# Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed.

We live & die,
Christ died & live!

John Stott

# THE SCARS: ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

John 20:19-29

Easter Sunday Dawn Service
SJSM Church

# Jesus Appearing to His Disciples & Thomas

John 20:19-29

- Showed them His hands & His side (20:20)
- See My hands & My feet (Luke 24:39)

# Jesus Appearing to His Disciples & Thomas

John 20:19-29

Unless I see in His hands the **mark of the nails**, and place my finger into the **mark of the nails**, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe (20:25)

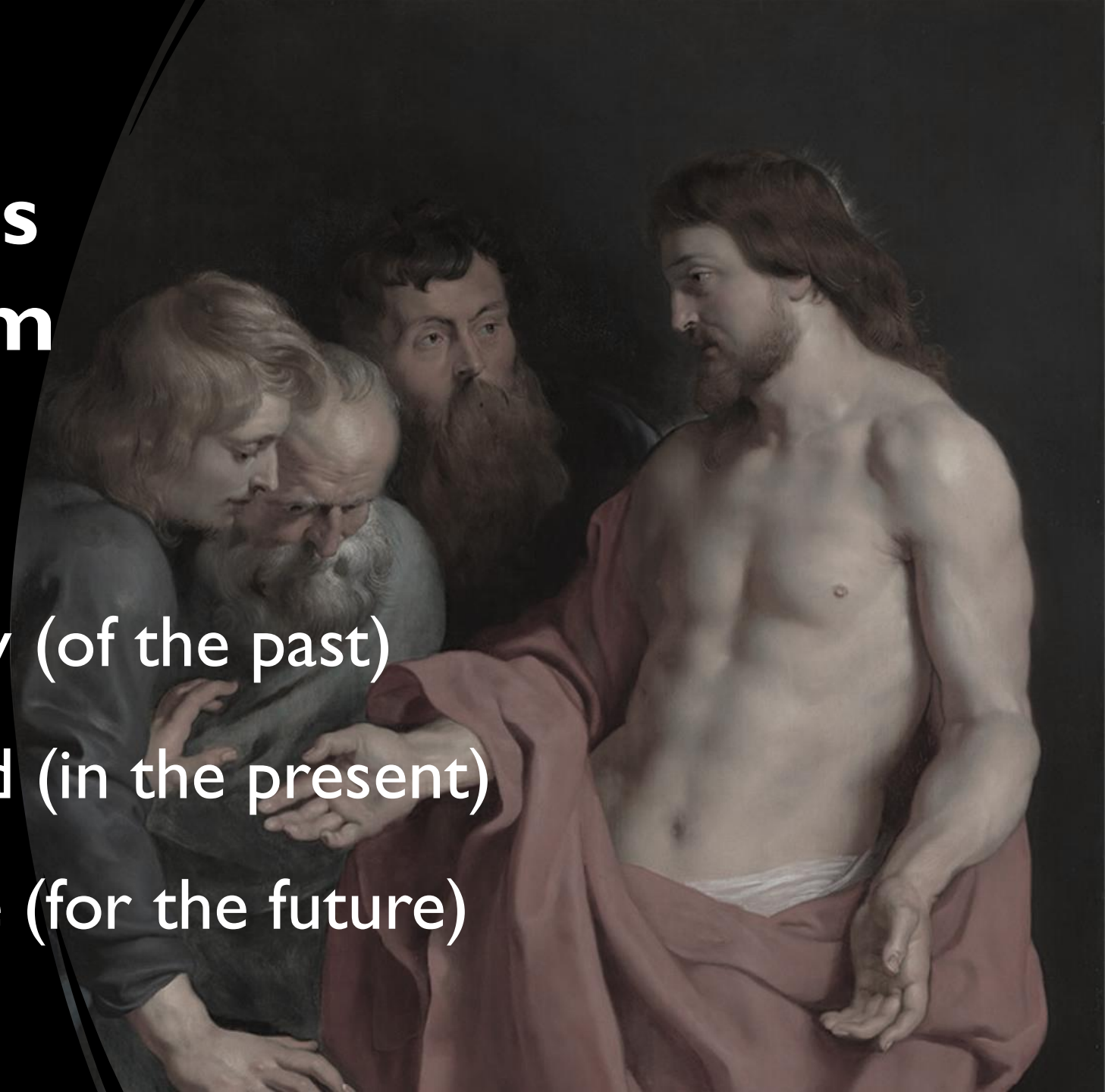
# Mark of the Nails

Why did Jesus choose to keep the mark or scar of the nails?

