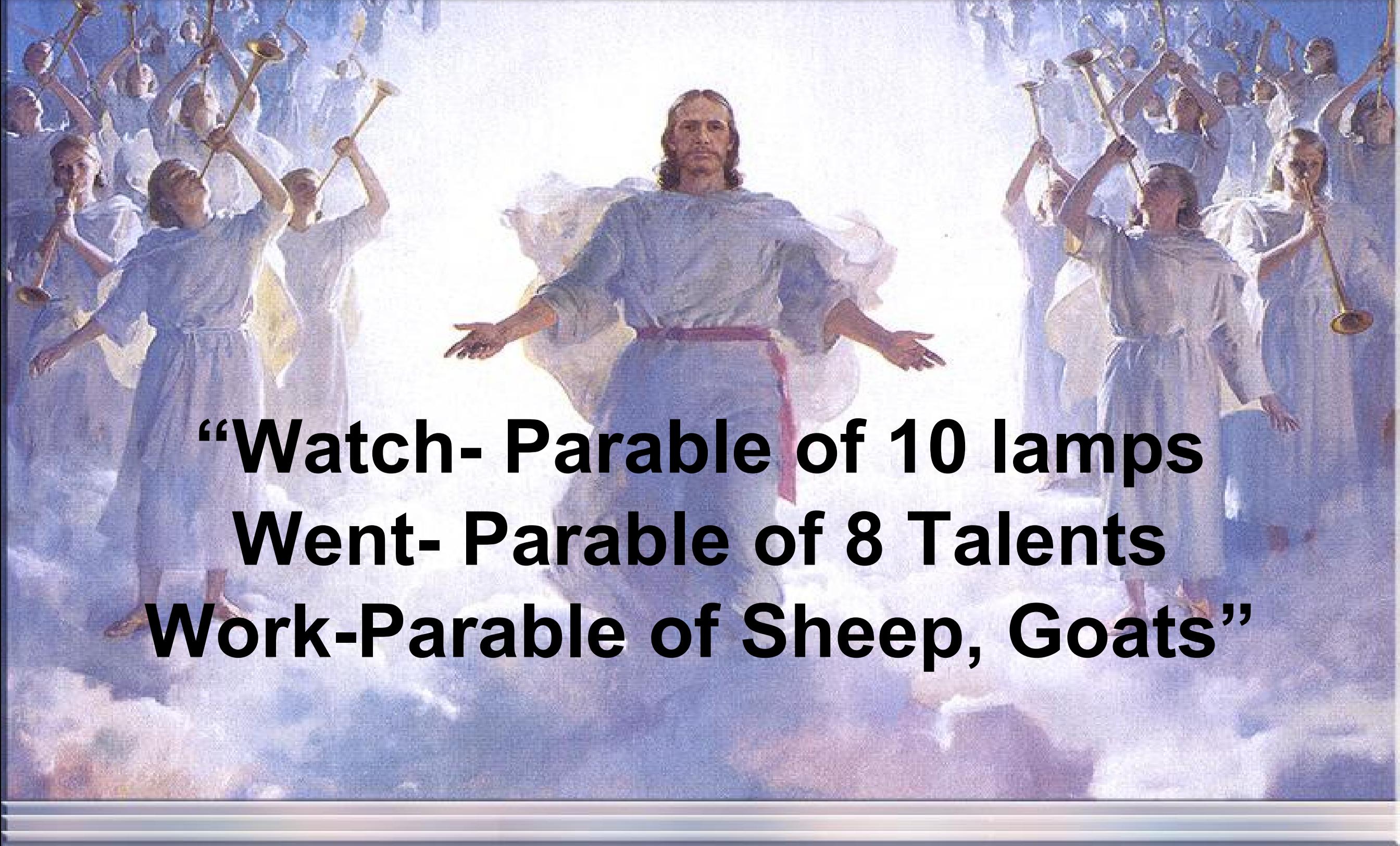


“The Sheep, The Substitutes, The Shepherd”

Mt. 25:31-46

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**“Watch- Parable of 10 lamps
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Work-Parable of Sheep, Goats”**

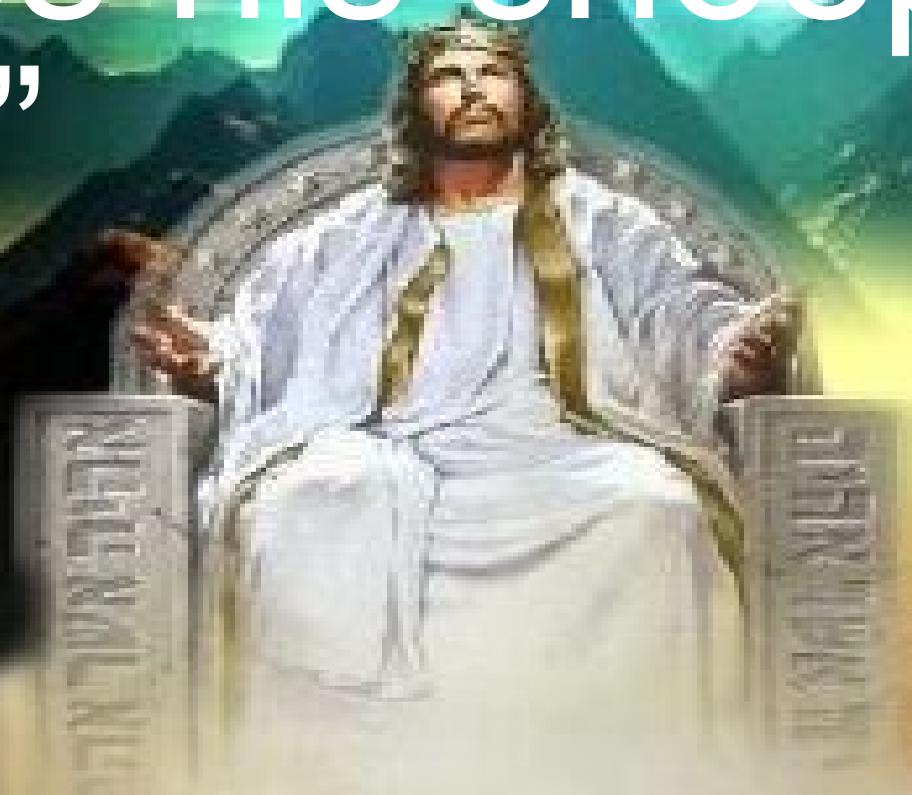


“31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will:

He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him”



