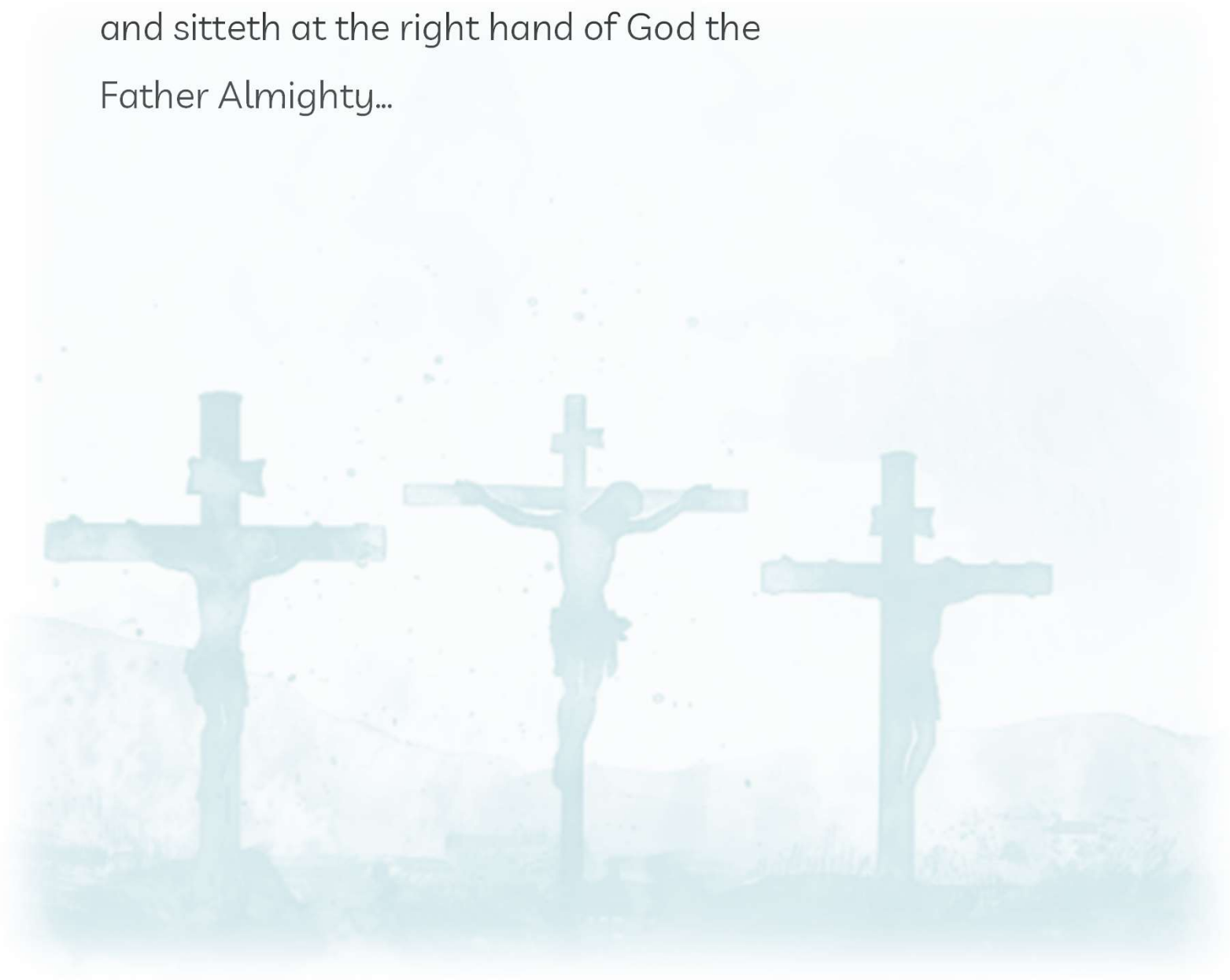


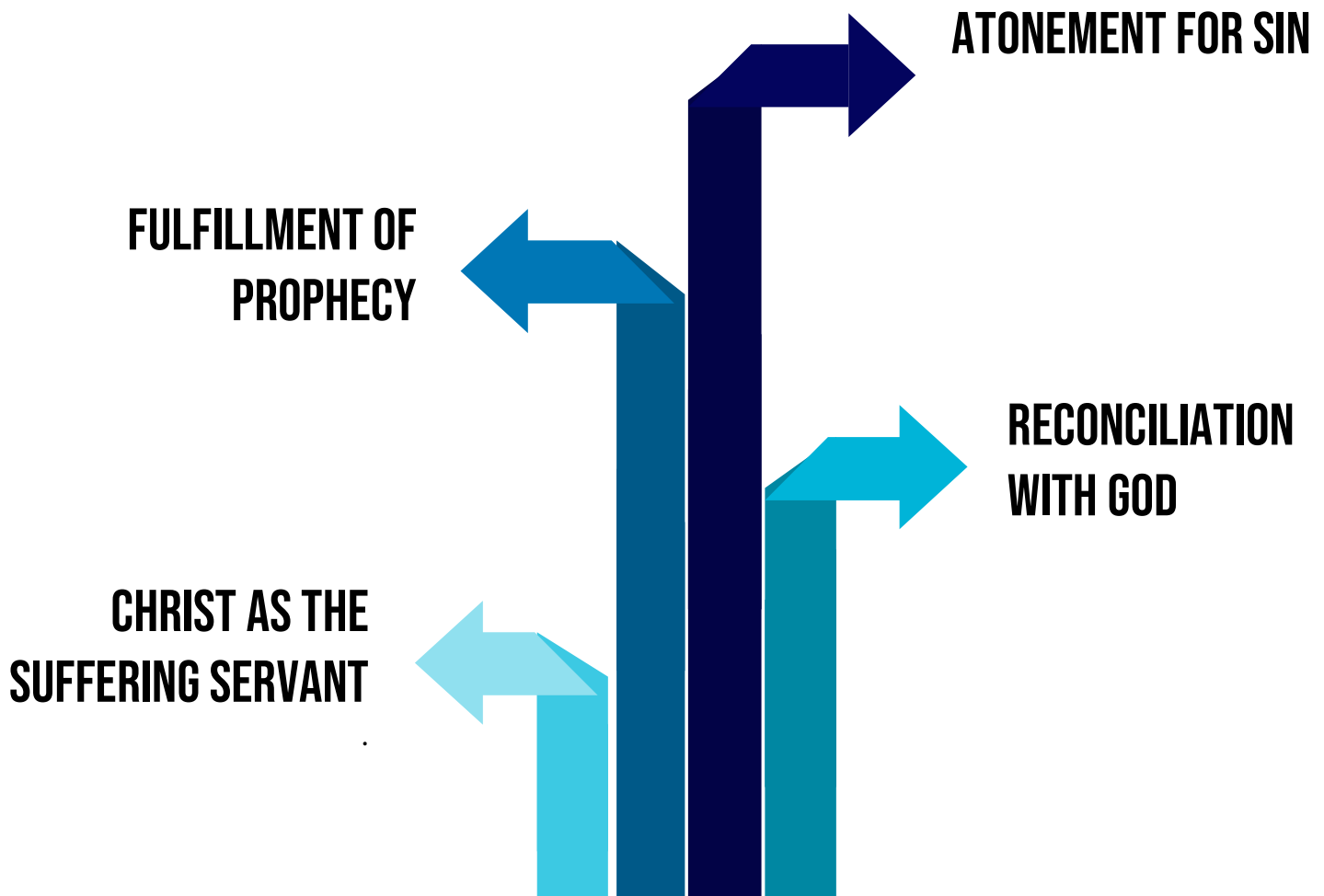
JESUS CRUCIFIED · DEAD · ROSE

...suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty...



