

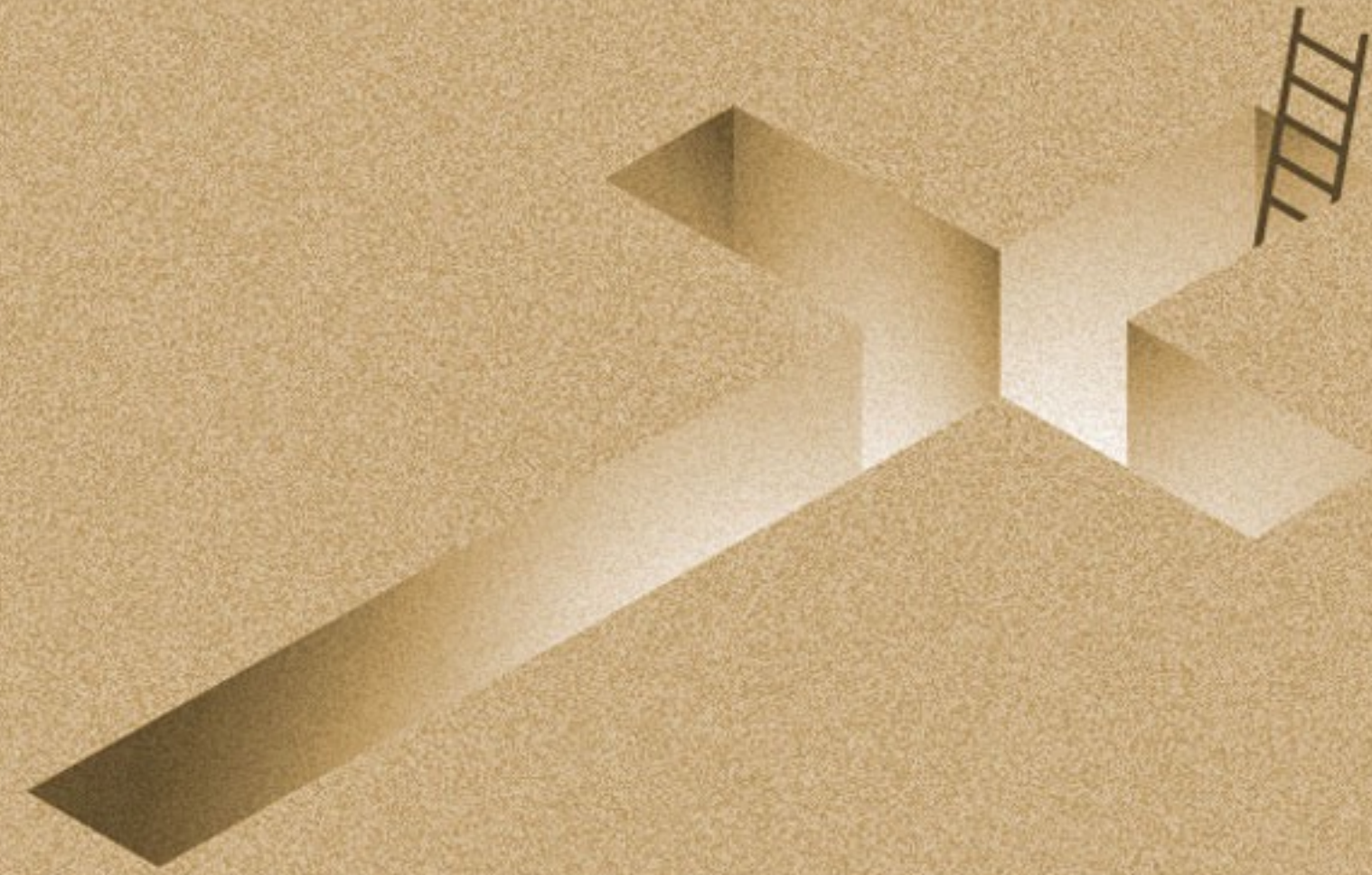
FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD, AND ARE JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE AS A GIFT, THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS, WHOM GOD PUT FORWARD AS A PROPITIATION BY HIS BLOOD, TO BE RECEIVED BY FAITH. THIS WAS TO SHOW

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GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE IN HIS DIVINE FORBEARANCE HE HAD PASSED OVER FORMER SINS. IT WAS TO SHOW HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AT THE PRESENT TIME, SO THAT HE MIGHT BE JUST AND THE JUSTIFIER OF THE ONE WHO HAS FAITH IN JESUS.

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IT IS FINISHED



EXPLORING THE
DEPTHS OF THE CROSS

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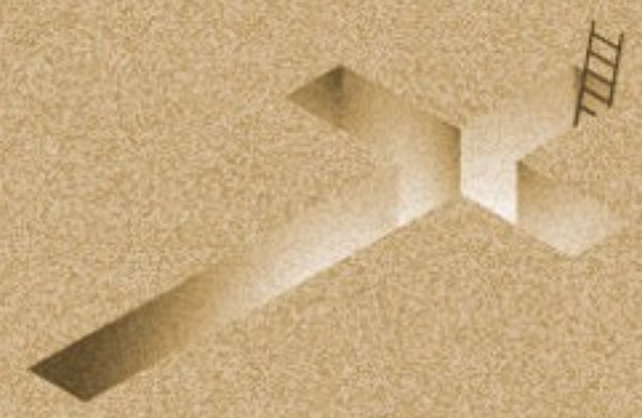
WE WERE GUILTY BECAUSE OF
OUR SIN, AND JESUS DECLARED
US RIGHTEOUS.



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WE MAY NOT BE PLAGUED BY A GUILTY
CONSCIENCE AS MUCH AS OUR
FOREBEARS WERE, BUT WE ARE
NEVERTHELESS DRIVEN AND RIVEN
BY ANXIETIES OF VARIOUS SORTS,

FLEMING RUTLEDGE



AND ONE OF THEM IS THE FEAR OF NOT
BEING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF SOME
INVISIBLE DIVIDING LINE.

FLEMING RUTLEDGE





THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS SIN IN IT
SOMEWHERE IMPLIES BOTH A POSSIBILITY
AND AN OBLIGATION FOR INTERVENTION
[...] WHEN EVIL APPEARS AROUND US
AND NO ONE IS RESPONSIBLE AND NO
ONE IS GUILTY...THEN NO MORAL

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QUESTIONS ARE ASKED, AND THEN
THERE IS, IN SHORT, NOTHING TO DO,
WE SINK TO DESPAIRING HELPLESSNESS.
THEREFORE I SAY THAT THE
CONSEQUENCE OF [BELIEVING IN SIN]
WOULD NOT BE MORE DEPRESSION, BUT
LESS. IF THE CONCEPT OF PERSONAL

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RESPONSIBILITY AND ANSWERABILITY
FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OTHERS WERE
TO RETURN TO COMMON ACCEPTANCE,
HOPE WOULD RETURN TO THE WORLD
WITH IT!

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SIGNS OF JESUS' INNOCENCE:

- JUDAS SAYS HE'S INNOCENT (MATT. 27:3-4).
- THE CROWD WON'T ANSWER WHAT HE'S GUILTY OF (MATT. 27:23).
- PILATE SAYS HE'S NOT GUILTY (MATT. 27:24)
- HEROD ANTIPAS SAYS HE'S NOT GUILTY (LUKE 23:14-15)



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