

A weathered, gnarled tree branch, possibly a dead or dormant branch, extends diagonally across the frame from the bottom left towards the top right. The wood is dark brown with visible grain and knots. The background is a textured, mottled teal or slate blue color. Overlaid on the right side of the branch is the text "SCRIPTURE READING" in a large, white, serif font, and below it, "ISAIAH 53:5" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

# *SCRIPTURE READING*

ISAIAH 53:5

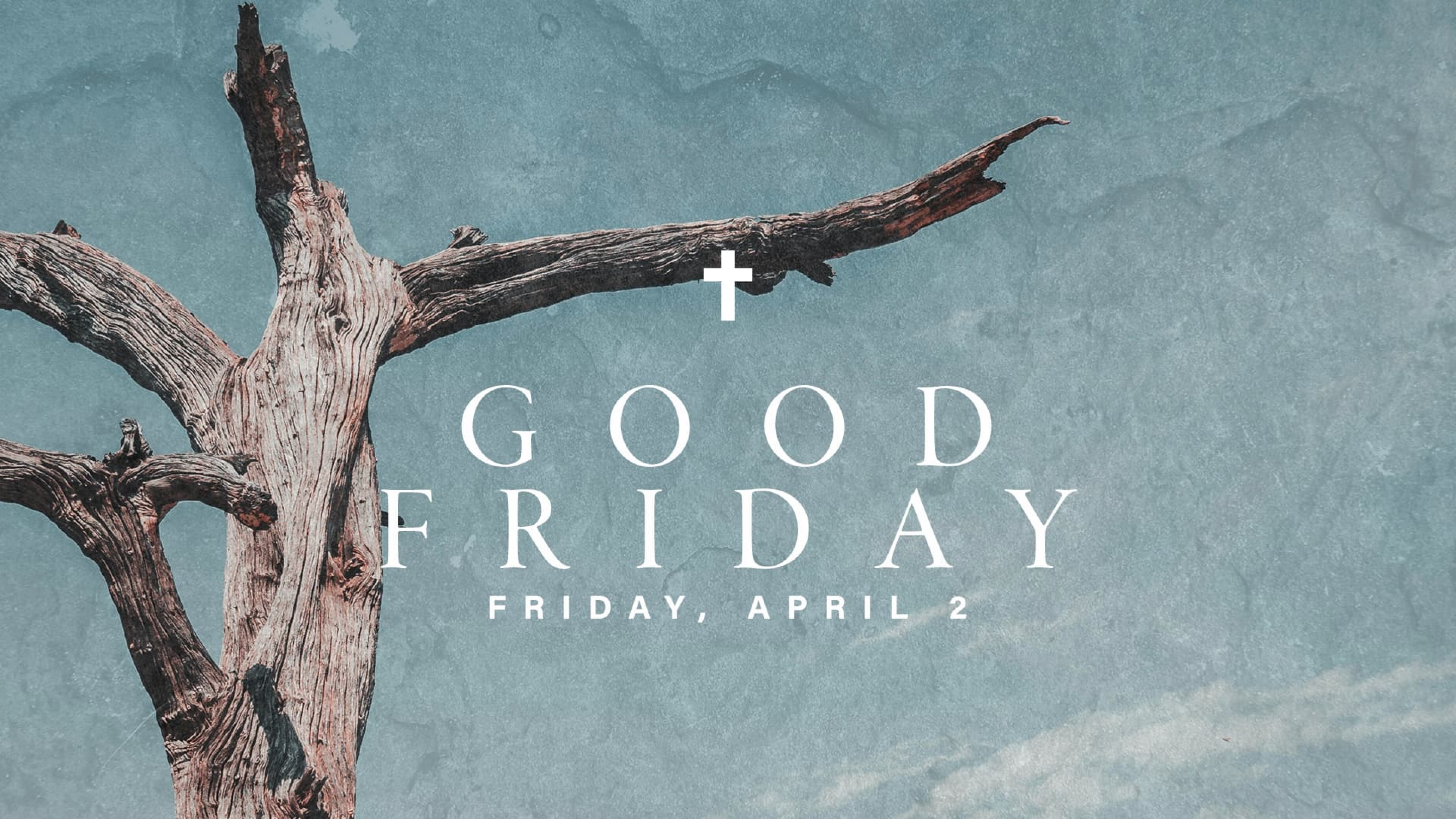




## *Isaiah 53:5*

But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.






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## *John 19:16 – 22*

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: **JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS**. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”



A weathered wooden cross stands against a clear blue sky with soft, wispy white clouds. The cross is made of thick, dark brown wood with a rough, textured surface. The vertical beam is on the left, and the horizontal beam extends to the right. The text is overlaid on the cross and the sky.

