

"Why The Cross?"
Luke 23:33-49
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→ "What made the death of this one man so significant?"

1. THE WAY TO GOD IS _____
("the veil of the temple was torn in two" v45)

2. THE VICTORY _____
("and Jesus crying out with a loud voice . . . breathed His last." v46)
cf. John 19:30

3. THE OFFER OF _____
("when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying,
"Certainly this man was innocent." v47)

SO WHAT??

1. Go to God _____

2. Go to Jesus _____

3. Go to others _____

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WHY THE CROSS?

What makes the death of this one man so significant?



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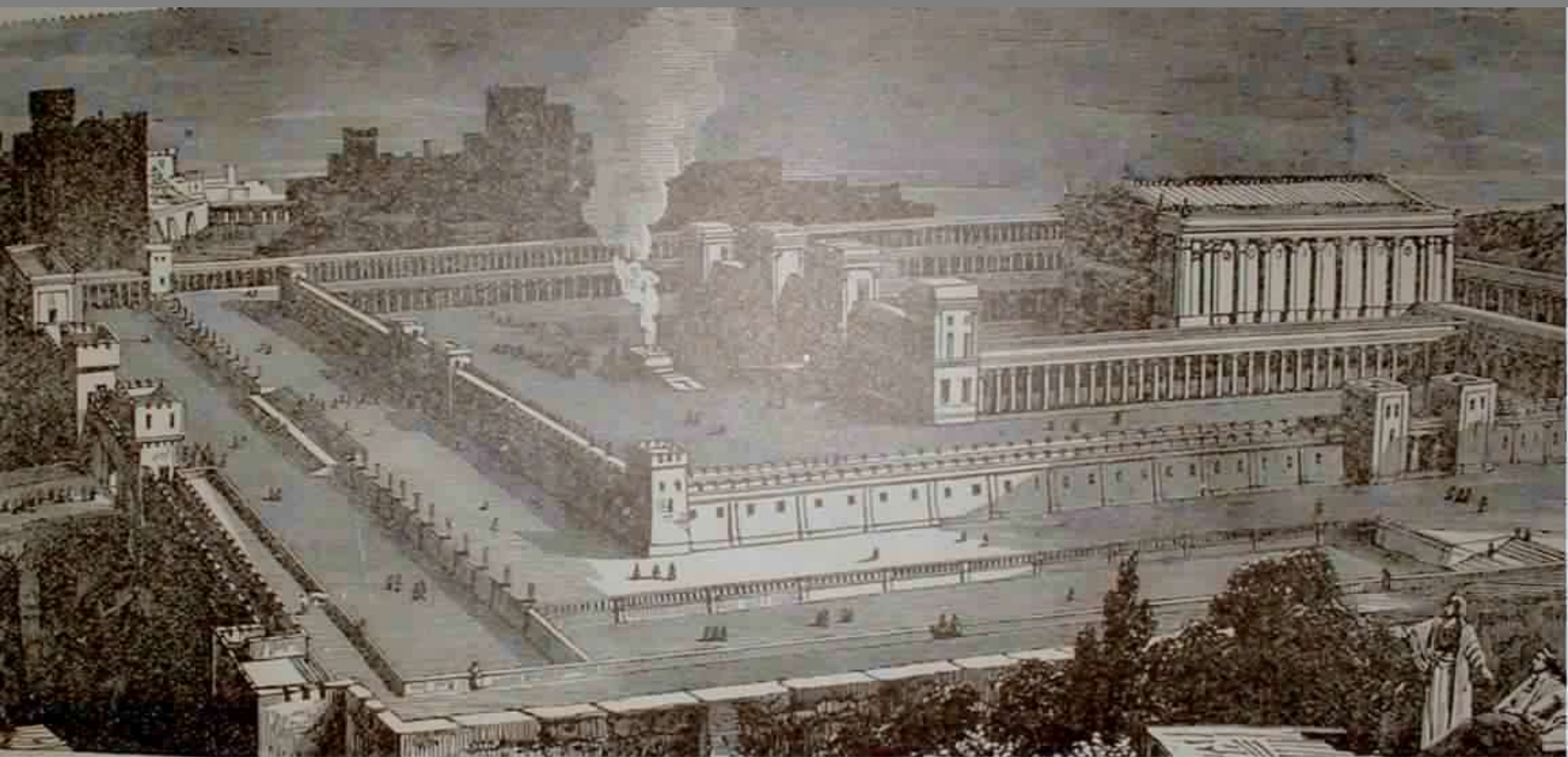
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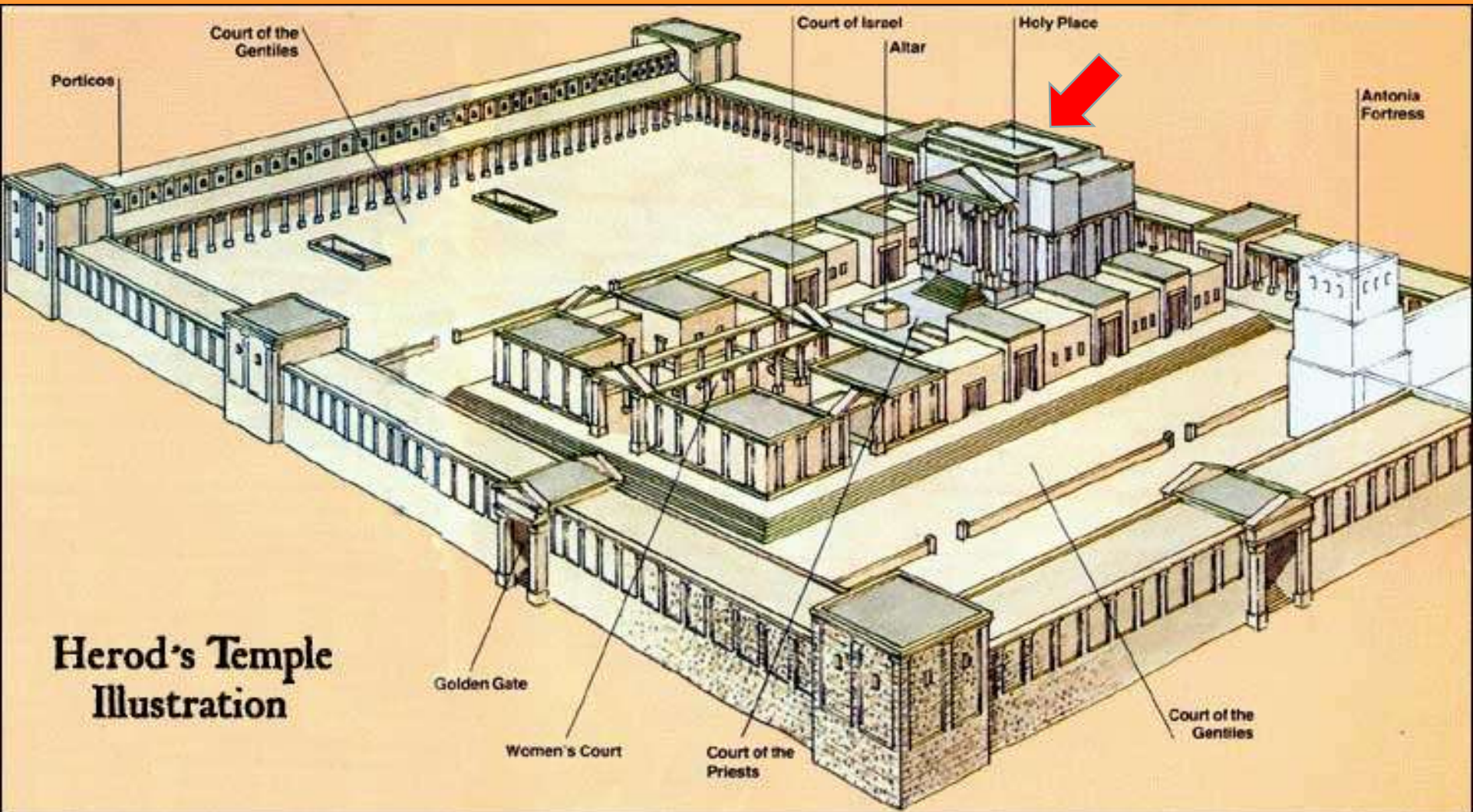
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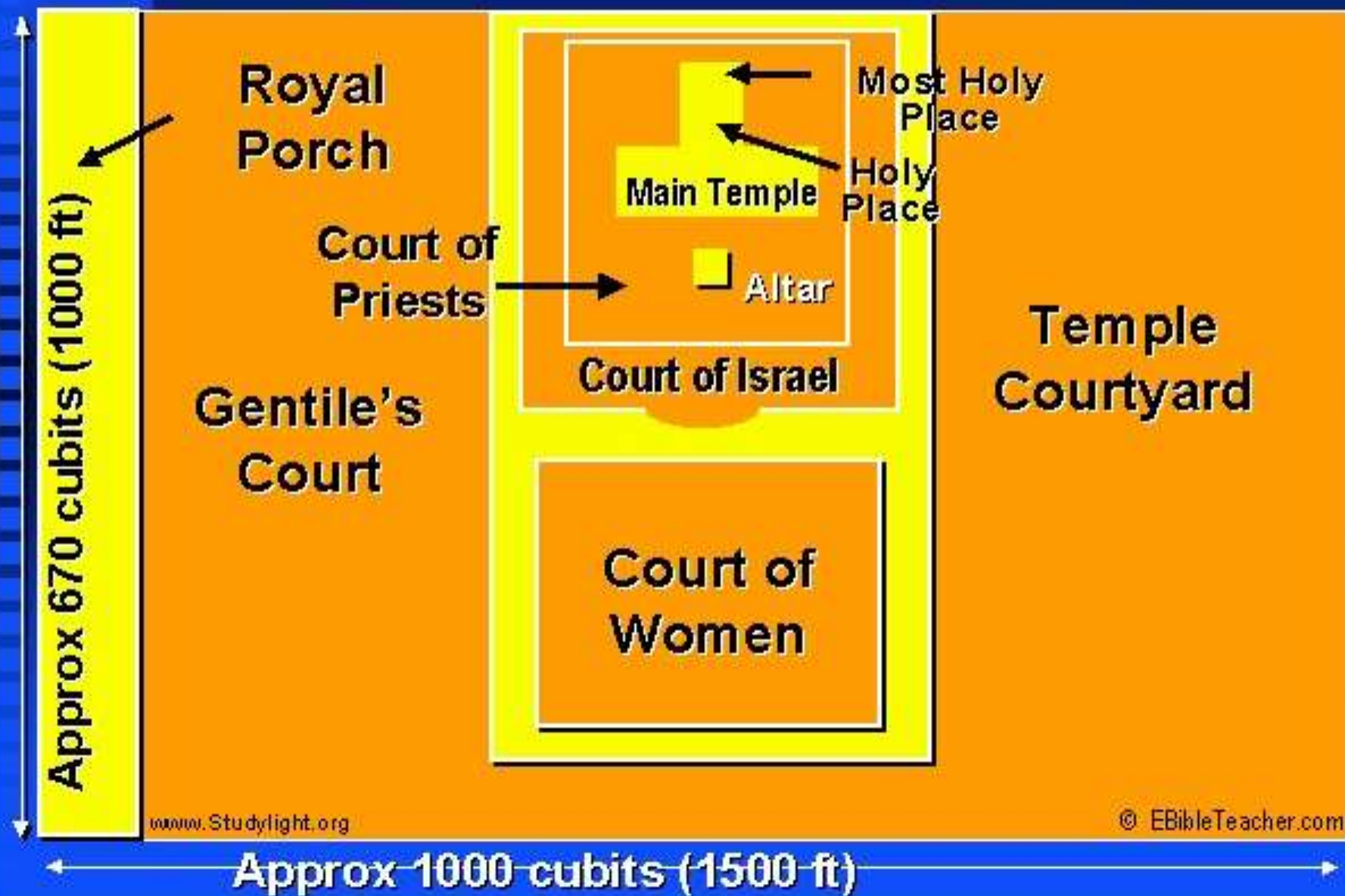
1. The Way to God is now Wide Open





