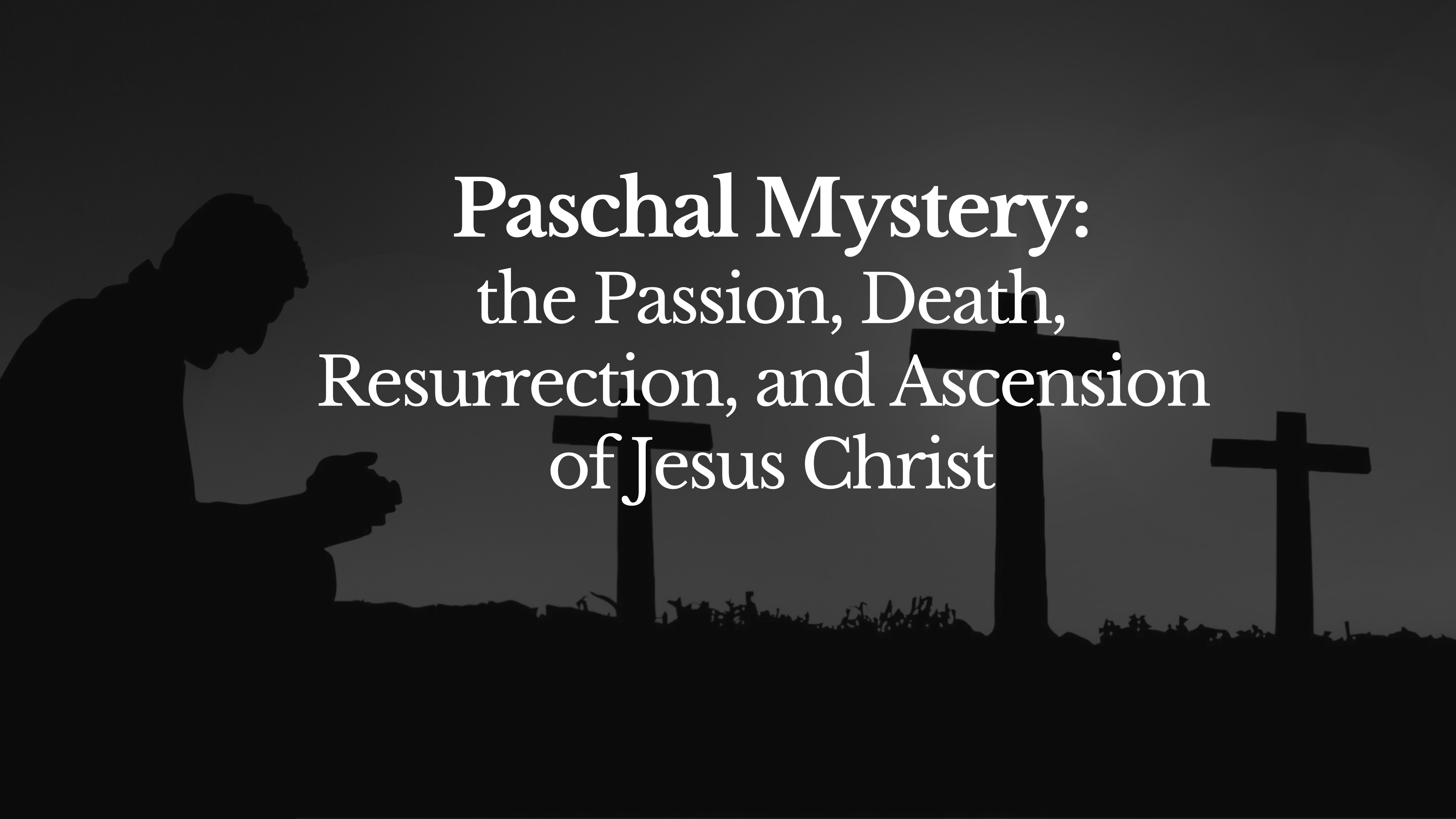




Paschal Mystery

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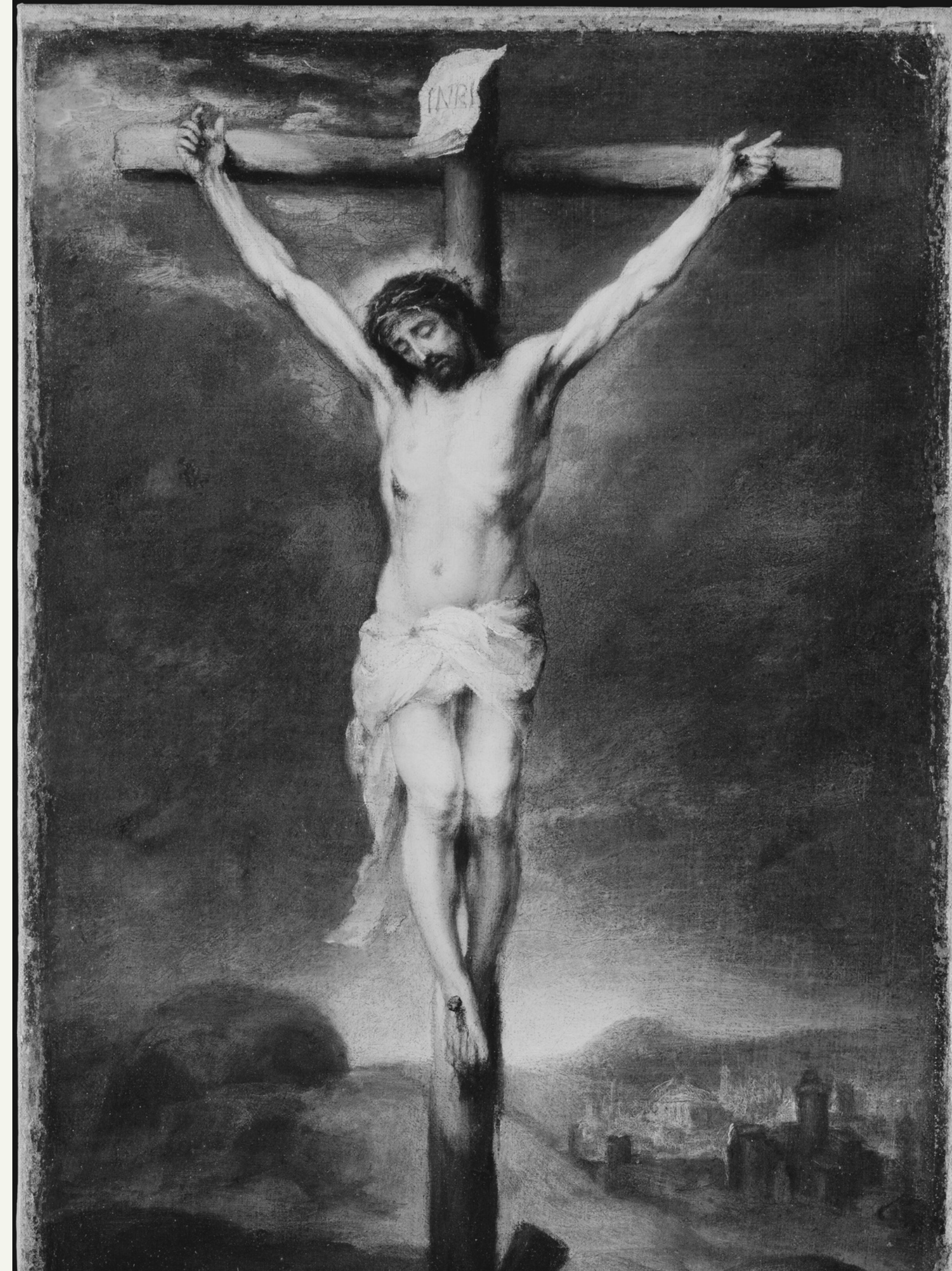
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Paschal Mystery:
the Passion, Death,
Resurrection, and Ascension
of Jesus Christ

