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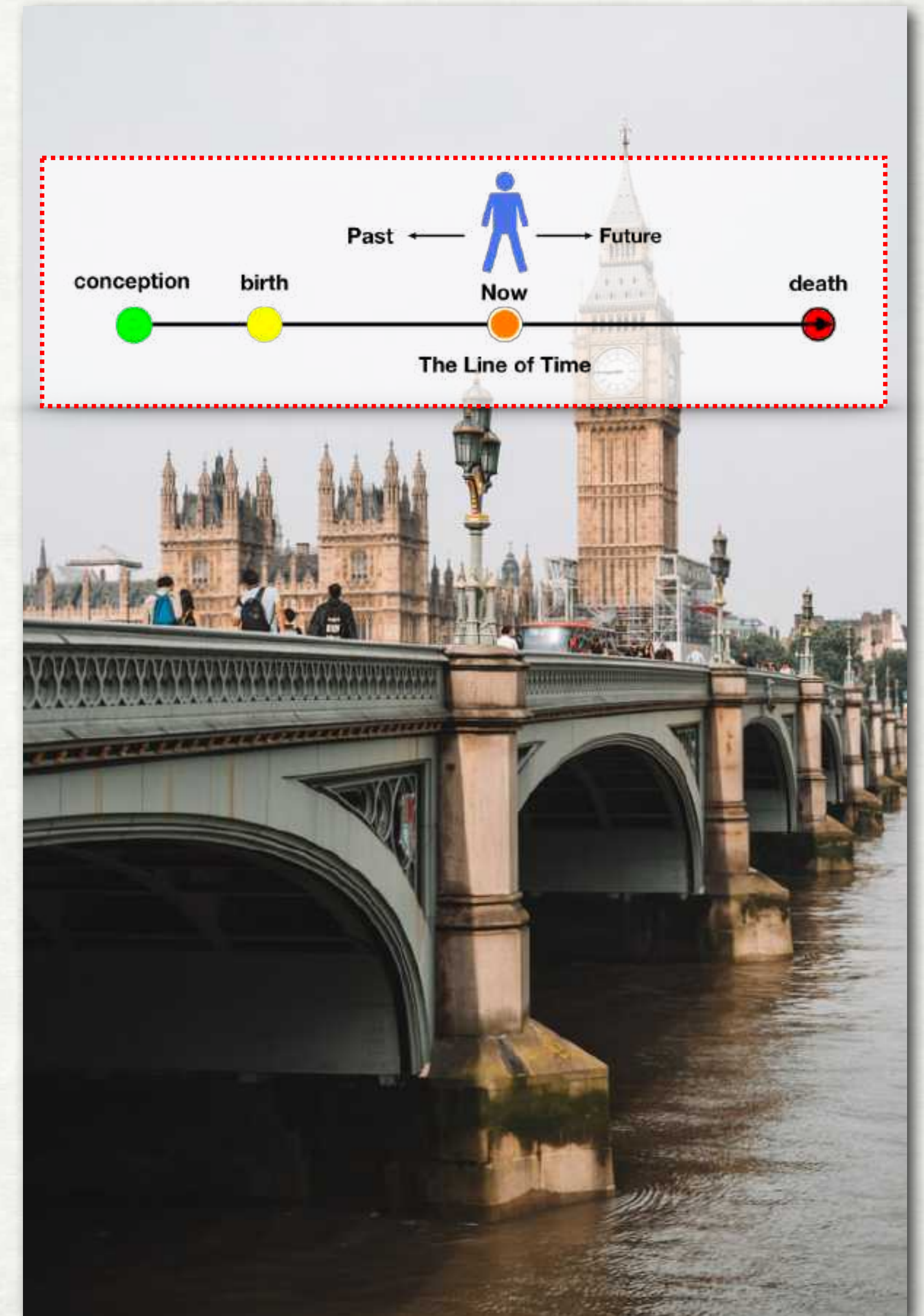
*Time does not flow any more than space flows. It
is we who are flowing.*

