

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

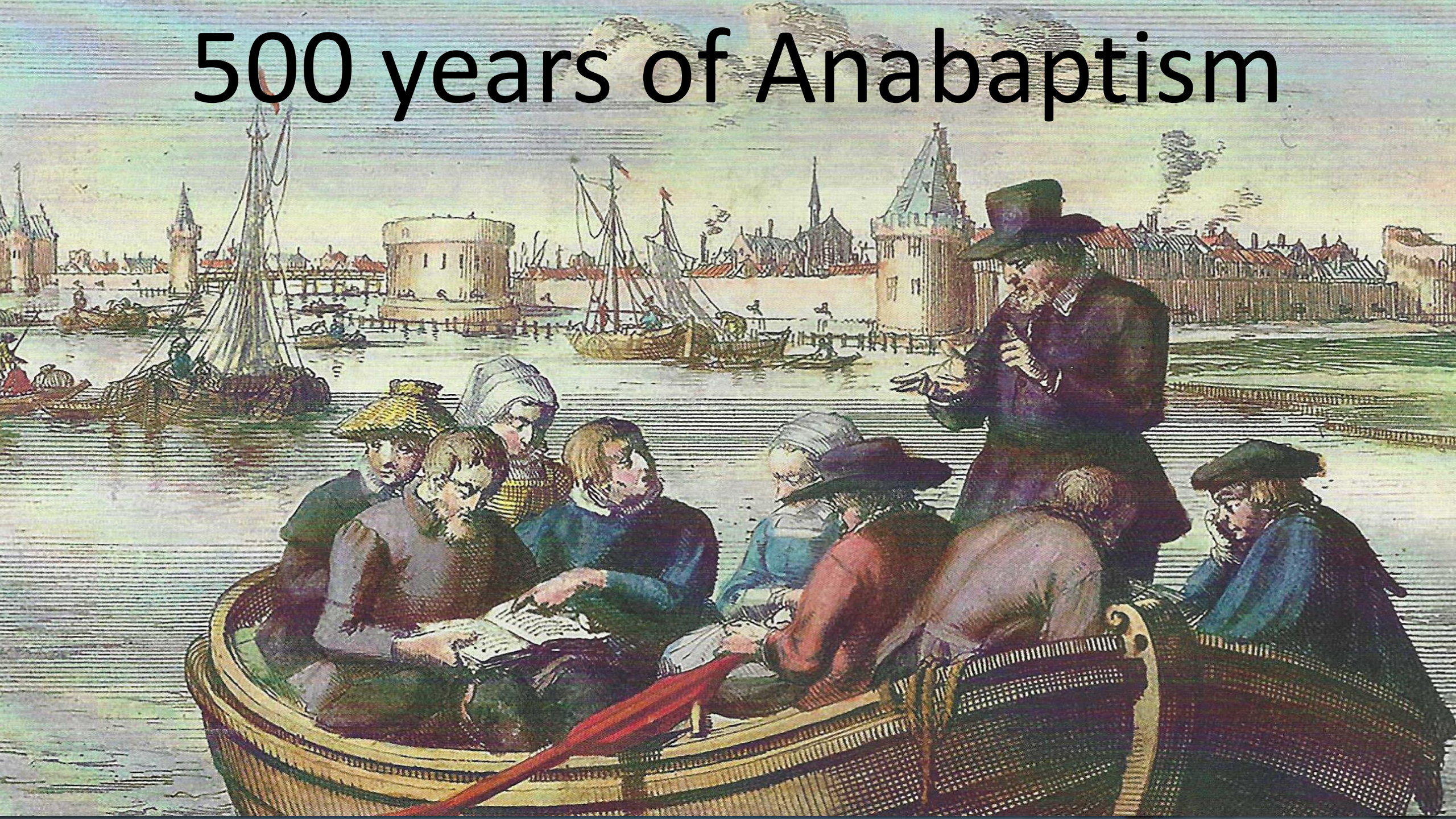
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**JESUS:  
The Center  
of Our Faith**