Paschal Mystery

Second Part of the Creed:

“Jesus Christ ... suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”



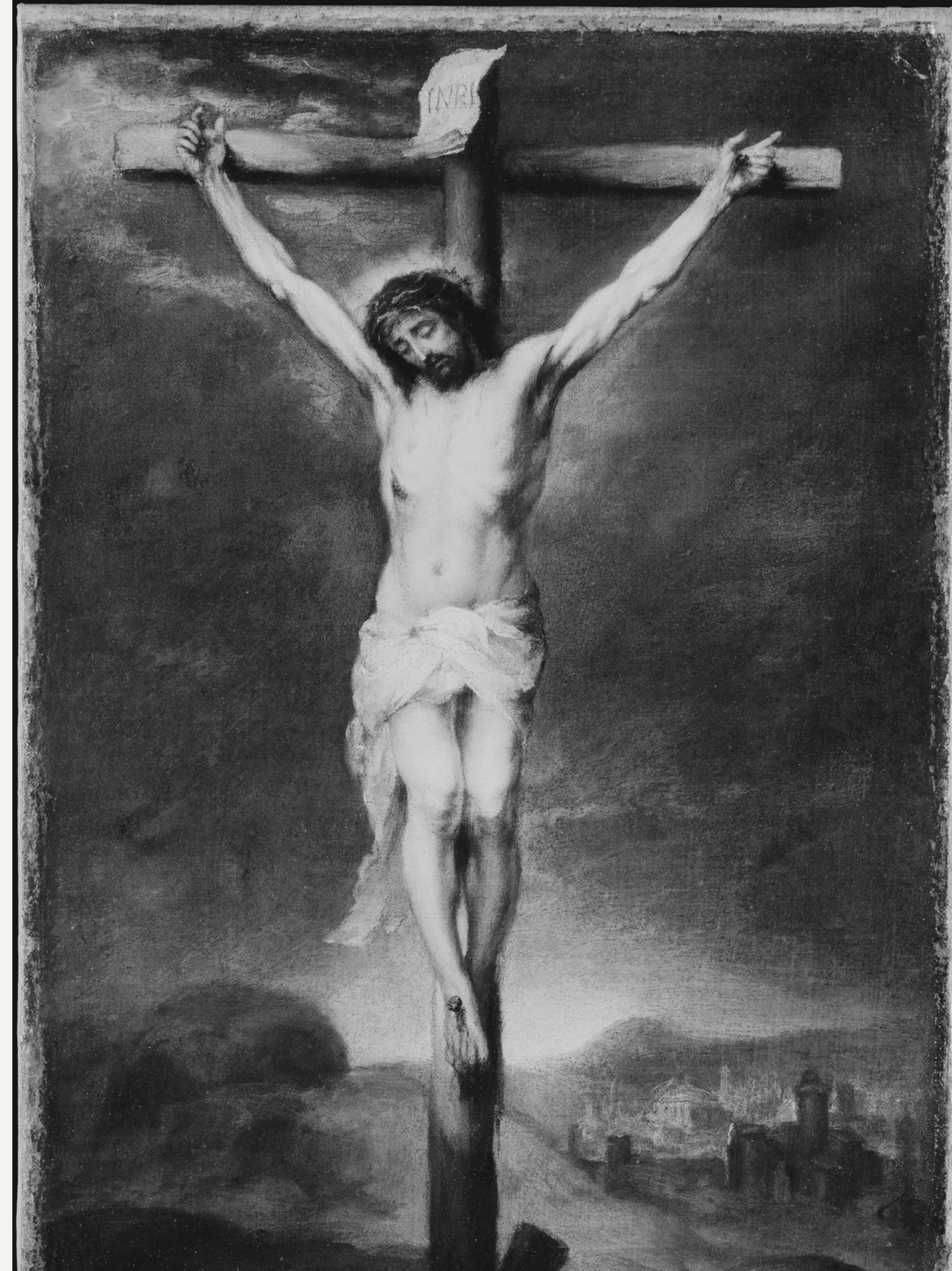
Paschal Mystery

Paschal: relating to Easter

- from the Hebrew *"pasach"* - meaning to pass over
- Remember the Jewish Passover?

