



The Crucifixion of Jesus

— The Gospel of Luke 23:18-43 —



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

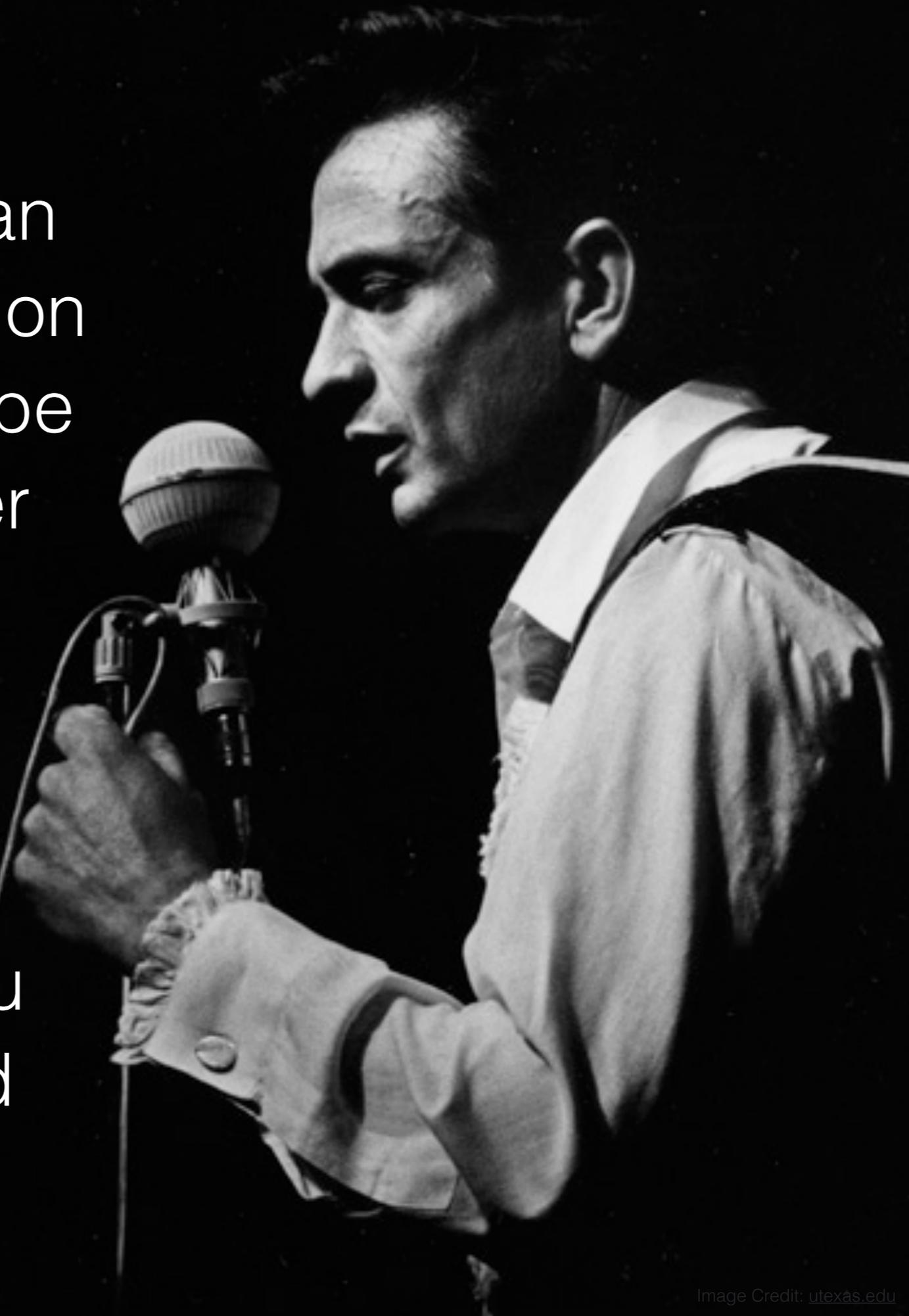
Johnny Cash

“Were You There When
They Crucified My Lord?”



And there was one Roman soldier (legend and tradition has it) who carried the robe away. And for years after that, he was like a man who had lost his mind.

He would turn to this one and that one, and he would say, "Were you there when we crucified him? Were you there?"



**Were you there when
they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when
they crucified my Lord?
O sometimes it causes
me to tremble, tremble
tremble....**





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Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word.

Luke the Evangelist
The Gospel of Luke 1:1-4



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With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.



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The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

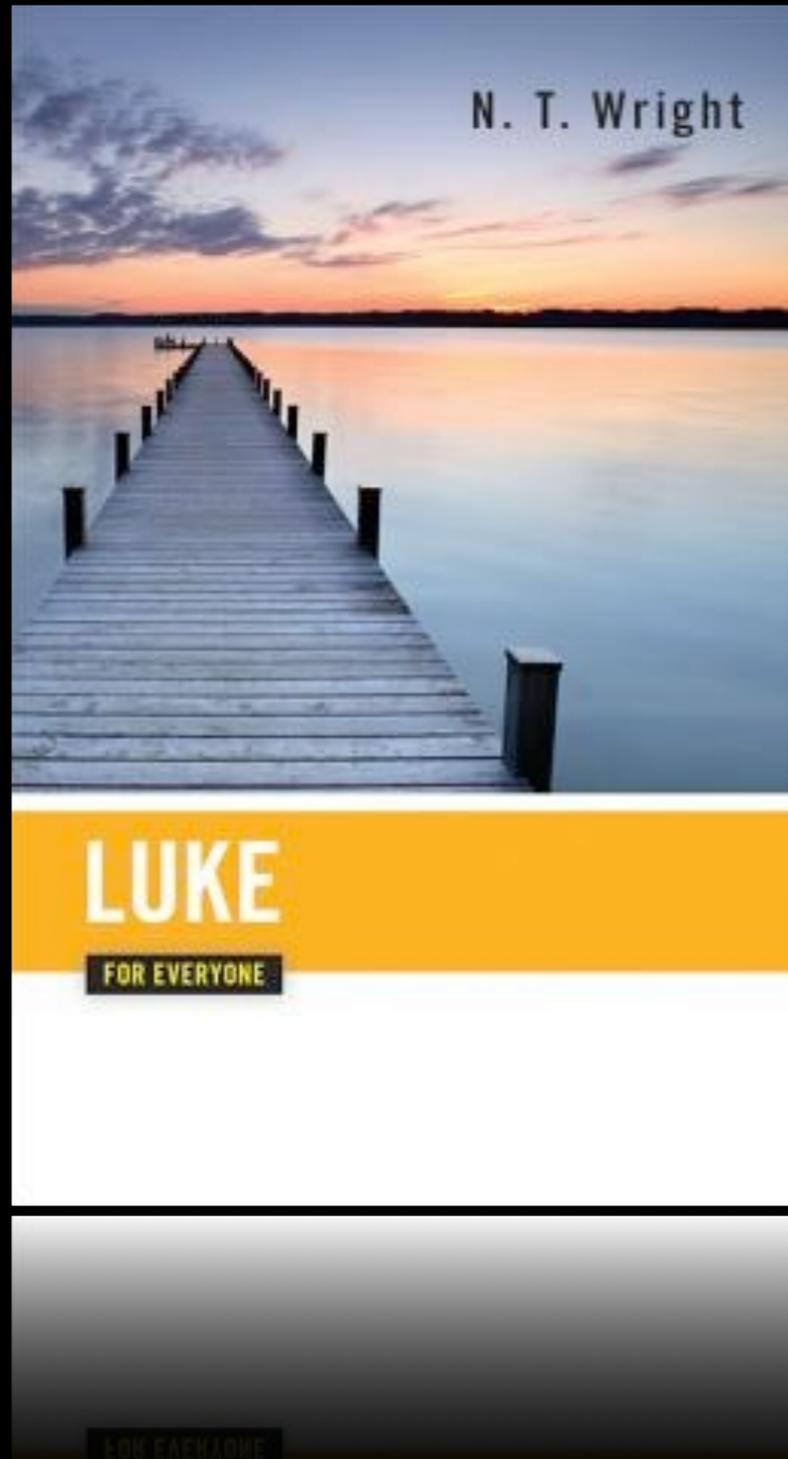
13 Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of your charges against him. 15 Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us.

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

Look, nothing deserving of death has been done by this man. 16 I will therefore punish him and release him.

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

18 But they all cried out together,
“**Away with this man, and release to us
Barabbas**” — 19 a man who had been
thrown into prison for an **insurrection**
started in the city and for **murder.**



Either Barabbas or Jesus must die; either the one who stands for violent revolution, which Jesus has opposed from the beginning, or the one who has offered the way of peace.



Pontius Pilate had a serious problem: What was he going to do with Jesus?

Phillip Ryken

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

**20 Pilate addressed them once more,
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20 Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, 21 but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!”

