

Learning to Love Leviticus

Leviticus 1-3



Speak to the People of Israel

Leviticus 4-6

If Anyone Sins Unintentionally

“unintentionally” (4:2, 13, 22, 27)

- Definition: sin of error or inadvertence [Strong's]
- NASB Translation: error (5), mistake (1), unintentionally (14)

By doing what we should not do

- Transgression > trespass > sins of “commission”

By not doing what we should do

- Sins of “omission”
- *“But if you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments...”* (Num. 15:22-26)

By blood there is atonement



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Can happen to anybody... and happens to everybody

- Priests (1), whole congregation (13), leader (22), common people (27)*
 - The best preventative is knowledge put to practice...
- We are truly in this together (4:14, 23, 28)

Lessons

1. **The evil of sin** – God cannot let sin go unnoticed, even when man does...
2. **The mercy of God** – God's grace is for all*



Mistakes We Still Make

I should have said something (5:1)

- A sin of defiance, done with knowledge and intent from the heart
 - *“if a man be overtaken in a fault”* (Gal. 6:1)
- Speak up for the voiceless (Prov. 31:8-9)
- Don't be ashamed of the gospel (Rom. 1:16)

I didn't know that was wrong (5:2-3)

- New Christians
- Growing Christians

I wish I hadn't said anything (5:4)

- *“...no human being can tame the tongue.”* (Jas. 3:8)



Unintentional... But Guilty

“though he did not know it... he shall bear his iniquity.” (5:17)

- *“then realizes his **guilt**” (17; 4:13, 22, 27; 5:2, 3, 4, 5)*
- God cannot let sin go unnoticed, even when man does...
- **God offers forgiveness for His people (Num. 15:27-28)**

What about intentional sin? (Num. 15:30-31)

- The *“highhanded... reviles the LORD... despised the word of the Lord...”*
- *“...shall be utterly cut off, his iniquity shall be on him.”*

God did not want their animals, but their hearts

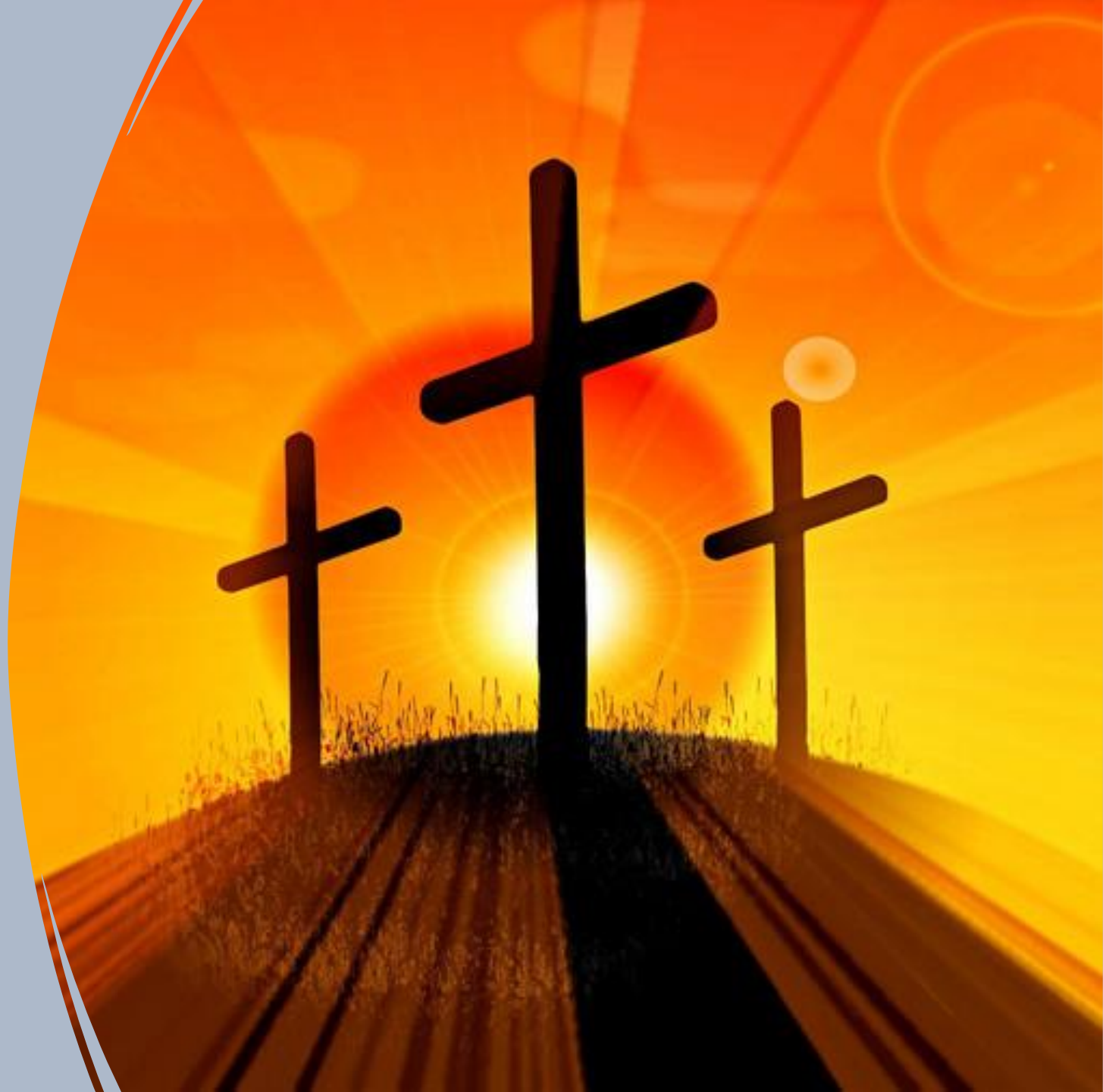
- *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Ps. 51:17)*



