

# REAL SUPERHEROES

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## John 6:1-15 (NLT)

### Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

**6** After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. <sup>4</sup> (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) <sup>5</sup> Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” <sup>6</sup> He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!”

<sup>8</sup> Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. <sup>9</sup> “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

<sup>10</sup> “Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.” <sup>13</sup> So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

<sup>14</sup> When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, “Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!” <sup>15</sup> When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.



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to be

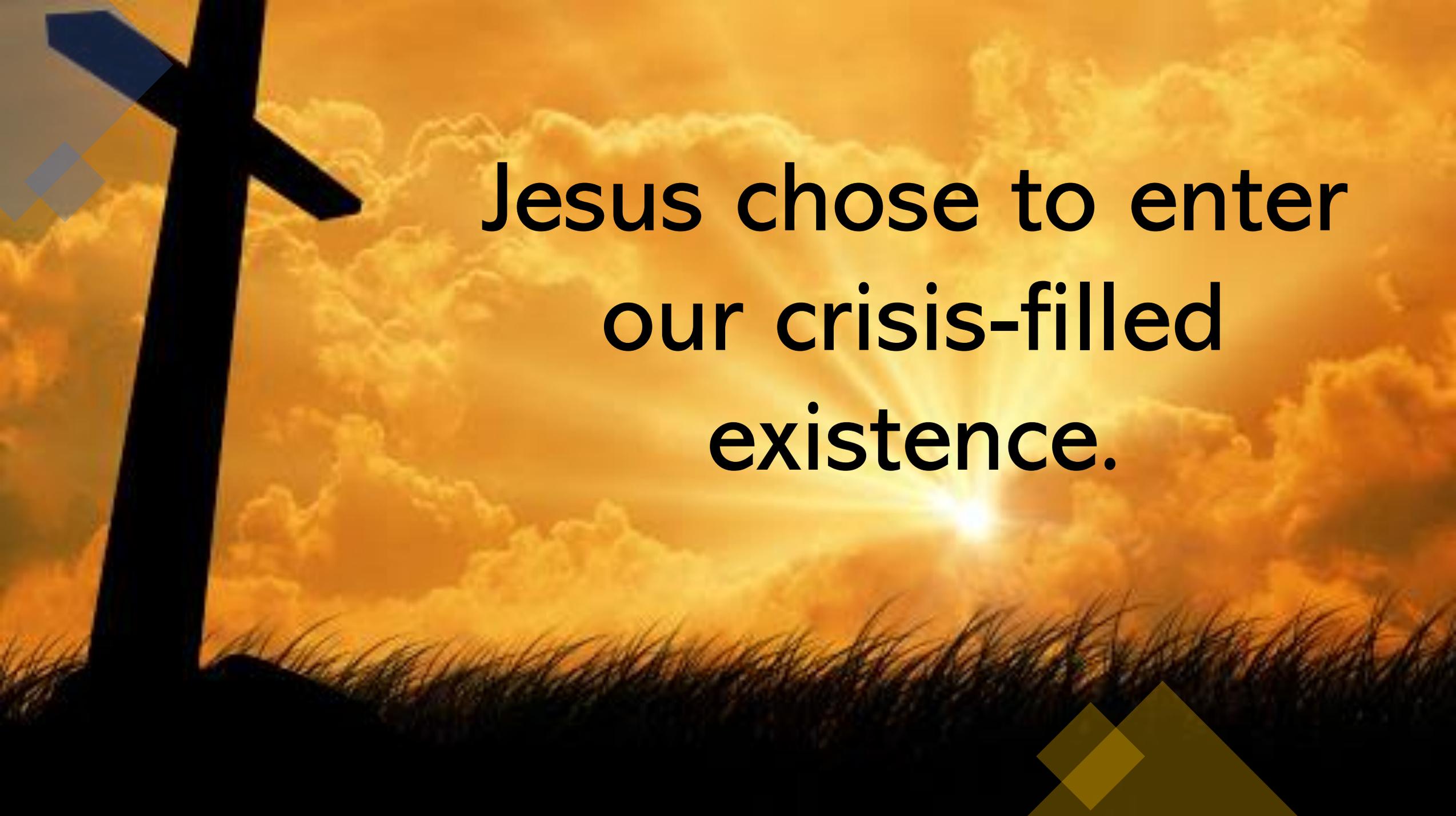


King





**God, our Heavenly Father,  
has never experienced a  
crisis.**

A sunset scene with a cross silhouette on the left and a sunburst in the center. The sky is filled with golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The foreground shows silhouettes of tall grasses. There are decorative diamond shapes in the corners: a blue and grey one in the top-left and a green one in the bottom-right.

