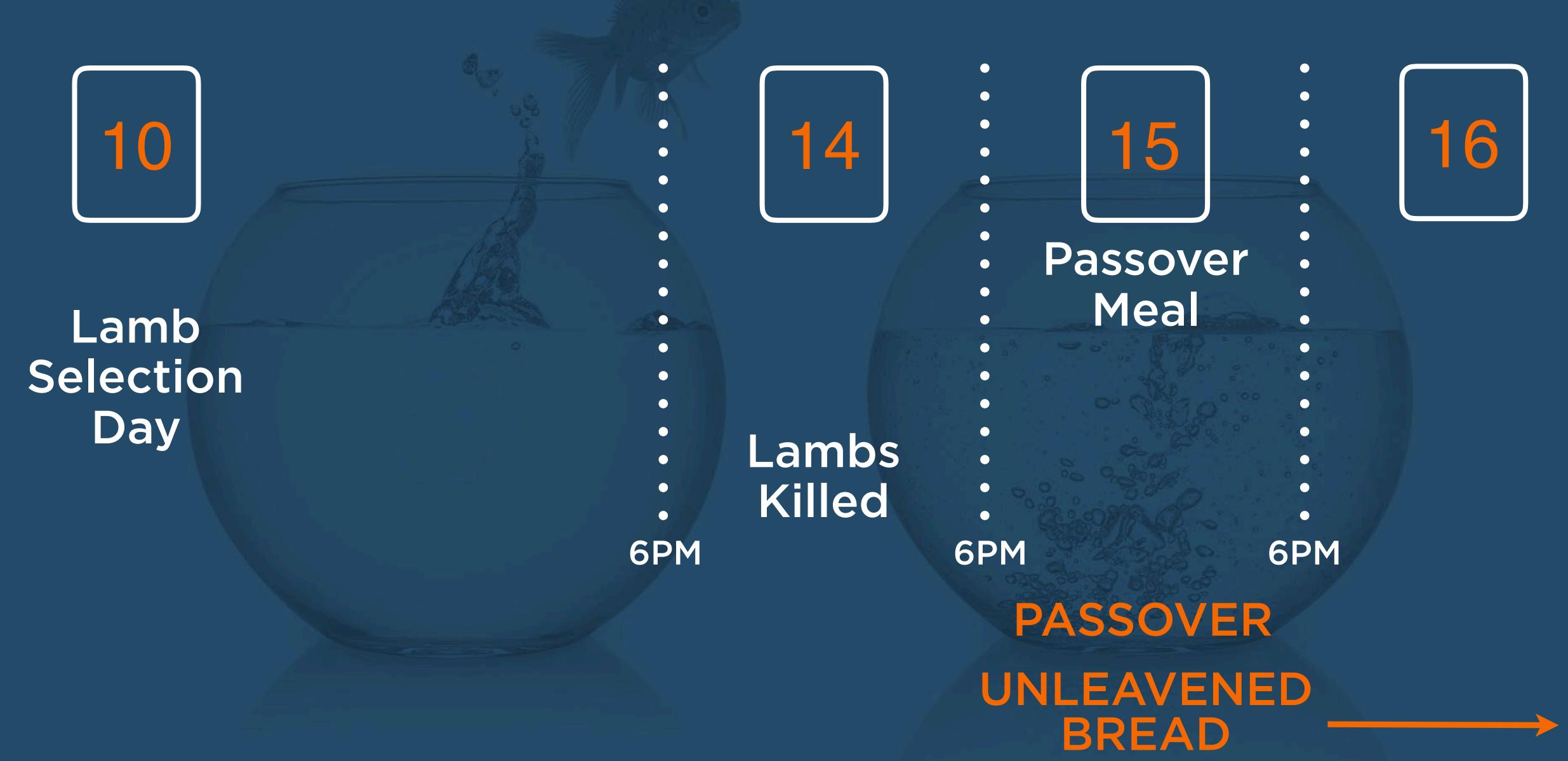


FIRST MONTH



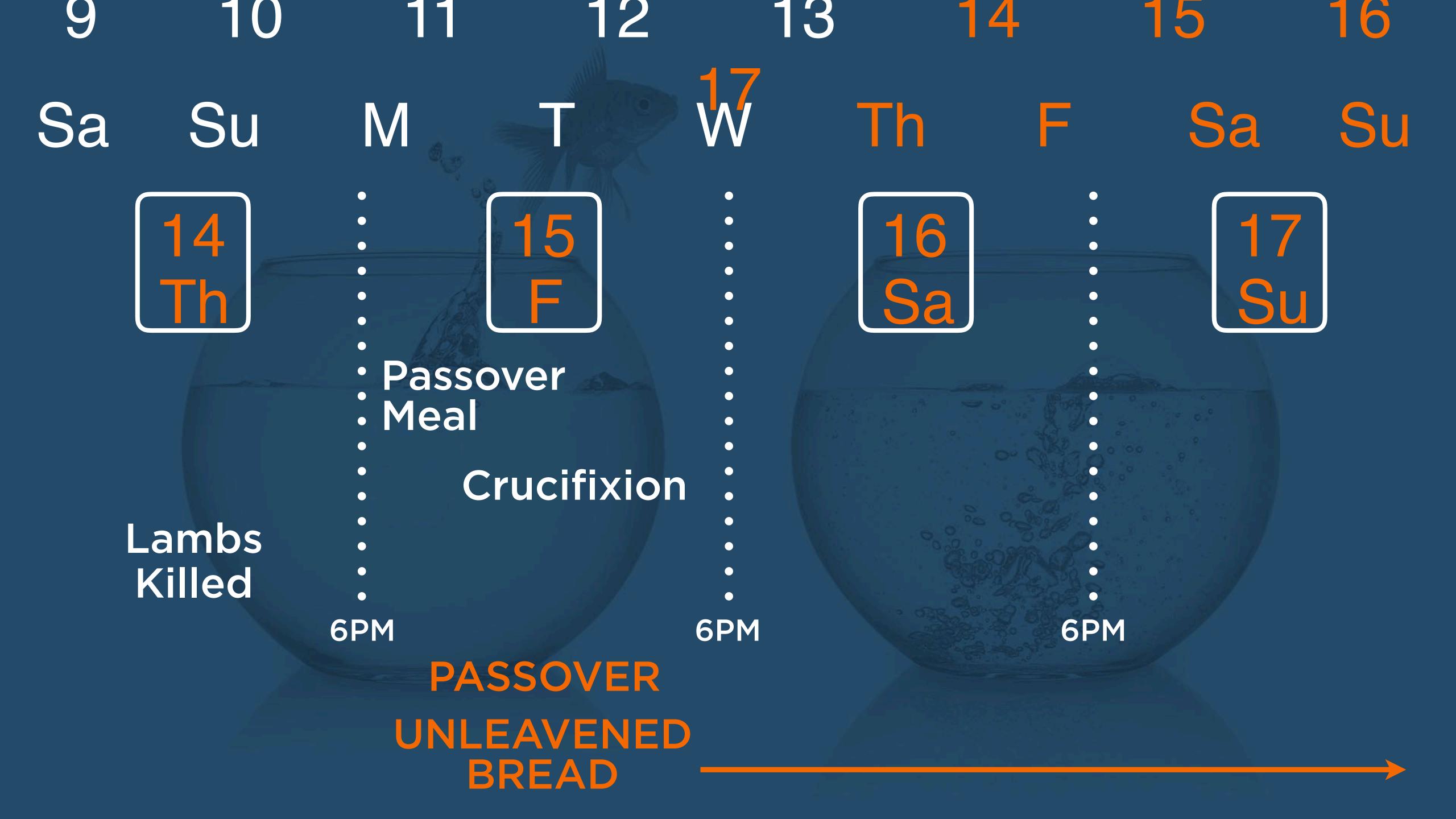
PASSOVER/UNLEAVENED BREAD

