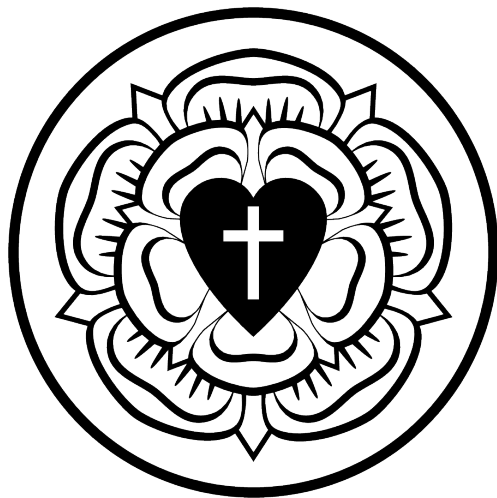


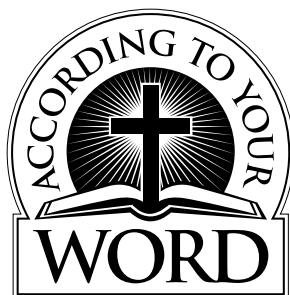
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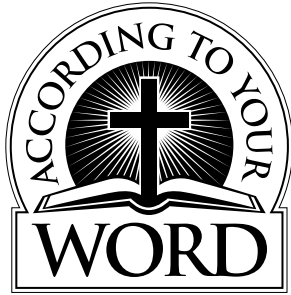
An Illustrating Book for Children



Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism

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Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

Luther begins his Small Catechism with these words: "In the plain form in which the head of the family shall teach them to his household" (ELS Catechism, p. 13), giving parents a simple way to teach their children about their Savior. In our days, it is a rare thing to find parents who actually make a conscious effort to teach their children Luther's catechism. In many cases, this important instruction is left solely to the pastors and/or teachers at church or school.

The aim of this drawing book is to help you as Christian parents take up that great responsibility of teaching God's Word to your children at home so that what they learn at church and school reinforces what they have already learned at home. This teaching and learning will not only help your children learn what God would have them know about Him, but it will also remind you of your own baptismal faith and deepen your understanding of Christian doctrine as well.

This drawing book is for children who have developed their fine motor skills to the point where they can express the parts of the catechism with images and pictures from their own imagination. It is hoped that as you explain each part of the catechism, your child will be able to connect the picture he or she is drawing with the lesson. This book is intended to help you teach your children the catechism in your own words.

However, you are not without help: use Luther's Small and Large Catechism to teach your children what is appropriate for their age. There are also extra free resources available digitally on the *According to Your Word* website <www.accordingtoyourword.com>.

It is our sincere hope that both you and your children will be edified by this study aid and your faith will be increased through His Word.

In Christ,

According to Your Word

The Gospel



The Apostles' Creed

In His Law God points out that all have failed to be perfect and are helpless. It is necessary, therefore, that God provide His salvation for all people. Only the one who learns to know the true God finds a helper in whom there is both strength and salvation. Therefore, the Gospel shows us our Savior—the only source for the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation.

The Apostles' Creed summarizes what the Bible teaches about God and what He has done to accomplish our salvation. A creed is a statement of what one believes and teaches. In this creed, just as in the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds (ELS Catechism pp. 210–212), the Christian confesses his faith in the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who alone is the true God and Savior. This faith in the Triune God brings salvation.