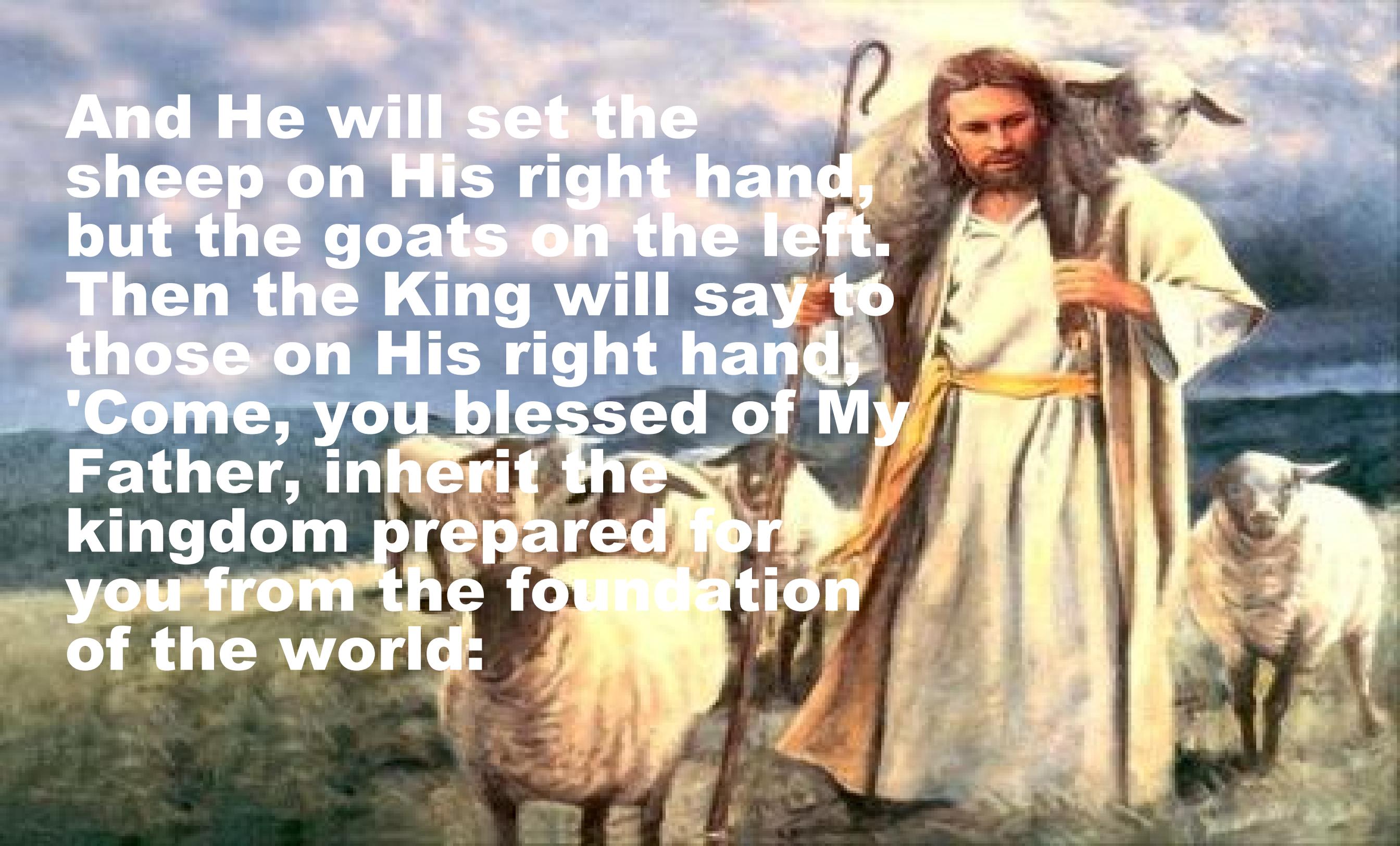
“He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats”



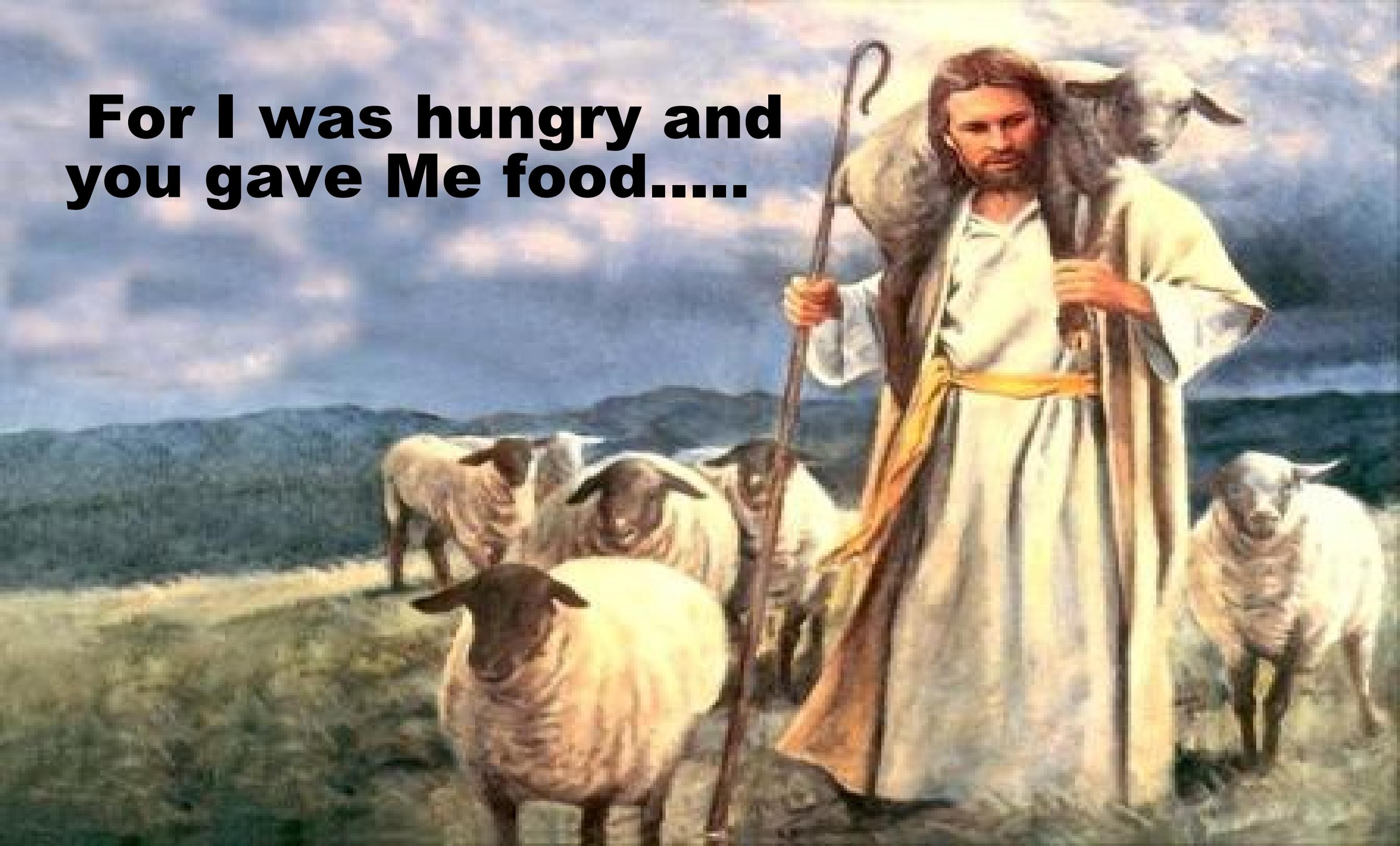
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the difference?

