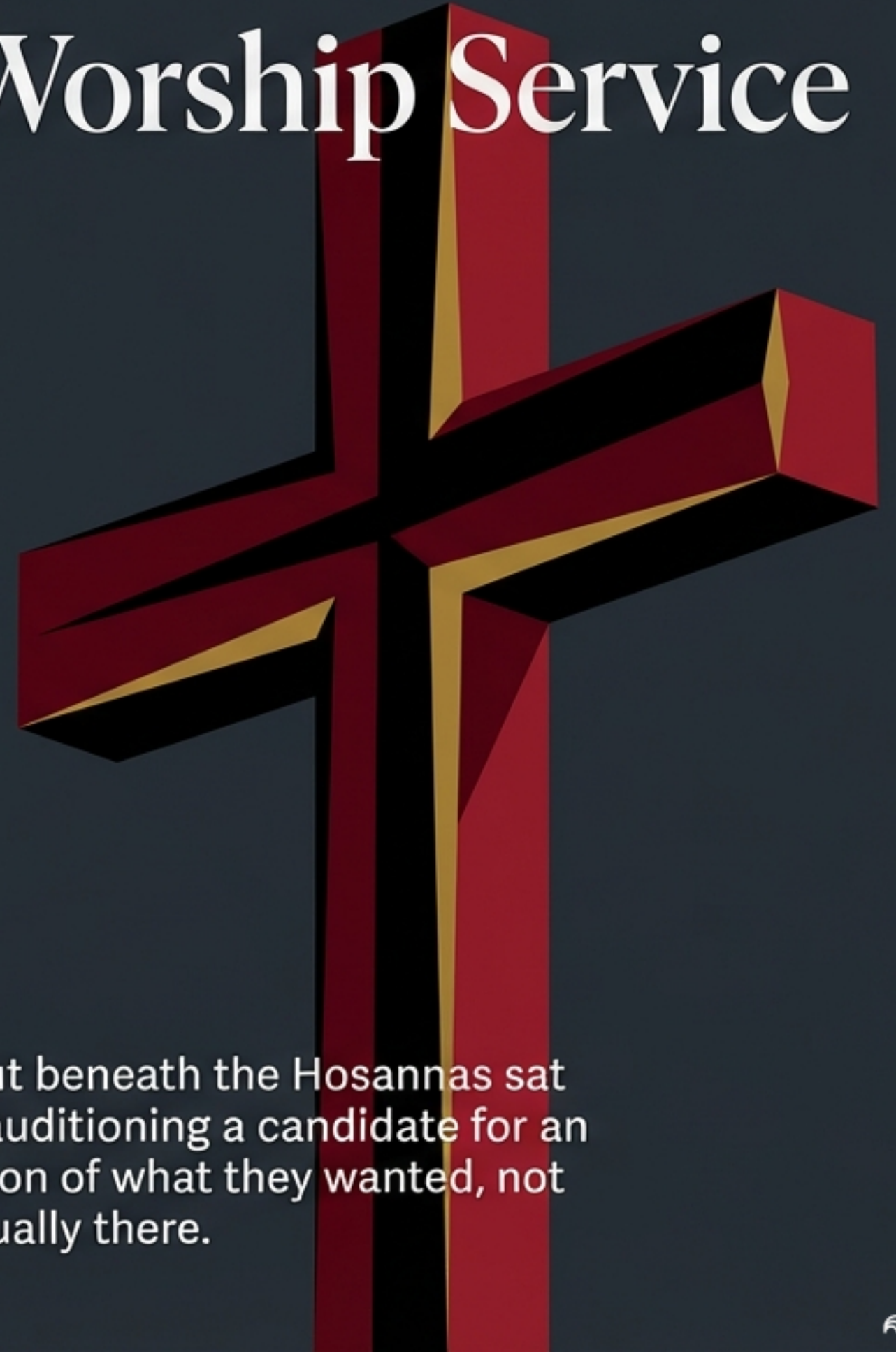


THE TRUE KING

Beyond the Palm Sunday Projection

The Most Dangerous Worship Service

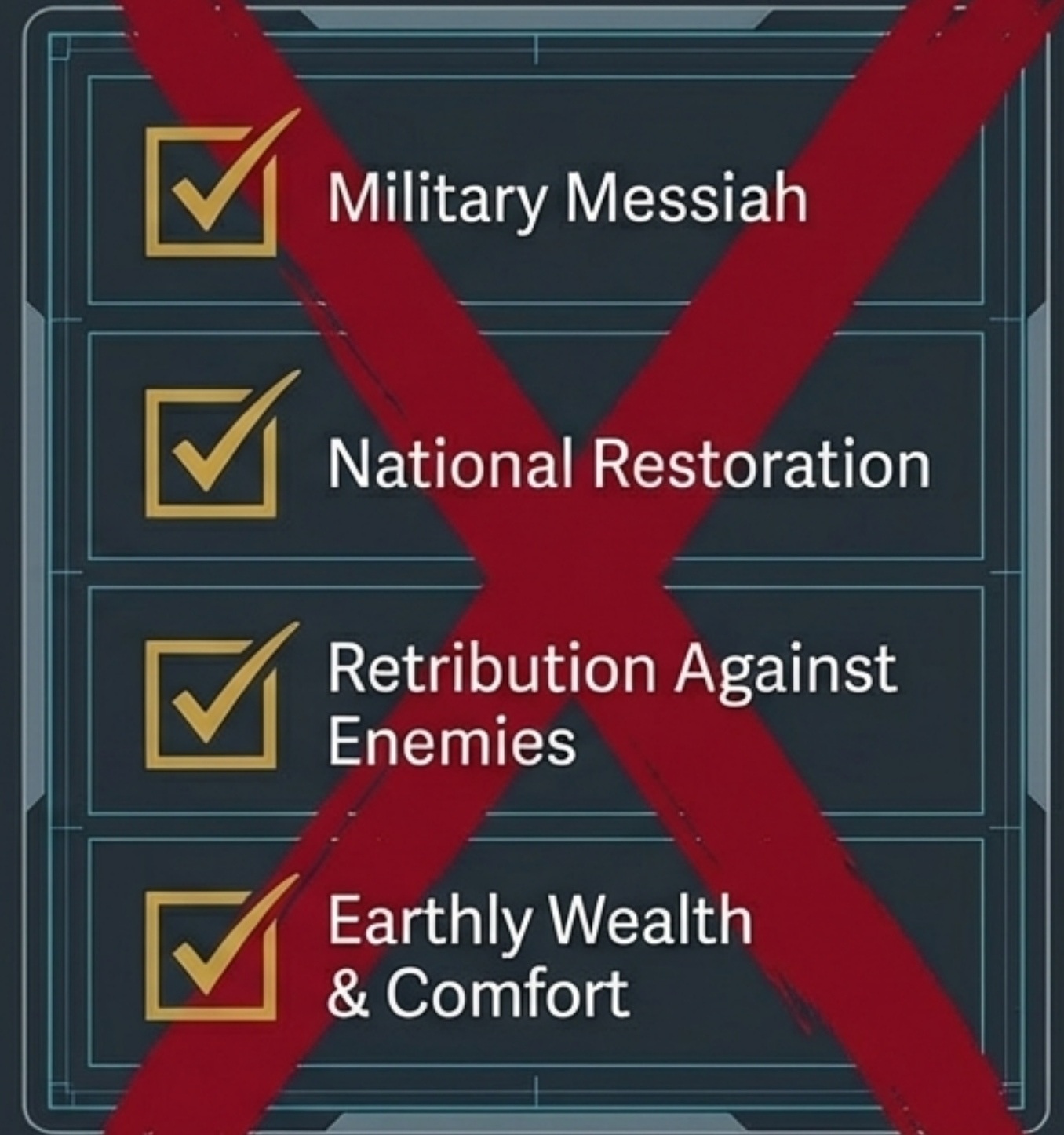


Palm Sunday looked like triumphant worship, but beneath the Hosannas sat a profound misunderstanding. The crowds were auditioning a candidate for an earthly throne. They were worshipping a projection of what they wanted, not the true Messiah who was actually there.

