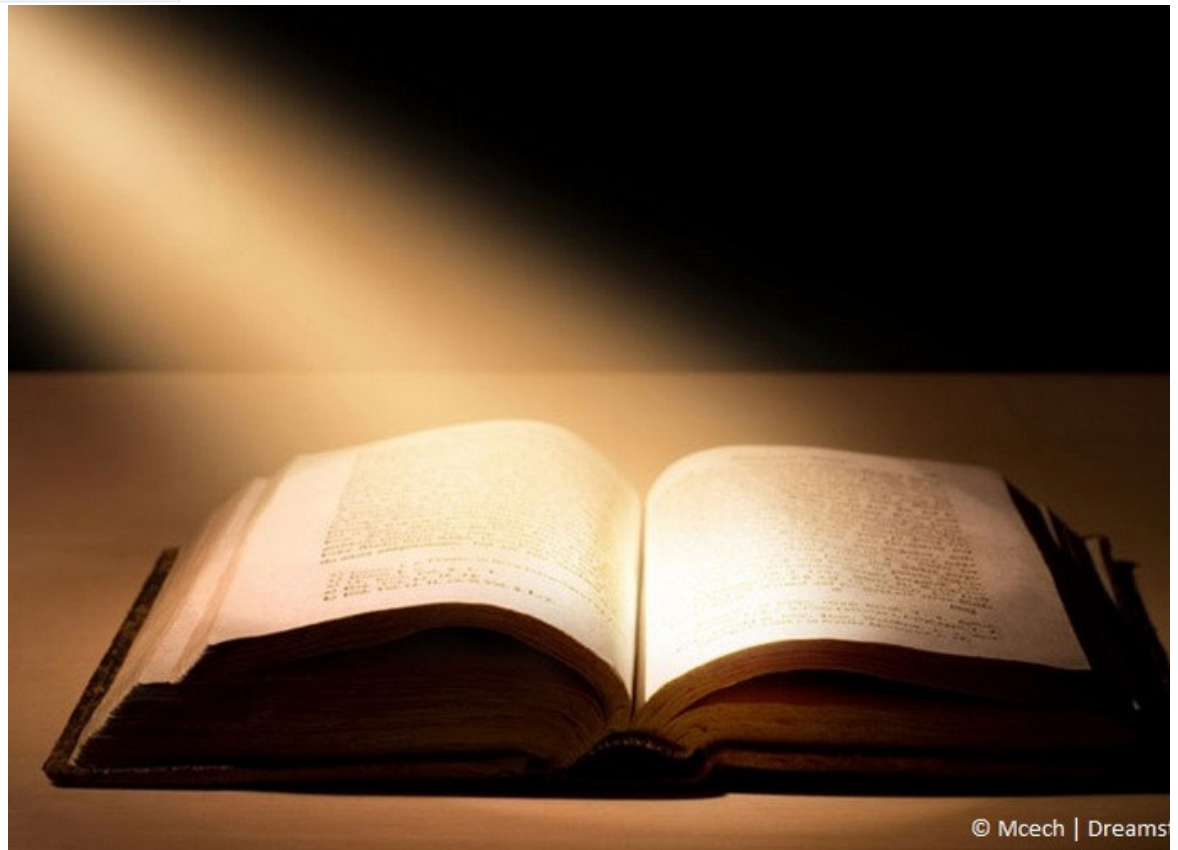


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In the trials of life

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Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may

believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced." (John 19: 31-37)

The Gospel announces a well-documented historical fact: Jesus was truly on that cross, the cross on which He freely offered Himself up and He truly died for our sins. In order to overcome the despair caused by sin, Jesus got on and continues get on the cross as an innocent man. Grateful for this immense and undeserved gift, may we turn our gaze to Jesus whom we have pierced with ours sins, especially during the trials of life.