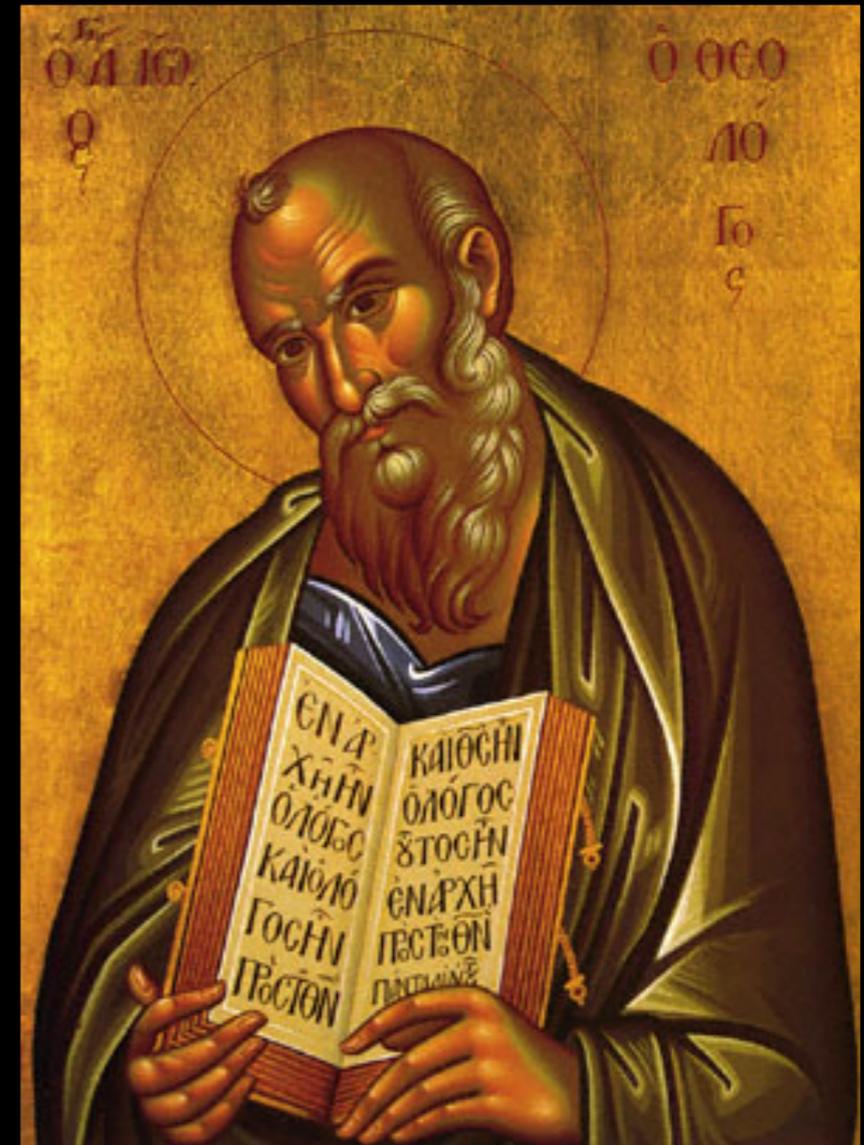


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22 A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving of death. I will therefore punish him and release him.””

Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

— The Apostle John —
The Gospel of John 19:12



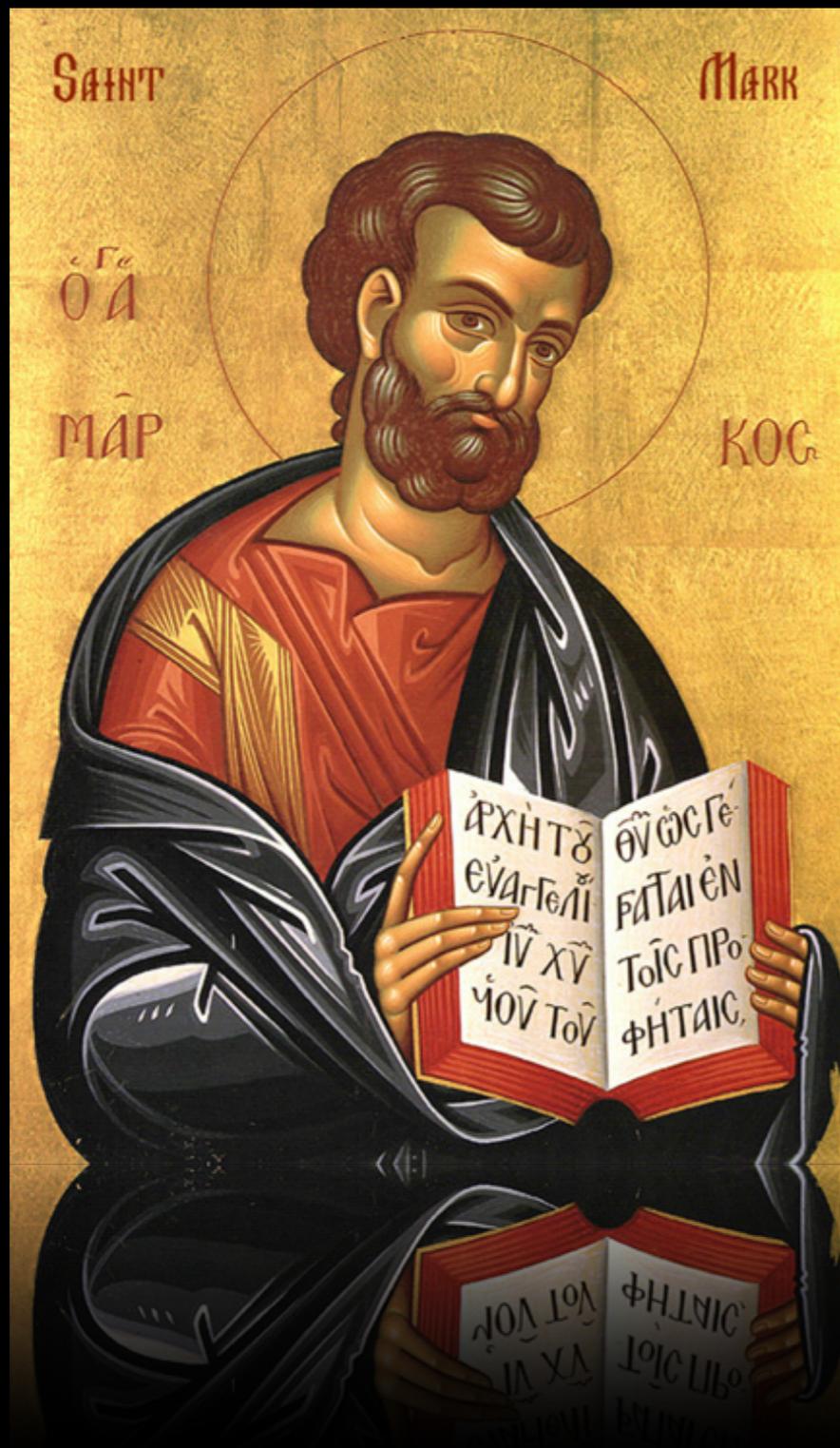
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23 But they were urgent, **demanding** with loud cries that he should be crucified. **And their voices prevailed.** **24** So Pilate decided that their **demand** should be granted.

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25 He released the man who had been thrown into prison for **insurrection and **murder**, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.**





So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.



And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion.



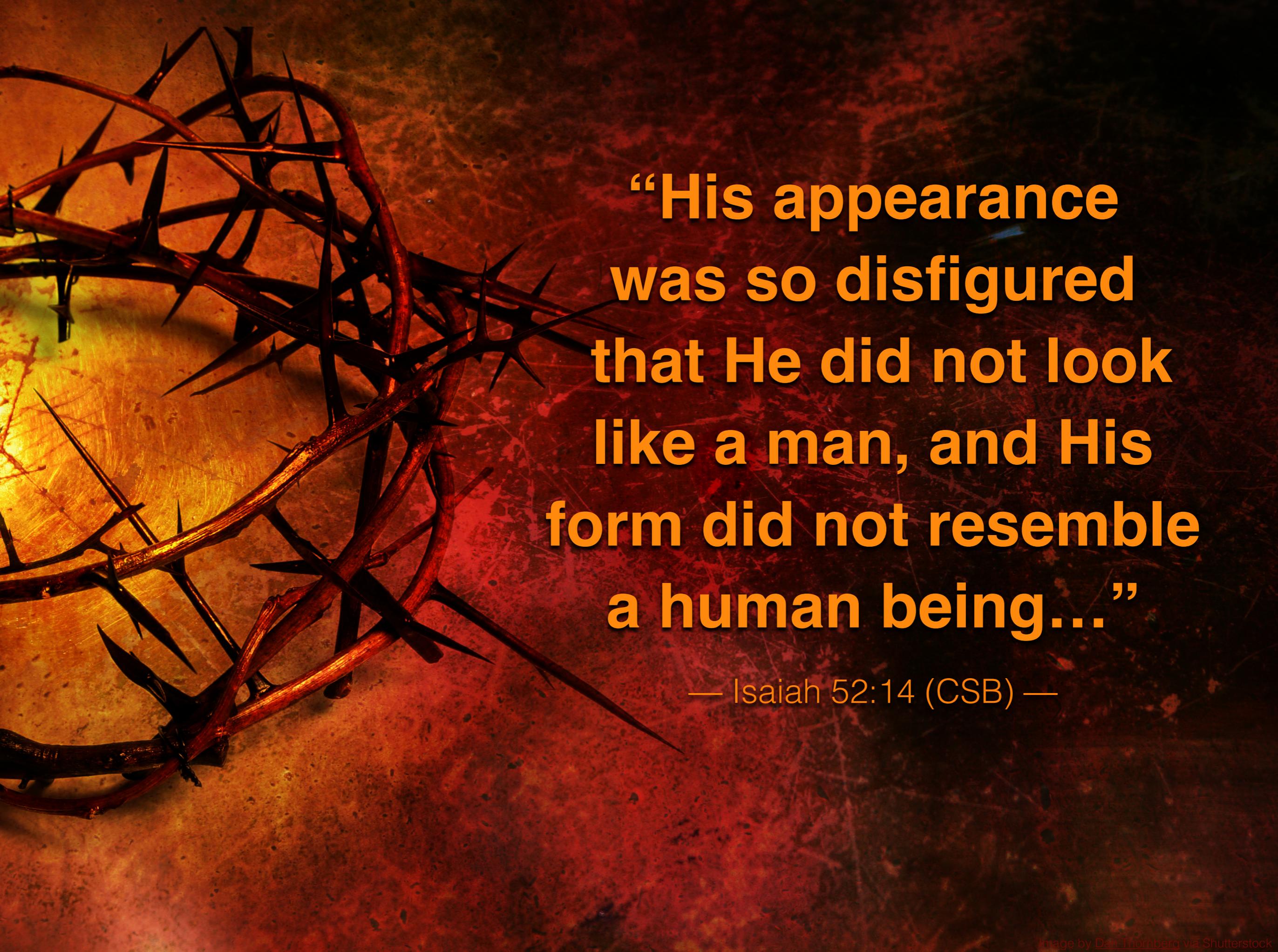
And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him.



