

2 Corinthians
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THE
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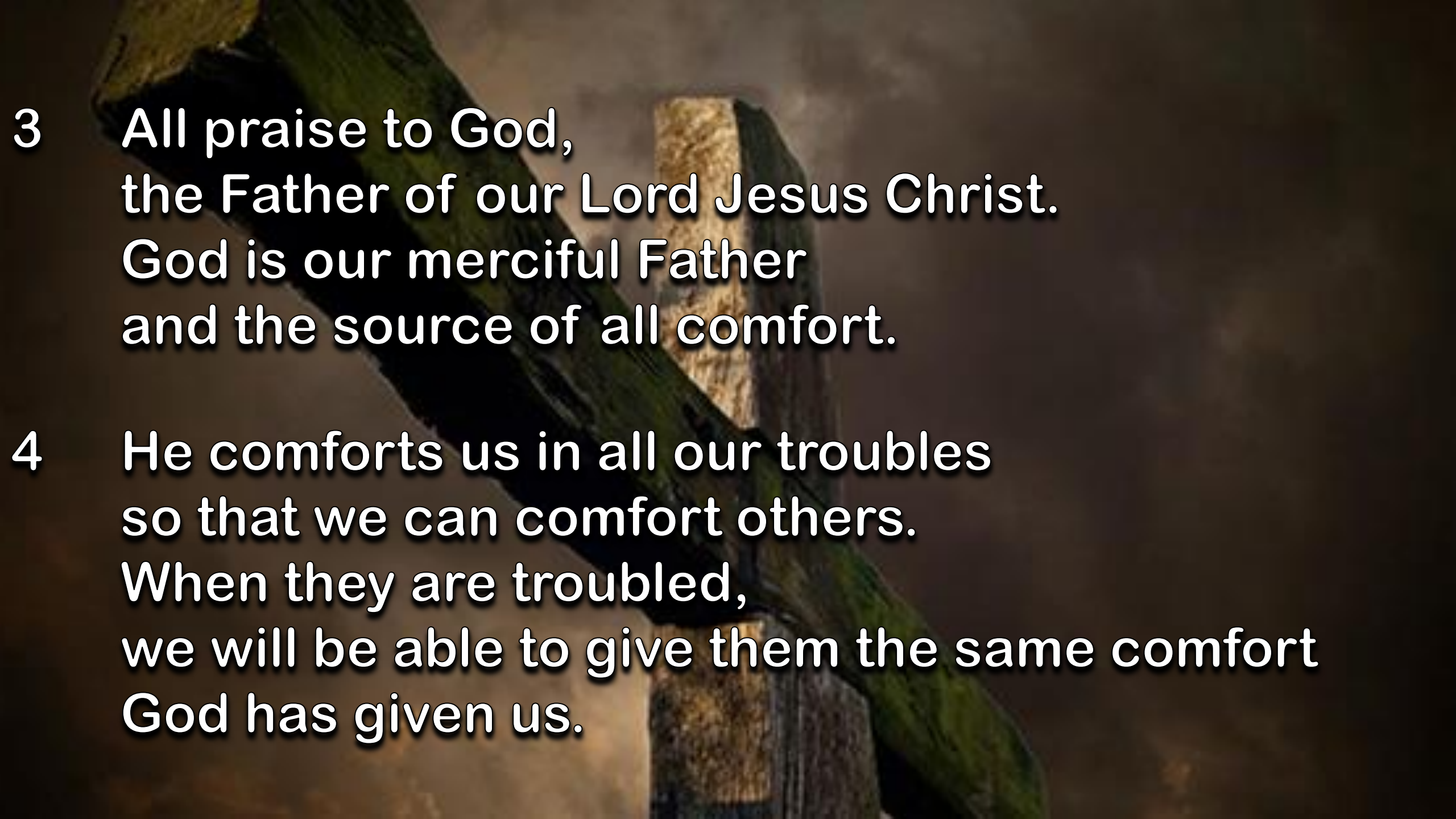


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1 This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy.

