



PENTECOST & BEYOND

SHARE

YOUR TABLE, YOUR HOME & YOUR CHURCH



LOVING + SERVING
PEOPLE



Seventh-day Adventist Church
NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

PERSONAL MINISTRIES
& EVANGELISM



Your Table



Your House



Your Church



“The Table where Love becomes Bread”



Jesus'
ministry
around
the table





- **Matthew 8:11** —
The Table as a
Symbol of Salvation
- **Luke 22:30** —
The Table as Shared
Authority
- **Revelation 3:20** —
The Table as Intimacy
and Transformation



-
- The background of the slide is a composite image of Jesus and his disciples. On the left, Jesus is seated at a long wooden table, surrounded by his disciples who are eating and talking. On the right, the same scene is shown from a slightly different angle, with Jesus still at the center of the table. The overall tone is warm and intimate, with soft lighting and a focus on the communal meal.
- Jesus cultivated love around a table.
 - Eating was about acceptance, dignity, and restoration.
 - He broke physical bread but offered himself as the Bread of Life.
 - The table was a foretaste of the Kingdom.

The Spiritual Meaning of the Table



1 Salvation — Matthew 8:11

**Sitting at the table with Abraham =
belonging to the Kingdom.**

2 Shared Authority — Luke 22:30

Sitting with Christ = reigning with Him.

3 Intimacy and Transformation —

Revelation 3:20



Dining with Christ
= restorative
communion.

The table is a
visible symbol of
an eternal reality.



**Not everything was pleasant around
— Jesus' table. Do you remember the
Syrophenician woman?**

There was rejection there. 📖
Matthew 15:21–28

The disciples rejected her
because she was:

- A woman.
- A foreigner.
- Considered unworthy.
- A pagan.
- They wanted to dismiss her.





Jesus' Response

He uses the illustration of bread and the table.

He said, "I cannot give my children's bread to the little dogs."

Matthew 15:26.



Yes, I understand,
but the little dogs
can eat the crumbs
that fall under the
table.

He exposes the
disciples' prejudice.

- He extols the
woman's faith.



True love:



- Does not discriminate.
- Does not exclude.
- Does not hesitate in the face of disbelief.
- Makes room around the table.
- Seeks salvation above all else.



True love:



Jesus not only healed the daughter.

Jesus transformed the life of that poor woman.

But he also gave his disciples the greatest lesson.

50. sus transformo la mentalidad de sus seguidores.
Jesus transformed the mindset of his followers.
Jesus transformed the mindset of his followers.



Jesus transformed the mindset of
his followers.

