



# The Humanity of Jesus

HEBREWS 2:17-18

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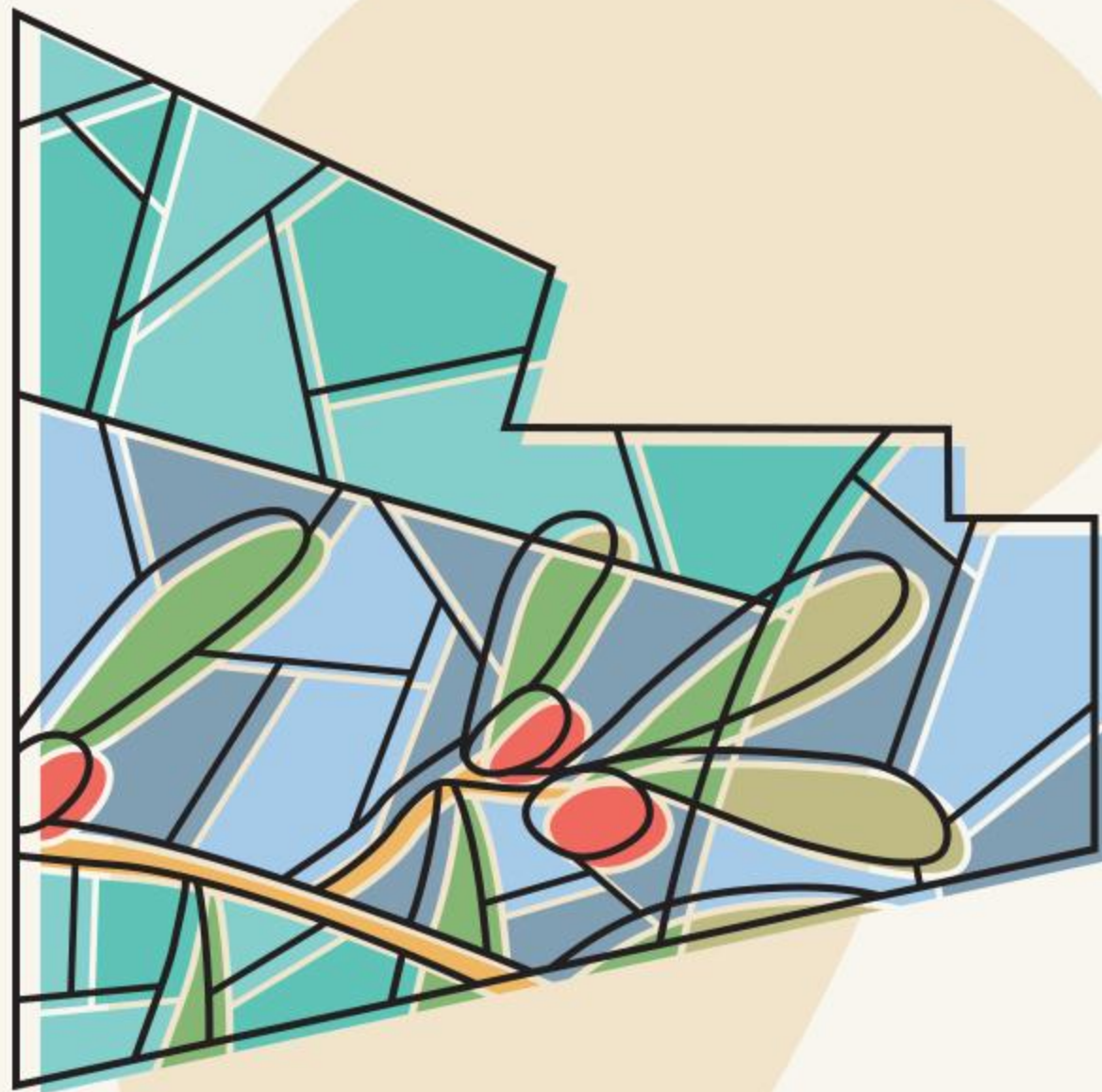
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# **Theology:** The Study of God



**Anthropology:** Study of Humanity

**Christology:** Study of Christ





Jesus had to be human in order to  
**suffer** for us and **sympathize** with us.

