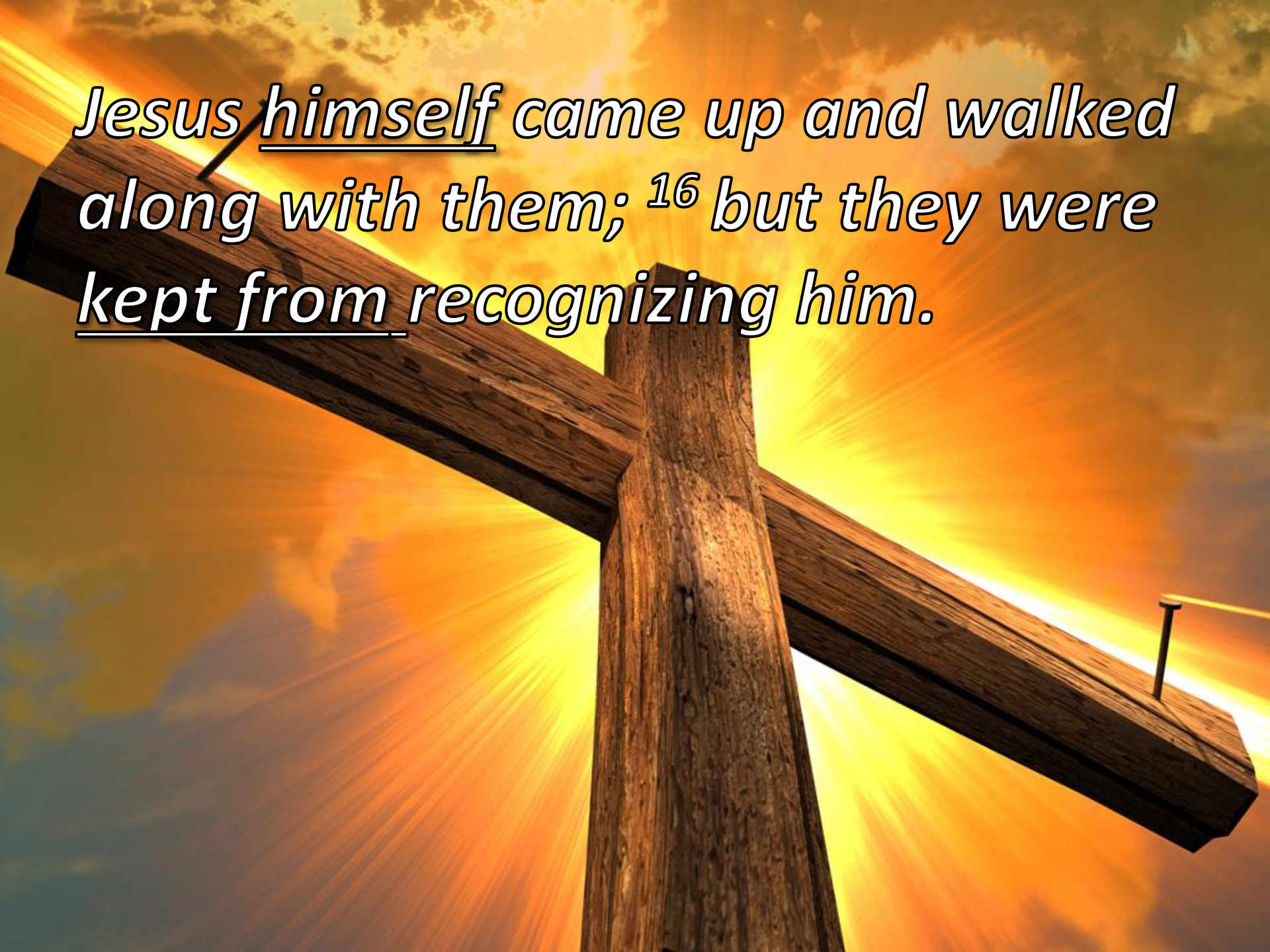


*Luke 24: <sup>13</sup> Now that same day  
two of them were going to a  
village called Emmaus, about  
seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>*