*The Creed tells me how God saved me.
He sent Jesus to die for me.*

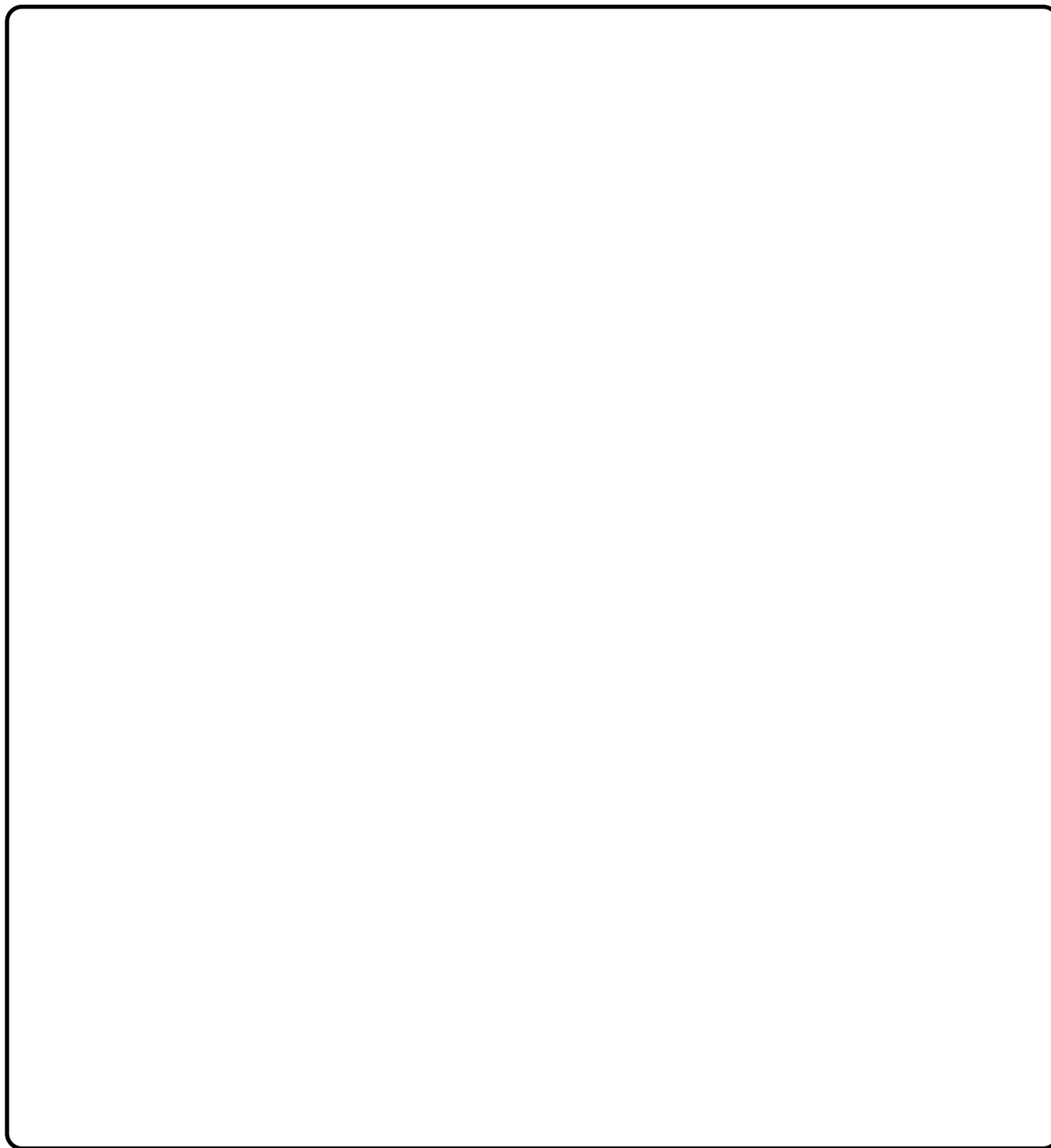
The First Article

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

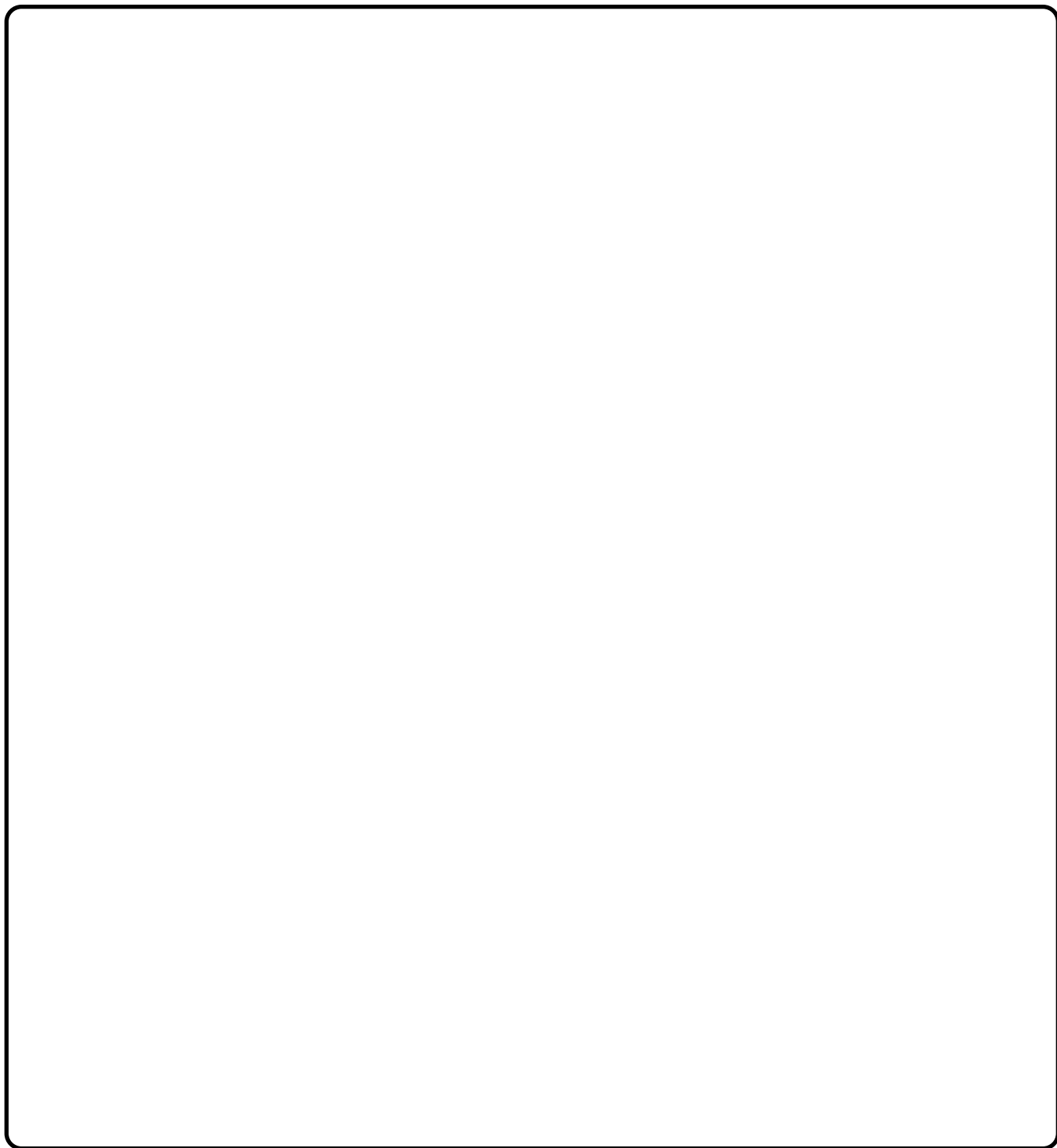
The Second Article

*I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord;*

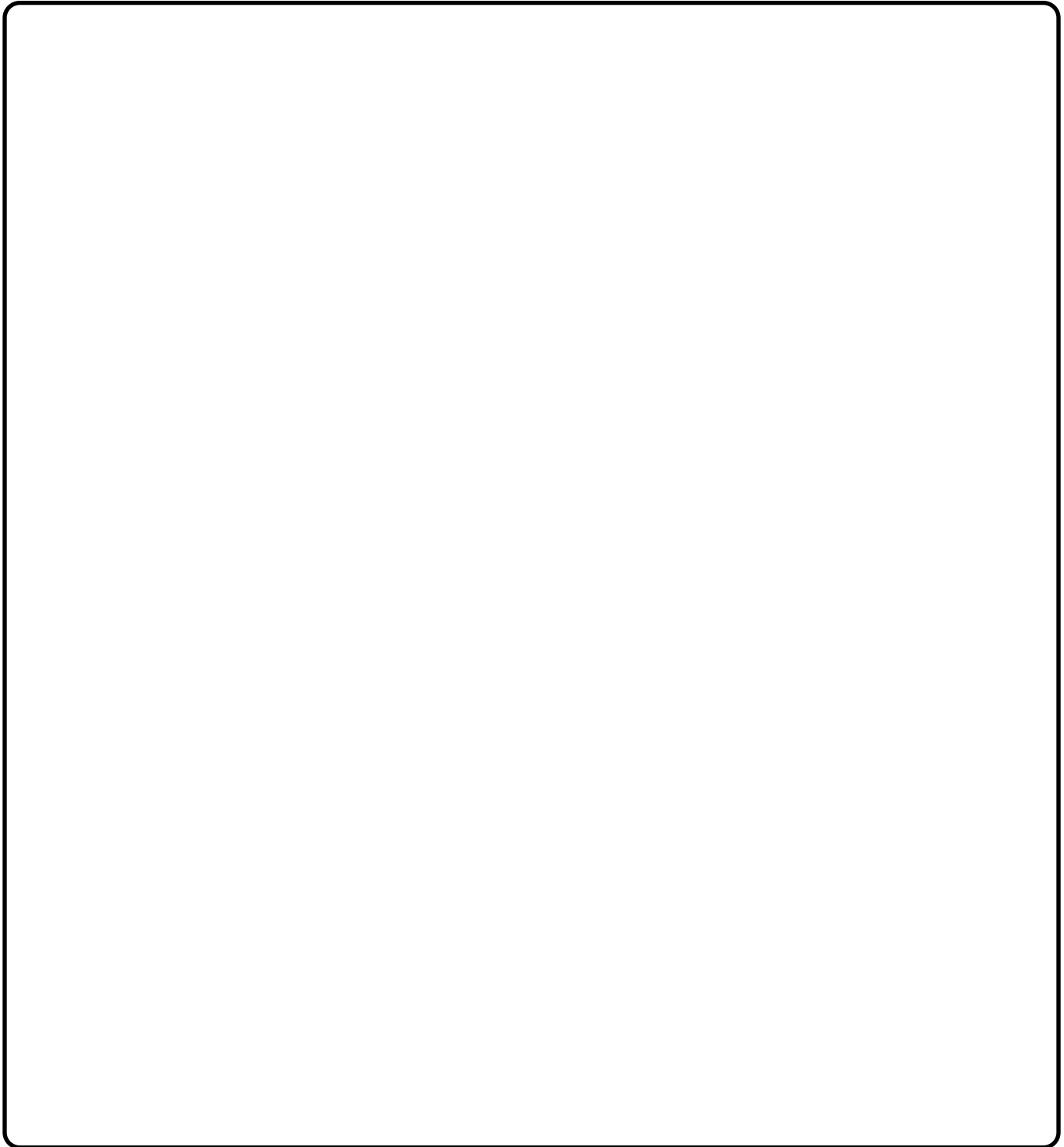
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,



