



The Seven lastwords

Easter 2021

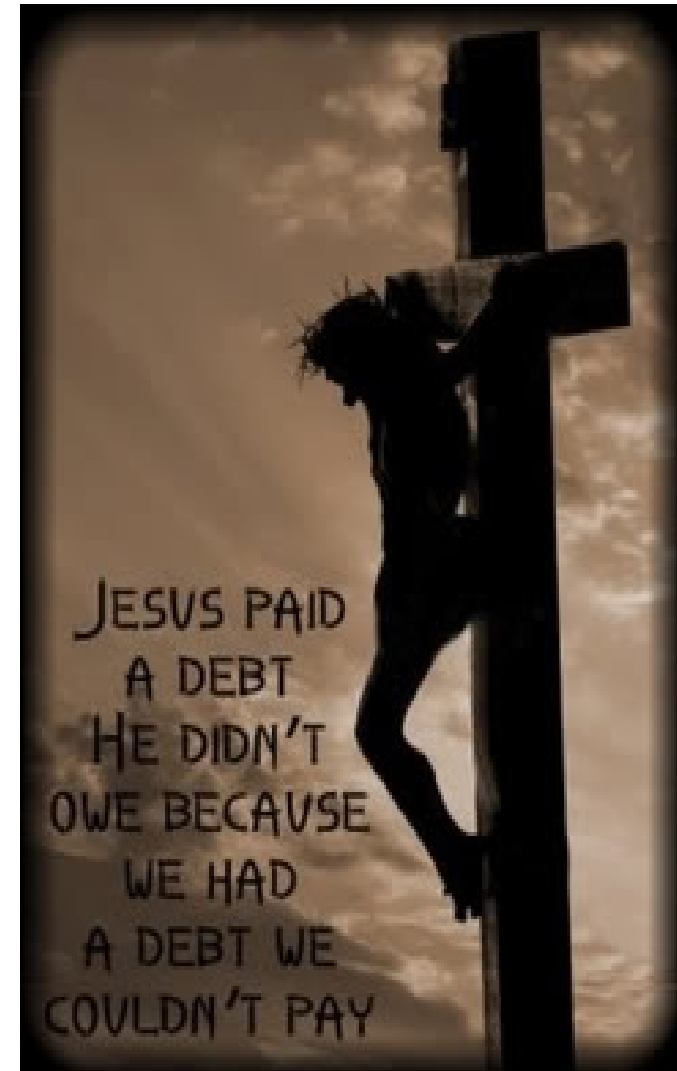
Why
Back to Basics
the
Cross?