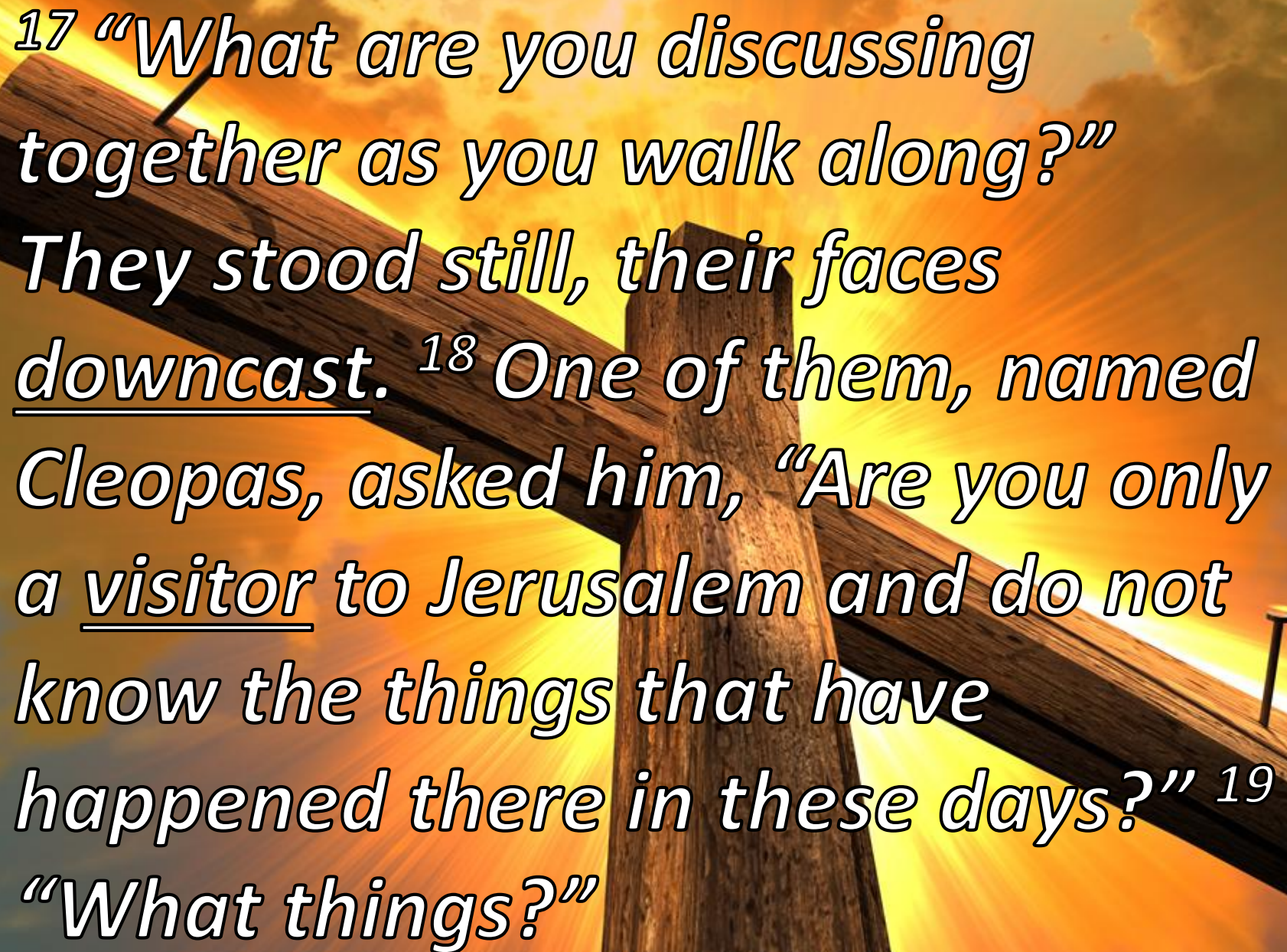
*They were talking with each other  
about everything that had  
happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and  
discussed these things with each  
other*



*Jesus himself came up and walked  
along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were  
kept from recognizing him.*

