



- Life changing events — for the better
  - A man who is lame from birth; laid daily at the temple gate; asking alms
  - This day, being carried to the gate
    - Seeing Peter and John, asked for alms
      - How many times had he asked for alms .... every day, every person: looking at people and hoping for something.



- But today, he didn't get any alms from Peter and John
  - He got something he'd never expected
  - In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk
- Leaping up, walked, leaping, praising God
- Others: wonder and amazement



- A man who knew that he was broken was given a completely new life
- Peter has an opportunity to give that life to a gathering of his people
  - But people who don't know they are broken.
  - People who were astonished, and ran together to hear something life changing.

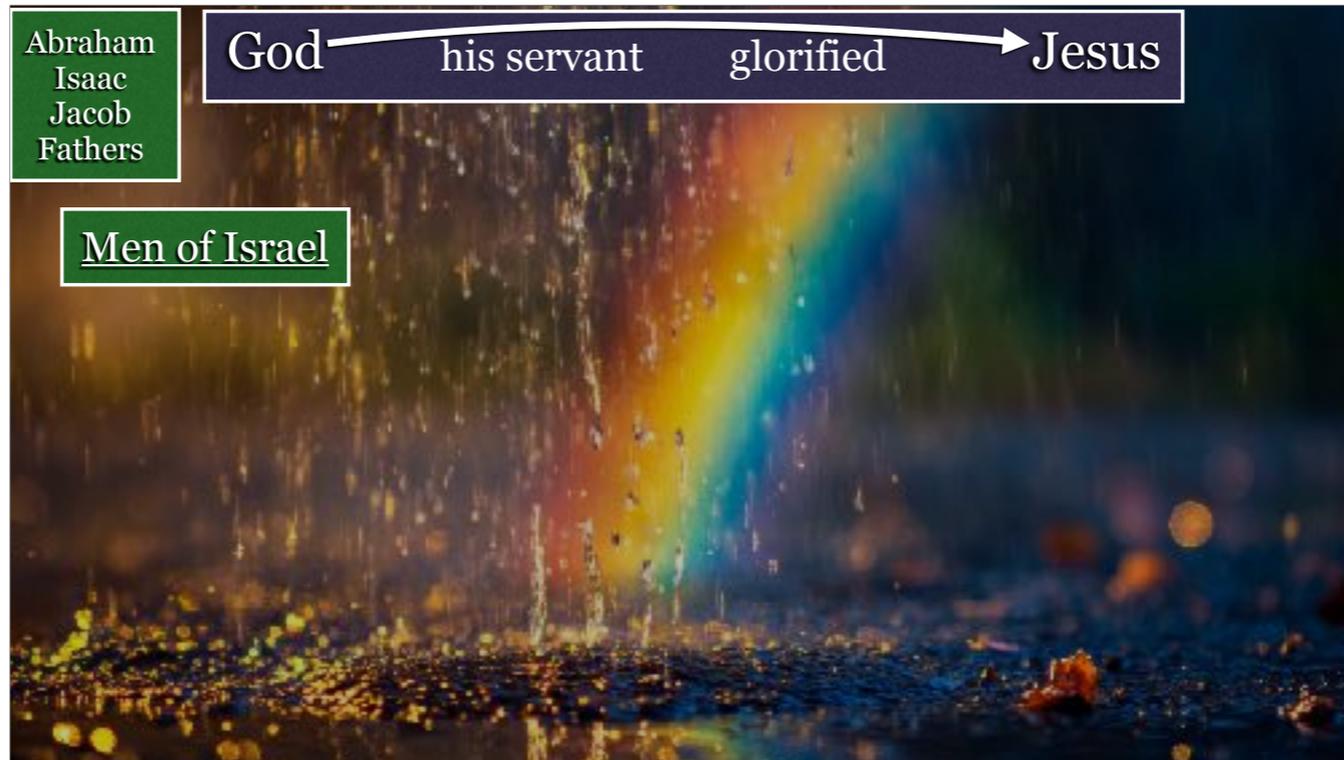


## Men of Israel

- It's always about Jesus.
  - When Peter healed the lame man: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth"
  - Now to the people
    - Why do you wonder or stare at us?
    - as though by our own power or piety we made him walk?
      - Peter makes it clear that they are not powerful of their own accord.
      - Nor are they more holy or righteous
  - How did this happen then?
- Must remember that they've been waiting on the Messiah



- Peter begins with a point that they will all agree on
- God of our Fathers!
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- The God of their fathers glorified Jesus!
  - Jesus is God's servant
    - This is vital to understand prophecy: Isaiah 42 - 53
      - repeated prophecies of Jehovah speaking of "My Servant"
      - Referring to his chosen one, the Christ.

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Isaac  
Jacob  
Fathers

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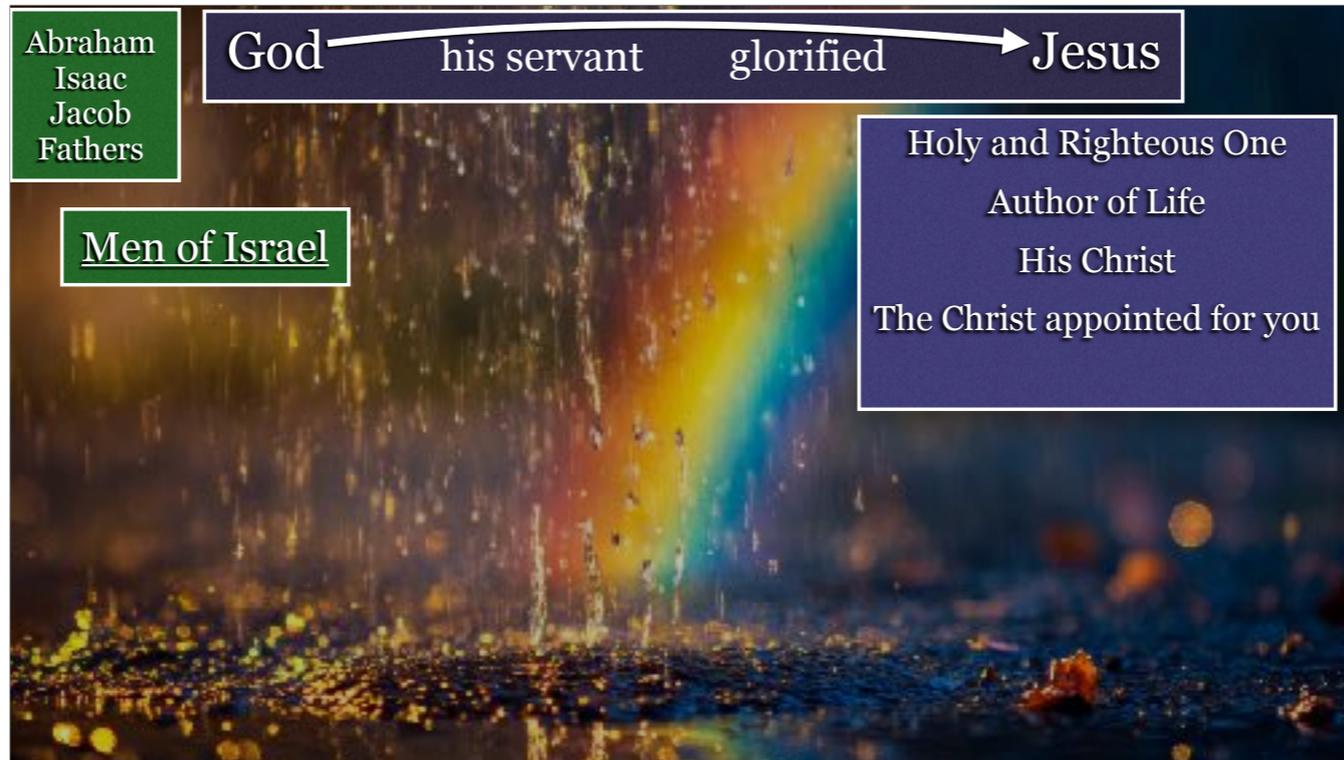
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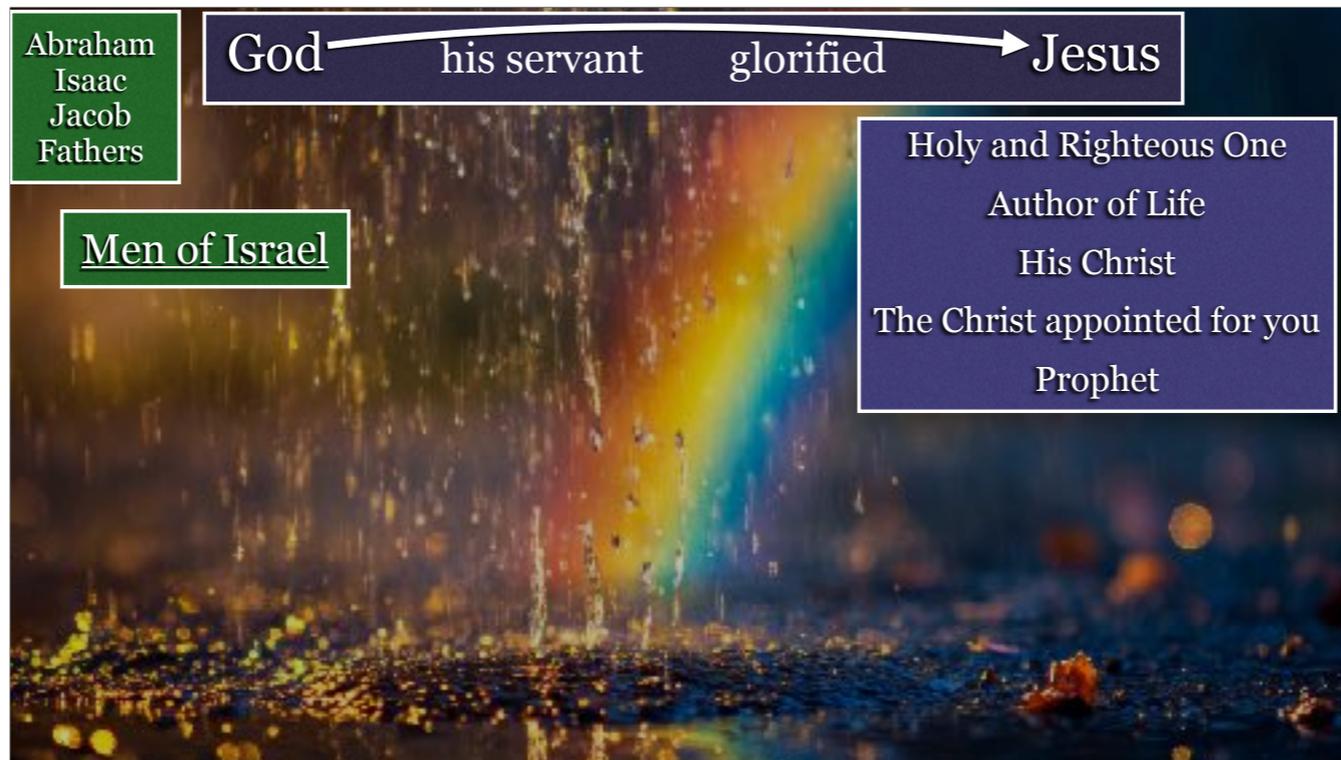
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- Salvation