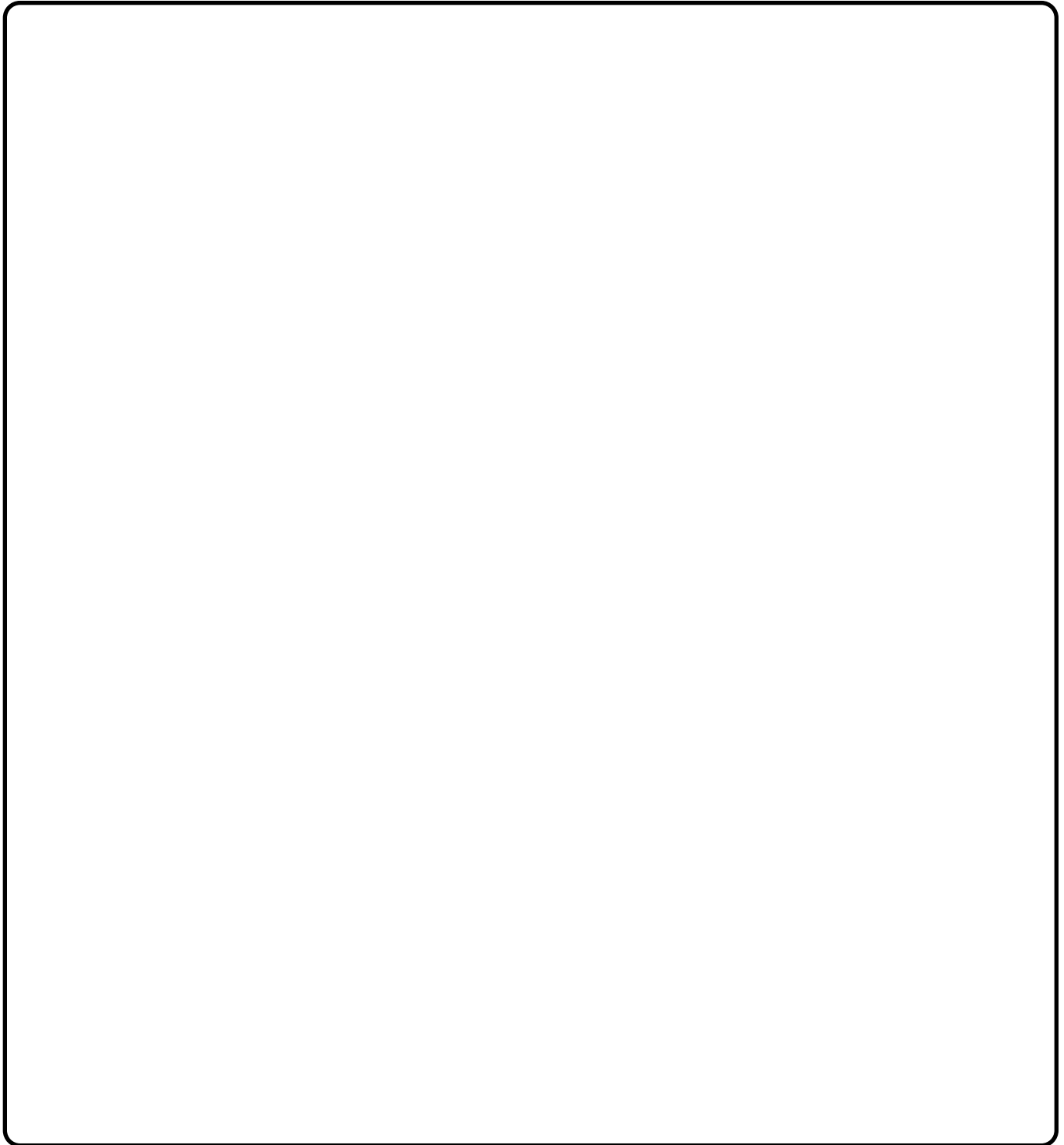
Born of the Virgin Mary,



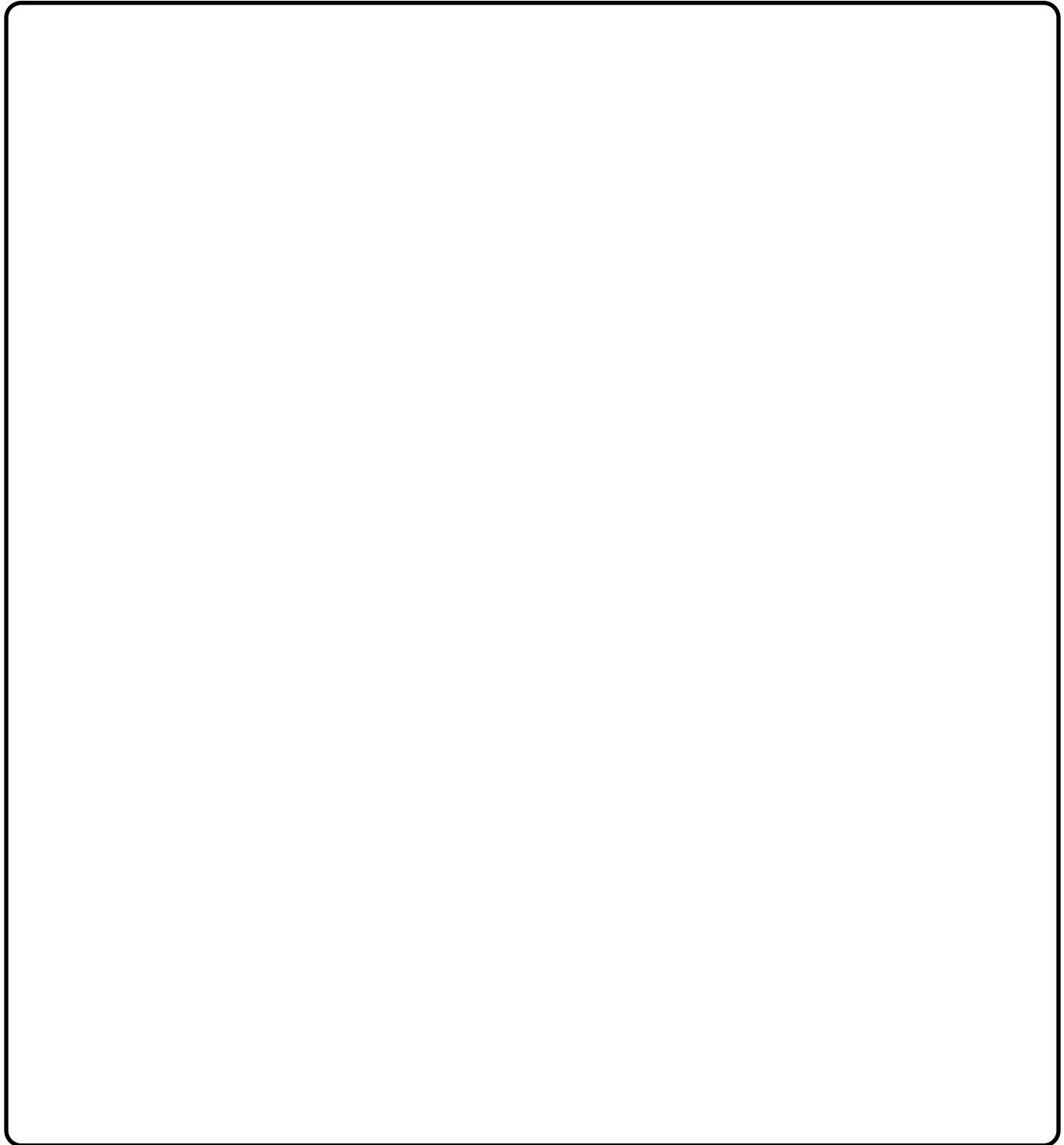
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,



