

Lessons From Gethsemane

Matthew 26: 36-46

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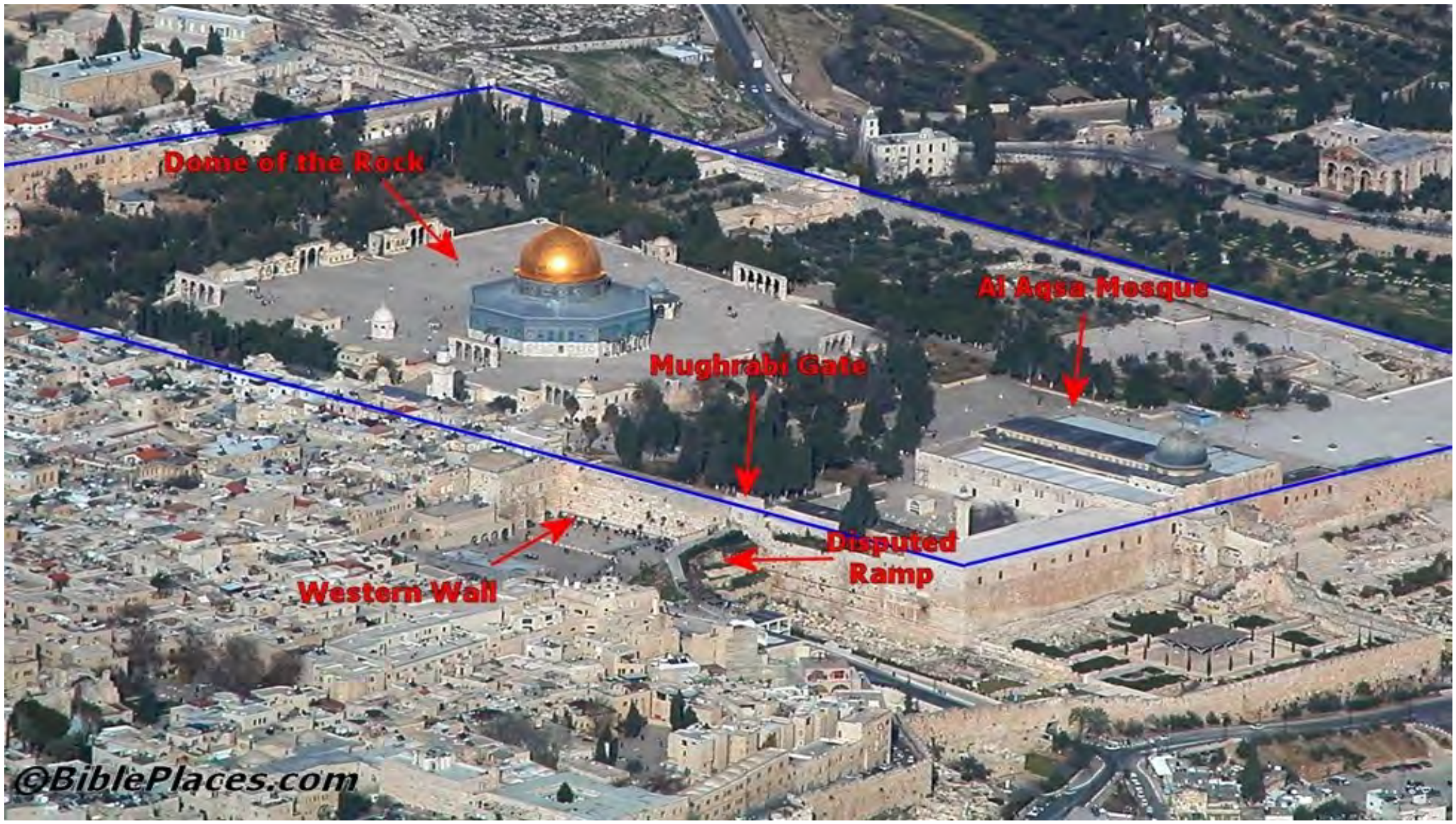
ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR FAIL boat

Verse 36 - 37

Jesus enters Gethsemane







Dome of the Rock

Al Aqsa Mosque

Mughrabi Gate

Western Wall

Disputed Ramp



Jesus was sorrowful and deeply distressed; He wanted His inner circle with Him

This was a time for them to enter into Jesus' sorrow with Him!