The Amazon Prime God

Like the Israelites building a golden calf they could control, we try to customize a demigod who serves our needs.

"If he overthrows Rome, we're in. If he doesn't, let's crucify him by the end of the week."



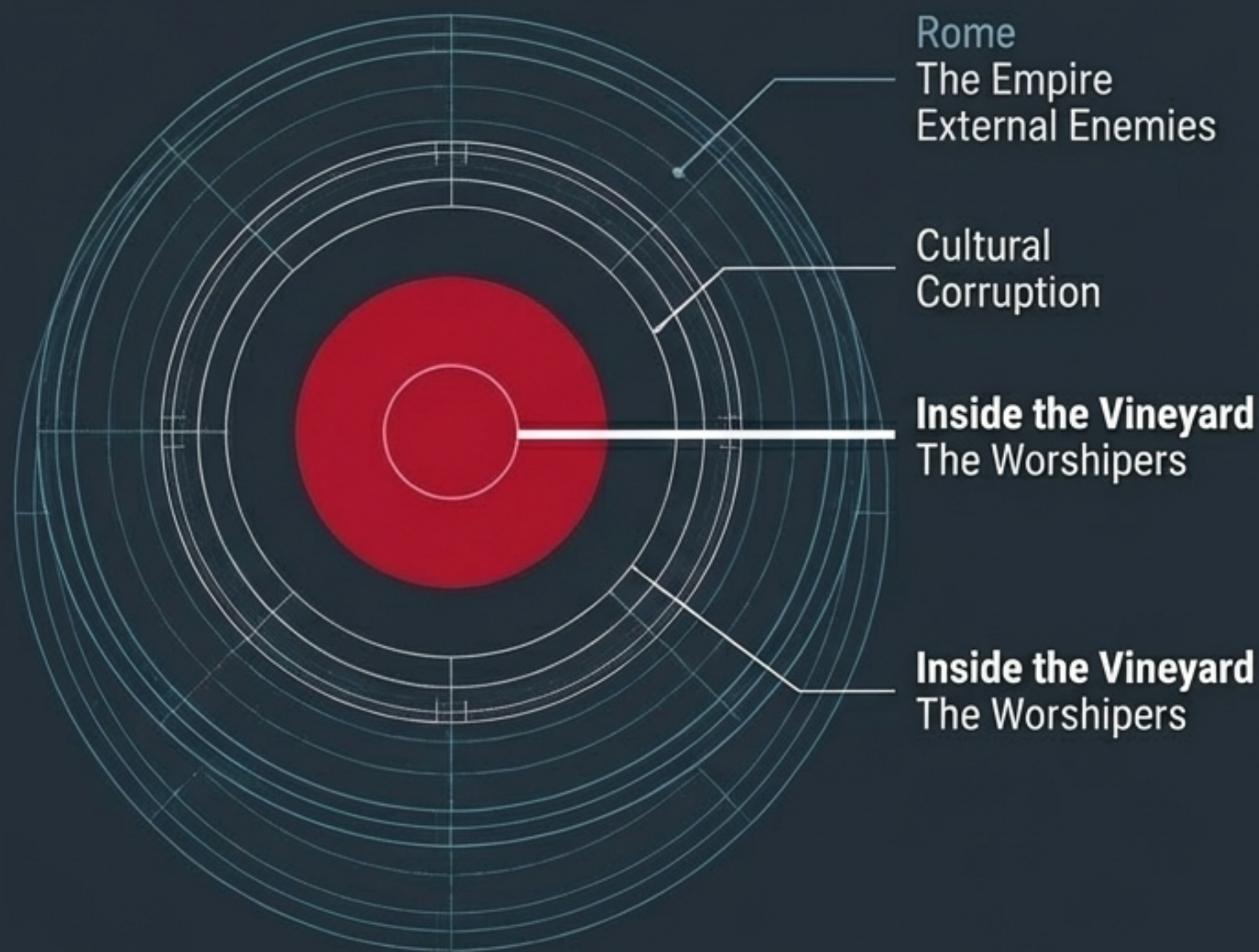
Protecting Power Over Producing Fruit

The tragedy of the vineyard wasn't the soil; it was the self-appointed guardians protecting their own position.