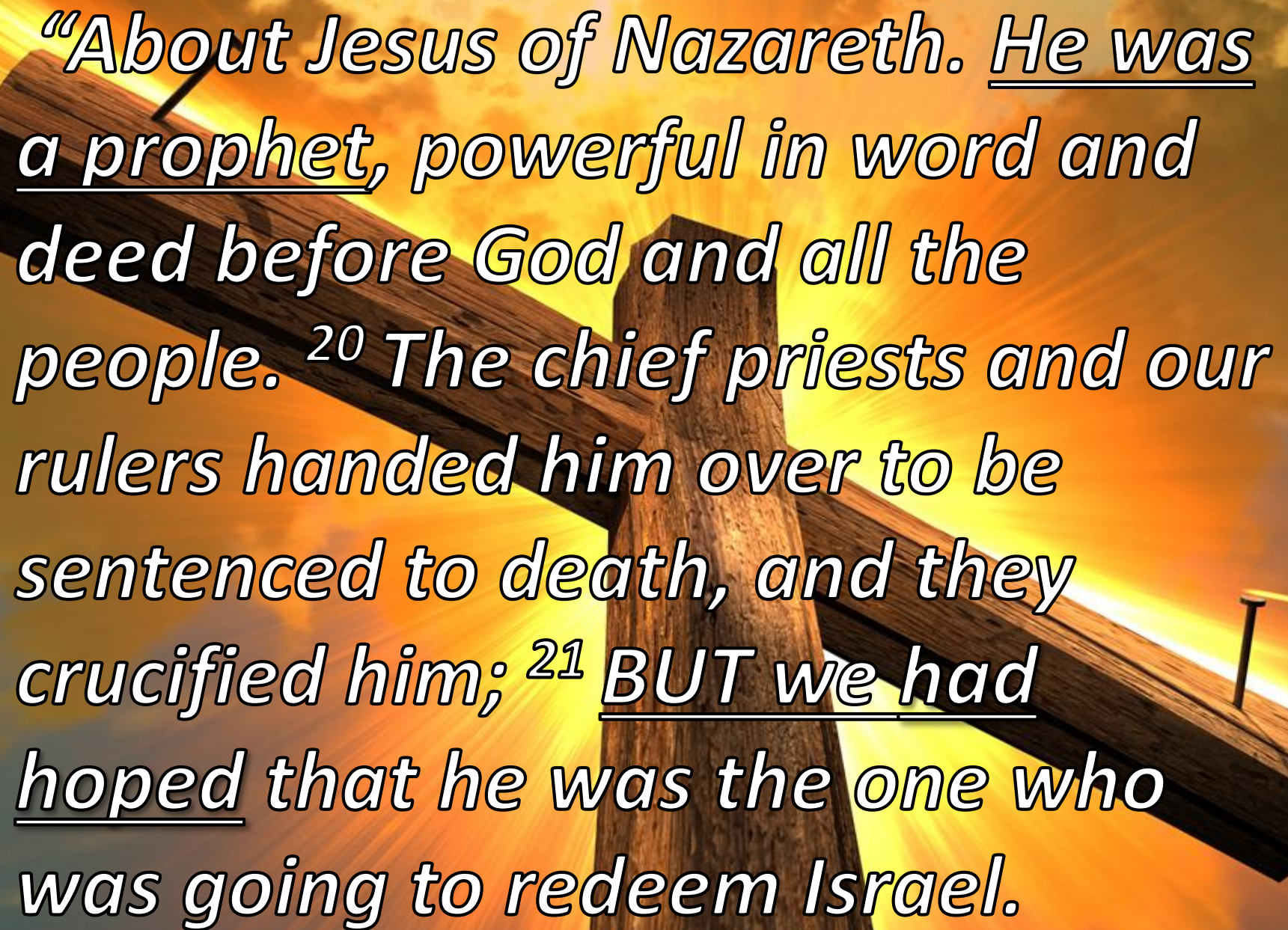




A large wooden cross is the central focus, set against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The cross is made of thick, weathered wood. The text is overlaid on the image, following the shape of the cross's arms.

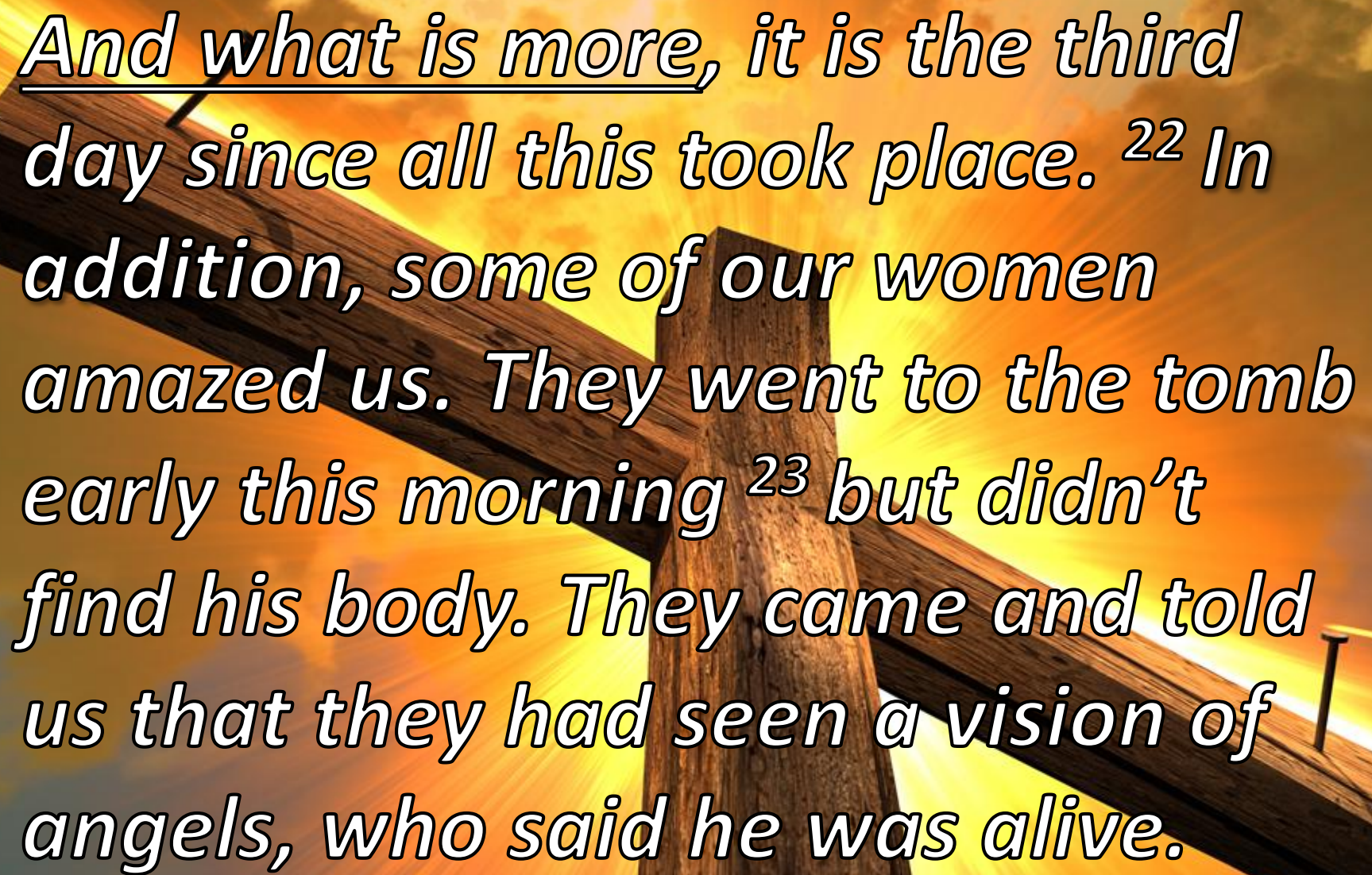
*<sup>17</sup> “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> “What things?”*





