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❑ Faithful Man

- There to Celebrate Passover

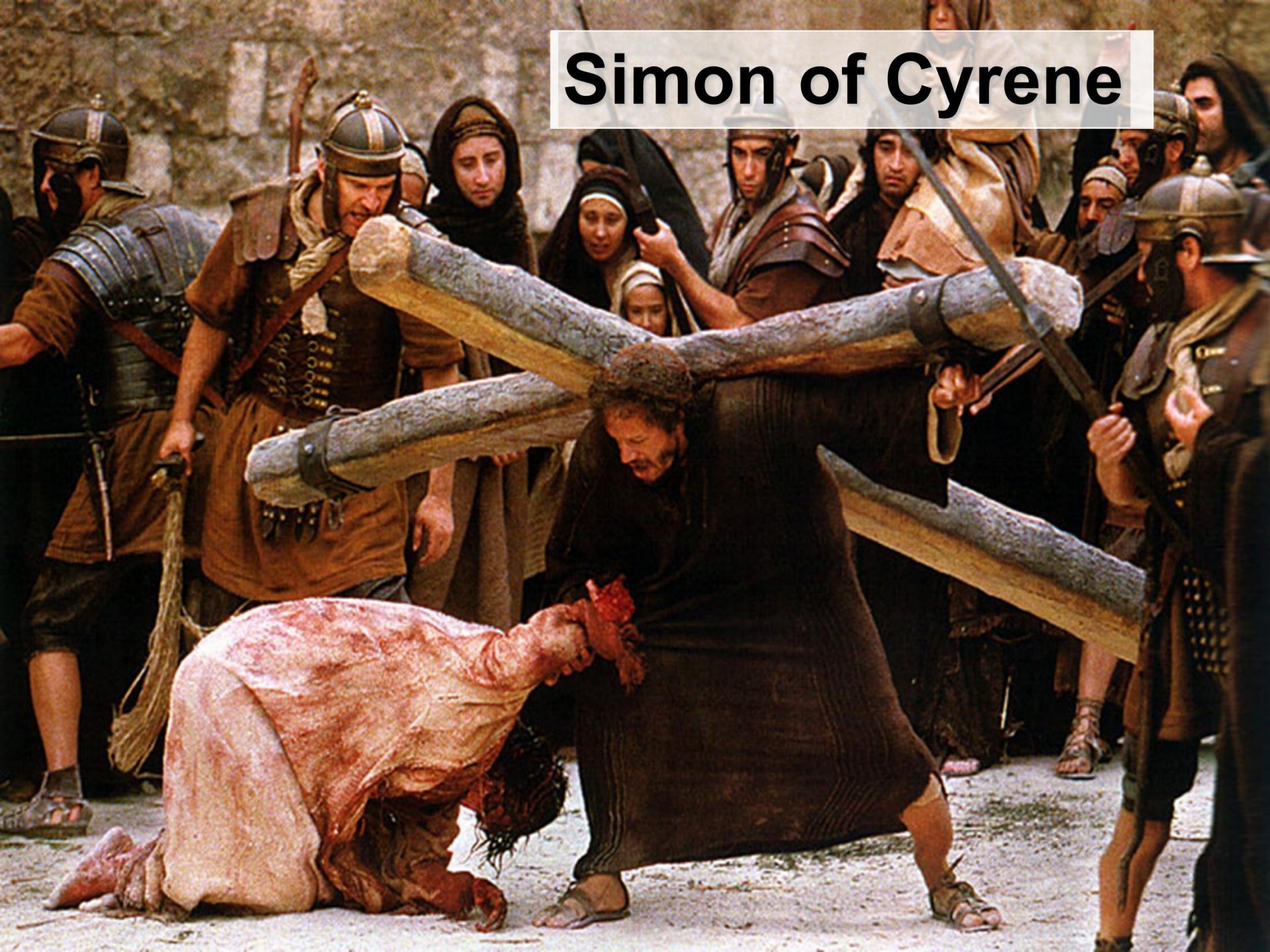
❑ Patient Man

- Came from Northern Africa
- Took Time to Get There

❑ Surrendered Man

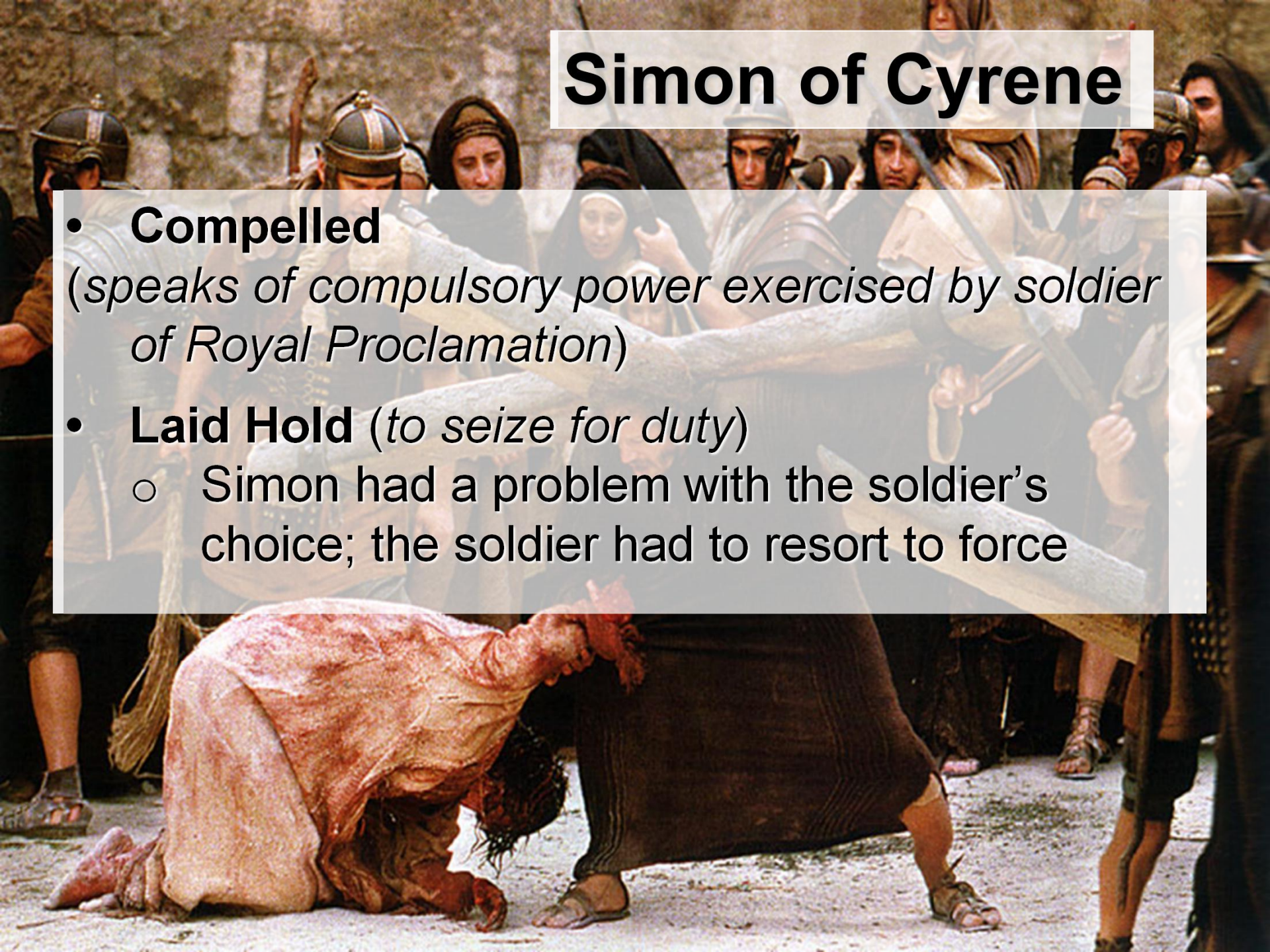
- It Required **Sacrifice** to Go **Sacrifice**

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- **Compelled**
(speaks of compulsory power exercised by soldier of Royal Proclamation)
- **Laid Hold** *(to seize for duty)*
 - Simon had a problem with the soldier's choice; the soldier had to resort to force



Simon's Cross



It was...

o **Unexpected**

- It Interrupted His Routine

o **Powerful**

- It Made a Difference

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#1- It Brought Him Into Presence Of Jesus

- He was so close he could hear His Voice

#2- It Made Him Follow In...

