

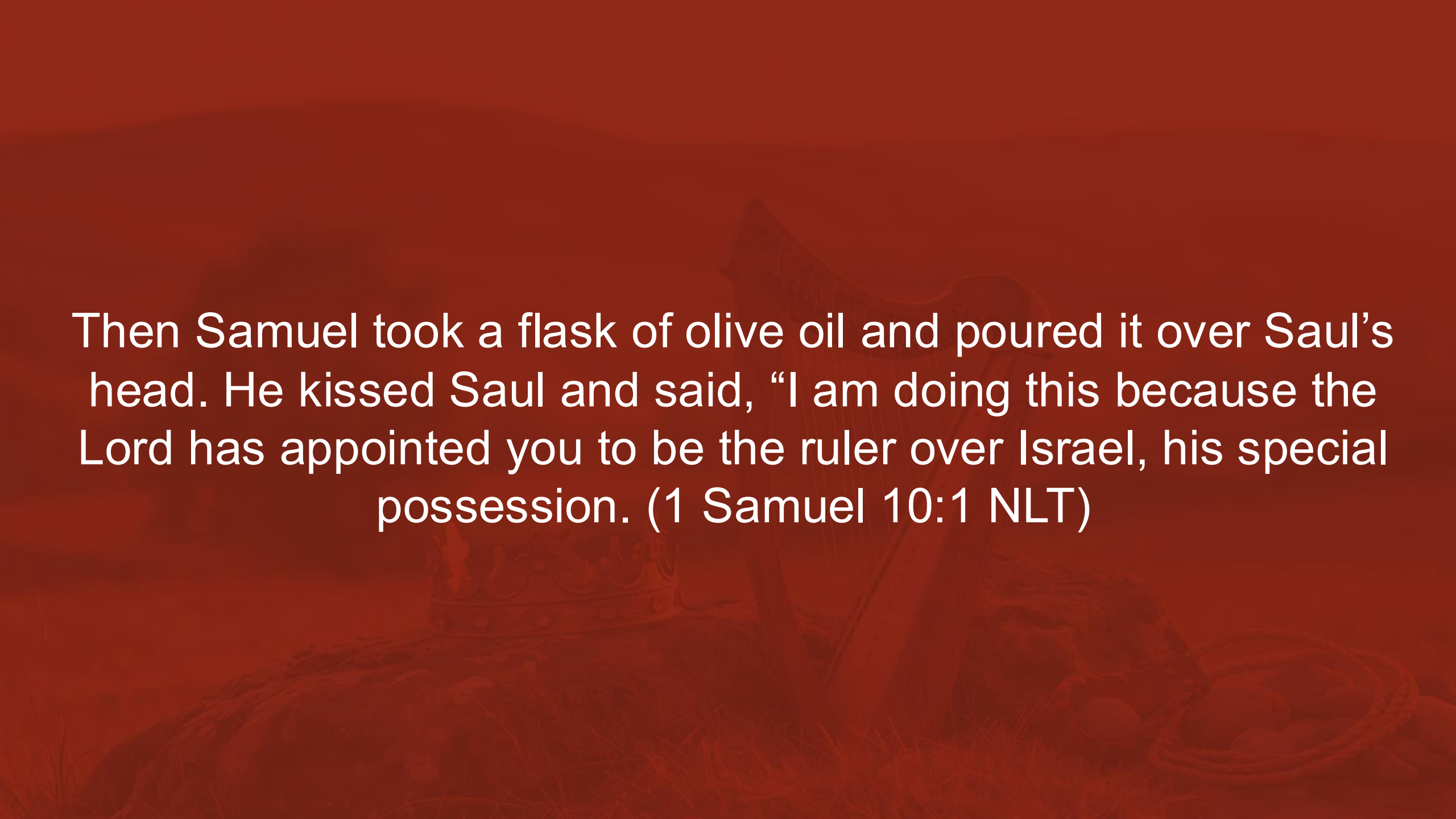
The life of *David*



⁴ Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. ⁵ “Look,” they told him, “you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.” ⁶ Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance. ⁷ “Do everything they say to you,” the Lord replied, “for they are rejecting me, not you. They don’t want me to be their king any longer. ⁸ Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. ⁹ Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them.”

