

# EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

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# ULTIMATE

# QUESTION

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TRANSFORMING Lives EXPANDING His Kingdom

**THE ULTIMATE QUESTION**

**Good Friday**



**Rom 5:6-10a**

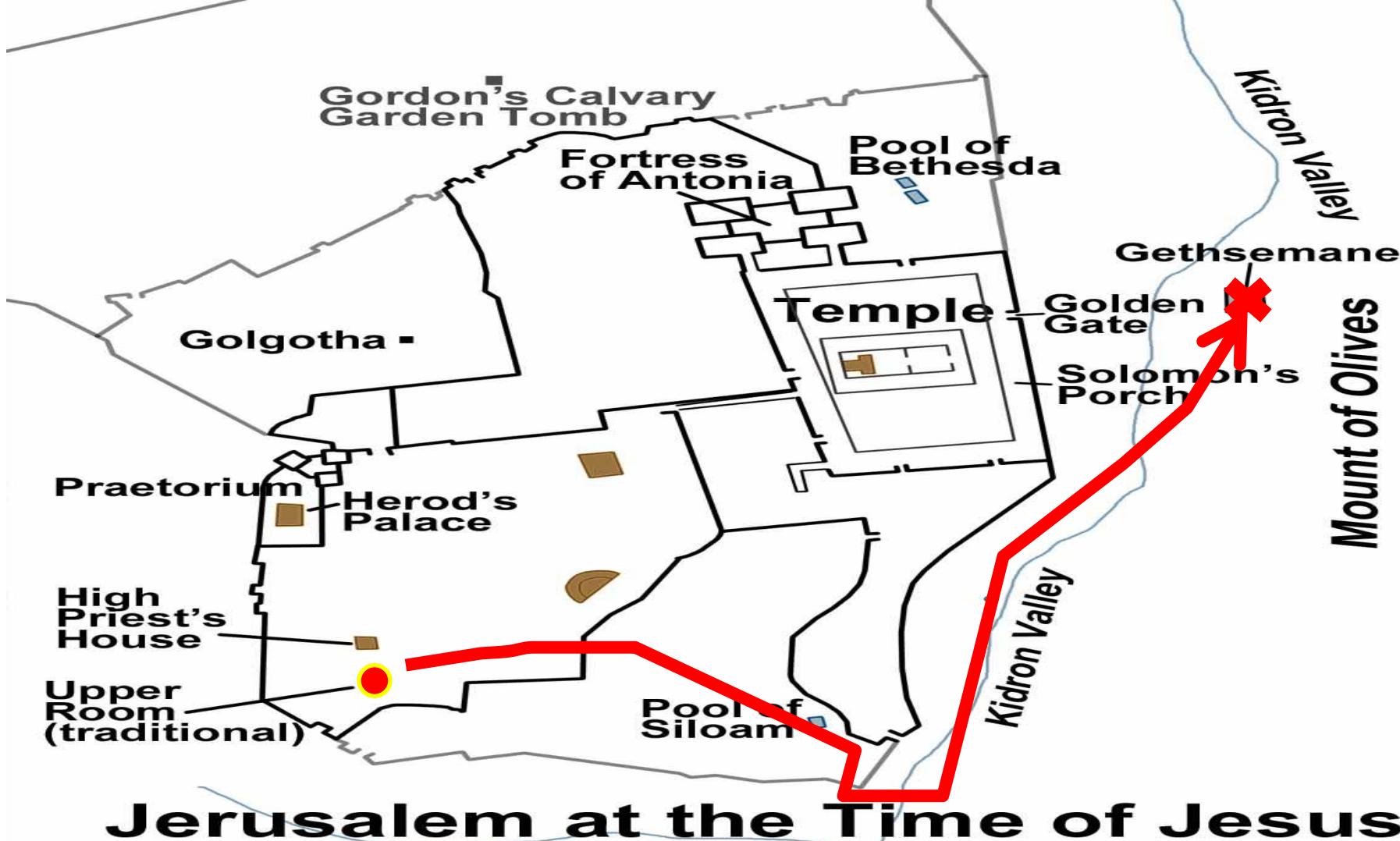
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In Reality ...



The Last Supper





# Garden of Gethsemane



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# High Priest's House...



