

The image features three black crosses of varying heights silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from deep red at the top to bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The crosses are positioned on a dark, grassy hill. The central cross is the tallest, flanked by two shorter crosses. The text 'The Three Crosses' is overlaid in the upper right quadrant in a glowing, serif font.

The Three Crosses

Luke 23:32-48

Luke 23:32-33 (NLT)

[32] Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. [33] When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified - one on his right and one on his left.

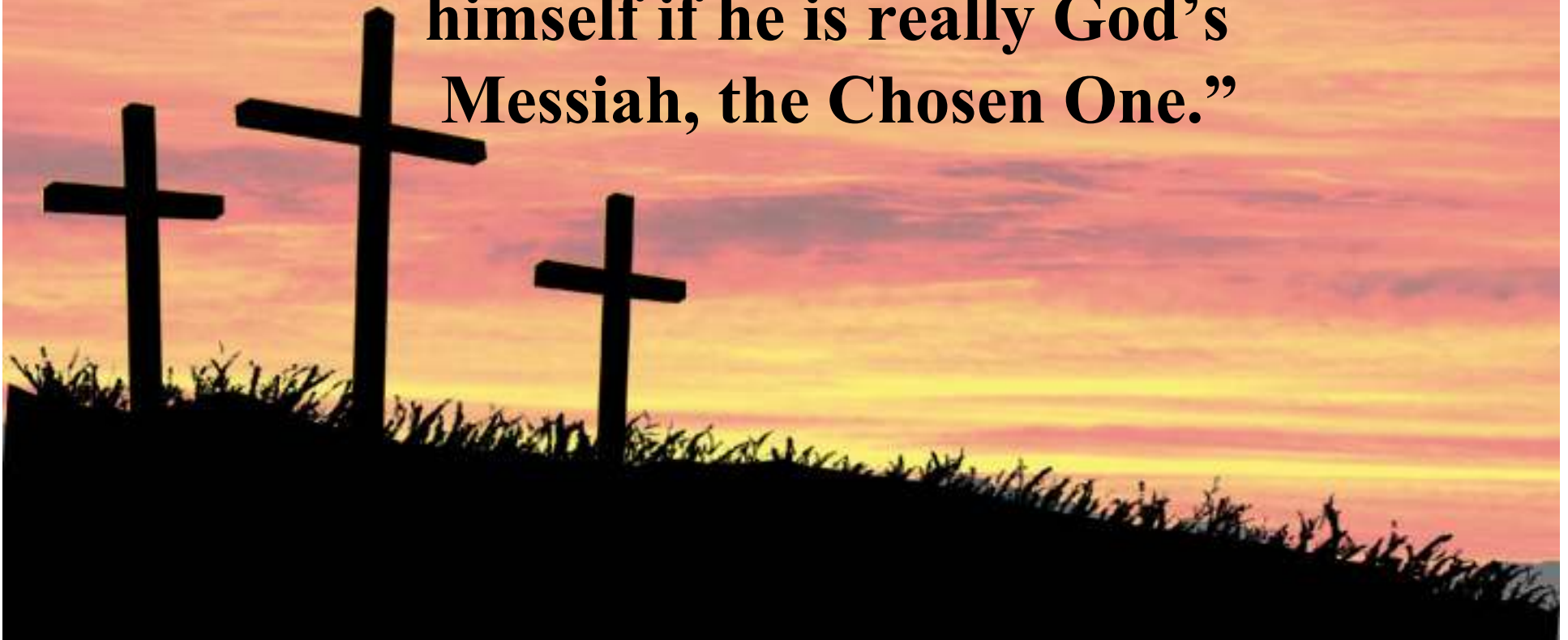


Luke 23:34-35 (NLT)

