



# What is

# LENT?

Lent is a period of 40 days during which many Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity.

# JESUS fasts for 40 days and 40 nights

Matt. 4:2;  
Mark 1:13;  
Luke 4:2

**40 silver bases**  
support the north and 40  
silver bases support  
the south sides of  
the tabernacle  
Exod. 26:18-21;  
36:23-26

After his  
**RESURRECTION**,  
Jesus appears  
to the disciples  
for **40 days**  
Acts 1:3

## Bible Numbers 40

Moses  
remains on Mount Sinai  
for **40 days and 40 nights**  
Exod. 24:18; Deut. 9:9

Moses is **40** years old when  
he flees to the Midian desert  
Acts 7:23-29

God vows to make Egypt  
desolate for **40 years**  
Ezek. 29:11-13

The Israelites wander  
in the wilderness for **40 years**  
Num. 14:33-34; Josh. 5:6; Ps. 95:10; Amos 2:10; Acts 7:36

**KING DAVID**  
reigns for  
**40 years**  
2 Sam. 5:4;  
1 Kings 2:11;  
1 Chron. 29:26-27

Punishments  
are not to  
exceed  
**40 LASHES**  
Deut. 25:3

**KING SOLOMON**  
reigns for  
**40 years**  
1 Kings 11:42; 2 Chron. 9:30

The prophet  
**Ezekiel**  
lies on his  
side for 40 days,  
symbolically  
bearing Judah's  
sins  
Ezek. 4:6

It rains for  
**40 days and  
40 nights**  
during  
**NOAH'S**  
flood  
Gen. 7:4, 12, 17

**KING SAUL**  
reigns for  
**40 years**  
Acts 13:21



why lent?



**PRAY**

IS LOVE FOR GOD

**FAST**

IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF

**GIVE**

IS LOVE FOR OTHERS

Impact Series

## THE THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS

Reflections on His Cross and Ours



Daniel M. Deutschlander

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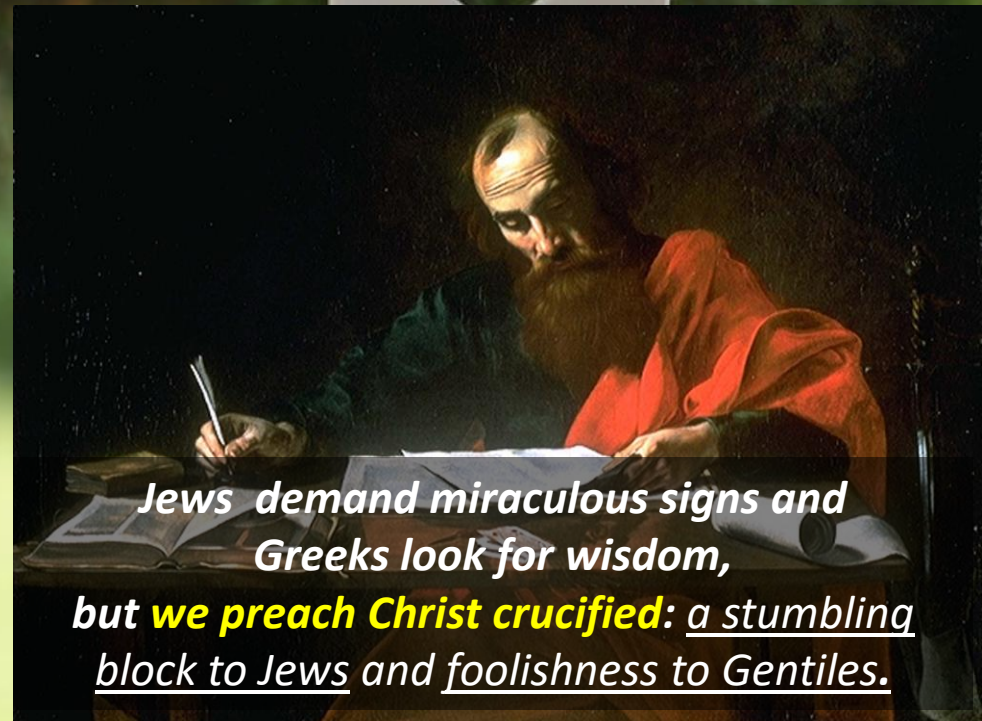
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# *1 Corinthians 1:18-31* *Signs, Wisdom, or Cross?*

