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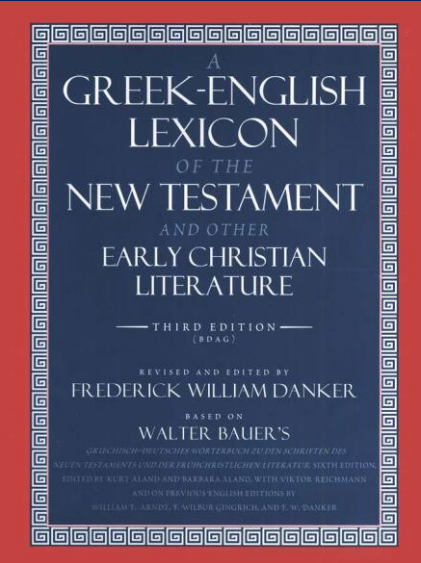
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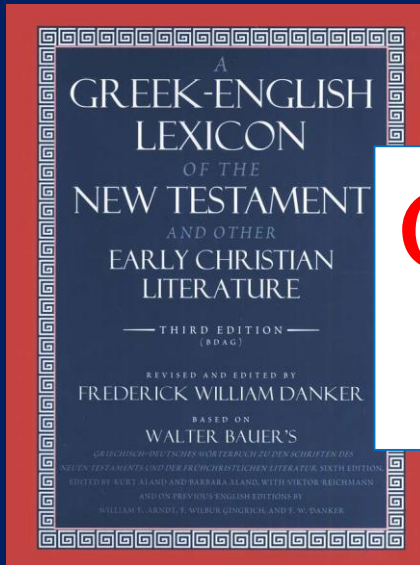


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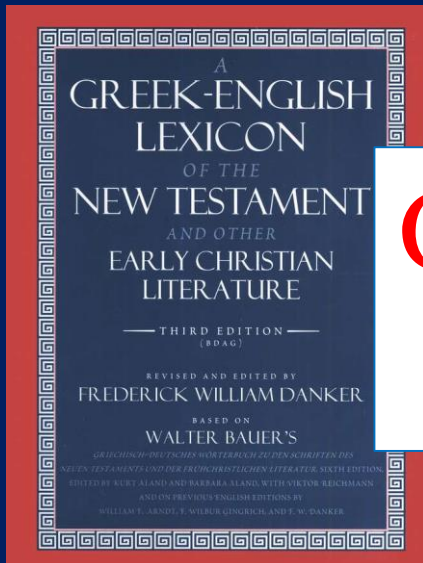
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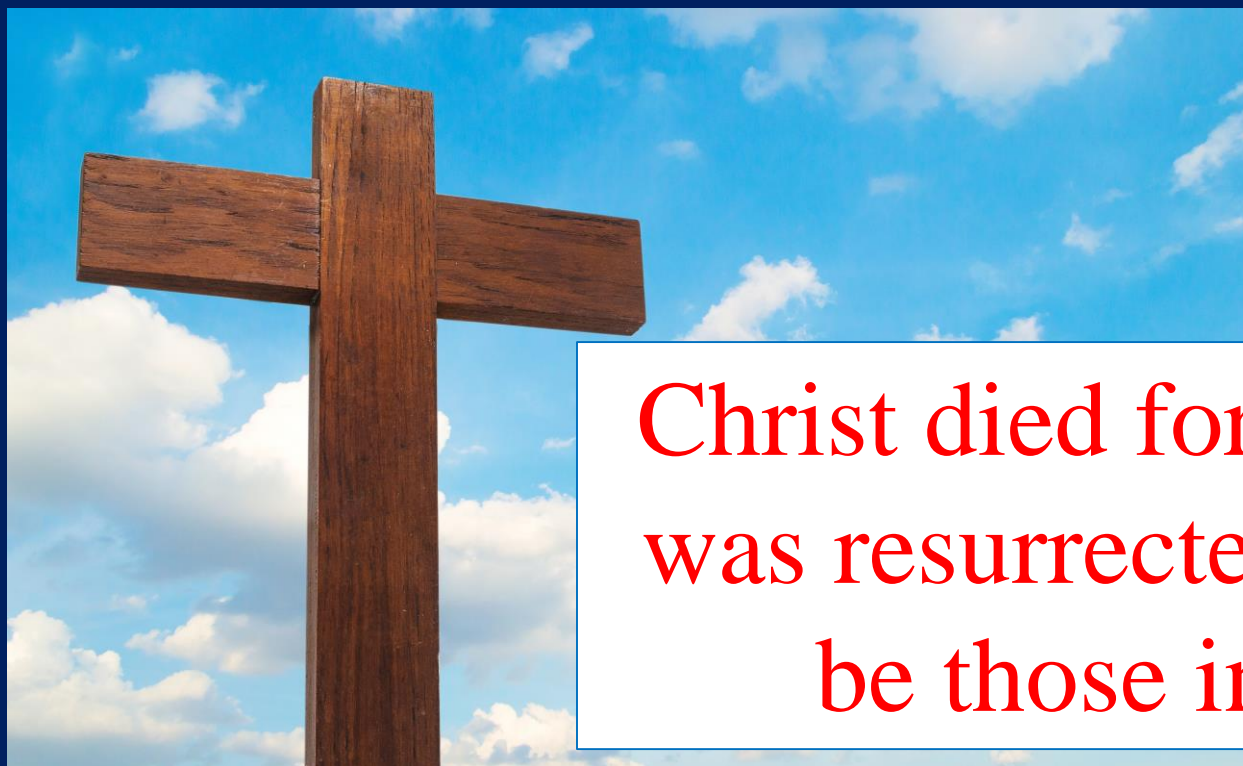




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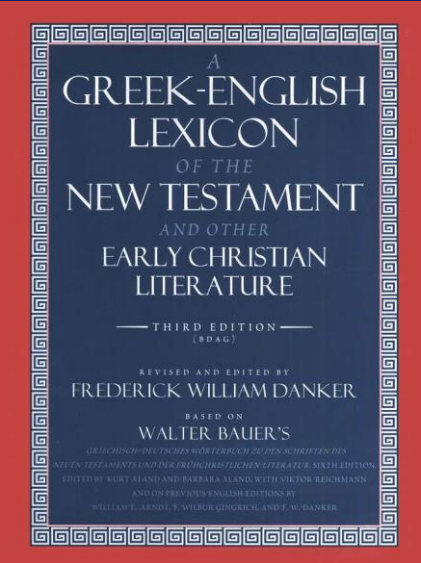