Mystery:

- Not something to be solved
- Something to be lived



Passover

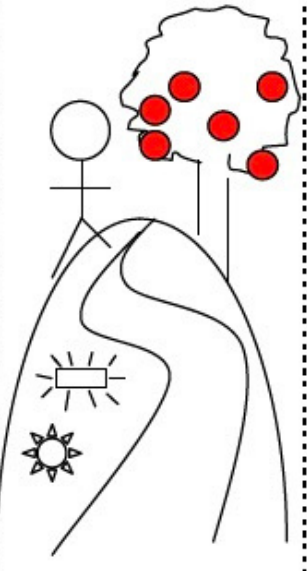
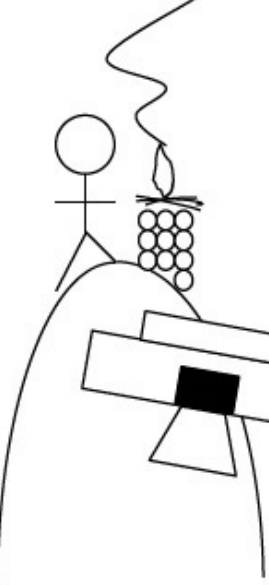

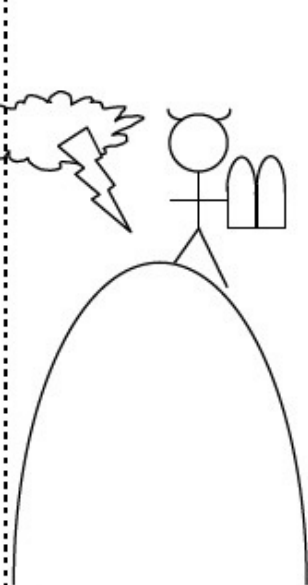
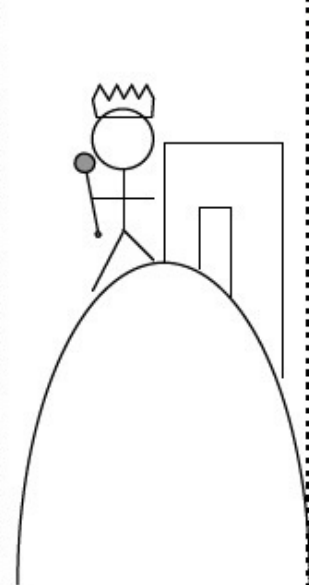
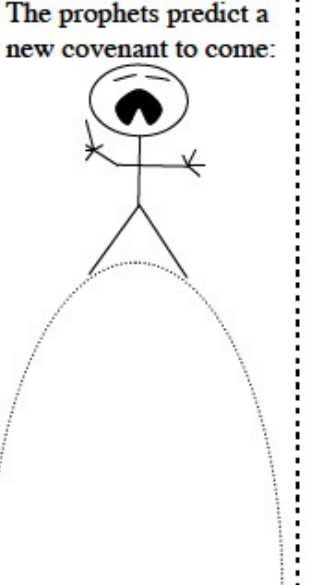
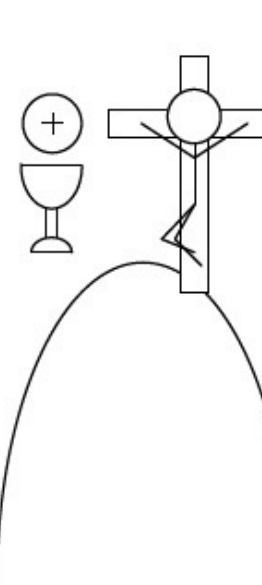
The Exodus Event:

- God wanted to FREE HIS PEOPLE
- 9 Plagues...nothing works
- 10th Plague: Death of the Firstborn
- Passover Prescription



Covenants

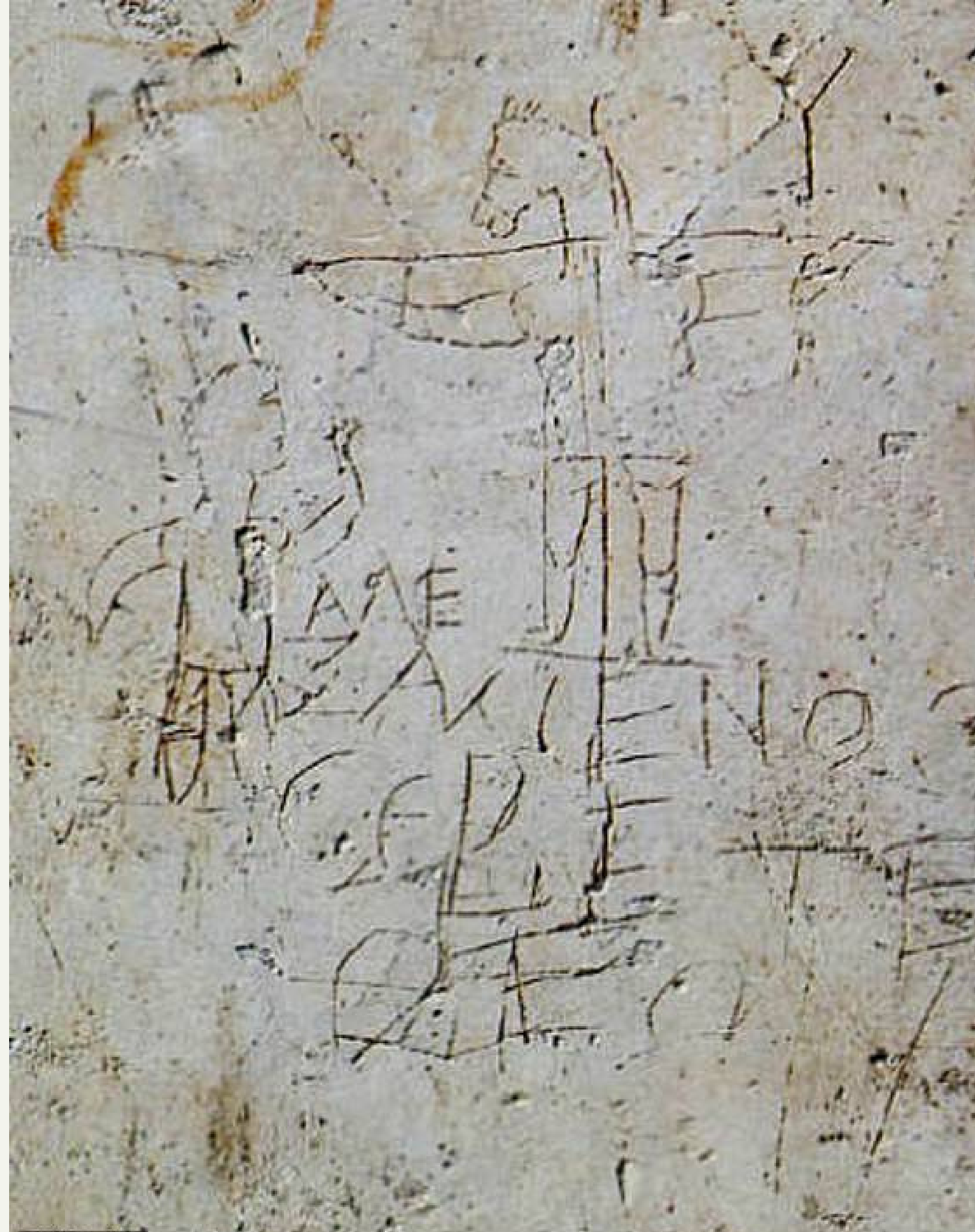
MMSS Visual CD 1.1

Name	"Adamic" or "Creation"	"Noahic"	"Abrahamic"	"Mosaic" or "Sinai"	"Davidic"	"New"	"Eucharistic"
							
Mediator	Adam	Noah	Abraham	Moses	David	Son of David	Jesus
Mountain	Eden	Ararat	Moriah	Sinai	Zion	Zion	Calvary (Zion)
Organization	Married couple	Extended Family	Tribe	Nation	Kingdom (Empire)	Kingdom (Empire)	Church
Scripture	Genesis 1-2	Genesis 9	Gen 12:1-3; Gen 15; Gen 17; Gen 22	Exod 19-24 (fulfills Gen 15)	2 Sam 7 Pss. 89, 132 (fulfills Gen 17)	Jer 31:31-35 Ezek 37:24-28 Isa 55:1-5	Luke 22:14-32 esp. v. 20