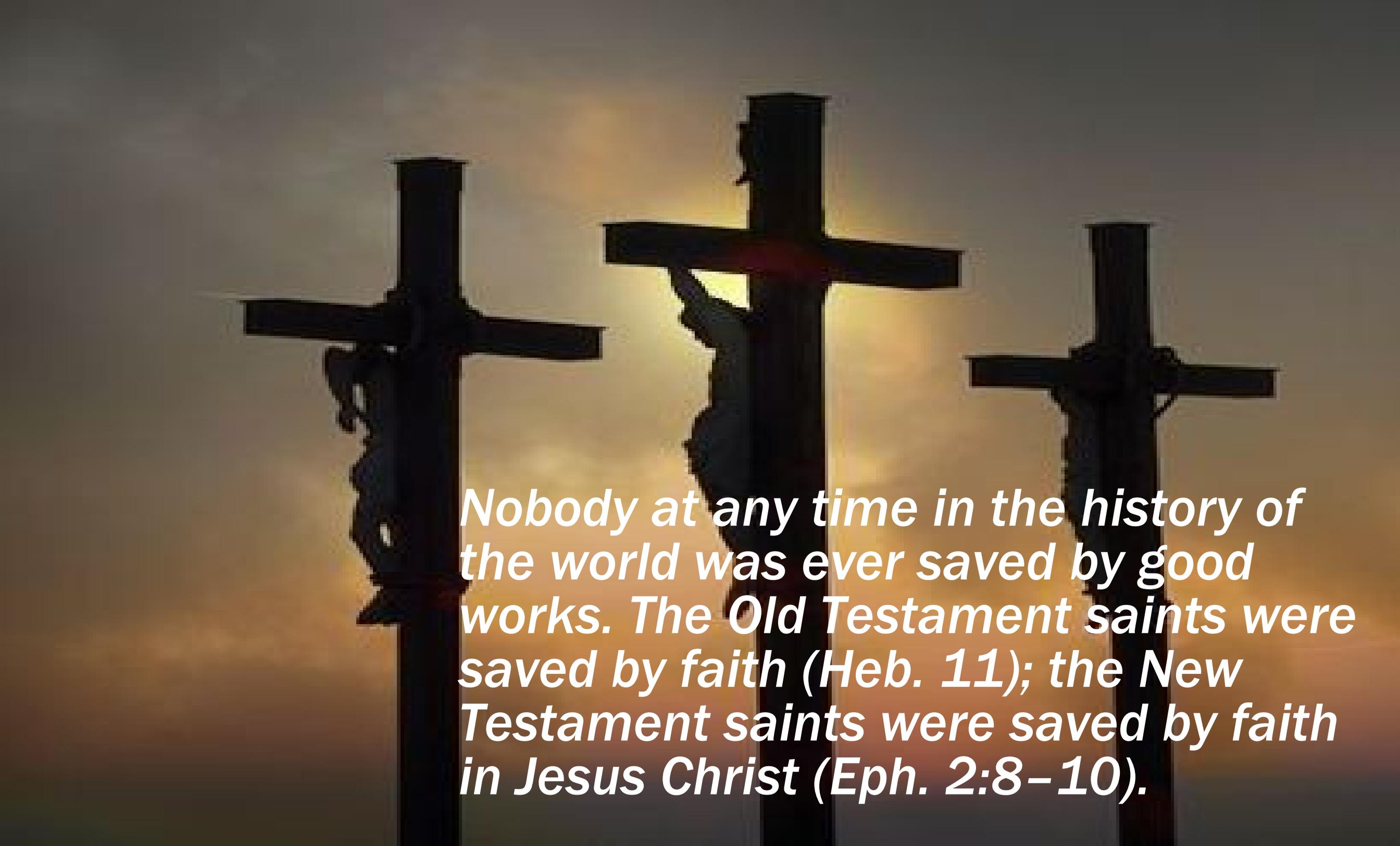


And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

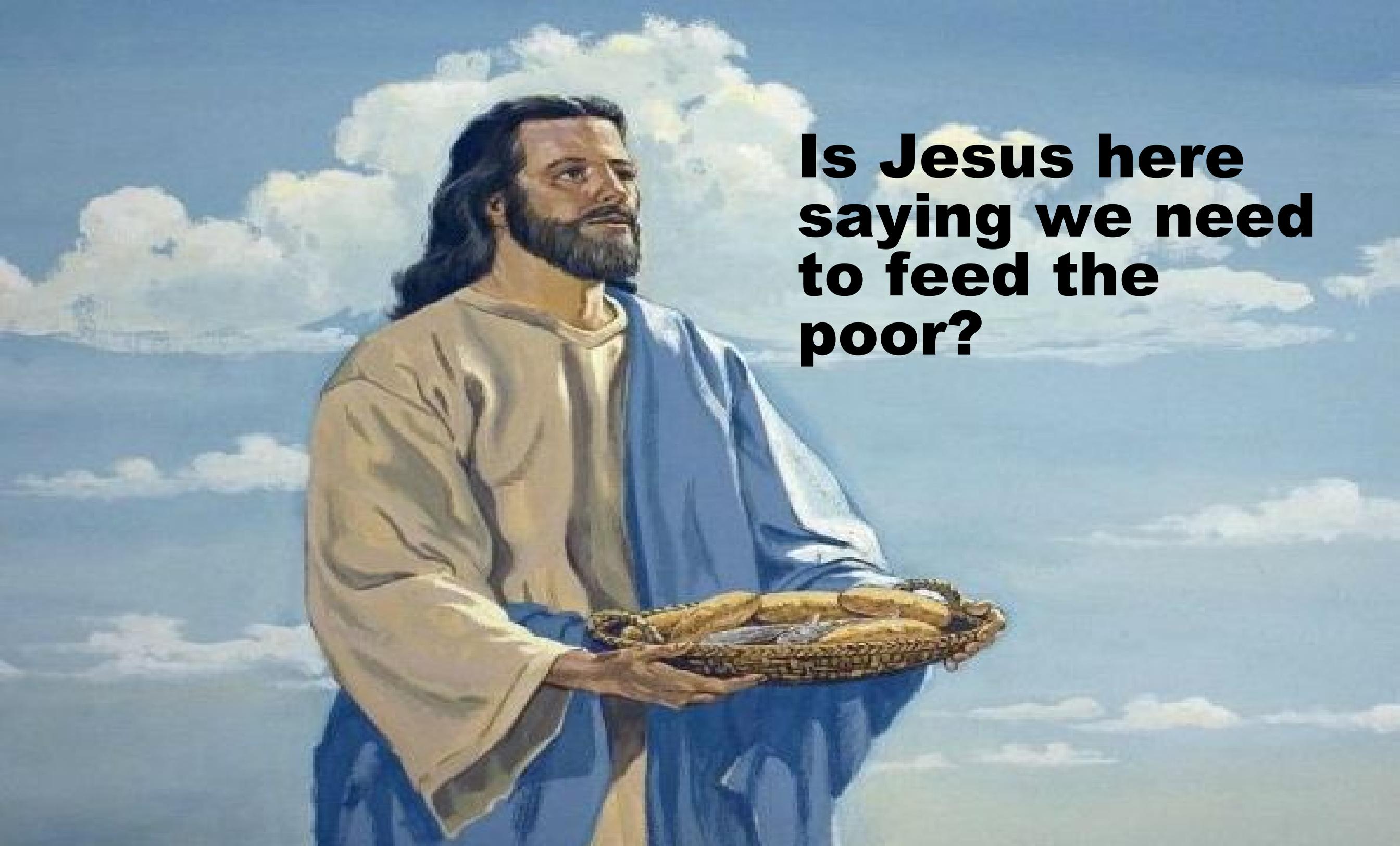


**For I was hungry and
you gave Me food.....**

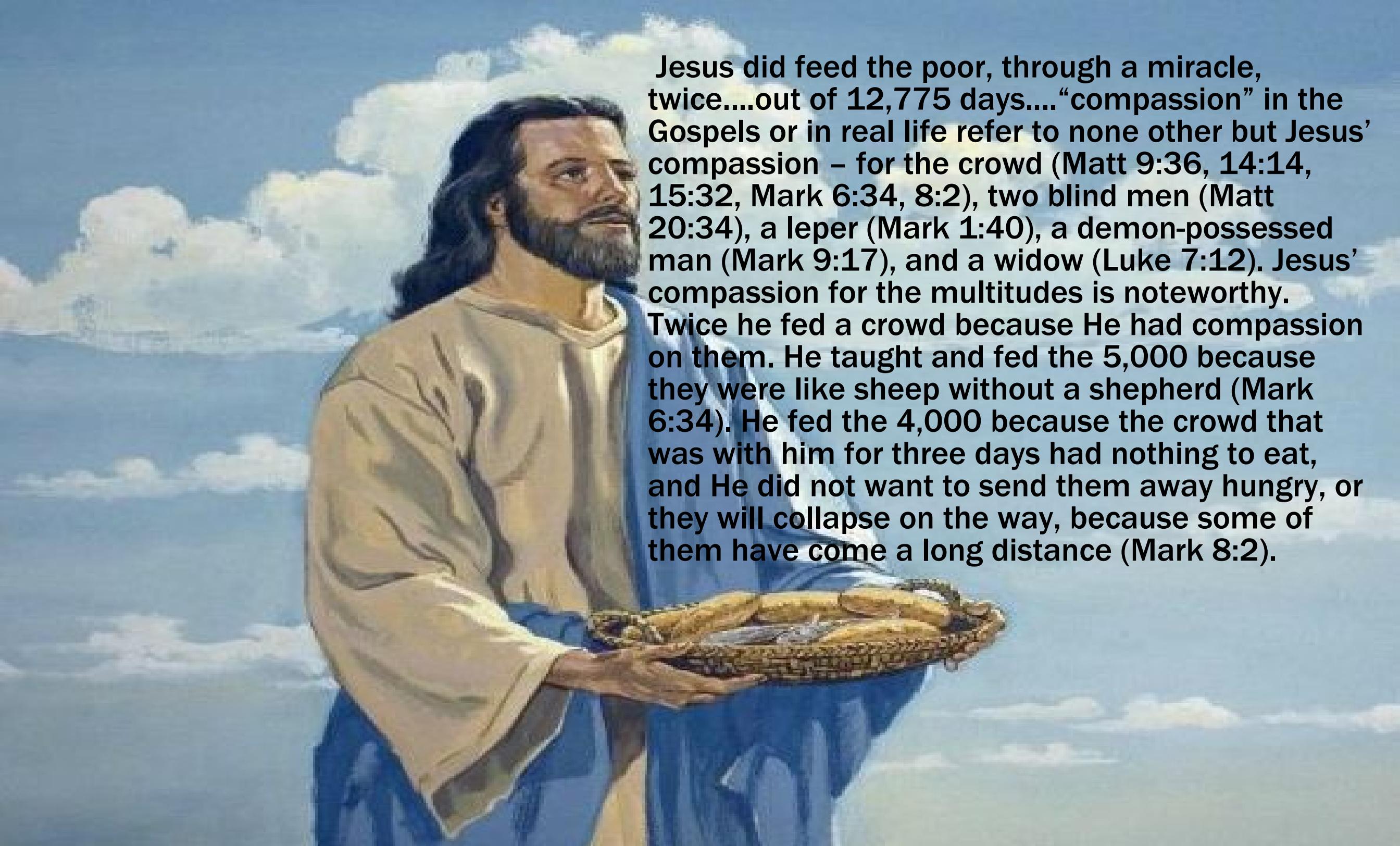


The image features three black crosses of varying heights and positions, set against a soft, glowing sunset or sunrise sky. The central cross is the tallest and most prominent, with a horizontal beam that is slightly curved. To its left and right are two shorter, simpler crosses. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