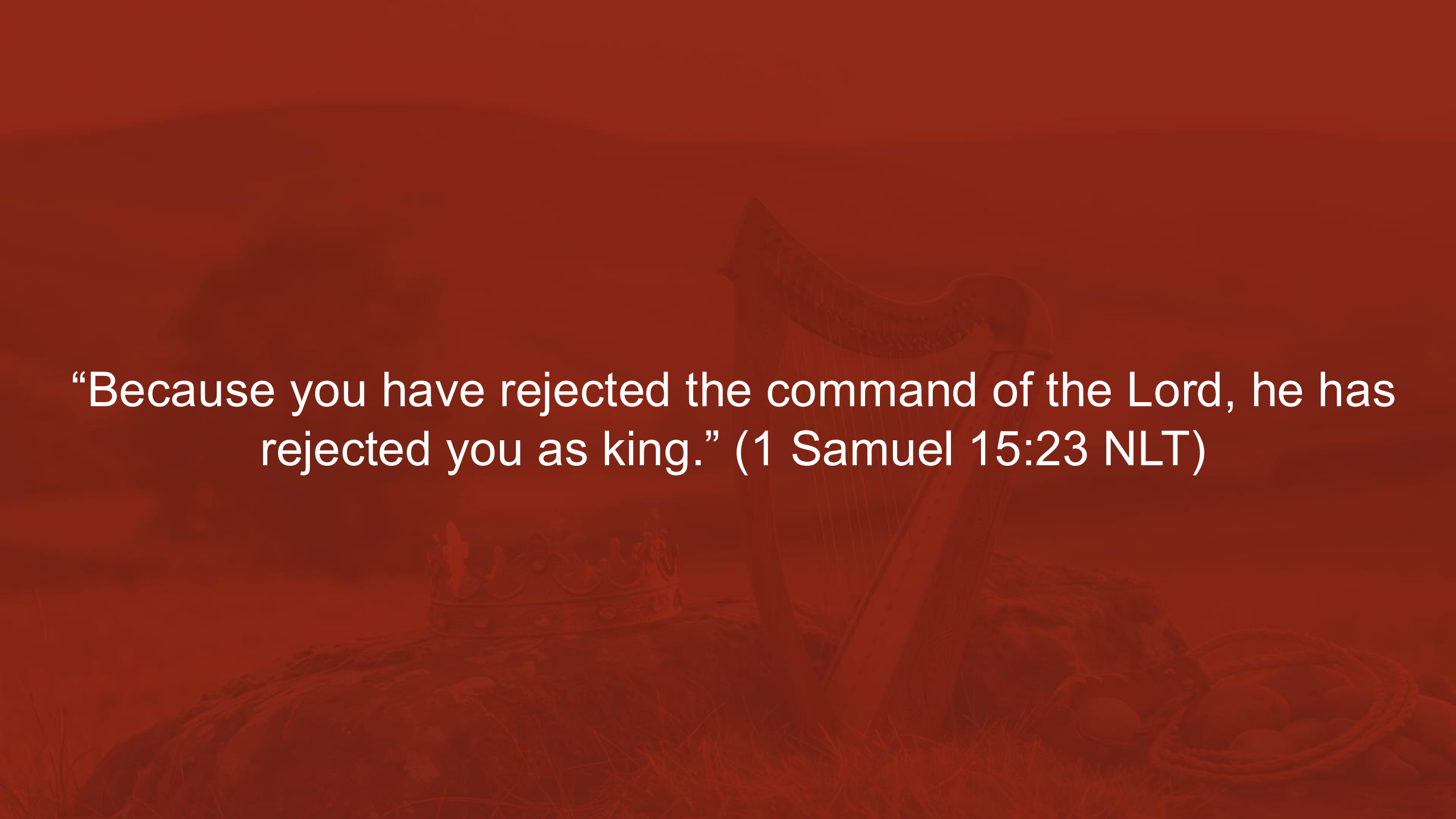
(1 Samuel 8:4-9 NLT)





Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it over Saul's head. He kissed Saul and said, "I am doing this because the Lord has appointed you to be the ruler over Israel, his special possession. (1 Samuel 10:1 NLT)



A harp and a crown are placed on a pile of hay. The harp is a large, ornate instrument with a curved frame and many strings. The crown is a royal tiara with a cross on top and a band with jewels. The background is a soft-focus landscape with rolling hills and a body of water under a hazy sky. The entire image has a reddish-orange tint.

“Because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.” (1 Samuel 15:23 NLT)

1 Samuel 16:1-11



1 Samuel 16:12-13



David wasn't what people
expected a king to be,

But God knew that he was
the king they needed.