[34] Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

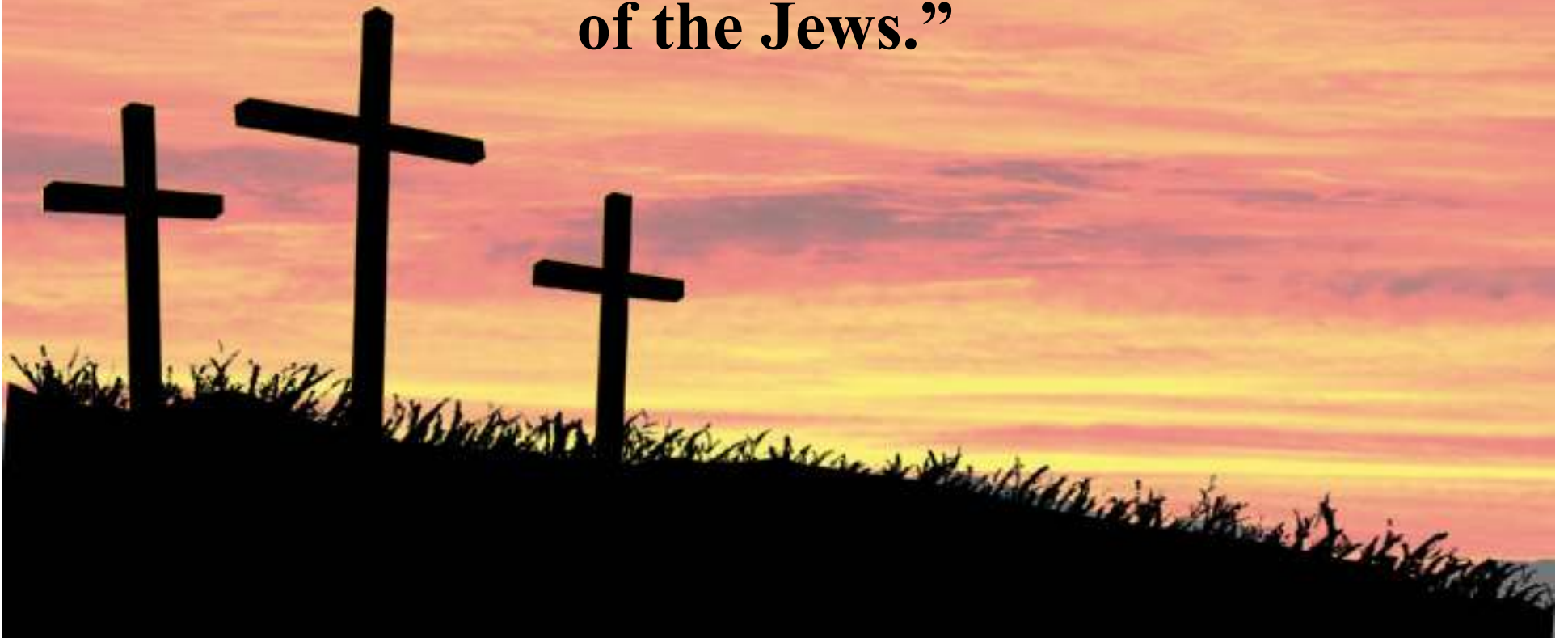
[35] The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed.

“He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”



