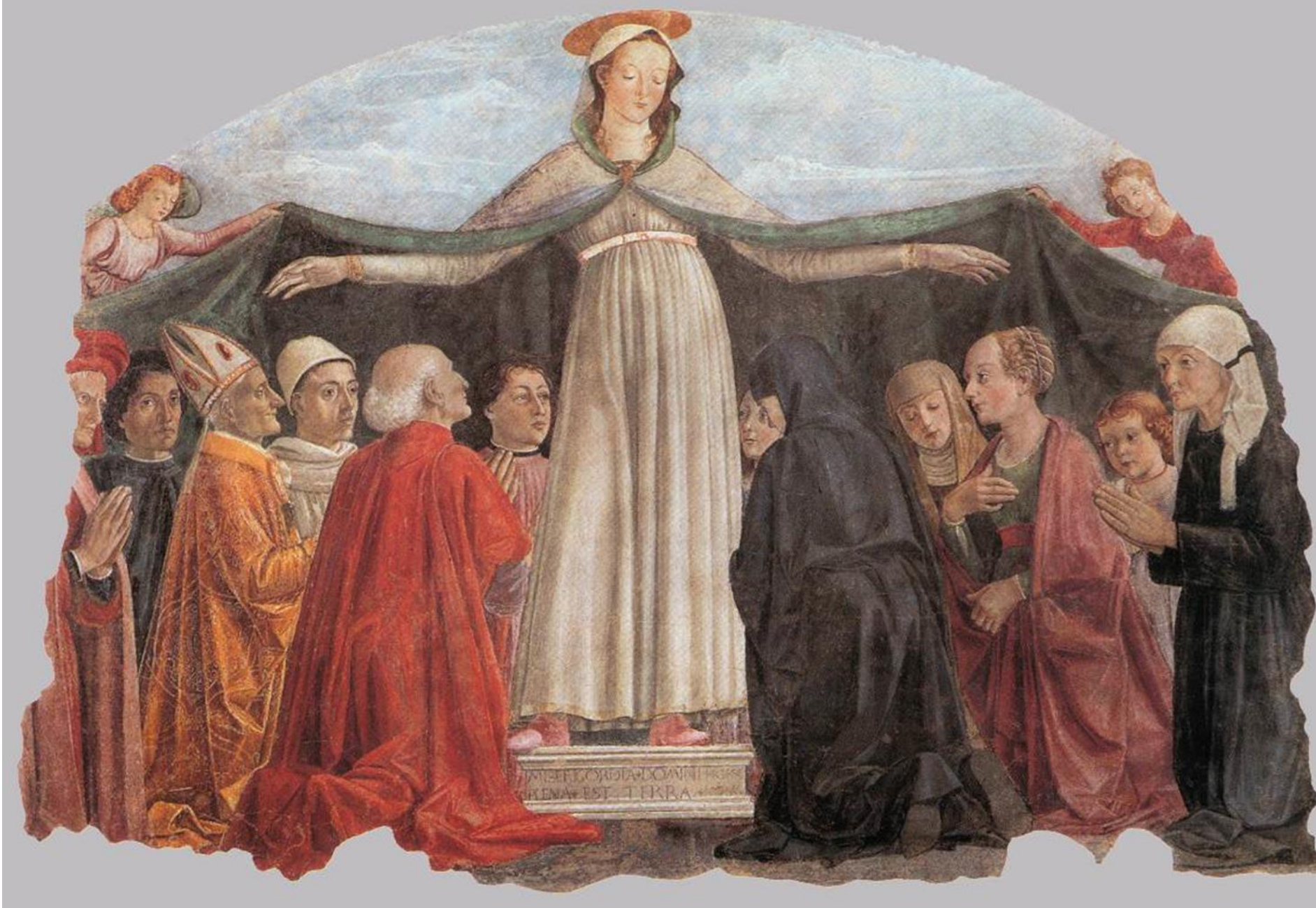
Massacio  
Florence



Leonardo da Vinci

St. Anne with  
Virgin and child





Ghirlandaio Madonna of Mercy -- Mary as source of protection, forgiveness