One of the three main pilgrim festivals

Seven day festival remembering the Exodus

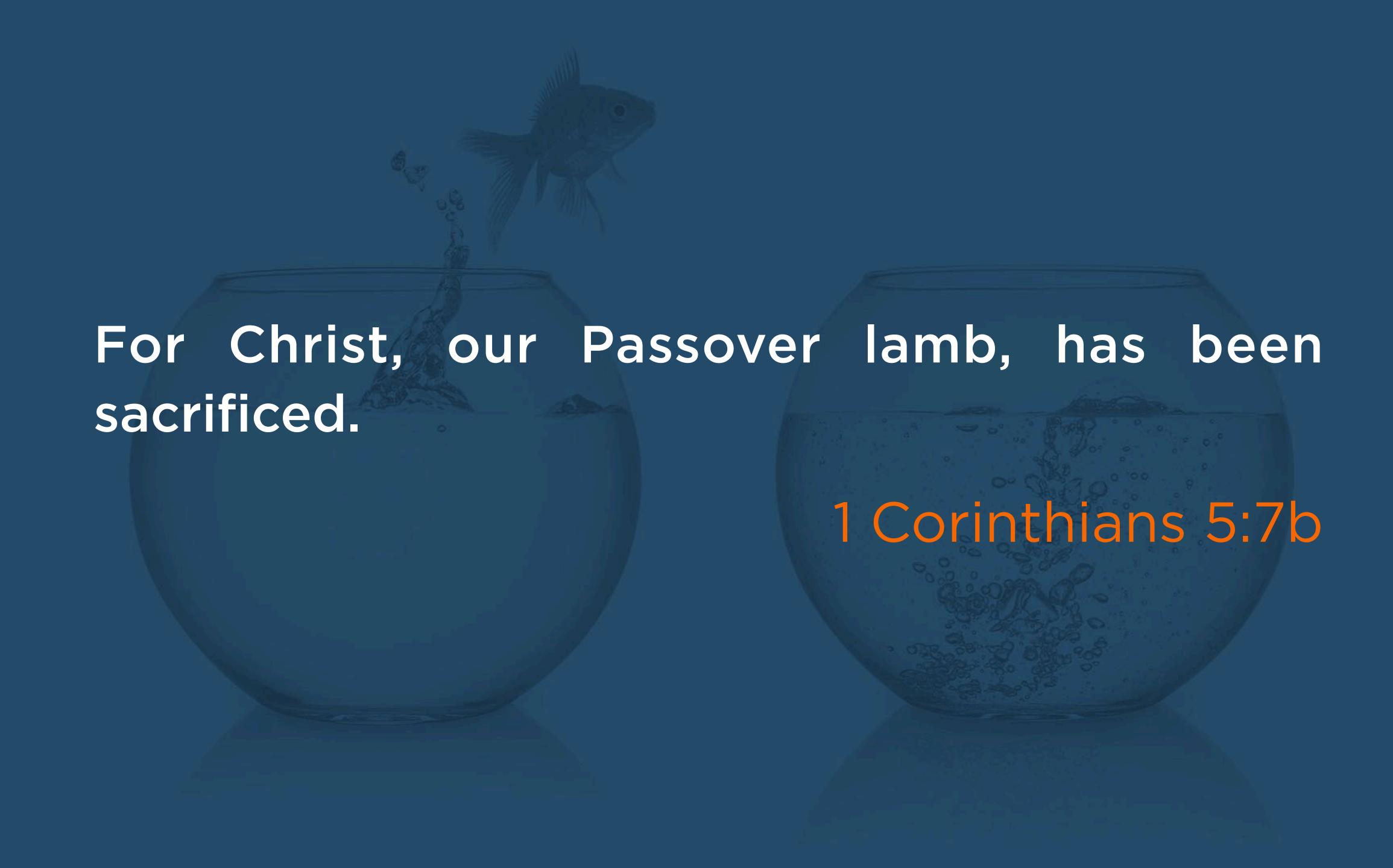
