

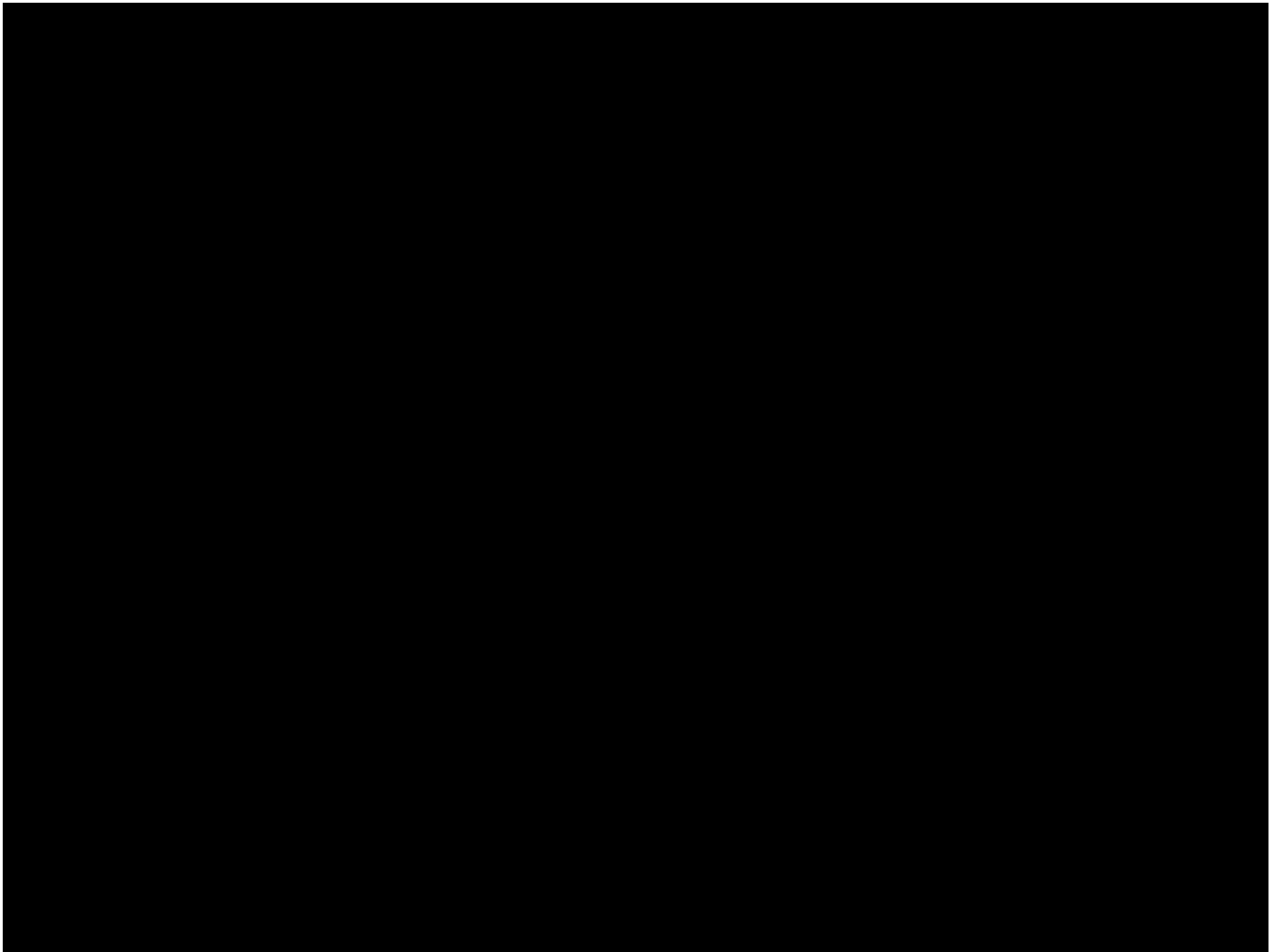
The Servant King



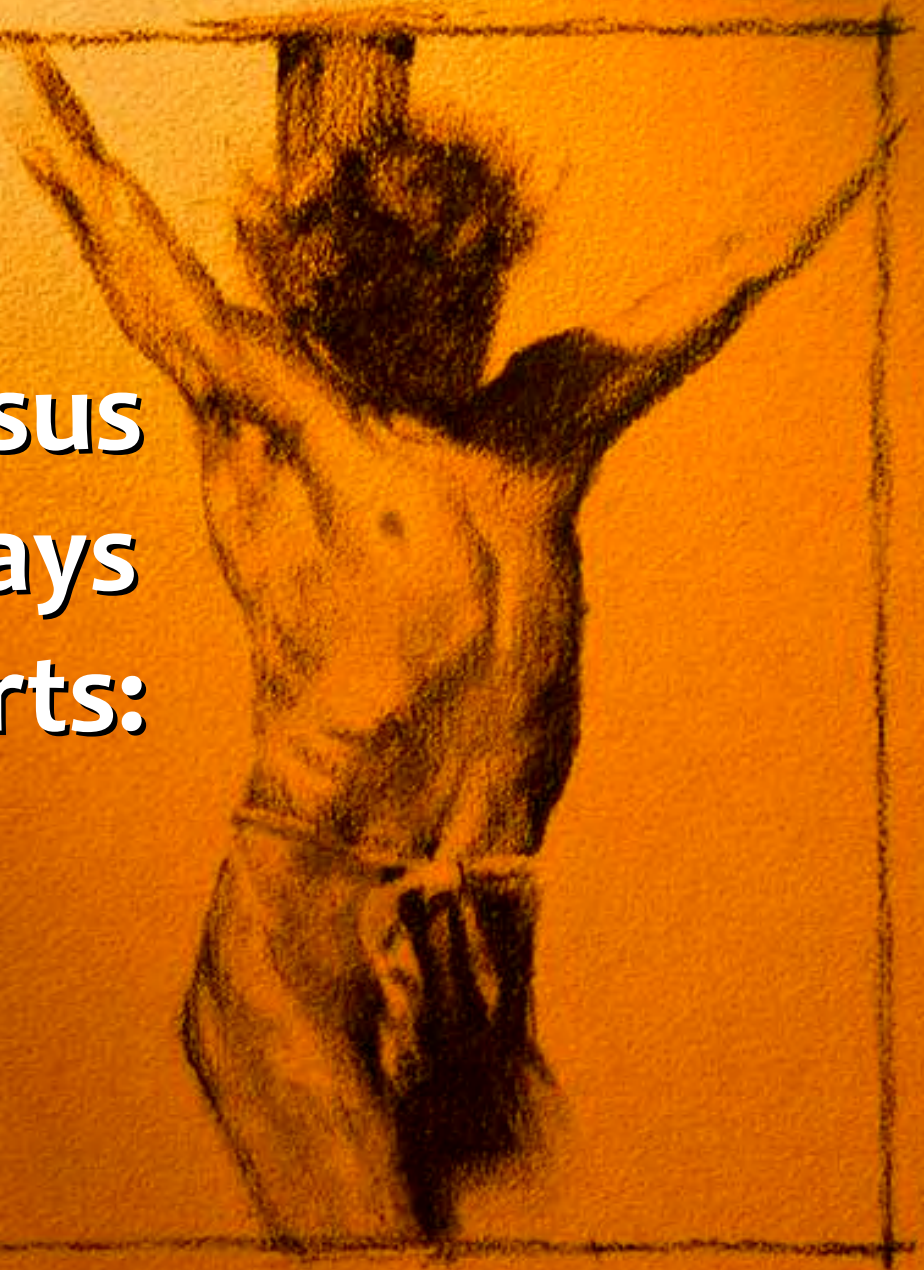
The story of the *King*... who came to *serve*.