# **The Deity of Christ**

Fully God



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

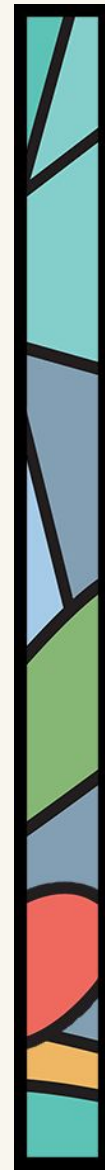
**John 1:1** NIV

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word...

**Hebrews 1:3a** NIV

# **The Humanity of Christ**

## **Fully Man**



For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Hebrews 2:17-18** NIV



Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”  
<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

**Genesis 1:26-27** NIV



This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

**1 John 4:2-3 NIV**





“...acknowledged in **Two Natures unconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably**; the difference of the Natures being in no way removed because of the Union, but rather the properties of each Nature being preserved, and (both) concurring into **One Person and One Hypostasis**; not as though He were parted or divided into Two Persons, but One and the Self-same Son and Only-begotten God, Word, Lord, Jesus Christ...”

- Church Council of Chalcedon, AD 451





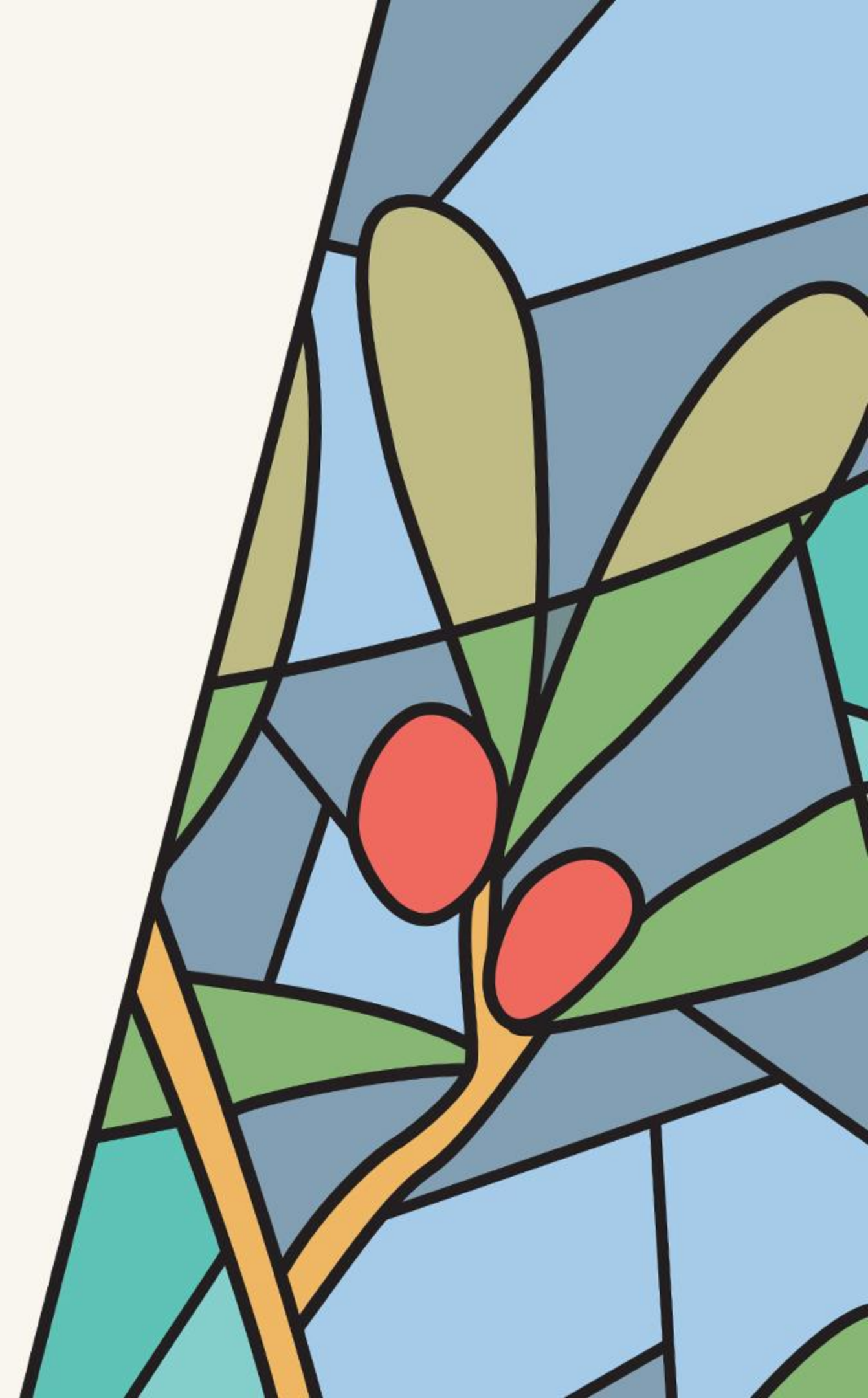
“It is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible—far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join himself to a human nature forever, so that infinite God became a person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and most profound mystery in all the universe.”

- Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*



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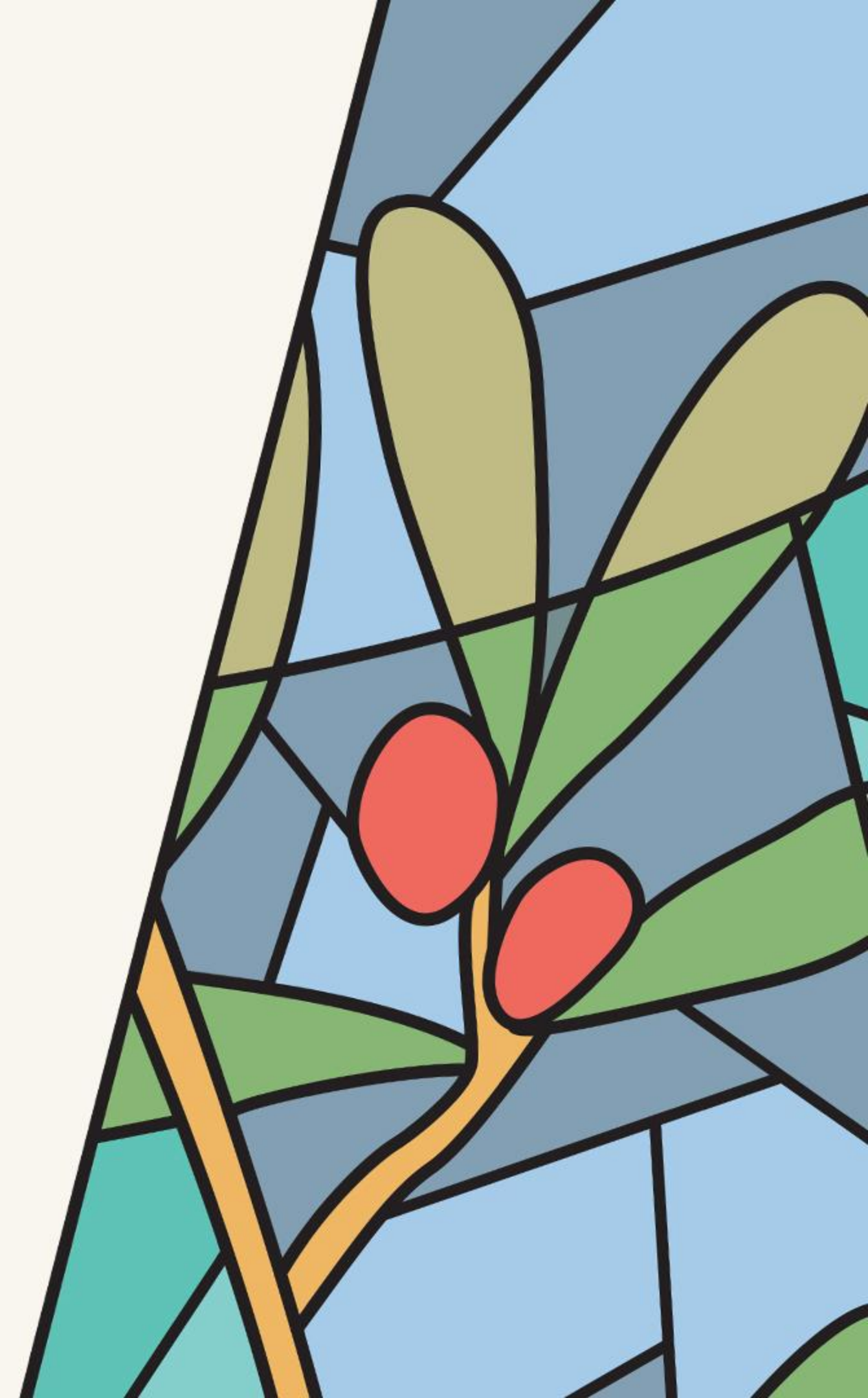