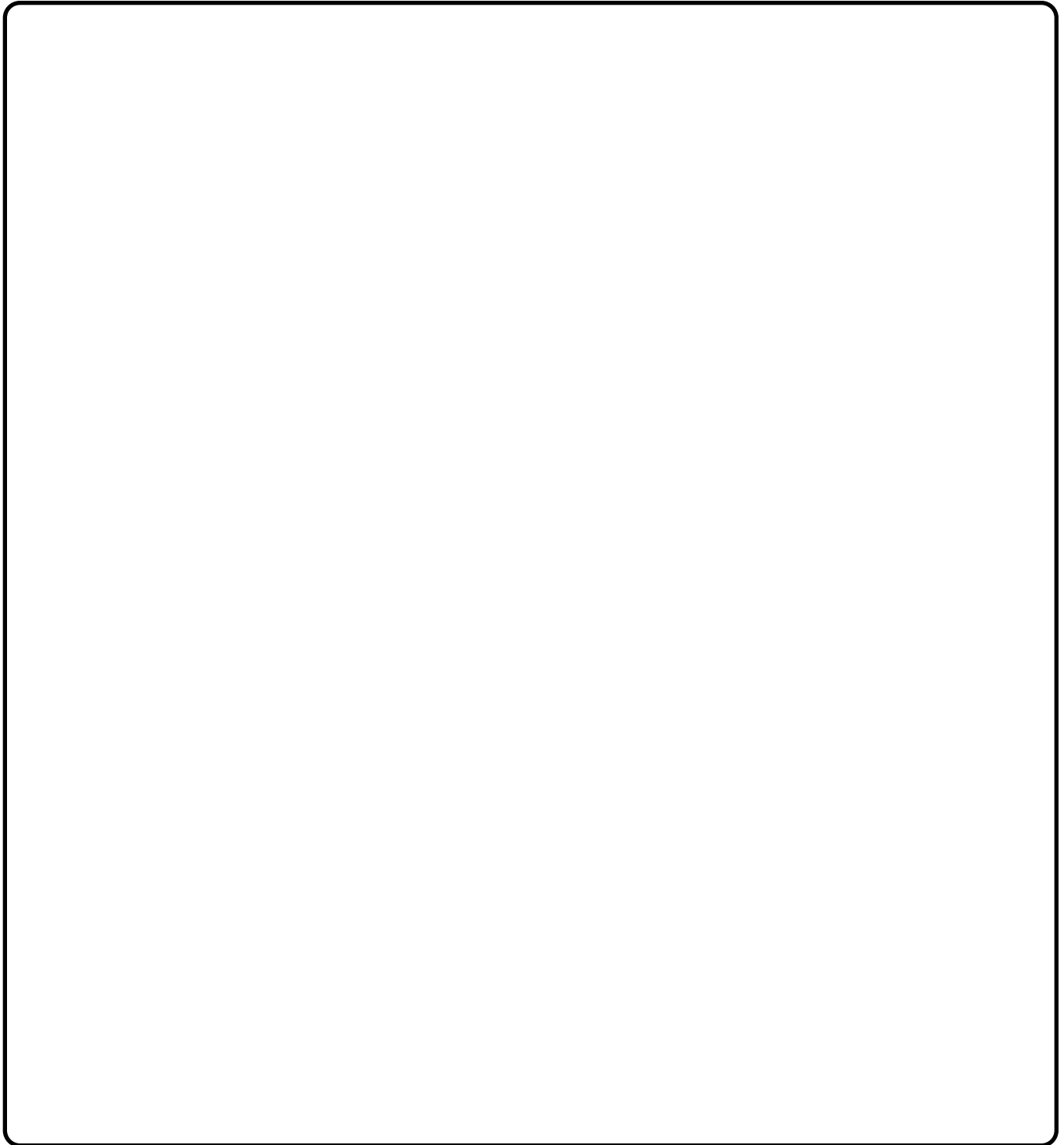
Was crucified,



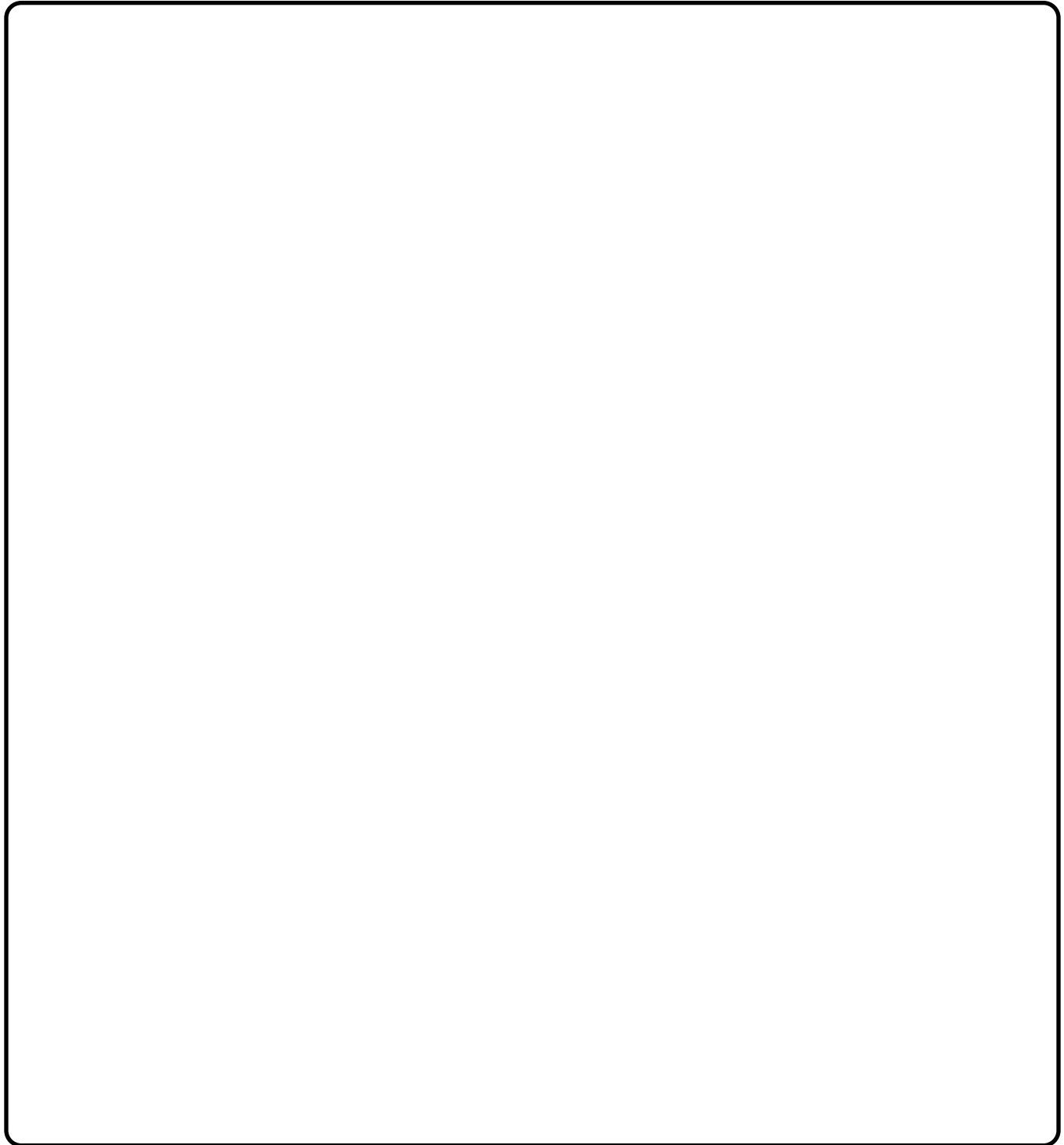
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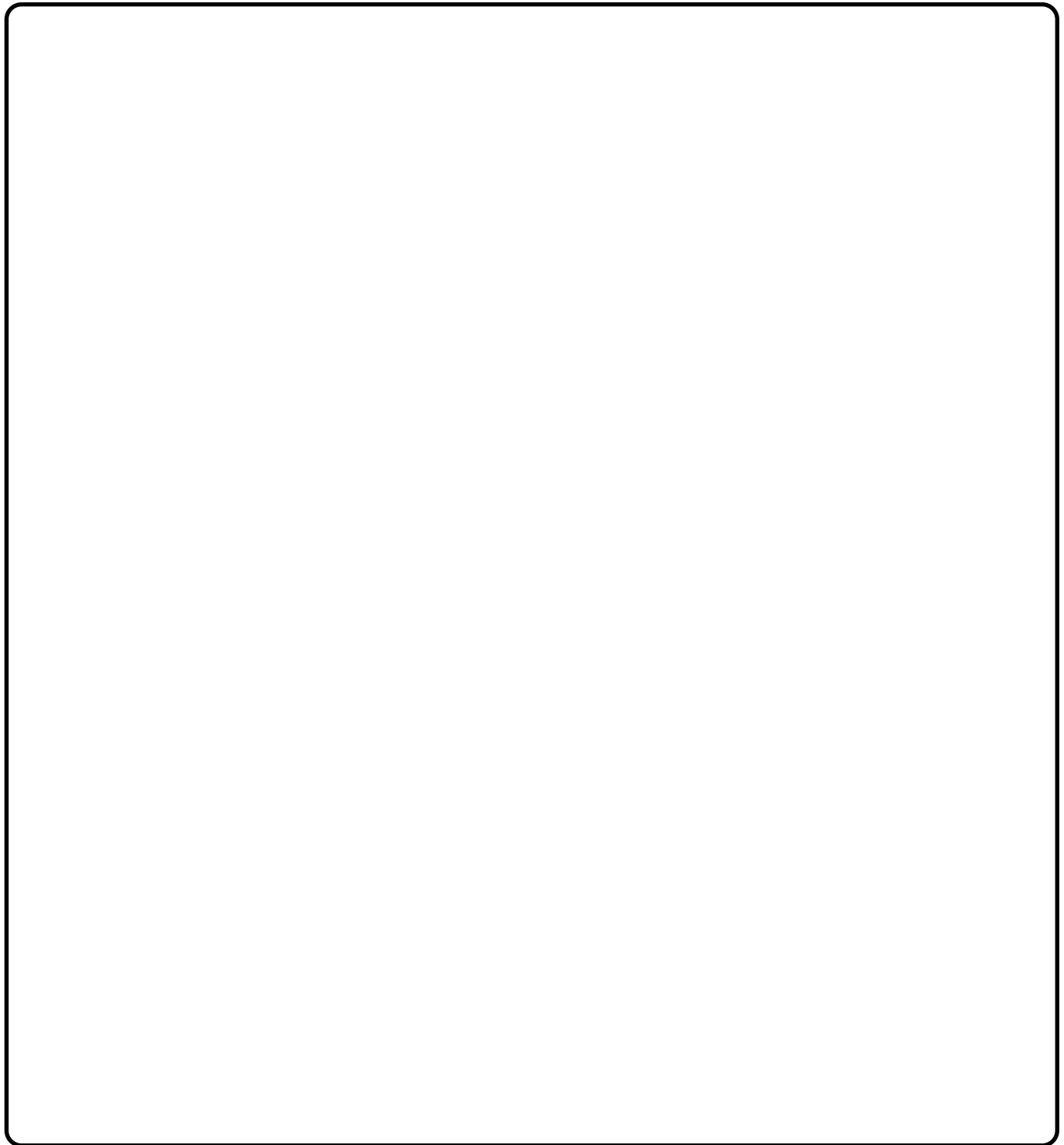
And was buried.