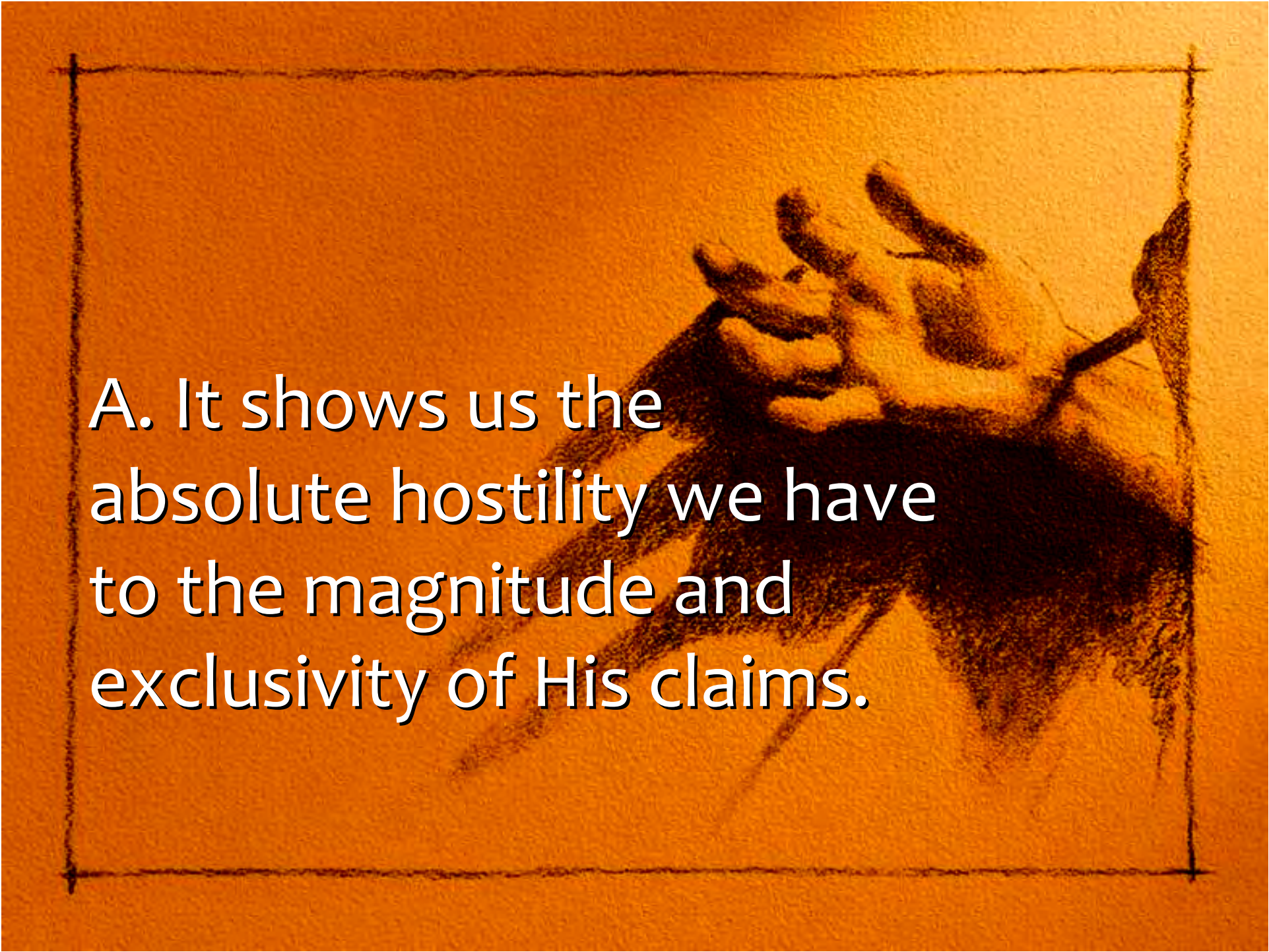
John 19:23,24

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”