**Herod's Temple
Illustration**

Herod's Temple





60 feet long x 30 feet high x 2 inches thick
300 priests were required to install it

WHY THE CROSS?

Hebrews 9:11-15

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

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For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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Hebrews 10:19-25

Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,

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having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

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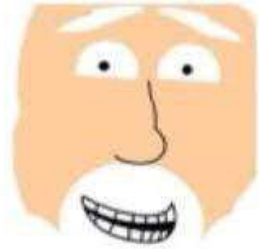
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2. The Victory over sin and death has been won

It's Finished!

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WHY THE CROSS?

1. The Way to God is now Wide Open
2. The Victory over sin and death has been won
3. The Offer of Intimacy with God still stands



God

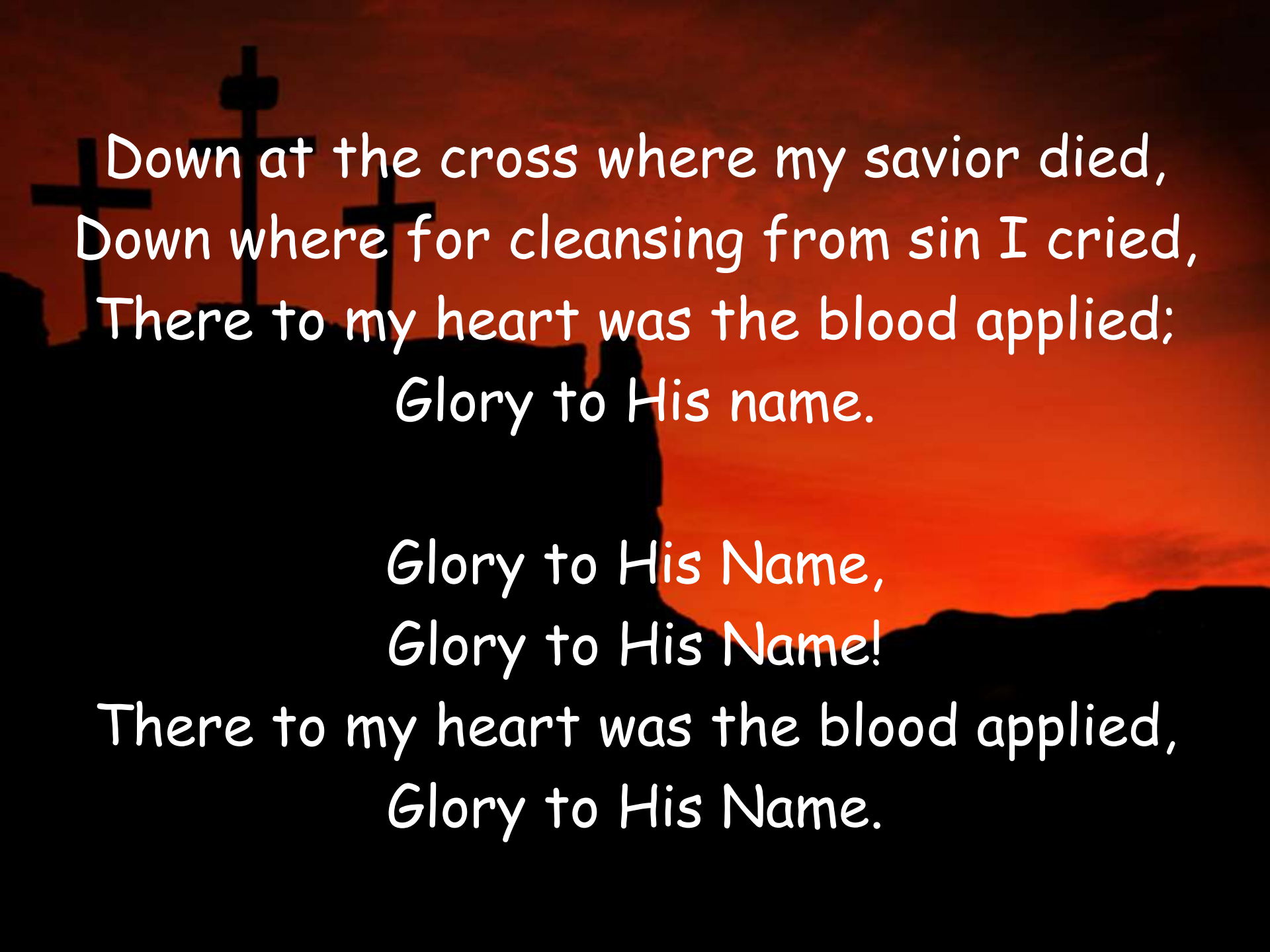
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Remember, if you don't sin, then
Jesus died for nothing. Sin away!