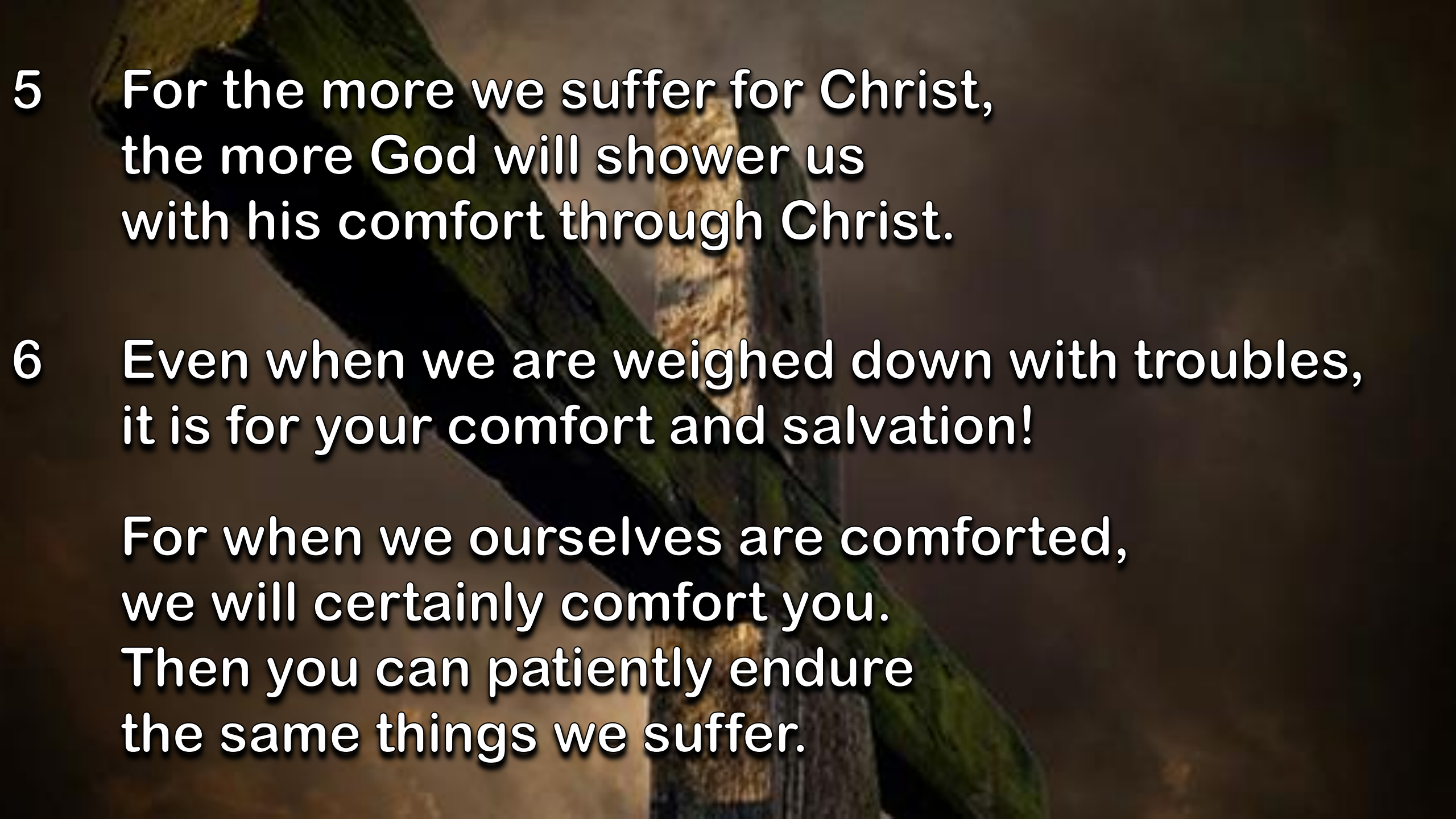
I am writing to God's church in Corinth and to all of His holy people throughout Greece.

2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.



3 All praise to God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is our merciful Father
and the source of all comfort.

4 He comforts us in all our troubles
so that we can comfort others.
When they are troubled,
we will be able to give them the same comfort
God has given us.



