



John 12: 19-29

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EASTER

at First Alliance

Sunday, April 9 • 8:15, 9:30, & 11 am



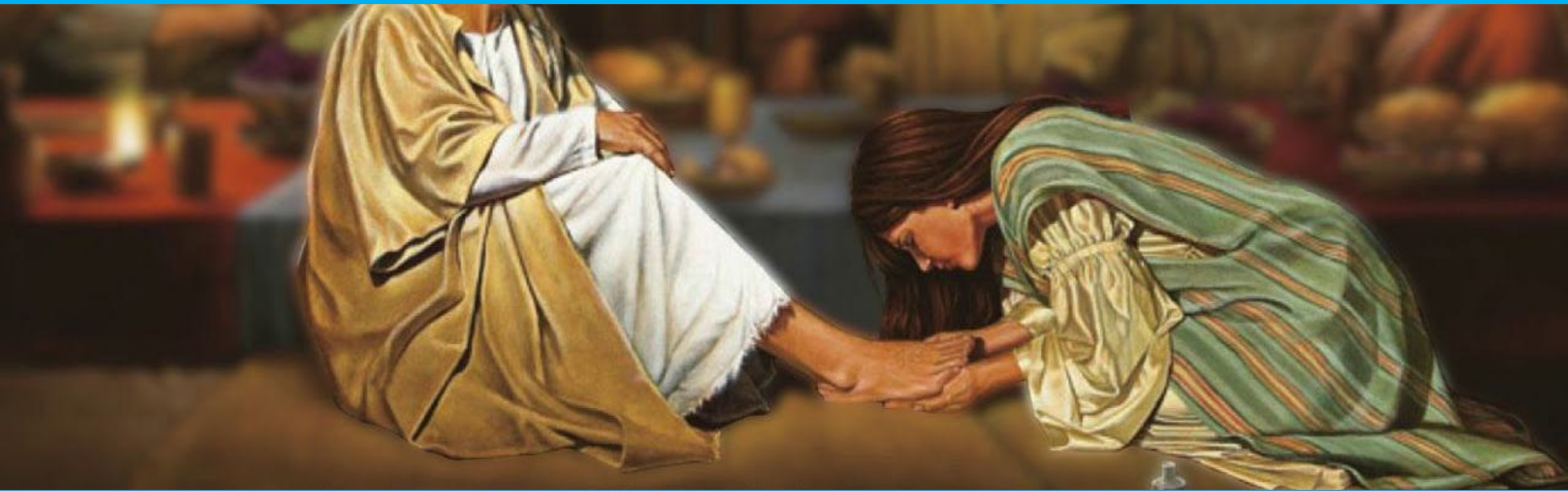
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“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:31

This text communicates deeply the truth of who Jesus is, thus clarifies our expectations of Him in our lives.





Why are you a follower
of Jesus?

For our joy and the needs of the world, this text will call us not to just observe Jesus, but to imitate him.



Who is Jesus:

He is KING over all creation!



“We confess Jesus as king, but in times of crisis do we exert control?”

-Tozer

If Jesus is King and good,
then why?....

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice:
“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

Rev. 7:9-10



This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

What Jesus does:

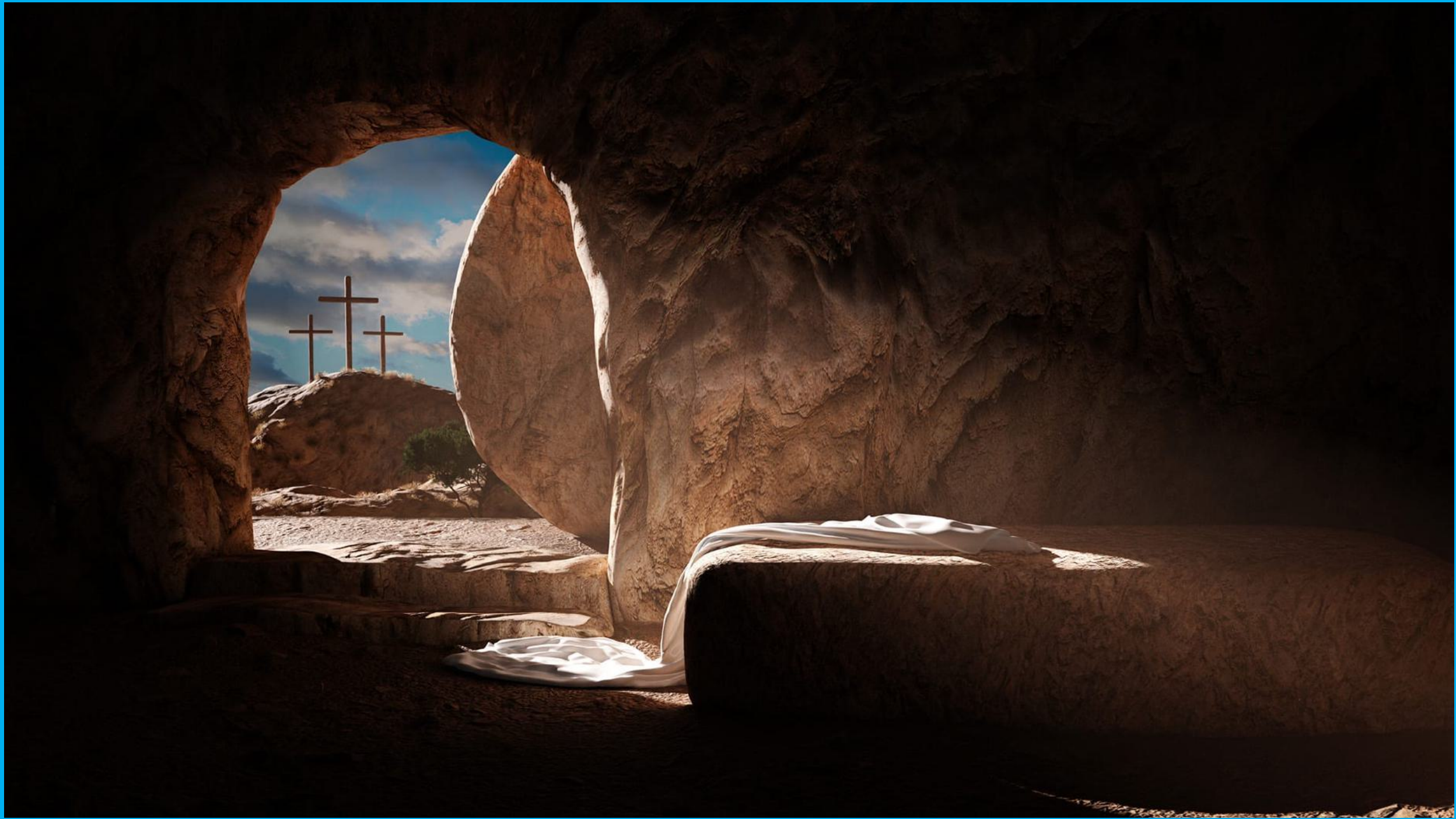
Out of love, Jesus perfectly submits to the will of the Father.