Nobody at any time in the history of the world was ever saved by good works. The Old Testament saints were saved by faith (Heb. 11); the New Testament saints were saved by faith in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:8-10).



**Is Jesus here
saying we need
to feed the
poor?**



Jesus did feed the poor, through a miracle, twice....out of 12,775 days....“compassion” in the Gospels or in real life refer to none other but Jesus’ compassion – for the crowd (Matt 9:36, 14:14, 15:32, Mark 6:34, 8:2), two blind men (Matt 20:34), a leper (Mark 1:40), a demon-possessed man (Mark 9:17), and a widow (Luke 7:12). Jesus’ compassion for the multitudes is noteworthy. Twice he fed a crowd because He had compassion on them. He taught and fed the 5,000 because they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34). He fed the 4,000 because the crowd that was with him for three days had nothing to eat, and He did not want to send them away hungry, or they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance (Mark 8:2).

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer-We are Christ bearers before others in our homes, in the church, in school, at work, in the whole world.



**Dietrich Bonhoeffer- We are Jesus
ambassadors to others here on this earth.
We are His hands and his feet to be a
blessing.**





BFA has supported the homeless shelter, Good Samaritan Inn for many years. The men cook breakfast, and BFA has had several fund raisers to support this worthy work. (recent Hearing Concert)

Exodus 23:11 but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove.

Leviticus 19:10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 15:11 For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'





Psalms 41:1 Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

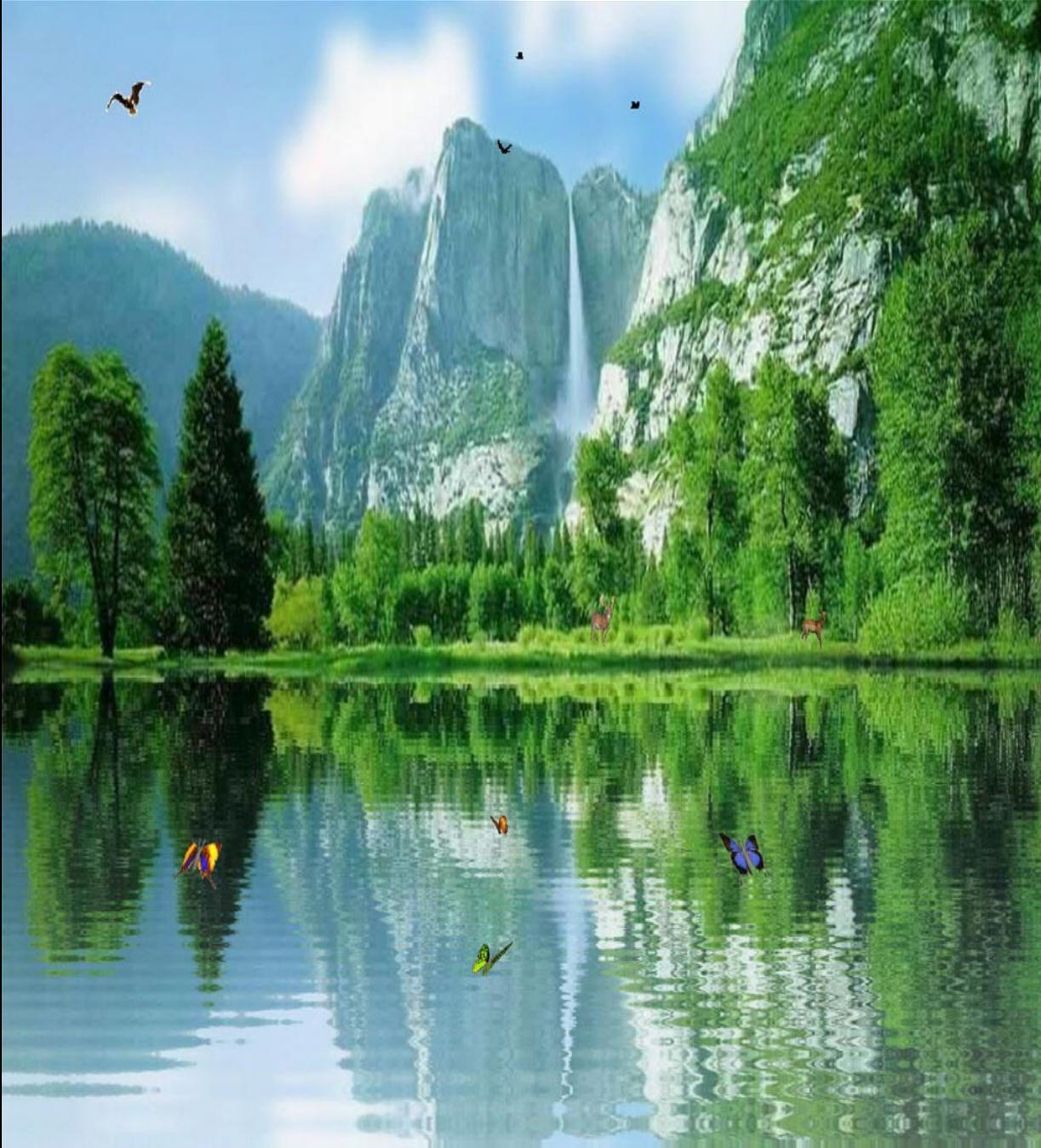
Galatians 2:10 They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

Hunger for God's Word- Amos 8

v.11 “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east. They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find *it*.



Man shall not live by Bread alone,
but by every Word that proceeds
from the mouth of God'.....Mt. 4:4



