

“But We
Trusted....”

The Great Disappointment



A Seething Nation

- Antiochus IV - 168 BC
- Maccabees or Hasmonaeans - 165 BC
- 63-37 BC 100,000 Jews died in revolts
- 37-70 BC 100,000 more Jews died



A Seething Nation

- Herod the Great - 37 BC
- Killed the rest of the Hasmonaean family
- Unprecedented taxation
- Killed the children of Bethlehem - 4 BC



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- Three sons took his place: Archelaus (Judaea and Samaria), Herod Antipas (Galilee), Philip (North and East of Galilee)
- Archelaus killed 3,000 Jews in the Temple



A Seething Nation

- Such insurrection resulted that finally Rome banished Archelaus and annexed Judaea and Samaria - AD 6
- First Roman procurator, Coponius, tried to levy a tax



A Seething Nation

- Such a violent revolt occurred (Acts 5:37) that Rome gave up on taxing the Jews directly
- Gave the responsibility to complicit Jews, known in the NT as Publicans







Prophecies of the Messiah

- Born of a virgin - Isaiah 7:14 (Matthew 1:18)
- Born in Bethlehem - Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:1)
- A Star - Numbers 24:17 (Matthew 2:2)



Evidences of the Messiah

- A forerunner - Malachi 4:5 (John 1:25-27)
- Miracle of Water to Wine - John 2:10-11
- Cleansing of the Temple - John 2:16



Evidences of the Messiah

- Made the lame to walk - John 5:8, 9
- Fed 5,000+ with five loaves and two fishes - John 6:10-13
- Confounded the educated - John 7:14, 15



Evidences of the Messiah

- Vanished as mob tried to kill Him - John 8:59
- Healed man born blind - John 9:1-7
- Escaped capture right in the Temple - John 10:39



Evidences of the Messiah

- Raised the dead to life - John 11:43, 44
- Triumphal Entry - John 12:12-15





And then...it was really confusing.



- Did the job of a servant - and washed His disciples' dirty feet! - John 13:5

And then...it was really confusing.



- Began acting depressed and said He was going to be betrayed - John 13:21

And then...it was really confusing.



- Described how He was about to leave (??!!) and go to His Father's house to prepare a place - John 14:1-3

And then...it was really confusing.



- Told us we'd be persecuted - John 15:20

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- Was saying more strange things: “A little while, and you won’t see me; and after a little while, you will see me.” - John 16:16

And then...it was really confusing.