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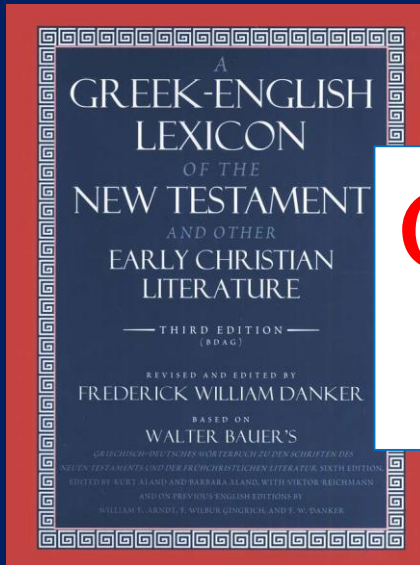
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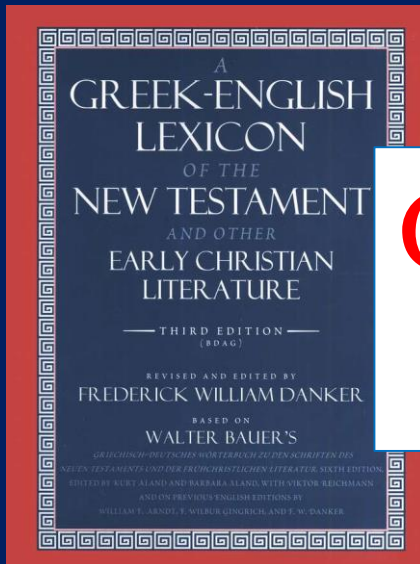
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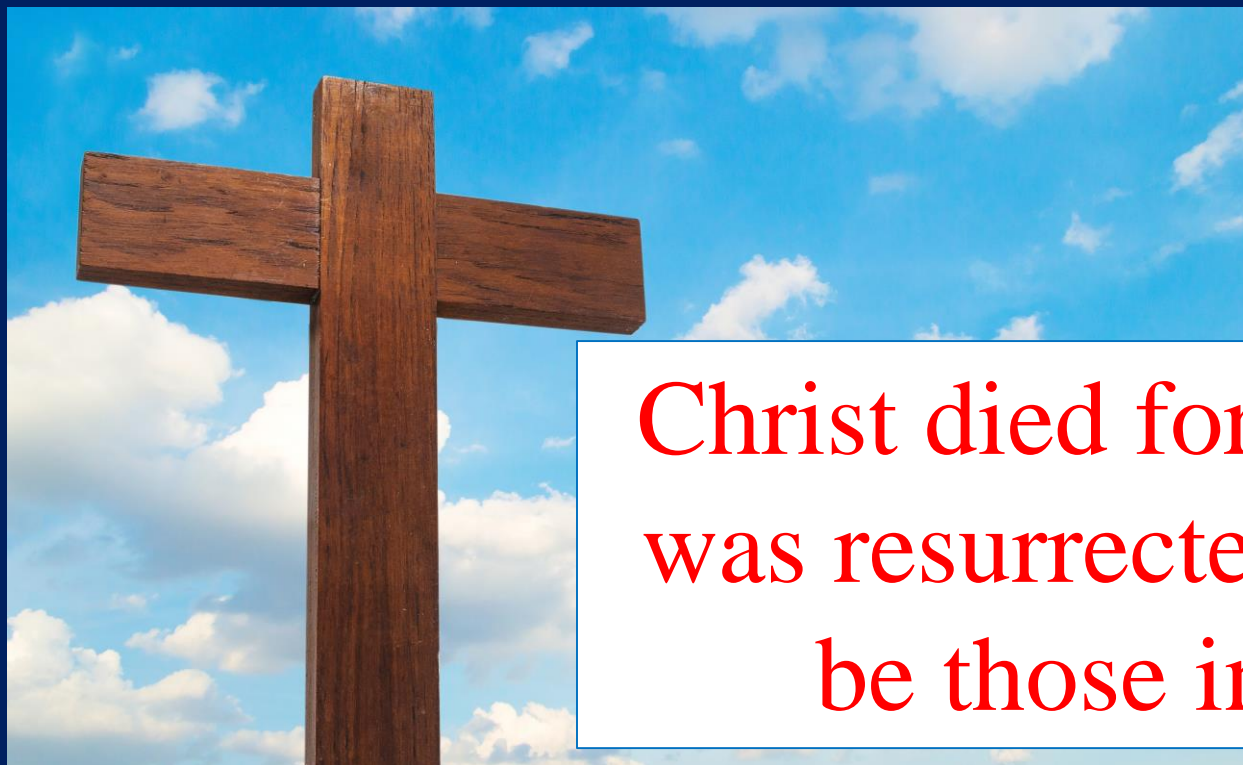
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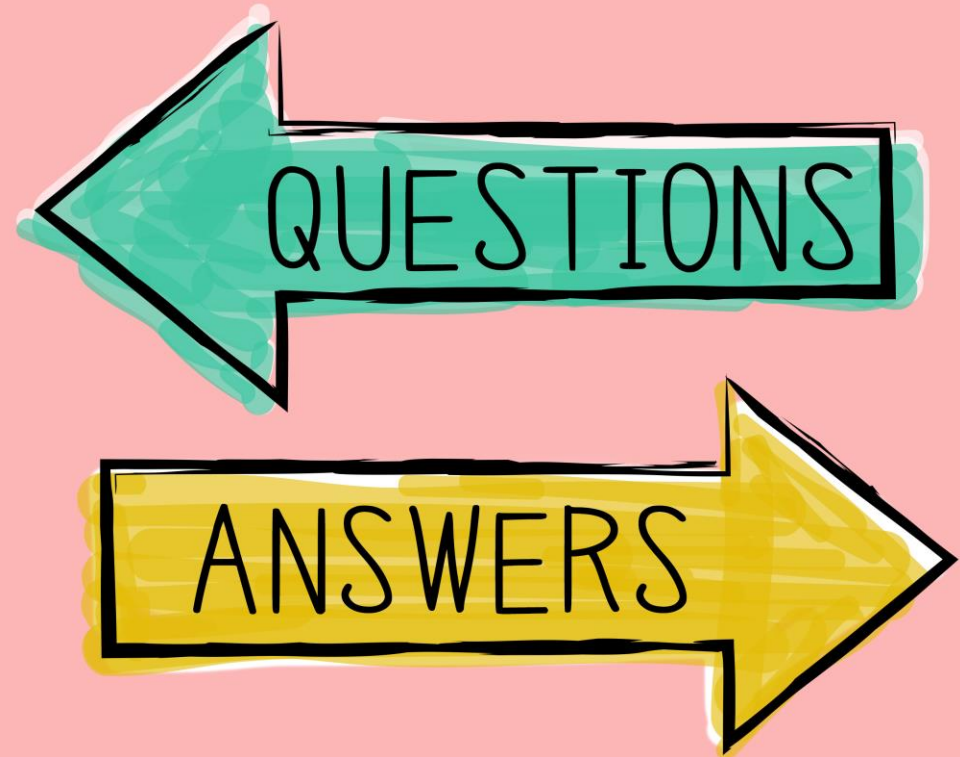
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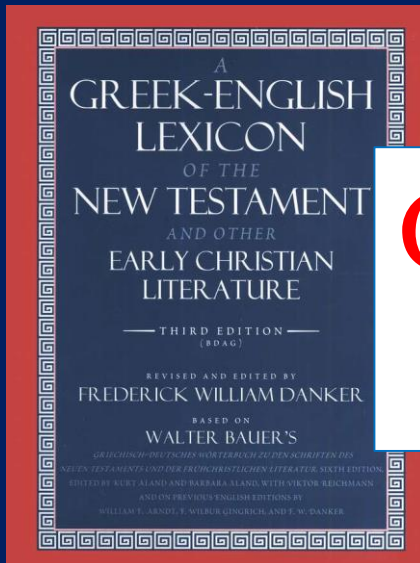
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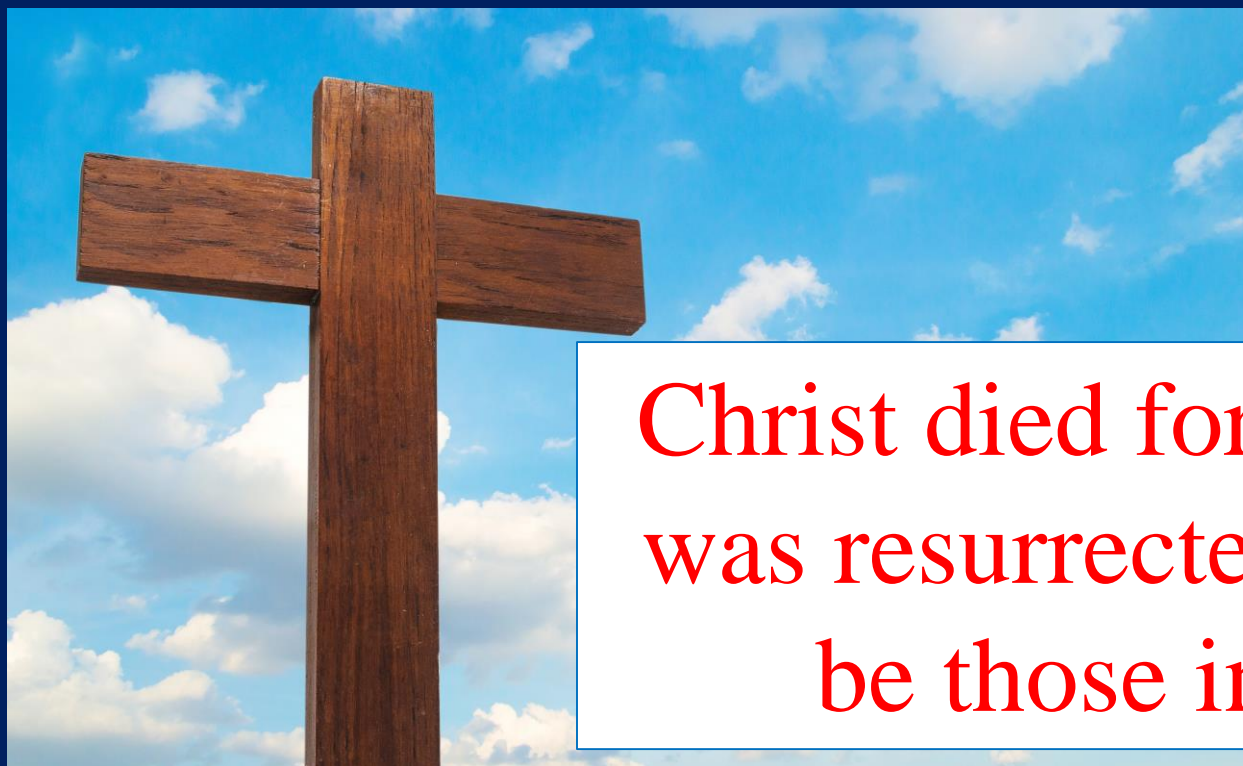
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1 Cor. 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but **to preach the gospel**, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, **lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.**