5 For the more we suffer for Christ,
the more God will shower us
with his comfort through Christ.

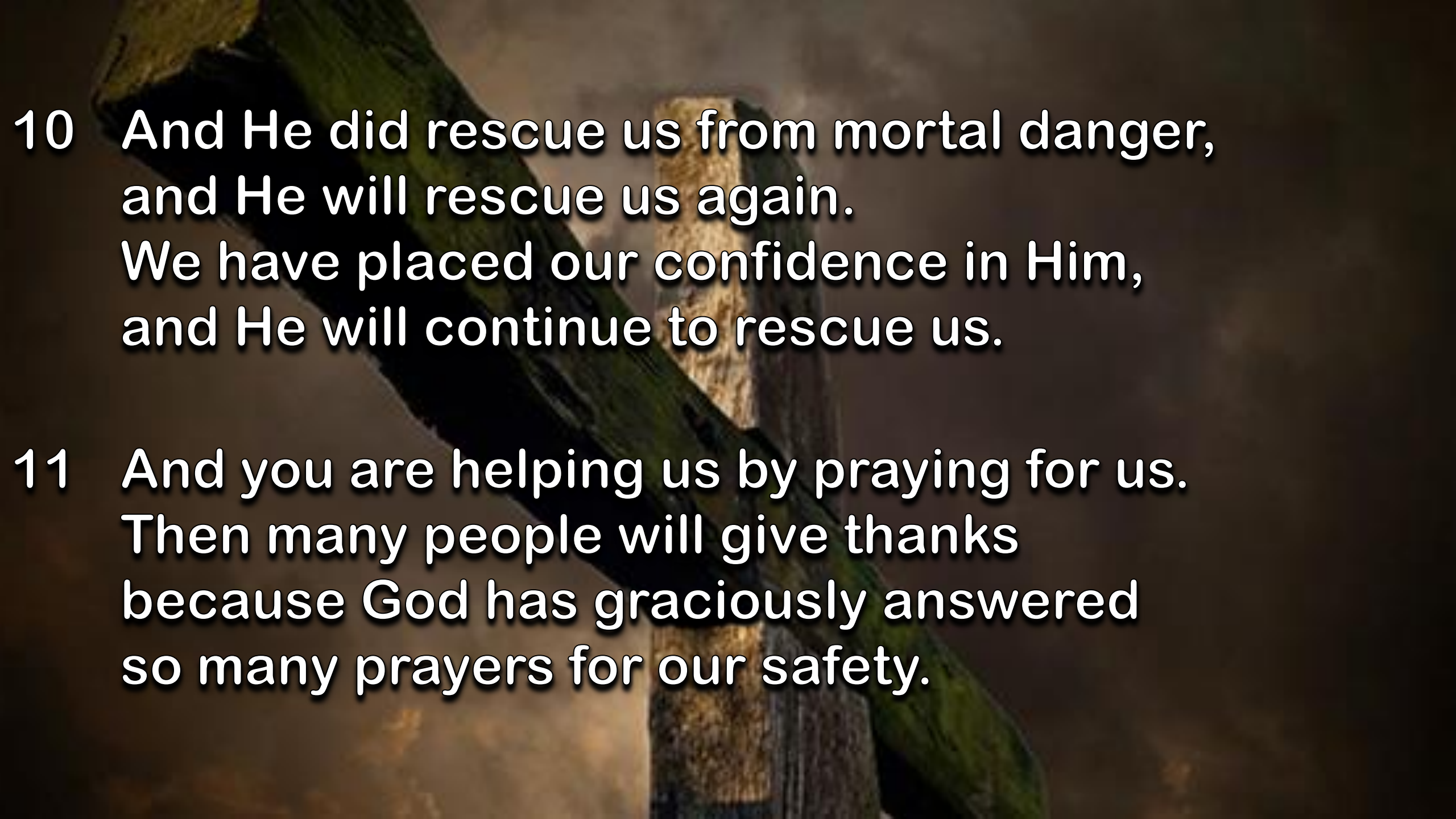
6 Even when we are weighed down with troubles,
it is for your comfort and salvation!

For when we ourselves are comforted,
we will certainly comfort you.
Then you can patiently endure
the same things we suffer.

7 We are confident that
as you share in our sufferings,
you will also share in the comfort God gives us.

8 We think you ought to know,
dear brothers and sisters,
about the trouble we went through
in the province of Asia.

9 In fact, we expected to die. But as a result,
we stopped relying on ourselves
and learned to rely only on God,
who raises the dead.

A close-up photograph of a wooden cross, showing the intersection of the horizontal and vertical beams. The wood is weathered and has a natural, light brown color. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the grain of the wood and the texture of the background.