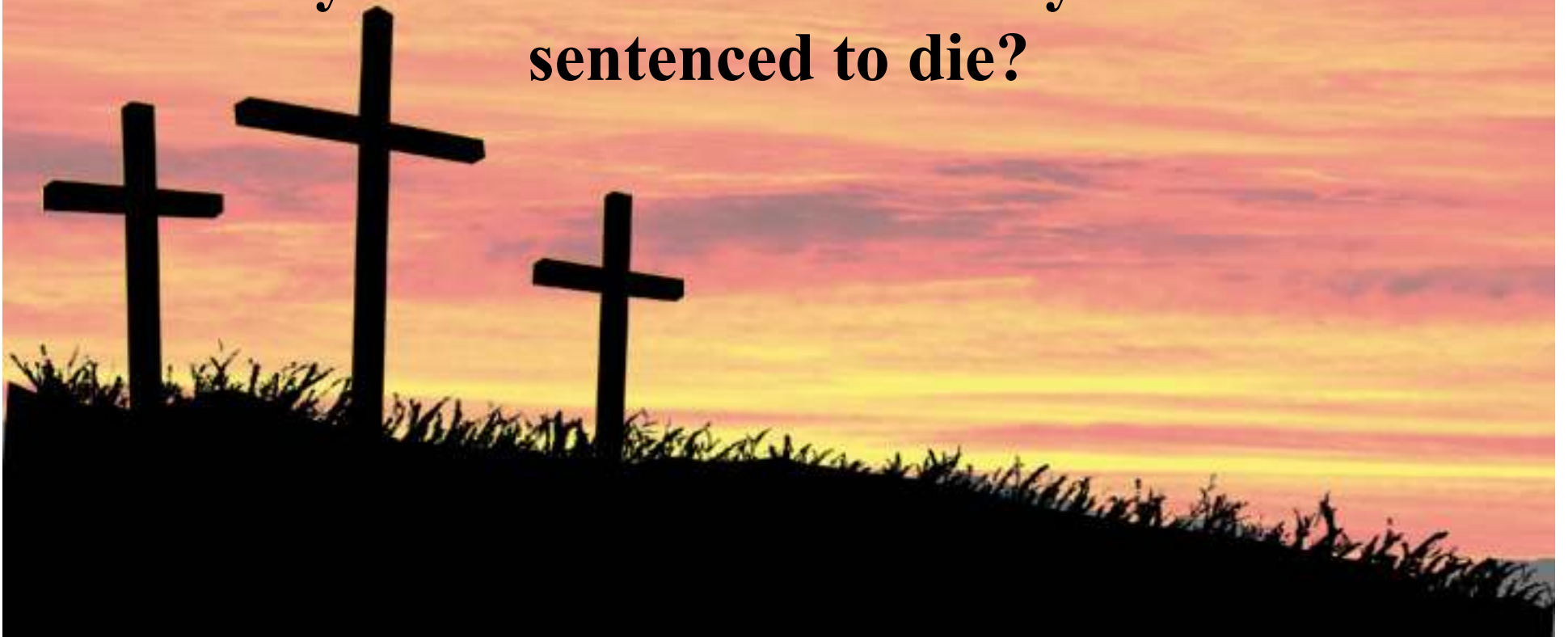
Luke 23:36-38 (NLT)

[36] The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.[37] They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” [38] A sign was fastened to the cross above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”



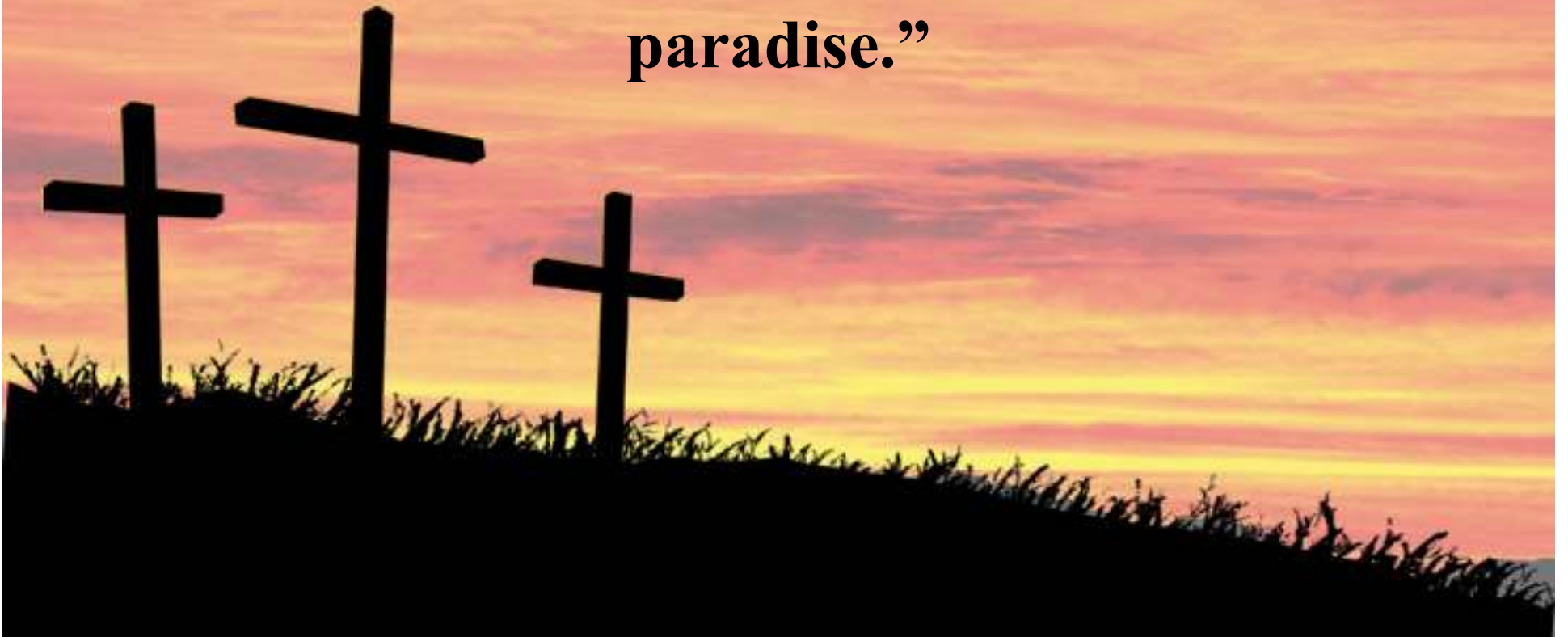
Luke 23:39-40 (NLT)

