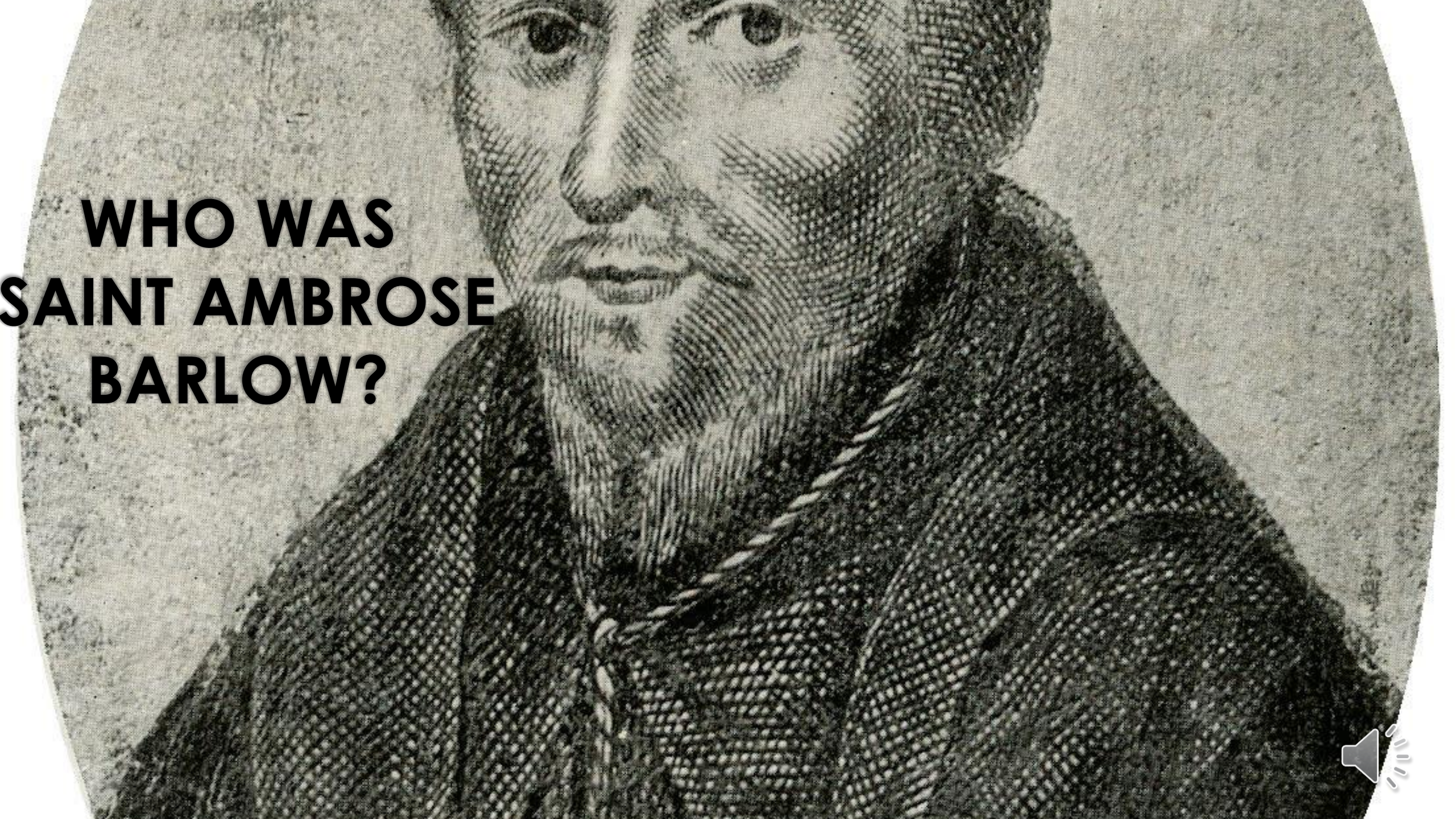


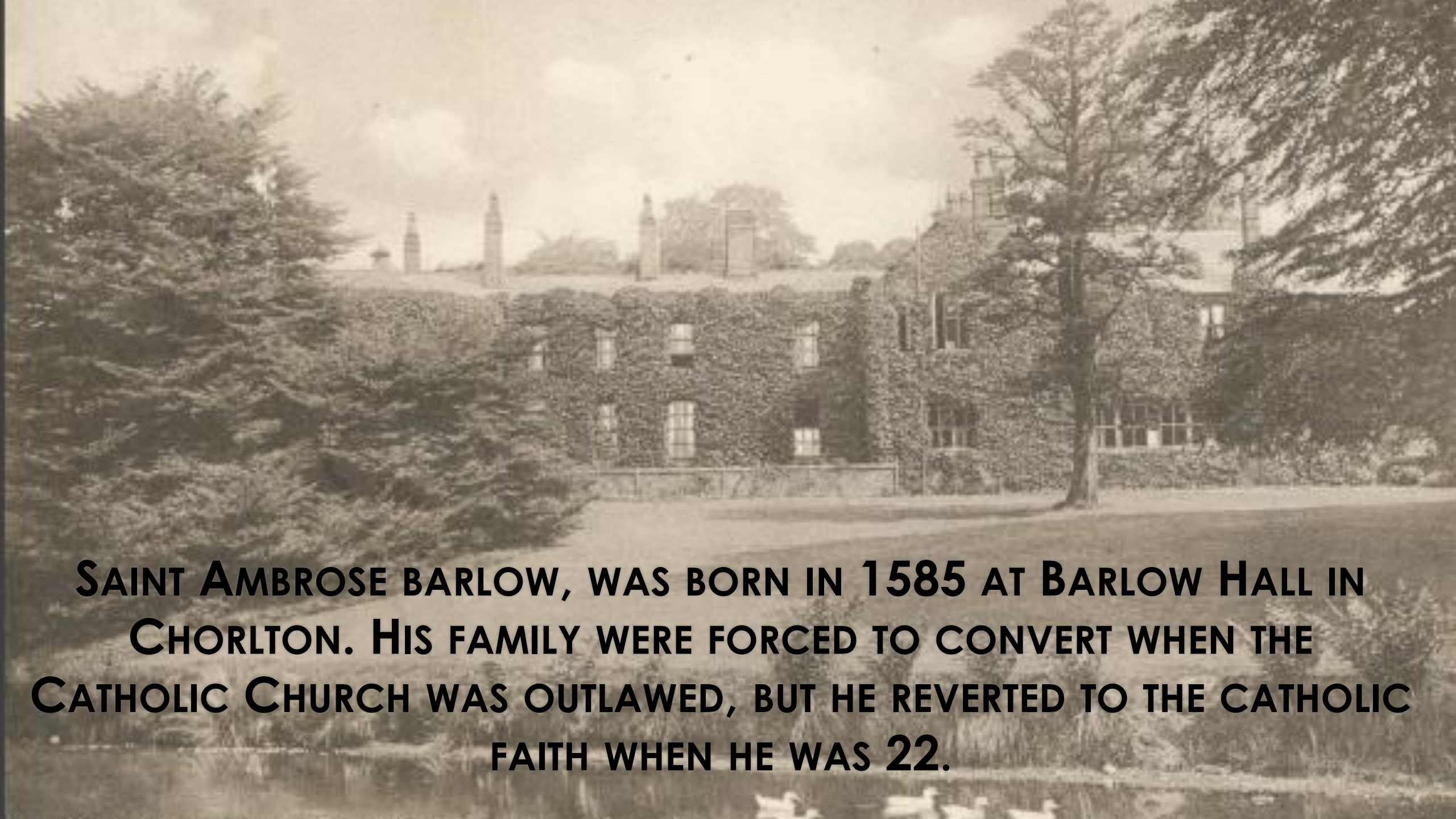


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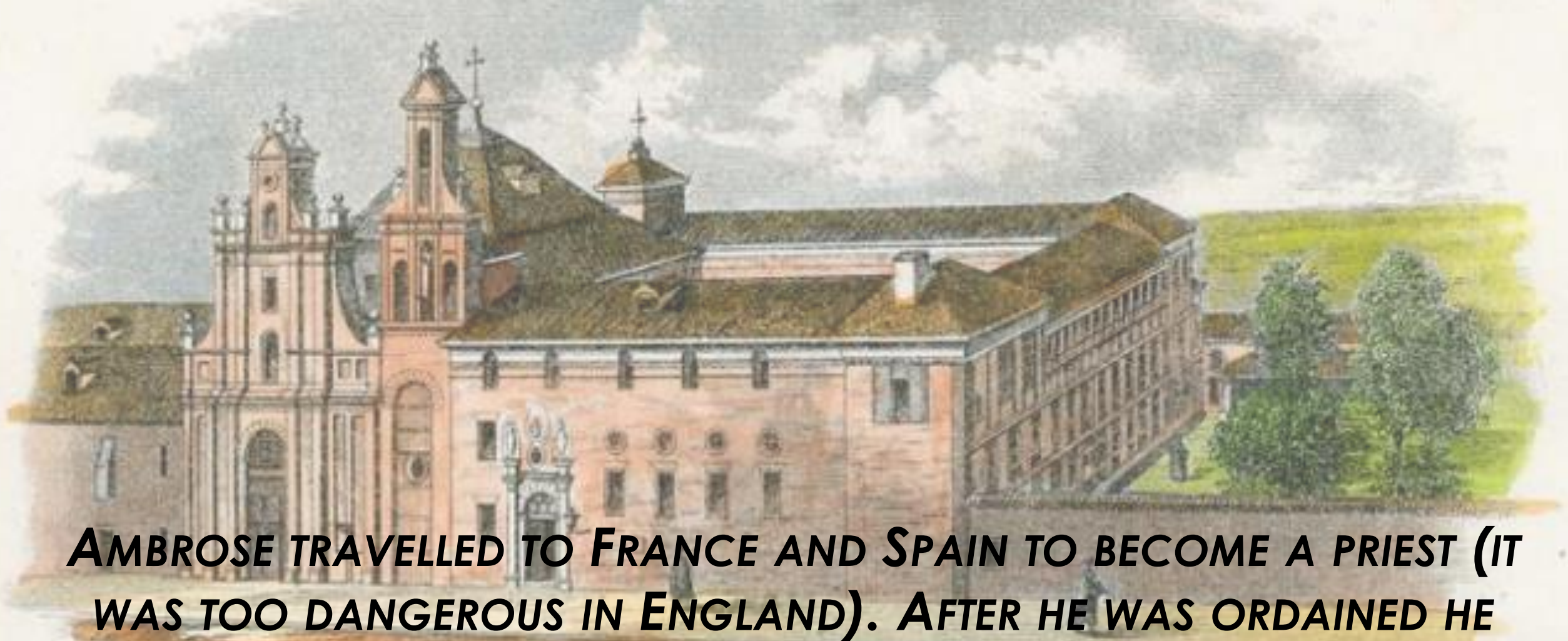
A black and white engraving of a man with a beard and a patterned robe, likely a religious figure. The man has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the left. The robe is intricately patterned with a grid-like design. The background is a plain, light color.

