

All the colors of life



¹ 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?



7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. 8 "He trusts in the Lord," they say," let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."



11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ..13 Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.



14 ... My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.15 My mouth is dried up like a sun baked clay, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;



16 ... they pierce my hands and my feet.17 ... people stare and gloat over me. 18 They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.



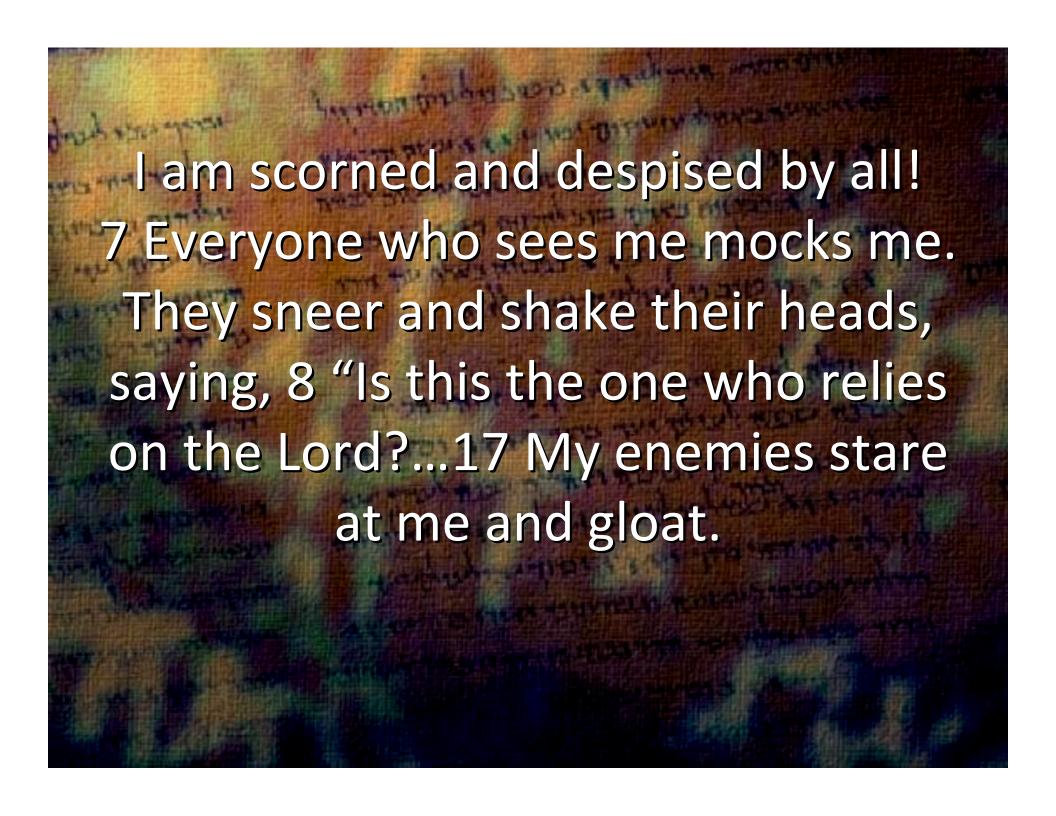
23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! ... 24 For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

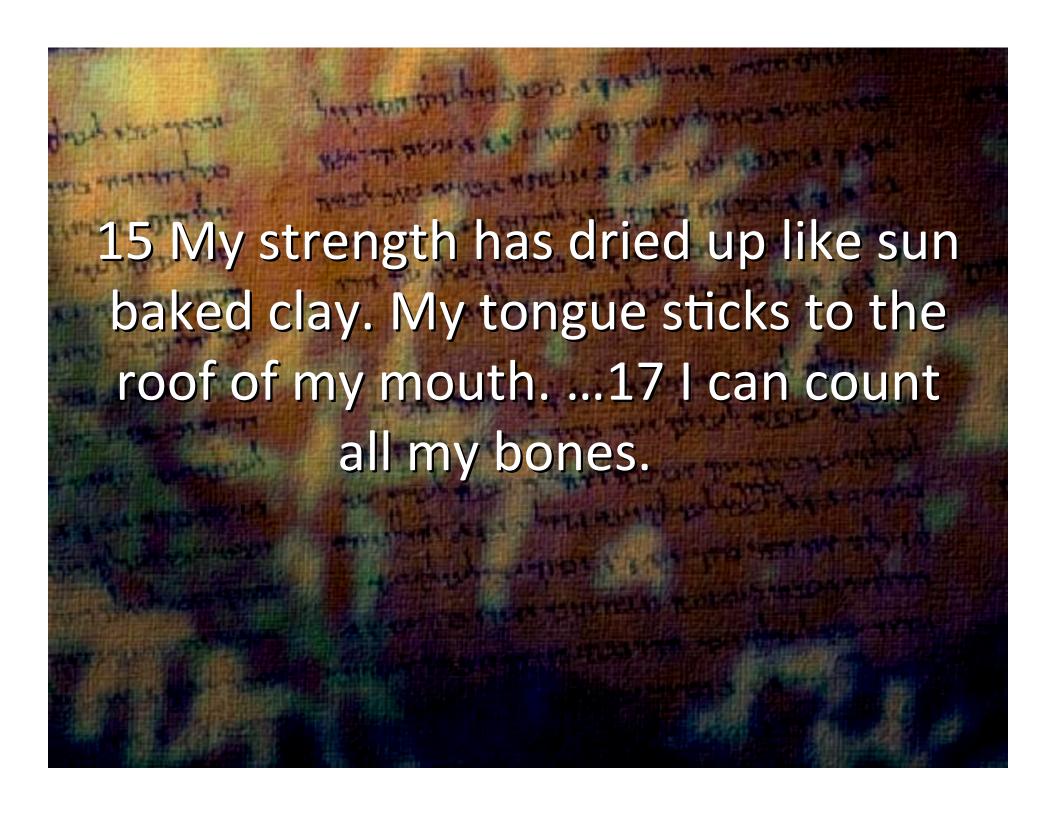


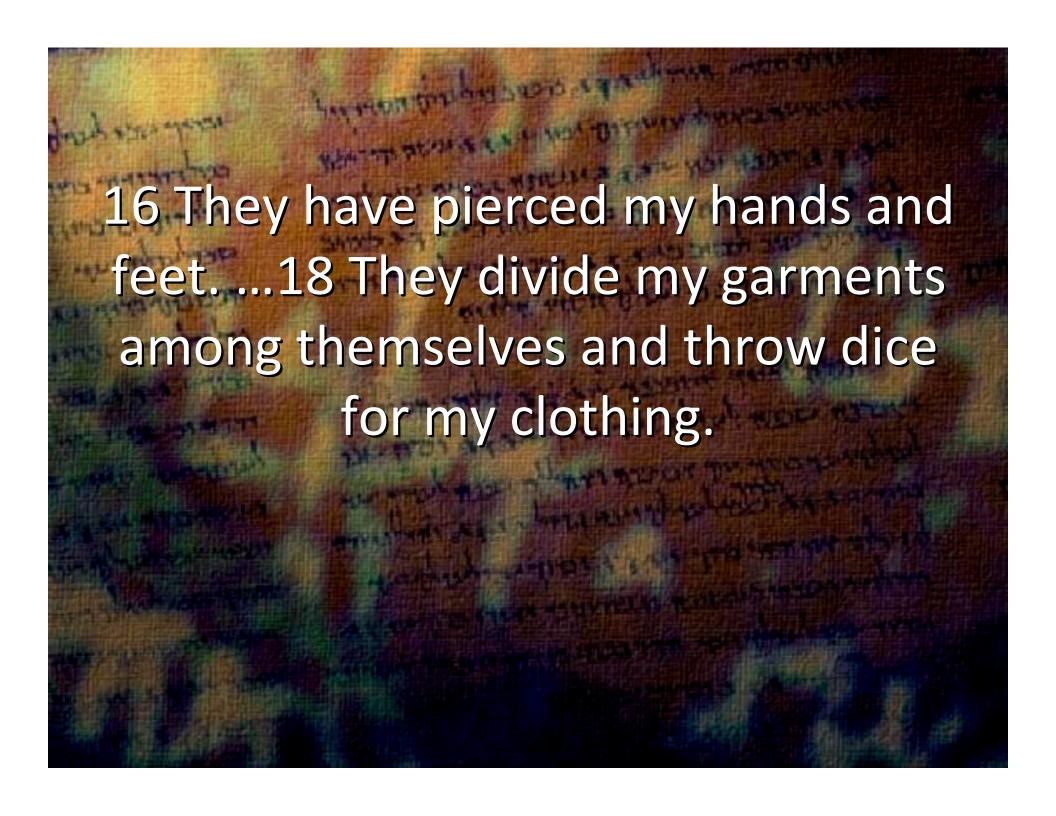
27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