10 And He did rescue us from mortal danger,
and He will rescue us again.

We have placed our confidence in Him,
and He will continue to rescue us.

11 And you are helping us by praying for us.

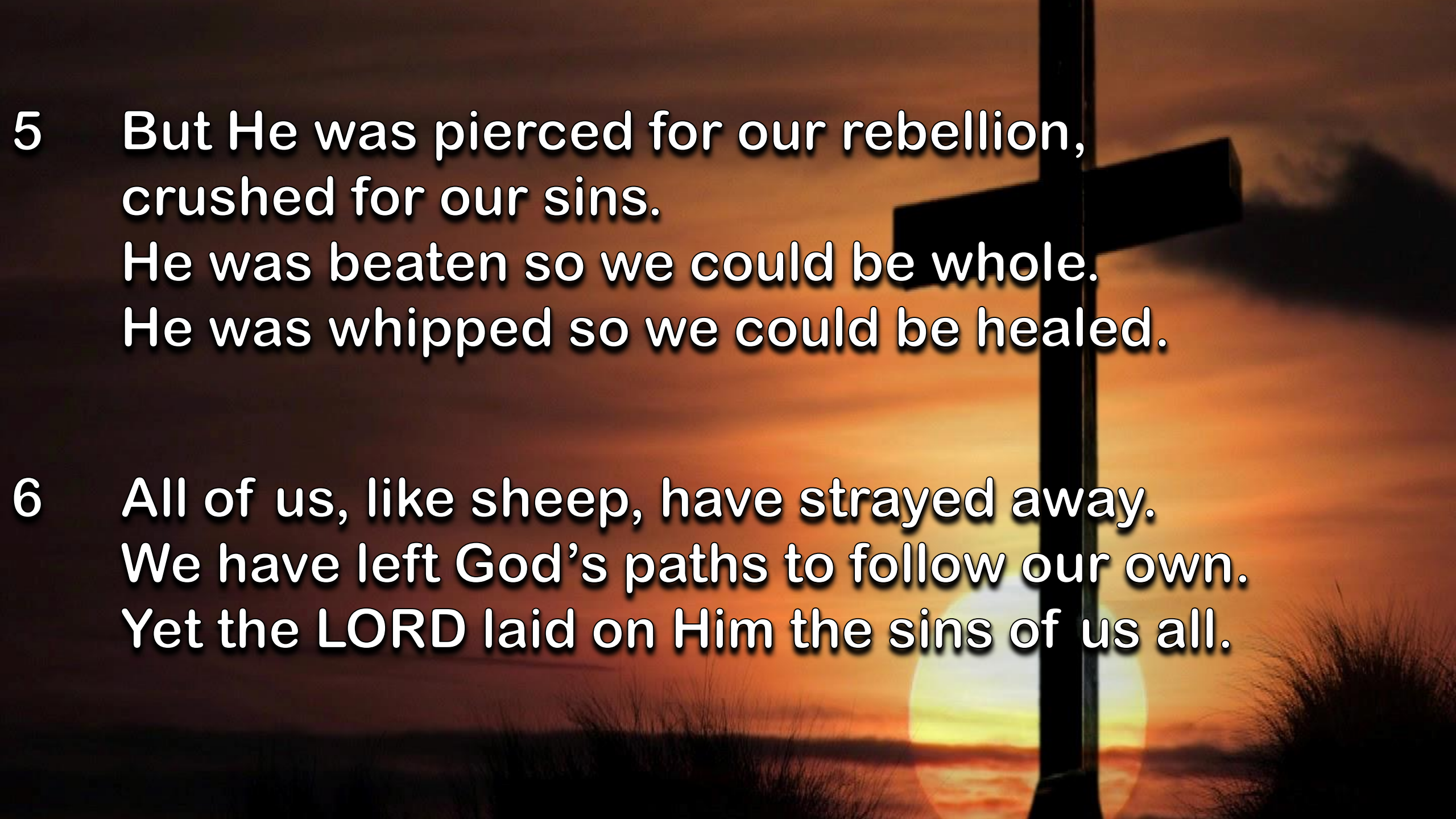
Then many people will give thanks
because God has graciously answered
so many prayers for our safety.

