A sepia-toned landscape featuring a winding dirt path that leads from the foreground into the distance. In the background, a large, multi-towered castle or fortress sits atop a hill. To the right of the castle, three large, simple crosses are visible against the sky. The overall scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a warm, golden-brown color palette.

Final Adam, Faithful Israel, Flawless Representative

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Main Point

Jesus is the final Adam and faithful Israel who resisted the temptations of Satan in the wilderness and obeyed God as our flawless representative.

Important Background

Luke 3:37-38

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1 Corinthians 15:45

So also it is written,

“The first *man*, Adam, *became a living soul.*”

The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Important Background

Hosea 11:1

“When Israel was a youth I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.”

Matthew 2:15

This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*”

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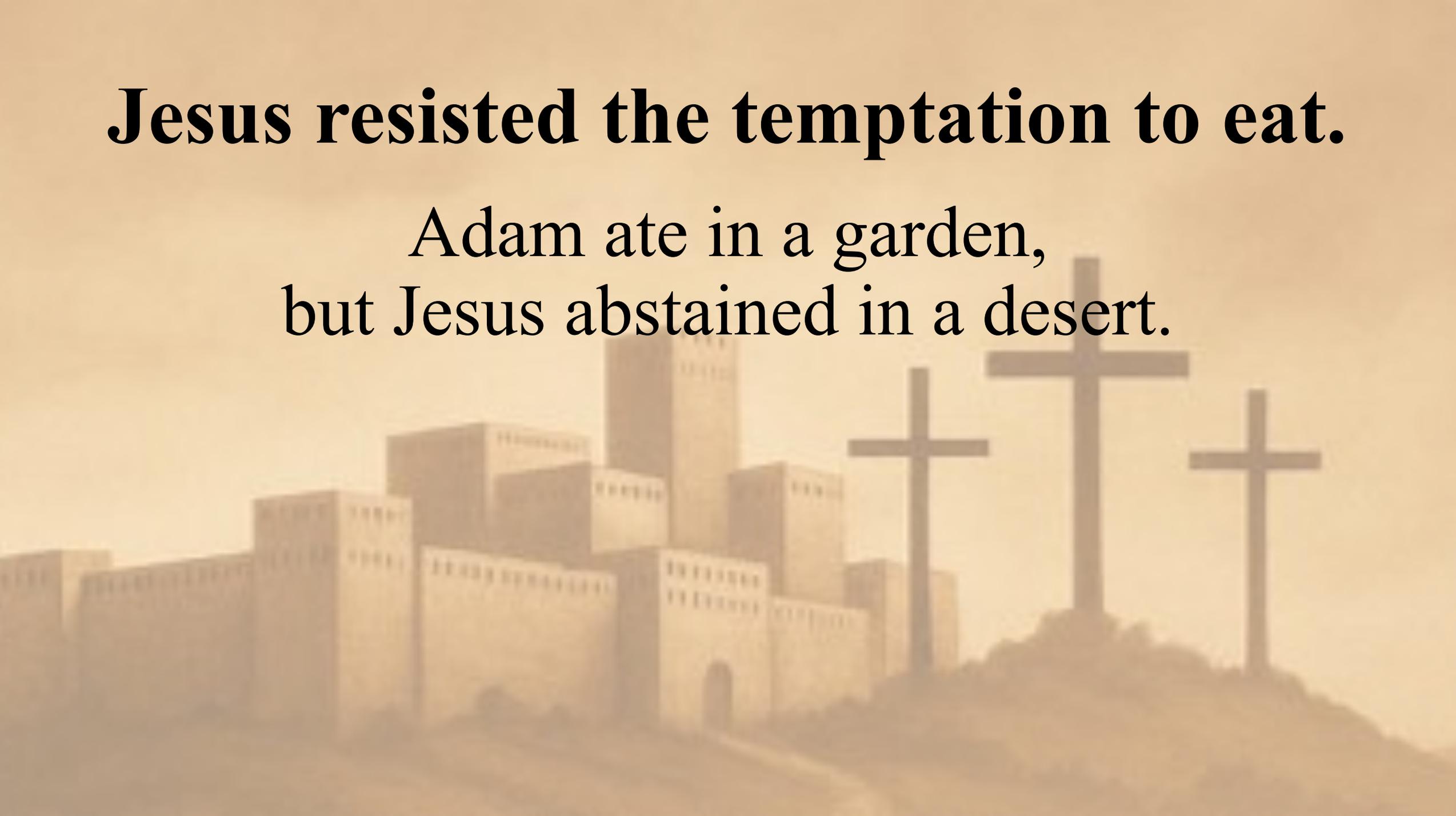
After identifying Himself with the people's need, Jesus was led into the desert to represent them in His obedience.