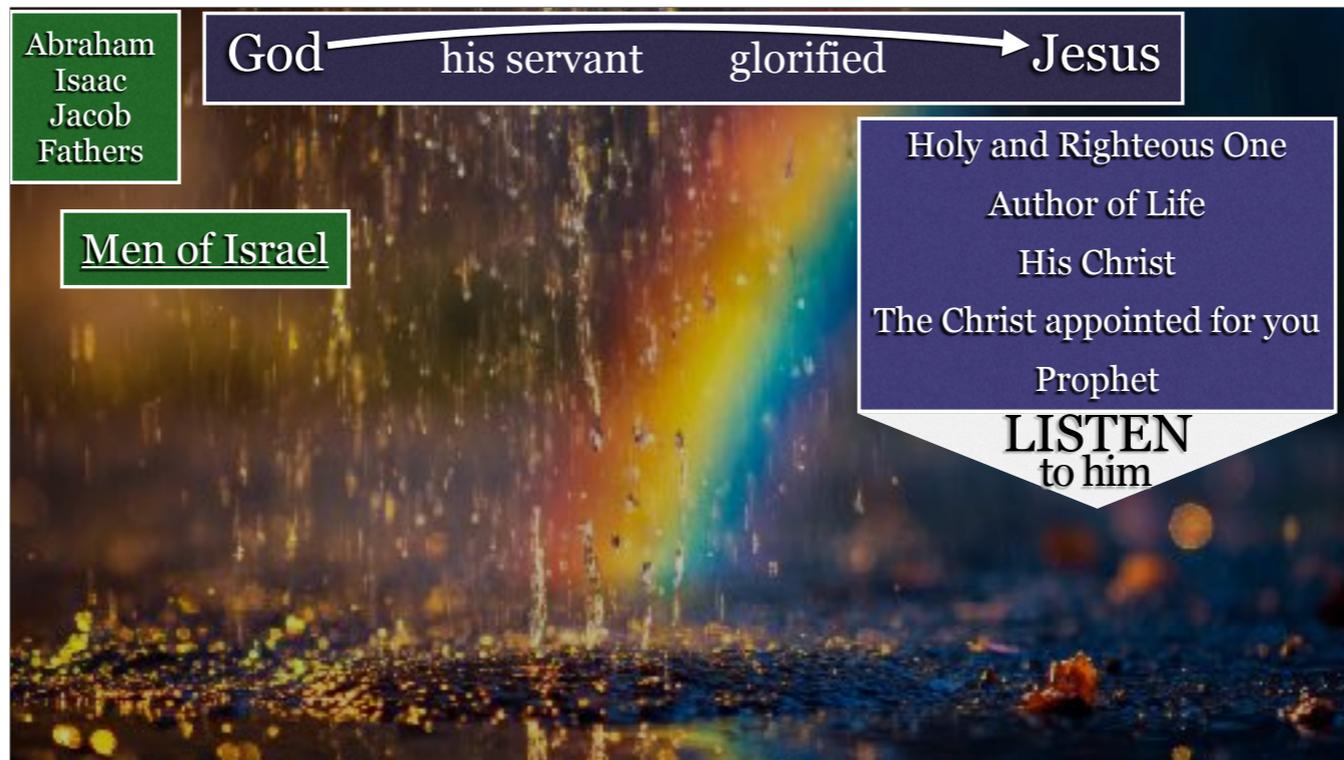
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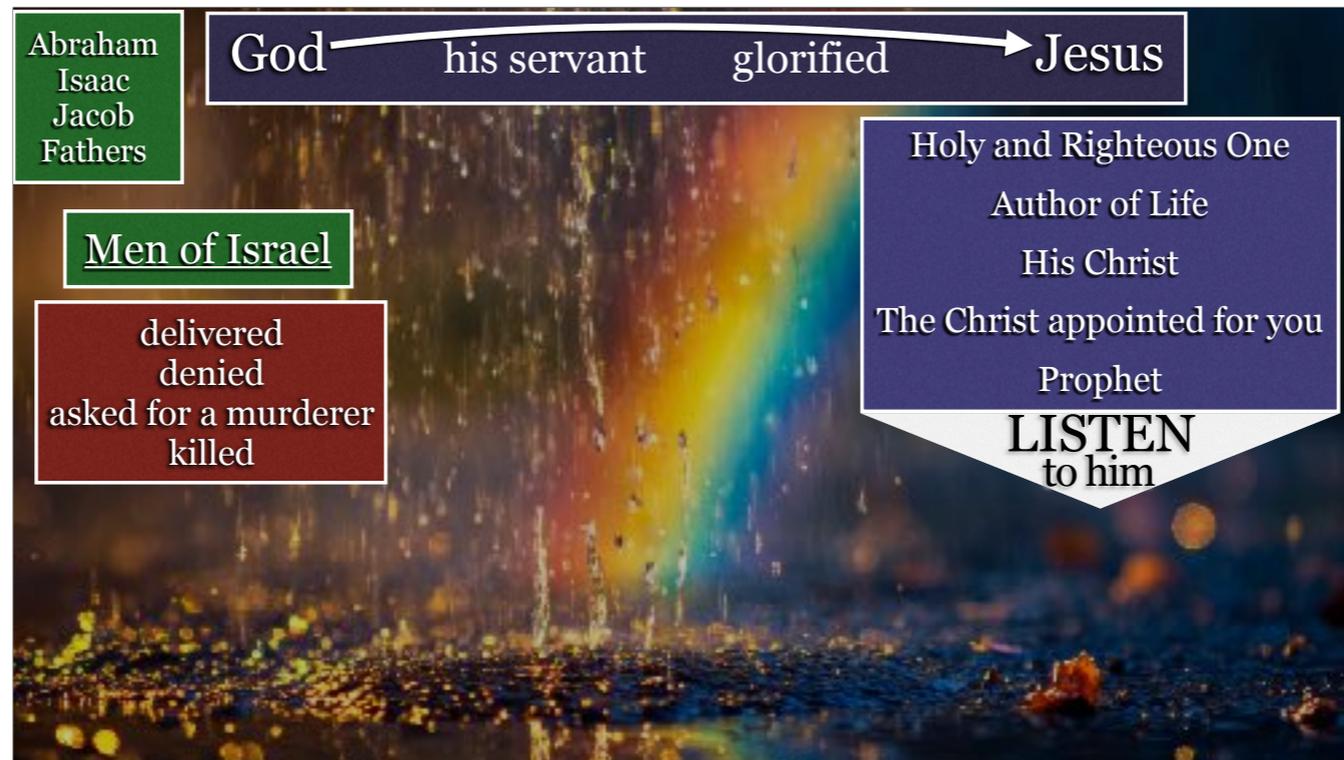
- Peter makes it clear to them exactly who Jesus is
  - The Holy and Righteous One: not just a man, deity
  - Author of Life: creator, Almighty, Life: more than just physical.
  - His Christ: chosen and appointed — especially for redemption and salvation



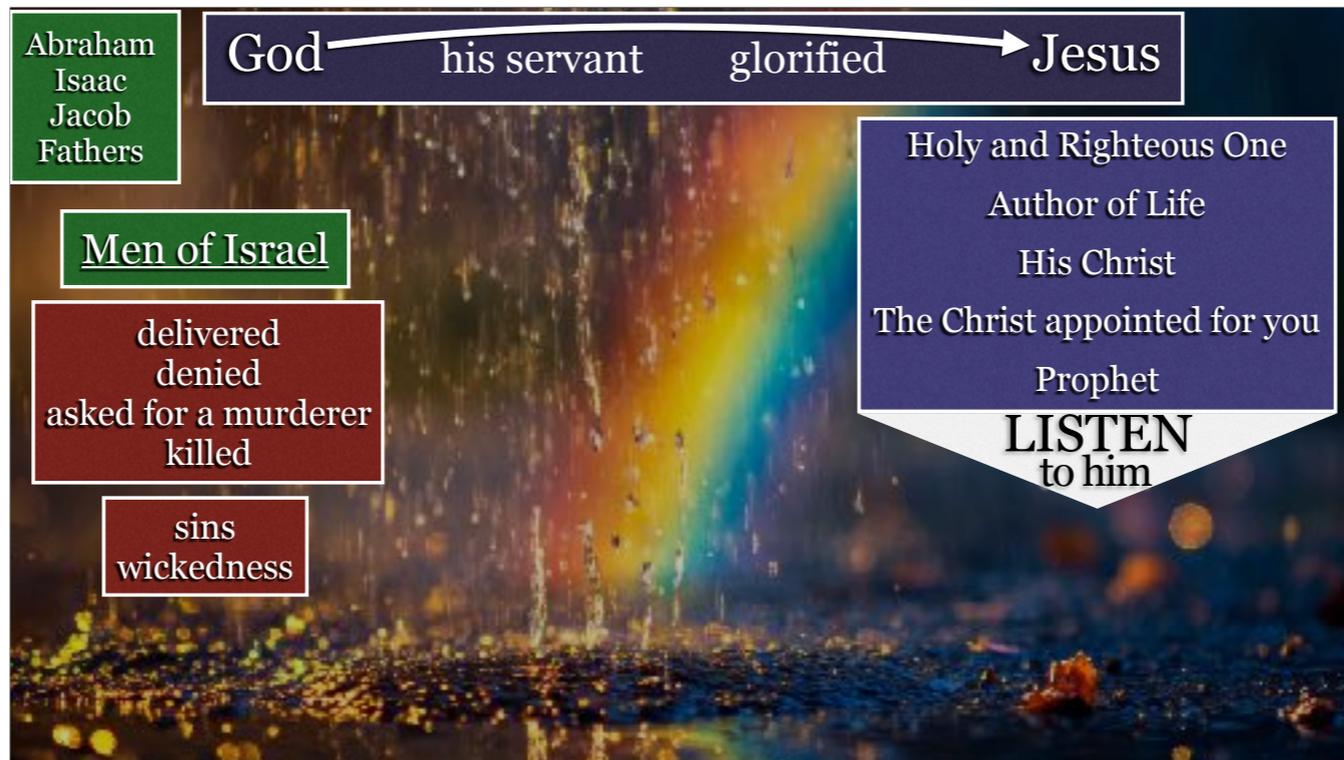
- Prophet (important)
  - A prophecy from Moses (whom the Jews rightfully revered as giver of the law)
    - God will raise up a prophet like me from among your brothers (22)
      - This would be a very important prophet since he's like Moses.
    - All the prophets spoke of these days.
  - This must be a very important message for the people of Israel.