**WHO WAS
SAINT AMBROSE
BARLOW?**



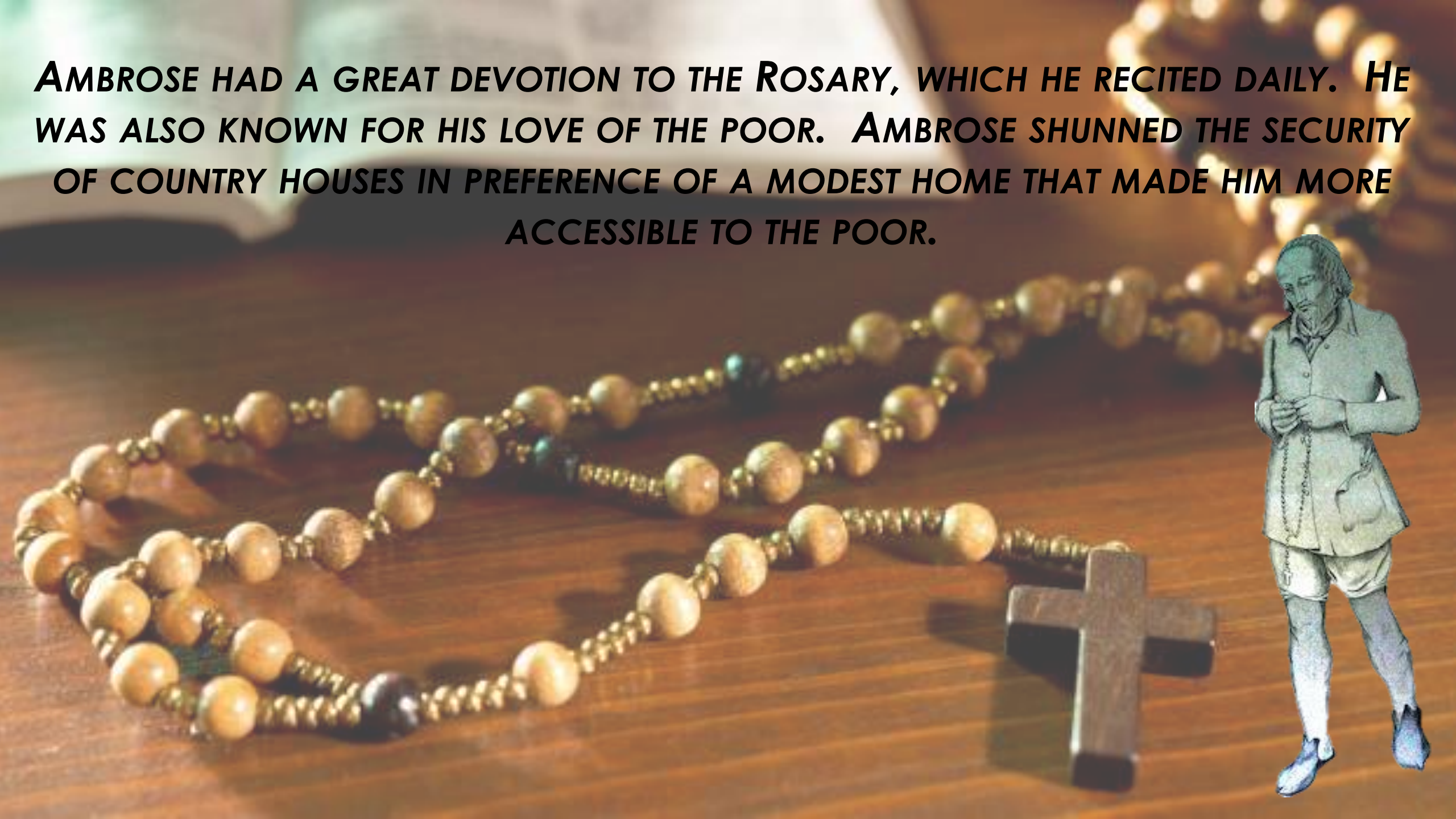


SAINT AMBROSE BARLOW, WAS BORN IN 1585 AT BARLOW HALL IN CHORLTON. HIS FAMILY WERE FORCED TO CONVERT WHEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS OUTLAWED, BUT HE REVERTED TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH WHEN HE WAS 22.