**I. What the
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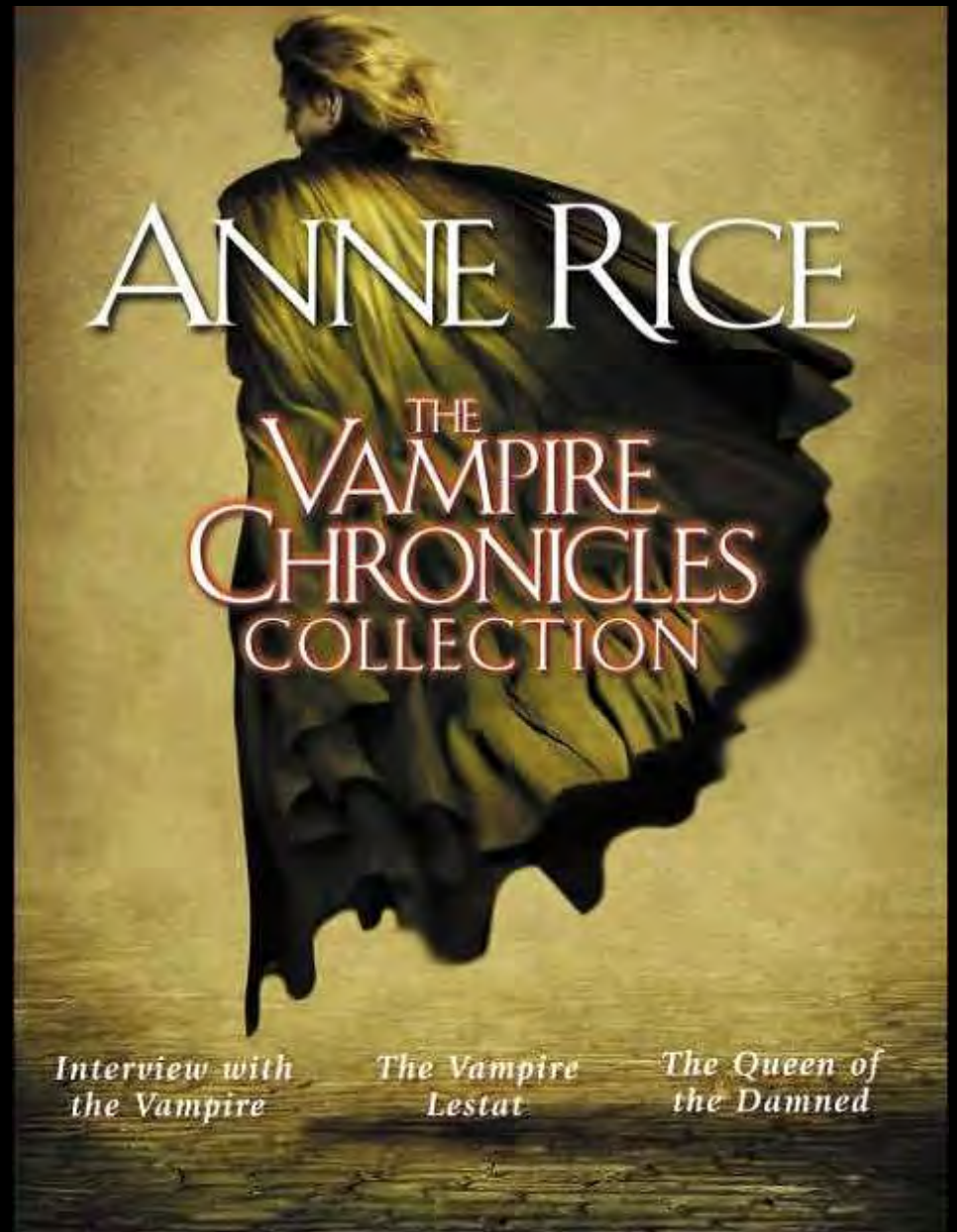


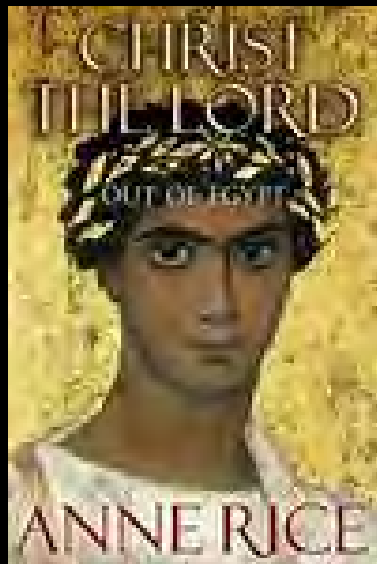
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Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" 33 "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." John 10:32,33

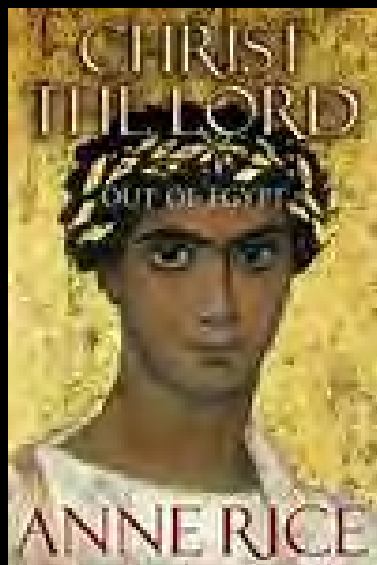


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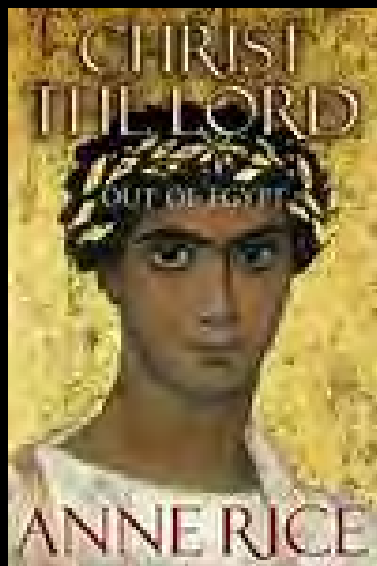




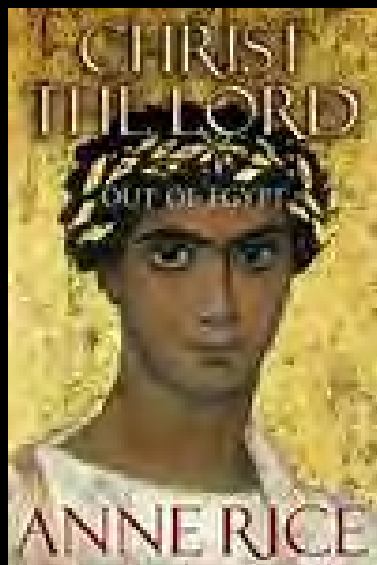
"The skeptical arguments that insisted that the gospels were suspect; were written too late to be eyewitness accounts, all those arguments lack coherence and were full of conjecture.



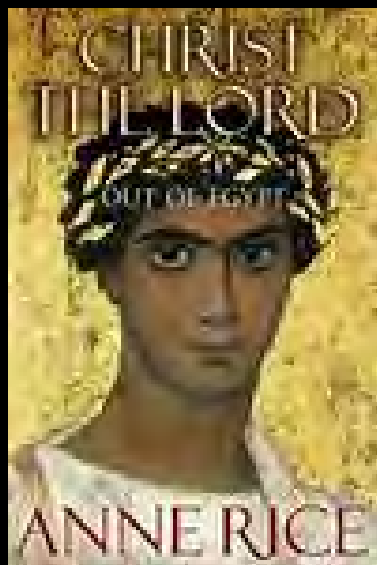
Some of the books I read were assumptions piled upon assumptions. Absurd conclusions were reached based upon little data or no data at all.



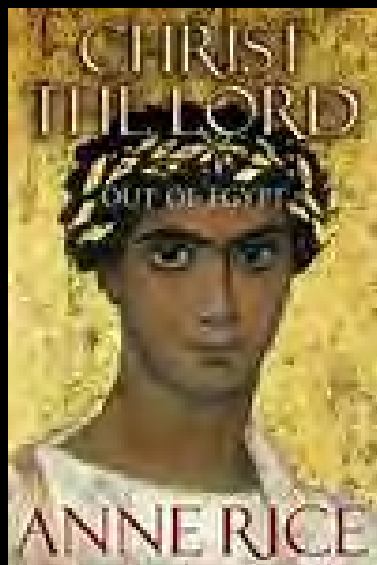
The whole case for the non-divine Jesus who stumbled into Jerusalem and somehow got crucified and had nothing to do with the Christianity founding that came later, that whole picture which floated in liberal circles I had frequented for thirty years, that case was never made.



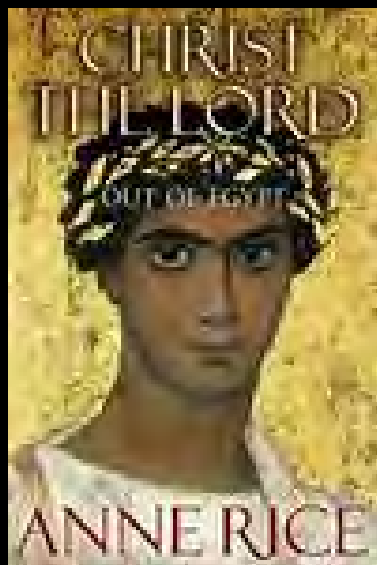
But not only was the case not made I found something even more surprising. I discovered that these scholars, so many of them devoted their life to New Testament scholarship, disliked Jesus.



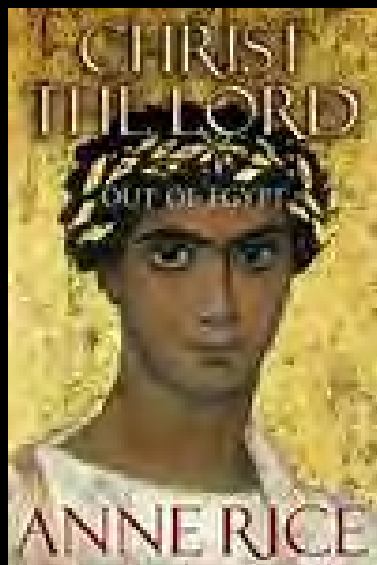
Some pitied him as a helpless failure. Others sneered at him. Some showed outright contempt. Now I'd never come across this in any other field of research I had studied.