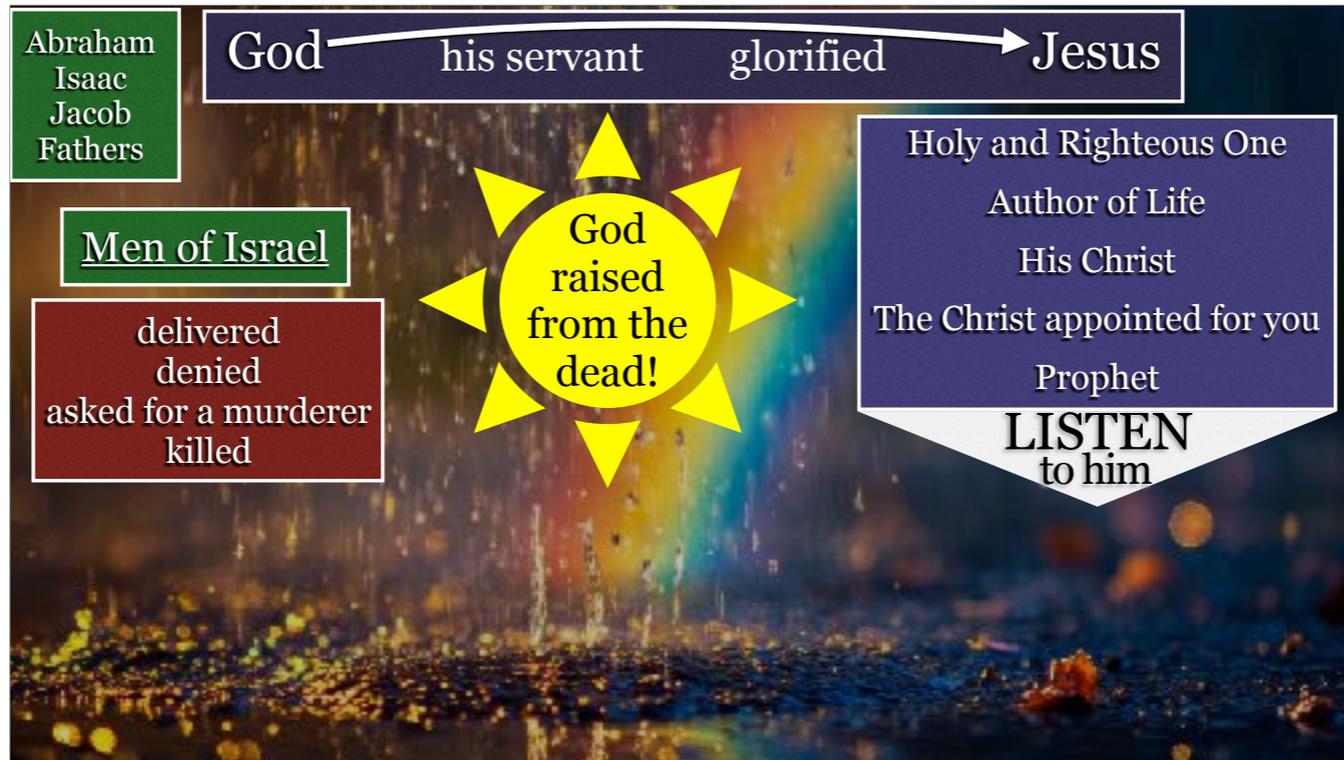
- Acts 3:22 (ESV) You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.
  - Like you listen to Moses (or maybe better?)
- But they didn't listen to Jesus.
  - They heard his teaching, often astonished, but didn't accept it and often questioned and tested him.
  - They saw his signs, but still questioned how he did them



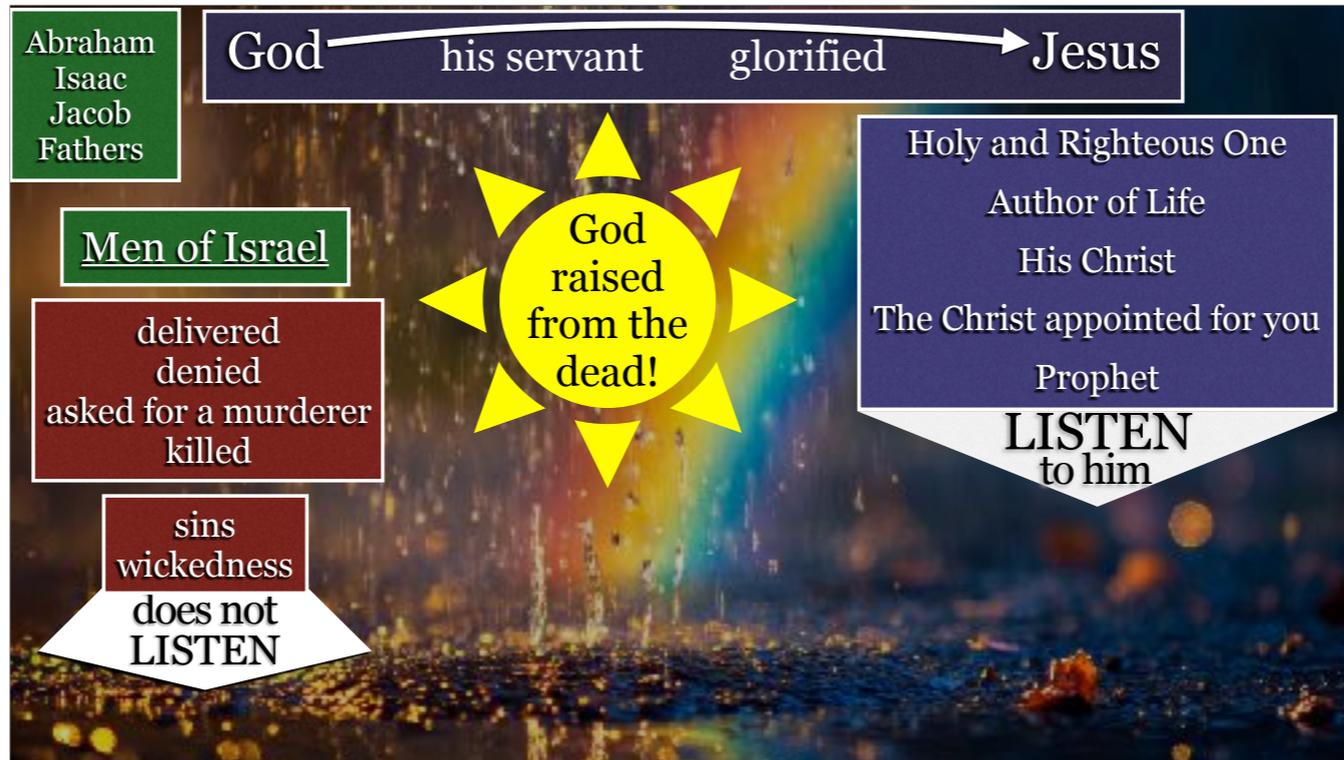
- How did the people of Israel treat Jesus, the Christ appointed for them and the prophet like Moses?
- delivered over to Pilate (13)
- denied (13) — Pilate had decided to release him
- asked for a murderer (14)
  - Jesus had come as the Author of Life; but the Israelites wanted a taker of life.
- killed (15)
  - They had cried out repeatedly “Crucify Him”
  - They accepted that his blood was on their hands (Mt. 27:25)



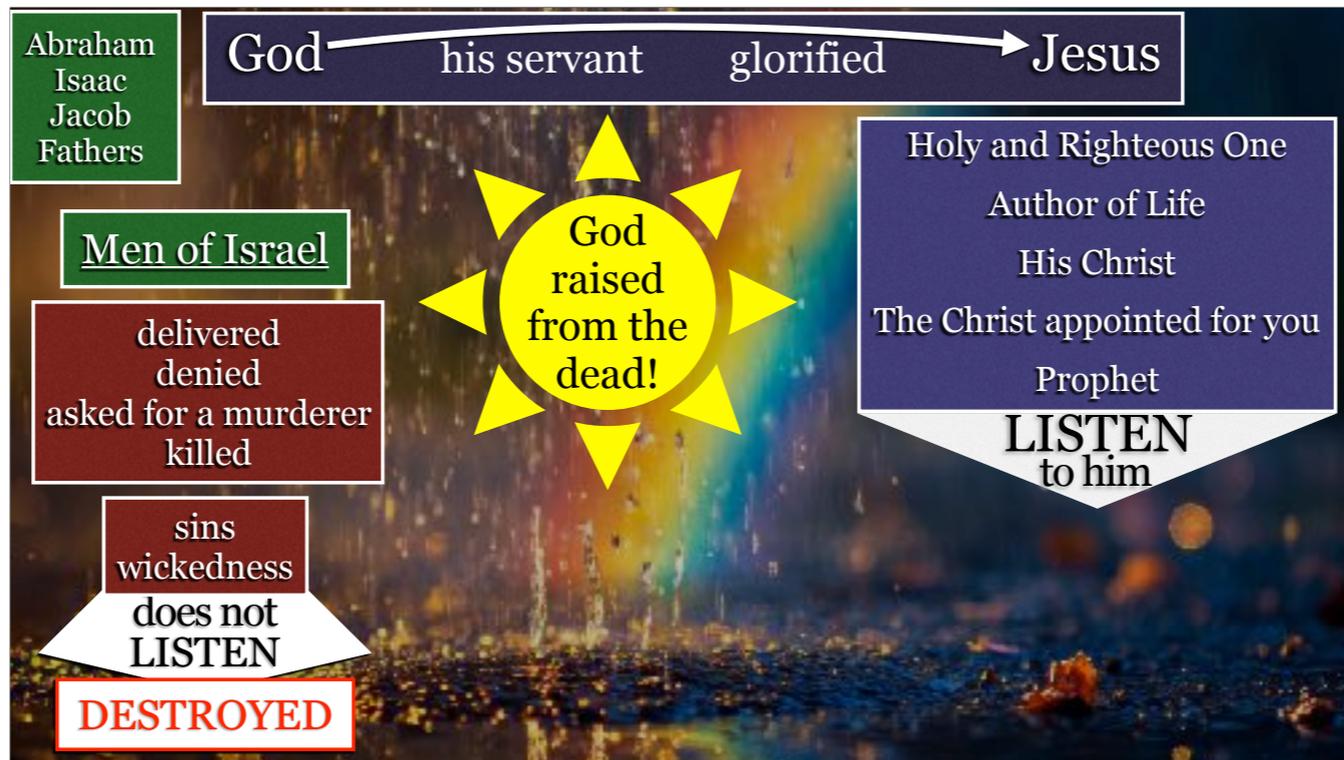
- Peter makes a concession about their actions
  - 17: You acted in ignorance, as did rulers
- But is clear about what they have done
  - 19: Sins
  - 26: Wickedness
- Murdered Jesus and accepted the blame
- Rejected the Messiah