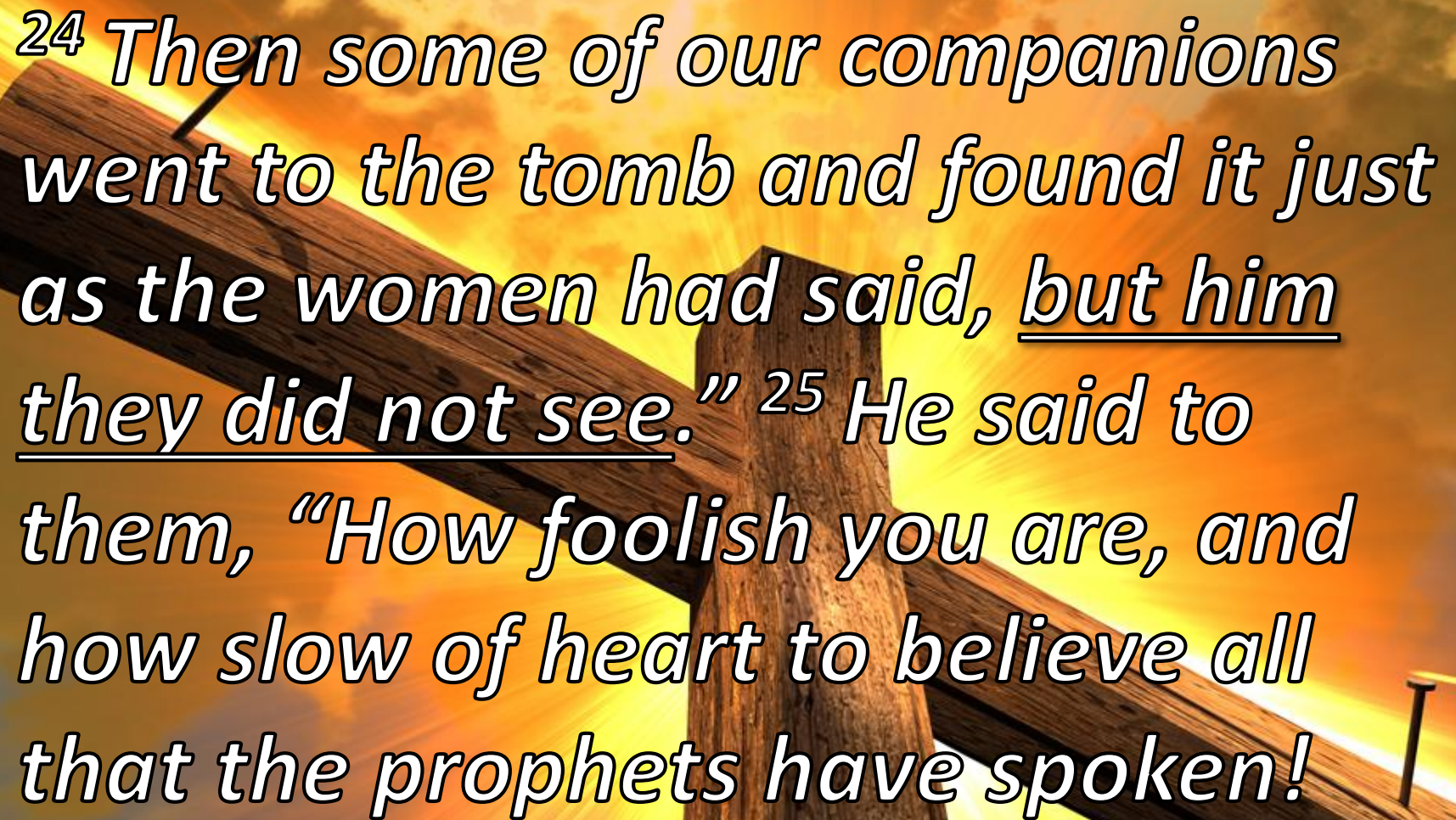
*“About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> BUT we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.*”





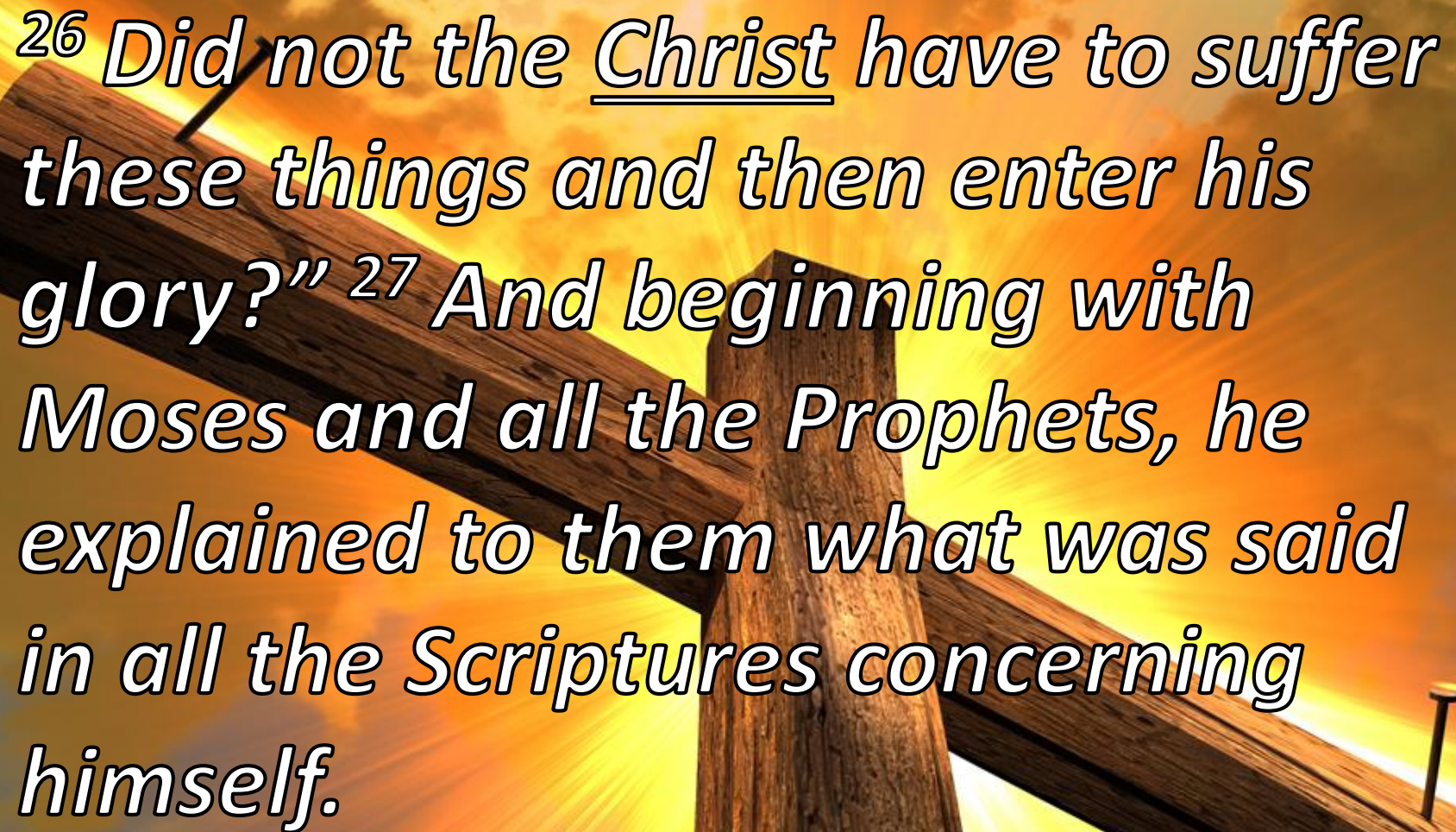
And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.