And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they were striking his head with a staff and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him.

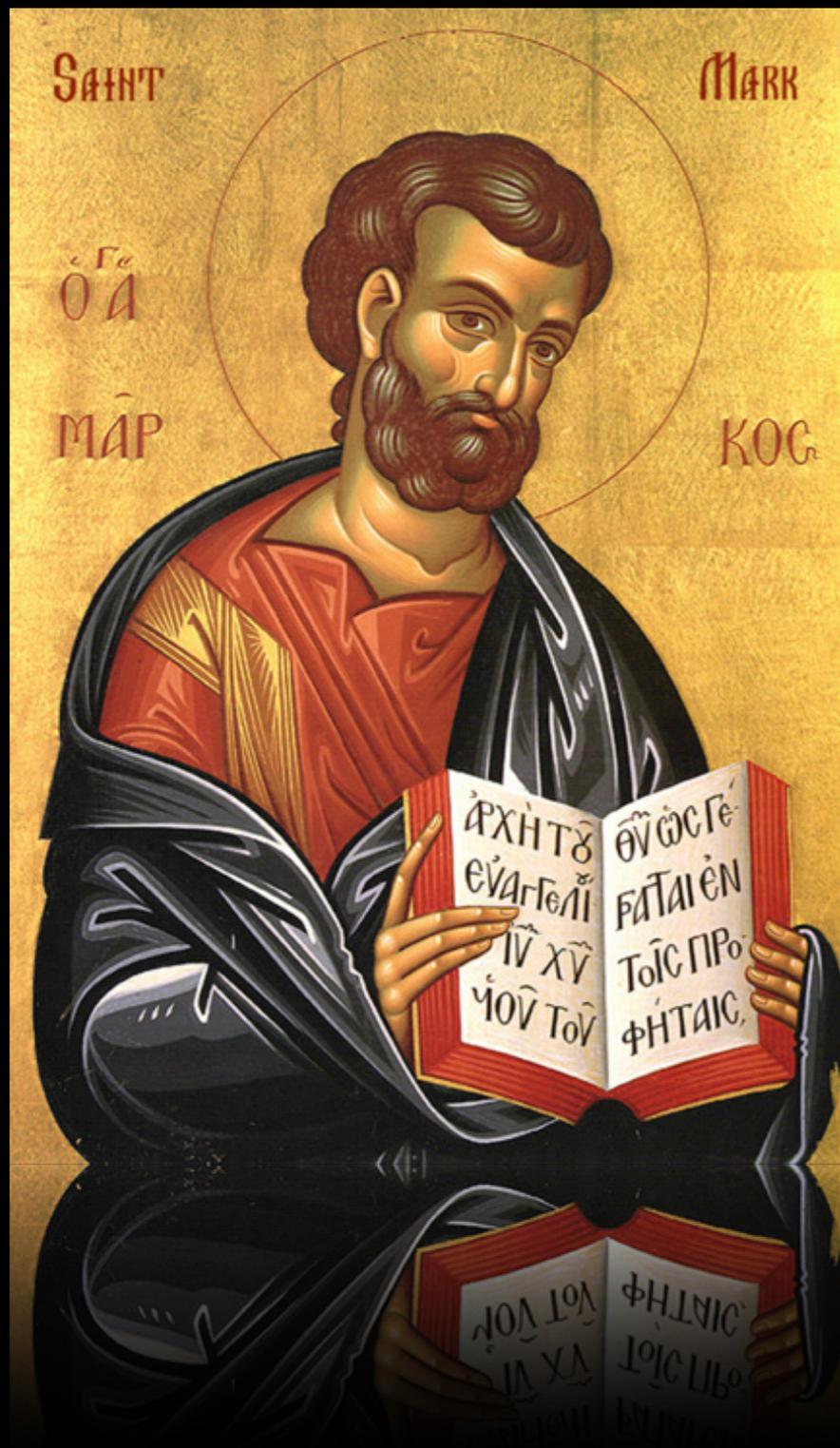
— The Gospel of Mark 15:15ff. —





**“His appearance
was so disfigured
that He did not look
like a man, and His
form did not resemble
a human being...”**

— Isaiah 52:14 (CSB) —



And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

— The Gospel of Mark 15:15ff —

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

26 And as they led him away, they seized **Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.**



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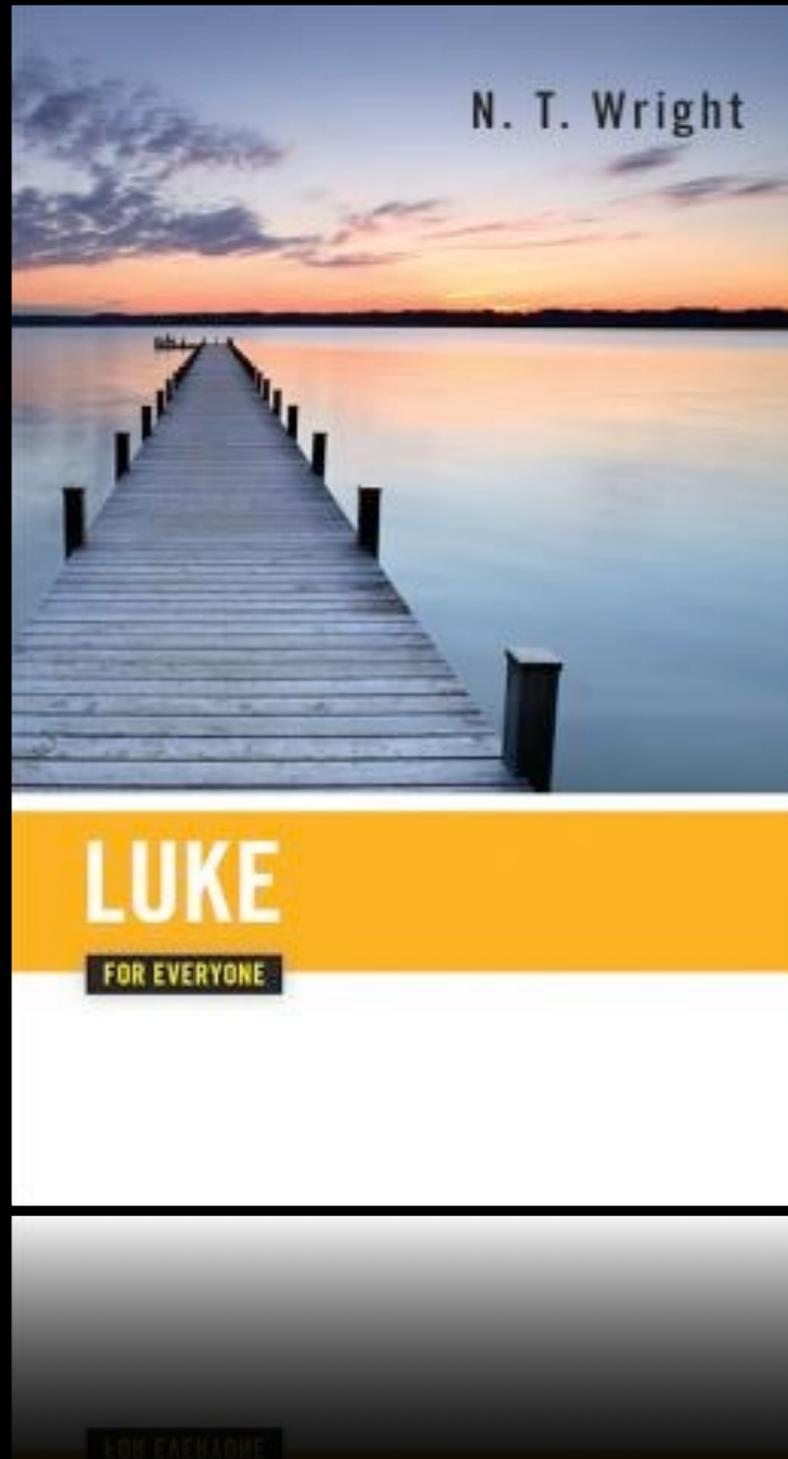
27 And there followed him a great multitude of people and of women who are mourning and lamenting for him.