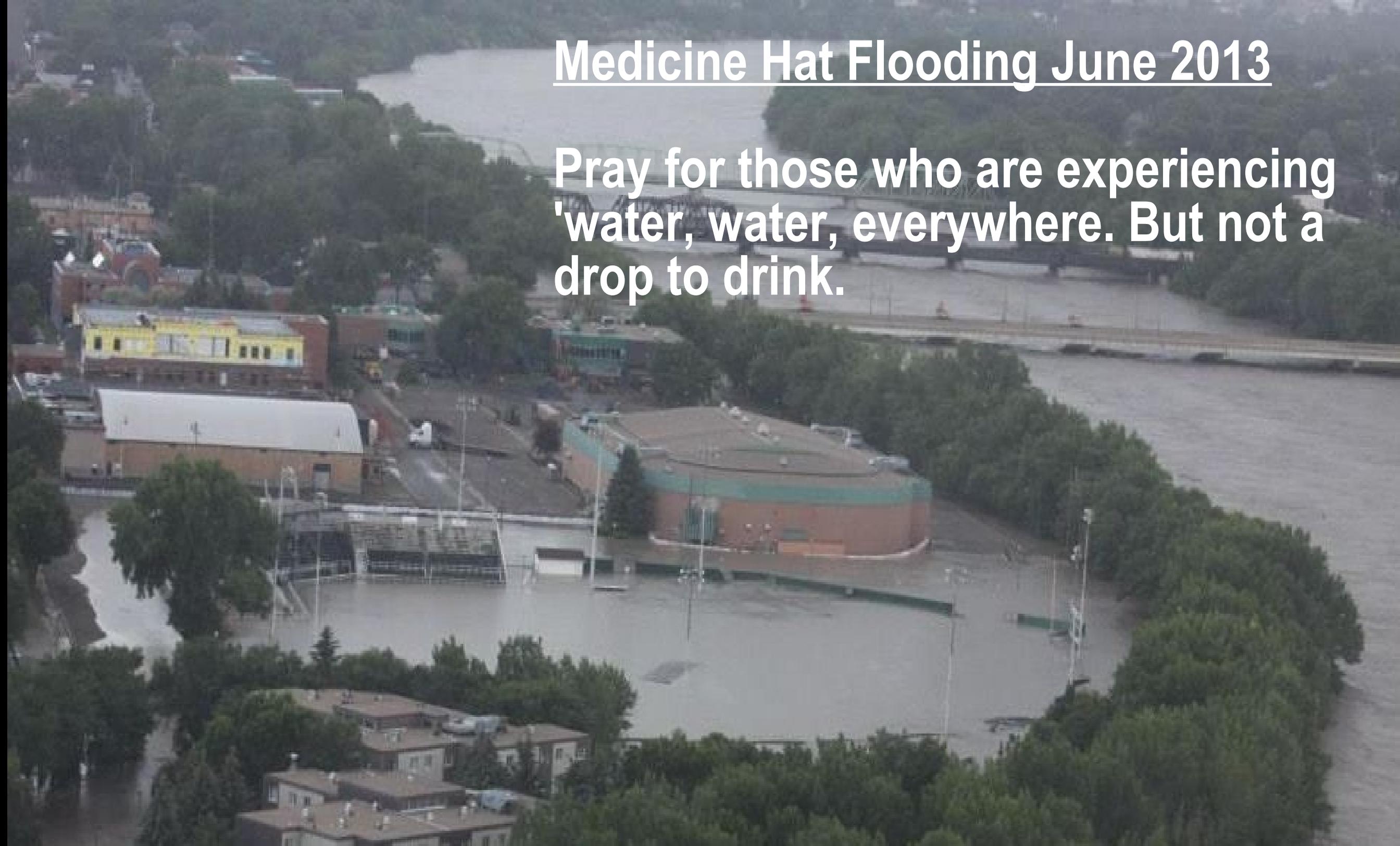
Thirsty and you gave me drink

Fresh water is critical to life on this planet.

While nearly 70 percent of the world is covered by water, only 2.5 percent of it is fresh. The rest is saline and ocean-based. Even then, just 1 percent of our freshwater is easily accessible, with much of it trapped in glaciers and snowfields. In essence, only 0.007 percent of the planet's water is available to fuel and feed its 6.8 billion people.

Medicine Hat Flooding June 2013

Pray for those who are experiencing 'water, water, everywhere. But not a drop to drink.





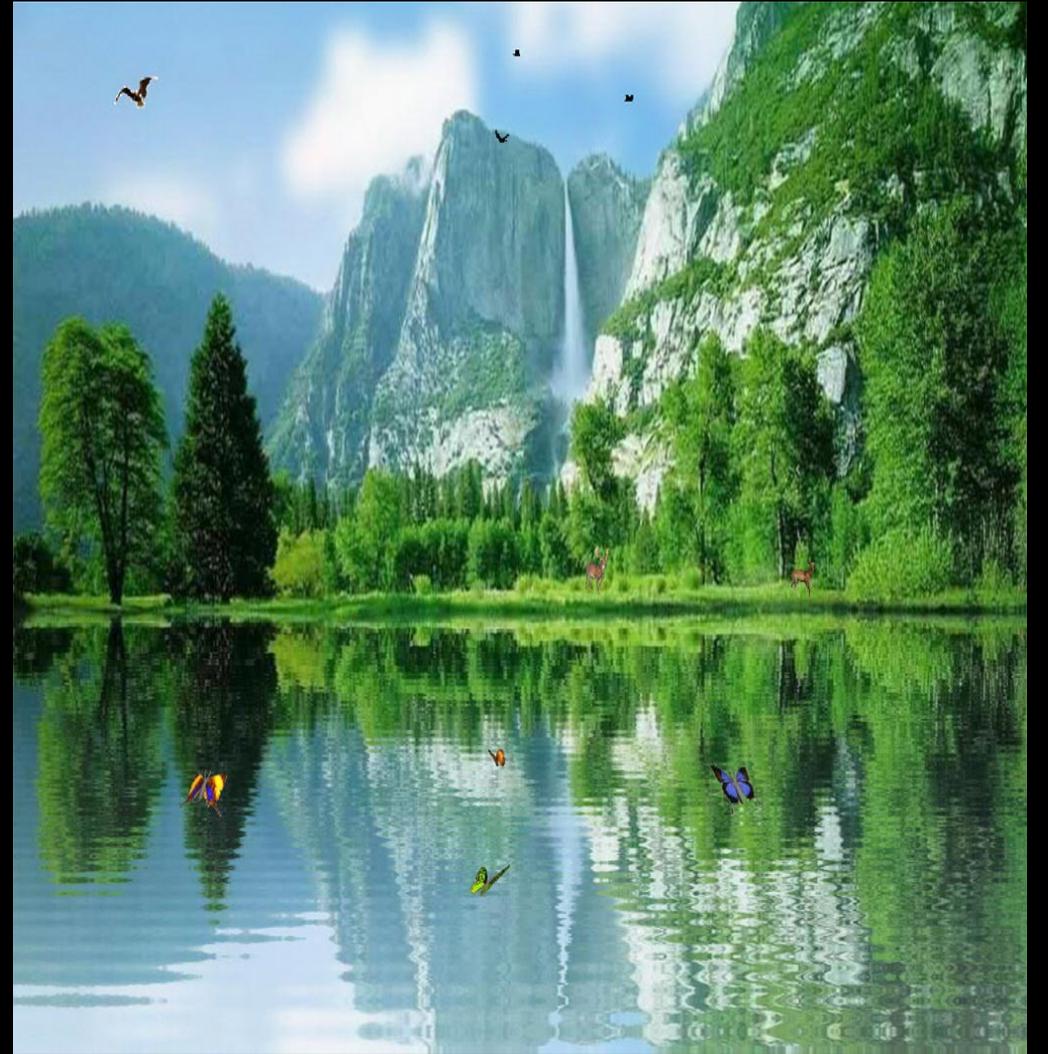
Floods triggered by heavy rains spread across north-western Bangladesh, marooning hundreds of thousands of people

Thirsty and you gave me drink

Even more critical to life is water from God!

Isaiah 55:1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.