*What do you see when you  
look at the cross?*





*We see Jesus, the author and the finisher  
of our faith.*

**Hebrews 2:9**

But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.





# *We see Christ's Suffering and Sacrifice.*

## **Isaiah 53:3**

He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.





*We see obedience.*





*We see our sins.*

**1 Peter 2:24**

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”





*We see God's love.*





*We see our Salvation.*

**Romans 5:9**

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!





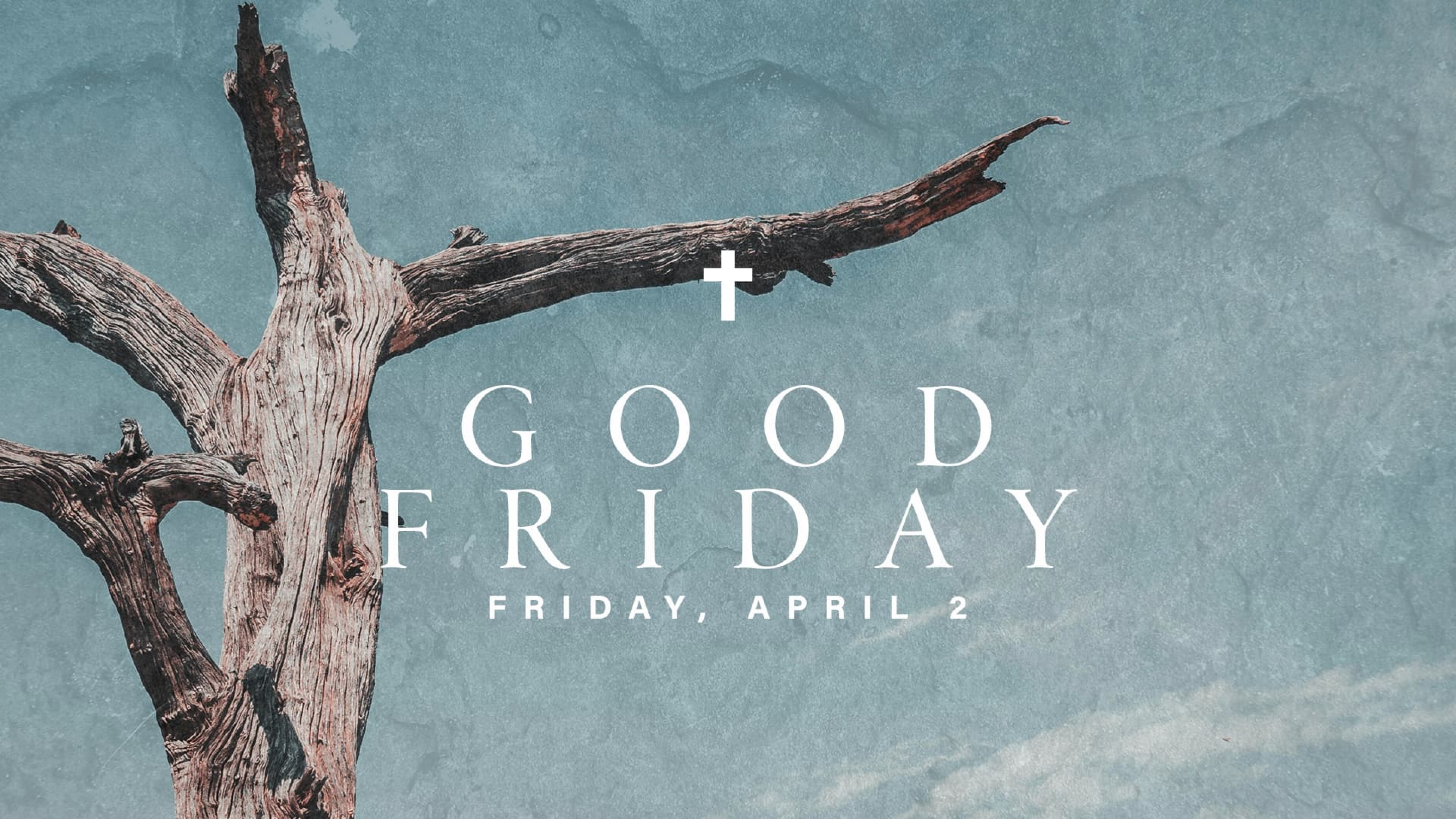
*We see God's purpose for human redemption fulfilled.*

**1 Corinthians 2:7 – 9**

No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,  
what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived”—  
the things God has prepared for those who love him—





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