Baptism  
of Christ  
by St. John  
the Baptist

Verrochio  
Florence  
15<sup>th</sup> C

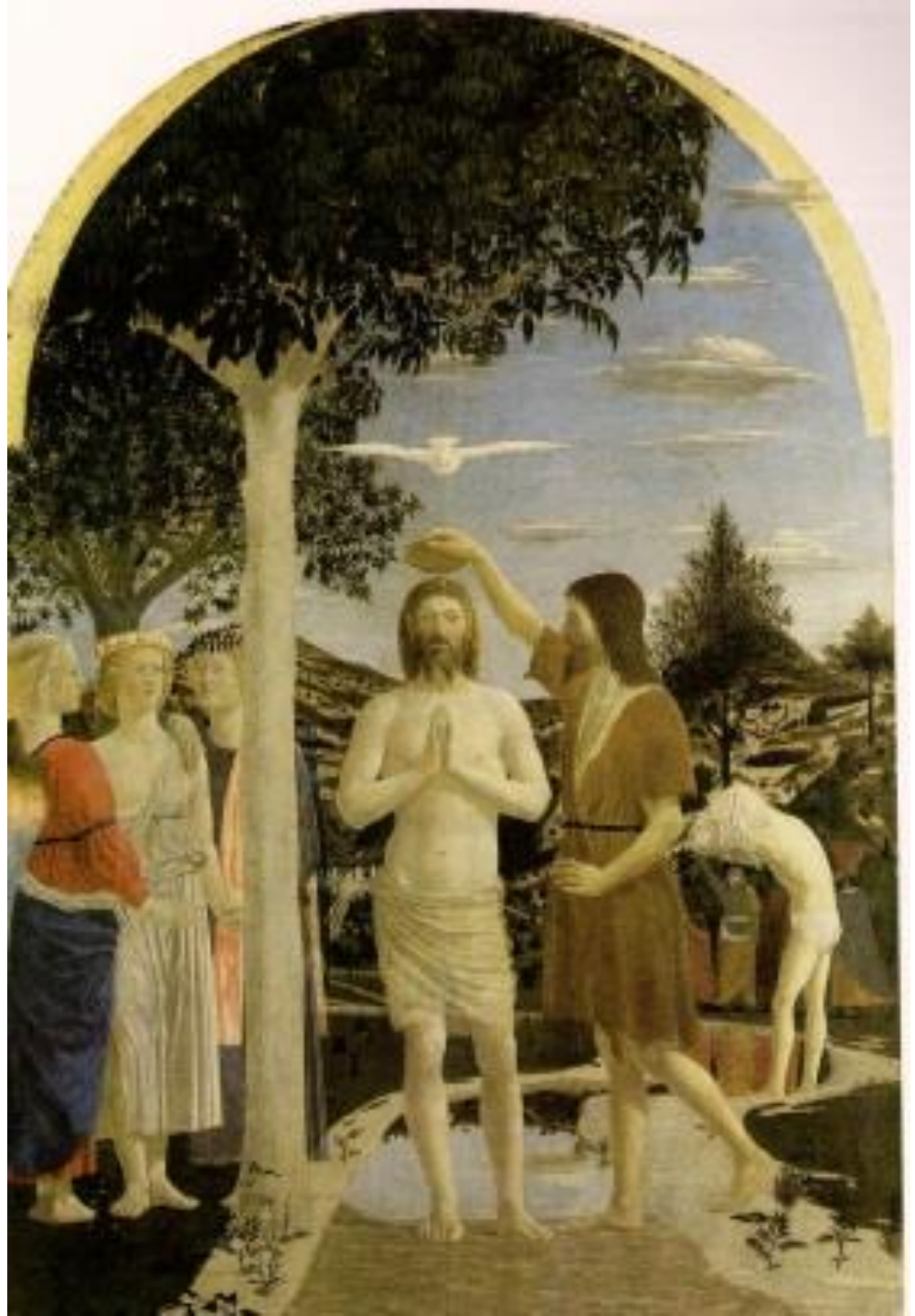
(angel on left  
by Leonardo  
da Vinci)