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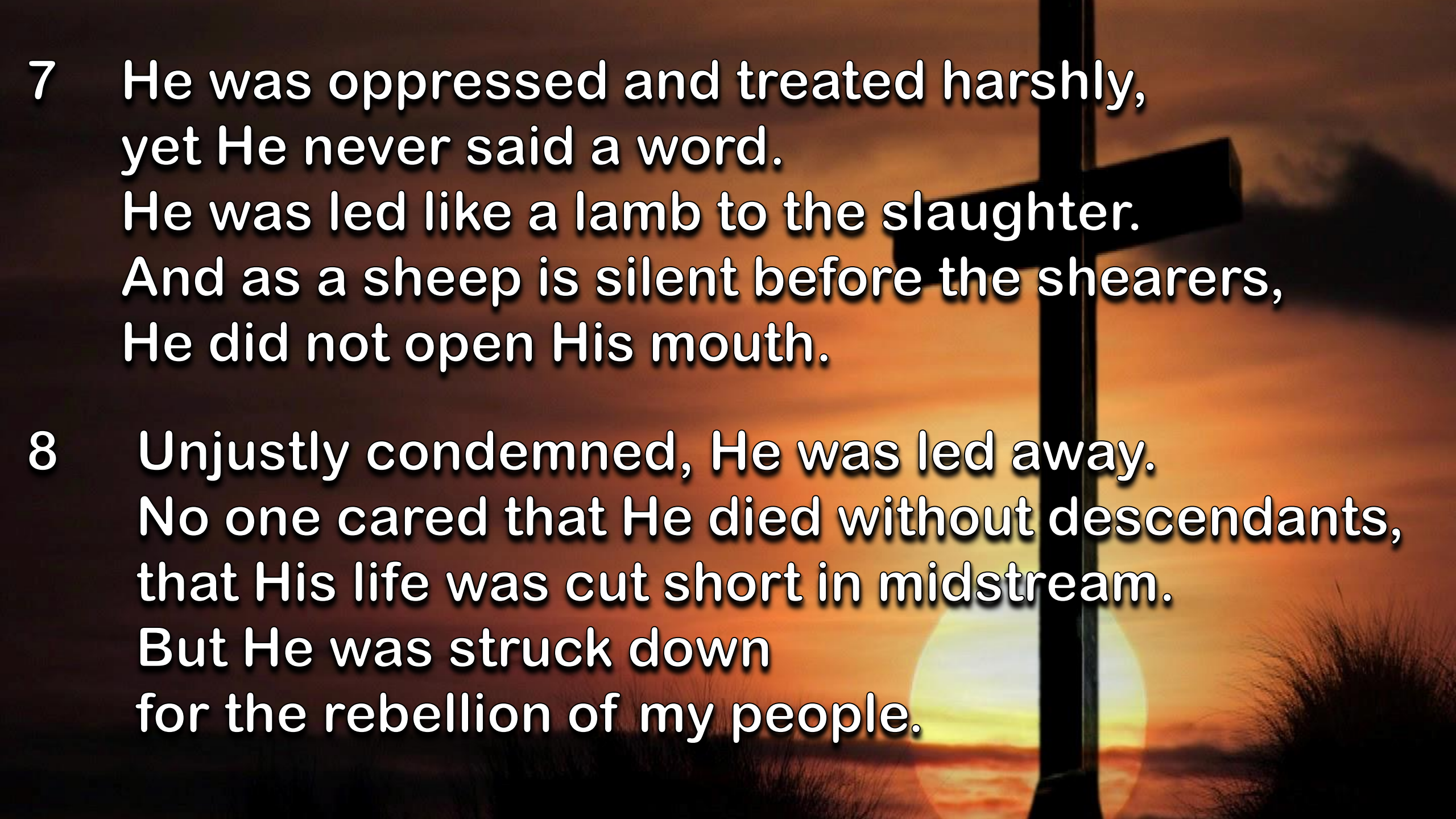
Isaiah 53:3-9 NLT

- 3 He was despised and rejected—
a Man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.
We turned our backs on Him
& 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!
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5 But He was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.
He was beaten so we could be whole.
He was whipped so we could be healed.