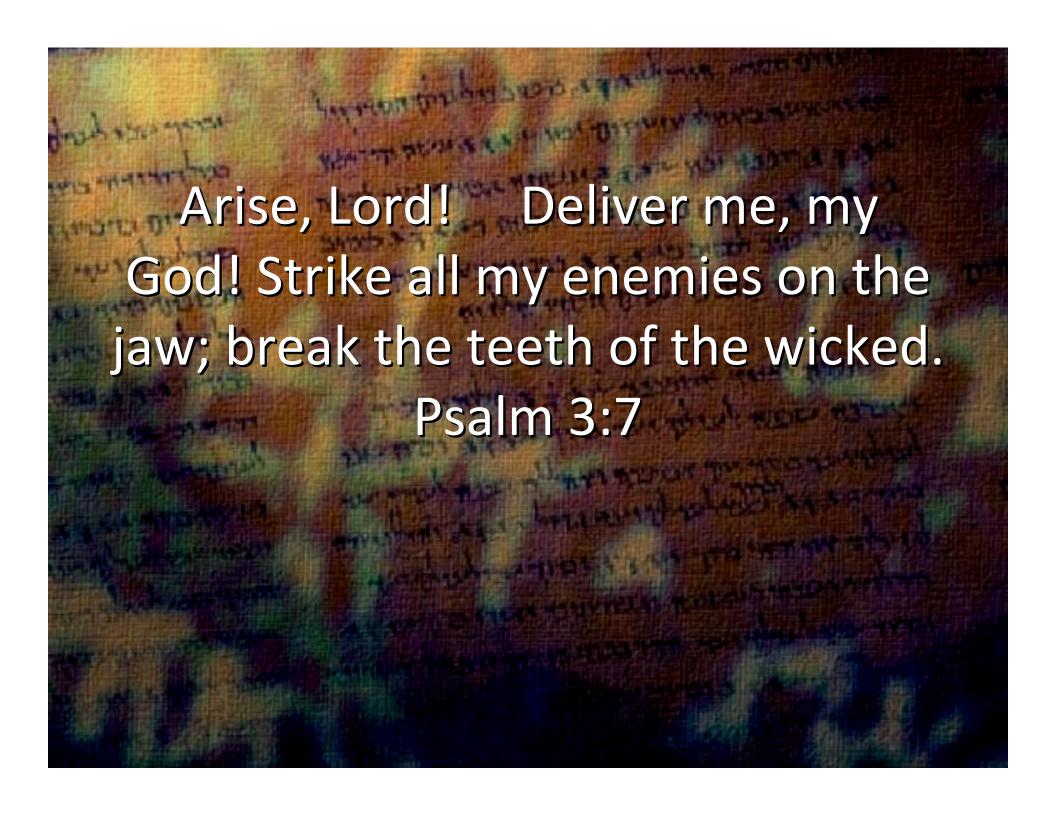


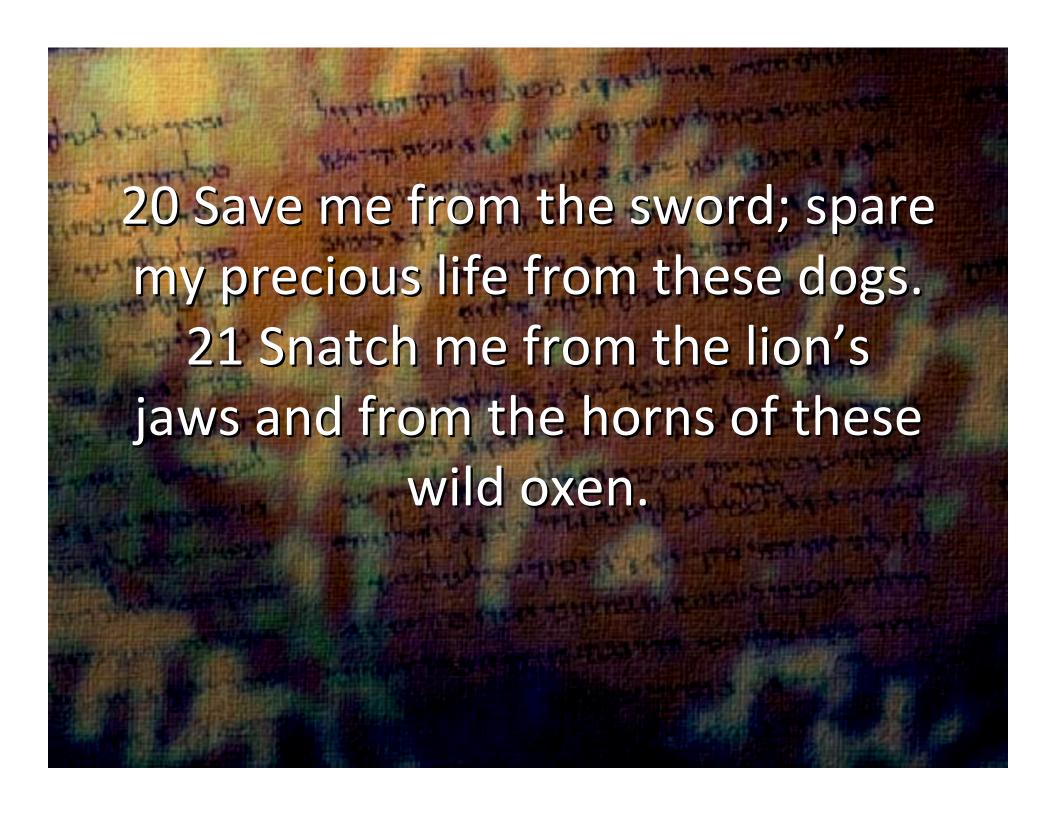
30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. 31 They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

