

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!





THE WONDERS OF RESURRECTION

1 Cor. 15:1-11

EARLY MORNING

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

HE IS NOT HERE

The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you.

GREETINGS

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. Greetings, he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

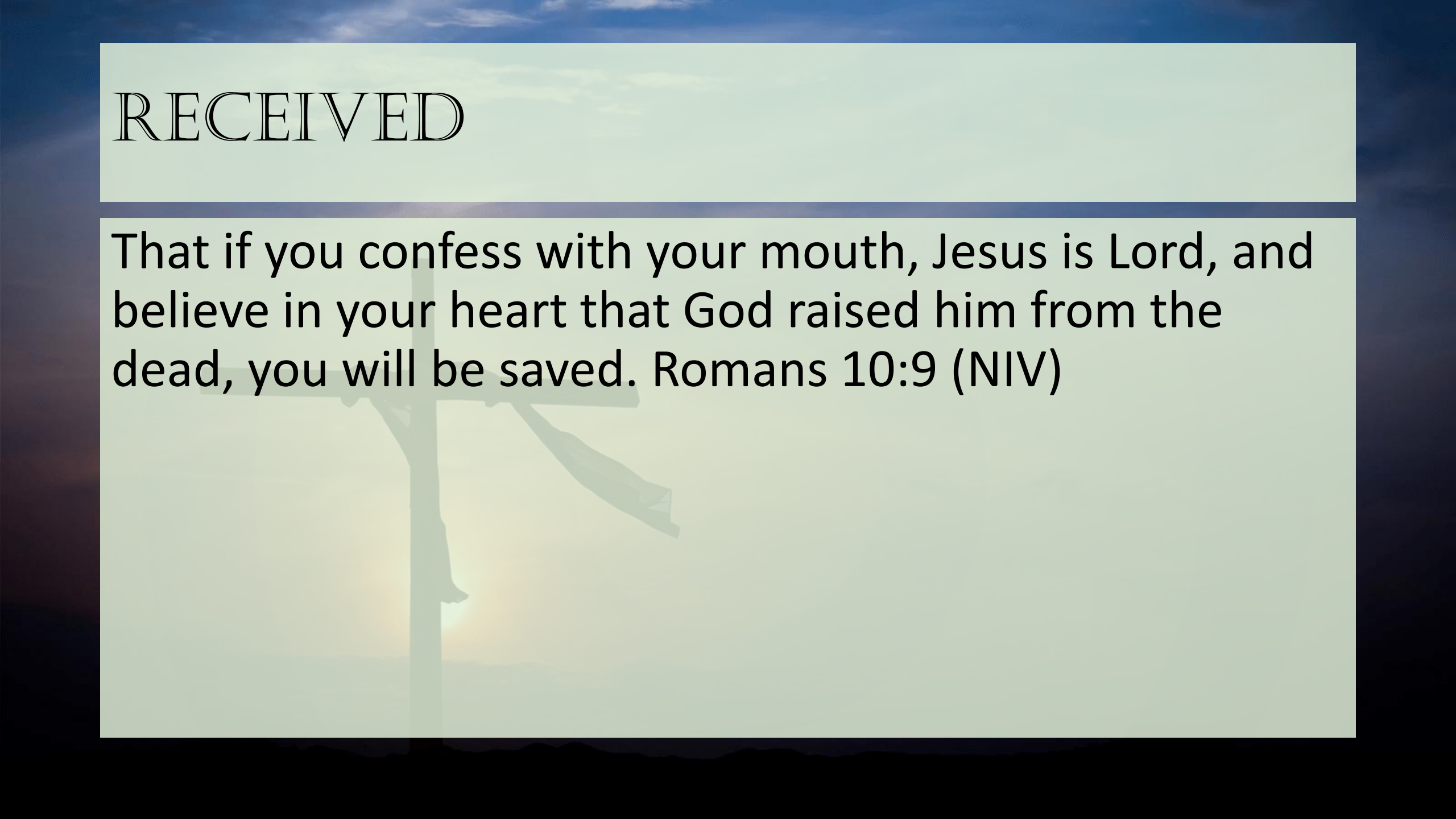
THE GOSPEL PREACHED

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word, I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (NIV)

RECEIVED

That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (NIV)



STAND

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor 15:58 (NIV)

SAVED

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--
and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

They replied, Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be
saved, you and your household. Acts 16:31 (NIV)

VAIN BELIEF

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you, unless, of course, you fail the test?