**Jesus chose to enter  
our crisis-filled  
existence.**



**1). WHAT'S YOUR PERSONAL CRISIS?**

Jesus got to the root of our greatest crisis when He died on the Cross for our sins.

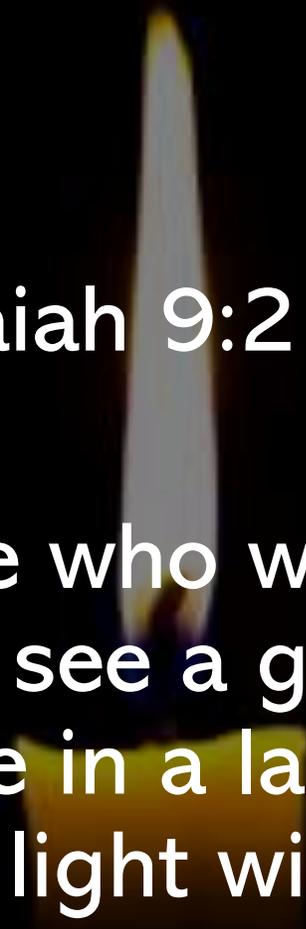




Jesus rescues those who are  
desperate for His help.



2). DESPERATION LEADS TO  
DELIVERANCE!



Isaiah 9:2 (NLT)

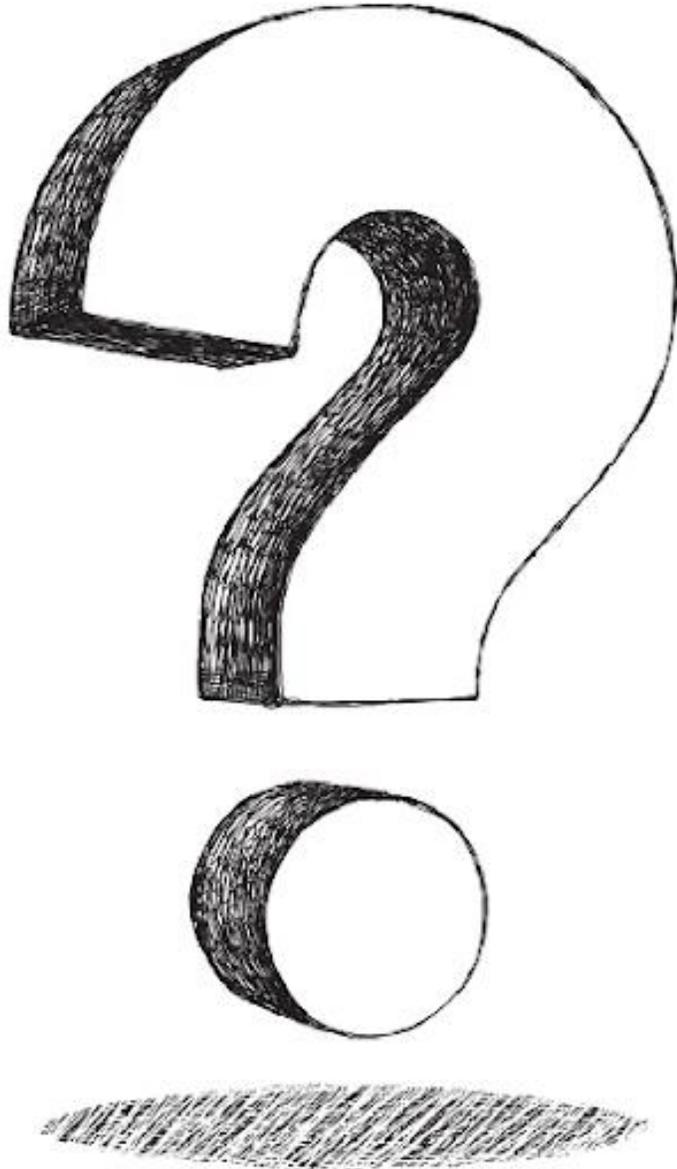
<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness  
will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness,  
a light will shine.