For example for people who go into Elizabethan studies are not out to prove Queen Elisabeth was an idiot. People in Elizabethan studies don't make snickering remarks about her, or spend their careers trying to pick apart her historical reputation.



Occasionally scholars will study a villain in history, yes, but even then they tend to argue for his or her place in history.



But in general scholars don't spend their lives in the company of historic figures who they openly despise. But these New Testament scholars detest and despise Jesus Christ."

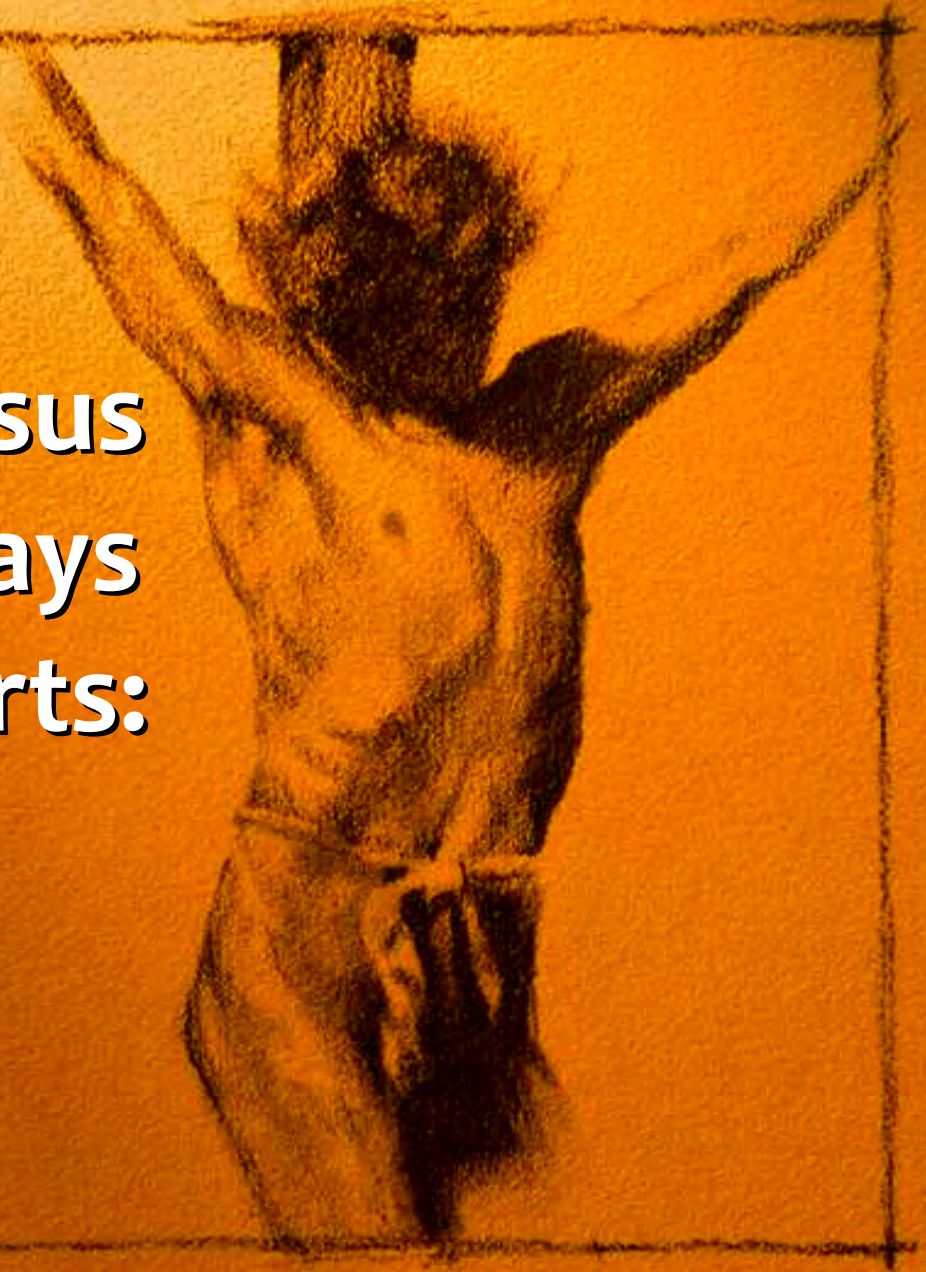


**We can't stand those claims,
and you know why?**

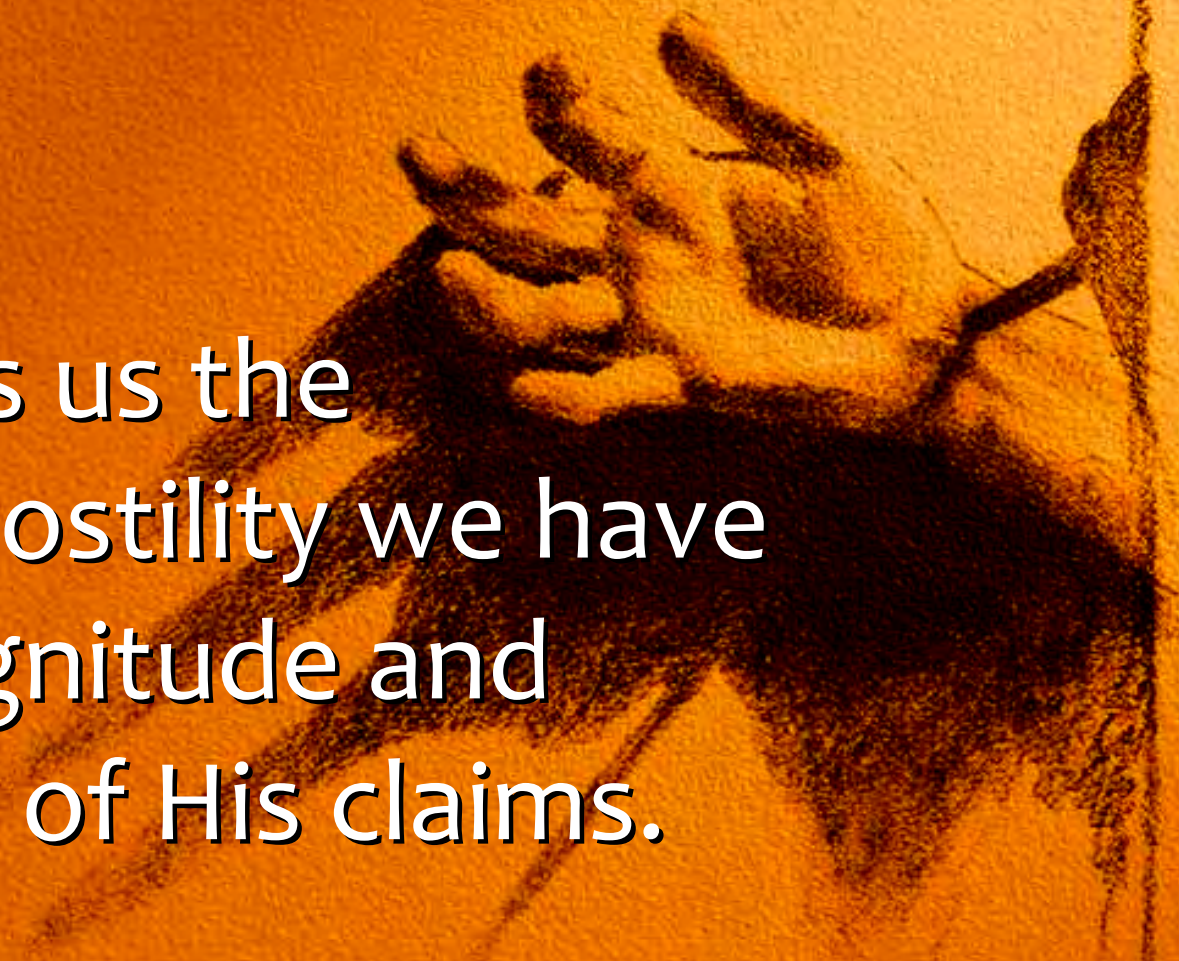
**Because those claims
force us into an
ALL OR NOTHING
decision.**