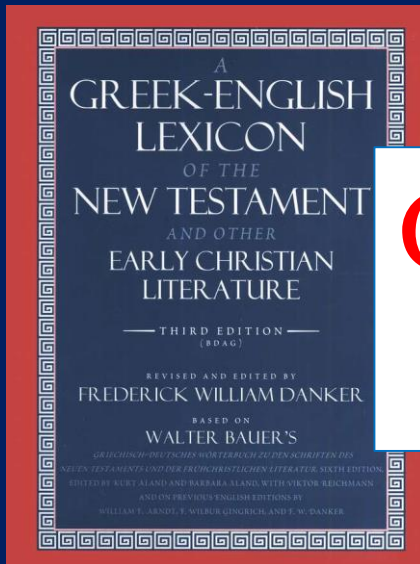
18 For **the word of the cross** is folly to those who are perishing, but to us **who are being saved** it is the **power** of God.

1 Cor. 1:17 οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλέν με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν ἀλλ' **εὐαγγελίζεσθαι**, οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

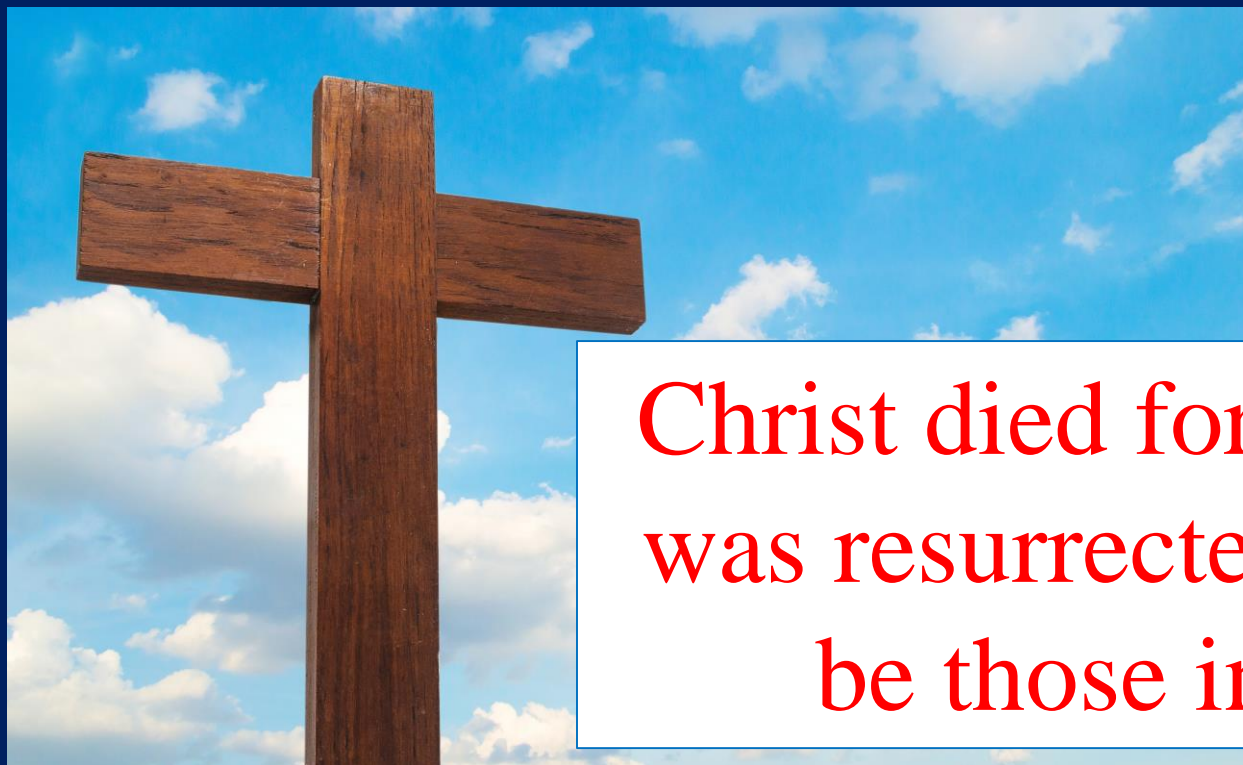
18 Ὁ λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστίν, τοῖς δὲ **σωζομένοις** ἡμῖν **δύναμις** θεοῦ ἐστίν.

1 Cor. 1:22 Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but **we preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

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1 Cor. 1:30 And because of him **you** are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, **righteousness** and **sanctification** and **redemption**, 31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

2:1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For **I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

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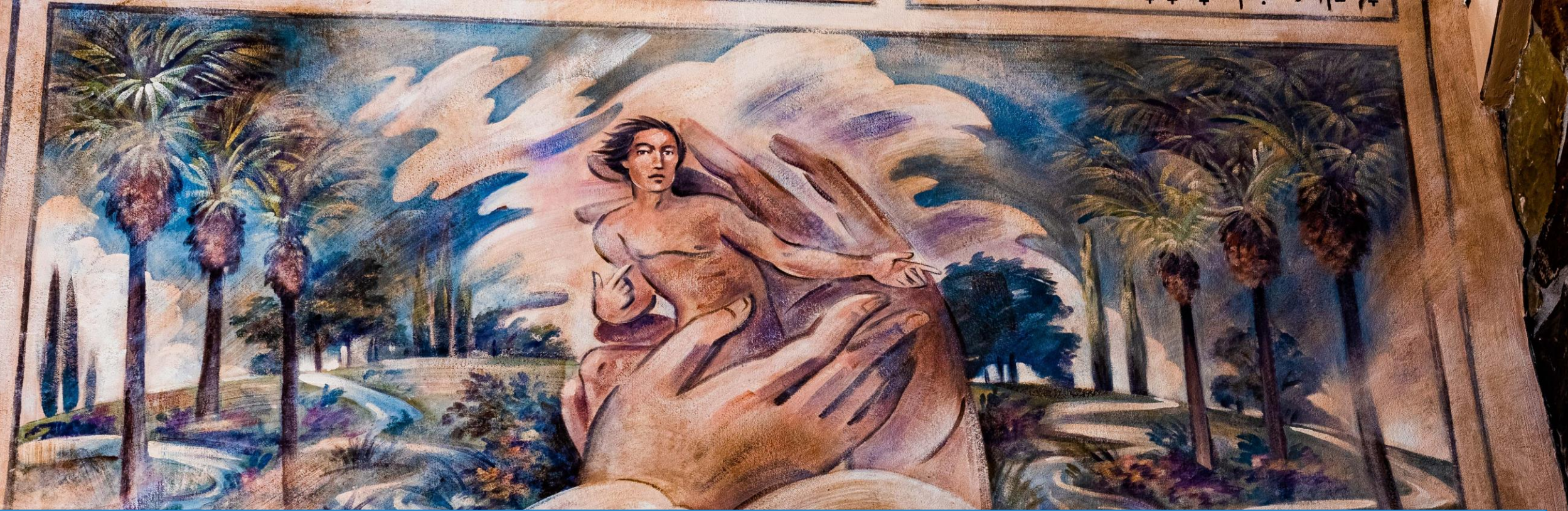
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Eph. 1:4-8 He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us