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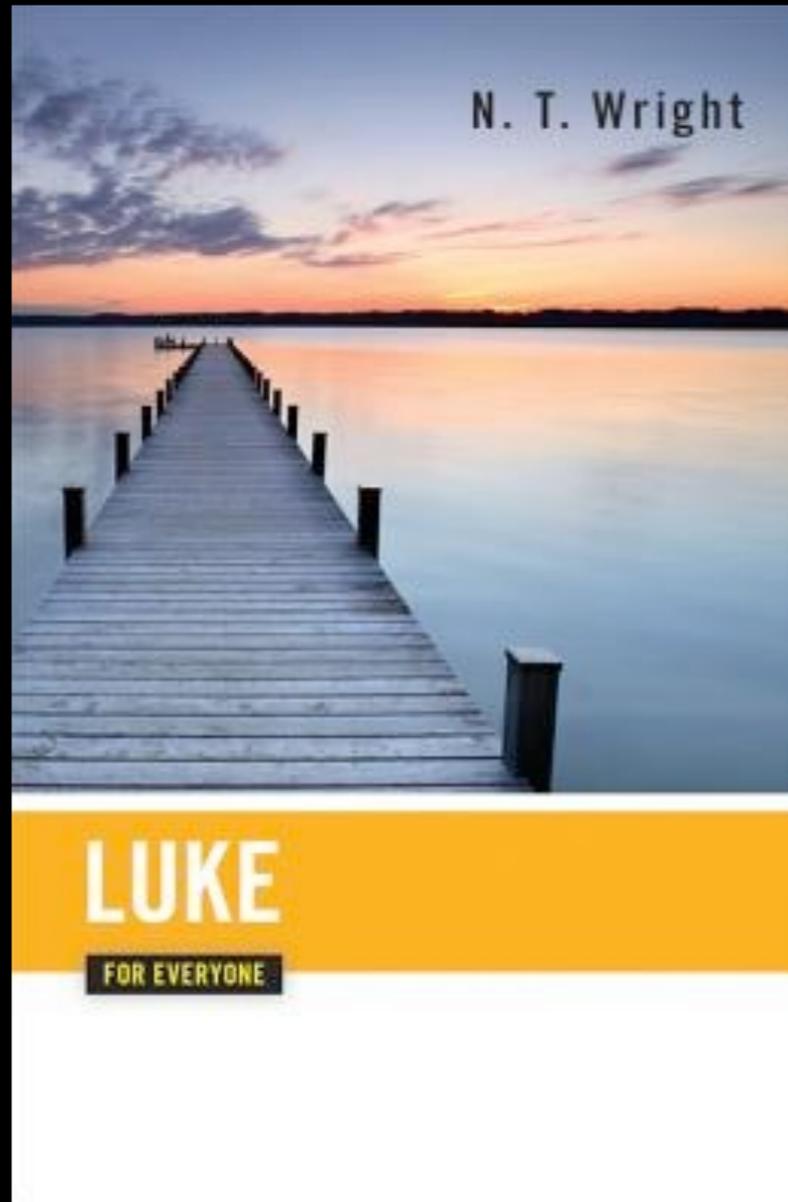
28 But turning to them Jesus said,
“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep
for me, but weep for yourselves and for
your children. 29 For behold, the days
are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed
are the barren and the wombs that never
bore and the breasts that never nursed.’

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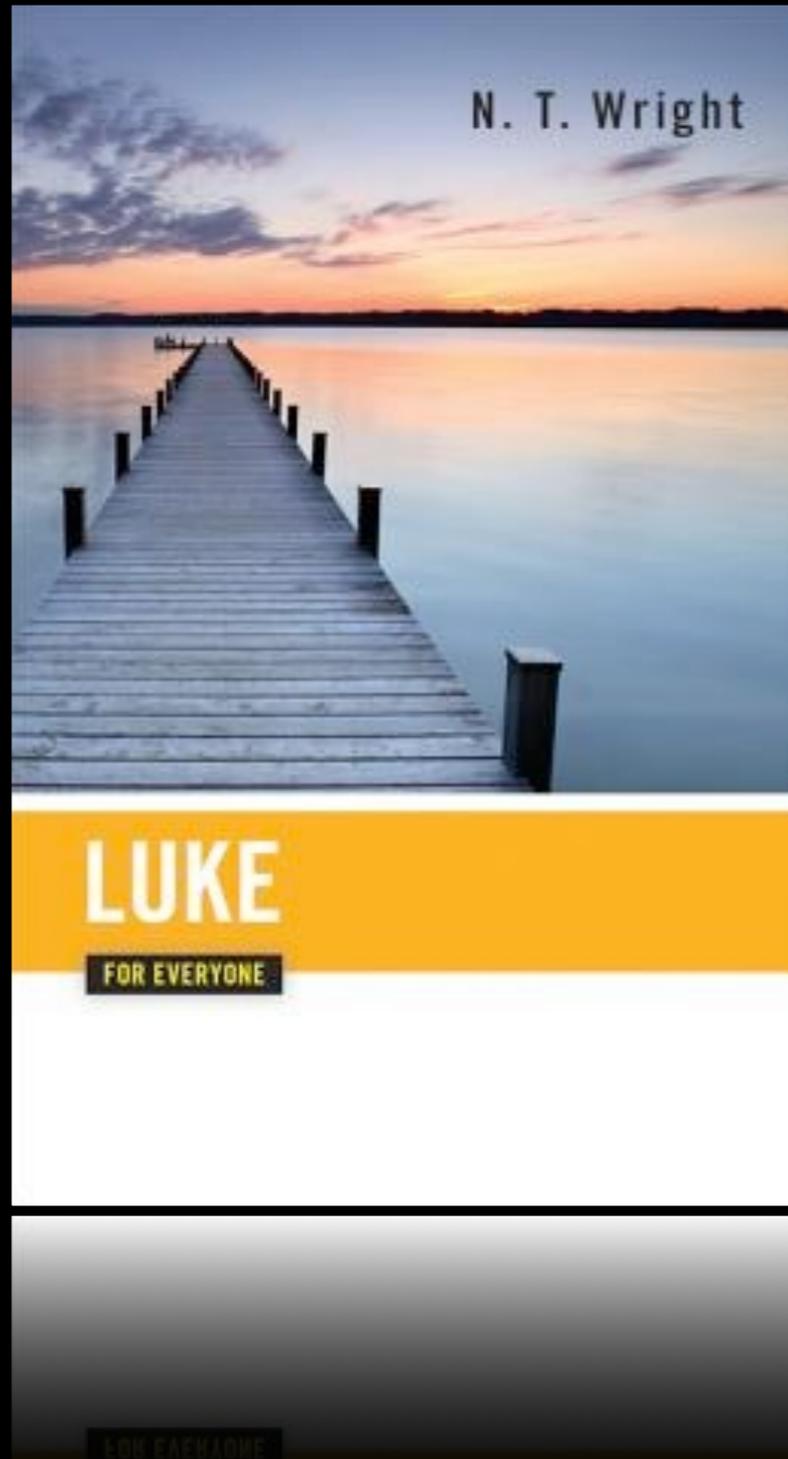
30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' **31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"**



**The contrast between
'green' and 'dry'
wood supplied Jesus
with one of his
darkest sayings....
Jesus wasn't a rebel
leader; he wasn't 'dry
wood,' timber ready
for burning.**



On the contrary, he was “green wood”: his mission was about peace and repentance, about God’s reconciling kingdom for Israel and the nations.



But, he is saying, if they [the Romans] are even doing this to him, what will they do when Jerusalem is filled with young hotheads, firebrands eager to do anything they can to create violence and mayhem?

N. T. Wright



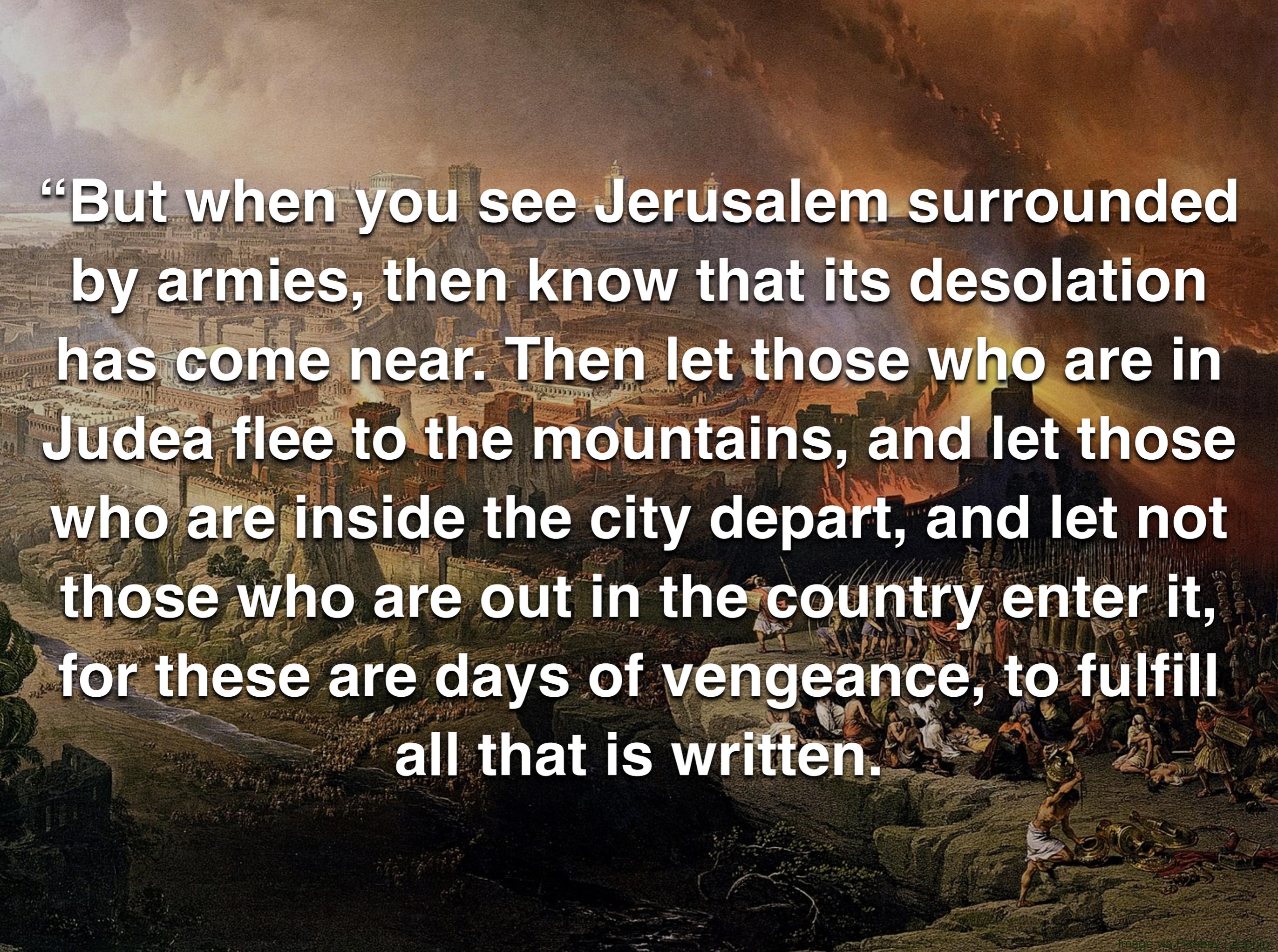
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FOR EVERYONE