The Uncomfortable Truth

Evil isn't just out there. The people chosen to heal the world kept the vineyard for themselves. The people desperately waiting for rescue rejected God the moment He actually arrived.



Two Lenses For Reading The Story

| | Dispensationalist View | Fulfillment Theology |
|------------------|---|--|
| The Kingdom | Earthly kingdom offered, rejected, and postponed. | Kingdom inaugurated now, realized fully in Christ. |
| The Timeline | The Church Age is a parenthesis; clock restarts for Israel later. | It is finished. No parenthesis; history culminates in the cross. |
| The Architecture | Waiting for a literal 1,000-year reign and a rebuilt physical temple. | Jesus replaces the physical temple and the physical nation. |

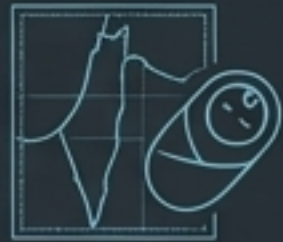
Christ did not come to postpone the promises. He came to fulfill them (2 Cor 1:20).

Typology I: Rebuilding Israel Around Himself

Matthew intentionally shows us that Jesus succeeds exactly where the nation failed. He is the true Israel.

The Shadow

God's Firstborn Nation
(Exodus 4:22)



40 Years in the
Wilderness (Grumbling)



The 12 Tribes of Israel



The Vine of Israel
(Psalm 80)



The Reality



God's Beloved Son
(Matthew 2:15)



40 Days in the Desert
(Perfect Obedience)



The 12 Disciples
chosen by Christ



The True Vine
(John 15:1)

Typology II: The True Temple

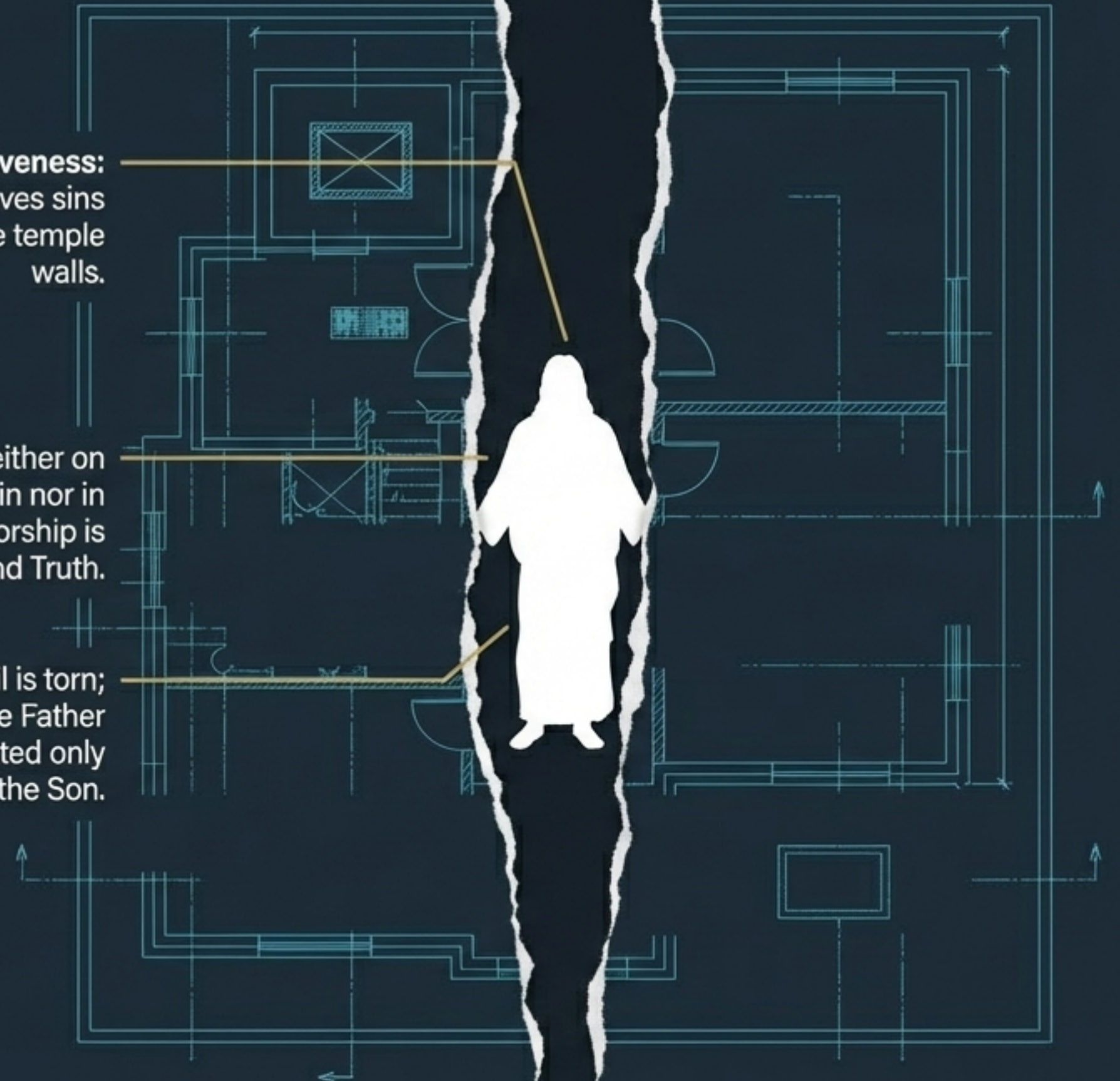
Forgiveness:
He forgives sins
outside the temple
walls.

