

A wooden cross with a crown of thorns resting on a wooden surface. The cross is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally. The crown of thorns is made of several sharp, dried branches. The background is a light, textured surface.

THE CROSS


Painful & Powerful

MOST RECOGNIZED SYMBOL OF ALL TIME?



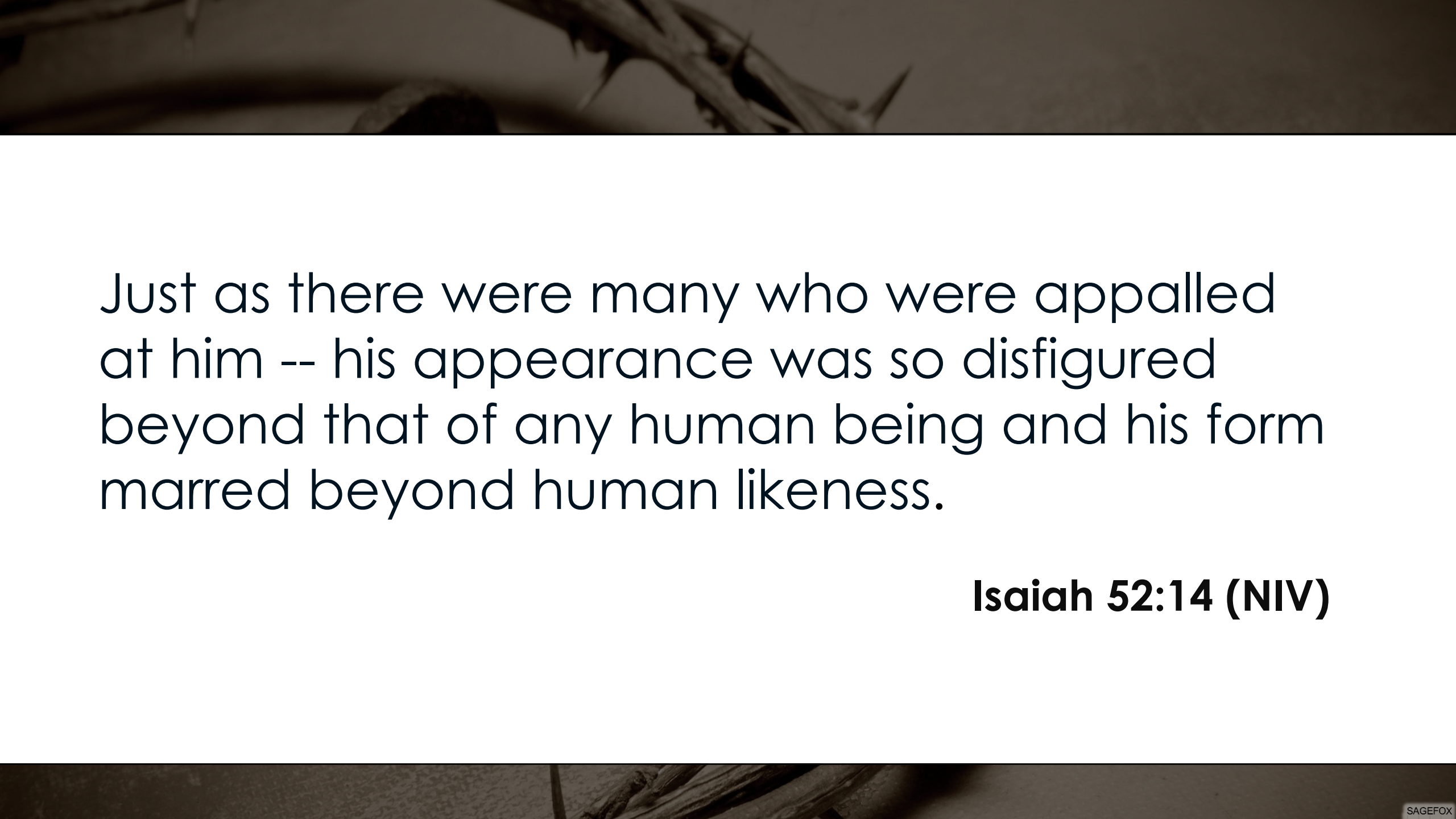
Let the very word 'cross,' be far removed from not only the bodies of Roman citizens, but even from their thoughts, their eyes, and their ears.