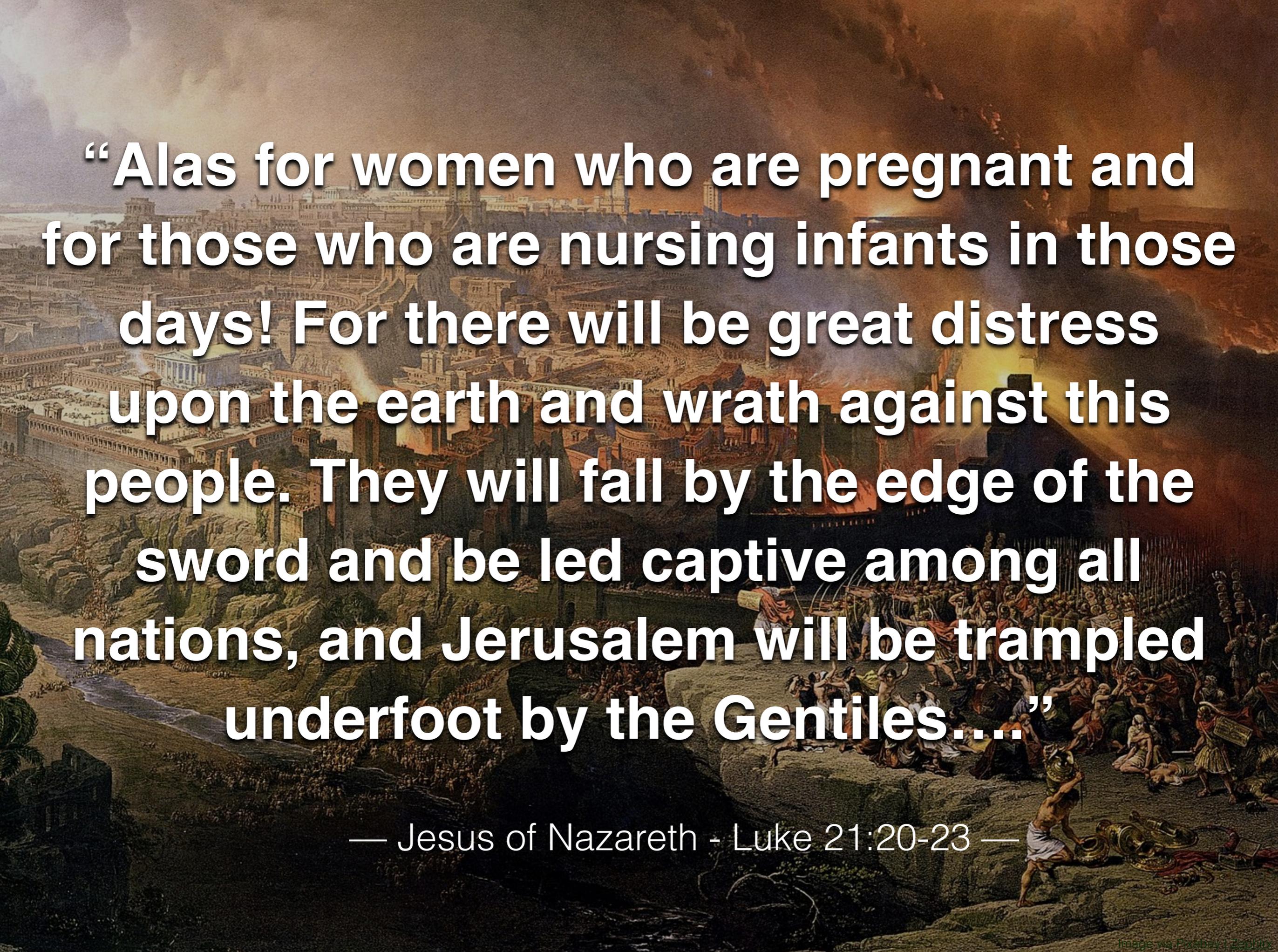
**If the Romans
crucify the prince
of peace, what will
they do to genuine
warlords?**

FOR EVERYONE



A dramatic painting depicting the destruction of Jerusalem. The city is shown in flames, with thick smoke rising into the sky. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is gathered on the rocky slopes, some appearing to be fleeing or suffering. The scene is filled with a sense of chaos and devastation.

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.



“Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles....”

— Jesus of Nazareth - Luke 21:20-23 —



No other city endured such miseries....

— Josephus, *Jewish Wars* —

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

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32 Two others, who were **criminals**, were led away to be put to death with him.

Literally, “evil-doers”



The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

33 And when they came to the place of The Skull, there **they crucified him**, and the **criminals**, one on his right and one on his left.

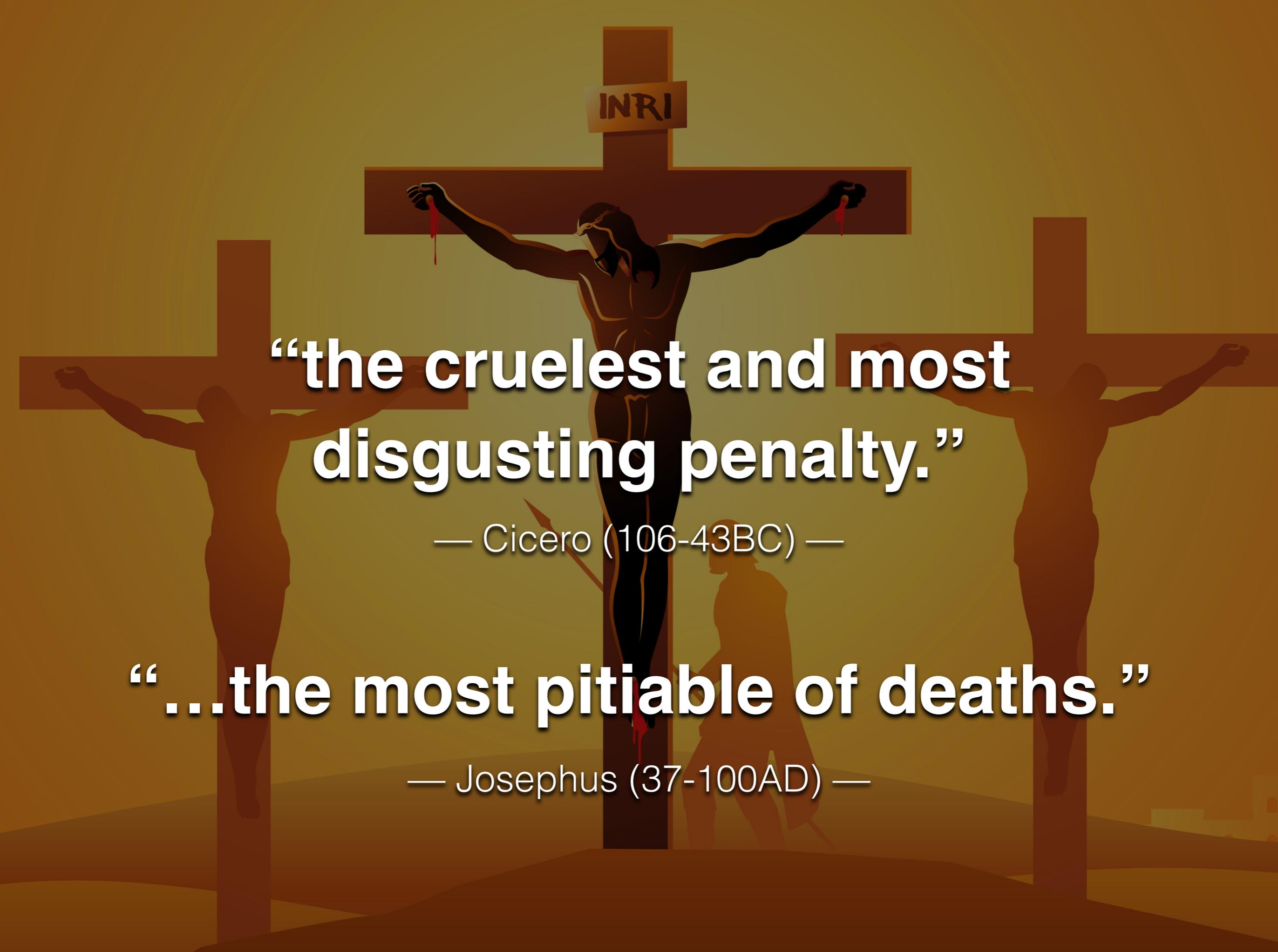




Excruciating

“out of” “cross”

**to experience severe pain & suffering,
intense mental anguish and / or agonizing torture**



“the cruelest and most disgusting penalty.”