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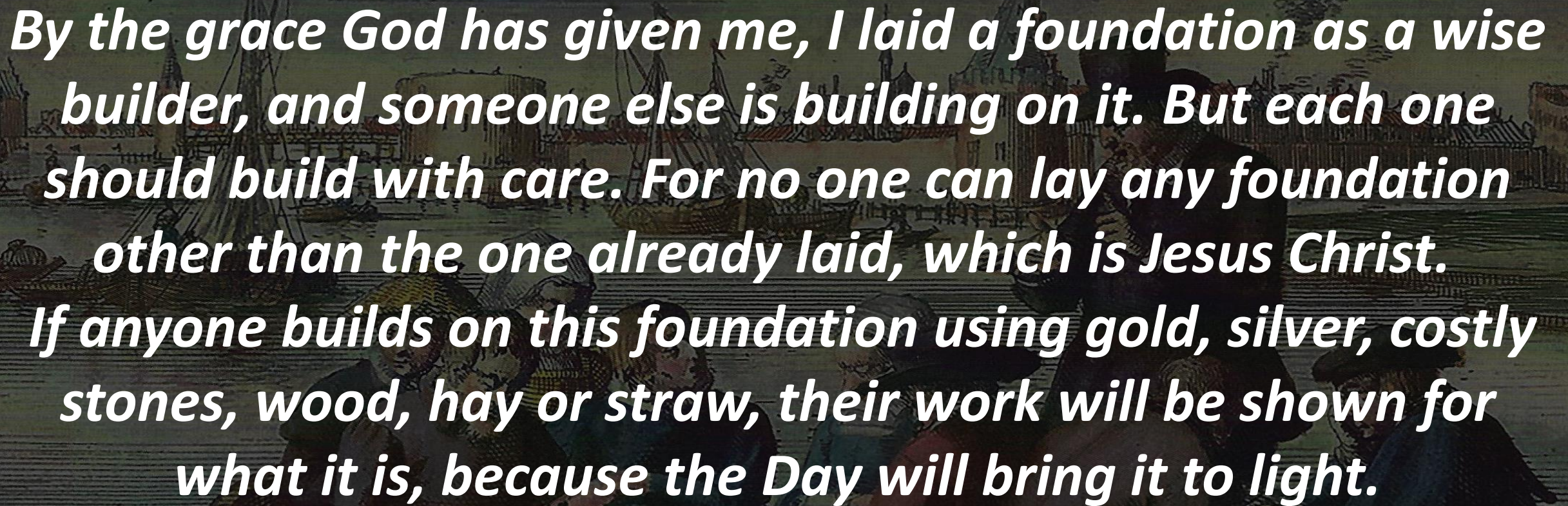
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# 500 years of Anabaptism



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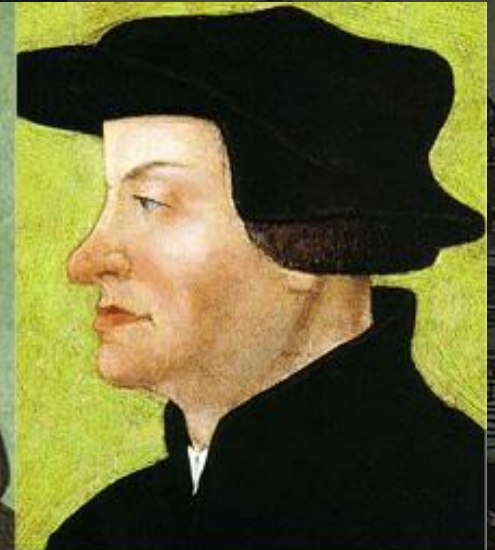
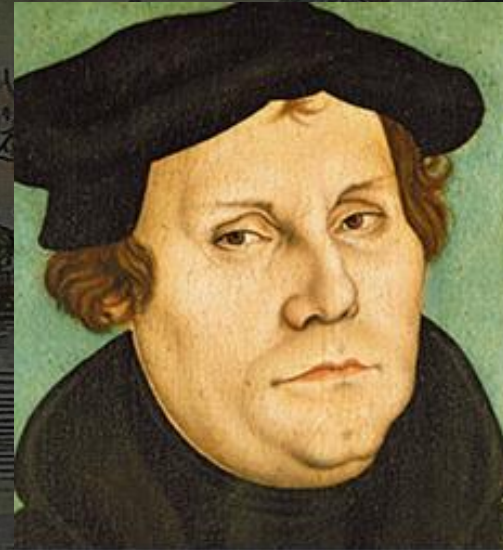
January 21, 1525



