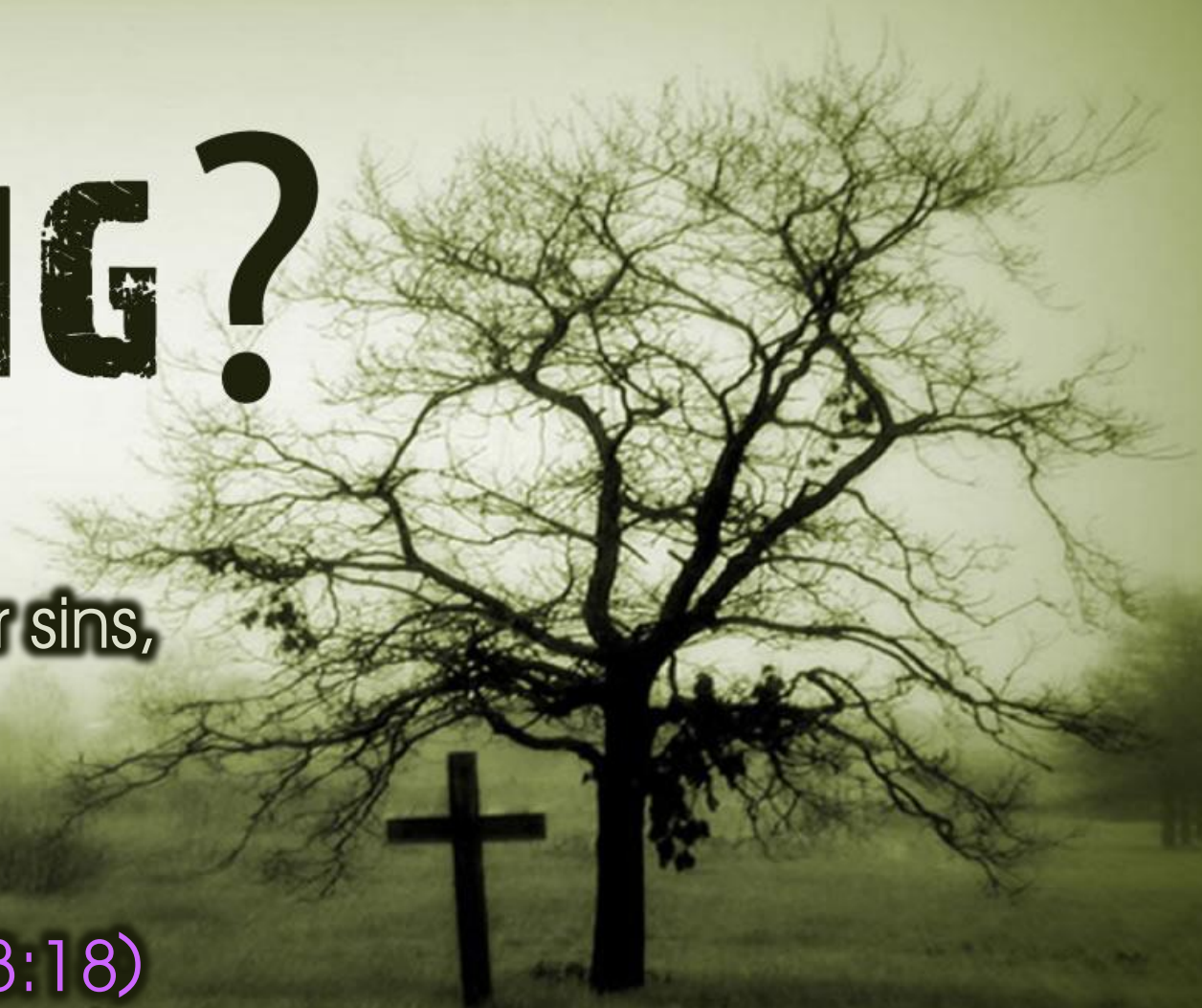
A wooden crucifix and a crown of thorns are shown on a light-colored, textured surface. The crucifix is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally. The crown of thorns is made of several dry, thorny branches and is placed over the top of the crucifix. The lighting is soft, creating gentle shadows.

“...saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’”  
(Lk 22:42)

**GOD CHOSE  
CRUCIFIXION**

# WHY SUFFERING?

“For Christ also suffered once for sins,  
the just for the unjust, that He  
might bring us to God, being  
put to death in the flesh but  
made alive by the Spirit” (1 Pet 3:18)



# PROPITIATION

HOW DO YOU APPEASE GOD?

“whom God set forth (as) a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed” (Rom 3:25)

# TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

## HOW FAR SHOULD OUR COMMITMENT GO?

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matt 16:24)

# WEAKNESS

## HOW GOD VIEW'S STRUGGLE

For though He was crucified in weakness,  
yet He lives by the power  
of God. For we also are  
weak in Him, but we shall  
live with Him by the power  
of God toward you.

(2 Cor 13:4)