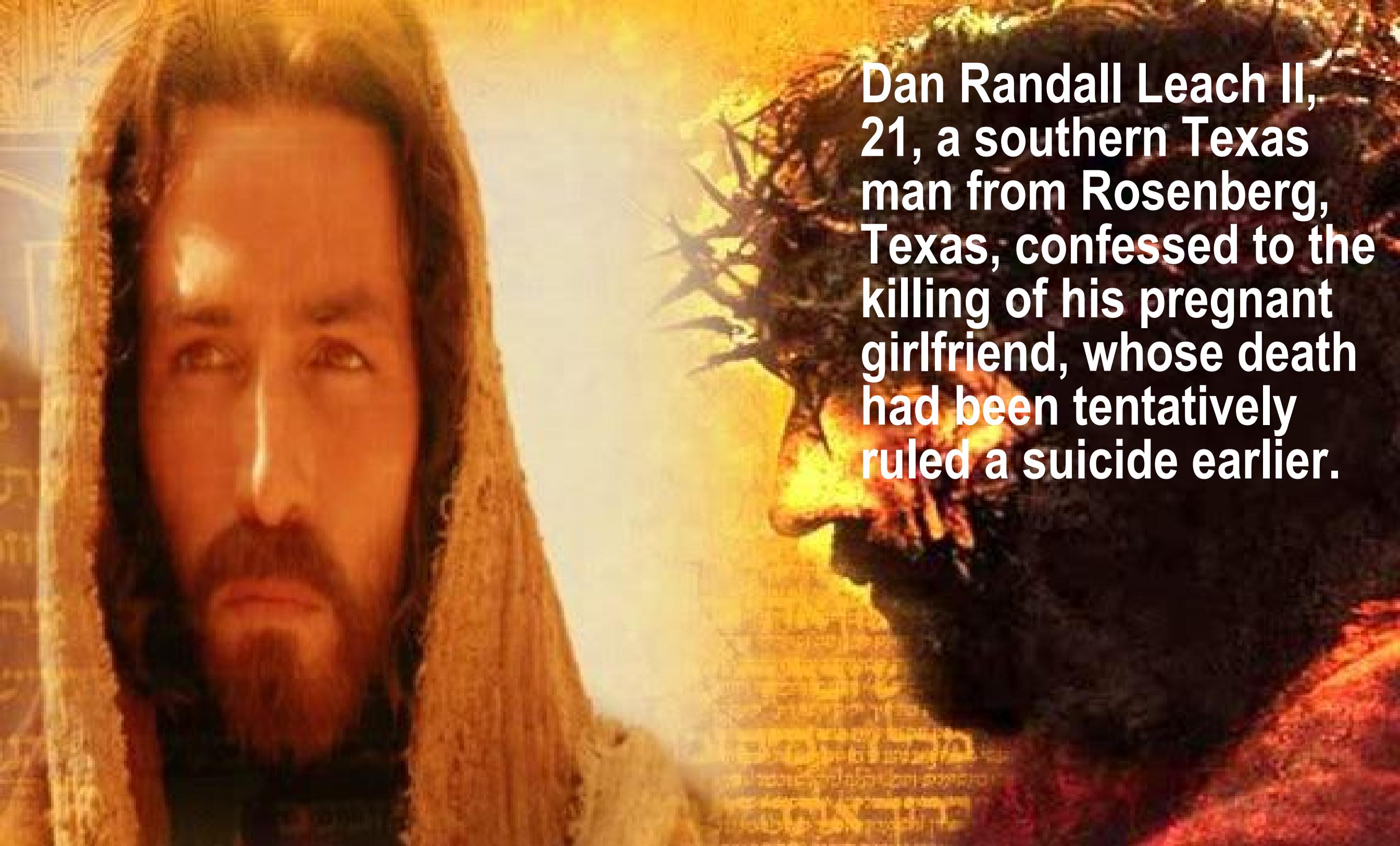
John 4:10 "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."



The Substitutes “Goats” v. 41-46

Sin, according to world religions, is doing what is wrong or bad. The Chinese argue, “I have not killed people or set fires. How have I sinned?” According to the Bible, sin is not merely doing what is wrong, but also failing to do what is right or good. Sin is not merely a bad deed committed but a right thing omitted. Theologically, the practice of wrongdoing is the sin of commission, and the failure to do right is the sin of omission. James 4:17 “Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”





Dan Randall Leach II, 21, a southern Texas man from Rosenberg, Texas, confessed to the killing of his pregnant girlfriend, whose death had been tentatively ruled a suicide earlier.



These kind and happy people have perfected the art of doing nothing. They won't hinder, hurt or harm anyone. But most of all they will not surrender their hearts to the Lord God and believe in His Son. Often these are very religious; but always it is about doing good, and not the done work of the Cross! They have never heard God. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life" Jn. 10:28



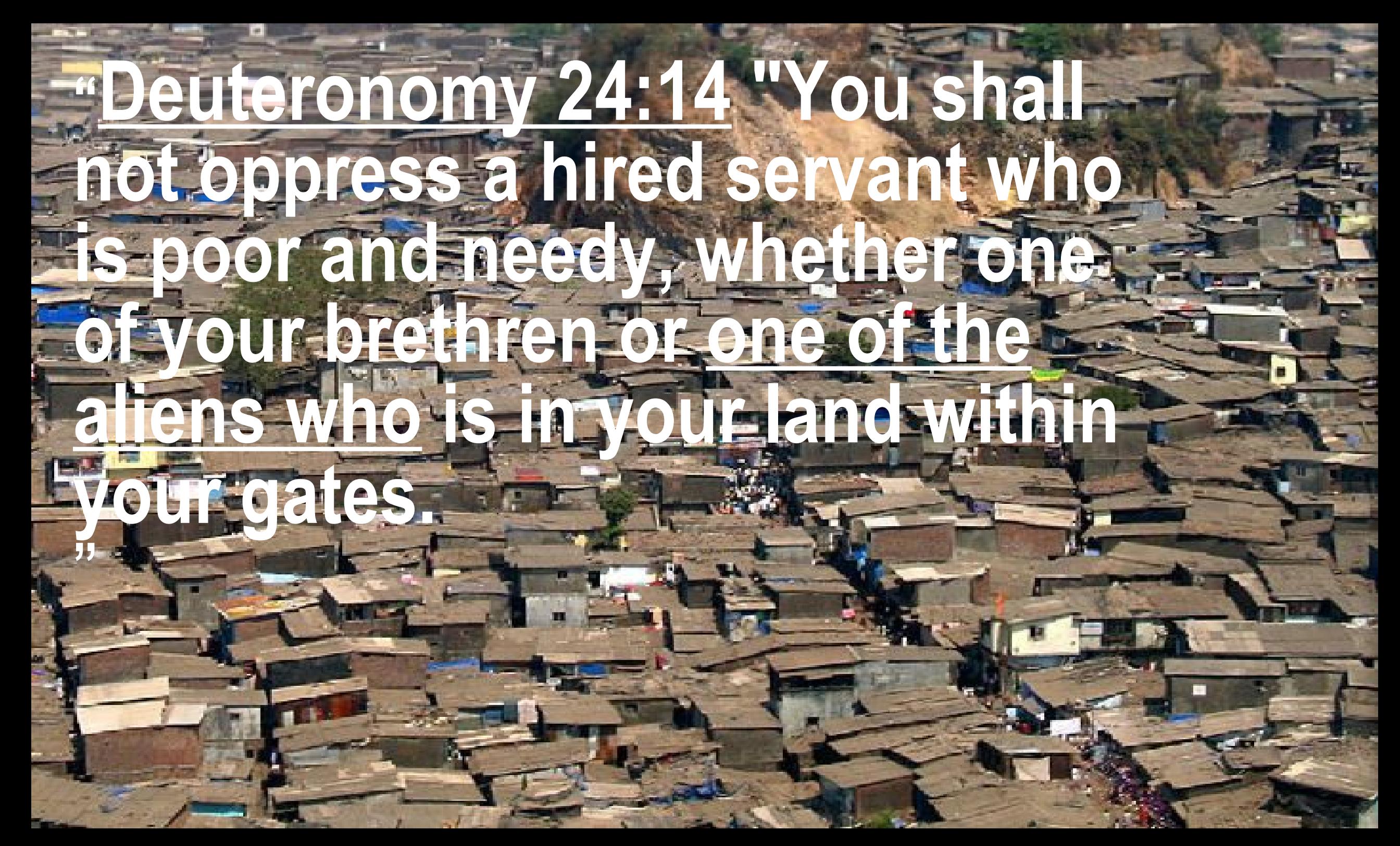
**But most of
all, like
Nicodemus
in Jn. 3, they
have never
experienced
the new
Birth!**

Yeah....let's partyyy !

**“I was a stranger
and you did not take
Me in”**





An aerial photograph of a densely packed informal settlement, likely a slum. The structures are small, makeshift, and built closely together, with many roofs made of corrugated metal or similar materials. The overall appearance is one of extreme overcrowding and poverty. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

— Deuteronomy 24:14 "You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates."

**“I was a stranger
and you did not take
Me in”**



“I was naked and you did not cloth me.”



Gen. 3:21: Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.



“I was a sick and in prison and you did not visit me”



**“I was a sick and in
prison and you did not
visit me”**



163,000 Christians die every year for their faith. Half of all the Christians who have ever died for their faith did so in this century alone, some 35 million!





Other Prisons-

- drugs
- gambling
- alcohol
- sex
- tobacco
- slavery
- poverty

“In as much as you did not do it to the least of these my brothers, you did it not to me”who are the least?

**Who are the brothers of Jesus?
There are 4 Main interpretations.**

View #1. “The least of these my brothers of Jesus is the National state of Modern day Israel.”