# THE SCARS: Encountering Jesus in the Upper Room

John 20:19-29

- Every scar tells a story (of the past)
- Every scar can be used (in the present)
- Every scar offers hope (for the future)



# SCAR TELLS A STORY

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## Jesus Shows His Scars

- To identify Himself
- To remind them of His story

*The scars on Jesus' hands and feet serve as a reminder of His sacrifice and the redemption He offers to believers. By seeing the physical evidence of Jesus' suffering, believers are reminded of the immense love and grace that Jesus has for them.The scars also tell the story of Jesus' victory over death and sin. By keeping the marks of His crucifixion, Jesus is demonstrating that even death and suffering could not defeat Him.*

*And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals." And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders* ***I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain****… And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne.* (Rev 5:5-7)

# Sign Language for JESUS

# SCAR TELLS A STORY

## Jesus Keeps His Scars

- To remind us that He is the crucified Saviour
- To tell the story of divine love written on human flesh
- To show that suffering and pain can be transformed

*Resurrection means that even our wounds are made glorious because of the power of God. And* ***our wounds can also testify and tell a story****: this is where I suffered. This is where I hurt. This is where Jesus healed and offered comfort. This is where God redeemed my pain and suffering. Our wounds and our scars can tell stories that make Jesus' love and power visible to others. If we have courage to open our hands and show them… Words of an Easter hymn we sang on Sunday came to me as I prayed this morning: Crown Him the Lord of love;* ***behold His hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified****.*

Every one of us carries scars.
Some are visible and physical;
others are emotional, spiritual
or hidden deep within.
Every Scar
Tells a Story

# Every Scar Tells a Story

Some scars we can laugh about, others are more painful and deeply personal.
Every Scar Tells a Story