Ouspensky

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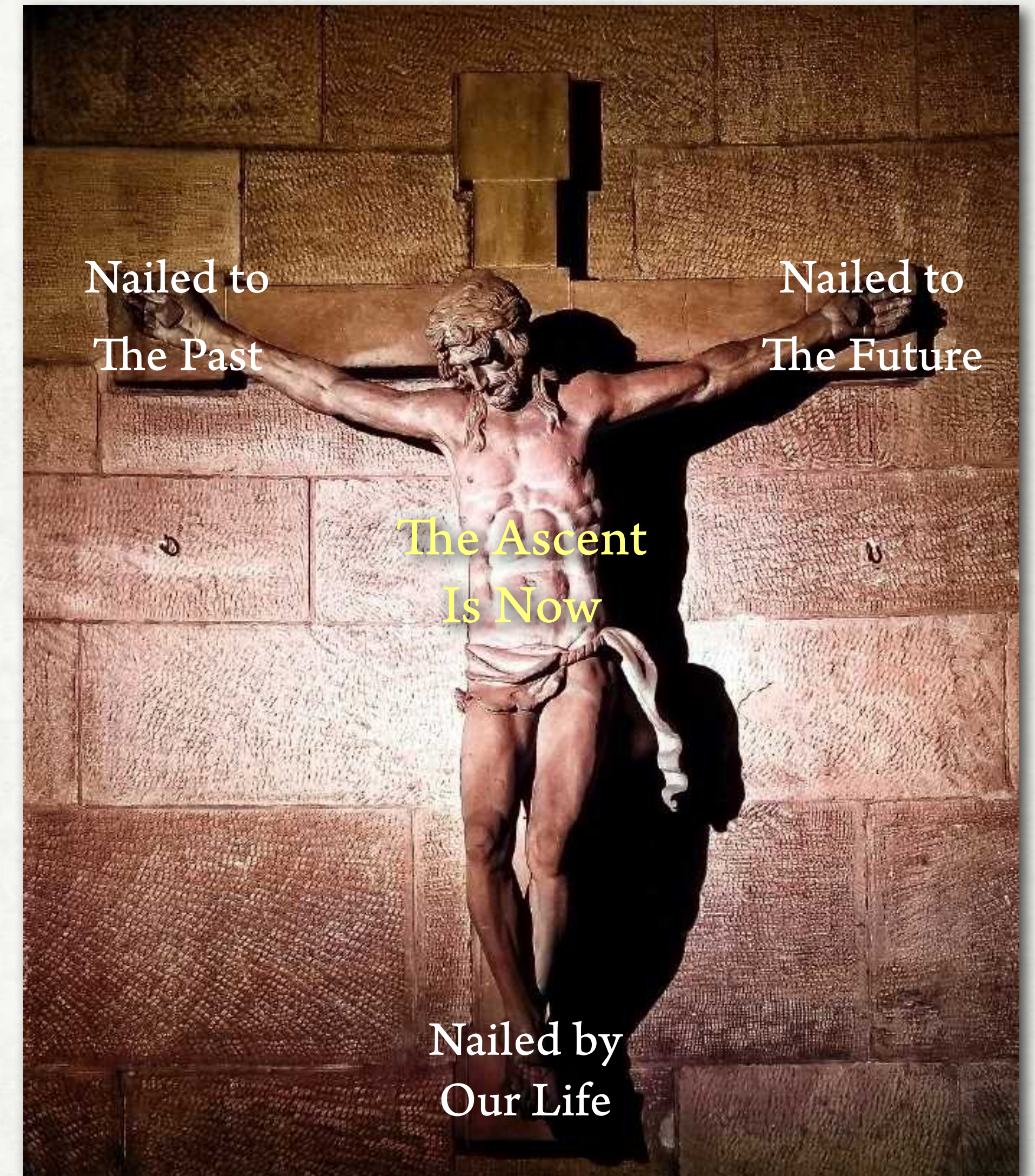
THE TIMES OF OUR LIFE

- We are programmed from an early age to perceive time as a line. Our inner model of that is a barrier in the Work
- It is an idea that is difficult to oppose, because it is established by the order of events, about which there is common agreement.
- However our subjective experience of time varies according to the level of attention. Put simply, the total of moments of presence in someone's lifetime varies considerably.
- This is what Gurdjieff is referring to when he draws attention to the "ever-shortening life of man."



