

“Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He  
who comes in the name of  
the LORD!’ – John 12:13



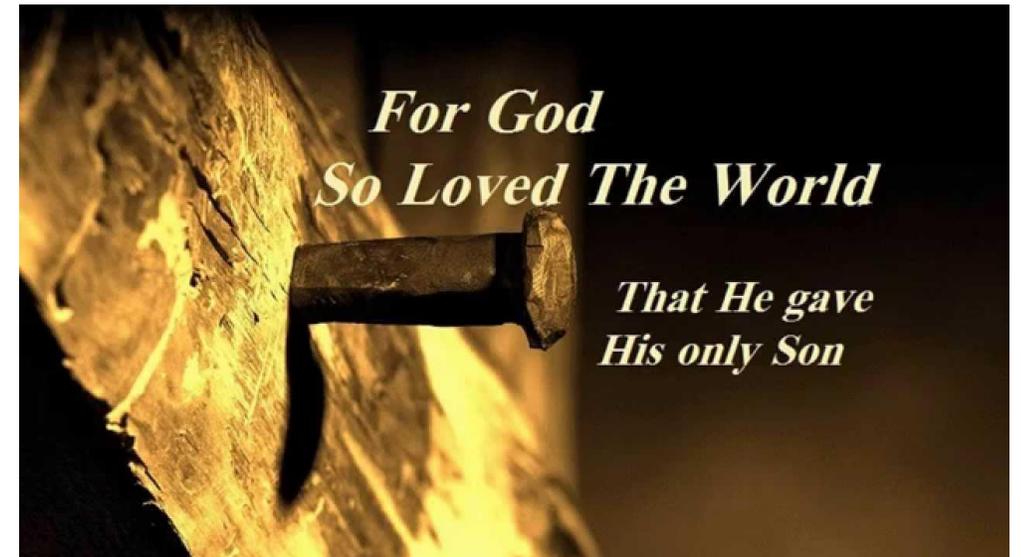
Hosanna Sunday

# The High Cost of Freedom

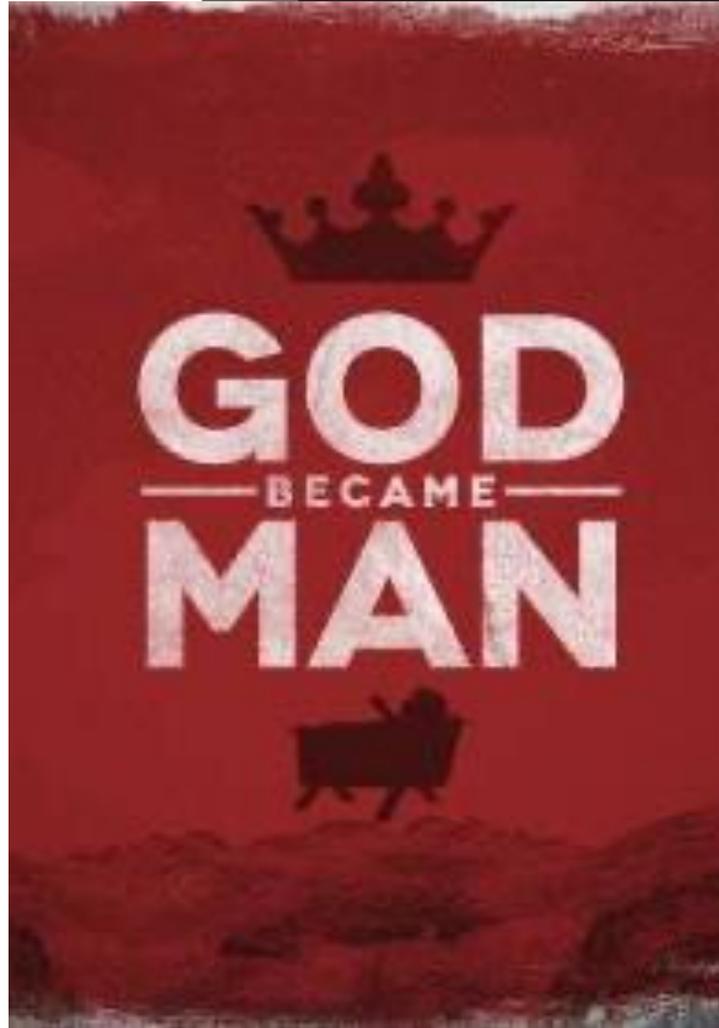


# What did it cost the FATHER?

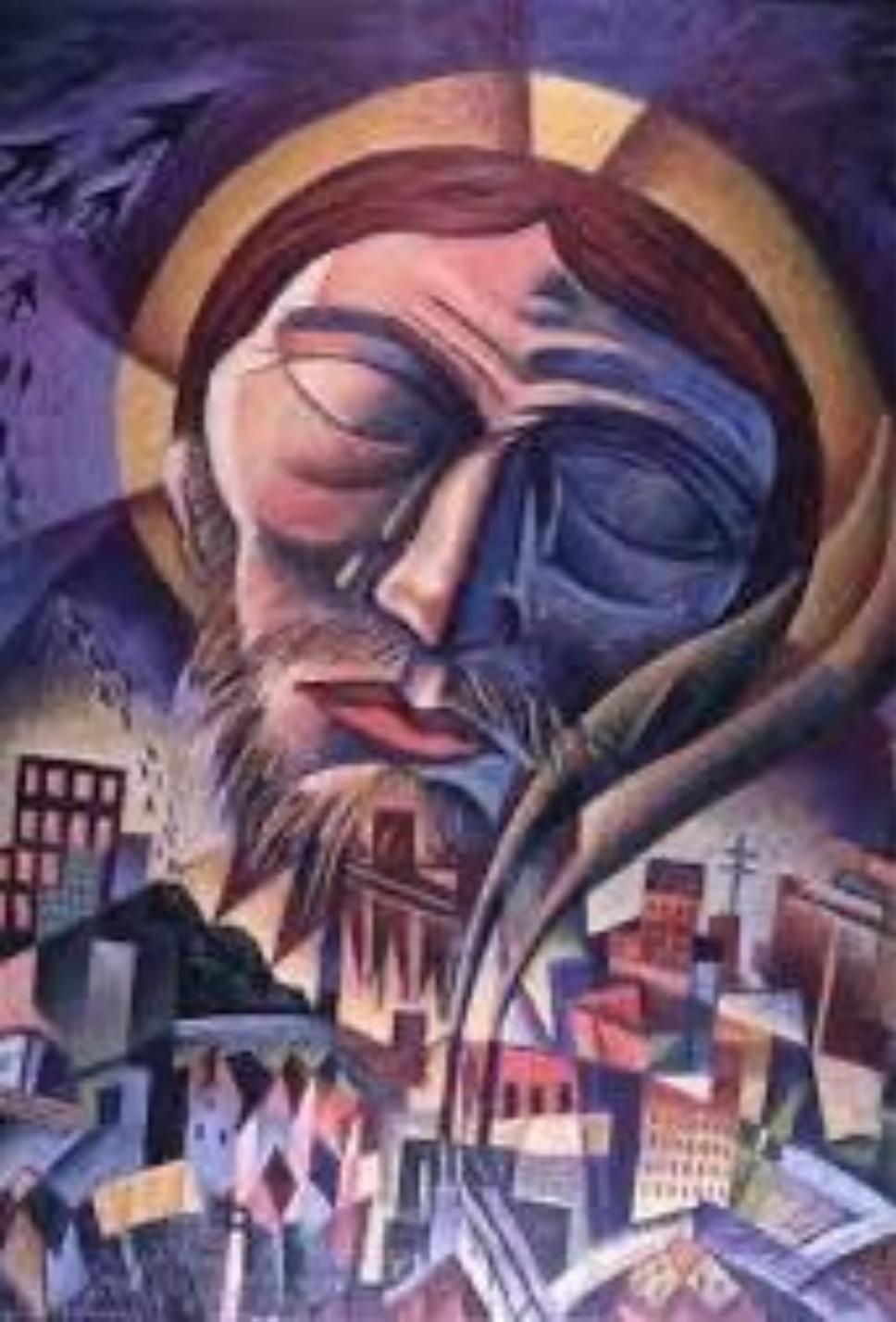
- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Jn. 3:16)
- “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Rom. 8:32)
- Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” (Gen. 22:2)



# What did it cost the SON?



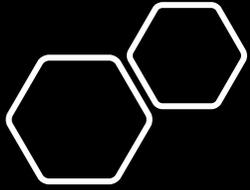
- “...who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” (Phil. 2:6-8)
- “You, the Infinite, being God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Yourself and took the form of a servant...” (St. Gregory)



# What did it cost the SON?

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1. The humiliation of servitude
  2. Bearing the sufferings of fallen humanity
  3. The agony of the Cross
  4. The burden of rejection
- “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!” ( Matt. 23:37)



