Victory Over Darkness

Isaiah 9:1–7



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If you do not stand firm in your faith, then you will not stand at all."



Ask for a sign from the Lord your God—it can be as deep as Sheol or as high as heaven.



Listen, house of David! Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men?

Will you also try the patience of my God?



Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.



Isaiah 8:21–22

When they are famished, they will become enraged, and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God.

They will look toward the earth and see only distress, darkness, and the gloom of affliction, and they will be driven into thick darkness.

Matthew 1:22–23

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

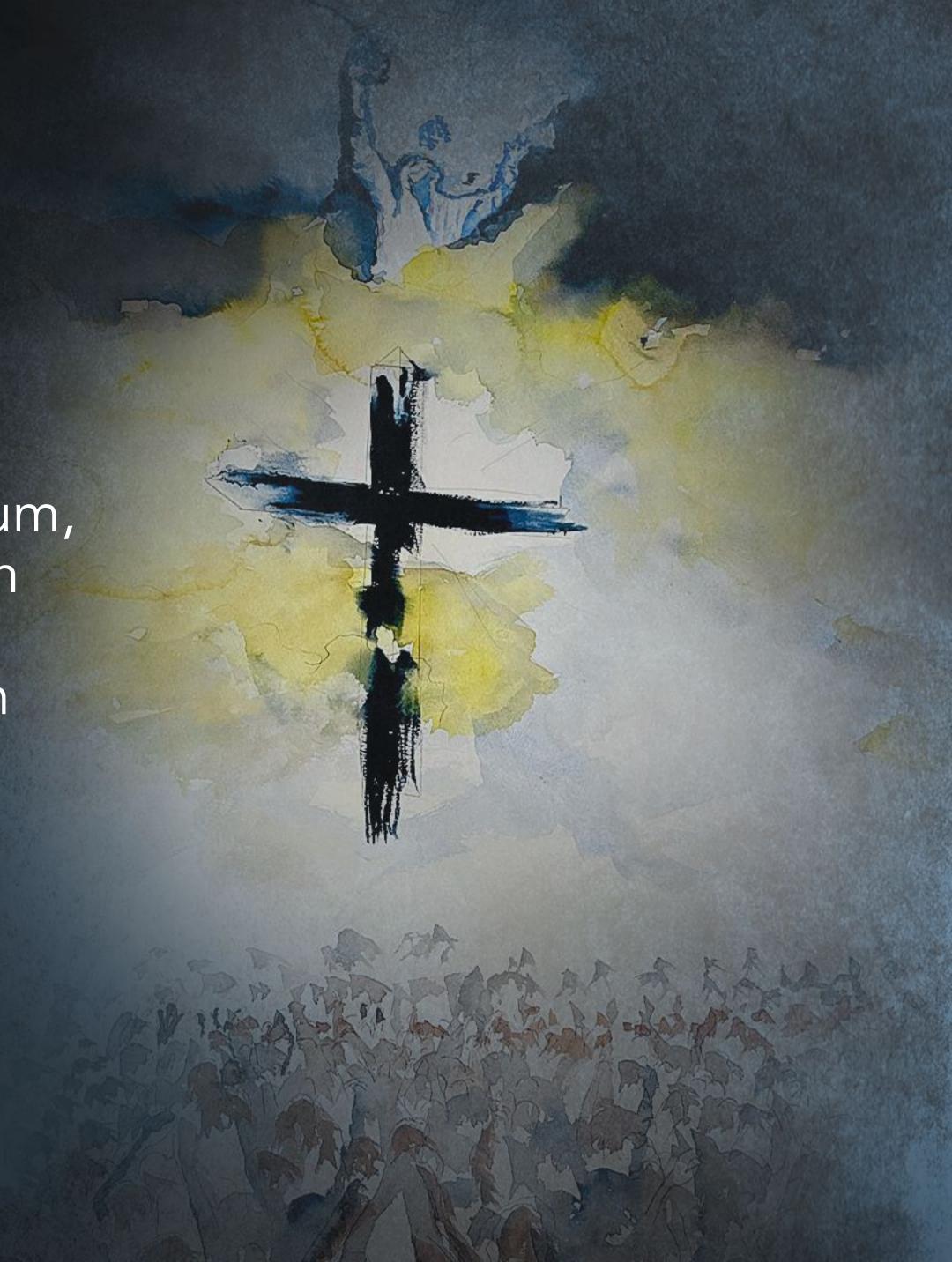
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Matthew 4:13–14

He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

[This was] to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet.