# Protestant Reformation (1517-1648?)



**Martin Luther nails 95 Theses  
on church door in  
Wittenburg, Germany (1517)**



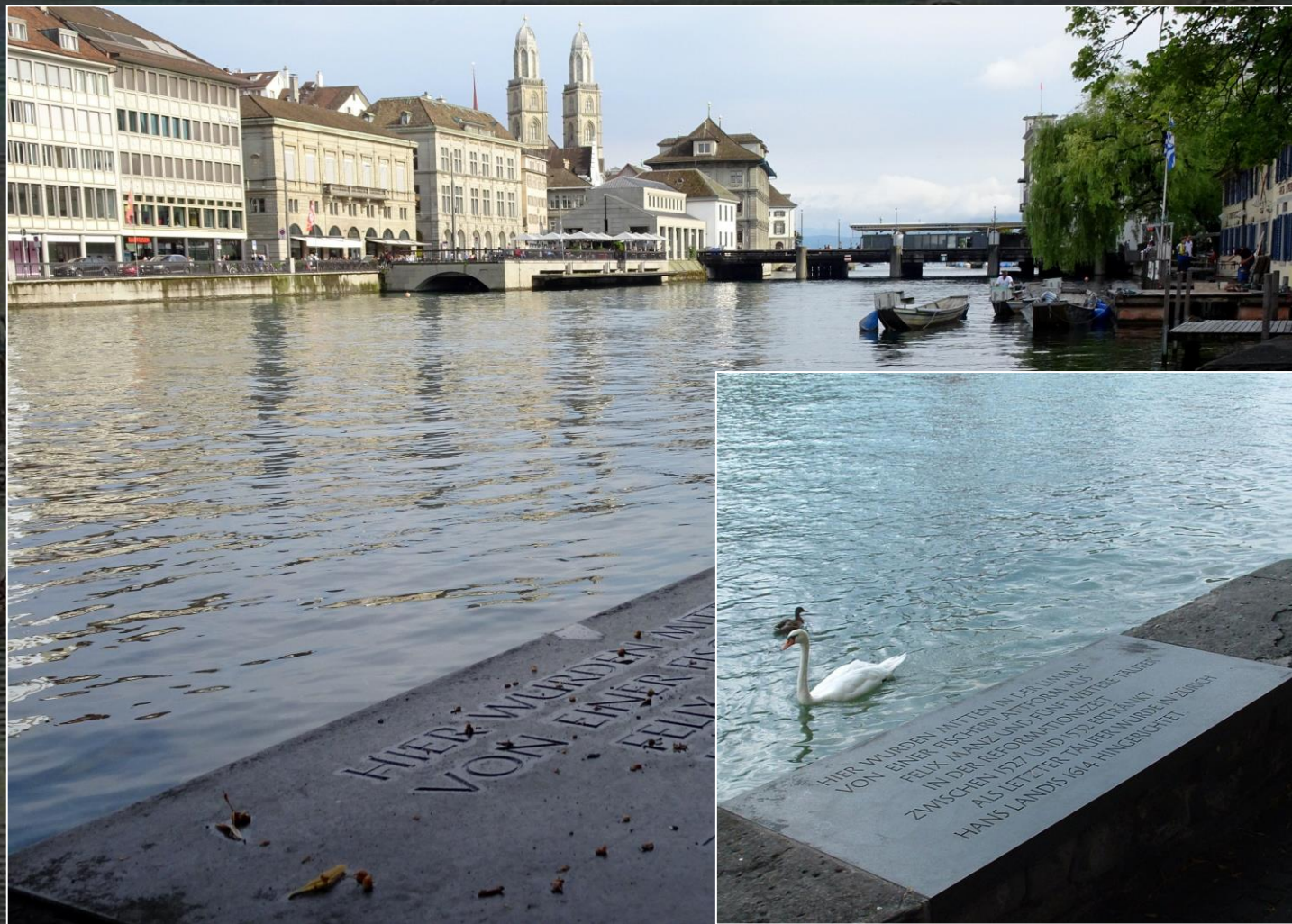
**LUTHER  
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**The home in Zurich today which is believed to be the past home of Anna Manz and the first Anabaptist Believers Baptism**



