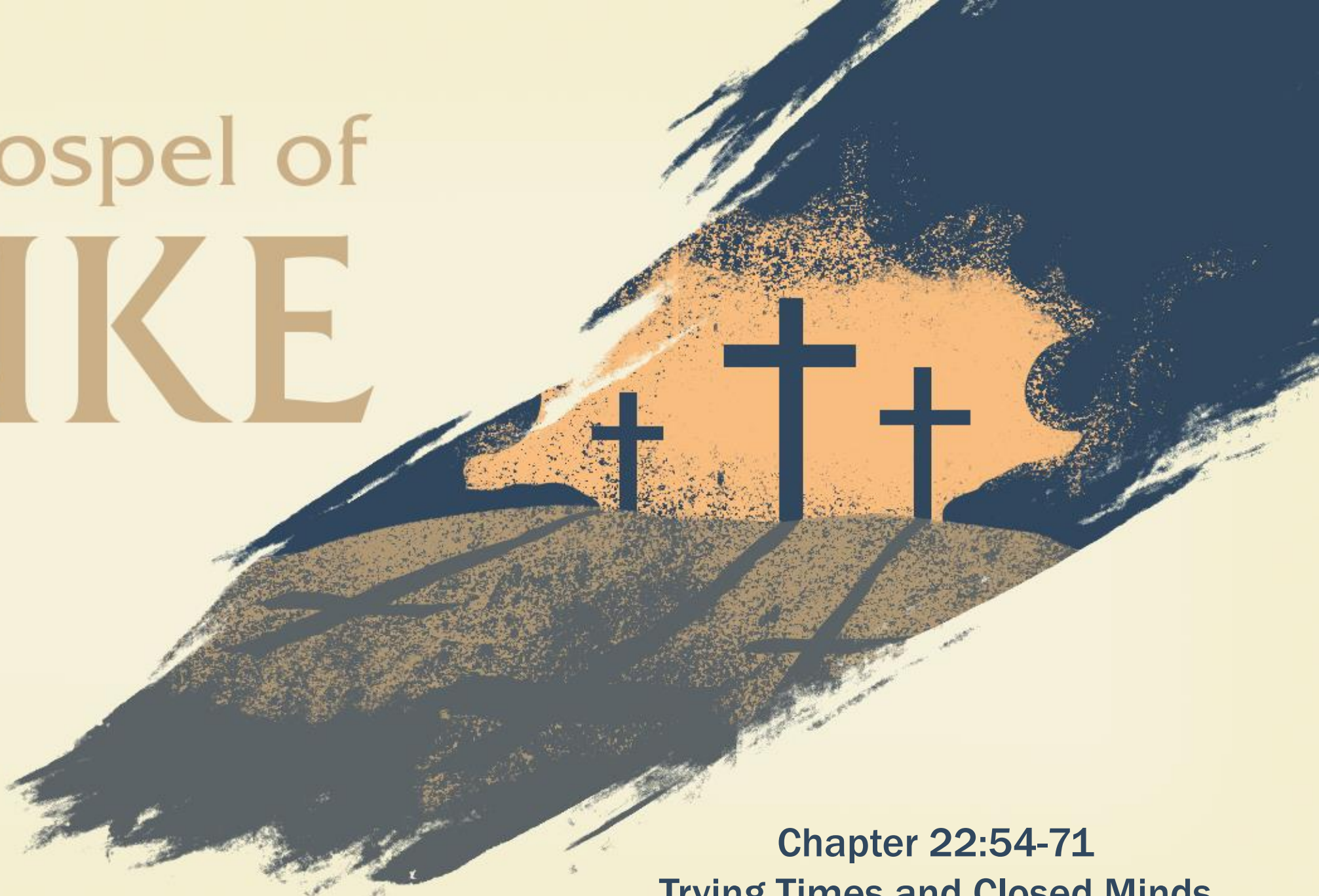


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Chapter 22:54-71
Trying Times and Closed Minds

Luke 22

⁵⁴ So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance.

⁵⁵ The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.



Luke 22

⁵⁶ A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, “This man was one of Jesus’ followers!” ⁵⁷ But Peter denied it. “Woman,” he said, “I don’t even know him!” ⁵⁸ After a while someone else looked at him and said, “You must be one of them!” “No, man, I’m not!” Peter retorted.

Luke 22

⁵⁹ About an hour later someone else insisted, “This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

Luke 22

⁶¹ At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." ⁶² And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

**IN TRYING TIMES, RESIST THE TEMPTATION
TO DISASSOCIATE FROM JESUS**



Luke 22

⁶³ The guards in charge of Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and said, “Prophecy to us! Who hit you that time?” ⁶⁵ And they hurled all sorts of terrible insults at him.



IN TRYING TIMES, INJUSTICE AND ABUSE ARE THE OPPOSITE OF JESUS' POSITION



Luke 22

⁶⁶ At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council, ⁶⁷ and they said, “Tell us, are you the Messiah?” But he replied, “If I tell you, you won’t believe me. ⁶⁸ And if I ask you a question, you won’t answer.

Luke 22

⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand." ⁷⁰ They all shouted, "So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?" And he replied, "You say that I am." ⁷¹ "Why do we need other witnesses?" they said. "We ourselves heard him say it."



IN TRYING TIMES, FULLY TRUST IN GOD'S EVALUATION OF US



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