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# Before Pilate – the Roman Governor



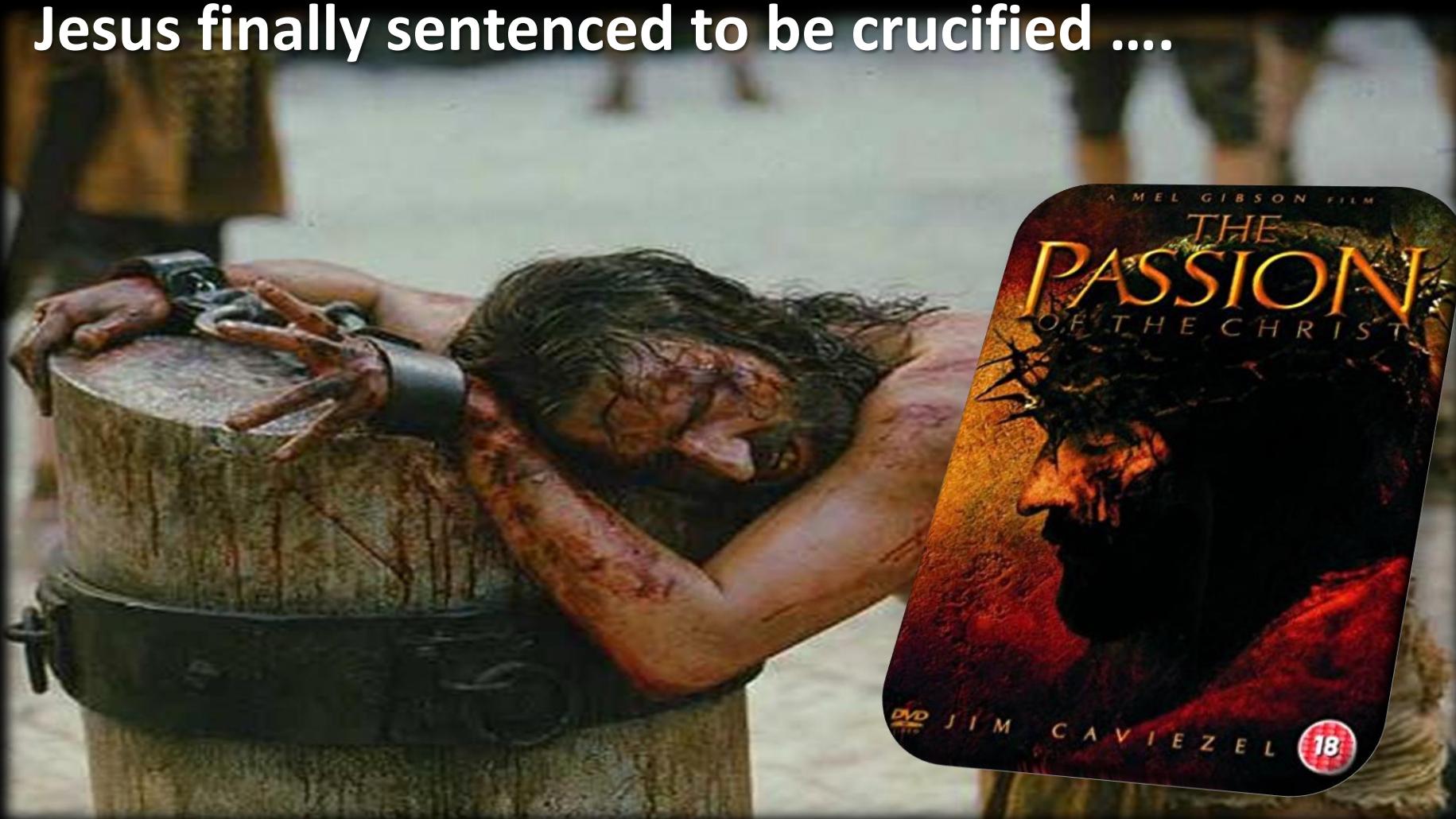
# Before King Herod ...





Jesus or Barabbas ?

- Jesus finally sentenced to be crucified ....