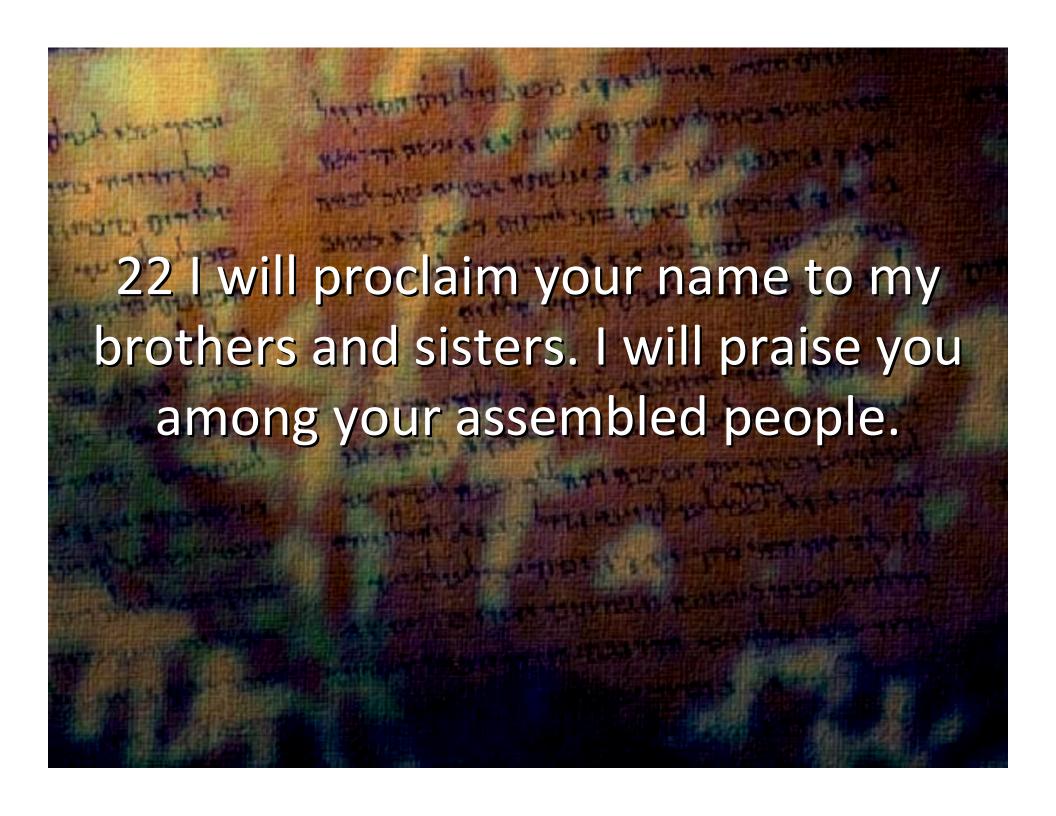


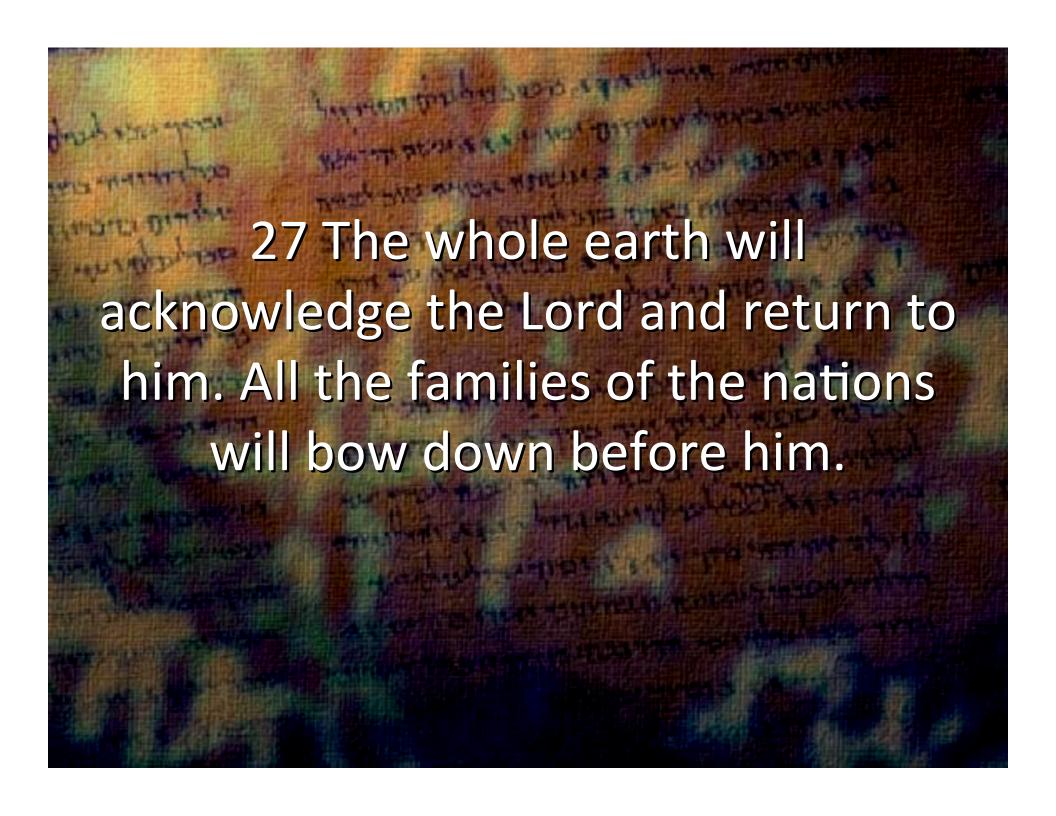


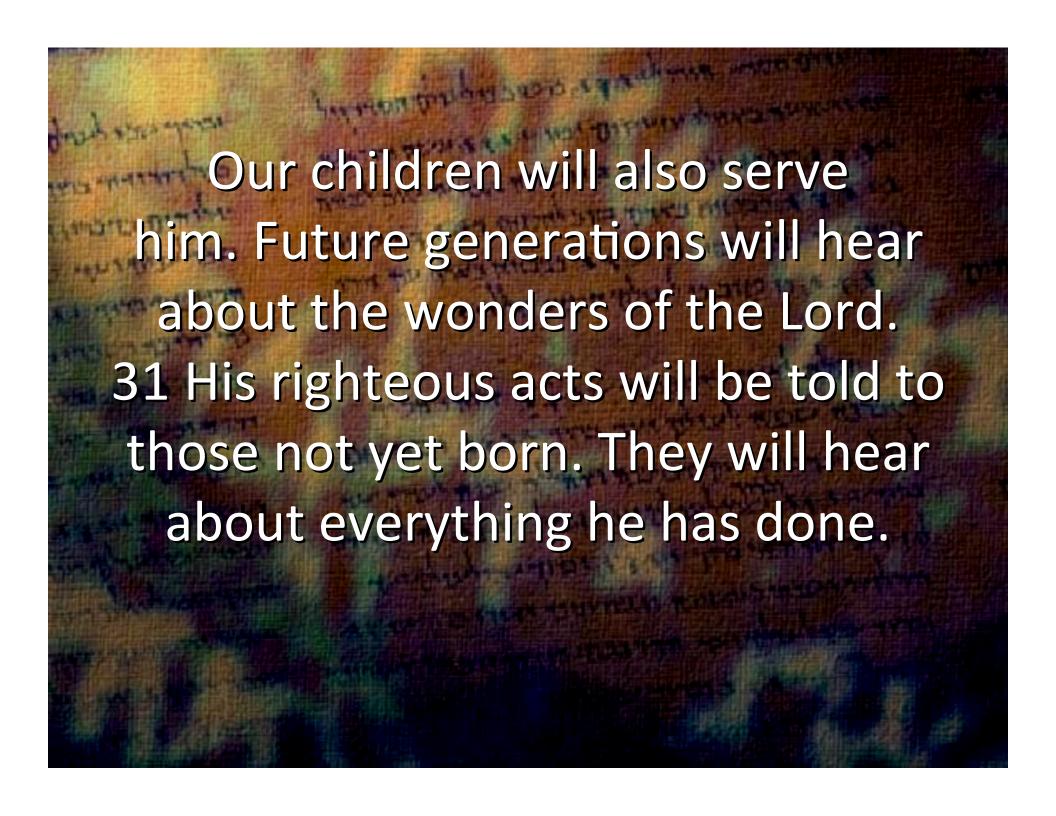


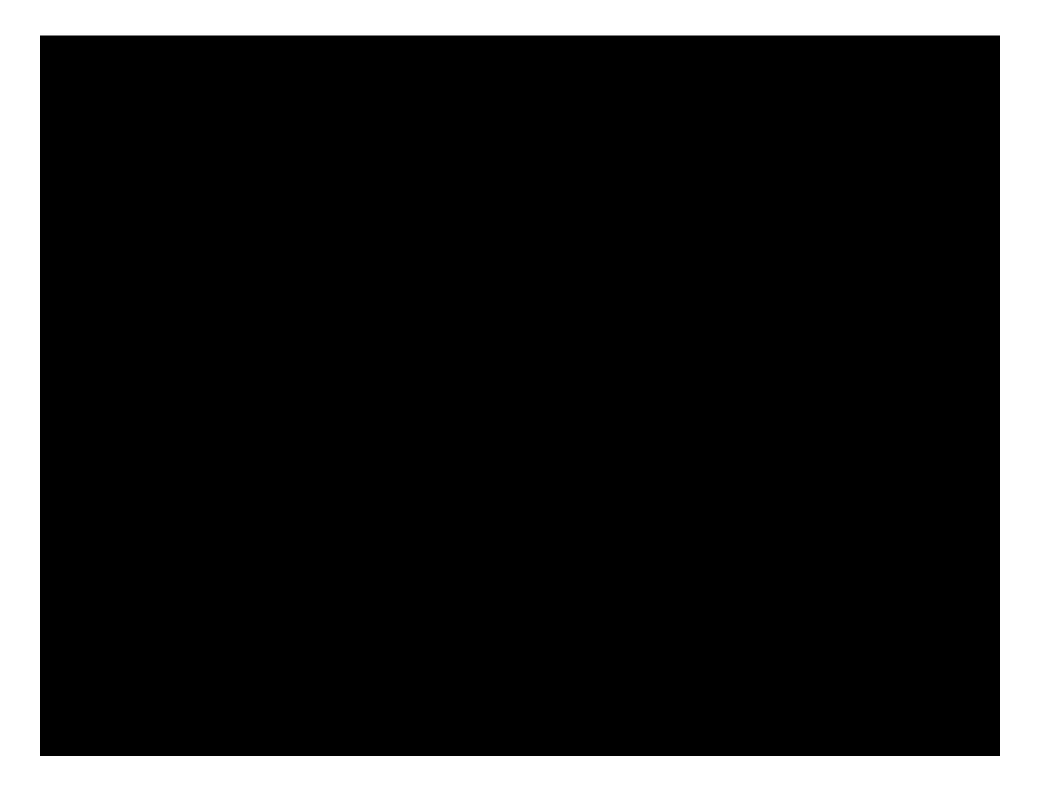


