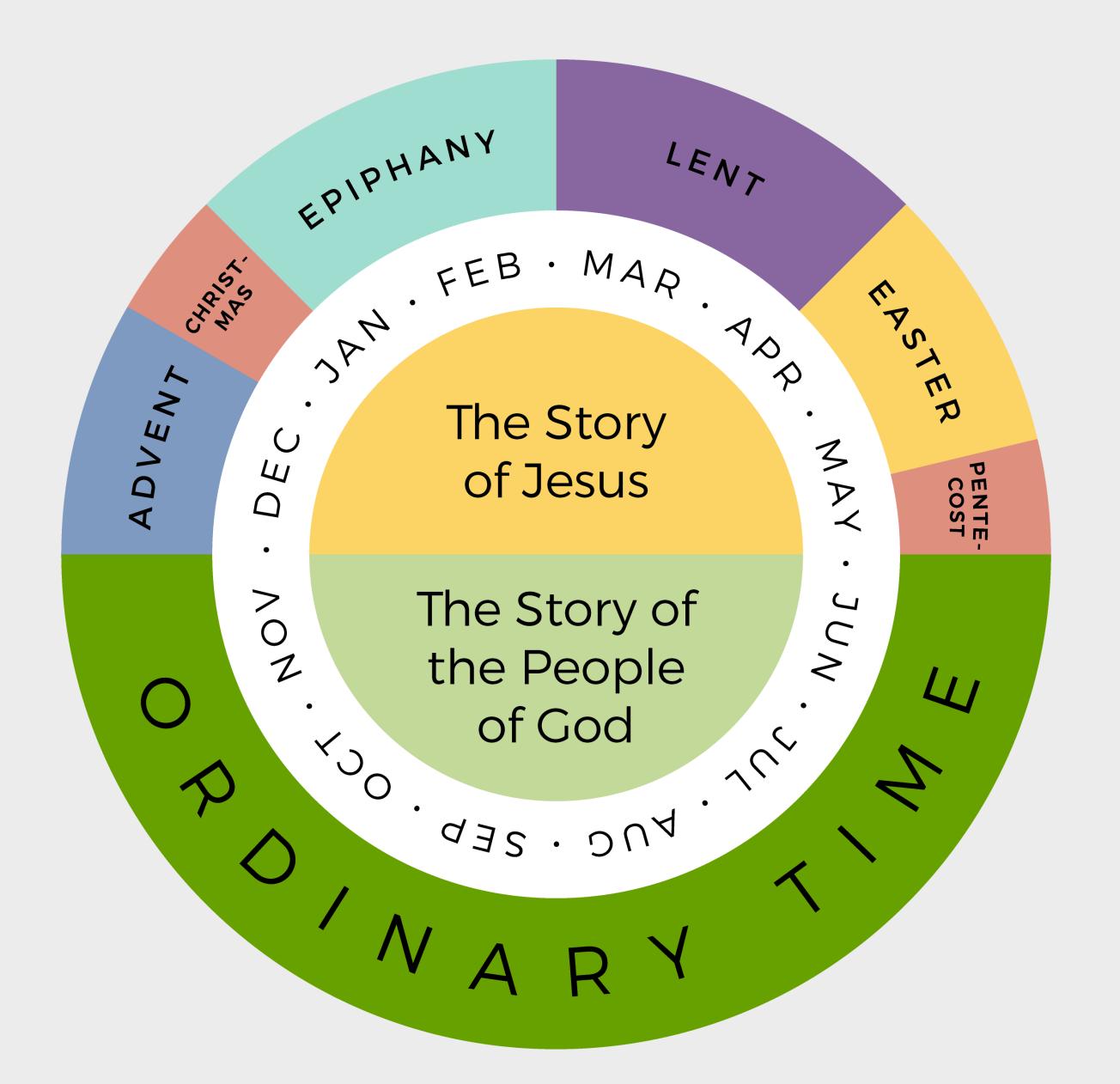
A Liturgical Year

## Ordinary Time





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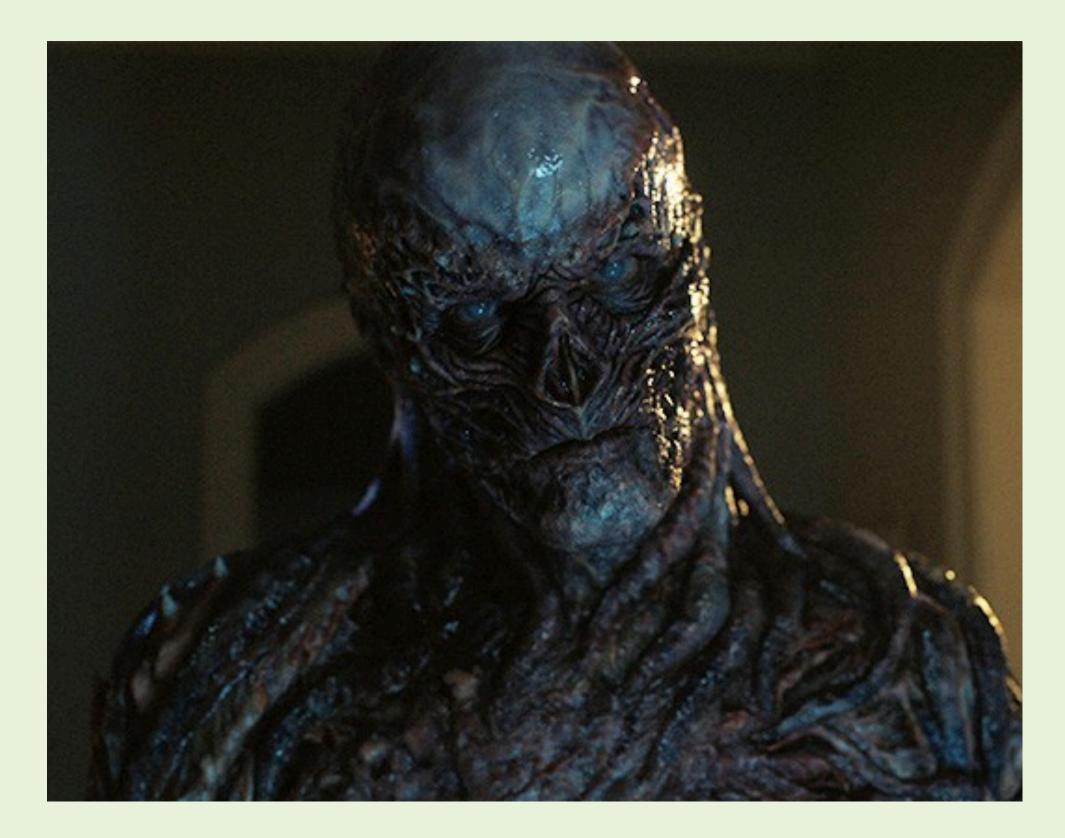