# SCAR TELLS A STORY

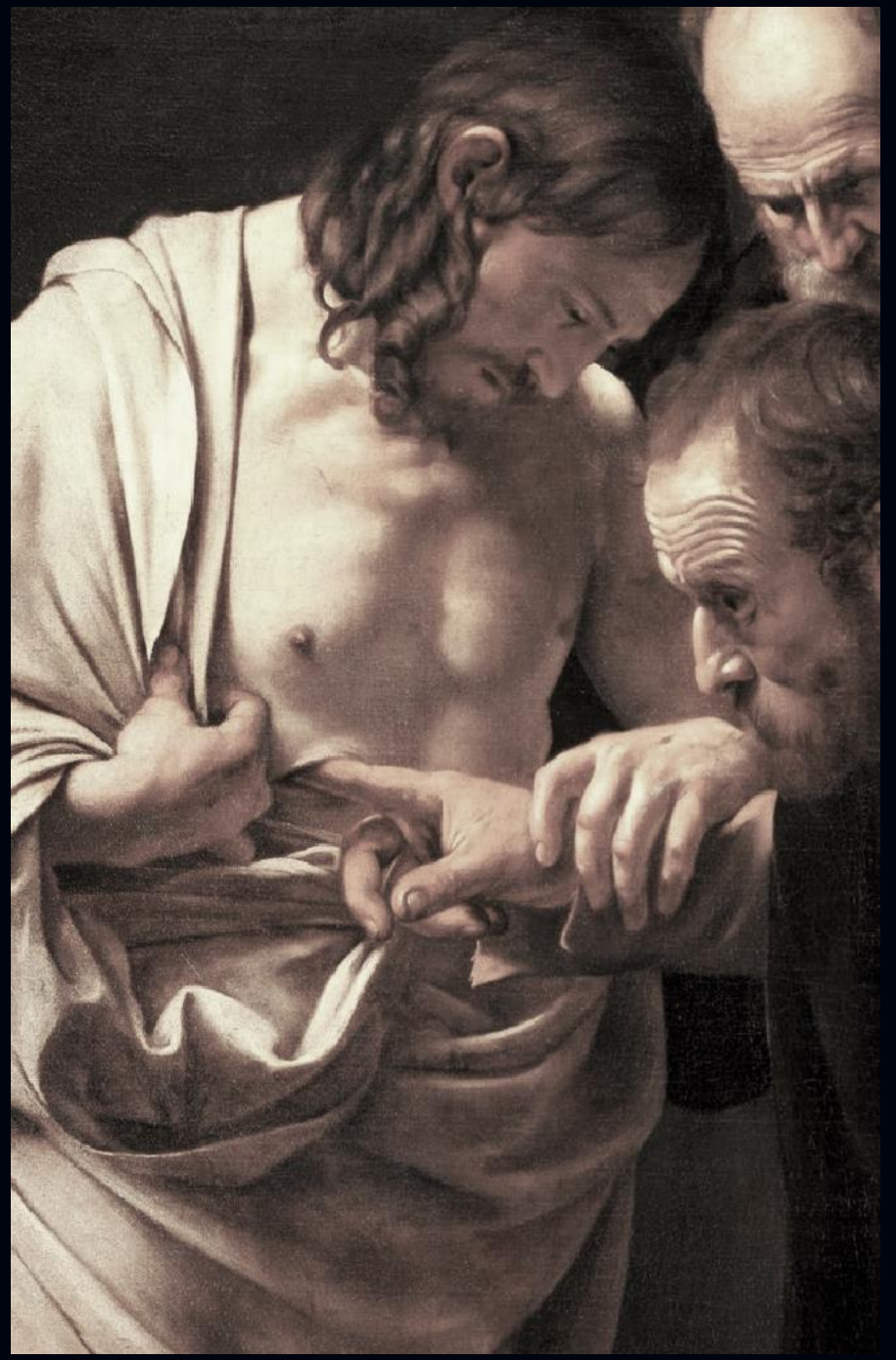
## Your Scars

- What story do they carry?
- How might God be shaping it into a beautiful story for Him and for you?

