



# Conversations

*Gospel Encounters With Jesus*

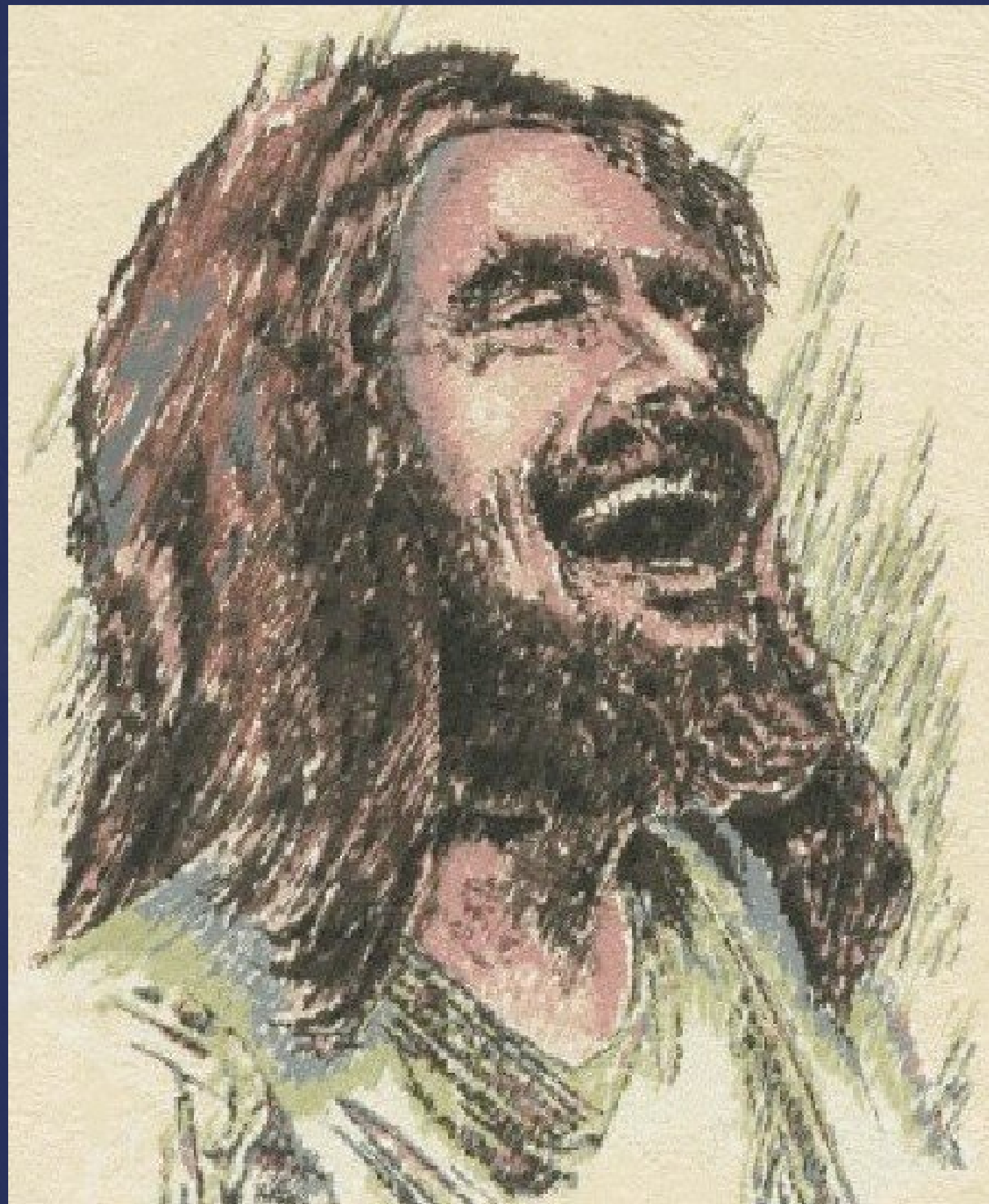


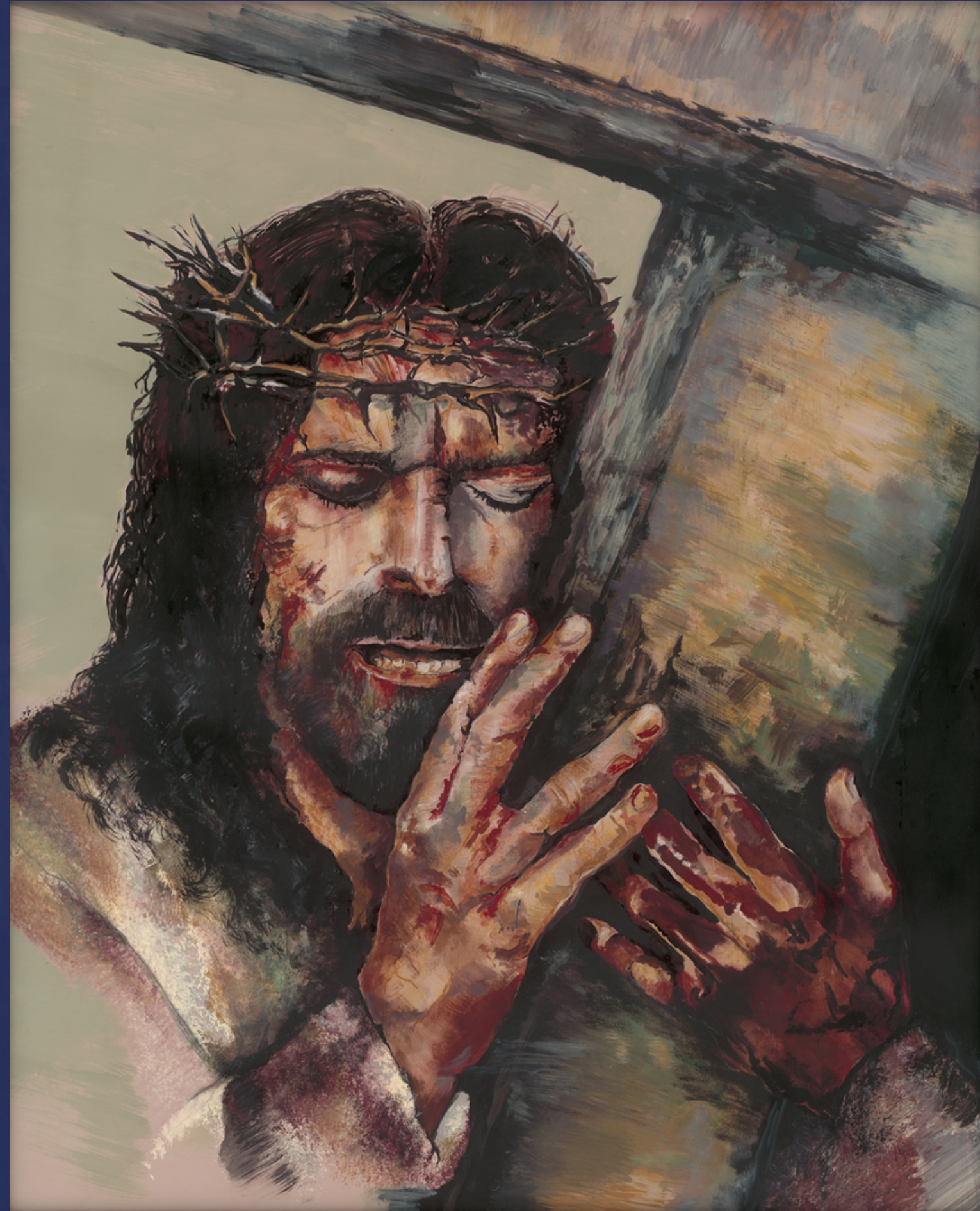
*Jesus, Pilate, and the crowds*

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**Why is Jesus  
on the CROSS?**

## Matthew 27:11-14

*Now Jesus stood before the governor. “Are you the King of the Jews?” the governor asked him. Jesus answered, “You say so.” 12 While he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, he didn’t answer. 13 Then Pilate said to him, “Don’t you hear how much they are testifying against you?” 14 But he didn’t answer him on even one charge, so that the governor was quite amazed (perplexed).*

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on the cross... for you and me.

*15 At the festival the governor's custom was to release to the crowd a prisoner they wanted. 16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. 17 So when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Who is it you want me to release for you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew it was because of envy that they had handed him over.*

*19 While he was sitting on the judge's bench, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I've suffered terribly in a dream because of him." 20 The chief priests and the elders, however, persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to execute Jesus. 21 The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" "Barabbas!" they answered.*



*22 Pilate asked them, "What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?" They all answered, "Crucify him!" 23 Then he said, "Why? What has he done wrong?" But they kept shouting all the more, "Crucify him!" 24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that a riot was starting instead, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, "I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves!" 25 All the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released Barabbas to them and, after having Jesus flogged, handed him over to be crucified.*

## **Romans 6:23**

*For the wages of Sin is death, but the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ.*

## **2 Corinthians 5:21**

*He became sin, who knew no sin, so that we may become the righteousness of God.*

*27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's residence and gathered the whole company around him. 28 They stripped him and dressed him in a scarlet robe. 29 They twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and placed a staff in his right hand. And they knelt down before him and mocked him: "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 Then they spat on him, took the staff, and kept hitting him on the head. 31 After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.*

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### **Isaiah 50:6**

I gave my back to those who beat me,  
and my cheeks to those who tore out my beard.  
I did not hide my face from scorn and spitting.