...the Steps of the Savior.

#3- Made Him Part Of Greatest Work...

...In The World

#4- The Cross Changed His Family Forever

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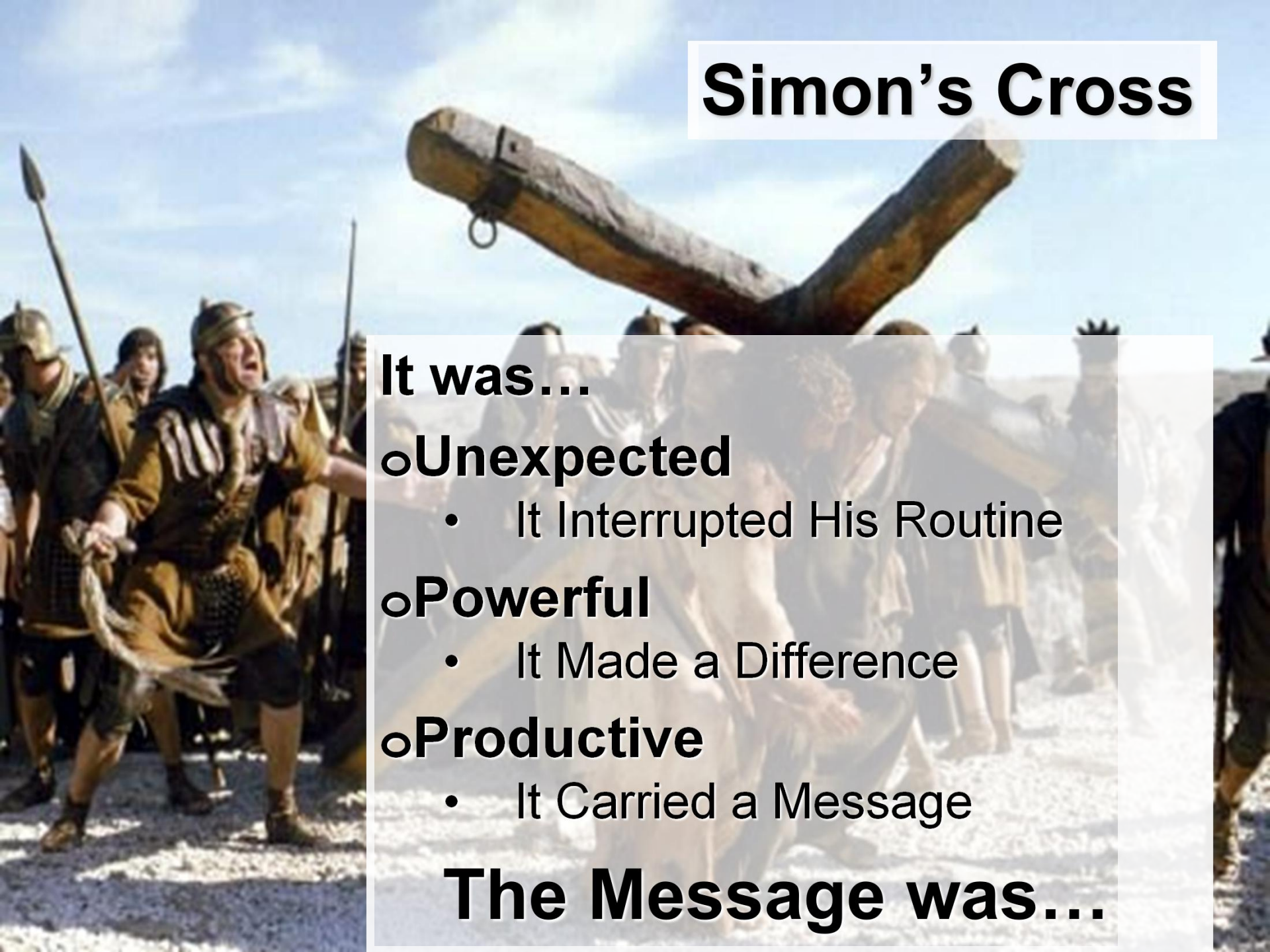
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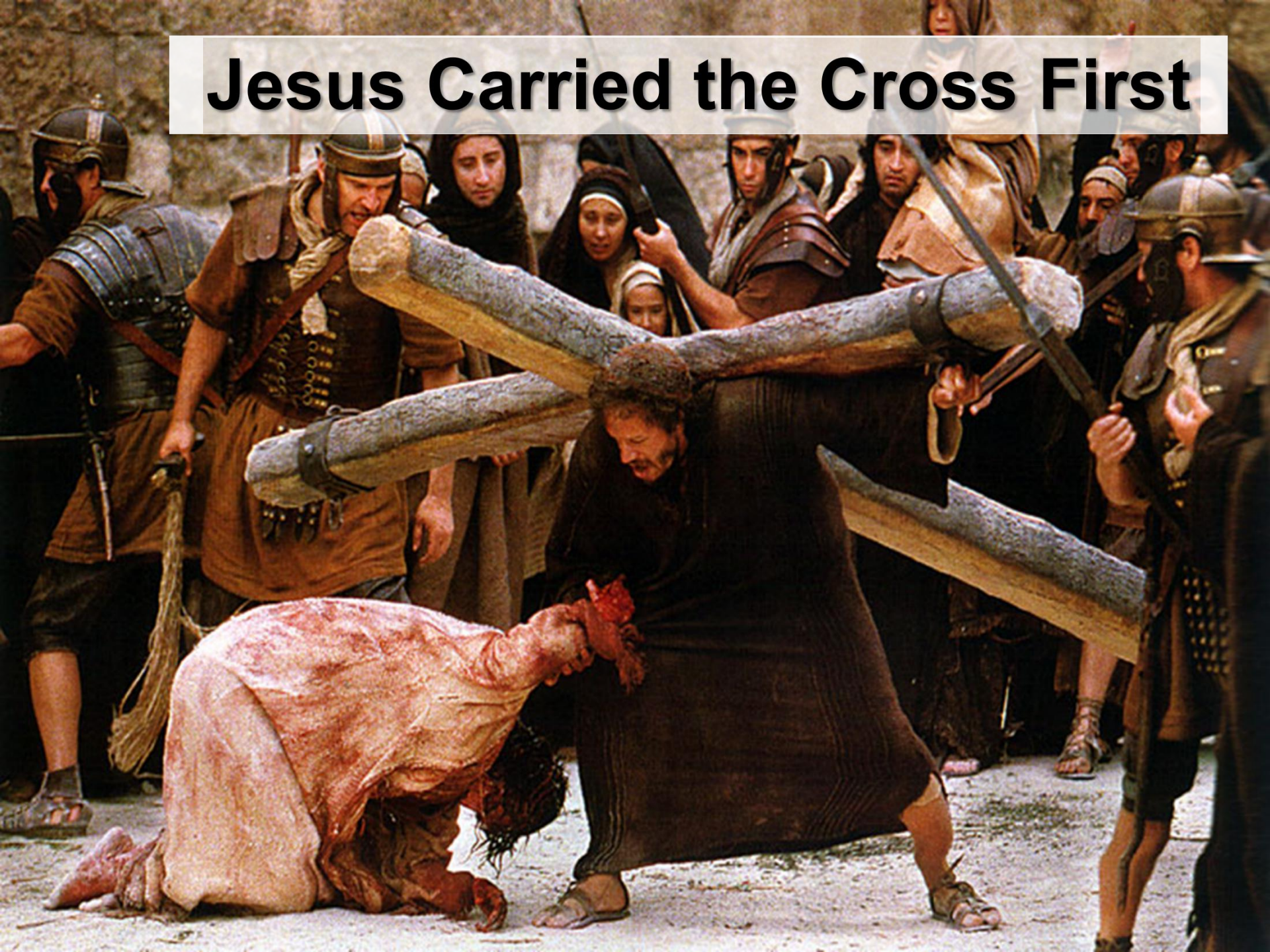
○Productive

- It Carried a Message

The Message was...