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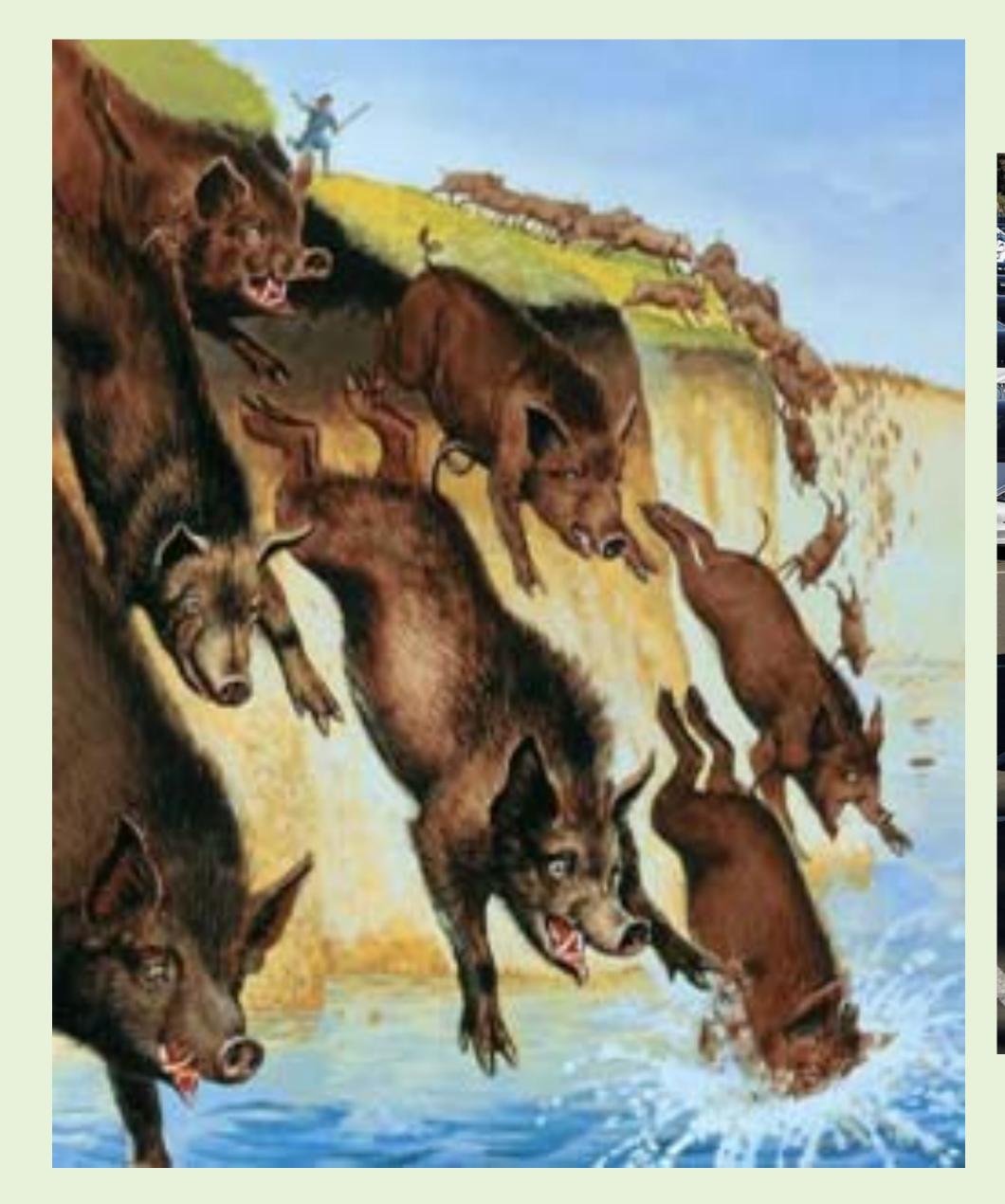
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Luke 8:30-33

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