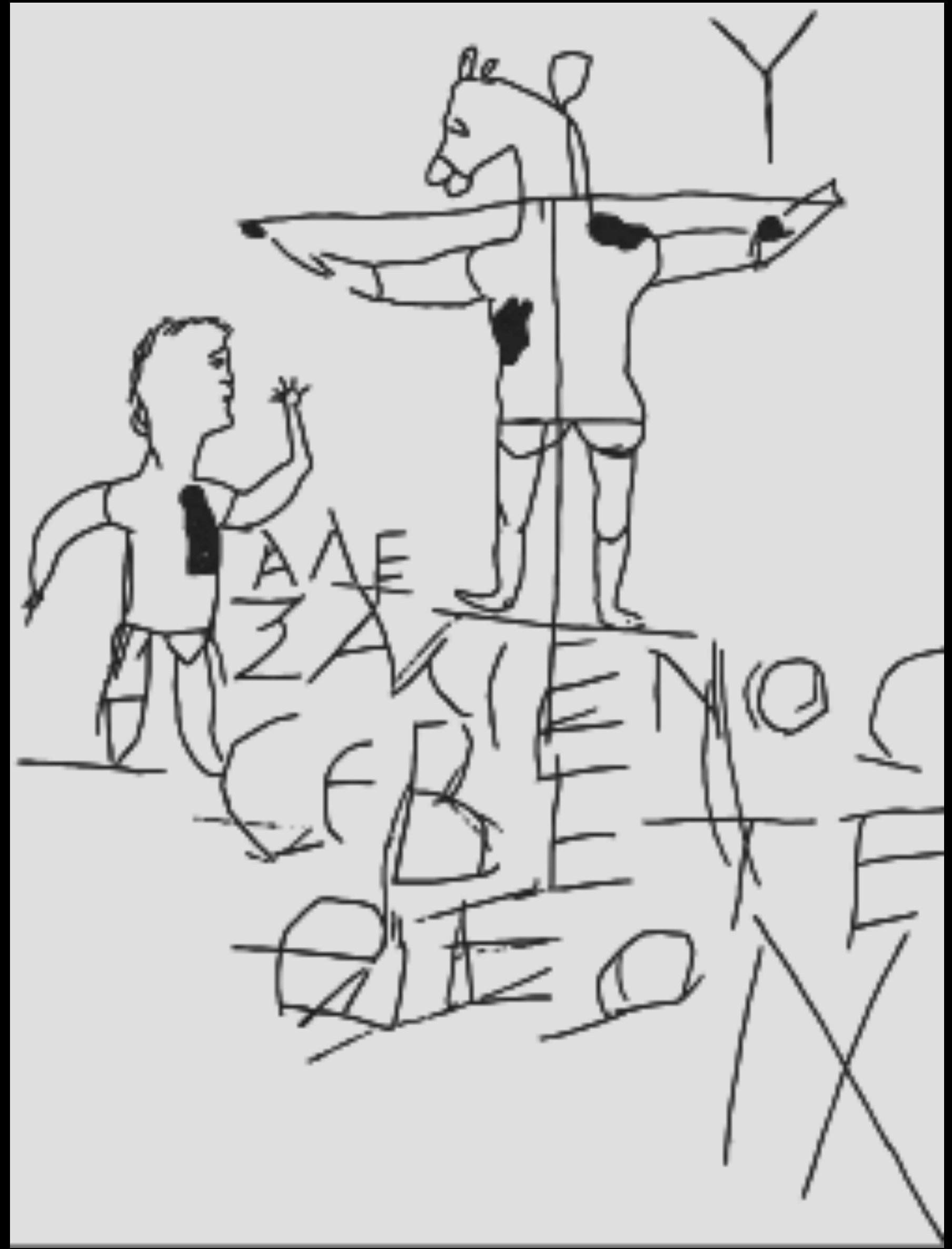
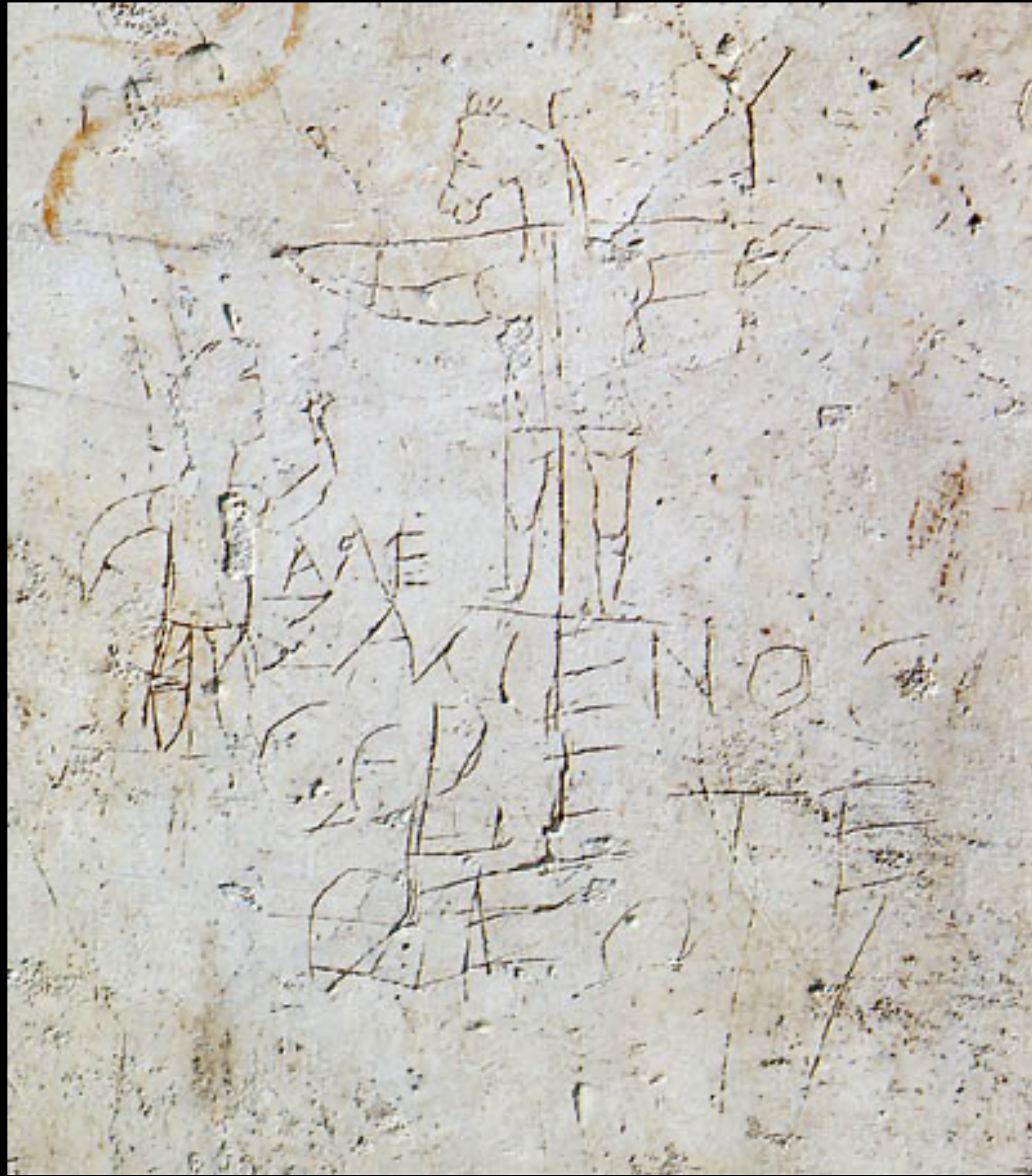


a ridiculous God

1 Corinthians 1:18–25



The **problem** in Corinth:

- Absorbing and embracing the values of the culture around them
- Especially wisdom, strength, honour
- They've moved beyond Paul
- And 'improved' on his message

Paul is warning them: you can't improve on Jesus.

The crucified Jesus is not what we're looking for (v18-23)

v18: The big idea

v19-20: God promised he would do this and now he has

“Hasn't God made a fool of the world's wisdom?”

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v22-23: We're all asking the wrong questions

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The right question is a relational question:

How can my relationship God be put right?

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- ➡ So we need to take Jesus on his own terms
- ➡ We can't try to use Jesus to get something else that we want



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