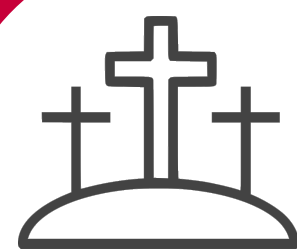




# ***GOSPEL***

JOHN 3:1-21, 4:1-26



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# *BEGINNING*

Human beings were made  
in *the image of God* to  
display the *glory of God*  
to the ends of the earth.

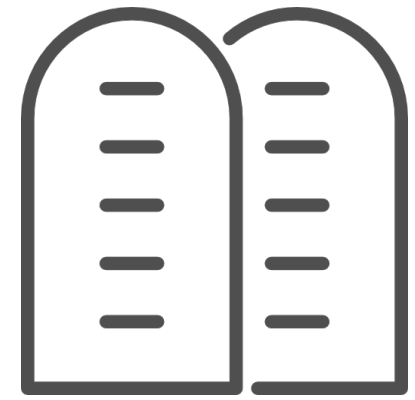
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# *PATRIARCHS*

Though we were shattered by the Fall, God still desires for the earth to be blessed through a people He has *restored to Himself.*

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03



# EXODUS

Despite Israel's call to be a blessing to the world, God's people need *continual rescuing* from their brokenness.



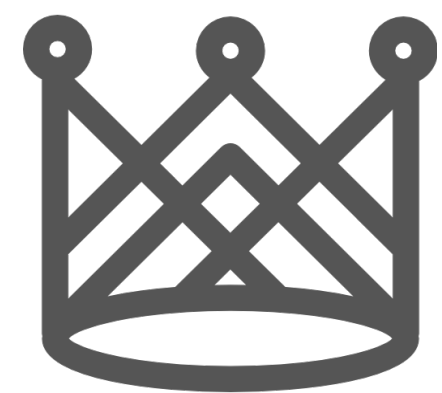
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04



# *JUDGES*

God's people are  
*increasingly eroded* by  
“doing what is right in  
their own eyes,” and  
become *completely lost*.

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05



# *KINGS*

Having a king, like the other nations, revealed that God's people need both a *perfect leader* as well as *virtuous citizens*.

PART  
06



# *EXILE*

In order to show them their need for restoration, God allows His people to *lose their promise and experience oppression.*



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**07**



# *RETURN*

When we repent/confess our sin, God forgives and heals us. But we still have to face the *consequences of our choices*.

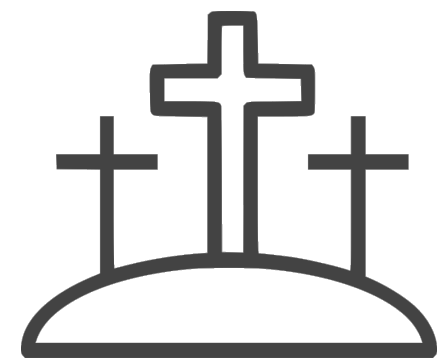
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# *SILENCE*

God initiates a time of silence with His people in order to *prepare them* for the *new thing* that He has planned for them.

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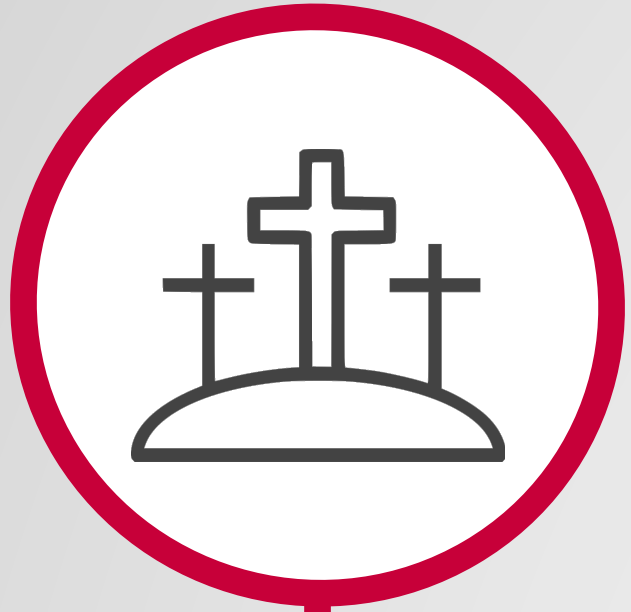
The Son of God comes to bring *good news* to all creation— God is *restoring humanity* back to Himself through Jesus Christ.

# SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST

**CONCEPTION**



GOD'S  
INITIATIVE



## ***JOHN 1:10-13***

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

<sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.





# *JOHN 1:10-13*

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> *children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

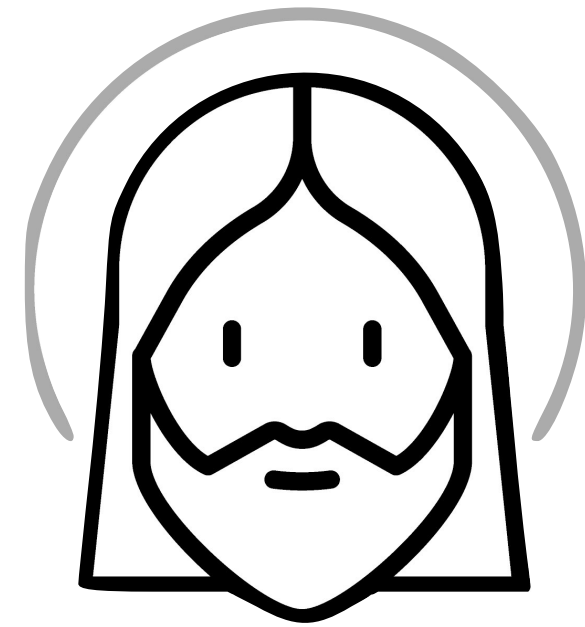
# SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST

## CONCEPTION



GOD'S  
INITIATIVE

## INCARNATION



GOD'S  
EXAMPLE



# *JOHN 1:14*

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. *We have seen his glory*, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