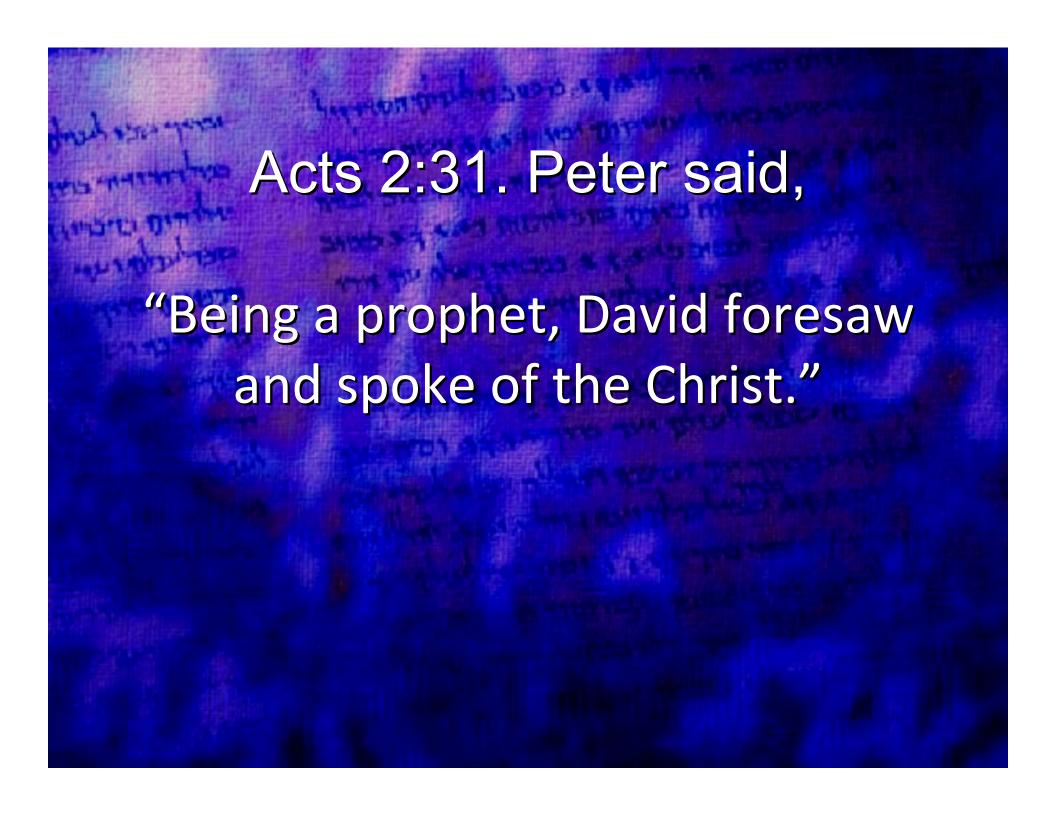




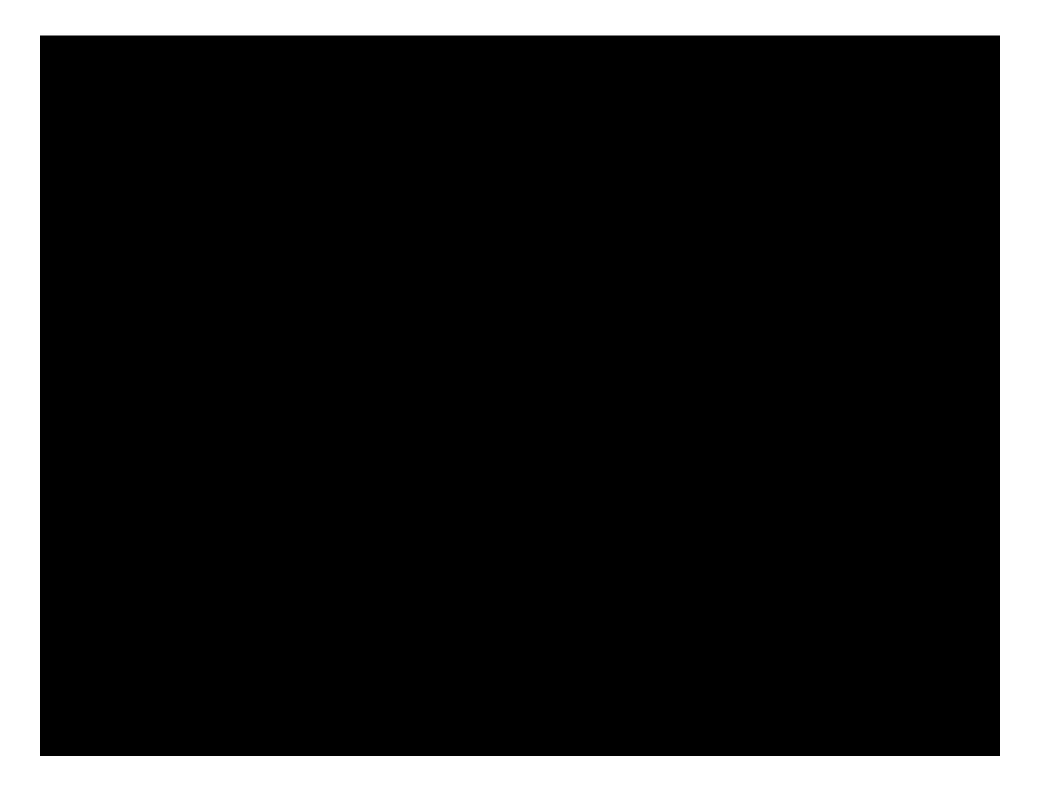


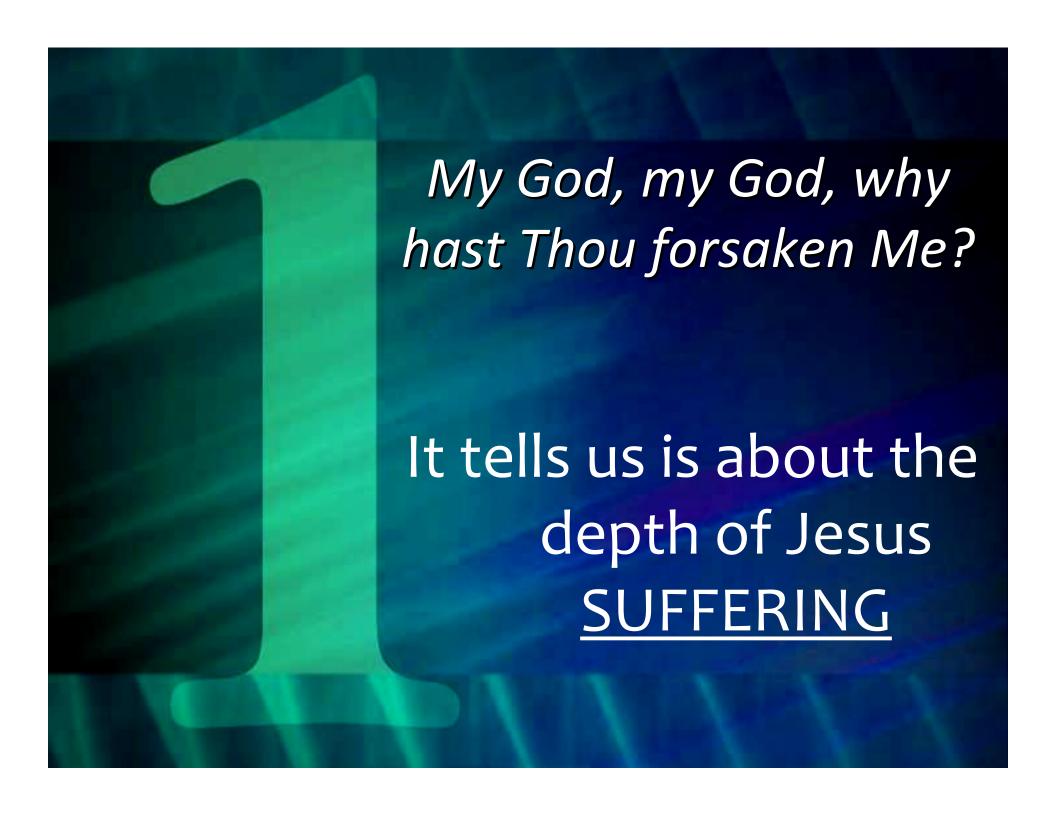


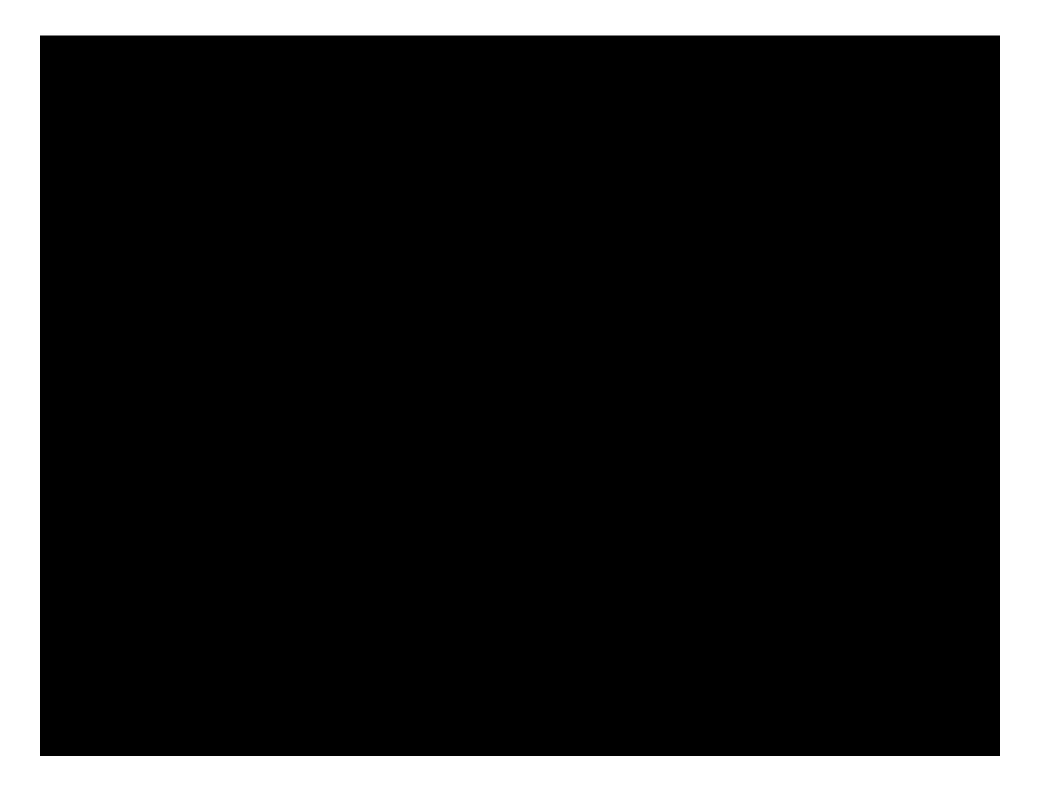


