

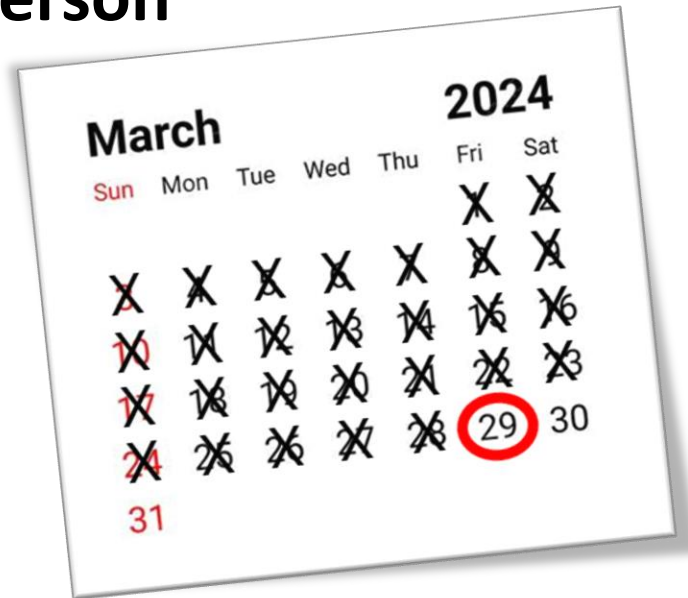
The 2024 Youth Camp

Session 1

He
is
Risen

What sort of person are you really - on the inside?

What sort of person
are you now?

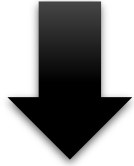


What sort of person
do you want to be?

What sort of person are you becoming?



What we are



What we have

bullying suffering theft vanity
cruelty slavery war rape
greed exploitation divorce
suicide pride hatred
depression violence selfishness
lying hypocrisy loneliness



*"I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life."
(John 14:6)*



We must be changed



What we want

Love	Gentleness
Patience	Wisdom
Joy	Faithfulness
Kindness	Sympathy
Peace	Self-control
Goodness	Generosity

The horror of crucifixion

- Tens of thousands of people have been crucified.
- The Romans encountered crucifixion during the Punic wars and for 500 years used it to execute slaves and rebels (not Romans).
- In 71BC a Roman general, Marcus Licinius Crassus, after he had defeated the slave rebellion led by Spartacus, crucified 6,000 slaves along the Appian Way between Rome and Capua.
- Rome abolished crucifixion in the 4th century under the emperor Constantine I, who did it out of reverence for the Lord Jesus.
- Many Christians were crucified in Japan in 1597 and beyond.
- The Islamic group known as ISIS used crucifixion during its reign of terror in Iraq between 2014 and 2018.



The horror of crucifixion

- The purpose of crucifixion was to maximise the humiliation and the suffering of the victims, who were slowly tortured to death.
- Some women (slaves), and even their children, were crucified.
- The victim might take several days to die on the cross.
- In the first century, the cross represented humiliation, extreme suffering and complete degradation.
- The only detailed account of a Roman crucifixion is the eye-witness account of Jesus' death found in the gospels.



What is so astonishing
is not that there was a crucifixion,
but that **Yeshua** was crucified.



In His crucifixion there is what looks like
an absurd contradiction.

He is God's Anointed One, the Messiah,
a sinless man, a worker of miracles,
a teacher of timeless truths.

**WHY SHOULD HE SUFFER
SUCH A SHAMEFUL
AND HORRIFIC DEATH?**



Why was Jesus crucified?

The human view:

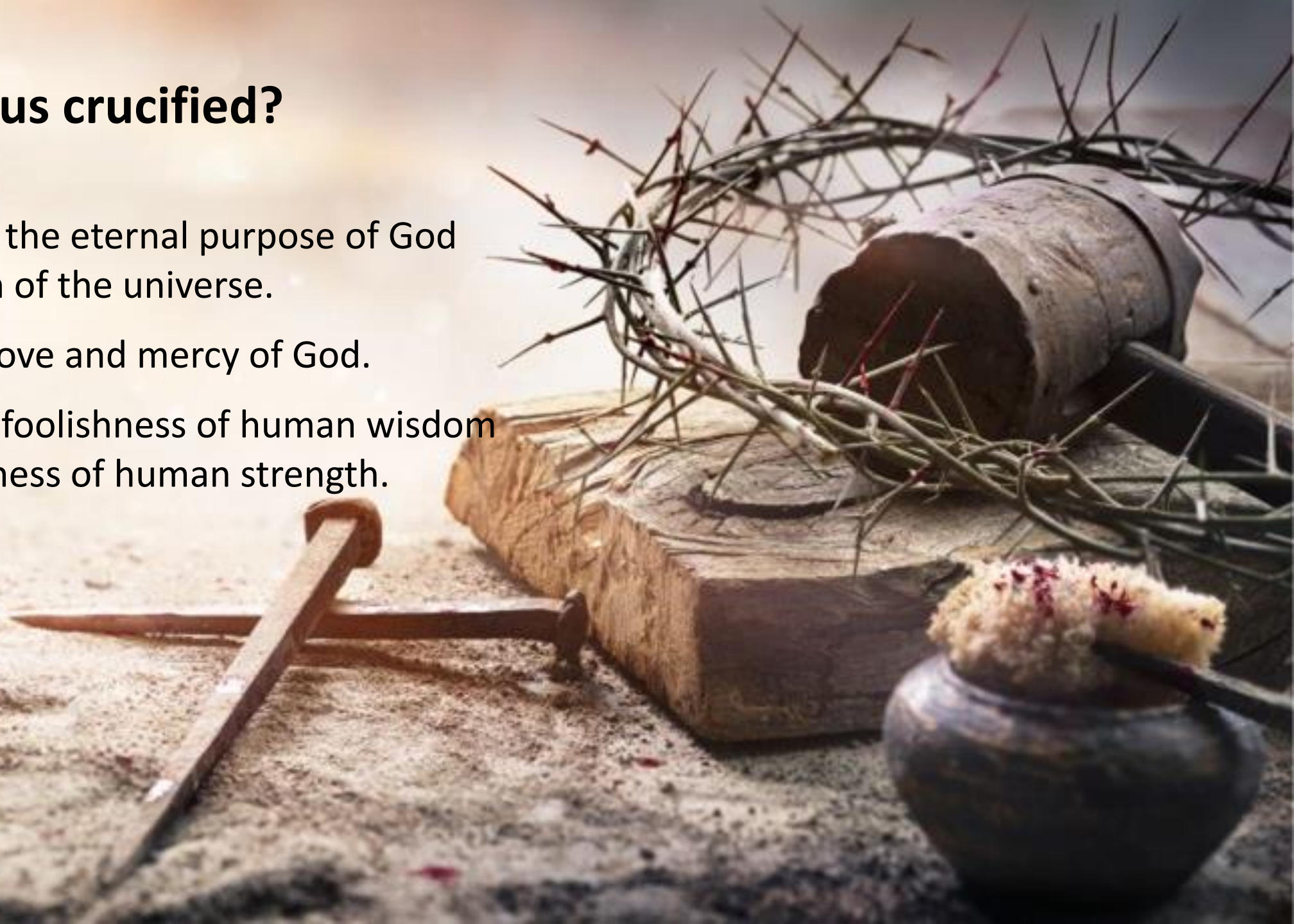
- The Jewish leaders saw Him as a threat.
- They had no legal power to execute anyone.
- They portrayed Him as a threat to Roman rule and social order.



Why was Jesus crucified?