**(Romans 11:25 “And so all Israel will be saved”
Rev. 7- 12,000 sealed from each tribe)**



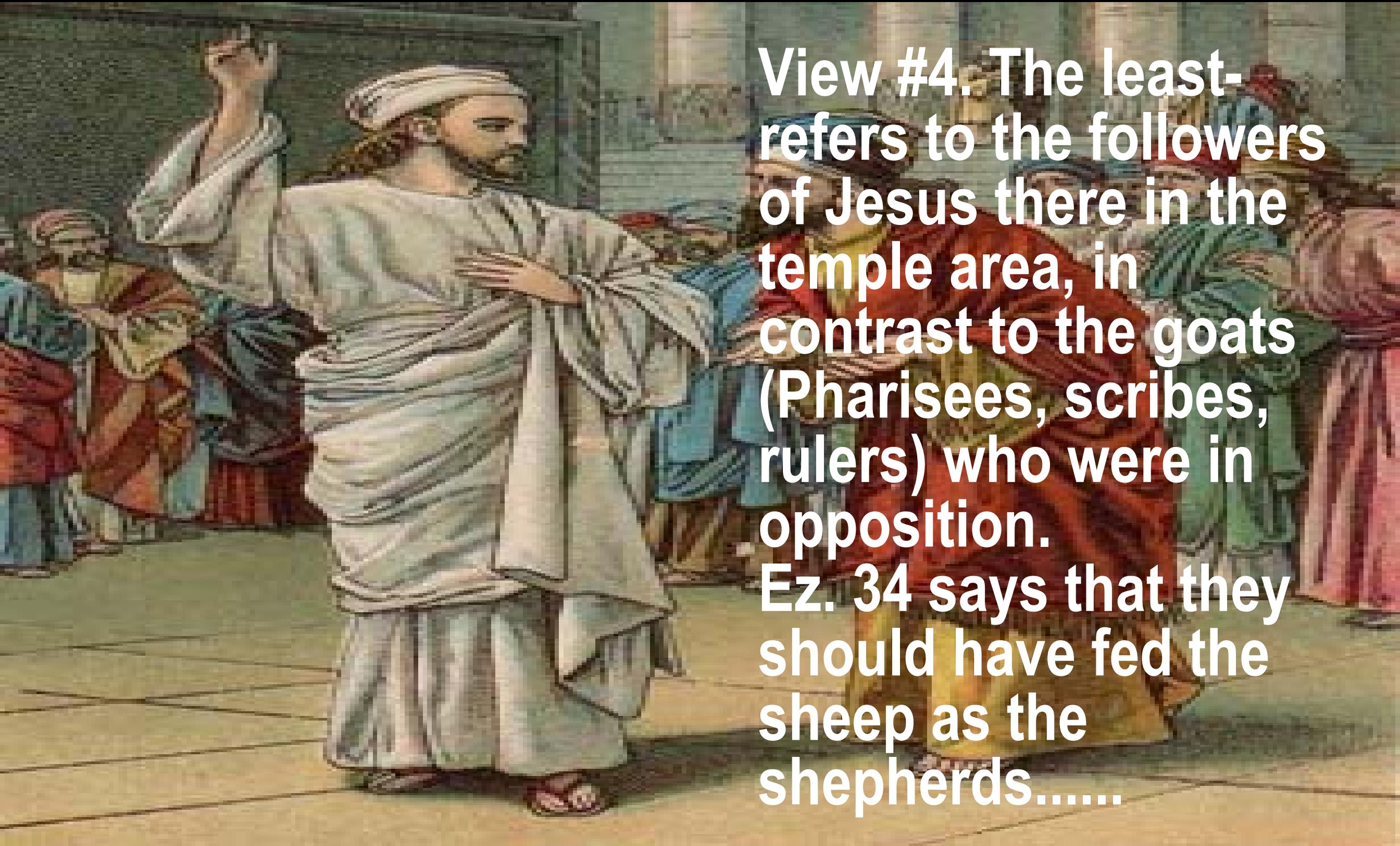
**View #2. “Mikros- the least, smallest,
little ones...**



View #2. “Mikros- the least, smallest, little ones....used of the least of cities (Mt. 2:6), least of commands, (Mt. 5:19), least of seeds (musterd...Mt. 13:32) of these it refers to the little ones (children) Mt. 18:6 “Whoso causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin” , the infirm, the helpless. After telling the story of the Lost Sheep “it is not the will of the Father that one of these little ones should perish!” Mt. 18:14

View #3. The least- refers to any believer that is small, marginalized, sick, handicapped etc” Mt. 12:49, “And He stretched out his hand toward His disciples and said “Here is my mother and brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven, is my brother, sister and mother.” (see also Mr. 3:31-34, Lk. 8:19-21)





**View #4. The least-
refers to the followers
of Jesus there in the
temple area, in
contrast to the goats
(Pharisees, scribes,
rulers) who were in
opposition.
Ez. 34 says that they
should have fed the
sheep as the
shepherds.....**

'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?³ You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, *but* you do not feed the flock.⁴ The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. Ez. 34:2-5

"I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." 17 'And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. (Ez. 34:16,17)

'The Departing Remarks from Jesus for the Goats-

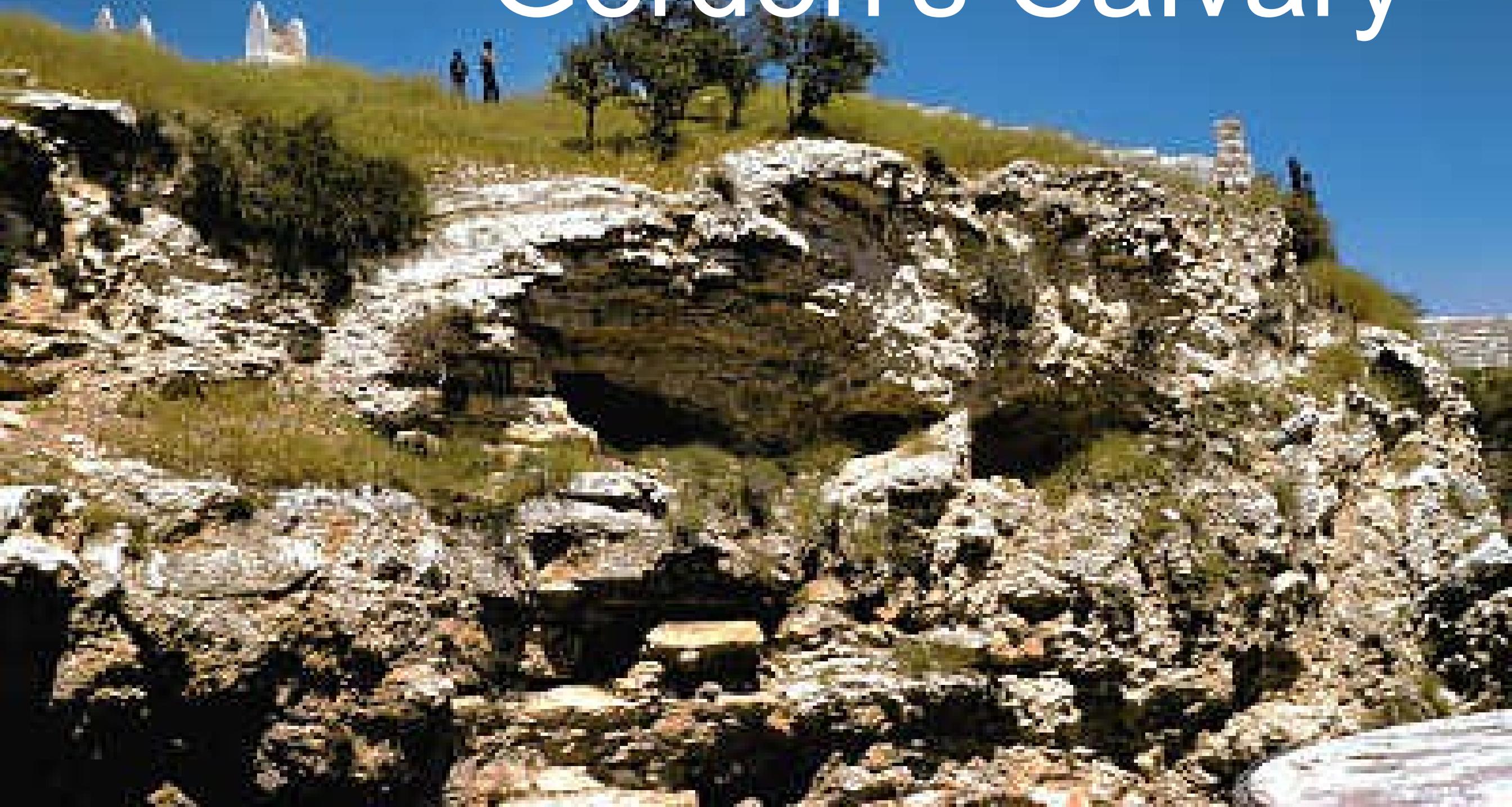
Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Mt. 25:41, 46)



