

# Message Notes

"Abusing the Lord's Table - pt 2"

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the English Standard Version)

**Introduction** - The Church at Corinth

What are we trying to accomplish in a worship gathering?

1. Worship
2. Teaching
3. Fellowship
4. Outreach

Whacked Out Worship

1. Head Coverings (11:2-16)
2. Abusing the Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
3. Spiritual Gifts (12-14)

Last week

1. Favoritism
2. Do you look down on anyone?

**This week (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)**

**Of First Importance**

**The Bread and the Cup**

Historical Interpretations of Communion

1. Catholic View - Transubstantiation - bread and wine actually become body and blood
2. Lutheran View - In, With, Under - as water is present in a sponge
3. Other Protestantism - Symbolic - through which the thing itself is also shown

Truths of the Body Broken and Blood Shed

1. Jesus took the guilt of sin.
2. Jesus was abandoned.
3. Jesus received the wrath of God.
4. Jesus died.

**Proclaiming the Lord's death**

**Application** - *Is there any worship FAIL happening in your life or the life of this church?*

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# CHURCH IN CRISIS

A STUDY OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ANCIENT CORINTH

PART ONE: "CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!"  
1 CORINTHIANS, CHAPTERS 1-4

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PART 3 - 1 COR 7

# RELATIONAL SIMPLEXITY!

SINGLENESSE DIVORCE SEX IN MARRIAGE  
MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE

# SEX AND THE CITY OF CORINTH



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK



PART 4:  
FREEDOM!

~ WHAT IS IT?

~ HOW DO WE GET  
IT?

~ HOW DO WE  
PRESERVE IT?

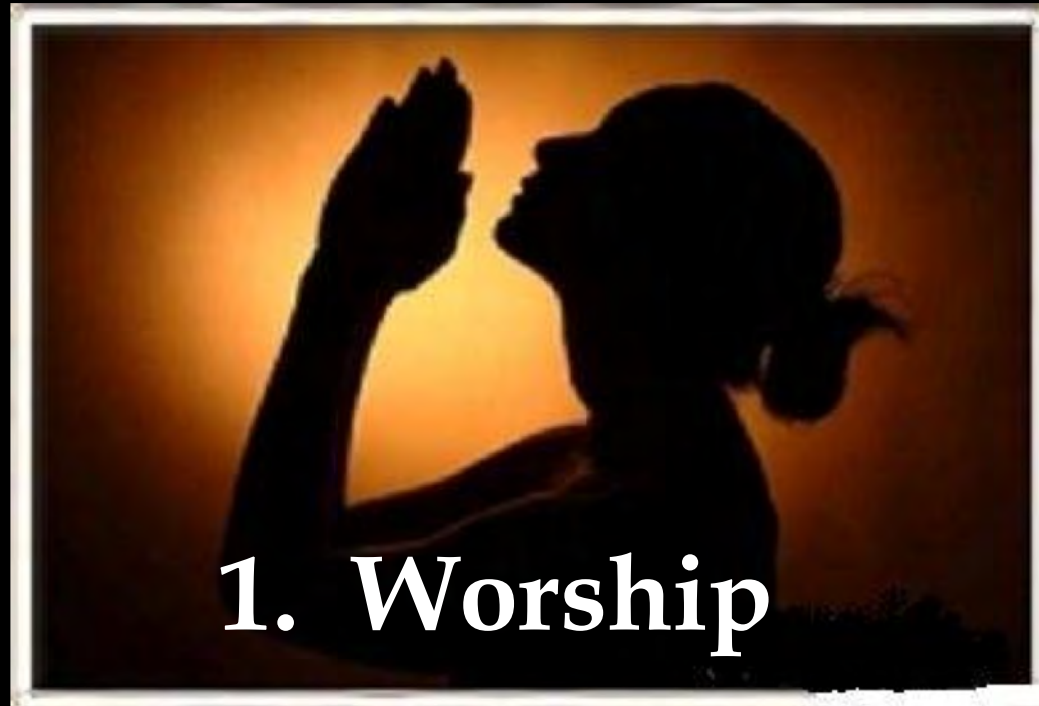


# WHACKED out WORSHIP

HONORING GOD REVERENTLY...