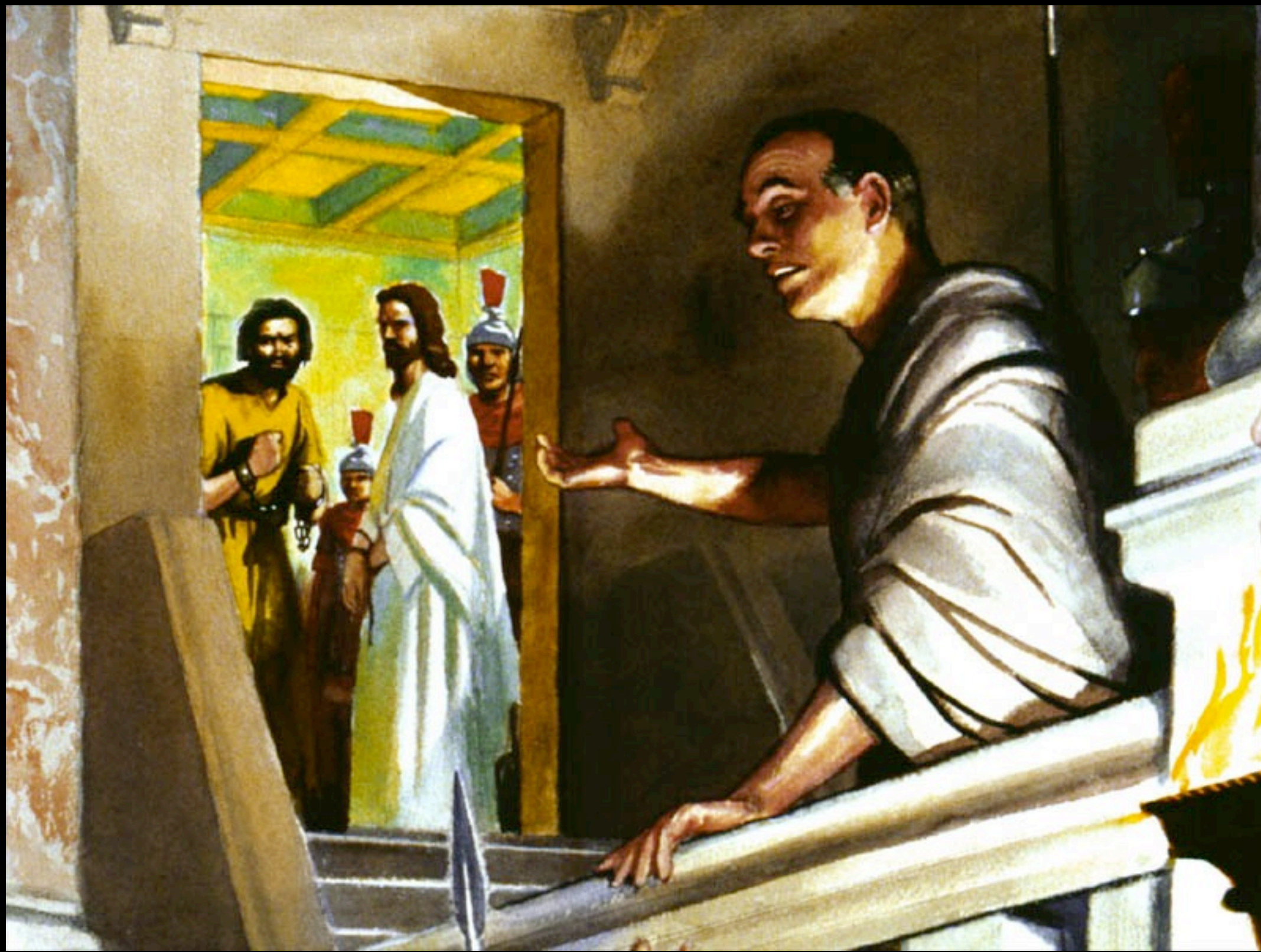
- Was praying that we would be with Him where He is, and see His glory - John 17:24

And then...it all fell apart.



- Allowed Judas to betray Him - John 18:3

And then...it all fell apart.



- Was taken to Annas and Caiaphas and Pilate - John 18:13, 28

And then...it all fell apart.



- Herod wanted to see a miracle - and He didn't perform one! - Luke 23:8

And then...it all fell apart.



- Was whipped and beaten and a crown of thorns was crushed into His head - John 19:1, 2

And then...it all fell apart.



- They took Him to the place of the skull, Golgotha - John 19:17

And then...it all fell apart.



- He was nailed to the cross, right in front of His mother Mary and others - John 19:18, 25

And then...it all fell apart.



- He was taunted, You saved others - save yourself! - Luke 23:35





But we trusted....

- Two disappointed disciples - Luke 24:13-14
- “And they talked together of all these things which had happened.”