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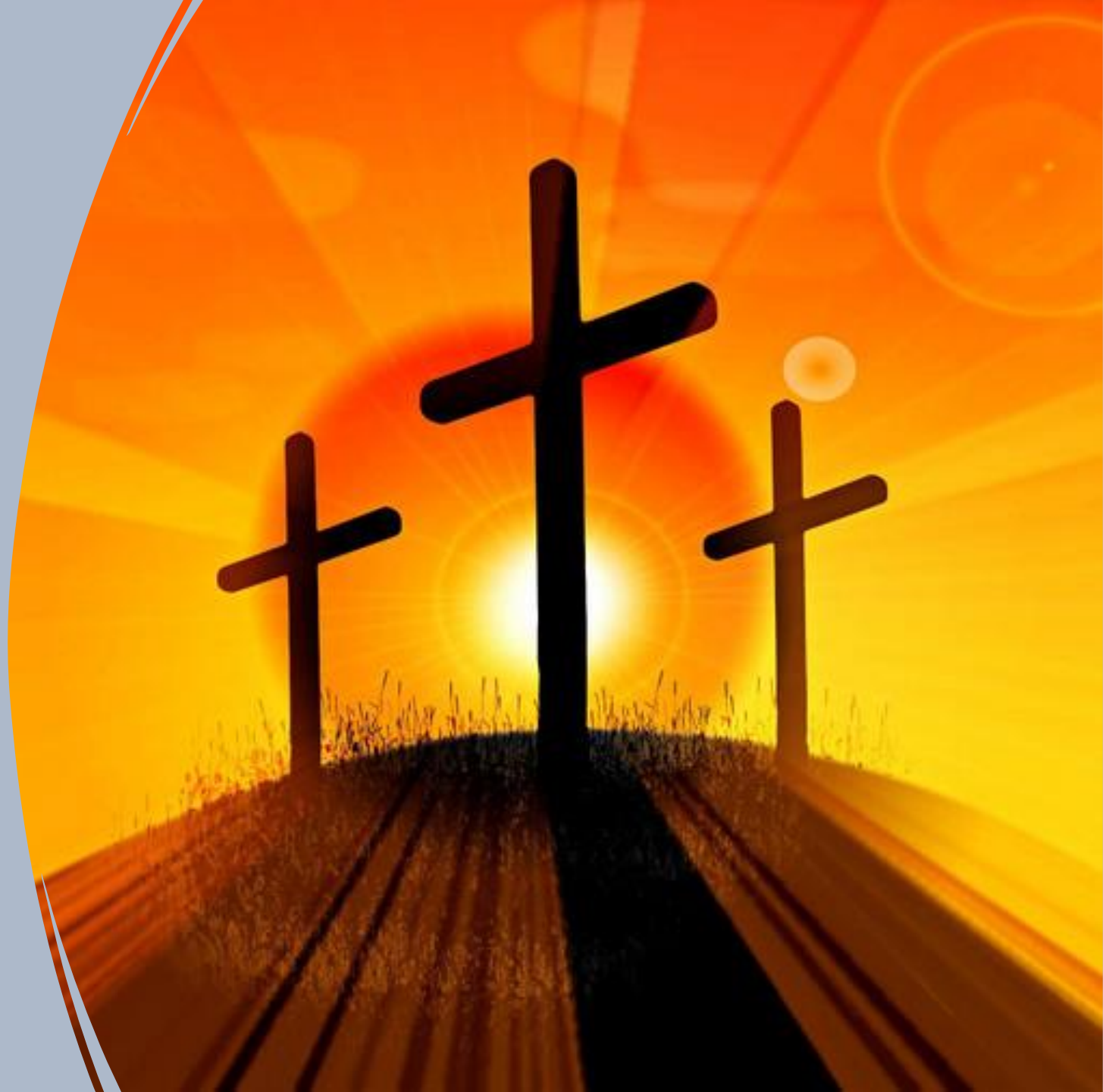