Assisted by Simon of Cyrene

# Crucified in between two thieves...



# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

**Jesus Christ - God's Son ....**

**- Holy....**

**- Sinless ...**

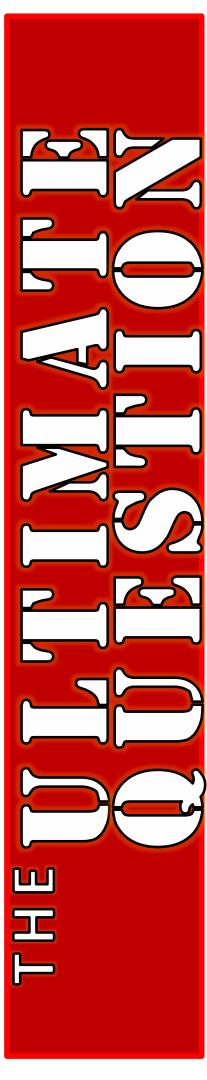
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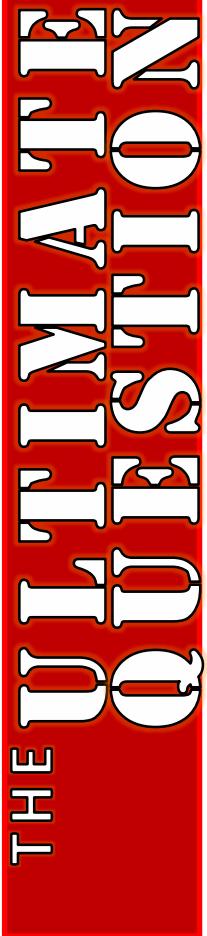


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# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

v6: *When we were still POWERLESS ...  
utterly helpless...  
still weak .... (not physical but spiritual)  
without strength ...*

**That's man's original state ...**

**That's HOW man was, is & will be IF ...  
unable to change our inherent sinful  
nature UNLESS ...**

# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

*“God helps those who help themselves”*

Q: Is this from the Bible ?

A: No

Popularized by Aesop's fables & Benjamin Franklin  
Biblical view :

**“God helps those who can't help themselves.”**

**“God helps those who are willing to admit they  
cannot help themselves.”**

# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

v6: *Christ died for the UNGODLY ...  
sinners ...  
sinful ...  
the wicked ...*

**People who live as if God did not exist...  
& because there is no God,...  
they ‘make’ their own ‘god’  
OR they become their own ‘god’...**

# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

v8: *While we were still SINNERS ...*

*yet sinners ...*

*were sinful ...*

**That's the state of sinful man ...**

**always 'missing the mark' in**

**Greek ....**

**try & fail,**

**again try & again fail...**



# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

v10: *We were God's ENEMIES ...  
hostile to God...*

**That's WHERE sinful man stand before God ...  
in direct opposition ...  
yet there is an innate fear of meeting God at  
the end of time...**

# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

- Powerless : you can't change your basic nature.
- Ungodly : you live as if God does not exist.
- Sinner : you keep on missing the mark.
- Enemy : hostility toward God and possibly a fear of facing him someday.

**Q: Who is being Described here ?**

**A: Every man and woman in the world -  
WITHOUT GOD in their life ....**

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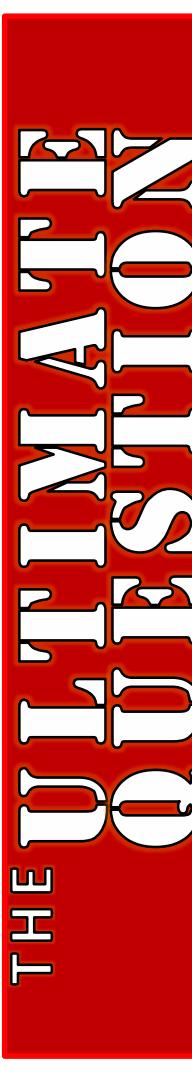
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For Every man & woman...