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**What are we trying to do  
when we meet together?**



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# 3. Fellowship







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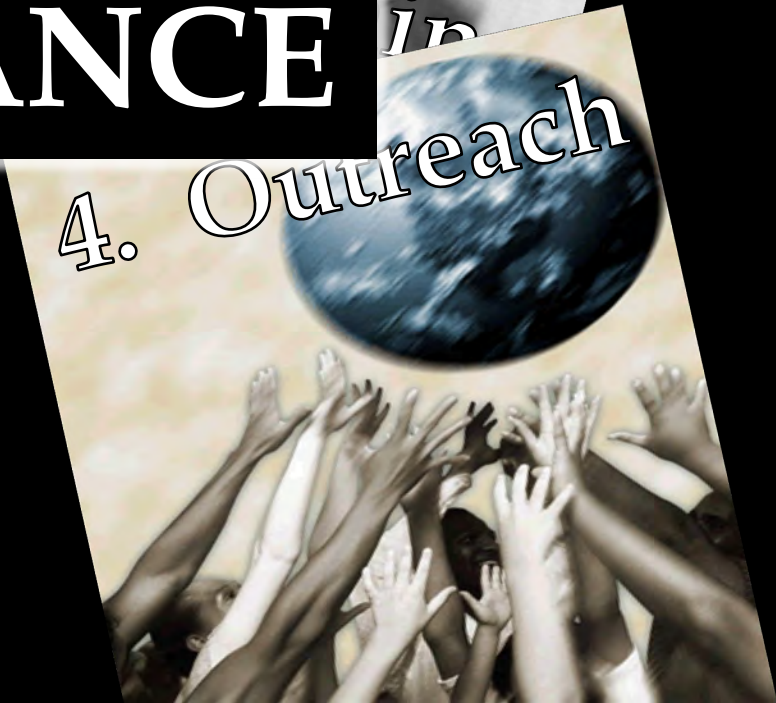
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# Head Coverings for Women (1 Cor 11:2-16)



# ABUSING THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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<sup>17</sup>In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. <sup>18</sup>In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup>No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, <sup>21</sup>for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup>Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!

“It is quite clear that when more than nine or ten people came to dinner, the poorer or less esteemed guests would be accorded space not in the already occupied triclinium but in the scarcely furnished atrium, which functioned in effect as an “overflow” for those who were, in the eyes of the host, lucky to be included at all. The quality of food, drink, service, and comfort would be of a higher order in the triclinium, especially if some in the atrium could arrive only after the best of the meal was over.”

~ Anthony C. Thiselton,  
The First Epistle to the Corinthians :  
A Commentary on the Greek Text  
(Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans, 2000), 860.



**FAVORITISM**

It exists everywhere.

# Application Questions

Are you here to worship?

Is there anyone in this room or outside of this room that you look are looking down on?

Is there anyone that you are leaving out whether on Sunday mornings or throughout your week?

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# Where did communion come from?