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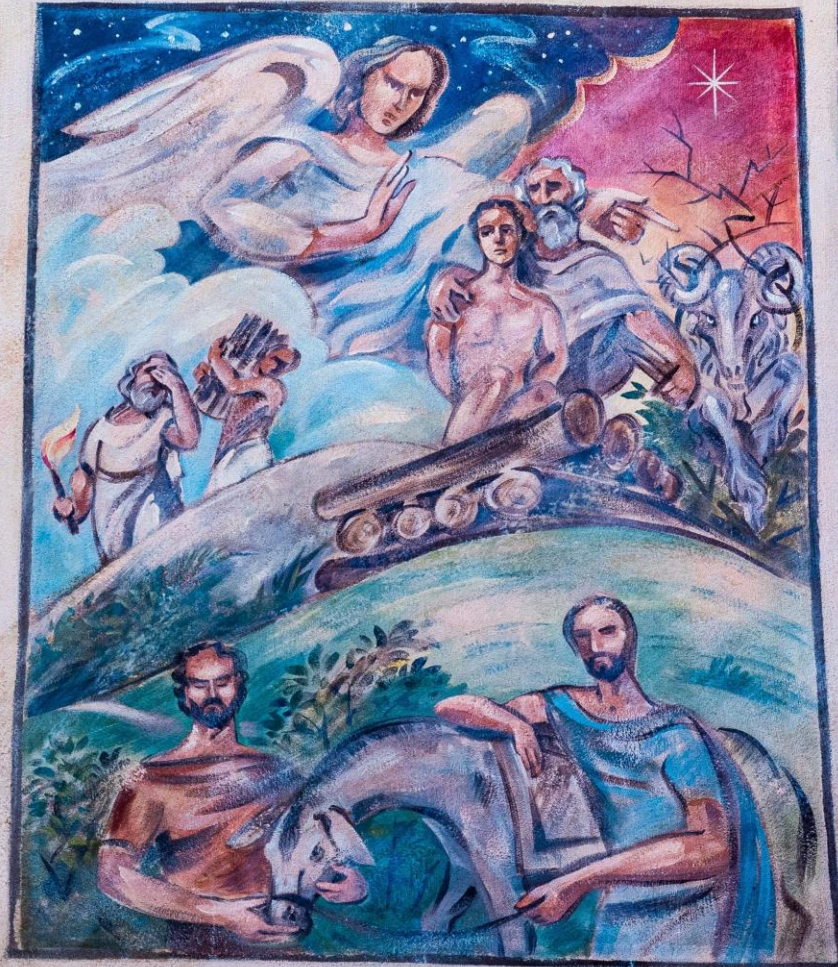


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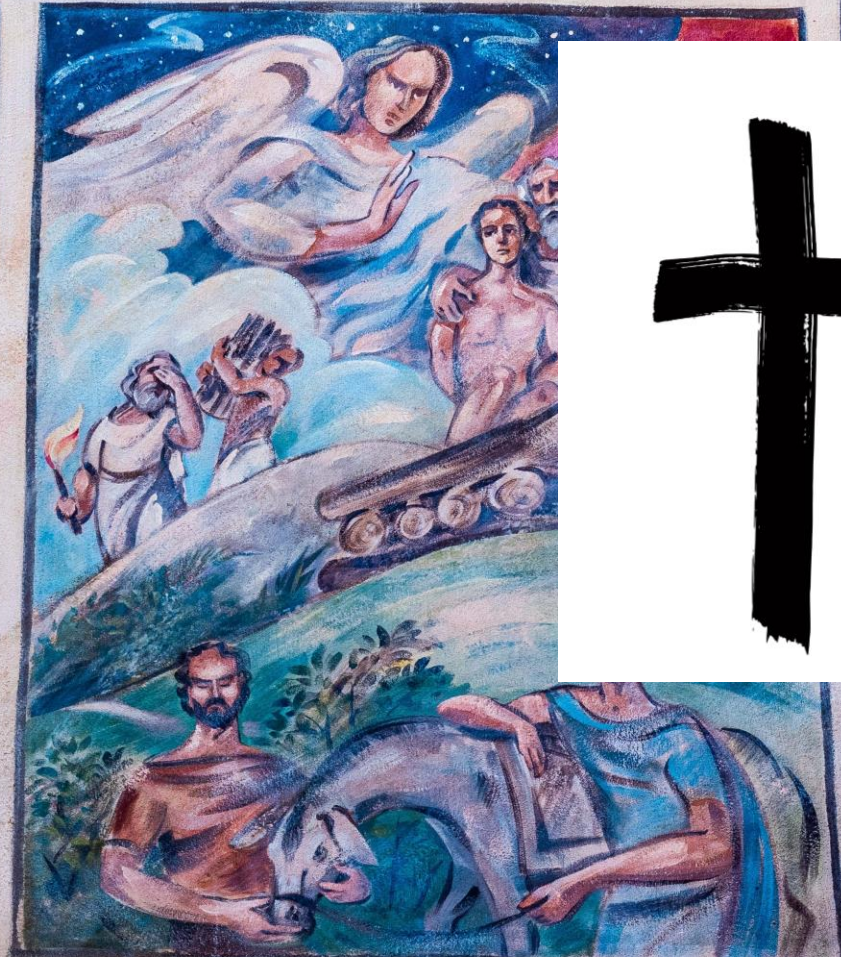
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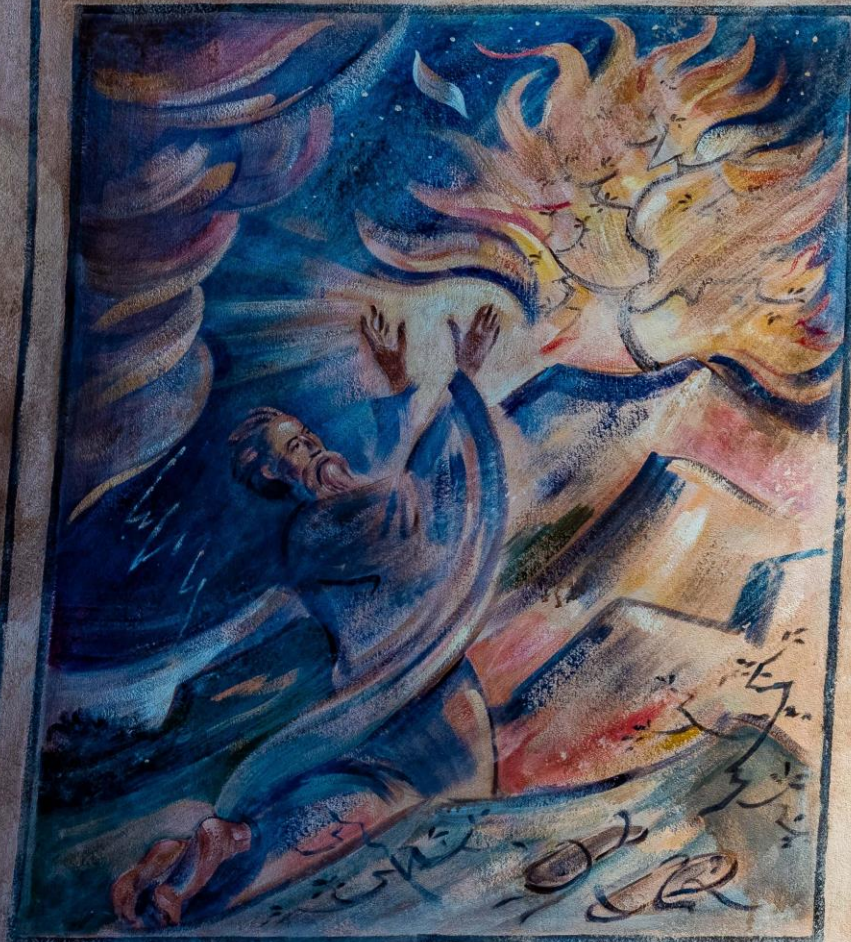
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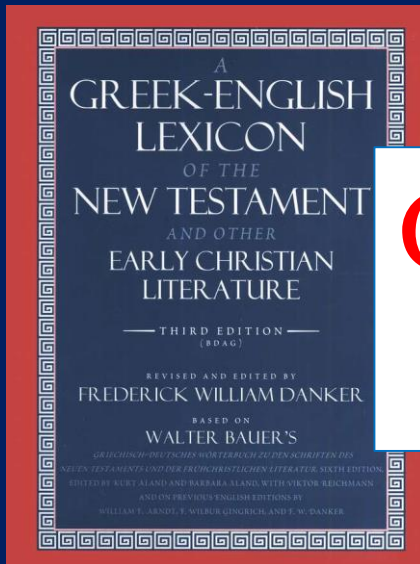
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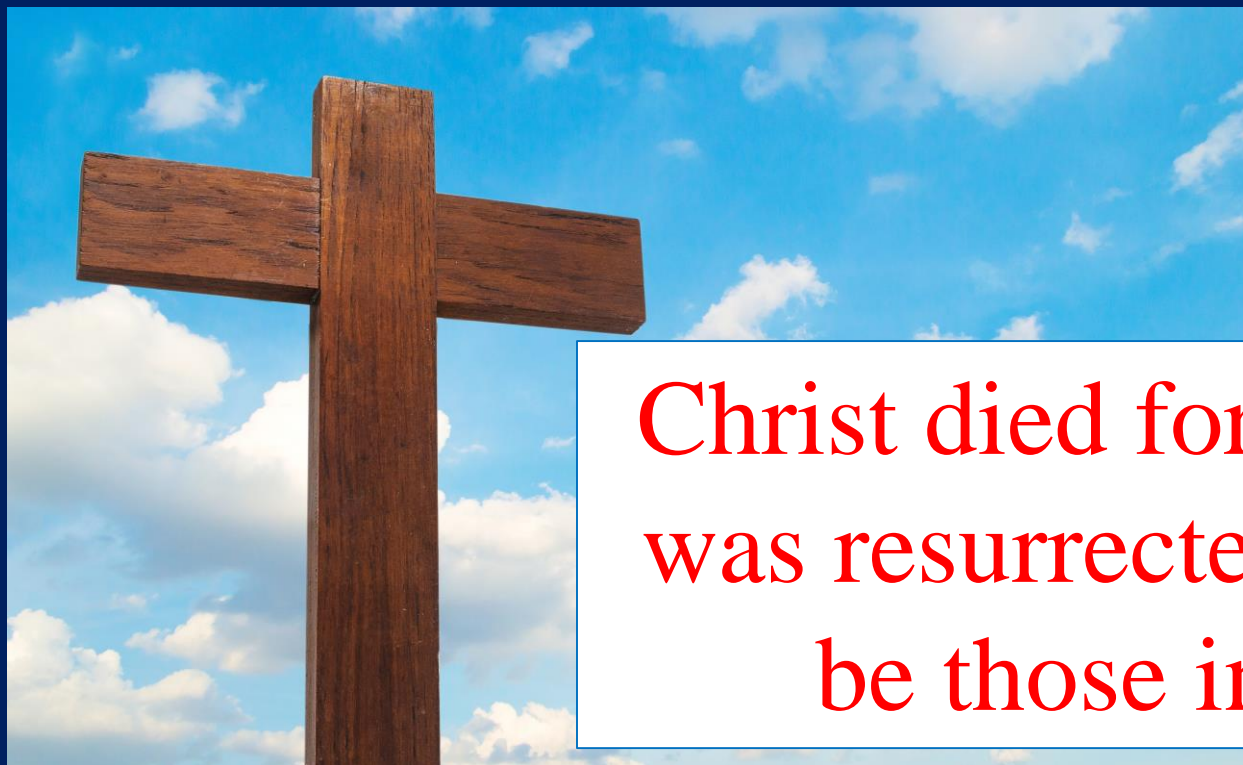
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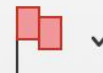
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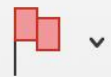
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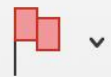
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As you may be able to tell from the passion in this email, this has really hit home for me the past year. The gospel is more than just getting your ticket punched for heaven. When we limit our description of the gospel to the death, burial, and resurrection we tend to short-change people the full message of the gospel.