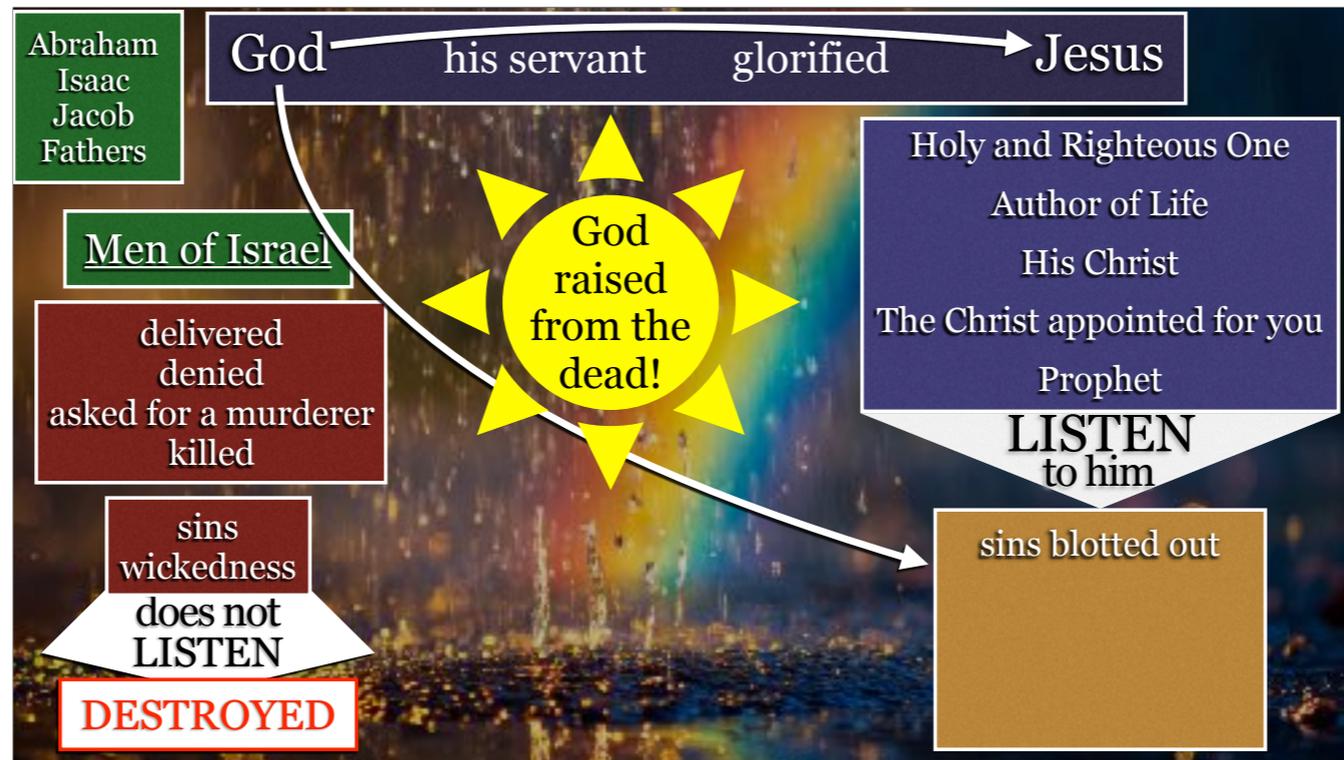
- 15: God raised from the dead
  - Witnesses
- Despite how they had rejected Jesus completely because Jesus is raised from the dead, they have hope: another chance as it were.



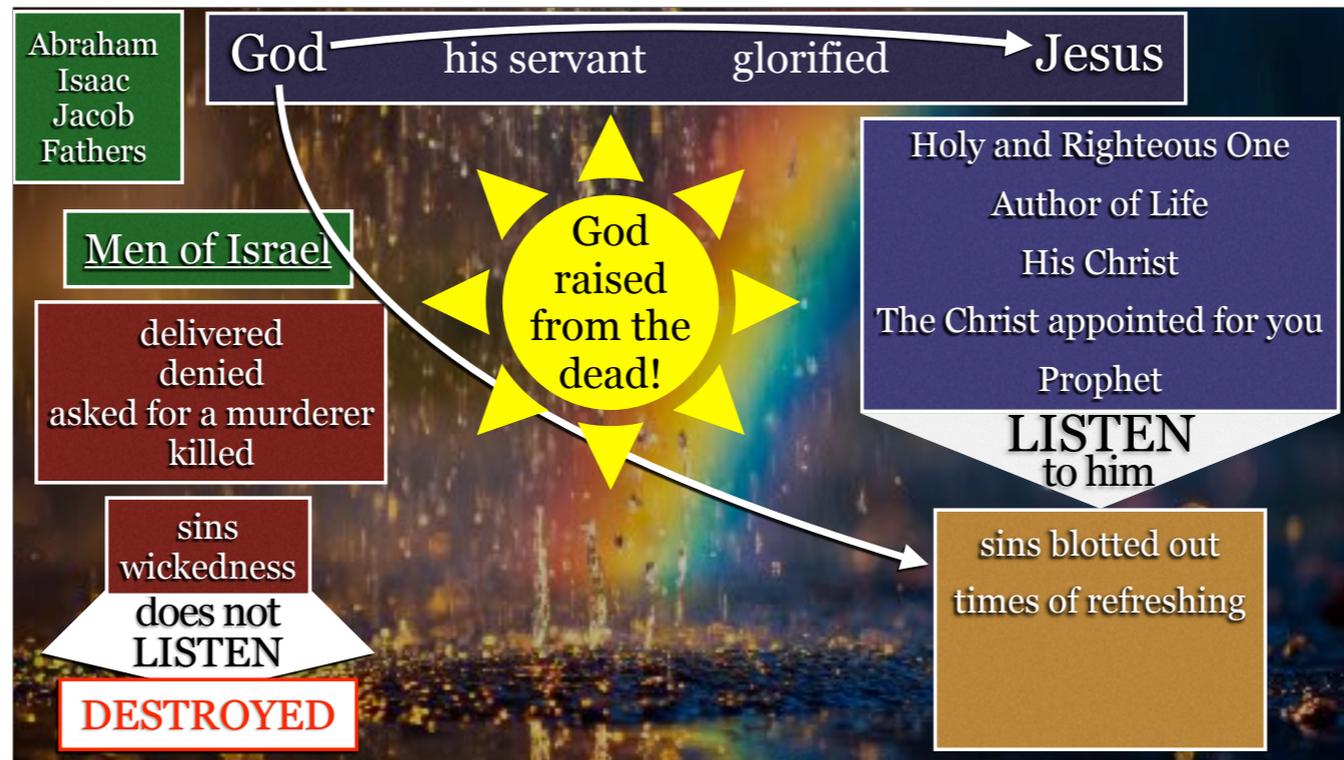
- The Prophecy from Moses came with a warning also ...
  - Acts 3:23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.'



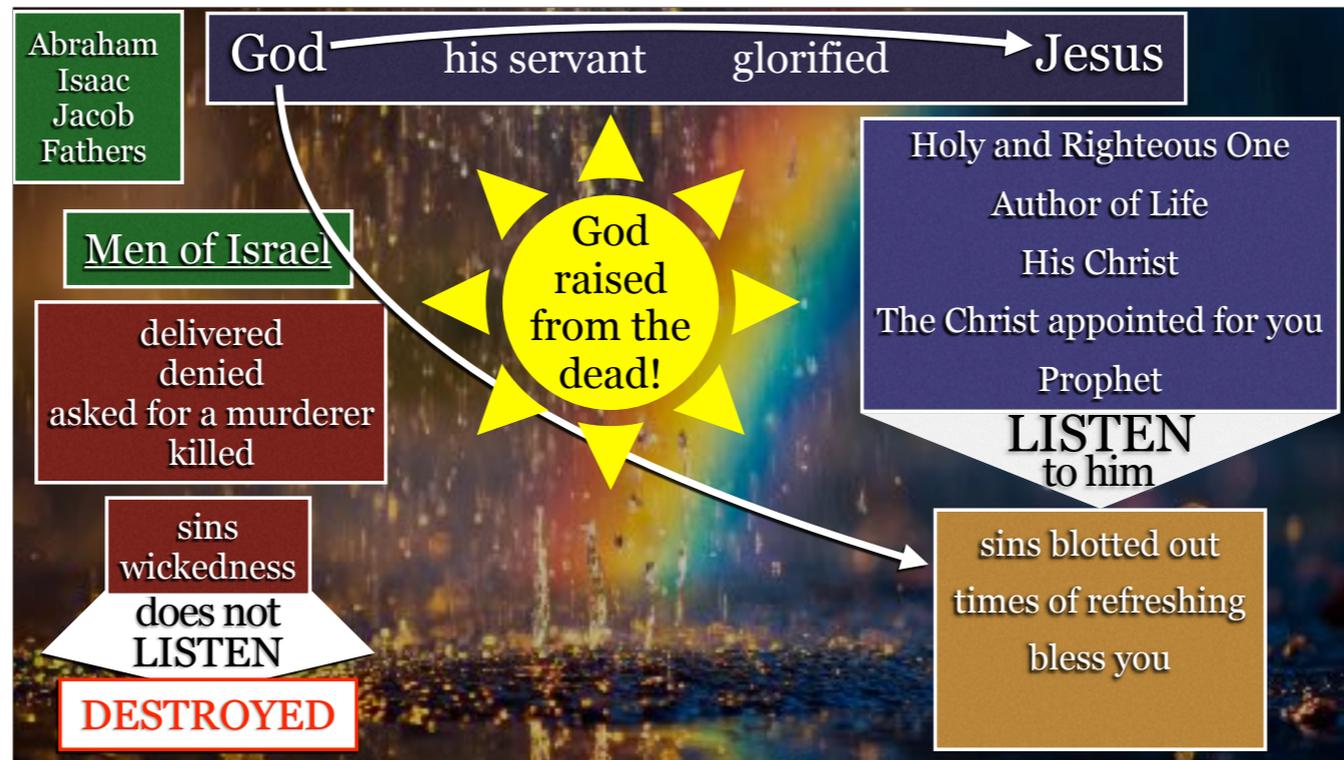
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- This should get their attention and realize how important this is.
  - This is why they needed hope.