And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:12-15

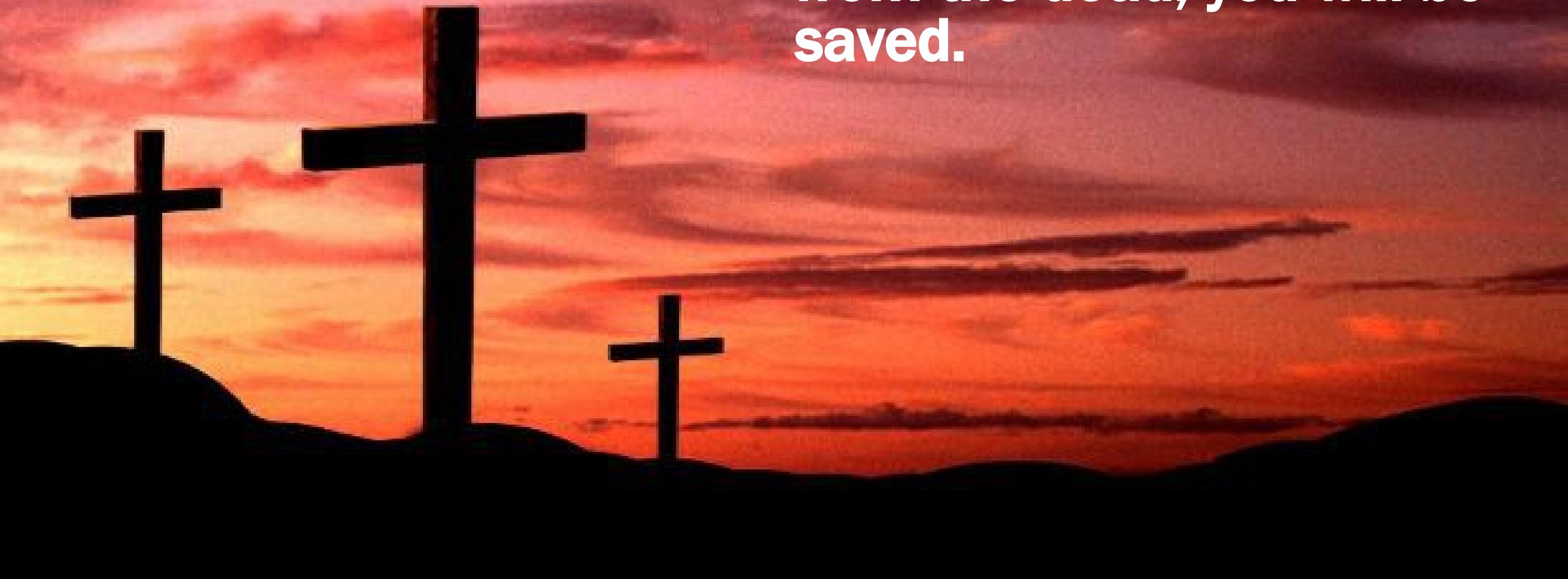
Gordon's Calvary

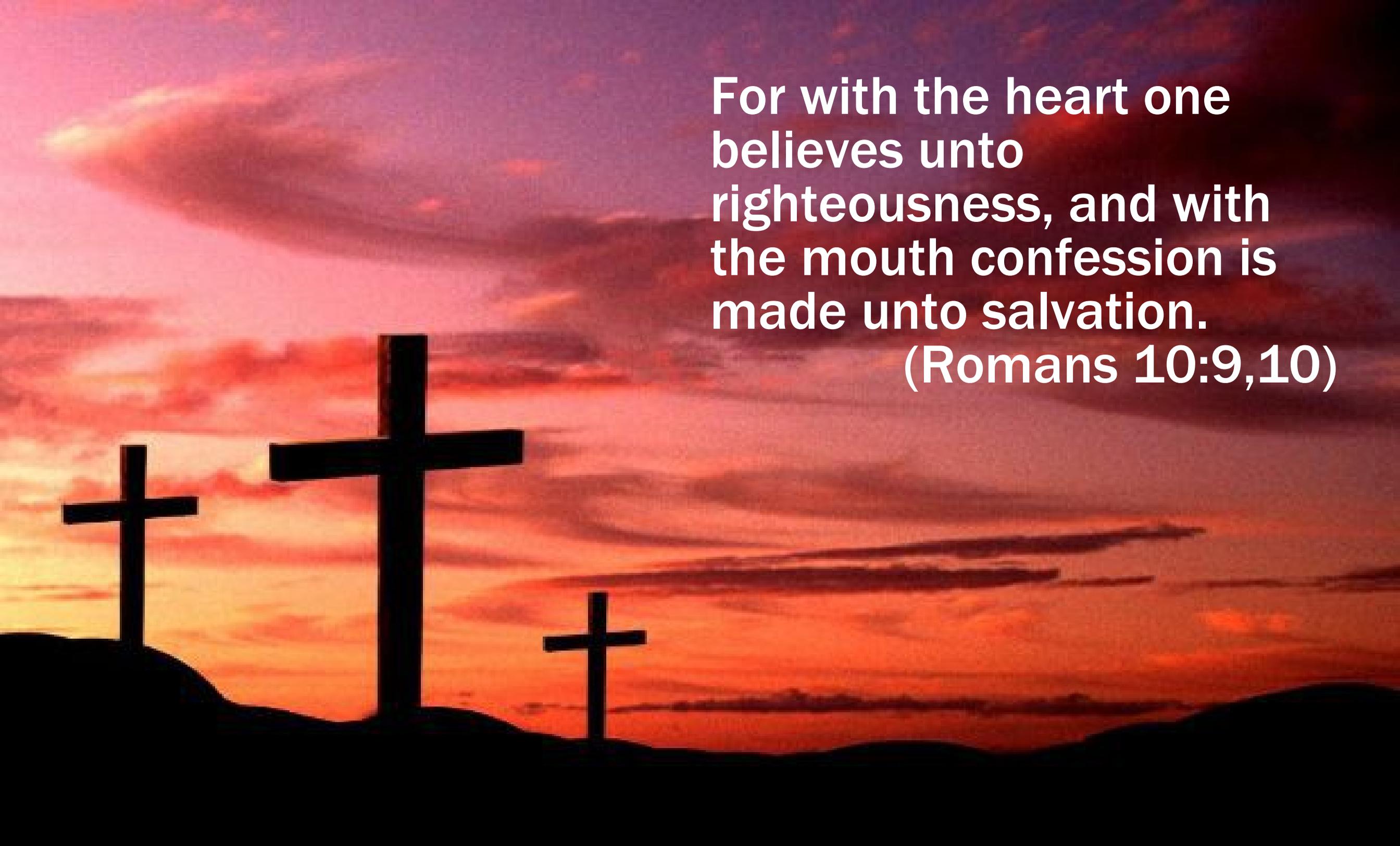






**That if you confess with
your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your heart
that God has raised Him
from the dead, you will be
saved.**



The image features three black silhouettes of crosses of varying heights on a dark, rolling hill. The background is a vibrant sunset sky with horizontal bands of orange, red, and purple. The text is overlaid in the upper right quadrant.

For with the heart one
believes unto
righteousness, and with
the mouth confession is
made unto salvation.

(Romans 10:9,10)

**For *there is* one God
and one Mediator
between God and men,
the Man Christ Jesus.
(1 Tim. 2:5)**



Gordon's Garden Tomb



The image is a composite of two photographs of ram heads, split vertically by a thin red line. The left side shows a ram's head with a thick, light-colored, shaggy woolly coat and long, straight, greyish horns. The right side shows a ram's head with a darker, more textured coat and large, thick, spiraling horns that curve backwards and then forwards. The background is dark and indistinct.

Which are You?

“The Lord is my
Shepherd, I shall not
want!” Ps. 23:1