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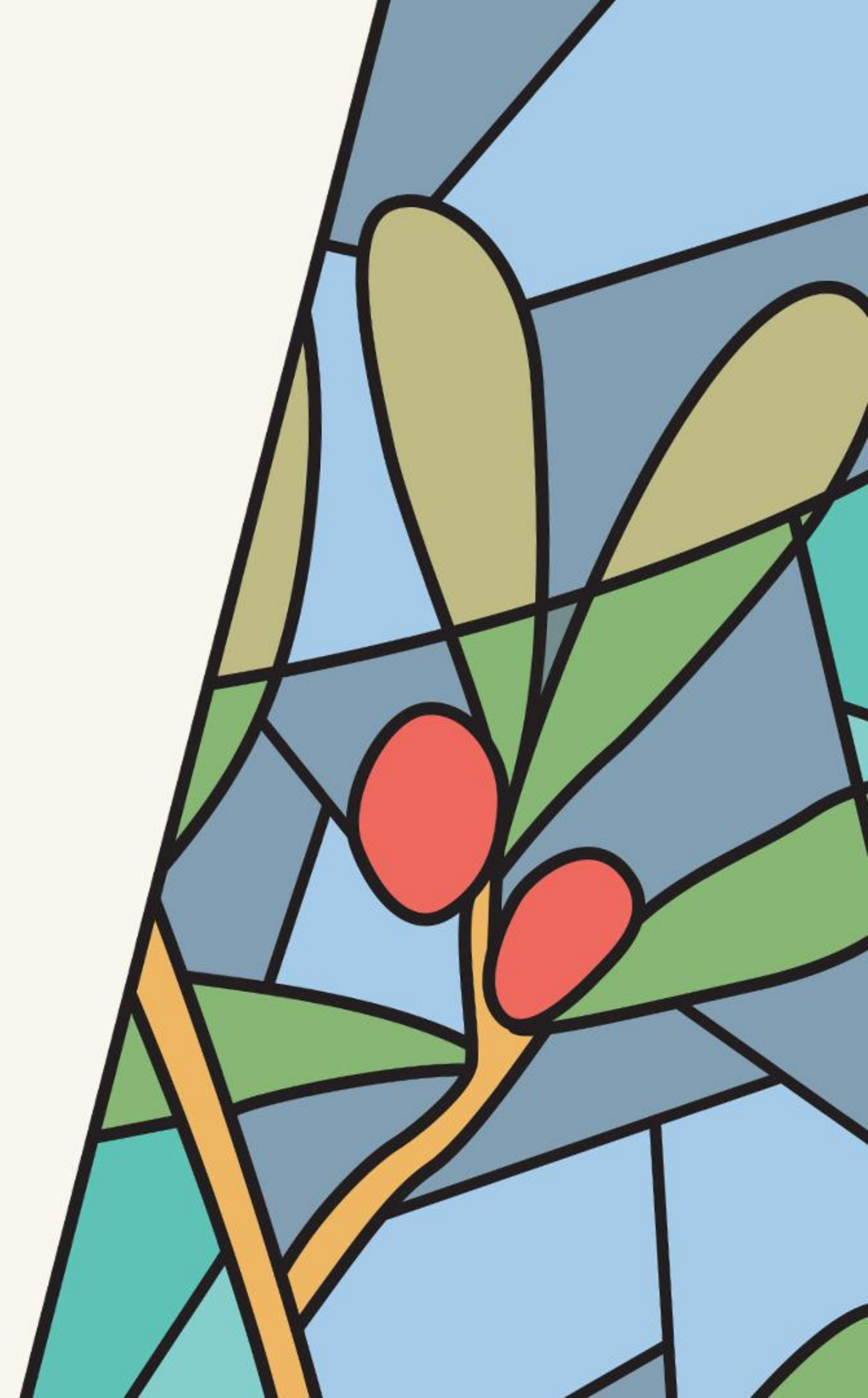