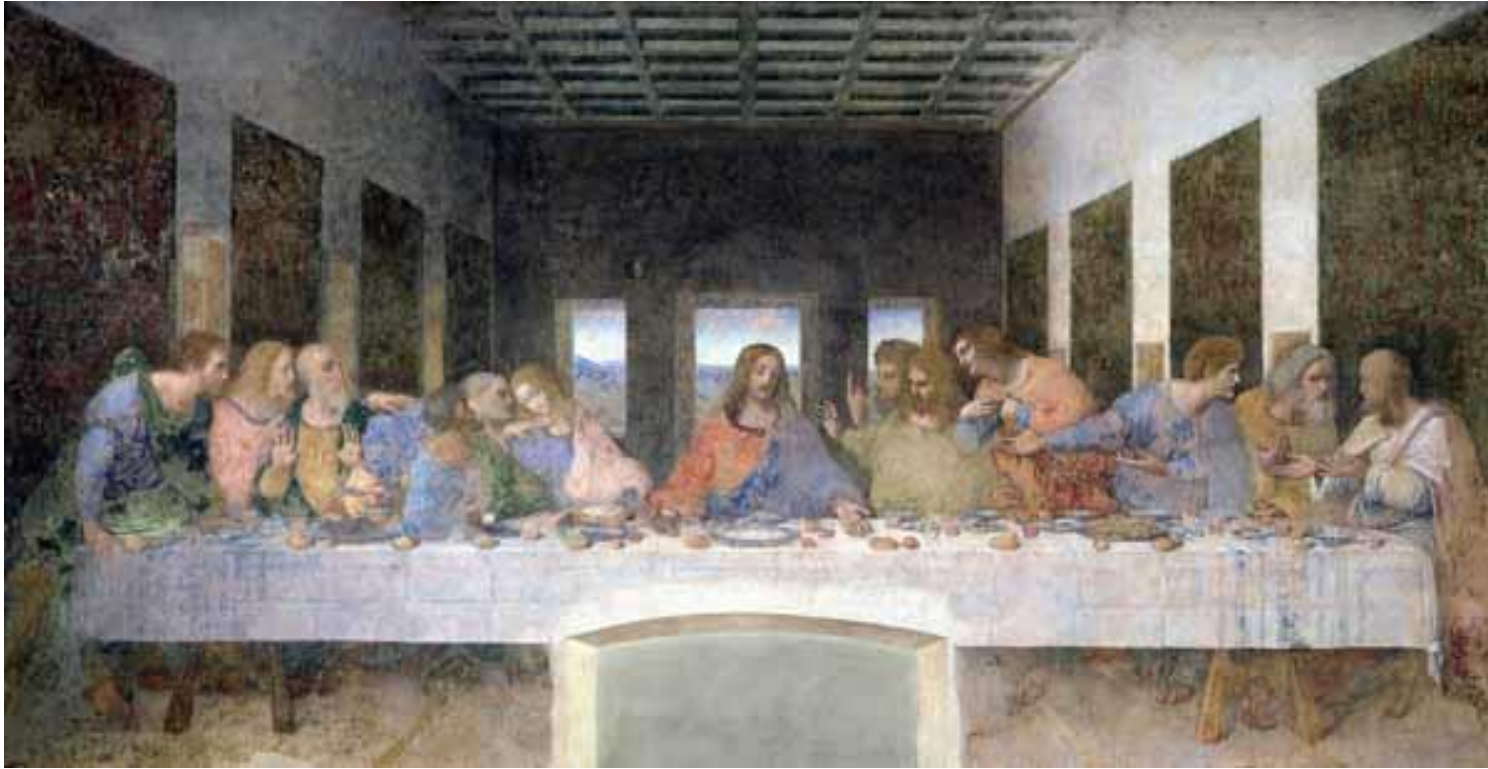


The Baptism of  
Jesus by John  
the Baptist

Piero della  
Francesca

Italy 15<sup>th</sup> C.