THE “SIMPLE” CROSS

- Nailed by the past, by our accumulation of associations which govern our behavior.
- Nailed to the future by our expectations and our fears and our naive hopes.
- Nailed by our life, by our imagination about our life which prevents us from seeing our reality. We don't live our lives, we imagine them.
- The only possible ascension is through changes of state: from world 96 to world 48 to world 24 to world 12.



THE PARABLE OF THE ANGRY MONK

- There were two monks who resided together at a monastery
- One of the monks - the obedient monk - was dedicated in his observations of the daily rituals of the monastery, diligently obedient, polite in behavior and devout in prayer.
- The angry monk was forever angry. He cursed God in every way he knew how. He berated God for every mishap that punctuated his day. When he wasn't complaining to others about God, he muttered criticism of God under his breath.
- And then, one day the angry monk was suddenly transformed. His anger disappeared and he became saintly.



GURDJIEFF'S SORROW

- Madame de Salzman tells of an incident, late in Gurdjieff's life, when she came upon him in a place in Switzerland. He was sitting, looking very sad and discouraged.
- She asked him: "Are you discouraged because we are not working hard enough? Is there something we don't do?"
- With great feeling, he described his sadness as he conveyed to her the immense distance between what was needed and what was being done. He felt compassion for his pupils, as well as his inability to do it for them.
- Then he waved to her to go and play the piano.



THE WAY OF SORROW

1st Station of the Cross: Jesus on the Mount of Olives

Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives for His Father to take the cup from His hand.

We all have one within us who would shirk their fate.

2nd Station of the Cross: Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested. Betrayed by one whom he trusted.

We all have an inner Judas?

3rd Station of the Cross: Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin.

Within us too there is a Sanhedrin council, with many important members and a high priest.

They fear to lose their place. Christ challenges them to do so

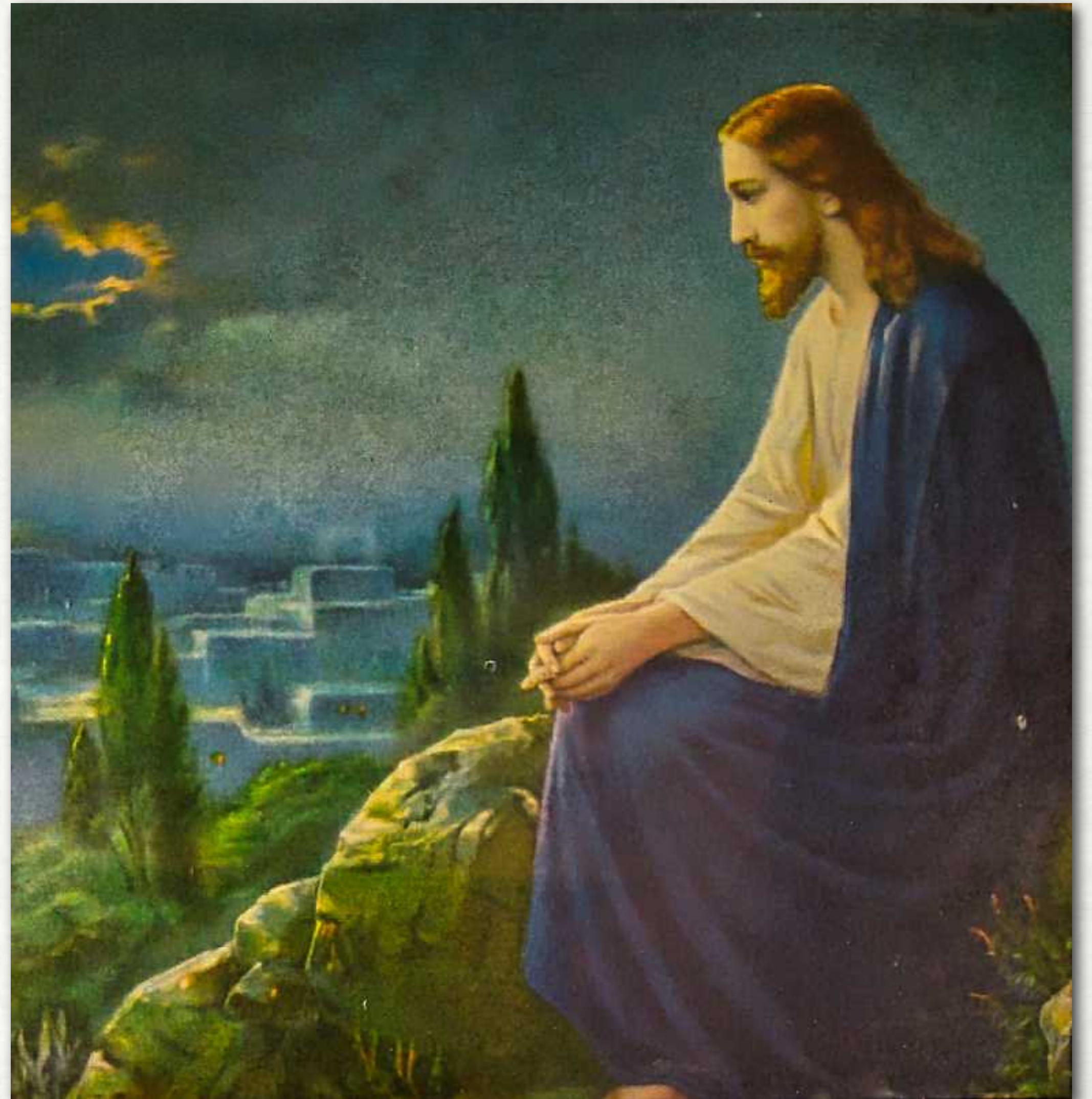
4th Station of the Cross: Peter denies Jesus