2 Cor 13:5 (NIV)

POWER IN THE RESURRECTION

Regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 1:3-4 (NIV)

OLD TESTAMENT

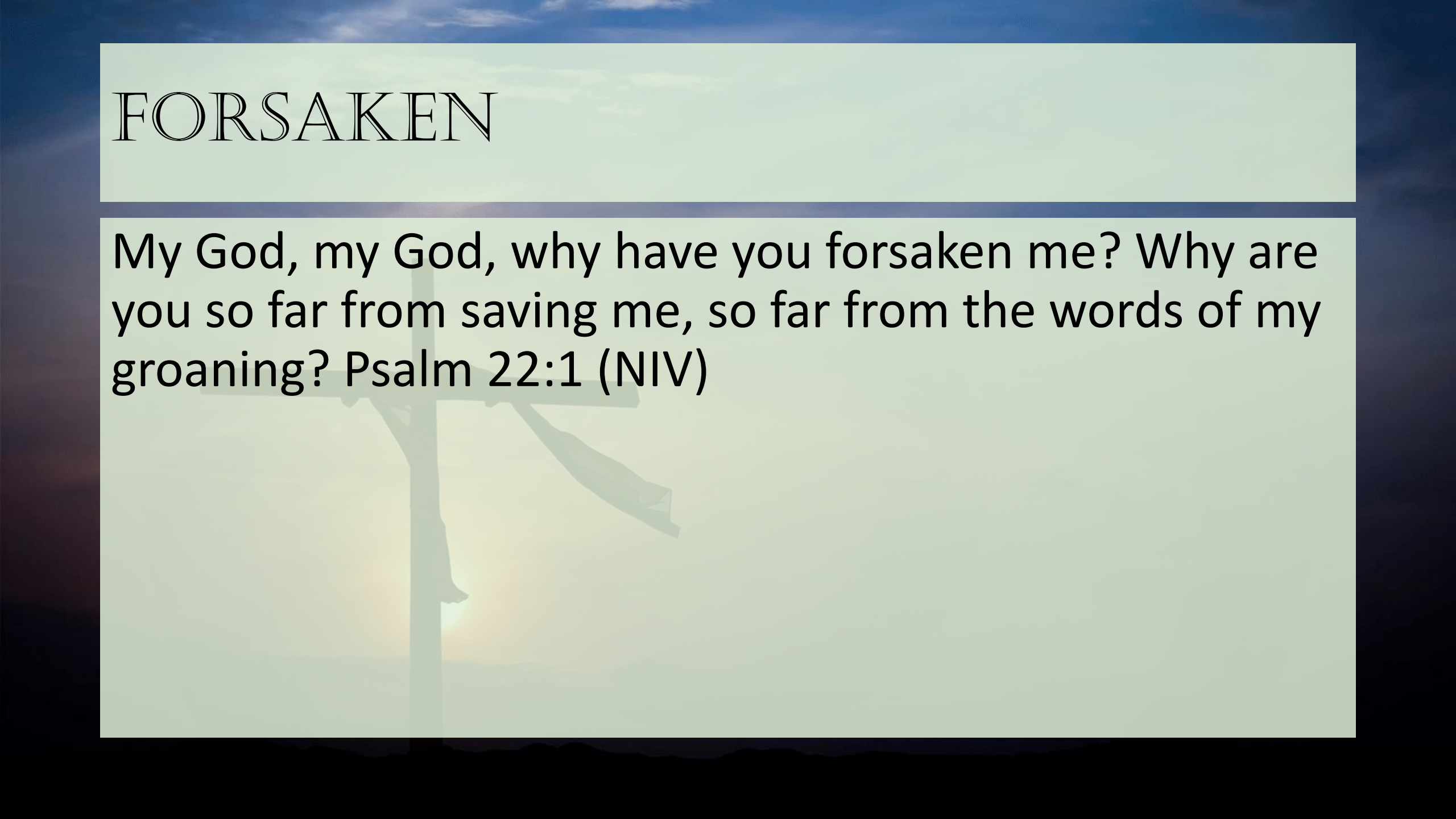
For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Cor 15:3-4 (NIV)