The background features a vibrant red and orange sunset sky. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a hill is visible, with three crosses of varying heights standing on it. The largest cross is in the center, flanked by two smaller ones. The text 'So What?' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the top of the image.

So What?

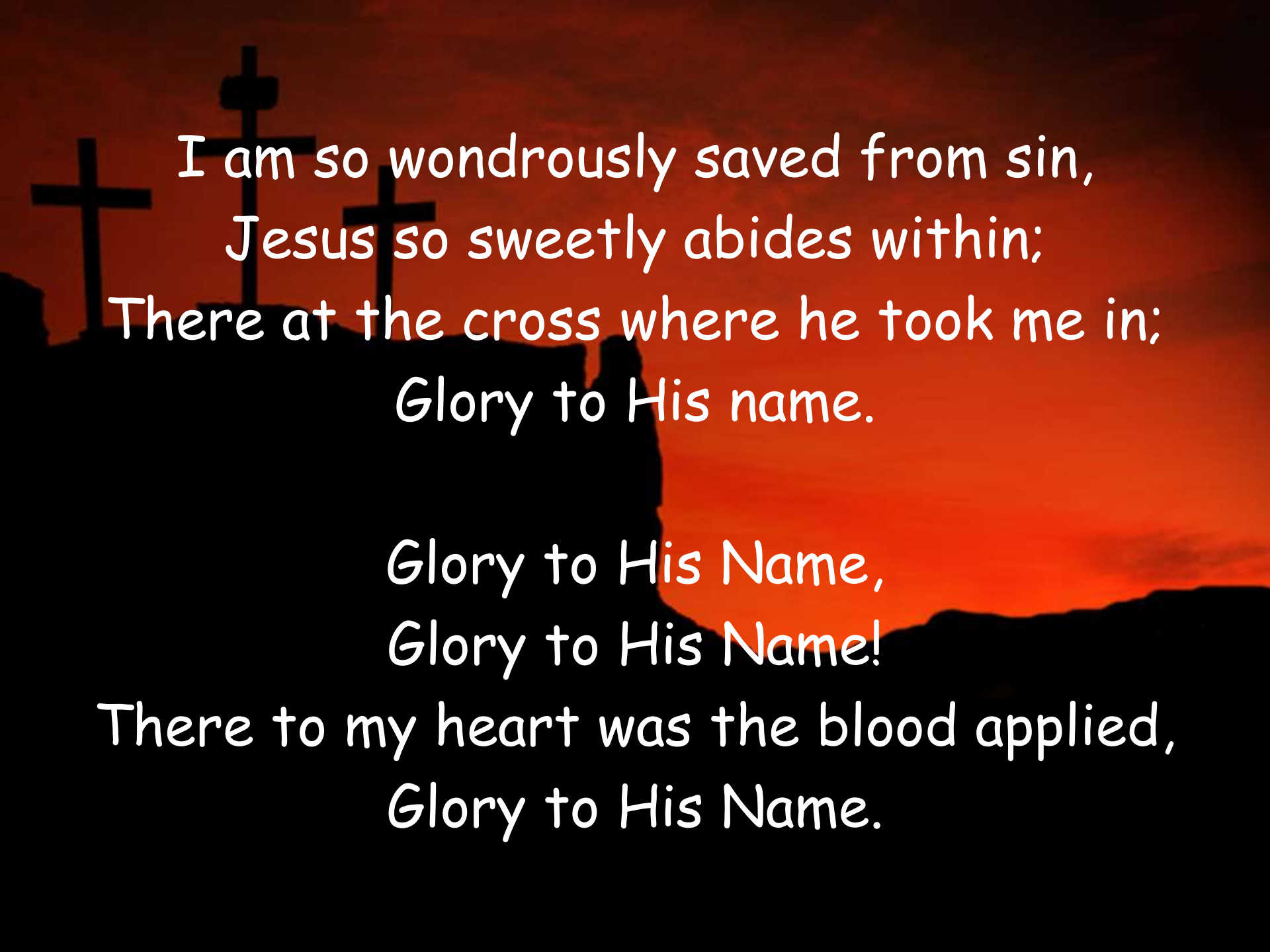
1. Go to God with your concerns!
2. Go to Jesus for salvation!
3. Go to Others with the message of hope and joy!



