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WITH MICHAEL ARKUSH





















Caldwell Felled by Bolt from Sky; Finishes Game

Cleveland, O., Aug. 24.—Ray Caldwell finished his first game for Cleveland and defeated Philadelphia, 2 to 1. While the last man up, was at bat, a terrific thunderbolt broke, throwing spectators and players into a momentary panic. Pitcher Caldwell was felled, but recovered quickly and resumed pitching.

Thunderbolt Puts Ray Caldwell Down, But He Wins Game

CLEVELAND, Aug. 24.—A thunderstorm appearing at the last minute of to-day's game between the Athletics and the Indians nearly put the Cleveland team out of the running in the American League race for the season. While Dugan, the last man up, was at bat, a terrific thunderstorm broke, throwing spectators and players into a momentary panic.

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Acts 1:1-11 (ESV): “In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God....”

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“...4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, ‘you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’...”

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“...7 He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’ 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight....”

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“...**10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’”

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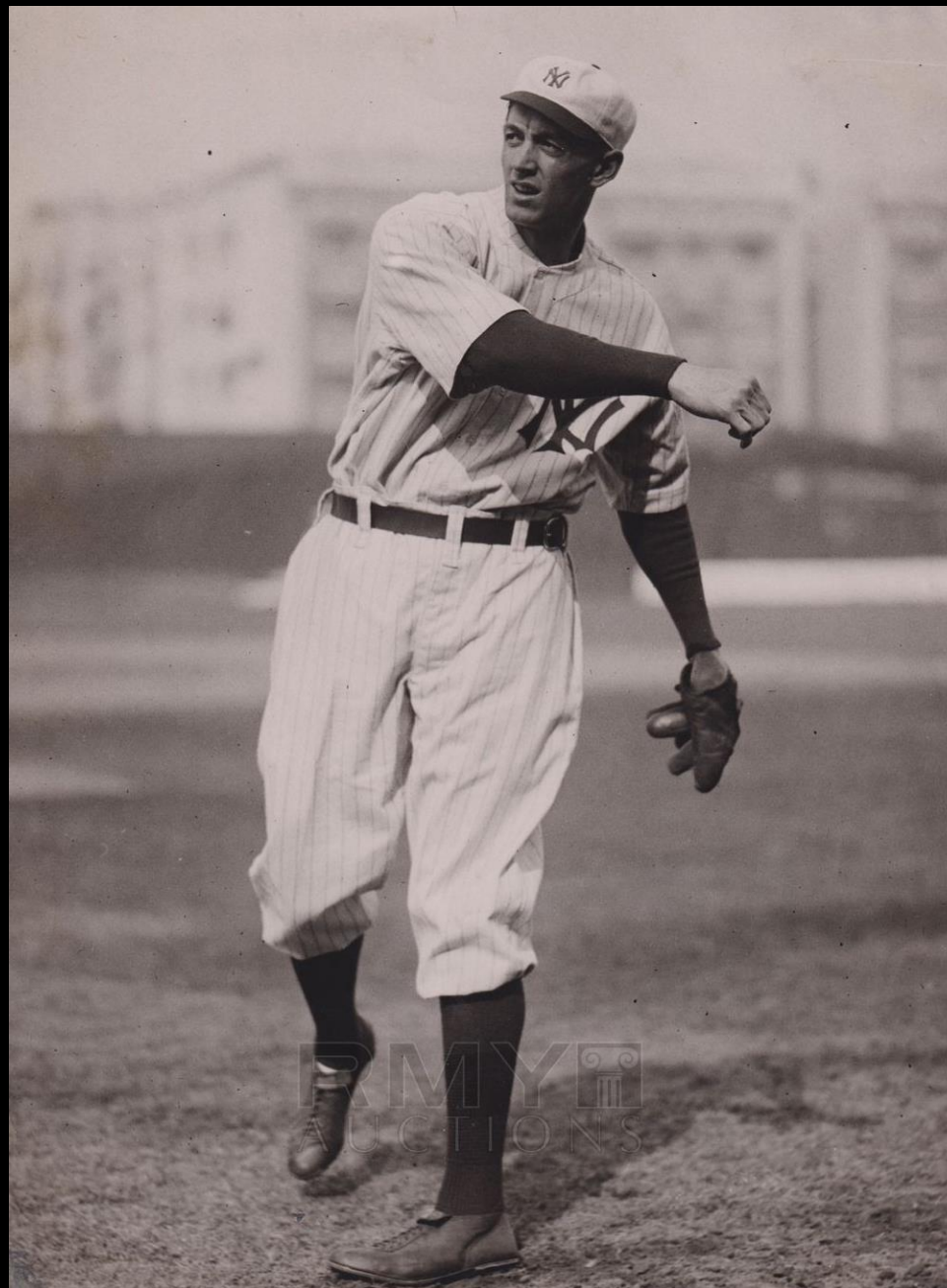