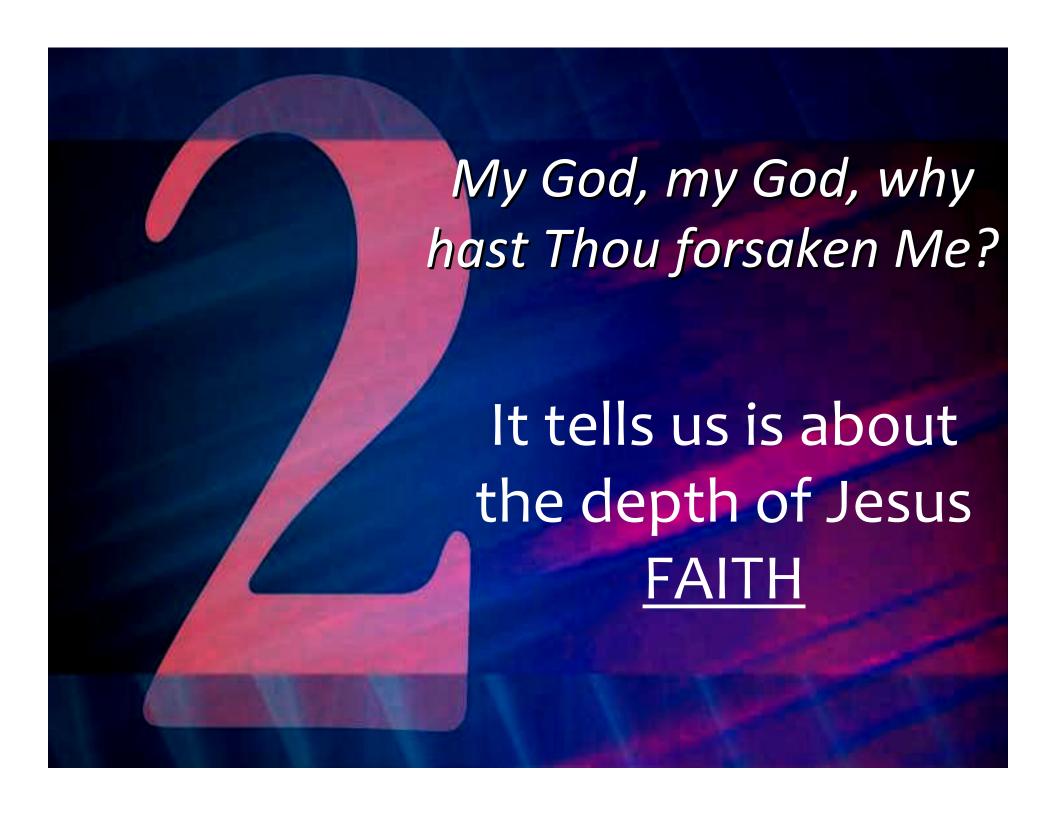


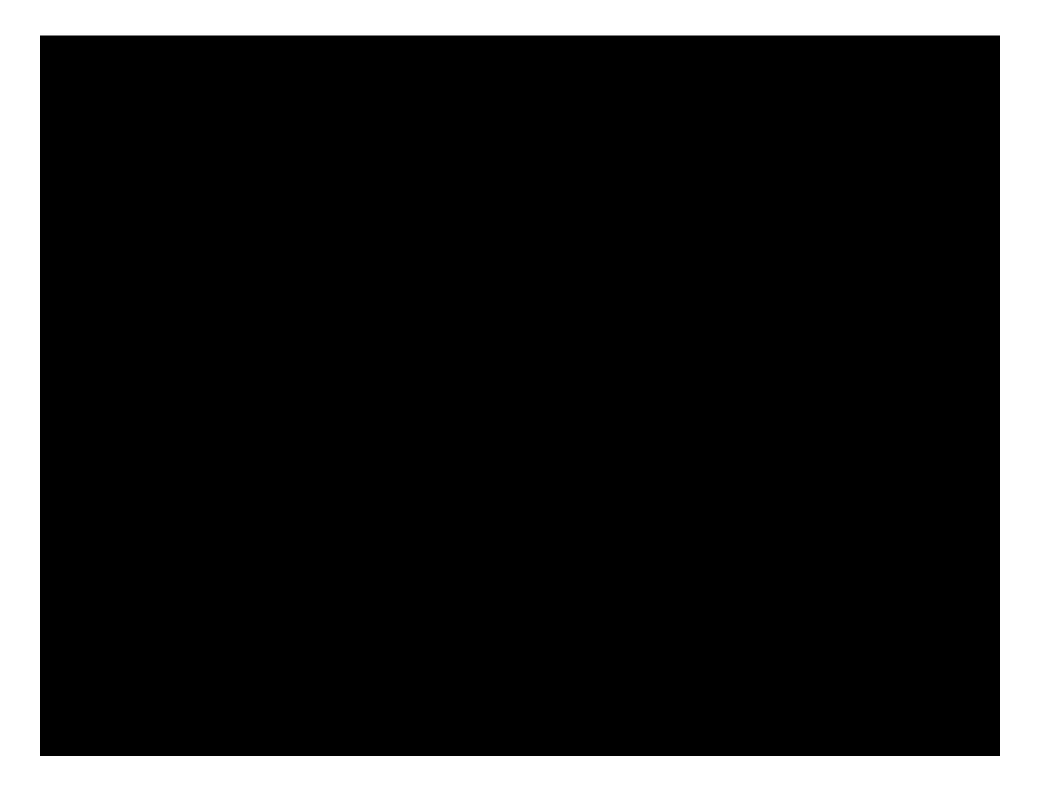
While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? 36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."' 37 David himself calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?" The large crowd listened to Mark 12:35-37 him with delight.