## Mathew 26:26-29

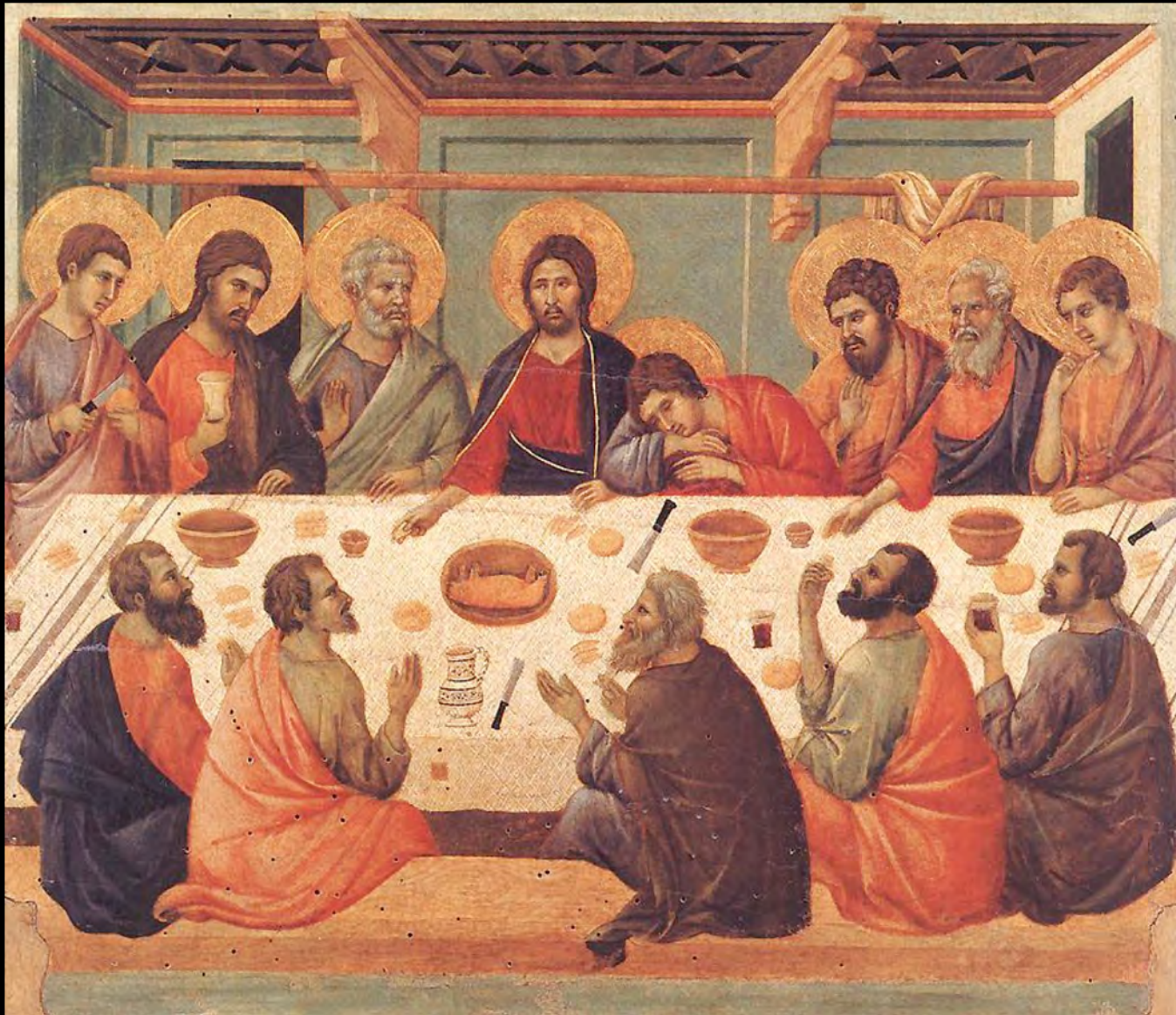
<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my

body." <sup>27</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna - *Last Supper*, 1308-11  
Tempera on wood, 50 x 53 cm, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena

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- Question: How can Christ’s physical body (or human nature) be everywhere present?