[39] One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” [40] But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?”



Luke 23:41-43 (NLT)

[41] We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong.” [42] Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” [43] And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”



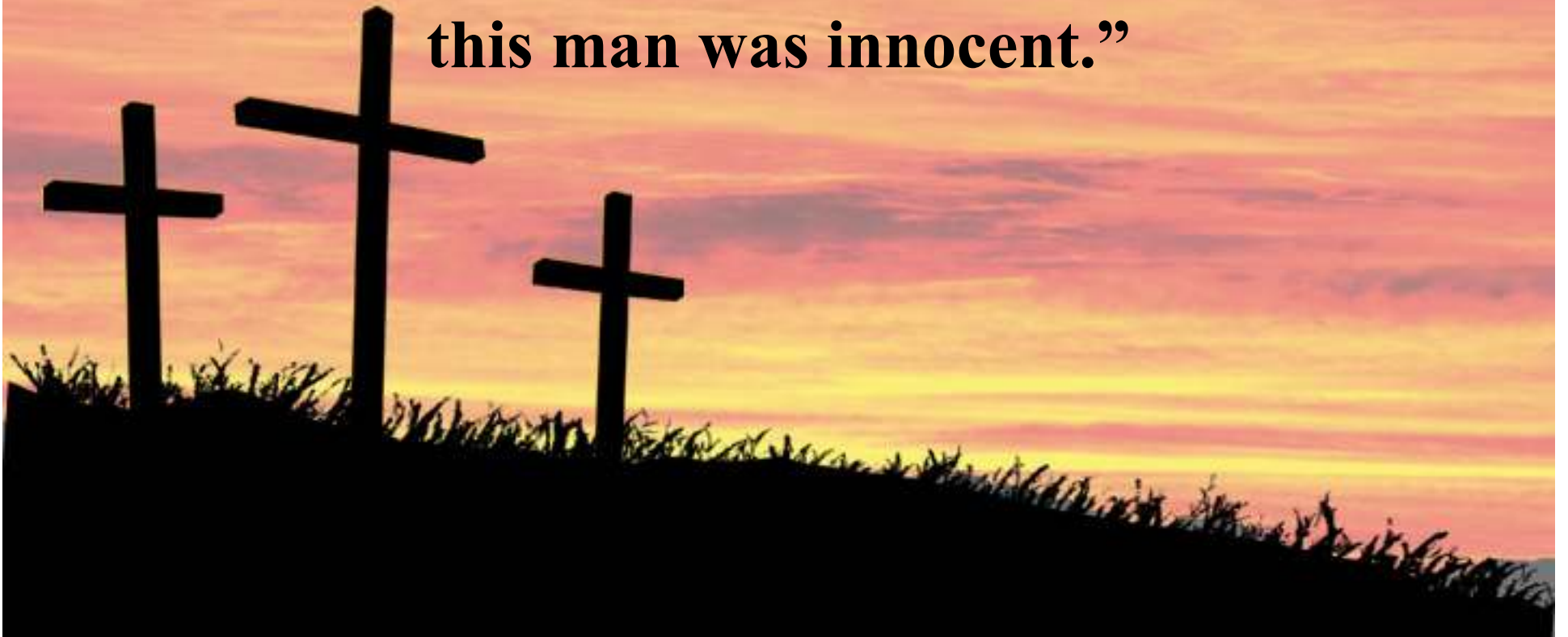
Luke 23:44-45 (NLT)

[44] By this time it was noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. [45] The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle.