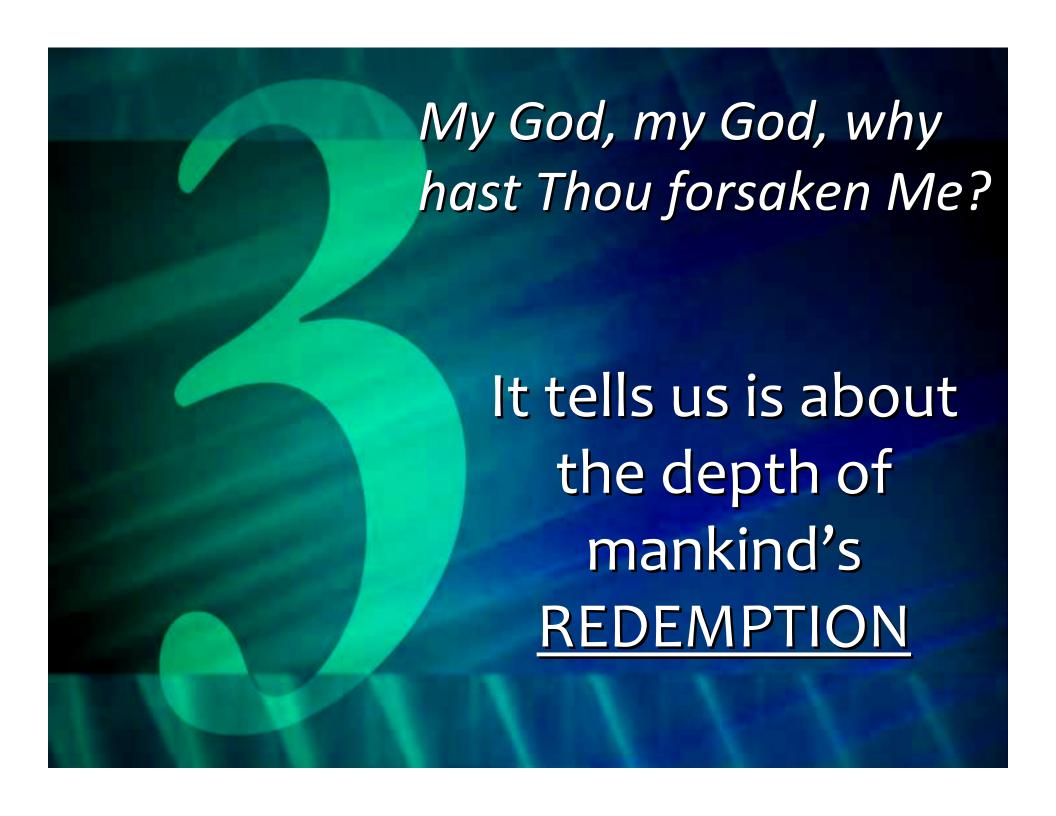


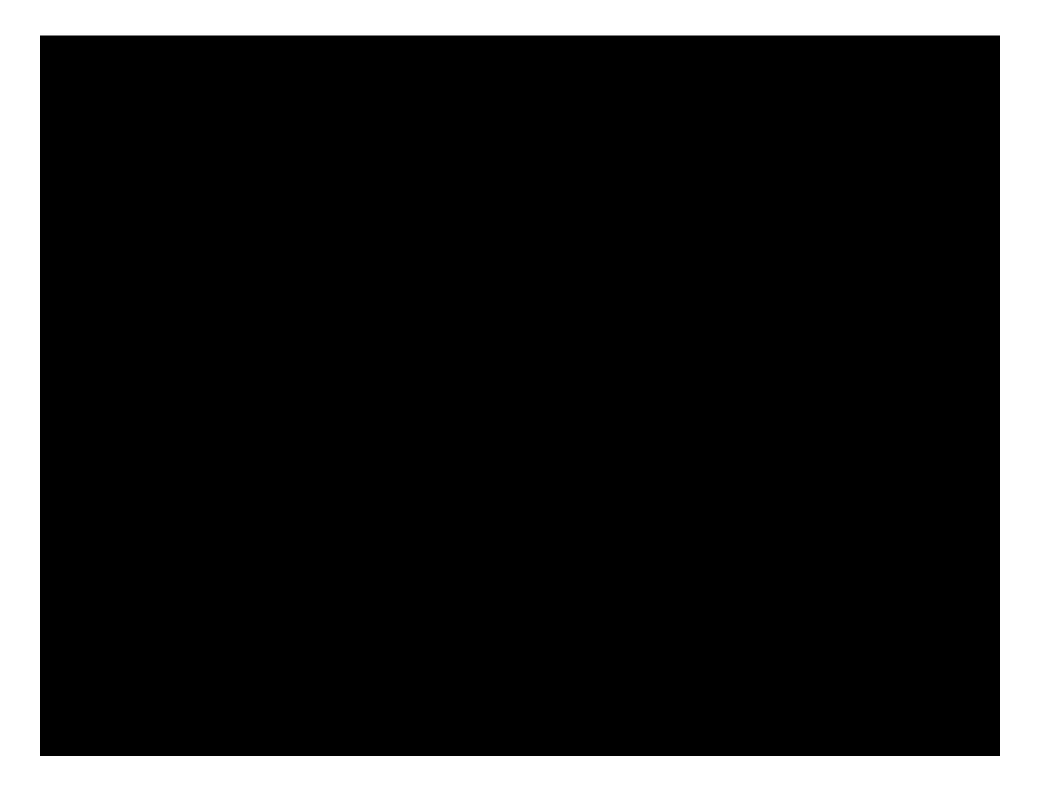


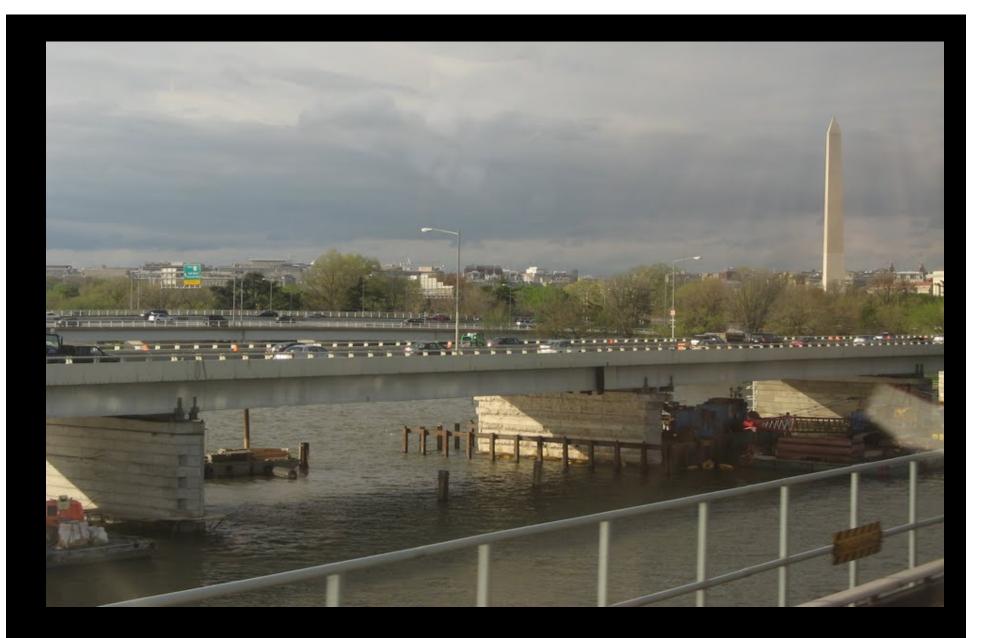












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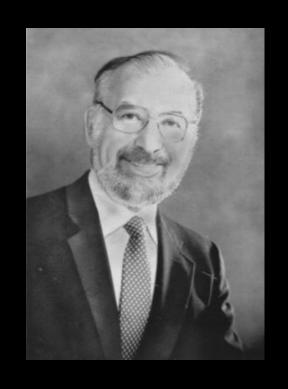
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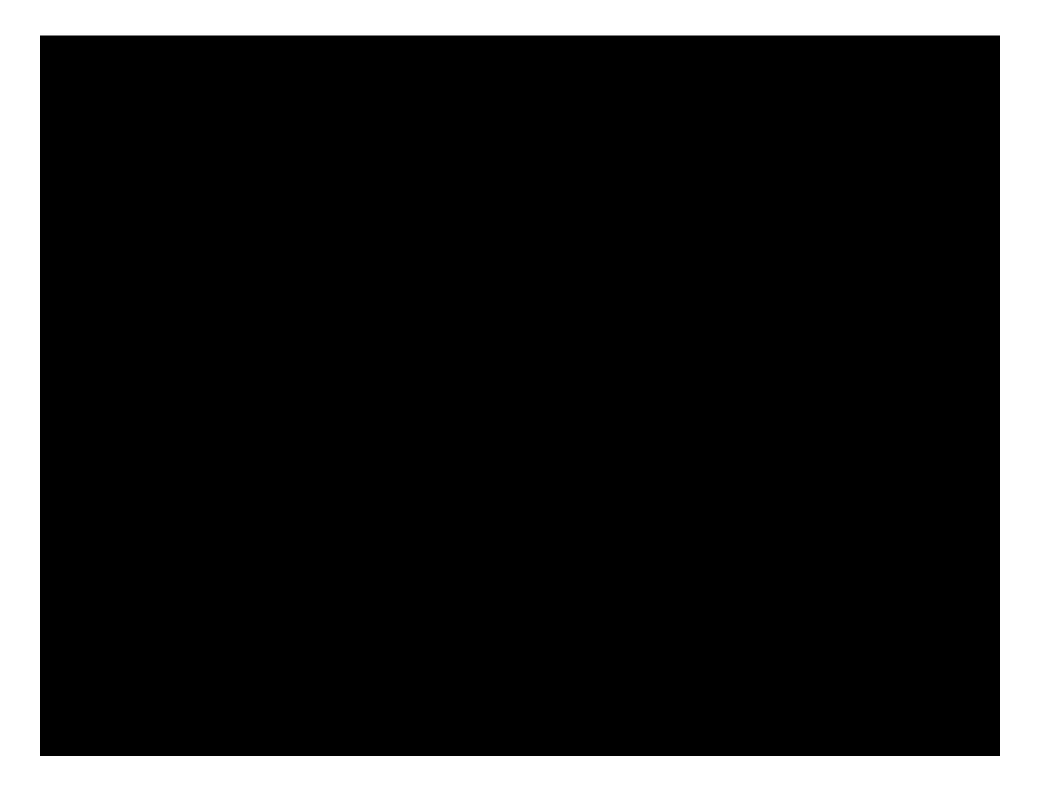
Arland D Williams

His heroism was not rash. Aware that his own strength was fading, he deliberately handed hope to someone else, and he did so repeatedly.