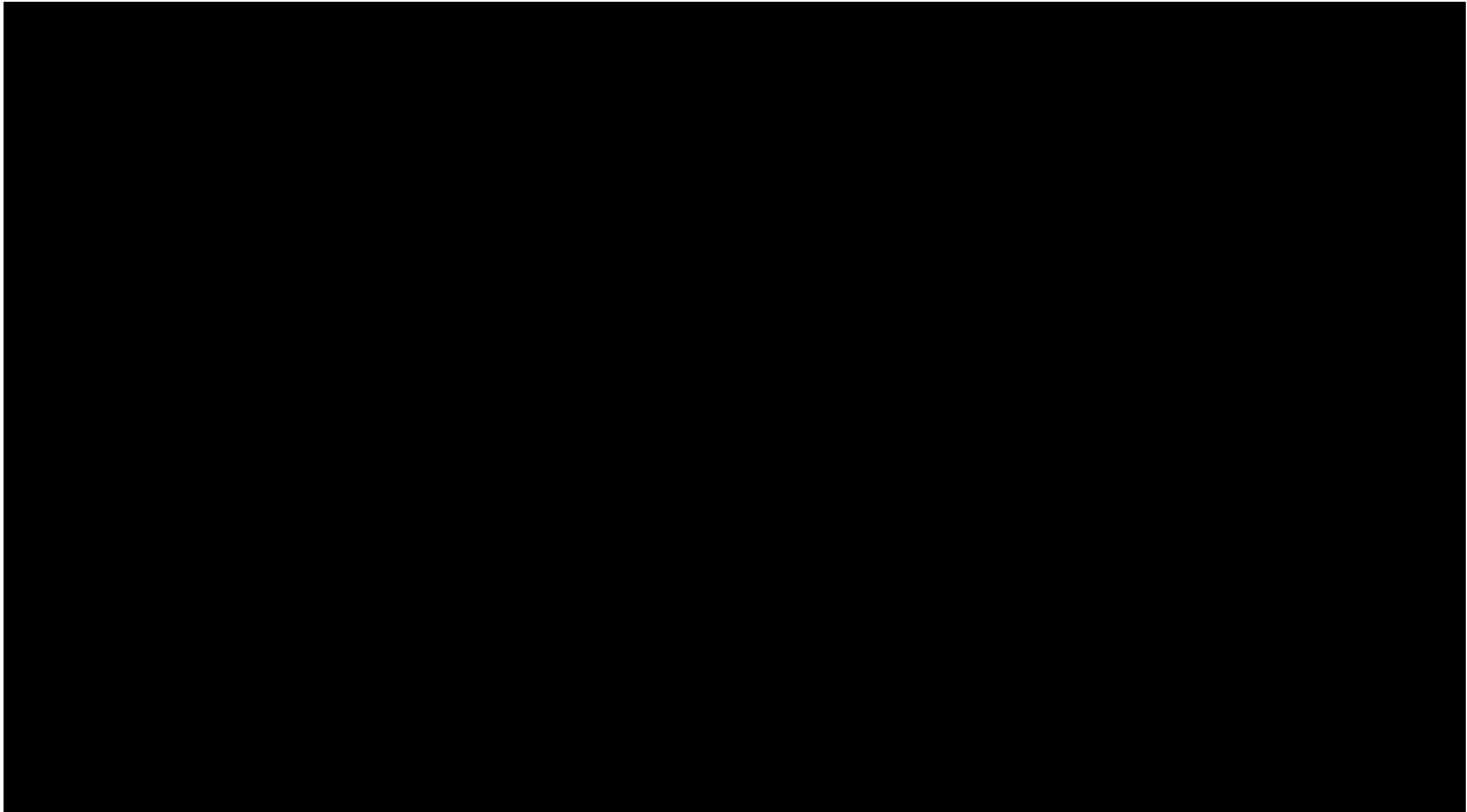
Why the Cross?

- **This Moment in Time...**
...Forever Changed Humanity.
- **Until this Moment...**
Man's Sin Alienated Him From God
- **It was there that the Sin of Mankind...**
...Met Redemption

Psalm 85:10 (KJV)

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Jesus the Most Controversial Person in History

He was a Man of Extremes...

- The Son of God and Son of Man**
- Lamb and Lion**
- Alpha and Omega**

It was Hard for the Earthly Minded, Religious Minded,

...Politically Minded To Comprehend

...They Saw Him as the Carpenters Son

“Mary Did You Know”



The Cross

It seemed that Death Upon the Cross would be the End of Him

- **it would Finally Still His Voice and End His Message**

But they had No Idea that they were Only Making Him Stronger

- **The Cross didn't Silence Him**

Even in Dark Hours that He was Dying...

...Seven Sayings

Seven Words that Rang thru the Ages...

...Even Now!