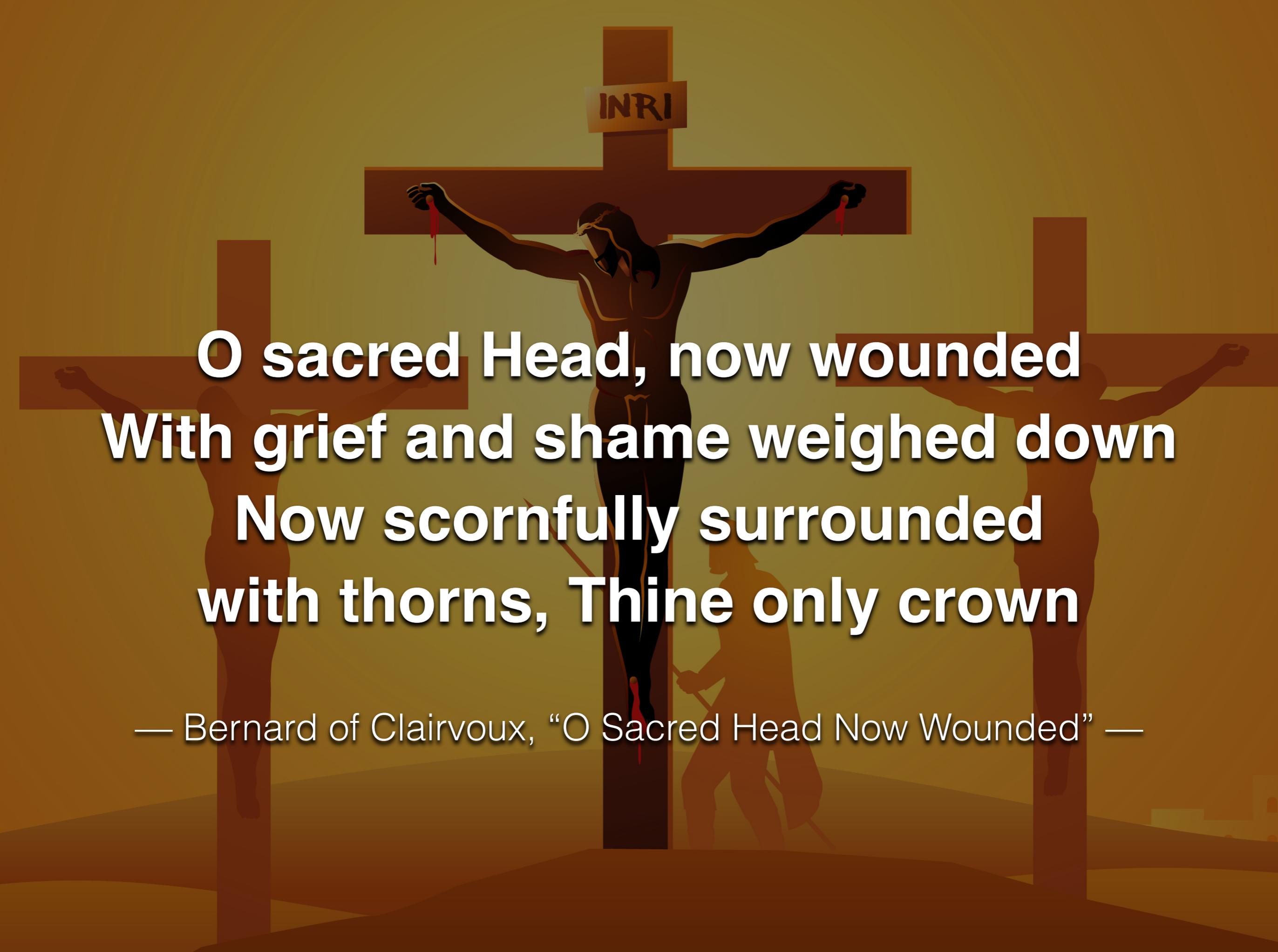
— Cicero (106-43BC) —

“...the most pitiable of deaths.”

— Josephus (37-100AD) —

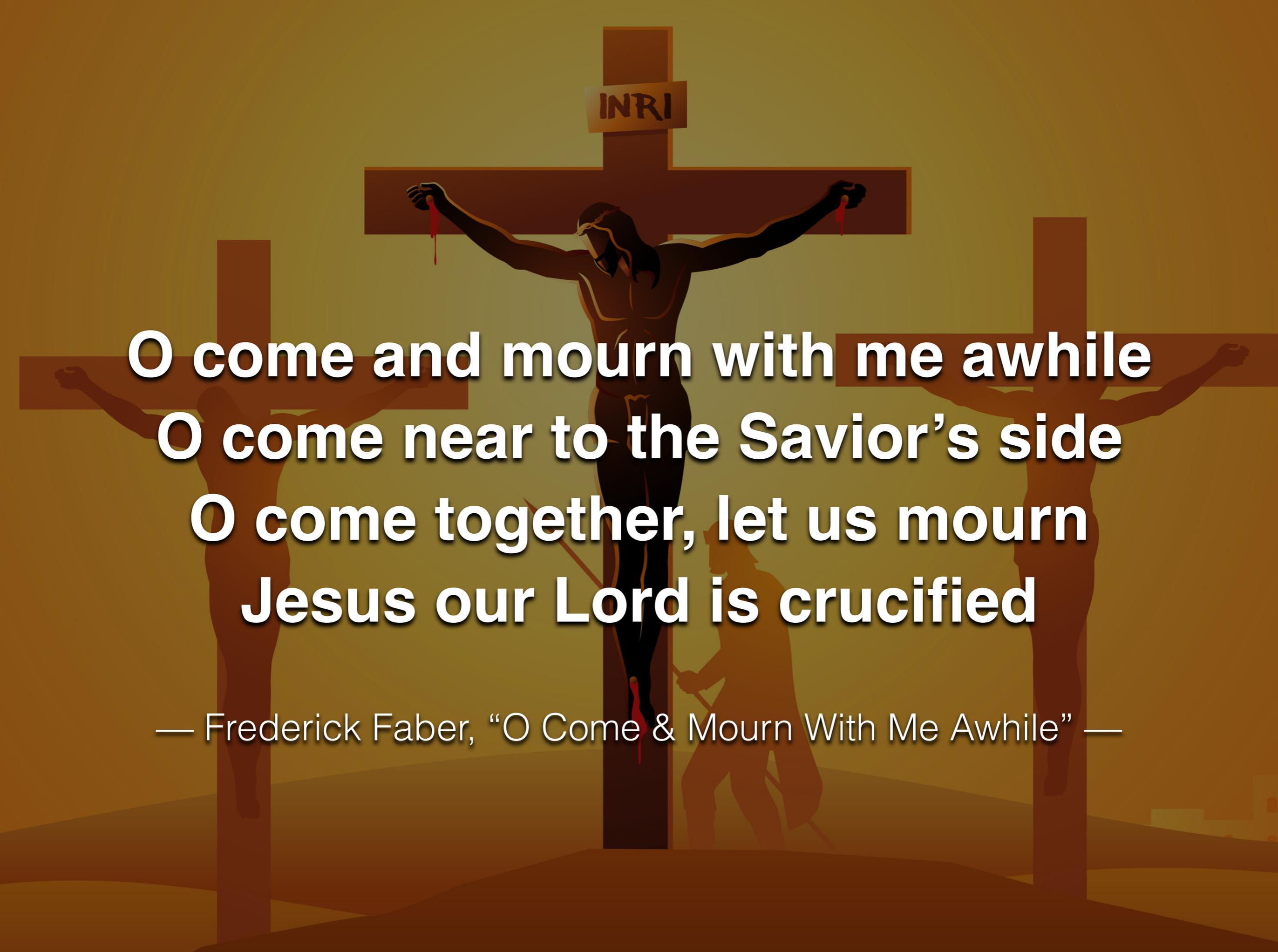
Stricken, smitten, and afflicted
See Him dying on the tree
This the Christ by man rejected
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He

— Thomas Kelly, “Stricken, Smithed, and Afflicted” —



**O sacred Head, now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, Thine only crown**

— Bernard of Clairvoux, “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” —



**O come and mourn with me awhile
O come near to the Savior's side
O come together, let us mourn
Jesus our Lord is crucified**

— Frederick Faber, “O Come & Mourn With Me Awhile” —

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

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34 And they cast lots to divide his garments.

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

36 **The soldiers mocked him,** coming up and offering him sour wine and saying,
37 **“If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”** 38 There was also an inscription over him, **“This is the King of the Jews.”**

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but **this man has done nothing wrong?””**

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

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42 And he said, **“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

“You shall call his name Jesus for he will save His people from their sins.” – Luke 1:31

“Jesus” means “God saves”

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**The criminal next to Jesus
is enthroning Jesus as his King!**