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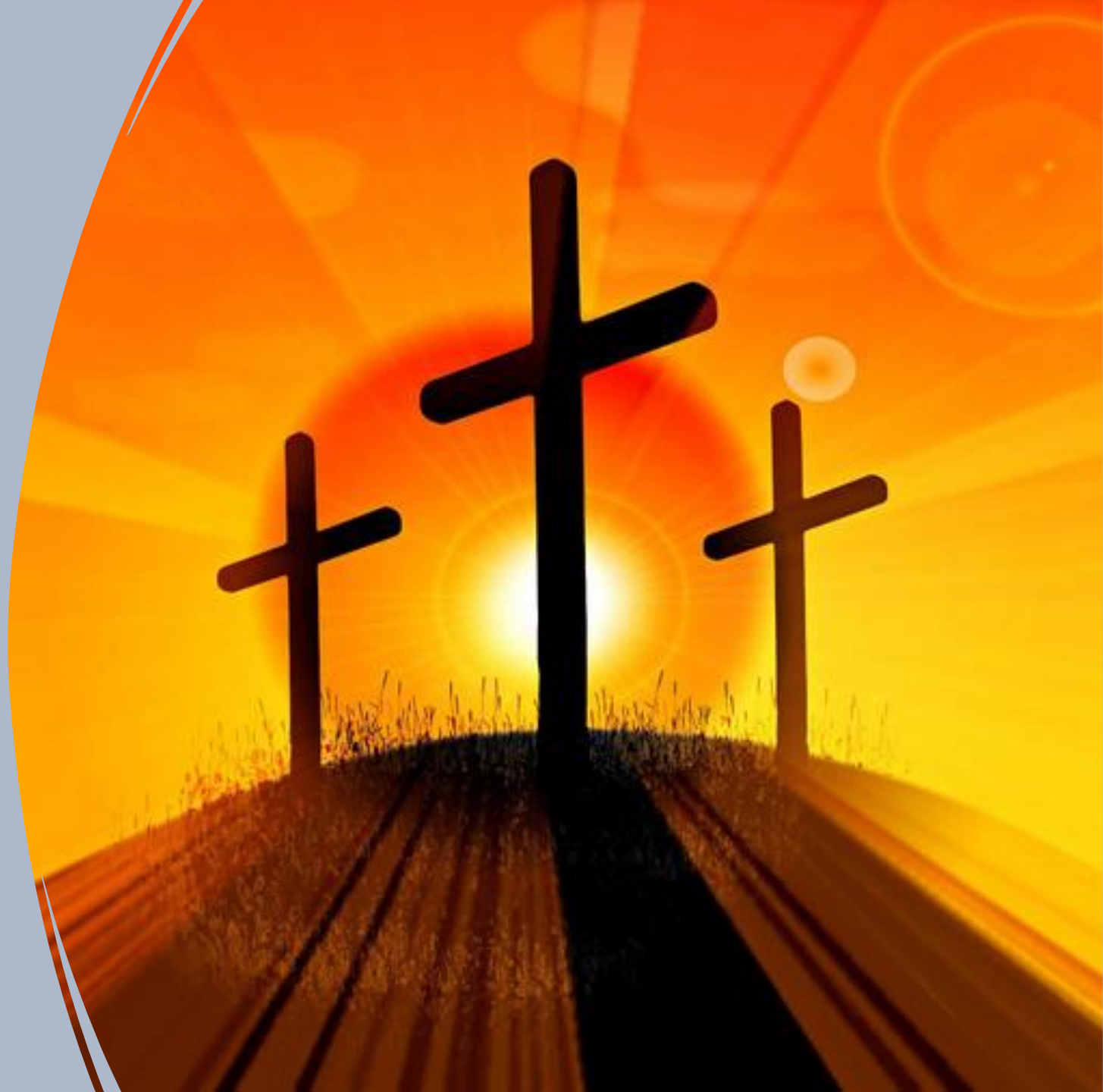
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