- Acts 3:26 God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.
- Listen to Him
  - Sins Blotted Out
    - 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,
    - Sins and Wickedness: Forgiveness

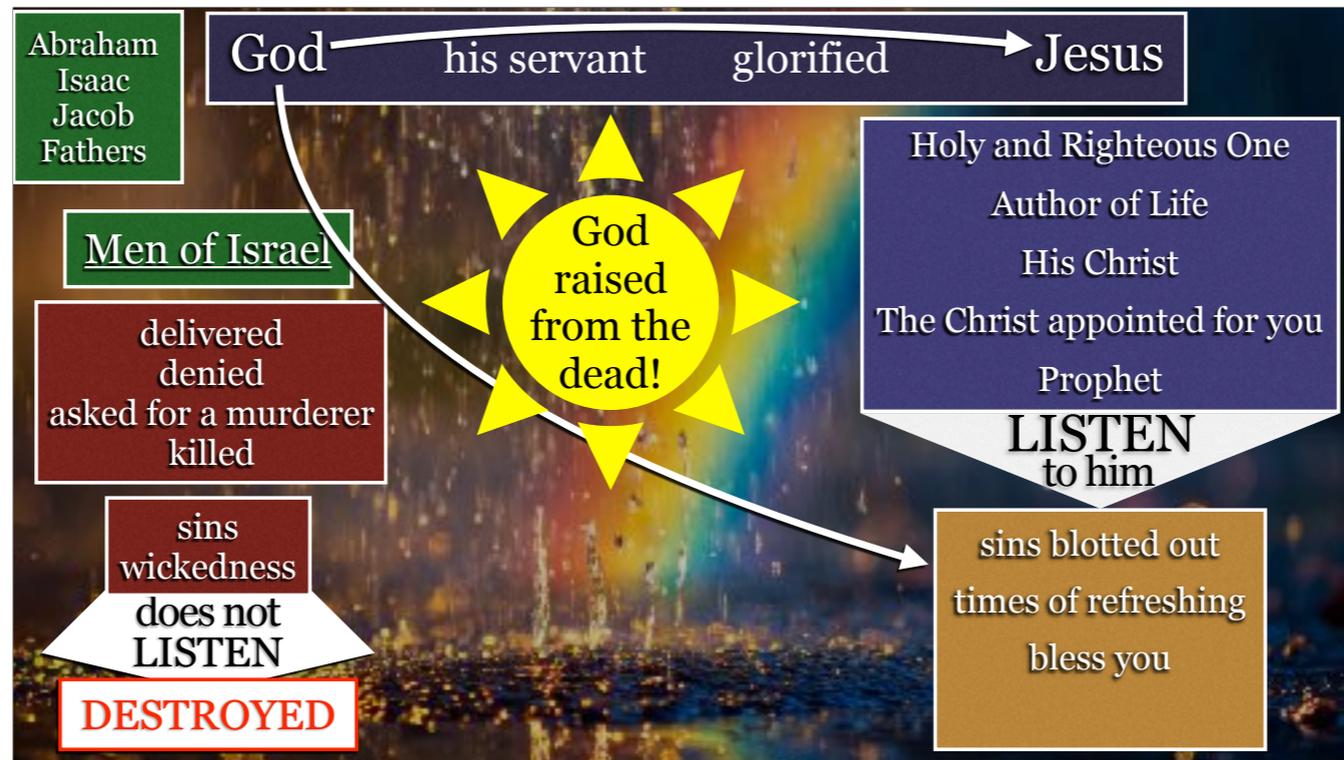


- Times of Refreshing
- 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,
- Speaks of the change that comes from being burdened by sin and having the joy of forgiveness
- Matthew 11:28-30 — Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

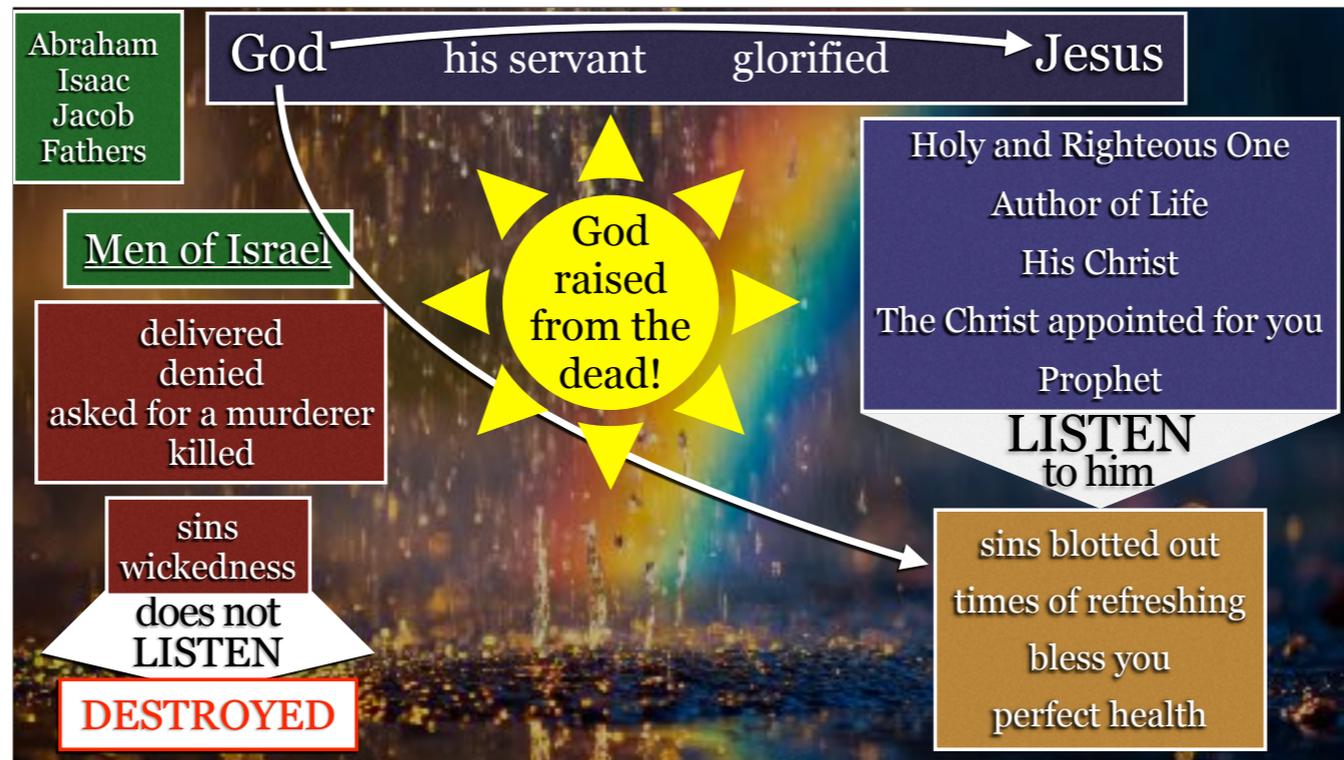


• Bless You

- 26 God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”
- Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

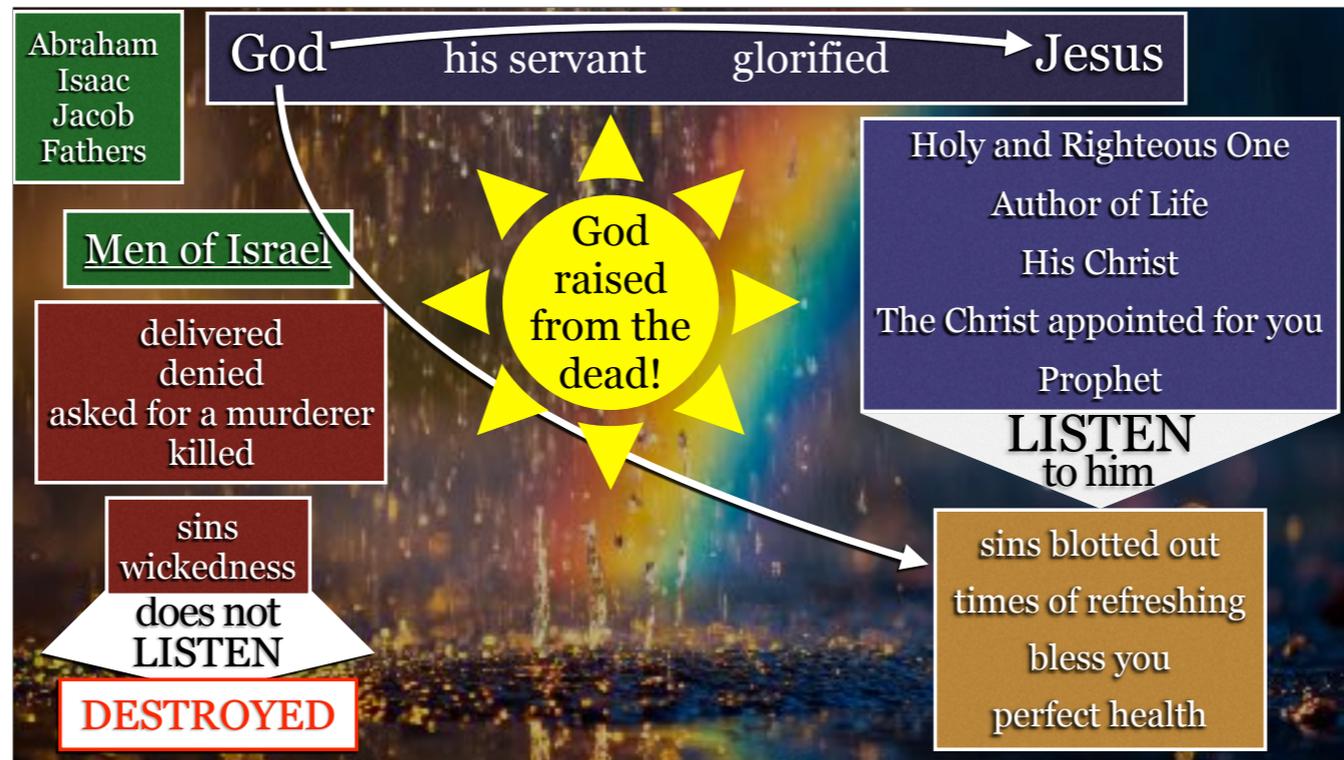


- Galatians 3:7-9 (ESV) 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

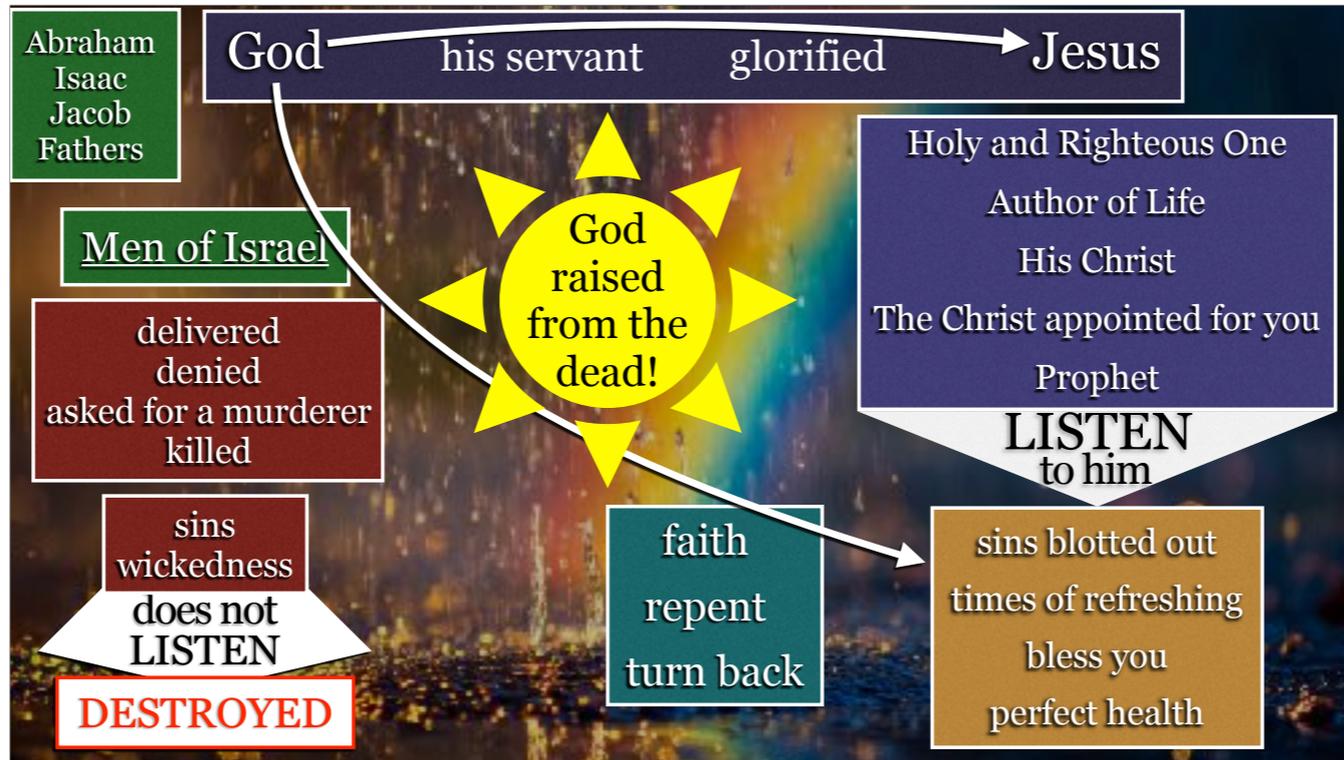


- Perfect Health (soundness)

