

Time of Fulfillment!

PASSION WEEK

THE STORY OF THE CRUCIFIXION

24 Prophecies Fulfilled



Crisis for Jesus

- What *is* Jesus facing?
 - Hint: Focus on His *humanity* to appreciate His challenges.
 - Remember: He is not a *masochist*.



Baptism of Suffering

Luke 12: 49-50

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! **"But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!"**

**The anticipation/dread of knowing what will transpire.
Great distress!**

Baptism of Suffering

Luke 12: 49-50

- What will this “baptism” consist of?
 - Physical pain – unimaginable!
 - Emotional pain - mocked, disrespected, indignity.
 - Anguish of bearing the guilt of humanities sins!
 - Spiritual pain --
 - Anguish of being separated from the Father.

Saturday: Day of rest in the tomb (High Sabbath).

Sunday: RESURRECTION DAY!



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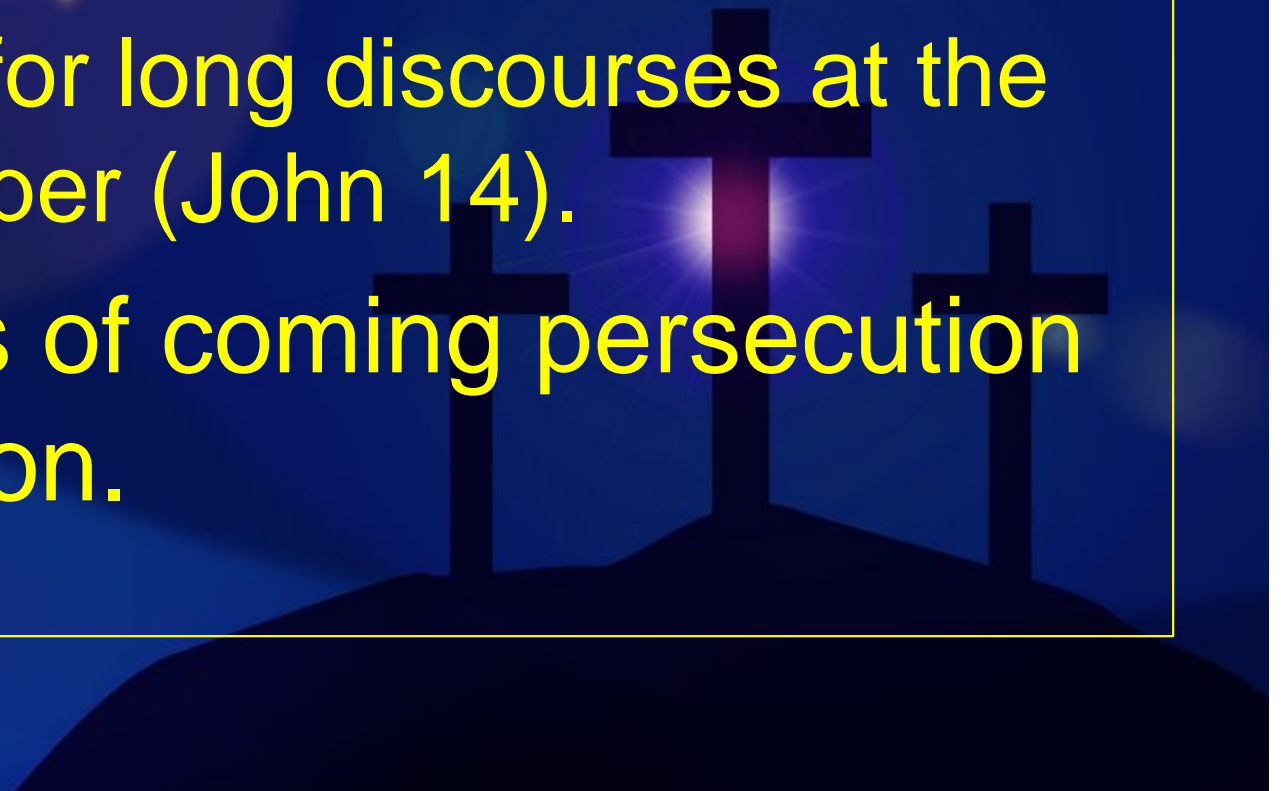


New: Impending Crisis!

- Impending Crisis is three-fold!!
 - Jesus
 - Disciples (Mary)
 - Jewish Nation
 - All of three of these will be hard on Jesus and on His mind. He is not just concerned about Himself.
 - All become *intertwined* together as the plot thickens and comes to a climax!

Crisis for Disciples

- His crisis will be theirs also. How will they fare? He will not be with them for the first time.
 - Reason for long discourses at the Last supper (John 14).
- Warnings of coming persecution and division.



Warnings about Division/Persecution

Luke 12:51-53

51 " Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; 52 for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. 53 "They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Crisis for His Disciples

Luke 12:8-12

- 8 "And I say to you, everyone who **confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God;** 9 **but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.**
 - Who will deny Him three times?
- 11 "When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

- **Palm Sunday** – First business day.
Triumphal Entry! The Messiah!
- **Monday** – 2nd Cleansing of the Temple!
- **Tuesday** – Three key events:
 - *Day of Controversy* in the Temple (Luke 20.)
 - *Widow and the two mites* (Luke 21:1-4).
 - *Olivet Discourse* and the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 21: 29-36, Matt 24).

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Wednesday: Day of Rest in Bethany. No recorded events!

Thursday: Day of Preparation. Kill the Passover lamb.