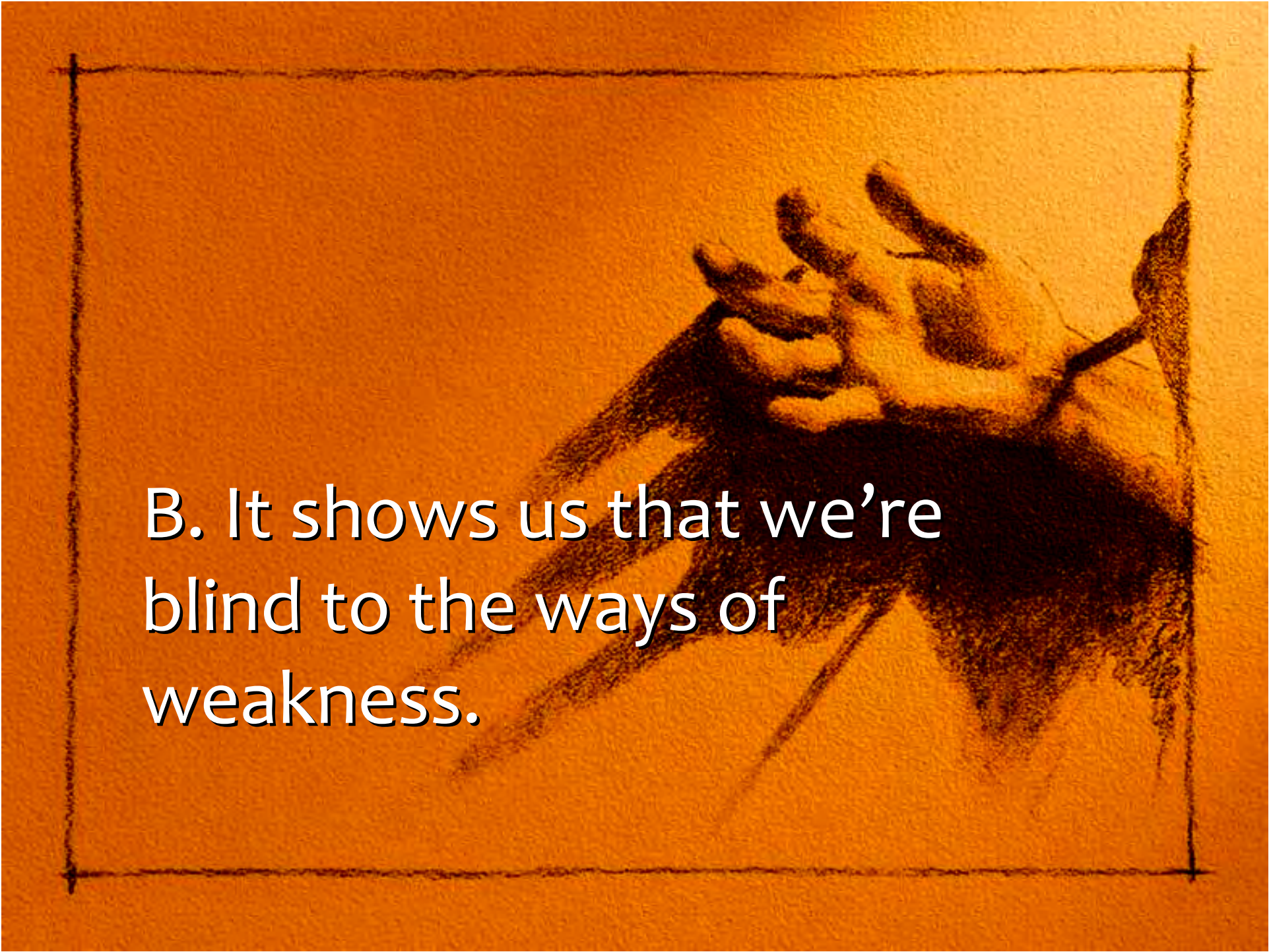


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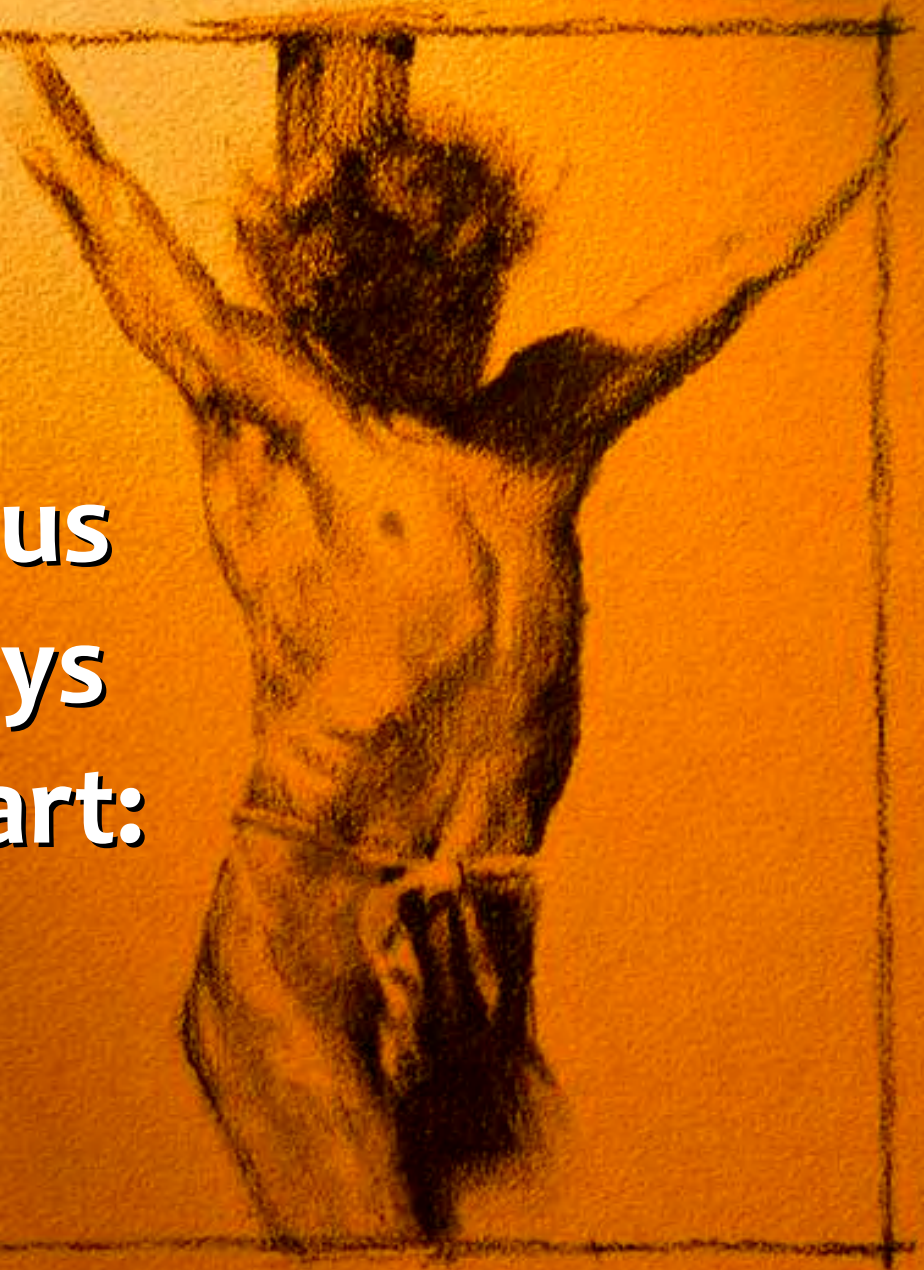
B. It shows us that we're
blind to the ways of
weakness.