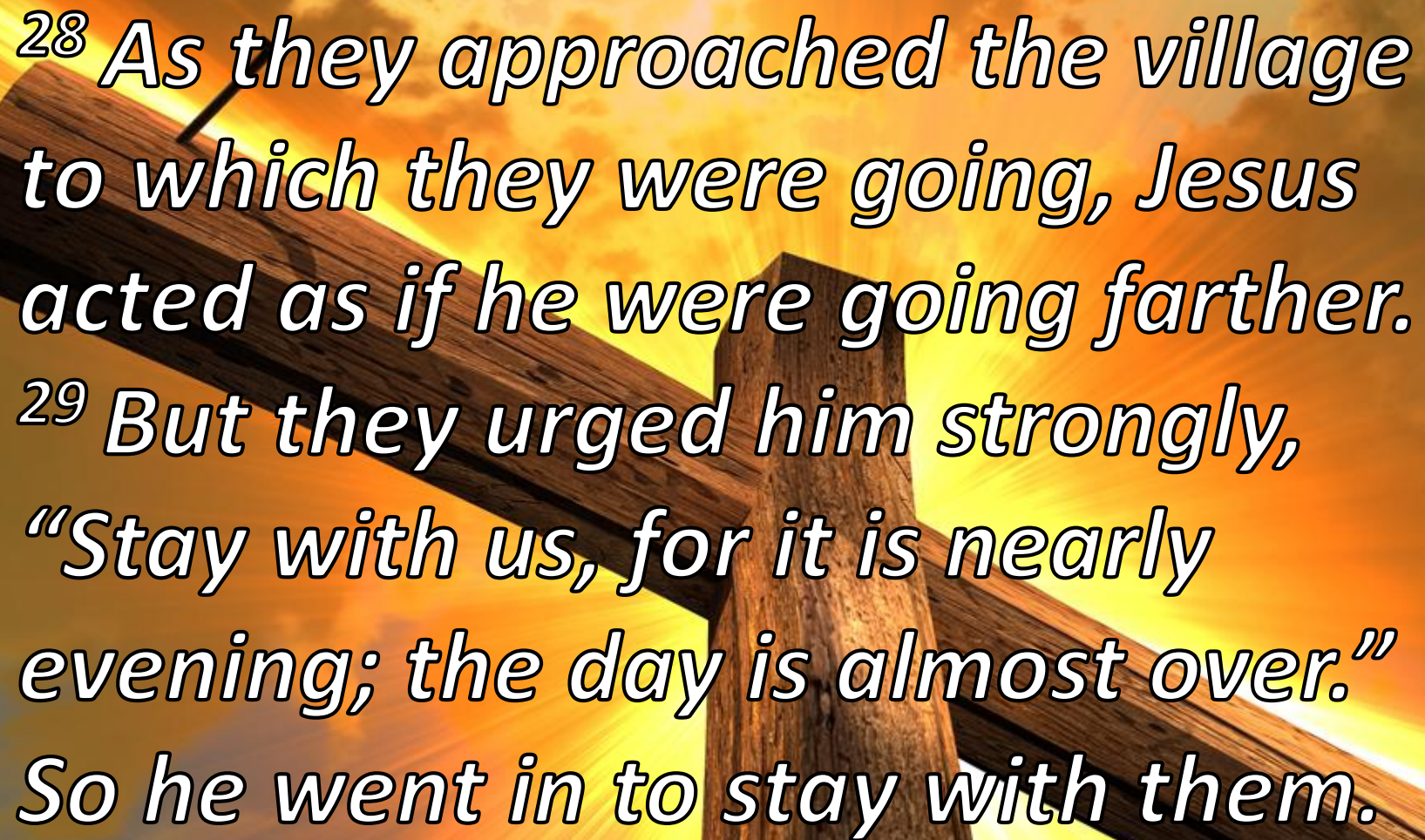
*<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!*