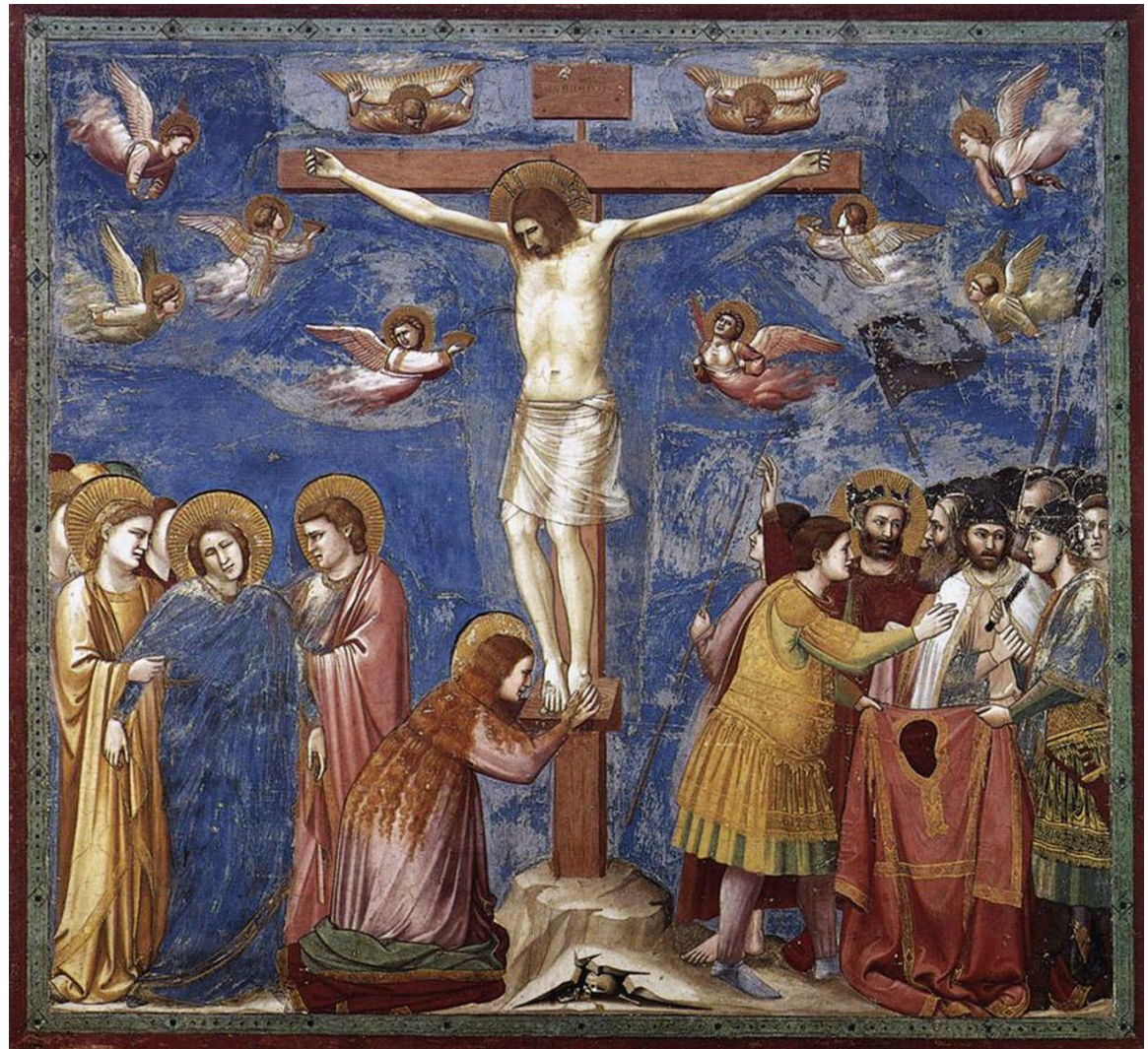


Leonardo Last Supper Milan

The  
Crucifixion  
of Jesus

Giotto