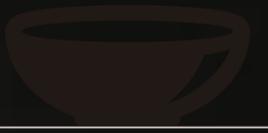


THE TESTIMONY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

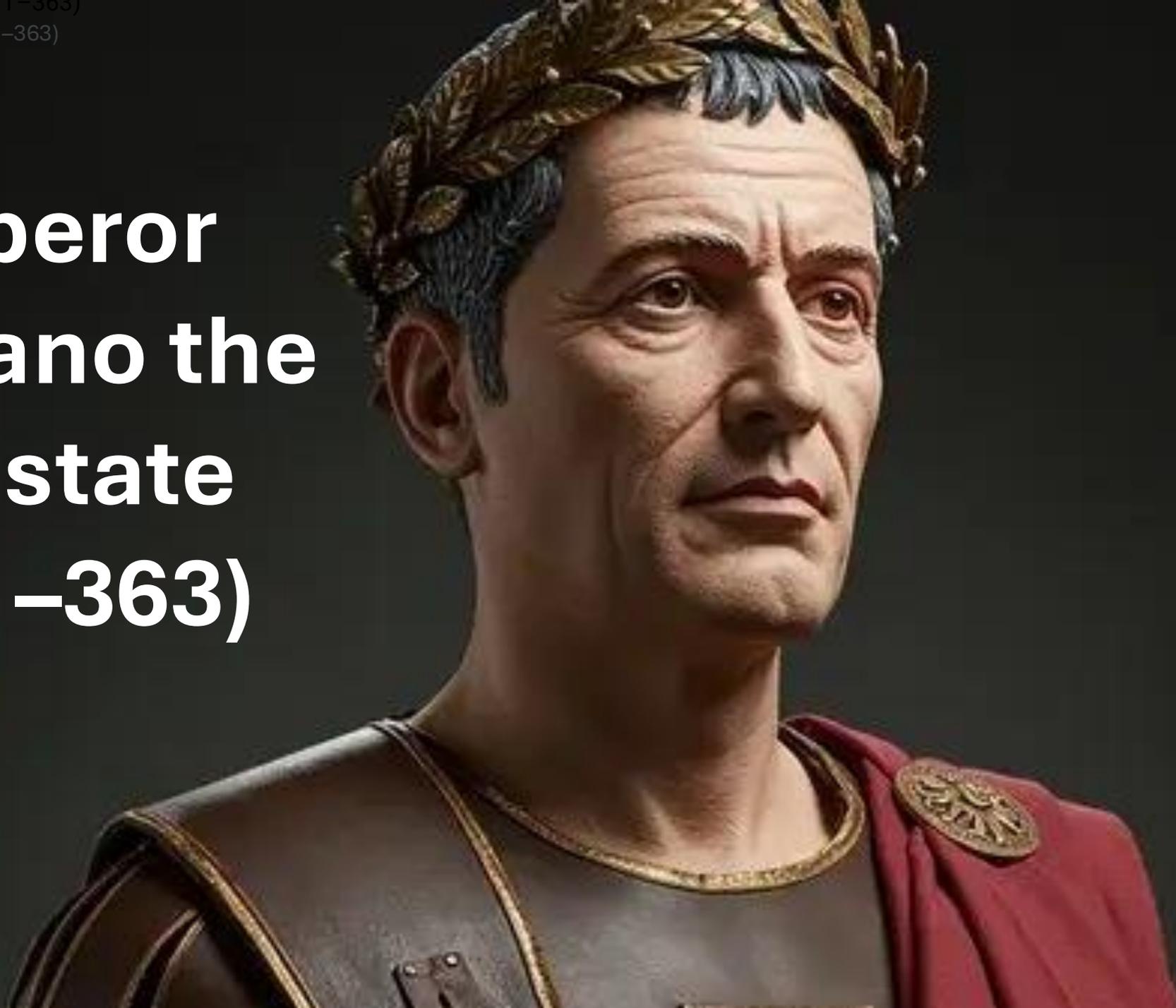
The Love That
Transformed an
Empire with:

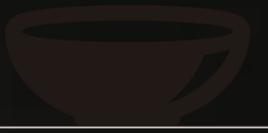
- Practical love.
- Constant hospitality.
- Genuine interest in salvation.