Cicero, 106-43BC, Pro Rabirio Postump 16




¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands.

John 19:1-3



Just as there were many who were appalled at him -- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness.

Isaiah 52:14 (NIV)



Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

John 19:38



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1 Peter 2:24-25

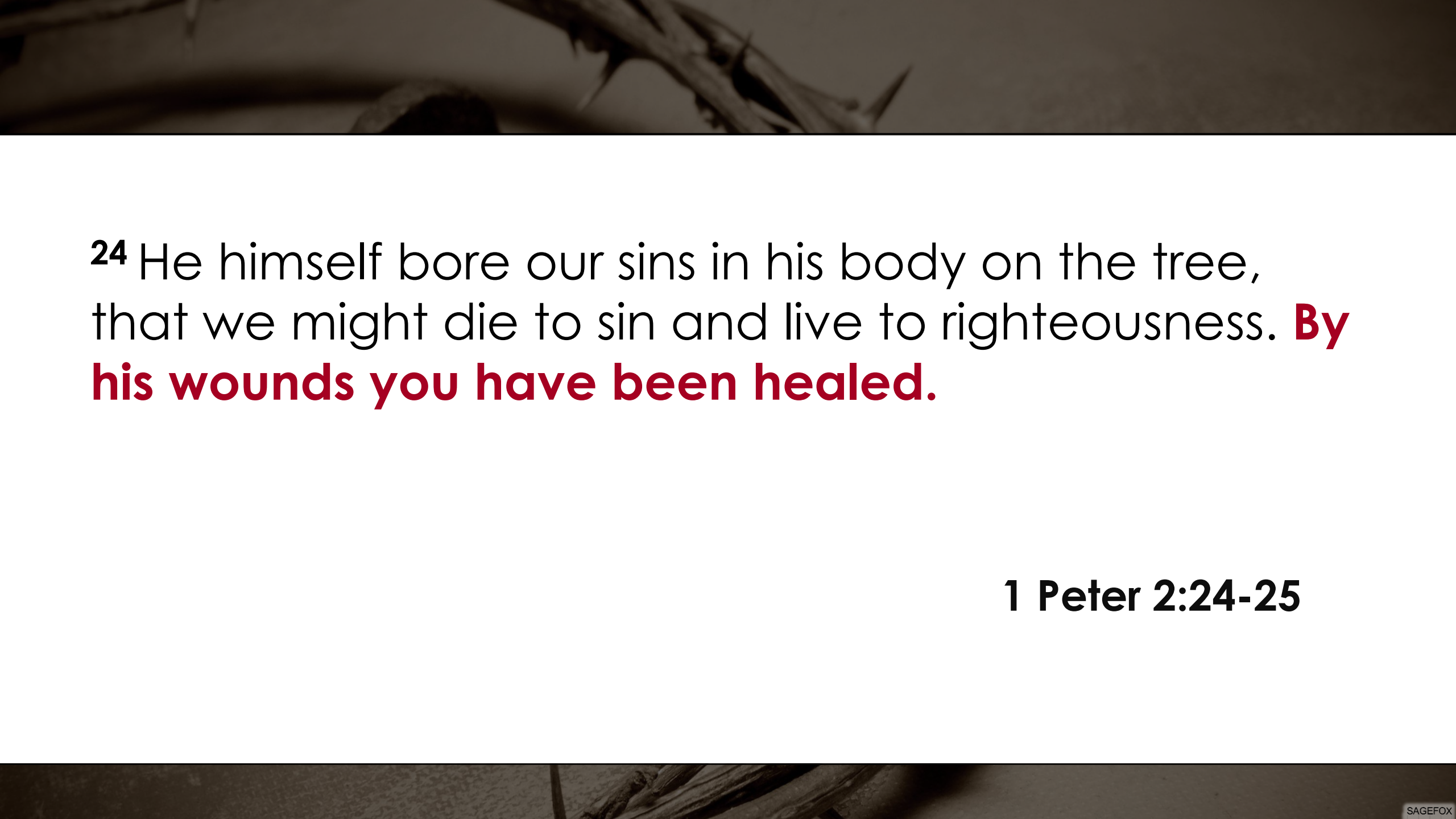


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