# SCAR CAN BE USED

## Jesus Uses His Scars

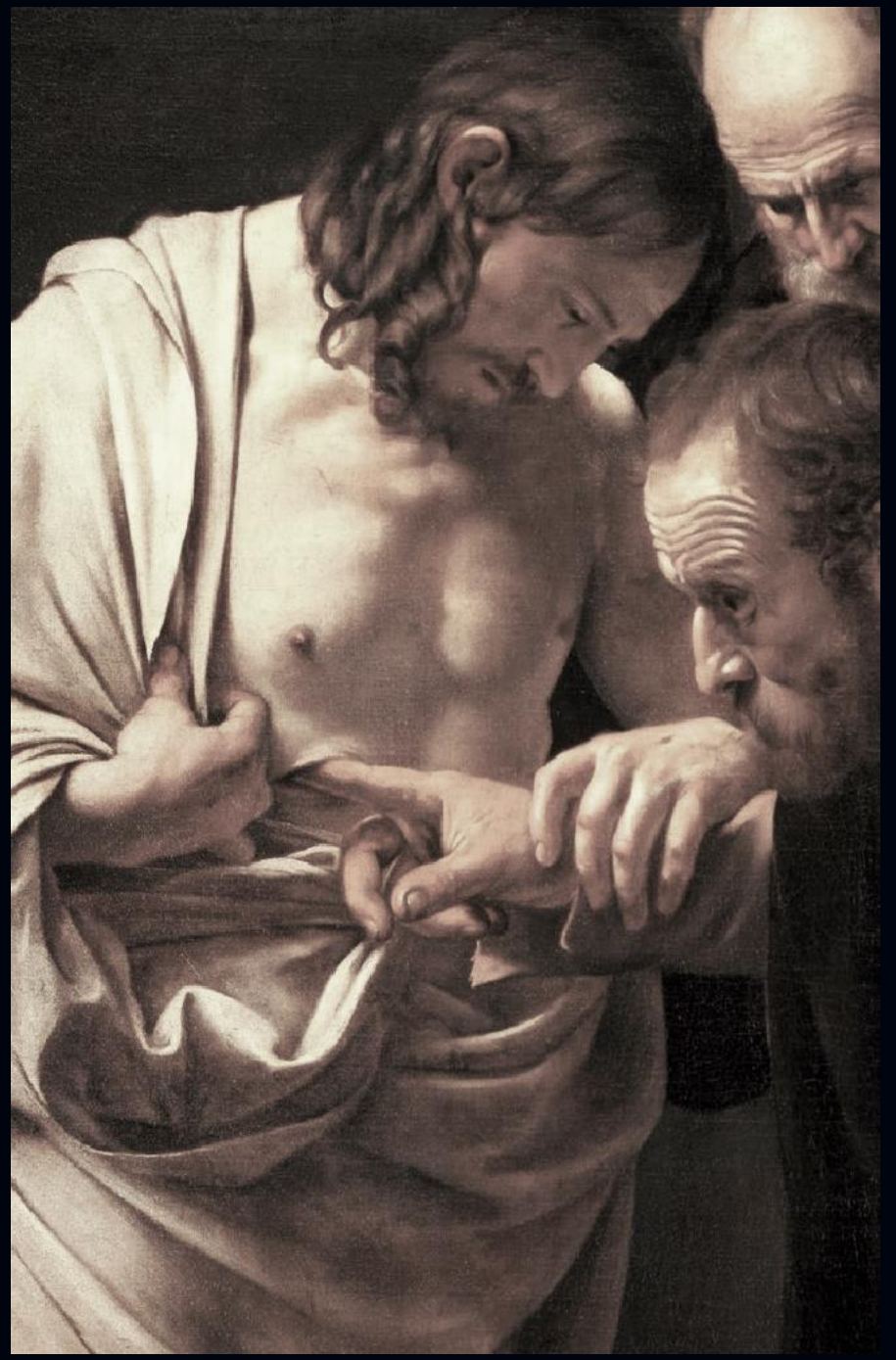
- To point disciples to Himself



# SCAR CAN BE USED

## Jesus Can Use Our Scars

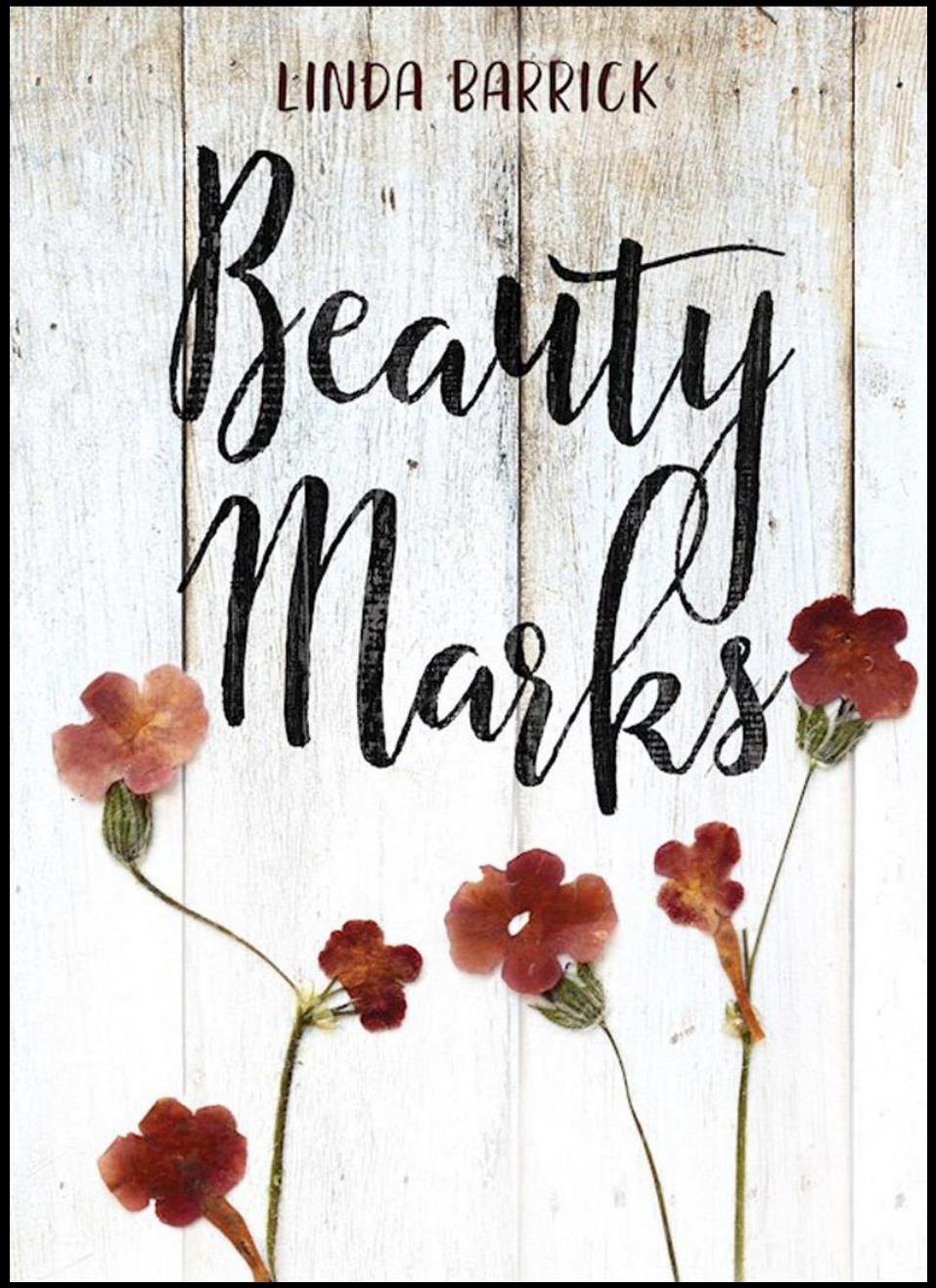
- To point others to Himself
- To minister & encourage others