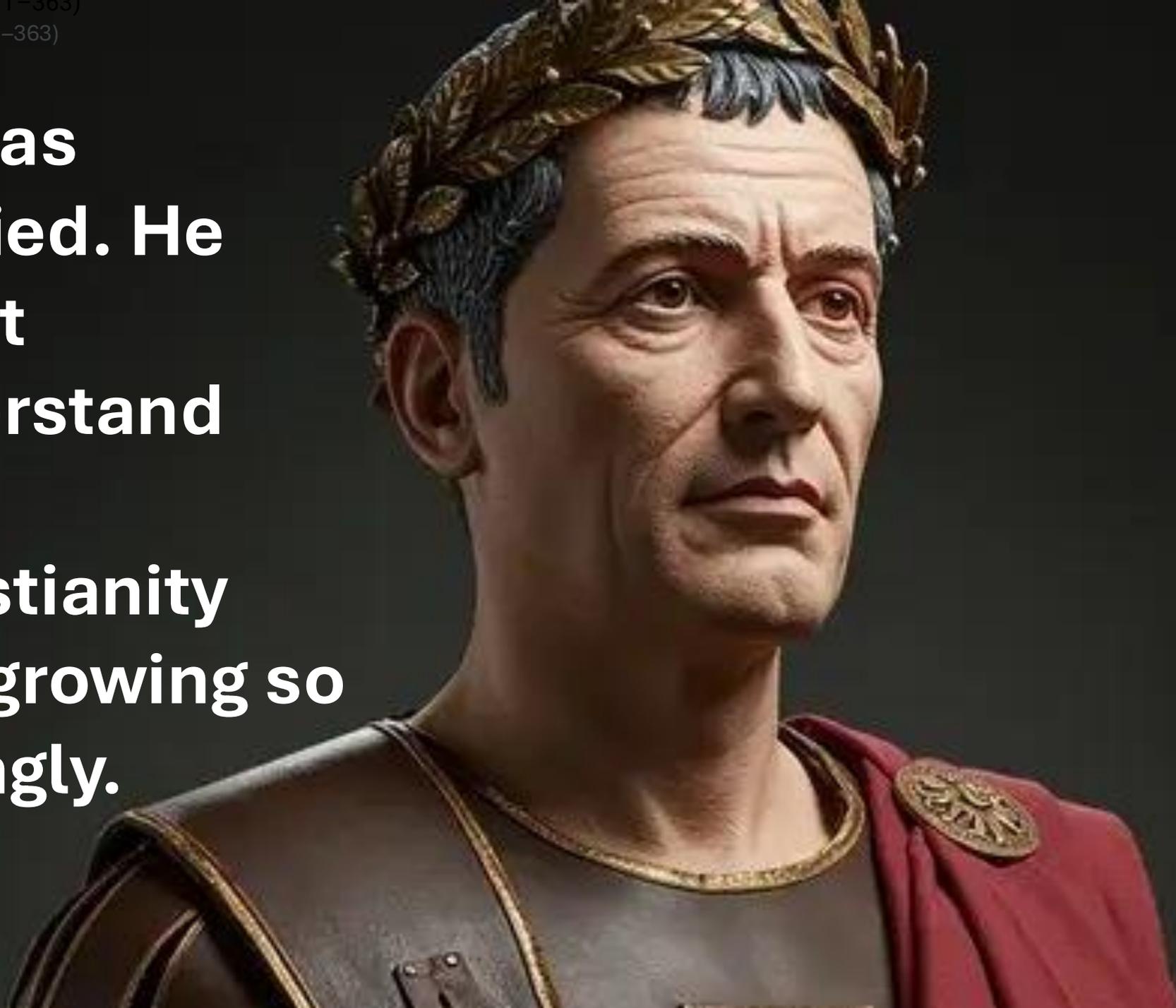


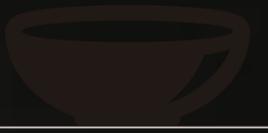
Emperor Juliano the Apostate (331-363)