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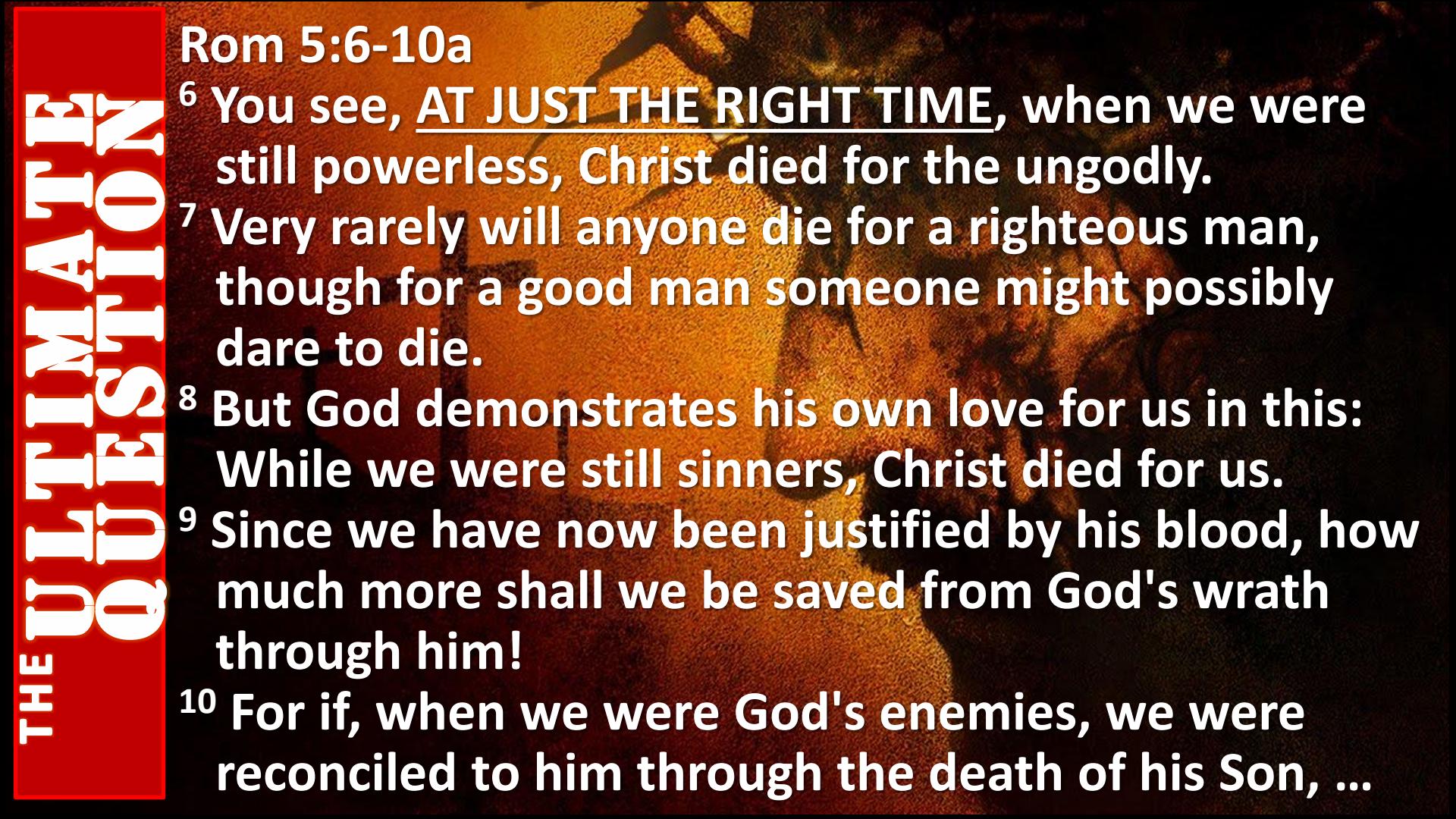
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Q: When did Jesus die ?

A: About 2000yrs ago ....

Q: BUT why then ?



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THE ULTIMATE  
STATEMENT

# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

Gal 4:4-5a

*4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,  
5 to redeem those under law,...*

Jesus Christ, God's Son ....

- Born at just the **RIGHT TIME** ... }
  - Died at just the **RIGHT TIME** ... }
- God's Perfect Timing**

# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

So ....

Q: When did Jesus die ?

A: At A Time Set by God

# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

Lastly ....

**Q: WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?**

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# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

Q: Why Did Jesus Have To Die?

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Painful, Cruel Death?

God's Way To Show His Love ...

→ To Justify ....

→ To Save ....

→ To Reconcile ...



# THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

God's love is not dependent on anything in us...

