

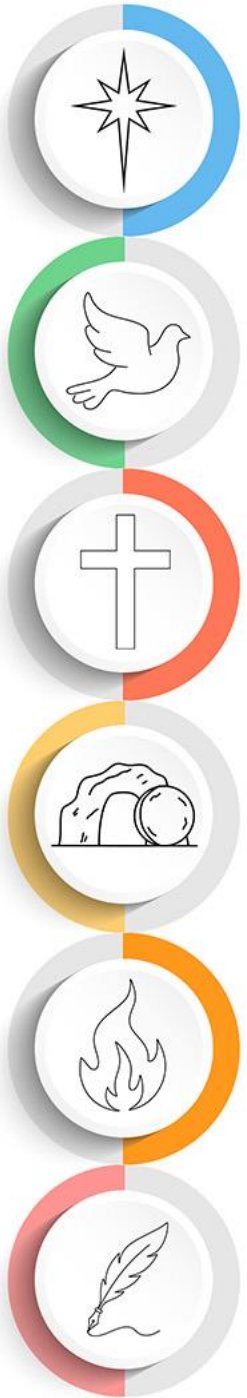
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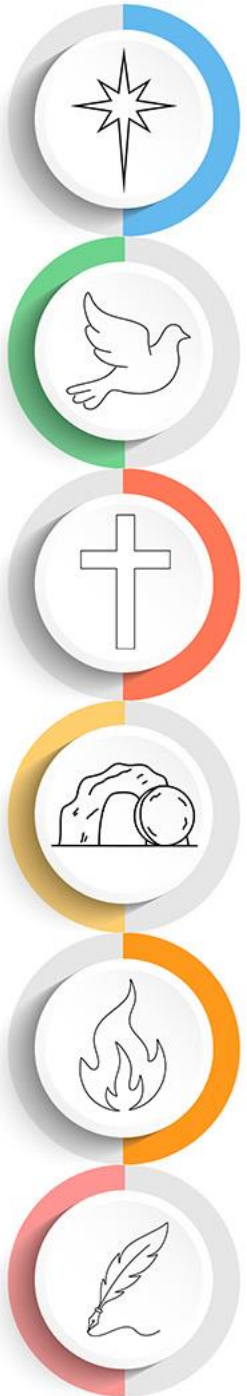
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The Letter to Philemon



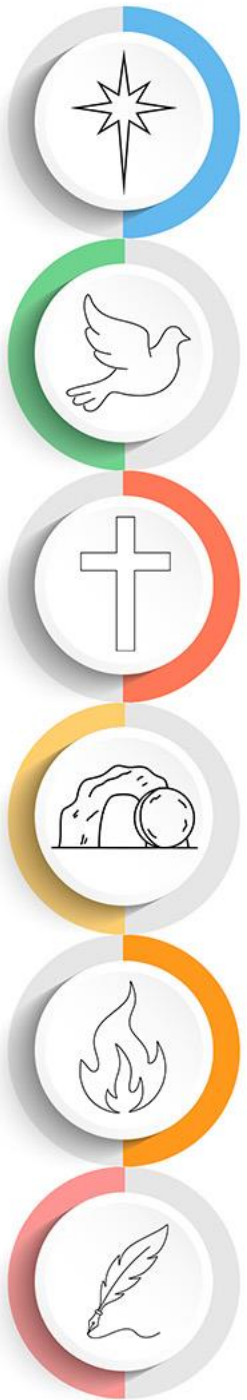
The letter to Philemon

- The greeting
- The commendation
- The favor
- The closing



What the letter to Philemon teaches us about

1. Leveling
“No longer a slave, better than a slave, a beloved brother” [v.16]
2. Power
“I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love...” [v. 9]
3. Reconciliation
“Welcome him as you would welcome me” [v. 17]



The rest of the story

“Onesimus, a man of inexpressible love and your bishop in the flesh.”
Ignatius

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