## Jews, Gentiles And The Church Age

THE JEW AND CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

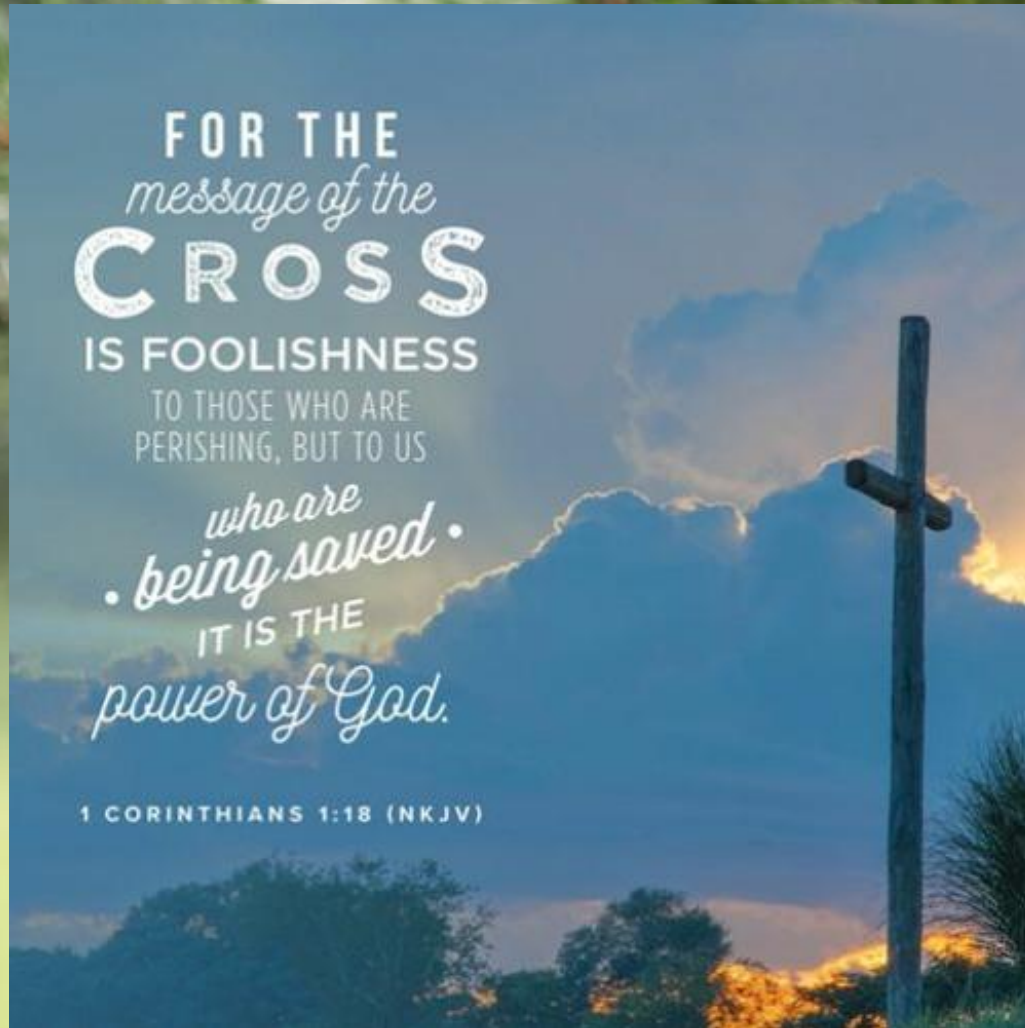
Kenneth G. Symes



*Jews demand miraculous signs and  
Greeks look for wisdom,  
but **we preach Christ crucified**: a stumbling  
block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.*

# ***1 Corinthians 1:18-31***

## ***Do Not Miss What Matter Most?***



# *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

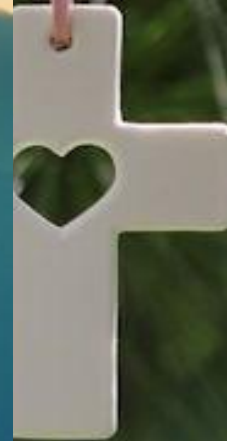
## *Christ Made Us Right with God*

God has united you with  
Christ Jesus. For our benefit  
God made him to be wisdom itself.

*Christ made us  
right with God;*

he made us pure and holy,  
and he freed us from sin.

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:30**  
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION



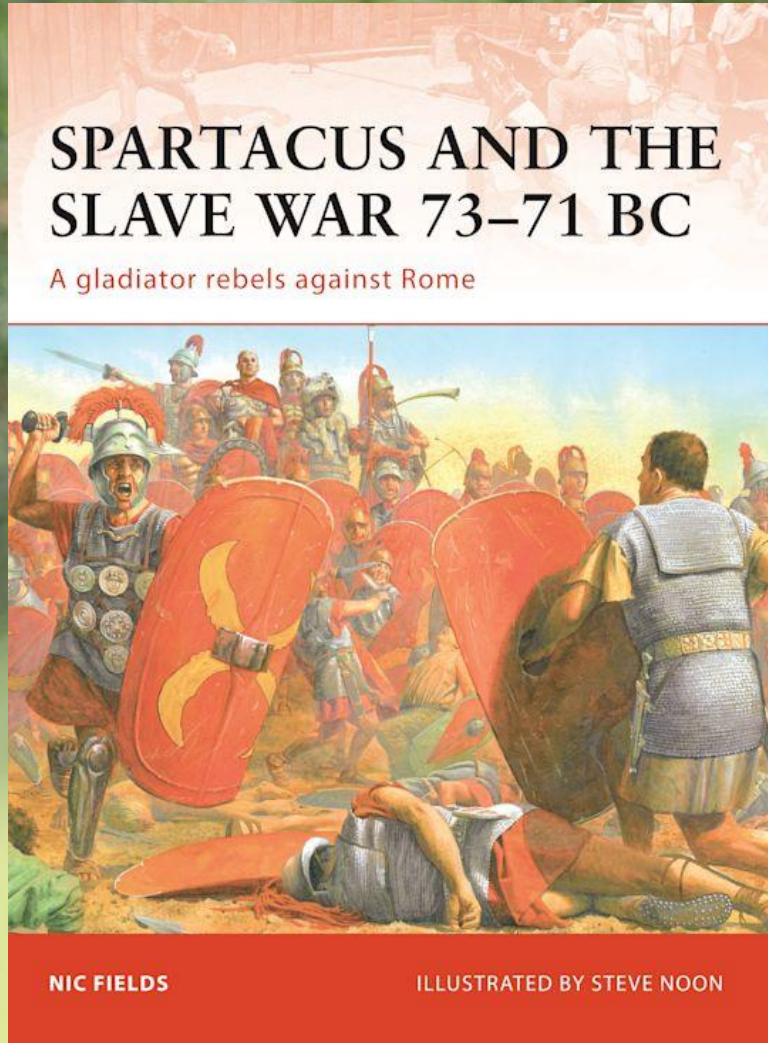
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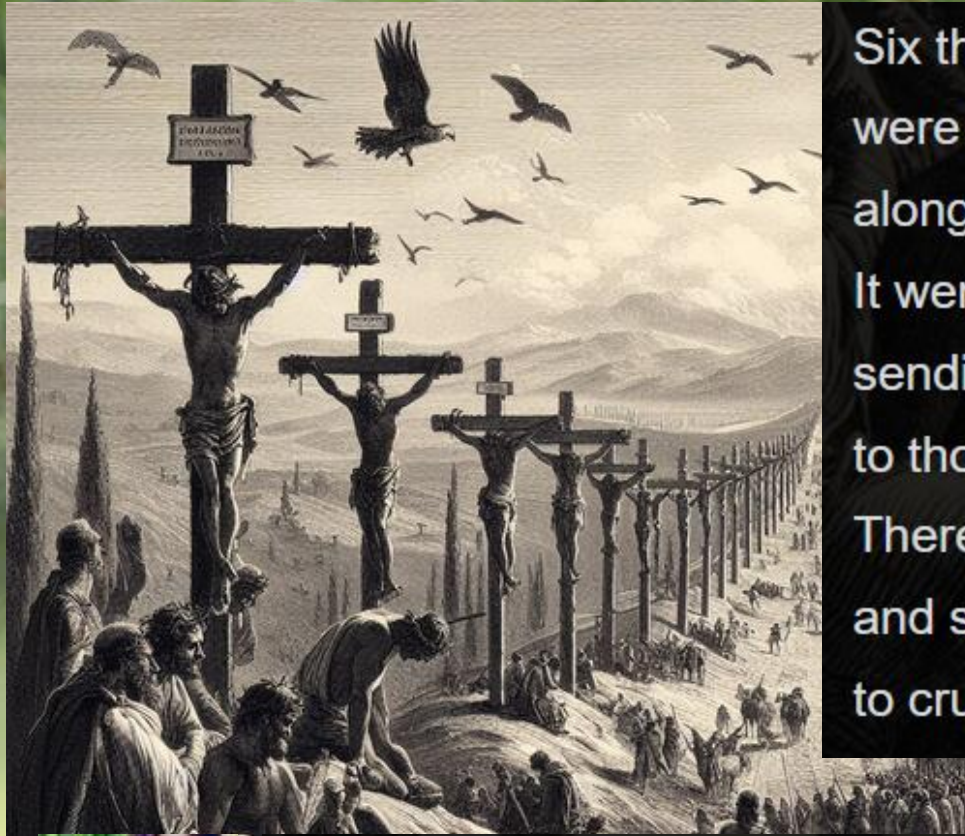


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Six thousand slaves were crucified that day along the Roman road of Appian Way. It went on for miles and miles, sending a message to those who might betray. There for all who pass to look upon and see the punishment to cruel empire's rebellious pawns.