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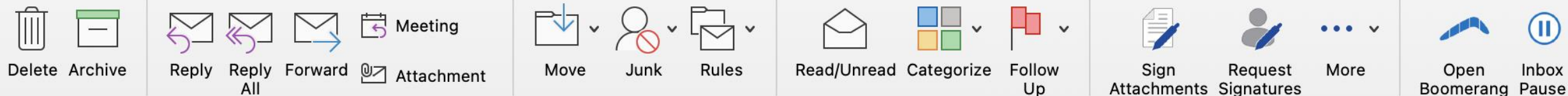


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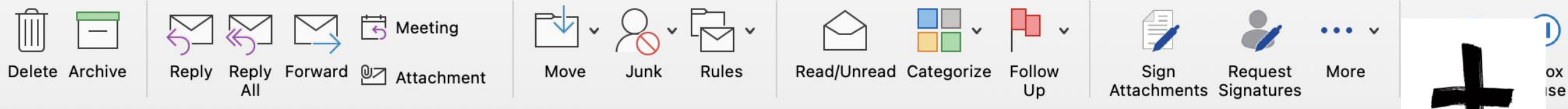
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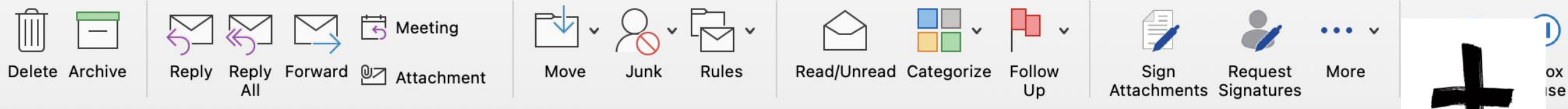
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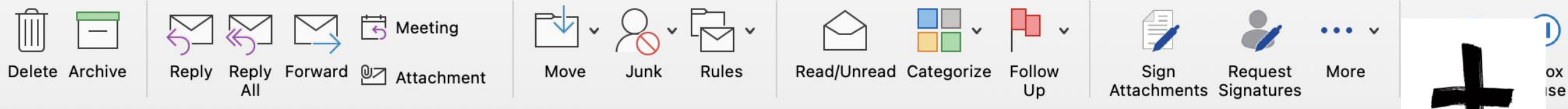


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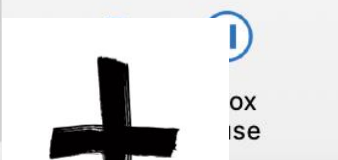
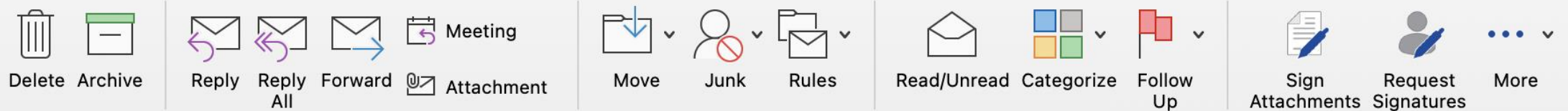