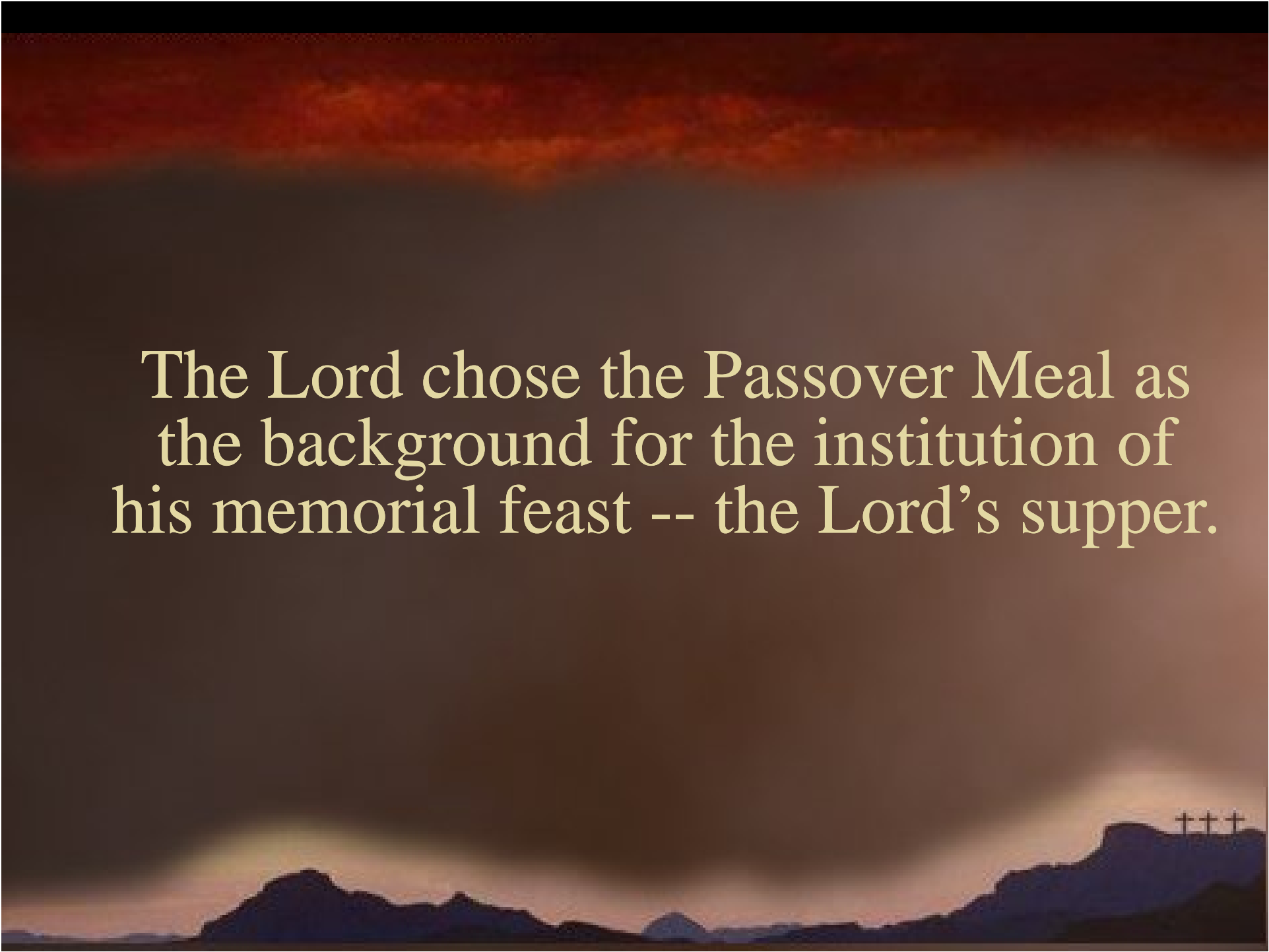
Thursday after 6:00 p.m. – The Last Supper, Betrayal, Gethsemane, Arrest, Trials of Jesus.

Good Friday: The Passover. Crucifixion (9-3), incomplete Burial.