How is our Peter any different to our Judas.

And yet on this rock...

5th Station of the Cross: Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate

And he took water, and washed his hands



ON THE VIA DOLOROSA

- At the Birth of Christ, everyone gathers, Mary and Joseph, the Three kings, and the shepherds, with their sheep. This is the birth of the body Kesdjan - a virgin birth.
- At the Death of Christ, everyone draws away: Judas betrays, Peter denies, the Sanhedrin condemn and Pontius Pilate washes his hands. This is the birth of the soul - a way of sorrow.



THE CROWN OF THORNS

6th Station of the Cross: Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns
[To me] the scourging of the body indicates the mastery of the body.
[To me] the crown of thorns symbolizes the abandoning of the normal mind

7th Station of the Cross: Jesus takes up His cross

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me ... and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

To take up the cross is to choose to die to what one is.

8th Station of the Cross: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross
Simon of Cyrene is ordered to do so by the Roman soldiers.

Within us there are those who would at least help to carry the cross.

9th Station of the Cross: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem and some disciples

Jesus cautions them that they should not weep for Him, but that their concerns should be for themselves and the lives of their children.

10th Station of the Cross: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

The crucifixion now happens, but it has not arrived without considerable suffering and it will not end without considerable pain.



THE JUST THIEF

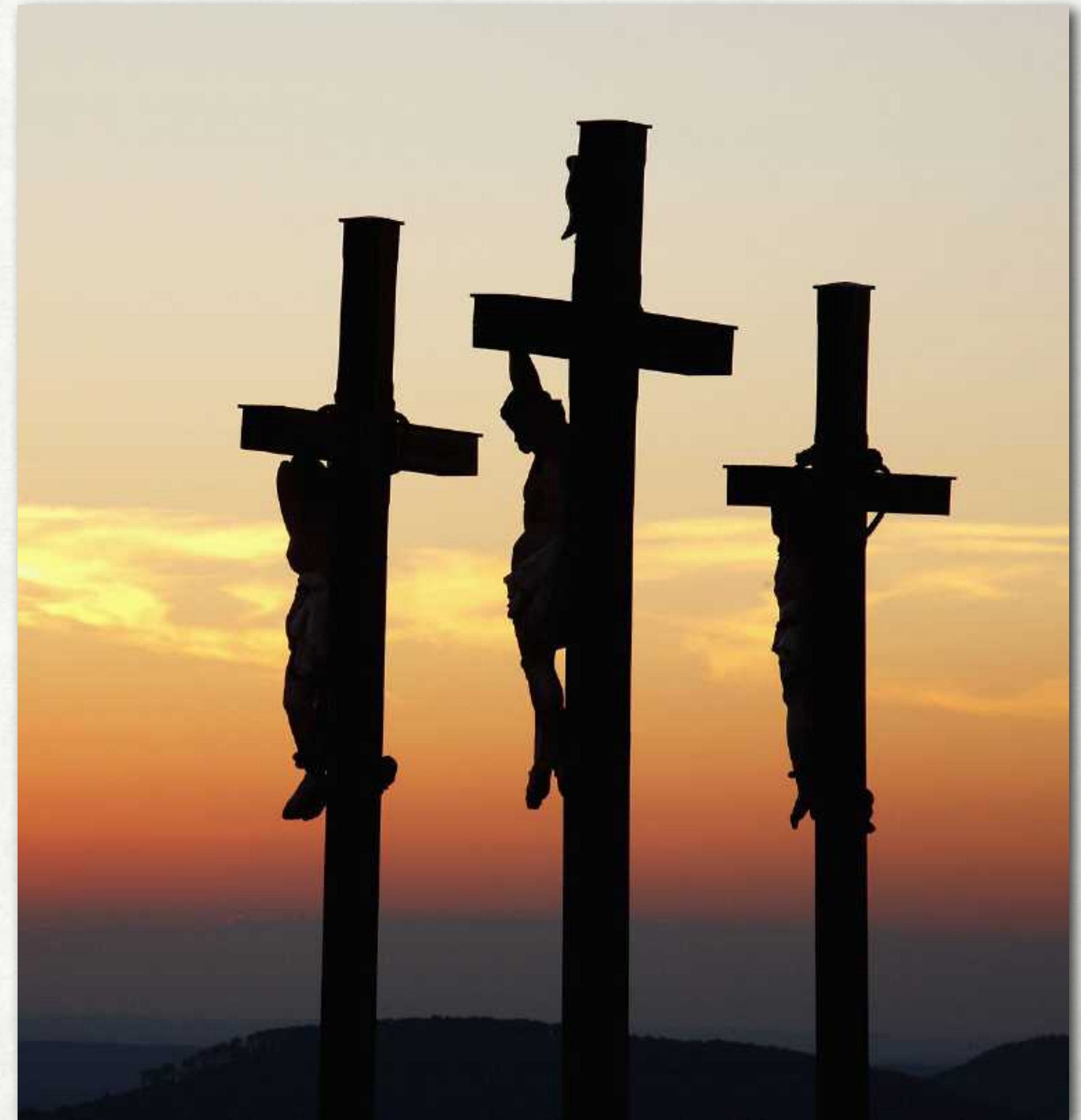
11th Station of the Cross: Jesus promises His kingdom to the just thief.

