

Resurrection Author LORD
I AM Christ
bread of life
Beginning and the End
Good Shepherd SAVIOR
Messiah

SON OF
the beloved man
OUR Light
HOPE cornerstone
Teacher Life
King of the Jews

RIGHTEOUS ONE Friend TRUTH
Everlasting Father Great
FIRST AND Physician
LAST
faithful and true
Alpha and witness
Omega JESUS
high priest
Friend
Holy One
master

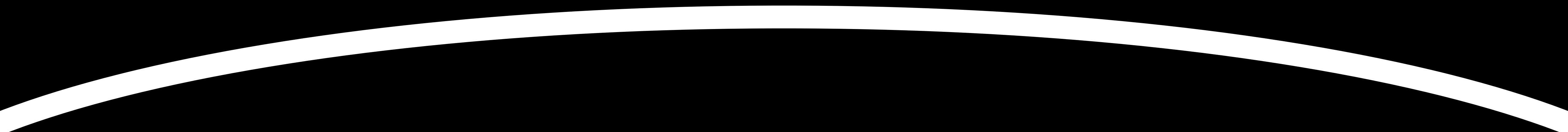
Son of the Most High
Bright & MORNING STAR
counselor Author of
LOVE Salvation
true vine
Heir Shield & Potter
of all Buckler
ROCK
Righteousness Alpha
of Judah lamb without blemish
Living Water
Savior wonderful