	Roles of Adam: 1) Firstborn Son 2) King 3) Priest 4) Prophet 5) Universal Bridegroom		Promises to Abraham: 1) A Great Nation → Fulfilled 2) A Great Name (Royalty) → Fulfilled 3) Universal Blessing (to all nations) → Fulfilled				
	Covenants of Creation		Covenants of Redemption				

Crucifixion

Think about the image of Jesus on the Cross

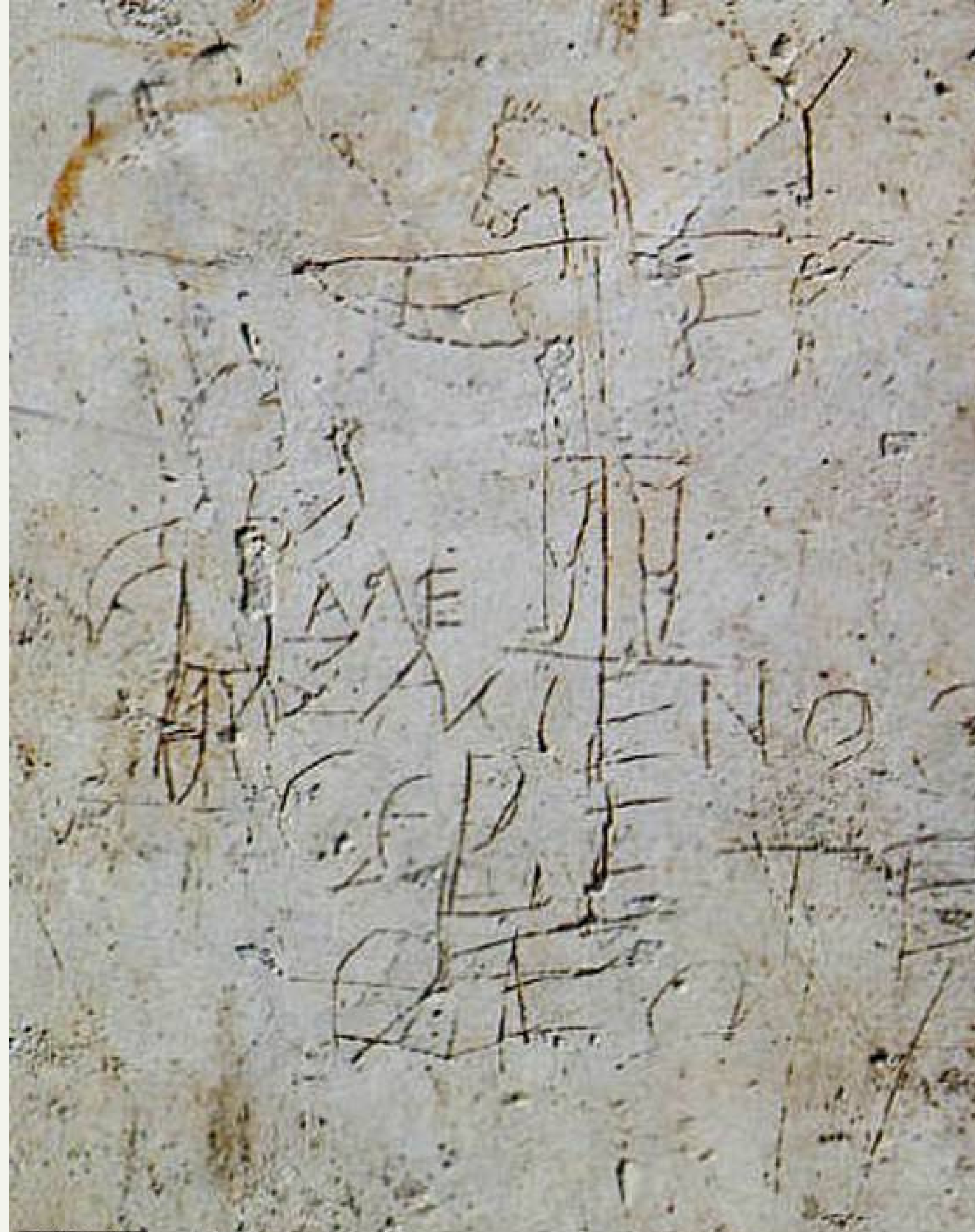
- The cross is an ancient torture device
- Like looking at someone on an electric chair
- Romans were appalled by it
 - The cross shall never come close to a Roman
 - Earliest depiction of Jesus on the cross is a Roman making fun of Christians



