


A weathered, gnarled tree trunk and branches are shown against a dark teal background. The wood is light brown and shows signs of age and decay. The branches are thick and twisted, extending across the frame. The background is a solid, dark teal color with a subtle texture.

# *SCRIPTURE READING*

**MATTHEW 27:45 - 54**




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From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”* (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

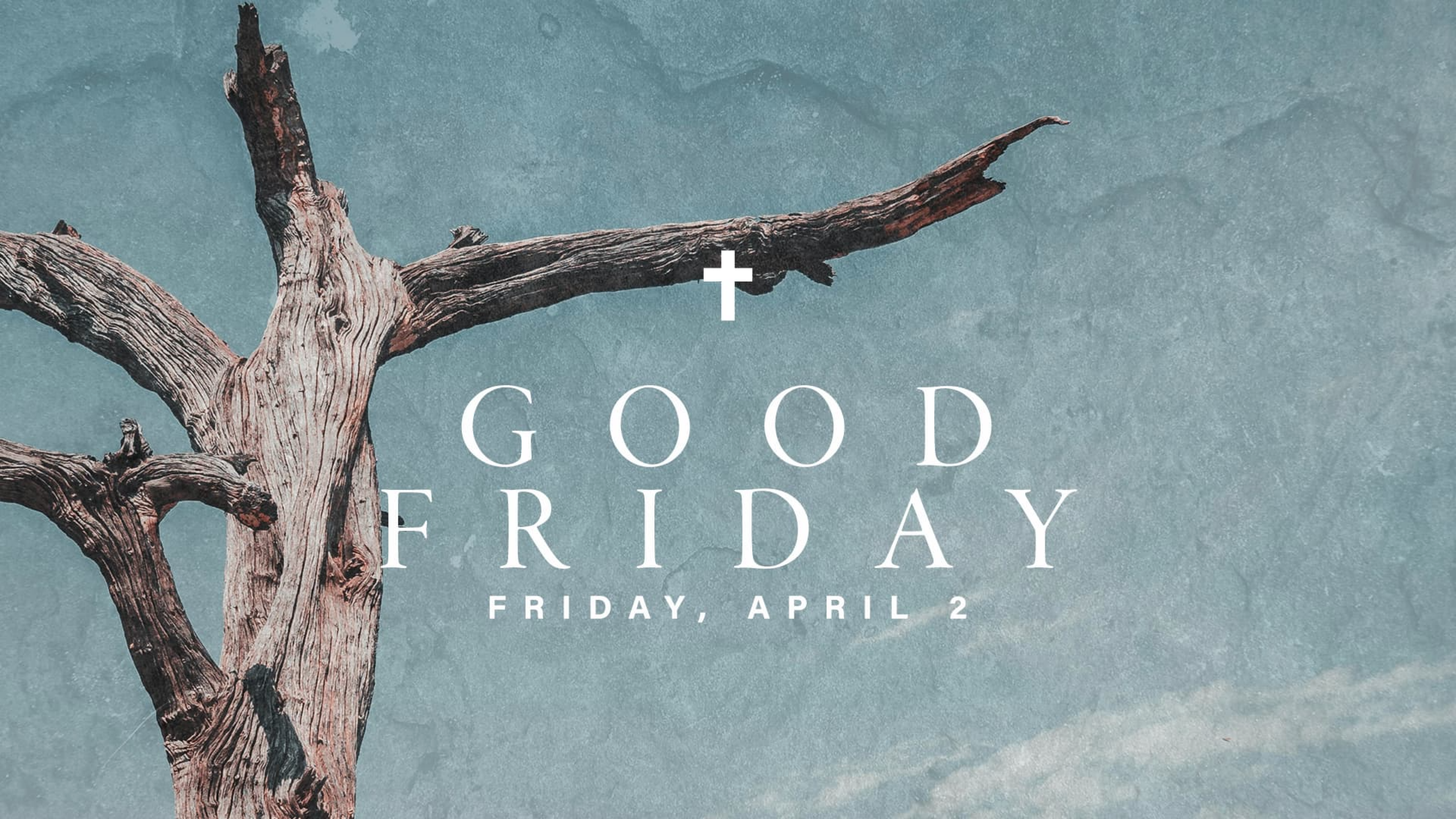


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And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