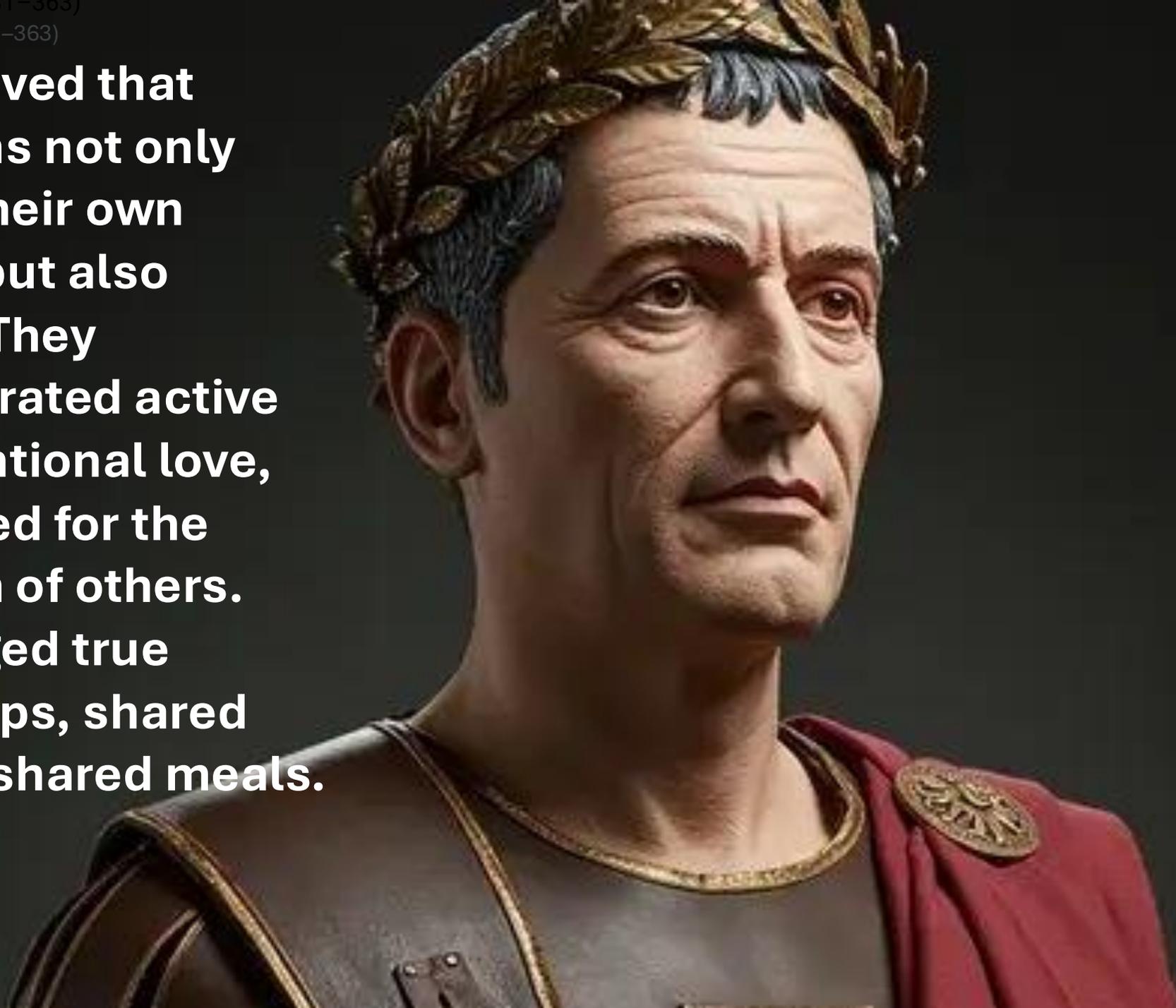


He was worried. He didn't understand how Christianity was growing so strongly.





He observed that Christians not only helped their own people, but also pagans. They demonstrated active and intentional love, concerned for the salvation of others. They forged true friendships, shared life, and shared meals.



El Imperio tenía poder político





But the church had open tables.
And those tables transformed the world.

HOW TO PRACTICE MINISTRY AT THE TABLE TODAY



A round loaf of bread, possibly a sourdough, sits on a white plate with a brown rim. The plate is placed on a light-colored, textured placemat with a dark, repeating pattern. The entire setup is on a wooden table. In the background, two white bowls and two white chairs with spindles are visible, suggesting a dining table setting. The lighting is warm and focused on the bread.

**Three elements for a table that brings
about salvation**



1. Serving a meal

- Hospitality communicates acceptance.
- Physical bread opens spiritual doors.



2. Tell my story

- Share how Jesus loved and transformed me.
- Personal testimony touches the heart.



3. Pray for their needs

- Ask: “How can I pray for you?”
- Bring their burdens before God.

Result: The table becomes an altar.

KINGDOM STRATEGY
Intentional Process:
1. Share meals.





2. Strengthen relationships.



4. Study the Bible together.



5. Integrate them into the church—the visible agency of salvation in Christ.



Evangelization begins at the table, not in the pulpit

But in many cases, this
is the reality of the
evangelism we do.

Speaking of methods to win
souls for Christ, which one
will be the best?



LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE



I will tell you about two methods:

1. The Hunter Method

This method is like hunting a person for the kingdom of Christ by teaching them 20 or more doctrines. Each Bible study is like a shot to convince them of the truth.

This method may work in some cases, but if a new member brought in this way does not find a friend in the church within three months, they will likely leave.





LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE



2. The farmer's method

This consists of preparing the ground, sowing the seed of friendship, cultivating that friendship, harvesting it and finally preserving it for the kingdom of God.

I believe this is the best method. In fact, Jesus talks about it in the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13.



LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE



Have you ever
seen a
raspberry
plant?





LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE



Have you
smelled the
raspberry
flower?





LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE

PENTECOS
2025

Have you
picked any
raspberries?





LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE



Have you
tried a
Raspberry?





LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE

PENTECOS
2025

Everyone
wants to be
near a
raspberry
plant!



A pair of hands is shown from a top-down perspective, cupped together and holding several fresh raspberries. The raspberries are vibrant red with small black seeds. The word "Love" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center of the raspberries. Above this, the words "Fruit of the Spirit" are written in a white, sans-serif font.

Fruit of the Spirit

Love

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23.



LOVING+LOVABLE
PEOPLE

PENTECOS
2025





My questions for you are:

- Is there room at your table for someone different?
- Are you willing to love without prejudice?
- Will you open your home to Christ to come and dine with others?



Challenge:

- Set an extra place at your table.
- Invite others intentionally.
- Love with eternal purpose.



When love sits at the table, salvation begins



PENTECOST & BEYOND

SHARE

YOUR TABLE, YOUR HOME & YOUR CHURCH



LOVING + SERVING
PEOPLE



Seventh-day Adventist Church
NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

PERSONAL MINISTRIES
& EVANGELISM