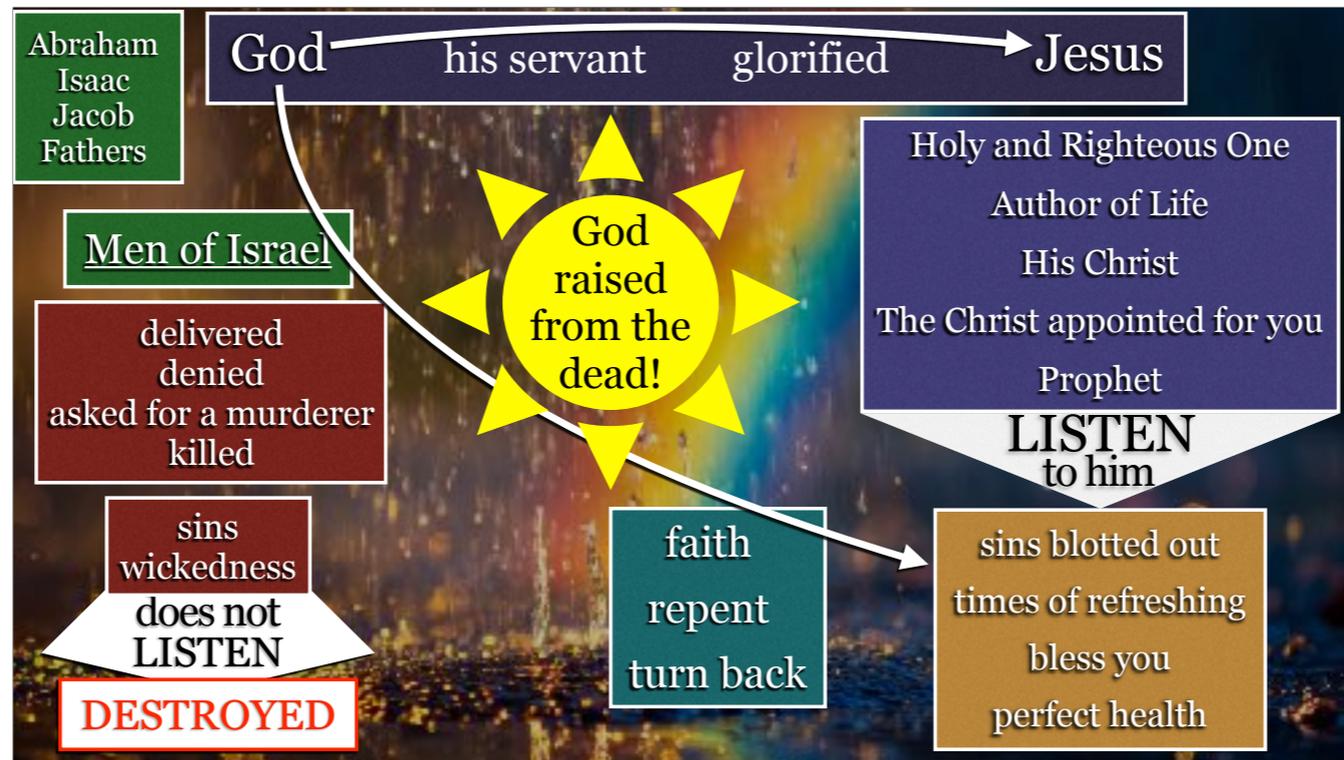
- 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.



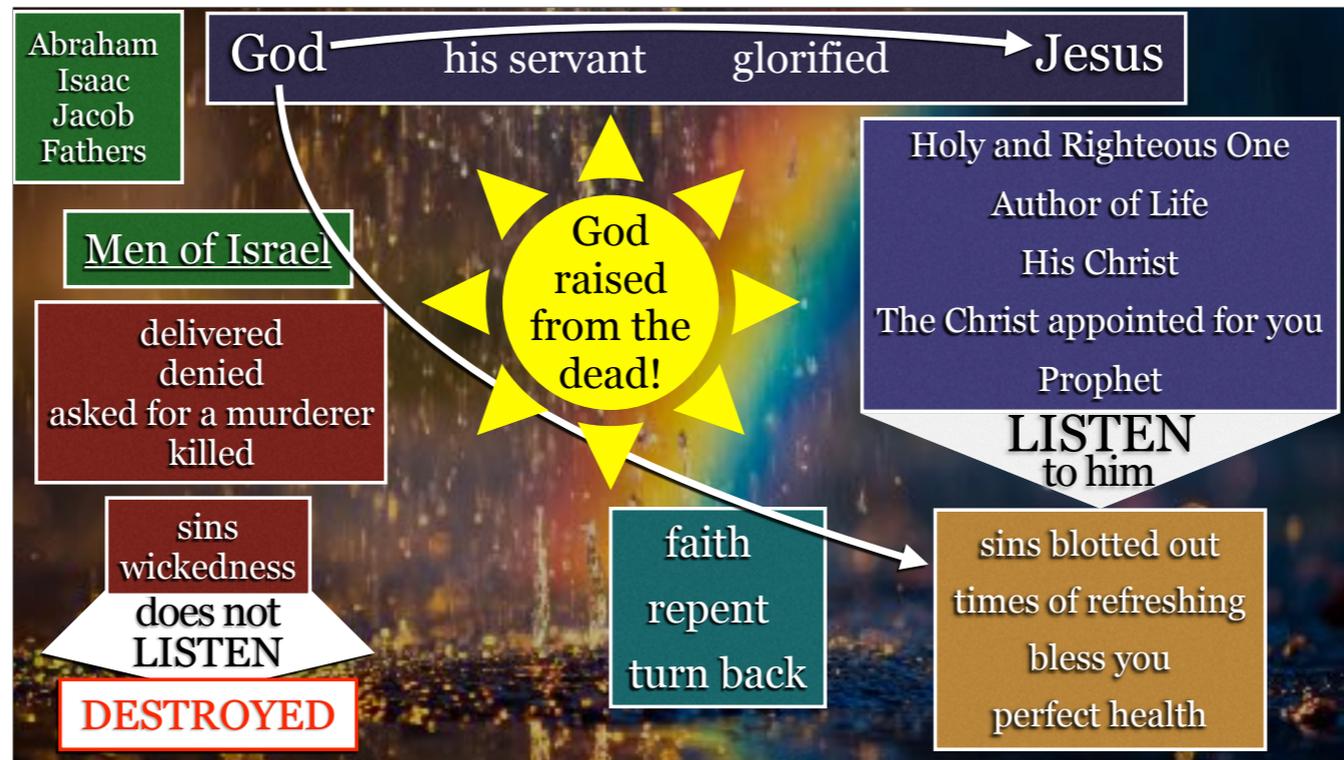
- A man lame from birth can walk, and leap.
  - But Peter says that what happened was much more than just healing the legs
  - Perfect health: What ever other health problems he face, the healing was complete for this man
- Our God is gracious and generous:
  - Physical healing is complete
  - Spiritual healing is too.



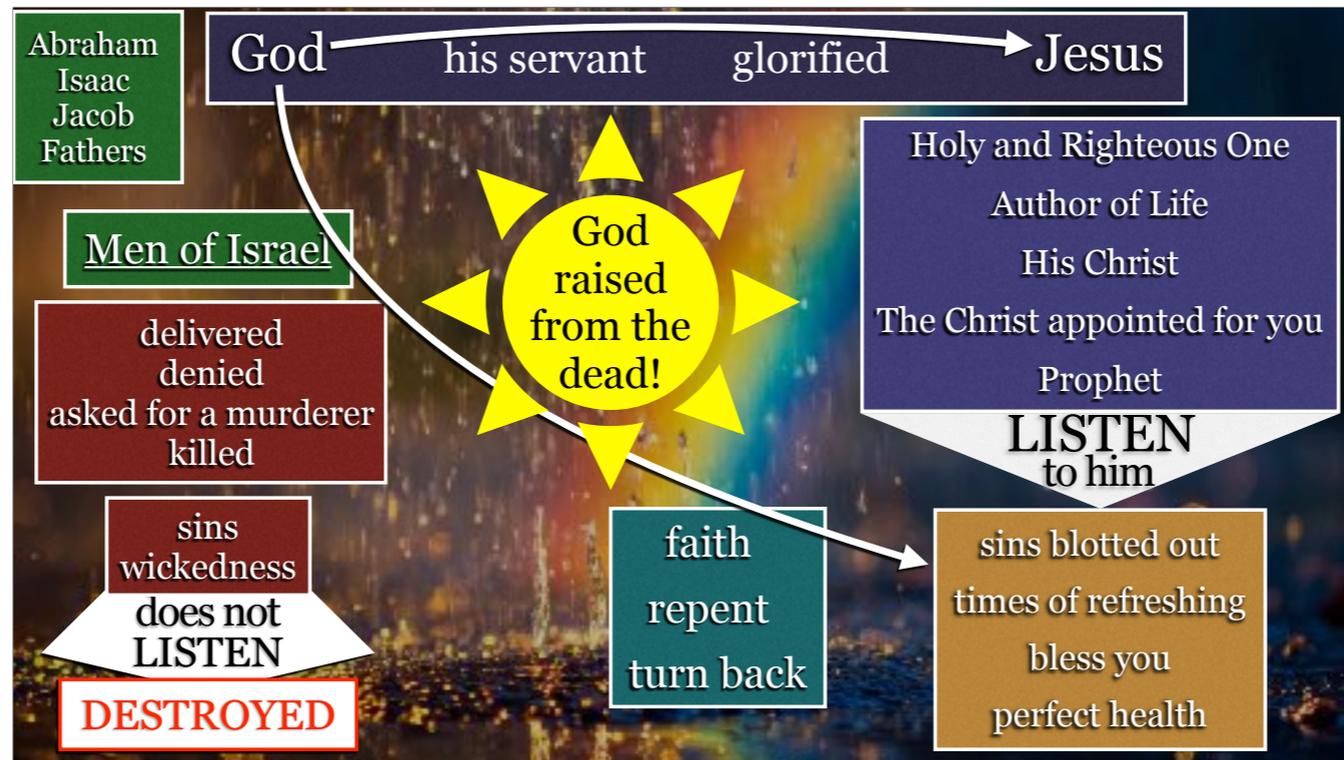
- Peter urges the people to respond to this message of hope with three things: faith, repentance, and turning back.