There are parts of us that need to die and parts that are just that can be saved.

12th Station of the Cross: Jesus on the cross speaks with His mother and disciples

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

(John 19:26-27)



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13th Station of the Cross: Jesus dies

Thirty years Jesus grew, studied, learned, foresaw. Three years Christ ministered – what teachings, healings, miracles, communion with the multitude, preparation of his disciples! Three months from the going up to Jerusalem until the end – faster, faster matter is stirred, tighter, tighter is time compressed. Three days of his passion: each minute, each second intent with agony and creation. Three hours upon the cross –

“And behold, the veil of the temple was split in twain.” Time split. Past, present, above and below were fused. And in those hours a whole great age of man’s development was formed. [Rodney Collin]



THE EMPTY TOMB

The Final Station of the Cross: Jesus is laid in the tomb.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, 'Woman, why weepest thou?' She saith unto them, 'Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him.' And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, 'Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?' She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, 'Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus saith unto her, 'Mary.'
She turned herself, and saith unto him, 'Rabboni'; which is to say, Master.

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.



NOT PEACE, BUT A SWORD

- Think not that I come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
(Luke 12:49-53)
- Mme de Salzmann at a gathering.
- Rina Hands at the dinner table.
- Rina Hands and a hysterical woman.
- Rina Hands and a pupil.



Questions?