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- “By the showing of the symbol the thing itself is also shown.” ~John Calvin



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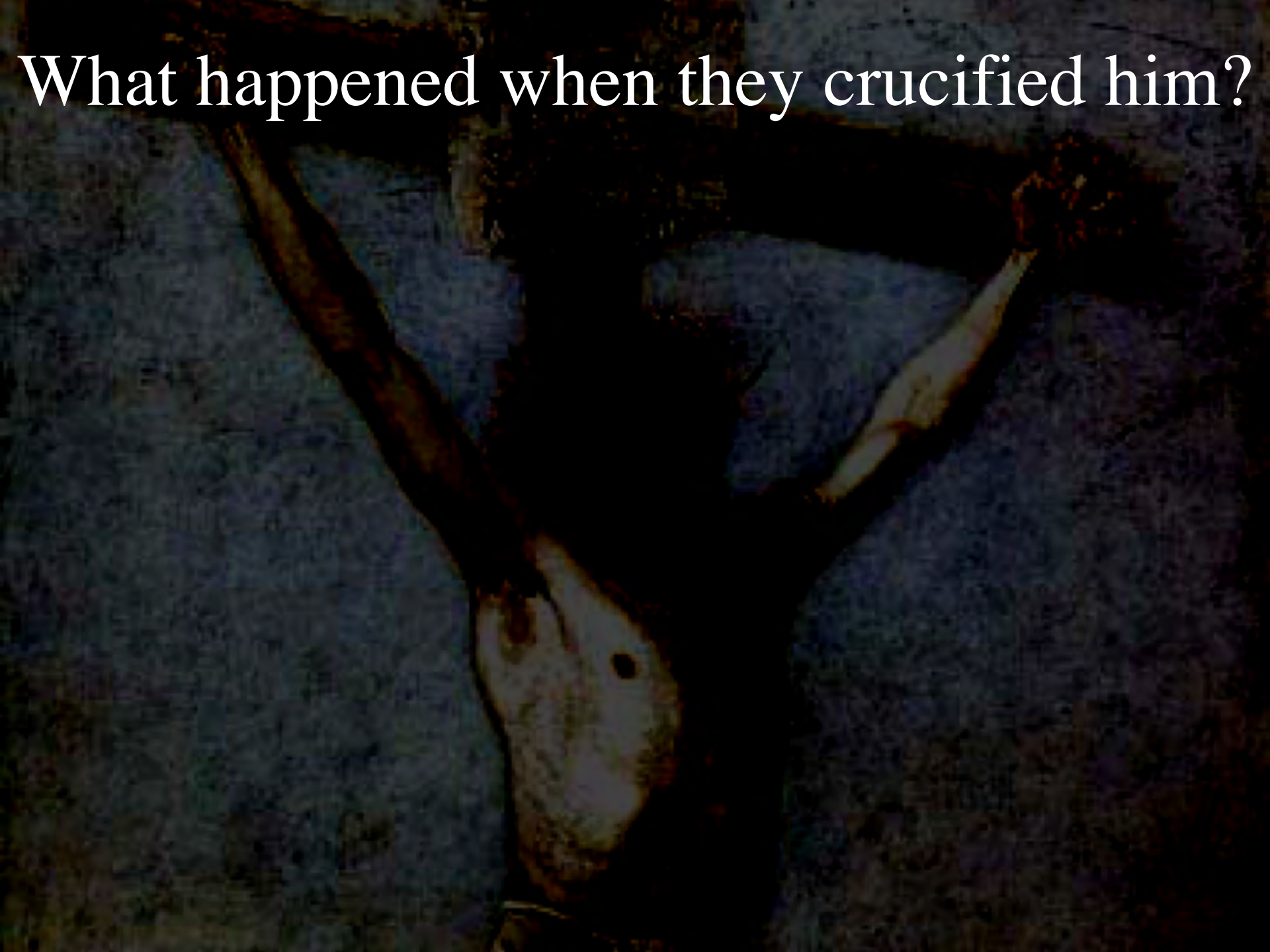
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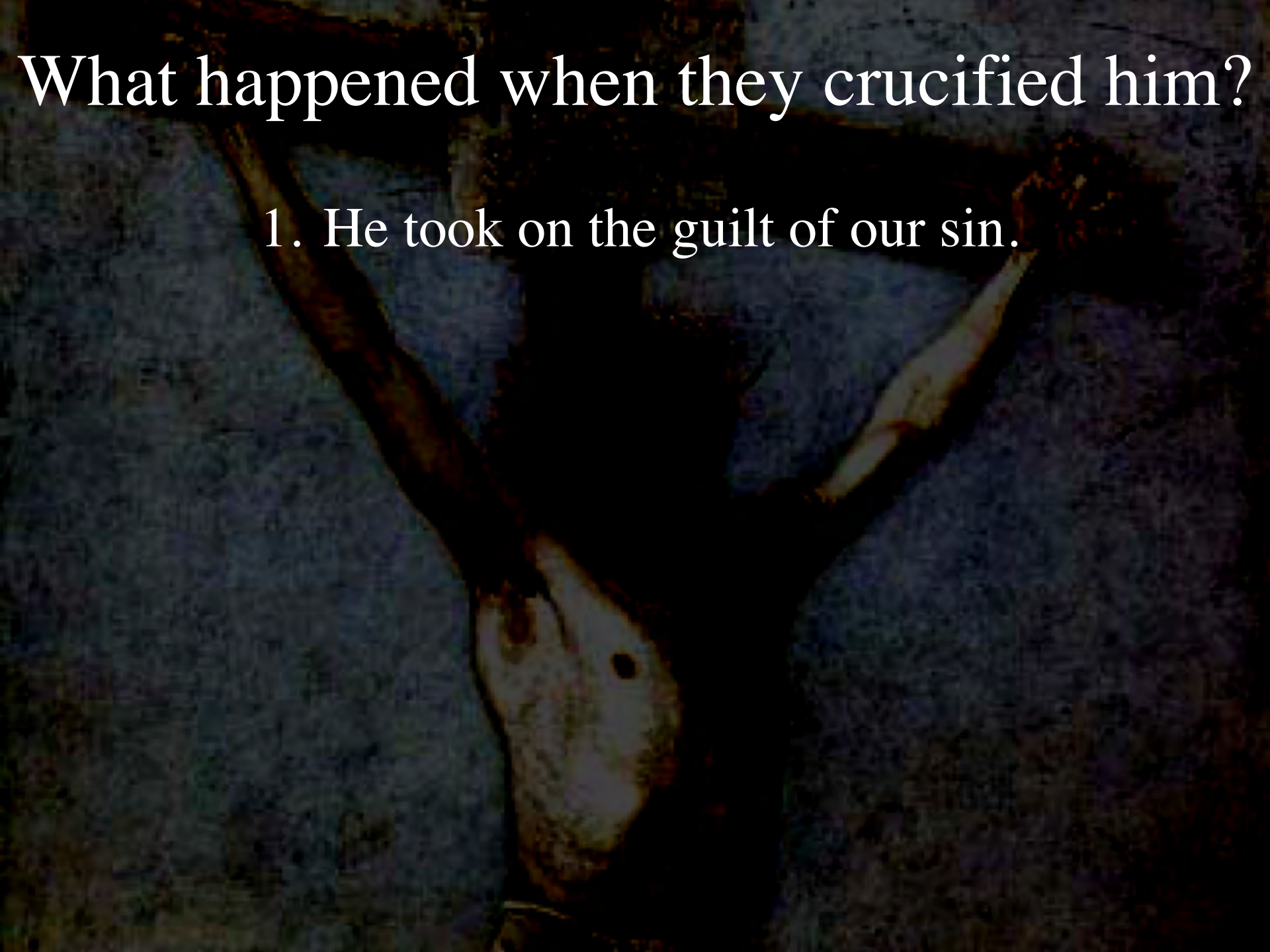