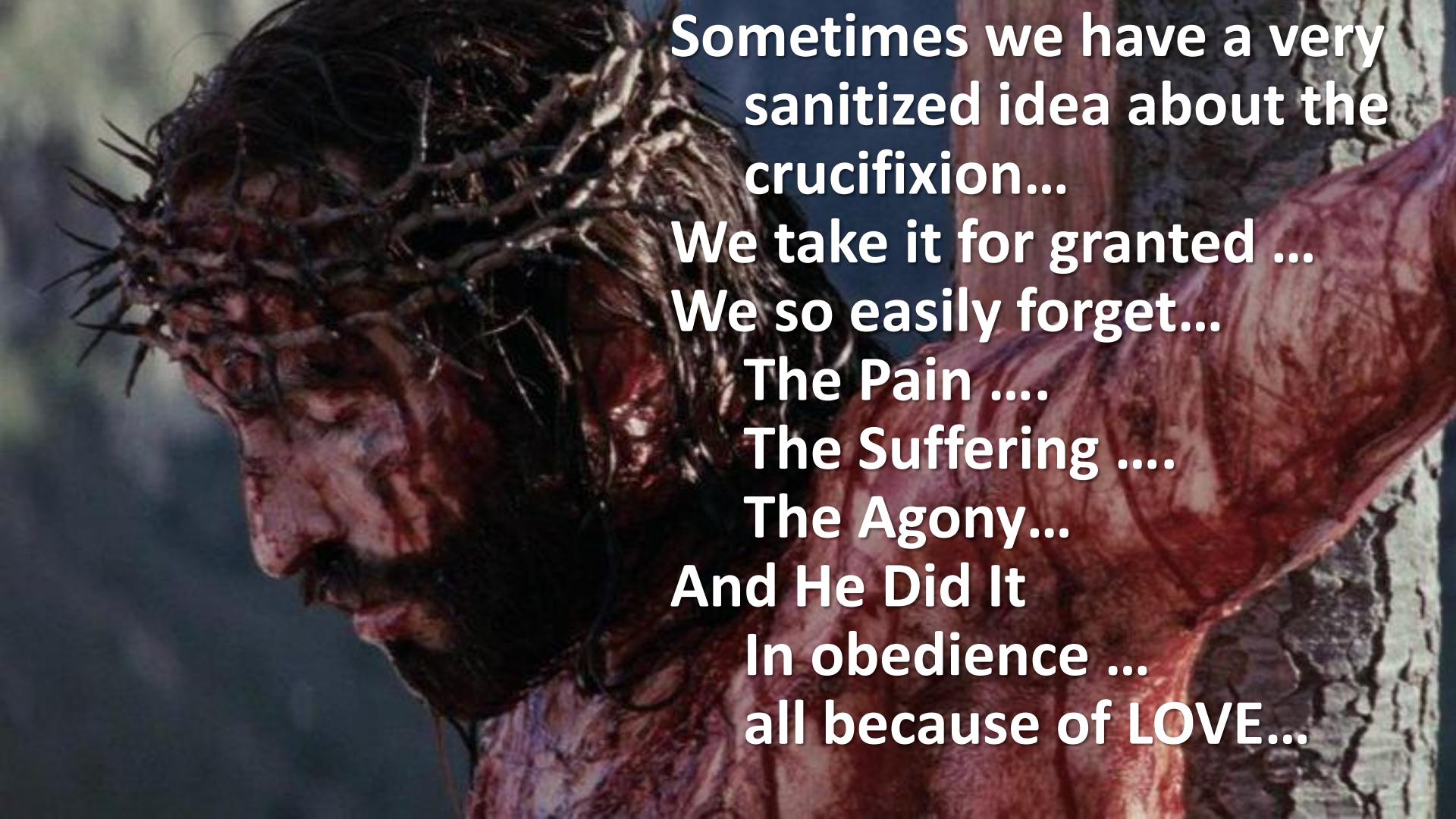
- Nothing in us worth loving...
- Nothing in us that causes God to love us...

FRANKLY There is no reason for God to love us.

BUT He Still Choose to love us because GOD IS LOVE...

- He cannot help loving us  
even when we are his enemies.
- His love is both greater than our sin &  
in spite of our sin.

God shouldn't love us ... but He does.