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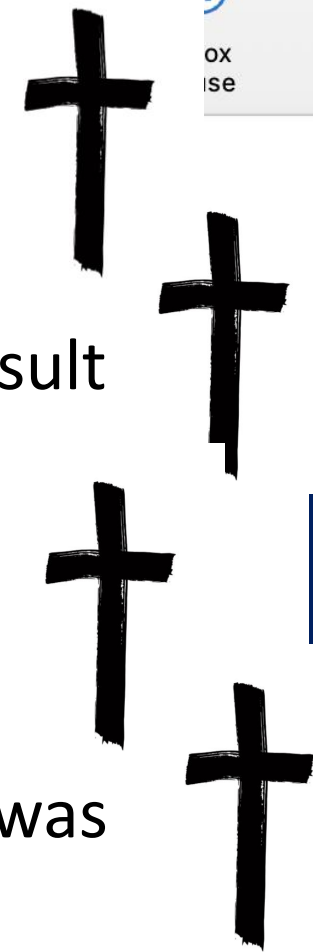
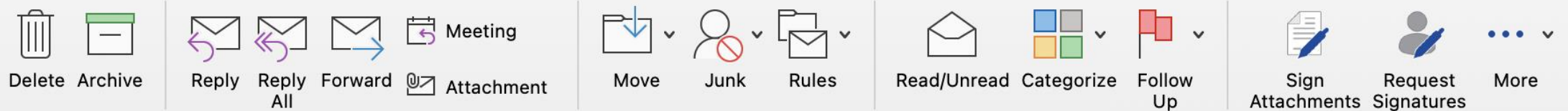
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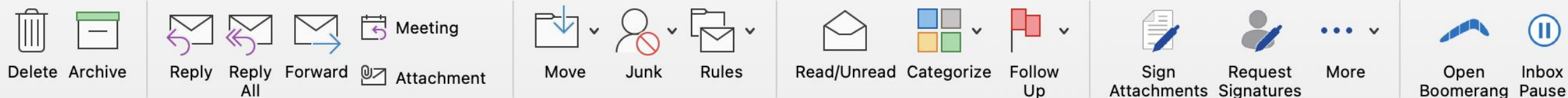


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Jesus' death and resurrection wasn't just to "save us from our sins and their effects" and "get us to heaven when we die". I fear that's what far too many Christians believe because we have a tendency to limit "the gospel"...

Obviously there's nothing wrong with that, but I don't think the "good news" that Paul (and the gospel writers) were sharing would have been limited to that. When we hear "he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21), there's a significant tendency to internalize that as "I have committed sins; Jesus will save me from them and their effects." While there's a lot of truth to that statement, leaving it at that tends to make it "all about me and my salvation." It makes it easy to leave out the affect the gospel should have outside our personal life and in our interaction with the world.

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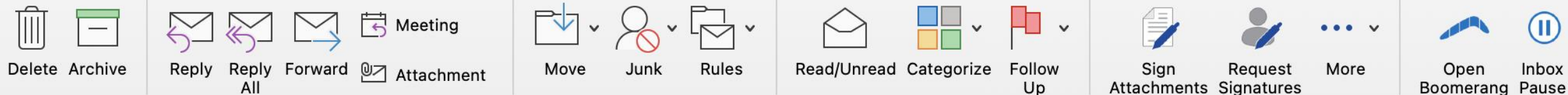
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Acts 16:25*ff*; 17:16*ff*

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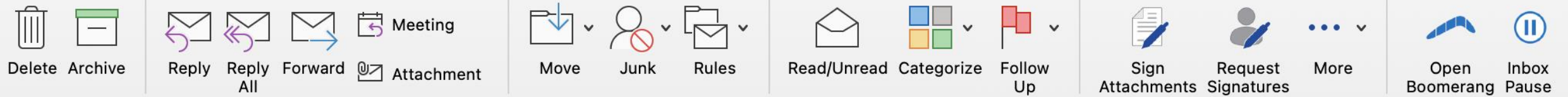


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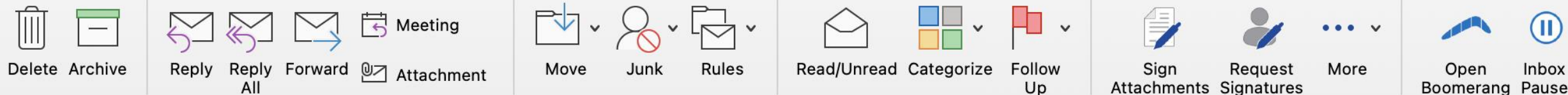
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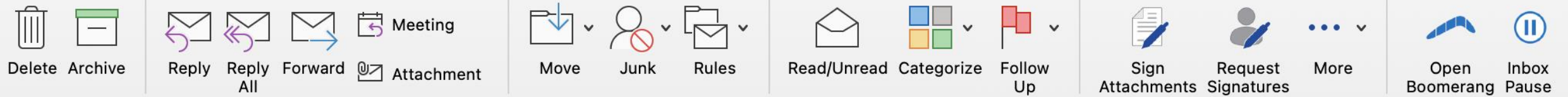