Thus, it was a freedom festival

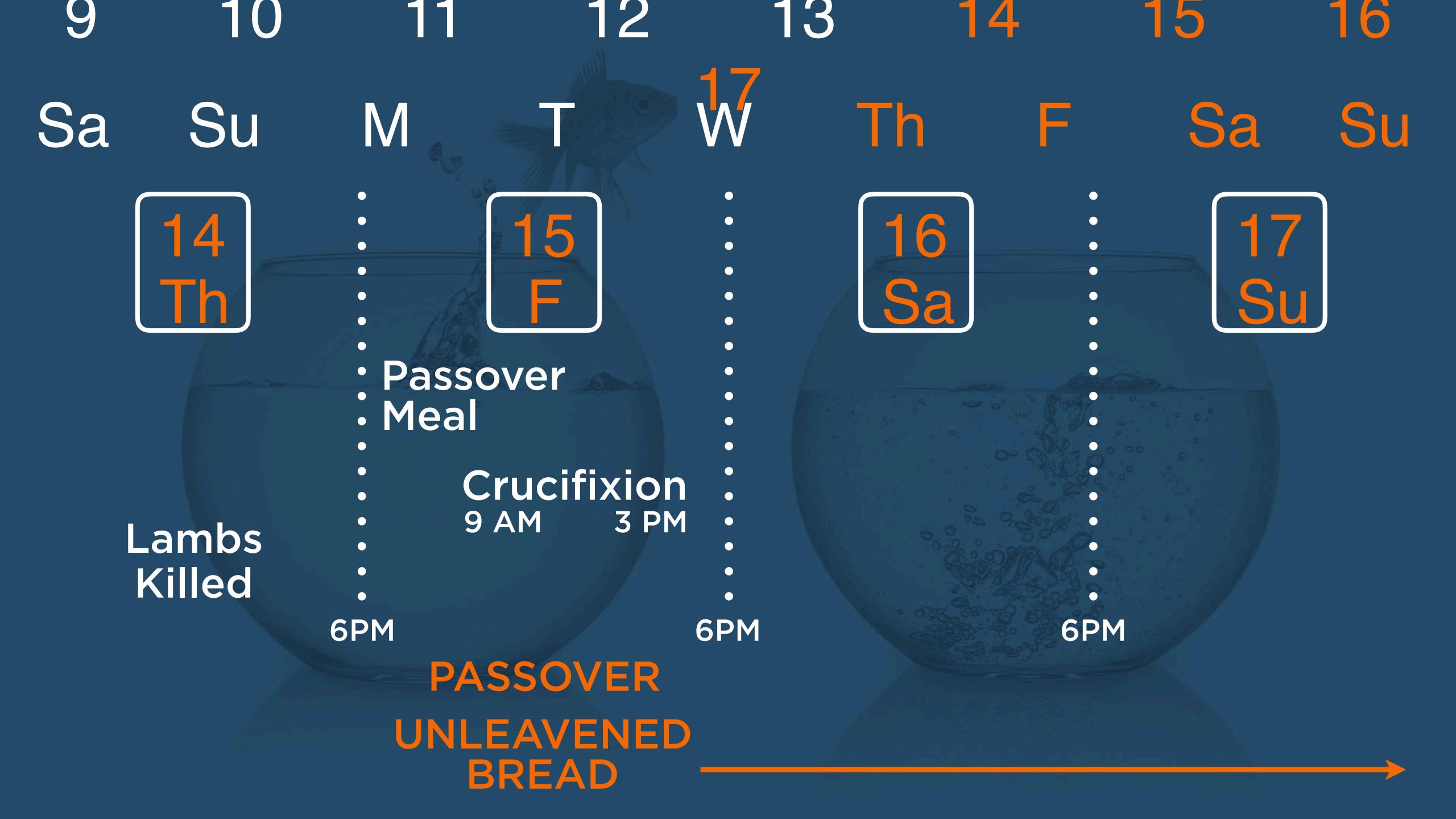
Celebrated with a festive meal in Jesus' day