The Gospel of Luke- Chapter 23

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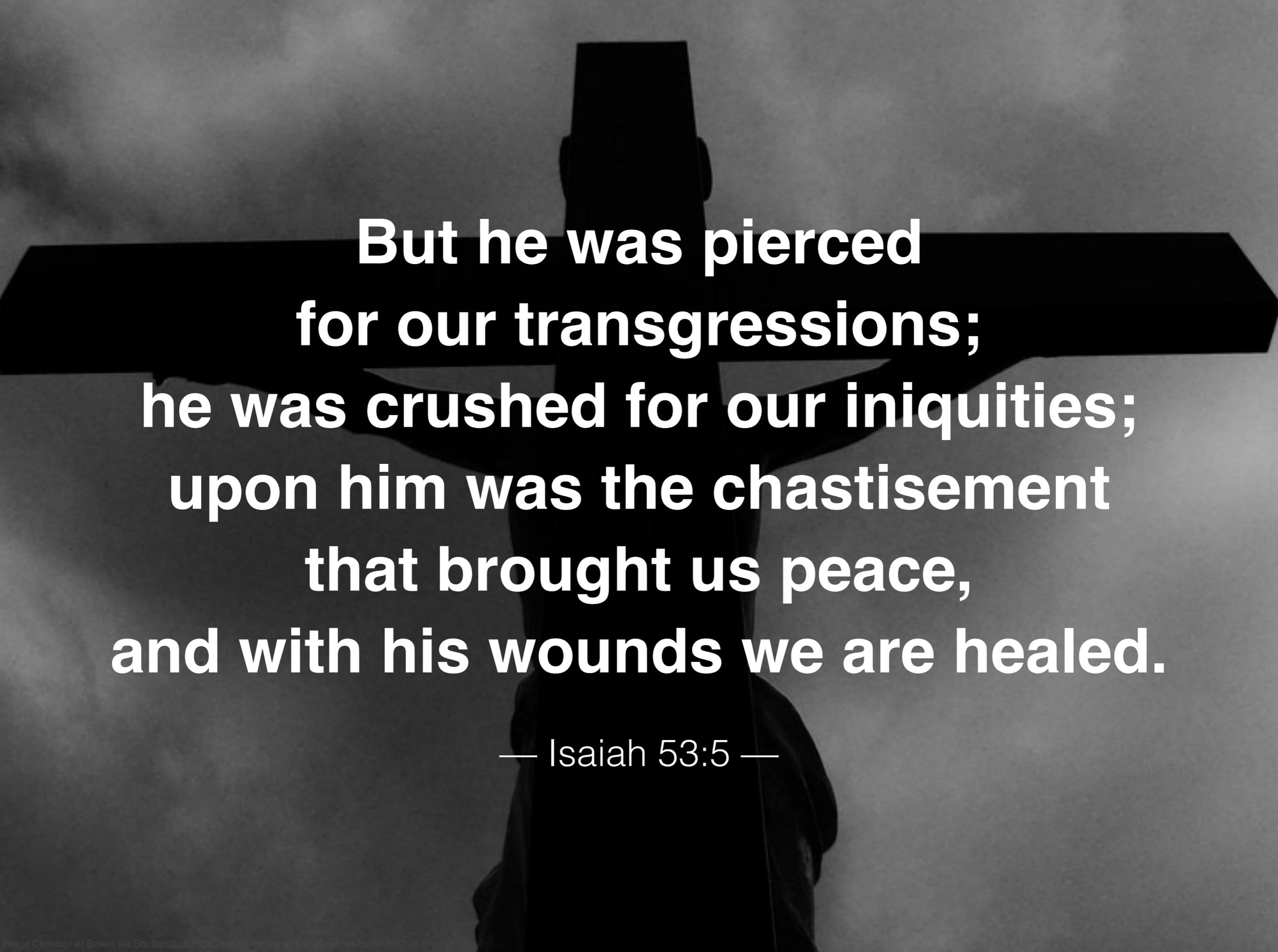
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**Were you there
when they crucified
my Lord?**





A silhouette of a person on a cross, centered in the background. The person's arms are outstretched, and their body is visible from the waist up. The cross is a simple, dark silhouette. The background is a light, slightly textured grey.

**But he was pierced
for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement
that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

— Isaiah 53:5 —



**Yet it was the will of the
LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief.**

— Isaiah 53:10 —



**...My Servant, make many to be
accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.**

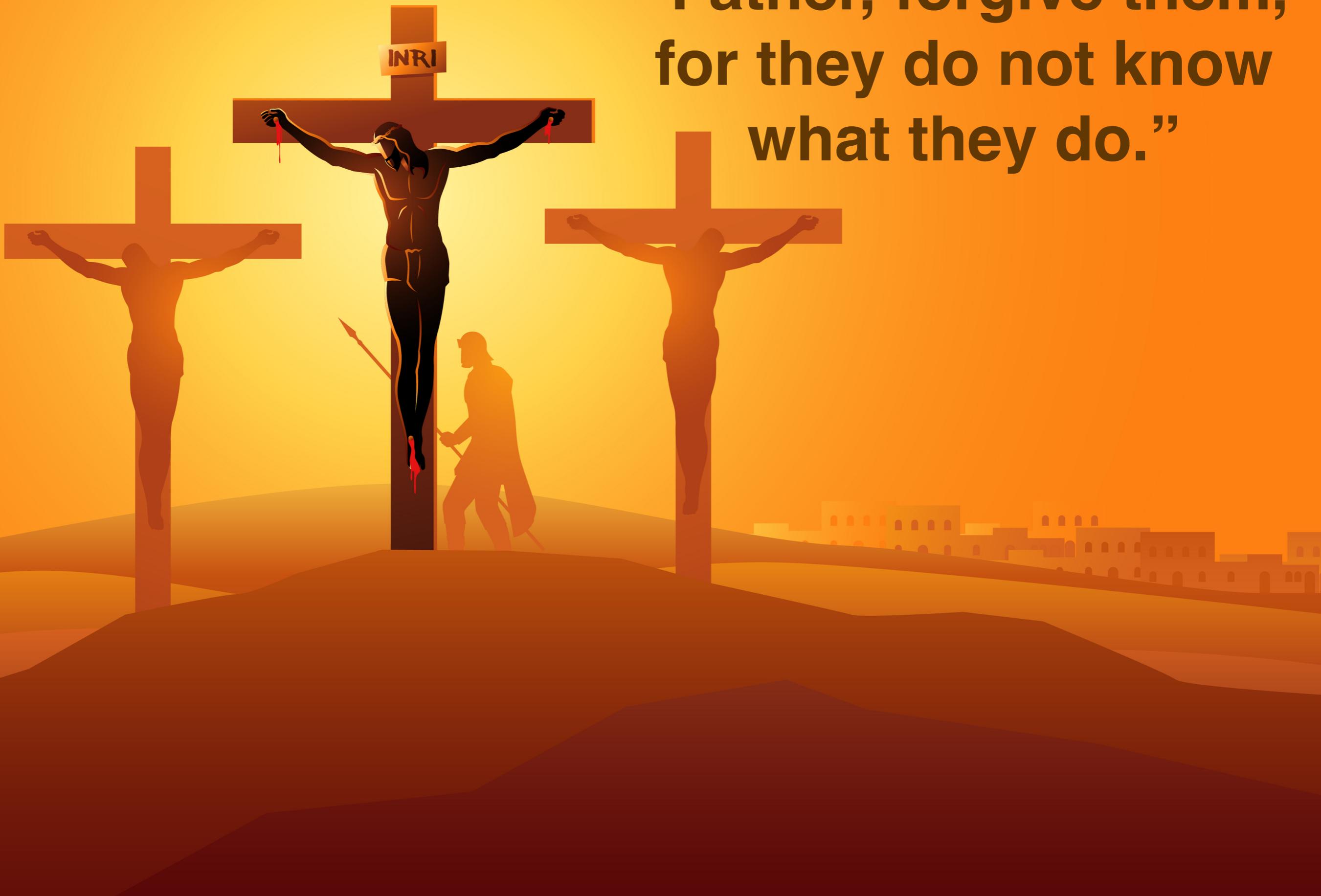
— Isaiah 53:11 —



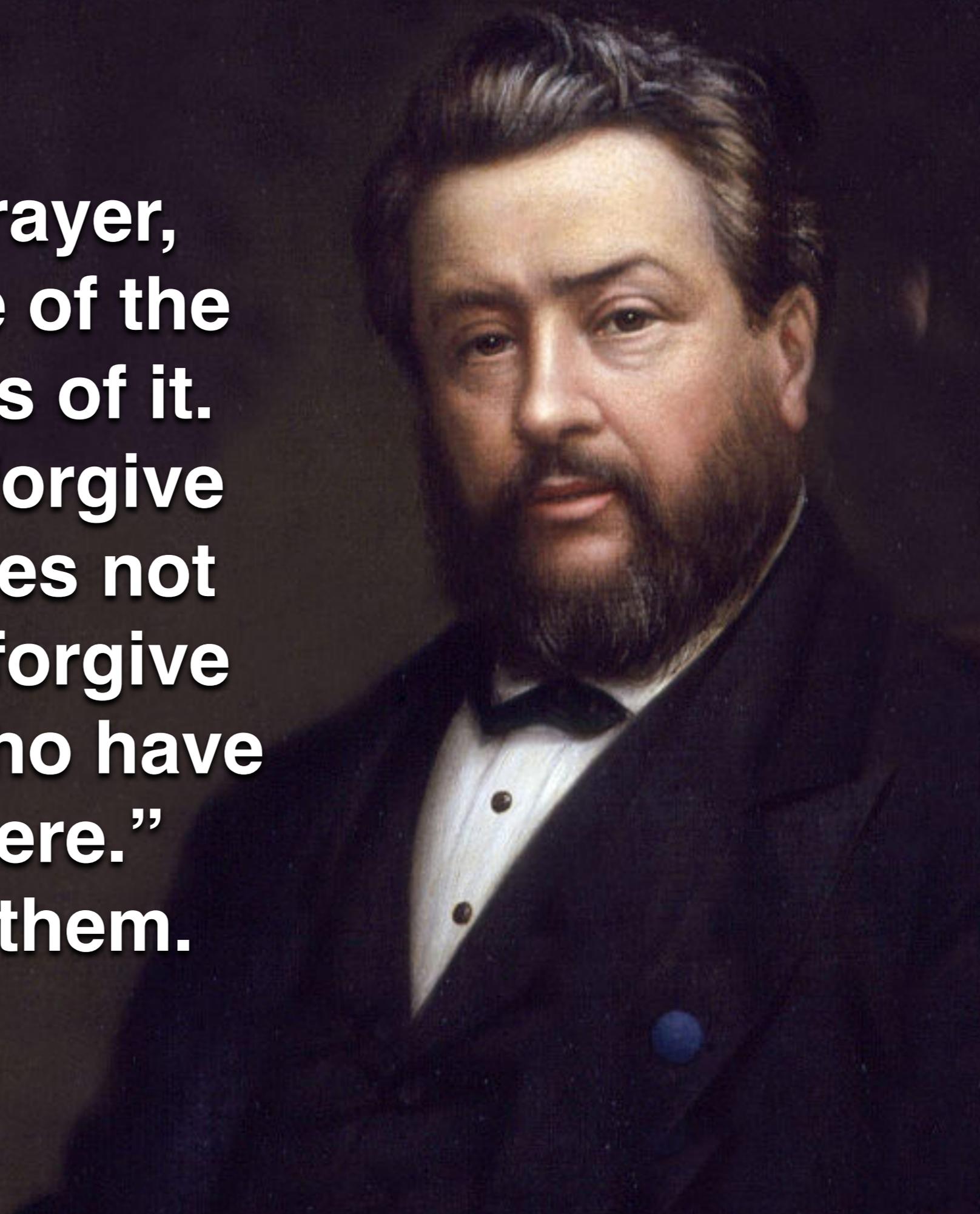
**Bearing shame
and scoffing rude
In my place
condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon
with His blood
Hallelujah what a Savior**