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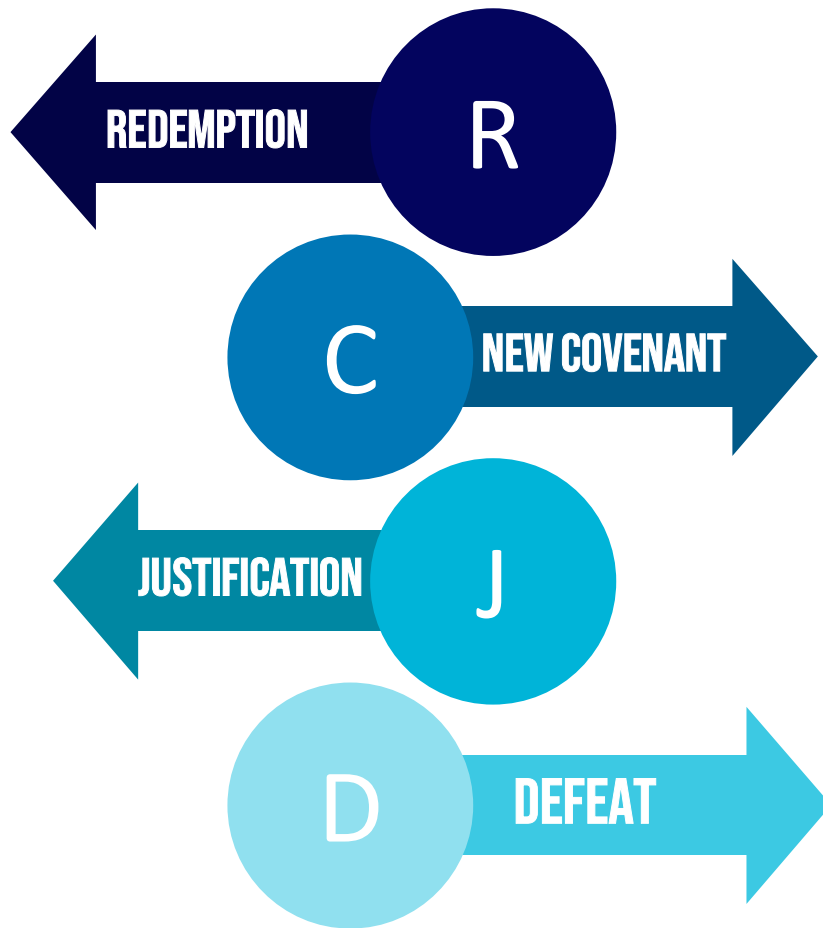
Theologically, the crucifixion is not just a historical event but the cornerstone of salvation history, where divine justice, mercy, love, and the fulfillment of God's promises come together in the person of Jesus Christ. It is through His death on the cross that Christians find the basis for hope, forgiveness, and the restoration of all things in God's redemptive plan.



How does understanding the crucifixion as an act of atonement for sin change the way we view both our sin and God's forgiveness?

JESUS DEAD

The death of Jesus is the linchpin of Christian theology, representing God's ultimate act of love, justice, and mercy. It offers salvation, reconciliation, and the hope of eternal life for those who believe. It transforms believers' understanding of sin, grace, and their relationship with God, shaping Christian worship, ethics, and discipleship. The death of Christ is both the ultimate sacrifice and the ultimate victory, standing at the heart of the Christian faith.