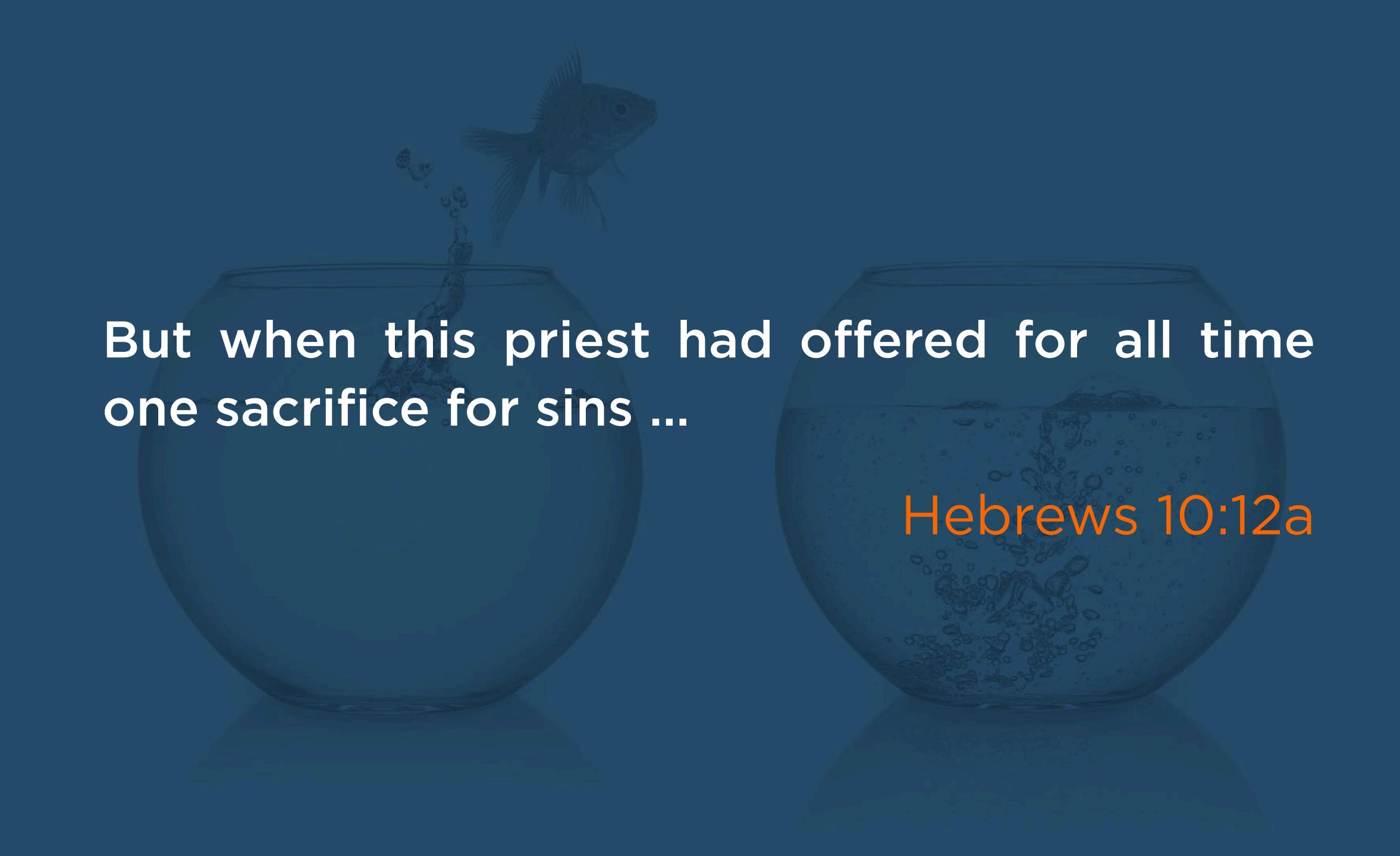


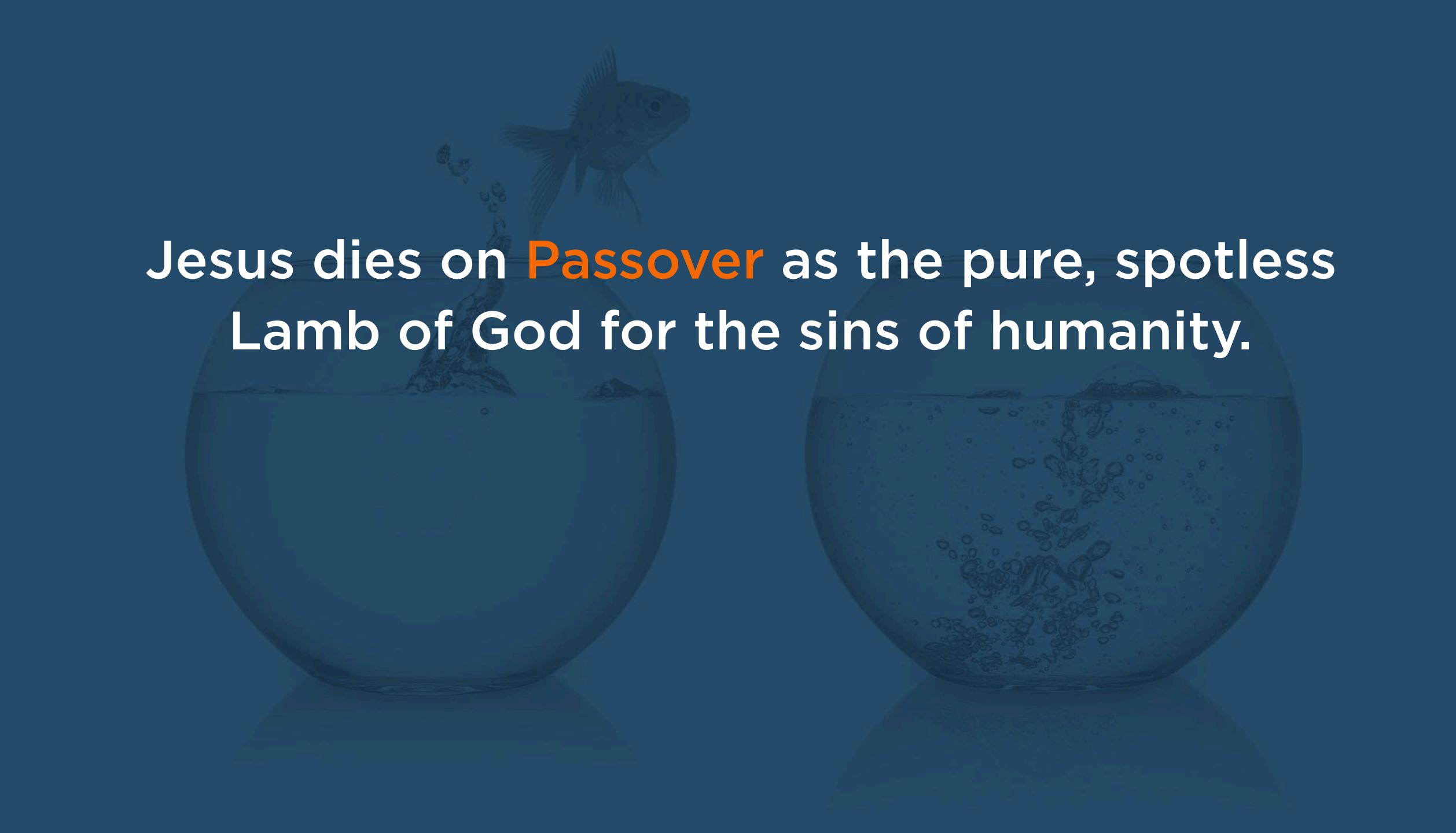
For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