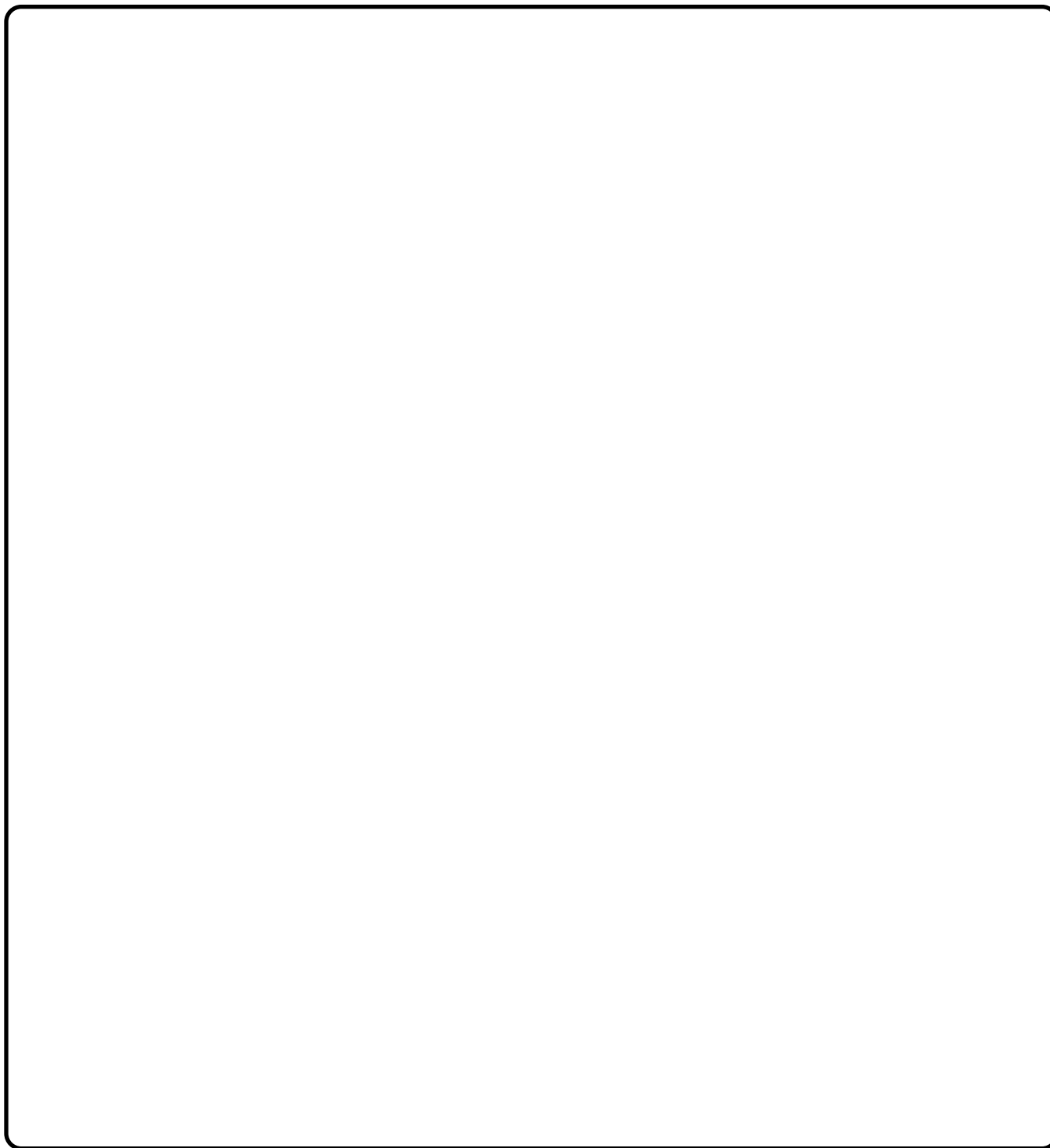
He descended into hell;



The third day He rose again from the dead;



