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# PARADISE

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HEAVEN'S OPEN DOOR



# LUKE 23: 32-43

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<sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”



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# TWO CRITICAL QUESTIONS

**1.** WHERE IS THE DOOR TO HEAVEN?

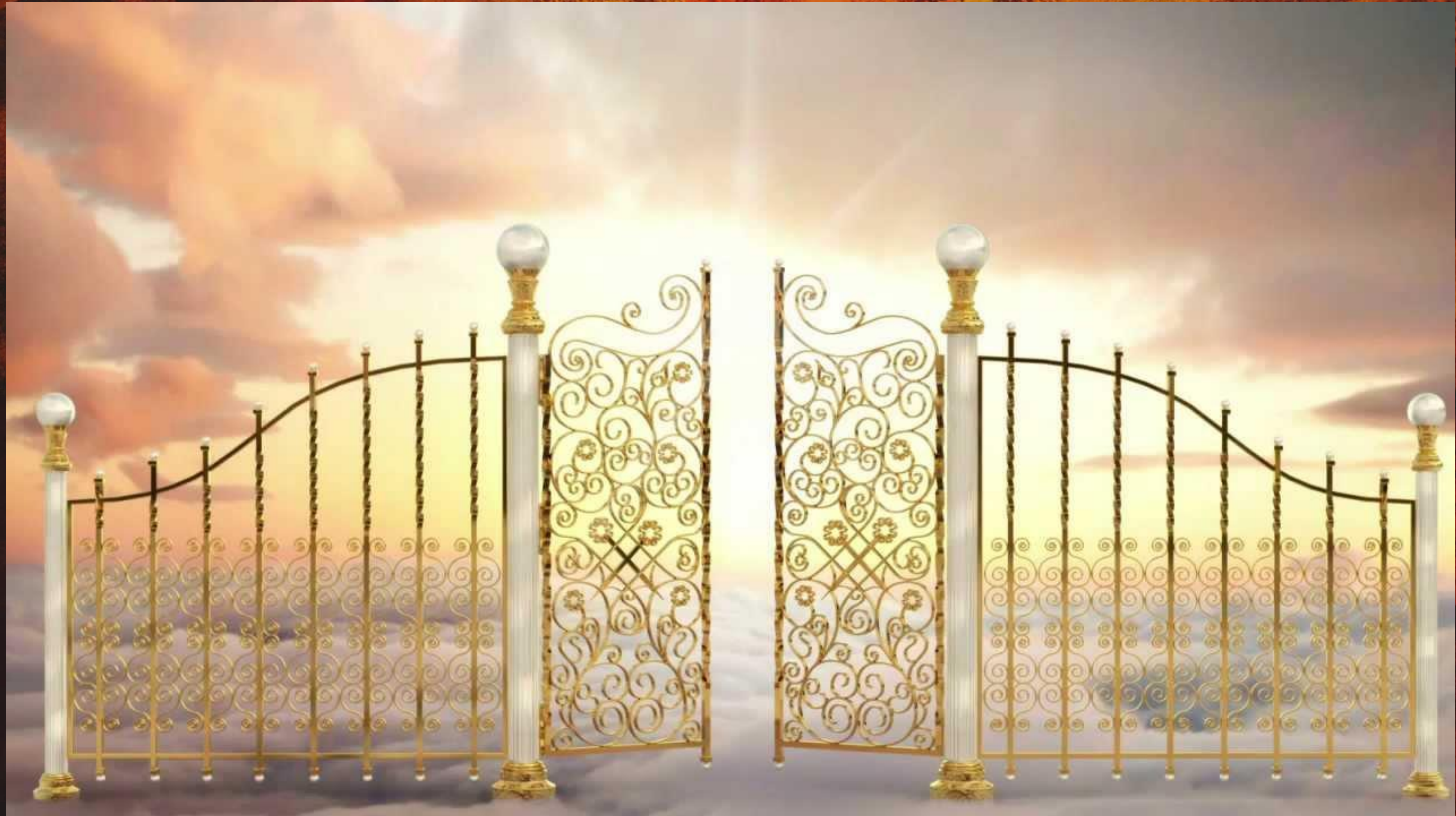
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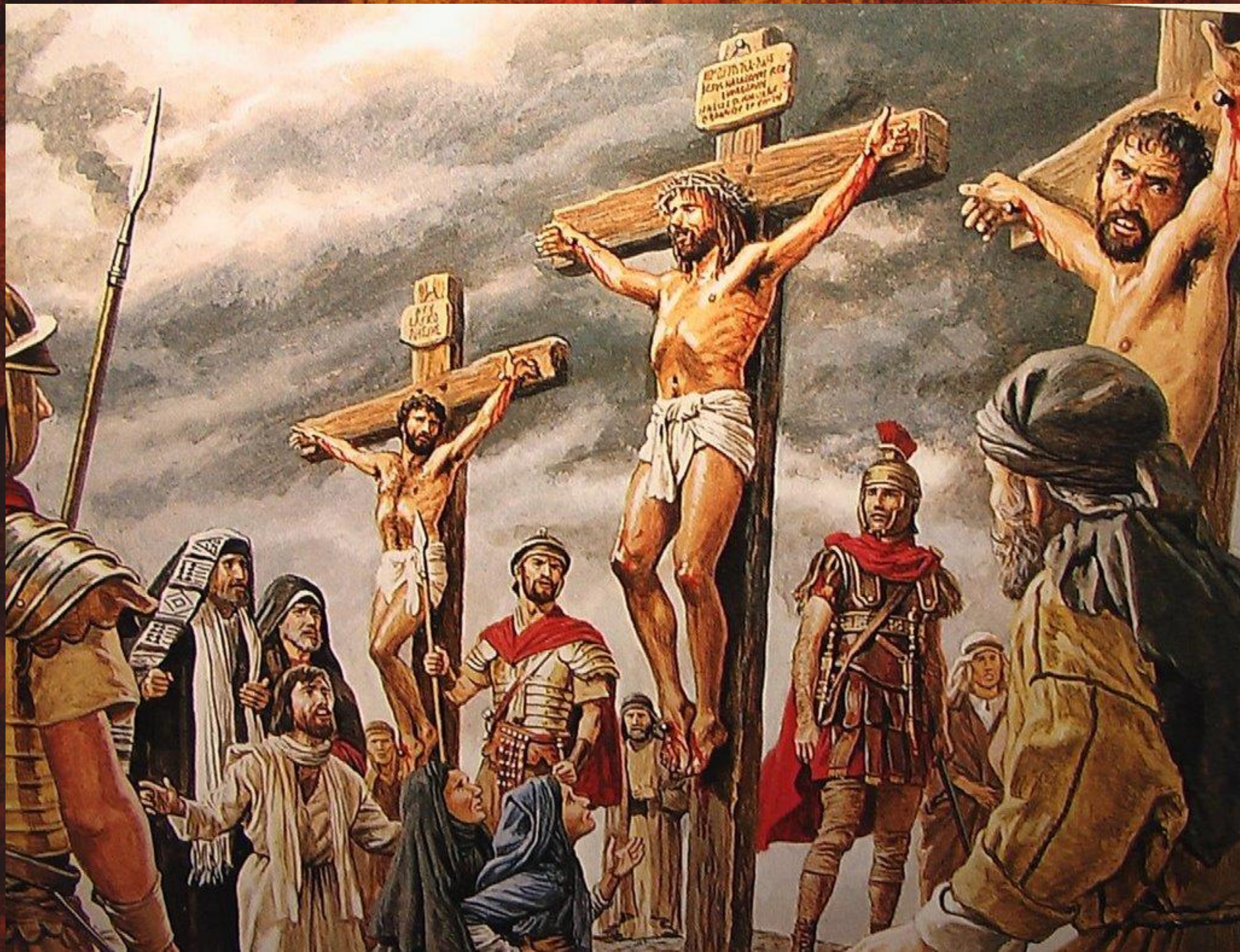