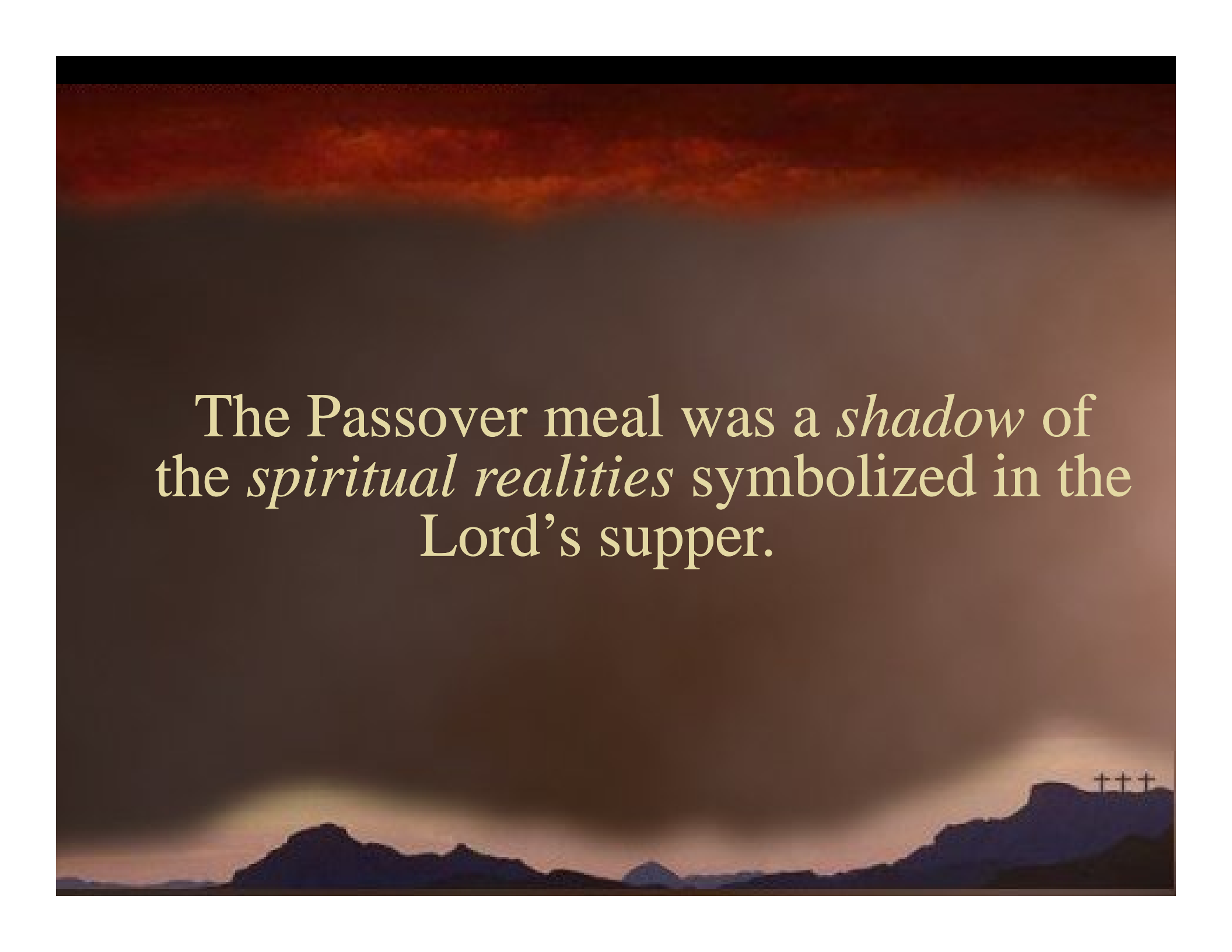
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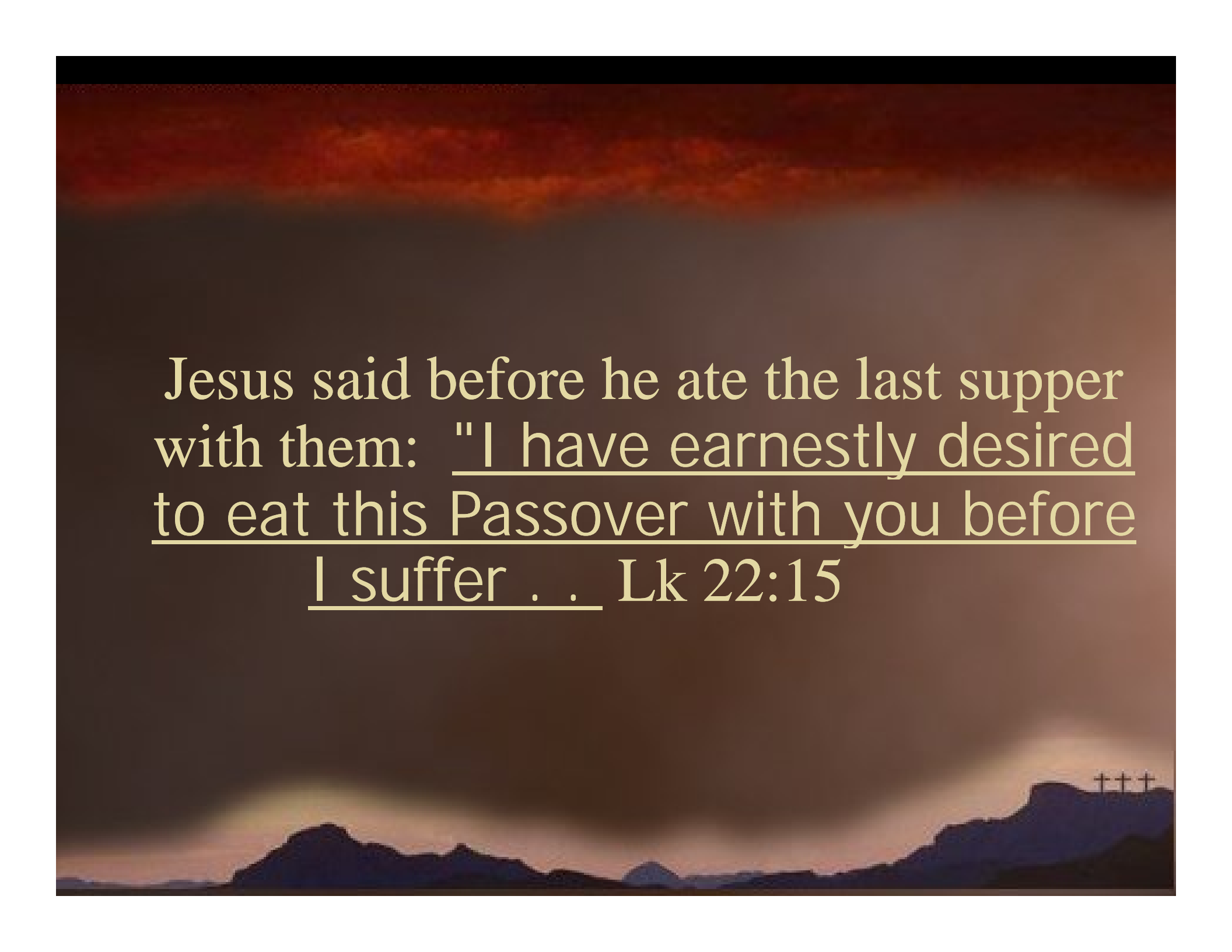