...the Basics of the Cross





Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Forgiveness

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" - Luke 23:34

Words of Sovereignty

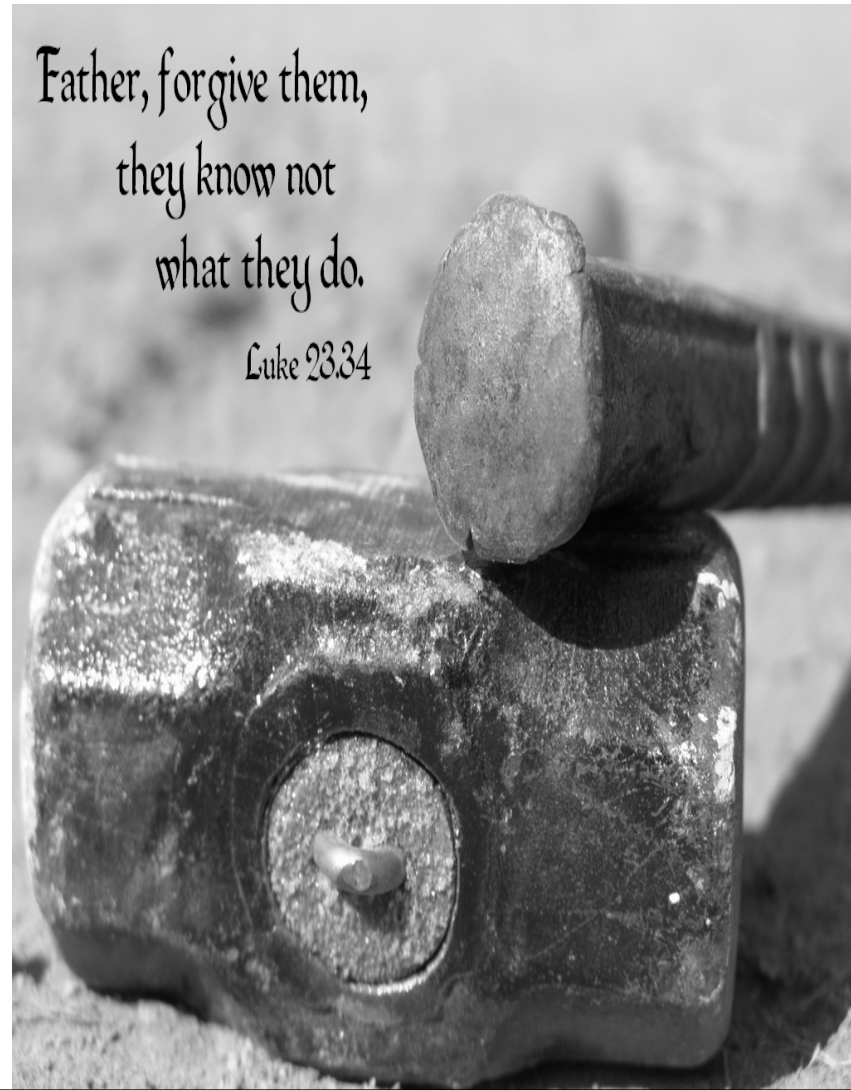
- Unnatural Request
- Unselfish Request
- Unhindered Request

Words of Sincerity

- Man's Ignorance
- Man's Indifference
- Man's Inadequacy

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Our Greatest Need

- If our greatest need had been **Information**,
God would have sent us an **Educator**
- If our greatest need had been **Technology**,
God would have sent us a **Scientist**
- If our greatest need had been **Money**,
God would have sent us an **Banker**
- If our greatest need had been **Pleasure**,
God would have sent us an **Entertainer**
- But our greatest need was **Forgiveness**,
So God sent us a **Savior**