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only by faith in him that access is  
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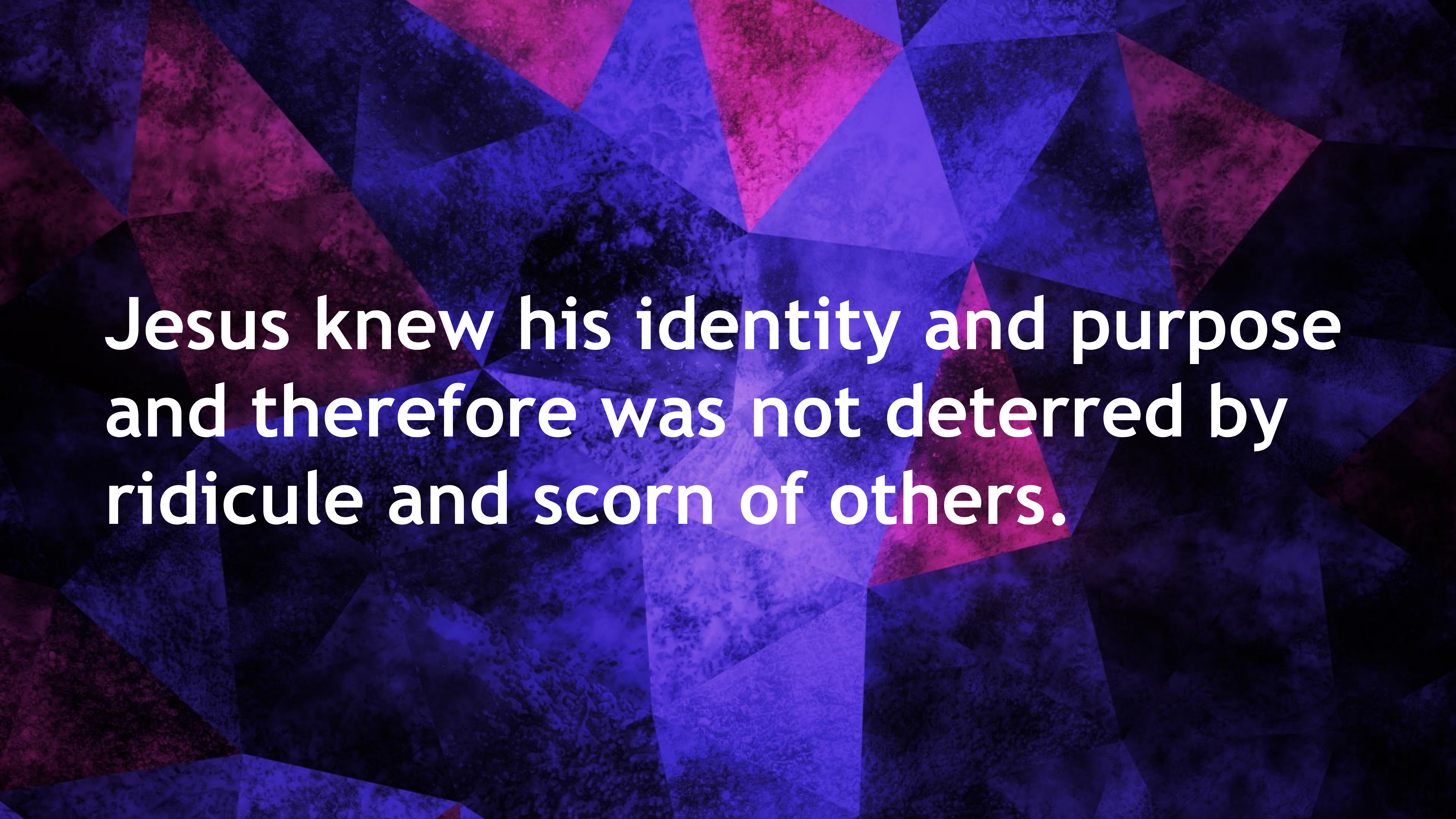
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## Mark 10:42-45

<sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,<sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”





Jesus knew his identity and purpose  
and therefore was not deterred by  
ridicule and scorn of others.





Don't allow anyone to talk you out  
of what you know God has called  
you to do and be.



## John 14:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”





Jesus is the **ONLY** way to the  
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Salvation is:

1. available to everyone.
2. always based on God's grace
3. accessed by faith alone in Jesus Christ.
4. instant



# Acts 4:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is  
no other name under heaven given to mankind  
by which we must be saved.”



# HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

Romans 10:9-10

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.



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