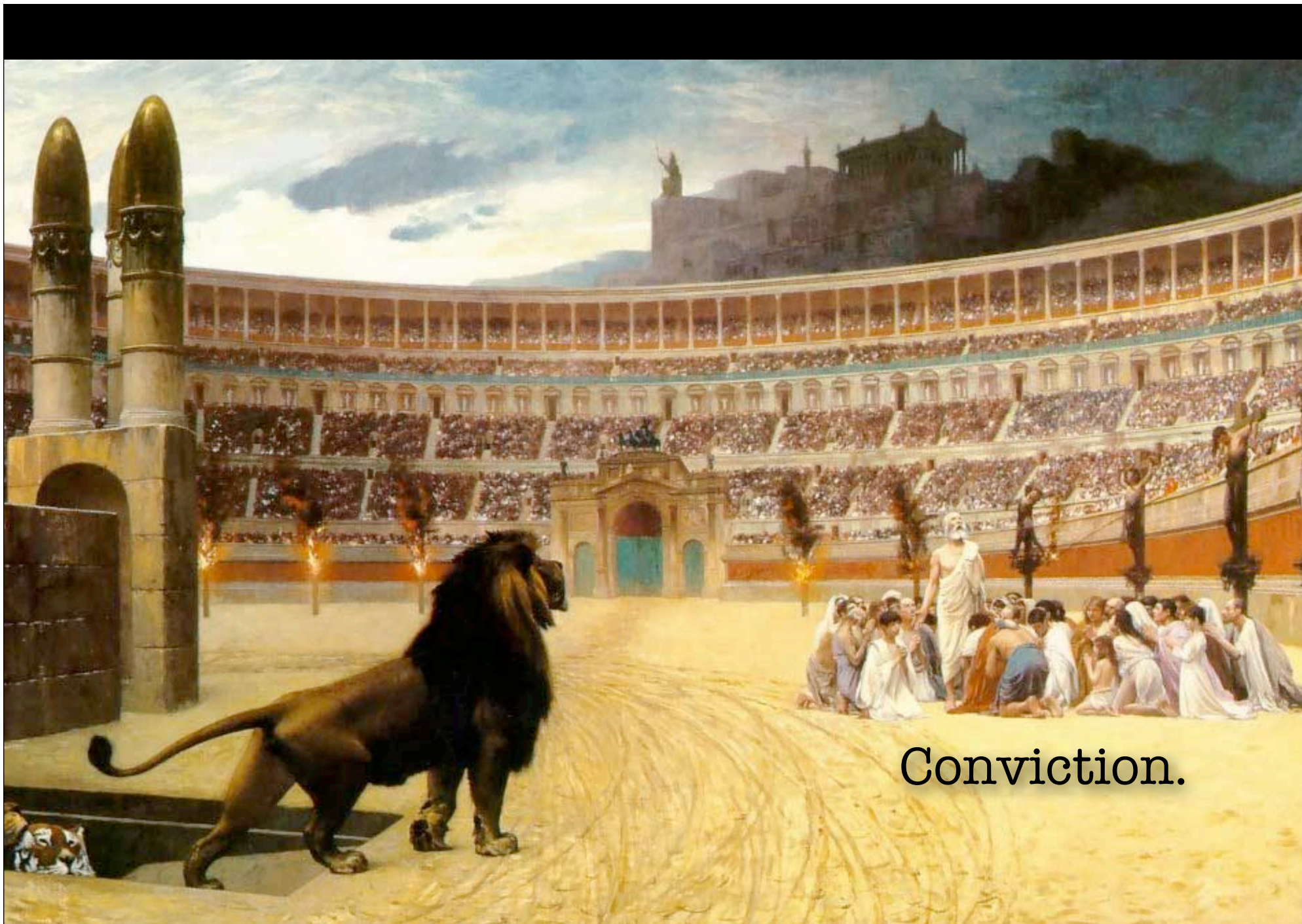


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## **A Christian Defence (against Roman entertainment)**

Likewise we renounce your public shows just as we do their origins which we know were begotten of superstition... Our tongues, our eyes, our ears have nothing to do with the madness of the circus, the shamelessness of the theatre, the brutality of the arena, the vanity of the gymnasium. How, then, do we offend you?

c. 160-220 AD



# Jesus' Prediction

(Matt. 24:12-13)

“and because lawlessness will abound, the love of many **will grow cold**. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

or

“For many others, the overwhelming spread of evil will do them in - nothing left of their love but a mound of ashes...”

# Who through faith...

## Had things turn in their 'favor'...

subdued kingdoms  
worked righteousness  
obtained promises  
stopped mouths of lions  
quenched the violence of fire  
escaped the edge of the sword  
made strong out of weakness  
became valiant in battle  
turned armies to flight  
received dead family to life again

# Who through faith...

**ENDURED.**

**(there will be a resurrection)**

tortured  
mocked  
beaten  
chained up  
thrown into prison  
stoned  
cut in half with a saw  
tempted  
killed by the sword  
wandered in animal skins  
destitute  
afflicted  
tormented  
wandered in forests  
wandered in mountains  
in caves  
in dens

Had things go horribly 'wrong'...

# **them and us together (resurrection & immortality)**

**NOTE: and the end of Sunday School plays.**

# Your bowl of conviction soup?



1 Peter 1:6-9?