A hazy, golden landscape with a winding path leading to a city and crosses. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. A dirt path winds through a forested valley, leading towards a city with several tall, rectangular buildings. In the background, three large, simple crosses are visible on a hillside. The overall atmosphere is serene and spiritual.

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Adam in the Garden

Genesis 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”

The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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Adam, in paradise and surrounded
by abundance, disobeyed and ate.

Luke 4:1-4

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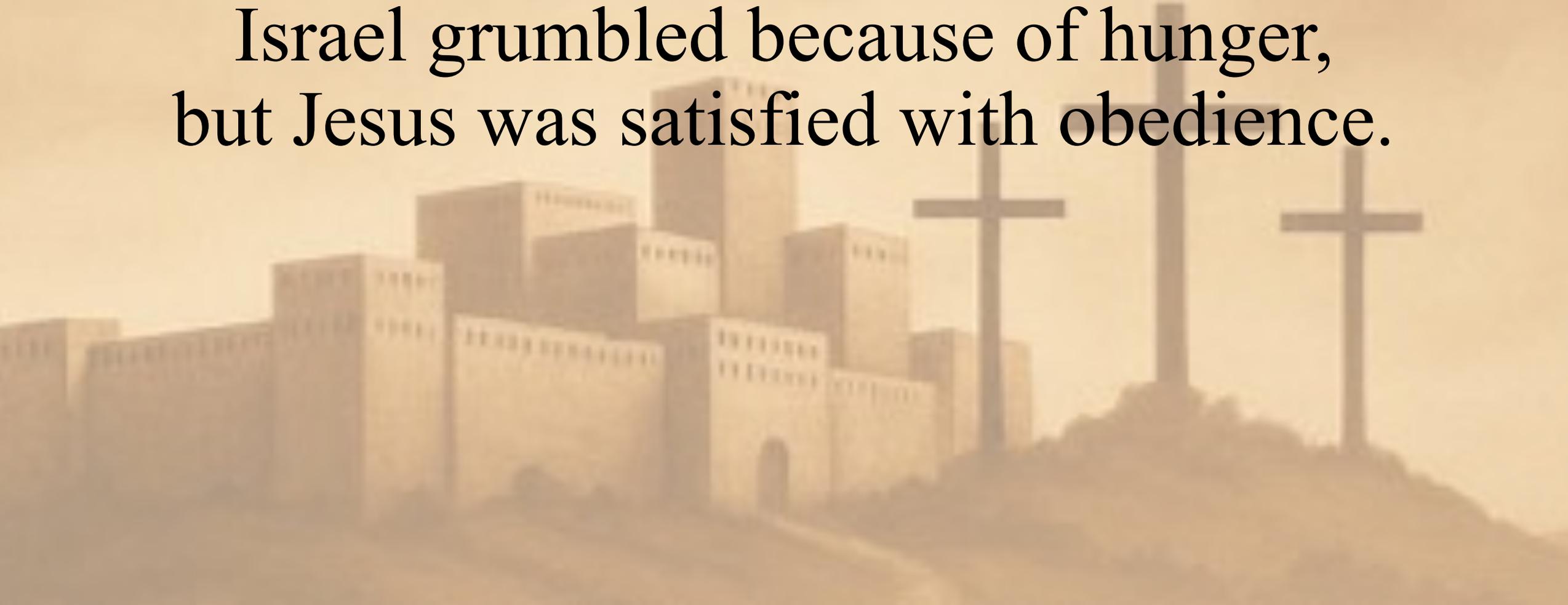
Surrounded by abundance, Adam listened to the word of his wife and ate.

Jesus, hungry and in a great desert, listened to the word of God and abstained.

Jesus resisted the temptation to eat.

Adam ate in a garden, but Jesus abstained in a desert.

Israel grumbled because of hunger,
but Jesus was satisfied with obedience.