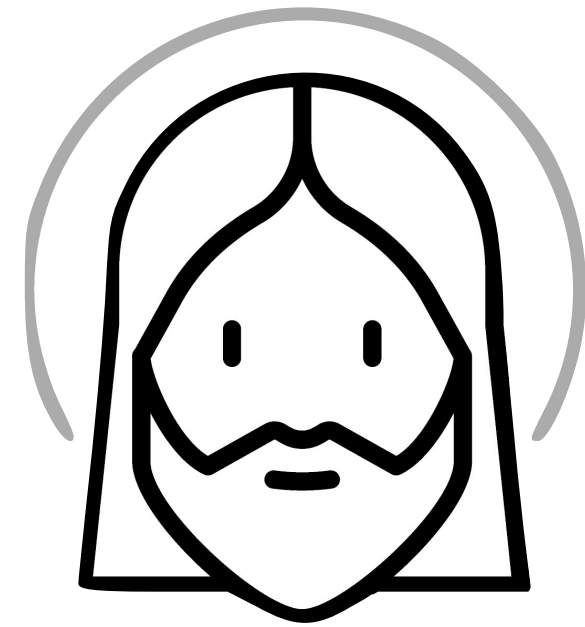
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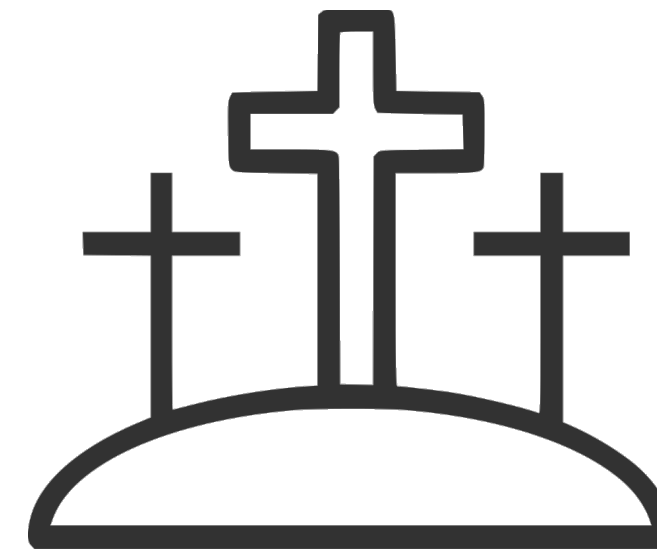
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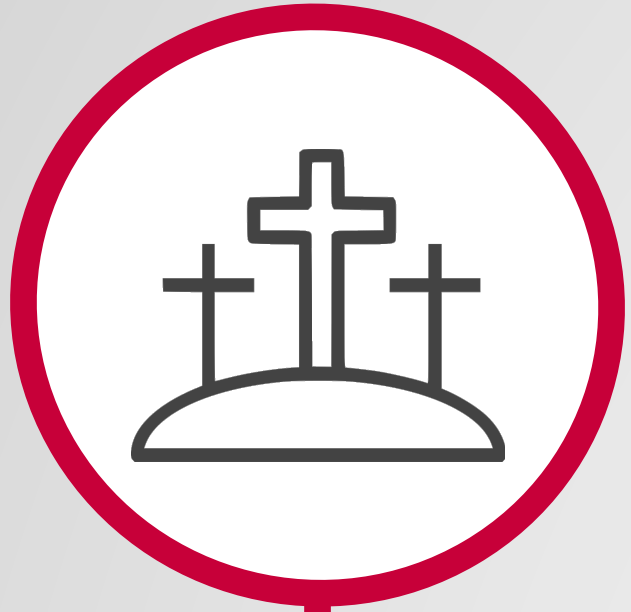


GOD'S  
EXAMPLE

## CRUCIFIXION



GOD'S  
LOVE



## *JOHN 3:16-17*

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, *but to save the world through him.*



# WHAT DO WE MEAN BY **SAVED**?

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# SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST

**CONCEPTION**



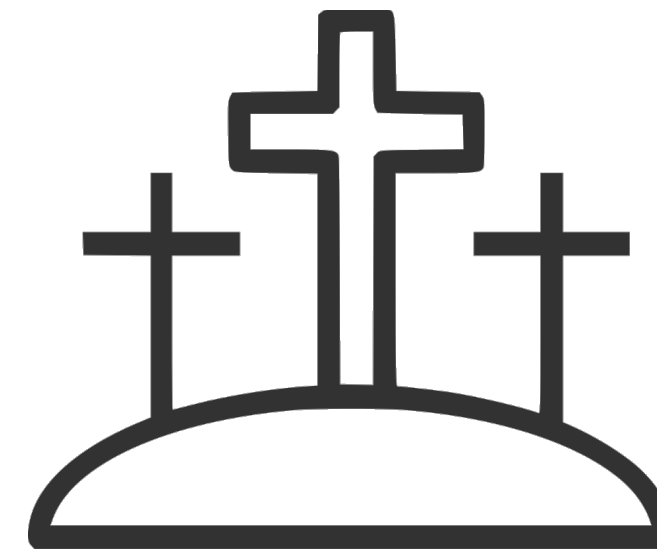
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**CRUCIFIXION**



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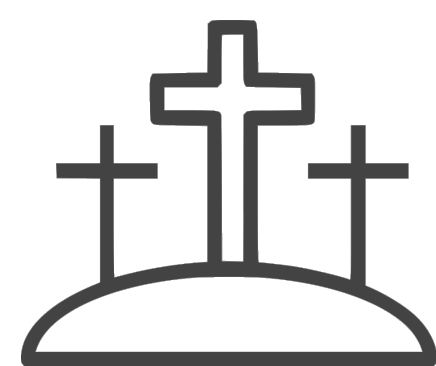
GOD'S  
POWER