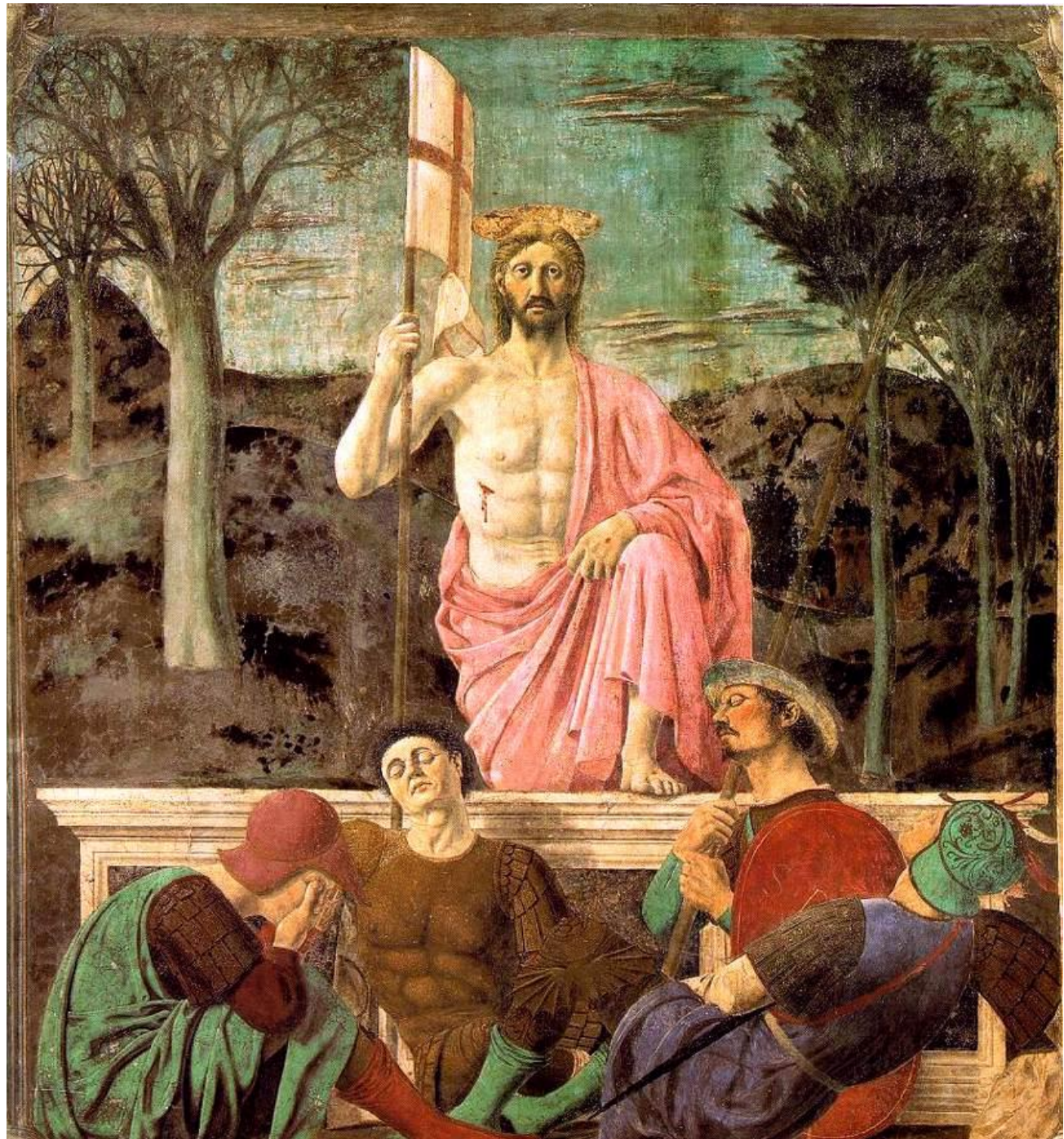
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The  
Resurrection  
of  
Christ