He ascended into heaven

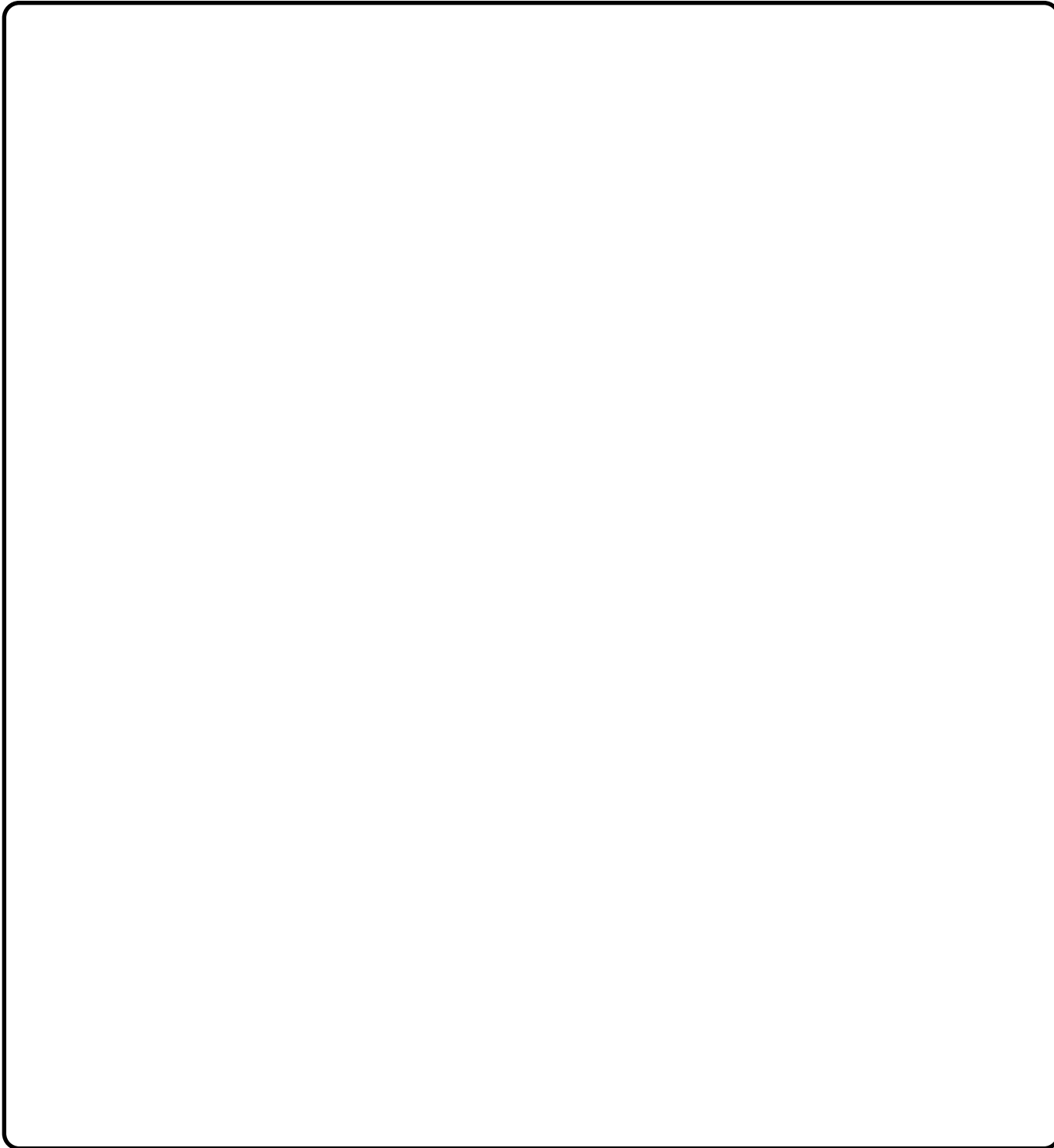


*And is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;*

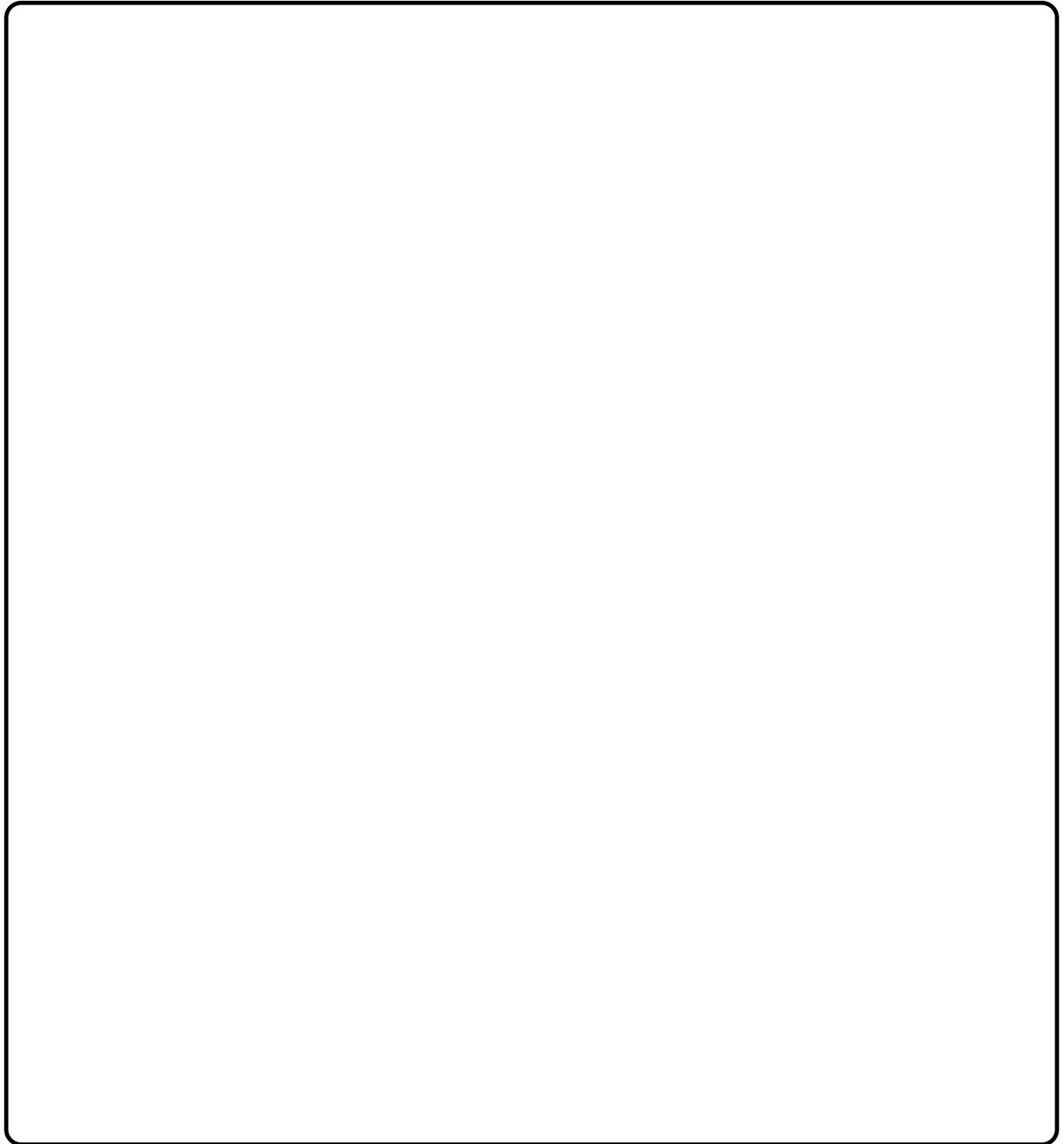
*From there He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.*