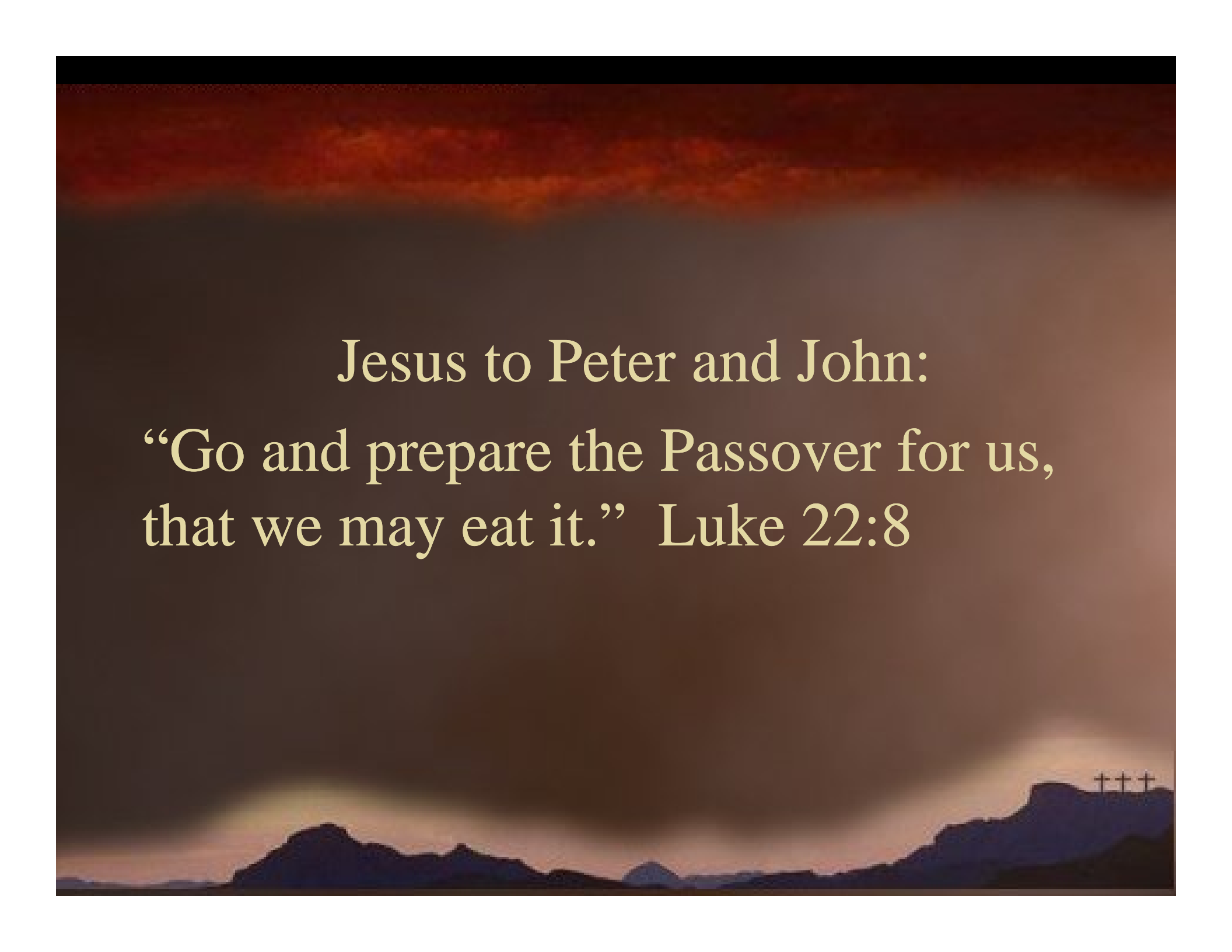
The Lord chose the Passover Meal as
the background for the institution of
his memorial feast -- the Lord's supper.



The Passover meal was a *shadow* of the *spiritual realities* symbolized in the Lord's supper.



Jesus said before he ate the last supper
with them: "I have earnestly desired
to eat this Passover with you before
I suffer . . . Lk 22:15



Jesus to Peter and John:
“Go and prepare the Passover for us,
that we may eat it.” Luke 22:8

Things needed to prepare

- Secure and prepare a room in Jerusalem
- Luke 22:7-13 “Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it." 9 They said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?" 10 And He said to them, "When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters. 11 "And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'" 12 "And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there." 13 And they left and found everything just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

Things needed to prepare

- **Clean room, sweep it, search for leaven.**
- **Get and kill the lamb (temple complex)**
- **Prepare the meal – roasted with fire. Ex 12:8**
- **Unleaven Bread – without yeast. Ex 12:34**
- **Bitter Herbs – Ex 12:8**
- **Bowls of Salt Water**
- **Charosheth – brick shape fruit and pastry**
 - **Mixture of apples, dates, pomegranates, and grapes**
 - **Running through it were sticks of cinnamon.**