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Before Simon was Involved, Jesus had Already Taken Up Cross

o **Isa 53:3-4** – Jesus was a Man of Sorrows

- **Borne**= *to carry inside*
- **Carried**= *take personal*

o **Cor 10:13**, No Temptation

- **Taken**= *to seize/ remove w- force/ violence*



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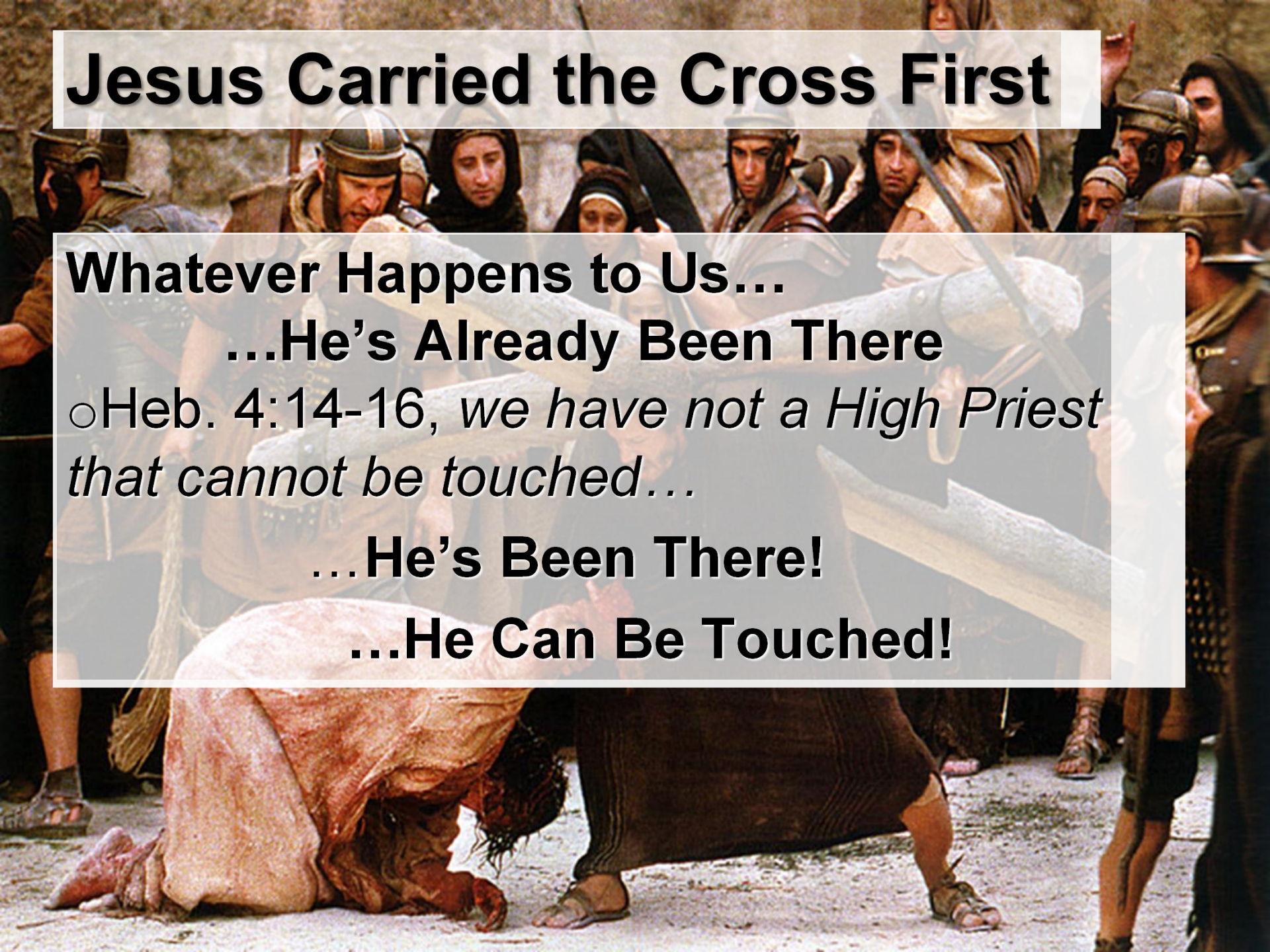
Whatever Happens to Us...