**Cave in Switzerland that early Anabaptists were believed to have met in to avoid arrest**



**Picture from Martyr's  
Mirror Book**

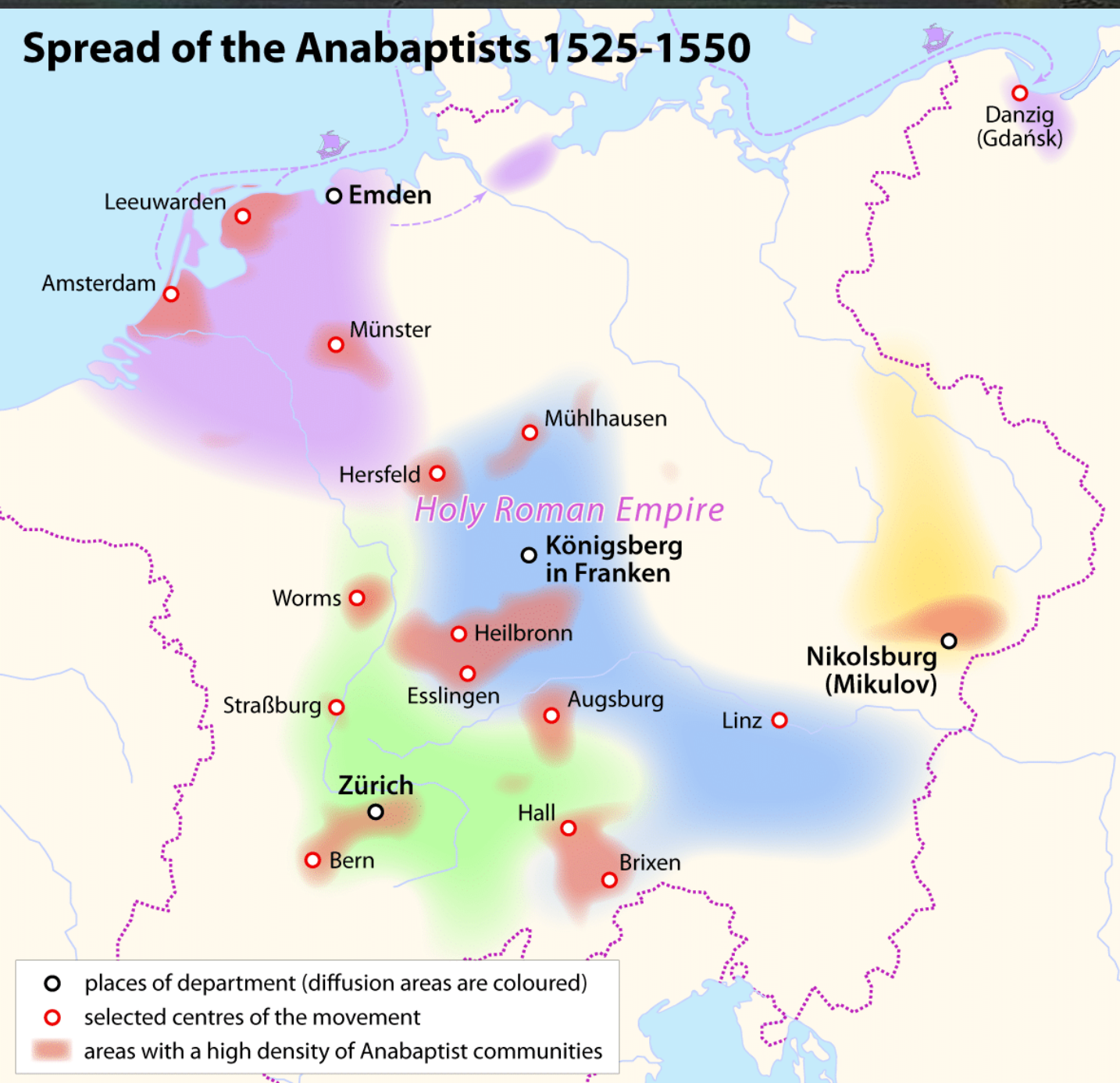
**Site in Zurich, Switzerland where Felix Manz was drowned on January 5, 1527**

**A memorial is there today to remember his martyrdom.**

**Between 4,000 – 5,000 Anabaptists were martyred for their faith & belief**



# Spread of the Anabaptists 1525-1550



**Menno Simons (1496 – 1561)**



ANABAPTISTS

**Re-Baptizers**

MENNONITES

**Mennists**

**Most Important: Followers of Jesus**

# Three Core Values of Anabaptism

*Howard S. Bender in The Anabaptist Vision*

*Palmer Becker from "What is an Anabaptist Christian?"*

1. Jesus is the center of our faith!
  2. Community is the center of our lives!
  3. Reconciliation is the center of our work!
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- A dark, historical-style illustration of a group of people in a boat, possibly a church community, with a man standing and addressing them. The scene is set on a body of water with other boats and buildings in the background. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

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### 1 Corinthians 3

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. V. 6-7*

*For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. V. 11*

# Core Values of Anabaptism

1. Jesus is the center of our faith!

*- We follow Jesus in our daily lives!*

*“No one can truly know Christ unless they follow after him in daily life, and no one can follow Christ in daily life unless they truly know him.”*

**- Hans Denck**

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### Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

*"You have heard it said.... But I say!" - Jesus*

*In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times in various ways, but in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son... who is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being." Hebrews 1:1-3*