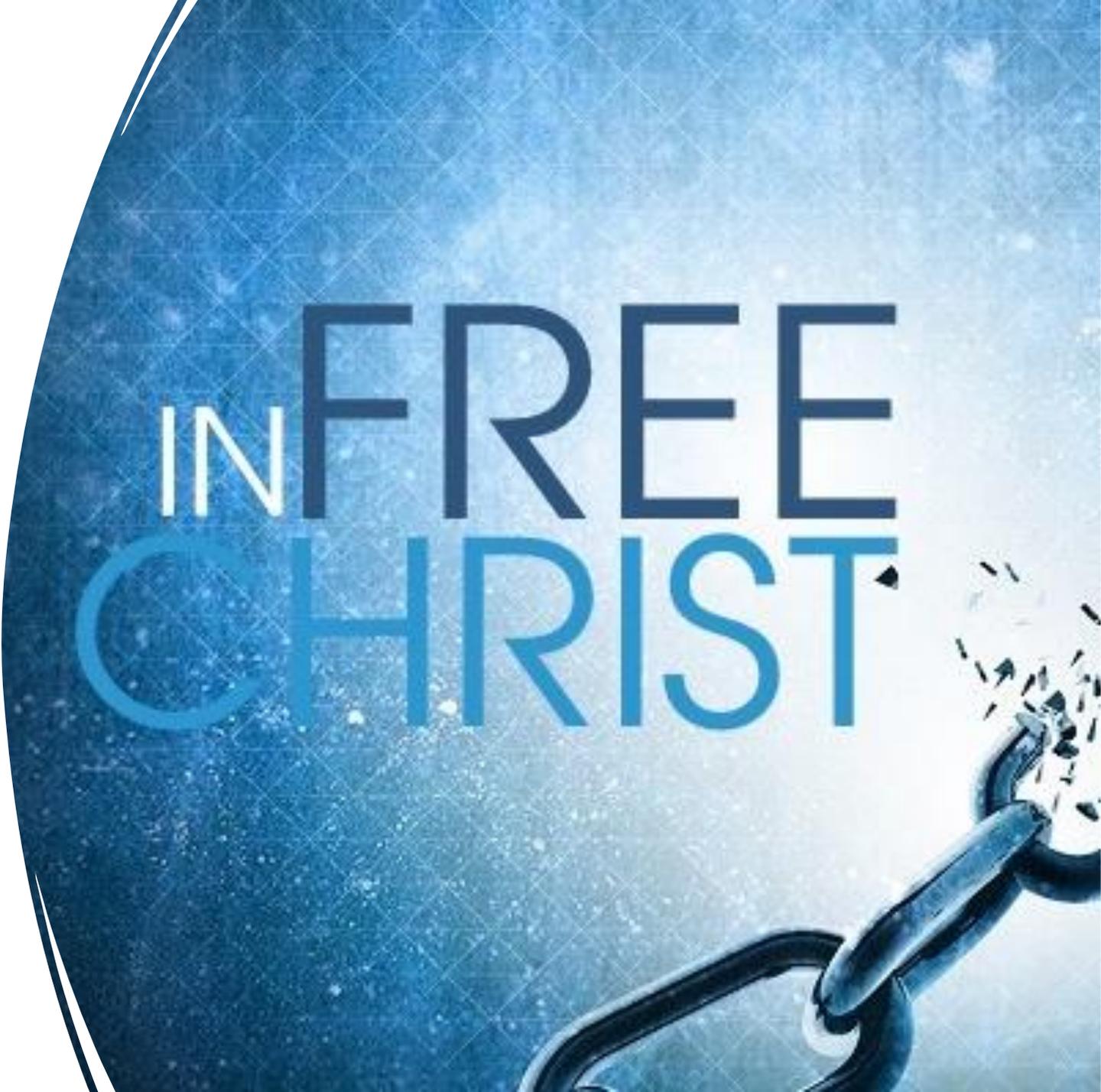
## What did it cost the HOLY SPIRIT?

- “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Eph. 4:30)



Preserving  
our  
Freedom

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# 1. Holding to the Truth



You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.” (Jn. 8:44-45)

# 1. Holding to the Truth

- “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thes. 2:9-12)
- “Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips and from a deceitful tongue.” (Ps. 120:2)

## 2. Engage in Spiritual Warfare



- “You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.” (Heb. 12:4)
- “And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire...” (Mk. 9:47)



# 3. Consider the Ultimate Price

We have an obligation to share and preserve this freedom for the coming generations



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Our martyrs