in His Name

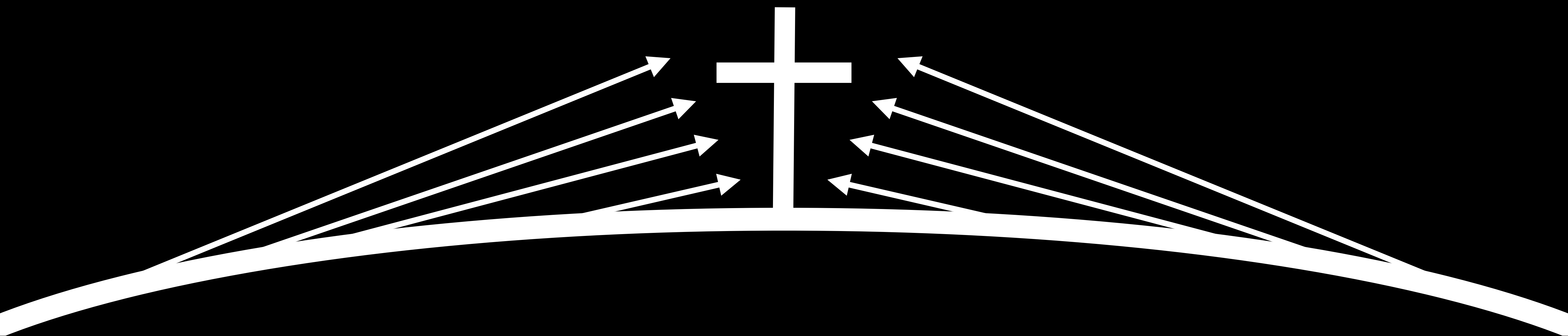
John 13:18-38

Stabbing Life in the Back

The Upper Story

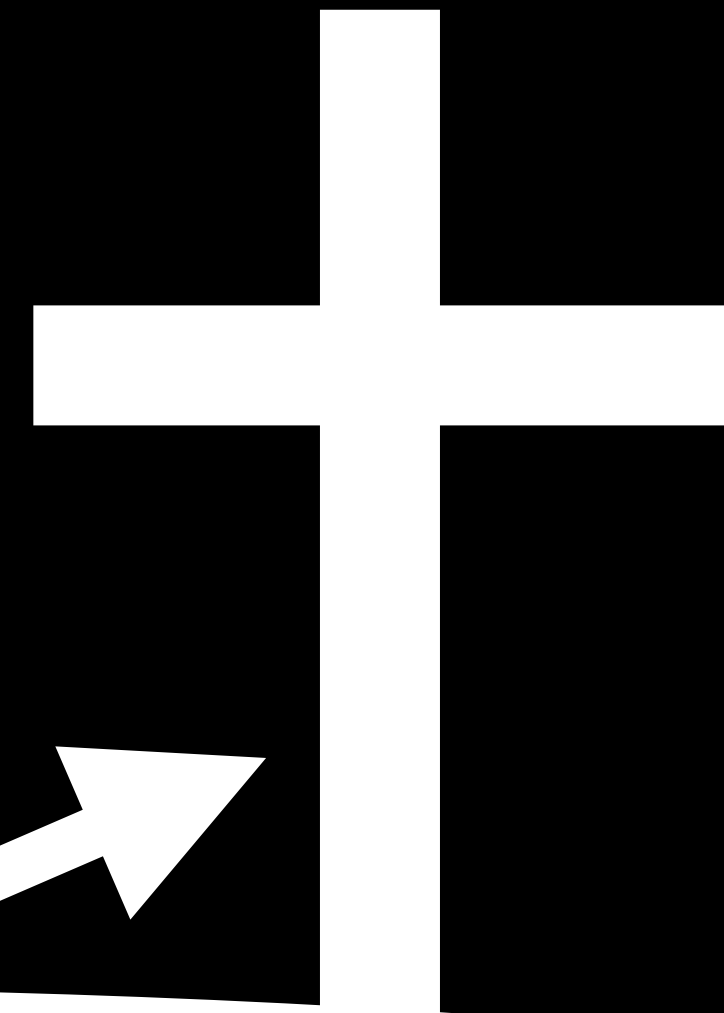


The Lower Story



**Every story in the Bible
points to the cross.**

Here we are—
the night before
the cross.



And it was night.

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It wasn't just nighttime.

A night sky with a full moon and stars, silhouetted against a dark background. The moon is bright and circular, positioned in the upper left quadrant. The stars are small, white dots scattered across the dark blue and black sky. The silhouettes of mountains or hills are visible in the lower half of the image, with a prominent, sharp peak in the center.

**Jesus was in the valley
of the shadow of death.**

A night sky with a full moon and stars, and a silhouette of a mountain range.

**1. Jesus fully & completely
experienced everything
we go through.**

Hebrews 2:14-18

“Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-18

“...For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.”

**This “sharing in our humanity”
involved the deepest of all
pain — betrayal.**

...just like King David.

John 13:18

**“I am not referring to all of you;
I know those I have chosen.**

**But this is to fulfill this passage
of Scripture: ‘He who shared my
bread has turned against me.’”**

Psalm 41:9

**'He who shared my
bread has turned against me.'**

Ahithophel / 2 Samuel 15-17

1. Jesus fully & completely
experienced everything
we go through.

2. Jesus fully & completely
expected everything
He went through.

John 13:19

**“I am telling you now before
it happens, so that when it
does happen you will believe
that I am who I am.”**

**“Jesus is not taken by surprise
or outflanked by the betrayal,
nor should the disciples be.
Rather, Jesus’ uncovering of the
traitor is further evidence that
He is ‘I AM’, the all-sufficient
object of their faith....”**

John Stott

“Despite the incomprehensible fact of the betrayal, Jesus continued to be the One sent by God, and after the event has taken place, it will be clear that the disciple’s betrayal and the plan devised by Satan even served Jesus’ exaltation.”

John Stott

**Jesus is in complete
control of this situation.**

Jesus is in complete
control of your situation.

Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

**There are no "surprises"
in your lower story.**

I like the word
"Serendipity"

*"Finding something valuable or delightful
when you are not looking for it."*

2. Jesus fully & completely
expected everything
He went through.

**3. Everything makes full
& complete sense in
light of the cross.**

John 13:31-32

**“When he was gone, Jesus said,
'Now the Son of Man is glorified
and God is glorified in Him. If God is
glorified in Him, God will glorify
the Son in Himself, and will
glorify Him at once.'”**

“With Judas’ departure the trap is sprung; the sequence of the arrest, trial and crucifixion is already set in motion, a succession in relation to which Jesus must be submissive. But this very submission is the glorifying of the Father through Him, and the completing of His work.”

John Stott

The cross sets
everything right.

However...

Night comes before day.

Trials come before rescue.

Valleys come before glory.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5:3

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

Matthew 5:4

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

Matthew 5:5

**Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5:10

**Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds
of evil against you because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, because great
is your reward in heaven.**

Matthew 5:11-12

**God really does have it all
worked out. The gaps are filled.**

The heartache is eased.

The provision is ready.

The needs met.

Fully. Completely. Perfectly.

In Him. With Him. By Him.

Lysa Terkeurst

Psalm 27:14

**“Wait for the LORD; be strong and
take heart and wait for the LORD.”**