...He's Already Been There

○ Heb. 4:14-16, *we have not a High Priest that cannot be touched...*

...He's Been There!

...He Can Be Touched!



Note of Encouragement



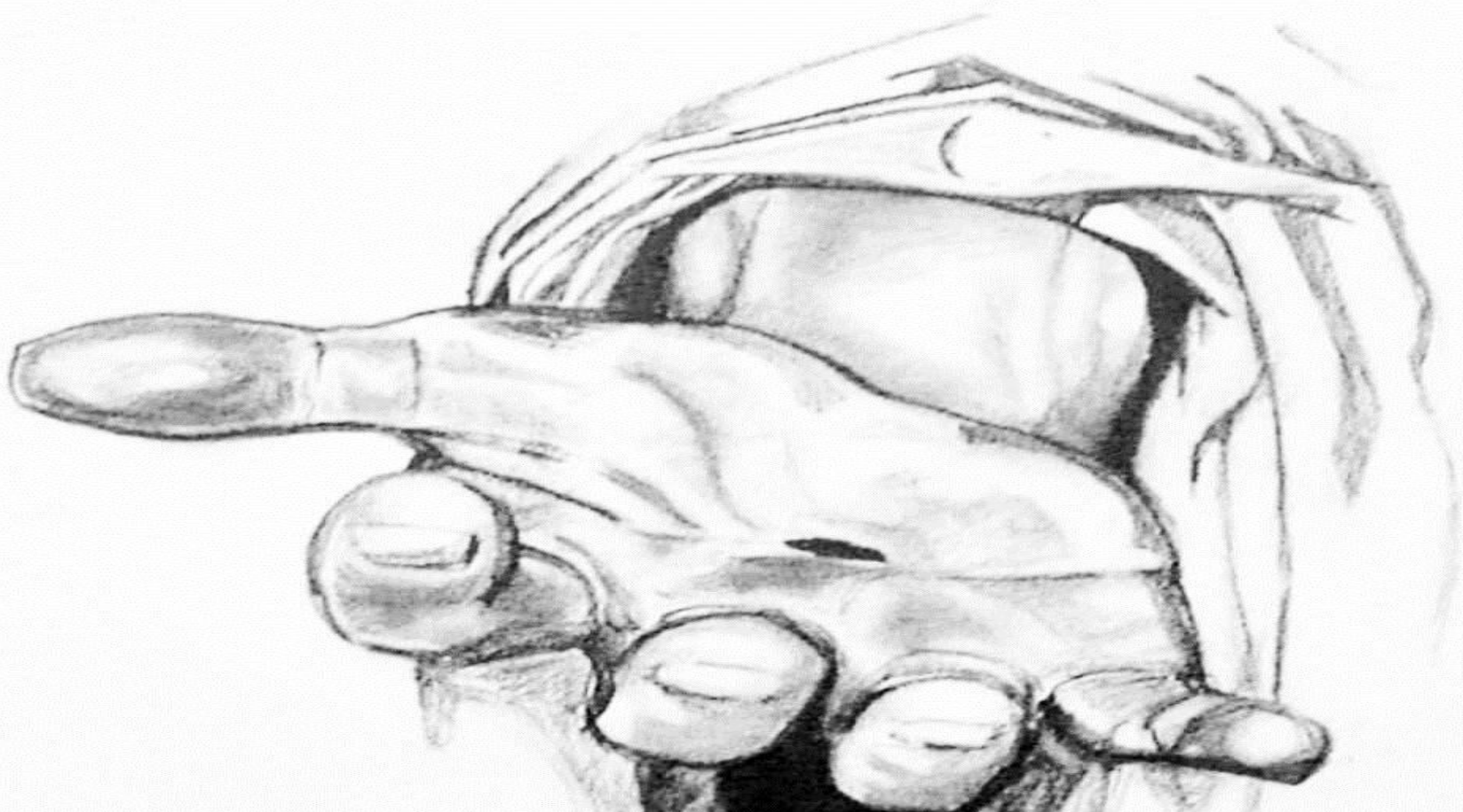
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That Cross Didn't Have...

...Simon's Name on it

....Jesus Carried It 1st



TAKE MY HAND
WE WILL GET THROUGH
THIS TOGETHER