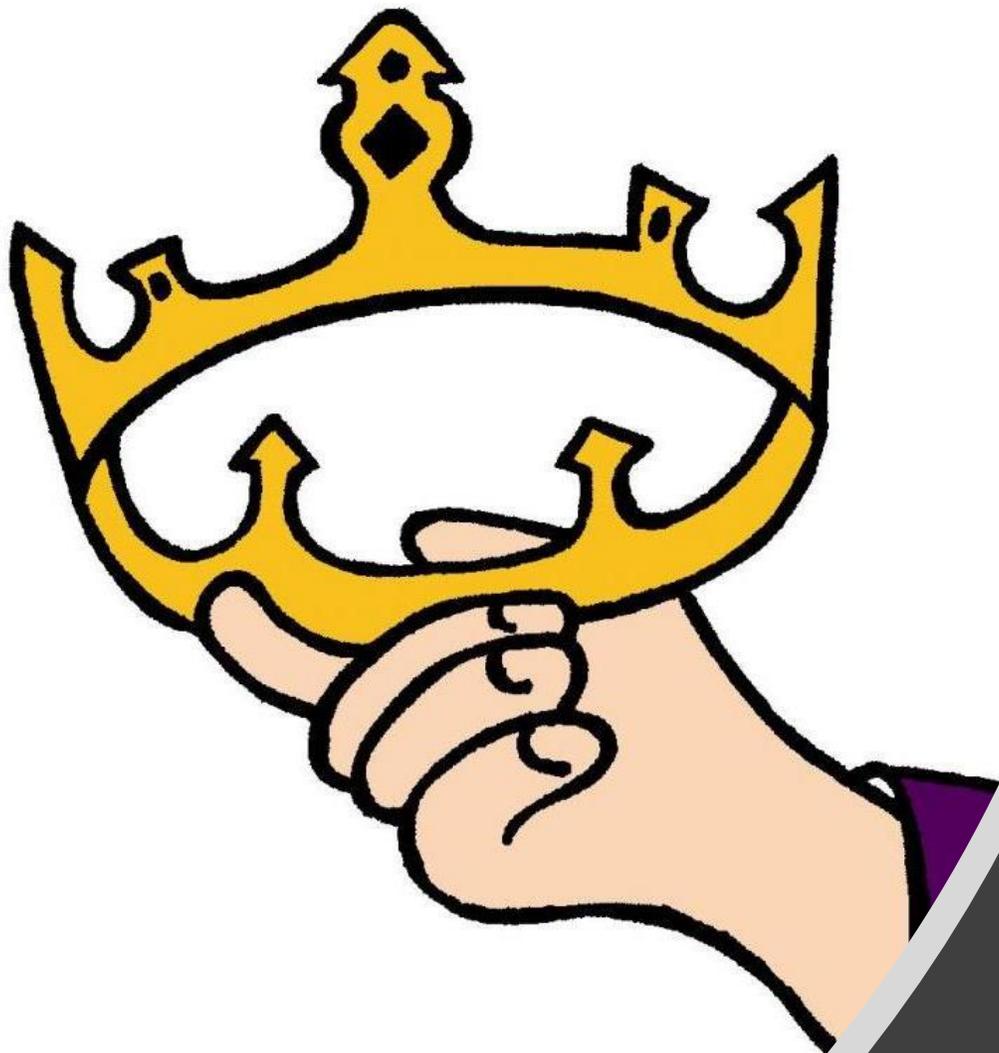


Jesus will even  
show up in that  
crisis we created  
for ourselves.





**3). CAN JESUS  
BE TRUSTED TO  
PROVIDE IN  
MIRACULOUS  
WAYS?**



The crisis Jesus was facing wasn't the shortage of food, but that the people wanted to force Him to become their King.