# ***JOHN 10:25-26***

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

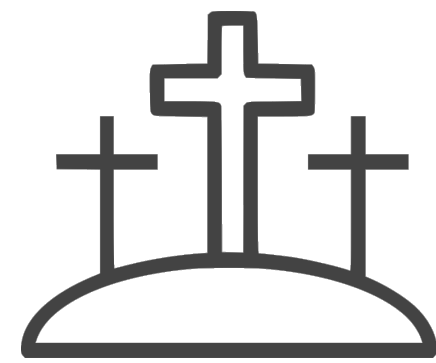
PART  
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# GOSPEL

Through Christ, God has  
*removed* every obstacle  
preventing you from being  
*fully reconciled to Him.*

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# GOSPEL

Your salvation, then, is not a matter of God's willingness to accept you but a matter of *your willingness to accept Christ.*







## NICODEMUS

- + MALE
- + NAMED
- + JEW
- + RIGHTEOUS
- + HONORED
- + EDUCATED
- + SEEKS JESUS
- + *AT NIGHT*



## THE WOMAN

- + FEMALE
- + UNNAMED
- + SAMARITAN
- + SINNER
- + OUTCAST
- + UNEDUCATED
- + SOUGHT BY JESUS
- + *AT NOON*



## *JOHN 1:4-5*

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



## NICODEMUS

He is certain -  
initiates conversation  
with a proclamation.

“Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” (Jn. 3:2)

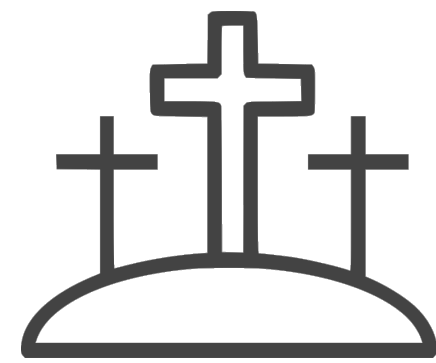


## THE WOMAN

She is uncertain -  
responds to Jesus  
with a question.

“You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink? (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)” (Jn. 4:9)

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# GOSPEL

One of the biggest remaining obstacles to your accepting Christ is *your addiction to certainty.*



## NICODEMUS

He misunderstands Jesus at first, and is unable to recover.

“How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked.

“Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” (Jn. 3:4)



## THE WOMAN

She misunderstands Jesus at first, but is able to recover.

“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with & the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than Jacob...?” (Jn. 4:11-12a)





## NICODEMUS

**He fades out of the conversation.**

His remarks get shorter and shorter. In Greek, he moves from 24 words (3:2) to 18 (3:4) to 4 (3:9) to nothing (3:22).



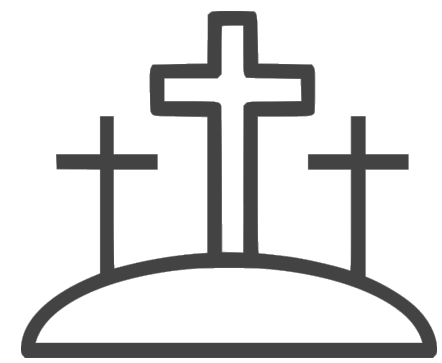
## THE WOMAN

**She remains active in the conversation.**

She moves from defensive (4:9) to practical (4:11-15) to theological (4:19-20) to hopeful (4:25).



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# GOSPEL

Faith in Christ is a *process* –a struggle of letting go of what you thought you knew in order to be *remade into God's likeness*.



## NICODEMUS

**Jesus does not expose the motives of Nicodemus.**

Jesus, “would not entrust himself to the crowds... because he knew what was in a man.” (Jn. 2:24-25)  
The text links this idea to Nicodemus in 3:1.