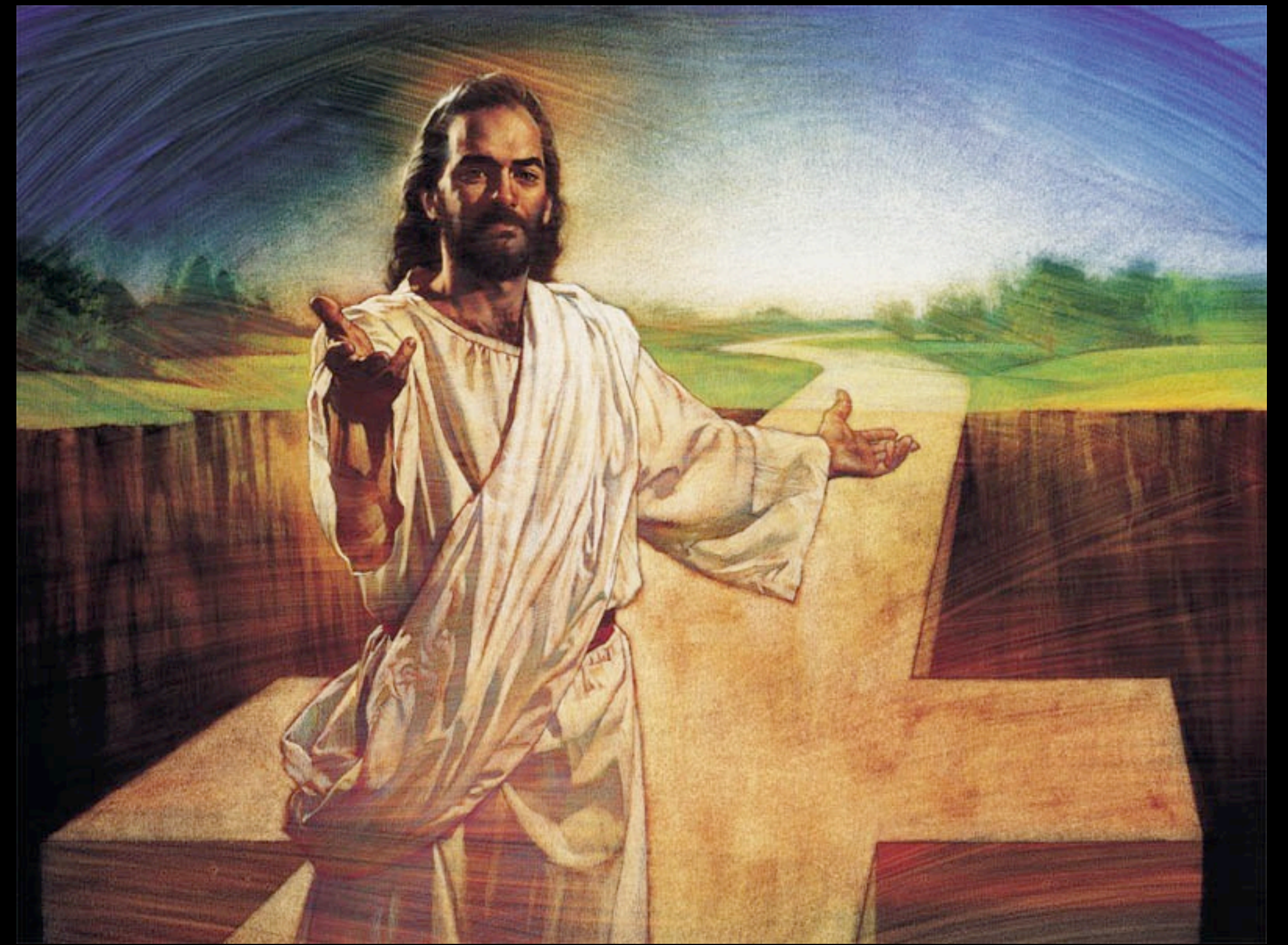
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- Joined by a stranger - Luke 24:15-17
- “He asked them, What are you discussing together as you walk along? They stood still, their faces downcast.” NIV



It all becomes clear....

- The Savior explains -
Luke 24:25-27
- “Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?”







A silhouette of Jesus Christ on the cross, set against a vibrant, glowing background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep orange at the bottom to a bright yellow at the top. The cross is a simple wooden structure, and the figure of Christ is clearly visible on it. The overall mood is solemn and powerful.

Romans 1:16

“I am not ashamed
of the gospel of
Christ, for it is the
power of God unto
salvation.”