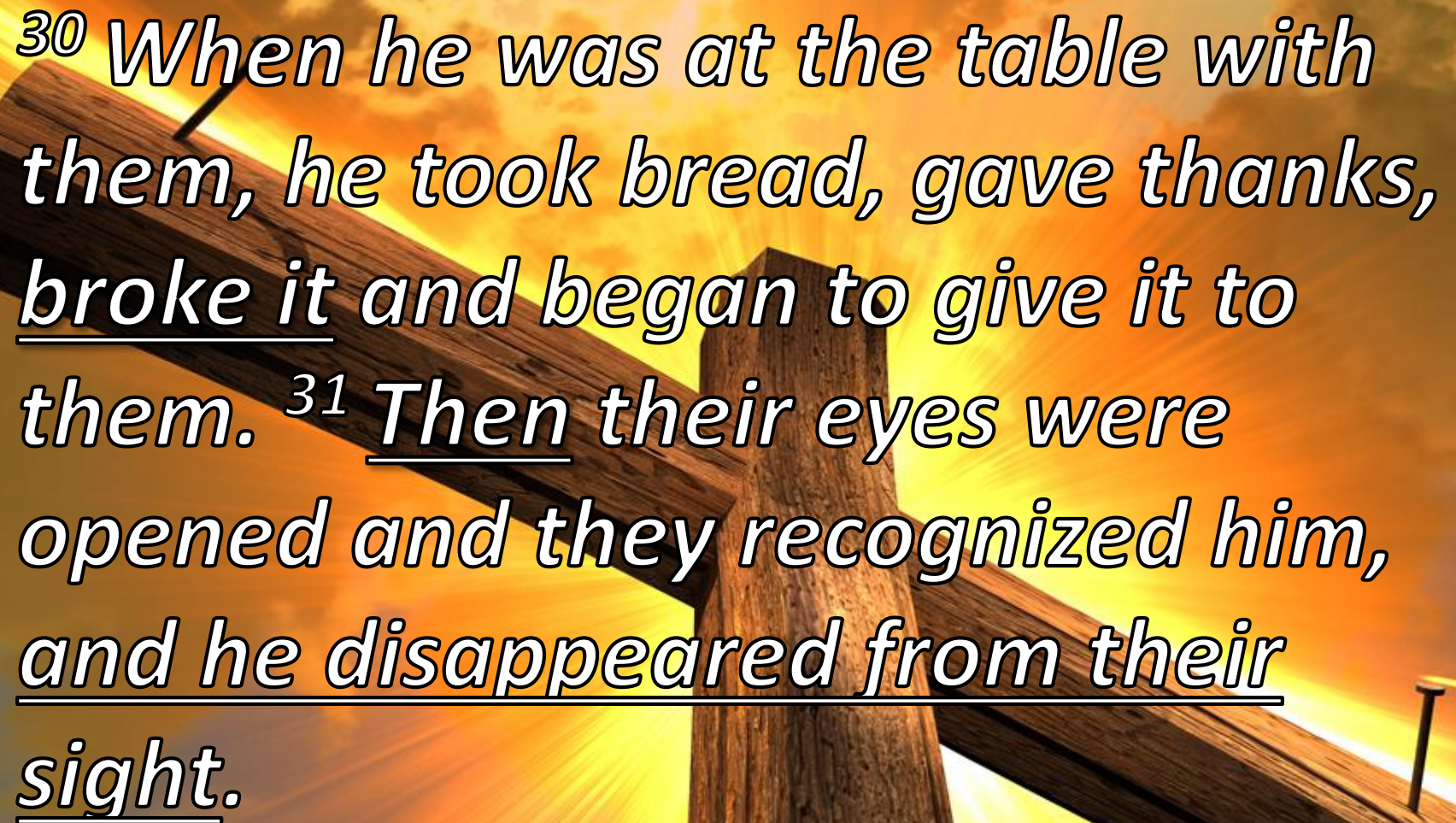
*<sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*



A large, weathered wooden cross stands prominently in the center of the image. The background is a vibrant, fiery sunset or sunrise, with bright orange and yellow rays of light radiating from behind the cross, creating a halo effect. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds. The overall mood is one of solemnity and divine light.