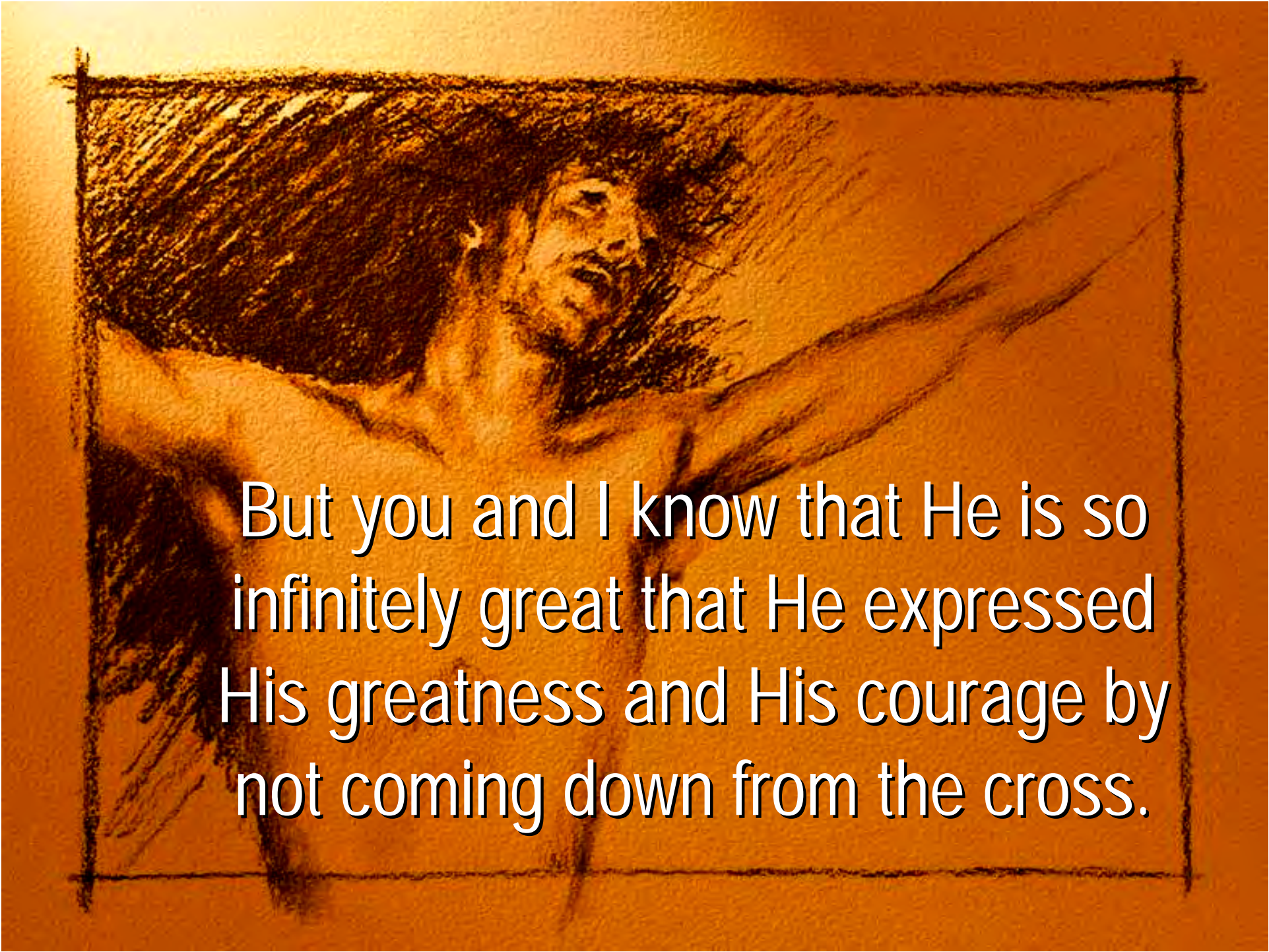
There was given to me a thorn in my flesh. 8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.