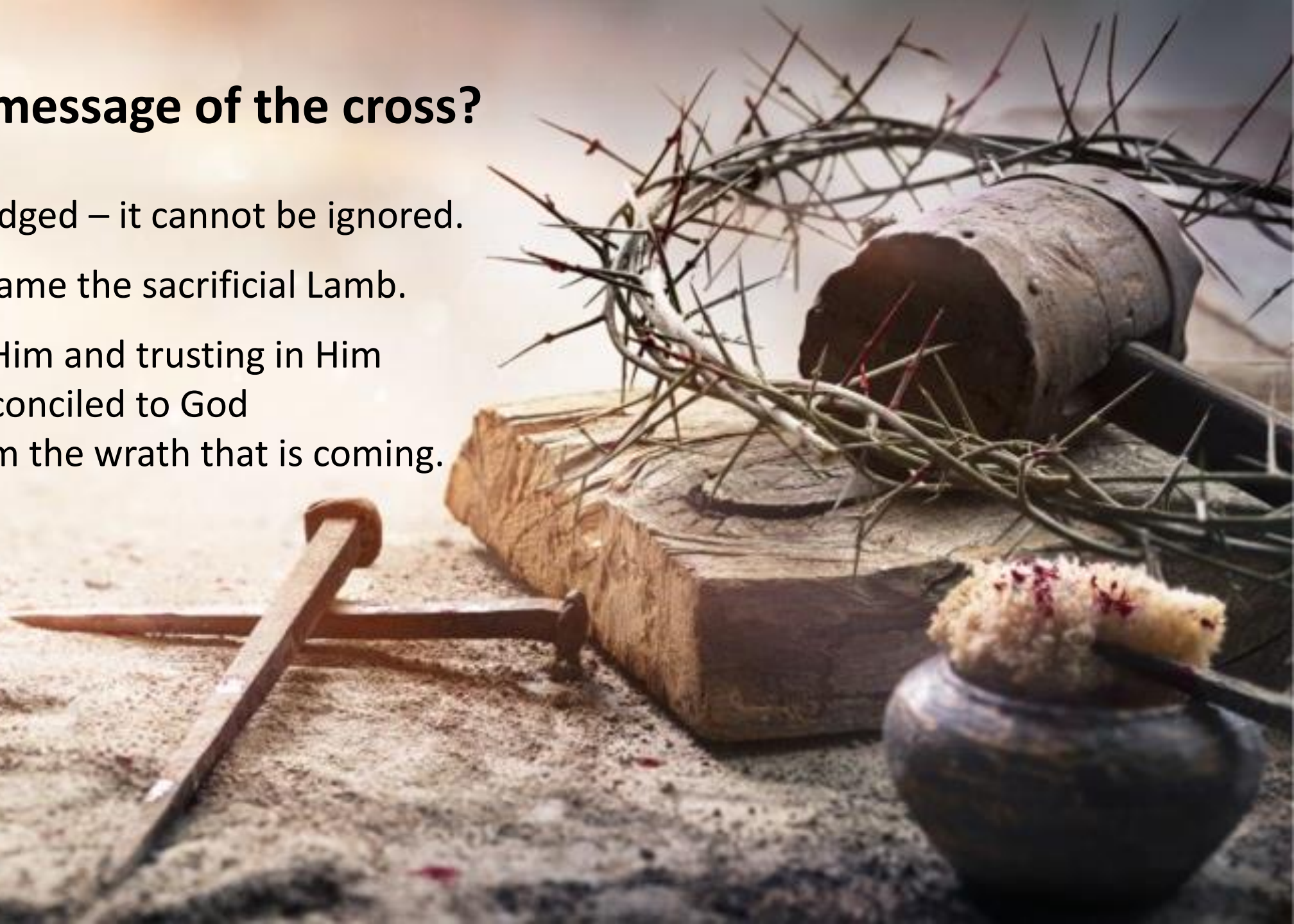
Heaven's view:

- To accomplish the eternal purpose of God in the creation of the universe.
- To reveal the love and mercy of God.
- To expose the foolishness of human wisdom and the weakness of human strength.



What is the message of the cross?

- Sin must be judged – it cannot be ignored.
- God's Son became the sacrificial Lamb.
- By turning to Him and trusting in Him sinners are reconciled to God and saved from the wrath that is coming.



Two views of the message about the cross...

See 1 Corinthians 1:18

The message about the cross

The good news,
the gospel

To those who
are **perishing**

To those who
are **being saved**

Wisdom, love,
mercy, freedom,
salvation, Life...



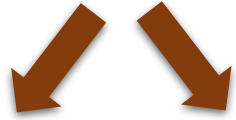
Foolishness



The power of God

Stupid, dumb,
boring, useless,
crazy, gross...

The message about the cross



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To those who
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**Why was (and is)
the message about the cross
foolishness to so many people?**

THEN:

To the **Jews**: Absurd and blasphemous

To the **Greeks**: Ridiculous

To the **Romans**: Contemptible

NOW:

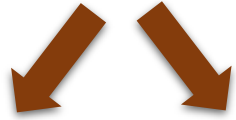
To the **proud**: Offensive

To the **rich**: Frightening

To the **elegant**: Disgusting

To **YOU**? _____

The message about the cross



To those who
are **perishing**

To those who
are **being saved**



Foolishness



The power of God

**Why is the message about the cross
the power of God to those being saved?**

- ✓ Through it our sins and our sin have been **forgiven**.
- ✓ Through it we have been **justified** before the throne of God.
- ✓ Through it we are made totally **secure** in the love of God.

Jews request a sign,
and Greeks seek after wisdom;

but **we preach Christ crucified...**

(1 Corinthians 1:22-23)

Christ crucified – for me

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How does it work?

- ✓ The innocent one takes the place of the guilty
- ✓ A slave is purchased to be set free
- ✓ The Passover lamb – deliverance from slavery

Christ crucified – for me

When can it work for you?

Acting on that
change of mind

- ✓ When you **turn** from your own way, and
- ✓ When you **return** to your creator and your God, and
- ✓ When you **trust** in what He has done for you.

A change of mind
and direction

Definitely and
exclusively

was
Christ[^] crucified for you

And how you respond will decide
what sort of person you will become!