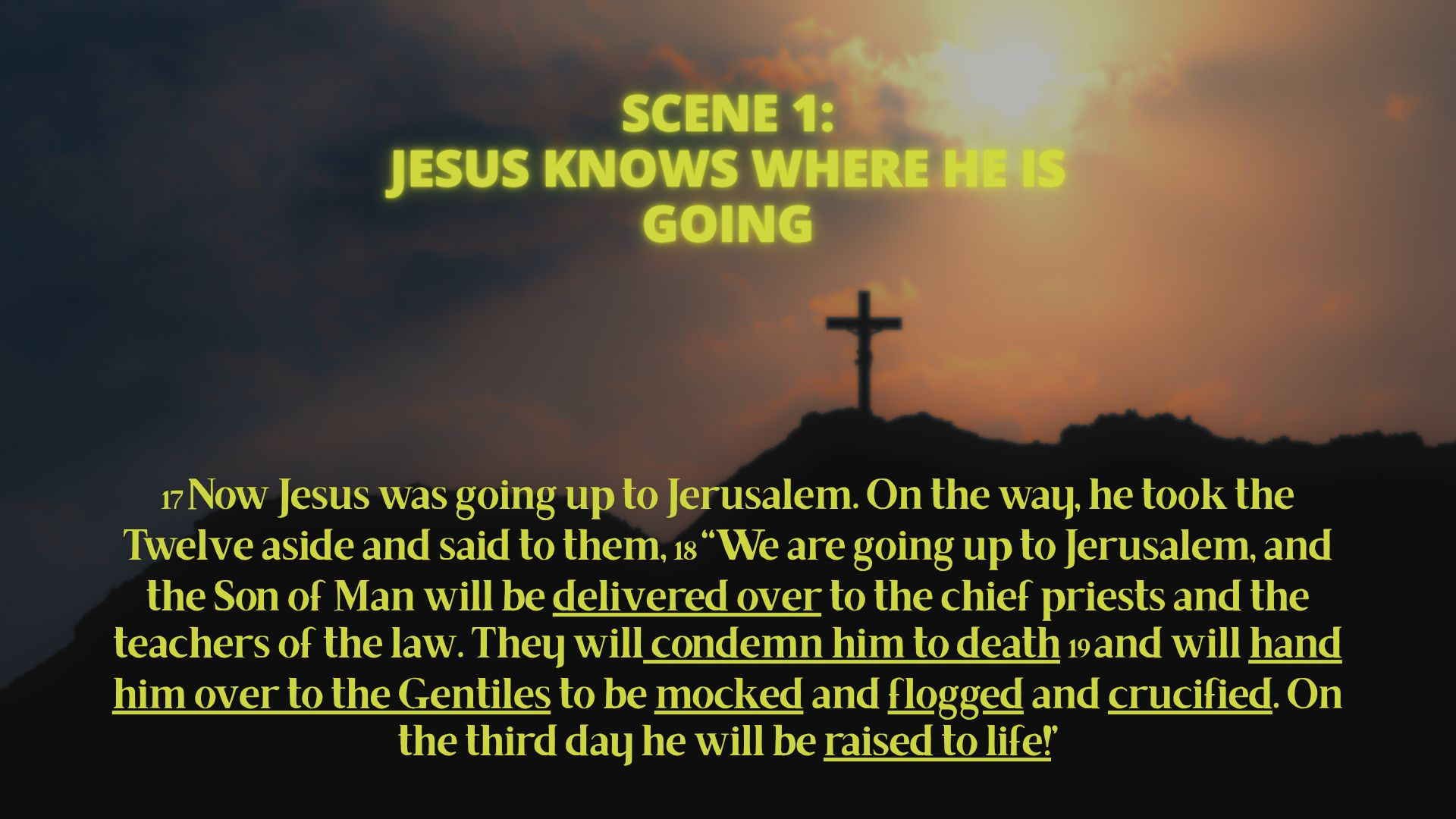


The background of the image is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper right, partially obscured by wispy, orange-tinted clouds. The lower half of the image is dominated by the dark, silhouetted peaks of mountains or hills. A simple, dark cross stands prominently on the highest peak in the center-right of the frame. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