Exodus 16:1-3

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He humbled you and let you be hungry...

Hunger was a test for the people
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John 4:31 and 34

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him,
saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them,
“I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me.”

Jesus was filled up and satisfied in His obedience – it was enough for Him to know that He was doing His Father's will.

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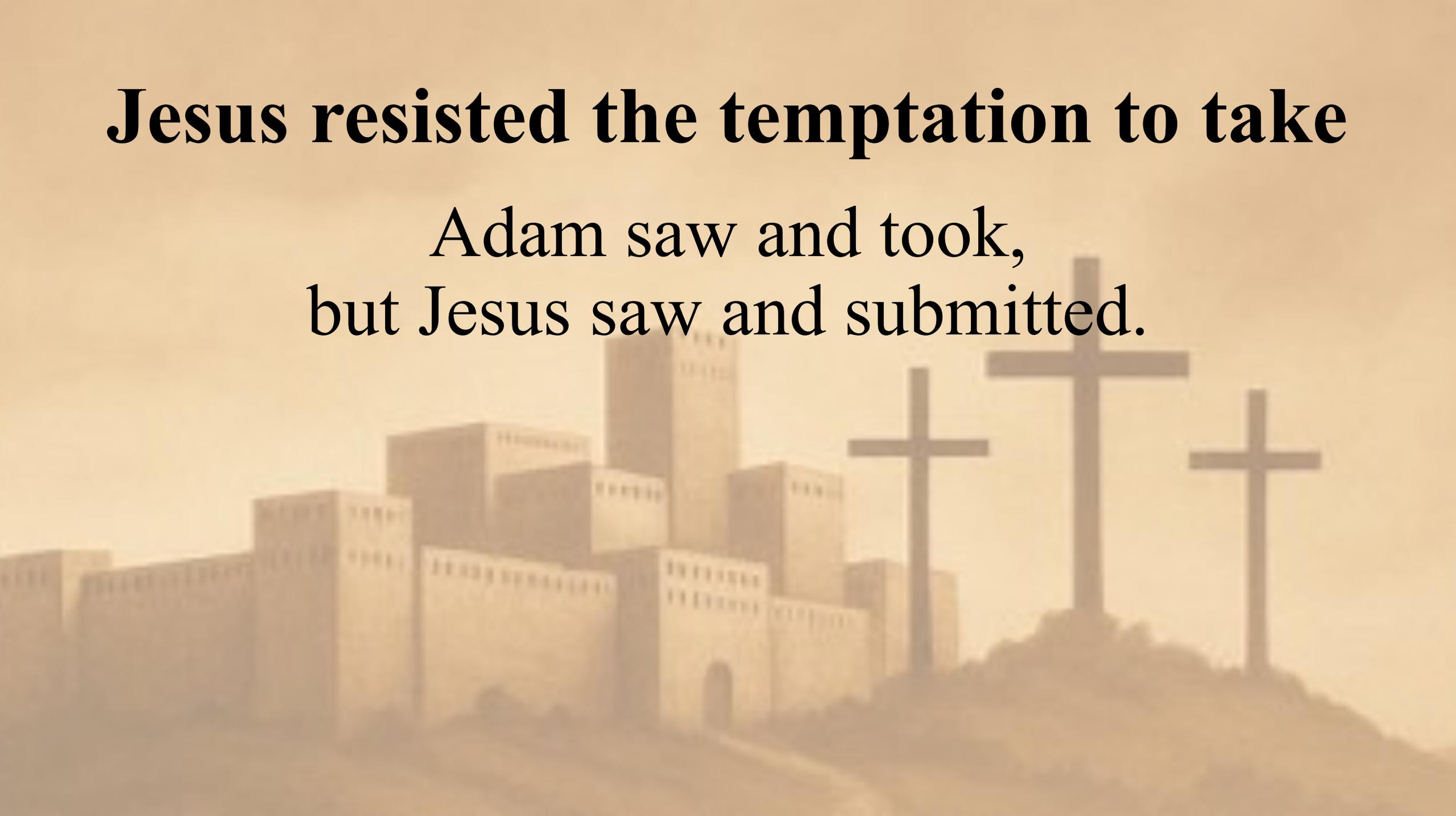
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Adam saw the delight and glory of the fruit,
and he took and ate.