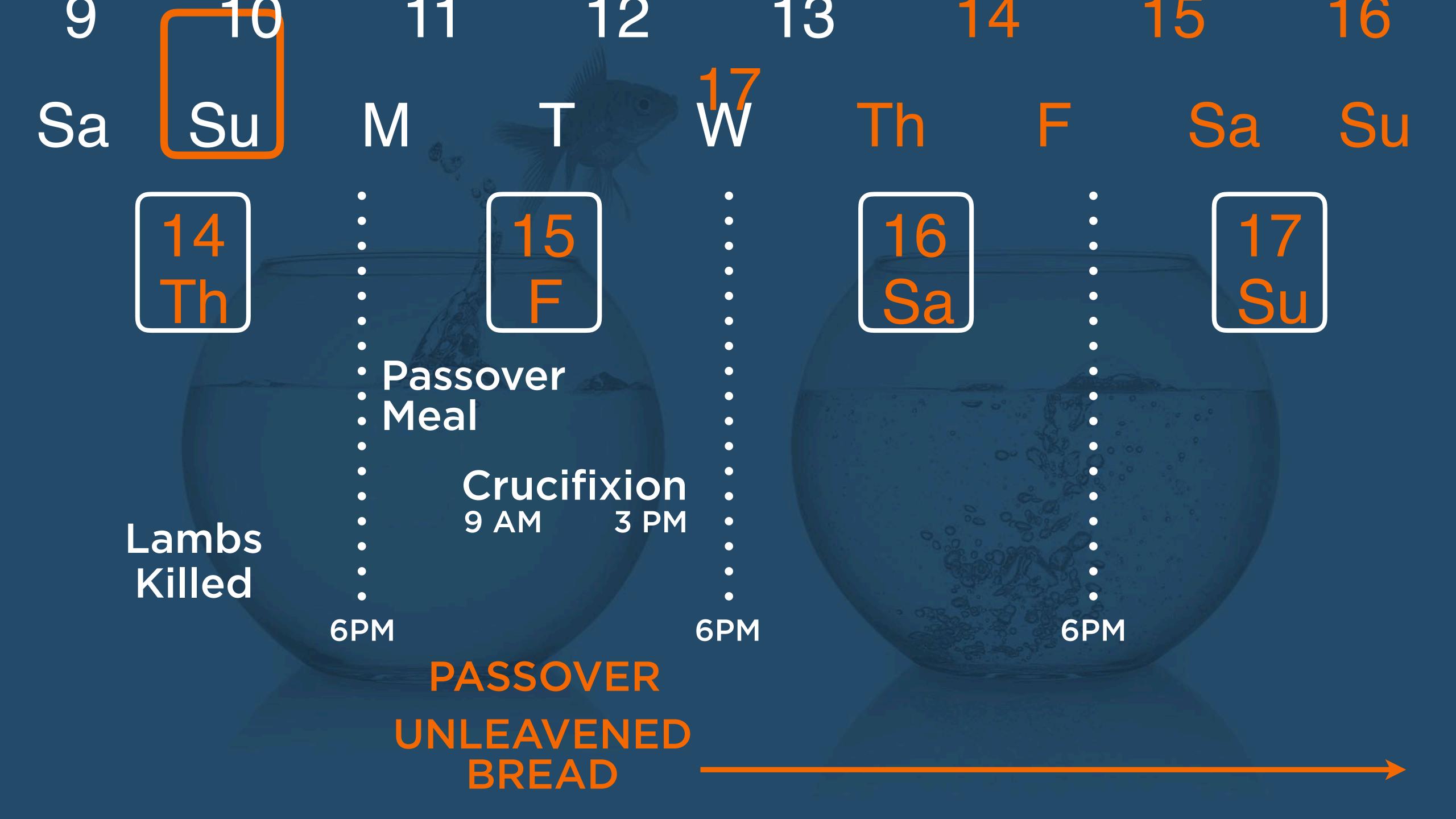
1 Peter 1:18-19





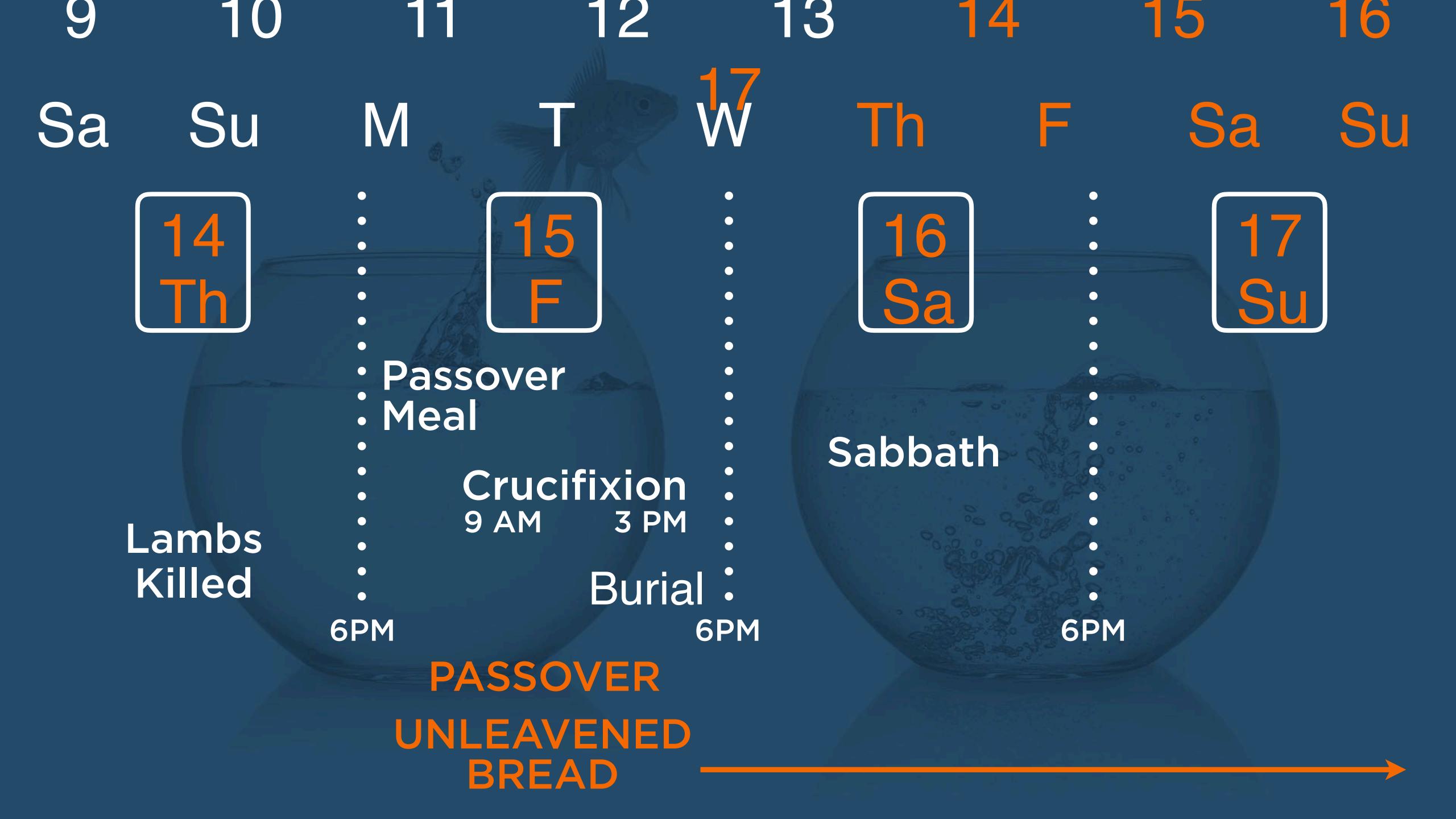






Jesus enters Jerusalem on Lamb Selection day.

Jesus dies on Passover as the pure, spotless Lamb of God for the sins of humanity.