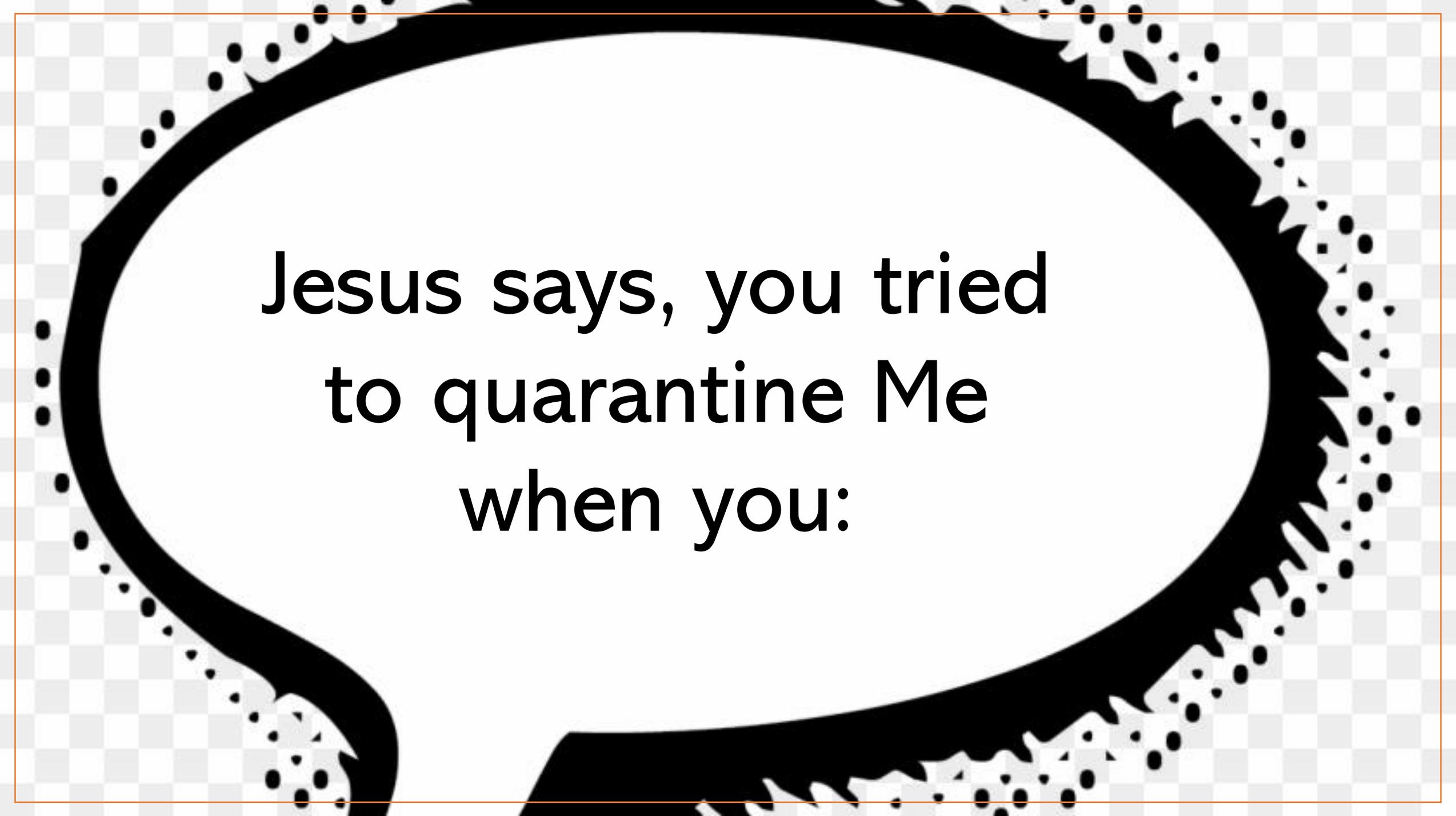
**4). HOW DID  
JESUS HANDLE  
HIS CRISIS?**

As humans, we hate looking at our own sinfulness. It takes a ton of humility.