The four cups

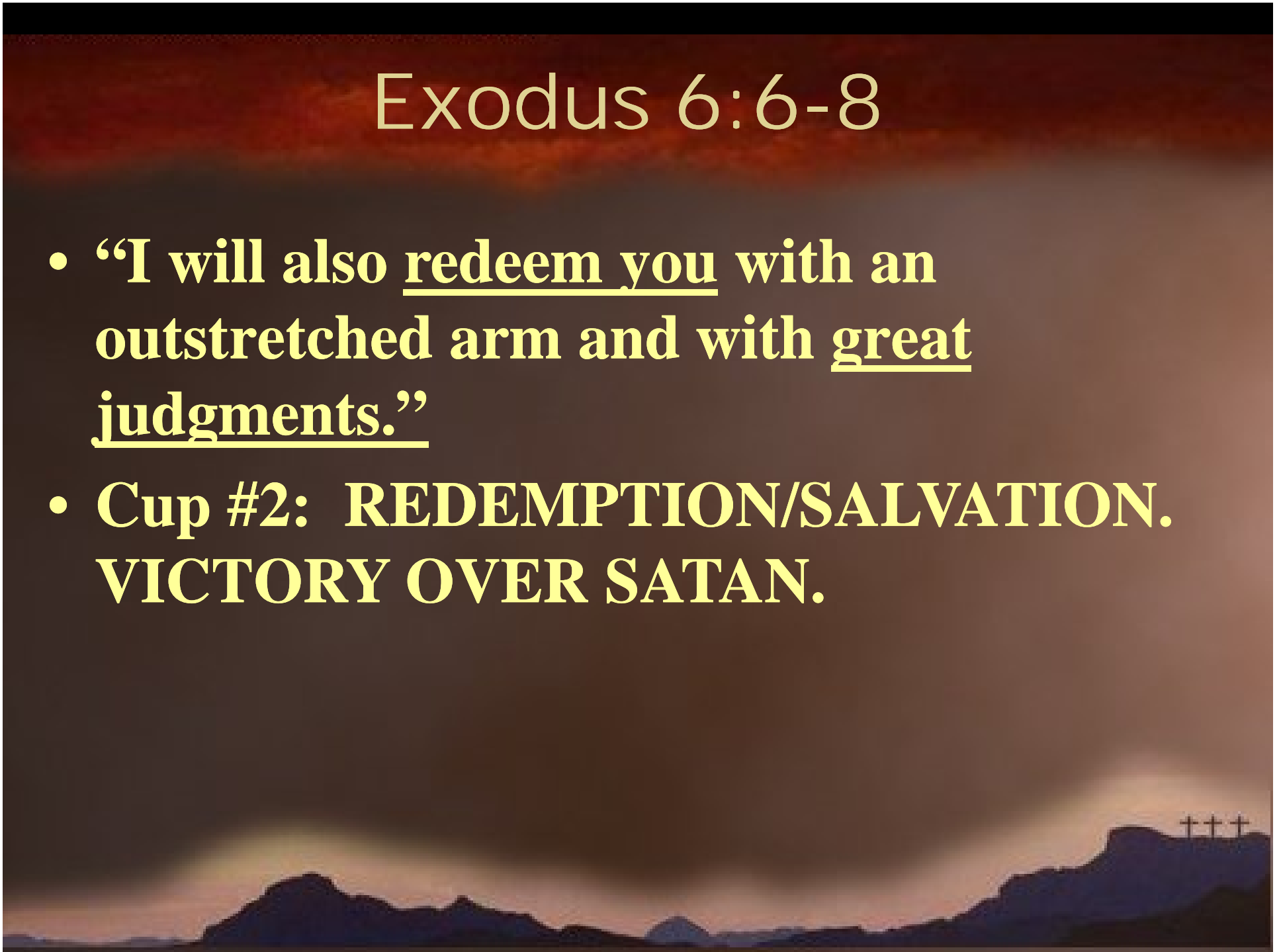
- **Fruit of the Vine (4 cups). Added by tradition.**
 - **Talmud: “If one does not have enough money to get four cups of wine, he must get from the poor box or pawn his coat or hire himself out.”**
 - **Each cup $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of wine, diluted 2 parts wine and 3 parts water.**
 - **Each represented the four promises given in Exodus 6:6-8 which were originally too good to be true!**

Exodus 6:6-9

- 6 "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ' I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage.
– Cup #1: Deliverance/Freedom

Exodus 6:6-8

- “I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.”
- **Cup #2: REDEMPTION/SALVATION. VICTORY OVER SATAN.**



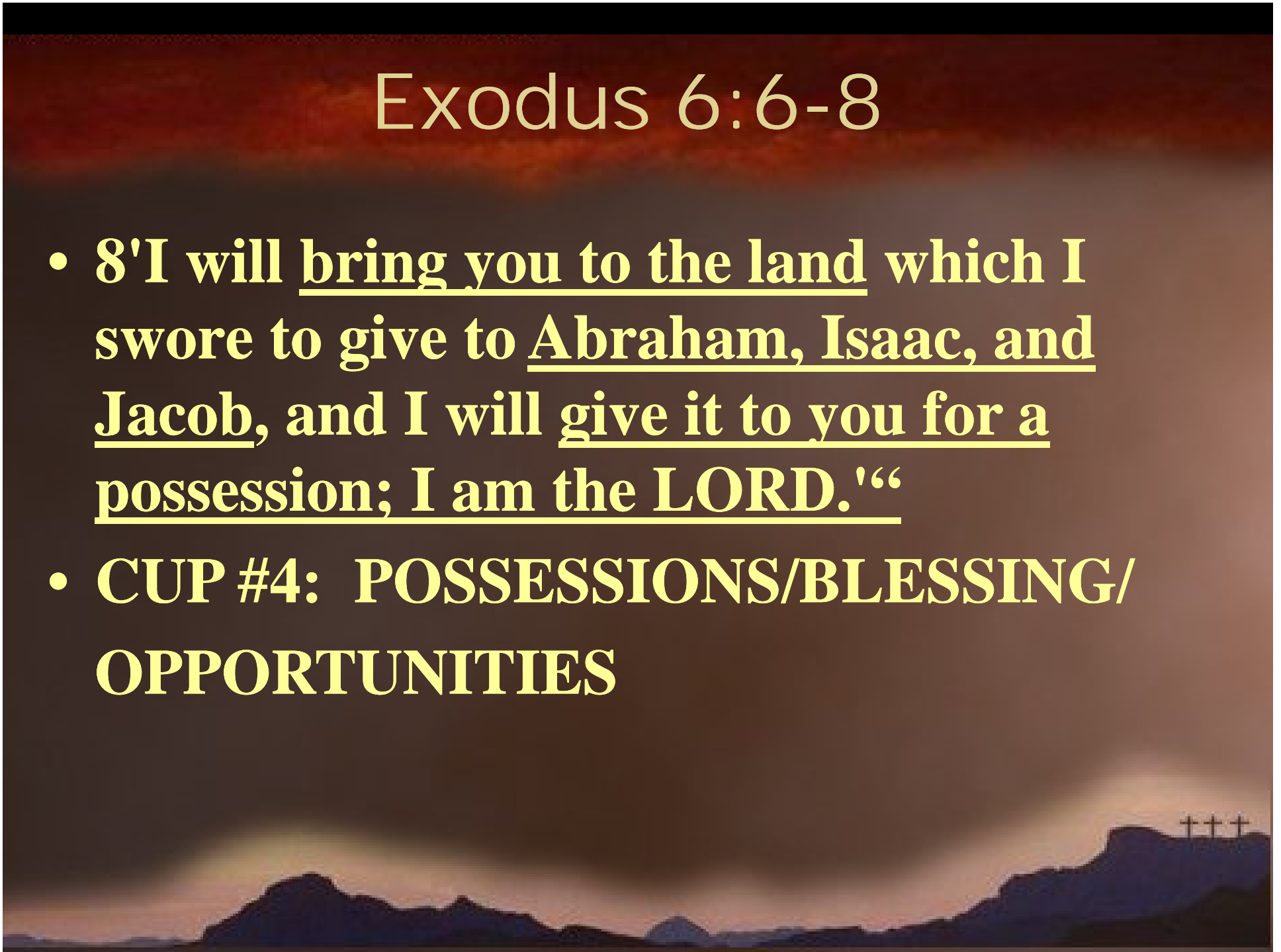
Exodus 6:6-8

- 7' Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”
- **Cup #3: OWNERSHIP/PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP.**