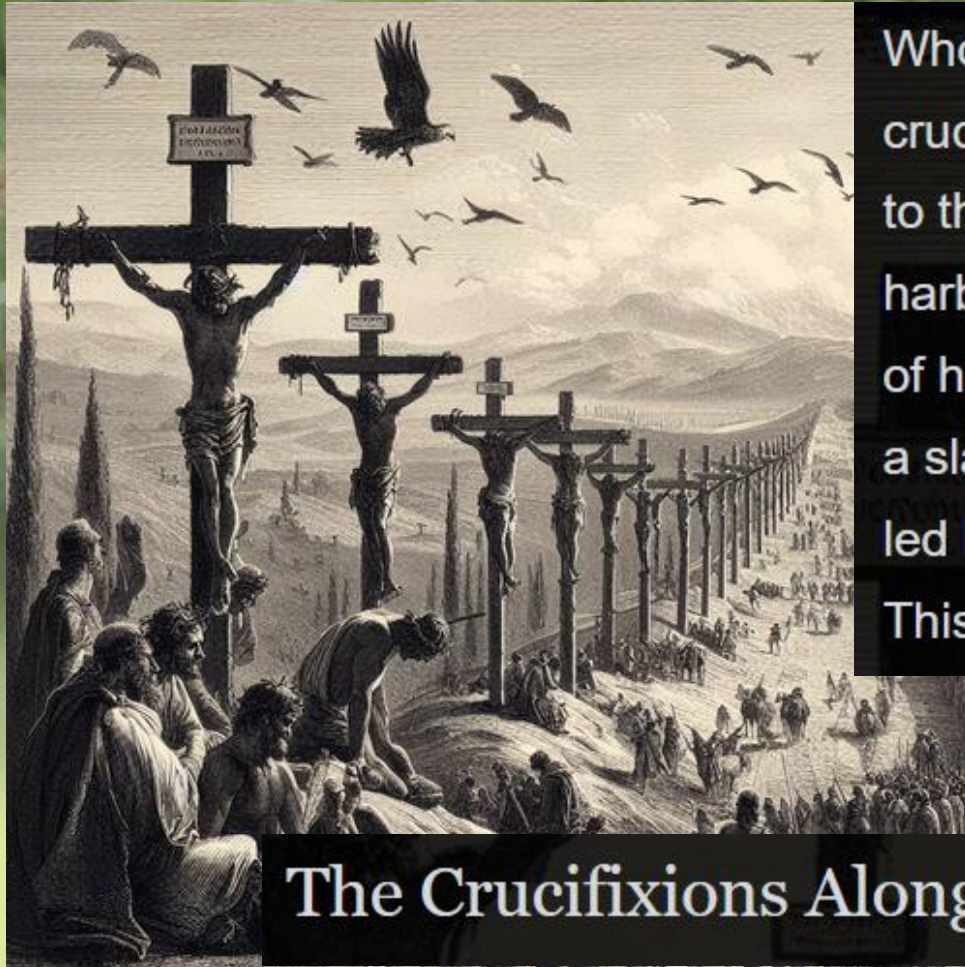


## **The Crucifixions Along Appian Way**

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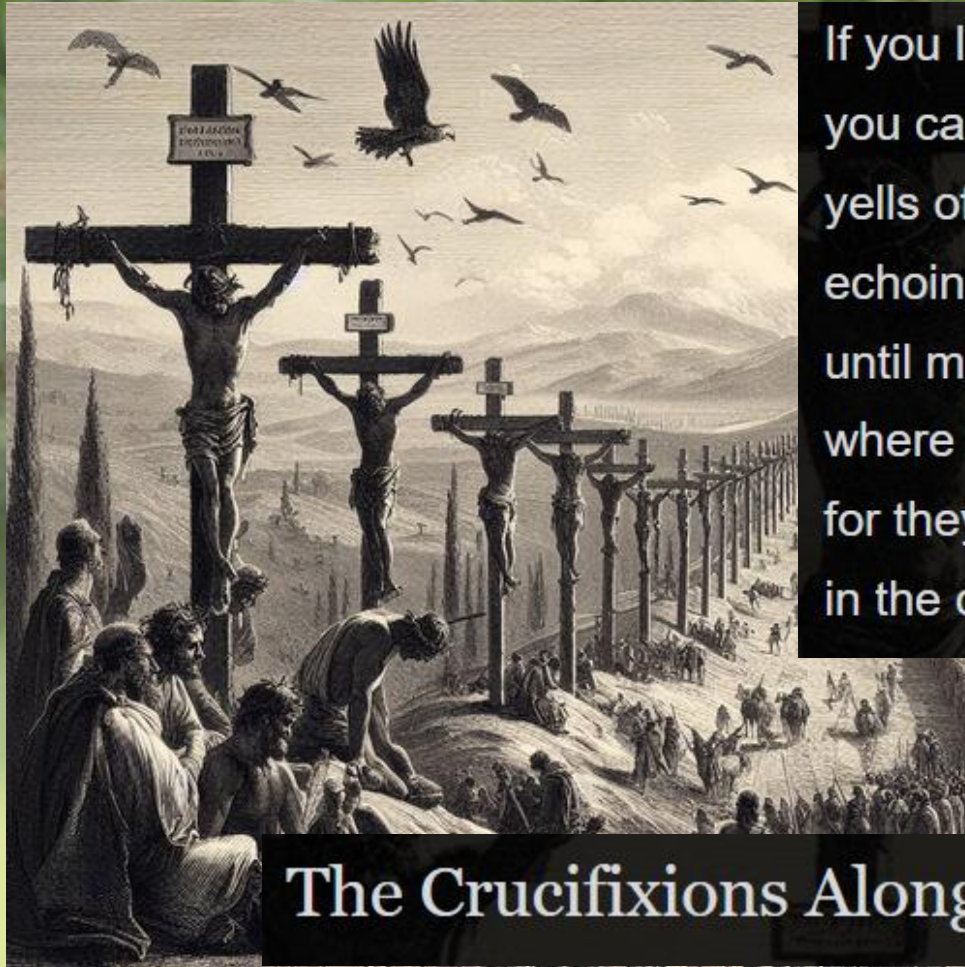