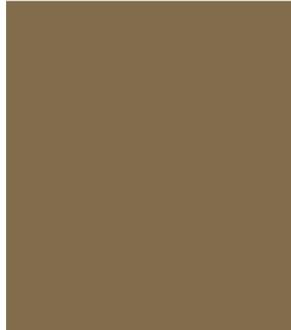
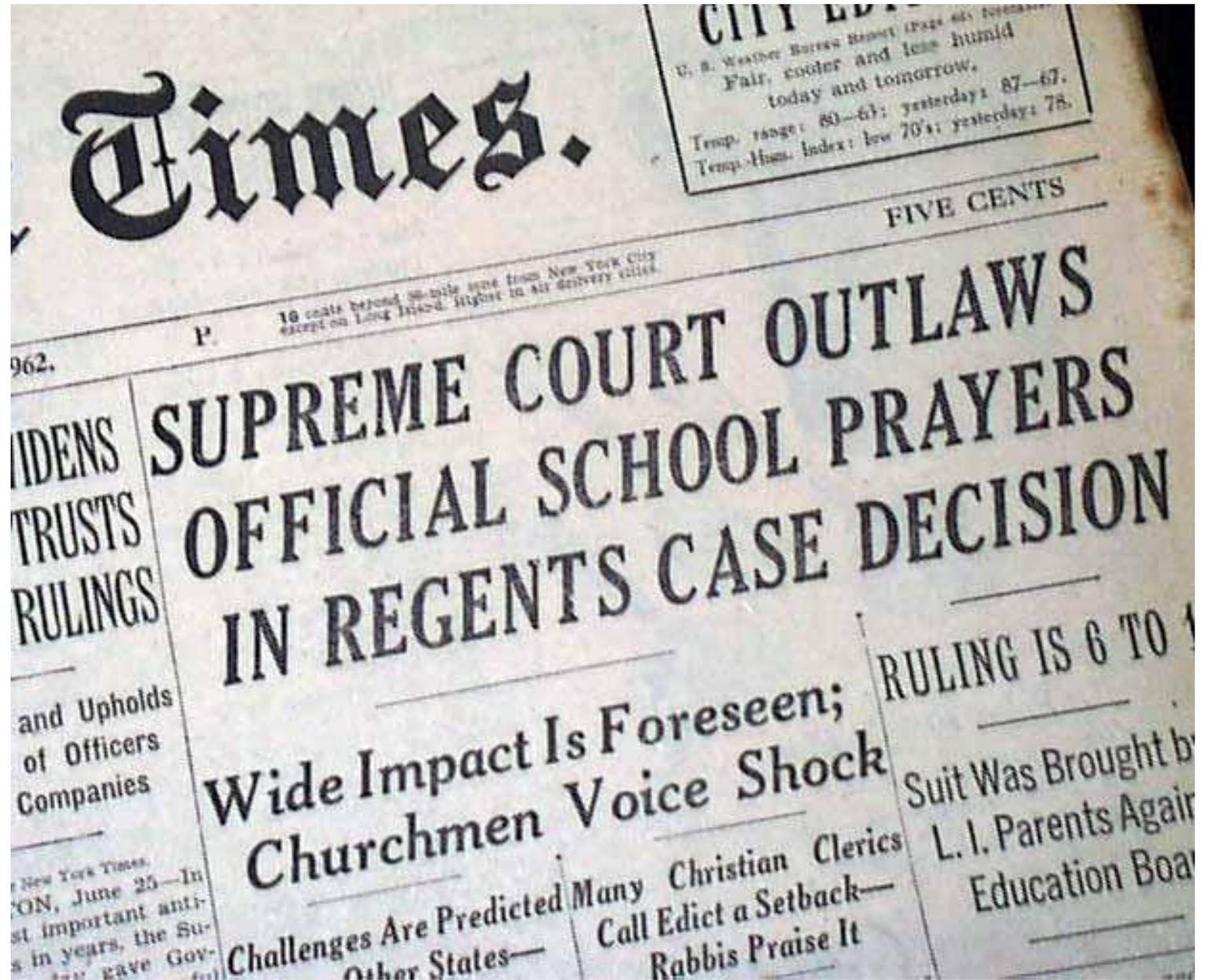
Even though we've  
tried, Jesus Christ  
**CANNOT** be  
quarantined.





Jesus says, you tried  
to quarantine Me  
when you:

➤ removed prayer from schools in 1962.



➤ removed the Bible from schools in 1963.