**Sometimes we have a very  
sanitized idea about the  
crucifixion...**

**We take it for granted ...**

**We so easily forget...**

**The Pain ....**

**The Suffering ....**

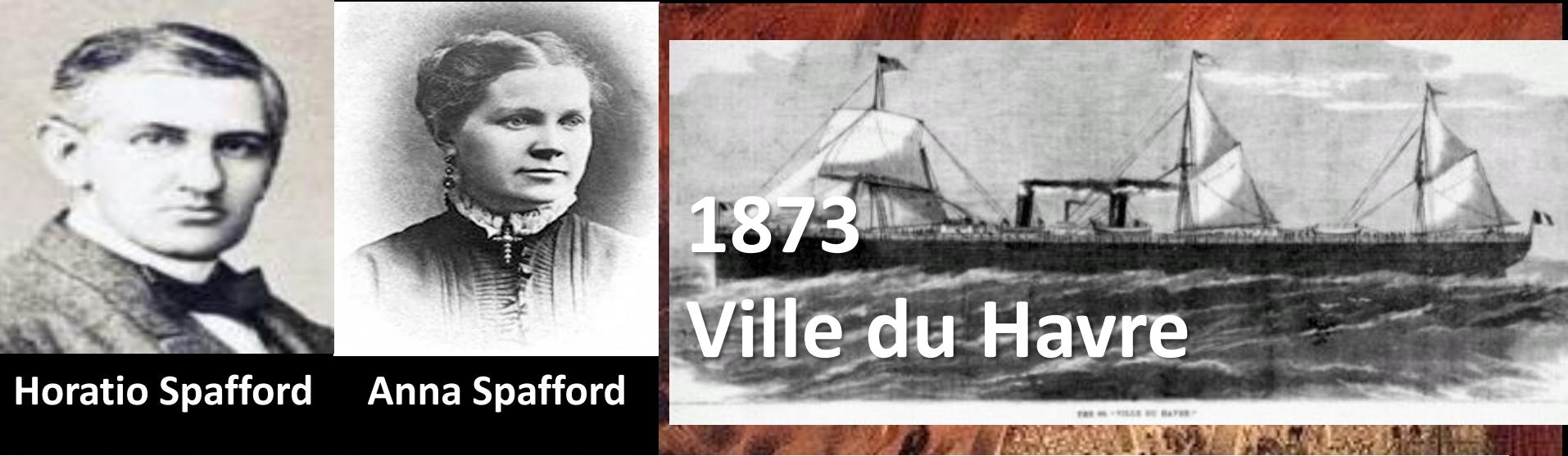
**The Agony...**

**And He Did It**

**In obedience ...**

**all because of LOVE...**





Horatio Spafford

Anna Spafford



Annie



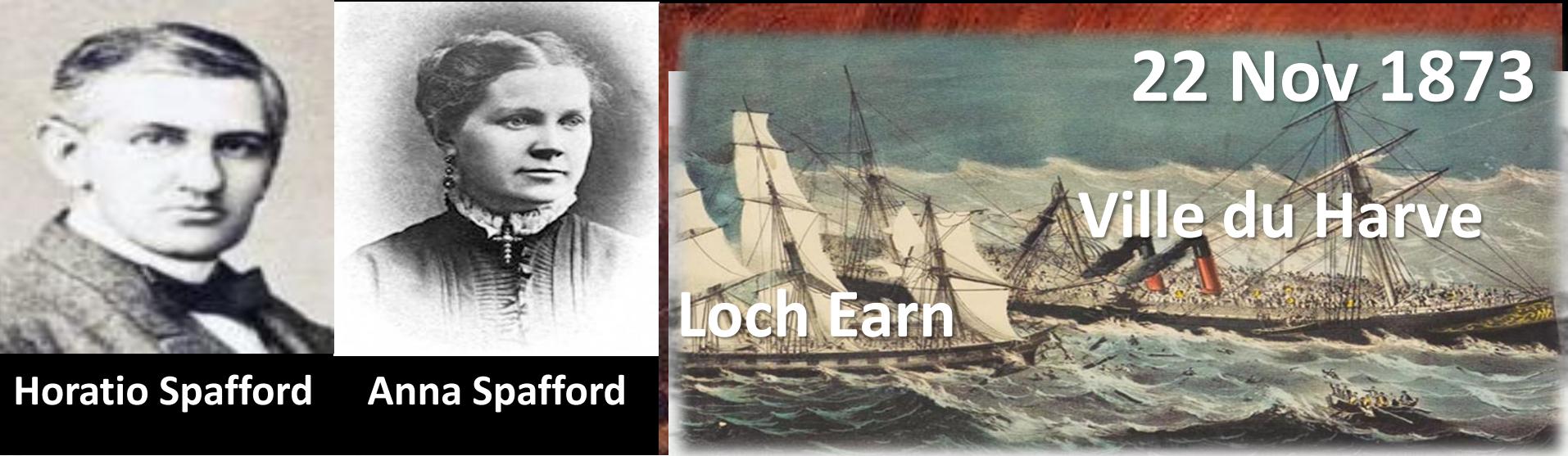
Maggie



Bessie



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# ***It Is Well With My Soul***

**1 When peace like a river  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea  
billows roll;  
whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to  
say, "It is well, it is well  
with my soul."**

## **Refrain**

**It is well with my soul;  
it is well,  
it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my  
helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood  
for my soul.**

**3 My sin oh, the bliss of this  
glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear  
it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul!**



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# **1 Cor 1:18**

**“For the message of the cross  
is foolishness to those who  
are perishing,  
but to us who are being  
saved ...  
it is the POWER OF GOD.”**



THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME

THE ULTIMATE ANSWER

# HOLY COMMUNION