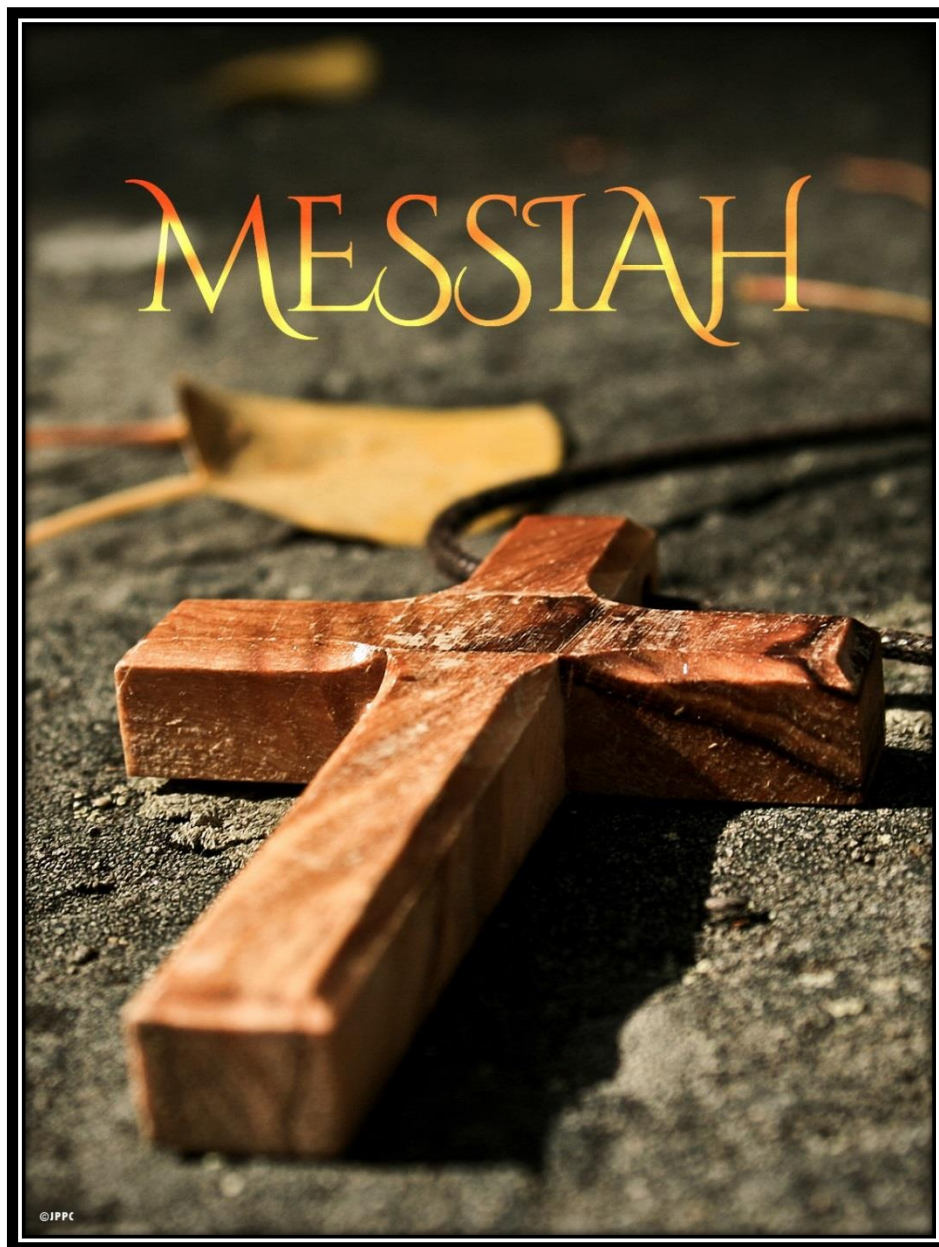


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CARRYING YOUR CROSS

Jesus did not carry the cross in vain – his pain had a purpose. Jesus carried the cross and endured its pain as atonement for mankind's sins.

Your pain, your trials and your challenging life experiences all have a purpose, too. They all present unique opportunities to get closer to God.

There is a saying – “Become better, not bitter.” If we love God and really want His will for our life, we can trust Him to bring good from our trials.

When something doesn't happen the way we would like it to happen, we can believe God will work things out for good. It's the place we can always come back to in every kind of trial. This doesn't mean trials are necessarily good, but God can work them out for our good.

Whatever you're dealing with, you're not alone; something good can come from it. God promised.

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” -Mark 8:27-35

“..in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” -Romans 8:28