## Establishment Clause: High Wall of Separation

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- Engel v. Vitale (1962)
  - Recital of a prayer
- Abington School District v. Schempp (1963)
  - Daily Bible Readings
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- These constitute government sponsorship of religion



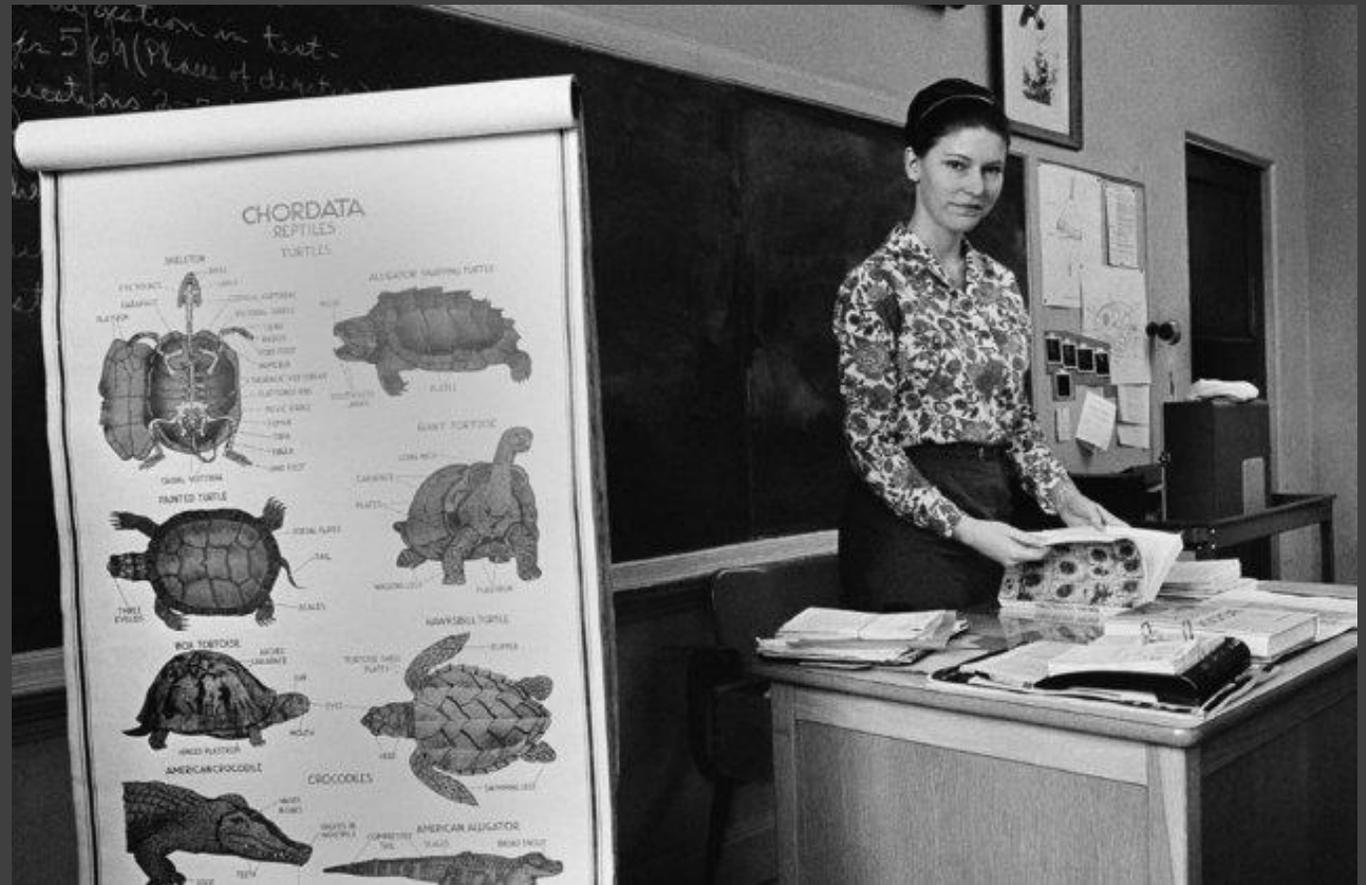
# ROE V. WADE

➤ stopped protecting the unborn in 1973.

- banned the 10 Commandments from being displayed in schools in 1980.



➤ took the teaching out of school in 1986 that I created the world and replaced it with the lie of evolution.