Crucifixion

What led to the Crucifixion?

- Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple, and the faith in the one God
 - Law - Jesus did not abolish the Law but he fulfilled it and gave it its full meaning and proper interpretation
 - Temple - Jesus was accused of being hostile toward the temple. But in fact, he revered it and called it “the house of his Father” (John 2:16); yet, he also foretold its destruction and its fulfillment in His own body
 - Israel’s faith - Jesus never contradicted faith in the one God. The difficulty was that the Sanhedrin could not understand the unity of God the Father and God the Son
- All are responsible for the death of the Lord insofar as all have sinned; it cannot be blamed indiscriminately on the Jews



Crucifixion

Not about appeasing the wrath of God

All about LOVE!

- Suffering of Jesus is real: agony in the garden, scourging at the pillar, crowning with thorns
- But this isn't the emphasis of the gospels

FREE ABANDONMENT TO THE FATHER

-Sacrifice of Isaac

The debt of sin and bringing us into communion with God



The Last Supper

The Paschal Mystery is intimately connected to the Last Supper

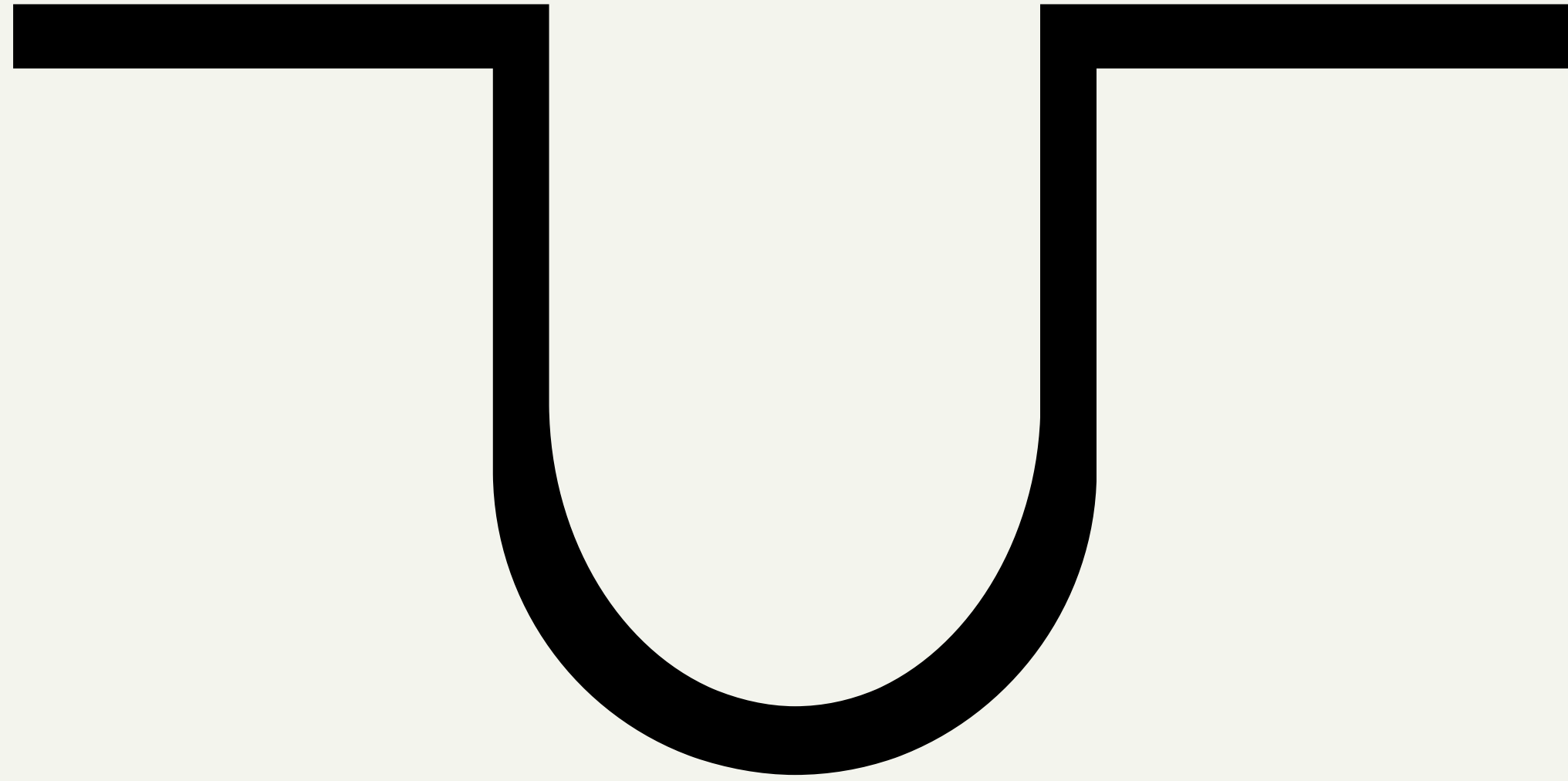
- It is Jesus' self-offering
 - ...my Body given...my Blood poured out...
- Instituted the Eucharist as the living "memorial"
 - The Paschal Mystery is made present at every Mass



U Diagram

Good Friday

Easter Sunday



Holy Saturday

Resurrection

Jesus conquers death

- 3 days in the tomb
- Death could not hold him

Resurrection is a historical reality

- Testament of the apostles
- If you are going to discredit Jesus, you have to explain away the empty tomb



Holy Sepulchre



Holy Sepulchre Church, Jerusalem

The virtual tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem is the place of both the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus Christ.

 P4Panorama

Ascension

40 days after Easter

Our humanity is now ascended to the right hand of the Father

Acts 1:1