He said to them, How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? Luke 24:25-26 (NIV)

FORSAKEN

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? Psalm 22:1 (NIV)



RESURRECTED

Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Psalm 16:9-10 (NIV)

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Surely, he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV)

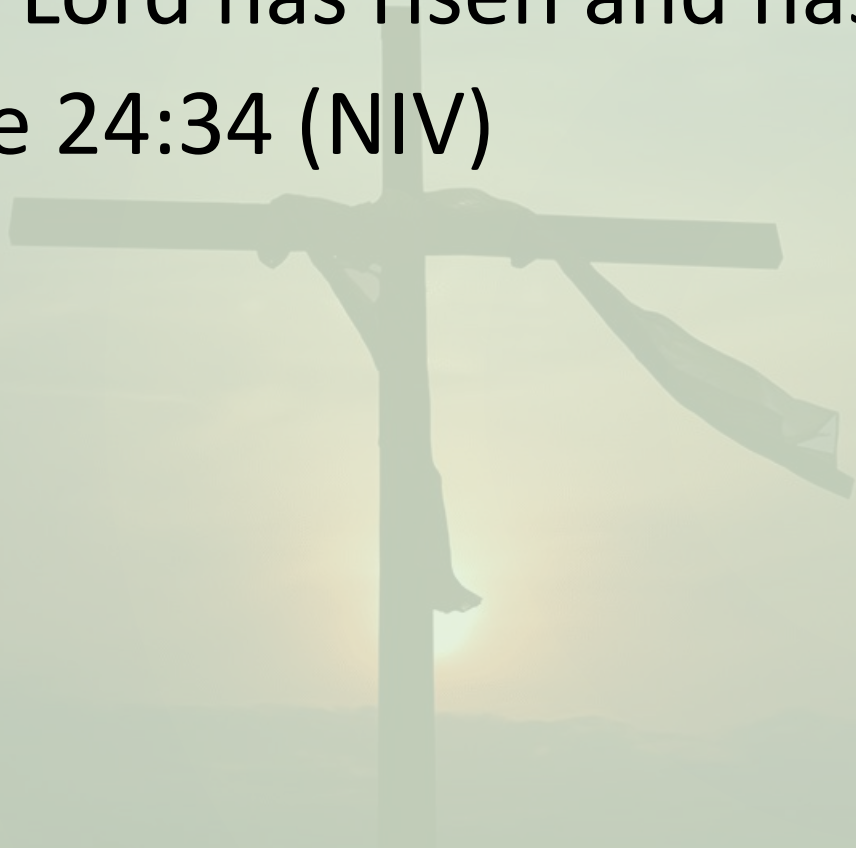
WITNESS

And that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.
1 Cor 15:5-8 (NIV)

PETER

The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.

Luke 24:34 (NIV)




DISCIPLES

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, Peace be with you. They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.
Luke 24:36-39 (NIV)

HUNDREDS

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 1 Cor 15:6 (NIV)



PAUL

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? Who are you, Lord? Saul asked. I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting, he replied. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do. Acts 9:3-6 (NIV)

WHY SO MANY APPEARANCES

The Bible records many different appearances of the risen Lord to more than 500 people. In locations all over Israel, from Jerusalem to Damascus. All these recorded Appearances took place over a fifty-day period, between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. Central to Christian faith is the bodily resurrection of Jesus. By recording the resurrection appearances, the New Testament leaves no doubt that Jesus has risen from the dead.

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THE RESURRECTION IS PARAMOUNT TO OUR FAITH

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God.

1 Cor 15:14-15 (NIV)

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (NIV)

FIRST FRUITS

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Cor 15:20 (NIV)

Communion



God bless

HAPPY EASTER