Down at the cross where my savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name.

Glory to His Name,
Glory to His Name!

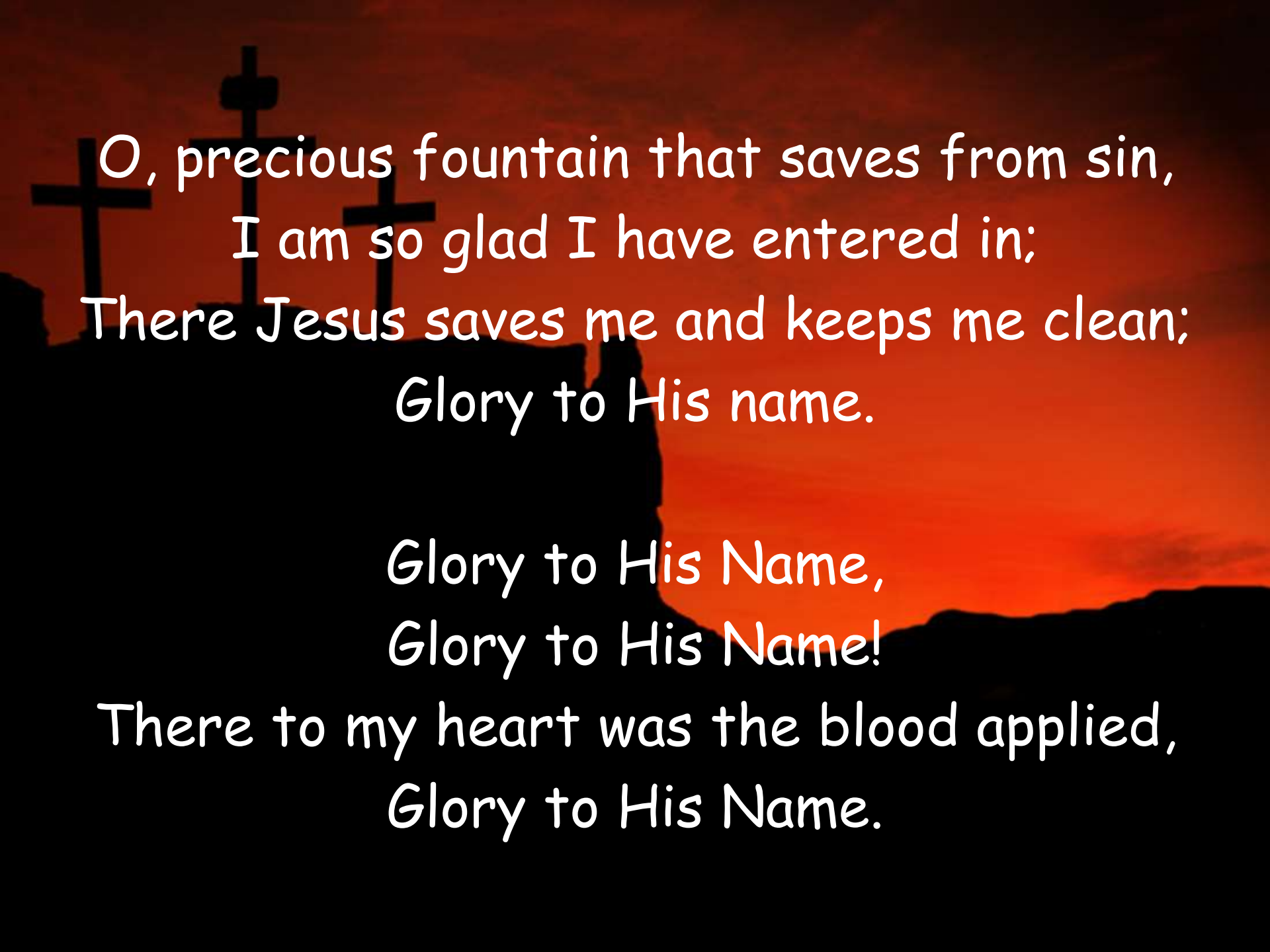
There to my heart was the blood applied,
Glory to His Name.

The background of the image is a vibrant sunset with a gradient of orange and red. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of three crosses are visible against the bright sky, set on a dark, jagged horizon line.

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where he took me in;
Glory to His name.