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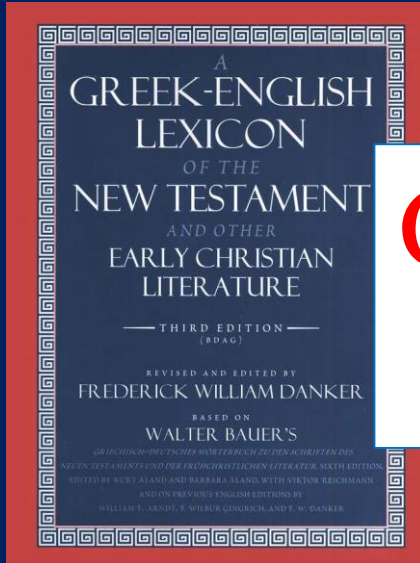
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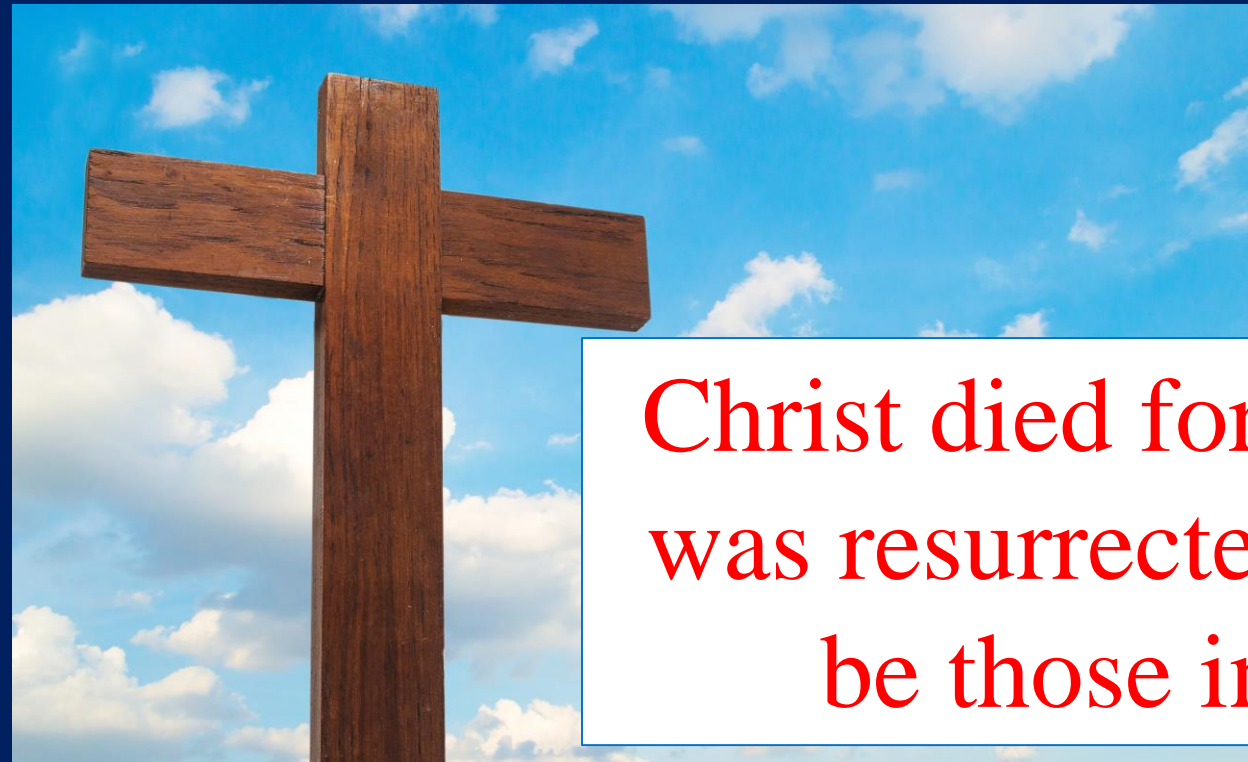
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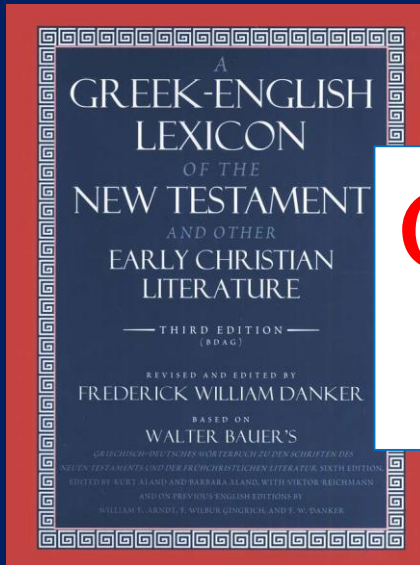
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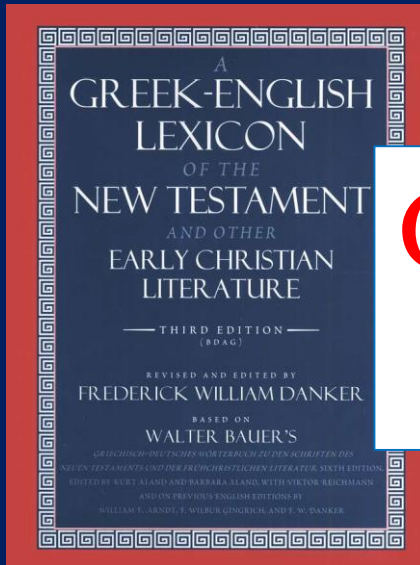
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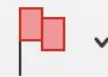
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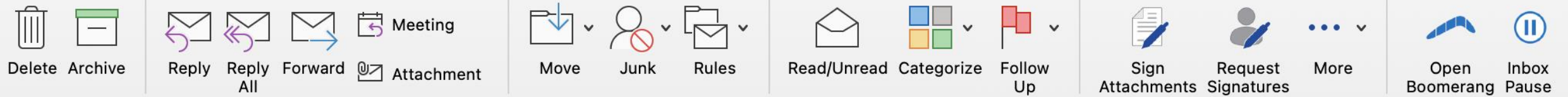
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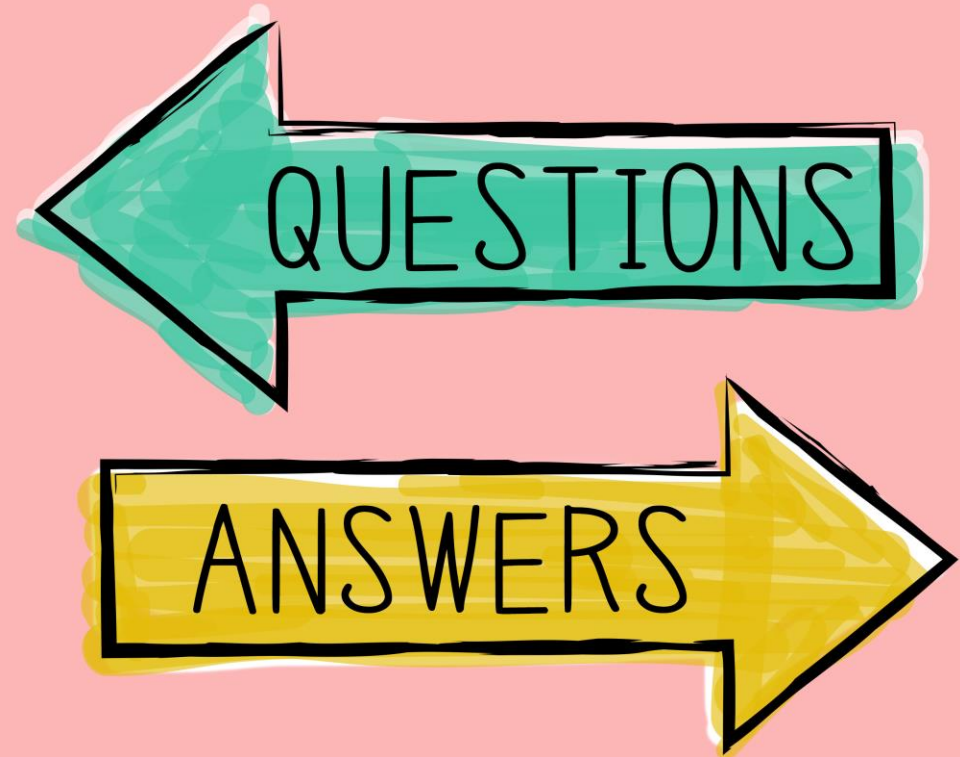