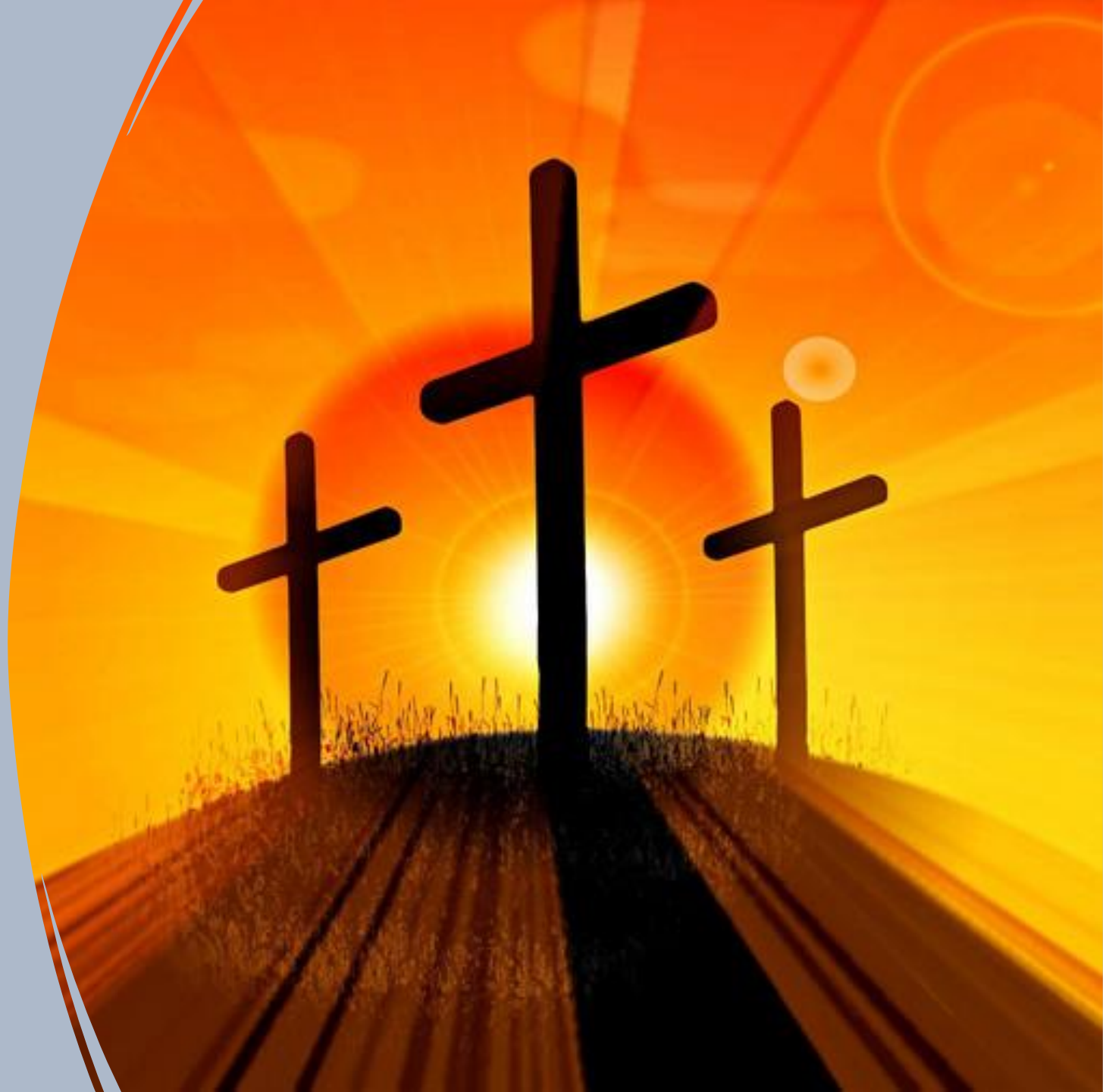
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