John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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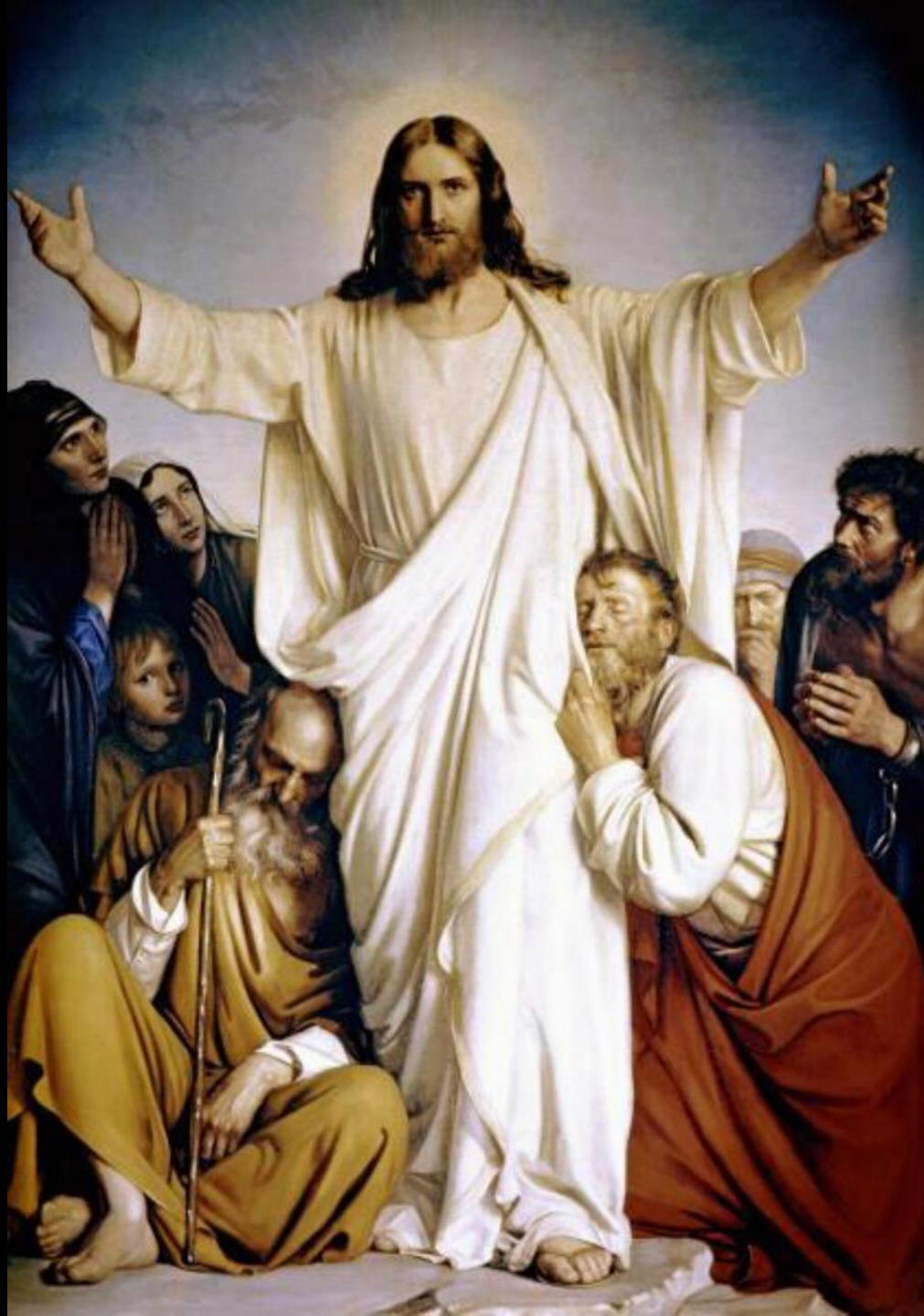
Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV): “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

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WE NEED CORROBORATING WITNESSES.

Main Point

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (ESV): “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”

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Luke 24:18 (ESV): “Then one of them,
named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you
the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not
know the things that have happened there
Leading in these days?’”

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“Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

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2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (ESV): “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his *Leading* appeal through us.”

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FOCUS

ON WHAT'S

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Application

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV): “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common....”

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“...45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

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