Piero della  
Francesca

Italy 15<sup>th</sup> C





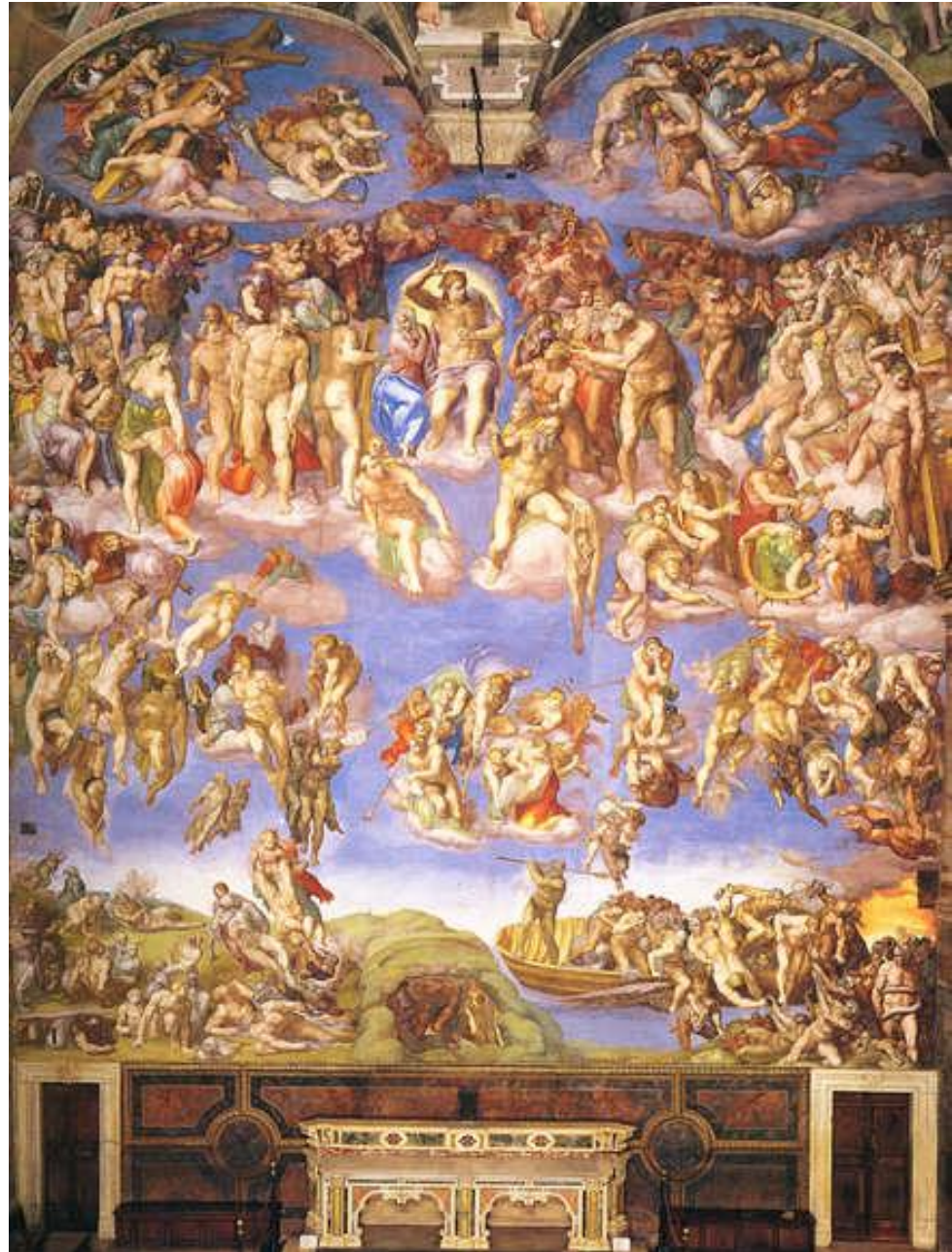


Raphael The Eucharist, Stanza della Segnatura, Vatican

The Last  
Judgment

Michelangelo

Altar Wall of  
Sistine Chapel  
Vatican  
mid 16<sup>th</sup> C.



Christ as Judge

Self portrait of  
Michelangelo as  
a flayed corpse  
hanging between  
Heaven & Hell

Michelangelo  
Sistine wall  
mid 16<sup>th</sup> C.