Who fathomed that this crucial lifeline path to the world harbored such a spectacle of horror and death, a slave rebellion led by Spartacus – This is what became of them.

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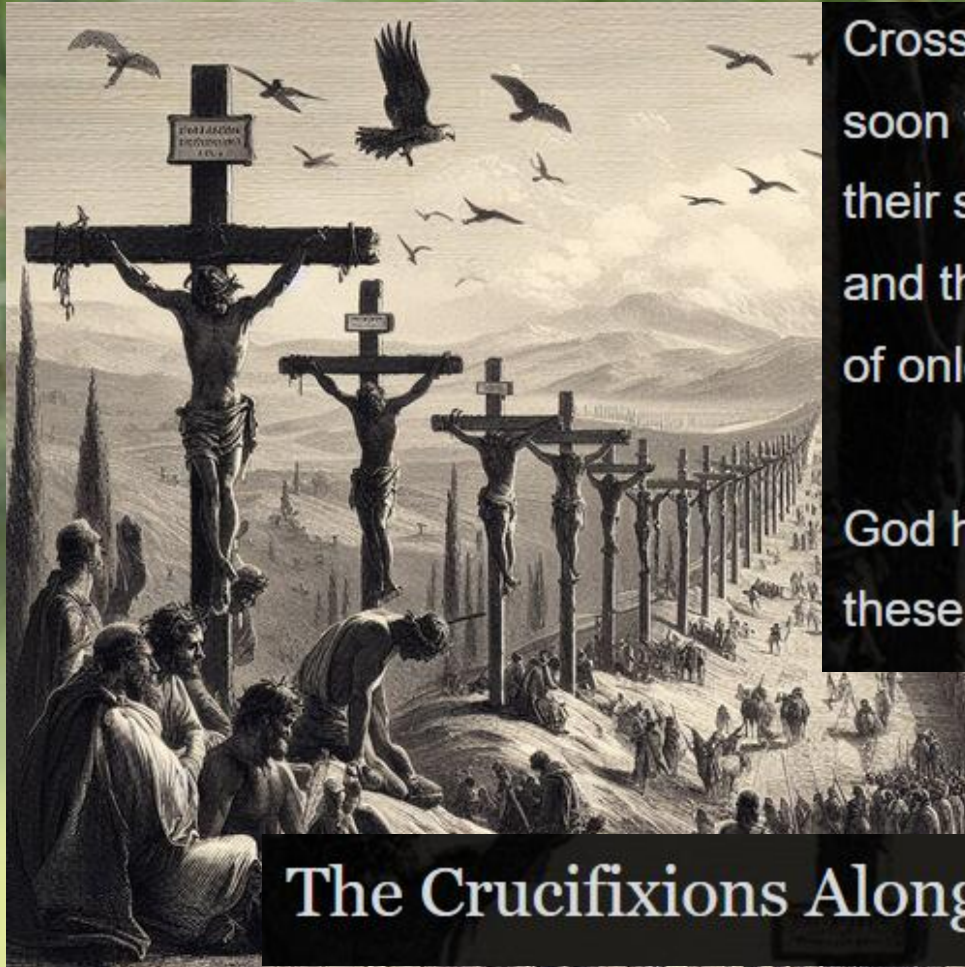


If you listen closely  
you can still hear their  
yells of pain  
echoing through the centuries,  
until muted by their own weight  
where they held no more breath  
for they slowly suffocated  
in the cold sinister silence that followed.

