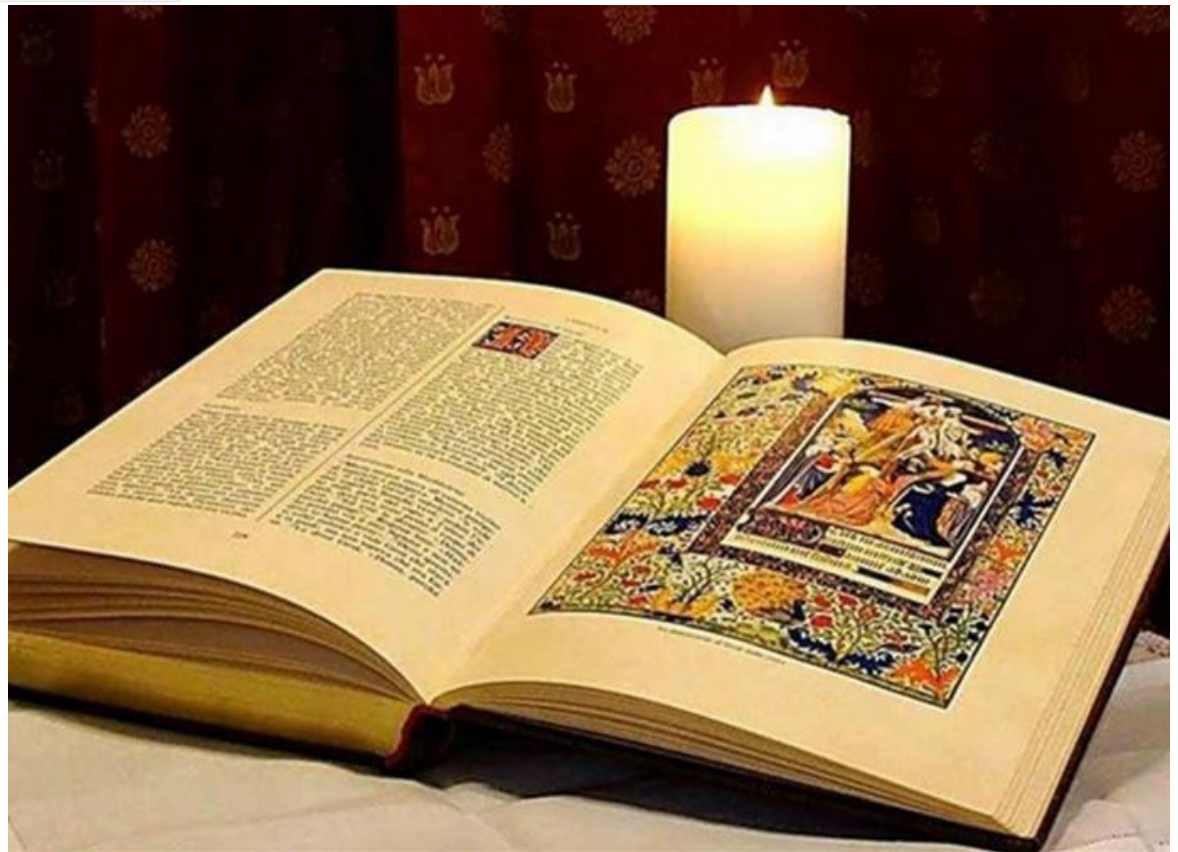


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But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore, in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your

endurance you will gain your lives. (Luke 21: 12-19)

Since Jesus's disciples are not superior to the Master, Christians cannot expect better treatment than that given to the Lord who by way of His Passion offered up his death on the cross voluntarily. Thus, it is normal that every Christian should have to suffer some degree of bloody persecution. Jesus's consoling words assure us that "not a hair of your head will perish", provided we are not ashamed to bear witness to Him.