Exodus 6:6-8

- 8'I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the LORD.'“
- CUP #4: POSSESSIONS/BLESSING/
OPPORTUNITIES



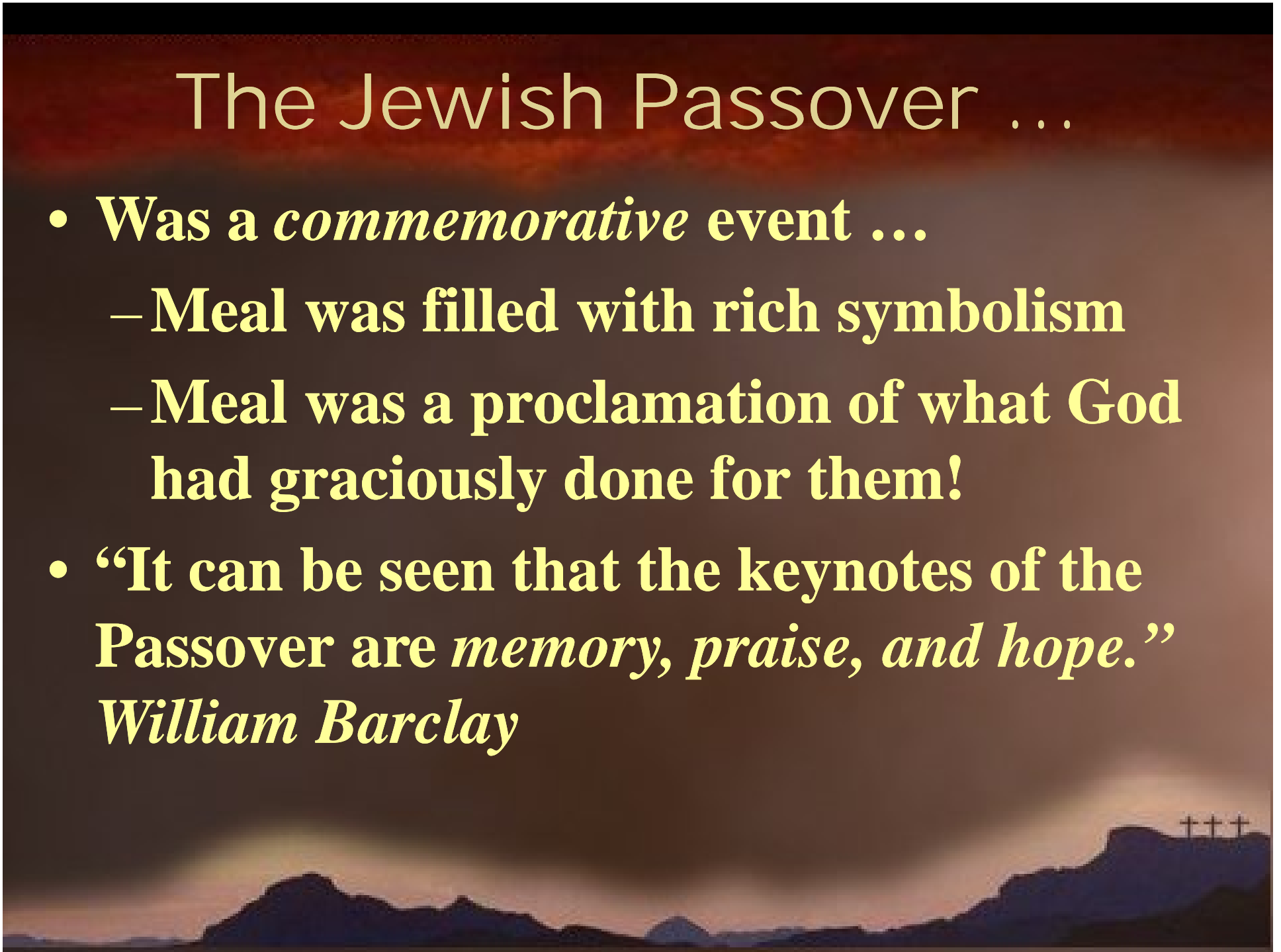
Good news!!

- **9 So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their *despondency* and *cruel bondage*.**
- **Initially did not believe God would or could do what he promised!!**



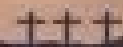
The Jewish Passover ...

- **Was a *commemorative* event ...**
 - Meal was filled with rich symbolism
 - Meal was a proclamation of what God had graciously done for them!
- **“It can be seen that the keynotes of the Passover are *memory, praise, and hope.*”**
William Barclay



Procedure for a typical Passover

- **Begin with “first cup of blessing.”**
 - **Prayer of thanksgiving for God delivering them from Egypt. Ex 6:6**
- **Leader stands and washes his hands three times**
- **Bitter herbs taken and dipped in salt water and eaten. Ex 12:22**
- **The breaking of the bread.**
 - **Three cakes – representing the God/Messiah/HS**
 - **The center one represents the Messiah/Son of God!**
 - **Jesus probably took the center cake and broke it and said: “This is my body.”**



Procedure for the Passover

- The proclaiming. Father says: “Why is this night different than any other night?”
Response – “It is Jehovah’s Passover.”
- Father explains to the children their heritage and the meaning of the meal. Ex 13:8
- The Hallel (Praise God). Ps 113-118. Singing of Ps 113-114 as a family.
- The Second cup –Cup of deliverance/redemption! Ex 6:6-8
- All participants wash their hands, prayer is said before the meal is begun.