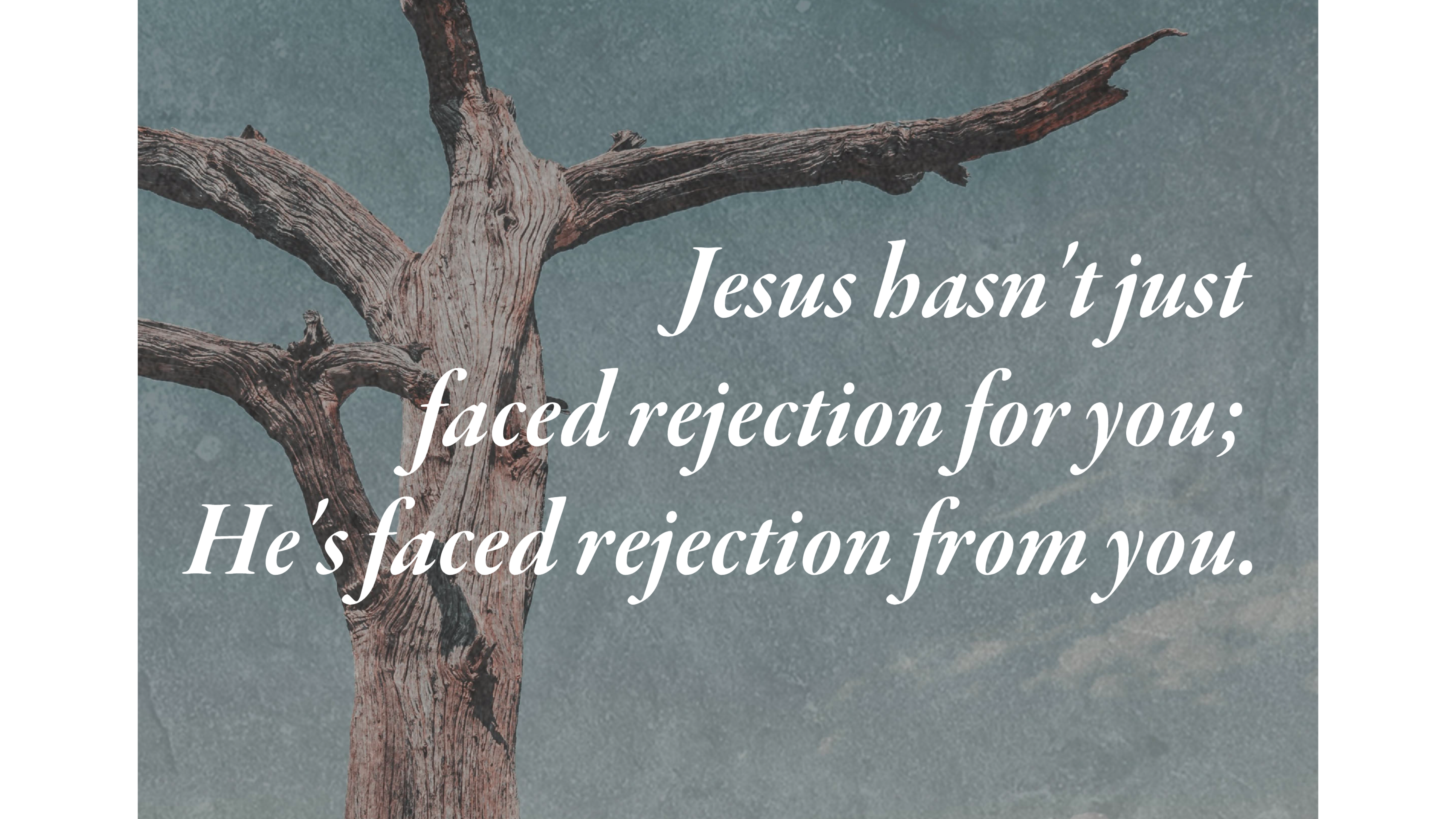


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## *Matthew 27:38 – 44*

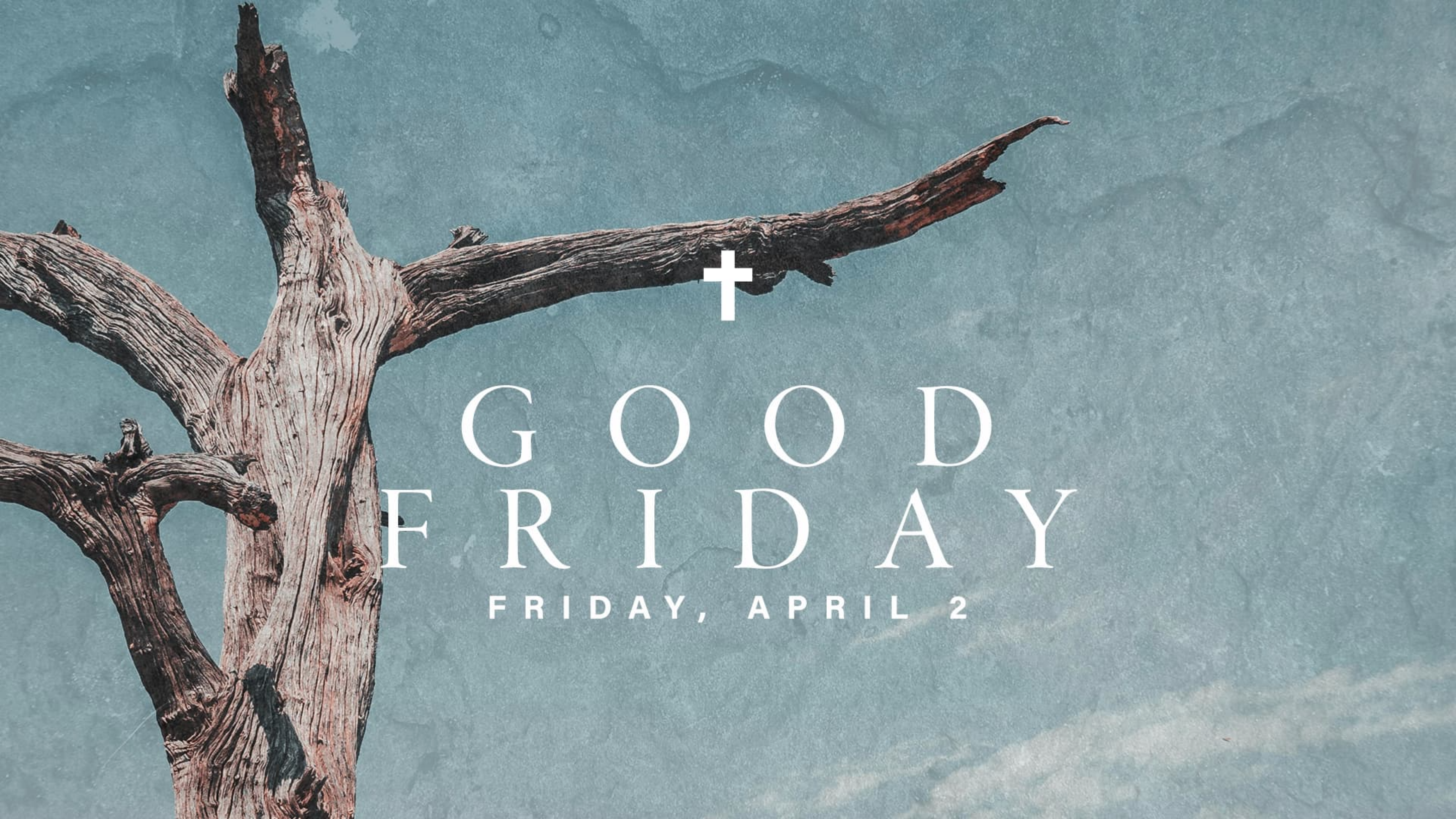
Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

A photograph of a weathered, gnarled tree trunk with several branches extending outwards. The wood is dark brown and shows signs of age and decay. The background is a clear, light blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*Jesus hasn't just  
faced rejection for you;  
He's faced rejection from you.*

A weathered, gnarled tree trunk is the central focus, set against a clear, light blue sky. The wood is dark brown and shows significant texture and wear. The text is overlaid in a white, elegant script font.

*Jesus faced your rejection  
for your redemption.*



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