9 Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:7-9



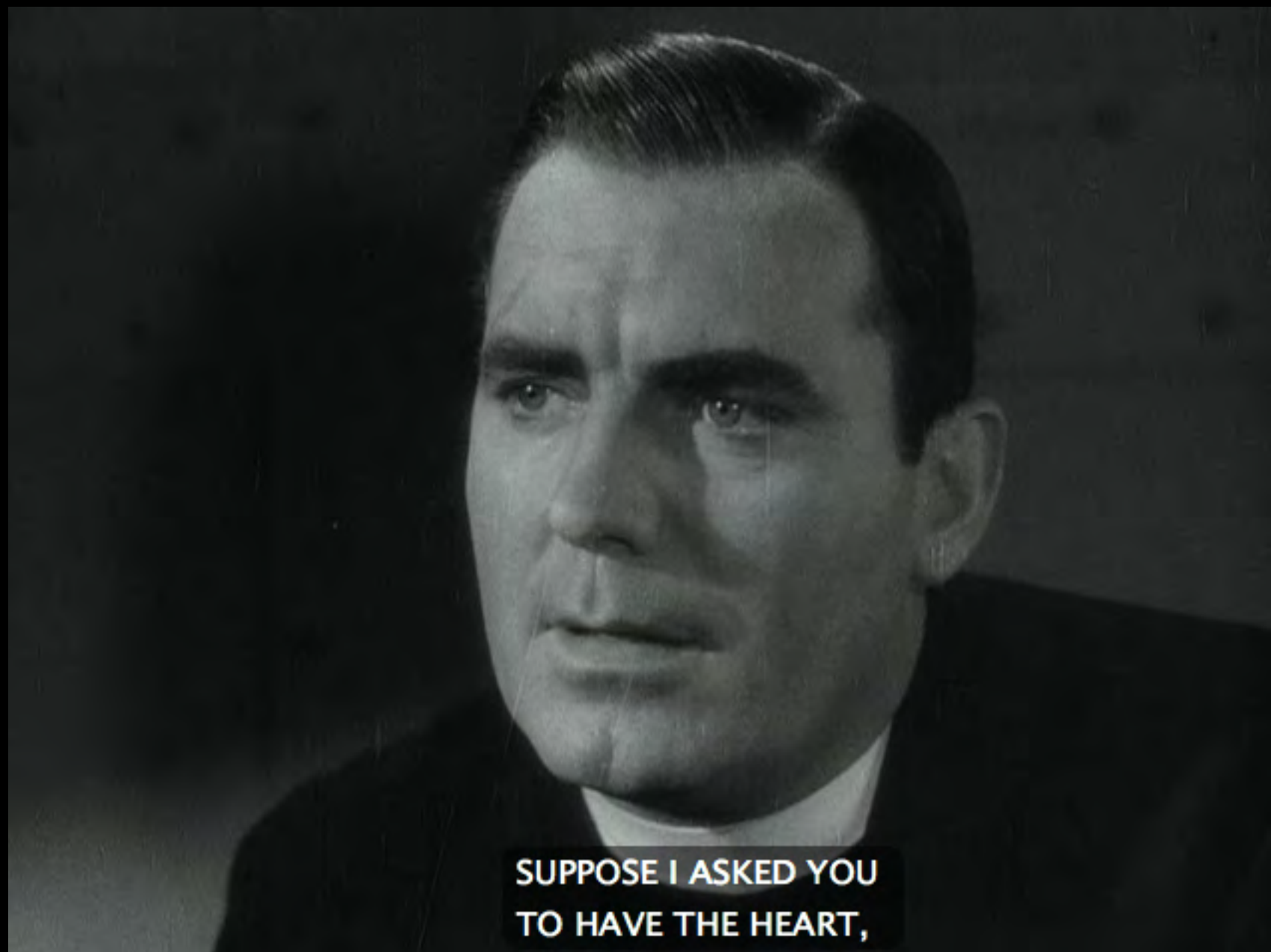
**II. What the
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about God's heart:**



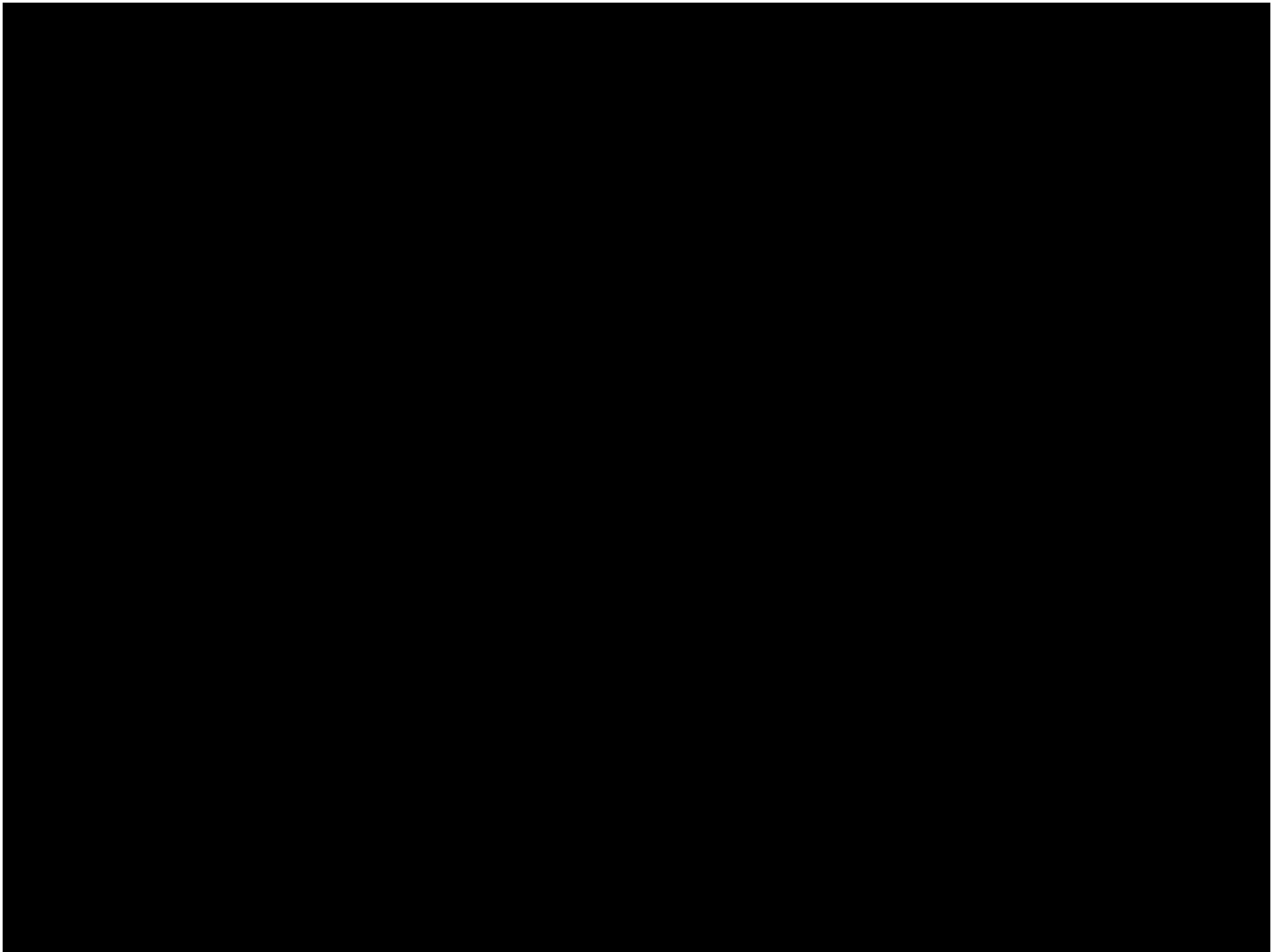


But you and I know that He is so infinitely great that He expressed His greatness and His courage by not coming down from the cross.





SUPPOSE I ASKED YOU
TO HAVE THE HEART,







Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? 2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one. 3 “Let us break their chains,” they cry, “and free ourselves from slavery to God.”