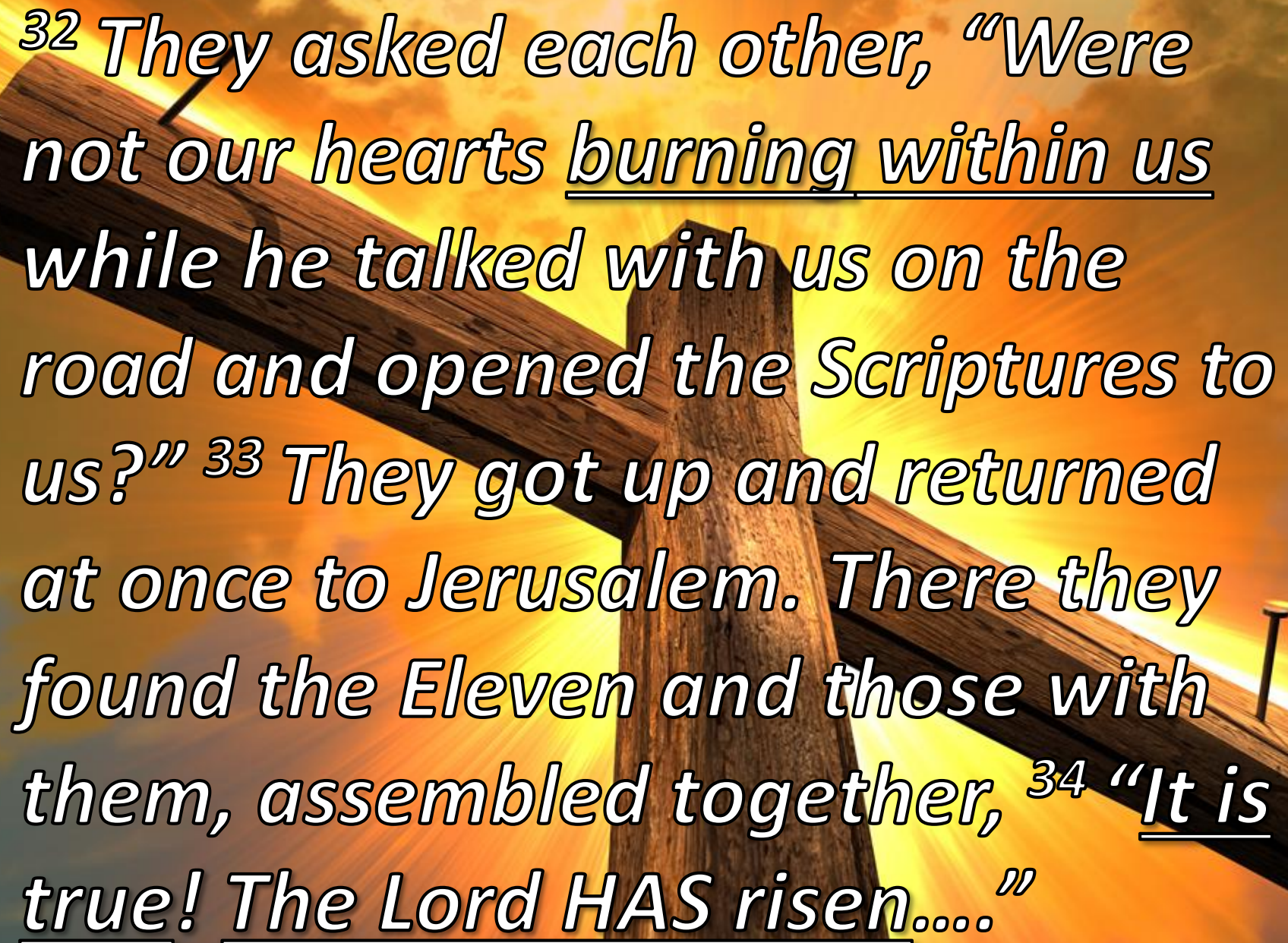
*<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther.  
<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.*





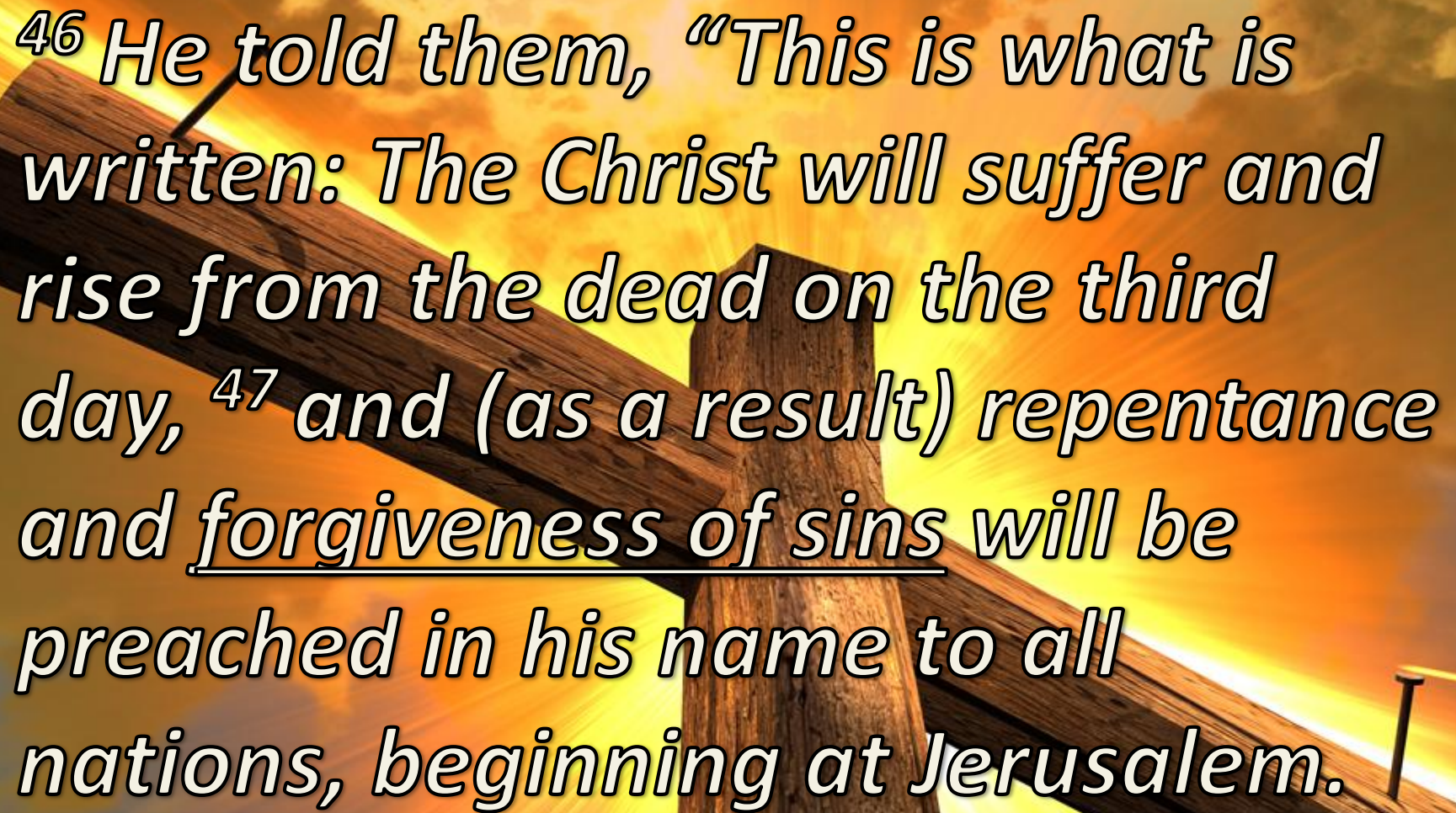
*<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.*





