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CORNERSTONE

For Christ did not send me to baptise,
but to preach the gospel, not with
wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ
should be made of no effect. ¹⁸ For the
message of the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who
are being saved it is the power of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:17-18

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-24

‘FOOLISH’
=
MADNESS OR INSANITY

**GREEK ‘*MORIA*’ IS
WHERE WE DERIVE
THE WORD ‘*MORON*’.**

THEORIES OF ATONEMENT

CHRISTUS VICTUS

The Cross is seen as Christ's victory over Satan.

THE SATISFACTION THEORY

The Cross satisfied the justice of God.

THE PENAL SUBSTITUTION

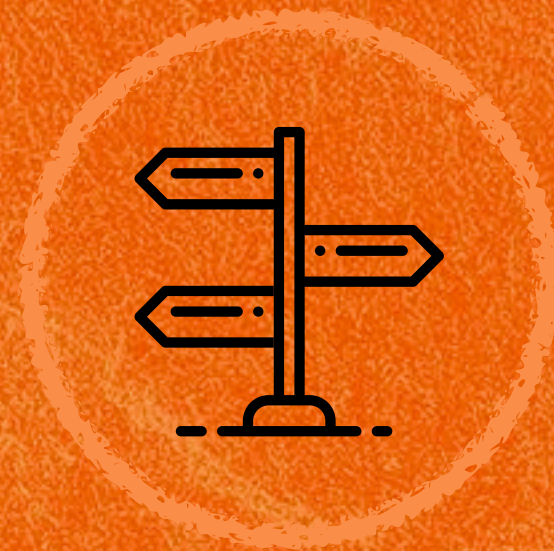
Christ as our substitute to pay for our sins.

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REQUESTED A SIGN.

GOD GAVE SIGNS TO HIS PEOPLE IN THE OT



signs were
given to Moses.



Elijah called down fire as a sign.

“The god that answers
by fire, he is god.”

1 KINGS 18:24

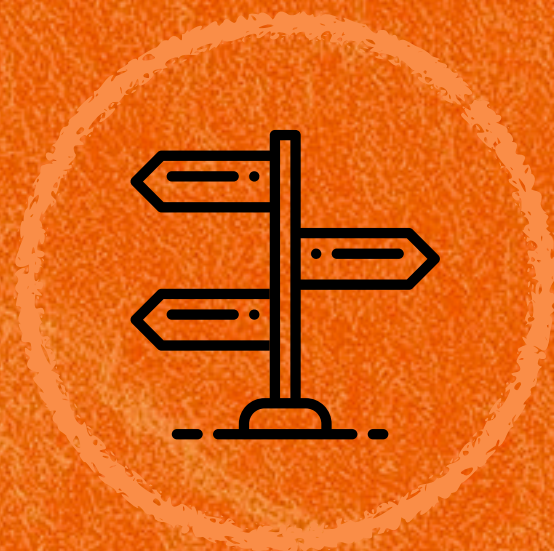
MATTHEW 12
**THE SIGN
OF JONAH
=
THE CROSS**

*“Jesus of Nazareth,
The King of the Jews”*



The Jewish King was executed
by the Roman Empire with the
worst possible punishment
they had – **THE CROSS**

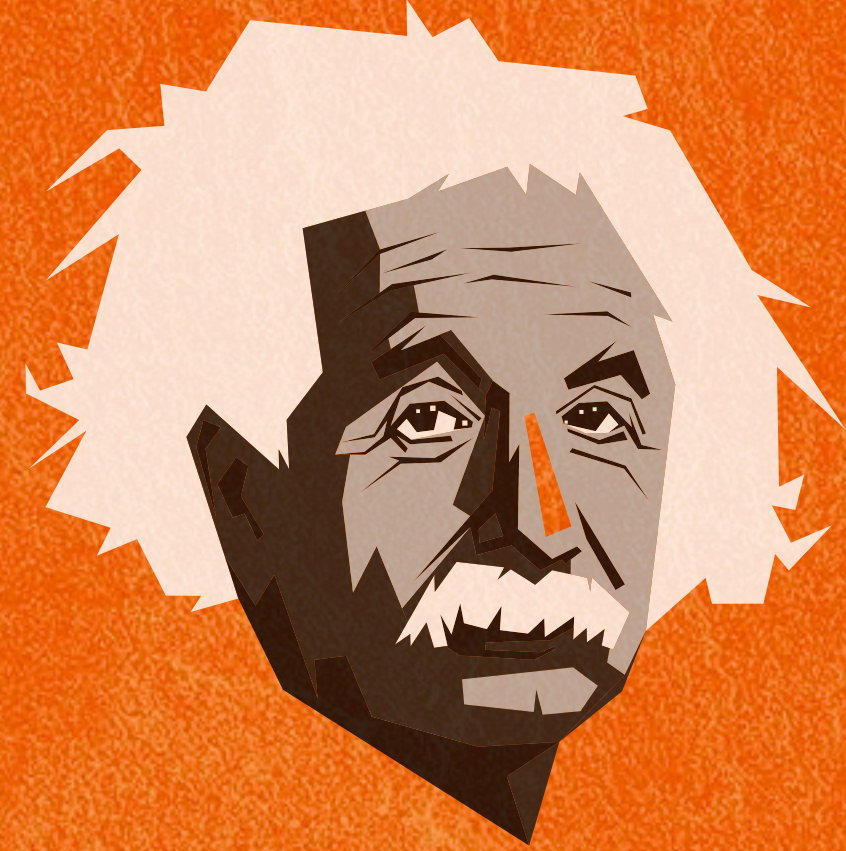
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THE GREEKS
SOUGHT AFTER
WISDOM.



Einstein believed there was a **Creator God**, but not a **Personal God**.



“We can see God from nature,
but we cannot know God
without the Cross.”

“Who sinned? This man or his parents,
such that he was born blind?”

JOHN 9:2

**DON'T MAKE THE
CROSS POWERLESS**

1. You are
qualified.

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For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29

DON'T MAKE THE CROSS POWERLESS

1. You are
qualified.

2. You are
prepared.

For I determined not to know
anything among you except Jesus
Christ and Him crucified.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:2

DON'T MAKE THE CROSS POWERLESS

1. You are
qualified.

2. You are
prepared.

3. You be filled with
the Holy Spirit.

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6