*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.* (1 Cor 1:3-4)

*God can bring beauty from ashes when we allow Him to use what we have been through for His glory. Often our wounds change our destiny and God gives us a ministry to help others… Your wounds may still hurt, but when you use them to help others, that is when they become beautiful.*

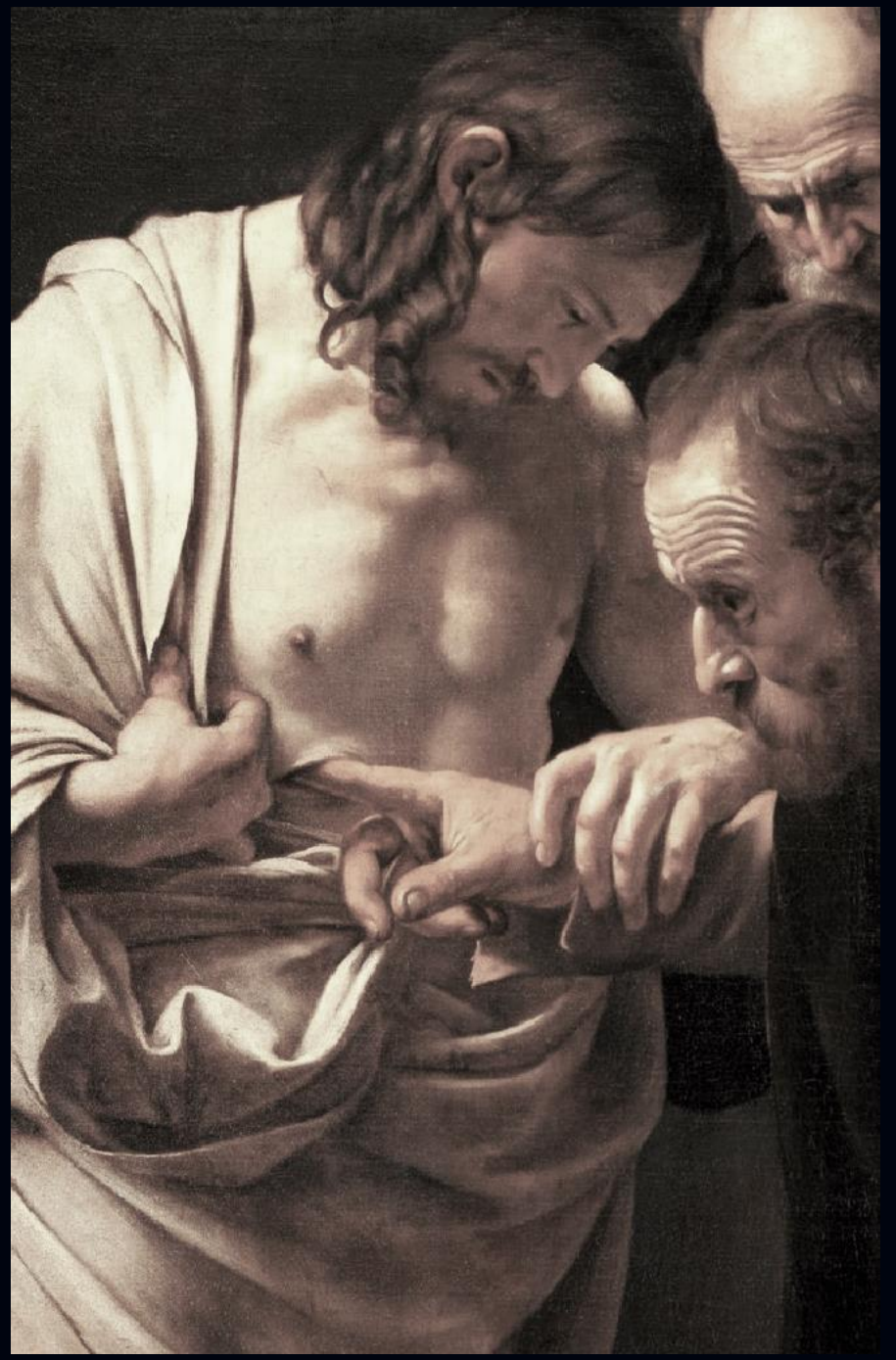
***God delights in turning scars into beauty marks.***