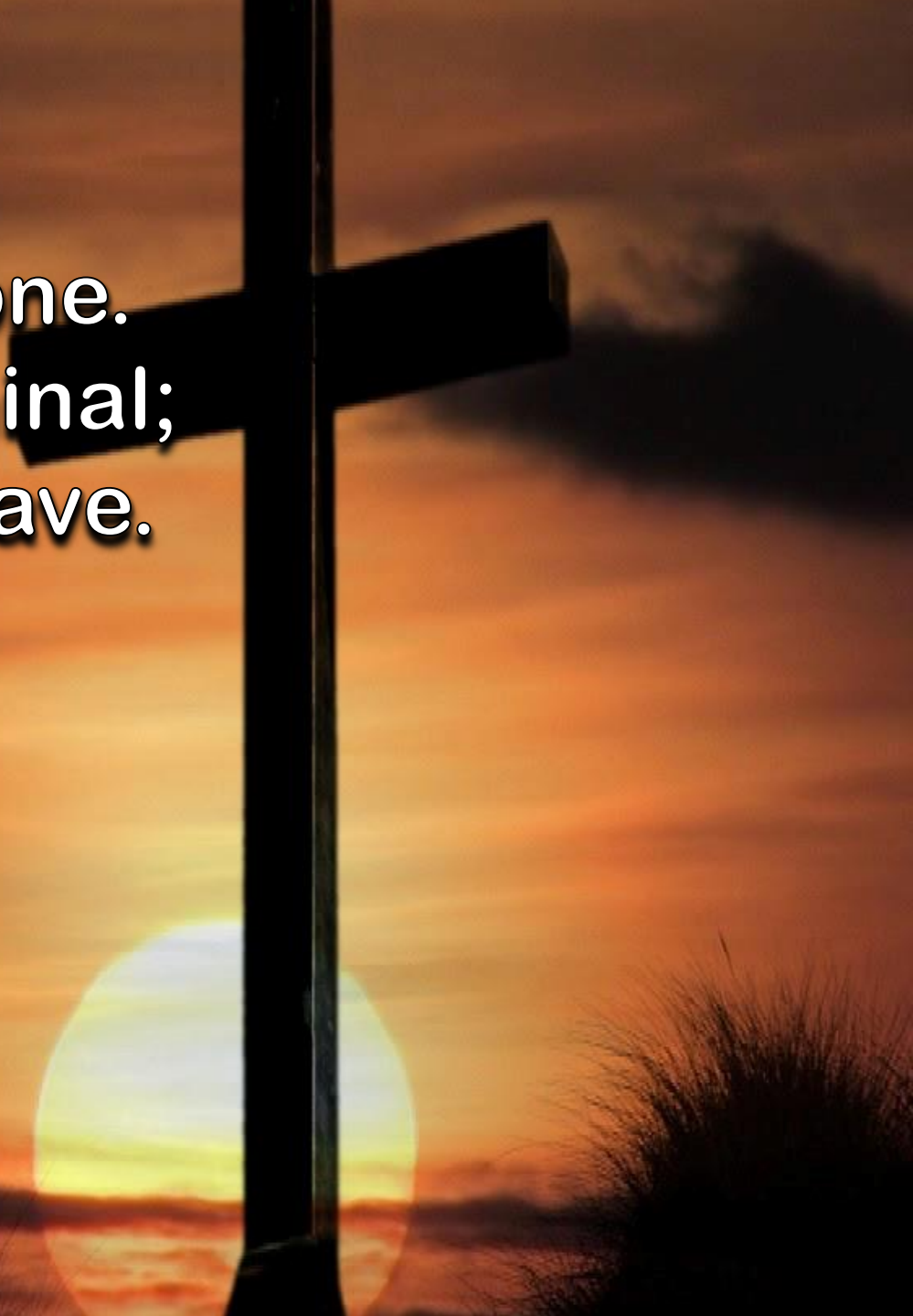
6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.
We have left God's paths to follow our own.
Yet the LORD laid on Him the sins of us all.



7 He was oppressed and treated harshly,
yet He never said a word.
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.
And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,
He did not open His mouth.