Messiah
“Anointed One”

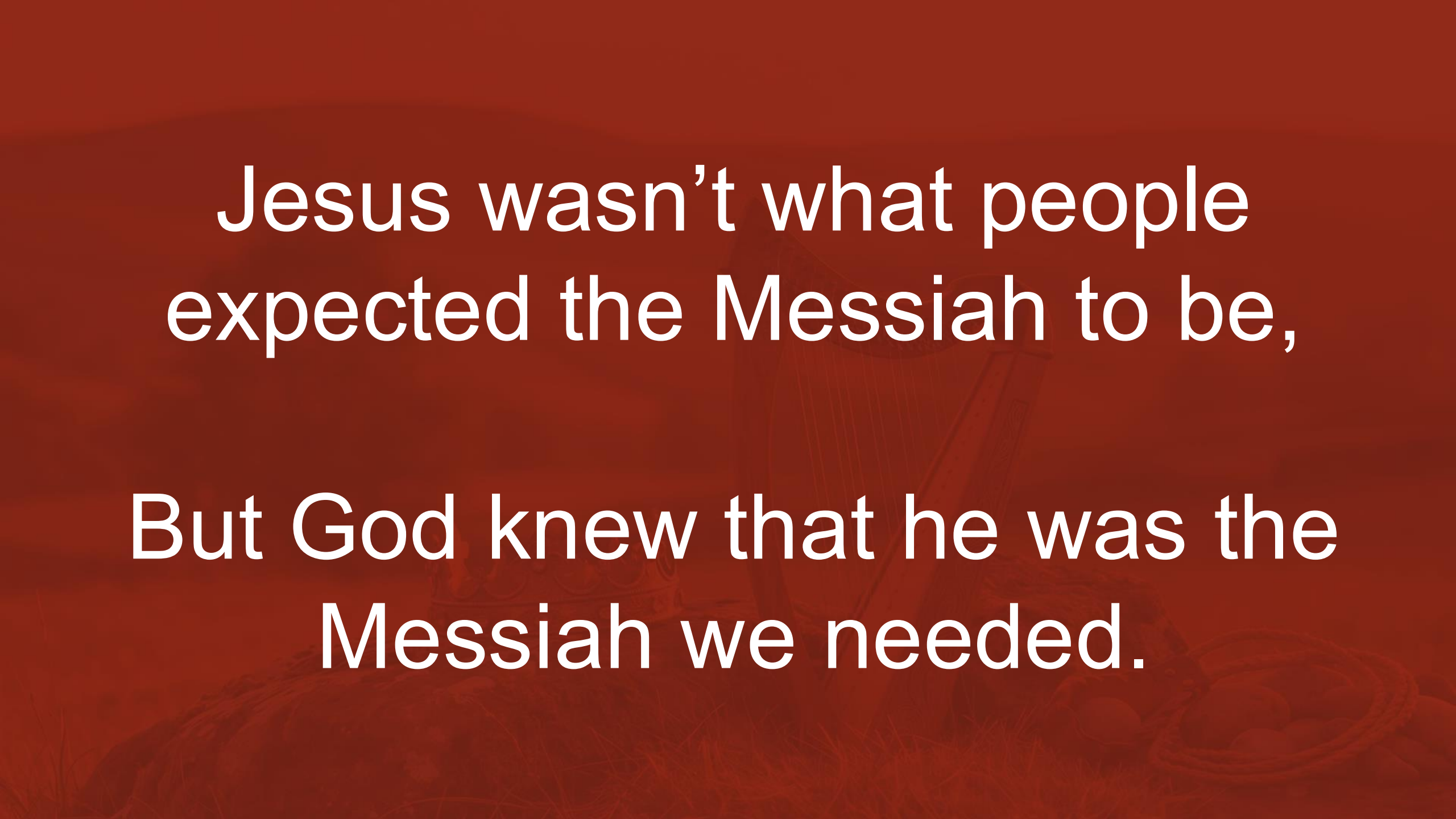
“He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.” (Isa. 9:7 NLT)

⁵ “For the time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. ⁶ And this will be his name: ‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’ In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.” (Jer. 23:5-6 NLT)





“³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:37-38 NLT)



Jesus wasn't what people
expected the Messiah to be,

But God knew that he was the
Messiah we needed.

The background is a monochromatic red-tinted image. It depicts a harp standing upright, a crown resting on a pile of hay or straw to the left, and a bowl of fruit to the right. The text is overlaid in the center.

Satan

Sin

Death

Our Messiah Set Us Free

¹⁴ Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT)

Our Messiah Forgives Us

⁷ [God] is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

(Ephesians 1:7-8 NLT)

Our Messiah Gives Us Life

⁹ For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. (2 Timothy 1:9-10 NLT)