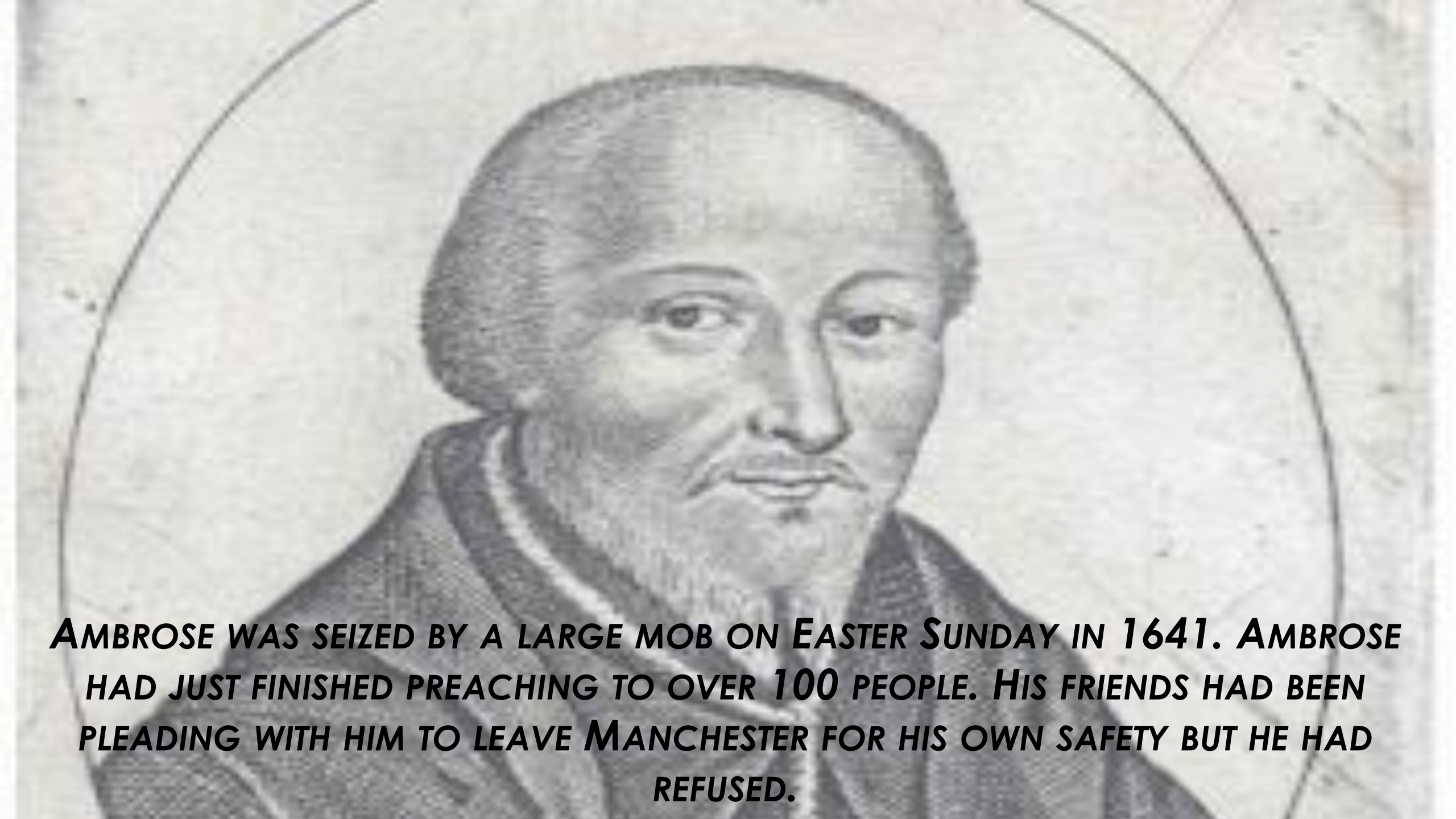
AMBROSE TRAVELLED TO FRANCE AND SPAIN TO BECOME A PRIEST (IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS IN ENGLAND). AFTER HE WAS ORDAINED HE CAME HOME AND WAS A PRIEST FOR THE CATHOLICS OF MANCHESTER. HE HAD TO BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO BE CAUGHT BY THE PROTESTANT AUTHORITIES AS BEING A CATHOLIC PRIEST WASN'T ALLOWED. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!