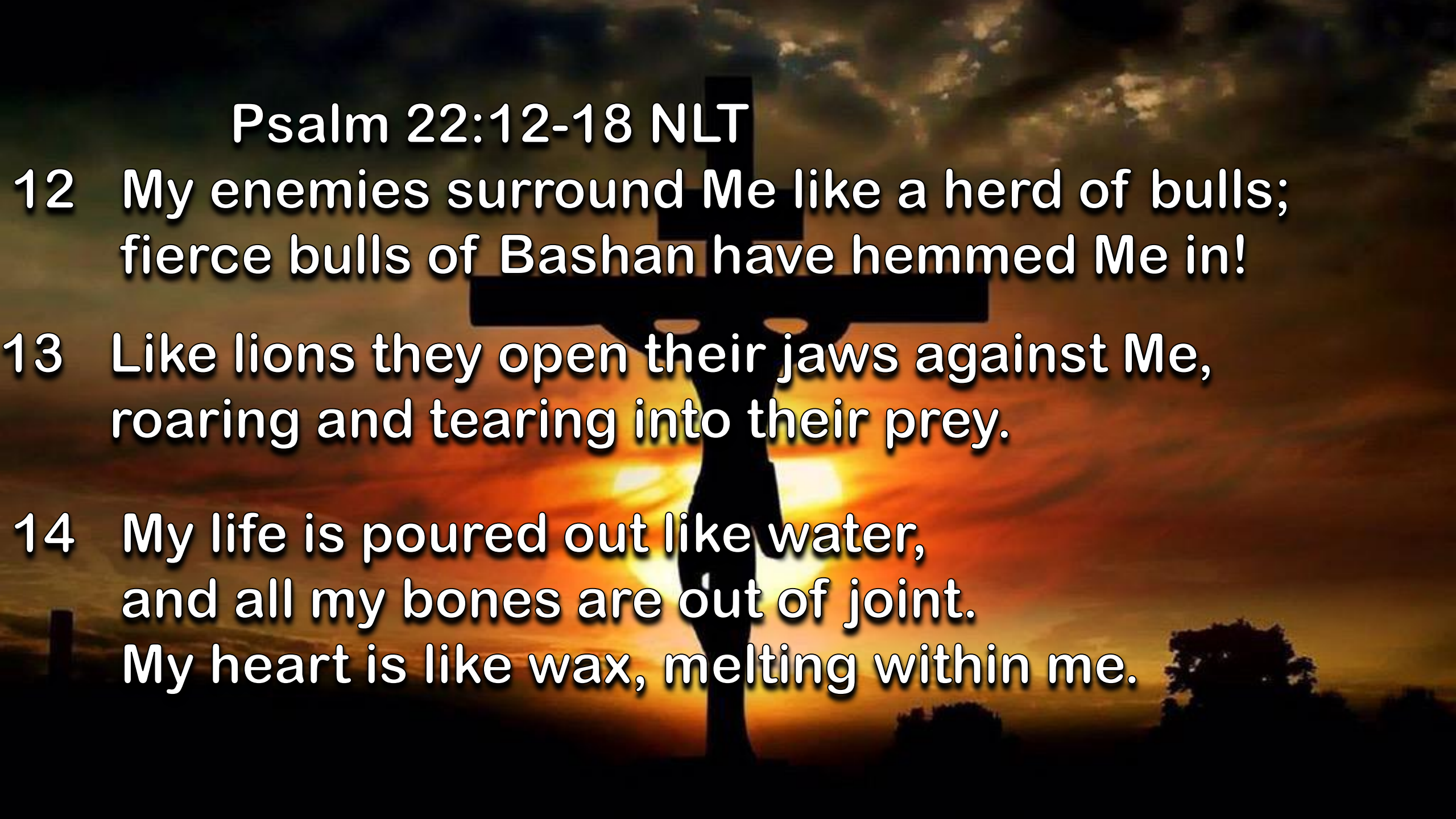
8 Unjustly condemned, He was led away.
No one cared that He died without descendants,
that His life was cut short in midstream.
But He was struck down
for the rebellion of my people.

9 He had done no wrong
and had never deceived anyone.
But He was buried like a criminal;
He was put in a rich man's grave.