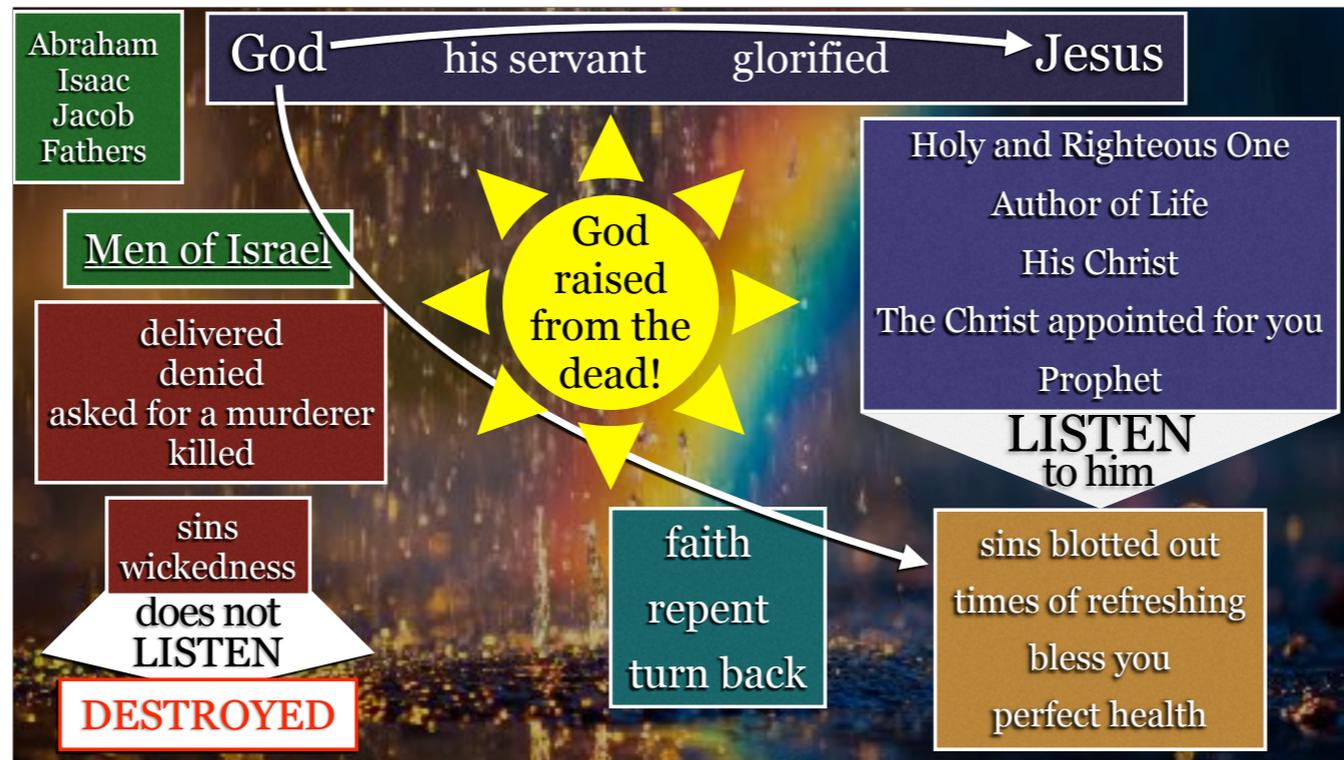
- The lame man is walking because of faith
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- His point is that faith in Jesus does amazing things
  - They can see the physical evidence
  - He's demonstrated that there's something greater: forgiveness, blessing, refreshing, health: spiritual
  - Confirmed by the God and the prophets
  - You can trust that Jesus will save you and bless you



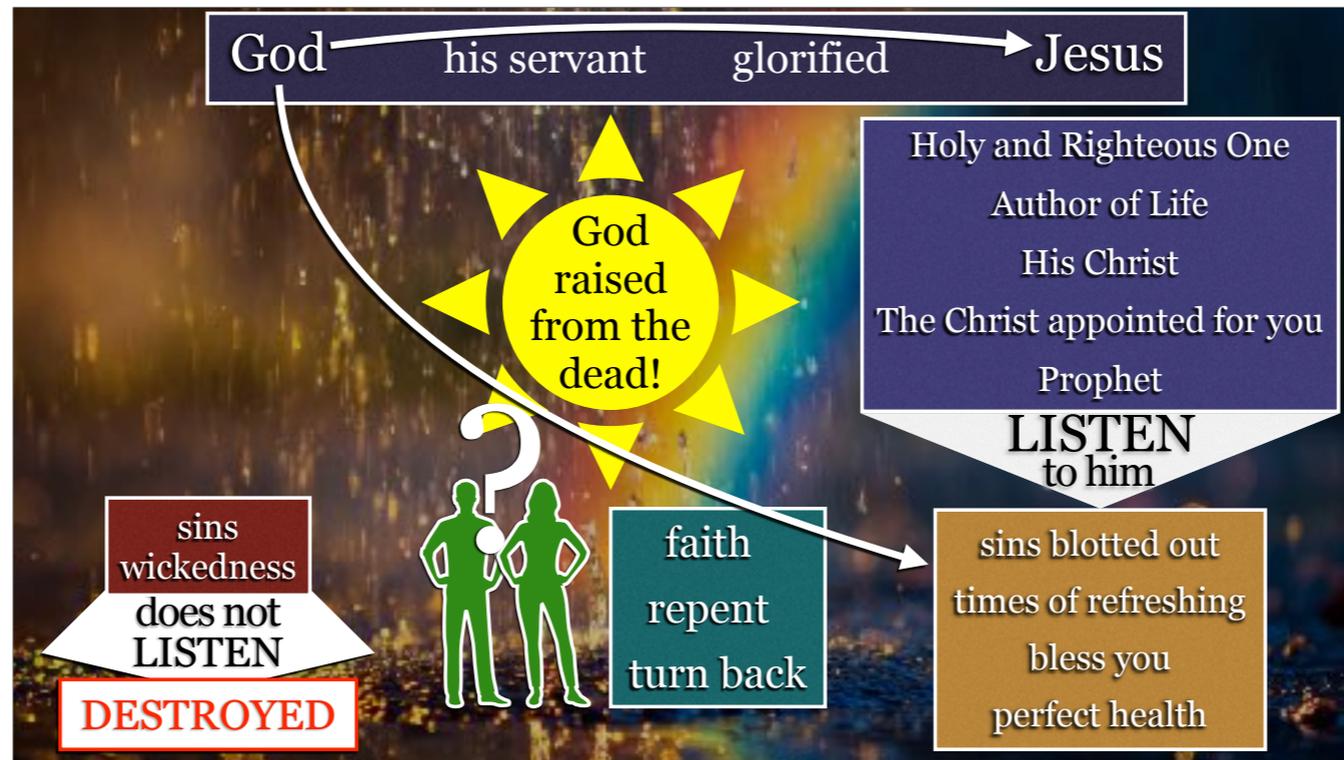
- Repent
  - 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,
- Change of mind
  - They had denied who Jesus was, and delivered him to be killed, they saw him as being less desirable than a murderer.
  - They needed to see him as the Christ, the Prophet, the Holy and Righteous one, and the one who can give them life.



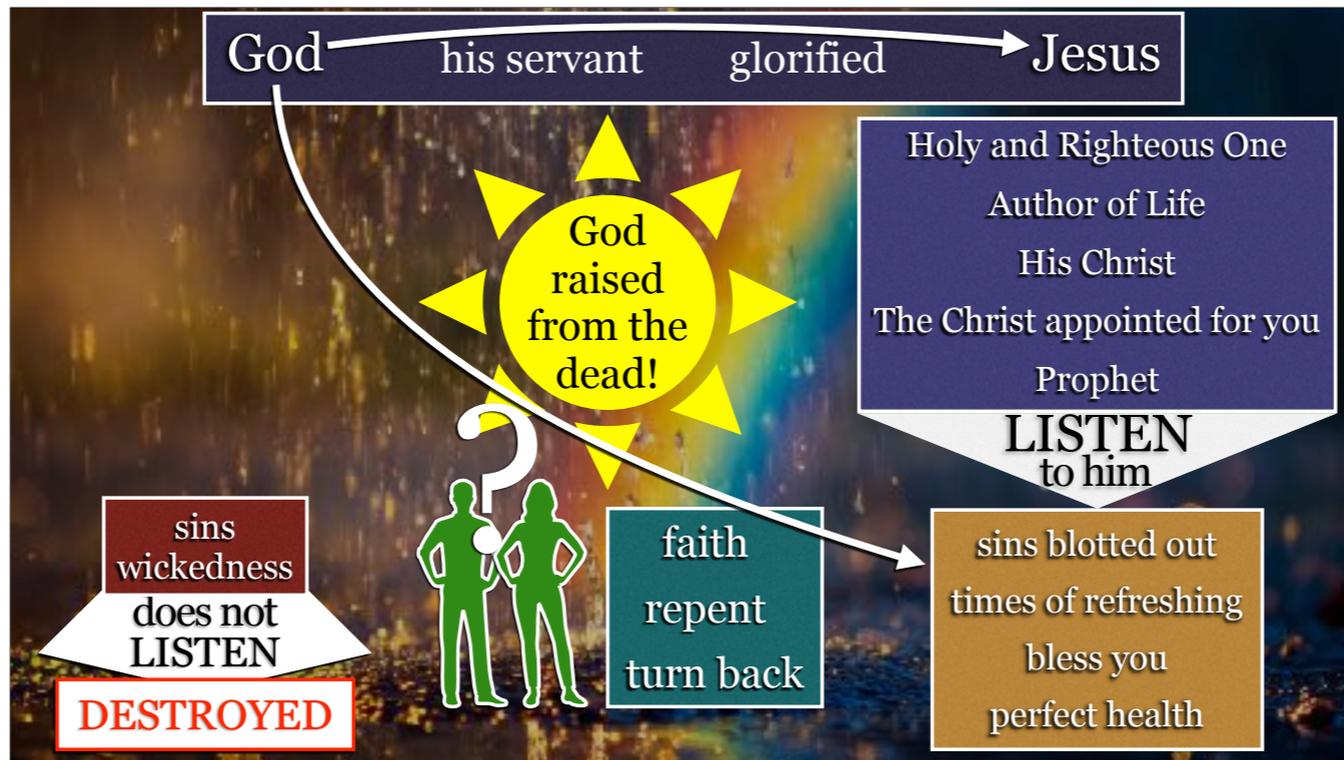
- Turn Back, turning from wickedness
  - 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,
  - 26 God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”



- In all these things, they had actually turned away from God, from righteousness.
  - They had thought they were doing good, so how.
  - But it was wickedness.
- Our God is graciously giving us a way back into his favor.