— “Man of Sorrows” —

**“Father, forgive them,
for they do not know
what they do.”**

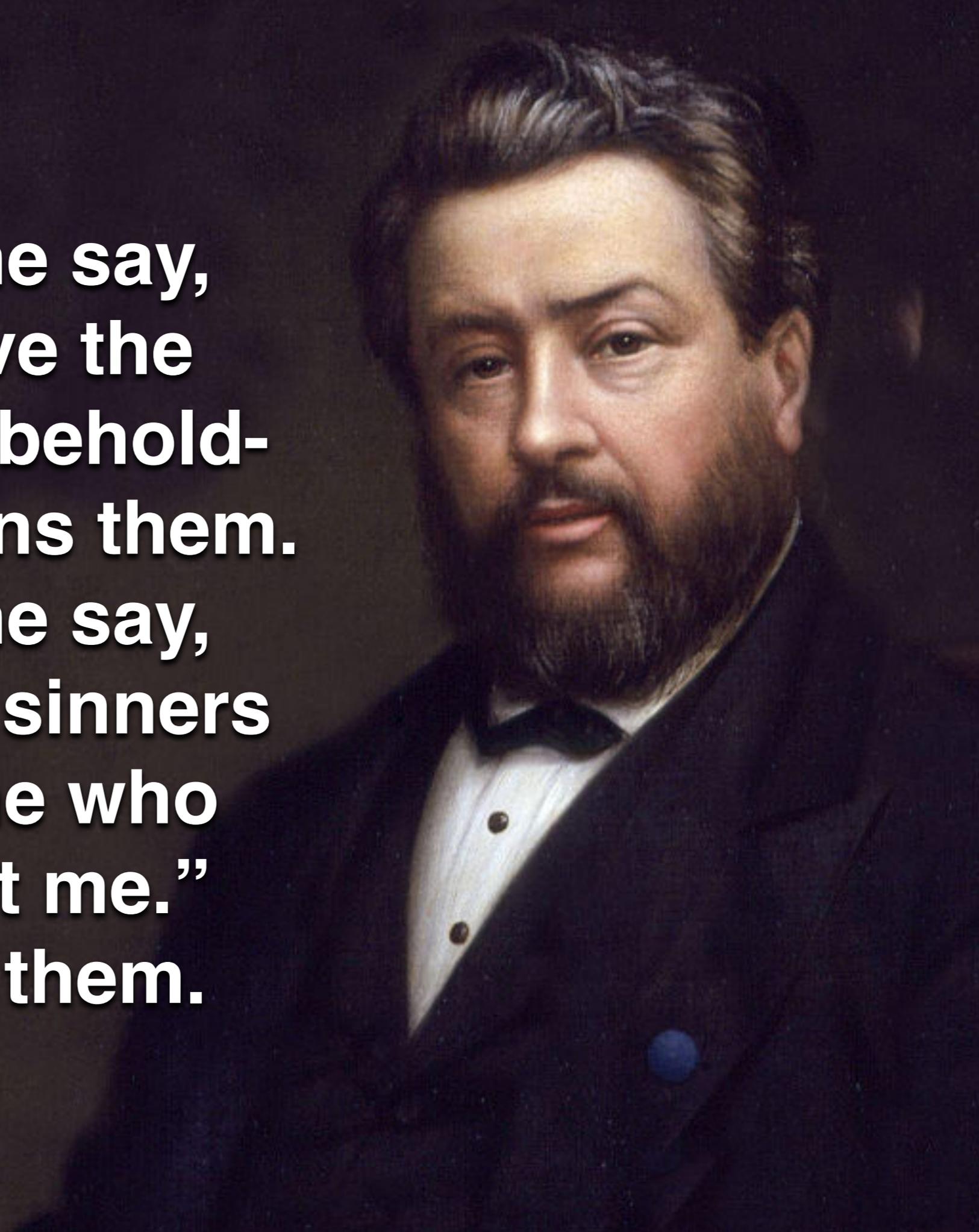


**I love this prayer,
also, because of the
indistinctness of it.
It is “Father, forgive
them.” He does not
say, “Father, forgive
the soldiers who have
nailed me here.”
He includes them.**

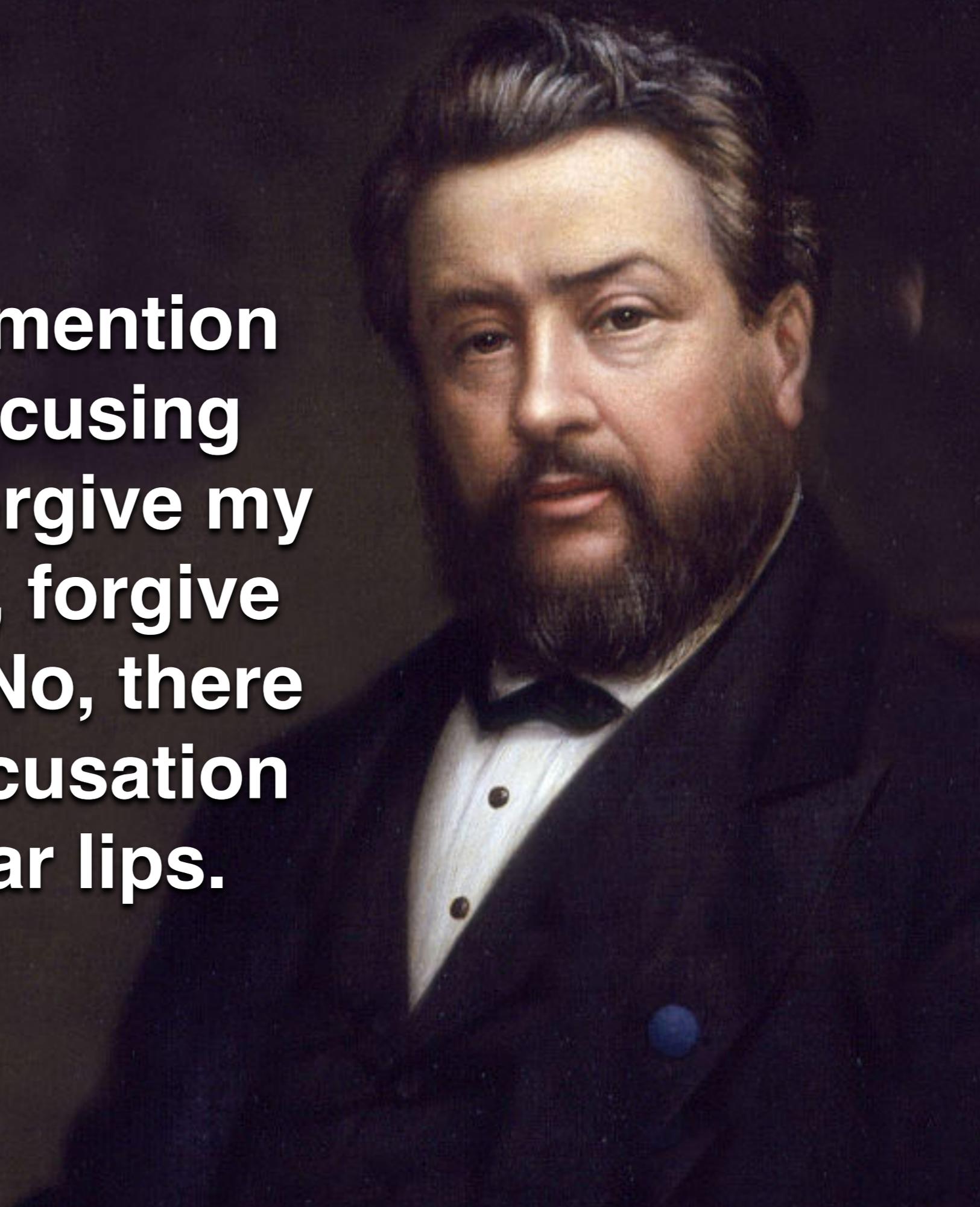


**Neither does he say,
“Father, forgive the
people who are behold-
ing me.” He means them.**

**Neither does he say,
“Father, forgive sinners
in ages to come who
will sin against me.”
But he means them.**



Jesus does not mention them by any accusing name: “Father, forgive my enemies. Father, forgive my murderers.” No, there is no word of accusation upon those dear lips.



A portrait of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, a prominent English Baptist preacher. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark bow tie. He has a full, dark beard and mustache, and his hair is dark and wavy. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a serious expression.

**“Father, forgive them.”
Now into that pronoun
“them” I feel that I can
crawl. Can you get in
there? Oh, by a humble
faith, appropriate the
cross of Christ by trust-
ing in it; and get into that
big little word “them”!**

— Charles Haddon Spurgeon —
“Christ’s Plea for Ignorant Sinners”

HT: Phillip Ryken

**Were you there
when they crucified
my Lord?**



**The Son of God
loved me and gave
Himself for me.**

The Apostle Paul
— Galatians 2:20 —





**How marvelous
How wonderful
And my song
shall ever be
How marvelous
How wonderful
is my Savior's
love for me**

— “I Stand Amazed” —



**May you see in the crucified Jesus
the true King of glory, and may you
receive from Him the forgiveness of sins
that He was dying to give.**