AMBROSE HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE ROSARY, WHICH HE RECITED DAILY. HE WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR HIS LOVE OF THE POOR. AMBROSE SHUNNED THE SECURITY OF COUNTRY HOUSES IN PREFERENCE OF A MODEST HOME THAT MADE HIM MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE POOR.



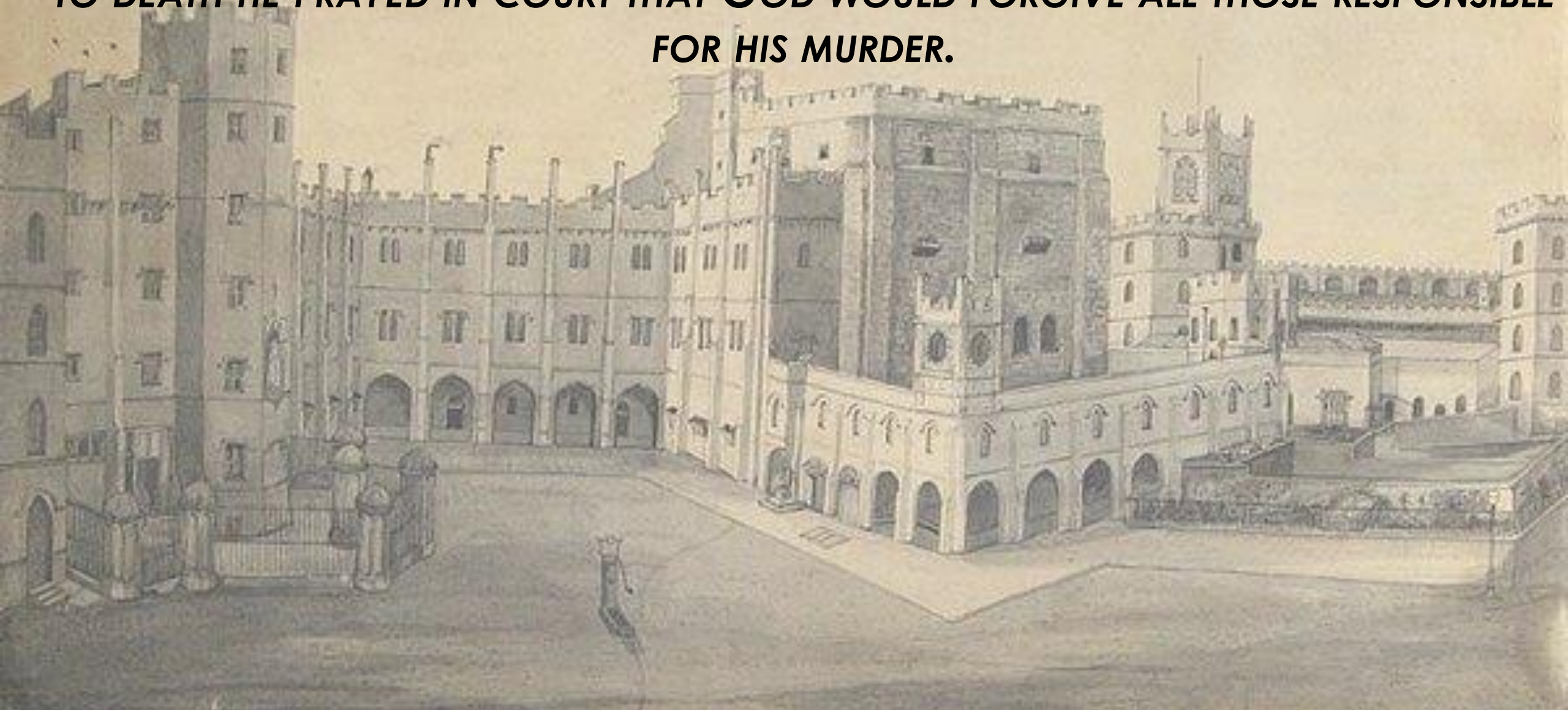


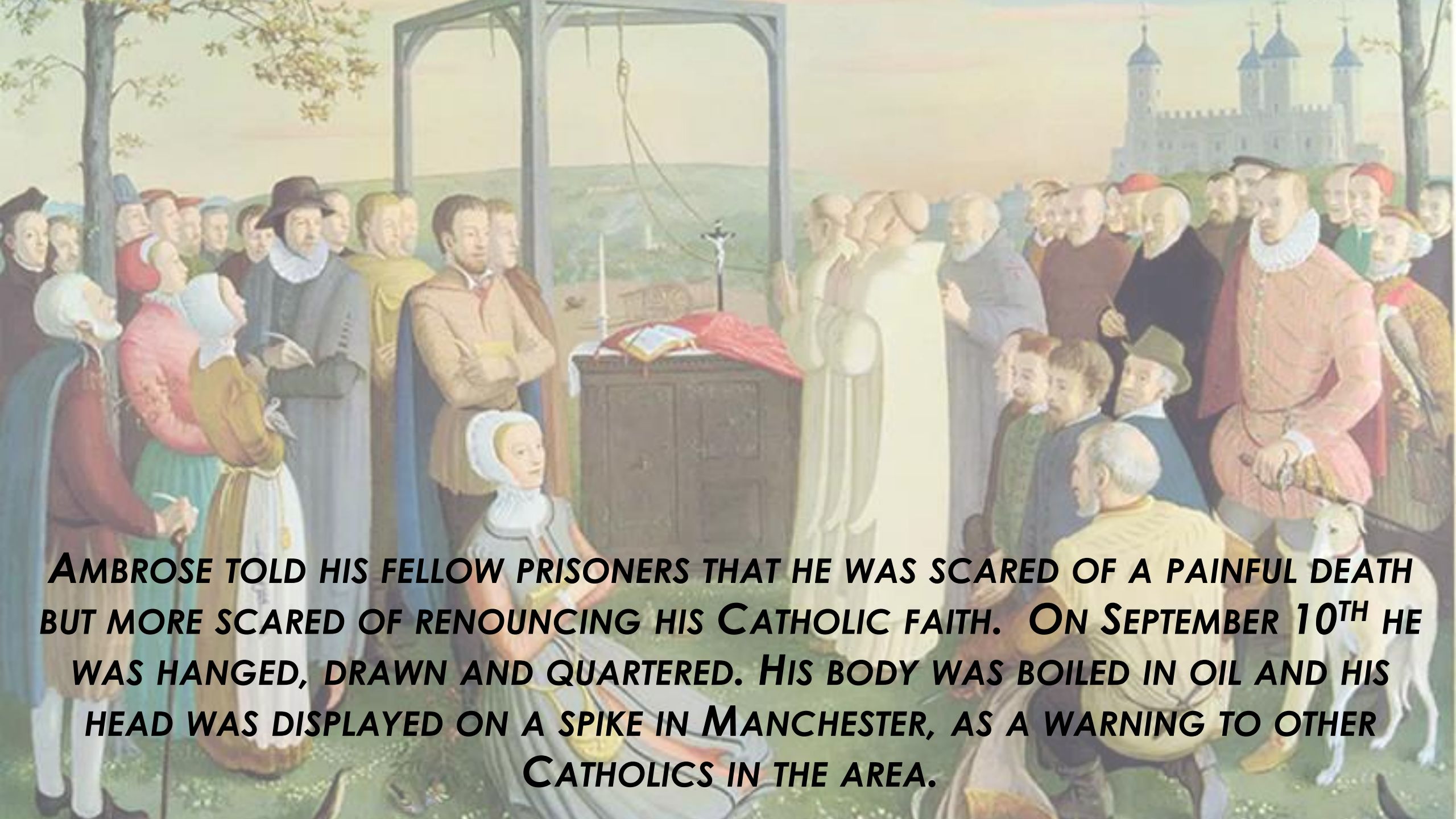
AMBROSE SPENT MANY YEARS WAITING TO BE ARRESTED AND EXECUTED FOLLOWING A SUPERNATURAL VISITATION FROM ST. EDMUND ARROWSMITH, WHO HAD BEEN PUT TO DEATH FOR HIS FAITH. ARROWSMITH HAD TOLD AMBROSE "I HAVE SUFFERED AND NOW YOU WILL SUFFER, SAY LITTLE, FOR THEY WILL ENDEAVOUR TO TAKE HOLD OF YOUR WORDS".



AMBROSE WAS SEIZED BY A LARGE MOB ON EASTER SUNDAY IN 1641. AMBROSE HAD JUST FINISHED PREACHING TO OVER 100 PEOPLE. HIS FRIENDS HAD BEEN PLEADING WITH HIM TO LEAVE MANCHESTER FOR HIS OWN SAFETY BUT HE HAD REFUSED.

AMBROSE WAS TAKEN TO LANCASTER CASTLE FOR TRIAL, HE CONFESSED THAT HE WAS A CATHOLIC PRIEST AND REFUSED TO RENOUNCE HIS FAITH. WHEN SENTENCED TO DEATH HE PRAYED IN COURT THAT GOD WOULD FORGIVE ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS MURDER.





AMBROSE TOLD HIS FELLOW PRISONERS THAT HE WAS SCARED OF A PAINFUL DEATH BUT MORE SCARED OF RENOUNCING HIS CATHOLIC FAITH. ON SEPTEMBER 10TH HE WAS HANGED, DRAWN AND QUARTERED. HIS BODY WAS BOILED IN OIL AND HIS HEAD WAS DISPLAYED ON A SPIKE IN MANCHESTER, AS A WARNING TO OTHER CATHOLICS IN THE AREA.

THE RELIC OF HIS SKULL IS NOW KEPT IN WARDLEY HALL, THE RESIDENCE OF THE BISHOP OF SALFORD. AMBROSE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS FAITH, SOMEONE WHO DOES THIS IS CALLED A MARTYR.