Psalm 2:1-3

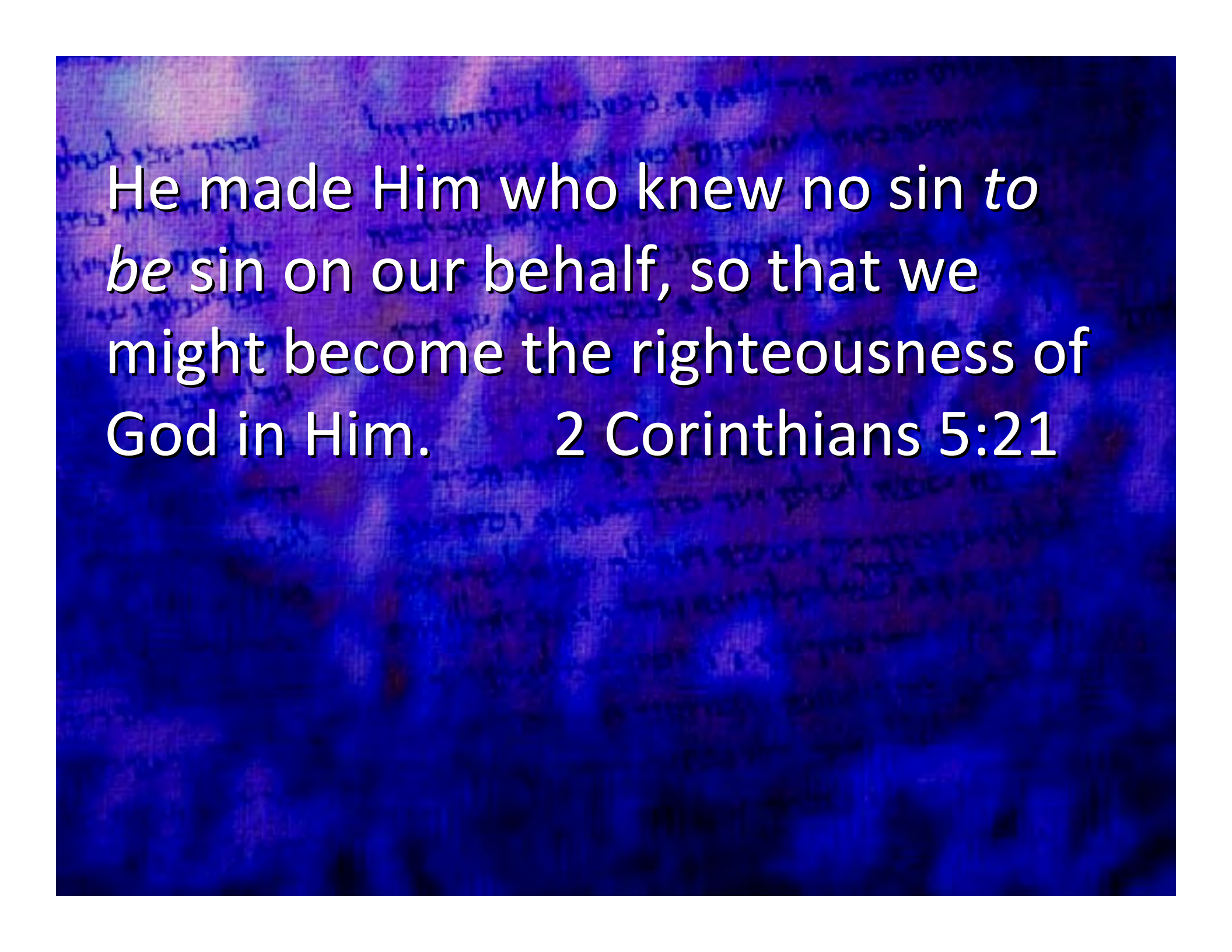


But the one who rules in heaven
laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.

Psalm 2:4

He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. 4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! 5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.

Isaiah 53:3-5



He made Him who knew no sin *to*
be sin on our behalf, so that we
might become the righteousness of
God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21



**III. What will
change our hearts:**



Paul remembered Jesus' suffering

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

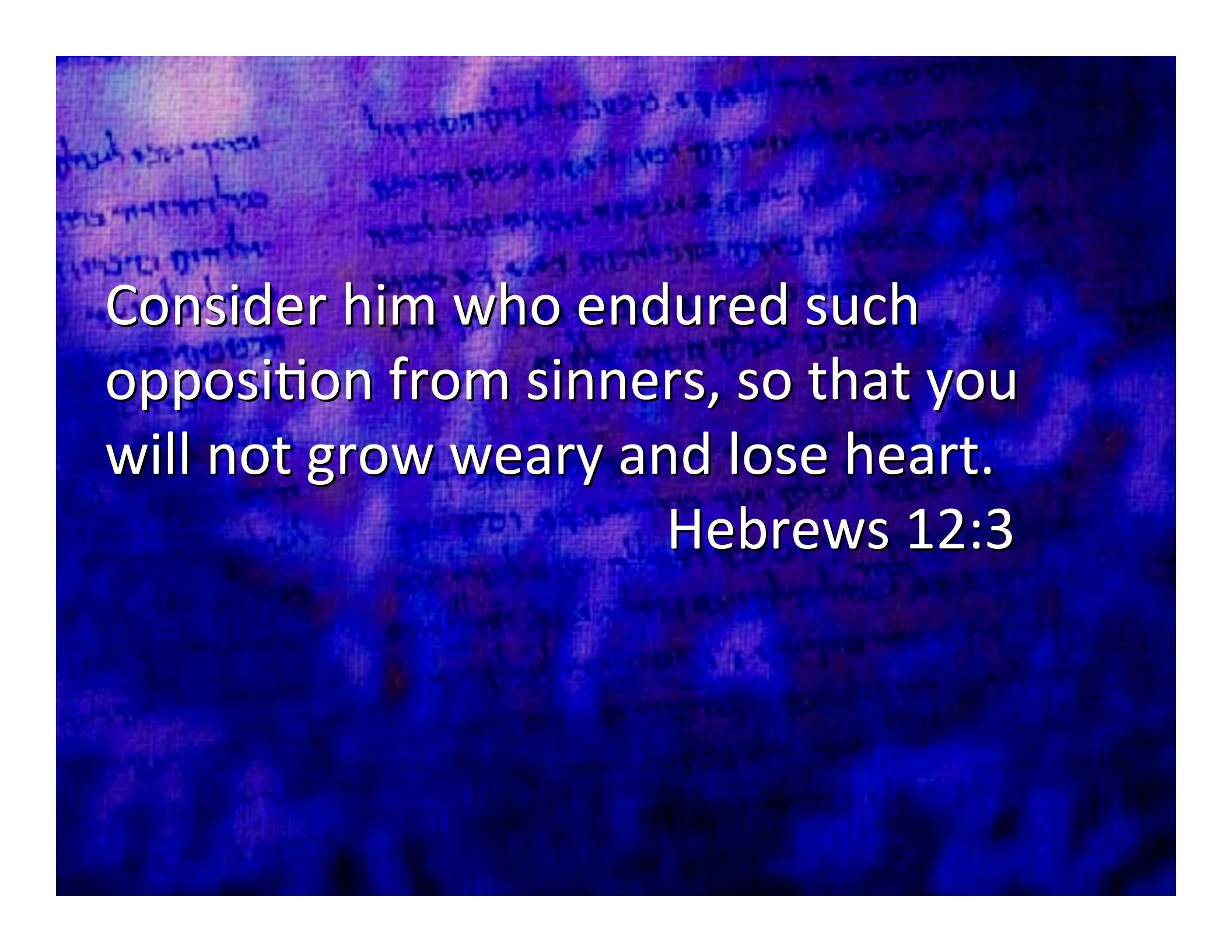
You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8

...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43-45

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1b,2



Consider him who endured such
opposition from sinners, so that you
will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:3