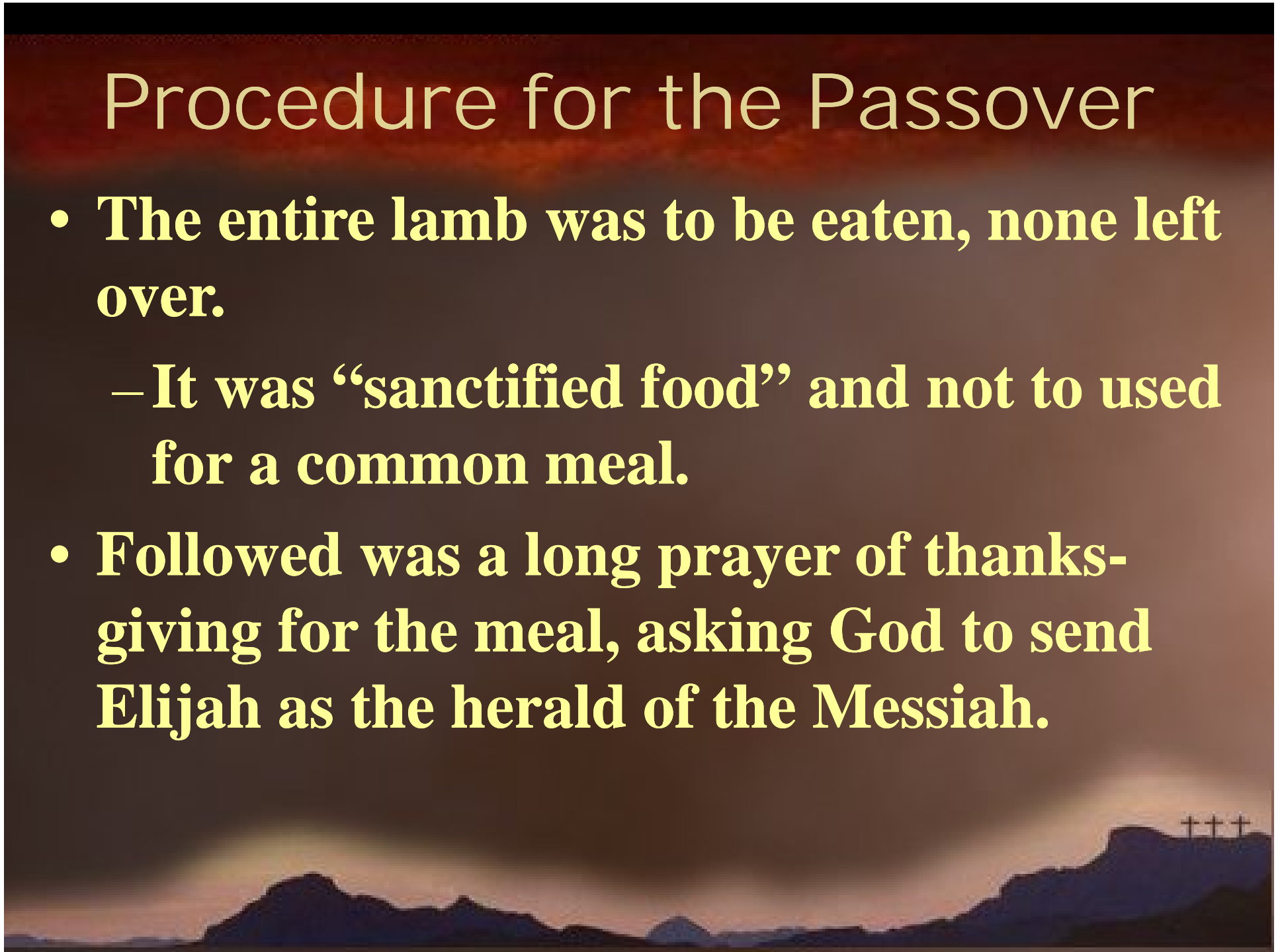


Procedure for the Passover

- Small pieces of unleaven bread are distributed and eaten along with herbs.
- The “SOP” – bitter herbs placed between pieces of unleavened bread and dipped into the fruit sauce (charosheth)/salt water.
 - Jesus: John 13:21-26 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.
 - 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. 25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? 26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

Procedure for the Passover

- **The entire lamb was to be eaten, none left over.**
 - It was “sanctified food” and not to be used for a common meal.
- **Followed was a long prayer of thanksgiving for the meal, asking God to send Elijah as the herald of the Messiah.**



Procedure of Passover Meal

- **Cup #3 – the cup of Thanksgiving for the relationship they enjoy with God.**
 - **Prayer: “Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast created the fruit of the vine.”**
- **The second part of the Hallel is sung (Ps 115-118) followed by “The Great Hallel” (Ps 136).**

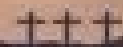


Final Song

- **The Great Hallel – Ps 136**
 - Responsive singing/chanting.
 - One reads, the other responds... “For His loving kindness endureth forever.”
 - Vs 1-3 **Thanksgiving**
 - Vs 4-9 Praise for His role in **Creation**
 - Vs 10-26 Been with us through out our history, **remembered us and delivered us!**

Procedure of the Passover Meal

- **Fourth Cup** -- Promises made, benefits given but they must be received as good stewards.
“The cup of choosing.”
- **Two brief closing prayers....**
- **Finally: “It is finished.”**
 - **The greatest event of OT – Exodus is commemorated in a meal**
 - **The greatest event of NT – D/B/R is commemorated in a meal!**



Luke 22:14-23

When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. 15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is *fulfilled* in the kingdom of God."

17 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, (Cup #3 – Cup of Thanksgiving) He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes!"

19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."



NT application

- **God has provided four promises today!**
 - **#1. I am Jesus and I can lift your burdens and release you from the bondage of sin! Matt 11:28-30**
 - **#2. I gave my life for you, redeemed you, bought you back from Satan with outstretched arms . . . Jn 10:11; I Peter 1:18-20.**



NT Application

- **#3. Accept me and avoid condemnation, and become one of my own as you become one of God's children! John 10:14-16**
 - 14 " I am the good shepherd , and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- **#4. I will bring you into the land of promise and fulfill what I promised to Abraham and provide wonderful blessing. Jn 14:2-3**



"His loving kindness endures
forever" but your time to choose
Him is short lived!!