JRR Tolkein

"this is the essence of the most moving stories, when things are in danger, someone has to give them up, lose them, so that others may keep them."



1. Understanding the cry of Jesus Christ on the cross leads us to our own personal TRANSFORMATION



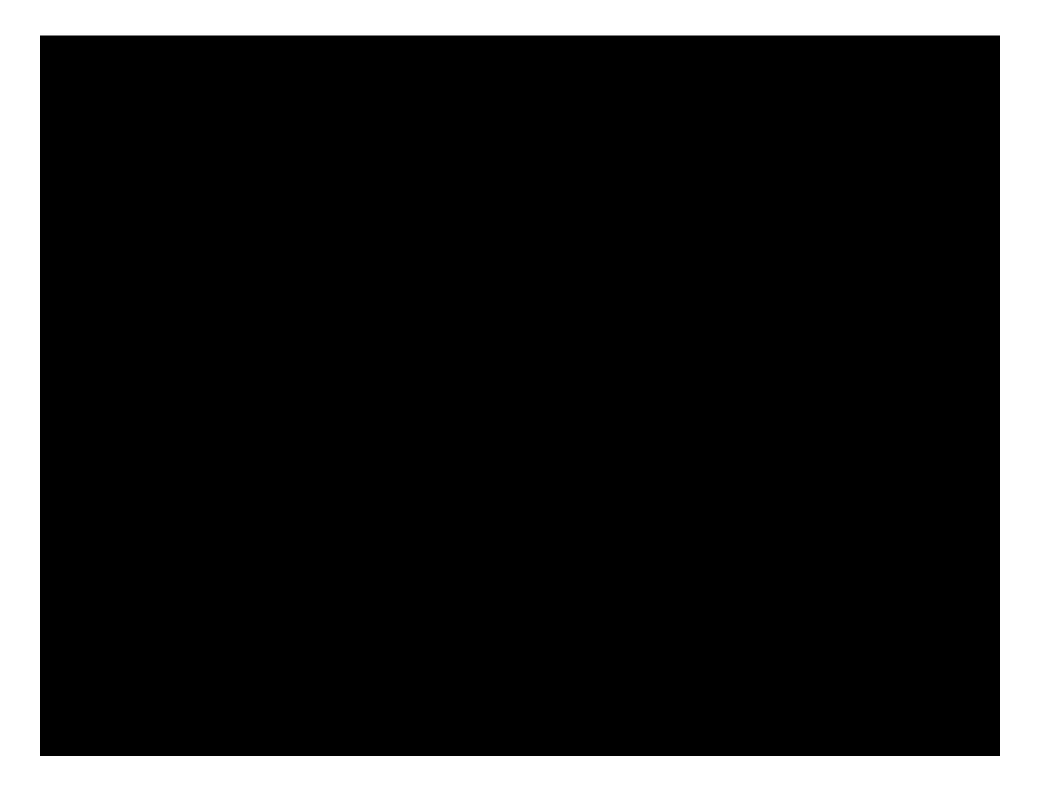
"... why hast thou forsaken me?"

means God is so holy that Jesus had to die.



"My God, my God"

means that Jesus was so loving that He was willing to die.



Here's the dilemma:

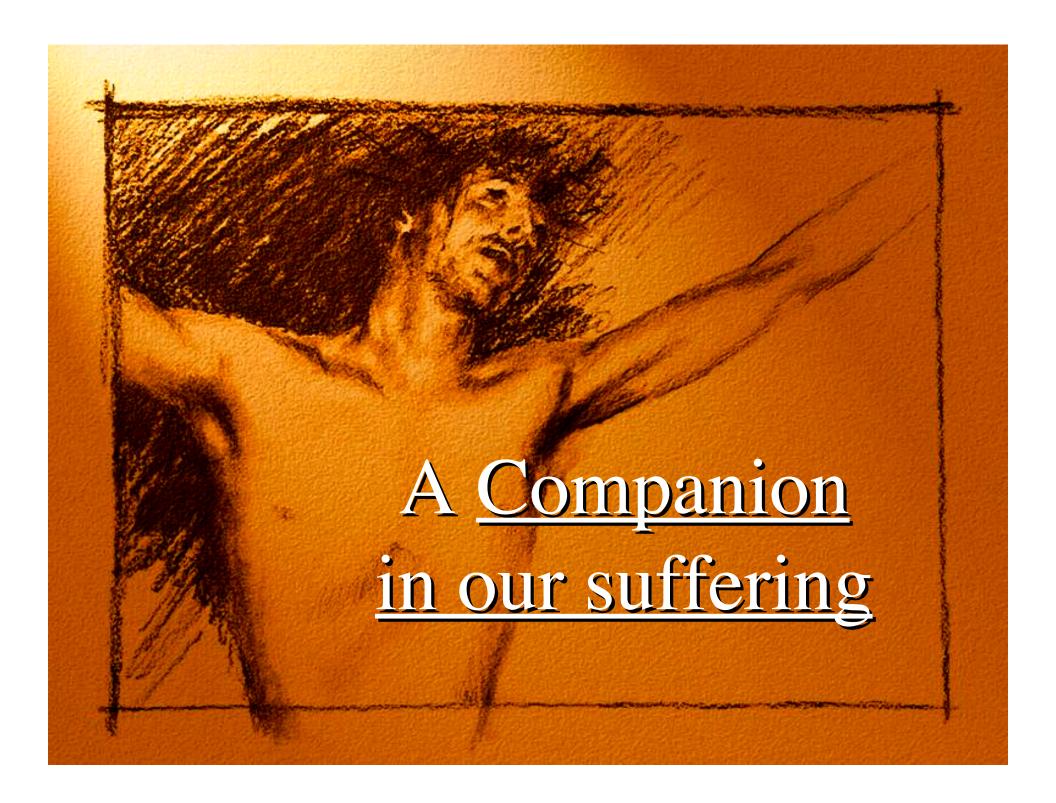
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A holy God who isn't loving isn't actually as holy as the biblical God.

"It makes me hate my sins because it led to his death. But it forbids me to hate myself because he did it for me, to make me free."

> Tim Keller

2. Understanding the cry of Jesus Christ on the cross gives us two great resources for our own SUFFERING





2 Corinthians 4:17 reads, 'For this light momentary affliction [which is only for a moment] is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison ...' "

3. Understanding the cry of Jesus Christ on the cross gives us resources for our own sense of ABANDONMENT