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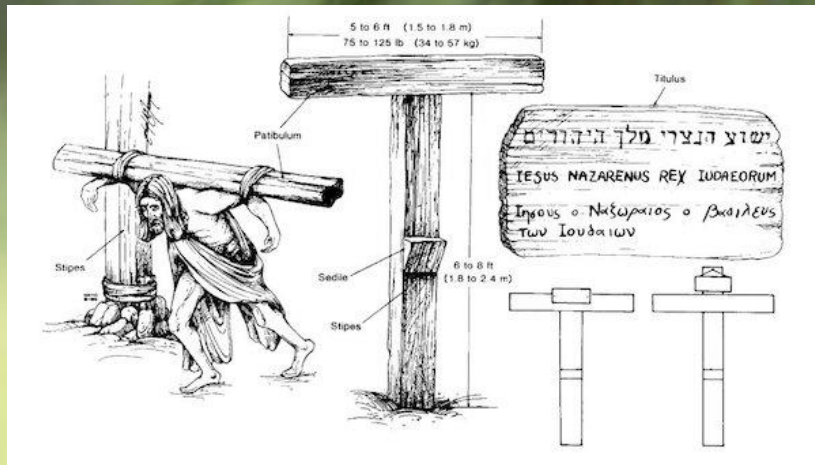
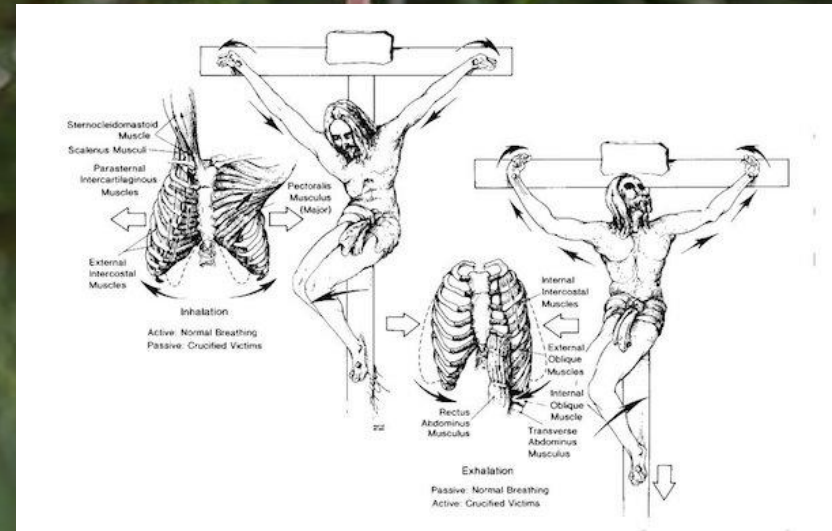
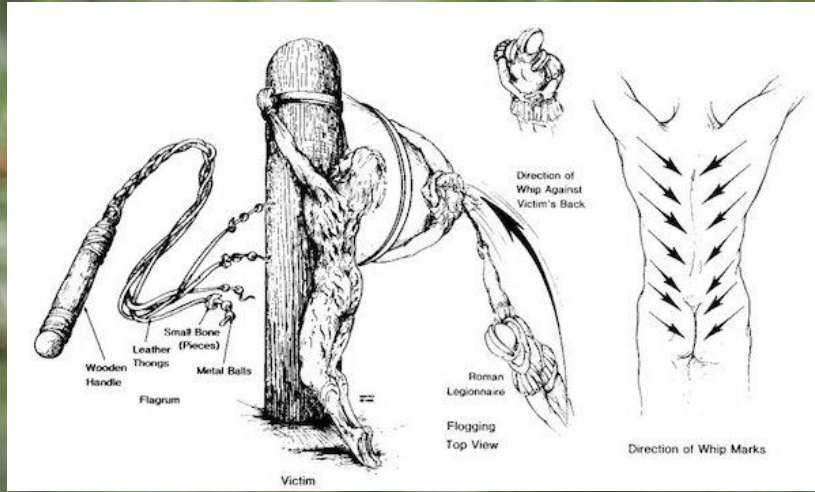
Crosses upon this famous stretch soon vultures circling above, their sickening shrieks and the muffled weeping of onlookers below.

God have mercy on them all these victims along Appian Way.

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***Forensic Pathologists and Clinicians Argue:***

- 1) Pulmonary Embolism*
- 2) Cardiac Rupture*
- 3) Suspension Trauma*
- 4) Asphyxiation*
- 5) Fatal Stab Wound*
- 6) Shock*