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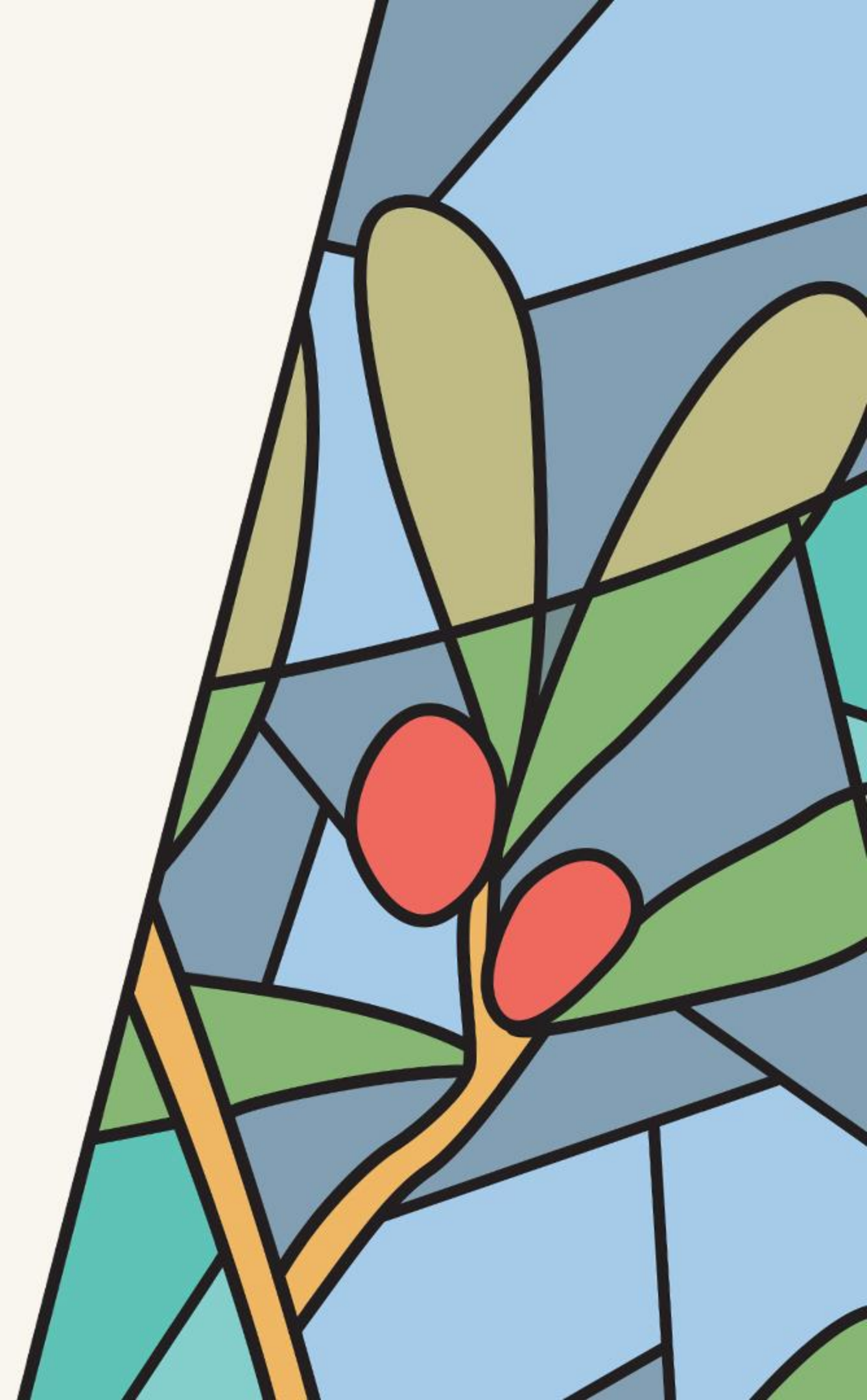
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Hebrews 2:17-18 NIV



For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

**Hebrews 4:15** NIV





For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Hebrews 4:15-16** NIV