HOPE

"I tell you the truth today you will be with me in paradise" -Luke 23:43

3 Crosses that Day...

...Represents 3 Events/ Attitudes

1- Redemption, 2- Rejection, 3- Repentance

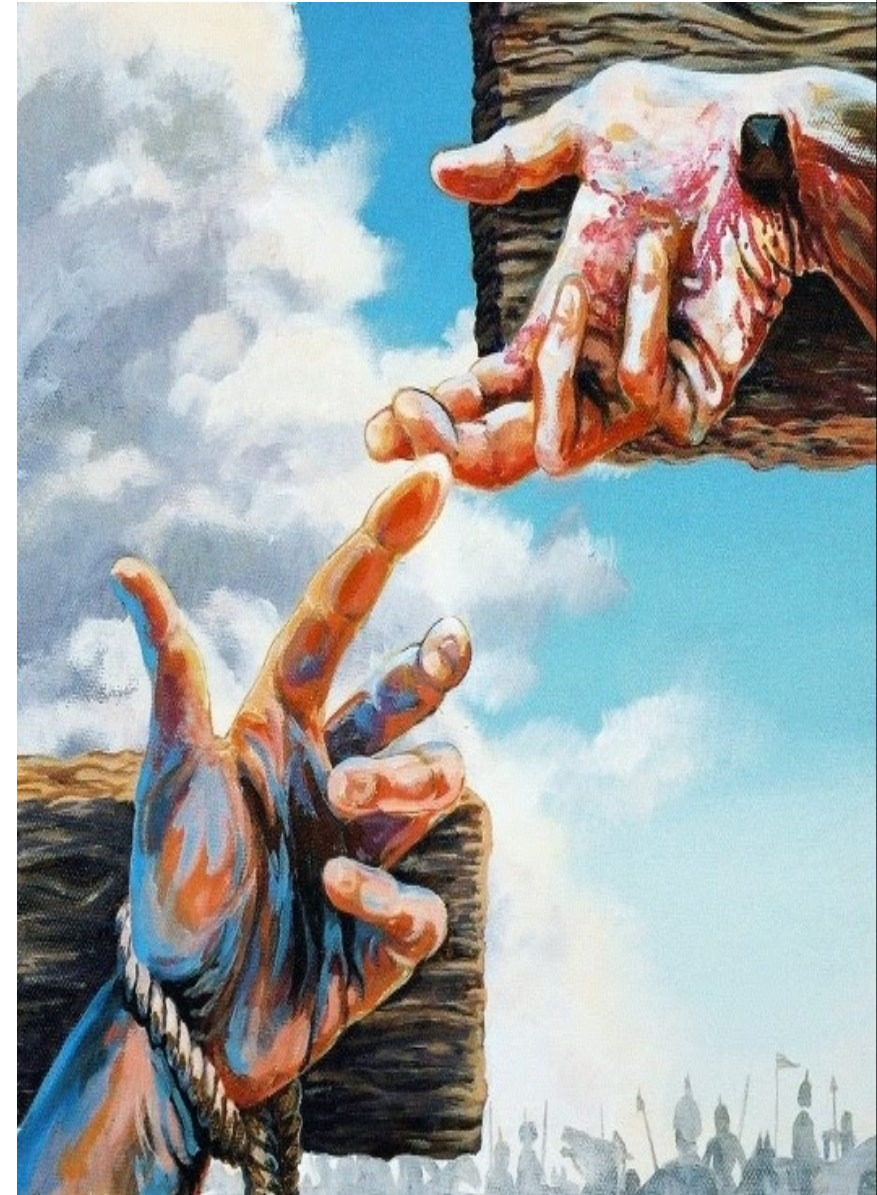
Both Thieves Mocked Jesus but then Change

- One Only to Escape *"Temporary Pain"*
- The Other to Escape *"Eternal Pain"*

Words of Hope

#1- It's Never Too Bad - Malefactor

#2- It's Never Too Late - On Cross





CARE

“He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!’” - John 19:26

- **Mary had Four Other Sons - James, Joses, Simon and Judas... ...where were they?**
- **John 7:5 says that during His ministry Jesus' brothers did not believe in Him.**
- **instead of being consumed with his own pain and misery, Jesus cared for those around Him**
- **He cares for You!!!**

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
-Proverbs 18:24 (KJV)





LONELINESS

'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' = 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" -Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34

- **2 Cor 5:21:** *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*
- **At this moment the Father placed on Him the sins of humanity to be paid and Break the Chains**
- **The Power of Sin**
 - **Separates**
 - **Invites**