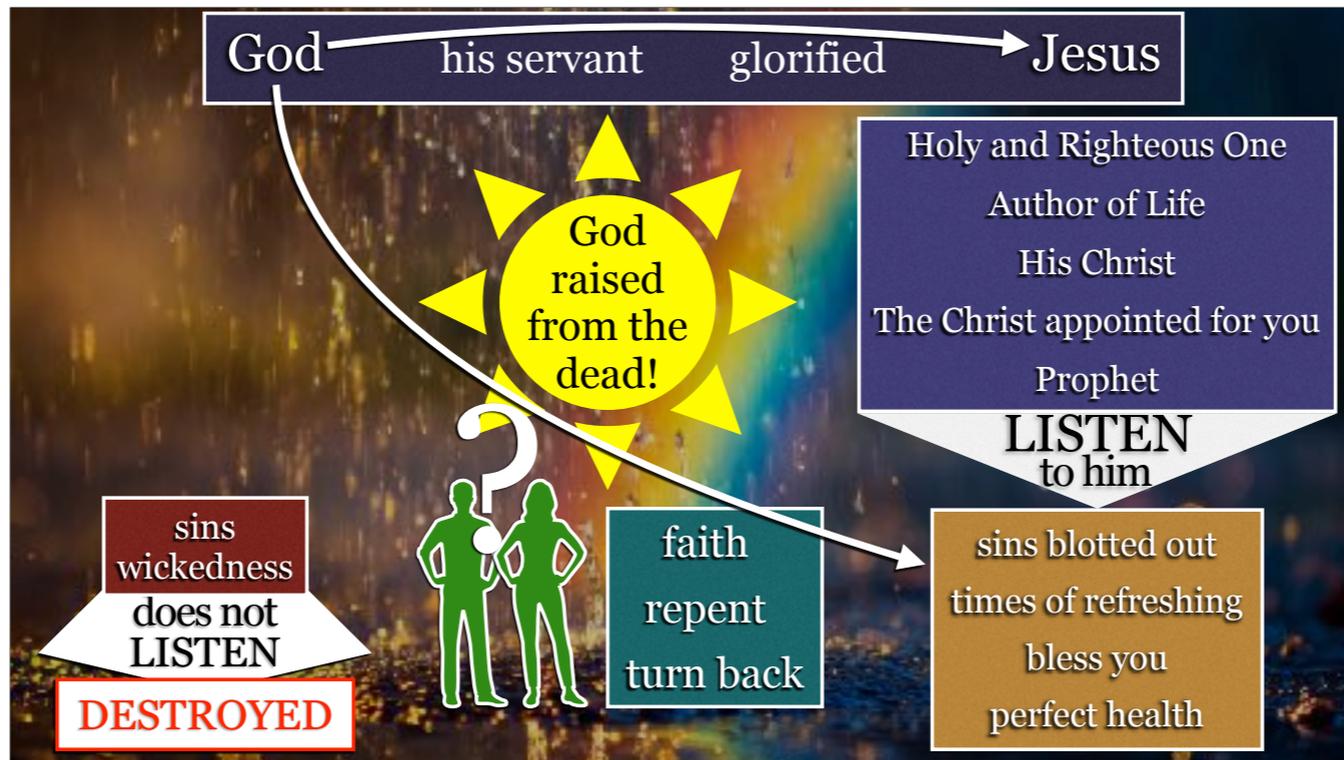


- How does this apply to me?
  - I didn't deny Jesus or seek for him to be killed.
    - Of course it doesn't apply precisely.
- How do you think of Jesus?
  - In choosing sin, you've also denied him.
  - Choose to see Jesus for who he really is.
    - There are many voices out there telling us what to think about Jesus
    - It's easy to be confused and guided away.
    - Pay attention to Jesus as he presents himself in his revealed word.



- Listen to Jesus

- Jews prided themselves on their obedience to the Law of Moses.
  - Although Jesus had shown them repeatedly about their failure to actually know and obey that law.
- It was a real challenge for them to be told to listen to someone else.



- We are not that different from the Jews, we need to be reminded to listen to Jesus
  - Because of we will choose to believe and repent and turn: times of refreshing!
  - If we don't listen: destruction.

We implore you  
on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.

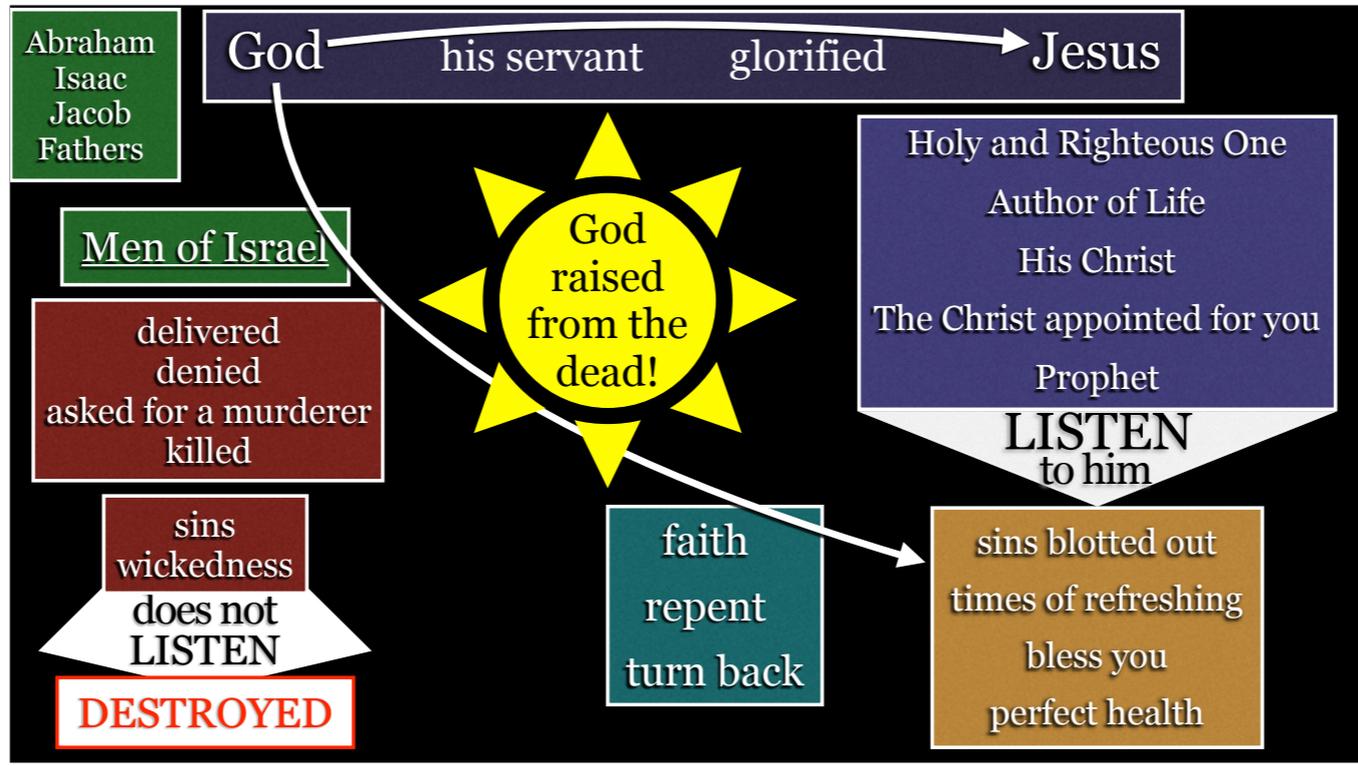
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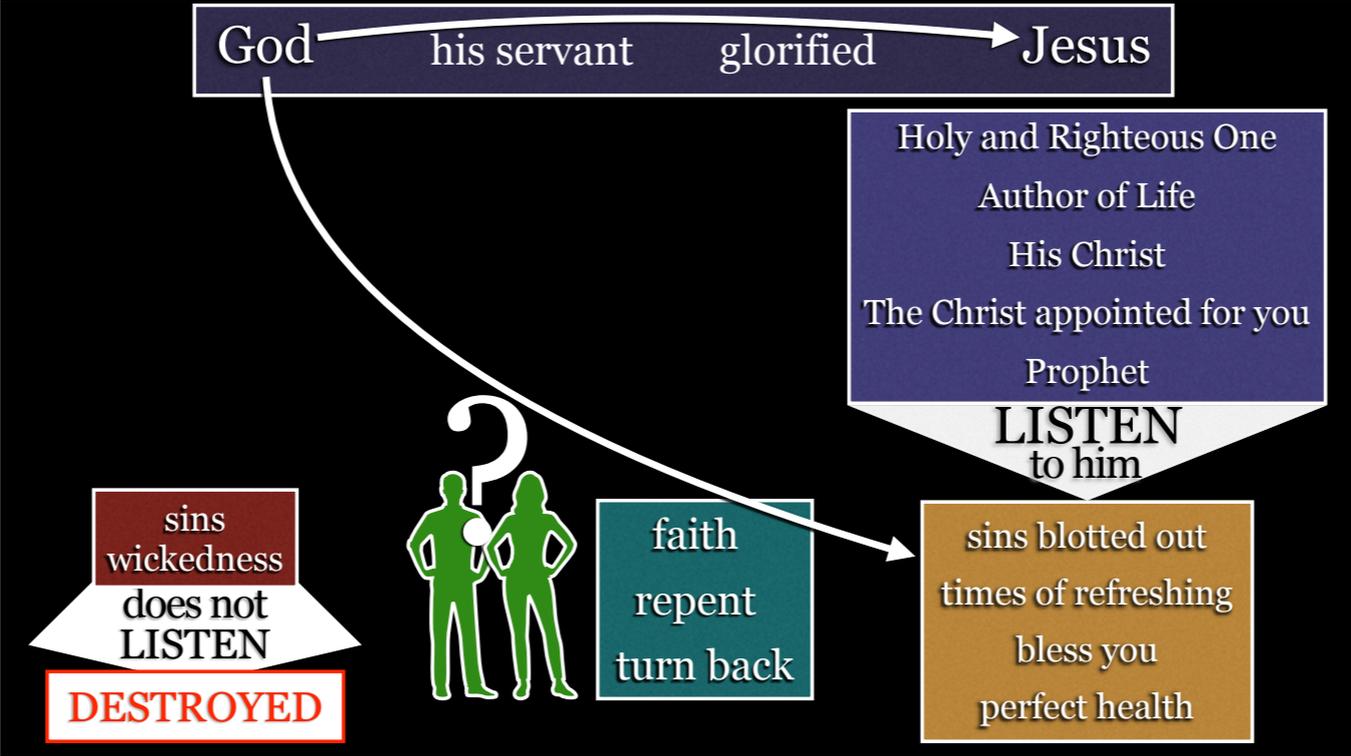
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## Times of Refreshing

Acts 3:12-26

Synopsis: Peter helps the Jewish people to understand that by choosing to listen to Jesus they can have times of refreshing, forgiveness and blessing, if they will turn away from their sin and believe in Jesus.

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