Editorials

## **Medical views on the death by crucifixion of Jesus Christ**

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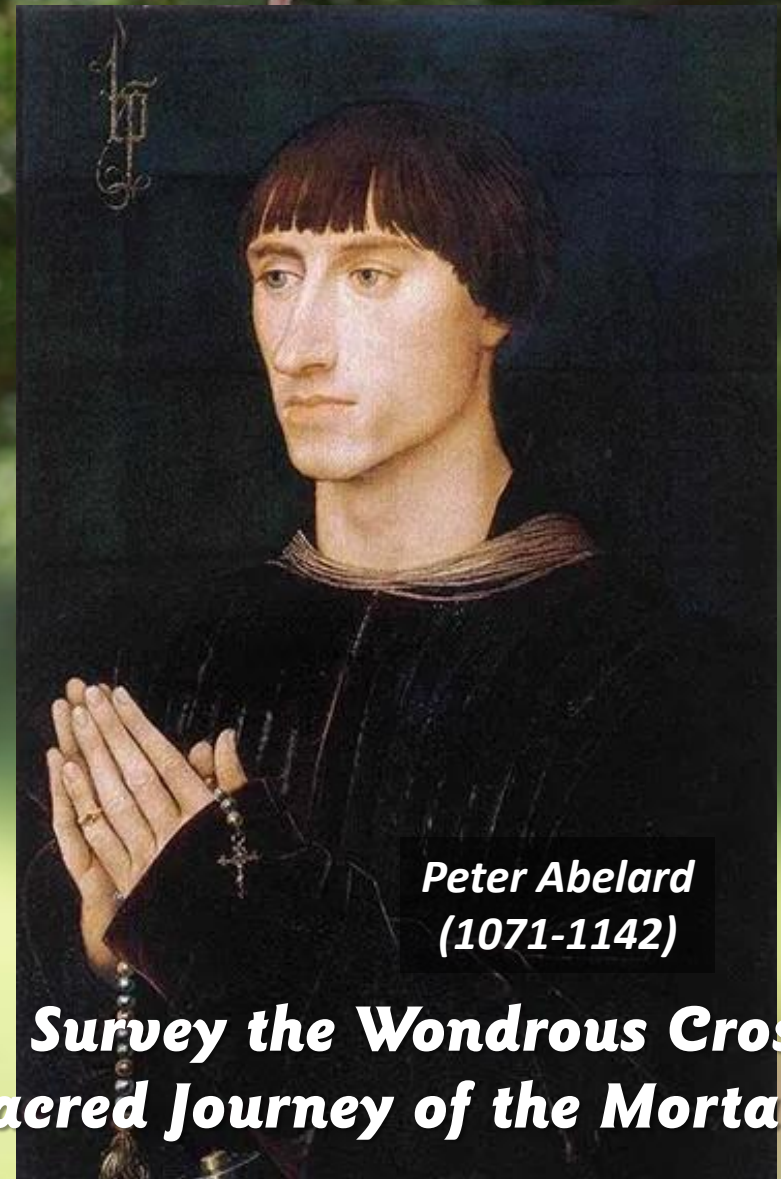


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“Our redemption is that **supreme love** is in us through **the passion of Christ** that not only liberates us from the slavery of sin, but also acquires for us the freedom of the sons of God, so that we would complete everything **through the love** of him, rather than **fear** that he exhibited so much grace for us that no greater may be found.”

Commentary on the Epistles to the  
Romans II, pp. 256-261



Peter Abelard  
(1071-1142)

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*1. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.*

*2. God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.*



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## God has chosen

the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are.

1 CORINTHIANS 1.27 KJV

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**Only GOD**

can turn a MESS into a MESSAGE

A TEST into a TESTIMONY..

A TRIAL into a TRIUMPH..

a VICTIM into a VICTORY!!



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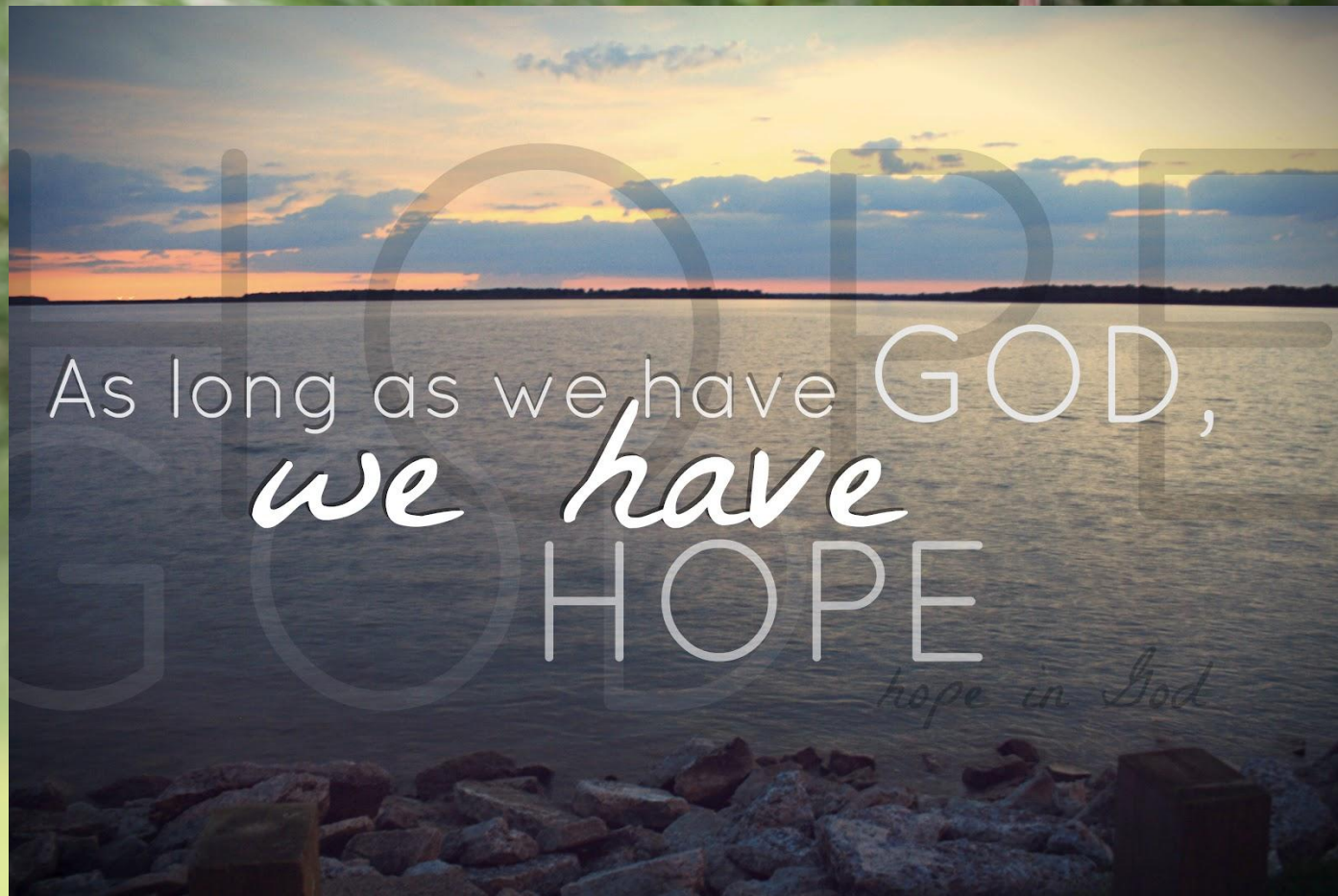