### **Isaiah 52:14**

Just as many were appalled at you,  
his appearance was so disfigured  
that he did not look like a man,  
and his form did not resemble a human being.

### **Isaiah 53:5**

But he was pierced because of our rebellion,  
crushed because of our iniquities;  
punishment for our peace was on him,  
and we are healed by his wounds.

## **1 John 4:10**

Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins

## **Romans 3:23-24**

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. 24 They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

## **Revelation 5:9**

*And they sang a new song with these words:  
You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals  
and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your  
blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe  
and language and people and nation.*

32 As they were going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They forced him to carry his cross. 33 When they came to a place called *Golgotha* (which means Place of the Skull), 34 they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it. 35 After crucifying him, they divided his clothes by casting lots. 36 Then they sat down and were guarding him there. 37 Above his head they put up the charge against him in writing:

**This Is Jesus, the King of the Jews.**



38 Then two criminals were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. 39 Those who passed by were yelling insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!” 41 In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him and said, 42 “He saved others, but he cannot save himself! He is the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God; let God rescue him now—if he takes pleasure in him! For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” 44 In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him taunted him.

45 “From noon until three in the afternoon  
darkness came over the whole land. 46  
About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out  
with a loud voice, **“Elí, Elí, lemá  
sabachtháni?”** that is, “My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?””

47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling for Elijah." 48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and offered him a drink. 49 But the rest said, "Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." 50 But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit. 51 Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split.

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3. Jesus is **satisfying** the way to God on the cross... for you and me

## **Ephesians 2:18**

Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

52 The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 And they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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4. Jesus is **saving** all those who place their faith on Him.