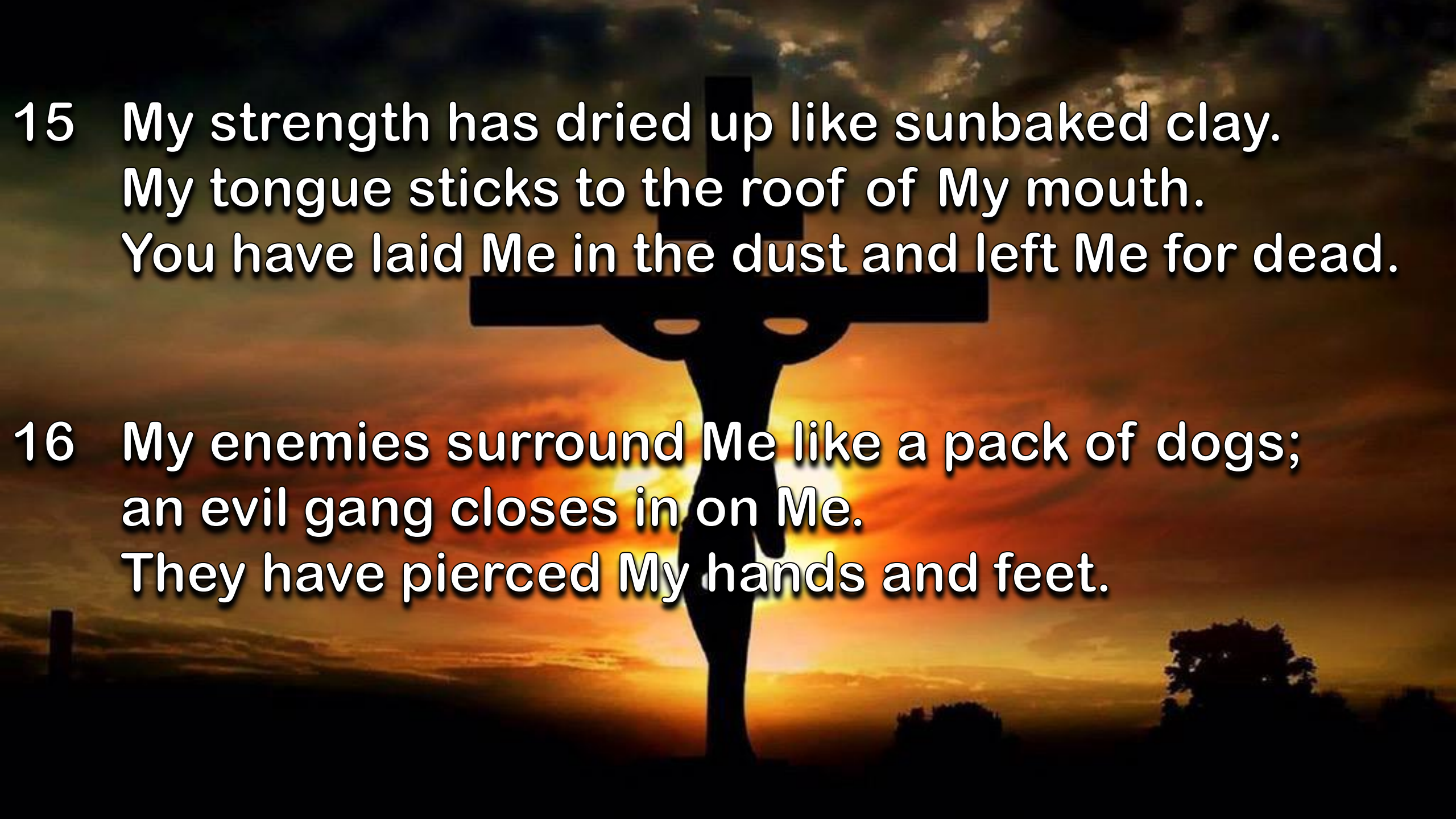
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Psalm 22:12-18 NLT

- 12 My enemies surround Me like a herd of bulls;
fierce bulls of Bashan have hemmed Me in!
- 13 Like lions they open their jaws against Me,
roaring and tearing into their prey.
- 14 My life is poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart is like wax, melting within me.



15 My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay.
My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth.
You have laid Me in the dust and left Me for dead.

16 My enemies surround Me like a pack of dogs;
an evil gang closes in on Me.
They have pierced My hands and feet.

17 I can count all My bones.
My enemies stare at Me and gloat.

18 They divide My garments among themselves
and throw dice for my clothing.

John 10:18

No one takes [My life] from Me,
but I lay it down of My Own accord”

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

-Jesus



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