*<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together, <sup>34</sup> “It is true! The Lord HAS risen....”*





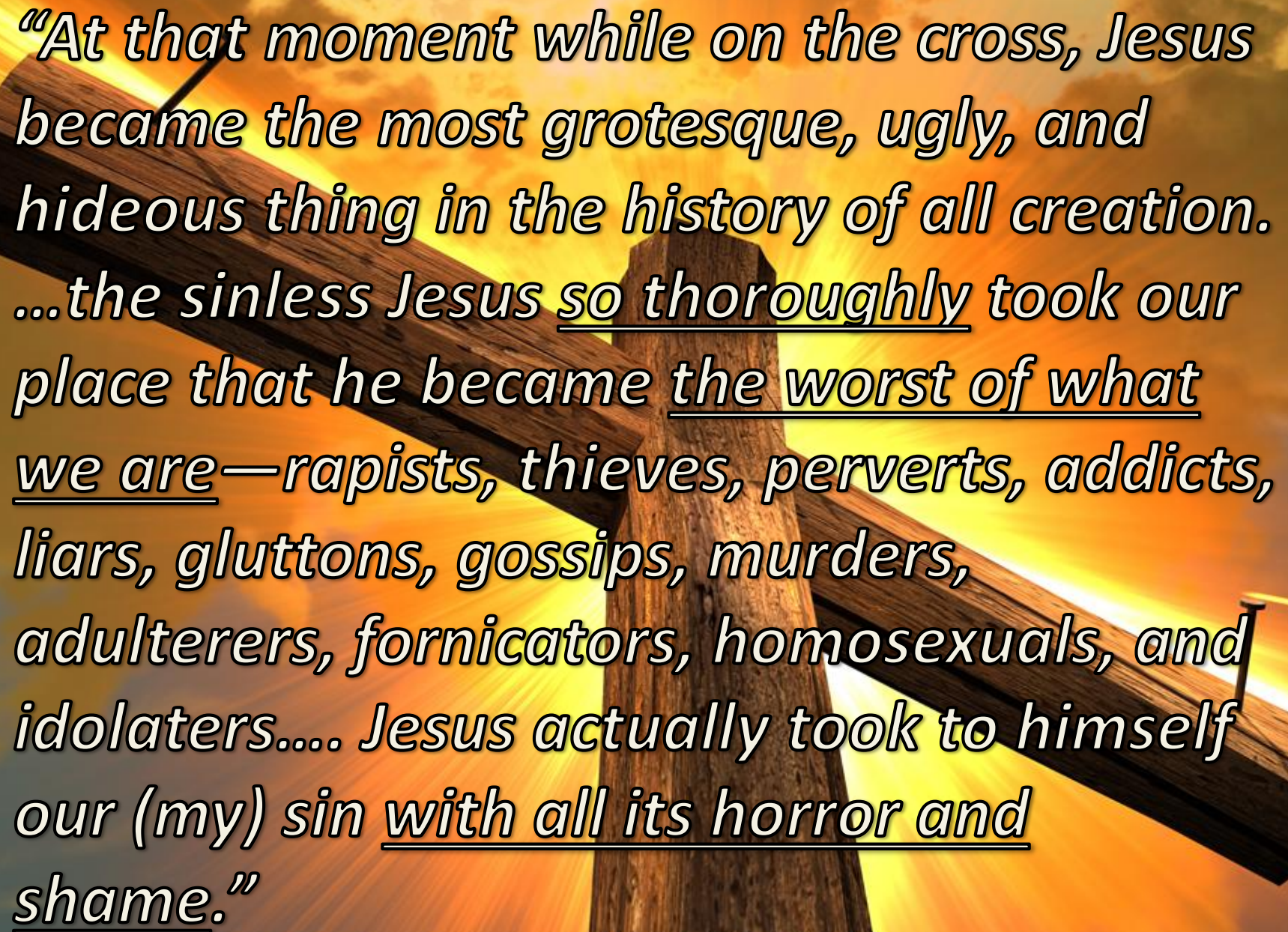
*<sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and (as a result) repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*



- *Freedom from guilt over my past!*






A wooden cross is centered in the image, set against a dramatic, fiery orange and yellow sky with rays of light. The cross is made of dark wood and is the central focus of the composition.

*“At that moment while on the cross, Jesus became the most grotesque, ugly, and hideous thing in the history of all creation. ...the sinless Jesus so thoroughly took our place that he became the worst of what we are—rapists, thieves, perverts, addicts, liars, gluttons, gossips, murders, adulterers, fornicators, homosexuals, and idolaters.... Jesus actually took to himself our (my) sin with all its horror and shame.”*



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- *Freedom from guilt over my past!*
  - *Freedom from bondage in my present.*
  - *Freedom from worry over my future.*