Worship: Neither on
this mountain nor in
Jerusalem — worship is
now in Spirit and Truth.

Access: The veil is torn;
access to the Father
is mediated only
through the Son.

Destroy this temple, and I will raise it
again in three days. (John 2:19).

Jesus didn't come to restore the building;
He came to replace it.



The Cosmic Scale of the Cross

The Threat
(Revelation 12)



Satan's historical obsession with destroying the Messiah's lineage (from Pharaoh to Herod).

The Triumph
(Revelation 5)

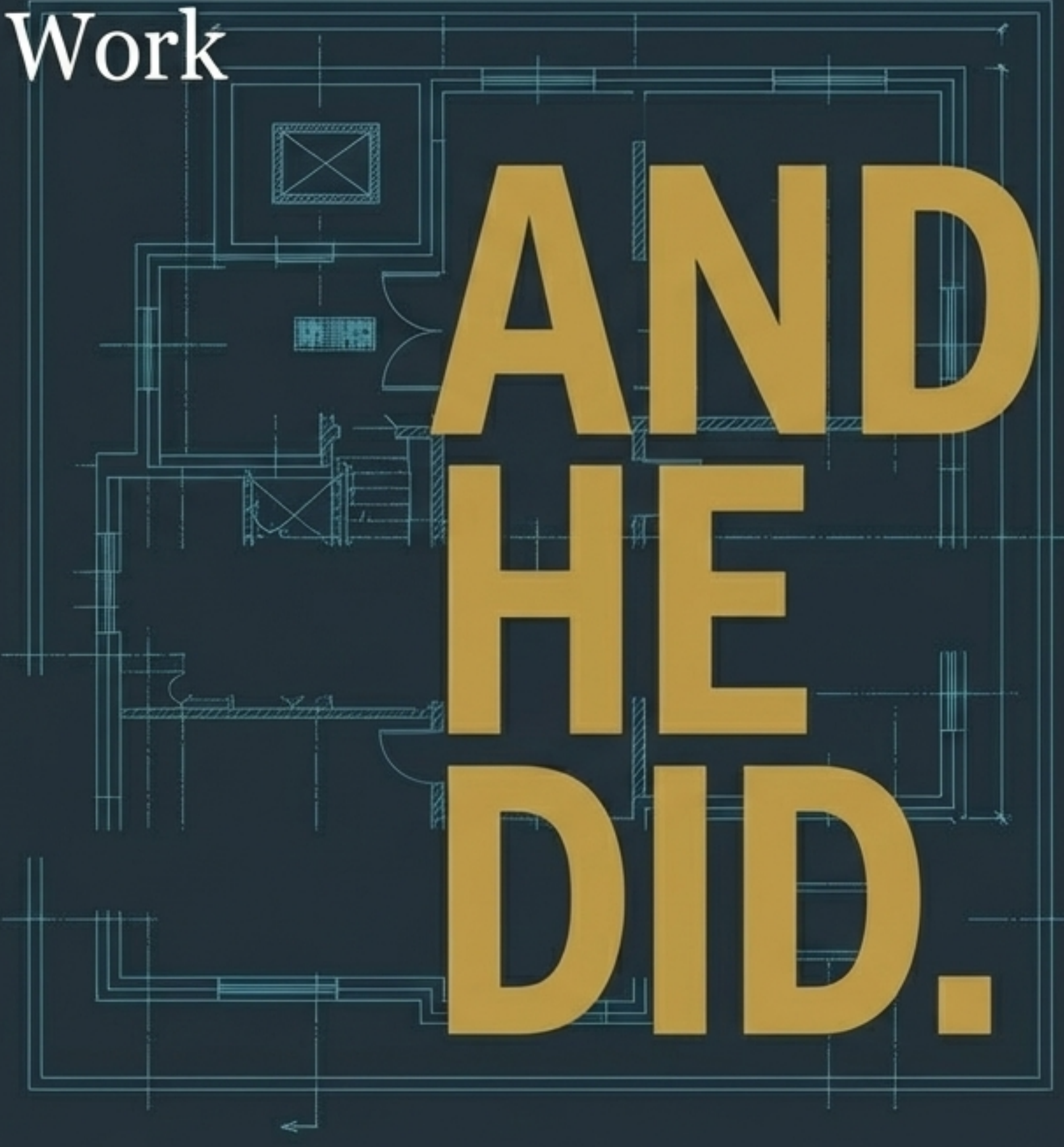


The only one worthy to open the scroll of history is the Slain Lamb.

God fulfills His redemptive plan not through a political revolution against Rome, but through a suffering King and the terrifying path to the cross.

The Reality of the Finished Work

- ✓ He came to save sinners...
- ✓ He came to destroy the devil...
- ✓ He came to defeat death...
- ✓ He came to bring the Kingdom...
- ✓ He came to ransom many...
- ✓ He came to reconcile us to God...
- ✓ He came to become King...



