



The Story of the Church

Class 1:

Why Study Church History?



WHY SHOULD WE STUDY CHURCH HISTORY?

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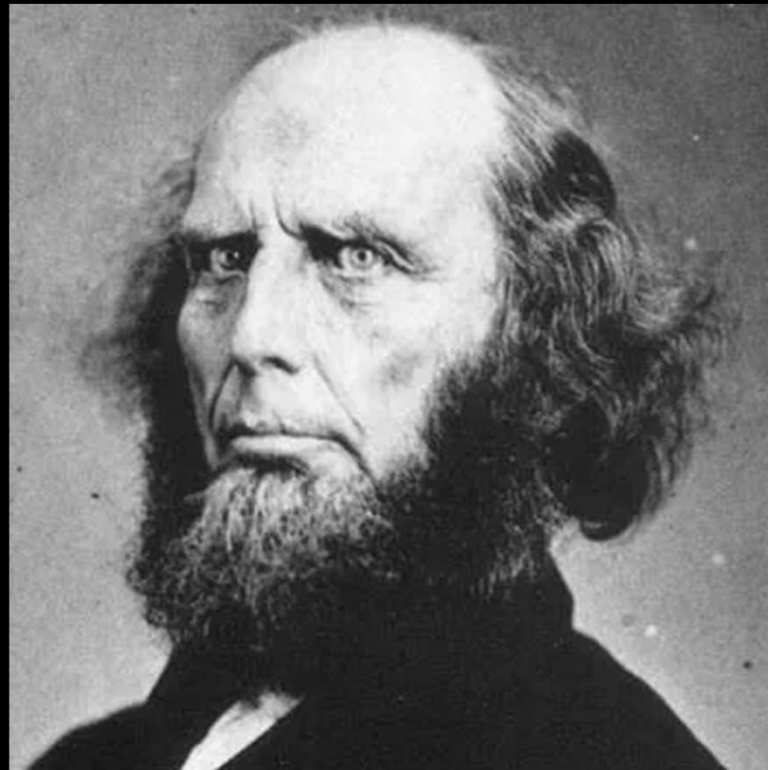
1. STUDYING CHURCH HISTORY STIRS US TO PRAISE GOD.



2. CHURCH HISTORY IS OUR FAMILY'S STORY.



3. THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY WE MAY GROW IN HUMILITY AS WE LEARN.



4. UNDERSTANDING CHURCH HISTORY CAN GUARD US FROM REPEATING ERRORS FROM THE PAST.



5. KNOWING CHURCH HISTORY CAN GUARD US FROM ACCEPTING BAD HISTORY.



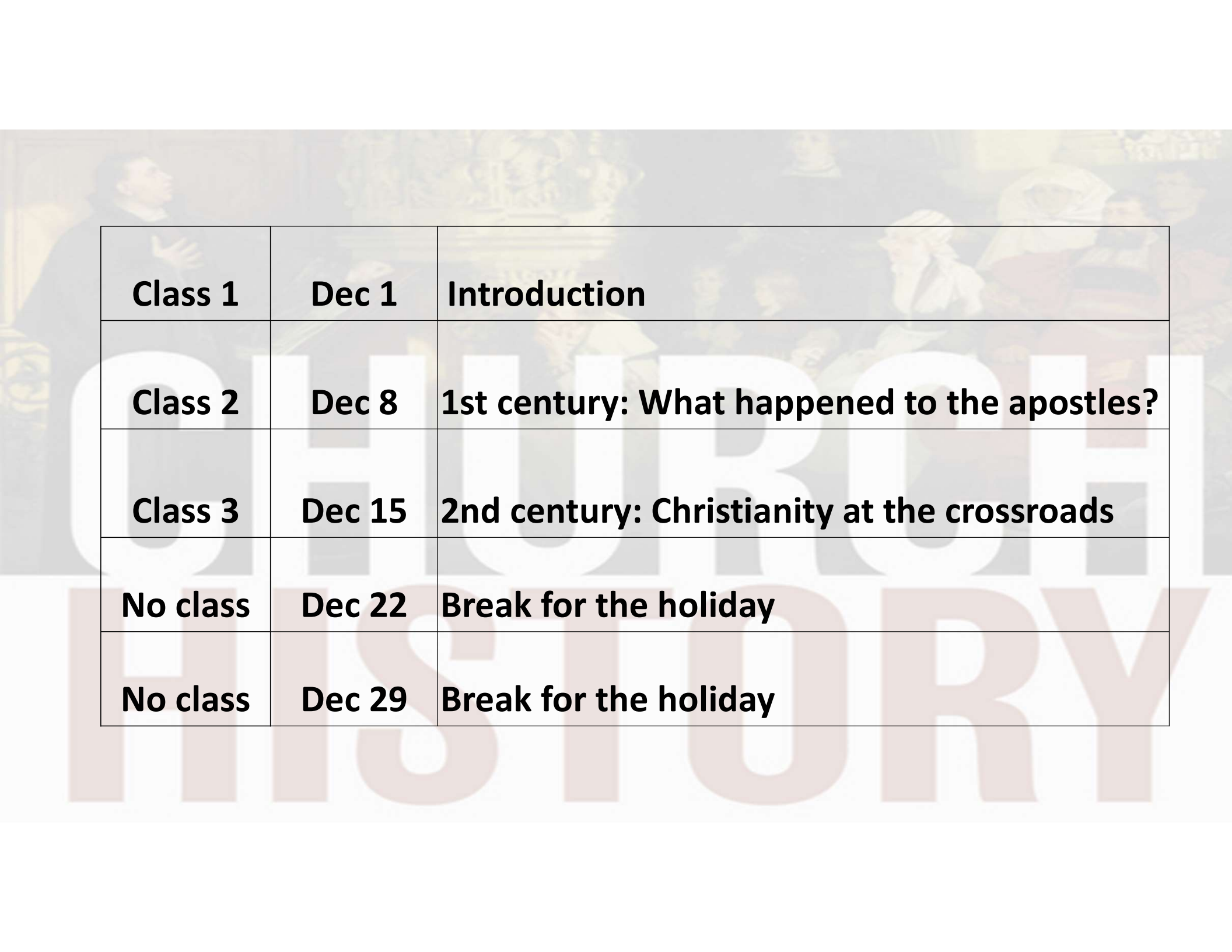
6. CHURCH HISTORY CAN PROVIDE INSPIRATION, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND HOPE.



JOHN BUNYAN IN BEDFORD JAIL, 1667. HIS BLIND CHILD LEAVING HIM FOR THE NIGHT.

7. KNOWING CHURCH HISTORY HELPS US BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES.





Class 1	Dec 1	Introduction
Class 2	Dec 8	1st century: What happened to the apostles?
Class 3	Dec 15	2nd century: Christianity at the crossroads
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