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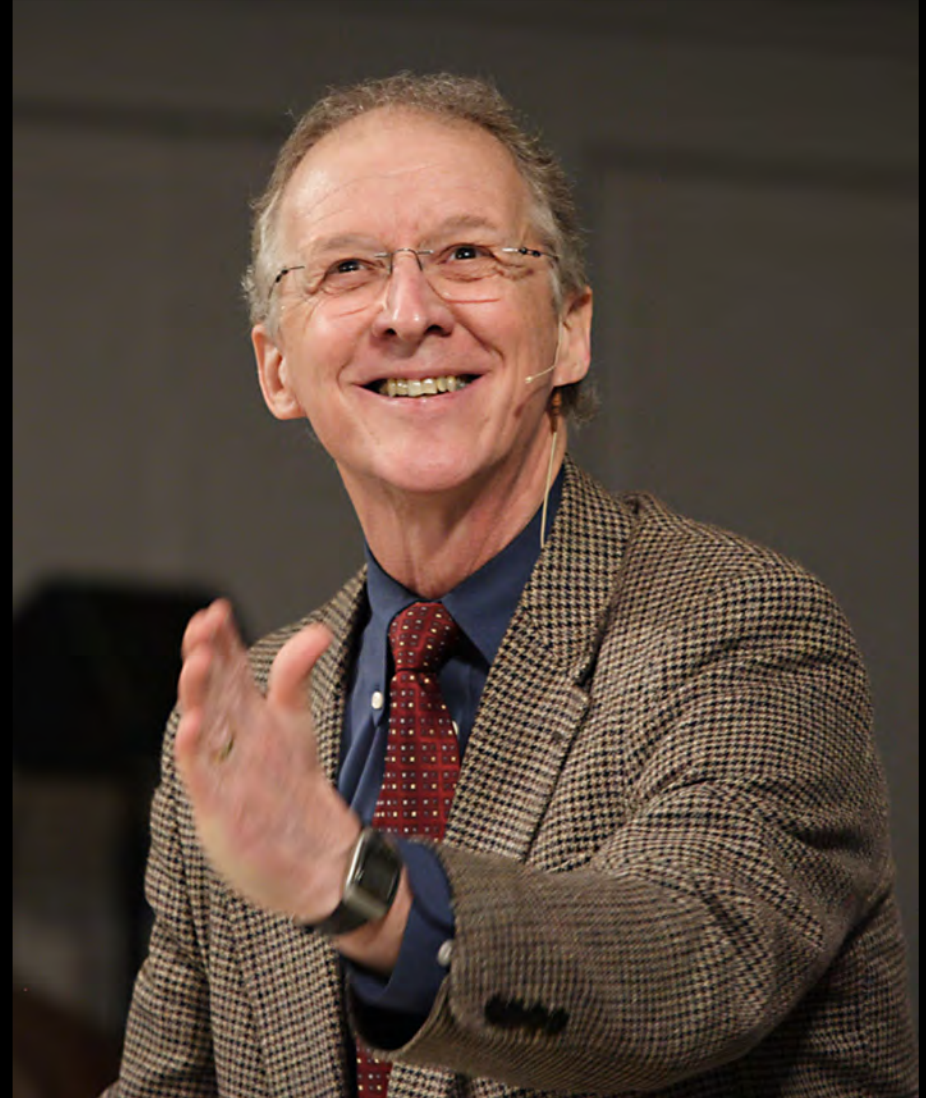
# Worship FAIL!