# SCAR CAN BE USED

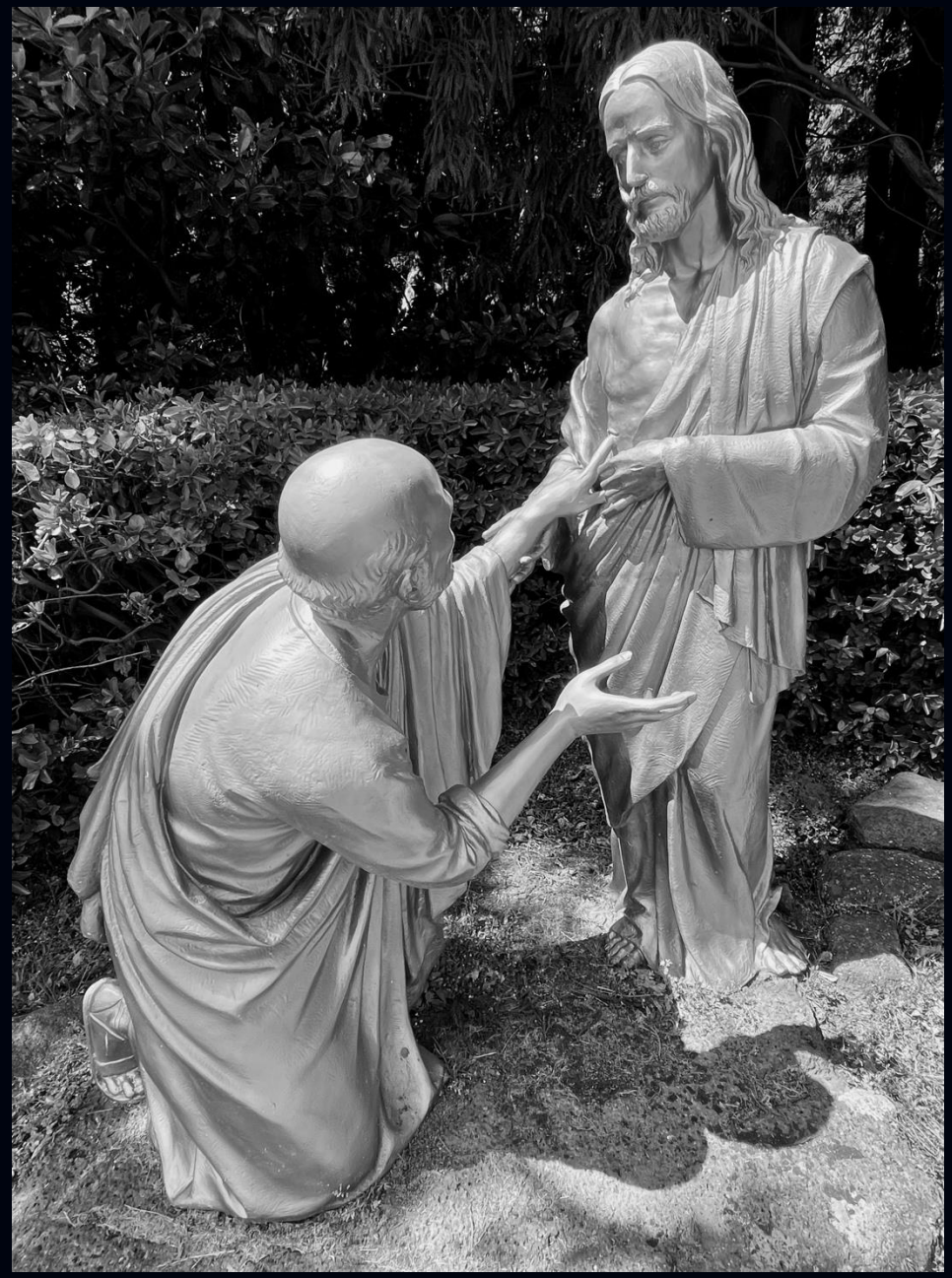
## Your Scars

- How might God be using your scars to point others to Himself?
- Would you be willing to let God use them to minister to others?