**AND
HE
DID.**

The Purpose of the Atonement

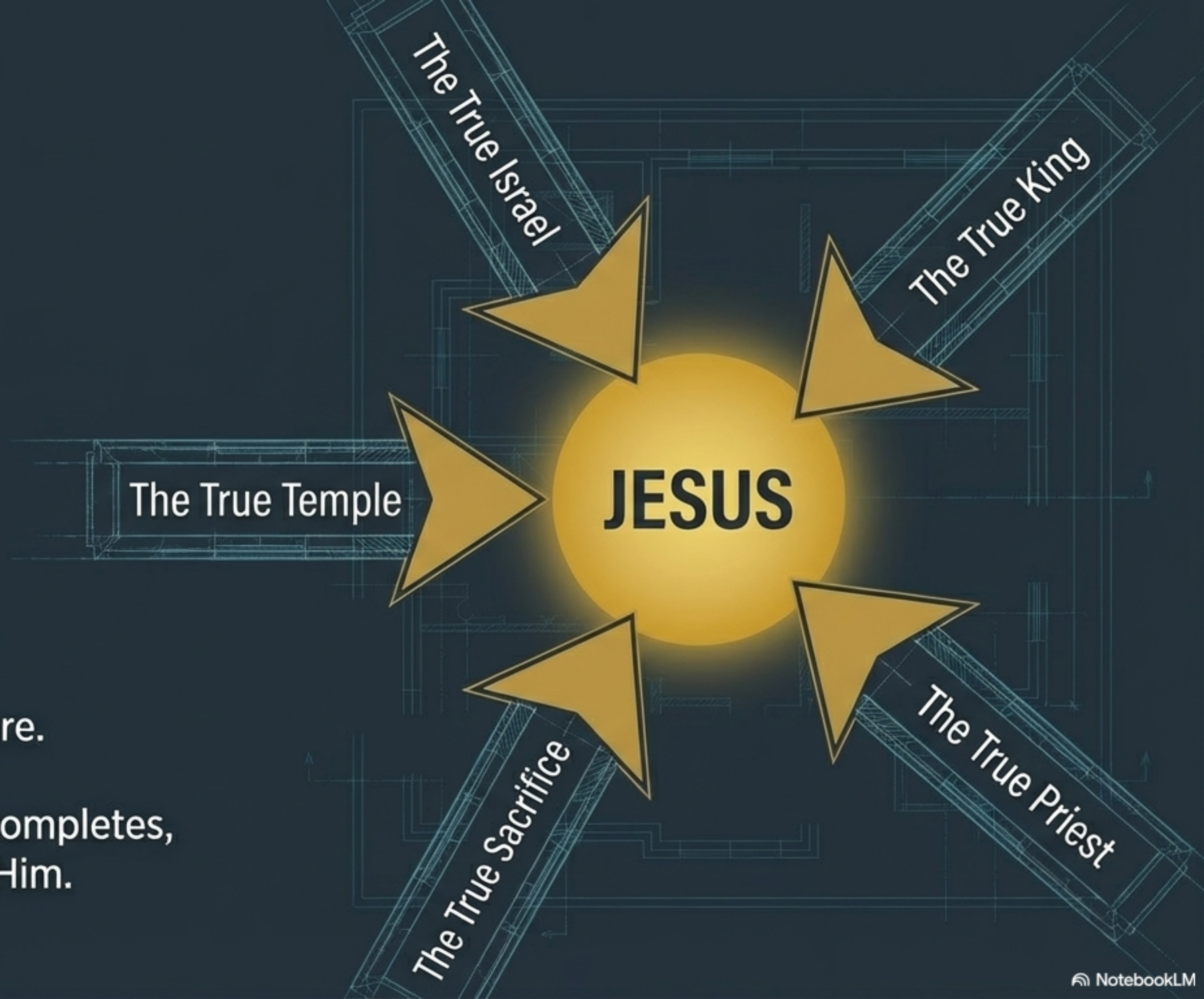
Why not just attack Rome?
Why not just rebuild the
physical walls? Because
Because an earthly
kingdom would only
rule over
unredeemed enemies.



His ultimate reward
wasn't territory. It was
a redeemed people,
a restored bride, and
sons and daughters
brought back into
glory.

*For the joy set before Him
he endured the cross.
(Hebrews 12:2)*

The Ultimate Convergence



They expected the ancient structures to be restored.
Jesus said, I am the structure.

Every shadow converges, completes,
and is eternally finished in Him.

From Enemies to Ambassadors

While we were enemies... (Romans 5:10)



We had positioned ourselves in rebellion, demanding a God who served our political or personal comfort.

The Kingdom Mandate



We are now ambassadors commanded to heal the sick, cast out demons, and share the good news—even in hostile territory.

The gospel is not a cheap idol or an annual cultural event. It frees us, completes us, and demands our absolute, obsessed devotion.

The Table of Reality

Walk out of the shadows of religious activity. Walk into the substance of the cross.



His body, broken for us. His blood, shed for us. We do not approach a postponed kingdom; we approach a finished work.

IT IS FINISHED.

Stop projecting your expectations onto Christ.
See the glory of the crucified and risen Messiah
exactly as He is.



The True King has arrived.