Luke 4:5-7

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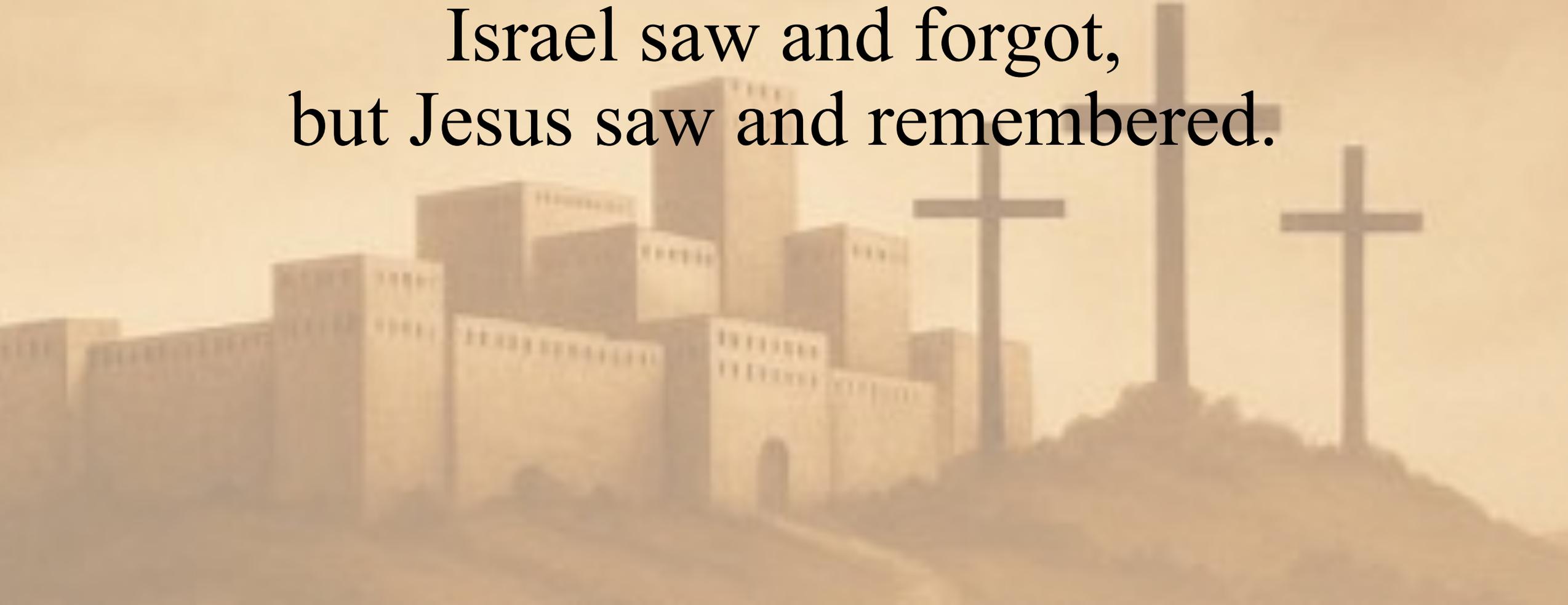
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**Adam saw and ate, but Jesus saw and
submitted Himself in worship.**

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Israel saw and forgot,
but Jesus saw and remembered.



Deuteronomy 29:2-5

“You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land; the great trials which your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders. Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear. I have led you forty years in the wilderness...