Heb 4:15-16 (NLT)¹⁵ *This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.* ¹⁶ *So let us come boldly to the throne...*





SUFFERING

"I am thirsty" -John 19:28

The End was Close. Jesus had Endured/ Overcome the Heat, Pain, Rejection/ Loneliness

- **The Living Water was Now Thirsty**
- *"Knowing that all was now completed, / so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty'" (John 19:28).*
- **This Phrase Points to His:**
 - **Humanity** – *"...I Thirst"*
 - **Divinity** – *"Knowing that all was Completed..."*
- **Ps.69:21**— *They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink*

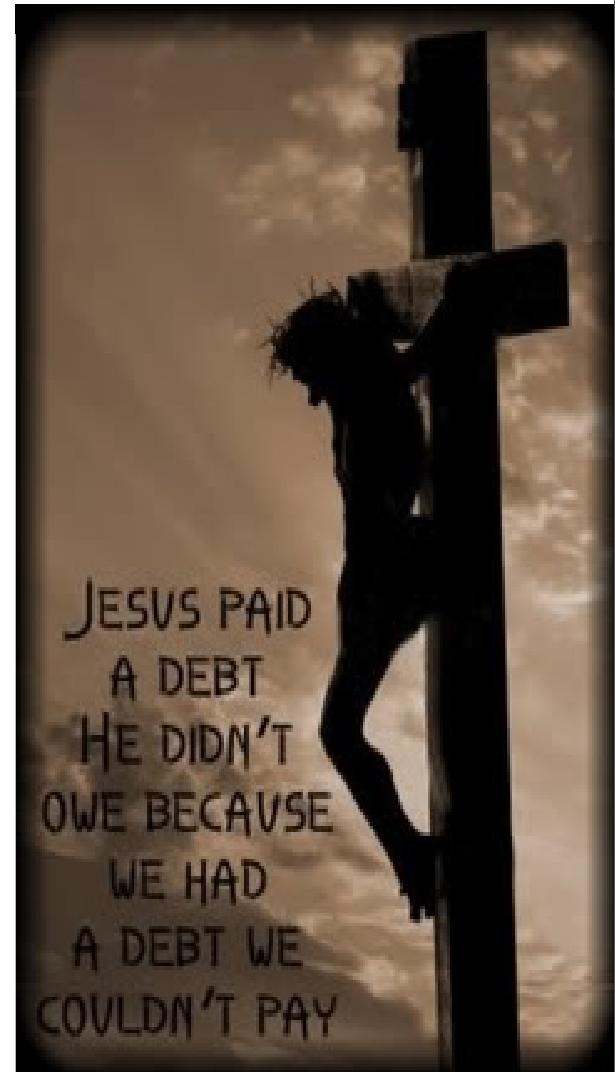




TRIUMPH

"It is finished" -John 19:30

- **The Word of Christ on the Cross is one of Triumph.**
- **He Triumphantly announced, for all to hear,**
"It is finished"
- **Jesus had Completed...**
 - **His Work**
 - **His Mission**
 - **His Task**
- **He was Not Crying the Cry of a Defeated Martyr...**
...But of a Victorious Conqueror.