The Third Article

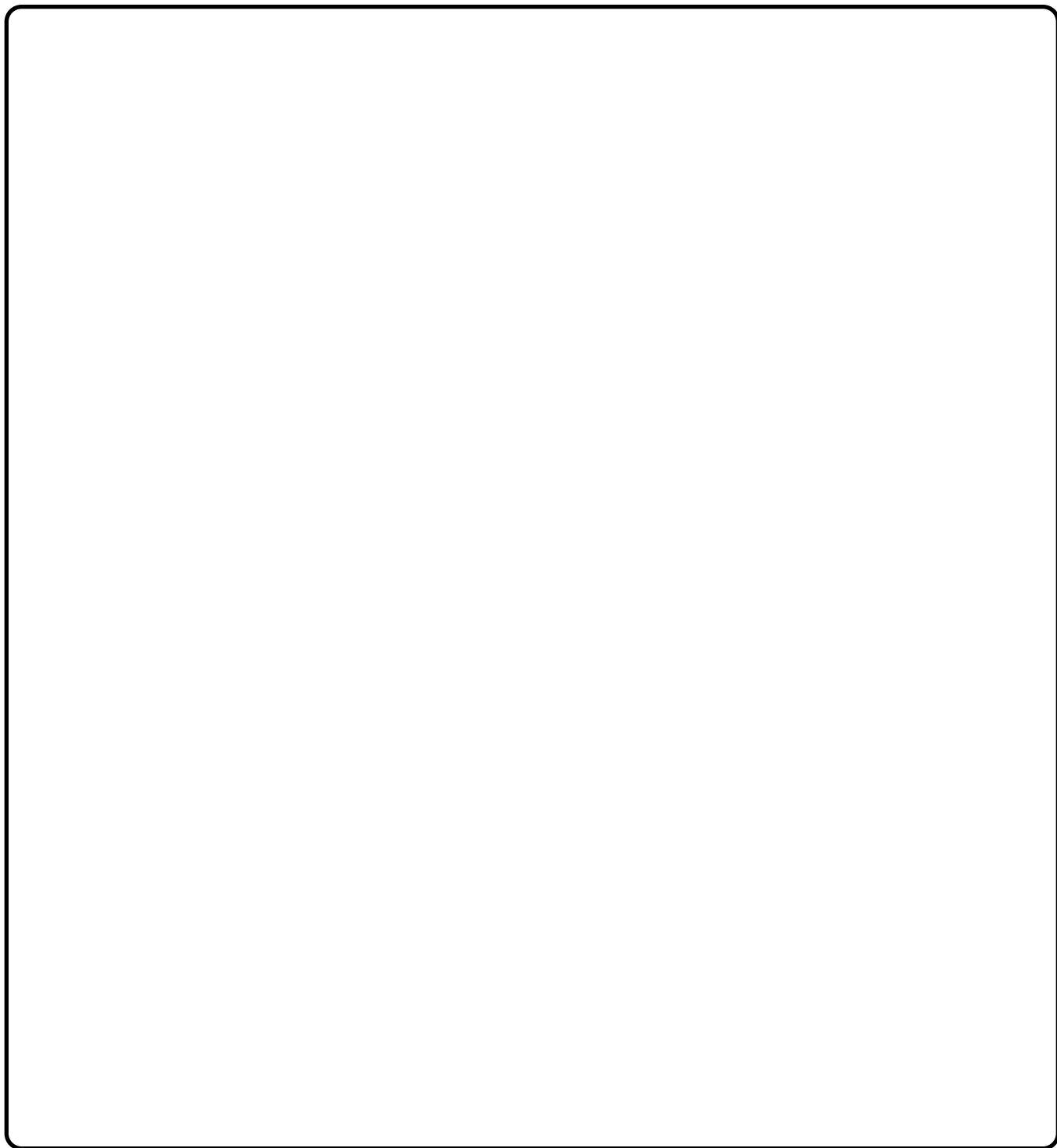
I believe in the Holy Spirit,



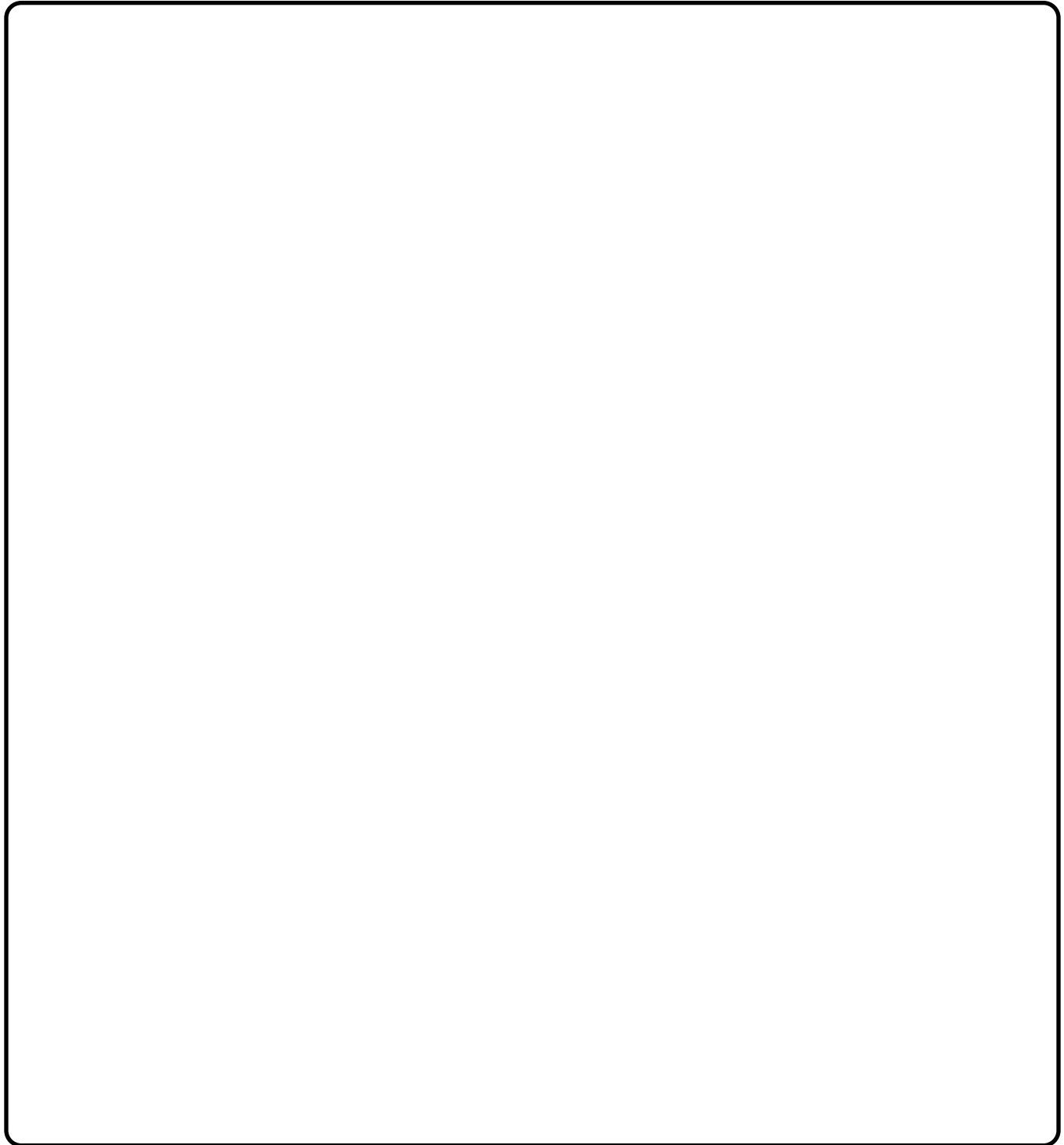
The Holy Christian Church,