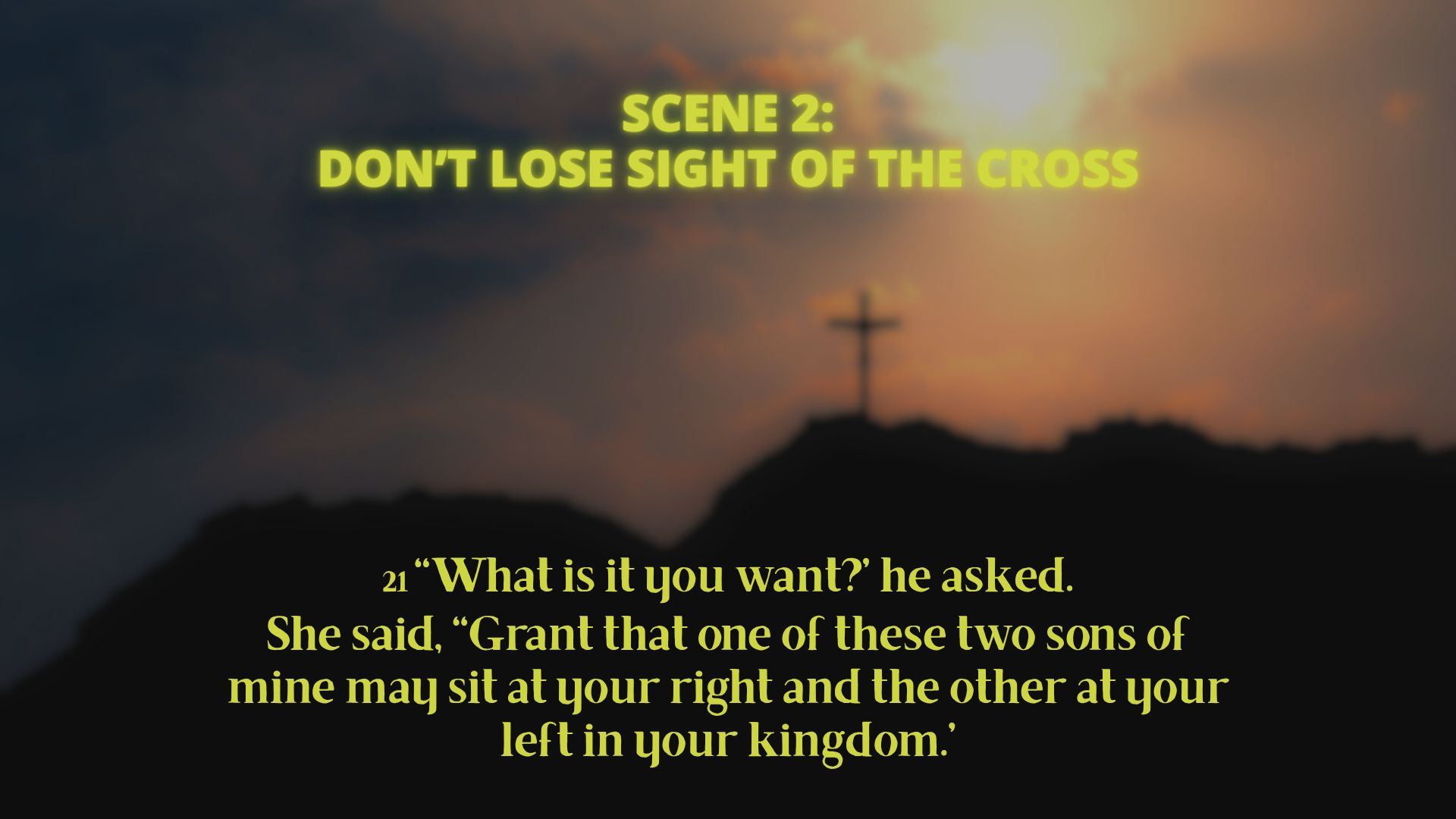
# Mercy Pauses

## Matthew 20:17-34

# SCENE 1: JESUS KNOWS WHERE HE IS GOING

A silhouette of a cross on a hill against a sunset sky. The cross is positioned in the center of the frame, standing on a dark, silhouetted hill. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with a bright sun or moon partially obscured by clouds in the upper right. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

<sup>17</sup>Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, <sup>18</sup>“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup>and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

The background of the slide is a photograph of a landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. In the center of the image, a dark silhouette of a cross stands on a hill, its form clearly visible against the bright sky.

## **SCENE 2: DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE CROSS**

**<sup>21</sup> “What is it you want?” he asked.  
She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of  
mine may sit at your right and the other at your  
left in your kingdom.”**

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a cross standing on a hill. The sky is a mix of dark blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on this background.

**SCENE 3:**  
**THEREFORE, SERVE RATHER THAN**  
**SEEK TO BE SERVED.**

<sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The background of the image is a sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and yellow tones. A dark silhouette of a cross stands on a hill in the center. The text is overlaid on the sky in a bright yellow, bold, sans-serif font.

**SCENE 4:**  
**SEE HIM. RECEIVE HIS MERCY.**  
**FOLLOW HIM.**

**34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes.  
Immediately they received their sight and followed  
him.**