

WHAT HURT
JESUS
THE MOST?



**“He was despised and forsaken
of men, a man of sorrows, and
acquainted with grief...”**

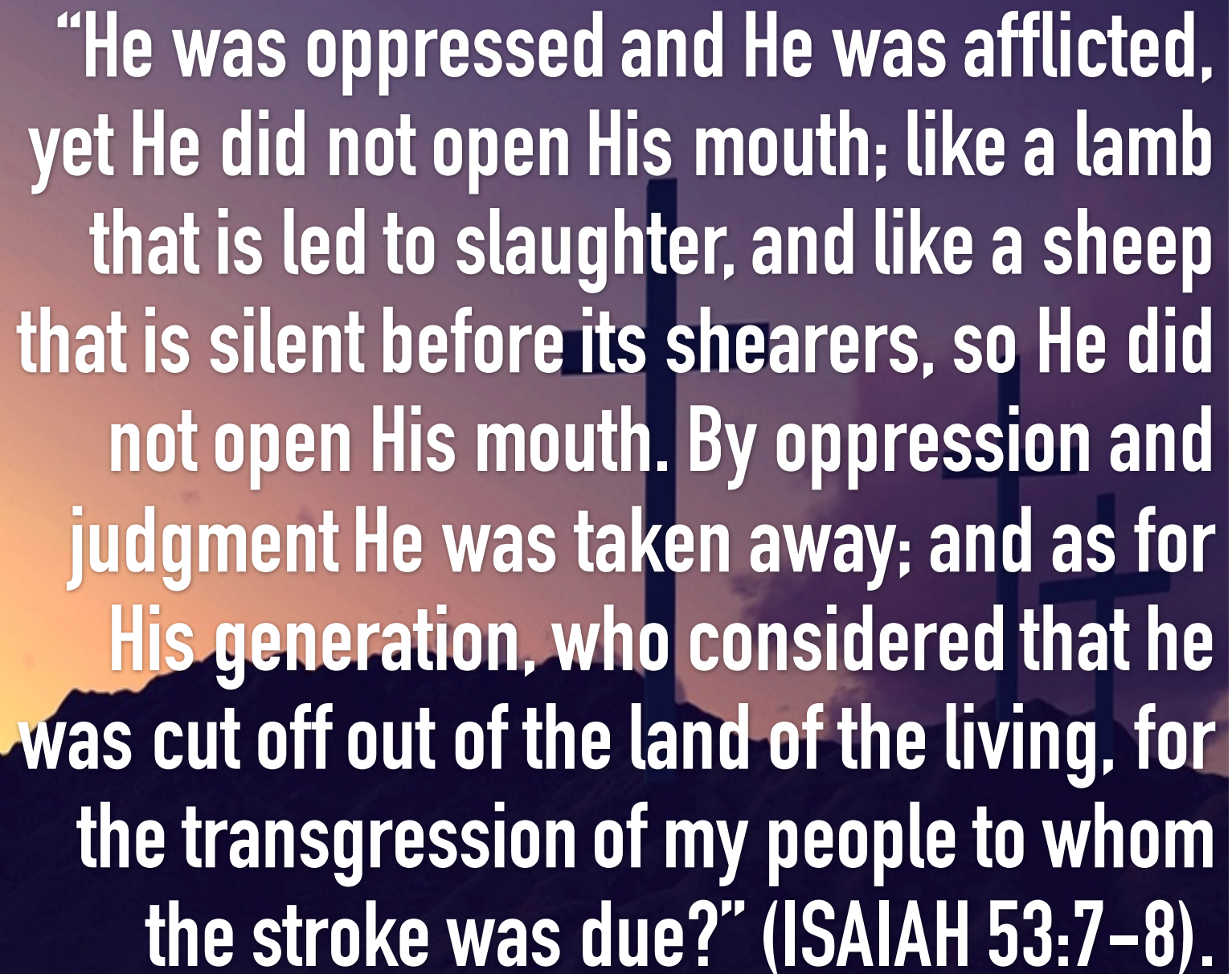
ISAIAH 53:3



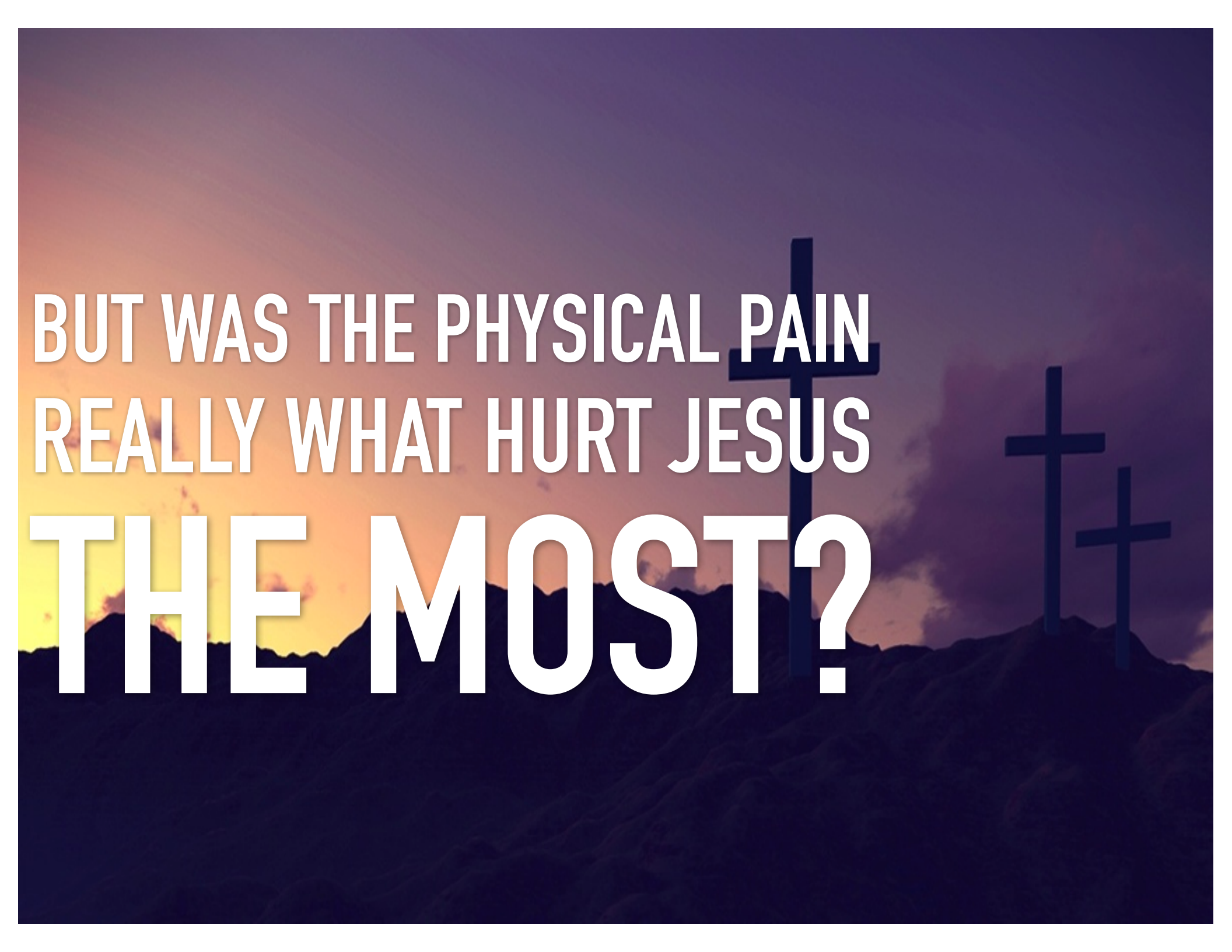
PIERCED, CRUSHED



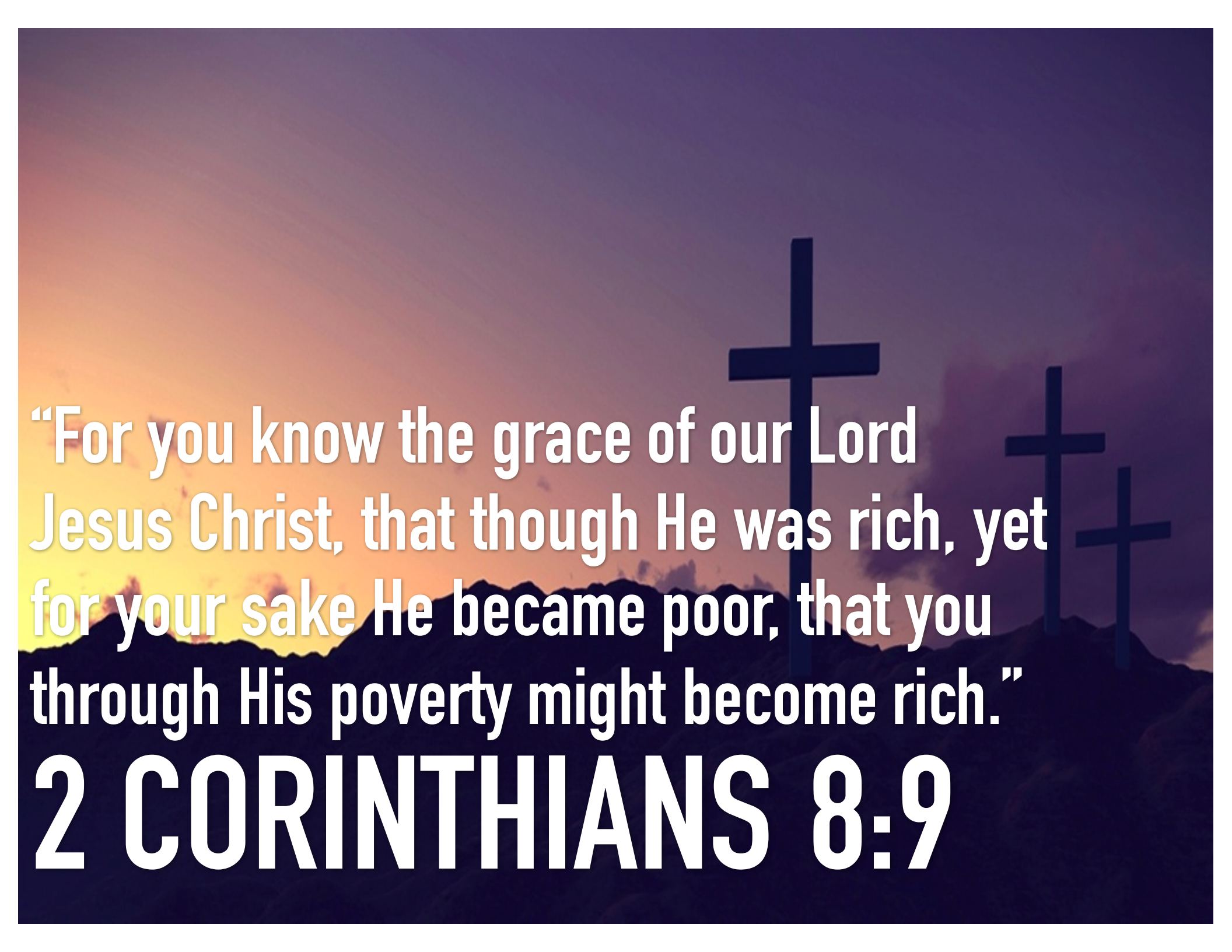
- “But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed” (ISAIAH 53:5).
- 1 PETER 3:18, 1 PETER 2:24
- Bear in mind that the cross was a very cruel way to die. The victim would have spent many hours struggling to breathe, eventually dying from suffocation as fluids built up in his abdomen.



“He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?” (ISAIAH 53:7–8).

The background of the image is a landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of colors from deep purple at the top to bright orange and yellow near the horizon. Silhouetted mountains are visible in the foreground. On the right side of the image, there are three crosses of varying heights, also silhouetted against the sky. The text is overlaid on the left and center of the image.

**BUT WAS THE PHYSICAL PAIN
REALLY WHAT HURT JESUS
THE MOST?**

The background of the image shows a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple. Three crosses are visible on the mountain peaks, silhouetted against the sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

“For you know the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet
for your sake He became poor, that you
through His poverty might become rich.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

ON OUR BEHALF

- His greatest pain was not the crucifixion by itself, or Judas' betrayal on its own, or any one thing that happened to Him during His ministry. Jesus' pain runs deeper, and comes from the cumulative weight of the world's sins.
- He who knew no sin had to become sin on our behalf (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21).
- Our sin is His pain, but our repentance can also become His great joy (HEBREWS 12:1-3).