“Stay here and watch with Me”

Get as

close to

70 Disciples (Luke 10:1)

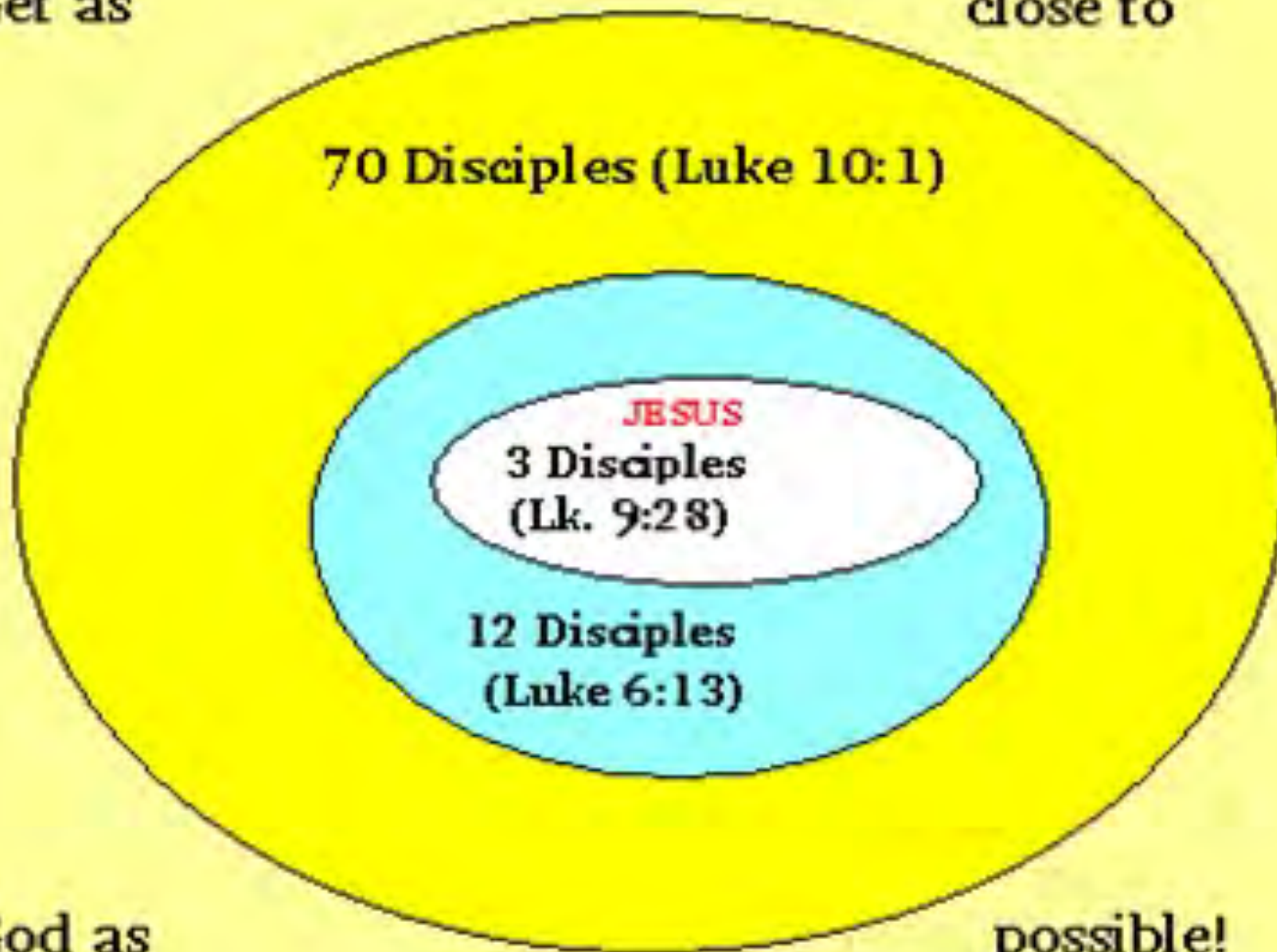
JESUS

3 Disciples
(Lk. 9:28)

12 Disciples
(Luke 6:13)

God as

possible!



In our time of despair:

Have a place that you
meet with God

In our time of despair:

Meditate and immerse
yourself in God. Our God
is close and *CARES!!*

In our time of despair:

Remember, *JESUS KNOWS!*
He was here -
Hebrews 5: 7-8

Verse 39

Is there any other way?

In Gethsemane, Jesus asks, and we ask,

“Is there any other way out of this agony!?!”

Nothing is held back:

“O, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me.”

Is there any other path for Me,

“not as I will, but as You will.”

The answer was NO, Jesus was the only person who could redeem mankind from the sin curse

This is the reason that no other world religion is true – no other world religion has a SAVIOR!

Thomas asks Jesus a profound question:

“How can we know the way?”