"I am the bread of life ... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

John 6:48, 51

And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

John 12:23-24 (ESV)

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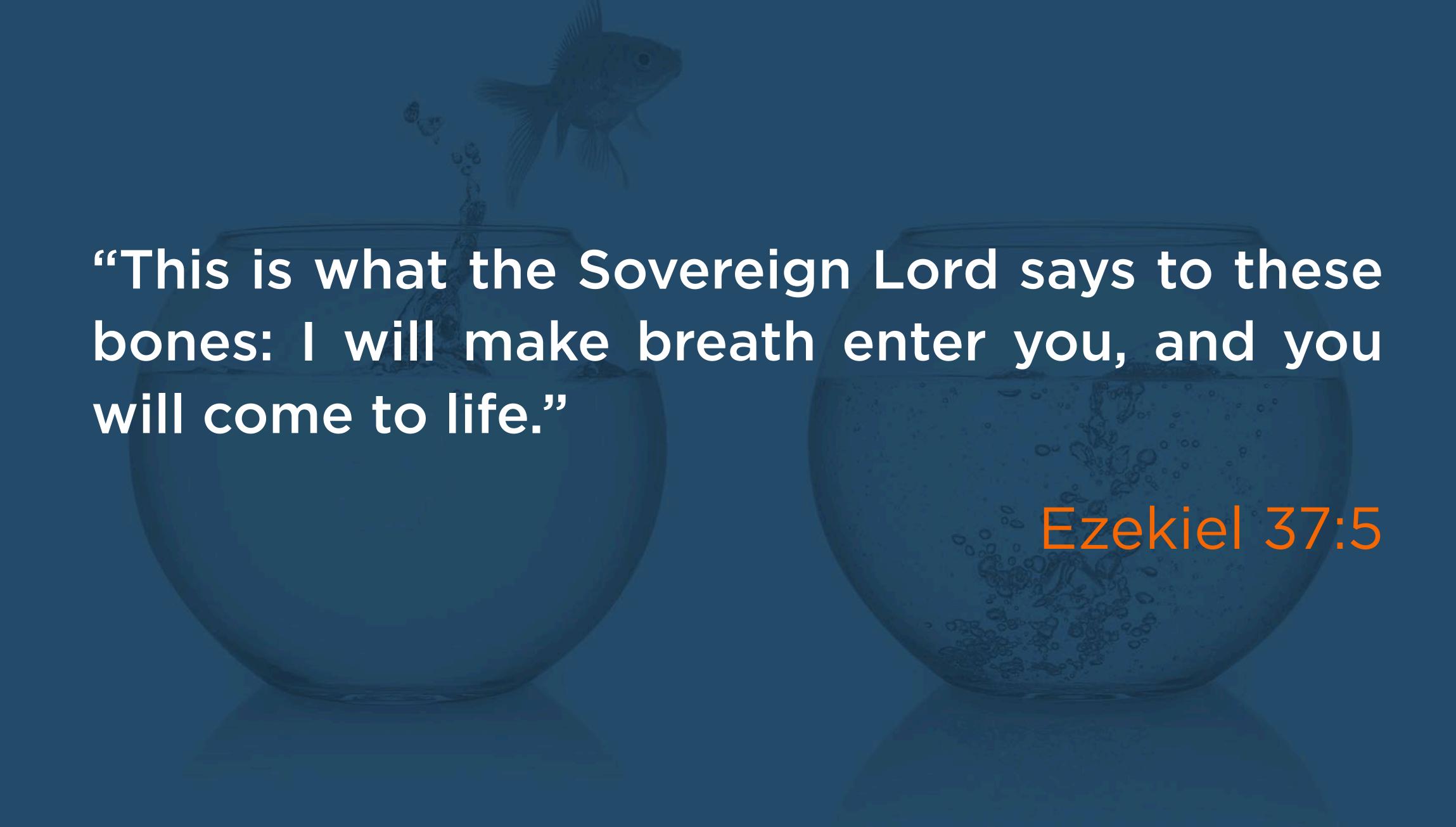
FIRSTFRUITS