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Israel saw all that God had done but forgot
and turned to other gods for their provision
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Israel had seen God's glory and forgot,
but Jesus saw the glory of the nations
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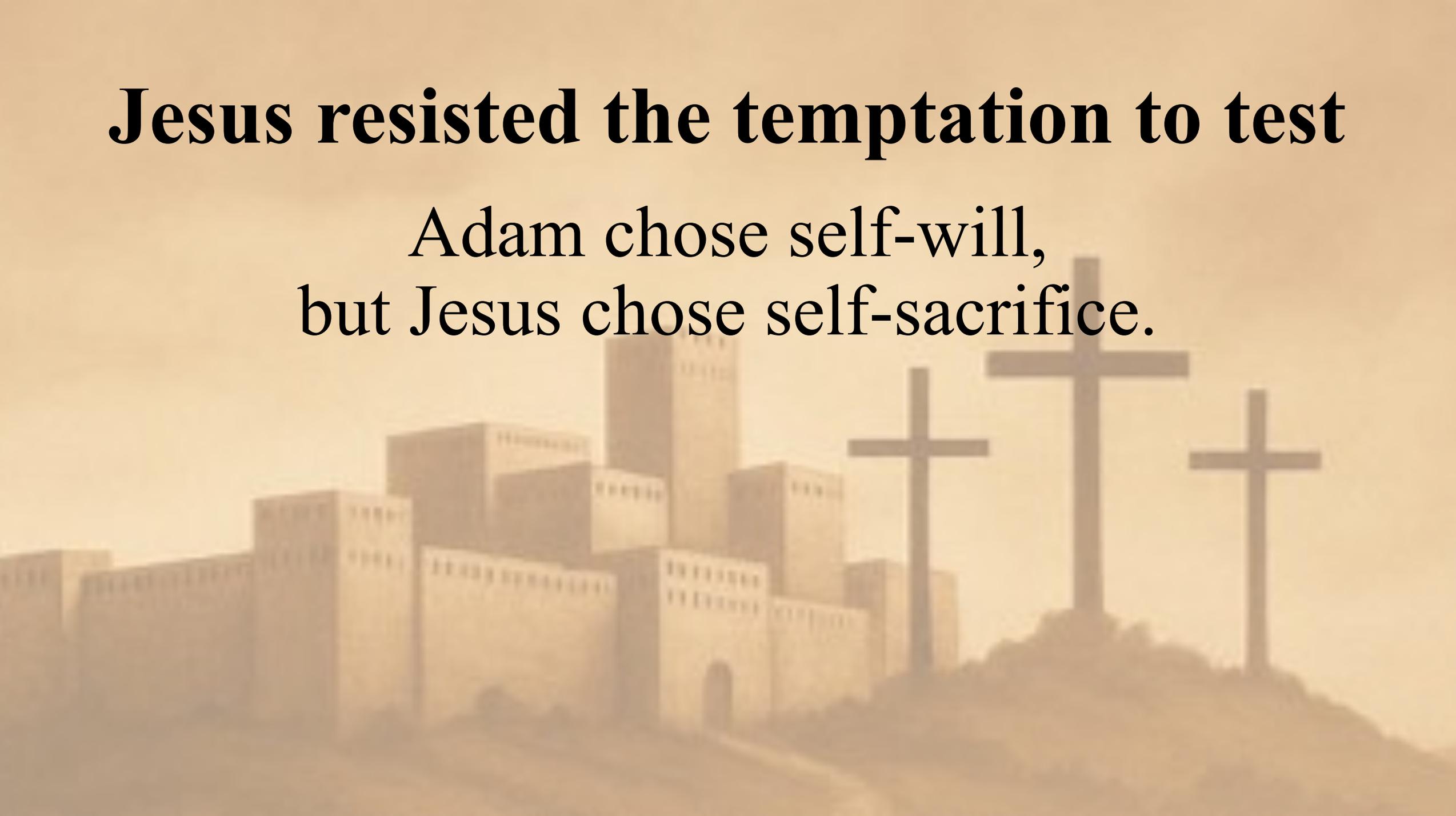
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1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh
and the lust of the eyes and **the boastful pride of life**,
is not from the Father, but is from the world.

When presented with the opportunity to use God's provisions to go his own way, Adam chose to follow his own will rather than to follow God's will.

Luke 4:9-11

And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; for it is written, *‘He will command His angels concerning You to guard you,’* and, *‘On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.’”*

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Jesus resisted the temptation to test

Adam chose self-will, but Jesus chose self-sacrifice.

Israel tested God,
but Jesus trusted God.



Deuteronomy 6:16

“You shall not put the LORD your God to the test,
as you tested Him at Massah.”

Exodus 17:2-3 and 7

Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said,
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Israel distrusted God and tested Him,
but Jesus trusted God and entrusted
Himself to Him.

Jesus was the final Adam and faithful Israel and is our flawless representative in whom we are made righteous!

Romans 5:19

For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

For Reflection

As the representative *man*, Jesus obeyed God in every way *man* does not.

As the head of His covenant people, Jesus obeyed God in every way His people do not.

Are you trusting in this One who obeyed for you, or are you trusting in yourself?