## *1.) County Of Allegheny V. ACLU (1989)*



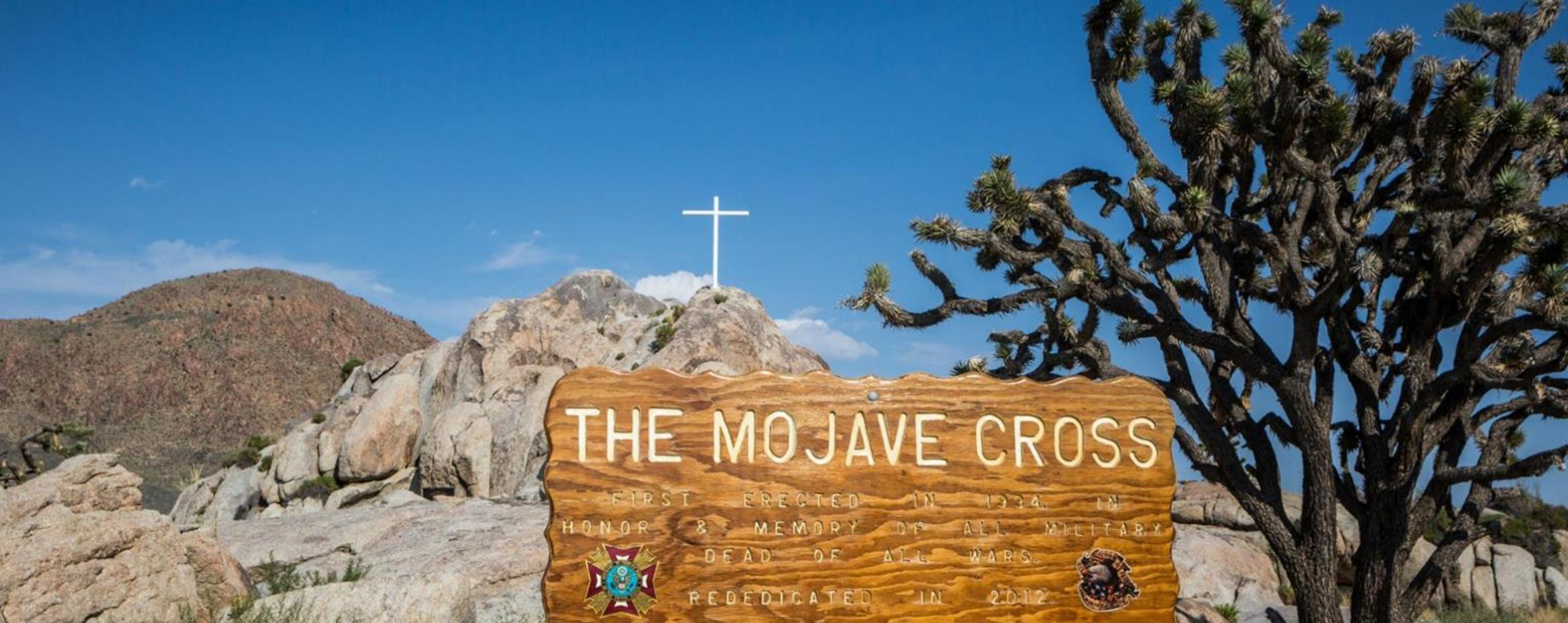
- banned manger scenes and public displays of Christianity in 1989.



## *Lee v. Weisman* (1992)

- Is a state-approved, clergy-led prayer at a public school graduation constitutional?
- Justice Kennedy initially voted that it was, switched his vote, and finally struck down the policy for a 5-4 majority.
- Instead of applying the Lemon Test, Kennedy applied what Justice Scalia mockingly called the “psycho-coercion test”
- Kennedy said that “subtle coercive pressures exist and the student had no real alternative which would have allowed her to avoid the fact or appearance of participation.”

➤ stopped allowing prayer before school in 1992.



# THE MOJAVE CROSS

FIRST ERECTED IN 1934 IN  
HONOR & MEMORY OF ALL MILITARY  
DEAD OF ALL WARS.



REDEDICATED IN 2012



FOR THOSE WHO GAVE ALL

➤ decided that the war memorial Cross in the Mojave Desert was unconstitutional in 2002, and it was taken down.

Although we have  
been quarantined,  
man will **NEVER**  
quarantine God.