Our sin problem is - ‘our preferring the glory of created things over the glory of God’ such that we are blind and insensible to the infinitely preferable glory of God.”

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Romans 8:33 “Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect?”



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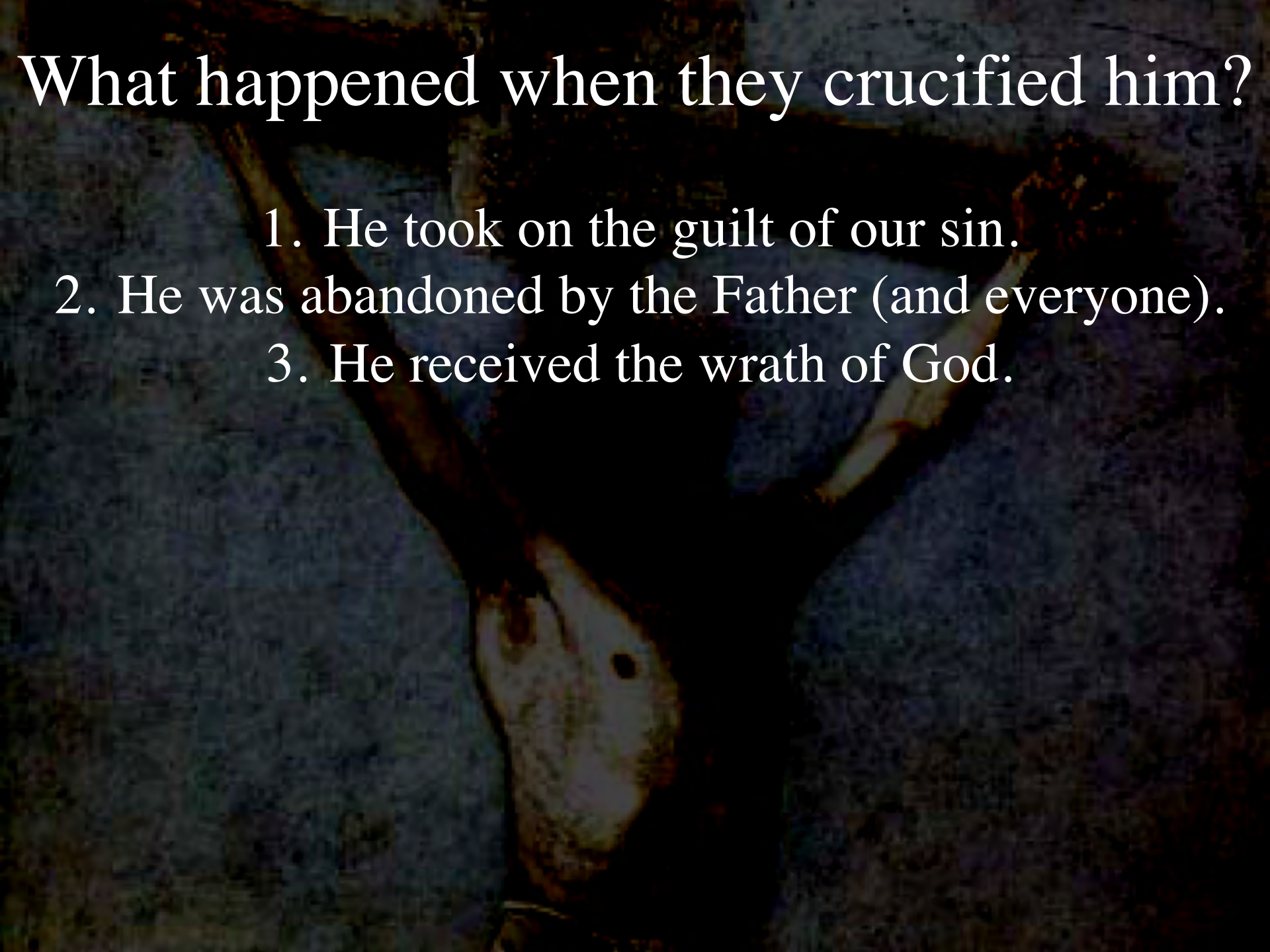
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2 Corinthians 5:19 “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against him.”

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Mark 10:45 “For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Romans 6:5 “For if we have been united with him in his death, we shall certainly be united with him in his resurrection.”

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# Questions:

Are we/you keeping first things first?

Are we/you celebrating and proclaiming  
the body broken and blood shed 24/7?

Do we/you have worship FAIL?