*With God  
all things are  
possible*

Matthew 19:26

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- 1. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.*
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- 3. Let him who boasts boast [the cross] in the Lord.*



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3. Let him who boasts boast [the cross] in the Lord.

"But of Him you are in  
**CHRIST JESUS,**  
who became for us wisdom from God  
*and righteousness and*  
**sanctification and redemption that,**  
*as it is written,*  
He who glories,  
**let him glory in the Lord."**

(1 Corinthians 1:30-31)

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WHOEVER  
WANTS TO BE  
MY DISCIPLE  
MUST DENY  
THEMSELVES  
AND TAKE UP  
THEIR CROSS  
AND FOLLOW ME.

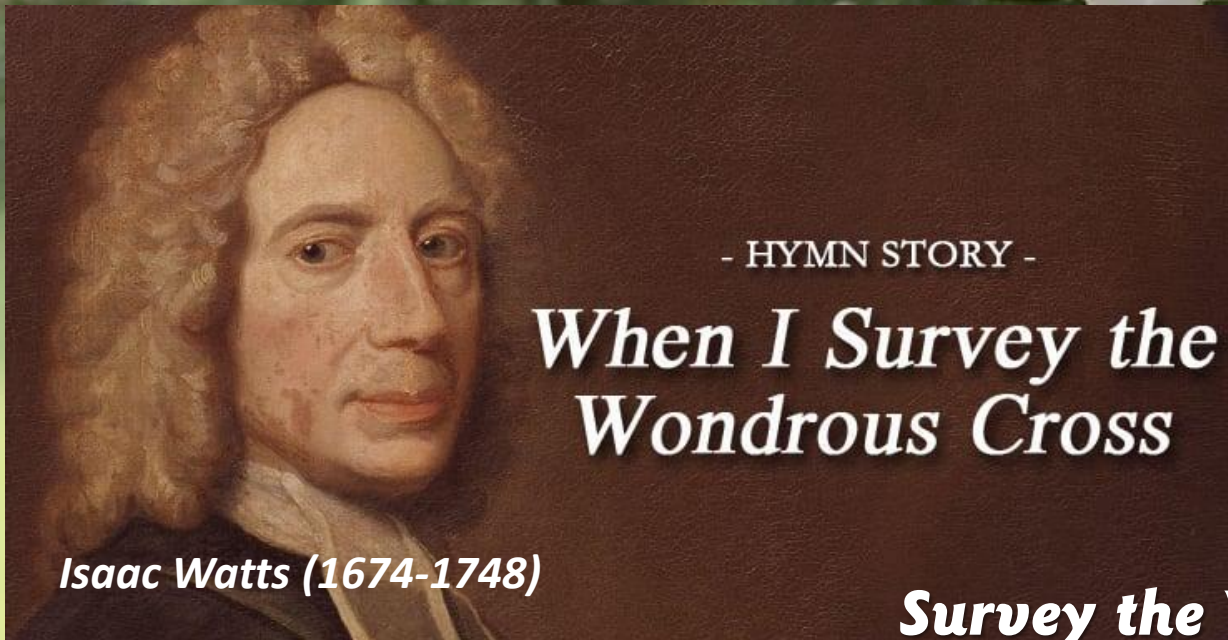
JESUS (MARK 8:34)



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- HYMN STORY -

## *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

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