Luke 23:46-47 (NLT)

[46] Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last. [47] When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Surely this man was innocent.”



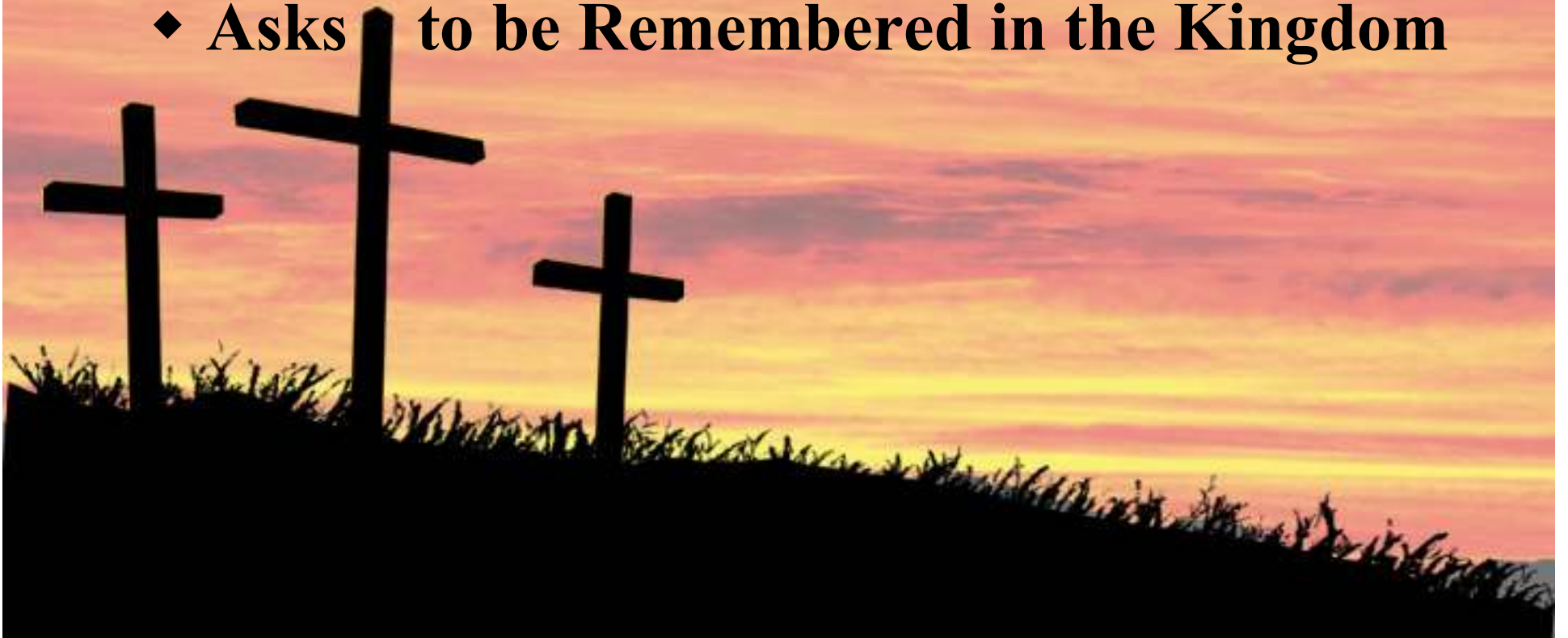
Luke 23:38-49 (NLT)

[48] And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. [49] But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.



THE CONDEMNED CRIMINAL...