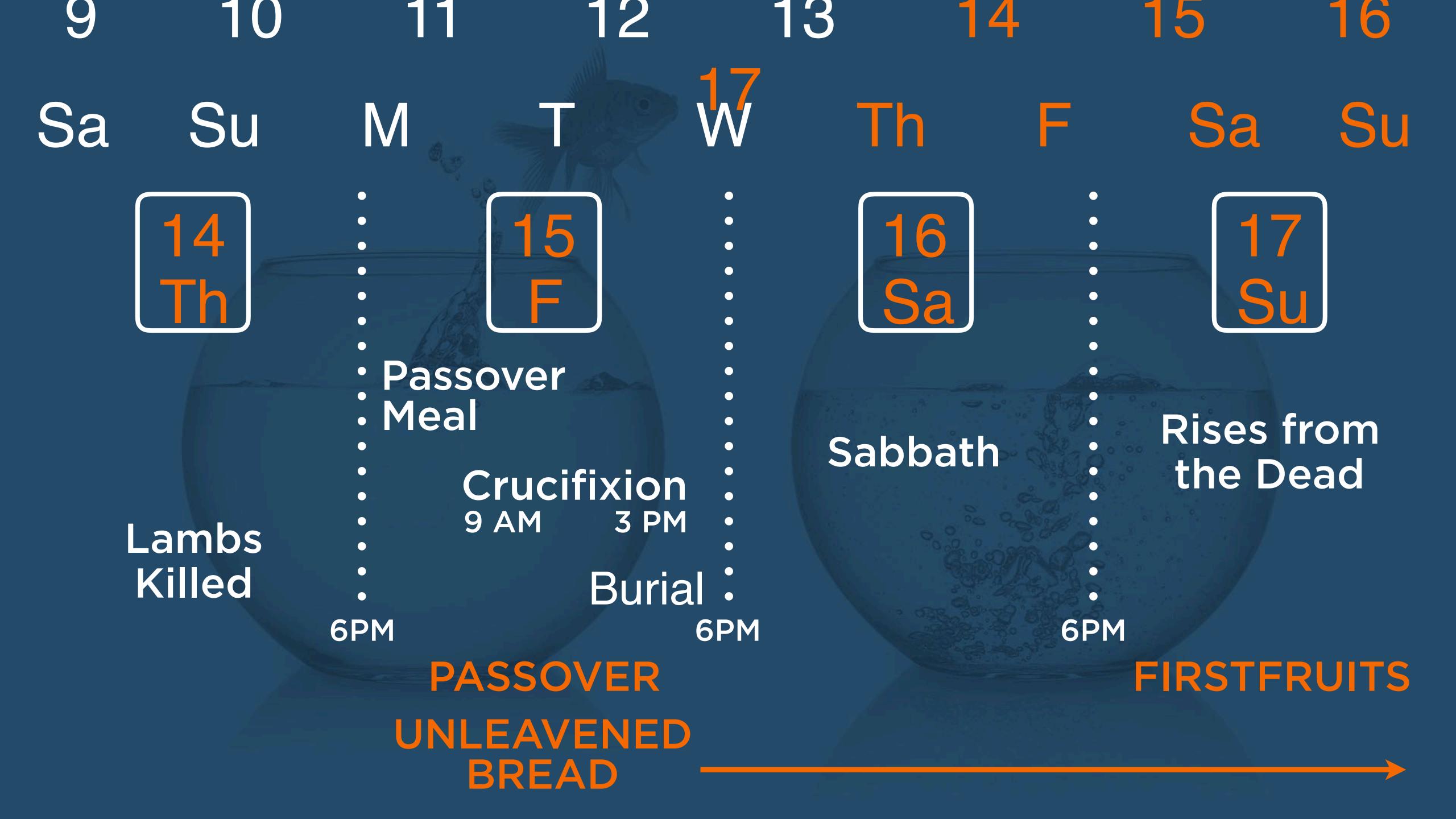
Day after Sabbath following Unleavened Bread

Celebrated the beginning of the barley harvest

Represented the people's hope for the future

Prophecy of Ezekiel 37 was part of the Temple liturgy on the Sabbath before Firstfruits





"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him."