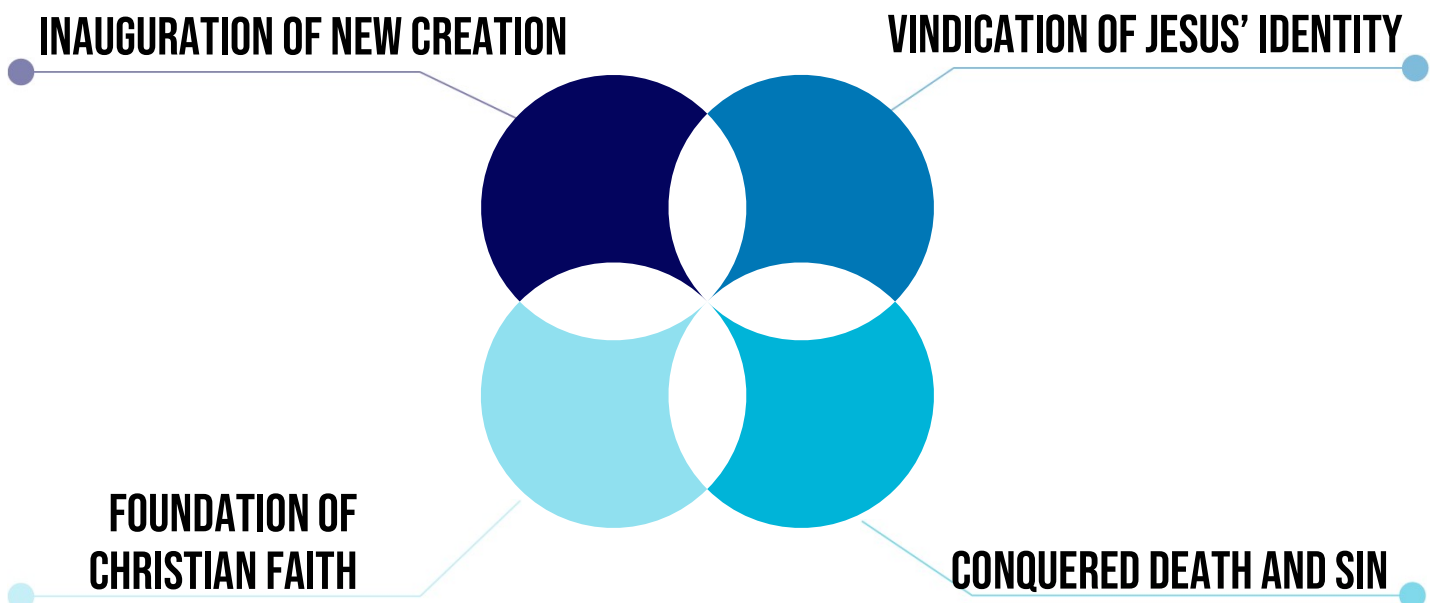


What does it mean to be redeemed by the death of Jesus, and how does this redemption affect our sense of identity and purpose?

How does the establishment of the new covenant through Jesus' death change the way we relate to God compared to the old covenant based on the Law?

JESUS ROSE

The resurrection of Jesus is foundational to Christian belief and shapes every aspect of the faith. It assures believers of their salvation, the defeat of sin and death, and the hope of eternal life. The resurrection validates the claims of Jesus, offers the power to live transformed lives, and points to the future renewal of all creation. For Christians, the resurrection is not just a historical event but the turning point in the story of redemption and the source of hope, power, and purpose in their lives.



How does the resurrection shape the way we understand Christian faith and the call to live as witnesses to the risen Christ?

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE



Using the following prompts, read, reflect, and pray on the significance of Jesus's crucifixion, death, and resurrection.

Pray: Take a few moments and quiet your heart and mind. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your mind to understand what the Lord is teaching you and where the Lord is leading you.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 through several times.

Reflect: Take time to meditate on the passage, reflecting on how the themes of the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus come through in this text. Consider the following prompts:

The Crucifixion

Reflection: "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us" (v. 21). Jesus, the sinless one, bore our sins on the cross. Reflect on how Jesus' crucifixion reconciled you to God, offering you forgiveness and a restored relationship.

Meditation Question: What does it mean to you personally that Christ took your sins upon Himself on the cross?

The Death

Reflection: "One died for all, and therefore all died" (v. 14). Jesus' death signifies that in Him, we also die to our old selves, to sin, and to worldly ways. We no longer live for ourselves but for Christ who died and was raised again.

Meditation Question: How does the death of Christ call you to live differently, no longer for yourself, but for Him who died for you?

The Resurrection

Reflection: "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (v. 17). Through the resurrection, we are made new in Christ, part of a new creation. The resurrection empowers us to live transformed lives, reconciled to God.

Meditation Question: In what ways do you experience being a new creation because of the resurrection of Christ? How is the power of His resurrection shaping your life?

Pray: Spend some time praying that what you have learned will be made real in your life.