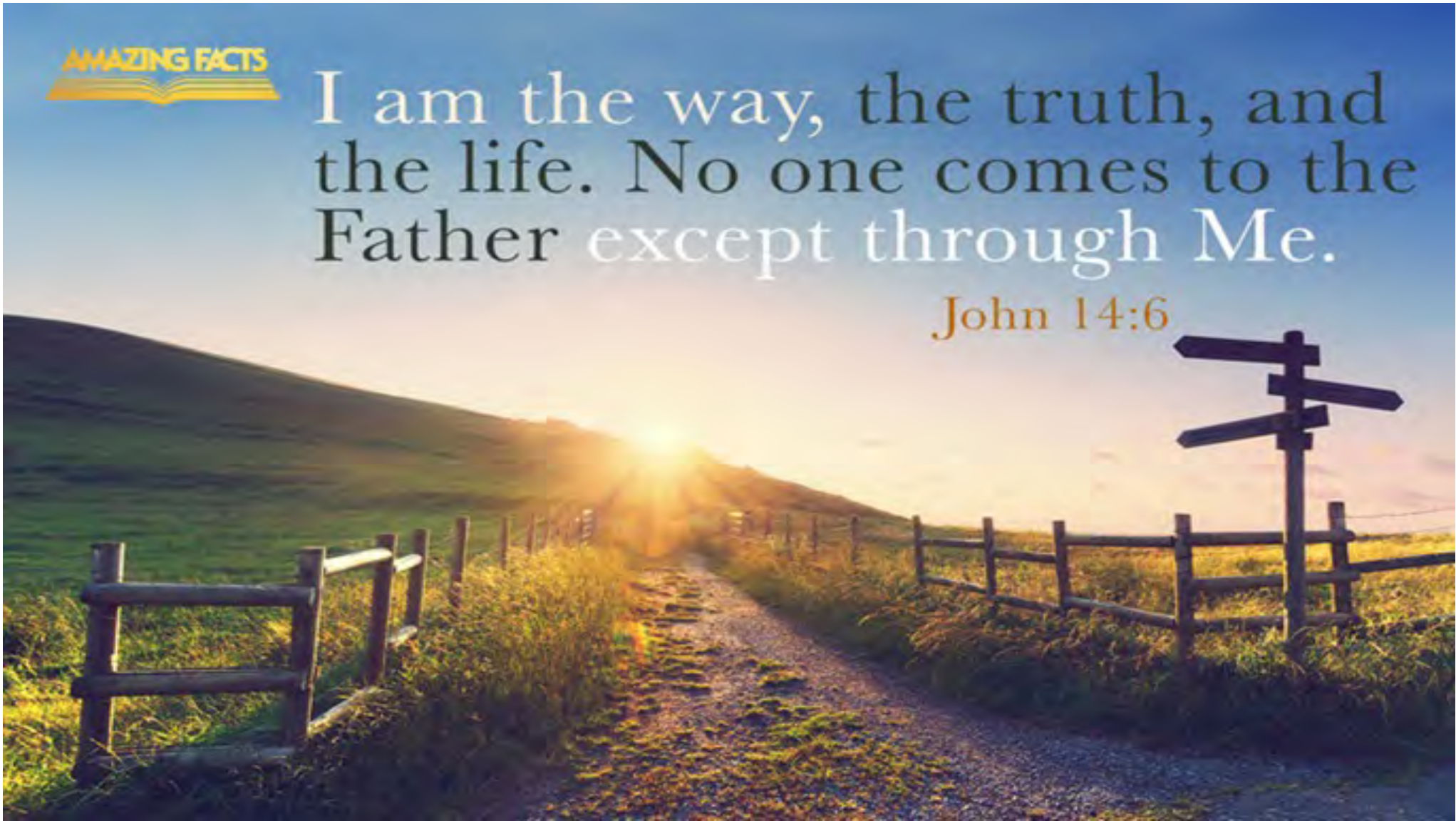
John 14: 5

Jesus answers emphatically!



I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6



Verse 40 - 41

Jesus' closest friends are sleeping

Jesus had an expectation of His closest friends to watch with Him

Jesus makes a profound statement, one that addresses Peter's prior macho talk

Peter: *“I will never be made to stumble; if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.”*

Jesus: *“**The spirit is willing** (big talk Peter), **but the flesh is weak.**”*

Verse 42 - 46

Resolution: “*Thy Will Be Done*”

First Prayer: *“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me.”*

Second Prayer: *“O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me, unless I drink it”*

It is here that Luke adds that Jesus' sweat became like drops of blood – AGONY!

Third Prayer: The same prayer again, then, *“Behold the hour is at hand”* – RESOLVED!

It is time, no more delay; *the Father's will be done!*

Jesus, knowing His fate, marched headlong into harms way, knowing the outcome

CLOSING THOUGHTS: *Lessons From Gethsemane*

Gethsemane teaches us:

*To go to our prayer
place and meet with God*

Gethsemane means oil press or olive
press; *a place to go to when we are
crushed*



Jesus had to be crushed

Jesus did what only the God/man could do

Jesus paid our sin debt and reconciled us to God

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

But he was
PIERCED
for our rebellion,

CRUSHED
for our sins.

He was
BEATEN
so we could be whole.

He was
WHIPPED
so we could be healed.

ISAIAH 53:5

the Lord
was pleased
to crush Him

Isaiah 53-10

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Why was this moment crushing for Jesus?

Jesus knows that on the cross He will take all the sins of the world on Himself

In a sense, Jesus will be crushed by our sins!

Gethsemane teaches us:

In prayer, we become one with God

Gethsemane is a place where my will is crushed, and my will no longer matters

*God's will becomes my will - **I am truly one with God!***

Gethsemane teaches us:

What Jesus' agony was really about

Jesus knows that when my sins, and all the sins of the world, are placed on Him, Jesus will lose something precious, the sense of the presence of His Father

This is described in Jesus' fourth cry from the cross – “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me”

THIS IS THE AGONY OF THE CROSS!

Gethsemane teaches us:

My will and my way gives way to God's will and God's Way!

In Gethsemane, I go from struggle and agony, to resolution

In Gethsemane, I realize GOD HAS IT!