A black and white portrait of St. Ambrose Barlow, an elderly man with a full white beard and hair, wearing a dark, textured garment. The portrait is oval-shaped and serves as the background for the text.

**WHAT EXAMPLE DOES ST AMBROSE
BARLOW SET FOR US?**

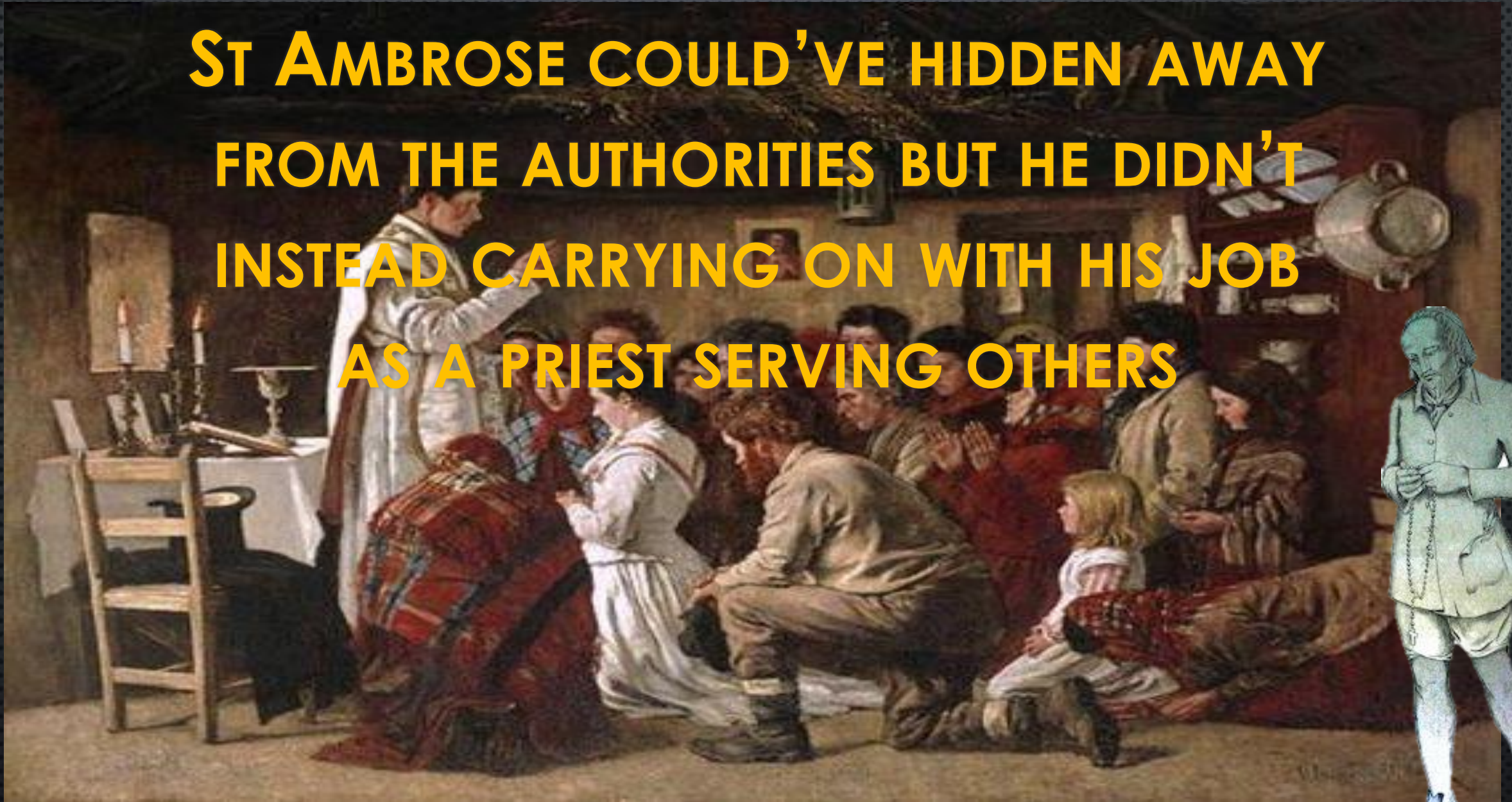
**ST AMBROSE REFUSED TO GIVE UP
HIS FAITH, EVEN WHEN IT MEANT
HE WOULD DIE...**



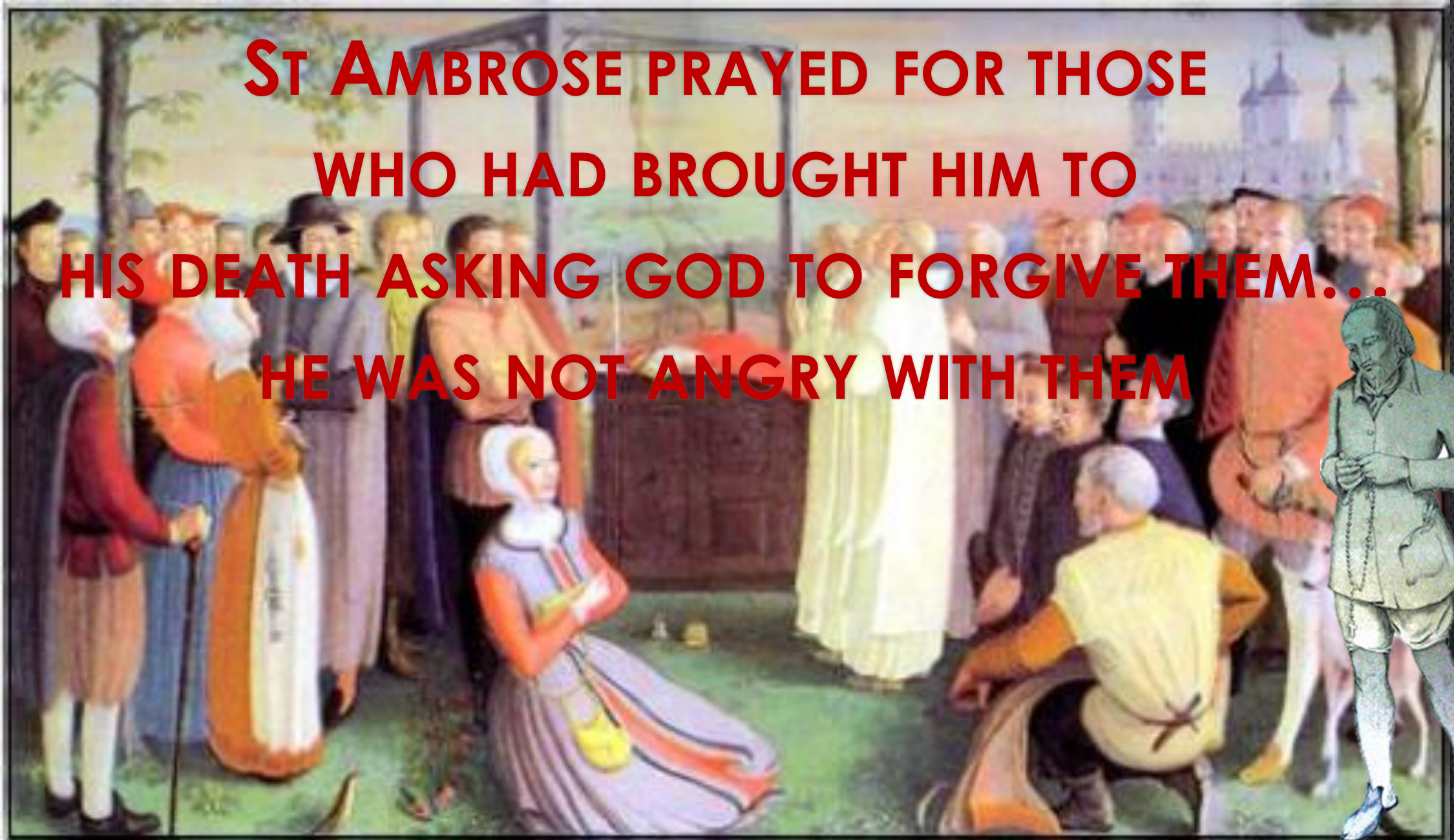
**ST AMBROSE CAME FROM A WEALTHY
FAMILY BUT HE GAVE UP HIS
MONEY TO LIVE BY AND HELP
THE POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY
OF MANCHESTER...**



**ST AMBROSE COULD'VE HIDDEN AWAY
FROM THE AUTHORITIES BUT HE DIDN'T
INSTEAD CARRYING ON WITH HIS JOB
AS A PRIEST SERVING OTHERS**



**ST AMBROSE PRAYED FOR THOSE
WHO HAD BROUGHT HIM TO
HIS DEATH ASKING GOD TO FORGIVE THEM...
HE WAS NOT ANGRY WITH THEM**



**ST AMBROSE CHOOSE TO COME
HOME RATHER THAN STAY
ABROAD WHERE HE COULD'VE
BEEN A PRIEST SAFELY**




ST AMBROSE TAUGHT US TO SPEAK

THE TRUTH AT ALL COSTS

Truth



A large, dark silhouette of a hand reaching from the top left towards the center, and another dark silhouette of a hand reaching from the bottom right towards the center. The background is a light blue gradient.

**ST AMBROSE TAUGHT US TO HELP
THOSE IN NEED**



**ST AMBROSE TAUGHT US TO BE PROUD
OF OUR BELIEFS NOT TO HIDE THEM!**





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Dear God, Thank You for the wonderful examples of men and women of faith, who have been given godly courage to carry out the duties that You called them to do.

Lord I pray that You would develop in me a godly wisdom and courage, to live my life as a light in a darkened world, and speak the truth at all times, whatever the cost. Amen.

SAINT AMBROSE BARLOW, PLEASE PRAY FOR US TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO FOLLOW YOUR BRAVE EXAMPLE. AMEN.