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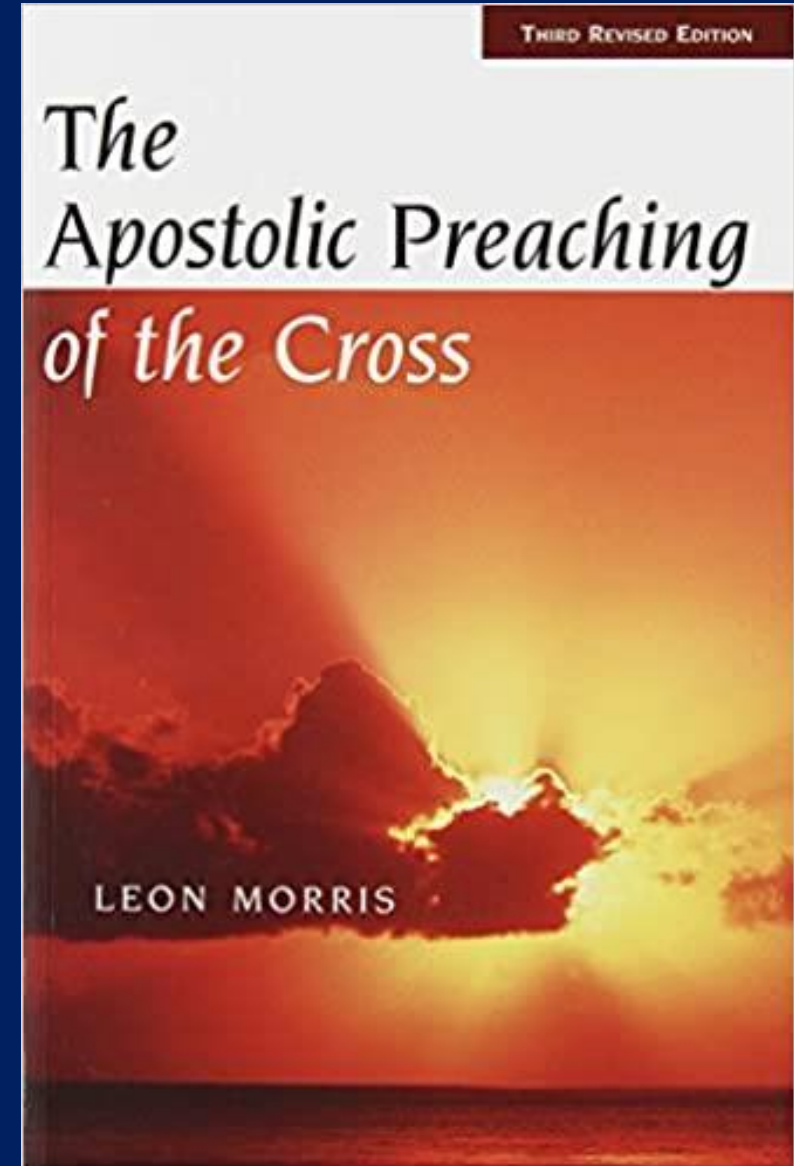
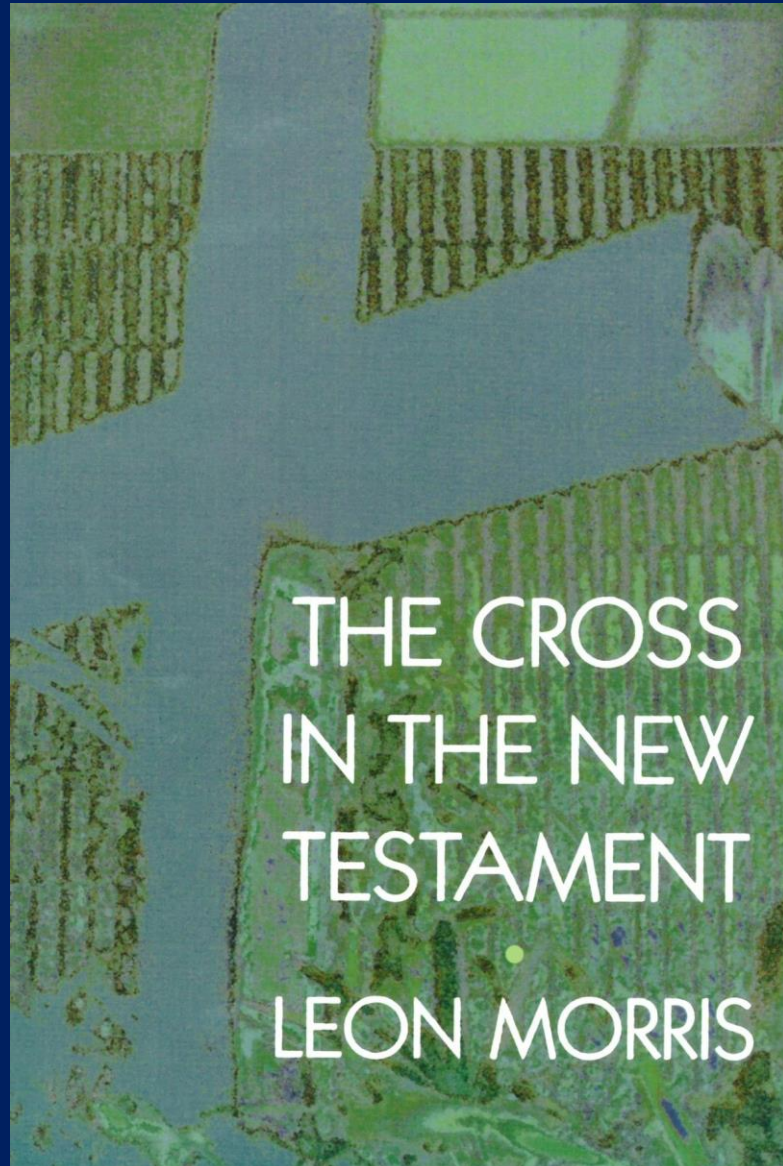
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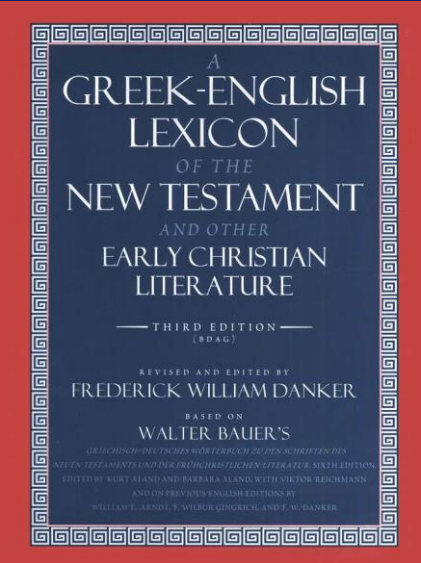
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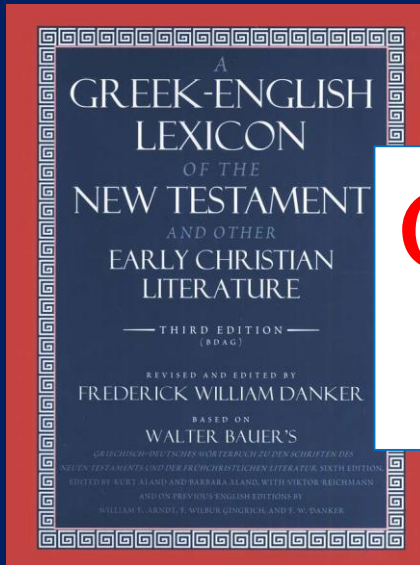
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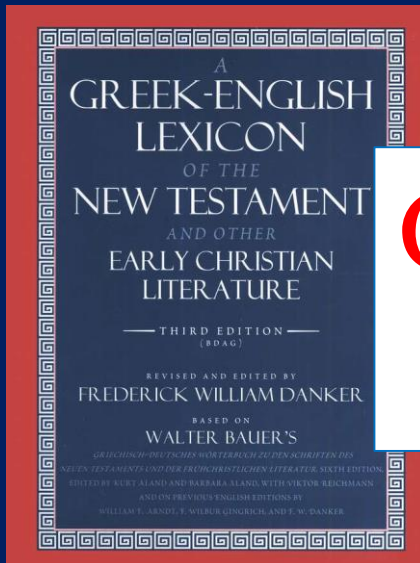
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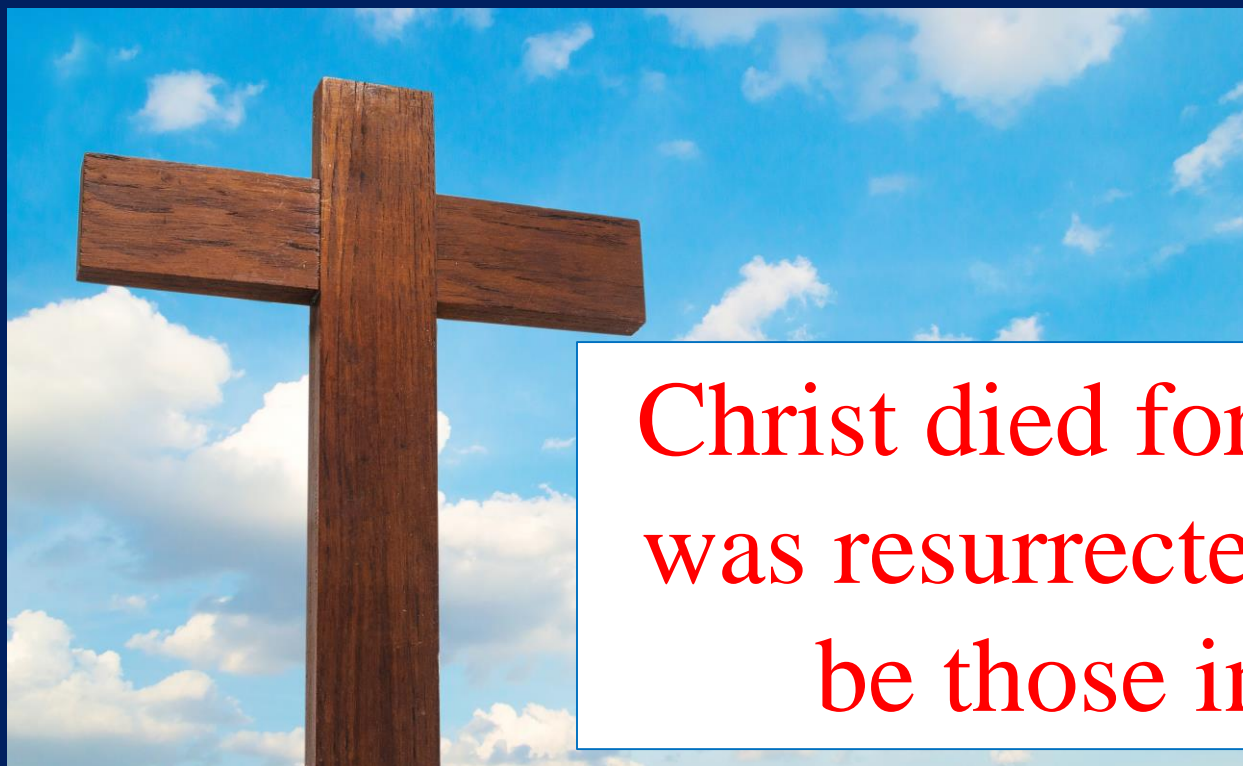




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