We, too, will have our Gethsemane moments

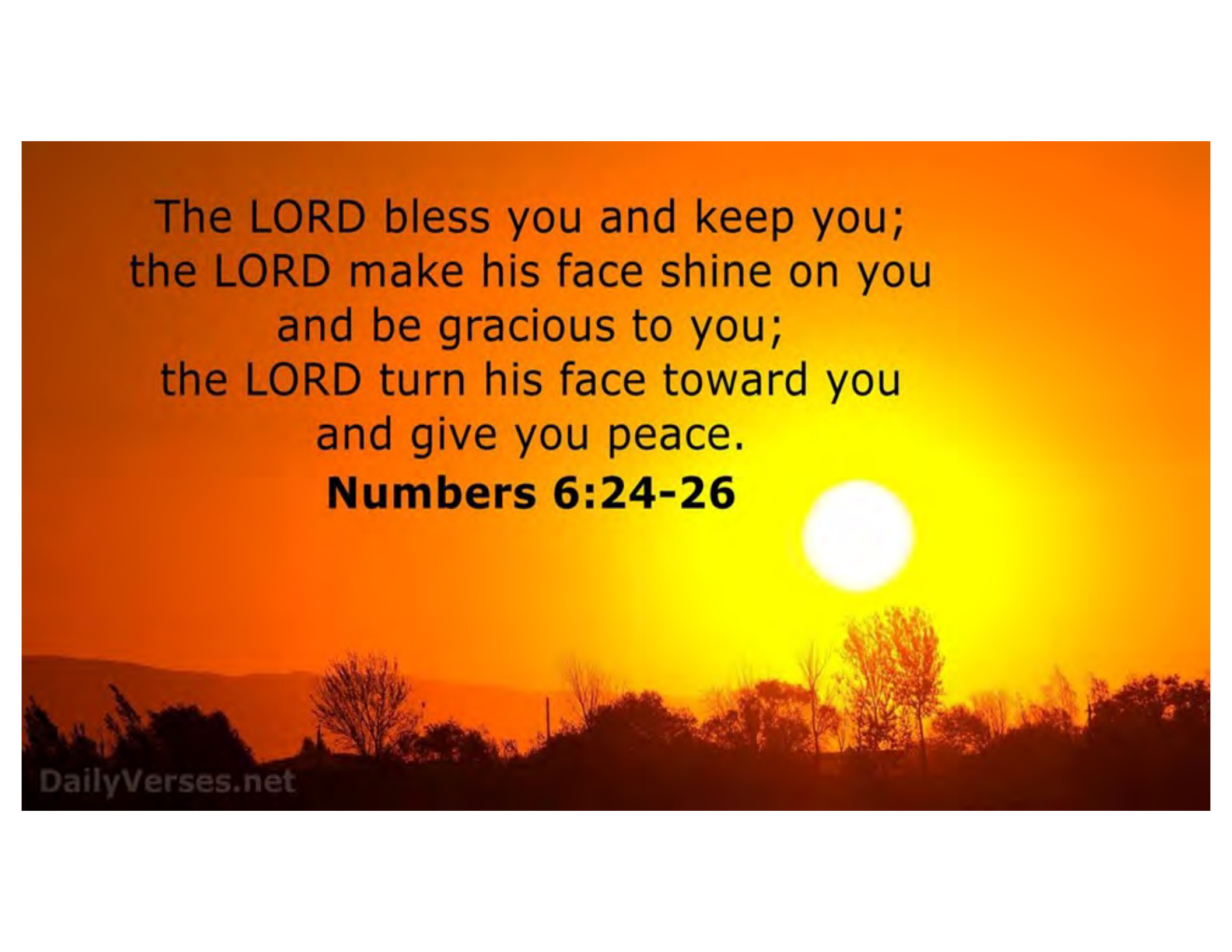
I pray that we will learn from Jesus and follow His lead!

GOD HAS IT!

***NOT MY WILL,
BUT YOUR WILL FATHER!***

***MAKE YOUR GETHSEMANE YOUR
GREATEST GOD-GLORIFYING
MOMENT!***

THIS IS FINISHING WELL!!



The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Shalom:

Well-Being

Completeness

Prosperity

Wholeness

Health

Safety

Harmony with God and others