## THE WOMAN

**Jesus exposes the brokenness of the Samaritan Woman.**

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you have is not your husband.” (Jn. 4:17-18a)



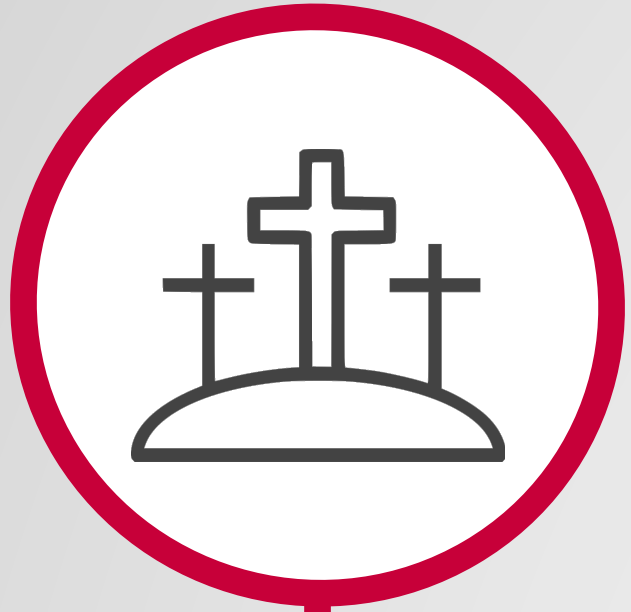
## *JOHN 3:19-21*

<sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light  
has come into the world,  
but people loved darkness  
instead of light because  
their deeds were evil.



## *JOHN 3:19-21*

20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

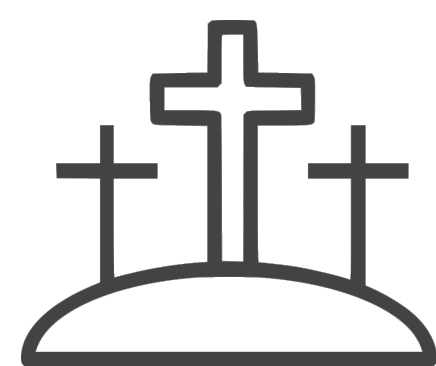


## *JOHN 3:19-21*

<sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.



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# GOSPEL

Salvation requires that we bring our *brokenness into the light*—even though that’s the *last thing* we want to do with it.





## NICODEMUS

He makes no progress in understanding Jesus.

Nicodemus makes an incorrect assumption about who Jesus is based on the miracles that Jesus has performed. But he leaves not having any clearer picture of the identity of Jesus.



## THE WOMAN

She progresses in her understanding of Jesus.

The woman moves from animosity, “You are a Jew,” (4:9) to respect, “Sir,” (4:15) to wonder, “I can see that you are a prophet,” (4:19) to a **full revelation** that Jesus is the Messiah (4:26).



## NICODEMUS

He does not believe in the testimony of Jesus.

Jesus tells Nicodemus, “I have spoken to you of earthly things and *you do not believe*; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?” (3:12)

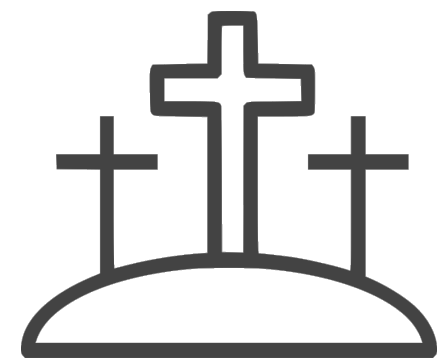


## THE WOMAN

She becomes a disciple doing God’s work.

“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed him because of the woman’s testimony... they said... *we know this man really is the Savior of the world.*” (4:39-42)

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# GOSPEL

People who have truly experienced the saving grace of Christ become *authentic disciples who live life on mission with God.*