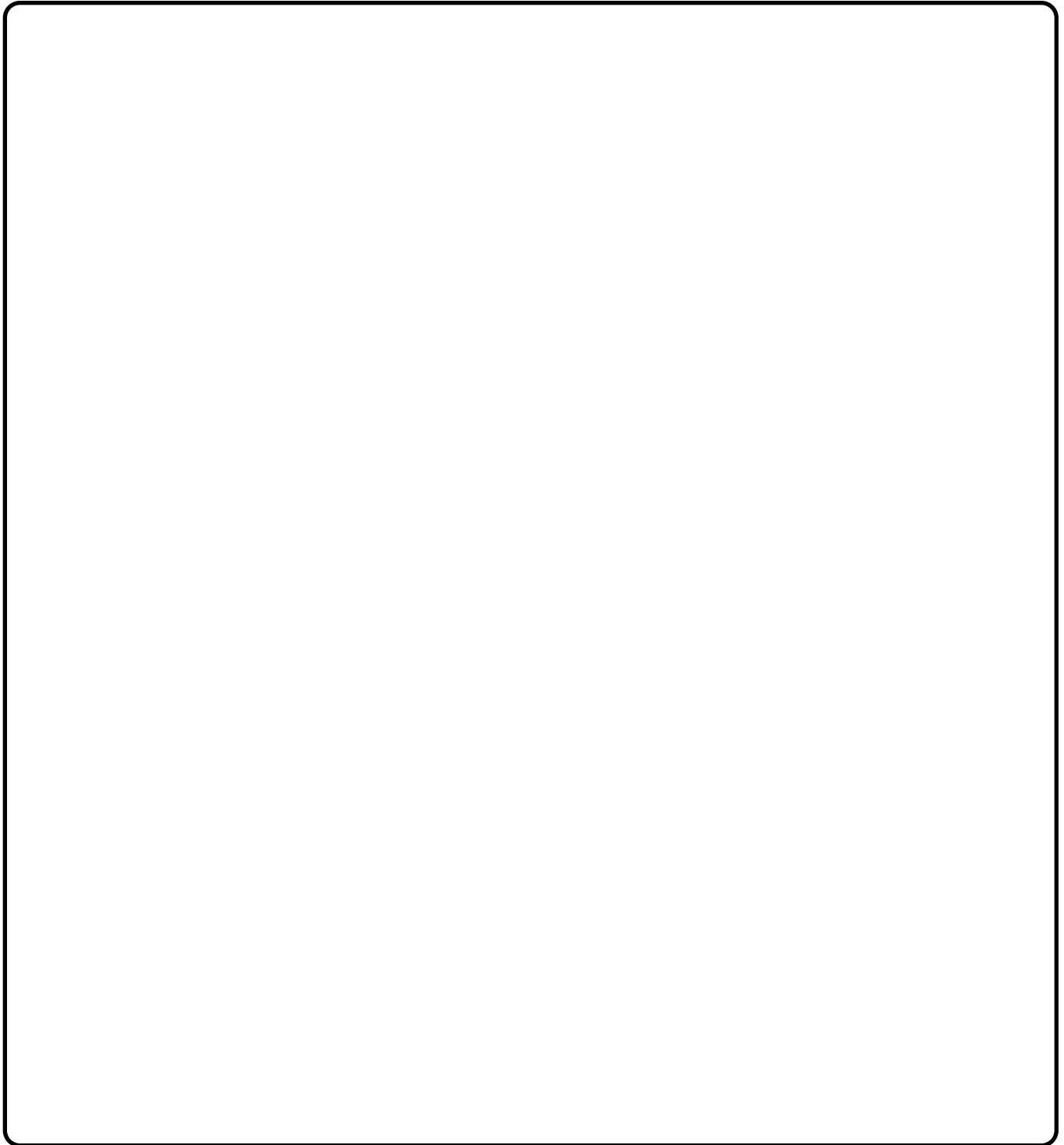
The Communion of Saints,



The Forgiveness of sins,



The Resurrection of the body,



And the Life everlasting. Amen.