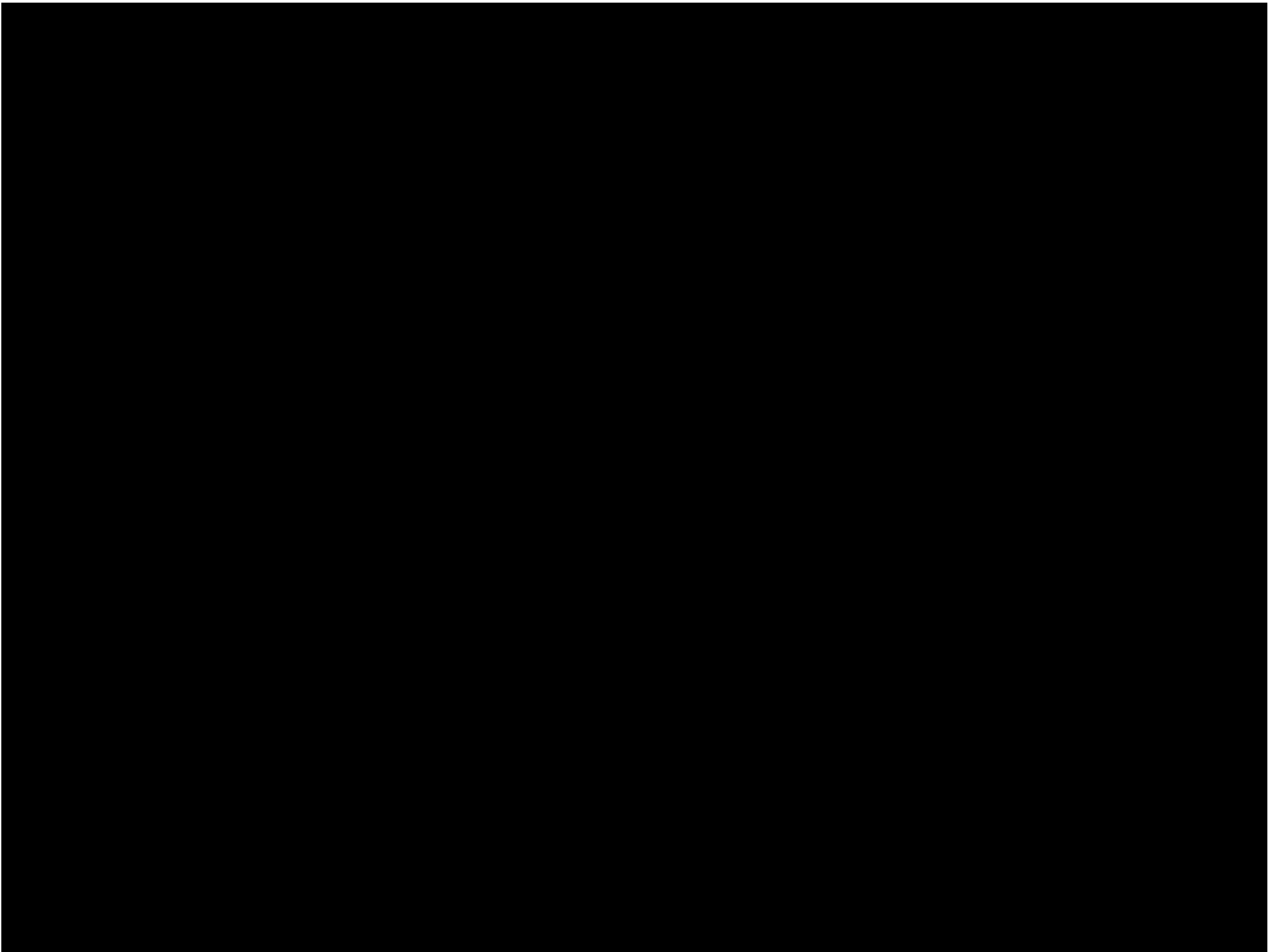
Jews left an empty seat at the Passover table, believing the Messiah might appear



2 PETER 3: 9-10

- **9. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.**
- **10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.**





Crisis for His Mother Mary

- What was she told in the temple at his birth?
 - Lk 1: 35 “A sword shall pierce through thy own soul.”
 - Lk 1: 51 “She kept all of these sayings in her heart.”
 - Others may have doubted Jesus was God’s son, but Mary knew for a fact! Why? What?
 - Jn 19:25-26 Mary was there. And Jesus does what?

Crisis for Jerusalem

- What does Jesus do as soon as He sees the skyline of the city as He enters?
 - Matt 23:37 He weeps! “Oh Jerusalem!”
 - Reason for the Olivet discourse—Matt 24.
 - What did the Jewish people tell Pilate?
 - Matt 27: 24-25 “Let His blood be on us and our children.”
 - What did the earthquake represent at Calvary?
 - In foretelling the destruction Jesus said it would be the worst suffering ever, (Matt 24:21) and it would a part of His reign and a triumphal sign of His coming kingdom (Lk 21:31).

“Man of Sorrows” Isa 53

- “Jesus Wept” Jn 11:35
 - Over Jerusalem – Lk 19:41, Mt 23:37
 - Over Lazarus – Jn 11 (Empathy – M & M)
 - At Gethsemane – Lk 22:44
 - “Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.”*
- “He learned obedience through the things that He suffered” (Heb 5:8).

What does it mean to take up your cross?

- “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Lk 9:23).
 - First—must “deny self.” “Die daily.” Rm 12:1
 - What about illness, trouble = “cross bear?”
 - These are things done voluntarily!
Sacrificial acts done for the glory of God.

Christ's attitude toward His enemies

- On the cross, what did He say?
 - “Father, forgive them.”
 - Stephen said what in Acts 7?
- What does 1 Peter 2:23 say?
 - “When He was reviled, He reviled not again;
 - When he suffered, He threatened not;
 - but instead did what?
 - He committed Himself to Him that judges righteously.”
- *Are you getting to know Jesus better?*

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