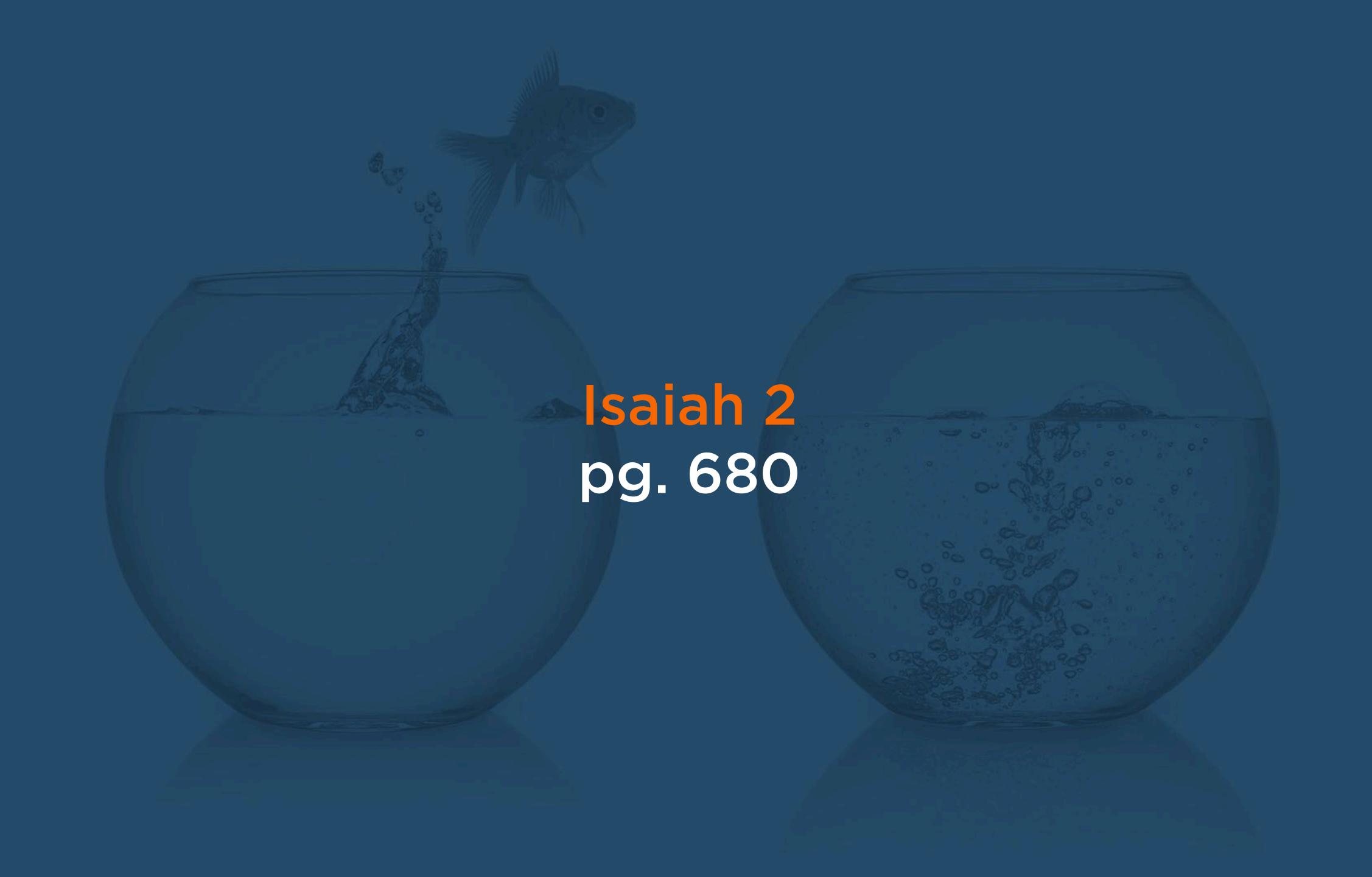
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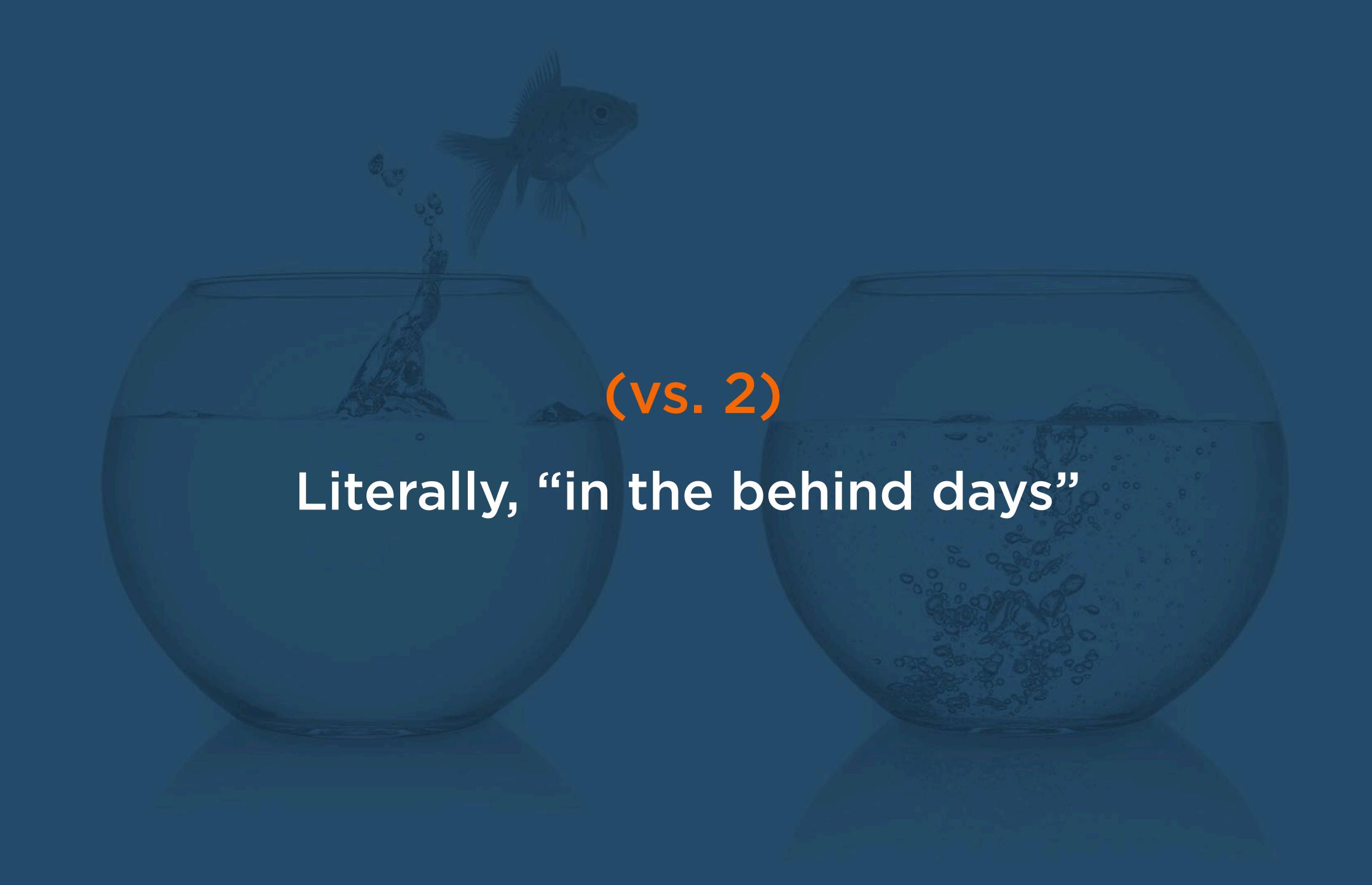
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Jesus arises on Firstfruits as the firstfruits of the resurrection that is to come.







WEEKS (SHAVUOT)

Took place 7 weeks / 50 days after Passover

One of the three main pilgrim festivals

One day festival

Concluded the barley harvest and anticipated the rest of the wheat harvest

Remembered the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai



When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Luke 24:50-53