- ◆ **Rebukes the other criminal**
- ◆ **Calls Jesus God**
- ◆ **Recognizes His Own Guilt**
- ◆ **Declares Jesus' Innocence**
- ◆ **Asks to be Remembered in the Kingdom**

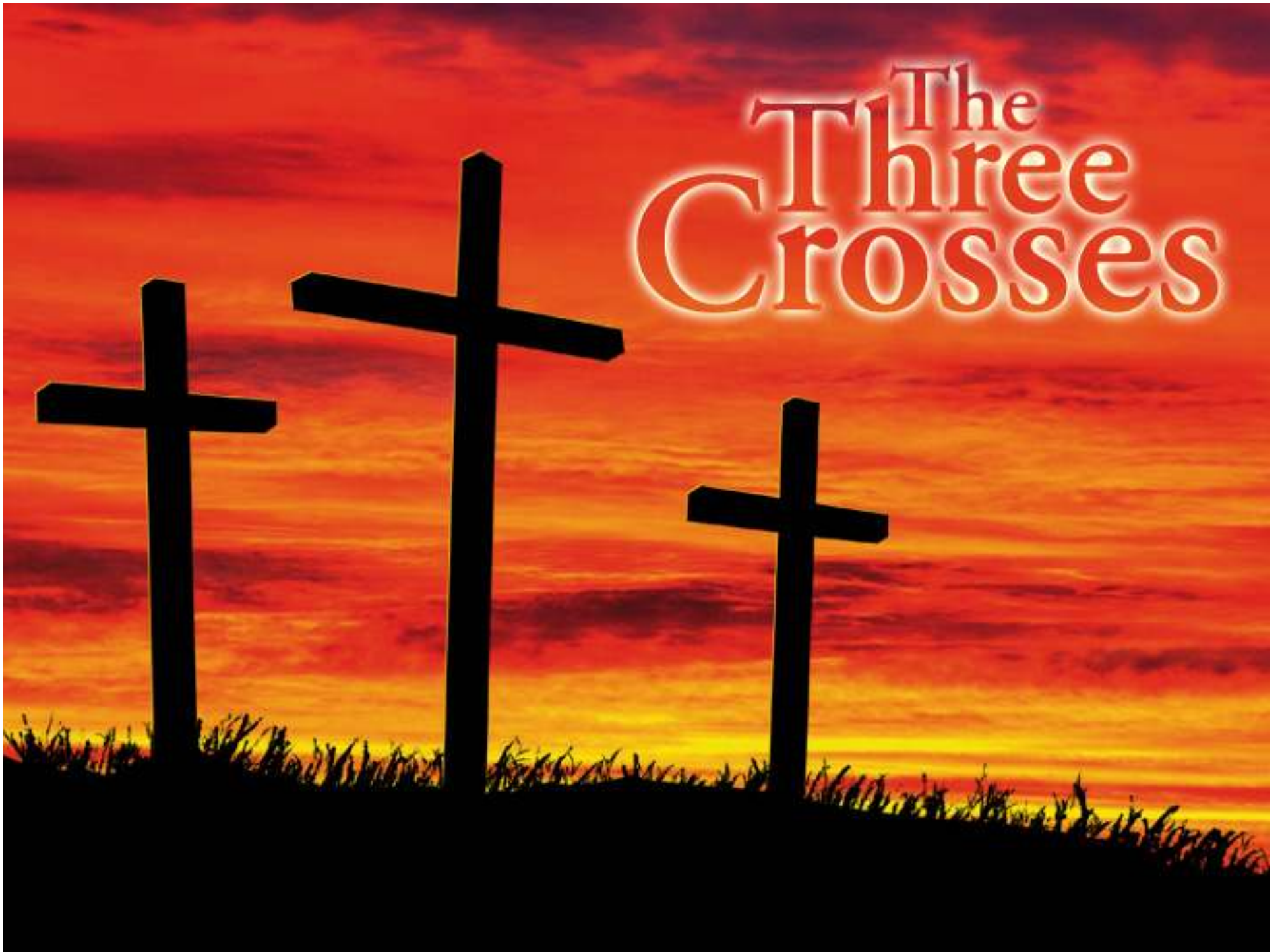


JESUS' RESPONSE...

- ◆ **Today you Will be with ME**
- ◆ **You will be WITH Me in PARADISE**



The Three Crosses



THREE CROSSES ON SKULL HILL:

- ◆ **Cross of REJECTION**
- ◆ **Cross of REPENTANCE**
- ◆ **Cross of REDEMPTION & RESTORATION**



“Jesus PAID it ALL,
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson Stain
He washed it white as Snow”

