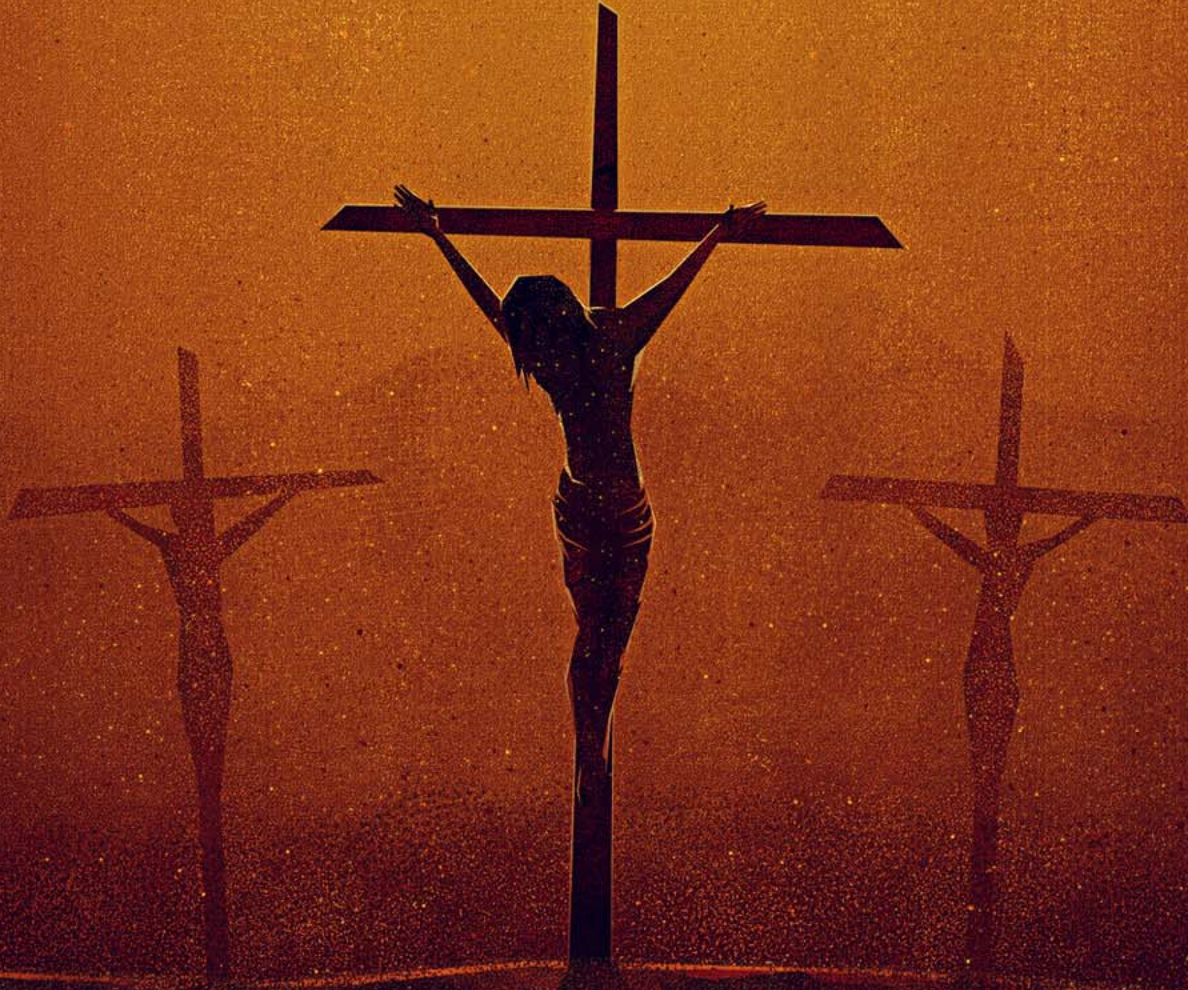


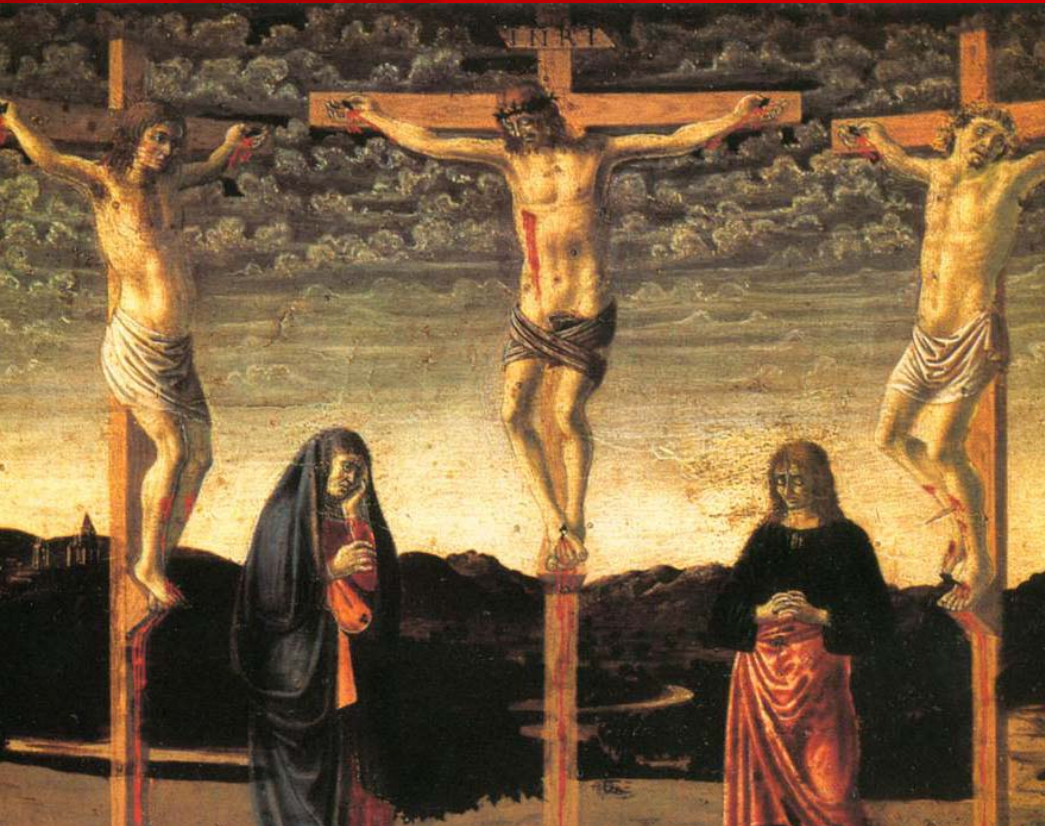
## 2. Covenant and Cross



THE REVOLUTION



*By 6pm on the first Good Friday,  
the world was a different place*



*For God so hated  
the world, that he  
killed his only son...*





# Common Christian belief

**1** 'Heaven' is the goal

**2** 'sin' is the problem

*Platonic goal*  
+  
*Moralising diagnosis*



*Paganised solution*

**3** Angry divinity pacified by human sacrifice





*Pagan view –  
saved from the world*



*Jewish view –  
created for the world*

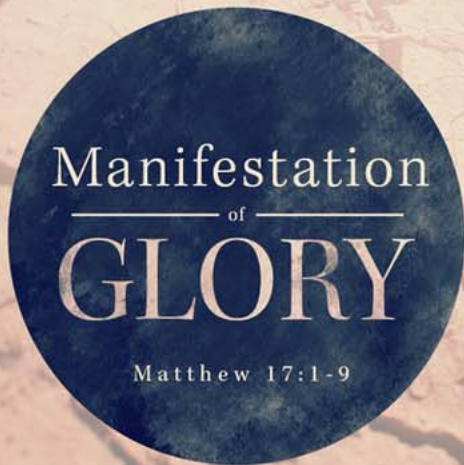
# Covenant of Vocation

*‘to be a genuine human being with a genuine human task  
to perform as part of the Creator’s purpose for the world.’*

His face shone like the sun...

...tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

*What was the story that the early disciples had in their heads to make sense of the death of Jesus?*



# The beginning of the story

## The call of Abram (*Genesis 12*)



good creation

**Genesis 1-2**



human mess & arrogance

**Genesis 3-11**



Abraham/  
God's start of a solution

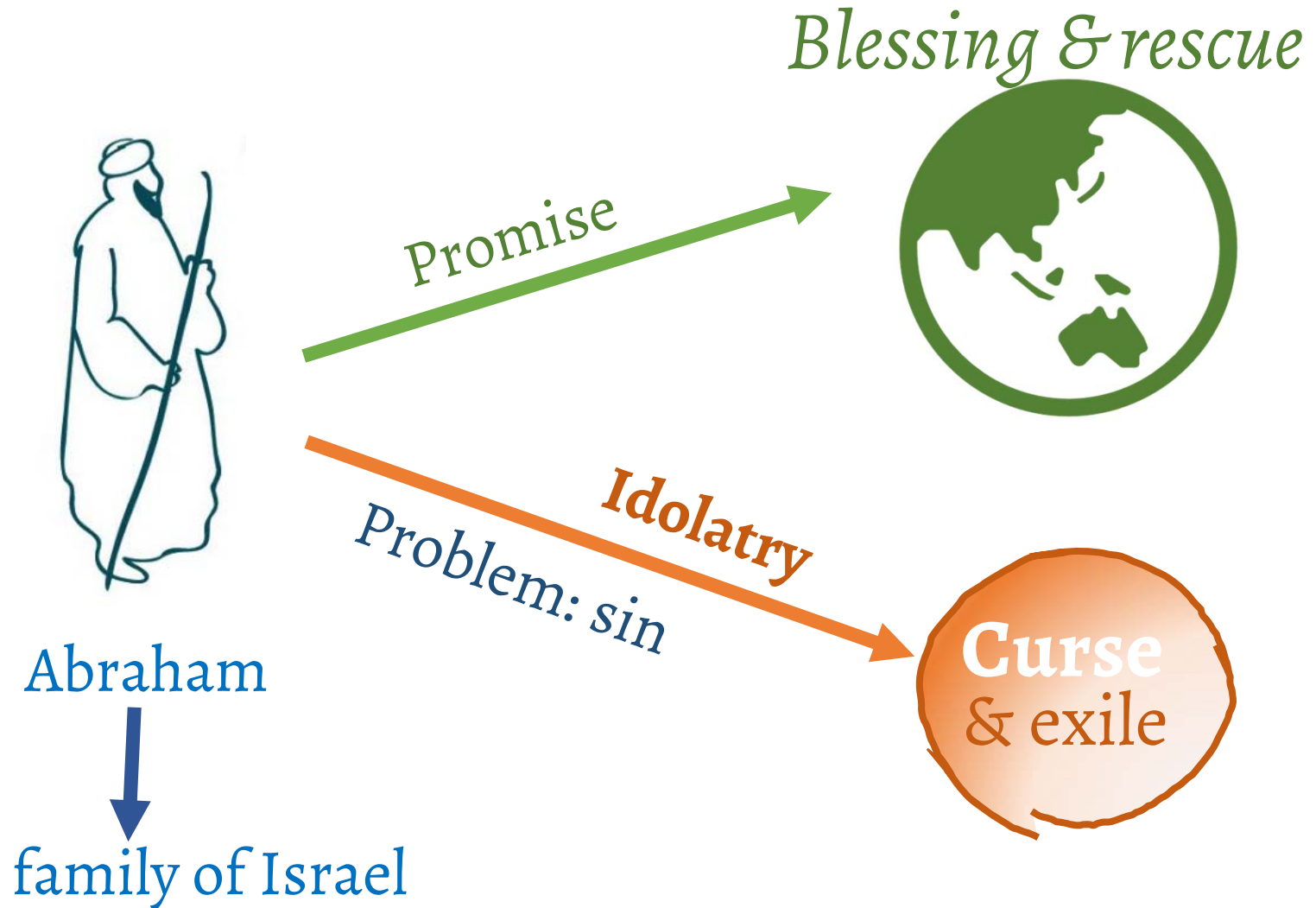
**Genesis 12**

Messiah

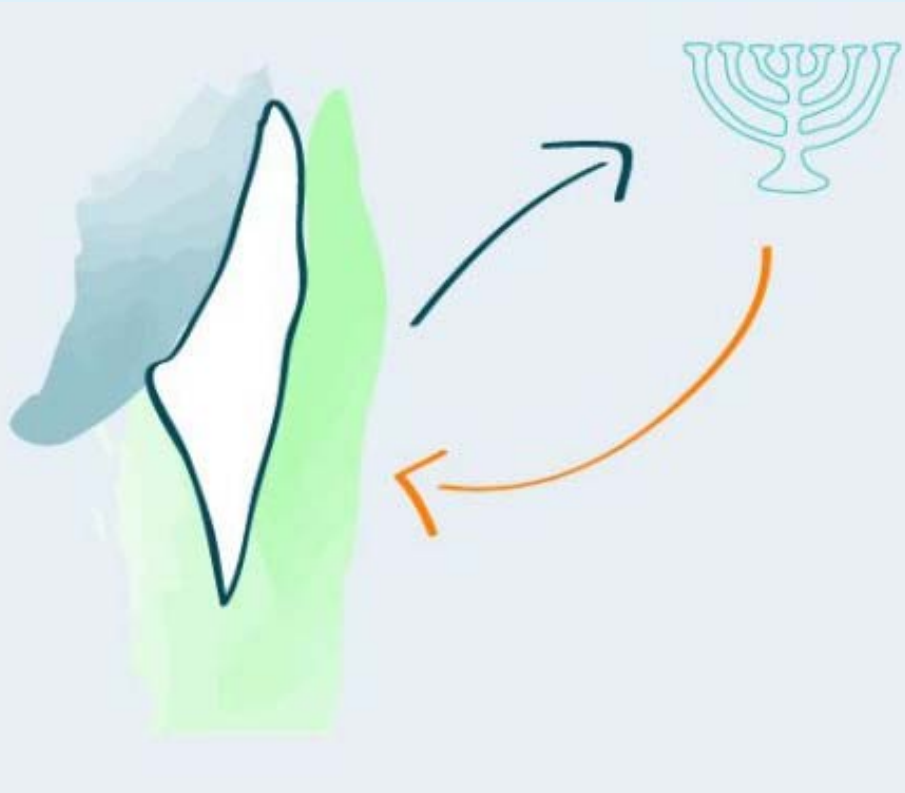
connected to  
God's plan



# Covenant: blessing and curse



# *Sin leads to Exile*



587<sub>BC</sub> Fall of Jerusalem  
Exile in Babylon

530<sub>BC</sub> Return of exiles  
Rebuilding temple

But Exile continued...

**God seemed to have left the temple**



The image is a collage with a textured, aged paper background. A large, irregularly torn piece of white paper is centered, containing the text 'Question?' in a white serif font and 'What will God do?' in a black italicized serif font below it. The background features a blue and white cloudy sky at the bottom, and dark silhouettes of three crosses on the left side. The overall aesthetic is somber and contemplative.

Question?  
*What will God do?*



# *Why did Jesus die?*



The loving creator has himself  
come to the place where the  
world's sin and pain was  
concentrated



# The Jesus story