# SCAR OFFERS HOPE

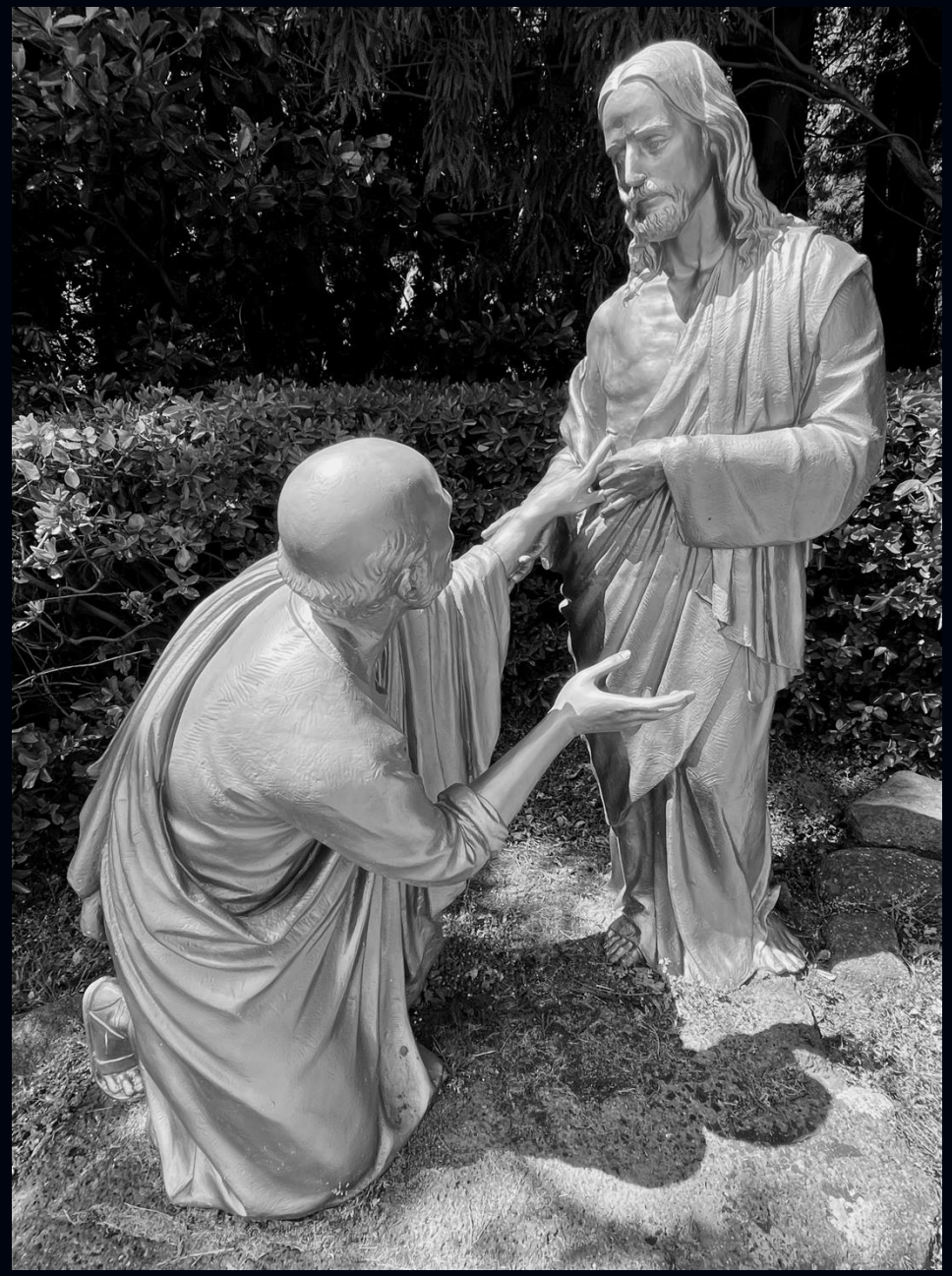
## Jesus' & Our Scars

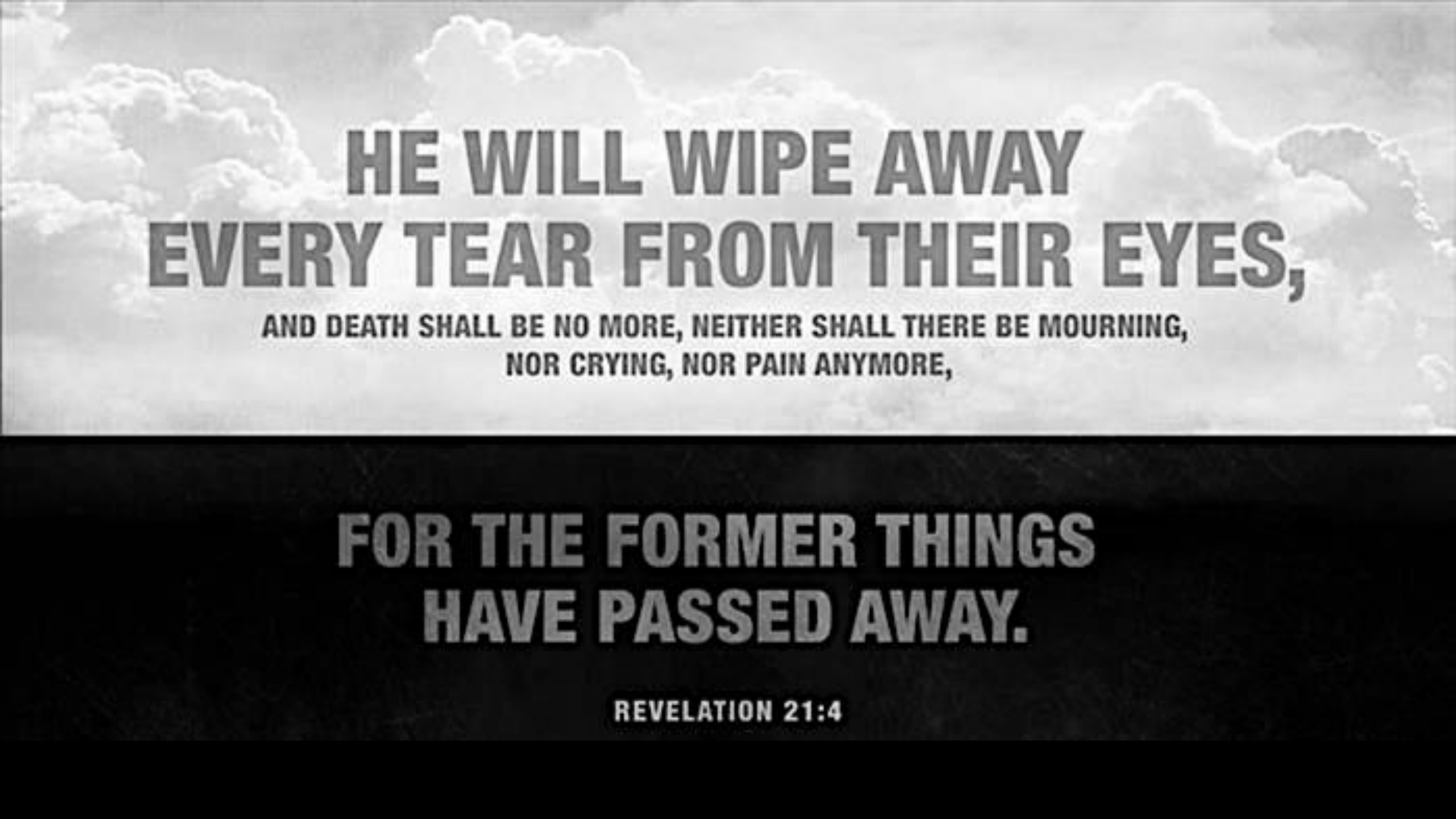


# SCAR OFFERS HOPE

## Jesus' & Our Scars

- Reminds us of the hope for that day
- A day is coming when…




HE WILL WIPE AWAY
EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES,
AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING,
NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE,
FOR THE FORMER THINGS
HAVE PASSED AWAY.
REVELATION 21:4

The only scars in Heaven,
they won't belong to me and you
There'll be no such thing as broken
and all the old will be made new
And the thought that makes me smile now,
even as the tears fall down
Is that the only scars in Heaven
are on the hands that hold you now

# Jesus of the Scars

Words by Edward Shillito
Music by Tom Douglas

**We must have Thee, O Jesus of the Scars**

If we have never sought,

we seek Thee now;

We must have sight of thorn-

pricks on Thy brow,

Thine eyes burn through the

dark, our only stars;

We must have Thee,

O Jesus of the Scars

The heavens frighten us;

they are too calm;

Our wounds are hurting us;

where is the balm?

In all the universe

we have no place

Lord Jesus, by Thy Scars,

we claim Thy grace

We must have Thee

O Jesus of the Scars

We must have Thee

O Jesus of the Scars

If, when the doors are shut,

Thou drawest near,

We know to-day what

wounds are, have no fear,

Only reveal those hands,

that side of Thine;

Show us Thy Scars,

we know the countersign

We must have Thee

O Jesus of the Scars

We must have Thee

O Jesus of the Scars

The other gods were strong;

but Thou wast weak;

But to our wounds only

God's wounds can speak,

They rode, but Thou didst

stumble to a throne;

And not a god has wounds,

but Thou alone

We must have Thee

O Jesus of the Scars

We must have Thee

O Jesus of the Scars

And He has us

O Jesus of the Scars