Glory to His Name,
Glory to His Name!

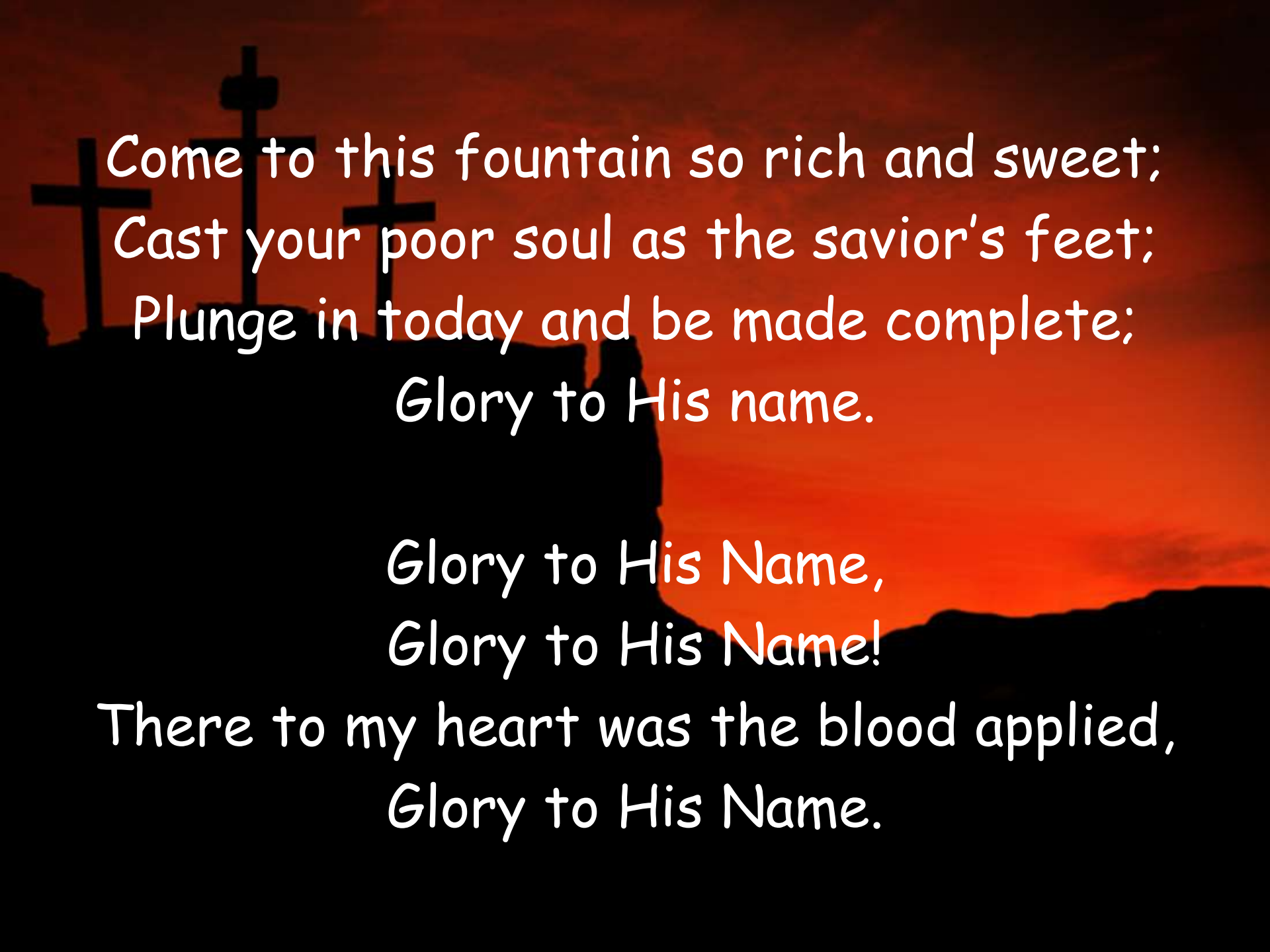
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O, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His name.

Glory to His Name,
Glory to His Name!

There to my heart was the blood applied,
Glory to His Name.



Come to this fountain so rich and sweet;
Cast your poor soul at the savior's feet;
Plunge in today and be made complete;
Glory to His name.

Glory to His Name,
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