Jesus desires a world where people who could go their own way chose not to because of trusted love.

The greatest way to love another person is daily surrender to the will of the Father.

What Jesus says:



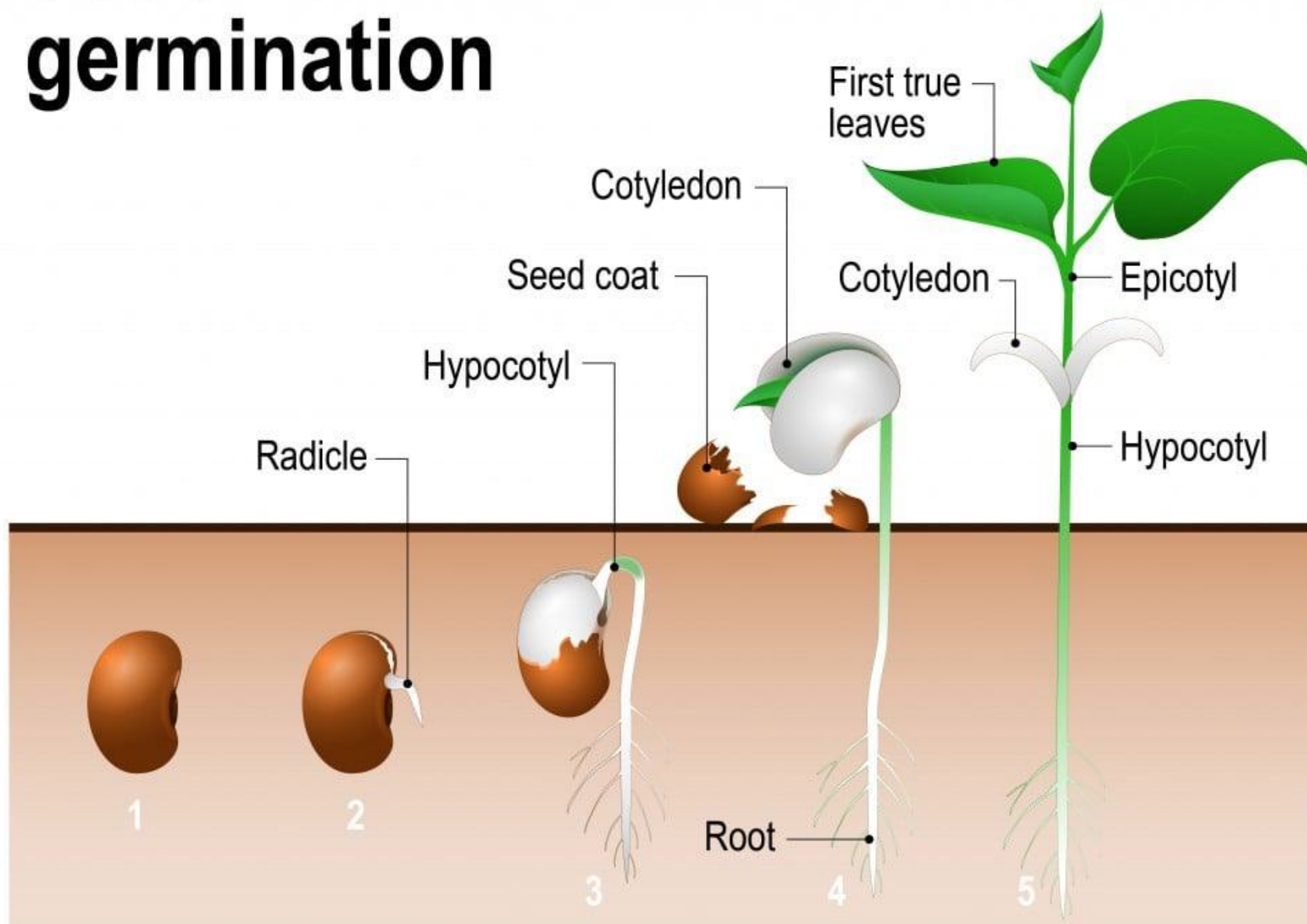


“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,”

Phil 2: 8-9

Seed germination



What we do:

“Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude,...”

-1 Peter 4:1

Why?

“Dying to ‘self’ is not punishment for sin, but love demonstrated for the one who died for our sin.”

–Dallas Willard

“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

-Heb. 12:1

What the Father says and does:

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The Father keeps
his promises.