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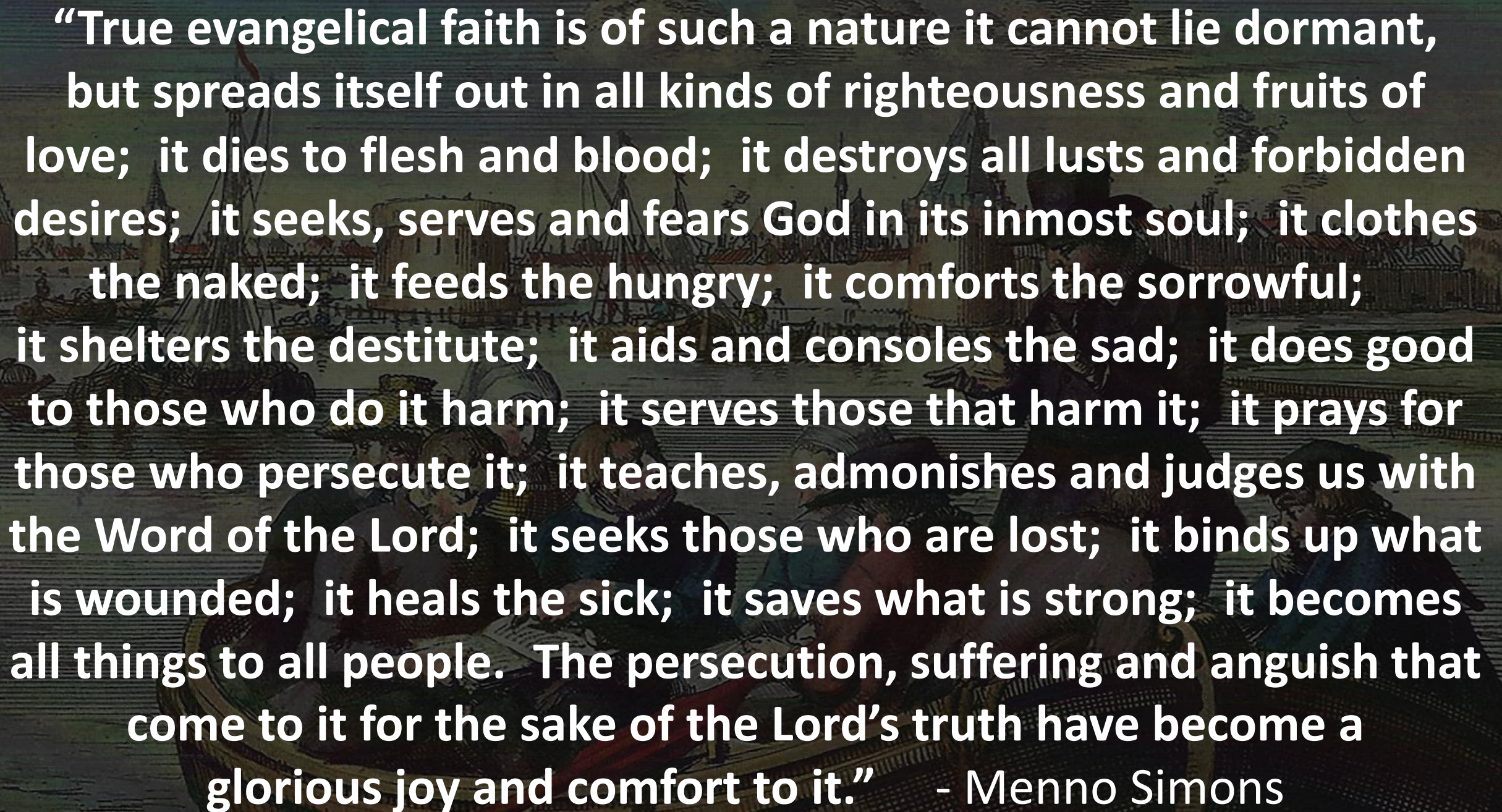
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- *We receive Jesus as both Savior and Lord!*

Jesus is our Savior who redeems us from sin.

Jesus is our Lord whom we follow and obey.

*“We must obey God rather than any human authority.” Acts 5*



**“True evangelical faith is of such a nature it cannot lie dormant, but spreads itself out in all kinds of righteousness and fruits of love; it dies to flesh and blood; it destroys all lusts and forbidden desires; it seeks, serves and fears God in its inmost soul; it clothes the naked; it feeds the hungry; it comforts the sorrowful; it shelters the destitute; it aids and consoles the sad; it does good to those who do it harm; it serves those that harm it; it prays for those who persecute it; it teaches, admonishes and judges us with the Word of the Lord; it seeks those who are lost; it binds up what is wounded; it heals the sick; it saves what is strong; it becomes all things to all people. The persecution, suffering and anguish that come to it for the sake of the Lord’s truth have become a glorious joy and comfort to it.” - Menno Simons**



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