Isaiah 9:2–3

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.

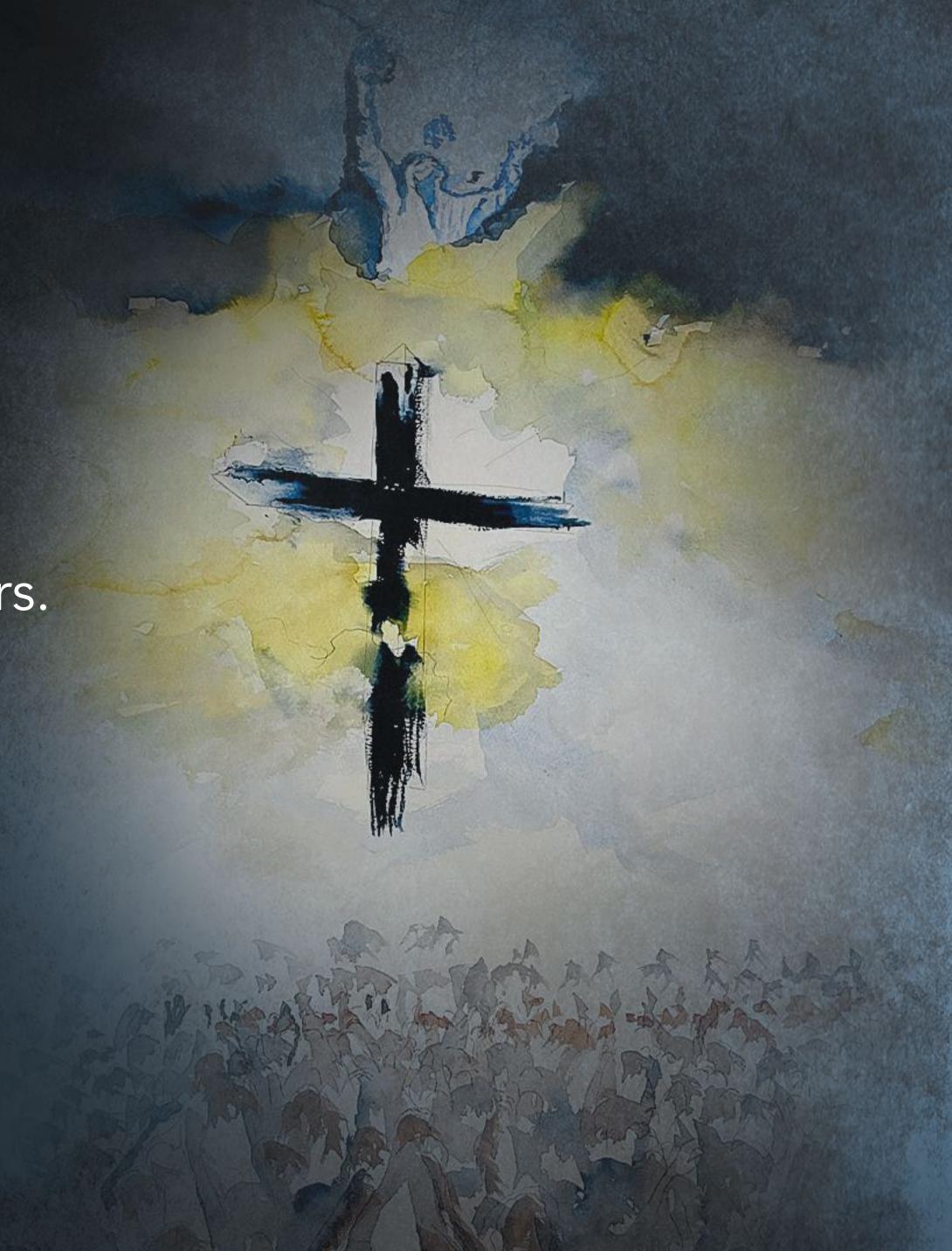
You have enlarged the nation and increased its joy. The people have rejoiced before you as they rejoice at harvest time and as they rejoice when dividing spoils.

Isaiah 9:4–5

For you have shattered their oppressive yoke and the rod on their shoulders, the staff of their oppressor, just as you did on the day of Midian.

For every trampling boot of battle and the bloodied garments of war will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.



The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end.

He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this.