REUNION

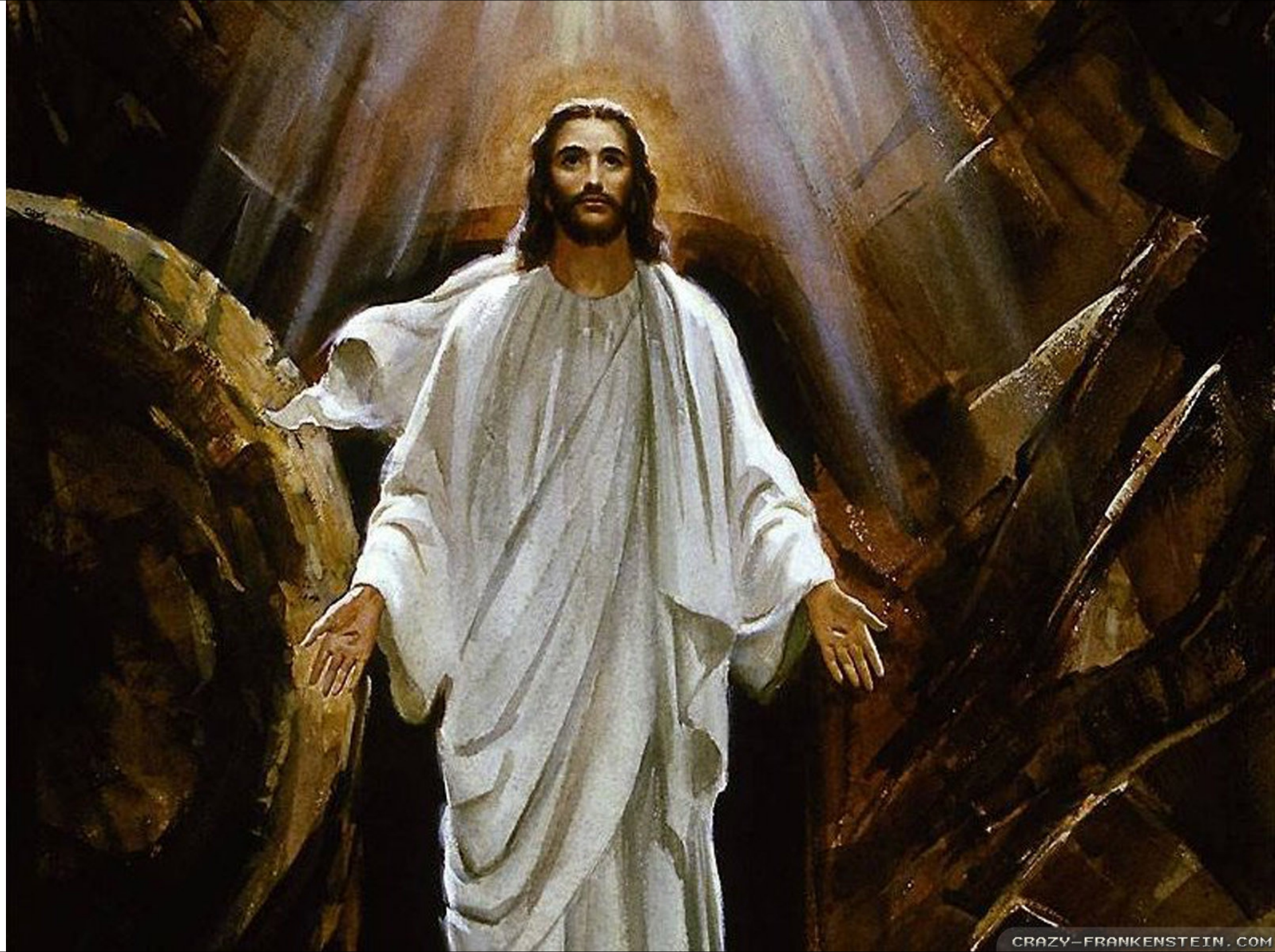
“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” -Luke 23:46

*“Jesus called out with a loud voice,
'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.'
When he had said this, He breathed his last”.*

- He looked forward to being fully reunited w- His Father
- At that moment Jesus died for you and me...
- He became the True Passover Sacrifice every one







The Cross was Not the End!

- **Jesus Died! A Most Horrible Death! –he wanted to feel death in its worst horror so he could say...**
- **I have been Tempted as you are and Overcame!!!!**
- **They Buried him in a Borrowed Grave**
- **They Sealed the Tomb / Set a Watch**
- **All that was to Keep His Disciples Out!**
- **Nothing Could Keep Him In!!!!**
- **He Overcame Death – Hell and the Grave**
- **He can Help You Overcome Any Problem, Addiction,**

Presents

